VALVE FORUM 2026

CONFERENCE & EXHIBITS

April 13–15 | The Woodlands, TX

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The industry's most dynamic event for the full flow control value chain — produced by the only U.S. association dedicated exclusively to the valve industry. Flow control professionals, manufacturers, suppliers and end users come together for expert-curated education, meaningful peer connection and actionable business insight.

Whether you're a valve manufacturer, actuator or controls company, key supplier, or end user in oil & gas, petrochemical, water/wastewater, power, or chemical markets — you'll leave with deeper expertise and relationships that move your business forward.

> Tremendous perspective on how and why to focus on our customers' needs first.

Why Attend

- **Expert-Curated Education**
  Sessions developed and delivered by industry leaders covering AI and diagnostics, reliability, standards updates, market trends and real-world case studies. Earn up to 10 professional development hours (PDH).
- **Built for the Full Value Chain**
  Relevant content for manufacturers, actuator and controls companies, suppliers, distributors and end users across all key markets.
- **Meaningful Peer Connections**
  Extended networking breaks, a dedicated Networking Night Out and an optional facility tour create genuine relationship-building opportunities.
- **Hands-On Exhibit Experience**
  Explore valves, actuators and automation solutions in an interactive exhibit hall where conversations happen and deals get started.

SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE!

Monday, April 13

4-5pm: Valve Forum Opening General Session (Joint with Valve Basics Seminar Attendees)
5-6:30pm: Welcome Networking Reception with Exhibitors (Joint with Valve Basics Seminar Attendees)

Tuesday, April 14

7:30-8:30am: Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors
8:30-11:20am: Morning Programming
11:30am-2pm: Networking Luncheon with Exhibitors
2-5:10pm: Afternoon Programming with Networking Break
6:30-8pm: Networking Night Out (Ticketed Event)

Wednesday, April 15

7-8am: Continental Breakfast
8-11:50am: Morning Programming

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2026 Session Highlights

- **Keynote**
  - Industry Leaders Panel: Top-of-Mind Insights from Manufacturers to End Users
- **AI, Testing & Reliability**
  - Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality
  - AI-Driven Design Optimization of Valves
  - Smart Valves, Smarter Decisions: AI-Driven Diagnostics and Automation with A-PRIME
  - Measuring Reliability in Industrial Valve and Automation Products: Tools, Techniques and Trends
  - Design and Performance of a High-Temperature Metal-Seated Butterfly Valve for Extreme Service Applications
  - Enhancing Control Valve Reliability and Process Efficiency with Self-Optimizing Digital Positioners
  - Valve Testing
  - Enhancing Pneumatic Actuator and Valve Reliability through Direct Torque Measurements using IOT
  - Validating Computational Models in Engineering: Case Studies in CFD and FEA Analysis for Valve Applications
- **Applications & Standards**
  - AWWA + MSS + SME Standards Update
  - API & ISO Standards Update
  - Advanced Coating Solutions for Severe Service Applications
  - High-Performance Butterfly Valve for Waterworks
  - The Growing Trend of Gas-Charged Hydraulic Actuators in Nuclear Valve Applications
  - LDAR Technology
  - Sealing the Future: PFAS-Free Graphite Solutions for Valves and Fittings
  - Advanced Reactors and Market Trends for Nuclear New Construction
- **Business & Market Trends**
  - End-Use Market Trends & Outlook: Water/Wastewater
  - End-Use Market Trends & Outlook: Oil & Gas
  - End-Use Market Trends & Outlook: Power
  - End-Use Market Trends & Outlook: Chemical
  - Building the Talent Pipeline: A Case Study in Partnering with a Local Technical School
  - Stop Selling Like Everyone Else: The Industrial Buyer Doesn't Need Another Quote
  - PFAS & Government Affairs Update

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> Very comprehensive approach to training small and large manufacturing and shop floor personnel.

New to the Industry? Start with...

VALVE Basics

Before the Forum kicks off, the **Valve Basics Seminar** offers 101- and 201-level content for those new to the industry or seeking a solid refresher—open to anyone. Hands-on time at the **Valve Petting Zoo** puts real products in your hands in small sessions led by experts. Earn up to 6 additional PDHs. Valve Basics attendees are invited to stay for the Forum's opening session and welcome reception.

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Register Before March 27, 2026

Attendee Type	Valve Forum*	Add Valve Basics & Save!*
VMA/VRC Member	$1,205	+ $435
Non-Member (Manufacturer/Supplier	$1,365	+ $535
End-User	$499	+ $339

Register 3+ attendees from the same company and SAVE 10%!

Good, concise information for key factors to consider and questions to ask to properly size a valve for your application.

Confirmed Exhibitors (as of 2/20/26)

AMOT Controls
Manufacturer and worldwide supplier of industrial valve controls and rugged actuators to improve efficiency, safety and uptime. **amot.com**

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