



EVERYTHING BEYOND STANDARD



# Innovative Valve Technology

Stable, linear,  
repeatable, and  
reliable flow control

# Improved process control with a potential 20% blower energy reduction

Creation & delivery of dissolved oxygen used in the activated sludge process consumes nearly 60% of the energy in the wastewater treatment plant. Finally, Biological processes can be optimized, Blower discharge pressures reduced, DO set-points lowered, and energy saved as a result of the Iris valve's superior «linear» flow characteristics providing stable, accurate, repeatable, and reliable air flow regulation.

Over the past 40 years, the Egger Iris® flow control valve has been successfully used in hundreds of wastewater treatment plants as the best solution for precise air flow regulation to the aeration tanks.

## Engineered for your plant – Iris valve sizing and selection process

Plant operating parameters including system pressure (static & dynamic), blower discharge pressure, discharge air temperatures, and allowable pressure drop across the valve enables Engineer's at Egger to properly size & select the appropriate flow control valve for your system.

## SCADA Systems, PID loops, and Algorithms

Constant pressure control: system pressures are kept constant to control flows.

Most Open Valve: uses the Iris® valve's characteristic curve with constant pressure control, blower speed, valve position at full or partial flows, and flow rate in each dropleg. This requires a large control range (minimum 10 to 1 turndown).

## Valve characteristic curve AKL

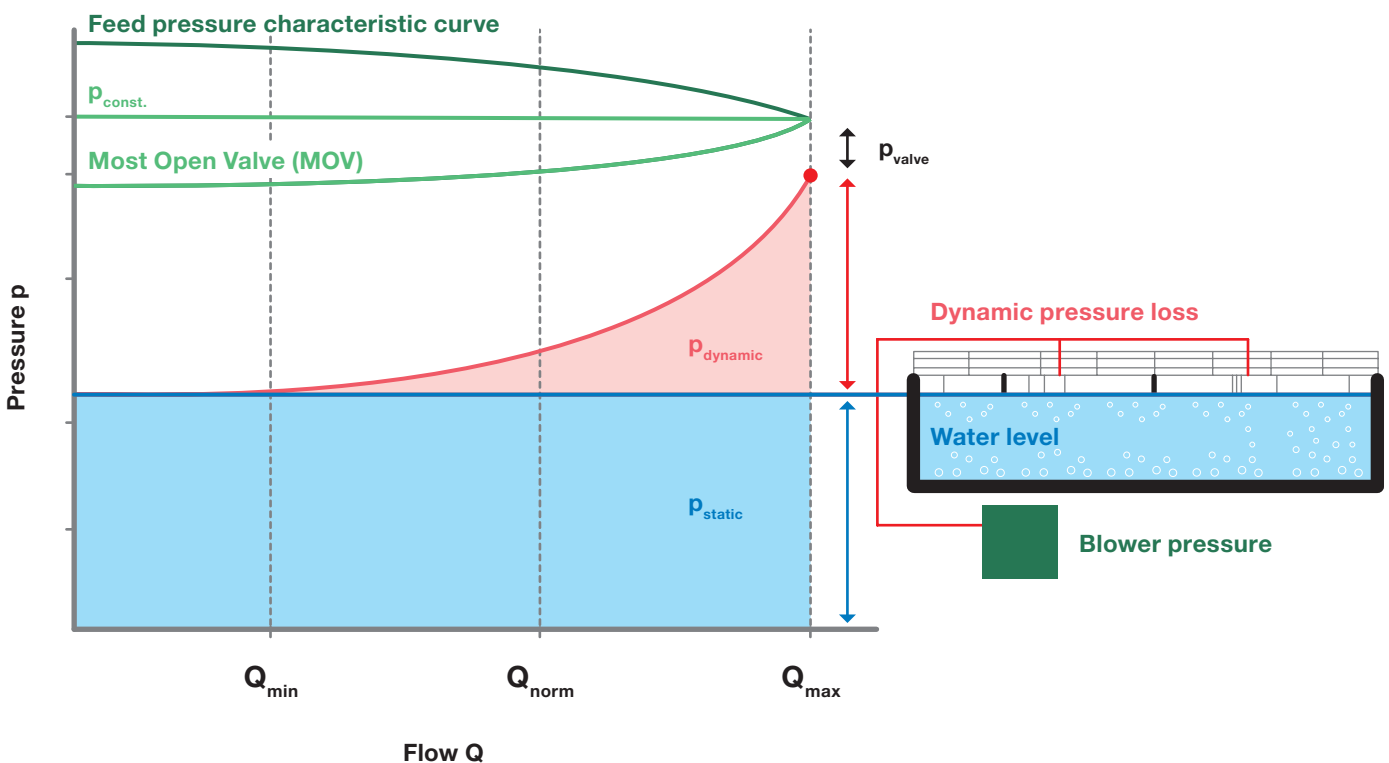
The valve characteristic curve is required to dimension a valve in

accordance with DIN EN 60534 (ANSI/ISA-75.01.01). The dependence of the flow coefficient on the stroke is known as the valve characteristic curve.

The flow coefficient or « $K_V$ » (« $C_V$ ») describes its throughput capacity. This is determined on a test rig at constant differential pressure (1 psig) and at different valve settings.

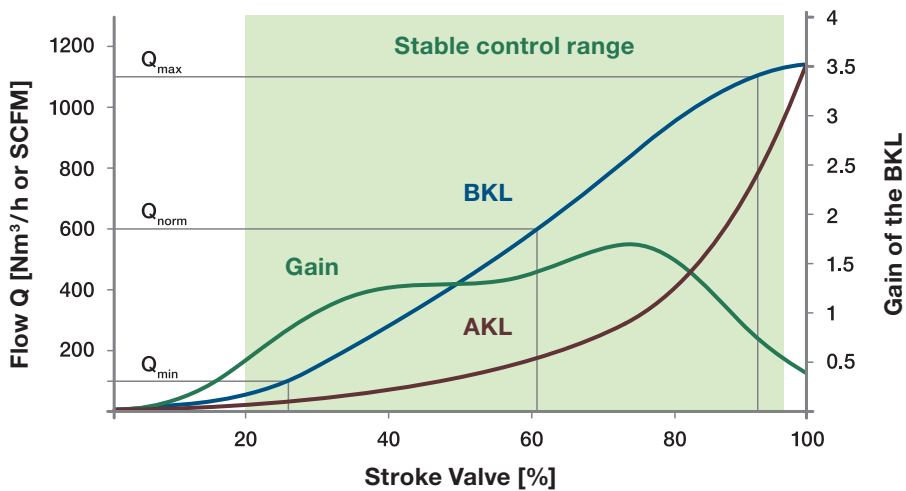
## Operating characteristic BKL

However, the valve characteristic only applies at constant differential pressure. Depending on the control valve settings, widely varying pressure losses occur under real operating





## Dimensioning of an Iris® diaphragm control valve according to DIN EN 60534



### Calculation of the throughput for gases with temperature correction

Metric (K<sub>v</sub>)

$$Q_N = 514 \cdot K_V \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\Delta p \cdot p_2}{\rho_N \cdot T_1}}$$

Q<sub>N</sub> Volume throughput of gases in a normal state (0°C, 1013 mbar) Nm³/h  
 ρ<sub>N</sub> Density of gases in a normal state kg/Nm³  
 Δp Pressure differential bar  
 p<sub>2</sub> Absolute pressure downstream of the valve bar<sub>abs</sub>  
 T<sub>1</sub> Absolute temperature upstream of the valve °K

US Units (C<sub>v</sub>)

$$q_N = 1.360 \cdot Y \cdot C_V \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\Delta p \cdot p_1}{T_1 \cdot G_g}}$$

q<sub>N</sub> Volumetric flow rate (20°C, 14.69 pisa) scfm  
 G<sub>g</sub> Gas specific gravity 1 for air, dimensionless  
 Δp Pressure differential psi  
 p<sub>1</sub> Upstream absolute static pressure psia  
 T<sub>1</sub> Upstream absolute temperature °R  
 Y Expansion factor dimensionless

**K<sub>v</sub> / C<sub>v</sub> relationship: K<sub>v</sub> = 0.865 · C<sub>v</sub> or C<sub>v</sub> = K<sub>v</sub> / 0.865**

conditions. This variable differential pressure at the control valve and the dynamic pressure losses in the system produce a distortion of the characteristic curve (see diagram). The operating characteristic represents the real relationship between the stroke and the throughput of a control valve. It is calculated from the valve characteristic curve (C<sub>v</sub> coefficient curve) and the aforementioned operating data.

#### Gain V<sub>PV</sub>

Generally, a linear operating characteristic is aimed for. However, under real-life conditions the operating data fluctuates significantly, which results in different operating characteristics. A certain range of high control quality is defined in measurement and control technology. This «stable» range is between 0.5 and 2.0 in case of an increase in the operating characteristic

(or also an increase in V<sub>PV</sub>). The basic requirement for uninterrupted, wide and stable control is an equal-percentage linear characteristic curve.

The precise, linear, repeatable, and stable properties of the Iris® flow control valve allow for cost-effective PID control loops to be easily set-up.

### Compact

The Iris® flow control valve's compact design offers proven accurate, stable, and repeatable flow control in a compact, space-saving installation.

### Maintenance free

A re-designed spindle nut assembly is manufactured using a self-lubricating thermoplastic material which permits maintenance free operation. No longer is regular lubrication of the threaded spindles required.

### Circular opening and closing

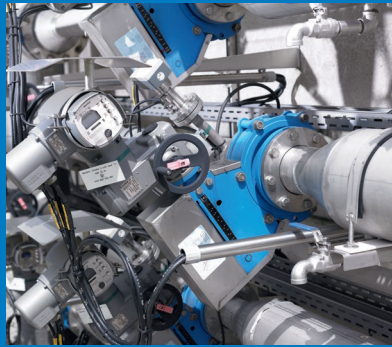
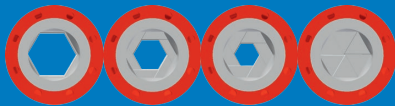
The six segments of the Iris® flow control valve are arranged to form a circular opening similar to a camera aperture. The segments can be infinitely adjusted.

### Free flow cross-section

At 100 % open, the segments are completely out of the flow stream to ensure there are no constrictions in the cross-section which results in high  $C_v$  values.

### Central closing flow axis

Our unique centrally closing flow axis and rounded edges result in a near perfect laminar flow profile helping to reduce noise emissions



and improve inlet flow paths for accurate flow measurements. Egger will supply the ABB Sensy-Master thermal mass flow meter hard mounted one (1) diameter upstream to ensure compact design with industry leading 1–2 % accuracy, repeatability, and 0.5 second response time.

### Ideal control characteristic shape in accordance with DIN EN 60534 (ANSI/ISA-75.01.01)

The Iris® valve's « $K_v$ » (« $C_v$ ») value is certified in accordance with DIN EN 60534 by independent laboratories in Europe & North America. Iris® has the ideal characteristic curve required to for stable, linear, accurate and repeatable control.

### Robustness and long service life

Iris® valves are proven tough & extremely reliable for control systems with high switching frequencies.



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