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## Diverter Valve Design Improvement CFD

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### Problem description

Baum Pneumatics Diverter valve were analyzed under various inlet flow speed and outlet pressure conditions to:

- Reduce energy loss
- Minimize velocity drop across valve

On-center position was used for calculations.

Regular diverter valve design was compared with a modified design with flats and adjusted step.

### Results

Results showed that the modified diverter valve will cause a smaller velocity drop in assembly due to lower energy loss level (Figure 1).

Results revealed a lower turbulent energy level (energy loss) (Figure 2) and a smaller vortex region with modified design (Figure 3).

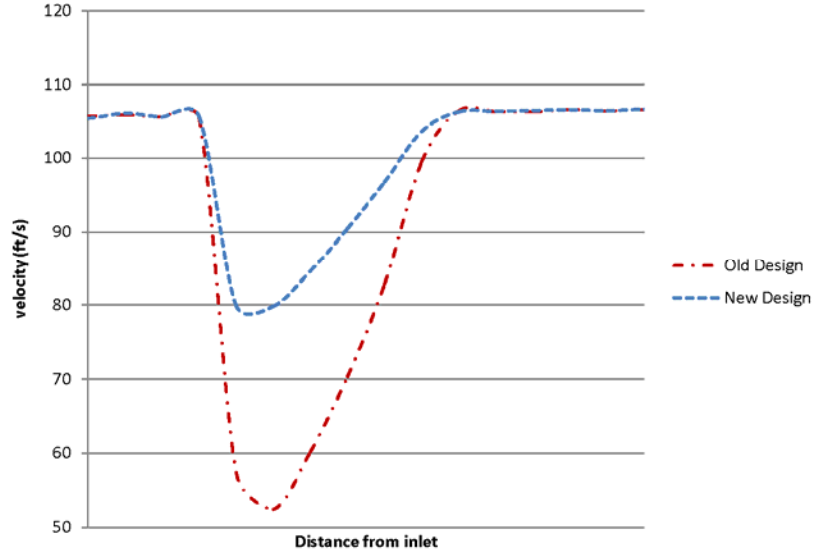
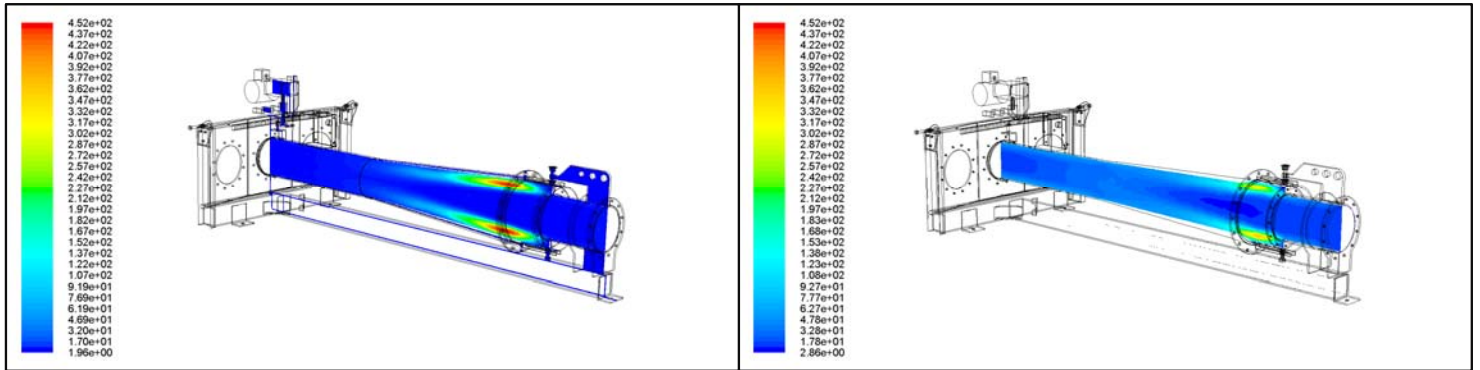


Figure 1. Velocity drop across valve.

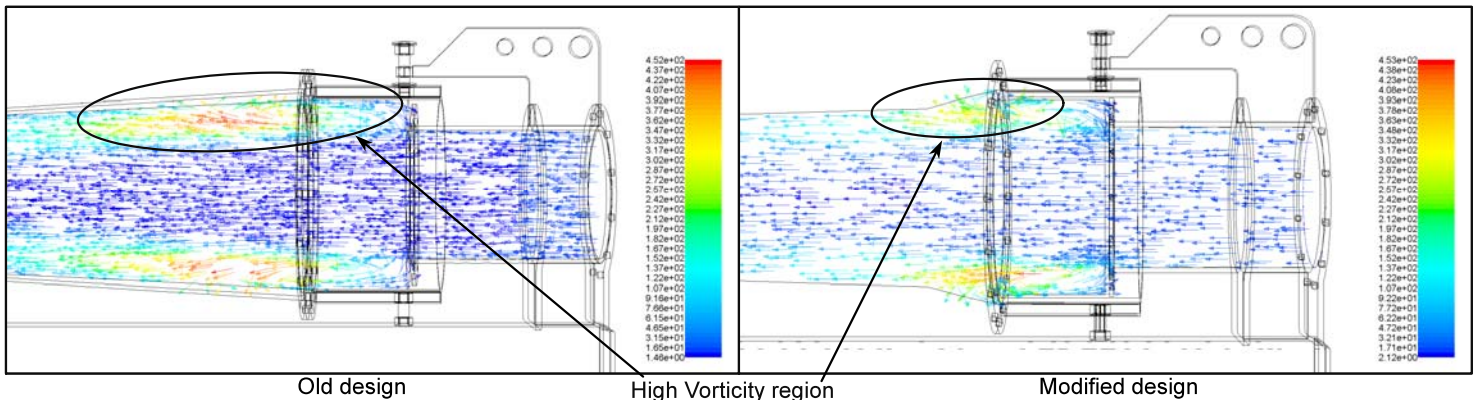
# T9,H9,C9,A9



Old design

Modified design

Figure 2. Turbulent kinetic energy contours (K) (ft<sup>2</sup>/s<sup>2</sup>).  
Lower energy level was achieved in new design.



Old design

High Vorticity region

Modified design

Figure 3. Flow vectors colored by turbulent kinetic energy (K) (ft<sup>2</sup>/s<sup>2</sup>).  
Smaller vortex region was achieved in new design.