angle choke valve

versatile heavy duty valve for severe applications
Innovate to meet

The early days  Mokveld was founded in 1922 in Gouda in The Netherlands, as a small machine repair shop. In the mid-fifties we started making valves, a development which accelerated when the Nederlandse Aardolie Maatschappij B.V. (joint venture between Shell and ExxonMobil) discovered the Groningen gas field in 1959. Mokveld started delivering valves for the production of the billions of cubic meters of gas and over the years was challenged to respond to constant changes with respect to safety, noise and emissions. By adapting and responding efficiently to the changes of the gas and oil industry our organisation has gained an excellent reputation as an international supplier of quality valve products.
Industry demands

Industry challenges
Mokveld is committed to contribute to safe, reliable and sustainable development of the world’s energy and water resources. Our track record of satisfied customers shows our capability for selecting control solutions, designing safety systems and managing projects successfully. The integrated choke valve systems described in this brochure will help to meet your industry and project challenges.

Worldwide experience
Mokveld has extensive experience in designing and manufacturing valves for the gas and oil industry worldwide. The product portfolio comprises a wide range of valve products, tailor-made to application and customer specifications:

control products
- angle choke valves
- axial choke valves
- axial control valves

safety products
- axial on-off valves (for HIPPS)
- axial surge-relief valves
- axial check valves

In addition a full range of pneumatic and hydraulic actuators with tailored control arrangements are available for accurate control and reliable operation of your production.

Successful innovation
Regular contact with end-users and our familiarity with a wide variety of applications provide us with all the elements required for innovation. Recently we have engineered and successfully applied novel trim designs, subsea check valves and a new actuator line. In cooperation with our customers we have developed a subsea control valve which further enhanced our knowledge about sealing technology. Mokveld has extensive expertise in the field of material selection and flow management. This expertise delivers new choke valve technology. A full-scale sand erosion test of the newly developed choke valve has confirmed a significant improvement in erosion resistance.
Choke valve selection is often based on early life production process data and capital expenditure (valve price). However, choke valves are critical elements in production facilities. Malfunction or failure of a choke valve can seriously affect safety, the environment and production rates. Valve selection should be based on sound technical and economic arguments and long-term perspectives. Mokveld’s angle choke valves have a proven reliability in terms of performance and will reduce costly maintenance and production loss.
World-class valves based on new technology

Step changes in valve design
In the 1970s Mokveld was challenged to produce an angle choke valve, and pioneered piston-in-cage control valve technology for angle chokes. The ‘cage-guided-piston’ choke proved a major improvement in durability and controllability compared to the conventional ‘needle-in-seat’ choke design. Our ‘external sleeve’ choke was launched in 1982, however, we learned that for severe service the cage-guided-piston principle offered better possibilities. This cage-guided-piston design became the foundation for consecutive Mokveld choke generations that served as a benchmark of availability for the choke valve industry.

The newest generation
Based on its growing expertise of materials and flow patterns, and in close cooperation with customers and third-party organizations, Mokveld continued to improve its angle choke valve designs using the Total Velocity Management® (TVM) design concept and advanced tools such as Finite Element Analyses and Computational Fluid Dynamics. A new generation choke valve, the TVM angle choke valve, is the result. Full-scale sand erosion tests confirmed a significant improvement in erosion resistance. The erosion of this new angle choke valve was reduced by factor 4 compared to conventional designs.

Over a period of 30 years Mokveld’s angle choke valves have exceeded 100 000 cumulative years of operational time in severe duty applications. We are proud to be recognized as the worldwide leading supplier of choke valves. The company is confident that the Mokveld choke valve will serve as an industry benchmark for many years to come and will be the valve type of choice for companies that value safety and production availability.

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long-term benefits

4⅜˝ / API 5000 Angle Choke Valve
Application : Hydro Carbon Production
Challenge : High H₂S content
Location : Harweel (Oman, 2006)

3˝ / API 15 000 Angle Choke Valve
Application : Hydro Carbon Production
Challenge : Low noise and erosion resistance
Location : Dina (China 2008)

8˝ / ASME 1500 Angle Choke Valve
Application : Water Injection Dump
Challenge : Avoid cavitation
Location : Sirri (Iran, 2004)
**Total Velocity Management®**

**Operational benefits**

**Availability**
Improved flow management avoids vibration and reduces erosion by a factor 4. This significantly maximizes production availability.

**Accurate control**
Static and dynamic forces on the control element (piston) are minimized. Accurate control - also with minimum opening - is achieved.

**High turndown**
High capacity and accurate control features make the valve appropriate for both start-up and well depletion production scenarios.

**Safety benefits**

**FloSafe® bean**
The choke can be supplied with a FloSafe® bean to provide ultimate protection against relief system overload.

**Safety bonnet**
The threaded bonnet prevents the well-known ‘closed-in pressure risk’ with disassembly, associated with bolted bonnet chokes.

**Fire-safe**
To provide additional protection for assets and operators, all choke valves can be supplied with fire-safe certification.
Reliability
Total Velocity Management® is vital for reliable choke valve operation. Increased reliability reduces the total cost of ownership and minimizes unplanned process downtime.

Easy maintenance
With angle transmission installed, the choke valve can be maintained without removal of actuator and instrument connections. This will also offer more flexibility in installation layout.

Compact
As a result of the low actuation force requirement, small actuators can be used; combined with a compact valve body design this minimizes the installation’s footprint.

Significant cost savings

Mokveld’s Total Velocity Management® concept

Local high fluid velocities due to preferential flow paths are the prime source of noise, erosion, vibration and malfunction resulting from unbalanced forces. Prevention is better than a cure. Mokveld’s Total Velocity Management® concept is an intelligent valve design that carefully manages fluid velocity in all areas of the valve (trim and body) by smart engineering of the relevant valve parts. Source treatment by Total Velocity Management® is key to reliability.

Improved flow path design

The basic rules to minimize erosion in valves are:

- minimize the velocity of the medium
- minimize abrupt changes in flow direction
- select erosion resistant materials

Although any angle type choke valve is inherently more susceptible to erosion than an axial type, Mokveld has redesigned the entire flow path to minimize this adverse effect. Clever engineering of the flow and velocity patterns in the gallery, trim and outlet area can reduce erosion significantly. As a result of many years of research, testing and 3D CFD studies, we managed to eliminate turbulent flow in the gallery area, evenly distribute the flow through the cage (full surround flow path) and to reduce velocity through the bean. This ensures reliable valve performance as vibration and unbalanced forces are avoided and erosion is reduced by a factor 4. With a minimum of turbulence and change in the fluid velocity, the energy conversion in the valve body itself is limited. The pressure drop is mainly over the trim, which has been specifically designed to withstand high erosional velocities. Our standard design includes a cage, piston and bean of solid high-quality Tungsten Carbide with the grade selected depending on the service.

**Conventional choke valve**

Preferential flow through cage facing leads to unbalanced trim forces and excessive erosion of valve body and trim parts.

**TVM choke valve**

The Total Velocity Management® concept reduces choke erosion by factor 4. This results in increased production availability.

**Improved flow path design**

The angled shape of a choke valve causes an abrupt change in flow direction, which eliminates erosion damage caused by preferential flow.
Our cage-guided-piston design - your preferred choice

To improve erosion resistance reputable choke suppliers use solid Tungsten Carbide for the throttling parts. Because of the brittleness of this material, the cage needs to be firmly secured in the valve body. For reliability reasons Mokveld has selected the cage-guided-piston design for its choke valve designs. The advantage of this design is that the cage can be firmly secured in the valve body and the piston can be guided over the full length of the stroke. This results in minimum sensitivity of the cage and piston to:

- flow-induced side loads
- vibration-induced fatigue and
- impact by particles

In addition, the flow area around the cage (the gallery area) is wide, which results in low velocities effectively reducing erosion of the cage and choke body.

High rangeability

Today’s gas field developments operate at high wellhead pressures and often process aggressive fluids with entrained sand and other solid particles. For start-up scenarios at high pressure, the capacity requirement is relatively low. However, at the well depletion stage the capacity through the valve is generally high. Mokveld’s cage-guided-piston choke can handle high and low pressures as well as low and high flow rates, without the need to replace the trim. In closed position the shut-off is class V.
Fluids that include sand and other particles at conditions with high pressures, temperatures and velocities mean that the performance of a choke valve is critical. Can safety be assured for personnel, the installation and the environment under all circumstances?

**Safety bonnet**

According to API 6A / ISO 10423 (§ 10.9.3.6) chokes shall be designed to vent trapped pressure prior to releasing the body-to-bonnet connector. The Mokveld safety bonnet is an intrinsically safe solution which offers a high level of security compared to the conventional bolted bonnet design.

When maintenance is required with a bolted bonnet choke, the engineer can easily forget to open the relief and vent trapped pressure. After removal of a few bolts the remaining bolts may not be strong enough to contain the pressure behind the bonnet; the bolts will break and the bonnet is ejected with dangerous force potentially causing fatal injuries.

The Mokveld safety bonnet is screwed into the choke body by means of self-locking thread. Therefore, when pressure is trapped it will not be possible to unscrew the bonnet. At low residual pressure the engineer may succeed in turning the bonnet and the design will automatically start venting at 15% opening. The remaining thread is more than sufficient to contain the full rated pressure hence preventing accidents.

**Low emission and fire safe**

The high-integrity valve body is an integral casting or forging, without any welds or bolted parts and no leak paths to the atmosphere other than the bonnet/stem assembly. The excellent sealing system ensures compliance with all international standards for fugitive emission. Optionally the choke can be supplied with leak detection of the dynamic stem seal. For certified fire-safe execution, a redundant stem seal is provided.
for safety and control

**FloSafe® bean**
There are three material properties that are critical to the longevity of the trim: resistance against erosion, corrosion and impact. The Tungsten Carbide grade used in Mokveld choke valve trims proves to be among the top performers with regard to these aspects, and will therefore give outstanding performance.

Sometimes, a choke valve is considered as a safety device to prevent overload of the relief system. In that case it is of paramount importance that the valve capacity does not exceed predefined limits under any circumstances. Although unlikely, the worst scenario would be a collapse of the trim upon impact of parts. One solution that Mokveld offers, is to improve the impact resistance by adding a fortifying steel outer cage. This, however, is not an ultimately safe solution as the steel fortification cage is subject to erosion which will reduce its functionality over time.

The optimum solution is to separate the choke valve’s control and safety function. Following an evaluation of your process conditions Mokveld choke valves can be equipped with a FloSafe® bean to provide ultimate protection against relief system overload. The custommade FloSafe® bean is capacity balanced with the cage and the available flaring capacity. During normal operation the bean does not influence the choke control characteristic, but in case of cage collapse the FloSafe® bean will limit the flow rate to an acceptable flaring rate.

**Custom designed trim**
Standard and custom designed trims can be selected for various applications. The all-round RQX trim is most commonly used. This single-stage, multi-hole trim offers accurate control and high noise abatement. The holes are of a sufficiently large size to avoid clogging at normal production applications. The RQX trim is suitable for a wide operating envelope, which diminishes the need for replacement at a later stage. For more extreme conditions, a selection of multi-stage, labyrinth-style cages is available offering very high noise abatement and/or high anti-cavitation coefficients. It should be noted, however, that in a normal production environment labyrinth-style cages work as a strainer and may cause the choke to clog. During dirty well clean-up service a RCU large hole trim can be installed. At well depletion stage a RDS cage will almost eliminate pressure loss over the choke.

All trims can be provided with reduced capacity and linear or equal% control characteristics. Together with the long valve stroke this is the optimum recipe for accurate control of your process.

**Selection of single-stage trim**
The all-round RQX trim is suitable for high to low pressure drops offering high capacity and considerable noise abatement.

**Selection of multi-stage trims**
Multi-stage trims are designed for high noise abatement or to avoid cavitation at high pressure gas, two-phase or liquid applications.

**Ultimate safety choke**
This choke has a FloSafe® bean to provide ultimate protection against system overload and can be provided with a steel fortification cage.
Small actuators for reliable operation

Low actuation force and small actuators
High static and dynamic valve forces may lead to operational problems and require powerful and large size actuators. As a result of the evenly distributed flow through the cage, the dynamic forces on piston operation are relatively small. Mokveld choke valves are fitted with a pressure-balanced piston assembly. The operating thrust/torque is virtually independent of the differential pressure across the valve. Therefore, manually operated chokes do not require intermediate gear boxes and for automatic operation the required actuators are small and light.
and accurate control

Integrated actuator and control systems
A full range of matching Mokveld pneumatic and hydraulic actuators with tailored control arrangements is available for accurate control and reliable operation of your production. Electric and electro-hydraulic actuation is also available. Depending on functional requirements, a variety of control arrangements can be engineered. All our choke valve products are fully integrated, operational systems. Each component is carefully selected and then tested during the various stages of a project to ensure balanced and trouble free start-up and operation.

Easy maintenance accessibility
The total number of individual parts and the weight/size of internals are far less compared to other choke valve designs. This ensures easier access and easier disassembly and assembly of the valves. To minimize lost production time due to actuator disconnection and removal, Mokveld offers angle transmission. Removal of the cover plates and levers provides full access for removal of the choke bonnet and internals. The angle transmission will also offer more flexibility in installation lay-out.

Hand wheel actuation
The torque to operate our chokes is very low. Small hand wheels are also sufficient to operate the choke at full pressure differentials.

Mokveld stepping actuator
Very accurate control with repeatable positioning is obtained by means of the pneumatic or hydraulic stepping actuator.

Mokveld linear piston actuator
For a relatively quick response to process changes, the choke can be operated with pneumatic or hydraulic piston actuators.
Comprehensive scope

Valve range
Our range of choke valve designs covers the ASME and API ratings that are commonly applied in the gas and oil industry, up to API 15 000 (1035 bar design pressure) with related temperature ratings. For the -100 °C to 200 °C (-148 °F to 390 °F) temperature range we offer special sealing solutions. The choke valves can be supplied with a variety of inlet and outlet connections such as flanges and clamp connectors and sizes up to and including 12" in the ASME ratings and 13 ½” in the API ratings.

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Larger sizes and higher pressures (incl. API 15 000) on request. The complete table with valve sizes and ratings can be downloaded from www.mokveld.com

Extensive material selection
Mokveld valve products are tailored towards the changing needs of the gas and oil market. We take into account that the medium will frequently contain free water, chlorides, CO₂, H₂S, and other corrosive compounds. Therefore valves are available in a wide range of body materials, varying from plain carbon steel to nickel-based materials. For the valve internals, matching material selections are available, sometimes engineered to order. To avoid problems related to explosive decompression the standard seal selection is non-elastomeric HP lipseals.

Quality and health, safety and environment
At Mokveld we consider quality and health, safety and environment prime objectives for the successful completion of any project. An integrated QHSE management system focuses on continuous improvement. We aim to build customer trust and confidence through a quality of products and service that meets customers’ requirements and expectations. In-house valve test facilities are available for hydrostatic and gas body and seat tests under ambient or cryogenic temperatures. All our products are designed and built in accordance with the required international standards and certified by recognized authorities such as Lloyd’s and the American Petroleum Institute (API). Our valve designs comply with the standards that are most frequently used in the gas and oil industries, i.e. PED, API 6A-ISO 10423, API 6D-ISO 14313 and ASME B16.34. Next to these we are also familiar with Deutsches Institut für Normung (DIN), NORSOK, Russian GOST and a variety of standards specific to certain countries, users and projects. Mokveld quality and environment management systems have been certified according to NEN-EN-ISO 9001:2008 and 14001:2004 and OHSAS 18001:2007. We also hold various customer and country specific certificates and we are qualified for qualification systems like Achilles JQS and FPAL. A copy of our QHSE-manual can be submitted on request.
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