Bandlock™ 2
QUICK OPENING CLOSURE
SPX FLOW - An introduction

SPX FLOW, Inc. (NYSE:FLOW) is a leading manufacturer of innovative flow technologies, many of which help define the industry standard in the market segments they serve. From its headquarters in Charlotte, North Carolina, it operates a sales and support network, centers of manufacturing excellence, and advanced engineering facilities, throughout the world. Its cutting-edge flow components and process equipment portfolio includes a wide range of pumps, valves, heat exchangers, mixers, homogenizers, separators, filters, UHT, and drying technology that meet many application needs. Its expert engineering capability also makes it a premium supplier of customized solutions and complete, turn-key packages to meet the most exacting of installation demands.

Incorporating many leading brands, SPX FLOW has a long history of serving the food and beverage, power and energy, and industrial market sectors. Its designs and engineered solutions help customers drive efficiency and productivity, increase quality and reliability, and meet the latest regulatory demands. In-depth understanding of applications and processes, state-of-the-art Innovation Centers, and advanced pilot/testing technology further assist in optimizing processes and reducing timescales to reliably meet production targets.

To learn more about SPX FLOW capabilities, its latest technology innovations and complete service offerings, please visit www.spxflow.com.

GD ENGINEERING, AN SPX FLOW BRAND - GENERATIONS OF EXPERIENCE

Founded in 1944 as the General Descaling Company, GD Engineering, now a brand of SPX FLOW Inc, is a market leader in the design and manufacture of pressure vessel and pipeline access solutions to the oil, gas and process industries worldwide.

We manufacture a range of innovative and proven products including the industry leading Bandlock™ 2 Closure, Hi-T Pigalert™ Scraper Passage Indicator and associated equipment.
Bandlock™ 2
Quick-Opening Closure

**INNOVATIVE DESIGN FEATURES**

The GD Bandlock™ 2 is the original and benchmark design for global high-pressure applications with over 20,000 units in operation worldwide. GD Bandlock™ 2 Closures provide horizontal or vertical access to any pressure vessel in seconds. Compared with other quick-opening closures they can be operated safely at remarkable speed — any size of unit can be opened or closed in less than a minute, with no special tools required.

Computer-aided technology has played a large part in the design of Bandlock™ 2. The main pressure-loaded sections have been designed to save weight by employing finite element analytical techniques and proof testing by strain gauges, while still adhering to primary pressure vessel code requirements.

The tried and tested locking band mechanism which gives the range its name, is a duplex stainless steel conical thrust ring fitted between the door and hub, transmitting the pressure load uniformly around the full 360° circumference of the hub.

**INTEGRAL SAFETY DEVICES**

Safety has been engineered into the Bandlock™ 2 as part of its design and manufacture. A hand-operated pressure warning screw integrated into the mechanism prevents the door being unlocked until it is confirmed that the vessel’s internal pressure has been relieved. Additional secondary safety features, such as mechanical key interlocks, can be fitted and integrated with control valve operations.

For lethal service it may be desirable not to incorporate a hand operated pressure warning screw into a closure. The Bandlock™ 2 quick opening closure can be configured to meet this requirement.

For complete safety, the locking band can be seen at all times, which satisfies design code requirements and means that the operator can actually see that the door is securely closed and locked.
SIZE & PRESSURE RANGE
Bandlock™ 2 is available to suit differing vessel sizes and pressures from 6” to 100” diameters with hub sized for welding to any diameter and thickness, for any pressure from ASME Class 150 though to 2500 (425 barg working pressure) and above.

DOOR HINGING
For horizontal use the door is double pivoted on hinges with self-lubricating bearings and can be specified for left or right hand opening. The bolted hinge arrangement facilitates on-site adjustment. The bolted brackets allows adjustment for wear and can be specified for right or left swing.

Vertical installation includes a davit which enables the Bandlock™ 2 door to be lifted and swung clear of the hub. At diameters over 32” Class 600, lifting eyebolts are normally fitted instead of the davit, so that the door can be lifted out of the way. Special davit arrangements are available on larger sizes to suit your individual requirements.

MATERIALS
Forged steel hubs with forged or plate doors can be supplied to meet all international material specifications. NACE Standard MR-01-75 / ISO 15 156 materials are available.

SEAL MATERIAL
The standard seal materials include Nitrile, Viton® and HNBR. Rapid Gas Decompression (RGD) resistant material grades are also available. A range of materials are available to cover a temperature range of -50°C to +210°C (-58°F to +410°F) according to the elastomer specified.

UNIQUE SEAL WITH INTEGRAL ANTI-EXTRUSION SPRING
To give a completely pressure-tight seal, the purpose-designed servo acting lip seal energizes at zero pressure. The one-piece moulding is available in a range of elastomers and incorporates a stainless steel spring to prevent extrusion and provide a full vacuum capability. For both horizontal and vertical installations the seal is housed in the door away from the working area for protection and long life, and is easily fitted without tools.

CORROSION PROTECTION
When required, Bandlock™ 2 Closures can be supplied weld overlayed in 316 Stainless Steel, Inconnel 625 or other materials to meet your specific requirements. The extent of overlay ranges from seal faces to all pressure wetted surfaces, including the provision of door insert for the pressure warning screw.

HYDROSTATIC TESTING
Normally carried out as part of the final vessel test but an individual closure hydrotest can be provided as an option.

PROTECTIVE WEATHER COVERS
We recommend that the optional weather cover is fitted to all horizontal closures (supplied as standard for all vertical applications) to protect the door and mechanism from the elements, grit, sand and salt spray.

Manufactured to our usual high standards, they provide excellent, economical protection against harsh environmental conditions, extending the product’s lifecycle.

Weather covers are available to suit all closure sizes from 6” to 100” in diameter.
Approved Design

European Pressure Equipment Directive (97/23/EC)
Technical file, submitted to vessel fabricator for incorporation into CE Marking of vessel.

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Bandlock™ 2 Components

Vertical Closure Components: Lift-Out Arrangement

- Universal Handle
- Drive Link
- Pressure Warning Screw
- Horseshoe Link
- Name Plate
- Lifting Lugs
- Locking Band

Horizontal Closure Components

- Universal Handle
- Drive Link
- Pressure Warning Screw
- Horseshoe Link
- Drain Groove
- Hinge
- Instruction Plate
- Adjuster Screw
- Locking Band

Vertical Closure Components c/w Davit

- Universal Handle
- Drive Link
- Pressure Warning Screw
- Horseshoe Link
- Handwheel
- Davit Arm
- Locking Band
Bandlock™ 2 Flanged Closures

The SPX FLOW GD Engineering brand manufactures the Bandlock™2 Closure with integral flanged connections.

These can be fitted to new or existing installations and quite simply replace a blind flange. They are ideal for installations where the operational overhead for opening an existing blind flange is found to be uneconomical over the life of the installation.

Blind flanges are often fitted because they provide lower cost on capital investment at the initial construction phase. It may not be until later in the life of an installation that the reality of the continuing overhead associated with opening such a flange is realised. The flanged Bandlock™2 Closure offers a quick and easy solution to this problem and, over the lifetime of the pressure vessel, may provide significant cost and time savings to the operator.
Very Large Diameter Bandlock Closures

The GD Engineering brand is leading the industry in very large diameter quick opening closure design. The Bandlock™2 design has been up-scaled and engineered to enable operators to incorporate proven technology on very large diameter applications whilst experiencing the same ease of access enjoyed on smaller diameter pressure vessels. Developed initially for the Middle East market, SPX FLOW has manufactured very large diameter GD Engineering Bandlock™2 Closures that fully incorporate the benefits of a standard Bandlock™2 Closure, including:

- Full access can be achieved in less than a minute
- Full compliance with ASME VIII Div. 1 UG 35
- Integral safety devices
- Unique self-energising lip seal with integral anti-extrusion spring
- Full vacuum capability

The ability to produce these larger sizes gives the potential to realise significant project savings in engineering time and cost by reducing the number of pressure vessels and associated pipework required for any given application.
Operating Sequence

Operational safety has been engineered into the Bandlock™ 2 Closure as part of its design and manufacture.

**Step 1**

Before attempting to open the closure, check that the vessel is fully isolated, drained and vented from any pressure source. On completion of the isolation and venting procedure, slacken off the pressure warning screw without attempting to remove it, any residual pressure in the unit will be indicated. Should an indication be given, close the pressure warning screw and re-check the status of all valves.

**Step 2**

When completely satisfied that the closure is safe to open, remove the pressure warning screw and its integral locking plate from the closure.

**Step 3**

Locate the universal handle into the drive link mechanism attached to the horseshoe mechanism. Make sure that the universal handle is positively located in the hole provided.

**Step 4**

Rotate the universal handle anti-clockwise through approximately 180°. This will actuate the drive link and horseshoe mechanism and progressively contract the band onto the door recess. The universal handle should then be removed.

**Step 5**

Using the door hinge handle, swing the door into its open position with minimal force. The door is mounted on a double pivot mechanism which gives a degree of straight line movement and also allows the door to be rotated for access to the seal and band.

Closing the Bandlock™ 2 Closure is simply a reversal of the opening sequence.
Bandlock™ 2 Configurations

In today's demanding pressure vessel market the Bandlock™ 2 Closure can be supplied in various configurations:

**Standard (Full Bore)**

Standard weld bevel configuration is machined to meet customers' specification (single V, double V, J, inside or outside bevel) in accordance with ANSI B16.5 (or related design code).

The closure bore is machined to match the internal bore of the vessel or pipe.

**Reduced Access (Tapered)**

The weld joint configuration is machined to meet the customers' specification and is placed towards the outer diameter of the closure flange. An internal taper is provided for conversion to a smaller closure opening.

This configuration is ideally suited for use on filtration equipment where access is required, but the removal of the filter elements is not obstructed.

**Self-Reinforced**

Designed for access to large diameter vessels where full diameter access is not required.

To satisfy code requirements, the closure hub is supplied with an extended length to provide the required nozzle projection and reinforcement.

Pig Trap Refurbishment
Modification & Trap Extensions

With the life expectancy of existing pipeline trap and closure being extended, it is inevitable that to meet modern day requirements and to assist Intelligent Pigging, in-situ vessel modifications and trap extensions will have to be given consideration. We have the technology and experience to design, manufacture, test and commission modifications to customer requirements, to ensure that vessels meet the latest code requirements and regulations.
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