

3 Port Air Operated Valve VGA342 Series



How to Order³

VGA342- 04 [] A

Port size

04	1/2
06	3/4
10	1

Thread type

—	Rc
F	G
N	NPT
T	NPTF

Passage

A	Normally closed (N.C.)
B	Normally open (N.O.)

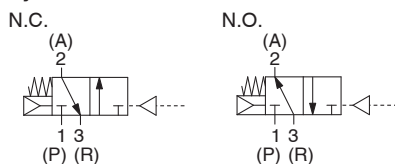
Specifications

Operating type	Air operated type
Type of actuation	N.C./N.O. (Changeable)
Return mechanism	Air + Spring
Fluid	Air
Operating pressure range	0.2 to 0.9 MPa
Pilot pressure	Same as operating pressure
Ambient temperature and operating fluid temperature	-10 to 50 °C (No freezing)
Lubrication	Not required (Use turbine oil Class 1 ISO VG32, if lubricated.)
Impact/Vibration resistance ^{Note)}	150/50 m/s ²

Note) Impact resistance: No malfunction from test using drop impact tester, to axis and right angle directions of main valve, each one time when pilot signal ON and OFF. (Value in the initial stage)

Vibration resistance: No malfunction occurs on the test with one sweep from 45 to 1000 Hz, to axis and right angle directions of main valve each time when pilot signal ON and OFF. (Value in the initial stage)

Symbol

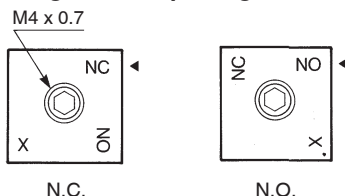


⚠ Precautions

Be sure to read this before handling the products. Refer to back page for Safety Instructions.

⚠ Caution

1. Change of fluid passage



Please note that the pressure in the valve should be exhausted when changing the fluid passage.

Loosen the hexagon socket head cap screw M4 x 0.7. Rotate the NC/NO switching plate and align the desired passage symbol NO/NC with the ◀ mark on the adapter plate. However, the X symbol is not applicable. For piping, refer to the table below. Screw tightening torque M4: 1.4 N·m

Piping

Fluid passage	Port	P	A	R
N.C.		Inlet side	Outlet side	EXH side (2 port: Plug)
N.O.		EXH side (2 port: Plug)	Outlet side	Inlet side

Take sufficient precautions and confirm safety when changing the flow path and restarting after the changes.

2. Other

M5 size hole at the left side of the adapter plate is a breathing port for spool valve. Do not plug or tighten it.

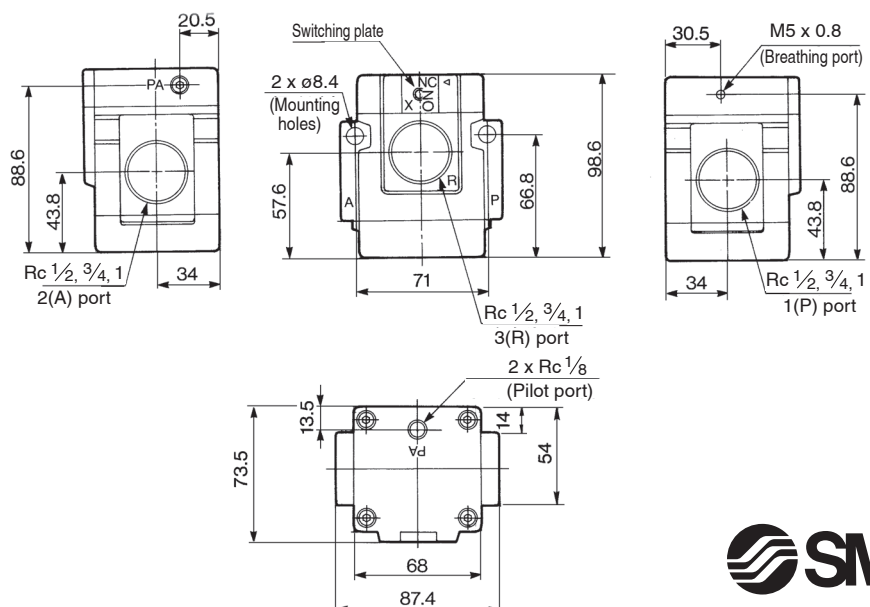
Flow Rate Characteristics

Port size	Flow rate characteristics											
	1→2(P→A)			2→3(A→R)			2→1(A→P)			3→2(R→A)		
	C[dm ³ /(s·bar)]	b	Cv	Q [l/min (ANR)]*1	C[dm ³ /(s·bar)]	b	Cv	Q [l/min (ANR)]*1	C[dm ³ /(s·bar)]	b	Cv	Q [l/min (ANR)]*1
1/2	26	0.38	7.0	6973	27	0.37	7.4	7191	27	0.36	7.3	7142
3/4	38	0.30	9.8	9662	38	0.32	9.8	9787	40	0.22	9.8	9691

*1 These values have been calculated according to ISO 6358 and indicate the flow rate under standard conditions with an inlet pressure of 0.6 MPa (relative pressure) and a pressure drop of 0.1 MPa.

Port size	Effective area (mm ²)	
	1→2(P→A)	2→3(A→R)
1	210	235

Dimensions



EMC-VGA342-01A-UK

1 External Pilot, Air Operated Valve

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VGA342 R - 04

Solenoid valve specifications

R External pilot

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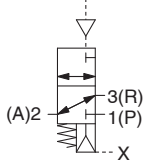
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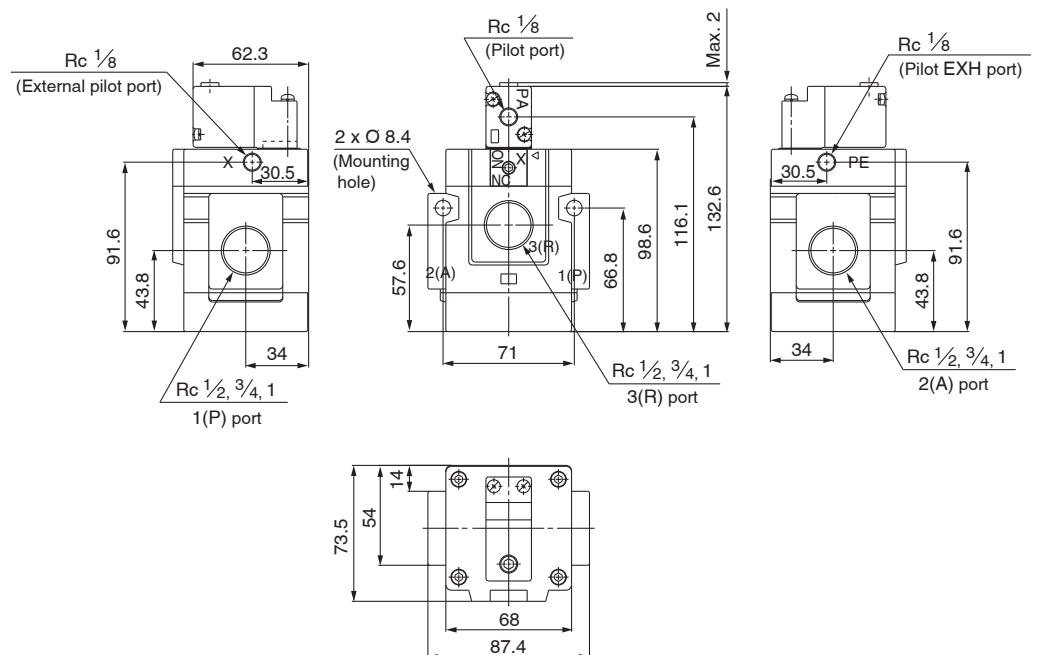
Specifications

Valve type	External pilot, air operated valve	
Type of actuation	Universal porting type	
Fluid	Air	
Operating pressure range	Main pressure	-101.2 kPa to 0.9 MPa
	Pilot pressure	Equivalent to main pressure (Min. 0.2 MPa or more)
	External pilot	Equivalent to pilot pressure
Ambient and fluid temperature	-10 to 50 °C (No freezing.)	
Weight	1.2 kg	

Symbol






Dimensions



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.

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

- 1) ISO 4414: Pneumatic fluid power – General rules relating to systems.
ISO 4413: Hydraulic fluid power – General rules relating to systems.
IEC 60204-1: Safety of machinery – Electrical equipment of machines.
(Part 1: General requirements)
ISO 10218-1: Manipulating industrial robots - Safety.
etc.

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 analysis 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. Only 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.

1. 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.
2. When the product is to be removed, confirm that the safety measures as mentioned above are implemented and the power from any appropriate source is cut, and read and understand the specific product precautions of all relevant products carefully.
3. Before machinery/equipment is restarted, take measures to prevent unexpected operation and malfunction.

4. 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.

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.

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, whichever is first.²⁾ Also, the product may have specified durability, running distance or replacement parts. Please consult your nearest sales branch.
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.
- 2) Vacuum pads are excluded from this 1 year warranty.
A vacuum pad is a consumable part, so it is warranted for a year after it is delivered. 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.

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.

Caution

SMC products are not intended for use as instruments for legal metrology.

Measurement instruments that SMC manufactures or sells have not been qualified by type approval tests relevant to the metrology (measurement) laws of each country. Therefore, SMC products cannot be used for business or certification ordained by the metrology (measurement) laws of each country.

Safety Instructions

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

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