

# KM Diamond Surface Bypass Valve Maintenance and Testing

## ⚠ WARNING

This module is our effort to explain the maintenance and testing of the KM Diamond sub-assemblies and the helmet as a complete unit. WE DO NOT HEREIN MAKE ANY EFFORT TO TEACH or REPLACE the recommended KMDSI/ Dive Lab, Inc. Technician training for the KM Diamond Deep Sea Diving Helmet. It is our assumption the reader has experience and is familiar with the operation, inspection and repair process of Kirby Morgan Diving Systems. We highly recommend that all divers should receive proper training, under controlled conditions, in the use of any model of commercial diving helmet that they have not previously used or trained in, prior to use on the job.

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### 1.1 Surface Bypass Valve (SBV)

Valve body is made of Titanium to reduce weight. Breathing Equalizer Tube must be installed for proper SBV operation at ALL TIMES.

ALWAYS REFERENCE Appendix **Contents, Torque Specs on page APNDX-19** to confirm correct torque.

### 1.2 Disassembly

#### Tools Required

- 7/8" & 1 1/4" Open Ended Wrenches
- Hooked Pick
- 3/16" Allen Wrench
- Flat Head Screwdriver

- KMDSI Wrench (Included in Helmet Tool Kit)

**All lubrication is with Christo-Lube® or Equivalent UNLESS NOTED.**

- 1) Cut tie wrap and remove Breathing Equalizer Tube.



2) Remove hose.

### 1.2.1 Surface Bypass hose

1) Remove the two O-rings located in both ends of the hose.



2) Clean and inspect assembly.

### 1.2.2 Retaining Cap

1) Use KMDSI wrench to unscrew Retaining Cap and set aside.



### 1.2.3 Butterfly Valve

1) Lift valve away from valve body and use hooked pick to remove Butterfly Valve Seat with valve installed.





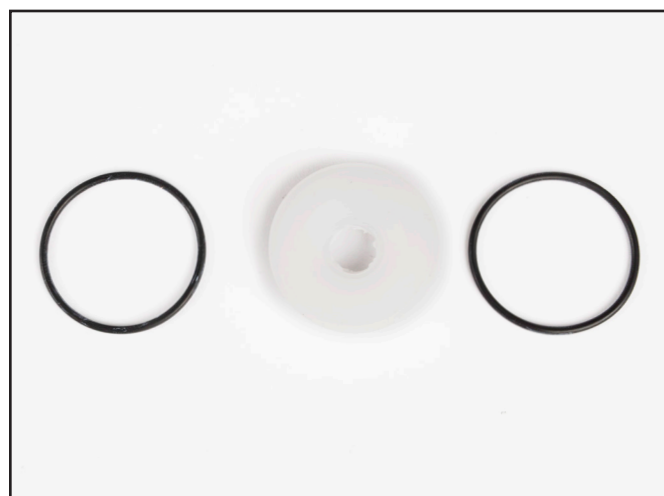
2) Remove O-ring from valve seat.



3) Place tip of a hooked pick into groove found on leading edge of Exhaust Port Seal.



Same O-ring is used above and below the Exhaust Port Seal



## 1.2.4 Removing Exhaust Hose Fitting Adapter



Exhaust Hose Fitting should be broken free and loosened up from the main body **WHILE STILL ATTACHED TO THE HELMET.**

1) The SBV comes standard with a ½ NPT female



adapter. Use a 1 ¼" open ended wrench to remove adapter.



3) Ensure control handle is in the parallel position.



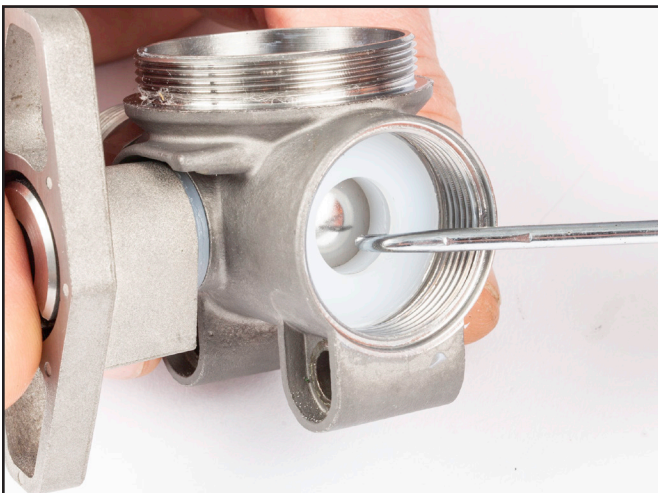
2) Insert tipped end of pick into recessed edge of Ball Seal and remove.



Control Handle must be in the parallel position.

**NOTE**

4) Tilt then tap Ball Seat out of SBV Body.







5) Use Flat blade screw driver to disassembly Control handle.



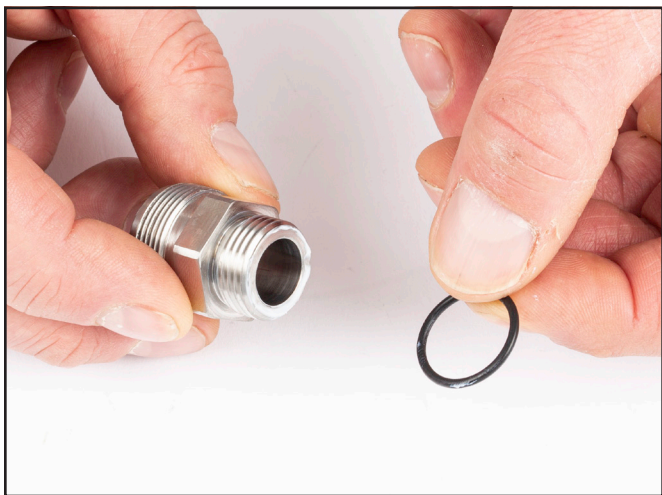
6) Be sure to clean thread locker off of stem threads prior to reassembly.



7) Use  $\frac{7}{8}$ " open ended wrench to remove Adapter Nipple from SBV body.



8) Remove sealing O-ring from fitting.



### 1.2.5 Ball Seat



STEM MUST BE REMOVED

**NOTE**

Last, the Ball Seat can be removed with dowel or similar tool. Care must be taken to prevent damage to Ball Seat.

1) Push tool into body so seal exits out the larger opening of the SBV body.



### 1.3 Reassembly

#### Tools Required

- Christo-Lube® or Equivalent
- $\frac{7}{8}$ " & 1  $\frac{1}{4}$ " open ended wrenches
- Flat Blade screwdriver

1) Lubricate both O-rings; Hose Fitting Adapter



½" NPT & Adapter Nipple and install onto fittings.

2) Set aside Hose Fitting Adapter ½" NPT

3) Install Adapter Nipple to SBV Body. Final torque to specified value once installed or held by a table vice.



4) Lubricate Ball Seat and outer ball seal surface. The concave end should face toward the center of the SBV body. Seal will fit snug and must be pushed in as far as possible into the body.



### 1.3.1 Control Handle

- 1) Ensure threads of stem are clean.
- 2) Lubricate washer.
- 3) Insert white Teflon® washer onto Stem.

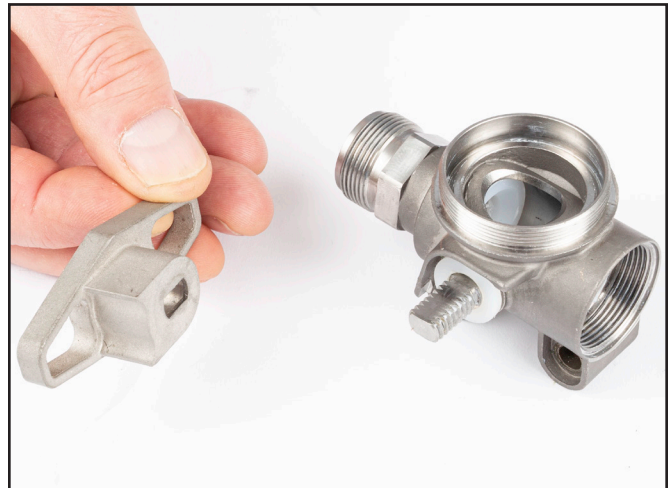


4) Insert stem into SBV body.

5) Lubricate O-ring and fit over stem and into groove found on SBV body.



7) Assembly control handle components.



Stem threads **MUST** be clean and free of residual thread locker or dirt.

**NOTE**

6) Apply medium strength thread locker on the stem threads.





9) Ensure Control handle is in the parallel position.



8) Tighten nut until bottomed out and back  $\frac{1}{4}$  turn.



The Control Ball has a lower step on one side of the recessed groove. This side must enter the SBV body first.





Control Ball can be installed with no tools or aided by using a short piece of ½" clear tubing.

10) Install Control Ball into SBV body and onto Stem. As noted this can be done by slightly rolling or aided by use of semi flexible tubing.

11) Ensure Control Ball is seated properly in valve body and has correct orientation. With the handle in the parallel position there should be a straight path from one end of the body to the other.



After Ball Seat is installed make sure female threads are CLEAN and FREE of LUBRICATE.



12) Lubricate and insert Ball Seat with concave edge facing into the body. Straight edge of the Ball Seat faces towards the hose fitting adapter.

Verify correct orientation –  
Parallel - OPEN position (Exhaust through re-  
turn line) & Bypass port will be CLOSED.





Vertical – CLOSED position ( exhaust through return line) & Bypass port OPEN.



### 1.3.2 Hose Fitting Adapter

Valve **MUST BE** in the open/parallel position.

1) Clean threads and apply medium strength thread locker to hose fitting adapter threads.



2) Ensure control handle is in the parallel position. Thread adapter on main body. **FINAL TORQUE** must be applied with SBV attached to helmet or secured in a table vice, see "1.3.5 Final Torque" on page KMSBV-14



**NOTE**

Final torque is only achieved when the SBV Body is secured to helmet or locked into a table vice.





### 1.3.3 Exhaust Port Seal

1) Lubricate and install O-ring into groove.



2) Lubricate exposed ball surface and cycle valve handle several times.



3) Push the Exhaust Port Seal **FIRMLY DOWN** into the body.



The seat should be contacting the ball. This seat has a very close tolerance fit and proper installment should be confirmed before moving to the next step.





4) Lubricate and install O-ring on top of Exhaust Port Seal.

7) Place Butterfly Valve assembly on top of Exhaust Port Seal and O-ring.

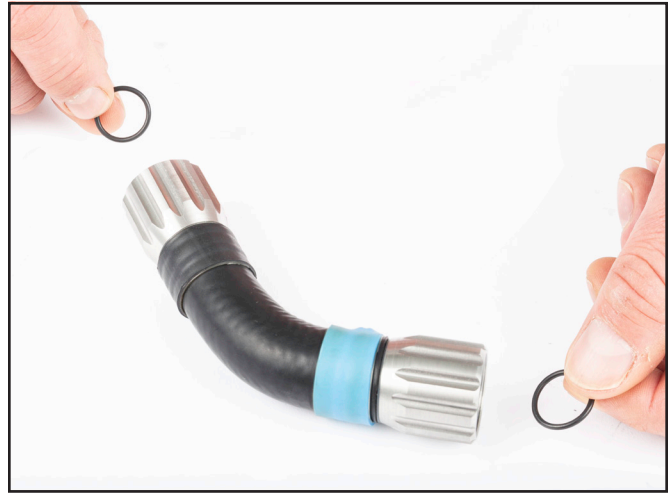


5) Install Butterfly Valve Seat onto correct side of seat.

6) Lubricate O-ring and install into Valve Seat groove.

8) Ensure Valve is opening away from body.

9) Use KMDSI wrench to bottom out Retaining Cap onto valve body. Care should be made to avoid cross threading and over tightening.



Blue sleeve indicates direction of the hose. Blue Sleeve secures to SBV body. AWAY from the exhaust regulator.

### 1.3.5 Final Torque

- 1) Torque Adapter Nipple to final torque.



10) Cycle the handle to make sure it moves smoothly.

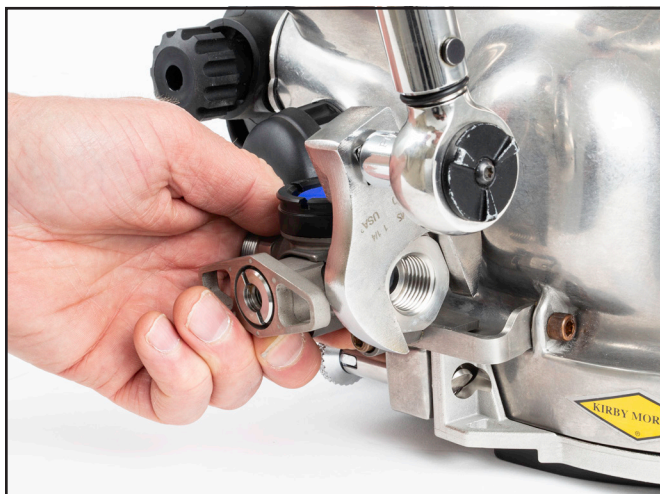
### 1.3.4 Surface Bypass Hose

SBV hose should always be installed by hand and not with tools.

- 1) Lubricate and install O-rings.

- 2) Torque Hose Fitting Adapter to final torque.

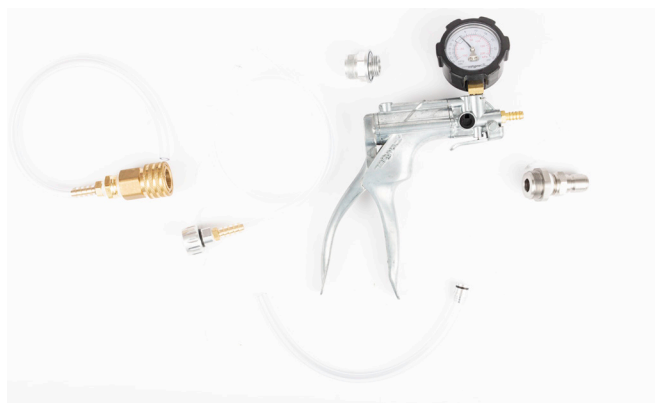




## 1.4 SBV Vacuum Test

### 1.4.1 Exhausting side of SBV

ALL tests should be performed with the control in the vertical position.



1) Secure tubing to vacuum pump.



2) Thread test adapter and secure test fixture to the exhausting side of the SBV.





QD may be used if Male QD is available.



3) Perform Vacuum tests for 10 seconds:

@7 IN  
@10 IN  
@20 IN

NO loss of pressure equals a pass on the vacuum test

#### 1.4.2 Nipple Adapter side of SBV

1) Install test adapter to Nipple Adapter (side that is fed from exhaust regulator) to vacuum pump.



2) Perform vacuum tests for 10 seconds.





@7 IN  
@10 IN  
@20 IN

NO loss of pressure equals a pass on the vacuum test.

## 1.4.3 SBV Hose Vacuum Test

1) SBV vacuum test fitting is pressed in with O-ring seal.



2) Perform vacuum tests for 10 seconds.



@7 IN  
@10 IN  
@20 IN

NO loss of pressure equals a pass on the vacuum test.

3) Reinstall SBV to Bracket with medium strength thread locker on all 3 screws.

4) Torque Nipple and Hose Adapter to specified torque.