

# Regulators: B-Series Installation

This document provides installation and start-up instructions for Itron Regulator models B42, B57, B58, B31, B34S, B34, B38, B35, B36, B56.



**Warning** Follow your company's standard operating procedures regarding the use of personal protection equipment (PPE). Adhere to guidelines issued by your company in addition to those contained in this document when installing or repairing natural gas regulators.

This product, as of the date of manufacture, is designed and tested to conform to all governmental and industry safety standards as they may apply to the manufacturer. The purchaser/user of this product must comply with all fire control, building codes, and other safety regulations governing the application, installation, operation, and general use of this regulator to avoid leaking gas hazards resulting from improper installation, startup or use of this product.

To ensure safe and efficient operation of this product, Itron strongly recommends installation by a qualified professional.



## Safety Notes:

- **B-series regulator's maximum inlet pressure is dependent upon the orifice size and model designation.**
  - **Non-relief models are limited to 60 psig maximum inlet pressure unless additional safety devices are used as outlined in the DOT code: OPS, Part 192, Section 192.197.**
- **B-series regulators used on liquid petroleum gases should be restricted to second-stage pressure reduction in the gaseous phase.**
- **If the diaphragm case of the B57 regulator is loosened from the valve body using the union nut, the torque specification for tightening the union nut is 35 - 50 ft.-lbs. Tighten the union nut to the correct torque specification anytime the nut is loosened.**

## Installation



### Caution

Remove all shipping plugs from the inlet, outlet, and vent of any regulator before installation. Keep the piping interior, regulator inlet, and regulator outlet free of dirt, chemical sealant (pipe dope), teflon tape, or other debris. Materials in piping or regulator inlet or outlet creating a loss of pressure control.

Apply pipe joint sealant on the male (exterior) pipe threads. Do not apply pipe joint material on the female (interior) pipe threads of the regulator. Joint materials could lodge in the regulator creating a loss of pressure control.

Gas must flow through the regulator valve body in the same direction as the arrow on the regulator body. Gas flowing in the wrong direction may cause an over-pressure condition and damage the regulator.



**Note** The diaphragm casing may be mounted in any position (through a full 360° angle) relative to the regulator body.

## Outdoor Installation

When installing B-series regulators outdoors:

- Always position the regulator vent so moisture (rain, snow) or foreign particles cannot enter the vent opening.

- Itron recommends positioning the vent downward to avoid the entry of moisture or foreign materials into the vent.
- Locate the vent away from building eaves, window openings, or building air intakes.
- If applicable, mount the regulator vent above the site's expected snow level.



**Warning** Schedule periodic inspections to check the regulator vent for foreign materials as outlined in DOT PHMSA-RSPA-2004-19856.

## Indoor Installation

When installing B-series regulators indoors, pipe the vent to outside atmosphere using:

- The shortest pipe length
- The fewest possible pipe elbows
- A pipe diameter as equal to the vent size (or larger)



**Warning** Using a vent pipe smaller than the vent connection will limit the regulator's internal relief valve capacity. Protect the pipe's outlet end from moisture and the entry of foreign materials. Specify the correct vent size and pipe threads to make the regulator's vent pipe connection.

## Start-up Procedure (all models)

### *To start-up the B-series regulator*

1. Mount a pressure gauge downstream of the regulator to monitor the downstream pressure.
2. With the downstream pressure valve closed, slowly open the inlet valve. The outlet pressure should rise to slightly more than the set-point.



**Note** For B31RAS models, remove the seal cap and pull up on the spring housing stem to reset the shut-off valve. Release the stem. This procedure allows gas to flow through the regulator. Downstream pressure should rise to the regulator's set-point.

3. Verify there are no leaks and all connections are tight.
4. The regulator was preset at the factory to match order specifications. If necessary, adjust the outlet pressure by removing the seal cap on the top of the spring housing and rotating the adjustment screw inside the spring housing.



**Note** Adjusting the outlet pressure requires:

- Models B42, B57, B58, B31, B34S, B35, B56, and B36: large flat-head screwdriver
- Models B34 and B38: 9/16" socket and ratchet
- Model RB4000: adjustment wrench (Itron part number 799056)

With a small amount of gas flowing through the regulator:

- rotate the adjustment screw clockwise to raise the outlet pressure
- rotate the adjustment screw counter-clockwise to lower the outlet pressure.

5. Replace the seal cap and check for leaks after the desired outlet pressure is achieved.

The regulator is ready for operation.