

# SOLENOID VALVE

## Type S7A, S7AL

Port Size 20-25mm (3/4"-1")  
FOR AMMONIA, R134a, R22, R507  
AND OTHER COMMON REFRIGERANTS

### FEATURES

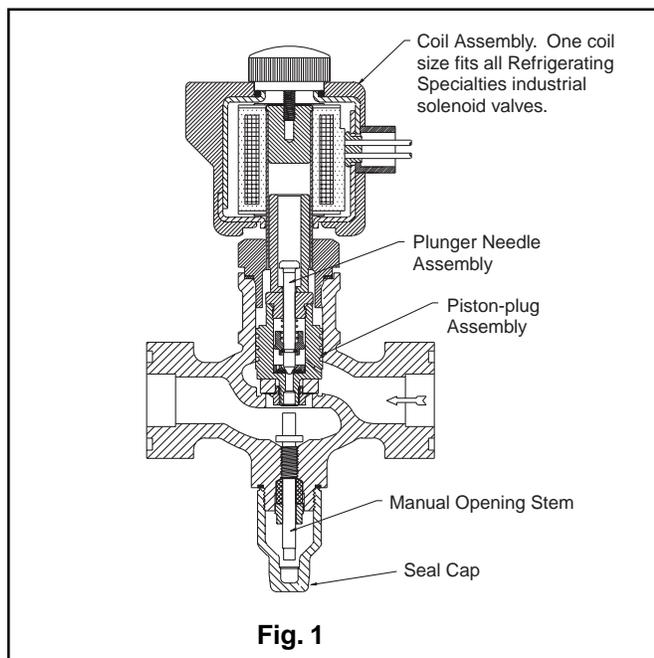
- Standard Coil Housing Meets NEMA 3R and NEMA 4-Rain Tight
- Coil Housing Surpasses NEMA Salt Spray Test
- Molded Class "B" Coil Construction
- Pilot Light Available
- Stainless Steel Needle
- Manual Opening Stem
- Design Pressure (MRP): 27.6 bar (400 PSIG)
- Positive Lift, Held Open Electrically

### Description

This heavy duty solenoid valve is suitable for Ammonia, R-134a, R-22, and R-507, other refrigerants, certain oils and other fluids approved for use in refrigeration. The S7 is a pilot operated, positive lift, cast iron bodied valve. The valve may be opened by means of the manual opening stem for servicing or in case of electrical power failure.

The Type S7 Solenoid Valve is furnished with FPT Internal NPT (U.S. Standard Taper Pipe Thread), Socket Weld, Weld Neck or ODS (solders over copper tubing of given diameter) connections. The valve may be easily removed from between the flanges for servicing.

It is advisable to install a strainer upstream of each valve to prevent entrance of foreign material into the valves and the rest of the system. Refrigerating Specialties strainers are available to close-couple to valve inlets.



## BULLETIN 30-92D Type S7A



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Installation, Service and Parts Information

### Purpose

Type S7A is a very versatile valve that may be used in most liquid, or hot gas lines. The S7A should not be used on equalizer lines or where the inlet pressure is less than 30 psi. The S7AL is designed for low pressure drop applications, liquid transfer from intermediate to low pressure vessels and on equalizer lines. The maximum operating pressure differential (MOPD) for the S7AL is 90 psi.

### Principles of Operation

The Type S7A is a pilot operated, positive lift, solenoid valve. Operation is as follows: The valve, in its closed position, with the solenoid coil de-energized and the plunger needle in its seated position, is shown in Figure 1. Electrical energization of the solenoid coil forms a magnetic field pulling up the plunger which strikes the needle, lifting it off its seat. This permits flow of the trapped refrigerant from the top of the piston which reduces pressure above the piston. The piston is then forced upward by the upstream pressure acting on the piston-main valve. This opens the valve port to allow flow through the valve. The piston-main valve is then held up magnetically by the plunger-needle assembly and no pressure drop is required to keep the valve open. If no pressure difference across the valve is present when the solenoid coil is energized, the piston-main valve is lifted off the seat by the plunger-needle assembly, opening the valve.

De-energization of the solenoid coil permits the spring-assisted needle to drop back into its seat, stopping the flow through the pilot port. The pressure above and below the piston-main valve is equalized through the bleed hole in the piston. The weights of the plunger-needle and the piston-main valve assembly cause the piston-main valve to drop to its seat and stop the flow. The pressure difference across the valve, acting upon the area of the valve seat, holds the piston-main valve in a tightly closed position.

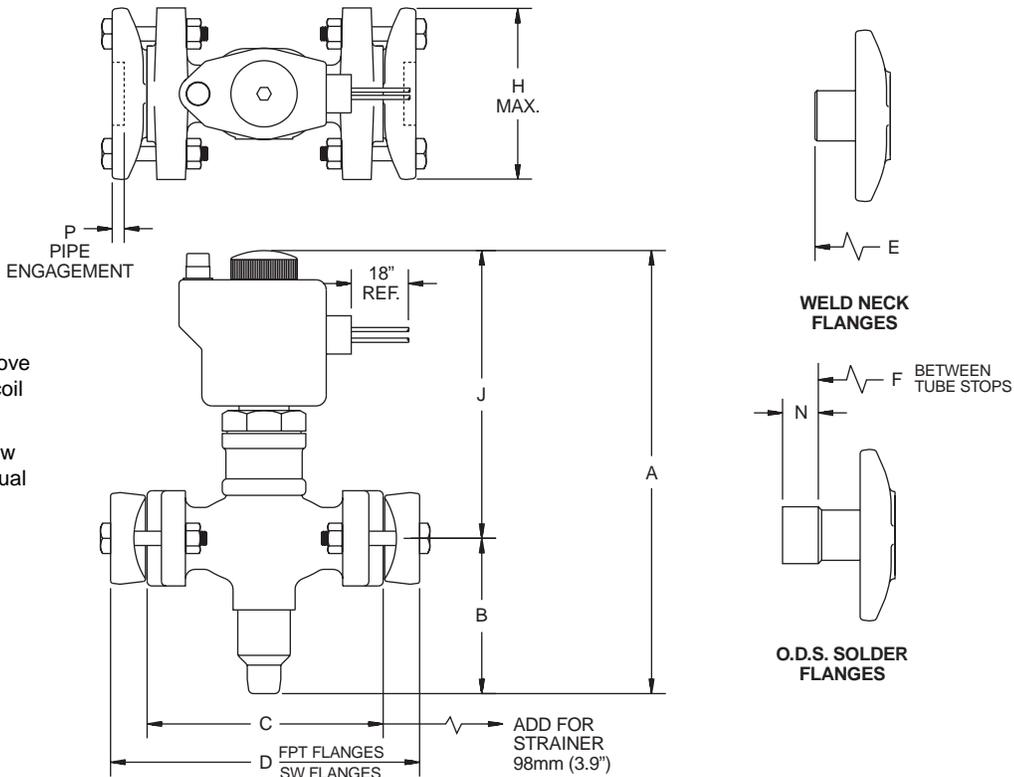
### Manual Opening Stem

The manual opening stem on the Type S7A is for the purpose of opening the valve without energizing the solenoid coil. Refer to the exploded view and parts list for location of the stem and other related parts. For access to the stem the seal cap on the bottom of the valve must be removed. This must be done with caution as refrigerant may have been trapped inside the seal cap. Manual opening is accomplished by turning the stem clockwise until only the flats on the end of the stem protrude from the packing nut. To reset for automatic operation turn the stem counterclockwise as far as it goes.

## REPAIR KITS FOR TYPE S7A SOLENOID VALVE

Item No.	Description	Qty.	20mm (3/4")	25mm (1")
1	Knob	1		
3	O-Ring	1		
6	Coil	1		
33	Tub Asm.	1		
34	Gasket	1		
35	Plunger Asm.	1		
36	Plug Asm.	1		
33,34	Tube Kit		201042	
34,35,36	Plug/Plunger Kit S7A		201014	201012
34,35,36	Plug/Plunger Kit S7AL		206563	206562
37	Man. Open Stem	1		
22	Flat Washer	1		
23	Packing, Stem	1		
22,23,34,37	Opening Stem Kit		201142	
24	Nut, Packing	1		
22,23,24	Stem Pkg. Kit		202100	
25	Gasket	1		
27	Seal Cap	1		
25,27	Seal Cap Kit		202110	
28	Flange Gasket Pkg.	12		202079
25,28,34	S7A Gasket Kit		202286	
34	Gasket Pkg, Sol Tube	5	202405	

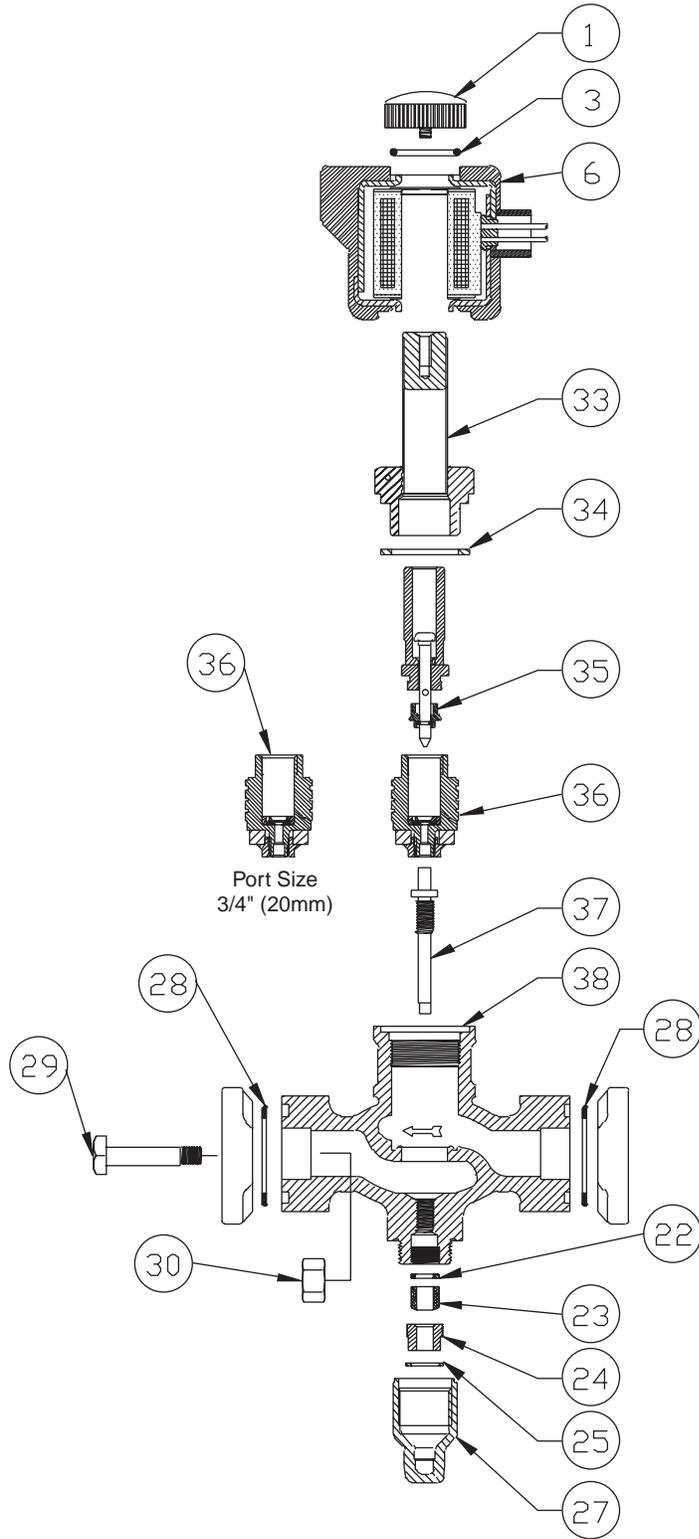
### DIMENSIONS



Allow 100mm (4") above valve for removal of coil housing assembly.

Allow 25mm (1") below valve to operate manual opening stem.

A		B		C		D (FPT, SW)		E (WN)		F (ODS)		H		J		N (ODS)		P (SW)	
MM	INCH	MM	INCH	MM	INCH	MM	INCH	MM	INCH	MM	INCH	MM	INCH	MM	INCH	MM	INCH	MM	INCH
282	11.1	102	4.0	157	6.2	216	8.5	261	10.3	239	9.4	117	4.6	180	7.1	25	1.0	13	0.5



**S7A**  
20-25mm (3/4" - 1")

## Installation

Protect inside of valve from dirt, chips and moisture during installation. Mount only in horizontal pipe line with solenoid coil at the top; this valve will work properly only in this position. In a liquid line the Solenoid Valve should be near the expansion valve inlet. It is advisable to install the S7A's close coupled companion strainer ahead of the valve for protection against dirt and chips.

The S7A solenoid valve must be installed with the arrow on the valve body in the direction of flow through the valve. If the valve is backwards, the flow will not be stopped when the valve is electrically de-energized. Like all Solenoid Valves, the S7A can stop flow only in the direction from normal inlet to normal outlet (as shown by the arrow on the body). If reversal of pressure occurs in the system so the outlet pressure exceeds the inlet pressure the piston will be blown away from its seat and reverse flow will occur. If a system has this type of pressure reversal (as encountered during hot gas defrost with liquid recirculation systems), a check valve such as Refrigerating Specialties Division Type CK4A in series with the solenoid valve will prevent flow reversal. (CK4A must be installed downstream to avoid trapping liquid.)

## Electrical

The Refrigerating Specialties Division molded water resistant Class "B" solenoid coil is designed for long life and powerful opening force. The standard coil housing meets NEMA 3R and 4 requirements. This sealed construction can withstand direct contact with moisture and ice. The coil housing far exceeds the requirements of NEMA Standard ICS, 1-110.57 salt spray test for rust resistance.

By definition, Class "B" coil construction will permit coil temperatures, as measured by resistance method, as high as 130°C (266°F). Final coil temperatures are a function of both fluid and ambient temperatures. The higher fluid temperatures require lower ambient temperatures so the maximum coil temperature is not exceeded. Conversely, low fluid temperatures permit higher ambient temperatures.

The molded Class "B" coil is available from stock with most standard voltages. However, coils are available for other voltages and frequencies. Coils are also available as transformer type with a 6 volt secondary winding for use with the Refrigerating Specialties Division Pilot Light Assembly (see current copy of Bulletin 60-10, "Pilot Light Assembly and Solenoid Transformer Coil").

The solenoid coil must be connected to electrical lines with volts and Hertz same as stamped on coil. The supply circuits must be properly sized to give adequate voltage at the coil leads even when other electrical equipment is operating. The coil is designed to operate with line voltage from 85% to 110% of rated coil voltage. Operating with a line voltage above or below these limits may result in coil burnout. Also, operating with line voltage below the limit will definitely result in lowering the valve opening pressure differential. Power consumption during normal operation will be 33 watts or less.

Inrush and running current is listed below:

Standard Coil Volts/Hertz	Inrush Current (Amps)	Running Size (Amps)	Fuse (Amps)
120/60 (Blue leads)	1.18	0.46	1
208/60 (Blue & Red leads)	0.63	0.26	1
240/60 (Red leads)	0.60	0.23	1
440/60 (Yellow & Red leads)	0.39	0.13	1
115/50 (Yellow & Blue leads)	1.22	0.21	1
230/50 (Yellow leads)	0.65	0.26	1
Other	(Contact Factory)		

On transformer coil the 6 volt leads are always black.

## Service Pointers

The S7A Solenoid Valve and Strainer are easily removable for cleaning or repairing. To remove valve and strainer, first manually open the valve and pump out the refrigerant in the section of the line sealed off. Then unscrew the flange bolts and spread the flanges slightly apart.

**1. Failure to Open:** (a) Coil is of incorrectly high voltage. See "Electrical." Check voltage printed on the coil. (b) Line voltage is abnormally low. See "Electrical." Check line voltage at coil leads with a voltmeter. (c) Failure to electrically energize. Check control circuit. (d) Pressure difference across valve is too high. The S7A will open against a maximum pressure difference across the valve of 21 bar (300 psig). (e) Solenoid Coil is burned out. See "Electrical," and replace with proper coil. (f) Plug Plunger Assembly is

sticking. To disassemble the S7A for inspection of internal parts (after pumping out the system as required); disconnect power source to Solenoid Coil, remove Tube Assembly, lift out Plug Plunger Assembly. Remove every trace of dirt from the piston and cylinder using fine emery cloth to remove burrs if necessary. Thoroughly clean all parts and reassemble using a light film of refrigeration oil on the Piston.

**2. Failure to Close:** (a) Electrical control circuit is not opening properly. Check wiring and controls. (b) There are chips or dirt on the Plug Plunger Seat, preventing proper seating. Disassemble and clean Valve as outlined in (1f) above. (c) Main Valve Disc, Pilot Seat, or Valve Needle may be worn or damaged and therefore leaking. Disassemble and clean Valve as outlined in (1f) above. If any of these parts need replacing, it is advisable to replace Plug Plunger Kit. (d) Piston Plug is sticking. See (1f) above. (e) Manual Opening Stem is turned all or partly in, holding Piston Plug Assembly open and permitting flow through the valve. (f) #5 Coil Housing Screw (made of nonmagnetic stainless steel) has been replaced with a screw made of magnetic material and residual magnetism is holding Plunger Needle Assembly in the open position. Consequently, the Main Valve is not closing. Replace with screw of correct materials.

**3. Leakage Through Valve:** See (2) above.

**4. Overheating:** The Solenoid Coil is designed to operate hot and is constructed of high temperature materials accordingly. Unless troubled with actual coil burnouts, high coil temperature should be ignored. Persistent burnouts indicate improper line or coil voltage. See (1e) above.

## Warranty

All Refrigerating Specialties Products are warranted against defect in workmanship and materials for a period of one year from date of shipment from factory. This warranty is in force only when products are properly installed, field assembled, maintained and operated in use and service as specifically stated in Refrigerating Specialties Catalogs or Bulletins for normal refrigeration applications, unless otherwise approved in writing by Refrigerating Specialties division. Defective products, or parts thereof, returned to the factory with transportation charges prepaid and found to be defective by factory inspection will be replaced or repaired at Refrigerating Specialties option, free of charge, F.O.B. factory. Warranty does not cover products which have been altered or repaired in the field; damaged in transit, or have suffered accidents, misuse, or abuse. Products disabled by dirt, or other foreign substances will not be considered defective.

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## Safe Operation (see also Bulletin RSBVC)

People doing any work on a refrigeration system must be qualified and completely familiar with the system and the Refrigerating Specialties Division valves involved, or all other precautions will be meaningless. This includes reading and understanding pertinent Refrigerating Specialties Division product Bulletins, and Safety Bulletin RSB prior to installation or servicing work. Where cold refrigerant liquid lines are used, it is necessary that certain precautions be taken to avoid damage which could result from liquid expansion. Temperature increase in a piping section full of solid liquid will cause high pressure due to the expanding liquid which can possibly rupture a gasket, pipe or valve. All hand valves isolating such sections should be marked, warning against accidental closing, and must not be closed until the liquid is removed. Check valves must never be installed upstream of solenoid valves, or regulators with electric shut-off, nor should hand valves upstream of solenoid valves or downstream of check valves be closed until the liquid has been removed. It is advisable to properly install relief devices in any section where liquid expansion could take place.

Avoid all piping or control arrangements which might produce thermal or pressure shock.

For the protection of people and products, all refrigerant must be removed from the section to be worked on before a valve, strainer, or other device is opened or removed.

Flanges with ODS connections are not suitable for ammonia service.