

## Notes for project planning

# Electronic pressure-independent characterised control valve with energy monitoring Belimo Energy Valve™ 4

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# General

## Version information

This document refers to products listed below with a production date on or after 1 October 2021:

- Belimo Energy Valve™ DN 15...50
- EV0..R2+(K)BAC
  - EV0..R2+MID

# Belimo Energy Valve™ 4

## Structure

Nominal diameter DN 15...50

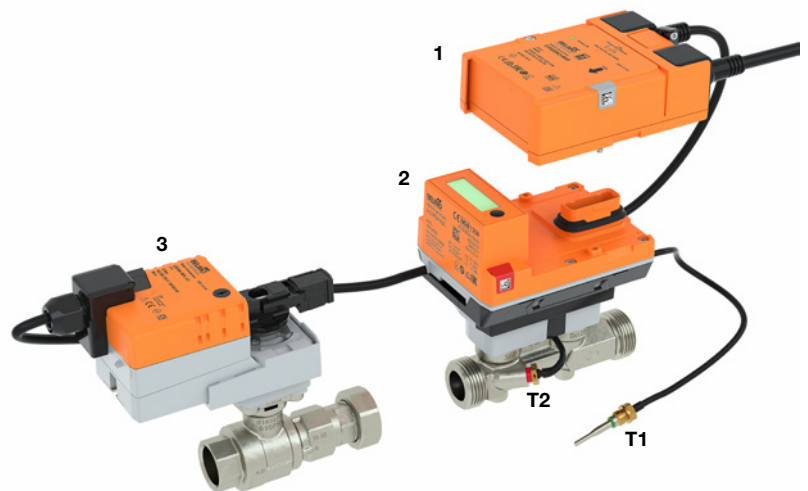
### 1. Logic module

This is used to connect the Thermal Energy Meter to the power supply and to provide the bus and NFC communication interface.

### 2. Sensor module

- with two integrated temperature sensors (**T1**: cable length 3 m/  
**T2**: integrated in sensor module)

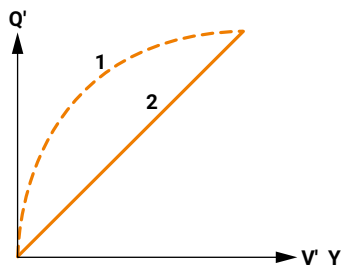
### 3. Characterised control valve with actuator



## Mode of operation

The Belimo Energy Valve™ consists of a characterised control valve, an actuator and a Thermal Energy Meter with a logic and sensor module. The set maximum flow ( $V_{\max}$ ) is assigned to the maximum positioning signal (typically 10 V / 100%). Alternatively, the positioning signal can be assigned to the valve opening angle or the power required at the heat exchanger. The sensor module contains a flow sensor that outputs a flow value. The measured value is compared with the setpoint (analogue positioning signal or request via bus communication). The actuator corrects the deviation by changing the valve position. The angle of rotation varies, depending on the differential pressure across the HVAC performance device.

## Transfer response of the heat exchanger



Depending on the design, temperature spread, fluid and hydronic circuit, the power  $Q'$  is not proportional to the water volumetric flow  $V'$  (curve 1). With the traditional type of temperature control, an attempt is made to maintain the positional signal  $Y$  proportional to the power  $Q'$  (curve 2). This is achieved by power control (see separate section).

## Control functions

With the Belimo Energy Valve™, various control variables can be allocated to the positioning signal, depending on the respective requirements.

### 1. Position control

In this setting, the positioning signal is assigned to the opening angle of the valve (e.g.  $Y = 10\text{ V} \leftrightarrow \alpha = 90^\circ$ ). This results in pressure-dependent operation similar to that of a conventional valve.

### 2. Flow control

The positioning signal directly requires a defined water quantity (e.g.  $Y = 10\text{ V} \leftrightarrow V' = 80\text{ l/min}$ ). The valve unit selects the opening angle automatically so that the requested water quantity is available. Differential pressure fluctuations are thus automatically compensated for by the Belimo Energy Valve™ → pressure-independent operation.

### 3. Power control

In this setting, the power output at the heat exchanger is used as a control variable (e.g.  $Y = 10\text{ V} \leftrightarrow Q' = 20\text{ kW}$ ). The valve unit selects the opening angle automatically so that the requested power is provided to the heat exchanger. Influences of differential pressure and temperature fluctuations are automatically compensated for → pressure and temperature-independent operation.

# Project planning

## Relevant information

The data, information and limit values on the data sheets of the electronic pressure-independent characterised control valves Belimo Energy Valve™ must be taken into account.

- EV..R2+BAC (DN 15...50 with standard actuator)
- EV..R2+MID (DN 15...50 with standard actuator, MID-approval)
- EV..R2+KBAC (DN 15...50 with electrical fail-safe)

## Application with MID approval (type EV..R2+MID)

The Energy Valve with Thermal Energy Meter meets the requirements of EN 1434 and has a type approval according to the European Measuring Instruments Directive 2014/32/EU (MI-004).

The Thermal Energy Meter is approved as a heat meter. The Thermal Energy Meter is not approved as a cooling meter. Therefore, it is not legally compliant to use the Thermal Energy Meter as a cooling meter in legal transactions. But it is possible to use the Thermal Energy Meter as a cooling meter for 'internal use' at any time.

## Dimensions

The dimensions of the actuator combination used depend on the design and nominal diameter used. The dimensions can be found in the associated data sheets.

## Pipeline clearances

The minimum clearances between the pipelines and the walls and ceilings required for project planning depend not only on the valve dimensions but also on the design. The dimensions can be found in the associated data sheets.

## 2-way version

2-way Belimo Energy Valves™ are throttling devices. The installation in the return flow is recommended. This leads to lower thermal loads on the sealing elements of the fitting.

## Flow direction

Observe the specified direction of flow.

## Water quality

Adhere to the water quality requirements specified in VDI 2035.

## Strainer

The Belimo Energy Valve™ is a regulating device. Central strainers are recommended to ensure the control task in the long term.

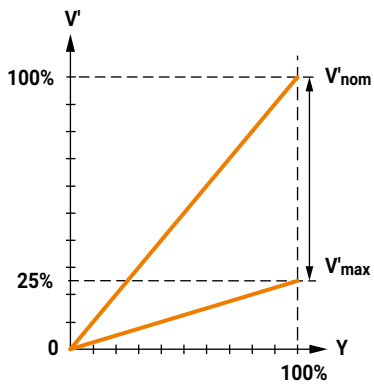
## Design water system

Application is permitted only in closed water circuits.

## Open/close valves

Make sure that a sufficient number of open/close valves are installed.

## Definitions



$V'_{nom}$  is the maximum possible flow.

$V'_{max}$  is the maximum flow which has been set with the greatest positioning signal, e.g. 10 V.

$V'_{min}$  0% is not variable.

$V'_{max}$  can be set between 25% and 100% of  $V'_{nom}$ .

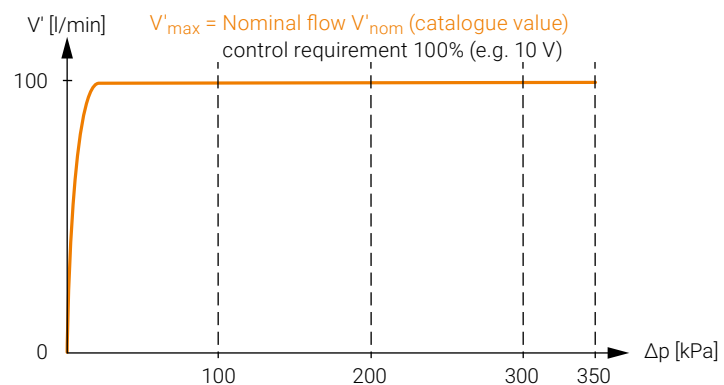
# Design and dimensioning

A conventional (pressure-dependent) valve is designed based on the  $k_v$  value. For a given nominal flow rate, this depends on the differential pressure across the valve. In order to obtain sufficient quality of control, the valve authority  $P_v$  must also be taken into account for pressure-dependent valves.

For a pressure-independent solution, such as the Belimo Energy Valve™, the design is greatly simplified. Due to the automatic adjustment of flow deviations, the Energy Valve always provides the required water quantity even with differential pressure fluctuations and during partial load operation. Due to dynamic balancing, the valve authority amounts to 1.

## Constant flow volume $V'$

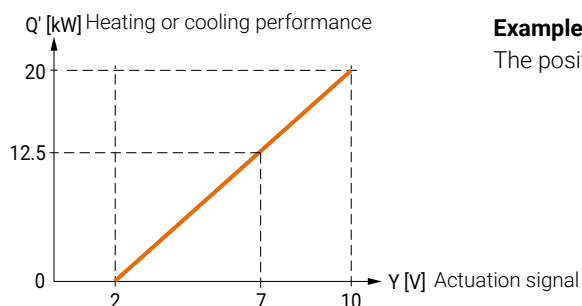
Due to permanent balancing of the measured flow value with the setpoint and corresponding automatic re-adjustment of the valve opening position, a constant, pressure-independent water quantity is ensured over a large differential pressure range.



Pressure-independent flow over a large differential pressure range due to dynamic balancing (example EV032R2+BAC).

## Constant power output $Q'$

The power output at the heat exchanger is influenced not only by the flow volume but also by the water temperature. A changed supply temperature, for example, can adversely affect the power output and thus comfort. In the power control function, the Energy Valve automatically compensates for the influence of the differential pressure in addition to the influence of the temperature. Due to the pressure and temperature-independent operating mode, optimum comfort is always ensured.



**Example:** power control with set  $Q'_{max} = 20$  kW

The positioning signal directly requires a power output at the heat exchanger.



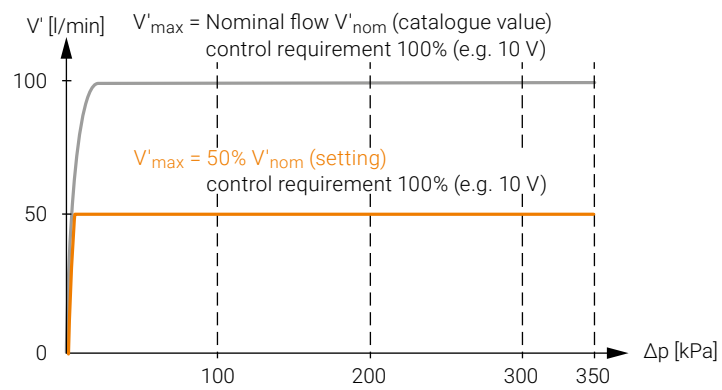
## Valve design

The valve is determined using the maximum flow required  $V'_{\max}$ . Calculation of the  $k_{VS}$  value is not required. The required plant-specific maximum flow  $V'_{\max}$  must be within the permissible setting range.

$V'_{\max} = 25\% \dots 100\%$  of  $V'_{\text{nom}}$  (data sheet value)

If the Belimo Energy Valve™ is to be operated in the control function power control, the maximum controllable power according to the data sheet must also be observed.

During commissioning, the desired plant-specific flow rate value  $V'_{\max}$  is set at the valve using the Belimo Assistant App, the integrated web server or via bus.



Plant-specific setting of the maximum flow  $V'_{\max}$   
(Example: EV032R2+BAC)

### Verification of the differential pressure

For proper operation, the differential pressure across the valve must lie within a defined range.

#### Minimum differential pressure (minimum pressure drop)

The minimum required differential pressure (pressure drop across the valve) to reach the desired volumetric flow  $V'_{max}$  can be calculated using the theoretical  $k_{vs}$  value (see data sheet) and the formula below. The calculated value depends on the required maximum volumetric flow  $V'_{max}$ . Higher differential pressures are compensated for automatically by the valve.

#### Formula:

$$\Delta p_{min} = 100 \times \left( \frac{V'_{max}}{k_{vs\ theor.}} \right)^2$$

$\Delta p_{min}$	: kPa
$V'_{max}$	: m <sup>3</sup> /h
$k_{vs\ theor.}$	: m <sup>3</sup> /h

#### Example:

(DN 25 with desired maximum flow = 58%  $V'_{nom}$ )

EVO25R2+BAC

$k_{vs\ theor.} = 8.6 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$

$V'_{nom} = 58.3 \text{ l/min}$

$58\% * 58.3 \text{ l/min} = 33.8 \text{ l/min} = 2.0 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$

$$\Delta p_{min} = 100 \times \left( \frac{V'_{max}}{k_{vs\ theor.}} \right)^2 = 100 \times \left( \frac{2 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}}{8.6 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}} \right)^2 = 5.4 \text{ kPa}$$

#### Maximum differential pressure

Higher differential pressures across the valve are compensated for automatically by this. Motion of the closing element in the direction of the closing point causes an increase in the pressure drop across the valve. This ensures a constant water quantity. The permitted maximum differential pressure is specified in the data sheet.

### Sizing with missing hydronic data

If no hydronic data are available, then the same valve DN can be selected as the nominal diameter of the heat exchanger.

### Flow characteristics

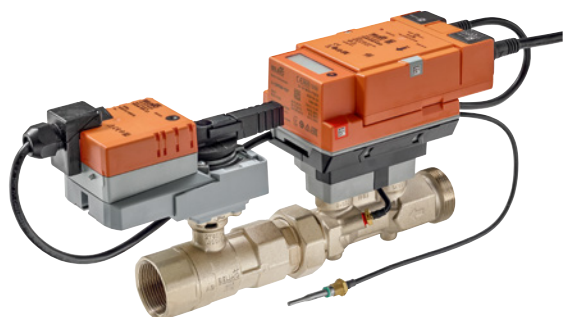
In the case of an electronic pressure-independent characterised control valve, the positioning signal request corresponds directly to a flow value. Alternatively, the control functions power control and position control are available.

### Settings

The Belimo Energy Valve™ offers diverse setting possibilities. Please refer to the separate document for a detailed description:

**Web server 4.0 manual – Belimo Energy Valve™.**

# Dimensional diagram Belimo Energy Valve™



## Application

This control device is used in closed cold and warm water systems for modulating water-side control of ventilation and heating systems.

## Media

Cold and hot water, water with glycol up to max. 50% vol.

## Fluid temperatures

The permissible fluid temperatures can be found in the corresponding data sheet.

### $\Delta p_{\min}$

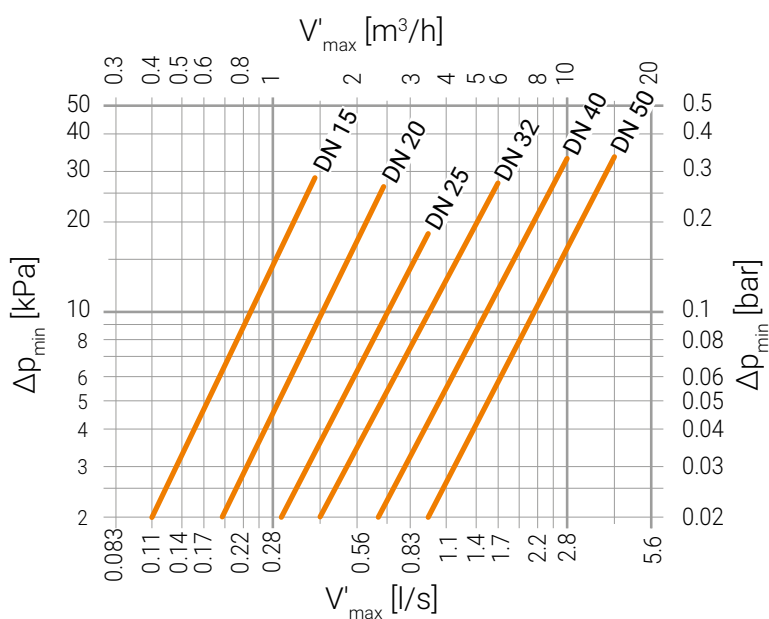
Minimum required differential pressure (pressure drop across the valve) to reach the desired volumetric flow  $V'_{\max}$

### $V'_{\max}$

Desired volumetric flow that should be achieved at full load. Flow at greatest positioning signal, e.g. 10 V

$$\Delta p_{\min} = 100 \times \left( \frac{V'_{\max}}{k_{vs \text{ theor.}}} \right)^2$$

$\Delta p_{\min}$ :	kPa
$V'_{\max}$ :	m <sup>3</sup> /h
$k_{vs \text{ theor.}}$ :	m <sup>3</sup> /h



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