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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document covers the design and testing of a Over Pressure valve model OP-01 manufactured by Alec Symth. The purpose of the OP valve is to prevent over pressurization of a manned submersible that could potentially cause a catastrophic flooding of the pressure hull due to pressure unseating either a viewport or hatch. Two test series were conducted, one to establish the maximum operating depth of the valve and the second to quantify the cracking pressure. A test chamber was designed and instrumented to complete these tests. A theoretical model of cracking pressure was developed and compared with test data. The maximum recorded pressure was 2,436 psig. This corrosponds to 5,481 fsw. Based on this test, the recommended maximum operating depth is 5,000 fsw. The differential cracking pressure test data was found to match the theoretical model below where Pc is expressed in psig.

$$P_c = 0.532 + 1.631 \left(\frac{17-T}{17}\right)$$
 for $0 \le T \le 17$
 $P_c = 0.532$ for $T \ge 17$

T is the number of turns of the wingnut starting from a completely compressed state. Seventeen is the number of wing nut turns to completely disengage the compression spring.

Note that the cracking pressure is a differential pressure. At any ambient pressure, from the surface to operating depth, the cabin pressure must exceed the ambient pressure for the OP valve by the cracking pressure P_c to start to vent air. When submerged the cracking pressure, defined by the equations above, is reduced by 0.053 psi for salt water and 0.053 psi for fresh water due to the buoyance of cap.

2. INTRODUCTION

The goal of this project was to document the performance of the Psub.org Over Pressure Valve model number OP-1 shown in Figure 1. To determine the performance envelope, two tests were done. The first was establish a maximum operating depth. The second to establish the cracking pressure of the OP valve. To do this, a test chamber was fabricated shown in Figures 2 and 3. A positive displacement, triplex plunger pump was used to generate the pressure for the test with water as the media. The pressure relief valve for the pump was set at 2450 psig which sets the maximum pressure the chamber achieved. For the HP test, the flange with the penetrator welded in place was oriented upside down so that OP valve could be subjected to the internal pressure in the chamber. In Figure 1, you can see this by the wingnut being outside the chamber.



Figure 1 Psub.org Over Pressure Valve model number OP-1



Figure 2 Test Chamber for OP Valve model number OP-1, High Pressure Test



Figure 3 Test Chamber for OP Valve Cracking Pressure Test

A cross section of the OP valve as well as a parts list for the valve itself is shown in Figure 4.





Appendix D includes a set of drawings for the OP valve as well as the test chamber.

3. RESULTS & CONCLUSIONS

3.1 Max Pressure Test

The maximum recored pressure was 2,436 psig. This pressure corrosponds to 5,481 fsw. Based on this test, the recommended maximum operating depth is 5,000 fsw.

3.2 Cracking Pressure Test

The differential cracking pressure test data was found to match the theoretical model below where Pc is expressed in psig.

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4. DISCUSSION

4.1 Purpose of the Over Pressure Valve

The purpose of the Over Pressure (OP) valve is to protect the pressure hull viewports and hatch from being exposed to pressures that would unseat them. The pressure hull is designed to withstand large ambient pressures. As such there are stiffeners that reinforce the shell to prevent the hull from failing either from bucking of the stiffeners or from the shell itself reaching the yield point of the material. The OP valve is protecting against a very different loading, that is a higher hull interior pressure than the ambient water pressure surrounding the hull. Unseating of a viewport or hatch could be achieved by a relatively small differential pressure due to the large surface areas of viewports and hatches. The overpressure in the hull for small manned submersibles could come from a number of sources but typically it would be from an air leak from a HP air tank used for blowing the main ballast tanks (MBT) or an oxygen leak from a HP O2 tank used for life support. With a sub on or near the surface even a small overpressure in the hull of few psi could unseat a viewport. To prevent this, the OP valve is installed at the highest point in the hull or hatch and sized to open to prevent this over pressure. The differential pressure (cabin pressure minus the ambient pressure) at the point the OP valve starts to relieve pressure is known as the "cracking pressure".

4.2 Theoretical Cracking Pressure

If we sum the forces acting on the cap we have:

$$W_c + W_w + W_s + W_o + A_o P_a + \left(\frac{T_2 - T}{T_2 - T_0}\right)k = B + A_o P_i \quad (1)$$

Where:

W_c = Weight of cap and stem, lbf W_w = Weight of wing nut, lbf W_s = Weight of spring, lbf W_o = Weight of O-ring, lbf B = Buoyancy of cap when submerged, lbf T = Turns of wing nut where T≥ T₀ T_o = Turns when spring solid T₂ = Turns when spring free k = Spring constant, lb_f/in P_i = Cabin interior pressure, psig P_a = Ambient pressure, psig A_o = Area O-ring, in² γ_w = Water specific weight lb_f/ft³ V_c = Volume of the OP valve cap, ft³



Figure 5 Forces on Cap

When the left and right sides of equation (1) are equal, the cabin pressure acting on the bottom of the cap and stem is just sufficient to counter the weight cap, stem, wing nut, spring and O-ring. The area A_0 is the area associated with the diameter where the O-ring gland just touches penetrator.

Cracking pressure for the OP value is defined as:

$$P_c = P_i - P_a$$
 (2)

Substituting equation (1) into equation (2) gives the cracking pressure as:

$$P_{c} = \frac{(W_{c} + W_{w} + W_{s} + W_{o})}{A_{o}} + \left(\frac{T_{2} - T_{0}}{T_{2} - T_{0}}\right) \frac{k}{A_{0}} - \frac{B}{A_{0}} \quad \text{for} \quad T_{0} \le T \le T_{2}$$
(3)

$$P_c = \frac{(W_c + W_w + W_s + W_o)}{A_o} - \frac{B}{A_0}$$
 for $T \ge T_2$ (4)

Where:

$$B = \gamma_w V_c \quad for \; depth > 0 \tag{5}$$

$$B = 0 \quad for \, depth = 0 \tag{6}$$

Equation (3) is the cracking pressure when both the weight of the cap and the spring come into play and equation (4) is for the case where the wing nut has been unwound past T_2 so that it is free and does not generate a force on the cap.

For the OP-1 valve, physical parameters in equations (1) and (2) were measured as:

Table 1 Valve Parameters			
Wc	1.116 lbf		
Ww	0.097 lbf		
Ws	0.005 lbf		
Wo	0.003 lbf		
Τo	0		
T ₂	17		
k	3.74, lb _f /in		
Do	1.709, in		
Ao	2.293, in ²		
Vc	3.274, in ³		
γw	64 lb _f /ft ³ for salt water		

Substituting the parameters for the OP valve into equations (3) and (4) gives the cracking pressure for surfaced conditions as:

$$P_c = 0.532 + 1.631 \left(\frac{17-T}{17}\right) \text{ for } 0 \le T \le 17$$
 (7)

$$P_c = 0.532 \quad \text{for} \quad T \ge 17$$
 (8)

Note that the cracking pressure is a differential pressure. At any ambient pressure, from the surface to operating depth, the cabin pressure must exceed the ambient pressure for the OP valve by the cracking pressure P_c to start to vent air. When submerged the cracking pressure as defined by equations (7) and (8) is reduced by 0.053 psi for salt water and 0.053 psi for fresh water due to the buoyance of cap.

4.3 Theoretical Volumetric Flow Rate

If the differential pressure across the OP valve exceeds the cracking pressure then the volumetric flow rate through the device can be calculated as:

$$Q_a = n \frac{1360}{60} C_d \left(\frac{d_0}{0.183}\right)^2 P_i \left(1 - \frac{\frac{P_i - P_a}{P_i}}{3F_\gamma x_T}\right) \sqrt{\frac{\frac{P_i - P_a}{P_i}}{T_a + 459.67}} \quad for \ \frac{P_i - P_a}{P_i} < F_\gamma x_T \tag{9}$$

$$Q_a = n \frac{1360}{60} 0.667 C_d \left(\frac{d_0}{0.183}\right)^2 P_i \sqrt{\frac{F_{\gamma} x_T}{T_a + 45 .67}} \quad for \ \frac{P_i - P_a}{P_i} \ge F_{\gamma} x_T \tag{10}$$

Where:

Qa = Volumetric Flow Rate in standard conditions, SCFM

- T_a = Air temperature, °F
- d_o = Diameter of port, in

C_d = Discharge Coefficient, assume 0.5 for sudden contraction (--)

 $F\gamma$ = Specific heat ratio factor which is 1 or air (--)

 x_T = Pressure differential ratio factor (0.72) (--)

n = Number of ports in the OP valve, (--)

Equation (9) is the volumetric flowrate in standard conditions when the ports are operating in subcritical flow while equation (10) is for critical flow.

Figure 6 is a plot of volumetric flow rate through the OP valve when the ambient pressure is 0 psig and the cabin pressure varies from 0.6 to 2.2 psig. For this case, cabin temperature is 80 °F. For these conditions, the ports are operating in subcritical flow so equation (6) is appropriate.



Figure 6 Volumetric Flow Rate, P_a=0.psig, P_i 0.6-2.2 psig, T_a=80°F

4.4 Test Chamber Setup

To setup the high-pressure test of the OP valve, a 3,000 psig pressure transmitter was calibrated and wired into the Automation Direct 205 series PLC analog input card. A bourdon pressure gauge was also installed as a backup. The PLC hardware as well as the I/O for the test is shown in Appendix A.



Figure 7 Setups for the HP and LP test

4.5 High Pressure Test Results

The high-pressure test was done on January 27 at 3 pm. Figure 8 shows the pressure over the test period.



Figure 8 Plot of chamber pressure and temperature for HP test

Prior to starting the test, the OP O-ring was lubricated with Dow Corning Molykote 44 Medium O-ring grease. The test sequence started with the veneir bypass valve shown on the HP septup in Figure 7 wide open. This alowed all the water to by pass the test chamber resulting in zero pressure in the chamber. The pressure was then increased in increments of approximaley 200 psi by partically closing the bypass valve. The pressure was held at this level for approximaely 1.5 minutes and then the next pressure level was set. At about 19 minutes into the test, the pressure reached the maximum value that the pump could make. This pressure was held for this pressure for 5 minutes and then reduced to zero. The maximum recorded pressure was 2,436 psig. This pressure corresponds to 5,481 fsw. After the test was complete, the OP valve O-ring was removed from the cell and inspected. No damage was observed. There was zero leakage through the OP valve during the test.



Figure 9 HMI display during HP test

4.6 Cracking Pressure Test Results

After completion of the high-pressure test, the test chamber was reconfigured to conduct the cracking pressure test. The setup is shown on LP side of Figure 7. The blind flange that has the OP valve penetrator welding in it was reversed so that the wingnut side was inside the chamber and the cap outside in the orientation it would be in an actual installation. The HP pump was disconnected and the air compressor with a pressure reducing regulator installed. Also, a 5 psig pressure transmitter was installed, calibrated and wired into channel B2 of the PLC analog input card. To calibrate the transmitter, a manometer was used. A low pressure vernier control valve was installed. A set of rails was installed inside the test chamber that would constrains the rotational movement of the wing nut but would allow it to move axially. This allowed us to adjust the gap between the O-ring mounted in the cap and its corresponding face on the penetrator by turning the cap a specific number of turns. It was observed that when the spring was completely compressed so that the coils touched, the turns count was zero. When the cap was turned 17 turns, the spring became free and only the weight of the movable portions of the OP valve resisted the chamber pressure. To start the test, the cap was backed out 17 turns. The pressure regulator was set to 5 psig and the vernier control valve adjusted until first traces of air began to bypass the cap. At this point the cap was turned 360 degrees in the clockwise direction to close the gap by one turn. The vernier valve was adjusted to again just have a trace of air escaping from the cap. This process was repeated until the cap reached the point the spring was completely collapsed at T=0. The results of the cracking pressure test are shown in Figure 9. Along with the test data, the theoretical model of cracking pressure as described in equations (4) and (5) is presented.

Table 2 Cracking Pressure				
Т	Pc(psig)	Pc*(psig)		
17	0.530	0.532		
16	0.600	0.628		
15	0.700	0.724		
14	0.850	0.82		
13	0.910	0.916		
12	1.030	1.012		
11	1.070	1.108		
10	1.220	1.204		
9	1.280	1.3		
8	1.450	1.396		
7	1.500	1.492		
6	1.630	1.588		
5	1.630	1.684		
4	1.910	1.78		
3	1.970	1.876		
2	1.960	1.972		
1	2.170	2.068		
0	2.240	2.164		



Figure 10 Cracking Pressure, experimental vs. theorotical

5. NOMENCLATURE

<u>Variable</u>	Description	Units
Ao	Area of contact of O-ring	in ²
В	Buoyancy force on cap when submerged	lbf
k	Spring constant	lb _f /in
Pi	Cabin interior pressure	psig
Pa	Ambient pressure	psig
Pc	Cracking pressure (experimental)	psig
Pc*	Cracking pressure (theoretical)	psig
Т	Turns of wing nut where $T \ge T_0$	()
Τo	Turns when spring is solid	()
T ₂	Turns when spring is free	()
Wc	Weight of cap and stem	lbf
Ww	Weight of wing nut	lbf
Ws	Weight of spring	lbf
Wo	Weight of O-ring	lbf
Qa	Volumetric Flow Rate in standard conditions	SCFM
do	Diameter of port	in
Cd	Discharge Coefficient, assume 0.5 for sudden contraction	()
Fγ	Specific heat ratio factor which is 1 or air	()
XΤ	Pressure differential ratio factor (0.72)	()
n	Number of ports in the OP valve	()
γw	Water specific weight lb _f /ft ³	lb _f /ft ³
Vc	Volume of the OP valve cap	ft ³

Appendix A – PLC I/O and Hardware

Progr	Programmable Logic Controller I/O						
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I/O	Description	Туре	Slot	Address	Status	Alarm Associated	
Alarms							
	1 High pressure in test chamber, > 3000 psig						
1	2						
1	3						
4	4						
:	5						
(6						
Inputs	Description	Туре	Slot	Address	Status	Alarm Associated	
CH-B1	HP TEST CHAMBER PRESSURE (0-3000 PSIG)	Analog	0	V2000	Installed	Alarm-1, High pressure in test chamber, > 3000 psig	
CH-B2	LP TEST CHAMBER PRESSURE (0-5PSIG)	Analog	0	V2001	Installed		
CH-B3	CURRENTLY NOT USED	Analog	0	V2002			
CH-B4	CURRENTLY NOT USED	Analog	0	V2003			
CH-B5	CURRENTLY NOT USED	Analog	0	V2004			
CH-B6	CURRENTLY NOT USED	Analog	0	V2005			
CH-B7	CURRENTLY NOT USED	Analog	0	V2006			
CH-B8	CURRENTLY NOT USED	Analog	0	V2007			
CH-B9	CURRENTLY NOT USED	Analog	0	V2020-V2021			
CH-B10	CURRENTLY NOT USED	Analog	0	V2022-V2023			
CH-B11	CURRENTLY NOT USED	Analog	0	V2024-V2025			
CH-B12	CURRENTLY NOT USED	Analog	0	V2026-V2027			
CH-C1	CURRENTLY NOT USED	Digital	1	X40			
CH-C2	CURRENTLY NOT USED	Digital	1	X41			
CH-C3	CURRENTLY NOT USED	Digital	1	X42			
CH-C4	CURRENTLY NOT USED	Digital	1	X43			
CH-C5	CURRENTLY NOT USED	Digital	1	Y40			
CH-C6	CURRENTLY NOT USED	Digital	1	Y41			
CH-C7	CURRENTLY NOT USED	Digital	1	Y42			
CH-C8	CURRENTLY NOT USED	Digital	1	Y43			
CH-D1	TEST CHAMBER TEMPERATURE (F)	Analog	2	V2040	Installed		
CH-D2	CURRENTLY NOT USED	Analog	2	V2044			
CH-D3	CURRENTLY NOT USED	Analog	2	V2042			
CH-D4	CURRENTLY NOT USED	Analog	2	V2046			

_				PLC M	odules	
<u>Slot</u>	Name	Module	Points	Address	Description	
-1	Α	D2-260-1	NA	NA	CPU 30.4K WORDS W/1 RS232 & 1 RS232/422/485 PORT	
0	В	F2-08AD-2	16	X0-X17	8 Channel Analog Input Voltage 12-Bit Res.	
1	С	D2-08CDR	8	X20-X27	Combo 4 PT 24VDC Input and 4 PT Relay Output	
2	D	F2-04RTD	32	X30-X47	4 Channel RTD, 0.1 Deg C Resolution	
D2-04B-1	D2-04B-1 DL205 BASE 4-SLOT REQ 110/220VAC PWR W/300mA 24VDC AUX P/S					
HMI EA9-	T8CL					

Appendix B – Transmitter Specifications

Item	Description				
Application	High Pressure Transmitter				
Manufacturer	TE Connectivity Measurement Specialties				
Mfg. Model No.	M5231-000005-03KPG				
Digi-Key Part Number	223-1726-ND				
Description	TRANSDUCER 0.5-4.5VDC 3000PSI				
Pressure Type	Vented Gauge				
Operating Pressure	3000PSI (20684.27kPa)				
Туре	Analog Voltage				
Output	0.5 V ~ 4.5 V				
Accuracy	±0.25%				
Voltage - Supply	4.75V ~ 5.25V				
Port Size	Male - 1/4" (6.35mm) NPT				
Features	Temperature Compensated				
Termination Style	Cable				
Maximum Pressure	6000PSI (41368.54kPa)				
Operating Temperature	-40°C ~ 125°C				
Package / Case	Cylinder				
Datasheet	M5200 Industrial Pressure Transducer				
	<u>(te.com)</u>				



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Application	Low Pressure Transmitter			
Manufacturer	BENXU			
Mfg. Model No.	Ebay 0-5 psi(Gauge Pressure)			
Description	TRANSDUCER 0-5 psi (Gauge Pressure)			
Pressure Type	Vented Gauge			
Operating Pressure	5 PSI (34.4738kPa)			
Туре	Analog Voltage			
Output	0.5-4.5V linear voltage output			
Accuracy	+/-(0.5%FS)			
Voltage - Supply	4.75V ~ 5.25V			
Port Size	Male - 1/8" NPT			
Features	Temperature Compensated			
Termination Style	Cable			
Maximum Pressure	1000PSI (6894.76 kPa)			
Operating Temperature	-40°C ~ 85°C			
Package / Case	Cylinder			



Item	Description				
Application	Test Chamber Temperature RTD				
Manufacturer	DC Direct				
Mfg. Model No.	314-140 Small Budget RTD Sensor				
Description	100 ohm RTD element, Alpha = 0.00385 ,				
	Class B				
Temperature Range	-58°F to +390°F (-50°C to +200°C)				
Probe Diameter	1/4"				
Probe Length	1.18" long				
Termination Style	3 wire configuration				
Sheath	316 Stainless Steel				
Extension Leads:	72" long, 24 AWG stranded PFA insulated				
	cores with silicone rubber				
Wire Color Code	3 wire - 2 colored red and 1 colored white				
Datasheet	TC Direct for Temperature Sensing,				
	Measurement and Control				



Appendix C – PLC Ladder Logic

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260 op test chamber

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LED PROJECT TEST CHAMBER

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	Ladder logic for the OP Tester Date 1-24-21 CLR		
	REVISION HISTORY:		
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