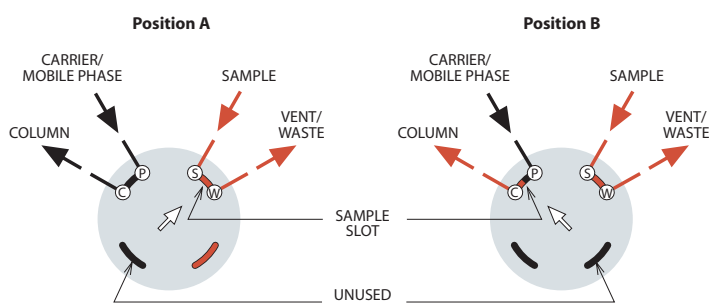


Two Position Applications

These illustrations show basic sample injection techniques using Valco two position valves. With rare exceptions, there is no difference between switching valves and external volume sampling valves, so the same valve can be used for either function.

The unique advantage of 8 and 10 port valves is that they reduce extra column volume by combining sampling and switching functions in a single valve. This minimizes expense, maintenance, service, and risk of leaks as compared to multiple 6 port valve systems.

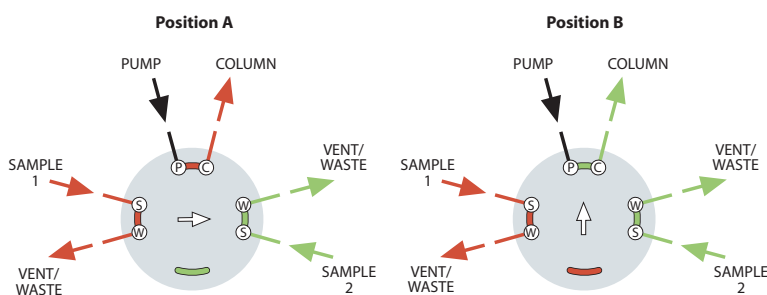
4 port internal sample injector



MICROVOLUME SAMPLE INJECTION

The internal sample (fixed volume) flowpath is used when very small sample volumes are required. The sample size is determined by a passage engraved on the valve rotor, allowing precise, repeatable injections. In Position A, the sample flows through the sample passage while the mobile phase flows through to the column. The third passage is inactive. In Position B, the sample passage is in line with the column and the mobile phase injects the contents of the sample passage onto the column. The passage which was inactive in Position A allows the sample to continue flowing without interruption.

6 port internal sample injector



DUAL MICROVOLUME SAMPLE INJECTION

This microvolume injector can be used to alternate between two different samples. Each time the valve is switched, a sample is injected. By connecting the two sample inlets in series, the valve injects the sample each time the valve switches. This is particularly useful in heavy duty cycle operations to minimize valve wear. The valve can also be used to make alternating injections of the same sample onto two different columns by swapping sample/waste and pump/column connections.

Note: This CI6 valve is not shown in this catalog. Call for details.