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# **VAC® - A Safer Silane Package**

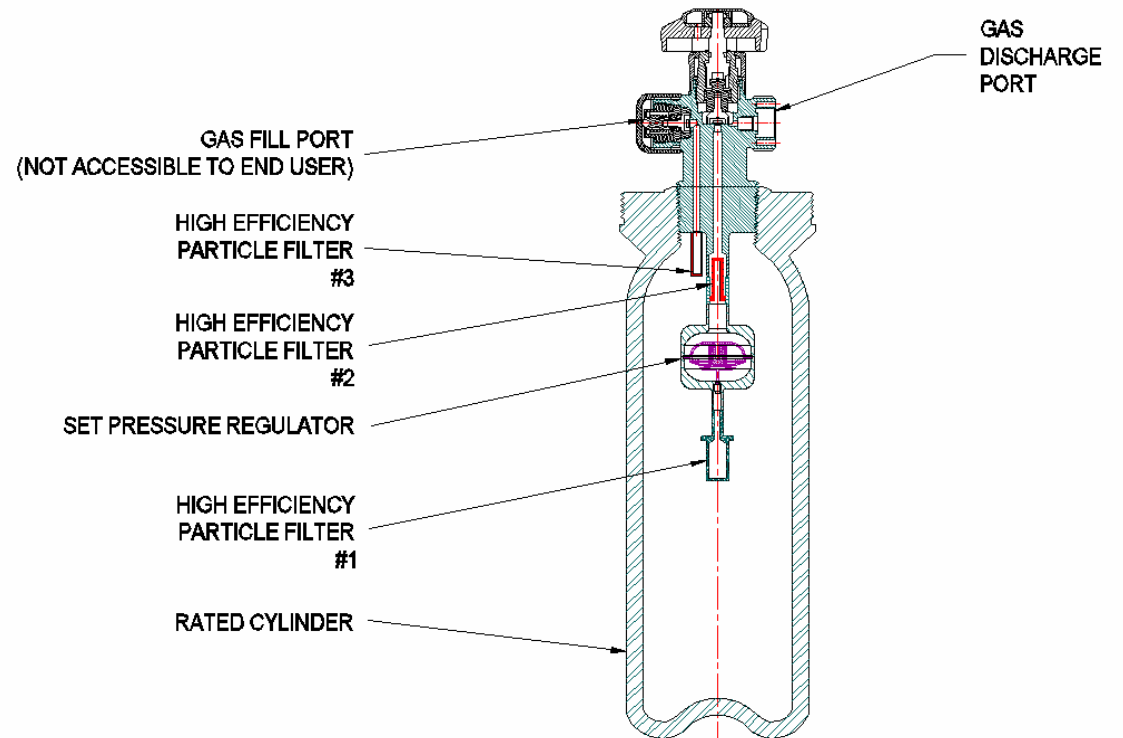
Summary of an  
**Independent Fault Tree Analysis by  
Omicron Safety and Risk Technologies**  
and

**A look at controlled silane releases as tested at  
Safety Management Services**

## Why VAC?

- **Safety**
  - dramatic risk reduction
- **Higher Cylinder Fill Densities**
  - fewer cylinder changes/error opportunities
- **Savings**
  - heel recovery/less handling
- **Data for Review**
  - share performance data and expand existing industry knowledge/experience base

# VAC Schematic



## **For Gases: Pressure $\Rightarrow$ Risk**

- Risk is a function of cylinder delivery pressure.
- Pressure drives worst case release rates [WCR]: flow through an orifice.
- Sets exhaust rates and influences facilities decisions.

# Silane Risk Analysis

**Objective: Determine Relative Risk of Pre-Regulated vs. Standard Cylinders**

- Compile All Possible Gas Release Scenarios
- Assign Frequencies of Occurrence
- Sum the Events and Determine Risk

$$\text{Risk} = \sum [\text{events} \times \text{consequences}]$$

# Independent Risk Assessment

$$\text{Risk} = (S, F, C)$$

Risk - product of frequency and consequence release from a gas delivery system

S - defines the potential accidents or release scenarios

F - defines the likelihood or probability of the scenario

C - defines the potential consequences for each scenario

# Independent FTA Assessment Ratings

as provided by Omicron Safety and Risk Technologies

	Relative Risk
◆ 15 kg, VAC [600 Torr] F = 3.54E-5, C = nil, R = 4.04E-5	<b>0.0011</b>
◆ 15 kg, VAC (100 psig) F = 4.43E-3, C = 8.2 slpm, R = 3.64E-2	<b>1.0</b>
◆ 5 kg, 800 psig (High Pressure) F = 1.49E-2, C = 30.5 slpm, R = 4.54E-1	<b>12.5</b>
◆ 10 kg, 1200 psig (High Pressure) F = 1.27E-2, C = 55 slpm, R = 6.98E-1	<b>19.2</b>
◆ 15 kg, 1600 psig (High Pressure) F = 1.16E-2, C = 70.8 slpm, R = 8.21E-1	<b>22.6</b>

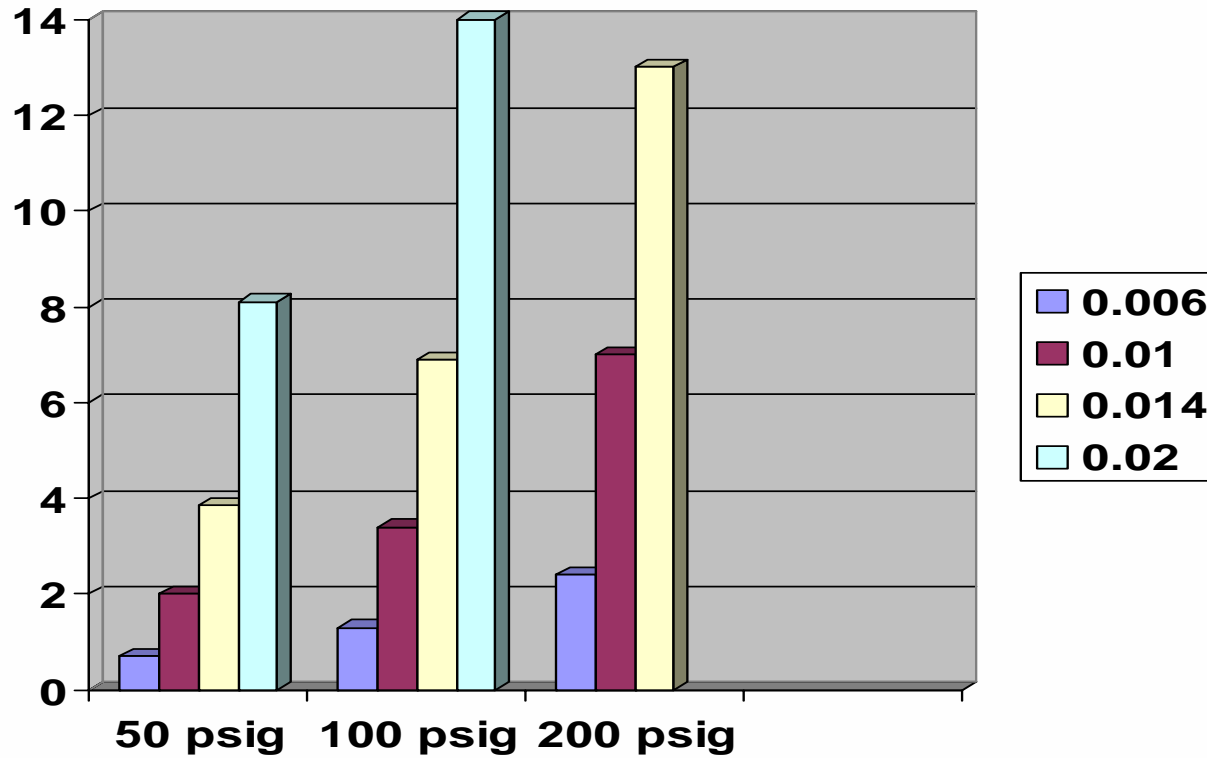
## Cylinder Discharge Rate: Pressure/Orifice Driven

High Pressure Silane Cylinder **0.010"**, (**0.25mm**) RFO

	<u>pressure</u>	<u>flow</u>
5 kg fill	800 psig	30.56 SLPM
10 kg fill	1200 psig	55.75 SLPM
15 kg fill	1600 psig	70.75 SLPM

**Goal:** Match Maximum Delivery  
Rate with Process Needs

## Silane Flow (SLPM) at Reduced Pressure (100 psi) Through Various Orifices



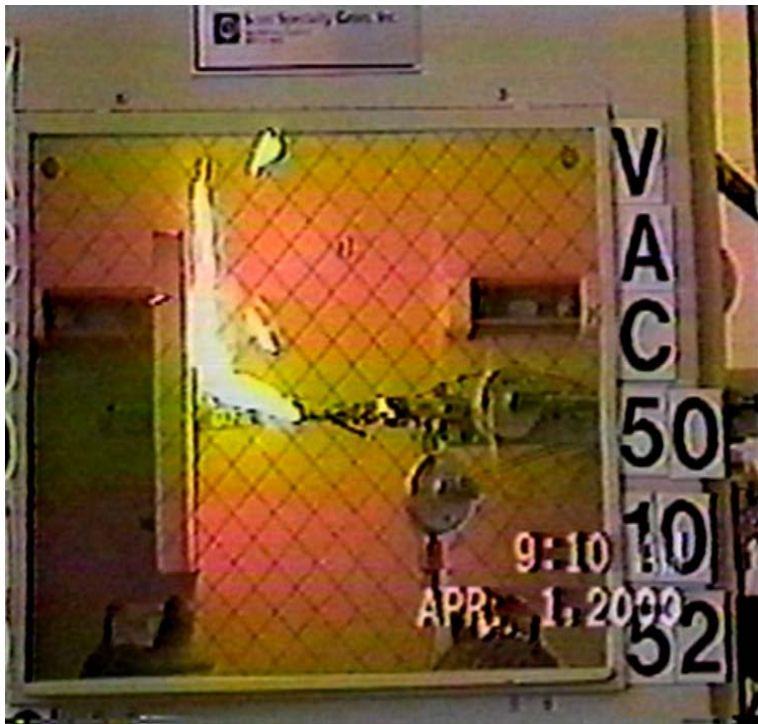
# Silane Release Test Observations

conducted at Safety Management Systems, West Jordan, Utah

## Goals for Test Program

1. Product testing – functionality/reliability
2. Observe auto-ignition characteristics
3. Collect specific data for assessment
4. Document ‘reduced risk’ package technology

**0.010" RFO**

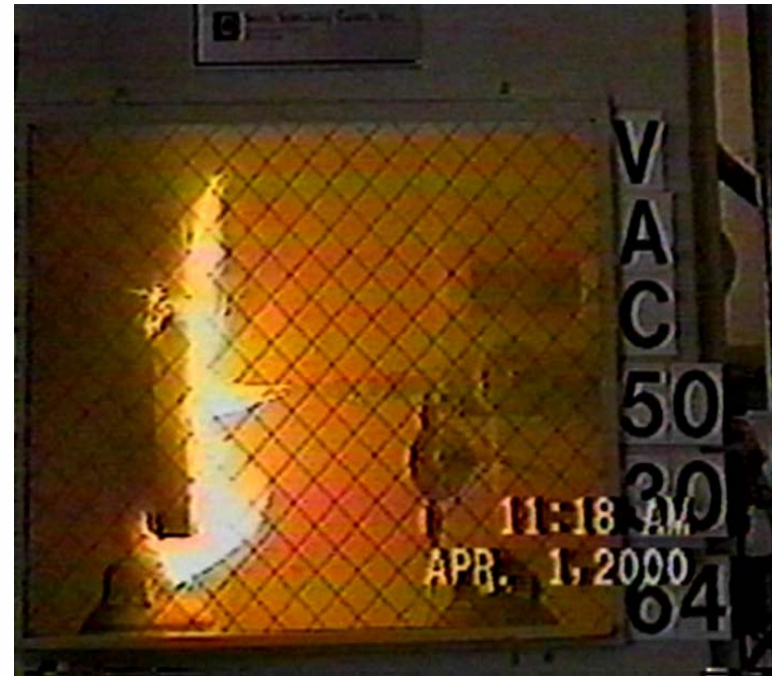
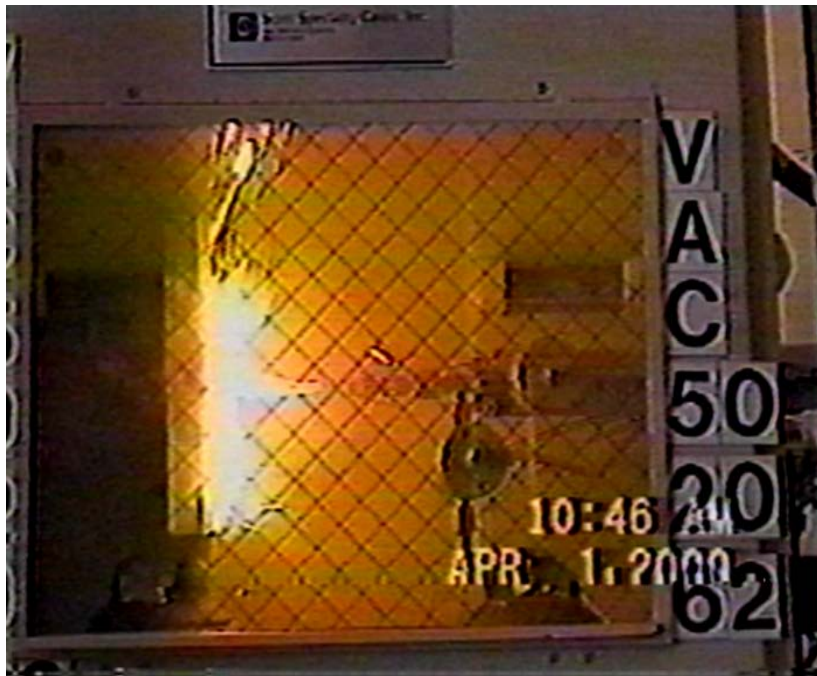


**0.014" RFO**



**0.020" RFO**

**0.030" RFO**



**0.040" RFO**

