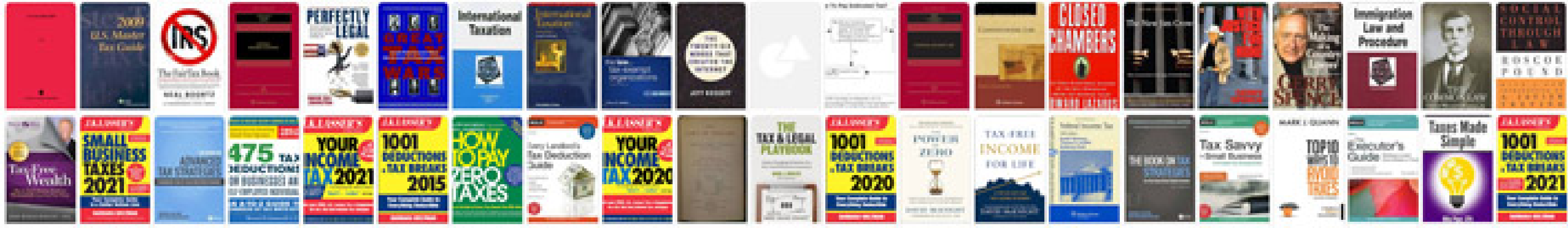

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If you have a heart murmur, your doctor may recommend that you visit a cardiologist. If you develop any symptoms that may suggest heart valve disease, see your doctor. A normal heart has two upper receiving and two lower pumping chambers. The upper chambers, the right and left atria, receive incoming blood. The lower chambers, the more muscular right and left ventricles, pump blood out of your heart. The heart valves, which keep blood flowing in the correct direction, are gates at the chamber openings for the tricuspid and mitral valves and exits for the pulmonary and aortic valves. Heart valve problems may include a narrowed valve stenosis , a leaking valve regurgitation or a valve with leaflets that are bulging back prolapse , as shown in the bottom two images. Normal heart valves and blood flow are shown in the top image. These valves include the mitral valve, tricuspid valve, pulmonary valve and aortic valve. Each valve has flaps leaflets or cusps that open and close once during each heartbeat. Sometimes, the valves don't open or close properly, disrupting the blood flow through your heart to your body. Heart valve disease may be present at birth congenital. It can also occur in adults due to many causes and conditions, such as infections and other heart conditions. Heart valve disease care at Mayo Clinic. Mayo Clinic does not endorse companies or products. Advertising revenue supports our not-for-profit mission. Don't delay your care at Mayo Clinic Schedule your appointment now for safe in-person care. This content does not have an English version. This content does not have an Arabic version. Request an appointment. Overview In heart valve disease, one or more of the valves in your heart doesn't work properly. Request an Appointment at Mayo Clinic. Chambers and valves of the heart Open pop-up dialog box Close. 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To fit in tight spots, these valves have a slimmer body than standard valves with an exhaust port. Designed for controlling single- acting, spring-return air cylinders, these valves have a third threaded port to exhaust media. These valves are rated for use in hazardous locations with flammable gas and combustible dust. Avoid pressure surges and system shocks that can damage piping by installing these valves that open and close slowly. Turn the knob to adjust how much these valves will open or close when actuated. They are often used in irrigation and landscaping applications. Use with coolant and detergent such as ethylene glycol or soap solutions. A built -in strainer traps debris and allows you to replace the screen without disconnecting your pipeline. Reduce your pipeline footprint with these low-profile valves that are about half the size of standard valves for coolant. Sturdy internal components resist wear for a long service life in applications with frequent cycling. To change the flow rate of antifreeze and cleaning solutions, use the adjustment screw or knob to manually set how much these valves will open when actuated. Often used to control single- acting, spring-return air cylinders, these valves have a third threaded port to exhaust media. Designed to withstand the high temperatures and pressures in steam service applications. With a plastic body and a fluoroelastomer seal, these valves can stand up to aggressive and corrosive solutions in chemical-processing applications. For applications sensitive to contamination, these valves stop flow without contacting the process media by pressing down on the outside of tubing. Built to withstand the extreme cold of liquid nitrogen and liquid oxygen, these valves are cleaned and bagged for high-purity applications. Install these valves in gas pipelines to automatically control the flow of natural gas, propane, and butane to equipment. To fit in tight spots, these valves are lower profile and available in smaller connection sizes than standard valves for natural gas, propane, and butane. Supply fuel oil to boilers, furnaces, and other equipment. For food and beverage applications that require frequent cleaning, these valves have quick-clamp connections, polished internal surfaces, and a three-piece bolted body for easy disassembly. Accurately and consistently dispense a specific amount of liquidâ€" these actuated valves have a screen and buttons for programming batch size and calibration. Lower profile than other solenoid diverting valves and available in smaller pipe sizes, these valves are often used to automatically divert flow between ports in tight spots. Use them with water, oil, air, and inert gas. All operate on electricity. These valves operate on electricity to automatically divert flow between ports. Use with water, oil, air, and inert gas. Often used for emission analysis and gas processing, these valves attach to each other horizontally to create one centralized manifold for servicing multiple process lines. All are rated for use with water, oil, air, and inert gas. They operate on electricity to automatically divert flow between ports. Often used for chemical analysis and other laboratory testing, these valves have a PTFE seal and body to withstand aggressive and corrosive solutions. For food and beverage systems that require frequent cleaning, these valves have sanitary quick-clamp connections for easy disassembly. They operate on compressed air to automatically divert flow between ports more quickly than motor-driven valves. Also known as proportional solenoid valves, these adjust and regulate flow based on the intensity of the electrical signal into the valve. Available in smaller pipe sizes than other solenoid flow-adjustment valves, these are often used with gas chromatography equipment and analytical instrumentation. They adjust and regulate flow based on the intensity of the electrical signal into the valve. They're often integrated into PLC systems for automatic control over the valve position based on system conditions. These valves create one action, such as extending a cylinder. Apply voltage to the electrical connection to actuate. These valves shift between flow positions in 1. They're often used for vacuum suction and release applications and intermediate cylinder stops. Often used to extend and then retract a cylinder at different speeds, these valves create two actions and have two exhaust ports, which allows you to control the speed of each action by attaching a flow control valve to each exhaust port. Often used to extend and then retract a cylinder at different speeds, they create two actions and have two exhaust ports, which allows you to control the speed of each action by attaching a flow control valve to each exhaust port. In the off position, these valves exhaust all air pressure, allowing the equipment to return to the neutral position. These valves close all ports in the off position to stop equipment in a locked position with air pressure holding it in place. Also known as 4-way valves, these valves create two actions, such as extending and then retracting a double-acting cylinder. Create two actions at the same time, such as extending two single-acting cylinders at once. Also known as pressure center valves. Use a single valve to create motion and control the speed of that motion. Ceramic plates form a longer-lasting seal against oil and dust than rubber seals that deteriorate over time. These valves withstand use in corrosive, dusty, and dirty environments such as foundries, paper mills, and steel plants. These valves are rated for environments where hazardous material is present. They actuate when voltage is applied to the electrical connection. Rated IP69K, these valves withstand high-pressure, high-temperature washdowns. Their smooth design keeps out dust, dirt, and contaminants, making them easier to keep clean. Mount valves to a single-station base or to a manifold, which allows a single pressure source for multiple valves, then add or remove valves as your needs change. Mix and match valve styles on one manifold to meet your control needs. Mount multiple valves to a manifold to reduce piping requirements and create multiple actions from a single pressure input. Also known as solenoid valves, these valves are operated by an electrical signal to turn airflow on or off. With two 2-way integrated solenoid valves, these electrically controlled valves direct airflow to venturi pumps, which generate the suction you need to run end-of-arm tools, such as vacuum cups. Designed for use in dust-collection systems, these diaphragm valves periodically burst air to knock debris from filters. Also known as Monday-morning valves, these valves slowly introduce pressure to reduce surge damage during start- up. Control the direction of flow or stop flow altogether. Contact Us Order. Log in. Create login. Search Results. Pipe Size. For Use With. Valve Starting Position. Body Material. Maximum Pressure. Valve Function. Wire Connection Type. Mounting Orientation. Pressure Drop. Thread Type. Flow Pattern. Valve Type. Connection Style. Outlet Pipe Size. Return Actuation. For Use Outdoors. Flow Coefficient Cv. Electrical Connection Type. Inlet Pipe Size. Maximum Temperature. View catalog pages Send Cancel. How can we improve? Suitable for general purpose use. These valves have threaded NPT connections. Maintenance Parts for Flow-Control Valves. Solenoid Coils for Flow-Control Valves. Repair Kits for Flow-Control Valves. Actuated Diverting Valves. Compact Threaded Solenoid Diverting Valves. Threaded Solenoid Diverting Valves. Solenoid Diverting Valves for Chemicals. Solenoid Flow-Adjustment Valves. Compact Solenoid Flow-Adjustment Valves. Air-Powered Motion and Control. Hydraulic Valves. Direct flow with an electronic signal. Control flow with an electrical signal. Plumbing Fixtures and Drains. Drinking Fountain Replacement Parts. By using this website, you agree to our Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy. The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog. Pedestal 35" Ht. Acetic Acid. Boric Acid. Citric Acid. Compressed Air. Deionized Water. Diesel Fuel. Drinking Water. Ethylene Glycol. Fuel Oil. Hydraulic Fluid. Hydrochloric Acid. Isopropyl Alcohol. Liquid Argon. Liquid Nitrogen. Liquid Oxygen. Mineral Spirits. Natural Gas. Nitric Acid. 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Now, Moen is introducing NEW! Every shower has a valve that acts like an engine â€" shifting flow, regulating temperature and driving performance â€" and there are many options of design, functionality and operation suited to different applications. The valve is placed behind the wall and connects directly to the hot and cold water lines to regulate flow and temperature. Most valves are available in a variety of connection types. A cartridge inserted into the valve connects to the external trim handles to control the mixture of hot and cold water and flow through the faucet based on the handle position. With any Moen valve, you can be certain of unsurpassed safety, comfort and reliability since our valves meet applicable pressure-balancing or thermostatic safety codes and eliminate worry about hot or cold water surges. Plus, you can rely on our quality construction and dependable operation since each valve is backed by our Limited Lifetime Warranty. Volume and temperature control across multiple outlets. Handle pulls out to adjust flow and rotates from hot to cold. Also called a "cycling valve," the Posi-Temp Valve is a design that uses the high-flow pressure-balancing cartridge. Valve options include quarter-turn stops to prevent the necessity to shut off water at the main line. Two- or Three-Function Transfer Valve. Designed for two-outlet applications. Activates individual outlets for body sprays, handshowers or an extra showerhead. Two-function equals two independent functions. Three-function equals two independent and one shared function. The Moentrol valve has a pressure-balancing mechanism and uses the cartridge. It can adapt to Moen's two- or three-function transfer valves as needed for the addition of handshowers or for vertical spas. The Moentrol valve is also available with an integrated two- or three-function transfer valve option. The Moentrol valves also feature both temperature and volume control. Separate hot and cold inlets and single outlet. Additional functionality with the two- or three-function Moentrol valve. Set temperature limit at install. IPS and CC options available. Most servicing can be done without turning off the water due to built-in shut-offs or stops by simply replacing the cartridge.

The ExactTemp valve uses thermostatic technology for precise temperature control and high-volume capability to feed multiple showering devices. Used in showers ranging from single-head to vertical spa when combined with volume control valves including the ExactTemp Volume Control Transfer Valve. Hot and cold inlets feed water through valve unit. Additional volume-control valves can be added to support handshowers, body sprays and other functions. U by Moen shower gives users the ability to control and customize their shower using both the digital controller and optional smartphone app. Standard hot and cold water inlets and outlets are used. Installation is easy due to the valve's compact size and flexible placement within 6 feet of a GFCI outlet. A foot waterproof data cable connects the valve and controller. View PDF. There are a variety of terms attached to valve function. Here are quick-reference definitions for a few of the most common:. Protects users from "shower shock" due to a sudden change in either hot- or cold-water pressure elsewhere in the plumbing system i. Pressure-balancing valves are designed to detect the pressure drop and automatically adjust the flow of water to maintain a consistent water temperature. These valves use a device to keep temperature consistent. They typically require a separate volume-control function, such as a transfer valve. Turns on and off, cycling counter clockwise from cold 6 o'clock to hot 9 o'clock. Does not provide volume control. Allows the user to adjust water flow rates as other plumbing fixtures connected to the line are in use. Replacing a faucet is a quick way to refresh the look of your kitchen or bathroom, but many people think it's too complicated to do themselves. When your faucet is leaking, wobbles or just doesn't suit you amymore, you're faced with a common homeowners' dilemma: "repair or replace? This guide will help you replace a garbage disposal that has a traditional plug for power. It really is that simple. Moen Professional. Browse Valves Moen Valves. Valves From simple single-head showers to custom showers featuring multiple outlets, valves are a critical component to any shower application. Anatomy of a Valve Every shower has a valve that acts like an engine â€" shifting flow, regulating temperature and driving performance â€" and there are many options of design, functionality and operation suited to different applications. Browse by Model Model: Model: Expandable to multi-outlet with addition of a transfer valve. How to Install Moentrol Valve Model: S How to Install U by Moen. Comparison Chart See side-by-side comparisons on our valve comparison chart. Terminology There are a variety of terms attached to valve function. Pressure-Balancing Protects users from "shower shock" due to a sudden change in either hot- or cold-water pressure elsewhere in the plumbing system i. 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This causes the muscle to work harder. Leaky valves can also pose a problem. Instead of closing tightly, a valve may remain slightly open, letting blood flow backwards. This is called regurgitation. The signs of valvular heart disease can include:. Heart valve repair is also a solution for valvular heart disease. In some people, the damage is too far advanced and a total replacement of the affected valve is the only option. Mechanical and biologic valves are used to replace faulty valves. Mechanical valves are artificial components that have the same purpose as a natural heart valve. They can last between 10 and 20 years. However, one of the risks associated with mechanical valves is blood clots. Biologic valves, also called bioprosthetic valves, are created from human or animal tissue. There are three types of biologic heart valves:. The aortic valve is on the left side of the heart and serves as an outflow valve. You may need surgery on your aortic valve if you have a congenital defect or disease that causes stenosis or regurgitation. The most common type of congenital abnormality is a bicuspid valve. Normally, the aortic valve has three sections of tissue, known as leaflets. This is called a tricuspid valve. A recent study found that aortic valve replacement surgery has a 94 percent five-year survival rate. Survival rates depend on:. The mitral valve is located on the left side of the heart. It serves as an inflow valve. Its job is to allow blood from the left atrium to flow into the left ventricle. When the valve is too narrow, it can make it difficult for blood to enter. This can cause it to back up, causing pressure in the lungs. This can be due to a congenital defect, infection, or a degenerative disease. The defective valve will be replaced with either a metal artificial valve or a biological valve. The metal valve will last a lifetime but requires you to take blood thinners. The five-year survival rate is about 91 percent. The following also play a role in survival rate:. A double valve replacement is a replacement of both the mitral and the aortic valve, or the entire left side of the heart. This type of surgery is not as common as the others and the mortality rate is slightly higher. Its job is to allow blood to flow from the heart to the lungs through the pulmonary artery. The need for pulmonary valve replacement is usually due to stenosis, which restricts blood flow. Stenosis may be caused by a congenital defect, infection, or carcinoid syndrome. Heart valve replacement surgery is performed under general anesthesia with techniques that are either conventional or minimally invasive. Conventional surgery requires a large incision from your neck to your navel. If you have less invasive surgery, the length of your incision can be shorter and you can also reduce your risk of infection. For a surgeon to successfully remove the diseased valve and replace it with a new one, your heart must be still. Your surgeon will make incisions into your aorta, through which the valves will be removed and replaced. The majority of heart valve replacement recipients remain in the hospital for approximately five to seven days. If your surgery was minimally invasive, you might be able to go home earlier. Medical staff will offer pain medication as needed and continuously monitor your blood pressure, breathing, and heart function during the first few days after a heart valve replacement. Full recovery may take a few weeks or up to several months, depending on your rate of healing and the type of surgery that was performed. Infection is the primary risk directly after surgery, so keeping your incisions sterile is of utmost importance. Always contact your physician right away if you have symptoms that indicate infection, such as:. Make sure you have a support system in place for the time following your surgery. Ask family members and friends to help you out around the house and drive you to medical appointments as you recover. Cholesterol is a risk factor for heart disease, but recent research suggests the connection may be more complex than just limiting dietary cholesterolâ€¦. Atrial flutter is a type of abnormal heart rate. It occurs when the upper chambers of your heart beat too fast. Learn about symptoms and risk factors. A heart palpitation is the sensation that your heart has skipped a beat or added an extra beat. It may feel like your heart is racing, pounding, orâ€¦. Valve Replacement Surgery. Reasons for Replacement The valves of the heart are responsible for allowing nutrient-rich blood to flow through the chambers of your heart. The signs of valvular heart disease can include: fatigue dizziness lightheadedness shortness of breath cyanosis chest pain fluid retention, especially in the lower limbs Heart valve repair is also a solution for valvular heart disease. Types of Replacement Valves. Types of Valve Replacement Surgery. The Procedure. Heart Valve Disorders. What Is Valvular Atrial Fibrillation? Atrial Fibrillation: Facts, Statistics, and You. Read this next. Medically reviewed by Gerhard Whitworth, R. Atrial Flutter. Medically reviewed by Elaine K. Luo, M. Medically reviewed by Dr. Payal Kohli, M. During World War II, engineers within the Nazi regime devised some of the best and most-advanced aerial weaponry of the era. One German fighter plane, the Focke-Wulf Fw , for a time outperformed anything the Allies could put in the air. Fortunately for the Allies, engineering on their side eventually swung the air superiority pendulum to their advantage. A rugged, unconventional engine that many people today have probably never even heard of helped to neutralize the Fw and the rest of the Luftwaffe. In its own way, an engine helped propel the Allies to victory [source: Rickard]. The sleeve-valve engine, which has been used on both automobiles and airplanes, powered speedy British fighters such as the Hawker Typhoon and Hawker Tempest. With their brute horsepower , they helped the Allies control the skies, provide air support for ground forces and eventually win the war. But what exactly is a sleeve-valve engine, and what's with the funny name? And why don't we see or hear much about them today? The engine gets its name from the thin-walled, metal sleeve that slides up and down within each cylinder during the combustion process. Typically, holes in the sleeve and in the cylinder containing it line up at predictable intervals to expel exhaust gases and suck in fresh air. Despite its honorable armed services record, the complex sleeve valve setup lost out to what we use in internal combustion engines today, tappet valves. In airplanes, of course, piston-driven powerplants of all types largely gave way to jet engines. At least one company is seeking to bring the venerable sleeve valve engine back into action, but with a few modern twists. In the next few pages, we'll take a look at just what makes the sleeve-valve engine turn. We'll also examine why it fell out of favor, along with the reasons it's being called up now, more than a century after its invention, to serve in a different kind of "fight. Arriving as it did during the height of the Industrial Age, the sleeve-valve engine looks like a contraption that would be right at home in a steampunk novel. Modern-day engineers marvel at its cleverness. And cluck-cluck at its high complexity. So there, you've been warned. Actually, it's a pretty beautiful thing once you understand how all those pieces work together. Now roll up your sleeves, because we're about to get down and dirty with the inner workings of a sleeve-valve engine. This engine has so much going on that it almost defies description. But we'll try. Sleeve-valve engines, like their tappet valve counterparts, can come in many different configurations. One such arrangement, the radial sleeve-valve engines used on airplanes, look a bit like what you might get if a Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robot had a baby with a "squiddie" sentinel from "The Matrix. To understand what a sleeve-valve engine is and does, it might help to first understand what it is not. It is not, first and foremost, the popular system with which most of us are familiar, a poppet valve engine. Poppet valves are the de facto standard on today's internal combustion engines. With them, mushroom-shaped valves under the tension of springs open and close rhythmically to control the entry and exit of fuel, air and waste exhaust gases in the cylinder. A sleeve valve, on the other hand, uses a sliding, sometimes rotating sleeve to control how much air and fuel get detonated with each compression stroke. The basic premise of igniting fuel and air to drive a set of pistons and turn a crankshaft is the same as it is with other internal-combustion engines. Here's another distinct feature of sleeve valves. On designs where the sleeve rotates, ports that are cut into it align with either intake ports or exhaust ports in the cylinder, depending on what part of the stroke is taking place. A piston moves up and down within each sleeve, even as the sleeve is sliding back and forth. The sleeve motion is driven by gears connected to the crankshaft. Now multiply that by several cylinders and toss in a crankshaft for them to rotate, and you've got yourself a sleeve-valve engine! If it sounds complicated, well, that's because it is. One of the main knocks against these engines was that they were so complex. It makes a bit more sense, though, when you see the entire process in action. Check out the video on this page to better visualize it. So why would anyone want to monkey around with an engine this complicated? After all, they were notoriously thirsty for lubricating oil; and they didn't take kindly to impurities such as grit. The answer is that they offer the advantage of volumetric efficiency. In other words, they're much better than regular engines at getting air into and out of the combustion chamber. Also, the arrangement of the ports provide better swirl characteristics. That's engineer-ese for, they create turbulent air, causing the air and fuel mix to burn more efficiently [source: Raymond]. Indiana-born Charles Yale Knight purchased a three-wheeled Knox automobile around so that he could report and publish his farm journal in the U. But he found the clatter created by the car's valves to be a serious pain in the ears. So he did what any self-respecting entrepreneur with a background in industrial machinery would do: He set out to build a better engine himself. With a wealthy backer's support, he developed and extensively tested prototypes. By , he had made enough progress to reveal his 4-cylinder, horsepower "Silent Knight" car at the Chicago Auto Show. The Knight engine featured not one, but two sleeves per cylinder, with the inner sleeve sliding within the outer. The piston, in turn, slid inside the inner sleeve. The Knight, true to its moniker, was impressively quiet. Even though the Knight engine proved superior to the loud and fragile poppet valves of its day, U. Knight and his financial benefactor L. Kilbourne fared considerably better overseas. After some refinements to the design, the Knight engine found its way onto Daimler cars in England not to be confused with Daimler-Benz. The Silent Knight was a hit, and soon other manufacturers wanted in on the sleeve valve action -- including automakers in the United States. Willys cars and light trucks, Daimler, and Mercedes-Benz, among others, employed the Knight sleeve-valve engine [source: Wells]. However, by the s, sleeve valve design had advanced beyond Knight's sleeve-within-a-sleeve configuration. Single-sleeve designs, including the Burt-McCollum, were lighter, less complex and less costly to build, and therefore preferable to manufacturers. With further modification from engine manufacturers such as Bristol and Rolls-Royce, they would even take to the sky. Harry R. Ricardo later "Sir" Harry Ricardo , born in London in , didn't wait until college to begin his engineering studies. He observed and absorbed at the knee of a local machinist as a young boy, and would go home from the machinist's shop to apply his new knowledge in building engines. He would later say:. Ricardo, in his working engineer adulthood, was an incurable overachiever. In addition to tweaking the engines on tanks that helped break the stalemate of World War I, he led ground-breaking research into assigning octane ratings to different grades of fuel. Perhaps his most notable contribution in the World War II years was his work on making the sleeve-valve engine better. Ricardo theorized in the s that a sleeve-valve airplane engine could generate greater horsepower than a comparable tappet-valved engine because it could generate a higher compression ratio. It so turned out that by , British aircraft including the mainstay Supermarine Spitfire fighter plane, were taking a pounding from Germany's superior Focke-Wulf Fw The Fw s also launched ground attack raids on Allied installations with near-impunity, since nothing could catch them at low altitude after they dropped their bombs. The sleeve valve-engined Hawker Typhoon, entering service in , changed that. Propelled by a 2,horsepower Napier Sabre engine, the "Tiffy's" extra get-up-and-go meant it could not only shoot down quick Luftwaffe interlopers, but it could carry bombs as well. Later in the war, bomb- and rocket-equipped Typhoons would prove pivotal in supporting Allied ground forces as they tightened the noose on the Nazis and ended the war in Europe [source: Rickard]. Despite the sleeve-valve engine's exemplary military record, the writing was on the wall: jet engines would dominate commercial and military aviation from the postwar years forward. The legacy of Knight, Ricardo and others would not completely go away -- engine enthusiasts would memorialize the sleeve-valve engine with home-built models and on Web sites in the decades to follow. Some flying model planes use miniature sleeve-valve engines. And it's conceivable the technology could experience a resurgence in some of the world's largest and fastest-growing automotive markets. So, was the sleeve-valve engine an evolutionary dead end, as far as the advance of internal combustion? Let's put it this way. Just like Hollywood likes to recycle old concepts and put a fresh spin on them when it's running low on new ideas, so does the auto industry. Electric cars , you may recall, were a big deal before ironically the electric starter made internal combustion cars highly practical. Electrics pretty much vanished from mainstream motoring until environmental concerns brought them back from the grave near the turn of the century. And so, similarly, could the case be unfolding with the slumbering sleeve-valve engine. As the saying goes, "what's old is new again. San Carlos, Calif. A new engine is based on what the company describes as a four-stroke, spark-ignited SI , opposed-piston, sleeve-valve architecture. Pinnacle founder Monty Cleeves says his patented engine can yield a to percent efficiency improvement over current internal combustion engines [source: Pinnacle Engines]. Pinnacle says it isn't worried about electric vehicles making its technology obsolete any time soon. Instead, it believes there's a big opportunity to serve rapidly growing markets such as India and China. They and other developing countries want to curb greenhouse gas emissions while improving their citizens' standard of living, through motor vehicle ownership. Since electric vehicles and hybrids still carry a significant price premium, Pinnacle says its re-envisioned sleeve-valve is a good "bridge technology" until electrics become more affordable for everyone. Pinnacle, which has received several million dollars in venture capital, said it was pursuing a licensing agreement with an Asian auto manufacturer and it expected production to begin in As a big military aircraft geek, I had heard of sleeve-valve engines prior to this assignment. But that was about the extent of it. Given their footnote-in-history status, I had always thought of them merely in the abstract. Unlike a poppet valve engine that you can study in your own driveway, these "sleeve-valve things" were to me just a forgotten, if quaint, technology, like steam locomotives. So when I tapped the power of the interwebs to see them in action, I was instantly struck with both awe and admiration. How did folks years ago figure out all the necessary angles, tolerances, weight balances and more to bring these incredibly complex machines to life? The fact that entrepreneurs today are looking to breathe new life into the concept speaks volumes about those original pioneers' genius and vision. One could argue that the original, twentieth-century sleeve-valve engines were "over-engineered" -- that is, they were too complicated for their own good. Or it could simply be that, lacking the advances in materials science and the precision of computer-aided design that we enjoy today, they were merely ahead of their time. Take a look at our animation of how the sleeve valve engine works. This content is not compatible on this device. Sleeve-valve Engine Technology. What's next? Lots More Information. Author's Note: How Sleeve-valve Engines Work As a big military aircraft geek, I had heard of sleeve-valve engines prior to this assignment. Fehrenbacher, Katie. 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With each contraction of the ventricle, the aortic valve opens and allows blood to flow from the left ventricle into the aorta. When the ventricle relaxes, the aortic valve closes to prevent blood from flowing backward into the ventricle. When the aortic valve isn't working properly, it can interfere with blood flow and force the heart to work harder to send blood to the rest of your body. Aortic valve repair or aortic valve replacement can treat aortic valve disease and help restore normal blood flow, reduce symptoms, prolong life and help preserve the function of your heart muscle. In aortic valve regurgitation, the aortic valve doesn't close properly, causing blood to leak backward into the left ventricle. Aortic valve stenosis is a defect that narrows or obstructs the aortic valve opening, making it difficult for the heart to pump blood into the aorta. Mild cases may not have symptoms initially, but they can worsen over time. Typically the aortic valve has three cusps tricuspid aortic valve , but some people are born with an aortic valve that has two cusps bicuspid aortic valve. Aortic valve disease treatment depends on the severity of your condition, whether you're experiencing signs and symptoms, and if your condition is getting worse. Types of aortic valve disease that may require treatment with aortic valve repair or replacement include:. For some people with mild aortic valve disease without symptoms, careful monitoring under a doctor's supervision may be all that's needed. But in most cases, aortic valve disease and dysfunction get worse despite medical treatment. Most aortic valve conditions are mechanical problems that can't be successfully treated with medication alone. Such conditions eventually require surgery to reduce symptoms and your risk of complications, such as heart failure, heart attack, stroke or death due to sudden cardiac arrest. In minimally invasive heart surgery, surgeons access the heart through small cuts incisions in the chest, as shown in the top two images. In traditional open-heart surgery, surgeons make a larger incision in the chest, as shown in the bottom image. In general, heart valve repair is usually the first choice because it is associated with a lower risk of infection, preserves valve strength and function, and reduces the need to take blood-thinning medications for the rest of your life, which may be necessary with certain types of valve replacement. For example, people with a hole in the valve's closure flaps perforated valve leaflet may be candidates for aortic valve repair rather than replacement, depending on the severity of their condition. However, most valves cannot be repaired, and heart valve repair surgery is often harder to do than valve replacement. Your best option will depend on your individual situation, as well as the expertise and experience of your health care team. Aortic valve repair and aortic valve replacement may be done through traditional open-heart surgery, which involves a cut incision in the chest, or by using minimally invasive methods, which involve smaller incisions in the chest or a catheter inserted in the leg or chest transcatheter aortic valve replacement, or TAVR. Minimally invasive heart surgery may involve a shorter hospital stay, quicker recovery and less pain than traditional open-heart surgery. What type of procedure you have depends on your individual situation, and your doctor will explain the benefits and risks of each option. For example, some people with aortic valve disease may not be candidates for traditional open-heart surgery due to other health problems, such as lung or kidney disease, that would make the procedure too risky. Many people with aortic valve disease also have coronary artery disease and may need heart bypass surgery to improve blood flow. Heart bypass surgery is normally performed through traditional open-heart surgery, so your aortic valve procedure would be performed the same way. Aortic valve repair and aortic valve replacement surgery risks vary depending on your health, the type of procedure and the expertise of your health care team. To minimize potential risk, aortic valve surgery should generally be performed at a center with a multidisciplinary heart team experienced in these procedures and that performs high volumes of aortic valve surgeries. Your Mayo Clinic treatment team will discuss any questions you might have about your aortic valve repair or aortic valve replacement procedure at Mayo Clinic. Before surgery to have your aortic valve repaired or replaced, your doctor and treatment team will explain to you what to expect before, during and after the surgery and potential risks of the surgery. Before being admitted to the hospital for your surgery, talk to your caregivers about your hospital stay and discuss any help you may need when you return home. For most aortic valve repair and aortic valve replacement procedures, you'll receive anesthetics so you won't feel any pain, and you'll be unconscious during the surgery. You'll also be connected to a heart-lung bypass machine, which keeps blood moving through your body during the procedure. Aortic valve repair is usually performed through traditional open-heart surgery and opening of the chest bone sternotomy. Doctors wire the bone back together after the procedure to prevent movement and aid in healing. Aortic valves that can't open fully due to aortic valve stenosis may be repaired with surgery or temporarily with a less invasive procedure called balloon valvuloplasty â€" which uses an approach called cardiac catheterization. You're usually awake during cardiac catheterization. During balloon valvuloplasty, your doctor inserts a thin, hollow tube catheter in a blood vessel, usually in your groin, and threads it to your heart. The catheter has a balloon at its tip that can be inflated to help stretch the narrowed aortic valve and then deflated for removal. Balloon valvuloplasty is often used to treat infants and children with aortic valve stenosis. However, the valve tends to narrow again in adults who have had the procedure, so it's usually only performed in adults who are too ill for surgery or who are waiting for a valve replacement. You may need additional procedures to treat the narrowed valve over time. Some replacement heart valves may begin to leak or not work as well over time. These issues can be fixed using surgery or a catheter procedure to perform aortic valve repair by inserting a plug or device to fix a leaking replacement heart valve. In a mechanical valve replacement, a mechanical valve replaces the damaged valve. In a biological valve replacement, a biological or tissue valve replaces the damaged valve. Transcatheter aortic valve replacement TAVR is a minimally invasive procedure to replace a narrowed aortic valve that fails to open properly aortic valve stenosis. In this procedure, doctors insert a catheter in your leg or chest and guide it to your heart. A replacement valve is inserted through the catheter and guided to your heart. A balloon is expanded to press the valve into place. Some TAVR valves are self-expanding. In this procedure, your doctor removes the aortic valve and replaces it with a mechanical valve or a valve made from cow, pig or human heart tissue valve. Another type of biological tissue valve replacement that uses your own pulmonary valve is sometimes possible. Often, biological tissue valves eventually need to be replaced because they degenerate over time. If you have a mechanical valve, you'll need to take blood-thinning medications for the rest of your life to prevent blood clots. Doctors will discuss with you the risks and benefits of each type of valve and discuss which valve may be appropriate for you. Aortic valve replacement surgery may be performed through traditional open-heart surgery or minimally invasive methods, which involve smaller incisions than those used in open-heart surgery. Transcatheter aortic valve replacement TAVR is another type of minimally invasive aortic valve replacement that has a nonsurgical approach. It is also sometimes called transcatheter aortic valve implantation TAVI. But minimally invasive aortic valve replacement is less common because not all situations are best addressed by this method of access to the damaged valve. When performed by experienced surgeons and centers, the results are similar to those with traditional open-heart surgery. If you had open-heart surgery, you'll generally spend a day or more in the intensive care unit ICU. You'll be given oxygen, fluids, nutrition and medications through intravenous IV lines. Other tubes will drain urine from your bladder and drain fluid and blood from your chest. After the ICU , you'll be moved to a regular hospital room for several days. The time you spend in the ICU and hospital can vary, depending on your condition and procedure. Recovery time depends on your procedure, overall health before the procedure and any complications. Your doctor may advise you to avoid driving a car or lifting anything more than 10 pounds for several weeks. Your doctor will discuss with you when you can return to normal activities. Your Mayo Clinic treatment team will provide ongoing, coordinated care after aortic valve surgery. After aortic valve repair or aortic valve replacement surgery, you may eventually be able to return to daily activities, such as working, driving and exercise. You'll still need to take certain medications and attend regular follow-up appointments with your doctor. You may have several tests to evaluate and monitor your condition. Your doctor and health care team may instruct you to incorporate healthy lifestyle changes â€" such as physical activity, a healthy diet, stress management and avoiding tobacco use â€" into your life to reduce the risk of future complications and promote a healthy heart. Your doctor may recommend that you participate in cardiac rehabilitation â€" a program of education and exercise designed to help you improve your health and help you recover after heart surgery. Explore Mayo Clinic studies of tests and procedures to help prevent, detect, treat or manage conditions. Aortic valve repair and aortic valve replacement care at Mayo Clinic. Mayo Clinic does not endorse companies or products. Advertising revenue supports our not-for-profit mission. 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