

# Pressure independent balancing and control valve AB-QM DN 10 - 150



AB-QM valve equipped with an actuator is a control valve with full authority and automatic balancing function - flow limiter. Typical applications are: Temperature control and permanent automatic balancing on terminal units (chillers air-handling units, fan coils, induction units, chilled seilings, plate heat exchangers, ..).

Description

#### Benefits:

- Exact and pressure independent flow limitation allows no overflows at partial conditions to keep temperature difference over terminal unit as high as designed
- The AB-QM is able to control the temperature at low loads and is equally stable all through the range. All changes in the available differential pressure are corrected by the pressure controller. Therefore, less disturbances for temperature control and therefore less movements from actuator.
- AB-QM offers full flexibility of flow adjustment – AB-QM valves can be set to a precise design value even when the system is up and running so no need for draining the system or use of flow charts or calculations – they allow full control over the real conditions in the system.
- Due to the membrane design the valves are not susceptible to blockage.
- Always the right flow, so no complaints from end-users

- Exact flow limitation at any load condition prevents excessive energy consumption that occurs when static balancing method is used in variable flow system.
- Because the AB valve covers two functions Balancing & Control - the installation costs are halved.
- Measuring nipples allow optimisation of the pump's energy consumption.
- 100% built in control valve authority allows lower pump head than traditional setup, thus minimizing energy consumption.
- Because of the automatic flow limiting function, commissioning costs are minimal.
   Easy adjustability allows late change of design flows without high costs.
- "Plug and Play" even when installation is not yet completely finished. For example when some floors are already occupied while construction is still going on at other floors, the occupied floors are already fully functional and balanced.



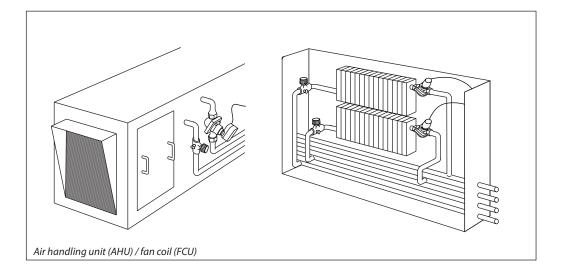
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**Description** (continuous)

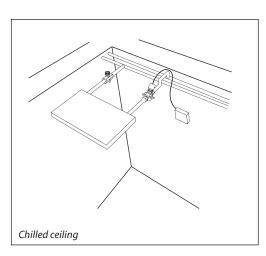
#### Simplifications

- Flow limitation is achieved by setting the valve to required flow - Set & Forget.
- Flow is the only parameter to be considered when designing, so easy and fast valve selection.
- Maximal flow setting of AB-QM corresponds with the maximal flow-speed through that pipe dimension according to international standards.
- Easy trouble shooting
- Linear to be converted to equalpercentage by selected actuators.
- No authority calculation. Commissioning is a matter of adjusting the valve without using specialised equipment or highly educated staff.
- Compact design allows instalment where only limited space is available, for example in stand alone fan-coil units.

## Applications - variable flow systems



An AB-QM with an actuator can be used as a combined flow limiter and control valve with full authority for an AHU (Air Handling Unit). The AB-QM ensures the required flow on every AHU and simplifies the hydronic balancing of the system. Because of the integrated differential pressure controller the control valve always has 100% authority which means that partial load in the system has no influence on temperature regulation as it will have with normal control valves. By installing AB-QM the whole system is



divided in independent control loop zones not influencing each other. The flow setting is very simple. Just set the required flow for the AHU direct at the AB-QM. There is no special method needed for balancing the whole systems. This means a lot of savings in working hours. Not to forget the combination of several functions in one valve body means less valves and installation work. For temperature control AB-QM can be equipped with different actuators (on/off, 3-point, 0-10Volt) as required.

AB-QM in systems with chilled ceilings are used to achieve the required flow in the system and to control the temperature (prevent condensation). An AB-QM is installed at every chilled ceiling limiting the flow.

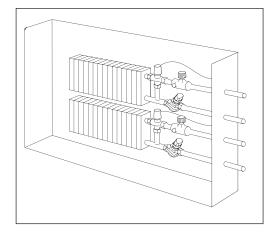
The integrated control valve is used for temperature control by mounting an actuator. Different types of actuators can be used.



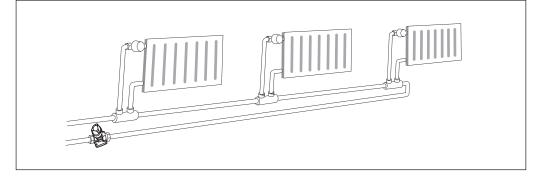


#### **Applications**

- constant flow systems



The flow can be set directly at the AB-QM. Alternatively the system can be changed into a system with variable flow because AB-QM is also able to work as a control valve with full authority which means no problems with partial load.



In a one pipe heating system the AB-QM can be installed as an automatic flow limiter in every riser. The AB-QM limits the flow to the set value, thus automatically achieving hydronic balance in the system.

There are numerous applications in which AB-QM can be used. In principle every time you need an automatic flow limiter or a control valve with full authority it can be used. For example systems with heating/cooling with concrete core activation.

Note: For more application examples please contact your local Danfoss organization.



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## Ordering

## AB-QM threaded version

Picture	DN	<b>Q</b> <sub>max.</sub> (I/h)	Ext. thread (ISO 228/1)	Code No.	AB-QM	Ext. thread (ISO 228/1)	Code No.	
	10 LF	150	C 1/	003Z0261		C 1/	003Z0251	
	10	275	G ½	003Z0211		G ½	003Z0201	
	15 LF	275	C 3/	003Z0262		G 3⁄4	003Z0252	
	15	450	G 34	003Z0212		G %	003Z0202	
	20	900	G 1	003Z0213		G 1	003Z0203	
0 0	25	1.700	G 1 ¼	003Z0214		G 1 ¼	003Z0204	
	32	3.200	G 1 ½	003Z0215		G 1 ½	003Z0205	
	40	7.500	G 2	003Z0700	AB-QM (DN 10 - 32)	can not be upgra	ded to AB-QM	
	50	12.500	G 2 ½	003Z0710	with nipples!			

## AB-QM flanged version

Picture	DN	<b>Q</b> <sub>max.</sub> (l/h)	Flange connection	Code No.
д	50	12.500		003Z0711
. 4	65	20.000		003Z0702
	80	28.000	PN 16	003Z0703
	100	38.000	PIN IO	003Z0704
U T	125	90.000		003Z0705
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Set-pack (one MSV-M and one AB-QM without nipples)

Picture	DN	<b>Q</b> <sub>max.</sub> (l/h)	External thread (ISO 228/1)	Code No.
	10	275	G ½ A	003Z0241*
	15	450	G 34 A	003Z0242
	20	900	G 1 A	003Z0243
	25	1.700	G 1 ¼ A	003Z0244
	32	3.200	G 1 ½ A	003Z0245

\* Includes MSV-M DN15 with external thread G 34A



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#### Ordering (continuous)

#### Accessories & spare parts

Turne	Comm	ients	CodeNa
Туре	To pipe	To valve	Code No
Union connection	R 3/8	DN 10	003Z023
(1 pcs.)	R 1/2	DN 15	003Z023
	R 3/4	DN 20	003Z023
e-9	R 1	DN 25	003Z023
	R 1 1/4	DN 32	003Z023
	R 11/2	DN 40	003Z027
	R 2	DN 50	003Z027
Tailpiece welding		DN 15	003Z022
(1 pcs.)		DN 20	003Z022
_	) A / - I - I	DN 25	003Z022
	Weld.	DN 32	003Z022
5		DN 40	003Z027
		DN 50	003Z027
Tailpieces for soldering (2 nuts, 2 gaskets, 2 soldering	12x1 mm	DN 10	065Z701
nipples	15x1 mm	DN 15	065Z701
Locking ring			003Z023
Shut-off & protection piece (max. clos	DN 10 - 32	003Z023	
Shut-off - plastic (max. closing pressu		003Z024	
Handle AR OM (for details refer to inc	DN 40 - 100	003Z069	
Handle AB-QM (for details refer to ins	tructions)	DN 125-150	003Z069

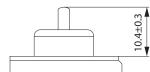
Combinations AB-QM with electrical actuators

Valve type	Stroke (mm)	<b>TWA-Z</b> <sup>2)</sup>	AMI 140	ABNM-Z	AMV 110 NL AME 110 NL <sup>3)</sup>	AME 15 QM	AME 55 QM			
		Recomm	Recommended ordering code numbers (for details refer to data sheets for th actuators)							
		<b>082F1226</b> NC, 230 V	082H8048 AMI 140 24 V, 12 s/mm, 2-point control	082F1094 Thermal actuator 24 V (0 - 10 V) 082F1072 Adapter for AB-QM (M30 × 1.5)	082H8056 AMV 110 NL 24 V, 24 s/mm, 3-point control 082H8057 AME 110 NL 24 V, 24 s/mm, 0 - 10 V	082H3075 AME 15 QM 24 V, 11 s/mm, 0 - 10 V	<b>082H3078</b> AME 55 QM 24 V, 8 s/mm, 0 - 10 V			
DN 10-20	2.25	✓	✓	✓	~	-	-			
DN 25, 32	4.50	<b>√</b> 1)	✓	<b>√</b> 1)	~	-	-			
DN 40, 50	10	-	-	-	-	~	-			
DN 65-100	15	-	-	-	-	~	-			
DN 125	25	-	-	-	-	-	~			
DN 150	25	-	-	-	-	-	~			

up to 60 % of Q<sub>max</sub>
 Please be aware that only this type of TWA actuator is to be used with AB-QM
 Minimum recommended AB-QM setting is 20 %

Operational pressure for all AB-QM valves is 4 bar. Closing pressure for all actuators is 6 bar.

Note: For all available actuators for AB-QM please contact your local Danfoss organization.



Closing point (measure) for DN 10 - DN 32



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## **Technical data**

## AB-QM (thread version)

Nominal diameter DN		10 Low Flow	10	15 Low Flow	15	20	25	32	40	50	
	Q <sub>min</sub> (20%) <sup>3)</sup>		30	55	55	90	180	340	640	1.500	-
Flow range	Q <sub>min</sub> (40%) 3)	l/h	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.000
	Q <sub>max</sub> (100%)	]	150	275	275	450	900	1.700	3.200	7.500	12.500
Diff. pressure <sup>1)</sup>	1	kPa			16-400		I	20-	-400	30-	400
Pressure stage		PN					16				
Control range				Acc. to sta	andard IEC 53	4 control rar	nge goes to	infinity as Cv	characterist	tic is linear.	
Control valve's	characteristic				Linear (could	d be conver	ted by actua	tor to equal	percentage)		
Leakage acc. to	standard IEC 534	ł			No visib	le leakage (a	at 100N)				% of k <sub>v</sub> at 0N
For shut off fun	ction				Acc	. to ISO 5208	8 class A - no	visible leak	age		
Flow medium		1	Water and	water mixt	tures with sec	ondary cool			losed heatin	g and coolin	g systems
Medium tempe	rature	°C		-10 +120							
Stroke	1	mm			2.25		r		.5		0
Connection	ext. thread (ISO	228/1)	G ½″	G ½″	G ¾″	G ¾″	G 1″	G 1¼″	G 1½″	G 2″	G 2½″
	actuator		M30 × 1.5 Danfoss standard								
Materials in th	ne water		1								
Valve bodies			Brass (CuZn40Pb2 - CW 617N)								/ iron 50(GG25)
Membranes and	d O - rings						EPDM				
Springs						W.Nr. 1	.4568, W.Nr.	1.4310			
						W.N. 4 4205					10Pb3 -
Cone (Pc)			W.Nr. 1.4305 CW 614N, W.Nr. 1.4305								
Seat (Pc)			EPDM W.Nr. 1.4305								1.4305
Cone (Cv)						CuZn	40Pb3 - CW	614N			
Seat (Cv)			CuZn40Pb2 - CW 617N W.Nr. 1.4305								
Screw						Sta	inless Steel (	(A2)			
Flat gasket							NBR				
Sealing agent (only for valves w	ith measuring nipp	les)				Dim	ethacrylate l	Ester			
Materials out o	of the water										
Plastic parts			POM								-
Insert parts and	outer screws	CuZn39Pb3	- CW 614N;	W.Nr. 1.4310;	W.Nr. 1.4401					-	

<sup>11</sup> $\Delta p = (P1-P3) \text{ min} \sim max$ <sup>2)</sup> according suitability and usage especially in not oxygen tight systems please mind the instructions given by the coolant producer $<sup>3)</sup> Flow limitations below <math>Q_{min}$  is possible. Regardless of the flow limitations valve can modulate till 0 % of the settings. Pc - pressure controller part Cv - Control valve part



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## Technical data (continuous)

## **AB-QM** (flange version)

Nominal dia	ameter	DN	50	65	80	100	125	150	
	Q <sub>min</sub> (40%) <sup>2)</sup>		5.000	8.000	11.200	15.200	36.000	58.000	
Flow range	Q <sub>max</sub> (100%)	- l/h	12.500	20.000	28.000	38.000	90.000	145.000	
Diff. pressur	e <sup>1)</sup>	kPa				30 - 400			
Pressure sta	ge	PN				16			
Control rang	je		Acc. to sta	andard IEC	534 control	range goe is linear.	s to infinity as Cv	characteristic	
Control valv	e's characteristic		Lin	ear (could	be converte	ed by actua	tor to equal perc	centage)	
Leakage acc	. to standard IEC	534	r	nax.0.05% (	of k <sub>v</sub> at 500l	N	max.0.01% of k <sub>v</sub> at 650N	max. 0.01% of k <sub>v</sub> at 1000N	
For shut off	function		Acc. to		class A - no kage	visible	-	-	
Flow medium			Water and water mixtures with secondary coolants (like glycols) <sup>3)</sup> for closed heating and cooling systems						
Medium temperature °C			-10 +120						
Stroke	Stroke mm		10	10 15			25	25	
Connection	flange		PN 16						
connection	actuator		Danfoss standard						
Materials i	n the water								
Valve bodies	5				Grey iror	n EN-GJL-25	0(GG25)		
Membranes	/ Bellow		EPDM W.Nr.1.4571					EPDM	
O - rings			EPDM						
Springs			W.Nr. 1.4568, W.Nr. 1.4310				W.Nr.1.4401	W.Nr.1.4310	
Cone (Pc)			CuZn4	10Pb3 - CW	614N, W.Nr.	W.Nr.1.4404NC	W.Nr.1.4021		
Seat (Pc)				W.Nr.	W.Nr.1	W.Nr.1.4027			
Cone (Cv)				CuZn40Pb3	3 - CW 614N	W.Nr.1.4404NC	W.Nr.1.4021		
Seat (Cv)			W.Nr. 1.4305					W.Nr.1.4027	
Screw			Stainless Steel (A2)				W.Nr.	W.Nr.1.1181	
Flat gasket			NBR Graphite gasket Non asbes				Non asbestos		

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Pc - pressure controller part

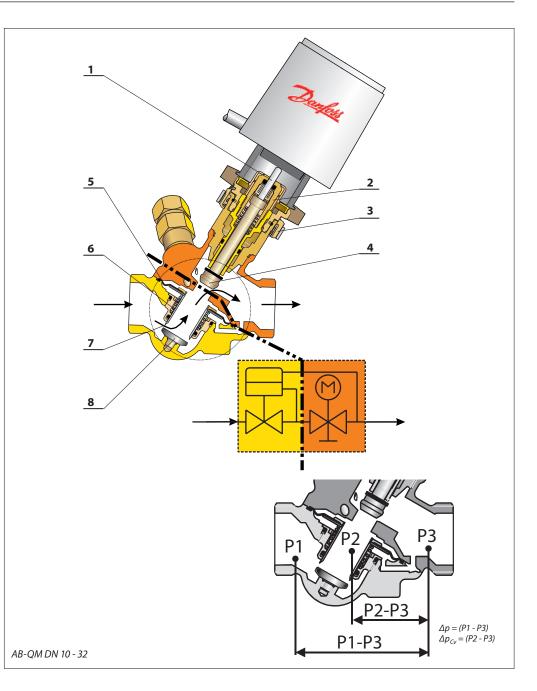
Cv - Control valve part



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#### Design

- 1 Spindle
- 2 Stuffing box
- 3 Plastic ring4 Control valve's cone
- 5 Membrane
- 6 Main spring
- 7 Hollow cone (pressure
- controller)
- 8 Vulcanized seat (pressure controller)



#### **Function:**

- The AB-QM valve consists of two parts:Differential pressure controller
- 2. Control valve

### 1. Differential pressure controller DPC

The differential pressure controller maintains a constant differential pressure across the control valve. The pressure difference  $\Delta p_{Cv}$  (p2-p3) on the membrane is balanced with the force of the spring. Whenever the differential pressure across the control valve changes (due to a change in available pressure, or movement of the control valve) the hollow cone is displaced to a new position which brings a new equilibrium and therefore keeps the differential pressure at a constant level.

#### 2. Control valve Cv

The control valve has a linear characteristic. It features a stroke limitation function that allows adjustment of the Kv value. The percentage marked on the scale equals the percentage of 100% flow marked on the pointer. Changing the stroke limitation is done by lifting the blocking mechanism and turning the top of the valve to the desired position, showed on the scale as a percentage. A blocking mechanism automatically prevents unwanted changing of the setting.



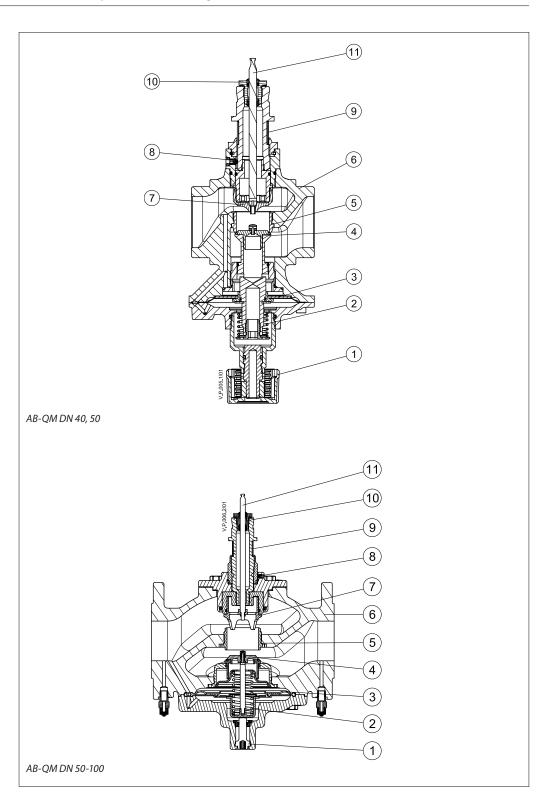


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## Design (continuous)

- Shut off screw
   Main spring
- 3. Membrane
- DP cone
   Seat
- 6. Valve body
- 7. Control valves cone8. Locking screw

- 9. Scale10. Stuffing box11. Spindle



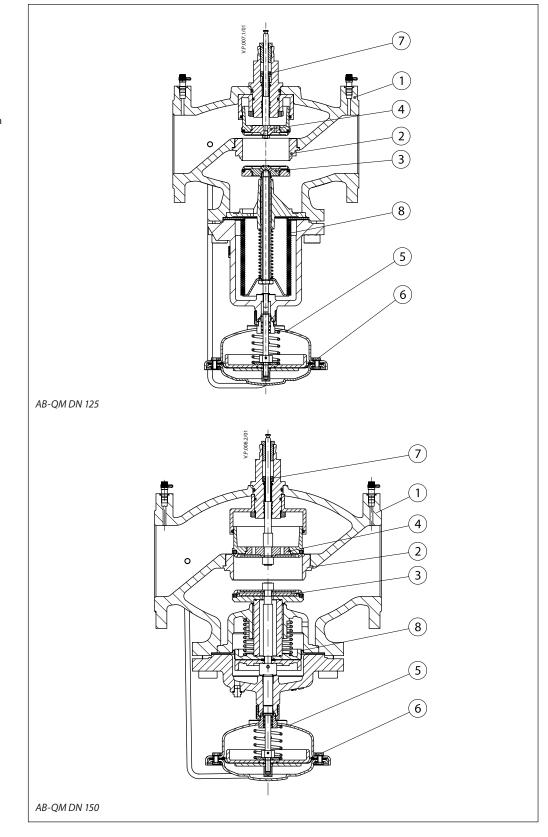


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## Design (continuous)

- Valve body
   Valve seat
   DPC cone

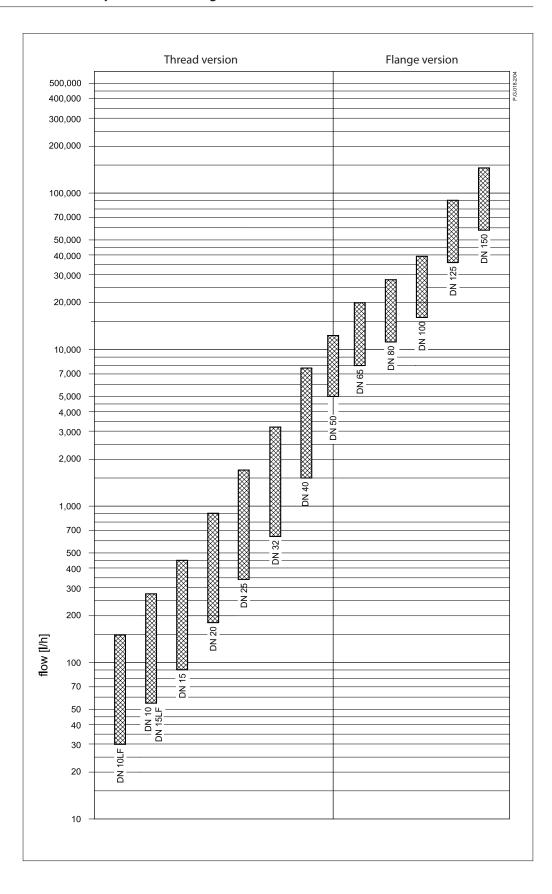
- DPC cone
   CV cone
   Controller casting
   Rolling diaphragm
   Adjusting screw
   Bellow for pressure relief on DPC cone





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Sizing





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#### Sizing (continuous)

#### **Example 1: Variable flow system**

<u>Given</u>: Cool requirement per unit : 1000 W Flow temperature in the system: 6 °C Return temperature in the system: 12 °C

#### Required - control and balancing valves:

AB-QM and actuators type for BMS system. <u>Solution</u>: Flow in the system: Q (I/h)  $Q = 0.86 \times 1000 / (12 - 6) = 143 I/h$  <u>Selected:</u> AB-QM DN 10 mm with  $Q_{max} = 275 \text{ l/h}$ presetting on 143/275 = 0.52 = 52 % of maximum opening. Actuators: AMV 110NL - 24 V <u>Remarks:</u> required minimum differential pressure across the AB-QM DN 10: 16 kPa.

#### **Example 2: Constant flow system**

#### <u>Given:</u>

Cool requirement per unit : 4000 W Flow temperature in the system : 6 °C Return temperature in the system : 12 °C

<u>Required</u> - **automatic flow limiter:** AB-QM and presetting.

Solution:

Flow in the system : Q (I/h) Q =  $0.86 \times 4000 / (12 - 6) = 573 I/h$ 

#### <u>Selected:</u> AB-QM DN 20 mm with $Q_{max} = 900 \text{ l/h}$ presetting on 573/900 = 0.64 = 64 % of maximum opening.

<u>Remarks:</u> required minimum differential pressure across the AB-QM DN 20: 16 kPa.

## Example 3: Sizing AB-QM according pipe dimension

#### Given:

Flow in system 1.4 m<sup>3</sup>/h (1400 l/h = 0.38l/s), pipe dimension DN 25 mm

#### <u>Required - automatic flow limiter:</u> AB-QM and presetting.

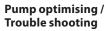
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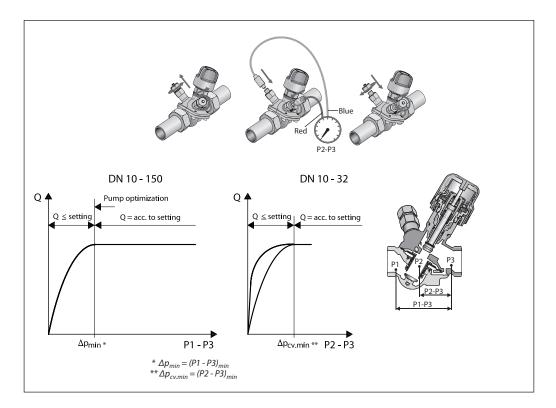
In this case we can selected AB-QM DN 25 mm with  $Q_{max} = 1700 \text{ l/h}$ 

In this case it will be recommended to check the maximum velocity in the pipe. For this we calculate velocity in the pipe for condition: DN 25 mm – Di 27.2 mm Dimension and condition acceptable, veloscity below 1.0 m/s.

Preseting on the valve AB-QM DN 25 mm 1400/1700 = 0.82 = 82 % of maximum opening. <u>Remarks:</u> required minimum differential pressure across the AB-QM DN 25: 20 kPa.

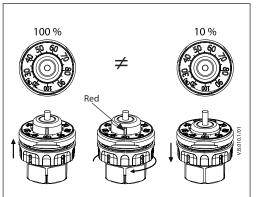






The AB-QM (DN 10-32) features measuring nipples that allow measuring of the pressure difference  $\Delta p_{cv}$ (p2-p3) across the control valve while AB-QM (DN 40-150) measuring is done between p1 to p3. If the pressure difference exceeds certain value it means the differential pressure controller is operational and the flow limitation is achieved. The measuring function can be used to verify if enough pressure difference is available and thus verify the flow. It can also be used to optimize the pump head. The pump head can be decreased until no more than the minimal required pressure is available on the most critical valve (in terms of hydronic). This optimal point is to be found when proportionality between pump head and measured differential pressure cease to exist. Verifying the pressure can be done by using for example Danfoss PFM device (for more details please refer to AB-QM Tech Note).

#### Presetting (DN 10-32)



The calculated flow can be adjusted easily without using special tools.

- To change the presetting:
- Remove the blue protective cap or the mounted actuator.
- Raise the grey plastic ring and turn to the new presetting.
- Release the white plastic ring and the presetting is locked.

The presetting scale indicates a values from 100% flow to 0% closed.

Counter clock wise turning would increase the flow value while clock wise would decrease it.

When valve is set to 80% or more the red ring (below "DN max flow " sign) becomes visible.

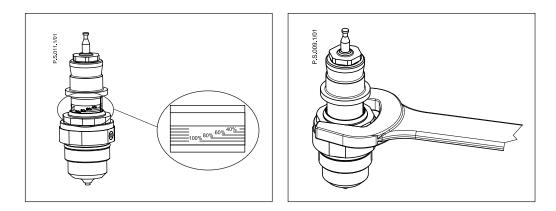
If the valve is a DN 15 then the max flow = 450 l/h = 100% presetting. To set a flow of 270 l/h you have to set: 270/450 = 60%.

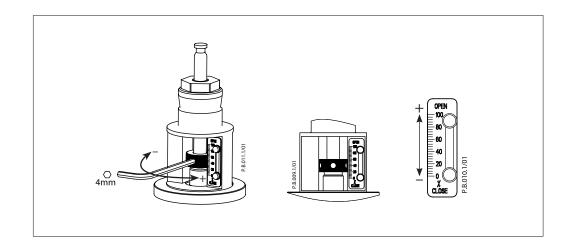
Danfoss recomends a presetting/flow from 20% to 100%. Factory presetting is 100%.



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# **Presetting** (continuous) DN 40-100









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Service

#### DN 10-32

For the service shut off function, it is recommended to install the valve in the supply water pipe.

The valve features a service function that allows changing of the "stuffing box (code 065F0006)" under water pressure.

Valves are equipped with plastic shut-off mechanism that is to be used for isolating function up to 1 bar differential pressure. When closing against higher differential pressure please use accessory - shut-off & protection piece (003Z0230) or set the value to 0%.

Unwanted change of the setting is provided by locking ring (code 003Z0236) which is inserted in the groove below the scale. The locking ring would not allow one to lift the grey plastic ring thus no change of the setting is possible. DN 40-100

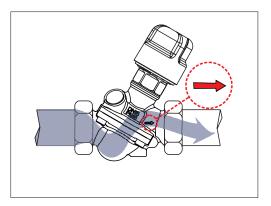
For the service shut off function there is no pipe side installation recommendation.

Valves are equipped with manual shut-off for isolating function up to 16 bar.

## Installing

AB-QM valve is mono-directional meaning that the valve operates when arrow on the valve body is aligned with flow direction. When this rule is disobeyed the valve acts like variable orifice that cause water hammer at sudden closing when available pressure has increased or valve have been set to lower value.

In case when system condition allows backflows it is strongly recommended to use backflow preventer in order to avoid possible water hammer that can damage the valve as well as other elements in the system.





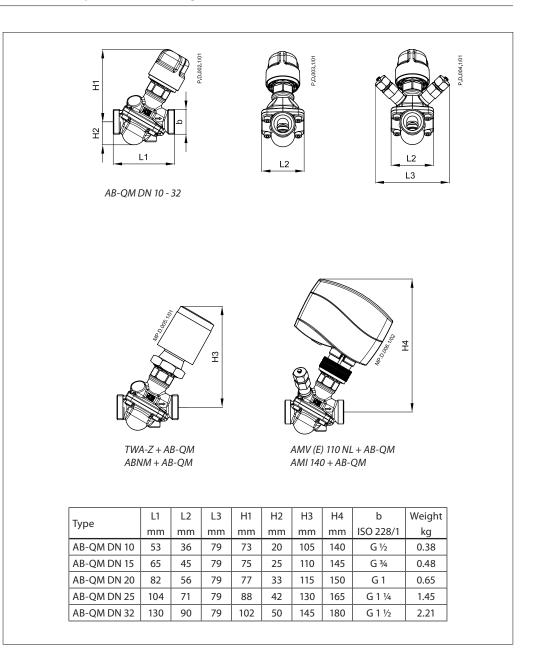
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	<ol><li>The pressure independent balancing and control valve should be available in the range from DN10 - 150.</li></ol>							
	3. The valve could be used as an automatic flow limiter.							
	4. The valve should have a mechanism to adjust the flow steeples from 100 to 0 % of the maximum flow.							
	5. Minimum possible setting for modulating actuator should be 30 l/h.							
	6. At minimum setting 30 l/h modulation till 0 % of the flow should be possible.							
	7. Shut off service function should be possible with setting mechanism.							
	<ol> <li>The adjustment should be performed without a tool for dimensions up to DN 32 or a standard too for valves bigger than DN 32.</li> </ol>							
	9. The setting, which can be locked, should be visible from the top for valves DN 32 and from a side for DN 40 - 150.							
	10.The control valve stuffing box should be serviceable under pressure for valves up to DN 32. 11. The valves should have a shut-off function (positive), separate from the setting mechanism, for valves DN 40 - 100.							
	12. The leakage rate should be: no visible leakage at force of the thermal actuator (90 N) for valves up to DN 32, for valves up to DN 100 0.05 % k <sub>v</sub> at 500 N, for valve DN 125 0,01 % k <sub>v</sub> at 650N and 0,01 % k <sub>v</sub> for DN 150 at 1000 N. Maximum operating pressure should be 400 kPa, closing pressure ability for all actuators should be 600 kPa.							
	13. The authority of the pressure independent control valve should be 1 at all settings (control valve characteristic is not changed).							
	14.Control valve should have flow – control signal as linear characteristic at all settings. Control ratio of the pressure independent balancing and control valve should be higher than 1:300 (Supplier o the valve should provide lab test results <sup>1</sup> ).							
	15. Control valve should have a possibility to change linear characteristic to equal percentage characteristic at all settings by actuator setting.							
	16.Minimum starting differential pressure for flow limitation should be 16 kPa for valves up to DN 20, 20 kPa valves up to DN 32 and 30 kPa for valves up to DN 150 (Supplier of the valve should provide lab test results <sup>1</sup> ). Nominal pressure rating 16 bar (PN20 on request), maximal test pressure 25 bar.							
	17. Measuring points for pump optimization and flow verification should be available for DN 10 - 150.							
	Nominal diameter:							
	Adjustment range from - to m <sup>3</sup> /h Produced by: Danfoss							
	Type: AB-QM Ordering no.: 003Z							

<sup>1)</sup> Since there is no standard for testing procedure, Danfoss recommends verification by independent lab to compare control and flow limitation function of different PIBCVs at the same basis.



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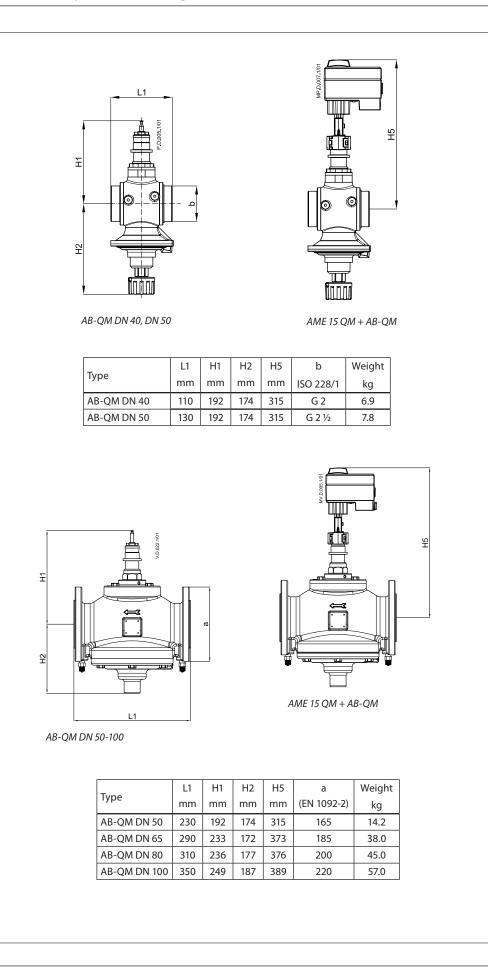
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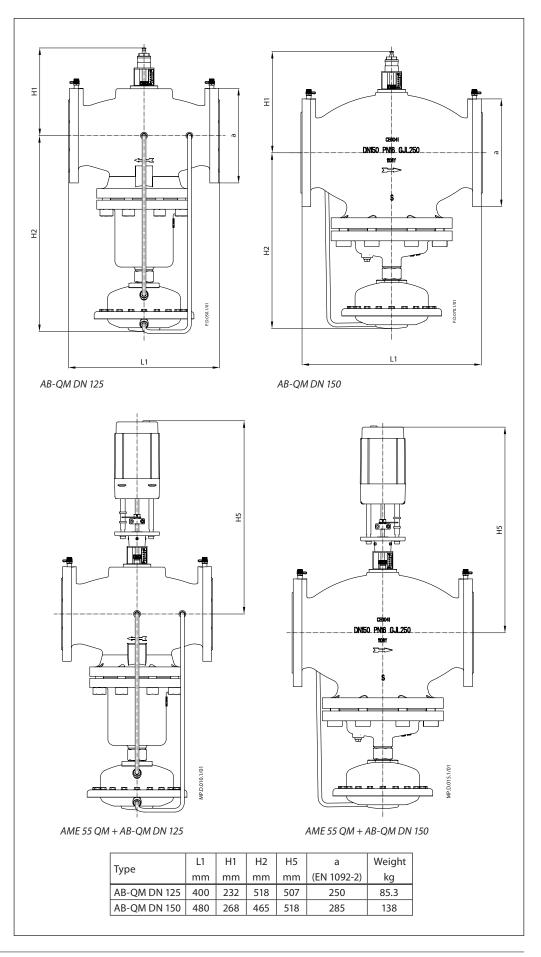
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