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FIKE'S FLEX-V™ RECLOSABLE EXPLOSION VENT

Blue Springs, MO, February 1, 2008 - Fike is introducing the Flex-V reclosable explosion vent -- a high performance device designed to protect industrial process equipment against the damaging effects of dust and gas explosions. Unlike traditional venting, the Flex-V panel returns to its original position at the end of the venting process, restoring about 90% of the vent relief area. This unique design offers significant benefits over regular explosion vents, for many industrial applications.

Traditional explosion vents provide overpressure protection from potential industrial explosion hazards by providing a planned pathway for the expanding gases to escape, but they do not prevent damage due to fires that may occur. With the **F**ire **L**imiting **E**xplosion **V**ent, Flex-V, the affected space becomes re-confined allowing fire-fighting agents such as carbon dioxide and watermist systems to more effectively control ensuing fire situations. And since the venting process is shortened with the Flex-V, the risk of secondary explosions is also reduced.

Additionally, the Flex-V can open inward which offers protection against vessel collapse due to vacuum pressure.

"The Flex-V offers tremendous benefits for those looking for explosion protection options," says Jim Morgan, Director of Marketing. "While traditional explosion vents are an effective, economical form of explosion protection, they do not prevent damage due to subsequent fires and secondary explosions. The Flex-V's unique design allows the venting process to be shortened, increases the effectiveness of fire protection, and can help limit damage to industrial equipment subjected to explosions. It is truly a one-of-a-kind explosion protection device."

Fike is a globally recognized supplier of products and services that protect people and critical assets from dangers such as fire, explosion, and over-pressurization. With over 60 years experience manufacturing safety solutions, Fike offers a complete line of proven, reliable products to customers around the world.

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