Restriction orifice
Model FLC-RO-ST, single-step restriction orifice
Model FLC-RO-MS, multi-step restriction orifice

Applications
- Power generation
- Oil production and refining
- Water treatment and distribution
- Gas processing and transmission
- Chemical and petrochemical industries

Special features
- Suitable for liquids, gases and steam
- Single- and multi-step designs

Description
When a reduction of pressure or a limitation of the flow rate is required, a restriction orifice must be installed into the pipeline. The restriction orifice is adapted to the individual customer and flow requirements.

For applications in which a high differential pressure is required and/or the sound level shall be limited to prescribed limits, multi-step restriction orifices are the best solution. The multi-step restriction orifices can be designed to meet all requirements.
Specifications

Nominal size and pipe schedule
All nominal sizes are available in accordance with relevant standards.
The pipe schedule must be specified by the customer.

Nominal pressure rating
Available in accordance with all relevant standards.

Materials
- Stainless steel 316/316L
- Stainless steel 304/304L
- Super austenitic stainless steel
- Monel 400
- Duplex
- Super Duplex
- Hastelloy C276

Sealing face
The restriction orifice can be designed to be mounted between flanges with raised face (RF) in accordance with ANSI B16.5 or EN standards.

Restriction orifices to be mounted between RTJ flanges are available as male and female ring-type joint designs per ANSI B16.5 and API.

Plate thickness
The plate thickness (min. 3 mm) is calculated taking the differential pressure and the pipe size into account in order to prevent the plate from bending under operating conditions.

During the design phase a detailed calculation is performed.

Nominal size
½ ... 24"

Other versions on request.
Versions
The restriction orifice is designed taking the medium characteristics, the pressure loss and the process data into account. Thanks to our long-standing experience we will find the right solution for your application to avoid the following problems:

■ Sonic and choke conditions
Our in-house software is able to calculate the maximum differential pressure generated to achieve the sonic condition.

■ Noise level
By increasing the number of bores the noise level generated by the restriction will be reduced. The noise level achieved can be calculated on request.

The maximum acceptable noise level depends on the installation and service conditions. Our upper limit for the noise level is defined by the health and safety requirements applicable to the plant (usually 85 dB(A) for continuous operation).

An important aspect are the conditions under which the restrictor is used, for example:
- Continuous operation
- Intermittent operation
- Emergency operation

■ Cavitation
The only way to avoid the cavitation is to reduce the pressure in several steps. The number of steps is related to the operating conditions of the plant.

The distance of the plates is calculated automatically by our software to ensure a complete pressure recovery. The plate thickness is only calculated from the differential pressure generated. If required, hardfacing bores are also possible.

Ordering information
Nominal size / Pipe schedule / Nominal pressure rating / Sealing face / Material / Process data / Medium characteristics