



# ME226/227 PowerTorq Series

## Pneumatic Actuator Instruction Manual

### WARNING

Failure to follow these instructions or to properly install and maintain this equipment could result in an explosion and/or fire causing property damage and personal injury or death.

Install, operate and maintain Marshall Excelsior Co. equipment in accordance with federal, state, and local codes and these instructions. The installation in most states must also comply with NFPA Pamphlet #58, ANSI K61.1 and DOT standards.

Only personnel trained in the proper procedures, codes, standards, and regulations of the LP-Gas or anhydrous ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) industries should install and service this equipment.

### INTRODUCTION

#### Scope of Manual

This manual covers instructions for the types ME226 & ME227 Pneumatic Actuator kits. These kits allow for remote operation of MEC (Fisher®) internal valves.

### DESCRIPTION

Marshall Excelsior Co. Pneumatic Actuator kits fit MEC (Fisher®) 2 & 3-inch NPT and 3-inch double flange internal valves to allow for remote valve operation utilizing air pressure. Applying air pressure to the actuator moves the drive coupling and the internal valve's operating lever to open the valve. Upon loss of air pressure, the valve's operating lever immediately returns to the closed position.

**ME226** – For ME990-16, ME990-24 and ME990-3F-24 (Fisher® type C402, C421, C427, C471 and C477) valves (2 and 3 inch series)

**ME227** – For ME990-3DF & ME990-3DFM (Fisher® type C403-24 and C483-24) double flanged valves

These kits feature a spring return design that eliminates the need for an air return.

### SPECIFICATIONS

Pressure Source: Air

Cylinder Pressure Limits: Minimum – 20 psig  
Maximum – 125 psig  
Recommended – 30-50 psig

Temperature Limits: -60°F to 250°F

Return Mechanism: Spring only – no air

### MAINTENANCE

A simple preventive maintenance program for the valve and its controls will eliminate many potential problems.

Marshall Excelsior Co. recommends these steps be conducted at least once a month:

1. Inspect the operating lever to see that it operates freely.
2. Confirm the actuator fully opens and closes the internal valve without sticking. Keep the actuator's drive coupling free of any build-up of mud, corrosion, or other foreign material. Such a build-up could prevent the actuator from closing which could jam the internal valve in the open position. Do not permit this condition to occur.
3. Because the actuator has a sealed housing, internal lubrication is not required. Periodically lubricate the operating coupling joint.
4. Regularly inspect, clean and oil all operating controls.

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## INSTALLATION

### **CAUTION**

**Do not manually stroke the actuator.**

**The use of a pressure reducing regulator to supply the minimum cylinder operating pressure (30-50 psig) to the actuator will maximize product life and minimize air consumption.**

To install an actuator kit, first remove any existing operating lever from the internal valve shaft.

### **WARNING**

**Release all downstream pressure before removing the two screws holding the cover plate to the internal valve body. Failure to follow these instructions or to properly install and maintain this equipment could result in an explosion and/or fire causing property damage and personal injury or death.**

**ME226/ ME227:** When installing the actuator, first install the drive coupling over the internal valve shaft with the coupling cross hole toward the valve. Align the drive with the internal valve shaft and pin in place with the split pin.

**ME226 ONLY:** Remove the screws holding the cover plate to the internal valve body, discard the screws and retain the cover plate. Ensure that the internal valve packing rings remain in position during disassembly and reassembly. With the cover plate in position, install stand-offs through cover plate and hand tighten.

**ME227 ONLY:** Install the stand-offs and hand tighten.

**ME226 &ME227:** Position actuator mounting plate over stand-offs with counter-sunk holes facing out. Install mounting screws through mounting plate and hand tighten to stand-offs. Wrench tighten stand-offs to internal valve then wrench tighten mounting plate to the stand-offs.

**ME226 ONLY:** Ensure even gap between cover plate and internal valve packing.

**ME226 &ME227:** Rotate drive coupling clockwise by hand until it stops, then back off counterclockwise 1/8 turn ( $^{\circ}45$ ).

Position actuator with air inlet connection facing away from container and install over drive coupling. Install mounting bolts with lockwashers through mounting bracket and wrench tighten to actuator.

Note: The inlet tee connection is factory installed and includes a thermal safety plug which is required by code. This must remain installed to the actuator.

Connect the actuator pressure line tubing to the inlet port. After installing the unit, operate the actuator with pressure to confirm it smoothly opens and closes the internal valve without sticking or jamming. Confirm actuator opens the valve a full 90 degrees by watching the indicator arrow.

Note: The plastic arrow located on the actuator shaft is an indicator only and is not a manual operation handle.

