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(57) Abstract

Face valve apparatus (50) having a plurality of valve stations each of which includes a replaceable pad (86) that is behind and in contact with a planar face (56) of a continuously moving valve section having a plurality of inlet ports (120) in a circular array about a rotation axis for the movable valve section. Each of the valve stations are removably mounted to a fixed support (59) by a plurality of fasteners (82) that are accessible for operation from behind the support (59). Each pad (86) defines an outlet port disposed in front of said support (59) and operatively positioned so that for part of each revolution of the movable valve section, each of the inlet ports (120) communicates directly with the outlet port. When operation of certain of the fasteners (82) releases a selected valve station from the fixed support (59), the selected valve station is removable from the support (59) through an opening therein so that the pad (86) is rearward of the support, where such pad is accessible for replacement without disturbing mounting of any of the other valve stations to the fixed support (59).

