



Control Valve Maintenance Support System PLUG-IN Valstaff

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Introduction

PLUG-IN Valstaff is a valve management system that detects problems with control valves and positioners at the earliest possible stage by monitoring diagnostic parameters and other information from the Smart Valve Positioner, thereby assisting to avoid accident/failure and helping to streamline maintenance tasks by clearly presenting the information required for decision-making on control valve maintenance. The PLUG-IN Valstaff monitors diagnostic information 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by communicating with Azbil Corporation's Smart Valve Positioner, which supports FOUNDATION™ fieldbus and HART® communication. Based on this diagnostic information, at the first sign of an abnormality, the system sends an alert in order to prompt action before the control valve can cause a problem, allowing continuously safe and secure plant operation. The PLUG-IN Valstaff also supports quick and accurate startup by automating positioner settings that adjust the control valve status, as well as automating step response tests. It also utilizes diagnostic information for routine maintenance, supporting the creation of an appropriate maintenance plan based on the degree of deterioration of control valves.

Function Overview

The PLUG-IN Valstaff, in combination with Azbil Corporation's Smart Valve Positioner, achieves its functions of CV diagnostics parameter monitoring, step response test, and auto-setup by means of integration with a device management system.

Online diagnosis & monitoring while the plant is operating

By collecting diagnostic parameter data from the Smart Valve Positioner and displaying it in a graph during plant operation, the progress of control valve deterioration and the occurrence of abnormalities can be estimated while the plant is operating. The PLUG-IN Valstaff collects data from the positioner and displays the following diagnostics graphs.

1. Total stroke
Displays a chronological graph of the total distance the valve stem has moved as a result of control of the valve travel.
2. Shut-off count
Counts the number of times the valve is completely closed and displays the total close counts in chronological order in a graph.
3. Cycle count
Counts the number of times the control valve motion was reversed and displays it in chronological order in a graph.
4. Travel histogram
Indicates the amount of time the control valve is in that position and the changes that occurred though time in a histogram.

5. Maximum travel speed

Constantly measures the operating speed of the control valve in both the opening and closing directions, calculates the maximum speed for each day, and then displays the maximum values for opening and closing directions over time.

6. Stick-slip diagnostics

Analyzes stick-slip occurrence trends.

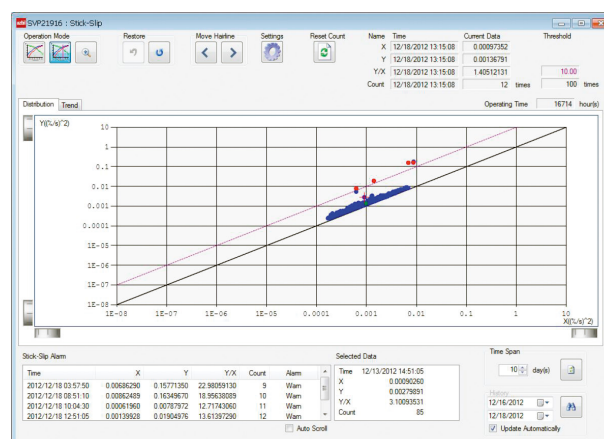


Figure 1. Stick-Slip Diagnostics Screen

7. Trend data

Displays the travel setting of any selected positioner, the actual travel of the control valve, deviation between travel the setting and actual valve travel, the EPM drive signal, and circuit board temperature. Data for up to one week can be displayed in graph form.

8. Po Validity/Max. Friction diagnostics

Displays the current relationship between output air pressure and valve travel in a graph together with the values obtained during auto-setup, which serve as a standard. Each day's output air pressure validity and maximum friction are indicated chronologically in the graph. (Only Smart Valve Positioner 700 series)

9. Air circuit diagnostics

Each day, the amount of shift from the normal values for the EPM drive signal and nozzle back pressure is calculated and displayed chronologically in a graph. (Only Smart Valve Positioner 700 series)

10. Supply Pressure

Displays the maximum value and minimum value of supply pressure per day in chronological order in a graph. (Only Smart Valve Positioner 700 series)

11. Zero Point Travel

Periodically updates the values for maximum and minimum travel when the valve is fully closed, and displays the maximums and minimums of each day in a chronological graph. (Only Smart Valve Positioner 700 series)

12. Temperature

Periodically updates the temperature measured by the temperature sensor on the electronics board of the positioner, and displays the maximum and minimum temperature of each day in chronological order in a graph.
(Only Smart Valve Positioner 700 series)

13. A set of online diagnostic windows

Frequently used online diagnostic windows can be grouped to display a set of windows for individual control valves.

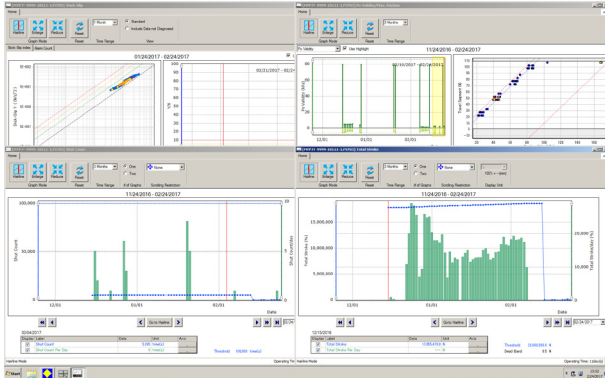


Figure 2. A set of control valve online diagnostic windows

14. Valve Condition Viewer

Displays accumulated online diagnostic parameters in a table. The results can be sorted and filtered by diagnostic items to show organized information about the current condition control valve motion.

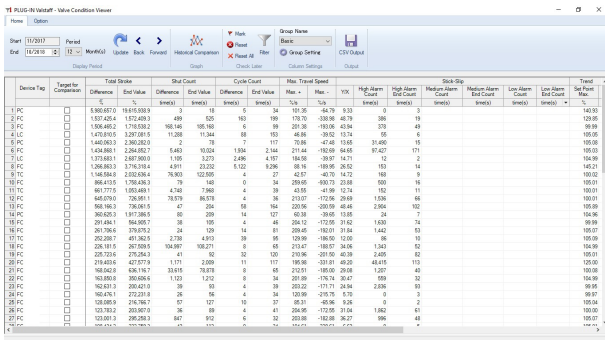


Figure 3. Valve Condition Viewer

By drawing monthly trend with accumulated online diagnostic result for multiple Control Valves, a CV which is different behavior compared to the other Valves can be visualized.

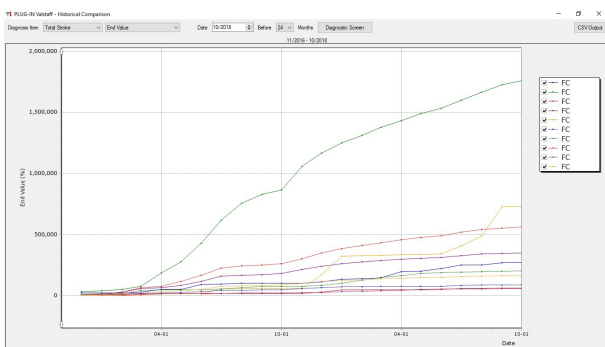


Figure 4. Monthly trend of Valve Condition Viewer

15. Trend Monitor Dashboard

Trend Monitor Dashboard monitors whether the daily average of each online diagnostic parameter indicate the trend to keep increasing or decreasing. It enables to grasp the overall condition for all Valves and the detail trend condition for each valve.

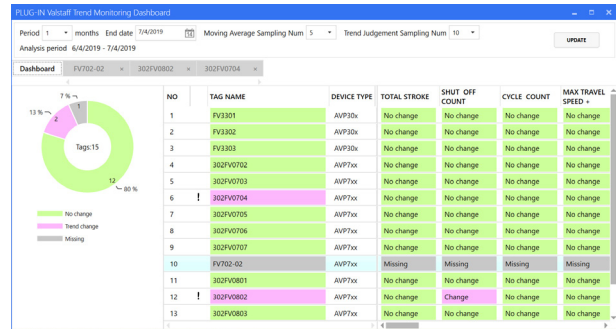


Figure 5. Trend Monitor Dashboard

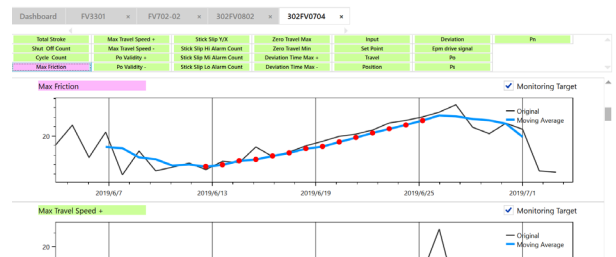


Figure 6. Trend Monitor Dashboard (Detailed picture)

Offline Valve Test

A step response test or a valve signature test can be used to diagnose the condition of control valves when the plant is not operating.

1. Step Response Test

When the plant is not operating, the user can check the response of the control valve to changes by making step changes in the travel setting. The result is displayed in a graph that indicates slight changes that cannot be found by a visual check. The result is overlapped with past results for comparison, which is useful to find control valve deterioration and other problems.

This CV step response test function supports the following input characteristics set with Azbil Smart Valve Positioner.

- Linear
- Quick Open
- Equal percent
- Custom

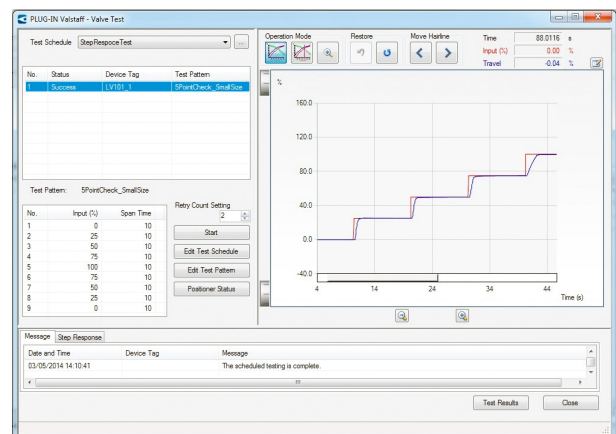


Figure 7. Step Response test Screen

Tests can be executed concurrently as well as consecutively for multiple valves, making use of a limited amount of time (Figure 8).

Control valve performance can be evaluated with quantitative dynamic characteristics data obtained from the test, such as time constants, delay time, and settling time, and by comparing the data with past results. The evaluation can be output as a report (Figure 9).

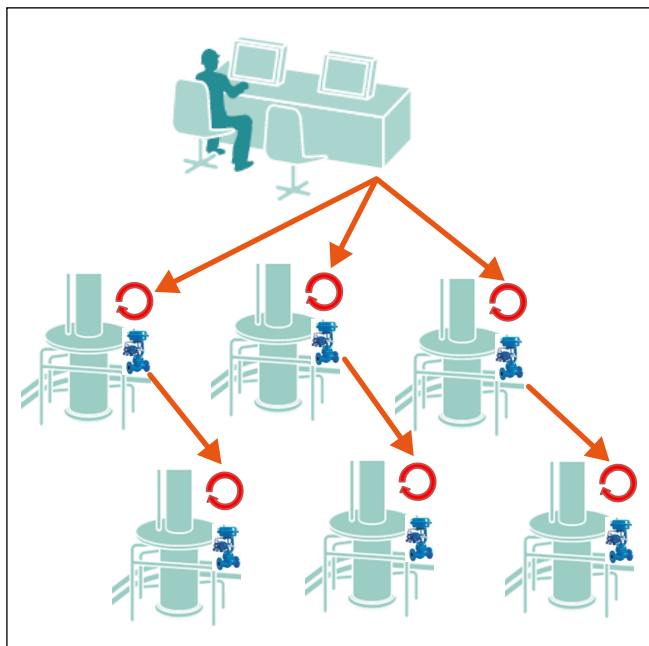


Figure 8. Diagram of step response testing

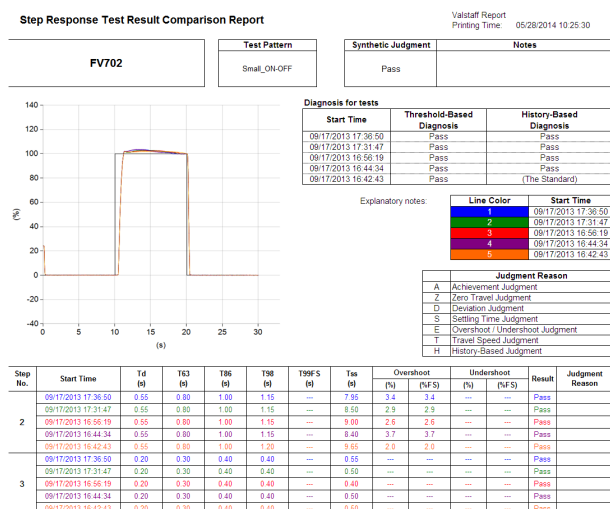


Figure 9. Step Response Test Result Comparison Report

2. Valve Signature Test

When the plant is not operating, a valve signature test can be executed. This test ramps the control valve at low speed in both directions to the fully closed and fully open positions in order to diagnose the condition of each part of the valve, utilizing the characteristics data obtained from the output air pressure of the actuator and from valve travel.

The result, which are displayed in the graph, can be used to detect deterioration or other problems in the control valve. This test can be executed for several control valves consecutively.

(Only Smart Valve Positioner 700 series)

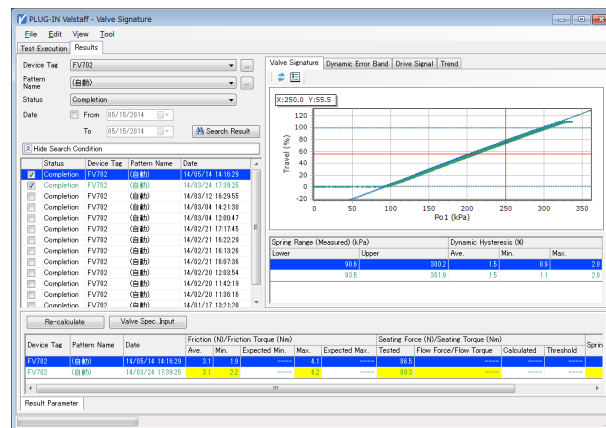


Figure 10. Valve Signature Screen

AO loop check (only case combined with Yokogawa PRM)

In case of PRM plug-in, this function provides AO loop check function by using 4 - 20 mA analogue output of CENTUM FCS. This AO loop check function provides not only manual execution by changing MV value with operator manipulations but also automatic execution by automatic changing MV value of PID Block / MLD Block with OPC communication via Exaopc.

There are check option such as 3 points/5 points, one way/round trip, whether conduct the checks of 0.1% and 99.9%. Then it's depend on CENTUM system environment such as Network IO whether multiple AO loops can be checked simultaneously.

This AO loop check function supports the following input characteristics set with Azbil Smart Valve Positioner.

- Linear
- Quick Open
- Equal percent
- Custom

* In case of automatic execution, Exaopc is required the configuration so that this AO loop check function can write to PID Block / MLD Block of CENTUM via Exaopc.

In case of automatic execution with PID block, the block mode must be able to change to ROUT or MAN mode by OPC communication via Exaopc. Also in case of automatic execution with MLD block, the block mode must be able to change to MAN mode by OPC communication via Exaopc. The situation that can not change the block mode by OPC communication, the automatic execution can not be performed.

If a conversion function of output characteristic exists between PID block and MLD block, the loop check must be performed with MLD block.

If MLD blocks are structured in split at the lower layer of a PID block, the loop check must be performed by every MLD block.

Testing of emergency shutoff valves

A partial stroke test (PST) or full stroke test (FST) can be used to diagnose the condition of emergency shutoff valves.

1. Partial Stroke Test (PST)*

When the plant is operating, PLUG-IN Valstaff executes a partial-stroke low-speed ramp operation for emergency shutoff valves. Equipment failure can be detected from the results.

The test results are indicated in a graph. By comparing the results with past results, the user can find deterioration and other problems with emergency shutoff valves.

This test can be executed for several emergency shutoff valves consecutively.

2. Full Stroke Test (FST)*

When the plant is not operating, PLUG-IN Valstaff opens and closes emergency shutoff valves to their full extent to check if they operate properly.

The test results are indicated in a graph. By comparing the results with past results, the user can find deterioration and other problems with emergency shutoff valves.

This test can be executed for several emergency shutoff valves consecutively.

* These tests are available when PLUG-IN Valstaff is used with the following 700 Series Smart ESD Devices provided by Azbil Corporation:

- Model AVP77_ (analog signal 4–20 mAdc)
- Model AVP78_ (analog signal 0–20 mAdc)
- Model AVP79_ (discrete signal 0/24 Vdc)
- Model AVP703

Auto-setup

The PLUG-IN Valstaff's auto-setup function automatically adjusts the positioner.

The user can monitor the behavior of control valves during auto-setup, checking if there is abnormality in the auto adjustment process.

Also, the stroke time and hysteresis data collected during auto-setup can be compared with the past test data.

This comparison provides an easy way to judge deterioration and the occurrence of abnormalities in the control valve.

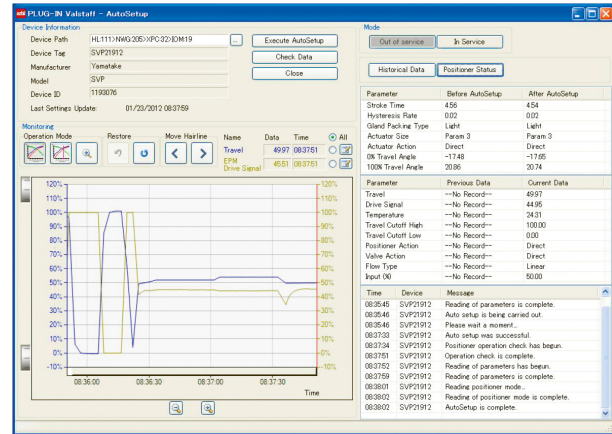


Figure 11. Auto-setup Screen

Device Memo

A memo can be created for individual control valves with a simple operation and can be opened from the device tree for easy reference. The user can use device memos for purposes such as recording the installation date, adjustment history, or abnormal conditions, in order to manage control valves.

System Configuration

The PLUG-IN Valstaff works in conjunction with the InnovativeField Organizer™ (IFO) device management system made by Azbil Corporation or with the PRM® (Plant Resource Manager) made by Yokogawa Electric Corporation.

With Advanced-PS (TDCS3000)

By operating the PLUG-IN Valstaff on IFO, it is possible to manage control valves with a HART communication-compatible Smart Valve Positioner model AVP202/AVP302/SVX102/AVP307/AVP701/AVP702/AVP77_/AVP78_/AVP79_.

For details on system configuration, refer to the specification sheet for IFO (SS2-IFO500-0001).

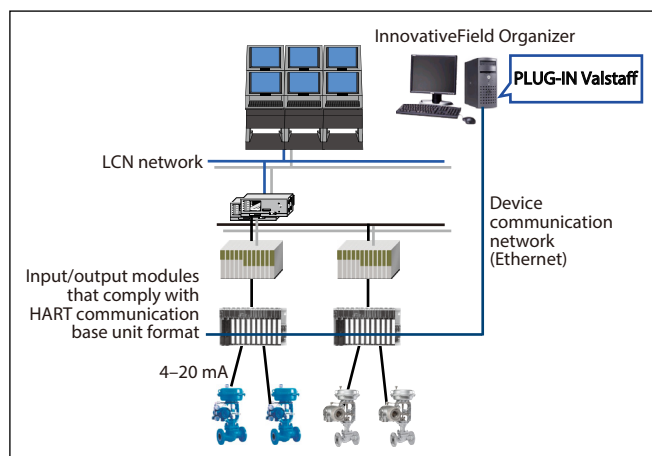


Figure 12. PLUG-IN Valstaff Configuration for Advanced-PS/TDCS3000

With Harmonas-DEO

By operating the PLUG-IN Valstaff on IFO, it is possible to manage control valves with a Smart Valve Positioner by using HART communication.

For details on system configuration, refer to the specification sheet for IFO (SS2-IFO500-0001).

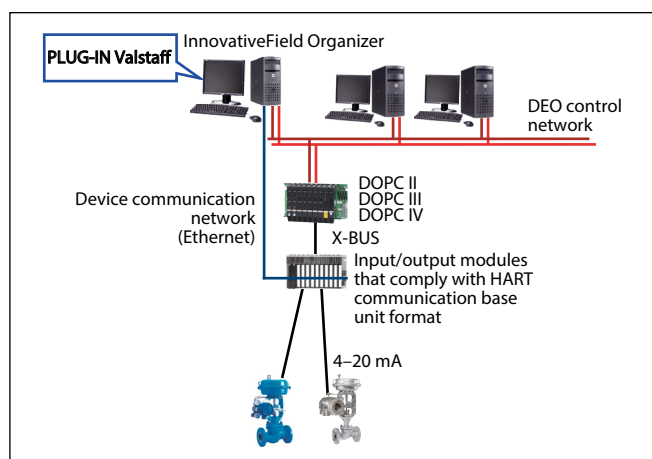


Figure 13. PLUG-IN Valstaff Configuration for Harmonas-DEO

IFO system configuration, which is independent of DCS model

The PLUG-IN Valstaff can be used in conjunction with IFO independent from DCS by using HNU (HART Network Unit). In this case, the PLUG-IN Valstaff can manage control valves with HART communication-compatible Smart Valve Positioner model AVP202/AVP302/SVX102/AVP307/AVP701/AVP702/AVP77_/AVP78_/AVP79_. A HART modem can be used as an interface unit instead of HNU.

For details on system configuration, refer to the specification sheet for IFO (SS2-IFO500-0001).

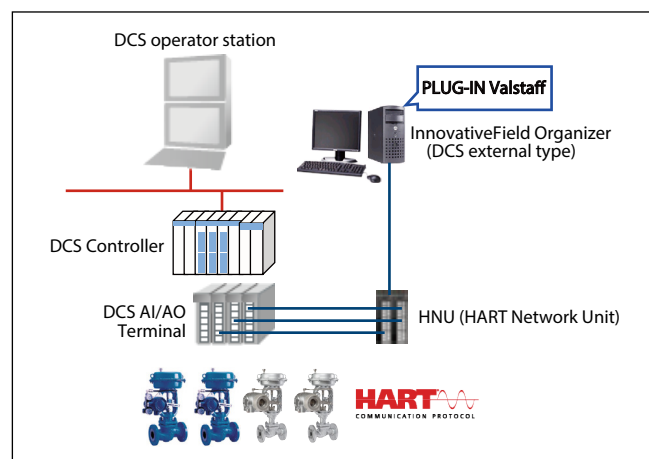


Figure 14. IFO system configuration, which is independent of DCS vendor and model

When Combined with Yokogawa Electric Corporation's PRM

The PLUG-IN Valstaff control valve maintenance support system can be used in conjunction with Yokogawa Electric Corporation's Plant Resource Manager (PRM).

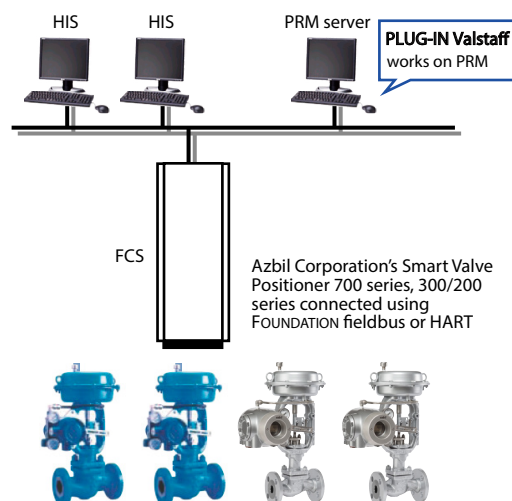


Figure 15. PLUG-IN Valstaff configuration on PRM Server

System Specifications

Maximum Number of Connected Smart Valve Positioners

The maximum number of positioners that can be managed by the PLUG-IN Valstaff is shown below. It is dependent on the communication protocol.

System	Communication protocol	Maximum number of managed units
Azbil Corporation's device management system IFO	HART	1000
Yokogawa Electric Corporation's PRM	HART	500 *1
	FOUNDATION fieldbus	

*1: The sum of FOUNDATION fieldbus devices and HART devices.

Data collection Specifications

Table 1. With IFO

Diagnostic parameter update interval		Stick-slip diagnostics:	400 s
		Total stroke:	1 day
		Maximum travel speed:	1 day
		Total shut-off count:	1 day
		Cycle count:	1 day
		Po Validity/Max. Friction diagnostics:	1 day *4
		Air circuit diagnostics:	1 day *4
		Supply Pressure:	1 day *4
		Zero Point Travel:	1 day *4
		Travel histogram:	1 Month
		Set Point (from DCS OP) and Valve opening:	Fastest 1 s *2
		Output Air Pressure:	Fastest 1 s *2 *4
		Deviation:	Fastest 1 s *2
		Temperature:	Fastest 1 s *2
Valve test*5 data sampling cycle	HART communication	Model AVP701/702/AVP77_/78_/79_	Fastest 50 ms
		Model AVP302/202	85 ms
		Model AVP307	85 ms
Device condition monitoring interval		Fastest 1 s *2	

Table 2. With PRM

Diagnostic parameter update interval		Stick-slip diagnostics:	400 s ^{*1 *2}
		Total stroke:	1 day ^{*2}
		Maximum travel speed:	1 day ^{*2}
		Total shut-off count:	1 day ^{*2}
		Cycle count:	1 day ^{*2}
		Po Validity/Max. Friction diagnostics:	1 day ^{*2 *4}
		Air circuit diagnostics:	1 day ^{*2 *4}
		Supply Pressure:	1 day ^{*2 *4}
		Zero Point Travel:	1 day ^{*2 *4}
		Travel histogram:	1 month
		Set Point (from DCS OP) and Valve opening:	Fastest 1 s ^{*1 *2}
		Output Air Pressure:	Fastest 1 s ^{*1 *2 *4}
Deviation:	Fastest 1 s ^{*1 *2}		
Temperature:	Fastest 1 s ^{*1 *2}		
Valve test ^{*5} data sampling cycle	FOUNDATION fieldbus communication	Model AVP703	Fastest 50 ms
		Model AVP303	85 ms
	HART communication	Model AVP701/702/AVP77_/78_/79_	Fastest 50 ms
		Model AVP302/202	Fastest 5 s ^{*3}
		Model AVP307	85 ms
Device condition monitoring interval		300 s ^{*2}	

*1: In case of Valstaff running on PRM, the functions may not be available or specifications may be different depending on the performance of PRM Field Communication Server, HART communication performance every IO of CENTUM, and how to assign HART dynamic parameters by IOM Builder.

*2: Interval may require adjustment depending on the number of valve positioners connected.

*3: Depending on the communication performance, a simple test may be required instead of a step response test.

*4: Only Smart Valve Positioner 700 series

*5: Valve test refers to the step response test, valve signature test, partial stroke test, and full stroke test.

Table 3. Application Specifications

	Item	PLUG-IN Valstaff for IFO					PLUG-IN Valstaff for PRM				
		FF		HART			FF		HART		
		Model AVP303	Model AVP703	Model AVP302 AVP202	Model AVP701 AVP702	Model AVP307 AVP207 *2	Model AVP303	Model AVP703	Model AVP302 AVP202	Model AVP701 AVP702	Model AVP307 AVP207 *2
Positioner setup	Auto Setup	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
AO loop check				—*6	—*6	—*6	✓*7	✓*7	✓*7	✓*7	✓*7
Offline Disgnostics in plant shutdown	Step Response Test	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
	Simultaneous execution of Step Response Test to multiple CSv	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓*5		✓*5	✓*5
	Valve Signature *1		✓		✓			✓		✓	
	Simultaneous execution Valve Signature Test to multiple CVs		✓		✓			✓*5		✓*5	
Online Diagnostics in plant operation	Total Stroke	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Total shut-off count	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Cycle Count	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Travel histogram	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Max Travel Speed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Stick-slip diagnostics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Zero point (Shut off) diagnostic	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Deviation diagnostics between Input and Travel	✓ *3	✓ *3	✓ *3	✓ *3	✓ *3	✓ *4	✓ *4	✓ *4	✓ *4	✓ *4
	Output air pressure validity *1		✓		✓			✓		✓	
	Max frictional force *1		✓		✓			✓		✓	
	Supply air pressure *1		✓		✓			✓		✓	
	Positioner air circuit abnormality *1		✓		✓			✓		✓	
	Trend data such as Input, Travel, Deviation, EPM drive signal	✓ *3	✓ *3	✓ *3	✓ *3	✓ *3	✓ *4 *8	✓ *4 *8	✓ *4 *8	✓ *4 *8	✓ *4 *8
	Summary Report generation for Online Diagnostics parameters	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Positioner Param. Backup	Parameter Backup for multiple AVPs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Simultaneous Parameter Backup for multiple AVPs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					

*1: available for the model AVP701/AVP702/AVP703 only

*2: Require PLUG-IN Valstaff R43 or later in case of use in combination with the model AVP307/AVP207.

*3: Data collection on best effort with fastest 1 second scan.

*4: In case that IO of CENTUM FCS is N-IO, data collection with fastest 1 second scan on best effort by using Exaopc communication. In case that IO of CENTUM FCS is F-IO, by using Exaopc communication, data sampling interval is depend on the number of HART communication devices connected to one AI/O card. (With communication via PRM Field Communication Server, data sampling interval is 1 hour because of performance constraint)

Note: Require PLUG-IN Valstaff R43 or later to execute this function.

*5: Require PLUG-IN Valstaff R50 or later to execute this function. The test for multiple valves can be executed simultaneously. Time that is required to collect the result data for all test, is depend on the throuput of PRM Field Communication Server, CENTUM FCS, and IO.

*6: In case of running on IFO, this software does not provide AO loop check function, because IFO provides AI and AO loop check function.

*7: In case of automatic execution, Exaopc is required the configuration so that this AO loop check function can write to Regulatory Control Blocks of CENTUM via Exaopc. And it's depend on CENTUM system environment such as Network IO whether multiple AO loops can be checked simultaneously.

*8: When trend data is collected via an OPC server (Exaopc or HIS), specify the settings so that the number of data accesses does not exceed the throughput of the OPC server. If throughput is excessive, an error may occur. It is your responsibility to make sure that the maximum throughput is not exceeded. Note that the number of data accesses is the sum of the accesses by all client applications, including the OPC trend data collection function. When collecting data via an OPC server, CENTUM settings must be changed using the IOM builder, control drawing builder, etc. This change may affect existing applications. It is your responsibility to take into consideration the impact on existing applications when changing the CENTUM settings.

Target Smart Valve Positioner

Table 4. Smart Valve Positioner 300/200 series

Model number	Internal software version
Model AVP302	Ver. 3.D or later
Model AVP202	
Model AVP303	Ver. 2.1 or later
Model AVP203	
Model AVP307	Ver. 7.0 or later
Model AVP207	

Table 5. Smart Valve Positioner 700 series

Model number	Internal software version
Model AVP701/702/ AVP77_/78_/79_	Ver. 2.1 or later
Model AVP703	Ver. 2.5 or later

For detailed Smart Valve Positioner specifications, refer to the specification sheet for each product shown below.

Model AVP302: SS2-AVP300-0100

Model AVP202: SS2-AVP200-0100

Model SVX102: SS2-SVX100-0100

Model AVP307: SS2-AVP307-0100

Model AVP303/203: SS2-AVP303-0100

Model AVP701/702: SS2-AVP702-0100

Model AVP77_/78_/79_: SS2-AVP772-0100

Model AVP703: SS2-AVP703-0100

Operating Environment

The PLUG-IN Valstaff works on Azbil Corporation's IFO or Yokogawa Electric Corporation's PRM R3.30 or later.

Table 6. Computer platform

System/software package	Operating System
InnovativeField Organizer R50	Windows 10 Pro (64-bit) *
RPM R3.30/ R3.31/ R4.01/R4.02/ R4.03	Windows Server 2008 Standard Edition R2 Service Pack 1 (64-bit) Windows 10 Enterprise 2016 LTSB (64bit) Windows 10 IoT Enterprise Edition 2016 (64bit) ** Windows Server 2016 Standard Edition (64bit)

* For details, refer to the specification sheet for InnovativeField Organizer (R51).

** To no use Lockdown function

License System

Table 7. PLUG-IN Valstaff base license

	Model number	Description
License for number of device connection	AZ-2IFV5XE01	PLUG-IN Valstaff R5x License 16 TAG entry edition
	AZ-2IFV5XE02	PLUG-IN Valstaff R5x License 25 TAG
	AZ-2IFV5XE05	PLUG-IN Valstaff R5x License 50 TAG
	AZ-2IFV5XE10	PLUG-IN Valstaff R5x License 100 TAG
	AZ-2IFV5XE20	PLUG-IN Valstaff R5x License 200 TAG
	AZ-2IFV5XE30	PLUG-IN Valstaff R5x License 300 TAG
	AZ-2IFV5XE50	PLUG-IN Valstaff R5x License 500 TAG
	AZ-2IFV5XE75	PLUG-IN Valstaff R5x License 750 TAG
	AZ-2IFV5XE100	PLUG-IN Valstaff R5x License 1000 TAG

Table 8. PLUG-IN Valstaff DMS (Device Management System) connection license

	Model number	Description
License for DMS connection	AZ-2IFV5XE-A	PLUG-IN Valstaff R5x DMS connect License for IFO
	AZ-2IFV5XE-B	PLUG-IN Valstaff R5x DMS connect License for PRM

Table 9. PLUG-IN Valstaff TAG extension license

After PLUG-IN Valstaff is installed, this license is used to increase the number of connected devices.

	Model number	Description
License for number of device extension	AZ-2IFV5XEP1	PLUG-IN Valstaff R5x TAG extension license 16to25
	AZ-2IFV5XEP2	PLUG-IN Valstaff R5x TAG extension license 25to50
	AZ-2IFV5XEP3	PLUG-IN Valstaff R5x TAG extension license 50to100
	AZ-2IFV5XEP4	PLUG-IN Valstaff R5x TAG extension license 100to200
	AZ-2IFV5XEP5	PLUG-IN Valstaff R5x TAG extension license 200to300
	AZ-2IFV5XEP6	PLUG-IN Valstaff R5x TAG extension license 300to500
	AZ-2IFV5XEP7	PLUG-IN Valstaff R5x TAG extension license 500to750
	AZ-2IFV5XEP8	PLUG-IN Valstaff R5x TAG extension license 750to1000

External Storage

Automatic backup and external storage is available for control valve diagnostic data collected by PLUG-IN Valstaff operating in IFO. Please use the external storage to prevent lack of data.

For automatic back-up, the user can use the following operability-confirmed external storage media.

- Tanberg Data Inc.
RDX QuikStor External USB Docking Station
Model: 8782
- Tanberg Data Inc.
RDX QuikStor Cartridge (Memory: 1 TB)
Model: 8586

Tanberg Data Inc. web site:

<http://www.tandbergdata.com/us/>

Notes

When using external storage for automatic back-up, keeping your PC safe is a necessity. However, please do not install anti-virus software on the PC used for IFO. Instead, do virus-checking remotely from another PC.

Also, if an external storage device whose operation we have not checked is used, Azbil Corporation cannot guarantee its operation or the integrity of the data. If the lack of a guarantee is acceptable and an external storage device which we have not checked is used, please use a device that meets the following conditions at a minimum.

- This device does not require special software (do not install software other than Azbil products on the PC used for IFO).
- This device does not incorporate a security function.

About icons for safety precautions

The safety precautions described in this document are indicated by the following icons.



WARNING

Warnings are indicated when mishandling this product might result in death or serious injury.



CAUTION

Cautions are indicated when mishandling this product might result in minor injury to the user, or only physical damage to the product.

■ Example



The indicated action is prohibited.



Be sure to follow the indicated instructions.

Safety precautions

CAUTION



Before wiring, be sure to shut off the power to all devices that require power shutoff during wiring. Failure to do so may cause device failure.



If an explosion-proof field device is used, never open its cover while it is running (while power is supplied). Doing so may result in an electric shock. For handling of this type of device, see the user's manual for the device.



Do not touch electrically charged parts such as the power supply terminals. Doing so may result in an electric shock.



Back up data and check for viruses regularly. Failure to do so may result in corrupted data or program malfunction.



Do not install any anti-virus software into this PC. Check for viruses remotely from another PC.



Do not connect the PC upon which the PLUG-IN Valstaff application software is to be installed to an external network such as the Internet or a corporate intranet. If the PC is infected by a virus, the collected data may be corrupted or a program may malfunction.



Do not install any applications except those listed below on the PC upon which the PLUG-IN Valstaff application software is to be installed.

- Device management system and associated software
- PLUG-IN Valstaff application software
- Driver for the USB hard disk drive used for data backup and loading (if necessary)

Please keep in mind that Azbil Corporation's warranty does not cover any failures resulting from installation of any other applications.



Before connecting the HART modem, inform operators in the control room that devices will be operate. Unexpected device behavior can injure workers.

CAUTION



Before executing offline test, inform workers in the vicinity of control valves that the test will make the valves open and close. Unexpected valve opening or closing might injure workers.



Before executing full stroke tests, inform workers in the vicinity of control valves that the tests will make the valves open and close regardless of signals from the controller. Unexpected valve opening or closing can injure workers.



Before calibrating or adjusting the positioner, changing settings, or performing other related operations, check that the intended operation will not affect the operation of the plant and change the mode to "out of service."



Before executing AutoSetup, inform workers in the vicinity of control valves that AutoSetup will open the valves from the fully closed position to the fully open position. Unexpected valve opening or closing can injure workers.



When connecting the hard disk drive to another PC, perform a virus check before reconnecting it to the device management system.



Before using PLUG-IN Valstaff online while devices are operating, please make sure that HART communication will not affect the host control system.



Before executing AO loop check, inform workers in the vicinity of control valves that the loop check will make the valves open and close. Unexpected valve opening or closing might injure workers.

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