



Air valve LYNX 3F-RFP is a reduced bore high quality single chamber double function combination air valve with a built in anti-water hammer non slam surge prevention system.

The air valve allows release of air pockets from pressurized pipelines, and admits large volume of air in the event of pipe draining/burst, to prevent vacuum and negative pressure conditions. During outflow the air valves senses the increase in air velocity and differential pressure using, if required by excessive values, the RFP (anti-surge) flat to control the air outflow rate thus avoiding fast approaches of water column with potential sudden closures of the mobile block and the risk of water hammer. Entirely made in ductile cast iron, with air release system and seat in stainless steel, LYNX 3F-RFP stands out for its long lasting performances and reliability.







Size: DN2" à DN250

**Connection:** Female BSP or Flange PN10/16

Min Temperature: +0°C Max Temperature: +60°C Max Pressure: 16 Bars

**Specifications:** Discharge of large volumes of air

Controlled outflow

Air release during working conditions Entrance of large volumes of air

Materials: Ductile iron body EN GJS-450-10

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#### **SPECIFICATIONS:**

- · Discharge of large volumes of air
- Controlled outflow
- · Air release during working conditions
- Entrance of large volumes of air
- Perfect tightness at low pressure (0.2 bar minimum)
- Single chamber reduced bore with internal ribs for accurate guiding of the mobile block
- Mobile block composed of the main float and upper disk, joined together by the air release system in AISI 316
- Additional anti surge obturator
- Nozzle and gasket holder entirely made in AISI 316
- Epoxy coating for corrosion protection
- Epoxy painting blue color RAL 5005 with fluidized bed technology

#### USE:

- For drinkable water and clean water
- Pipelines Protection against air accumulation in horizontal or low slope lines and road / river crossings.
- In proximity to control valves and water meters Prevention of biased readings and inaccurate pressure regulation due to air flow through these devices.
- Industrial and residential networks Protection against air accumulation
- Min and max temperature Ts: +0°C to +60°C
- Max pressure Ps: 16 bars for PN16 model, 10 bars for PN10 model
- Min Pressure Ps: 0.2 bar

### **RANGE:**

- Triple function reduced bore air valves ductile iron body threaded female BSP DN2" Ref.3132009
- Triple function reduced bore air valves ductile iron body flanged PN10/16 from DN50 to DN250 Ref.3131050 to 3132251

### REPAIRABILITY (GASKETS KIT):

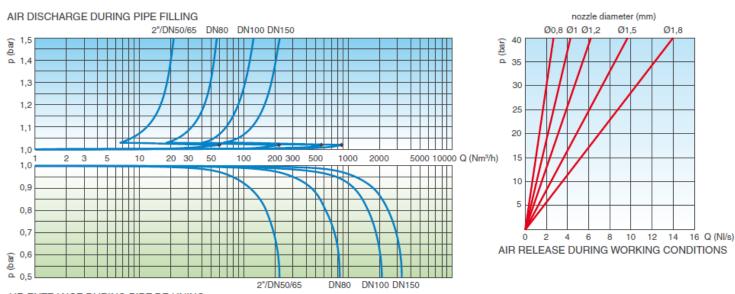


DN	50-65	80	100	150	
Ref.	9850193	9850194	9850195	9850196	

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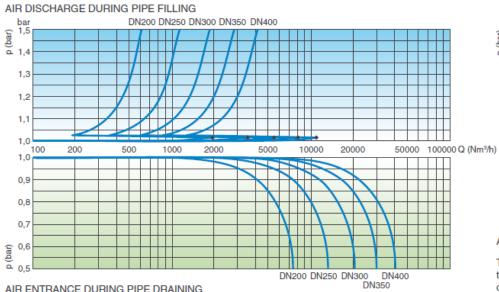


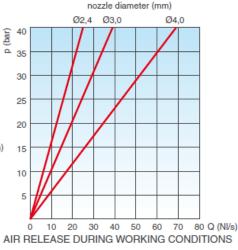
### **AIR FLOW PERFORMANCE CHARTS:**



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The air flow charts were created in Kg/s from laboratory tests and numerical analysis, without the screen, then converted in Nm3/h using a safety factor.

DN	PN10 Nozzle Diameter	PN16 Nozzle Diameter		
2"	-	1.2		
50 and 60/65	-	1.2		
80	-	1.5		
100	-	1.5		
150	-	2.4		
200	4	3		
250	4	4		



#### **OPERATING PRINCIPLE:**



# Discharge of large volumes of air

During the pipe filling it is necessary to discharge air as water flows in. The FOX 3F RFP, thanks to an aerodynamic full port body and deflector, will make sure to avoid premature closures of the mobile block during this phase.



### Controlled outflow

If the differential pressure of air, during pipe filling, increases above a certain value without control there is the risk of water hammer and damages to the system. Should that happen the RFP upper float will rise automatically, reducing the outflow and consequently the velocity of the approaching water column.



# Air release during working conditions

During operation the air produced by the pipeline is accumulated in the upper part of the air valve. Little by little it is compressed and the pressure arrives to water pressure, therefore its volume increases pushing the water level downwards allowing the air release through the nozzle.



# Entrance of large volumes of air

During pipeline draining, or pipe bursts, it is necessary to bring in as much air as the quantity of outflowing water to avoid negative pressure and serious damages to the pipeline, and to the entire system.

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# **MATERIALS:**



ltem	Designation	Materials		
1	Body	Ductile iron EN GJS 450-10		
2	Bonnet	Ductile from EN GJS 450-10		
3-4	O-ring	NBR		
5	Seat	AISI 304		
6	RFP flat with O-ring	Polypropylene and NBR		
7	Upper flat with nozzle subset	Polypropylene and AISI 316		
8	Float	Polypropylene		
9	Studs			
10	Nut			
11	Spacers			
12	Nuts	AISI 304		
13	Washers			
14	Deflector			
15	Screws			
16	Drain valve			
17	Screen			
18	Tag			

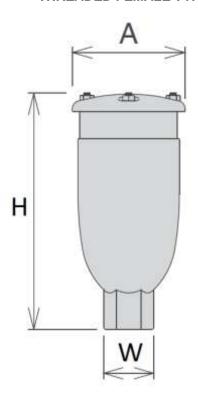
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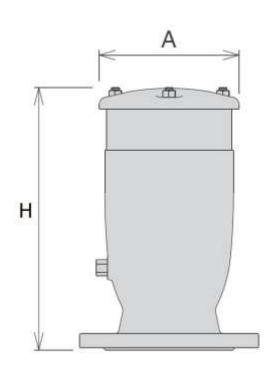


# SIZE ( in mm ):

# THREADED FEMALE TYPES



# **FLANGES TYPES**

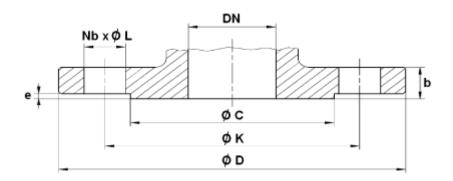


DN	2"	50	60/65	80	100	150	200	250
Ø A	117	117	117	141	172	206	285	365
н	240	250	250	305	303	337	555	635
W (on flat)	70	•	-	-	-	-	-	-
Weight (in Kg)	4.8	6.8	7.6	10.8	13.8	23	55	101
Ref.	3132009	3132050	3132065	3132080	3132100	3132150	3132200-201	3132250-251

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# FLANGES SIZE ( in mm ):



PN	PN10/16				PN10	PN16	PN10	PN16		
DN	50	60/65*	80	100	150	200		250		
øс	99	118	132	156	211	266		319		
Ø D	165	185	200	220	285	340		395	405	
øκ	125	135/145	160	180	240	295		350	355	
Nb x Ø L	4 x 19	4 x 19	8 x 19	8 x 19	8 x 23	8 x 23	12 x 23	12 X 23	12 X 28	
b	19	19	19	19	19	20	20	22	22	
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Ref.	3132050	3132065	3132080	3132100	3132150	3132200	3132201	3132250	3132251	

<sup>\*</sup> double drilling with oblong holes DN60/65

# **STANDARDS**:

- Manufacturer certified ISO 9001: 2015
- Design and tests according to EN 1074-4
- DIRECTIVE 2014/68/EU: Products excluded from directive (Article 1, § 2.b)
- Flange according to EN 1092-2 PN10/16
- French water agreement A.C.S. N° 21 ACC LY 571
- English water agreement WRAS
- Threaded female BSP cylindrical according to ISO 7-1 Rp

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# **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

# **GENERAL GUIDELINES:**

- Ensure that the valves to be used are appropriate for the conditions of the installation (type of fluid,pressure and temperature).
- Be sure to have enough valves to be able to isolate the sections of piping as well as the appropriate
  equipment for maintenance and repair.
- Ensure that the valves to be installed are of correct strenght to be able to support the capacity of their usage.

# **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

Automatic air valves have to be installed:

- At the top of the pumps for admission and evacuation
- At the high points of the installation
- Before and after the pressure reducer
- For each pipe DN changing
- About every 500 meters, along linear pipes
- Underpass
- Before flowmeters
- Filtration installation
- At each broken slope

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