

# S-025-SB PN 10



## Underground Air Valve System for Wastewater

### Description

The S-025 SB is a complete product package that combines the reliable and efficient properties of the A.R.I. S-025 automatic air release wastewater valve with the added feature of a sub-surface valve that can be buried below ground. A specifically designed gear box operated horizontal sliding disc valve - situated at the base of the S-025 SB assembly - allows for the air valve disconnection and maintenance from ground level.

This gear box operated shut-off valve is equipped with a safety mechanism enabling disconnection and removal of the S-025 air valve from its subsurface housing, even when the system is under pressure. Since service and maintenance operations of the unit are performed entirely from the surface, there is no need for safety considerations associated with confined space entry.

The S-025 Automatic Air Release Valves are specifically designed to operate with liquids carrying solid particles such as wastewater and effluent. The valves release accumulated air (gas) from the system while under pressure and operating. The valve's unique design enables the separation of the liquid from the sealing mechanism and assures optimum working conditions.

### Applications

- Wastewater & water treatment plants.
- Wastewater and effluent water transmission lines.

### Operation

As the system fills and is pressurized, the automatic air release valve functions according to the following stages:

1. When the liquid level reaches the valve's lower portion, the lower float is lifted, pushing the rolling seal to its sealing position.
2. The entrapped air is confined in a pocket between the liquid and the sealing mechanism. The air pressure is equal to the system pressure.
3. Increases in system pressure compress the trapped air in the upper section of the conical chamber. The conical shape assures the height of the air gap. This enables separation of the liquid from the sealing mechanism.
4. Entrapped air (gas), accumulating at peaks and along the system, rises to the top of the valve, and displaces the liquid in the valve's body.
5. When the liquid level is lowered to a point where the float is no longer buoyant, the float drops, unsealing the rolling seal. The air release orifice opens and allows part of the air that accumulated in the upper portion of the valve to be released to the atmosphere.
6. Liquid enters the valve. The float rises, pushing the rolling seal to its sealing position. The remaining air gap prevents the wastewater

from fouling the mechanism.

Note: Automatic air release valves are designed to release air as it accumulates at peaks in pressurized systems. They are not normally recommended for vacuum protection or for discharging large volumes of air, because of their inherently small orifices. For this purpose, air & vacuum valves are recommended as they have much larger orifices.

However, air release valves will permit air to enter the system under vacuum conditions. If this is not desirable, specify the one-way out check valve.

### Main Features

#### S-025 SB Underground Air Valve System for Wastewater:

- The S-025 SB incorporates an integral, flat, gear box operated horizontal sliding disc valve with a 3" full bore passage.
- The shut-off valve is operated from the surface.
- Easy and efficient back flushing can be achieved while the air valve is in its sub-surface housing.
- All connections utilize quick connectors to facilitate easy usage during:
  1. Handling (quick connector from adaptor to shut-off valve)
  2. Maintenance operations (quick connectors on both the inlet & outlet flushing positions).
- Safety elements: Disengaging the air valve is safeguarded: unless the shut-off valve is in the "closed" position and the internal pressure is released, it is not possible to extract the air valve.
- Pipe connections: 3" threaded (BSP/NPT) or flanged, in accordance with all standards.
- All parts are corrosion resistant: Metal parts made of Stainless Steel, Ductile Iron or steel, Composite material parts made of Nylon, PA, and PVC

#### S-025 Combination Wastewater Air Valve:

- Working pressure range: 0.2 - 10 bar.
- Testing pressure: 16 bar.
- Maximum working temperature: 60° C.
- Maximum intermittent temperature: 90° C.
- The unique design of the valve prevents contact between the wastewater and the sealing mechanism by creating an air gap at the top of the valve. These features are achieved by:
  1. **The conical body shape:** designed to maintain the maximum distance between the liquid and the sealing mechanism and still obtain minimum body length.
  2. **Independent spring-guided linkage between the lower float/rod assembly and the upper float sealing mechanism:** allows free movement of the float and rod. Vibrations and movement of the

lower float due to turbulence will not unseal the upper float sealing mechanism.

3. **The Rolling Seal mechanism:** less sensitive to pressure differentials than a direct float seal. It accomplishes this by having a comparably large orifice for a wide pressure range (up to 10 bar).

4. **Funnel-shaped lower body:** designed to ensure that residue wastewater matter will fall back into the system and be carried away by the main pipe.

- Dynamic design allows for high capacity air discharge while preventing premature closure.

- All inner metal parts made of stainless steel. Float made of composite materials.

#### Advantages and Benefits

- Relatively lightweight and convenient to install.

- Sub-surface installation.

- Low installation costs:

1. No need for expensive, large excavation.

2. No need for expensive, human-accessible manholes.

- Low maintenance costs:

1. No need for specialized tools or safety equipment.

2. One person for operation and maintenance.

3. Clean and environmentally friendly.

4. Complete service and maintenance system, including an integral disassembly mechanism to ensure easy back flushing and servicing, while reducing the need for spare changeable valves.

- Safe in operation:

1. Greatly reduces the danger of contact with local fauna – snakes and scorpions, etc!

2. Operated and maintained entirely from ground level.

- Reliable and efficient operation:

1. Dynamic design allows high capacity air discharge while preventing premature closure.

2. Proven Rolling Seal mechanism.

3. Since the valve is a sub-surface (underground), it is more resistant to frost conditions.

#### Valve Selection

- Two different installation lengths:

1. 800 mm tube; complete system length: 875 mm.

2. 1000 mm tube; complete system length: 1075 mm.

- Air valve body: Reinforced nylon, also available in stainless steel.

- Additional Accessories:

With a One-way, Out-only attachment, allows for air discharge only, prevents air intake.

#### Note

- The S-025 SB air valve is intended for use with raw wastewater.

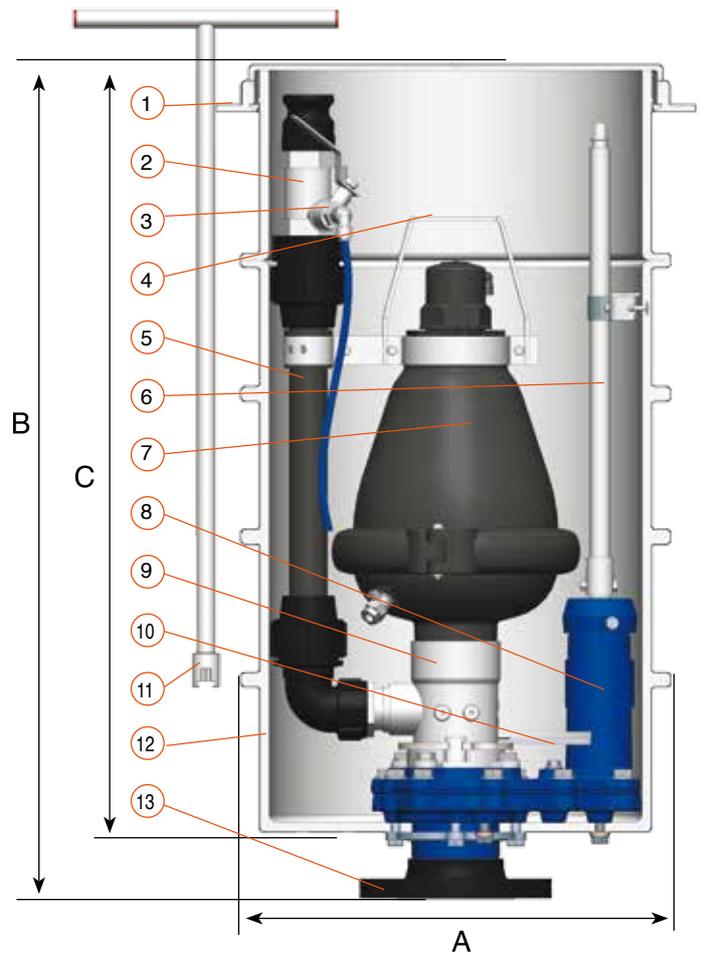
For use with aggressive liquids, please consult with our application engineers or with the marketing dept.

- For best suitability, it is recommended to send the fluid chemical properties along with the valve request.

- Upon ordering, please specify: model, size, working pressure, thread and flange standard and type of liquid.

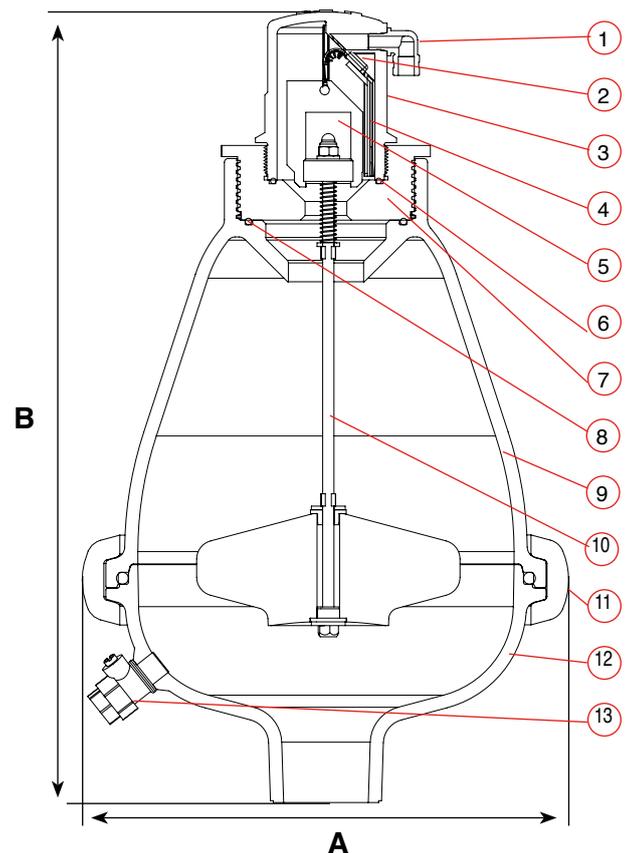
## UNDERGROUND AIR VALVE SYSTEM PARTS LIST AND SPECIFICATION

No	Part	Material
1.	Valve Box Cover	Polyethylene
2.	Ball Valve 1 1/2"	Stainless Steel 304
3.	Pressure Relief Valve	Stainless Steel 316
4.	Lifting Handle	Stainless Steel 304
5.	Back Flushing Assembly	Polyethylene
6.	Operating Rod	Stainless Steel 304
7.	S-025 Air Valve	see below
8.	Sliding Disc Valve w / Gear Box	DI+STST+EPDM /STST+EPDM
9.	Adaptor - Quick Connector 3"	Stainless Steel 316
10.	Safety Handle	Stainless Steel 316
11.	"T" Key	Stainless Steel 304
12.	Valve Box	Polyethylene
13.	Flange 3" 4"	Reinforced Nylon /Stainless Steel 316

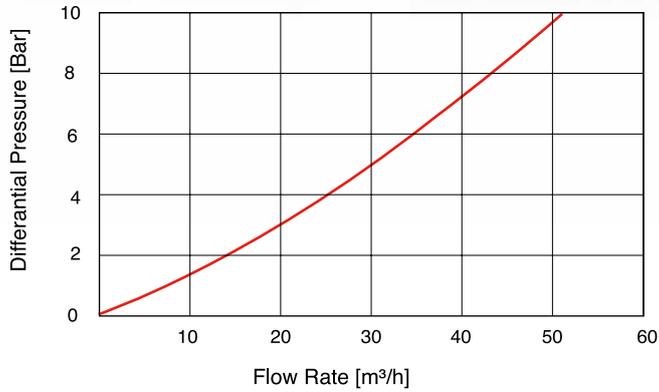


## S-025 PARTS LIST AND SPECIFICATION

No. Part	Material
1. Discharge Outlet	Polypropylene
2. Rolling Seal	EPDM
3. Body	Reinforced Nylon
4. Clamping Stem	Reinforced Nylon
5. Float	Foamed Polypropylene
6. O-Ring	BUNA-N
7. Adaptor	Acetal
8. O-Ring	BUNA-N
9. Body	Stainless Steel 316 / Reinforced Nylon
10. Float Assembly	Stainless Steel 316 + Foamed Polypropylene
11. Clamp	Reinforced Nylon + Stainless Steel 316
12. Base	Stainless Steel 316 / Reinforced Nylon
13. Ball Valve 1"	Brass, Nickel Plated



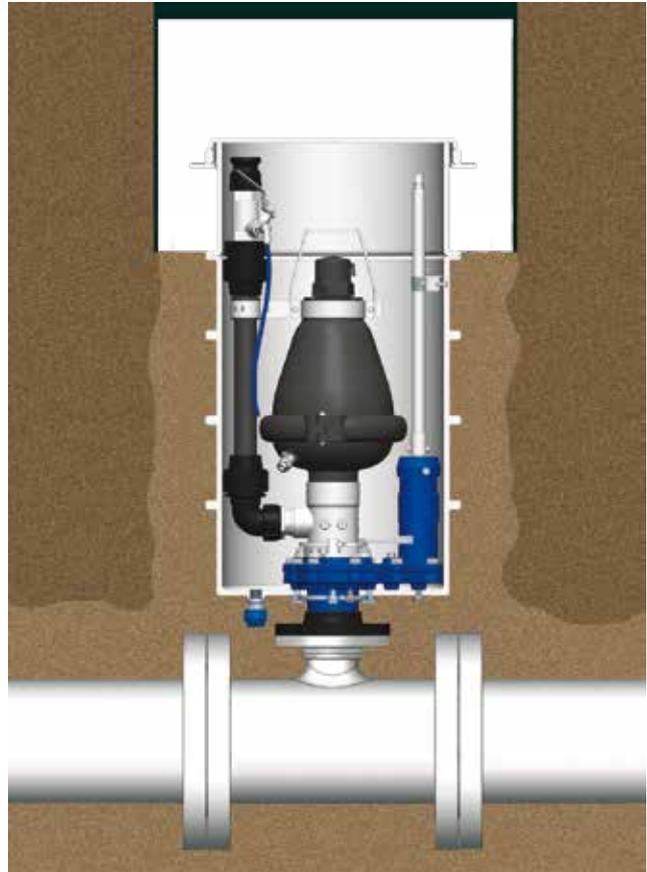
## AUTOMATIC AIR RELEASE FLOW RATE



## DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHTS

Model	Dimensions			Weight Kg.	Orifice Area mm <sup>2</sup>
	A	B	C		
L800	448	806	875	35.5	12
L1000	448	1006	1075	38.5	12

## Sample Installation Scheme



**Important Information:** Prior to site preparation and installation, please refer to the S-025 SB Installation and Maintenance Manual for all the relevant instructions and information. The manual can be obtained by contacting the A.R.I. marketing dept., from your local A.R.I. distributor or downloading the file from our website.