

# SÜDMO TANKTOP GAS, CLEANING AND SAFETY FITTINGS

## PRODUCT INFORMATION

Operating a tank in the food, beverage, pharmaceutical, and cosmetics industries requires adherence to process, safety and hygiene standards. One of the process related challenges comes when adding or removing carbon dioxide, fermentation gases or nitrogen blanketing while ensuring optimal cleaning. The tank must also be protected from damage caused by overpressure or vacuum.

Pentair Südmö's TankTop fitting offers a proven simple and reliable compact system that allows the addition and removal of gases and CIP cleaning fluid using one process connection. TankTop fittings, up to a certain diameter, can have the safety valve directly connected to the unit to protect against overpressure and the vacuum valve directly connected to protect against vacuum. This option, in many applications, eliminates the expense of a tank dome plate. In addition, optimal cleaning of the complete system and the additional safety fittings is assured.

Correctly designing the process for the air cleaning combination depends on many factors that must be calculated for each tank or application. Information such as diameter, compressive strength and process parameters must be clearly specified in advance. Customers can use the detailed form on page four to provide the needed information.

## ADVANTAGES

- Compact system
- Flexible with customizable executions
- Cost effective proven technology
- No automation required
- No additional cleaning piping
- Cleanable and self-draining
- Easy to install and maintain
- Meets all safety requirements



## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

### NOMINAL DIAMETERS

DN 50 to DN 150 (with regard to fittings)

### MATERIAL

#### Stainless steel:

1.4301 [AISI 304]

1.4307 [AISI 304L]

1.4404 [AISI 316L]

### OPERATING TEMPERATURES AND PRESSURES

Available upon request

### SURFACES

#### Product contact

Ra 0.8 m

#### Non-product contact

Ra 1.6 m

### CONNECTIONS

#### Pipe connections in accordance with

- DIN 11850 Range 2 (DIN 11866 Range A)

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## FUNCTION

### 1. Overpressure protection

In the event of gas venting being blocked or closed off, the maximum strength of the tank can be exceeded under various operating conditions such as filling, overfilling, fermentation, or chemical reactions, which can lead to an explosion. A springloaded safety valve, manufactured and verified in accordance with pressure equipment guidelines, is part of the fitting and protects against overpressure.

### 2. Vacuum protection

Draining, leaking, chemical reactions, content cooling, or vapor condensation can cause the tank pressure to drop below the minimum if the gas supply or ventilation is blocked or closed off, which can lead to implosion.

A spring-loaded or weight-loaded vacuum valve is part of the fitting and protects against vacuum.

### 3. Cleaning

The sliding seat (switchover without separate control) closes automatically when fluids hit it, so that the CIP fluids can flow through the spraytube and spray ball. The spray ball cleans the inside of the tank, while holes in the spray pipe enable cleaning inside the fittings.

For optimal tank cleaning, various equipment is used:

- Spray ball (diameter, flow rate and spraying angle adjusted to fit tank size)
- Rotation cleaner for larger tanks to reduce the flow rate of cleaning agents

### 4. Aeration and ventilation

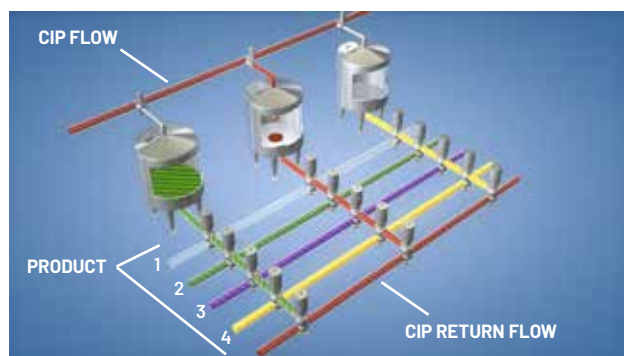
The sliding seat is opened by a spring to allow gas to flow into or out of the tank for pre-tensioning, draining, releasing, or filling.

## COMMENTS AND NOTES

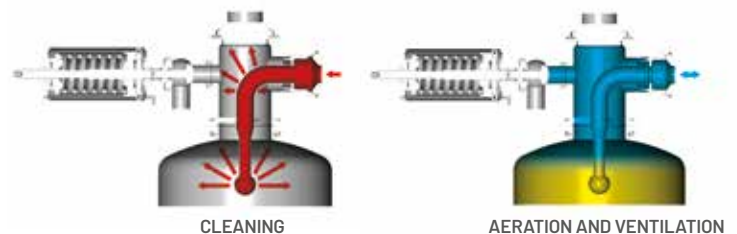
Safety and vacuum valves are not process valves and serve only to protect the tank. Additional valves must be considered if further process functions are required.

It is generally recommended that safety and vacuum valves are fitted with a pneumatic lifting device to prevent germs and bacteria from settling in production areas.

Safety and vacuum valves must be heated under specific environmental conditions. Tank designs with safety or vacuum valves larger than DN 100 require the valves to be separately fitted to the dome plate.



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|--------|-------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| GREEN  | : TANK IS BEING FILLED  | → | GAS VENTING                           |
| YELLOW | : TANK IS BEING EMPTIED | → | GAS SUPPLY OR VENTILATION             |
| RED    | : TANK IS BEING CLEANED | → | SUPPLY OF CLEANING FLUIDS (CIP MEDIA) |



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