Safety manual for Fisher™ A31A, 8532, and Control-Disk (NPS 14-36, CL150-CL300) Valves

Purpose

This safety manual provides information necessary to design, install, verify and maintain a Safety Instrumented Function (SIF) utilizing the Fisher A31A (obsolete), 8532, and Control-Disk (NPS 14 through 36, CL150-CL300) valves.

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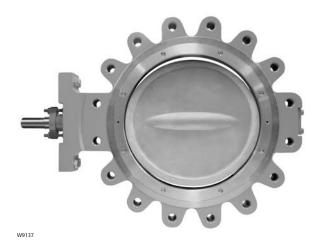> **Fisher A31A High Performance Butterfly Valve (NPS 14 through 24) Instruction Manual (D500194X012) (obsolete product)**
> **Fisher 8532 High Performance Butterfly Valve Instruction Manual (D101550X012)**
> **Fisher Control-Disk NPS 14 through 36 CL150-300 High Performance Butterfly Valve Instruction Manual (D103545X012)**
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Introduction

This manual provides necessary requirements for meeting the IEC 61508 or IEC 61511 functional safety standards.

Figure 1. Fisher Lugged Valve (A31A, 8532)

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Terms and Abbreviations

Safety: Freedom from unacceptable risk of harm.

Functional Safety: The ability of a system to carry out the actions necessary to achieve or to maintain a defined safe state for the equipment / machinery / plant / apparatus under control of the system.

Basic Safety: The equipment must be designed and manufactured such that it protects against risk of damage to persons by electrical shock and other hazards and against resulting fire and explosion. The protection must be effective under all conditions of the nominal operation and under single fault condition.

Safety Assessment: The investigation to arrive at a judgment - based on the facts - of the safety achieved by safety-related systems.

Fail-Safe State: State where valve actuator is de-energized and spring is extended.

Fail Safe: Failure that causes the valve to go to the defined fail-safe state without a demand from the process.

Fail Dangerous: Failure that does not respond to a demand from the process (i.e. being unable to go to the defined fail-safe state).

Fail Dangerous Undetected: Failure that is dangerous and that is not being diagnosed by automatic stroke testing.

Fail Dangerous Detected: Failure that is dangerous but is detected by automatic stroke testing.

Fail Annunciation Undetected: Failure that does not cause a false trip or prevent the safety function but does cause loss of an automatic diagnostic and is not detected by another diagnostic.

Fail Annunciation Detected: Failure that does not cause a false trip or prevent the safety function but does cause loss of an automatic diagnostic or false diagnostic indication.

Fail No Effect: Failure of a component that is part of the safety function but that has no effect on the safety function.

Low Demand Mode: Mode, where the frequency of demands for operation made on a safety-related system is no greater than twice the proof test frequency.

Acronyms

FMEDA: Failure Modes, Effects and Diagnostic Analysis

HFT: Hardware Fault Tolerance

MOC: Management of Change. These are specific procedures often done when performing any work activities in compliance with government regulatory authorities.

PFD$_{AVG}$: Average Probability of Failure on Demand

SFF: Safe Failure Fraction, the fraction of the overall failure rate of a device that results in either a safe fault or a diagnosed unsafe fault.

SIF: Safety Instrumented Function, a set of equipment intended to reduce the risk due to a specific hazard (a safety loop).

SIL: Safety Integrity Level, discrete level (one out of a possible four) for specifying the safety integrity requirements of the safety functions to be allocated to the E/E/PE safety-related systems where Safety Integrity Level 4 has the highest level of safety integrity and Safety Integrity Level 1 has the lowest.

SIS: Safety Instrumented System – Implementation of one or more Safety Instrumented Functions. A SIS is composed of any combination of sensor(s), logic solver(s), and final element(s).

Related Literature

Hardware Documents:

Bulletin:

8532 Butterfly Valve: D101552X012

Control-Disk Valve NPS 14-24: D103471X012

Instruction Manual:

A31A (obsolete product): D500194X012

8532: D101550X012

Control-Disk NPS 14-36 CL150-300: D103545X012

Guidelines/References:

- Safety Integrity Level Selection – Systematic Methods Including Layer of Protection Analysis, ISBN 1-55617-777-1, ISA

- Control System Safety Evaluation and Reliability, 2nd Edition, ISBN 1-55617-638-8, ISA

- Safety Instrumented Systems Verification, Practical Probabilistic Calculations, ISBN 1-55617-909-9, ISA

Reference Standards

Functional Safety

- IEC 61508: 2010 Functional safety of electrical/electronic/ programmable electronic safety-related systems

- ANSI/ISA 84.00.01-2004 (IEC 61511 Mod.) Functional Safety – Safety Instrumented Systems for the Process Industry Sector

Product Description

The Fisher A31A (obsolete), 8532, and Control-Disk valves are a series of high performance butterfly valves. The A31A valve has a modified equal percentage flow characteristic with a keyed output shaft. The 8532 has a modified equal percentage flow characteristic with a splined or keyed output shaft. The Control-Disk valve has an equal percentage flow characteristic with a splined or keyed output shaft. The 8532 and Control-Disk valves are available in sizes from NPS 14 to 36 and pressure ratings CL150/300.

The A31A, 8532, and Control-Disk valves are designed to meet international standards for pressure and temperature ratings, shell thickness, and bore diameters. The A31A, 8532, and Control-Disk valves are used to control process fluids that can be used in a wide variety of applications. They are typically used with other interface components (valve actuator and positioner or solenoid valve) to provide a final element subsystem for a Safety Instrumented Function (SIF).

Designing a SIF Using Fisher A31A, 8532, and Control-Disk (NPS 14-36 CL150-CL300) Valves

Safety Function

When the valve's actuator is de-energized, the actuator and valve shall move to its fail-safe position. Depending on which configuration is specified fail–closed or fail-open, the actuator will rotate the valve disk to close off the flow path through the valve body or open the flow path through the valve body.

The A31A, 8532, and Control-Disk valves are intended to be part of final element subsystem as defined per IEC 61508 and the achieved SIL level of the designed function must be verified by the designer.

Pressure, Temperature, and Environmental limits

The designer of a SIF must check that the product is rated for use within the expected environmental limits. Refer to the A31A, 8532, and Control-Disk valve product bulletins for environmental limits.

Application limits

The materials of construction of A31A, 8532, and Control-Disk valves are specified in the product bulletins. A range of materials are available for various applications. The serial card will indicate what the materials of construction are for a given valve. It is especially important that the designer check for material compatibility considering on-site chemical contaminants and environmental conditions. If the A31A, 8532, and Control-Disk valves are used outside of the application limits or with incompatible materials, the reliability data provided becomes invalid.

Diagnostic Response Time

The A31A, 8532, and Control-Disk valves do not perform any automatic diagnostic functions by themselves and therefore they have no diagnostic response times of their own. However, automatic diagnostics of the final control subsystem may be performed such as Partial Valve Stroke Testing (PVST). This typically will exercise the valves over a small percentage of their normal travel without adversely affecting the flow through the valves. If any failures of this PVST are automatically detected and annunciated, the diagnostic response time will be the PVST interval time. The PVST must be performed 10 times more often than an expected demand in order for credit to be given for this test. Typically this test could be performed monthly or weekly.

Design Verification

A detailed Failure Mode, Effects, and Diagnostics Analysis (FMEDA) report is available from Emerson. This report details all failure rates and failure modes as well as the expected lifetime.

The achieved Safety Integrity Level (SIL) of an entire Safety Instrumented Function (SIF) design must be verified by the designer via a calculation of PFD_{AVG} considering architecture, proof test interval, proof test effectiveness, any automatic diagnostics, average repair time and the specific failure rates of all products included in the SIF. Each subsystem must be checked to assure compliance with minimum hardware fault tolerance (HFT) requirements.

When using A31A, 8532, and Control-Disk valves in a redundant configuration, a common cause factor of at least 5% should be included in the Safety Integrity calculations. This value is dependent on the level of common cause training and maintenance in use at the end user's facility. The failure rate data listed the FMEDA report is only valid for the useful lifetime of A31A, 8532, and Control-Disk valves. The failure rates will increase after this time period. Reliability calculations based on the data listed in the FMEDA report for mission times beyond the useful lifetime may yield results that are too optimistic, i.e. the calculated Safety Integrity Level will not be achieved.

SIL Capability

Systematic Integrity

Figure 2. exida SIL 3 Capable

The product has met manufacturer design process requirements of IEC 61508 Safety Integrity Level 3. These are intended to achieve sufficient integrity against systematic errors of design by the manufacturer. A Safety Instrumented Function (SIF) designed with this product must not be used at a SIL level higher than stated without "prior use" justification by the end user or diverse technology redundancy in the design.

Random Integrity

A31A, 8532, and Control-Disk valves are classified as Type A devices according to IEC 61508, having a hardware fault tolerance of 0. The complete final element subsystem, with a Fisher butterfly valve as the final control element, will need to be evaluated to determine the Safe Failure Fraction of the subsystem. If the SFF for the entire final element subsystem is between 60% and 90%, a design can meet SIL 2 @ HFT=0.

Safety Parameters

For detailed failure rate information refer to the Failure Modes, Effects and Diagnostic Analysis Report for the A31A, 8532, and Control-Disk valves.

Connection of the Fisher A31A, 8532, and Control-Disk Valves to the SIS Logic-solver

The final element subsystem (consisting of a positioner, actuator, and A31A, 8532, or Control-Disk valve) is connected to the safety rated logic solver which is actively performing the Safety Function as well as any automatic diagnostics designed to diagnose potentially dangerous failures within the A31A, 8532 and Control-Disk valves , actuator and any other final element components, (i.e. Partial Valve Stroke Test).

General Requirements

The system's response time shall be less than process safety time. The final control element subsystem needs to be sized properly to assure that the response time is less than the required process safety time. The A31A, 8532, and Control-Disk valves will move to their safe state in less than the required SIF's safety time (a typical value is 3 seconds) under the specified conditions.

All SIS components including the A31A, 8532, and Control-Disk valves must be operational before process start-up.

The user shall verify that the A31A, 8532, and Control-Disk valves are suitable for use in safety applications.

Personnel performing maintenance and testing on the A31A, 8532, and Control-Disk valves shall be competent to do so.

Results from the proof tests shall be recorded and reviewed periodically.

The useful life of the A31A, 8532, and Control-Disk valves are discussed in the Failure Modes, Effects and Diagnostic Analysis Report for the Fisher A31A, 8532, and Control-Disk valves.

Installation and Commissioning

Installation

The Fisher A31A, 8532 and Control-Disk valves must be installed per standard practices outlined in the appropriate instruction manual.

The environment must be checked to verify that environmental conditions do not exceed the ratings.

The A31A, 8532 and Control-Disk valves must be accessible for physical inspection.

Physical Location and Placement

The Fisher A31A, 8532 and Control-Disk valves shall be accessible with sufficient room for the actuator, pneumatic connections, any other components of the final control element. Provisions shall be made to allow for manual proof testing.

Pneumatic piping to the actuator shall be kept as short and straight as possible to minimize the airflow restrictions and potential clogging. Long or kinked pneumatic tubes may also increase the valve closure time.

The A31A, 8532 and Control-Disk valves shall be mounted in a low vibration environment. If excessive vibration can be expected special precautions shall be taken to ensure the integrity of pneumatic connectors or the vibration should be reduced using appropriate damping mounts.

Operation and Maintenance

Suggested Proof Test

The objective of proof testing is to detect failures within A31A, 8532 and Control-Disk valves that are not detected by any automatic diagnostics of the system. Of main concern are undetected failures that prevent the Safety Instrumented Function from performing its intended function.

The frequency of proof testing, or the proof test interval, is to be determined in reliability calculations for the Safety Instrumented Functions for which A31A, 8532 and Control-Disk valves are applied. The proof tests must be performed more frequently than or as frequently as specified in the calculation in order to maintain the required Safety Integrity of the Safety Instrumented Function.

The proof test shown in table 1 is recommended. The results of the proof test should be recorded and any failures that are detected and that compromise functional safety should be reported to Emerson. The suggested proof test consists of a full stroke of the A31A, 8532 and Control-Disk valves.

The person(s) performing the proof test of A31A, 8532 and Control-Disk valves should be trained in SIS operations, including bypass procedures, valve maintenance and company Management of Change procedures. No special tools are required.

Table 1. Recommended Full Stroke Proof Test

Step	Action
1	Bypass the safety function and take appropriate action to avoid a false trip.
2	Interrupt or change the signal/supply to the actuator to force the actuator and valve to perform a full stroke to the Fail-Safe state and confirm that the Safe State was achieved and within the correct time.
3	Restore the supply/signal to the actuator and confirm that the normal operating state was achieved.
4	Inspect the A31A, 8532, and Control-Disk valves and the other final control element components for any leaks, visible damage or contamination.
5	Record the test results and any failures in your company's SIF inspection database.
6	Remove the bypass and restore normal operation.

Repair and replacement

Repair procedures in the appropriate valve instruction manual must be followed.

Manufacturer Notification

Any failures that are detected and that compromise functional safety should be reported to Emerson. Please contact your **Emerson sales office** or Local Business Partner.

Appendix A

Sample Startup Checklist

This appendix provides a Sample Start-up Checklist for Fisher A31A, 8532 and Control-Disk valves. A start-up checklist will provide guidance during the final control elements employment.

Start-Up Checklist

The following checklist may be used as a guide to employ A31A, 8532 and Control-Disk valves in a safety critical SIF compliant to IEC61508.

#	Activity	Result	Verified	
			By	**Date**
	Design			
	Target Safety Integrity Level and PFD_{AVG} determined			
	Correct valve mode chosen (Fail-closed, Fail-open)			
	Design decision documented			
	Pneumatic compatibility and suitability verified			
	SIS logic solver requirements for valve tests defined and documented			
	Routing of pneumatic connections determined			
	SIS logic solver requirements for partial stroke tests defined and documented			
	Design formally reviewed and suitability formally assessed			
	Implementation			
	Physical location appropriate			
	Pneumatic connections appropriate and according to applicable codes			
	SIS logic solver valve actuation test implemented			
	Maintenance instructions for proof test released			
	Verification and test plan released			
	Implementation formally reviewed and suitability formally assessed			
	Verification and Testing			
	Electrical connections verified and tested			
	Pneumatic connection verified and tested			
	SIS logic solver valve actuation test verified			
	Safety loop function verified			
	Safety loop timing measured			
	Bypass function tested			
	Verification and test results formally reviewed and suitability formally assessed			
	Maintenance			
	Tubing blockage / partial blockage tested			
	Safety loop function tested			

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