

# ELECTRO-PNEUMATIC PRESSURE REGULATORS

PRESSURE Vacuum to 175 psig

FLOW Up to 1.2 scfm

ACCURACY +/- 0.2% full scale

Up to 12 bar & 34 Lit/Min

# QBS

PRESSUREVacuum to 500 psigFLOWUp to 1.2 scfmACCURACY+/- 0.5% full scale

Up to 34 bar & 34 Lit/Min

QBX

PRESSURE Vacuum to 175 psig

FLOW Up to 1.2 scfm

ACCURACY +/- 0.2% full scale

Up to 12 bar & 34 Lit/Min

Accurate & Repeatable

**High Pressure Control** 

**On-Board Ethernet Option** 

## FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION of the QB-Series

The QB Series uses Proportion-Air's patented technology for closed loop control. The QB Series valves can be built in either a single loop or double loop control scheme.

The QBT Series is used to control pressure of inert gases from full vacuum up to 175 psig (12 bar).

The QBS is used in applications where the maximum calibrated pressure ranges are between 175 and 500 psig (34 bar). The QBS Series can also be used in applications where the pressure ranges are below 175 psig (12 bar) if the wetted parts on the QBS are compatible with the media being controlled. The QBS Series uses a solid one piece manifold for added strength, available in anodized aluminum or stainless steel. There are two outlet ports which allows flexibility in mounting options. In all QBS models, a stainless steel pressure sensor that utilizes dry technology instead of liquid fill, is used internally for increased reliability and enhanced media compatibility.

#### THEORY OF OPERATION

The QB1 is a single loop model consisting of valves, manifold, internal pressure transducer, and electronic controls. Output pressure is proportional to an electrical signal input. Pressure is controlled by two solenoid valves. One valve functions as the inlet control, the other as exhaust. The pressure output is measured by a pressure transducer internal to the QB1 and provides a feedback signal to the electronic controls. This feedback signal is compared against the command signal input. A difference between the two signals causes one of the solenoid valves to open allowing flow in or out of the system. Accurate pressure is maintained by controlling these two valves.

The QB2 is similar to the QB1 but uses a double loop control scheme. In addition to the internal pressure transducer, the QB2 also receives a feedback signal from an external sensing device. The external signal functions as the primary feedback signal which is compared against the command signal input. This outer loop comparison is then used to provide a command to the inner loop. A difference between the two comparisons causes one of the solenoid valves to open allowing flow in or out of the system.

Since the external feedback signal is electrical, control is not limited to pressure. Using other types of sensors allows control over parameters such as force, position, flow, etc. Usually in these applications the QB2 valve functions as pilot to a slave regulator controlling the end result. With a sensor providing system feedback, the package becomes a closed loop control system.

The QB control valve is specified as a stand alone valve in static applications with low flow requirements. It can also be used as a pilot to air piloted regulators (volume boosters) in applications where the flow rate of the controlled pressure is higher than QB's flow rate.

#### **COMMAND SIGNAL**

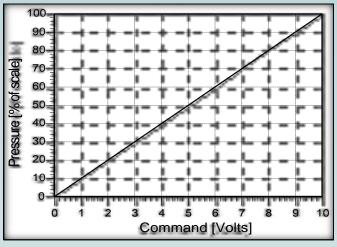
Command inputs come in a choice of either 0 to 10 Vdc, 4 to 20mA, Modbus or Ethernet (QBX only).

#### MONITOR SIGNAL

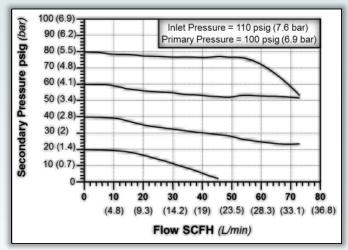
All QB's come with a 0-10 volt or an optional 4-20mA monitor signal for output to a panel meter or controller for data acquisition or quality assurance needs. On a QB1, the monitor signal represents the internal pressure transducer that is measuring the work pressure. On a QB2, the monitor signal represents the signal from the external sensor that is monitoring the output downstream.

# PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

#### LINEARITY



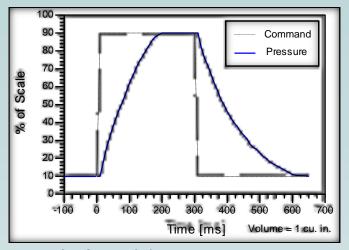
This chart shows the linear characteristics of QB products when given a ramp signal from 0 to 10 volts. Characteristics would be similar for 4 to 20 mA units.



#### **FLOW CHARACTERISTICS**

Regulating characteristics of a QB from no flow condition to full flow. To use, choose pressure setting from left end of chart at no flow conditions. Follow curve out until drop begins to occur. Read flow from bottom.

#### **RESPONSE TO STEP INPUT**



Times for QB to fill/exhaust a closed chamber. Step command signal is superimposed over pressure trace. Time is determined by the difference between command signal and pressure achieved.

#### **GENERAL INLET PRESSURE RATING**

For valve that is ordered with maximum calibrated pressure of:	Maximum inlet pressure is:
Vacuum up to 10 psig (0.7 bar)	Consult factory
11 to 20 psig (0.8 to 1.4 bar)	35 psig (2.4 bar)
21 to 44 psig (1.5 to 3 bar)	55 psig (3.8 bar)
45 to 100 psig (3.1 to 6.9 bar)	110 psig (7.6 bar)
101 to 200 psig (7 to 13.8 bar)	220 psig (15.2 bar)
201 to 300 psig (13.9 to 20.7 bar)	330 psig (22.8 bar)
301 to 500 psig (20.8 to 34 bar)	550 psig (37.9 bar)

As of August 2014 Production of the BB --Series pressure regulator is discontinued. The QBX is the replacement for all BB models. Please contact the factory for assistance in crossing over your old BB units.





#### ELECTRICAL

ELECTRICAL					
Supply Voltage	15 to 24 VDC				
Supply Current	100 to 250 mADC				
Command VDC	0 to 10 VDC				
Command Current	4 to 20 mADC				
Monitor VDC	0 to 10 VDC				
Monitor Current	4 to 20 mADC				
Command Signal	Voltage=10 K $\Omega$				
Impedance	Current=100 $\Omega$				
PNEUMATIC					
Inlet Pressure	Full Vac - 190 psig				
Pressure Range	Full Vac - 175 psig				
Flow Rate	See Flow Graphs				
Filtration Required	40 Micron				
Accuracy (Pressure)	±0.2% F.S.				
Hysteresis	±0.15% F.S.				
Repeatability	±0.02% F.S.				
Port Size	1/8" NPT Female				
Critical Volume	2 in <sup>3</sup>				
Wetted	Parts				
Fluorocarbon, Brass, N	Nickel-Plated Brass,				
Silicon and Aluminum					
PHYSICAL					
Operating Temp	32°F to 158°F				
Protection	NEMA 4/IP65				
	1 1 lba				

Weight 1.1 lbs.

Access hole allows adjustments in the field. Easy tuning of Zero & Span

Electrical Connector 6-pin Hirschman



QB2 with Digital Display option shown

#### Proven Industries and Applications

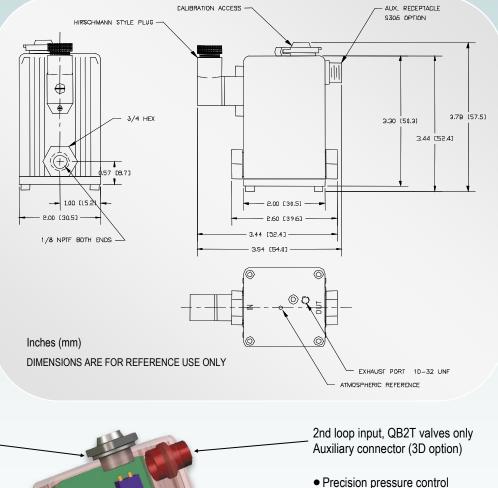
Applicable to all QB Series Regulators

Bread & Bakery Product Manufacturing\* (NAICS 31181) Proof box temperature control using saturated steam Humidity control in proof box using saturated steam Bagger "force up" force control Air knife to blow moisture from dough

#### Pharmaceutical & Medicine Manufacturing\* (NAICS 3254)

Position Control - Dosing of batch using syringe Calibrate force of insulin pump motor with load cell feedback Atomizing pill coating

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- calibration potentiometers Available in a wide range of electrical control input and analog output IP65 enclosure allows it to withstand the elements and be washed down without harm
- Unaffected by supply pressure change

Unaffected by shock or vibration

vacuum to 175 psi (12 bar)

which reduces cost of manufacturing

Non-air consuming in steady state

Can be mounted directly on the

machine in any orientation

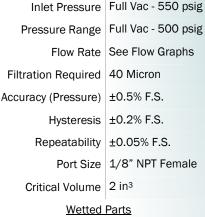
Tested to 20 Gs

ACCURACY	0.2% F.S. (typical)	SSURE RANGE	Full Va	cuum to 1	75 psig (	12 bar)			
PORT SIZE	1/8″	MAX FLOW	1.2 scf	m (34 slpı	n)				
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2	Double Loop (external feedback, Op	non 3D)					fset (#6), plea		⁄e blank
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А	6061 Aluminum		Р	100% Pr	essure End	ls Above	Atmosphe	ere	
		_	Z	100% Pr	essure End	ls at Zer	0		
_	Thread Type						_		_
N	NPT		9	Full Scale					
Р	BSPP			Must be	less than a	or equal	to 175 psi	g	
4	Input Signal Range		10	Pressure	Unit				
E	0 to 10 Vdc		PS	PSI			Inches H	g I	н
I	4 to 20 mADC		MB	Millibars		I	nches H <sub>2</sub> C		W
К	0 to 5 Vdc		BR	Bar			mm H <sub>2</sub> C		WW
V	1 to 5 Vdc		KP	Kilopasca	I	Kilo	grams/cm	2	٨G
Α	RS 232 Serial Input*		MP	Megapas	cal		Torr	* 1	ſR
В	RS 485 Serial Input* *Requires X for Mon	itor Signal Range	MH	mm Hg			neters H <sub>2</sub> C for Pressure U		CW
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Е	0 to 10 Vdc		D	Different	tial Pressur	e			
К	0 to 5 Vdc*		G	Gage Pr	essure				
V	1 to 5 Vdc*1								
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N	0% Pressure Starts Below Atmosphe			QBT-01	Wrap-Ar				
P _	0% Pressure Starts Above Atmosph			QBT-02			ket (Installed		
Z	0% Pressure Starts at Zero (Typical)				*Use (	Option <b>BR</b>	for Foot-Mo	unt Ir	ıstalled



ELECTRICAL					
Supply Voltage	15 to 24 VDC				
Supply Current	100 to 250 mAD				
Command VDC	0 to 10 VDC				
Command Current	4 to 20 mADC				
Monitor VDC	0 to 10 VDC				
Monitor Current	4 to 20 mADC				
Command Signal	Voltage=10 K $\Omega$				
Impedance	Current=100 $\Omega$				
PNEUMATIC					
Inlet Pressure	Full Vac - 550 ps				
Pressure Range	Full Vac - 500 ps				

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Fluorocarbon, Brass, Nickel-Plated Brass,

Silicon and Aluminum

#### PHYSICAL

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Operating Temp	32°F to 158°F					
Protection	NEMA 4/IP65					
Weight	1 lbs.   1.4 lbs. (SS)					
Electrical Connector	6-pin Hirschman					

• Precision pressure control vacuum to 500 psi (34 bar)

Available in a wide range of electrical control input and analog output

Internal stainless steel pressure sensor, that utilizes dry technology instead of liquid fill, is used for increased reliability and media compataiblity

QBS available in anodized aluminum or stainless steel manifold which enhances media compatibility

• Two outlet ports which allows flexibility in mounting options. Ships with required filtration

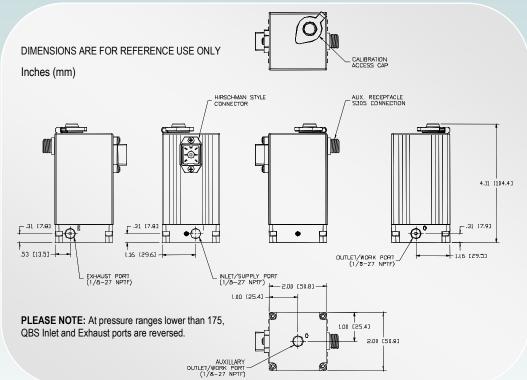


# Proven Industries and Applications

Applicable to all QB Series Regulators

- Industrial Medical Machinery MFG\* (NAICS 333298) Heart catheter manufacturing Catheter bag leak testing Stent medicine coating Air cuff (used to immobilize broken bones) leak testing Dispensing cell counting solution with differential pressure Low pressure catheter fill
  - Surgeon suction wand
  - Vacuum for orthopedic surgery
  - Controlling oxygen in hyperbaric chamber

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Access hole allows adjustments in the - field. Easy tuning of Zero & Span calibration potentiometers

\_ 2nd loop input, QB2S valves only Auxiliary connector (3D Option)

IP65 enclosure allows it to withstand the elements and be washed down without harm

- Unaffected by shock or vibration Tested to 20 Gs
- Can be mounted directly on the machine in any orientation
- Non-air consuming in steady state which reduces cost of manufacturing
- BRQBO4-2017 PROPORTION-AIR.COM \* LET'S TALK: 317.335.2602 | 877.331.1738
- Unaffected by supply pressure change

ACCURACY	0.5% F.S. (typical)	PRESS	SURE I	RANGE	Full '	ναςι	um to	500 p	sig (3 <sup>,</sup>	4 bar)		$\bigcap$	
PORT SIZE	1/8″		MAX	FLOW	1.2 s	scfm	(34 slp	om)				Ca	
Example P	art Number : <b>QB</b> 2	S	S	Ν	E	2	Ζ		Ρ	300	PS	G	3D TF
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Α	6061 Aluminum					Р	100% F	Pressur	e Ends	Above	e Atmos	phere	
S	303 Stainless Steel							_	_	_	_	_	_
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S N	NPT	-		-			Must be	e less tl	nan or	equal	to 500	psig	
P	BSPP				10	Pr	essure	Unit					
					P		PSI	_		_	Inche	s Hg	IH
4	Input Signal Range				м	вл	Aillibars	;		ļ	Inches	H <sub>2</sub> O	IW
E	0 to 10 Vdc				В	R E	Bar				mm	H <sub>2</sub> O	MW
- 1	4 to 20 mADC				К	P k	Kilopasc	al		Kilo	grams,	′cm²	KG
К	0 to 5 Vdc				м	P /	Negapa	scal			٦	orr*	TR
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К	0 to 5 Vdc*												
V	1 to 5 Vdc*1					_	1110-		A-31-11-1	FACTO	12112	112	
С	4 to 20 mADC (Sinking)				M	ORE	OPTIO	NS AN	D APP	LICATI	ON AS	SISTAI	NCE
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N	0% Pressure Starts Below Atm	ospher	e				QBT-01			und Br			
Р	0% Pressure Starts Above Atn	•					QBT-02		•	nt Brac		alled)*	

Z 0% Pressure Starts at Zero (Typical)

\*Use Option **BR** for Foot-Mount Installed



#### ELECTRICAL

Supply Voltage	15 to 24 VDC
Supply Current	100 to 250 $mADC_{(1)}$
Command VDC	0 to 10 VDC
Command Current	4 to 20 mADC
Monitor VDC	0 to 10 VDC
Monitor Current	4 to 20 mADC
Command Signal	Voltage=10 K $\Omega$
Impedance	Current=100 $\Omega$

#### PNEUMATIC

Inlet Pressure	Full Vac - 190 psig					
Pressure Range	Full Vac - 175 psig					
Flow Rate	See Flow Graphs					
Filtration Required	40 Micron					
Accuracy (Pressure)	±0.2% F.S.					
Hysteresis	±0.15% F.S.					
Repeatability	±0.02% F.S.					
Port Size	1/8" NPT Female					
Critical Volume	2 in <sup>3</sup>					
Wetted	Parts					
Fluorocarbon, Nickel-Plated Brass,						
Silicon and A	Aluminum					

#### PHYSICAL

Operating Temp	32°F to 158°F
Protection	NEMA 4/IP65(2)
Weight	1.02 lbs.
Electrical Connector	6-pin Hirschman

Ethernet model max current is 350 mA
Ethernet model is NEMA 1
See Page 10 for Ethernet Specifications

2nd loop input, QB2X valves only Auxiliary connector (3D option)

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### Proven Industries and Applications

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#### Motor Vehicle Manufacturing\* (NA/CS 3361)

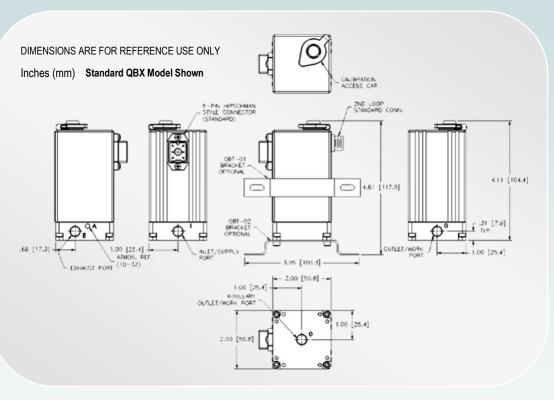
- Welding seam welder force control Atomizing in the painting process
- Fuel pump flow test with back pressure control Tire & wheel assembly machines

#### Motor Vehicle Seating & Interior Trim MFG\* (NAICS 33636)

Dashboard and interior plastic painting Die lube spray in seat molds

Calibration of car seat load cells for airbag deployment

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M12 Ethernet Connections (Ethernet option only)

Access hole allows adjustments in the field. Easy tuning of Zero & Span calibration potentiometers

Available in a wide range of electrical control input and analog output

IP65 enclosure allows it to withstand the elements and be washed down without harm (*Ethernet QBX is NEMA1*)

Multiple inlet/outlet ports for a variety of different mounting configurations

Ships with required filtration

ACCURACY	0.2% F.S. (typical)	PRESS	URE F	RANGE	Full Va								
PORT SIZE	1/8″		MAX	FLOW	OW 1.2 scfm (34 slpm)								
Example P	art Number : <b>QB 1</b>	Х	Α	Ν	E E	N <sup>r</sup>	14.7	P 150	PS G	3D TF			
YOUR PAR	RT NUMBER : QB	Х	Α	Ν									
	Section —> 1		2	3	4 5	6	7 8	3 9	10 1	Options			
1	Гуре				7	Zero Off	set Pres	sure					
1	Single Loop				Ту	pical is 0* -	. If Great	er than 3	0% of Full S	cale			
2	Double Loop (external feedba	ck)			Pressure (#9 below) Please Consult Factory. *If Z for Zero Offset (#6), please leave blank								
2	Manifold Material				8	Full Sca	_	_		e leave blank			
A	6061 Aluminum	-	-		N				v Atmosphei	re			
					Р				e Atmosphe				
3	Thread Type				Z	100% Pr	ressure Ei	nds at Ze	ro				
Ν	NPT							_	_	_			
4	nput Signal Range				9	Full Scale	_	_	to 175 main				
E	0 to 10 Vdc	_		Must be less than or equal to 175 psig									
I	4 to 20 mADC				10	Pressure	Unit						
К	0 to 5 Vdc				PS	PSI (Ethernet	Must Use PSI)		Inches Hg	IH			
Ν	Ethernet*				MB	Millibars			Inches H <sub>2</sub> O	IW			
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K	0 to 5 Vdc*				11	Pressure	Unit of	<sup>-</sup> Measu	re				
N	Ethernet*1				A	Absolute	e Pressure	;					
V	1 to 5 Vdc* <sup>2</sup>				G	Gage Pr	essure						
С	4 to 20 mADC (Sinking)												
-	4 to 20 mADC (Sourcing) , or K for Input Signal Range *2Require for Input Signal Range	s <b>V</b> for Inpu	t Signal F	Range	MQR				ORY FOR ON ASSIST	ANCE			
6 2	Zero Offset					Reco	mmend	ed Acce	essories				
N	0% Pressure Starts Below Atm	osphere	e			QBT-C-6	6 ft. Po	wer Cabl	e				
Р	0% Pressure Starts Above Atn	nospher	е			QBT-01	Wrap-A	Around B	racket				

- P 0% Pressure Starts Above Atmosphere
- Z 0% Pressure Starts at Zero (Typical)

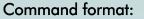
\*Use Option **BR** for Foot-Mount Installed

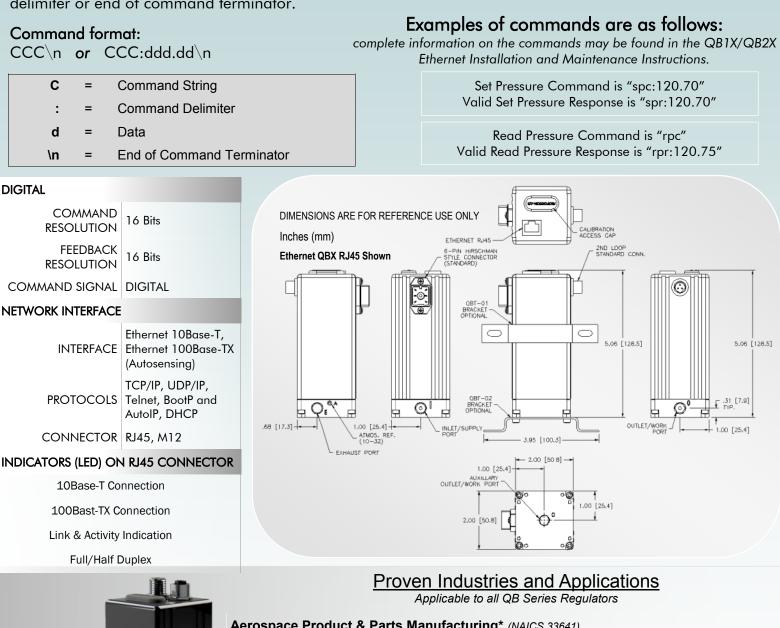
QBT-02 Foot-Mount Bracket (Installed)\*

# **QBX** Ethernet Description

The Ethernet QBX product is designed to receive commands and send pressure readings via an Ethernet TCP/ IP connection. It contains a pc board which translates the Ethernet packets to analog signals for the analog control pc board.

The commands and data character are sent as ASCII printable characters except for the end of command terminator which is an ASCII carriage return (0d hex). Data cannot contain an alphabetic character, data delimiter or end of command terminator.





Aerospace Product & Parts Manufacturing\* (NAICS 33641) Flight simulators - Pressure control on air cylinders to create resistance on yoke and pedals Military flight simulators - seat air bladders, seat belt tensioning and flight suit air bladders Pilot mask - final product testing using vacuum and positive pressure Cabin pressure leak testing - low positive pressure and rapid fill Emergency flotation vest leak testing using positive pressure Altimeter high pressure component & Pitot tube testing Aircraft fuselage fatigue testing Aircraft tire testing

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**Dual loop technology:** This provides us the capability to control *virtually* any media at any flow rate and any pressure without sacrificing accuracy and repeatability.

It also allows us to take feedback from more than just a pressure transducer. With a properly configured dual loop unit we can take feedback from a vacuum transducer, force transducer, torque, flow or position transducer.

PID loops no longer need tuned in your controller. Proportion-Air's dual loop technology makes proportional control easy. It is already done within the unique Proportion-Air analog circuit. You may need to ramp pressure (or vacuum, or force, or torque, or flow, or position) up and down – the QB2 will track the ramped signal from the PLC or computer and achieve the control setting required.

**Accuracy:** The downstream pressure transducer senses pressure on the work port of the pressure regulator and allows the QB2 to compensate for inaccuracy brought about by the mechanical properties of the regulator.

**Repeatability:** High flow capability, hydraulic or pneumatic media capability, more simple-to-use control and extremely repeatable: the same conditions with the same command signal from the same direction can have repeatability as high as 0.02% of full scale calibration.

**High flow:** Pressure reducing or back pressure regulators are available as large as 6 inch flange mount.

**Data Acquisition:** Just like other Proportion-Air electronic pressure regulators, the QB2 has an analog output that comes from the controlling transducer. This signal in a dual loop device comes from the downstream transducer.

## ACCESSORIES



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WARNING: Installation and use of this product should be under the supervision and control of properly qualified personnel in order to avoid the risk of injury or death

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