

Combination Air Valve

Model C30

BERMAD C30 is a high quality combination air valve for a variety of water networks and operating conditions. It evacuates air during pipeline filling, allows efficient release of air pockets from pressurized pipes, and enables large volume air intake in the event of network draining.

With its advanced aerodynamic design, this double orifice valve provides excellent protection against air accumulation and prevents vacuum formation, with improved sealing in low pressure conditions.



3/4", 1" - C30

2" - C30

2" Flanged - C30

Typical Applications

- Main Irrigation Networks – Air relief, protection against air accumulation and vacuum formation downstream of pumps, along supply lines and at elevations in main irrigation networks.
- Irrigation Control Heads – Air relief, protection against air accumulation and vacuum formation at filtration and fertilization stations and downstream of main control valves.
- Infield Systems – Protection against air accumulation and vacuum formation in proximity to water meters and automatic regulators.
- Landscape Irrigation – Protection against air accumulation and vacuum formation.
- Pumping stations - Maximising pumping efficiency, priming capabilities and reducing the possibility of pressure surges during power failure modes.

Features & Benefits

- Straight flow body with large diameter automatic orifice – Higher than usual flow rates.
- Aerodynamic full-body kinetic shield – Prevents premature closing without disturbing air intake or discharge.
- Dynamic sealing – Prevents leakage under low pressure conditions (0.1 bar).
- Compact, simple and reliable structure whose parts are fully corrosion, chemical and fertilizer resistant – Lower maintenance and increased life span.
- Designed in compliance with EN-1074/4 standard.
- Factory approval and Quality Control – Performance and specification tested and measured with specialized test bench, including vacuum pressure conditions.
- Field proven designed for use in irrigation applications with water quality such as river water, channel water, dam water or treated effluent with high reliability.

Additional Features

- Surge Protection (anti-slam) – Smoother operation, preventing damage to the valve and the system (C10-SP).
- Inflow prevention – Prevents intake of atmospheric air in cases where this could lead to damaged pumps, required re-priming, or disruption of siphons (C10-IP).
- Service Ports fitted - (1/8") or (1/4") plug for pressure gauge connection, check point or test drain for air valve function.
- Threaded Side outlet (DN50/2") for connection of Surge Protection (SP) or Inflow prevention (IP) devices.



Principles of Operation

Pipeline Filling:

During the filling process of a pipeline, high air flow is forced out through the kinetic orifice of the air valve. Once water enters the valve's chamber, the float buoyed upward causes the kinetic orifice to close. The unique aerodynamic structure of the valve body and float ensures that the float cannot be closed before water reaches the valve.

Pressurized Operation:

During pressurized operation of the pipeline, air accumulates in the upper part of the air valve chamber, causing the float to gravitate downwards. This in turn causes the automatic orifice to open, releasing the accumulated air. Once the air is discharged, the water level and float rise, causing the automatic orifice to close.

Pipeline Draining:

When a pipeline is drained, a negative differential pressure is created causing atmospheric air to push the float down. The kinetic orifice stays open and air enters the valve chamber, preventing vacuum formation in the pipe.

Surge Protection (anti-slam):

The anti-slam device is fitted to the air valve outlet. In the event of pressure surge, it partially closes the valve's outlet. The approaching water column decelerates due to the resistance of the rising air pressure in the valve. This is typically used on pump stations and at specific pipeline locations to minimise pressure surges during pipe filling or power failure conditions at the pump station.

Inflow Prevention:

The inflow prevention is a Normally Closed check device fitted on the valve's outlet and prevents flow of atmospheric air into the valve. Typically used to prime pump suction lines or on pipelines requiring only air discharge and no air re-entry such as siphons.

Valve Selection

- Body Material: Glass-reinforced Nylon
- Inlet sizes: DN20, DN25, DN50, DN80 (¾", 1", 2", 3")
- Connections:
 - Threaded male BSPT
 - Flanged ISO16
- Outlets: Sideways, downwards (only for DN50-80,2-3")
- Additional features:
 - Surge Protection, connected to DN50-80 (2-3") threaded side outlet (C10-SP).
 - Inflow Prevention, connected to DN50-80 (2-3") threaded side outlet (C10-IP)
 - Service Port fitted with plug DN3 (1/8") for DN20-25 (¾-1")
 - Service Port fitted with plug DN6 (1/4") for DN50-80 (2-3")

Operational Data

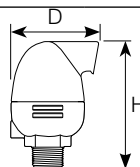
- Pressure rating: ISO PN16
- Operating pressure range: 0.1 - 16 bar
- Operating temperature: Water up to 60°C

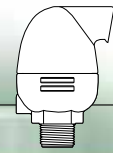
Orifice Specification

Size		Kinetic		Automatic
DN	Inch	d[mm]	Ad[mm²]	Ad[mm²]
20	¾"	20.2	320	5.0
25	1"	20.2	320	5.0
50	2"	45.0	1,590	12.2
80	3"	45.0	1,590	12.2

Dimensions & Weights

Size		Connection	Side Outlet		
DN	Inch		D (mm)	H (mm)	Weight (Kg)
20	¾"	Threaded	97	160	0.44
25	1"	Threaded	97	160	0.45
50	2"	Threaded	143	230	1.30
50	2"	Flanged	165	240	1.95
80	3"	Flanged	200	240	2.25

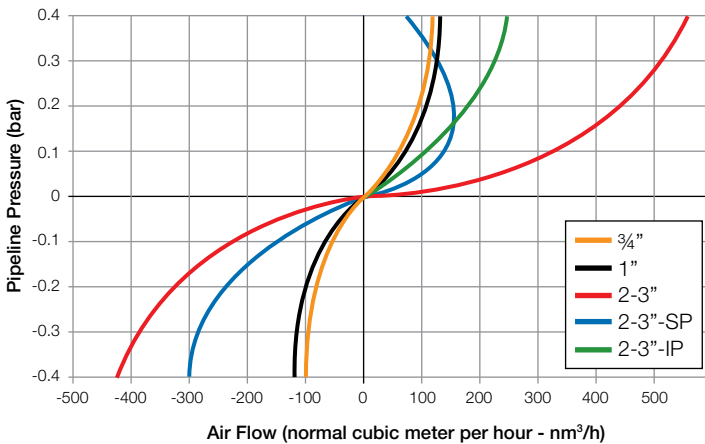




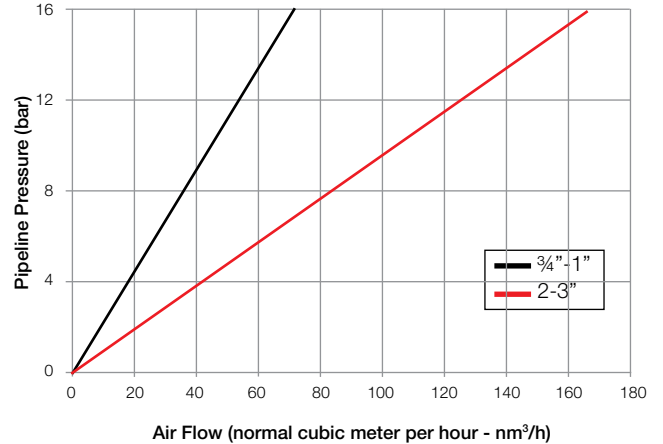
Air Flow Performance Charts

Air Relief and Intake

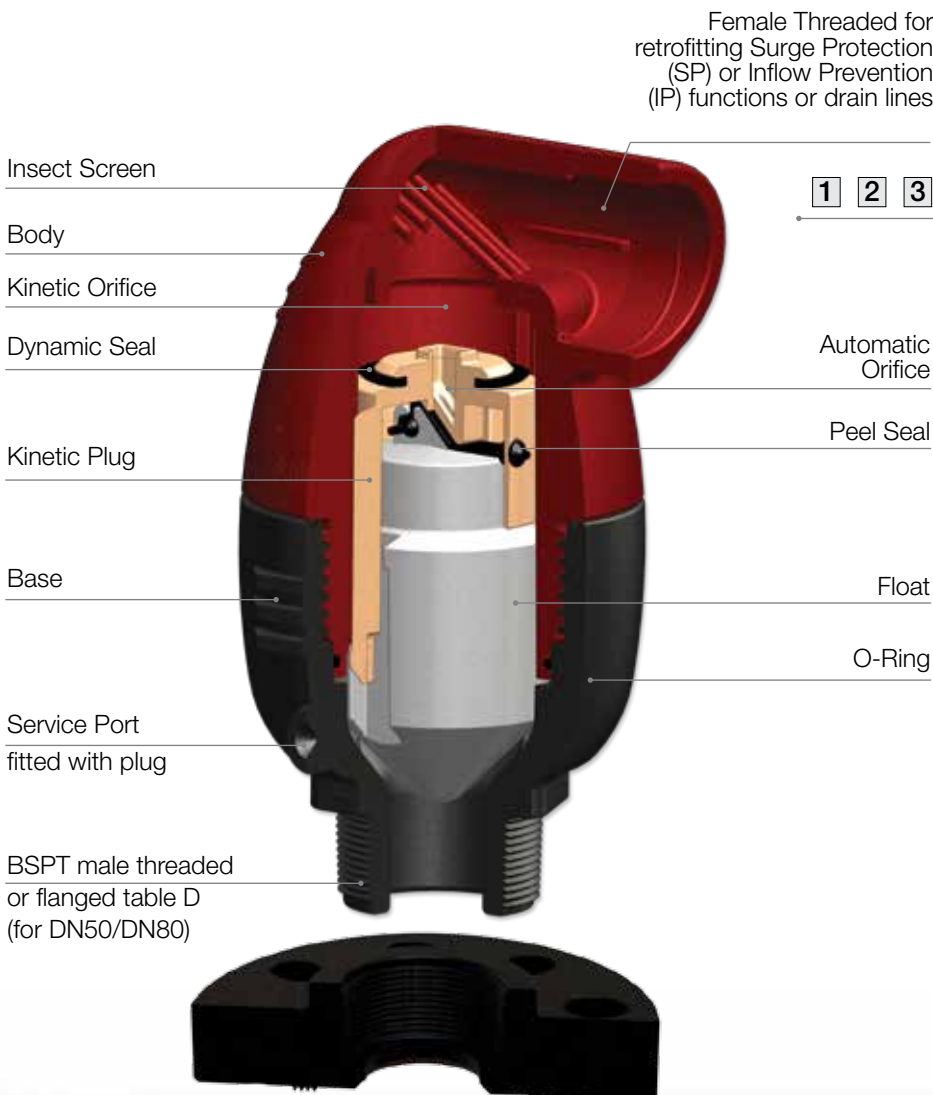
(Pipeline Filling, Draining and Vacuum Conditions)



Air Release (Pressurized Operation)



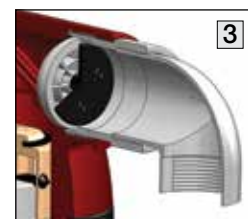
Air relief and intake charts are based on actual measurements, made during 2015 in BERMAD Air Flow test bench, according to EN-1074/4 standard and refer to Side outlet.



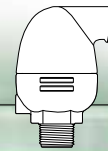
Down outlet and connection to drainage pipe (only 2"-C30)



Surge Protection (anti-slam) - (2"-C30-SP)



Inflow Prevention (2"-C30-IP)



Parts List and Materials

	Description	Material	Remarks
1	Base	Glass Reinforced Nylon	
2	Body	Glass Reinforced Nylon	
3	Down Outlet	Polypropylene	
4	Float	Polypropylene	
5	Kinetic Plug	Glass Reinforced Nylon	
6	Kinetic Orifice Seal	EPDM	
7	Automatic Orifice Seal	EPDM	
8	O-ring	EPDM	
9	Surge Protection (Optional)	GF Nylon, PP, EPDM	Only C30-SP
10	Inflow Prevention (Optional)	GF Nylon, PP, EPDM	Only C30-IP
11	Test Point (Optional)	Stainless Steel	
12	Flanged Table ISO16	Glass Reinforced Nylon	Only for DN50-80 (2-3")