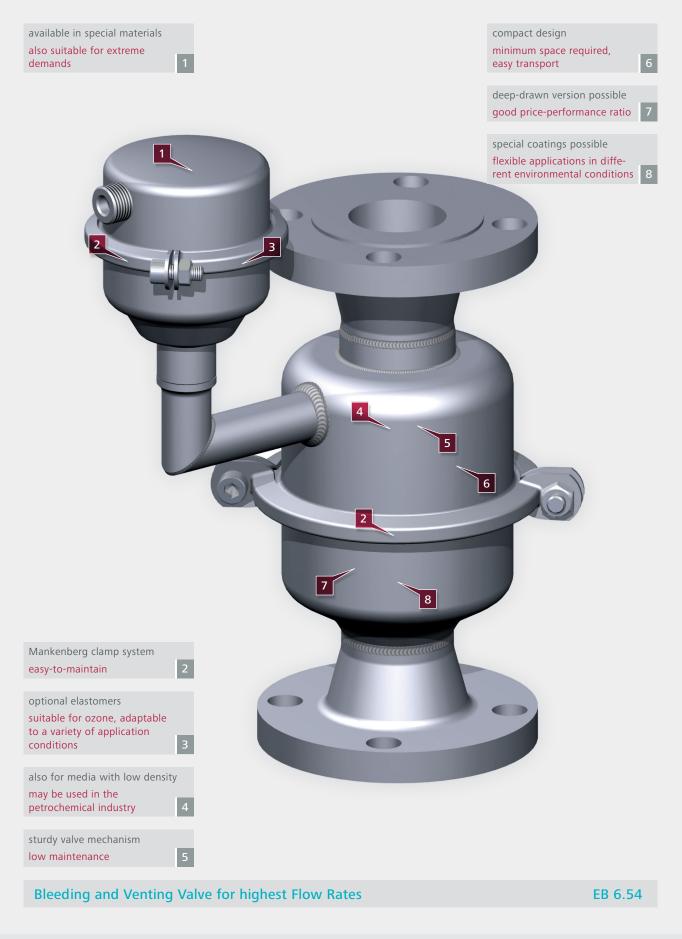
## **Bleeding and Venting Valve**





## Bleeding and Venting Valves in Action





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## Ventilation and Bleeding of Pipelines for an Oil Tank Depot in Oman

0.3 - 40 bar

Crude oils and any derived petrochemical products form the basis of our modern comfort-oriented civilisation. The transport of such normally liquid products presents a logistic challenge which must not be underestimated. After all, around 62% of the crude oil is transported on board of crude oil vessels from the oil production sites, that often are geographically most remote, to the consumers in the industrialised countries.

18,550 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

Loading and unloading of tankers is done in so-called tank terminals. Various products are put in interim storage in sufficiently sized large tanks, before they are loaded onto ships, trains or trucks for onward transport. High-performance pumps convey the crude oil on board to ensure that the times that the ships are in berth are kept to a minimum. In many cases pigs are used to force the contents of the pipeline out of the pipe end for safe discharge. For this purpose, nitrogen is normally used to prevent the formation of explosive mixtures. During start-up of the pipeline, the nitrogen must be discharged out of the pipeline to prevent pressure losses.

In addition, the gaskets of floating tank covers may be damaged owing to gas infiltration, which entails very time-consuming and costly repairs. The Mankenberg bleeding and venting valve EB 6.54 bleeds the pipeline during start-up and operation quickly and completely automatically. Once correctly selected and arranged, the bleeding and venting valve will simultaneously increase the efficiency (through shorter loading times) and the safety of the plant (avoiding pressure surges in pipelines and tanks).