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Abstract (en)
The application relates to an apparatus (10) and a method for generation of a partial vacuum within a sealed volume. The apparatus comprises a twin screw compressor (30), having an inlet (8) communicable with a sealed volume and an outlet. The twin screw compressor (30) is operable to accept fluid through the inlet (8), compress the fluid and vent the compressed fluid through the outlet. A valve member (1) is associated with the twin screw compressor (30) and movable to vary the outlet volume, and is actuatable automatically in response to an inlet/outlet pressure differential. Advantageously, the apparatus (10) provides a means for automatically controlling the effective inbuilt volume ratio of a screw compressor without requiring a separate valve control system.

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