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On The Horizon



An upbeat outlook: Defense contractors remain positive about 2021.

Even as the COVID-19 pandemic has devastated many segments of our economy and produced delays and setbacks in the federal budgeting process, three high-profile defense contractors are feeling upbeat about their short-term financial futures. Why? President Trump has proposed increasing the overall defense budget by \$3 billion for FY2021, to a total of \$741 billion. And even if Congress doesn't pass an official budget by September 30th, it'll likely pass a temporary spending measure to keep the government running at FY2020 spending levels.

That's good news for strategic defense contractors and the companies that support them, including those in the shipbuilding industry. According to a recent article in [USNI News](#), the leaders of three prominent defense contractors offered investors a preview of their financial outlook during the recent Bernstein's Virtual Strategic Decisions Conference. Here's a snapshot:

- Mike Petters of Huntington Ingalls noted that although shipbuilding spending will be down in FY2021 compared to 2020, the projected amount is still among the all-time highs. "The outlook is still pretty bullish for shipbuilding," he said.
- Marilyn Hewson of Lockheed Martin didn't expect much of a change in the company's finances even in the face of a stopgap spending bill, since it virtually assures a continuation of robust 2020 spending levels.
- Northrop Grumman CEO Kathy Warden highlighted that the president proposed \$3.2 billion for hypersonic programs, which is an area of focus for her company. Oftentimes, she noted, the commander in chief's budget offers a "signal" to contractors on where to invest in research and development. The promising hypersonics field is a good example of that phenomenon.

For more details on designated spending amounts and timing for shipbuilding and other key initiatives, view the full article in [USNI News](#).

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Trade Talk



Back to basics: Brush up on non-reclosing pressure relief devices.

Pressure relief devices play a crucial role in allowing facilities to remain highly productive while also protecting both equipment and personnel. While reclosing relief valves are popular solutions in facilities around the globe, non-reclosing pressure relief devices also provide critical performance in many applications. These devices – which are designed to remain open after operation – can be reset manually or simply replaced.

How well do you know your options when it comes to non-reclosable pressure relief? An article in [Valve Magazine](#), offers a helpful primer on the wide variety of possibilities available, broken down into two main categories: Rupture disks and pin devices.

Rupture Disks

Rupture disks are designed to rupture at a specific temperature and pressure, and are used when instantaneous and full opening of a pressure relief device is required. Options include:

- Conventional rupture disks
- Scored tension-loaded rupture disks
- Composite rupture disks
- Reverse-acting rupture disks
- Graphite rupture disks

Pin Devices

Pin devices are actuated by static differential pressure or static inlet pressure. They're designed to function by the activation of a load-bearing section of a pin that supports a pressure-containing member. Note that pin devices are often used to replace failing rupture disks, which can allow facilities to run closer to design pressure and increase capacity. Options include:

- Breaking pin devices
- Buckling pin devices
- Shear pin devices

Want more information? Get more design and application details by viewing the full article in [Valve Magazine](#).

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Lisa's Letter



Moving forward in the face of chaos and injustice

I write this letter approximately two weeks prior to its distribution. In the current environment, this is a difficult thing to do. The first half of 2020 has been exceptionally challenging and anything but normal – a global pandemic, stay-at-home orders, losses of tens of millions of jobs, extraordinary need at food pantries, stand-up testing sites and the evolving creation of a "new normal." Now, racism is once again at the forefront of our national discussion and the voices demanding change are growing louder, crying out for the justice that is long overdue.



Lisa Dante Papini
President

Today, as I write, I am wondering what will be relevant in two weeks. George Floyd's family is memorializing him today. Will our nation still be outraged at the horrible way in which he died? I hope so. Will we remain repulsed by the way Ahmaud Arbery was allegedly stalked and murdered in Georgia? I hope so. Will we still be outraged by the actions of the white woman walking in Central Park who felt the need to call police and falsely claim she was being attacked by a black man? You bet I will.

And what is Dante Valve's role in all of 2020's challenges – the pandemic, racial injustices, protests, riots, and loss of life? I believe our role is to lead with opposite behavior, to speak and act with compassion and integrity, specifically:

- We will continue to foster a culture of inclusion, diversity and respect for all and treat each other the way we want to be treated.
- We will stay open to uncomfortable conversations and remain willing to educate ourselves on topics we may or may not personally experience.
- We will listen to our team members, help when we can, support when needed and be willing to adapt as necessary.
- We will continue to provide professional education opportunities and foster a steady and growing business that supports our team members, their families and their loved ones.
- And in this time of increasing chaos, we will continue to provide calmness. We will continue to be kind, understanding and compassionate.

At Dante Valve, we are rededicating ourselves to these principles to help ensure that our company works for the people who work for it and to do our part in building a more just society.

If you have comments or questions about this issue or any of the topics in this email, please contact me at lpapini@dantevalve.com. And as always, thank you for your support of Dante Valve!

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President

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