Booster Regulator/Air Tank

Increase factory air pressure by up to 4 times! Air-only operation requires no power supply, reduces heat generation, and allows easy installation.

New

Renewed model with pressure increase ratio 2 to 4 times (VBA11A)

No power supply or wiring needed
There is no need to install dedicated electrical wiring.

Easy installation
Simply insert the unit in the air line. Requires far less space than installing the compressor.

Low heat generation
Very little heat is generated because no electricity is used, and there is no impact on cylinders, solenoid valves, etc.

Air-only operation
Operation is safe because no electricity is used.

Booster Regulator/Series VBA
Air Tank/Series VBAT

Series VBA/VBAT
**Booster Regulator  Series VBA**

**Improved service life**
- Doubled that of the conventional model
  - Floating piston structure (PAT. PEND)
  - Grease retaining groove* (except VBA10A, 11A)

**Reduced noise**
- Reduced by 13 dB (A) compared with the conventional model
  - Metal noise reduced by a bumper on the impact part of the switch valve
  - Exhaust noise reduced by a high-noise reduction silencer

**Improved reliability**
- Built-in mesh filter at IN port
  - Prevents operation failure due to foreign matter.

**Anti-condensation**
- Integrated air-feeding tube with the main tube
  - Mitigates condensation caused by cooling during exhaust expansion.

**NEW**
- Elbow silencer added* (Option)
  - Space saving when installed has been realised.
  - Except VBA2□A, 4□A

**1/8” gauge ports**
- Allows use of standard fittings for remote pressure monitoring, etc.
  - Gauge ports changed from 1/16” to 1/8” (VBA1□A, 2□A)

**Air-operated type**
- Max. operating pressure 1.6 MPa

**Max. operating pressure 1.6 MPa**
- VBA22A
- VBA42A
- VBA43A

**Fourfold pressure increase type**
- VBA11A

*Features 1*
Air Tank Series VBAT

Perfect fit with a booster regulator
This is an air tank to which a booster regulator can be connected compactly. It can be used alone as a tank. The pressure vessel law is different from country to country, so as an air tank suitable to a country needs to be confirmed.

Extensive product lineup
To meet a variety of usage environment and pressure specifications, models are available in carbon steel (SS400), and in four sizes ranging from 5 liters to 38 liters.

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Booster Regulator

Series VBA

How to Order

VBA 40A - 04 -

Body size

10A 1/4", Handle-operated type
20A 3/8", Handle-operated type
40A 1/2", Handle-operated type
42A 1/2", Air-operated type
43A 1/2", Max. operating pressure 1.6 MPa
11A 1/4", Handle-operated type

Pressure increase ratio: Twice

Pressure increase ratio: 2 to 4 times

Thread type

Symbol
IN OUT

F Rc
G Rc
N NPT
T NPTF

Note) Thread types apply to the IN, OUT, EXH, and gauge ports of the VBA22A and VBA42A. The gauge ports of the VBA11A are Rc thread type regardless of the thread type indication.

Option

Symbol
Option
— None
G Pressure gauge
N Silencer
S High-noise reduction silencer
GN Pressure gauge, Silencer
GS Pressure gauge, High-noise reduction silencer
LS Elbow silencer
GLN Pressure gauge, Elbow silencer
GLS Pressure gauge, Elbow high-noise reduction silencer

Note) Refer to “Combination of Thread Type and Options.”

Combination of Thread Type and Options

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Pressure gauge

Silencer

Elbow silencer

Port size

Symbol | Port size | Applicable series
--- | --- | ---
02 | 1/4 | VBA10A
03 | 3/8 | VBA20A
04 | 1/2 | VBA40A

Combination of Thread Type and Options

Air Tank Compatibility Chart

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Note 1) If the OUT pressure is higher than the set pressure by the handle, excess pressure is exhausted from the back of the handle.
Note 2) Flow rate at IN= OUT= 0.5 MPa. The pressure varies depending on the operating conditions. Refer to “Flow-rate Characteristics” on pages 3 and 4.

Options/Part No.

Pressure Gauge, Silencer (When thread type is Rc or G.)

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Related Products/Part No.

Mist Separator, Exhaust Cleaner

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Note) Refer to page 12 for air tanks, Best Pneumatics No. 5 for mist separators and Best Pneumatics No. 6 for exhaust cleaners.
Refer to the separate operation manual for the connection method.

Caution

1. System configuration
   - The IN port of the booster regulator has metallic mesh to prevent dust from entering the booster regulator. However, it cannot remove dust continuously or separate drainage. Make sure to install a mist separator (AM series) on the inlet side of the booster regulator.
   - The booster regulator has a sliding part inside, and it generates dust. Also, install an air purification device such as an air filter or a mist separator on the outlet side as necessary.
   - Connect a lubricator to the outlet side, because the accumulated oil in the booster regulator may result in a malfunction.

2. Exhaust air measures
   - Provide a dedicated pipe to release the exhaust air from each booster regulator. If exhaust air is converged into a pipe, the back pressure that is created could cause improper operation.
   - Depending on the necessity, install a silencer or an exhaust cleaner on the exhaust port of the booster regulator to reduce the exhaust noise.

3. Maintenance space
   - Allow the sufficient space for maintenance and inspection.
Series VBA

VBA10A

Flow-rate Characteristics

Pressure Characteristics

Charge Characteristics

VBA10A

- The time required to charge pressure in the tank from 0.7 MPa to 0.95 MPa at 0.5 MPa supply pressure:

\[
\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{0.7}{0.5} = 1.4 \quad \frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{0.95}{0.5} = 1.9
\]

With the pressure increase ratio from 1.4 to 1.9, the charge time of 23 – 6 = 17 sec. (t) is given by the graph. Then, the charge time (T) for a 10 L tank:

\[
T = t \times \frac{V}{10} = 17 \times \frac{10}{10} = 17 \text{ (s)}.
\]

VBA20A, 22A

Flow-rate Characteristics

Pressure Characteristics

Charge Characteristics

VBA20A, 22A

- The time required to charge pressure in the tank from 0.8 MPa to 1.0 MPa at 0.5 MPa supply pressure:

\[
\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{0.8}{0.5} = 1.6 \quad \frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{1.0}{0.5} = 2.0
\]

With the pressure increase ratio from 1.6 to 2.0, the charge time of 11.5 – 3.8 = 7.7 sec. (t) is given by the graph. Then, the charge time (T) for a 100 L tank:

\[
T = t \times \frac{V}{10} = 7.7 \times \frac{100}{10} = 77 \text{ (s)}.
\]

VBA40A, 42A

Flow-rate Characteristics

Pressure Characteristics

Charge Characteristics

VBA40A, 42A

- The time required to charge pressure in the tank from 0.8 MPa to 1.0 MPa at 0.5 MPa supply pressure:

\[
\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{0.8}{0.5} = 1.6 \quad \frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{1.0}{0.5} = 2.0
\]

With the pressure increase ratio from 1.6 to 2.0, the charge time of 3.5 – 1.1 = 2.4 sec. (t) is given by the graph. Then, the charge time (T) for a 100 L tank:

\[
T = t \times \frac{V}{10} = 2.4 \times \frac{100}{10} = 24 \text{ (s)}.
\]
**Charge Characteristics**

- **VBA43A**
  - The time required to charge pressure in the tank from 0.8 MPa to 1.0 MPa at 0.5 MPa supply pressure:
    \[
    \frac{P_2}{P_1} = 0.8 \quad \frac{P_2}{P_1} = 1.6
    \]
    \[
    \frac{P_2}{P_1} = 1.0 \quad \frac{P_2}{P_1} = 2.0
    \]
    
    With the pressure increase ratio from 1.6 to 2.0, the charge time of 4.5 – 1.3 = 3.2 sec. (t) is given by the graph. Then, the charge time (T) for a 100 L tank:
    \[
    T = t \times \frac{V}{10} = 3.2 \times \frac{100}{10} = 32 \text{ (s)}.
    \]

- **VBA11A**
  - The time required to charge pressure in the tank from 1.0 MPa to 1.5 MPa at 0.5 MPa supply pressure:
    \[
    \frac{P_2}{P_1} = 1.0 \quad \frac{P_2}{P_1} = 2.0
    \]
    \[
    \frac{P_2}{P_1} = 1.5 \quad \frac{P_2}{P_1} = 3.0
    \]
    
    With the pressure increase ratio from 2.0 to 3.0, the charge time of 147 – 58 = 89 sec. (t) is given by the graph. Then, the charge time (T) for a 10 L tank:
    \[
    T = t \times \frac{V}{10} = 89 \times \frac{10}{10} = 89 \text{ (s)}.
    \]
Sizing can be achieved with the SMC Pneumatic System Energy Saving Program Ver. 3.1, which can be downloaded from the SMC website: http://www.smcworld.com

**START**

Provide requisite conditions for selection.

Calculate required air flow rate Q.

Select booster regulator size from flow-rate characteristics table.

Judgement of flow rate

- YES
  - The VBA21A cannot obtain necessary pressure.
- NO: Need no tank. The VBA4: A can supply necessary pressure.

Obtain the tank capacity V.

\[ V = \frac{(Q - Q_b) \times (T_s \times K/60)}{(P_b - P_o) \times 9.9} \]

Select the tank capacity over V.

Calculate time T from charge characteristics table.

\[ T = \frac{V}{10} \times \frac{T_s - T_1}{Z} \]

Judgement of charge time

- YES
  - Extends stop time T_s up to charge time T or more
- NO
  - Decrease the number of booster regulators (Z).

**END**

**Caution**

- Use the VBA11A (pressure increase ratio 4) with pressure increase ratio 2 to 4. Usage of pressure increase ratio below 2 is preferred for the VBA10A (pressure increase ratio 2).
- A stable operation and increased life expectancy will result.
- Inlet supply pressure volume is (approximately twice pressure increase ratio 2), approx. 4 times (pressure increase ratio 4), the volume of the outlet side. Booster regulator requires the inlet side volume which is the sum of the flow volume running into the outlet side and the volume exhausted from E port (for driving), because air is the power source.

**Necessary conditions:**

- D [mm]: Cylinder bore size
- L [mm]: Cylinder stroke
- W [mm/s]: Cylinder operating speed
- C [pc.]: Number of cylinders
- Tc [s]: Cylinder operating time
- Ts [s]: Cylinder stop time
- P1 [MPa]: Inlet pressure
- P2 [MPa]: Necessary pressure to cylinder

**Other conditions:**

- Q [L/min (ANR)]: Required air flow rate
- Qb [L/min (ANR)]: Outlet air flow rate of booster regulator
- K: Cylinder double-acting: 2, single-acting: 1
- Tc [s]: Cylinder operating time
- Ts [s]: Cylinder stop time
- P: [MPa] Note 1: Tank charge pressure
- T [s]: Time to charge (Time to charge to P)
- Tc [s]: Time to charge (Time to charge from P to P)
- Z: Number of booster regulators

Note 1) P2 is the necessary supply pressure to a cylinder, and set the pressure below the lower limit of pressure inside the tank P1.

Note 2) P1 is the output pressure of the booster regulator, which is also the upper limit of charge pressure to the tank.

Refer to “Flow-rate Characteristics” on pages 3 and 4.

Refer to “Charge Characteristics” on pages 3 and 4.

When running continuously for longer periods of time, confirm the life expectancy. When the life expectancy is shorter than required, select a larger sized booster regulator.
The IN air passes through the check valve to booster chambers A and B. Meanwhile, air is supplied to drive chamber B via the governor and
the switching valve. Then, the air pressure from drive chamber B and booster chamber A are applied to the piston, boosting the air in booster
chamber B. As the piston travels, the boosted air is pushed via the check valve to the OUT side. When the piston reaches to the end, the piston
causes the switching valve to switch, so that drive chamber B is in the exhaust state and drive chamber A is in the supply state respectively.
Then, the piston reverses its movement, this time, the pressures from booster chamber B and drive chamber A boosts the air in booster
chamber A and sends it to the OUT side. The process described above is repeated to continuously supply highly pressurized air from the IN to
the OUT side. The governor establishes the outlet pressure by handle operation and pressure adjustment in the drive chamber by feeding back
the outlet pressure.

**Circuit Example**

- When only some of the machines in the plant require high-pressure air, booster regulators can be installed for only the equipment that
  requires it. This allows the overall system to use low-pressure air
  while accommodating machines requiring high-pressure air.

- Initially, inlet pressure \(P_1\) passes through the check valve, fills \(P_2\),
  and results in \(P_1 = P_2\).

- When charging a tank or the like from a source at atmospheric pressure, a circuit with a check valve can be used to reduce the
  charge time by allowing air to pass through the check valve up to the inlet pressure.

- When the actuator output is insufficient but space limitations prohibit switching to a larger cylinder diameter, a booster regulator can be
  used to increase the pressure. This makes it possible to boost the output without replacing the actuator.

- When only one side of the cylinder is used for work, booster regulators can be installed only on the lines that require them to
  reduce the overall air consumption volume.
### Warning

1. **Warning concerning abnormal outlet pressure**
   - If there is a likelihood of causing an outlet pressure drop due to unforeseen circumstances such as equipment malfunction, thus leading to a major problem, take safety measures on the system side.
   - Because the outlet pressure could exceed its set range if there is a large fluctuation in the inlet pressure, leading to unexpected accidents, take safety measures against abnormal pressures.
   - Operate the equipment within its maximum operating pressure and set pressure range.

2. **Residual pressure measures**
   - Connect a 3-port valve to the OUT side of the booster regulator if the residual pressure must be released quickly from the outlet pressure side for maintenance, etc. (Refer to the diagram below.) The residual outlet pressure side cannot be released even if the 3-port valve is connected to the IN side because the check valve in the booster regulator will activate.

   ![Diagram](image)

   - After operation is finished, release the supply pressure at the inlet. This stops the booster regulator from moving needlessly and prevents operating malfunctions.

### Caution

1. **Check the specifications.**
   - Consider the operating conditions and operate this product within the specification range that is described in this catalogue.

2. **Selection**
   - Based on the conditions (such as pressure, flow rate, takt time) required for the outlet side of the booster regulator, select the size of the booster regulator in accordance with the selection procedures described in this catalogue or model selection program.
   - Use the VBA11A (pressure increase ratio 4) with pressure increase ratio 2 to 4. Usage of pressure increase ratio below 2 is preferred for the VBA10A (pressure increase ratio 2). A stable operation and increased life expectancy will result.
   - Inlet supply pressure volume is (approximately twice (pressure increase ratio 2), approx. 4 times (pressure increase ratio 4)) the volume of the outlet side. Booster regulator requires the inlet side volume which is the sum of the flow volume running into the outlet side and the volume exhausted from E port (for driving), because air is the power source.
   - When running continuously for longer periods of time, confirm the life expectancy. The life expectancy of a booster regulator is dependent upon the operational cycle. Thus, when used for driving cylinders, etc. in the outlet side, life expectancy will be reduced.
   - Make sure the outlet pressure is set 0.1 MPa or higher than the inlet pressure. A pressure difference below 0.1 MPa makes the operation unstable and may result in a malfunction.

### Caution

1. **Transporting**
   - When transporting this product, hold it lengthwise with both hands. Never hold it by the black handle that protrudes from the center because the handle could become detached from the body, causing the body to fall and leading to injury.

2. **Installation**
   - Install this product so that the silver-coloured tie-rods and cover are placed horizontally. If mounted vertically, it may result in a malfunction.
   - Because the piston cycle vibration is transferred, use the following mounting bolts (VBA1: M5; VBA2, 4: M10) and tighten them with the specified torque (VBA1: 3 N-m; VBA2, 4: 24 N-m).
   - If the transmission of vibration is not preferred, insert an isolating rubber material before installation.
   - Mount the pressure gauge with a torque of 7 to 9 N-m.

### Piping

1. **Flushing**
   - Use an air blower to flush the piping to thoroughly remove any cutting chips, cutting oil, or debris from the piping inside, before connecting them. If they enter the inside of the booster regulator, they could cause the booster regulator to malfunction or its durability could be affected.

2. **Piping size**
   - To bring the booster regulator’s ability into full play, make sure to match the piping size to the port size.

### Air Supply

1. **Quality of air source**
   - Connect a mist separator to the inlet side near the booster regulator. If the quality of the compressed air is not thoroughly controlled, the booster regulator could malfunction (without being able to boost) or its durability could be affected.
   - If dry air (atmospheric pressure dew point: −17°C or less) is used, the life expectancy may be shortened because dry air will accelerate evaporation of grease inside.

### Operating Environment

1. **Installation location**
   - Do not install this product in an area that is exposed to rainwater or direct sunlight.
   - Do not install in locations influenced by vibrations. If it must be used in such an area due to unavoidable circumstances, please contact SMC beforehand.
Handling

⚠️ Caution

1. Setting the pressure on the handle-operated type
   - Set the pressure by quickly pulling up on the governor handle, releasing the lock, and rotating the handle in the direction of the arrow (+).
   - There is an upper and lower limit for the handle rotation. If over-rotating the handle even after reaching to the limit, the internal parts may be damaged. If the handle suddenly feels heavy while being turned, stop turning the handle.
   - Once the setting is completed, push the handle down and lock it.
   - To decrease the outlet pressure, after the pressure has been set, rotate the handle in the direction of the arrow (–). The residual air will be released from the area of the handle, due to the relief construction of the governor.
   - To reset the pressure, first reduce the pressure so that it is lower than the desired pressure; then, set it to the desired pressure.

2. Setting the pressure on the air-operated type (VBA22A, 42A)
   - Connect the outlet pipe of the pilot regulator for the remote control to the pilot port (P). (Refer to the diagram below.)
   - Refer to the graph below for the relationship between the pilot pressure and outlet pressure.
   - The AR20 and AW20 are recommended for the pilot regulator.

   The outlet pressure is twice the pilot pressure.
   - When the inlet pressure is 0.4 MPa:

     | Pilot pressure | Outlet pressure |
     |----------------|-----------------|
     | 0.2 MPa to 0.4 MPa | 0.4 MPa to 0.8 MPa |

   ![Graph showing the relationship between pilot pressure and outlet pressure](image)

3. Draining
   - If this product is used with a large amount of drainage accumulated in the filter, mist separator or tank, the drainage could flow out, leading to equipment malfunction. Therefore, drain the system once a day. If it is equipped with an auto drain, check its operation once a day.

4. Exhaust
   - Exhausting time from E port may be longer for a booster regulator which is set to switch in longer hour intervals. This is not an abnormal phenomenon.

5. Maintenance
   - Life expectancy varies depending on the quality of air and the operating conditions. Signs that the unit is reaching the end of its service life include the following:
     - Constant bleed from under the handle.
     - Air exhaust noise can be heard from the booster regulator at 10 to 20 second intervals even when there is no air consumption on the outlet side.
     - Conduct maintenance earlier than scheduled in such cases.
   - When maintenance is required, confirm the model and serial number of the booster regulator, and please contact SMC for maintenance kit.
   - Conduct maintenance according to the specified maintenance procedure by individuals possessing enough knowledge and experiences in maintaining pneumatic equipment.
   - The list of replacement parts and kit number are shown on page 9, and the figure shows the position of the parts.
# Series VBA

## Construction/Replacement Parts

**VBA10A**

- **1. Piston seal**
- **2. Governor assembly**
- **3. Check valve**
- **4. Gasket**
- **5. Rod seal**
- **6. Mounting screw**
- **7. Cover C assembly**

**VBA20A, 22A, VBA40A, 42A, 43A**

- **1. Piston seal**
- **2. Governor assembly**
- **3. Check valve**
- **4. Gasket**
- **5. Rod seal**
- **6. Mounting screw**
- **7. Cover C assembly**

**Air-operated type**

## Replacement Parts/Kit No.

Place an order with the following applicable kit number.

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* The grease pack has 10 g of grease.

* Make sure to refer to the procedure for maintenance.
Air-operated type
VBA22A, 42A

Construction/Replacement Parts
VBA10A
VBA11A
VBA20A, 22A,
VBA40A, 42A, 43A

Replacement Parts/Kit No
KT-VBA10A-1
KT-VBA20A-1
KT-VBA40A-1
KT-VBA22A-1
KT-VBA42A-1
KT-VBA43A-1
KT-VBA11A-2

Model
- Piston seal
- Governor assembly
- Check valve
- Gasket
- Rod seal
- Mounting screw
- Cover C assembly
- Grease pack

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Quantity

1 each large and small
2 large 1 small
2
1

The grease pack has 10 g of grease.

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Booster Regulator Series VBA
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## Made to Order

### 1 Copper-free/Fluorine-free

The inner or outer copper parts material has been changed to stainless steel or aluminum. The fluorine resin parts have been changed to general resin.

#### Standard model no.

- 20 Made to Order Copper-free/Fluorine-free

### 2 CE explosion-proof directive (ATEX) compliant

#### Standard model no.

- 56 Made to Order CE explosion-proof directive (ATEX): Category 3GD

### 3 Ozone resistant

Ozone resistance is strengthened through the use of fluororubber (diaphragm) and hydrogenated NBR (valve, rod seal) for the rubber parts of the seal material.

#### Standard model no.

- 80 Made to Order Ozone resistant

* Weather resistant NBR (diaphragm) and hydrogenated NBR (valve) are used for the rubber parts of the standard model.

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For detailed dimensions, specifications and lead times, please contact SMC.
Air Tank

Series VBAT

How to Order

- Compact connections are possible with booster regulators.
- It can be used alone as a tank.

VBAT 10 A F - SV - Q

Tank internal capacity

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CE certified product
(Self-declaration document attached)

Made to Order
(For details, refer to page 13.)

FAQ

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Made to Order
(Copper-free/Fluorine-free)

CE explosion-proof directive (ATEX): Category 3GD

Ozone resistance is strengthened through the use of fluororubber (diaphragm) and hydrogenated NBR (valve, rod seal) for the rubber parts of the seal material.

For booster regulator with pressure gauge, please consult SMC.

This option cannot be selected for air tank with safety valve.

Weather resistant NBR (diaphragm) and hydrogenated NBR (valve) are used for the rubber parts of the standard model.
Series VBAT

Specifications

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<tr>
<th>Model</th>
<th>Fluid</th>
<th>Tank capacity (L)</th>
<th>Max. operating pressure (MPa)</th>
<th>IN port size</th>
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<th>Ambient and fluid temperature (°C)</th>
<th>Weight (kg)</th>
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<td>2.0</td>
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Note) The accessories and options are included in the same container.

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Made to Order

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Note 1) The thread type for each port is Rc.
Note 2) A stainless steel fitting and a drain valve are included in the same container as accessories. (For detailed dimensions, please contact SMC.) A safety valve cannot be selected.
Note 3) Since neither copper nor fluorine parts are used for the tank, a standard model can be used when options (safety valve and drain valve) are not necessary.

Warning

1. Operating pressure
   - Operate this product below the maximum operating pressure. If it is necessary, take appropriate safety measures to ensure that the maximum operating pressure is not exceeded.
   - When the tank alone is used
     Use a pressure switch or a safety valve to ensure that the maximum operating pressure is not exceeded.

2. Connection
   - Connect a filter or a mist separator to the OUT side of the tank. Because the inner surface of the tank is untreated, there is a possibility of dust flowing out to the outlet side.
   - A VBA booster regulator can be connected directly with the tank accessories as indicated combinations below.

Selection

Caution

- Consider the operating conditions and operate this product within the specification range.
- When using the air tank with a booster regulator, refer to “Sizing” on page 5 or SMC Pneumatic System Energy Saving Program.

Mounting

Caution

1. Accessories
   - Refer to the operation manual (VBAT-M1, M2, M3, M4) regarding combining booster regulators with older model air tanks.
   - The accessories are secured by bands to the feet of the air tank. Once removed, make sure not to lose them.

2. Installation
   - Install the tank away from people. It is dangerous if the accumulated air inside the tank were to seep out.
   - Do not mount the air tank on a moving part or a place with vibration.
   - When connecting a booster regulator with the tank, refer to the operation manual first, which is provided with the air tank before assembling.
   - Refer to the operation manual regarding mounting methods when using long bolts.
   - To mount the air tank on a floor surface, use the four holes to secure the tank with bolts or anchor bolts.

Maintenance

Warning

1. Inspection
   - The use of pressure vessels could lead to an unexpected accident due to external damage or internal corrosion caused by drainage. Therefore, make sure to check periodically for external damage, or the extent of internal corrosion through the port hole. An ultrasonic thickness indicator may also be used to check for any reduction in material thickness.

2. Draining
   - If this product is used with a large amount of drainage, the drainage could flow out, leading to equipment malfunction or corrosion inside the tank. Therefore, drain the system once a day.
**Dimensions**

**VBAT05A-Q**  
*Material: Carbon steel*

Connected to VBA10A, 11A

* The length may be longer than the specification if the plugs mounted on the tank are not fit to the end. The length of G thread type is about 6 mm longer due to plug type differences.

**VBAT10A-Q**  
*Material: Carbon steel*

Connected to VBA10A, 11A

* The length may be longer than the specification if the plugs mounted on the tank are not fit to the end. The length of G thread type is about 6 mm longer due to plug type differences.

**Connected to VBA20A**

* The length may be longer than the specification if the plugs mounted on the tank are not fit to the end. The length of G thread type is about 6 mm longer due to plug type differences.

**Connected to VBA22A**

* When option G (pressure gauge) is selected
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Note) When option G (pressure gauge) is selected

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**Safety Instructions**

These safety instructions are intended to prevent hazardous situations and/or equipment damage. These instructions indicate the level of potential hazard with the labels of “Caution,” “Warning” or “Danger.” They are all important notes for safety and must be followed in addition to International Standards (ISO/IEC)\(^1\), and other safety regulations.

1. **Caution:** Indicates a hazard with a low level of risk which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.
2. **Warning:** Indicates a hazard with a medium level of risk which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
3. **Danger:** Indicates a hazard with a high level of risk which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

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**Warning**

1. The compatibility of the product is the responsibility of the person who designs the equipment or decides its specifications. Since the product specified here is used under various operating conditions, its compatibility with specific equipment must be decided by the person who designs the equipment or decides its specifications based on necessary analyses and test results. The expected performance and safety assurance of the equipment will be the responsibility of the person who has determined its compatibility with the product. This person should also continuously review all specifications of the product referring to its latest catalogue information, with a view to giving due consideration to any possibility of equipment failure when configuring the equipment.
2. On personnel with appropriate training should operate machinery and equipment. The product specified here may become unsafe if handled incorrectly. The assembly, operation and maintenance of machines or equipment including our products must be performed by an operator who is appropriately trained and experienced.
3. Do not service or attempt to remove product and machinery/equipment until safety is confirmed. The inspection and maintenance of machinery/equipment should only be performed after measures to prevent falling or runaway of the driven objects have been confirmed.
4. When the product is to be removed, confirm that the safety measures as mentioned above are implemented and the power from any appropriate source have been confirmed.
5. Before machinery/equipment is restarted, take measures to prevent unexpected operation and malfunction.
6. Contact SMC beforehand and take special consideration of safety measures if the product is to be used in any of the following conditions:
   1. Conditions and environments outside of the given specifications, or use outdoors or in a place exposed to direct sunlight.
   2. Installation on equipment in conjunction with atomic energy, railways, air navigation, space, shipping, vehicles, military, medical treatment, combustion and recreation, or equipment in contact with food and beverages, emergency stop circuits, clutch and brake circuits in press applications, safety equipment or other applications unsuitable for the standard specifications described in the product catalogue.
   3. An application which could have negative effects on people, property, or animals requiring special safety analysis.
   4. Use in an interlock circuit, which requires the provision of double interlock for possible failure by using a mechanical protective function, and periodical checks to confirm proper operation.

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**Caution**

1. The product is provided for use in manufacturing industries. The product herein described is basically provided for peaceful use in manufacturing industries. If considering using the product in other industries, consult SMC beforehand and exchange specifications or a contract if necessary. If anything is unclear, contact your nearest sales branch.

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**Limited warranty and Disclaimer/Compliance Requirements**

The product used is subject to the following “Limited warranty and Disclaimer” and “Compliance Requirements”. Read and accept them before using the product.

**Limited warranty and Disclaimer**

1. The warranty period of the product is 1 year in service or 1.5 years after the product is delivered.\(^2\)
2. For any failure or damage reported within the warranty period which is clearly our responsibility, a replacement product or necessary parts will be provided. This limited warranty applies only to our product independently, and not to any other damage incurred due to the failure of the product.
3. Prior to using SMC products, please read and understand the warranty terms and disclaimers noted in the specified catalogue for the particular products.

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**Compliance Requirements**

1. The use of SMC products with production equipment for the manufacture of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) or any other weapon is strictly prohibited.
2. The exports of SMC products or technology from one country to another are governed by the relevant security laws and regulations of the countries involved in the transaction. Prior to the shipment of a SMC product to another country, assure that all local rules governing that export are known and followed.

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**Safety Instructions**

Be sure to read “Handling Precautions for SMC Products” (M-E03-3) before using.

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\(^1\) ISO 4414: Pneumatic fluid power – General rules relating to systems.

\(^2\) Vacuum pads are excluded from this 1 year warranty.

Also, even within the warranty period, the wear of a product due to the use of the vacuum pad or failure due to the deterioration of rubber material are not covered by the limited warranty.