

## About Two Position Injectors and Switching Valves



Two position injectors and switching valves have many applications, as shown in the section beginning on page 117. In this catalog, Valco two position valves are divided into GC and HPLC sections, with the GC section starting on page 102 and the HPLC section on page 112.

### Sample Injectors

Since the most common method of sample injection utilizes a 6 port valve with an external sample loop, 6 port valves are often referred to as "injectors." However, as the Applications section shows, 6 port valves can do more than inject sample, and 8 and 10 port valves can be sample injectors at the same time they're also being backflushers or column switchers. One more variation is the 4 port internal sampling valve (pages 102–103 and 112), which is used when the sample size must be smaller than the smallest available loop. The internal sample "loop" is actually an engraved connecting slot on the rotor which is sized to contain a specified amount of sample.

### Sample Loops

Loops are electrolytically cut and electrochemically polished to ensure square, burr-free ends, then cleaned with microfiltered steam from deionized water. Standard material is Type 316 stainless, but loops can be supplied in electroformed nickel, Hastelloy C, Nickel 200, titanium, or several polymers. Consult the factory for availability.

Valco sample loops are accurately sized for each valve type. The volume tolerance matches the ID tolerance of the tubing, which is typically  $\pm 0.001$ ". This results in a variance ranging from 30% with tubing of 0.005" diameter to 5% for loops made from tubing 0.040" in diameter.

### SPECIFICATIONS

#### VALCO TWO POSITION VALVES

Valve type	Standard rotor material	Max pressure	Max temp	Max pressure	Max temp
		Internal sample injectors		Sampling and switching valves	
GC					
W and UW	Valcon E	1000 psi liq	175°C	400 psi gas	225°C
	Valcon T	–	–	300 psi gas	330°C
MW	Valcon E2	–	–	100 psi gas	75°C
HPLC					
W and UW	Valcon H	5000 psi liq	75°C	5000 psi liq	75°C

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### VALVE TYPES

	Fitting size	Standard port diameter
W Type	1/32"	0.25 mm (.010")
	1/16"	0.40 mm (.016")
UW Type	1/16"	0.75 mm (.030")
	1/8"	0.75 mm (.030")
MW Type	1/4"	4.0 mm (.156")

For special port diameters, please consult the factory.

### OPTIONAL ROTORS

Valcon M	400 psi	50°C
Valcon P	400 psi	175°C
Valcon R	400 psi	75°C
Valcon TF	200 psi	50°C

See page 257 for a discussion of these optional rotor materials.