Electric Rotary Valves

6 Port Switching Electric Rotary Valve w/ Stepper motor and controller PCB


**ELECTRIC ROTARY VALVES GENERAL INFORMATION**

**What is an Electric Rotary Valve?**

The Bio-Chem Fluidics Electric Rotary Valve is a stepper motor operated device used in sample collection, loop injection or flow path selection applications. It is designed to provide an inert flow path for aggressive and/or reactive fluids. The inert path is achieved by aligning holes in a PCTFE rotor with holes in the PTFE valve body (stator).

The rotor is pressed into the valve body creating a tight interference fit seal. The rotor is turned by a close-coupled two-phase hybrid stepper motor. An optoelectronic position sensor inside the valve provides the position of the rotor to a controller PCB. The PCB makes fine adjustments as necessary to provide an uninterrupted path. The end-user can program the valve controller to perform desired position sequences - the rotor can move clockwise or counterclockwise to the desired port position. (The Bio-Chem Fluidics Electric Rotary Valve can also be supplied without the motor and controller - refer to page 4 for more details).

The Bio-Chem Fluidics Electric Rotary Valve is available in five different flow configurations (see page 3 for more details) which means that the most appropriate design for your application can be selected from standard configurations.

**Features of a Bio-Chem Fluidics Electric Rotary Valve**

- **Inert fluid path** - the fluid in the valve is in contact with only two components; the PTFE valve body and the PCTFE rotor. This ensures a completely non-metallic, corrosion-resistant path and means that the non-contact parts can be sourced economically from industry standard components.
- **Multiple flow configurations** - the Bio-Chem Fluidics Electric Rotary Valve is available in five different flow configurations (see page 3 for more details) which means that the most appropriate design for your application can be selected from standard configurations.
- **Unobstructed flow path** - careful and precise machining results in an unobstructed flow path through the valve ensuring minimized dead volumes and providing a lower pressure drop than conventional solenoid mixing valves.
- **OEM focused** - the RV series Electric Rotary Valve is designed specifically with OEM customers in mind. The flow configurations match the most commonly found applications and the ¼”-28 UNF fluid port connections allow easy integration into sophisticated systems.

**Polymers referenced in this brochure:**

PCTFE = polychlorotrifluoroethylene  
PTFE = polytetrafluoroethylene
The Bio-Chem Fluidics RV series of Electric Rotary Valves is available in three versions; the RV-E series comprises the valve head assembly only with no motor or controller, the RV-SN series couples the valve head assembly to a two-phase hybrid stepper motor to drive the valve’s rotor and the RV-SC series adds an intelligent controller / driver PC board with the stepper motor.

The RV-SC can be used in two distinct modes; Stand Alone-mode where external programs can be downloaded directly in the controller’s EEPROM memory, and Direct-mode where the controller acts as a ‘slave’ board in conjunction with a “master” external control system. (More details on operating modes on page 6).

### Flow Switching Configurations and Part Numbers

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**Applications**

Bio-Chem Fluidics Electric Rotary Valves are typically used in one of two main applications; port selection applications where one stream is diverted to one of either 4 or 6 different places, and loop injection applications where the valve can be used to load and inject fluids into a sample loop in two discrete steps.

#### Port selection

Bio-Chem Fluidics 4-way and 6-way selection / distribution valves allow for accurate and repeatable flow re-direction. One input can be diverted to any one of 6* outlets or 6* separate inputs can be diverted to one common outlet. (*Note: 4-way valves have 4 possible outlets / inputs).

#### Loop injection

Bio-Chem Fluidics 4 port and 6 port switching valves are commonly used as sample injection devices for chromatography systems. This application is comprised of two distinct operations: Load and Inject.

**Step 1 - load**

- The sample can be loaded into the sample loop while the mobile phase is pumped directly through to the column.

**Load**

**Step 2 - inject**

- When the valve switches to the inject position, the pump connects to the sample loop and the sample is carried onto and through the column. The “sample in” and “waste” ports are joined but are isolated from the loop.

**Inject**
RV-E SERIES ELECTRIC ROTARY VALVES - (Valve head assembly - no motor)

Economic PTFE/PCTFE Rotary Valve option for OEM clients with knowledge and experience with mounting their own stepper motors.

- Inert flow path - only the PTFE valve body and PCTFE rotor are in contact with the fluid
- 1/4"-28 UNF, flat bottomed fluid connection ports with stainless steel threaded inserts for extra strength and durability
- A two-channel optoelectronic position sensor and optical encoder disc are incorporated into the valve. This position sensor allows for referencing the "home" position after the unit is powered up and for signalling that the valve has reached a valid "port" position
- Incorporates an internal coupling that mates the valve's rotor to the driving source
- Mounting dimensions fit NEMA 17 stepper motors

Valve specifications

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<td>Operating pressure (max)</td>
<td>200 psi (13.6 bar)</td>
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<td>Flow path/orifice diameter</td>
<td>0.052&quot; (1.32mm)</td>
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<td>Internal volume*</td>
<td>18.5 μl</td>
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* one complete path

Notes:
1. All dims inches / [mm]
2. Ports have stainless steel threaded inserts
RV-SN SERIES ELECTRIC ROTARY VALVES - (Valve with motor)

Electric Rotary Valve close-coupled to industry standard two-phase, hybrid stepper motor

- All valve features as shown on page 4
- Trinamic® QMOT Stepper motor
- Motor features:
  - 1.8° step angle
  - Optimized for microstep operation
  - 4 wire connection
  - Neodymium magnets for maximum torque
- Valve functionality details:
  - Life of assembly - up to 1,000,000 port-to-port cycles
  - Port-to-port move time - 250 ms
  - Maximum duty cycle (recommended) - 12.5%

Motor specifications

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<td>35 cNm / 50 ozin</td>
<td>49 cNm / 69 ozin</td>
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View on X

1.67

View on Y

0.68 (42.4)

1/4-28 ports

Access port / drain Ø0.24 / [6.1]

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RV-SC SERIES ELECTRIC ROTARY VALVES - (Valve with motor and controller PCB)

Electric Rotary Valve close-coupled to industry standard two-phase, hybrid stepper motor with intelligent motor controller and driver

- Valve and motor features as pages 4 & 5
- Trinamic® PANdrive Motor controller and driver
- Controller features:
  - PC-based software development environment (Trinamic® IDE)
  - High level commands
  - RS-232 communications protocol
  - On board EEPROM for stand-alone operation

**Modes of operation:**

**Stand-alone** – In Stand-alone mode the controller is used to provide operating signals to the valve from programs downloaded into the on-board EEPROM memory. The end-user has the option to start the programs automatically with power-on (Auto-start ON) or to have them start upon receiving an external trigger (Auto-start OFF).

**Direct mode** – In Direct mode commands from a master controller are issued one-at-a-time to the valve controller which is operating as a slave unit only. Although the valve controller is still responsible for sending signals to the valve, it retains no instructions on-board.

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Under the Bio-Chem Valve™ brand name we offer a complete fluid system solution for a wide range of industries including analytical chemistry, clinical diagnostics and medical device manufacturers as well as the scientific community.

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- ¼”-28, ½”-24, and M6 fittings for pressures up to 1000 psig
- CoolCube™, “Hit and hold” circuit for all Bio-Chem Valve™ solenoid operated valves
- PTFE, Silicone and C-Flex® tubing

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