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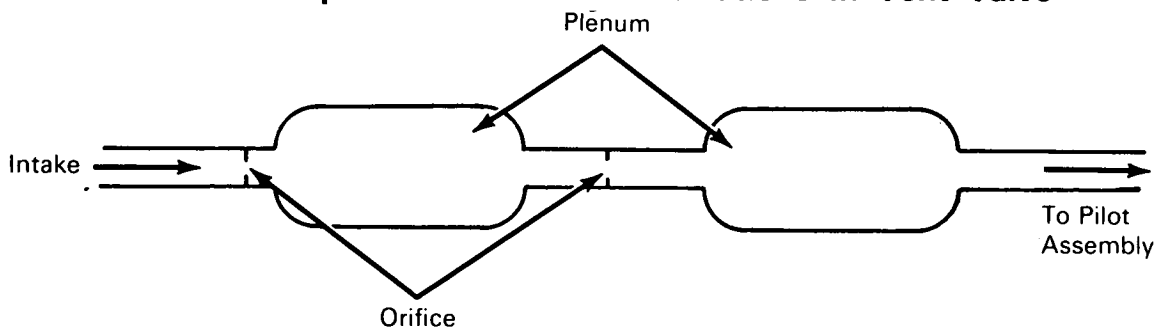
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Device Damps Fluid Pressure Oscillations in Vent Valve



A tuned series arrangement of two plenum chambers and two orifices has been designed to damp high-pressure fluid oscillations in a vent valve. This damping device is connected between the fluid intake line and the valve pilot assembly to prevent amplification and feedback of the pressure oscillations from the internal tank vent line, which acts as a resonance cavity. This device is the mechanical (acoustical) analog of a low-pass electrical filter network used to attenuate system feedback. The principle of this device has been used in sound attenuation systems.

Notes:

1. This device was specially devised for use in conjunction with vent valves for relief of gas pressure

that develops during tanking, pressurization, and other operations on liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen in tanks used on a space vehicle.

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