

Operating Manual

for air operated pinch valves



Series

V VF VM VMC VMCE VMF VMP VT

Ex-Series

VX VFX VMX VMCX VMCEX VMFX VMPX VTX

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This operating and assembly manual ensures safe installation and safe commissioning of the air operated AKO pinch valves, hereinafter called pinch valves. Please firstly read and follow these safety instructions and observe the operating and assembly manual.

1. Safety Instructions

The installation, maintenance and commissioning must only be performed by qualified personnel or by personnel assigned by the operator. The operating and assembly manual with the safety instructions must be to hand at all times for operating and maintenance personnel.



WARNING: Danger of crushing

Severe crushing may occur when closing the pinch valve.

- Do not put your hands or other body parts in the opening.
- Perform measures that prevent the insertion of fingers or hands into the interior space of the pinch valves.
- Install appropriate warnings if required.



Note

The pinch valve configuration (materials for the individual parts e.g. sleeve) must be suitable for the operating medium.



Note

The documentation is subject to constant changes due to updates.
The current version is valid and you can find it at www.pinch-valve.com.

Only use the pinch valve when it is fitted (e.g. in a pipe).

Use dry, oil-free and filtered compressed air as a control medium to avoid corrosion and damage to the pinch valve and sleeve.

Isolate the control pressure and relieve the pinch valve of any pressure immediately in case of failure of or damage to the pinch valve. The control pressure connection must remain under pressure. Remove the pinch valve only when it is not under pressure.



Contact protection must be provided and marked by the operator if necessary at high temperatures. Any warning signs, such as „Hot surface“, must be affixed to the pinch valve.



Note

Unstable gases must not be used as a pumping medium.



WARNING! Risk of contamination

If the sleeve is destroyed due to temperatures above its maximum application limits (also due to fire),

- the pumping medium may possibly become contaminated (release of poisonous gases). In addition, the air operated pinch valve will then be inoperable.
- Avoid any possible consequential damage to the whole plant through the corresponding on-site safety measures derived from the risk assessment for the whole plant. This risk assessment must be created and documented on-site by the operator.
- Ensure that the contaminated pumping medium is not circulated and is disposed of in accordance with local and national regulations.
- Replace the destroyed air operated pinch valve.
- In the case of dangerous, explosive or toxic transported media, a corresponding protective measure must be provided to prevent the media escaping into the atmosphere.



WARNING! Risk of contamination

→ In case of the light-coloured elastomer blend of the air operated pinch valve sleeve has become worn to the point that the underlying black elastomer shows through, the air operated pinch valve sleeve must be replaced.

- If parts of the fabric inside the air operated pinch valve sleeve are visible, the air operated pinch valve sleeve is worn and must be replaced.



Note

If the sleeve breaks, the transported medium can be pushed into the control pressure line or control components (e.g. solenoid valve, proportional valve, etc.) and cause damage.

It is possible that the transported medium may escape into the atmosphere via the control components.



Note

If the air operated pinch valve freezes up due to condensation and/or low temperatures, it will be inoperable.

- Avoid any possible consequential damage to the whole plant through the corresponding on-site safety measures derived from the risk assessment for the whole plant. This risk assessment must be created and documented on site by the operator.
- If necessary, heat up the air operated pinch valve.



Note

Condensation may form in the control medium area between the surrounding area, control medium and operating medium if there are large tem-

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perature differences. This can get into the control pressure line and must be drained/disposed of in a controlled manner.

The operator must depressurise the pinch valves in case of a fire to ensure that damaged pinch valves cannot explode.

The maximum pressure and temperature specifications on the type plate must be observed and strictly adhered to. A pressure regulating valve/pressure limiter is to be installed in the control pressure line and set to the control pressure to be calculated.



Optimum control pressure (example calculation)

Operating pressure (pumping pressure) 3,0 bar
 └ Excess pressure (pos. o. neg.) / relative pressure
 + Differential pressure (see type plate) 2,5 bar
 = Optimum control pressure to be set 5,5 bar



Note

In the case of periodic inspections (e.g. in the sense of the German Health and Safety at Work Regulations (BetrSichV)), the housing must be filled with water because the housing and not the sleeve is the pressure-bearing component. The test pressure of 1.43 x the max. control pressure (DGRL) and the test period of up to DN150 = 60 seconds then 120 seconds (EN12266) must not be exceeded.

Special conditions and safety instructions for use in potentially explosive areas



The installation, maintenance and commissioning must be monitored and inspected by a person qualified in explosion protection.

The air operated pinch valve should be included in the company's explosion protection document.

The designation stated on the Ex type plate is authoritative for the use of the pinch valve.



Example Ex pinch valve



Example ATEX pinch valve

Ex pinch valves

For Ex zones 0;1;2 and 20;21;22, the following pinch valves are suitable but are not subject to ATEX:

Series:	VX, VMX, VMCX, VMCEX, VMPX
Sleeves:	Mxxx.xxLF
Connection option type: (material)	10 (steel), 33 (aluminium) Not for equipment group I for mining 50 (stainless steel), 73 (POM)
Body type: (material)	10 (steel), 50 (stainless steel), 73 (POM)

ATEX pinch valves:

For Ex zones 1;2 and 21;22, the following pinch valves are suitable and comply with ATEX:

Series:	VFX, VMX, VMCX, VMFX, VTX
Sleeve:	Mxxx.xxLF
Connection option type: (material)	50 (stainless steel), 31 (aluminium with steel), 35 (aluminium with stainl. steel)
Body type (material):	30 (aluminium)

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Marking according to ATEX RL 2014/34/EU



I M2 II 2GD IIC TX



Key:



Hexagonal symbol

(shows the specific designation for the explosion protection)

I **Equipment group I**
(products for mining)

M2 **Equipment group M2**

II **Equipment group II**
(products not used in mining)

2 **Equipment group 2**
(the pinch valve is suitable for
Ex zones 1/21 and 2/22)

GD **Hazard type GD**
(the pinch valve is suitable for use in atmospheres
with gas (vapour/mist) and dust)

IIC **Explosion group IIC**
(the external and internal atmosphere has been
classified by the operator)

TX **Temperature class TX**
(the temperature class is defined by the user
themselves)

Marking according to ISO 80079-36

Ex h Mb

Ex h IIC T6...T4 Gb

Ex h IIC T120°C Db

Key:

Ex **Ex symbol**

h **Non-electrical equipment for use in
potentially explosive atmospheres**

Mb **EPL***
M -> Equipment group I (products for areas at risk
of explosion in the mining industry)
b -> Level b = ATEX equipment category M2

IIC **Type of potentially explosive gas
atmosphere**
II -> Subgroup of equipment group II for
gases, vapours, mists
C -> Level C = gases such as hydrogen

T6...T4

Temperature class and max. surface temperature

T6 = 85°C, T4 = 135°C

(the temperature class is defined by the
operator themselves)

Gb

EPL*

G -> Equipment group II (products for areas at
risk of explosion due to gases, vapours,
mists)

b -> Level b = equipment category 2G, the pinch
valve is suitable for Ex zones 1 and 2

IIIC

Type of potentially explosive dust atmosphere

III -> Subgroup of equipment group III for dusts

C -> Level C = combustible airborne particles,
non-conductive dust and conductive dust

T120°C

Max. surface temperature

Db

EPL*

D -> Equipment group III
(products for areas at risk of explosion
due to dust)

b -> Level b = equipment category 2D, the pinch
valve is suitable for Ex zones 21 and 22

Ambient temperature

-10°C ≤ Ta ≤ 60°C **Ambient temperature**
Ta (or also Tamb)

If components from other manufacturers such as pressure ma-
nometers or other equipment parts/accessories are used, they
must have their own conformity assessments in accordance
with ATEX 2014/34/EU or 94/9/EC from the manufacturers.
The information provided by the manufacturers in relation to
the designation X must be observed.
If necessary, VDE0165 must be followed and observed during
the electrical installation.

Ex pinch valves (no aluminium in contact with the media) can
generally be used at all pumping speeds. However, you must
ensure (using a screen plate, magnetic filter system or other
method) that the pumped medium does not contain any steel
or other substances that could generate an ignition spark.

Pinch valves with valve connection pieces made of:

→ (33) Aluminium:

- There must be no rusted steel particles in the pumped
medium.
- Can generally be used at all pumping speeds. However,
you must ensure (using a screen plate, magnetic filter
system or other method) that the pumped medium does
not contain any steel or other substances that could ge-
nerate an ignition spark.

* EPL (Explosion Protection Level = Equipment protection level according to the ATEX equipment categories)

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- If it is not possible to guarantee that the pumped medium does not contain any substances that could generate an ignition spark (e.g. metal parts), the Ex pinch valve may only be operated up to a pumping speed of ≤ 15m/s.



→ **(31) Aluminium with steel bushings** and/or
(35) Aluminium with stainless steel bushings and/or
(50) Stainless steel:

- Can generally be used at all pumping speeds. However, you must ensure (using a screen plate, magnetic filter system or other method) that the pumped medium does not contain any steel or other substances that could generate an ignition spark.
- If it is not possible to guarantee that the pumped medium does not contain any substances that could generate an ignition spark (e.g. metal parts), the Ex pinch valve may only be operated up to a pumping speed of ≤ 1 m/s.

→ **(73) Electrostatically conductive plastic (POM):**

- Can generally be used at all pumping speeds.

The Ex pinch valve made of aluminium is powder coated/painted on the outside. The powder coating/paint must be regularly inspected and, if necessary, touched up. The maximum coating thickness is 200 µm and this limit must be observed. The subsequent coating is also not permitted to exceed a layer thickness of 200 µm.

Knocking the valve free with a striking tool is not permitted. Sparks due to friction and impact are thus not expected.

The internal fluids must not impair the properties of the sleeve and flange bushings such as their electrostatic conductivity or resistance.

All electrical equipment fitted, such as solenoid valves, pressures switches and air vents, must be suitable for operation in areas at risk of explosion (Ex) and have their own manufacturer's certificate or conformity assessment for use in areas at risk of explosion (Ex). Accessories without approval for Ex zones may not be installed in an Ex atmosphere.

Use only materials as a control medium that cannot lead to a risk of explosion. The operator must ensure that any air operated/plastic hoses (or pipes) used are electrostatically conductive (<10⁶ Ohm).

The pinch valves must be adequately connected to a conductive, earthed pipe. The pinch valve should be integrated into the potential equalisation (at least a 4 mm² copper strand for unprotected installation). A fixing screw with marking is located on the pinch valve for connecting the earthing.

The potential equalisation (earthing) between the pipe and pinch valve must be checked with a suitable measuring device after it is fitted in the pipe.

Dust and oil deposits must be promptly removed so that no hazardous deposits and hybrids or mixtures of oils, grease and dust can lead to glowing ignition.

The temperature of the pumping medium may increase through friction when operating in the pumping area. The operator must ensure that the temperature of the flowing medium inside the valve is not higher than 80% of the flashpoint or the ignition temperature of the pumping medium or the gases and dust that can form Ex atmospheres. Otherwise the maximum temperature of the pinch valve applies.

It must be impossible for rusted steel particles (corrosion particles, e.g. rust) in the pumped medium to come into contact with the aluminium of the pinch valve. If necessary, the operator should prevent valves with an aluminium body from coming into contact with rusty iron using suitable measures e.g. A protective casing.

The occurrence of ignition sources as a result of ionising radiation, X-rays, cathodic corrosion protection, stray currents, adiabatic compression, flames and hot gases, electromagnetic waves, lightning, sparks due to friction and impact must be safely prevented by the operator.

As the sleeve is a wear part, the control medium may get into the pumping area due to a leak. If the pumping medium is a liquid fuel and mixes with air, this may create a potentially explosive atmosphere in the pumping area. Conversely, the pumping medium may penetrate into the control pressure medium and create a potentially explosive atmosphere there.

Pinch valves with a protective coating (e.g. paint) made of non-conductive material must be fitted with contact discs/tooth lock washers (e.g. DIN6797A) in the plant.

The external or internal atmosphere has been classified by the operator as being in explosion group IIC. The suitability of the pinch valve for an external potentially explosive atmosphere must thus be taken into account.

The operator must ensure using corresponding signs that no flames and hot gases arise in the explosion protection zones of the plant. This includes a ban on smoking and naked flames.

Subsequent changes to the pinch valve require renewed explosion protection testing according to the servicing/repair instructions (work instruction) AA50_pV_xx_xxxx-xx-xx.

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2. Usage

The pinch valves were evaluated in accordance with the requirements of the Pressure Equipment Directive (PED) 2014/68/EU, the Machine Directive (MD) 2006/42/EG and the ATEX Directive 2014/34/EU.

Corresponding declarations of conformity and manufacturer's certificates must be read and their content observed (see also section 10).

The currently valid national (location/operating site) regulations for operation and regular inspections must be observed.

2.1 Service life

Under ideal conditions, the service life of the pinch valves is limited to 30 years (VMP series 10 years).

The service life or the number of load changes (pressurisation) may be reduced due to a number of factors.

These factors include environmental and operational influences such as the ambient/pumping medium temperature, wear, solar radiation, switching cycles, vibrations during operation, tension caused by assembly, external loads, contaminated control air, corrosion or damage caused during operation or assembly.

In order to maintain the service life, the operator must check the pinch valves for damage (e.g. cracks, corrosion, etc.) at self-defined service intervals/maintenance measures. We recommend pressurising the body every 10 years (VMP series 5 years) with water and 1.5 times the maximum control pressure and checking for leaks (Test EN1266 P10).

A damaged or leaking pinch valve has reached the end of its service life and continuing to operate the valve is not permitted.

2.2 Intended use

The pinch valve is used to isolate or interrupt the material flow of fluids with solid and liquid components or dusts in pipes and hoses.

Unstable gases must not be used as a pumping medium.



Pinch valves and accessories must be considered individually for their respective use in areas at risk of explosion (Ex) and suitable for use there. Therefore, they cannot be supplied by AKO as an assembled unit. Accessories are not put together as an assembly as defined by the ATEX Directive 3.7.5. The operator must determine the suitability of accessories supplied for use in areas at risk of explosion (Ex).

2.3 Improper use

- ➔ Non-compliance with the operating and assembly manual including the safety instructions.
- ➔ Operating the pinch valve for a purpose other than its intended use.
- ➔ Unauthorised or untrained personnel operating the pinch valve.
- ➔ Use of the pinch valve as an equipment part with a safety function or as an end fitting without corresponding reinforcement.
- ➔ Installing non-original spare parts.
- ➔ Violating the applicable standards and laws.

AKO does not accept liability for damage resulting from failure to observe the specifications, safety instructions and warnings in the operating and assembly manual or the modification of the pinch valve.

2.4 Function

A flexible elastomer hose (sleeve) is compressed by increasing the pressure in the pinch valve body. This creates a lip-shaped closing pattern (Fig. II). Powders and grains up to a certain size are enclosed by the elastic sleeve. This ensures the pinch valve tightness. The sleeve is opened again when the control pressure is removed and by the restoring force of the sleeve.

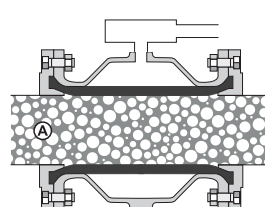


Fig. I

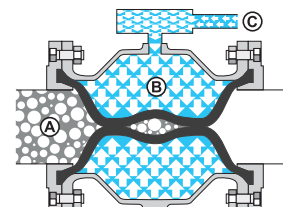


Fig. II

- (A) Operating pressure (pumping pressure)
- (B) + Differential pressure (see type plate)
- (C) = Optimum control pressure to be set

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3. Technical description

3.1 Control

The pinch valve should be actuated by a control valve (e.g. 3/2-way solenoid valve) fitted directly to the control pressure connection. Any control pressure line between the control valve and pinch valve should be as short as possible. We recommend the following cross-sections:

DN 10 - DN 25	= 4 mm nominal size
DN 32 - DN 150	= 6 mm nominal size
DN 200	= 9 mm nominal size
DN 250 - DN 300	= 13 mm nominal size

We recommend installing a quick exhaust valve directly on the control connection so that the sleeve can be opened quicker (control medium: compressed air). A pressure switch to monitor the control pressure or display the OPEN/CLOSED position can also be fitted. Defects in the sleeve can be detected in good time and replaced in a targeted manner in most cases using this pressure switch. Pressure compensation with the product flow must be provided on the control medium side if the pinch valve is operated in a vacuum process below 100 mbar.

Please refer to the „Pinch valve control examples“ technical information sheet at www.pinch-valve.com for control recommendations.

3.2 Technical data

Control medium	Compressed air, neutral gases, water
Installation position	Any (also see section 4.3)
Flow direction	Any
Medium	Gaseous, liquid, solids

3.3 Operating data

Operating pressure (A)	Can be read off the type plate
└ Excess pressure (pos. o. neg.) / relative pressure	
Control pressure (C)	See calculation example: safety instructions and type plate
Differential pressure (B)	Can be read off the type plate
Temperature range	Can be read off the type plate

Please contact AKO immediately if the type plate is missing.



WARNING! Risk of injury

Incorrect operating conditions could result in injury to persons, as well as damage to the system and the pinch valve.



Note

Maximum operating conditions (temperature/ pressure/ environmental influences) must not be exceeded or exceeding these operating data must be prevented in the plant.

Example: Pipe trace heating is recommended for pinch valves operated at temperatures below -10° C.

Supplementary technical data for the individual pinch valves can be found in the respective data sheet.

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4. Assembly

4.1 Handling / lifting of heavy valves

Heavy valves should be lifted using load handling / lifting straps or round slings (please observe the weight bearing capacity). Wear personal protective equipment (PPE).

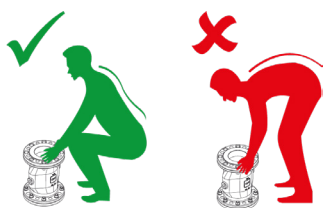
→ e.g.: VF200, VMC125, VMC150



→ e.g.: VF250, VF300



Make sure that you maintain the correct posture when lifting the valves:



4.2 Preparation

A function test must always be performed before fitting the pinch valve.



It is important to ensure that there is not any potentially explosive atmosphere.



All pneumatic hoses/lines in the pneumatic control system must be electrostatically conductive ($<10^6 \Omega$) (not included in the delivery) and integrated into the potential equalisation.

If the pinch valve is installed into a plant with cathodic corrosion protection by the operator, there must be no mutual interference. If necessary, insulation pieces should be fitted outside the Ex zone.

4.3 Mechanical connections



WARNING! Risk of injury

The use of unsuitable lifting devices or load handling equipment could possibly result in severe postural deformity when handling air operated pinch valves from DN 150.

- Use suitable lifting devices and load handling equipment.
- Regularly instruct and train assembly personnel in accordance with accident prevention regulations.



WARNING! Noise emission

Unusual noises can indicate faulty connection of the air operated pinch valve to the pipe/hose or the compressed air supply or a faulty sleeve.

- If necessary, repeat the assembly in accordance with the instructions.
- Carry out regular maintenance as a precautionary measure.

- Connect the factory pre-assembled pinch valve to the plant connections.
- Avoid tension and impacts from external forces and moments.
- It must be ensured when fitting the air operated pinch valve that no damage is caused to the pipe (structural analysis).
- The air operated pinch valve must be securely connected to the pipe so that it can neither fall down by itself nor bend, break or cause other parts of the pipeline to fall down.
- Appropriate supports are to be provided depending on the weight of the pinch valve and when several pinch valves are fitted sequentially.
- The assembly must not cause any leakages in the pipeline system.
- Vibrations in the plant can cause the destruction of the pinch valve or the connections.
- There must be at least twice the face-to-face length of the pinch valve between an elbow and the pinch valve as a shorter pipe length will lead to premature wear on the

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- sleeve and flange because of the turbulence generated.
- Appropriate supports are to be provided depending on the respective weight of the pinch valve and when several pinch valves are fitted sequentially.

Internal thread connection according to DIN EN ISO 228 (G) or ANSI/ASME B1.20.1 (NPT)

Use a suitable sealant for the threaded connection seal, such as a PTFE sealing strip.

- Pinch valves series VMP/VMC: Install by hand or with a strap spanner.
- Pinch valves series VM/VMF: Secure the connection thread on the pinch valve against rotation with a suitable open-end wrench to prevent the sleeve turning when it is being installed.

Flange connection according to DIN EN 1092-1 PN 10/16 or ANSI B 16.5/150 lbs

Use suitable, standard flange seals to seal the flange connections. An additional flange seal is not needed when pinch valves have a flange sleeve. Make sure that the flange surfaces are clean and undamaged. Use flange screws in accordance with the relevant standards. You can calculate the length of the screws based on the thickness of the flange using the data sheet for the pinch valve. Tighten the screws evenly and crossways, initially 50% and then 80%. Re-tighten the screws once or several times during commissioning if necessary to ensure the sealing effect.

Other connections (e.g. threaded spigot, weld-on ends, tri-clamp connection, tankers flange)

Connect all other connections in accordance with their intended purpose and according to general engineering practice.

4.4 Connection for the control pressure line

Connect the pinch valve to the control pressure line. Adjust the defined control pressure on the pressure regulating valve/pressure limiter.

Compressed air as a control medium

The control pressure line is to be installed in the pipe in such a way that any condensation can run out of the pinch valve. A water separator should always be provided upstream of the pinch valve.

Water as a control medium

control valves must be suitable for water and have a sufficiently large cross-section. This influences the closing / opening time of the pinch valve and therefore also the service life of the sleeve.

5. Commissioning



No objects (e.g. screws, tools) are permitted in the interior of the system during work.

5.1 Requirements

Only put the pinch valve into operation when the following measures have been taken:

- Pinch valve must be securely attached with the designated connections.
- A pressure regulating valve/pressure limiter must be installed and adjusted in the control pressure line.
- Any safety devices required must be in place and fully functional.
- The operator must demonstrate that the pumping medium is compatible with the pinch valve materials.
- The functionality of all system parts has been tested. The system should be shut down immediately in the event of damage.



Note

Before commissioning, the entire pinch valve must be checked for seal tightness with connecting parts.

In case of explosive or toxic pumped media, conduct the control air into a separate, closed exhaust air system to prevent a possible escape into the atmosphere in case of a sleeve defect.

5.2 Normal operation

Use the pinch valve exclusively for its designated purpose. Follow the safety instructions.

Safety and protective devices or warning signs fitted to the pinch valve must not be removed. The pinch valve has no control pressure in an open position. It closes only when the optimum control pressure is applied.

The pinch valve must be relieved of any pressure immediately and taken out of operation immediately in case of damage.

Check the pinch valve sleeve if the level drops below or exceeds the permissible operating/control pressure or the permissible operating temperature.

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6. Maintenance and Repair

6.1 General specifications

Carry out maintenance and repair work only when the control pressure has been released. The system must be shut off and depressurised. The control pressure line must be disconnected from the pinch valve. The power supply to the attachments (e.g. on the pressure switch) must be disconnected.



It is important to ensure that there is not any potentially explosive atmosphere.

Precautions must be taken (e.g. personal protective equipment) if dangerous substances may escape whilst carrying out maintenance work on the pinch valve.

Please refer to the respective safety data sheet for specifications, safety instructions and warnings related to the pumping medium.

All individual components must be regularly inspected for damage and replaced if any damage or wear is identified.

6.2 Inspection

The service life of the sleeve is dependent on the control pressure, quality of the sleeve, operating temperatures, pumping medium, nominal size, load change duration/frequency, control and its components.

- ➔ Check the proper function of the pinch valve every 3 months. Depending on the operating conditions, a functional check at different/shorter intervals may be required.
- ➔ Determine the inspection intervals depending on the operating conditions and the frequency of the operation.
- ➔ Check the sleeve at regular intervals for wear and damage.
 - » In case of the light-coloured elastomer blend of the air operated pinch valve sleeve has become worn to the point that the underlying black elastomer shows through, the air operated pinch valve sleeve must be replaced.
 - » If parts of the fabric inside the air operated pinch valve sleeve are visible, the air operated pinch valve sleeve is worn and must be replaced.
- ➔ Check that the optimal control pressure is set correctly and that the connections and joints on the pinch valve are fitted correctly and sealed.

6.3 Maintenance intervals

The operator is responsible for the creation of a maintenance plan that includes the maintenance intervals (see information on the service life of the sleeves in section 6.2).

- ➔ Create a maintenance plan based on the information gathered in the inspections.

6.4 Repair work



WARNING! Hearing damage

In the event of faulty assembly when replacing the sleeve, the sleeve can slip out. If the sleeve slips out of the valve, air will suddenly be discharged (loud bang).

- ➔ Work carefully.
- ➔ Check the correct fitting of the sleeve before completing the functional test.
- ➔ Wear hearing protection.

Damaged sleeves, connections and joints as well as protection and safety settings must be repaired immediately or replaced with original spare parts.

The pinch valve must not be used until the proper function of the plant has been fully restored.



The potential equalisation for all system parts must be fully restored after the maintenance work.

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7. Malfunctions

A list with possible malfunctions, causes and their solution can be found in the appendix.

8. Storage

Store the pinch valve and replacement sleeves at room temperature in a dry and dust-free environment, protected from UV radiation. A storage time of 2 years should not be exceeded because the technical properties will increasingly deteriorate as the storage time lengthens due to the ageing process of the elastomers (e.g. sleeves).

Longer storage time -> shorter service life

9. Disposal

Pinch valves can be recycled. The environmental guidelines in force at the operator's location are applicable for the disposal.

10. Additional Documentation

The following documents are available on the internet at <http://www.pinch-valve.com/downloads/air-operated-pinch-valves.html> or on request.

- ➔ Quick instructions (BAK_pV_...)
- ➔ Data sheets (DB_pV_...)
- ➔ Technical information sheets (TI_pV_...)
- ➔ Codification lists (KL_pV_...)
- ➔ Declarations of conformity (KE_pV_...)
- ➔ Declarations of incorporation (EE_pV_...)
- ➔ Certificates (HB_pV_...)

The required document can be identified based on the part number (see order, delivery note, invoice or type plate). It is coded. Example:

VMC100.03x.50F.50LA

↑ ↑
Series Connection option (type)

A detailed breakdown can be found in the codification lists (KL_pV_...).

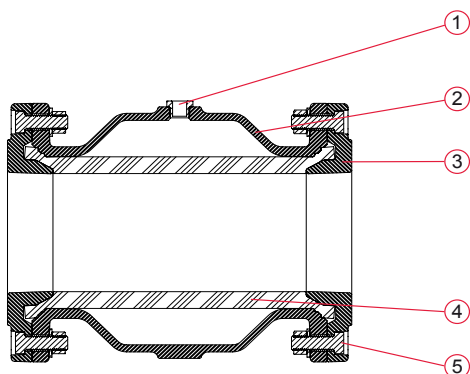
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11. Instandhaltungs- / Reparaturanleitung

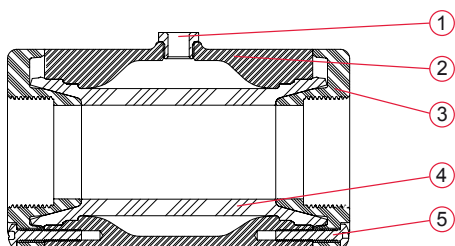
11.1 General principles for fitting the pinch valves

Structure shown for series VF+VT, DN40 to 300



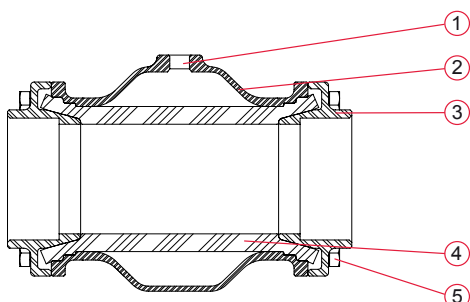
- 1** Control air connection
- 2** Body
- 3** Flange*
- 4** Sleeve*
- 5** Screws*

Structure shown for series VMC, DN10 to 50 (F, FA, G, M, N, R, RA, T, TA)



- 1** Control air connection
- 2** Body
- 3** Socket end cover / flange*
- 4** Sleeve*
- 5** Screws*

Structure shown for series VMC, DN65 to 100 (F, FA, G, M, N, R, RA, T, TA, FT), + VMCE + VT



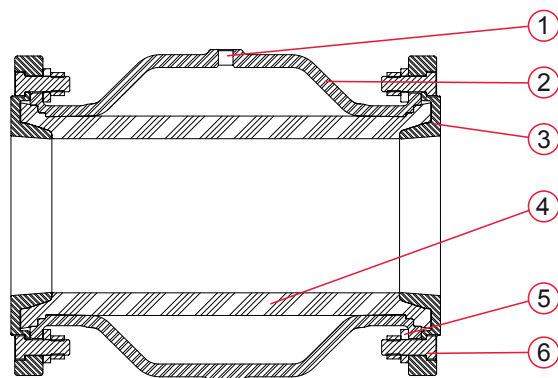
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- 4** Sleeve*
- 5** Screws*

* Wear parts

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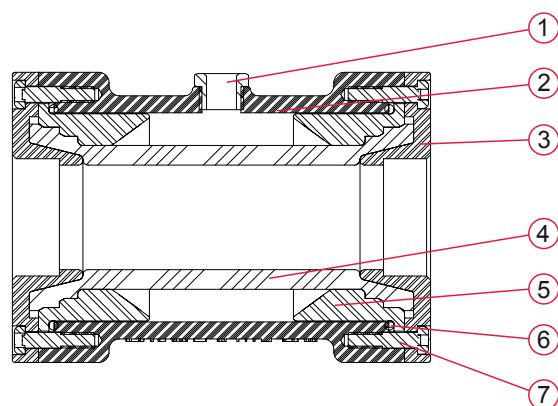
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Structure shown for series VMC, DN125 to DN150 (F, FA, G, M, N, R, RA, T, TA)



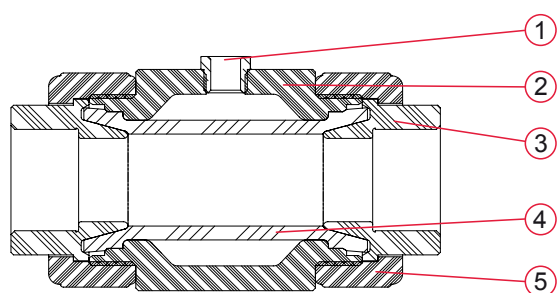
- 1** Control air connection
- 2** Body
- 3** Flange*
- 4** Sleeve*
- 5** Mounting discs
- 6** Screws*

Structure shown for series VMP, DN10 to DN50



- 1** Control air connection
- 2** Body
- 3** Socket end cover / flange*
- 4** Sleeve*
- 5** Pressure zone ring
- 6** O-ring body*
- 7** Screws*

Structure shown for series VM+VMF, DN10 to 50



- 1** Control air connection
- 2** Body
- 3** Socket end*
- 4** Sleeve*
- 5** Coupling nut

11.2 General principles for the maintenance / repair of the pinch valves

- ➔ Use only AKO assembly paste and no adhesive, grease or oil!
- ➔ Do not use any sharp or pointed objects during assembly to

- ➔ avoid damage to the sleeve/valve!
- ➔ Assembly aids or kits can be ordered.

* Wear parts

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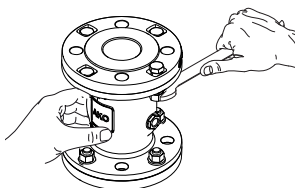
11.3 Air operated Pinch Valve series VF, DN 40-80

Assembly aid:

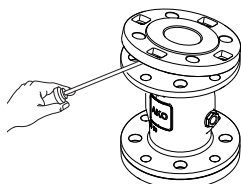
AKO assembly paste MP200 or
AKO assembly paste MPL200 for the food sector

Dismantling

Place the pinch valve facing upwards and hold it tightly on the body. Loosen the nuts crossways with a spanner (SW19). Then turn the pinch valve and also loosen all screws crossways.

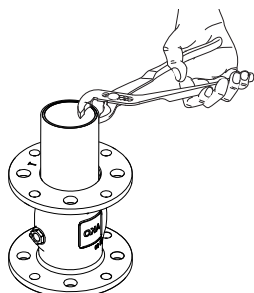


Lift both flanges off the valve unit. Use a slot screwdriver to do this if necessary.



Push or pull the sleeve out of the body. Use a pipe wrench if necessary.

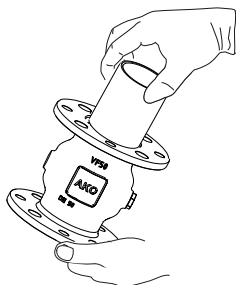
This is made easier by using AKO assembly paste (MP200/MPL200) as lubrication between the sleeve and body.



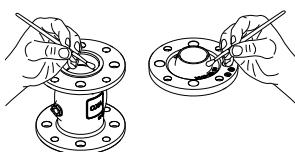
Clean all individual parts afterwards and check the parts for damage as well as for ageing and porosity. Replace damaged parts.

Assembly

Insert the sleeve into the body until it protrudes evenly at both ends. Use a little AKO assembly paste (MP200/MPL200) between the sleeve and body in case of stiffness.

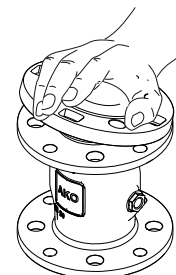


Apply AKO assembly paste (MP200/MPL200) to the inside of both ends of the sleeve and to the cones of the flanges.

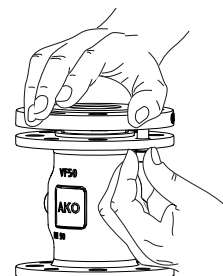


Push one flange diagonally into the sleeve and fix it in a mounting screw hole with a screw, washer and nut. Turn the nut approximately the length of a nut.

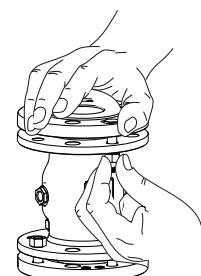
If necessary, lubricate the screws with suitable grease before screwing them in.



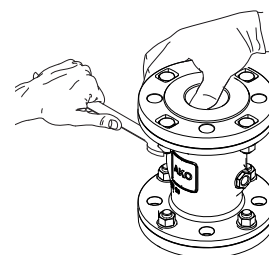
Push the flange opposite the fixing screw into the sleeve and tighten the second screw, washer and nut by the length of a nut.



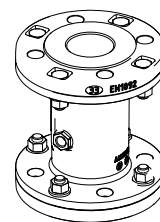
Turn the valve unit 180° and position it again. Repeat the process for the second flange.



Now tighten the screws alternately and crossways on both sides to max. 30 Nm until the flanges rest on the body.



Check the function of the pinch valve by closing the pinch valve with minimal control pressure. Make sure that it closes correctly to form a lip shape.



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11.4 Air operated Pinch Valve series VF, DN100-300

Assembly aids:

Assembly kit incl. assembly paste MP200 or MPL200 for the food sector, AKO assembly pipe, AKO assembly board, screws for pre-assembly

Dismantling

Place the pinch valve facing upwards and hold it tightly on the body. Loosen the screws crossways with a spanner (SW19). Then turn the pinch valve and also loosen all screws crossways.

Now lift both flanges off the valve unit. Use a slot screwdriver to do this if necessary.

Use AKO assembly paste (MP200/MLP200) as lubrication between the body and sleeve.

Push or pull the sleeve out of the body. Use a pipe wrench or another suitable tool if necessary.

Clean all individual parts afterwards and check the parts for damage as well as for ageing and porosity. Replace damaged parts.

Assembly

Lubricate the following parts with AKO assembly paste (MP200/MLP200):

- Inside and outside of the sleeve on both ends
- Cones of both flanges
- Inner neck of the body on both sides

Slide or push the sleeve into the body until it protrudes evenly at both ends.

Place one flange on the sleeve, place the screws for pre-assembly into the holes and tighten the nuts with washers by hand until there is no play between the flange cone and sleeve.

If necessary, lubricate the screws with suitable grease before screwing them in.

Turn the valve unit 180° and repeat the process with the second flange. Tighten the screws until there is slight pressure on the sleeve. Slide the assembly pipe into the valve. Apply approx. 2 bar of air to the body via the control air connection (varies depending on the nominal size).

Push the sleeve over the flange cone using a ring spanner (SW19). Make sure that the sleeve is protruding evenly (approx. 5-7 mm) on both sides.

Tighten the screws for pre-assembly on both sides with a spanner (SW19).

Release the control air from the body. Remove the assembly pipe. Place the mounting screws into the remaining mounting holes on each flange side and tighten them. Replace the screws for pre-assembly with mounting screws on each flange and tighten them as well.

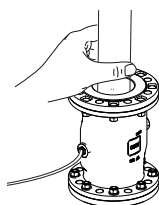
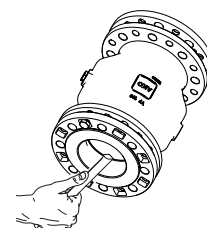
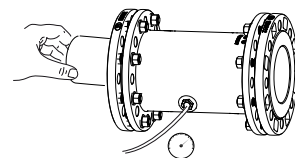
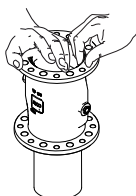
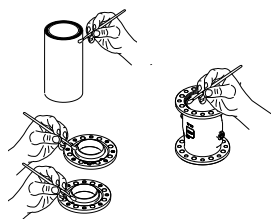
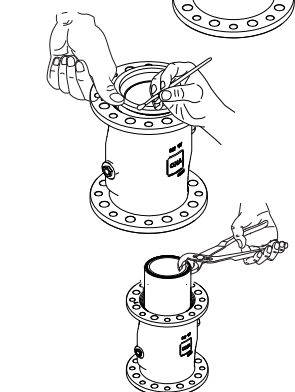
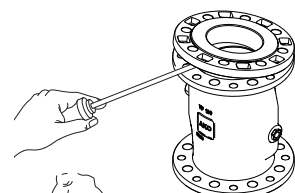
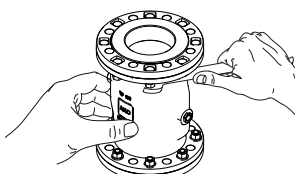
Now tighten the screws alternately and crossways on both sides to max. 30 Nm until the flanges rest firmly on the body. Check the function of the pinch valve.

Insert the assembly board into the valve so that the narrow side of the board is facing the air connection. Hold the assembly board firmly. Apply the minimal control pressure to the body. Make sure that it closes correctly to form a lip shape.

Repeat the process two or three times to give the sleeve the optimum closing direction.



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11.5 Air operated Pinch Valve series VMC, DN10-50, type F, FA, G, M, N, R, RA, T, TA

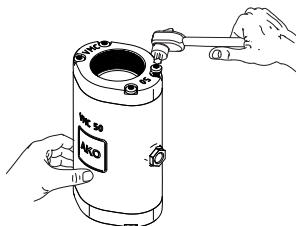
Assembly aid:

AKO assembly paste MP200 or MPL200 for the food sector

Dismantling

Place the pinch valve facing upwards and hold it tightly on the body. Loosen the screws crossways with a ratchet or spanner (T30 Torx bit or SW10 Allen key).

Then turn the pinch valve and also loosen all screws crossways.

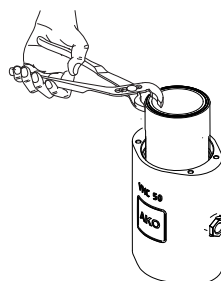


Lift both the socket end cover and flange off the valve unit. Use a slot screwdriver to do this if necessary.



Push or pull the sleeve out of the body. Use a pipe wrench if necessary.

This is made easier by using AKO assembly paste (MP200/MPL200) as lubrication between the sleeve and body.



Clean all individual parts afterwards and check the parts for damage as well as for ageing and porosity. Replace damaged parts.

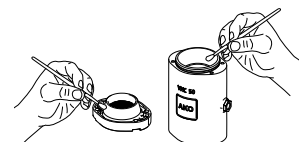
Assembly

Slide the sleeve into the body until the bottom edge is sitting flush and the sleeve is protruding upwards by approx. 3-7 mm.

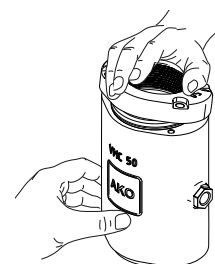
Use a little AKO assembly paste (MP200/MPL200) between the sleeve and body in case of stiffness.



Apply AKO assembly paste (MP200/MPL200) to the inside of both ends of the sleeve and to the cone of the socket end cover/flange.



Position the valve unit with one hand and hold it firmly. Insert the socket end cover/flange diagonally into the sleeve with your other hand and push in the socket end cover/flange.



Align the socket end cover/flange with the screw holes flush with the holes in the body. Insert the screws into the designated holes.

With type M, insert the screws into the socket end cover/flange before fitting it.



If necessary, lubricate the screws with suitable grease before screwing them in.

Push and hold the socket end cover/flange and tighten the screws crossways with a ratchet or spanner until the socket end cover/flange are sitting on the body. Check all screws have an adequate tightening torque (max. 6 Nm).



Turn the valve unit 180° and position it again.

Repeat the process for the second socket end cover/flange.

Check the function of the pinch valve by closing the pinch valve with minimal control pressure. Make sure that it closes correctly to form a lip shape.



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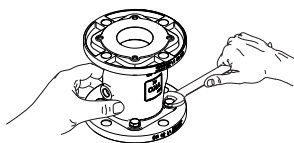
11.6 Air operated pinch valves series VMC, DN65-80, Type F, FA

Assembly aids:

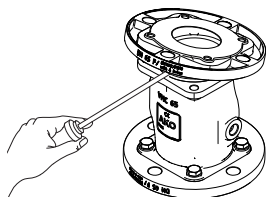
AKO assembly paste MP200 or MPL200 for the food sector, if necessary 4 no. M10x30 ISO 4017 screws for pre-assembly

Dismantling

Place the pinch valve facing upwards and hold it tightly on the body. Loosen the screws crossways with a spanner (SW16). Then turn the pinch valve and also loosen all screws crossways.

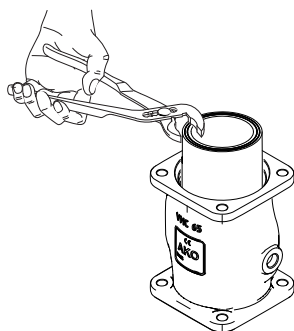


Lift both flanges off the valve unit. Use a slot screwdriver to do this if necessary.



Push or pull the sleeve out of the body. Use a pipe wrench if necessary.

This is made easier by using AKO assembly paste (MP200/MPL200) as lubrication between the sleeve and body.

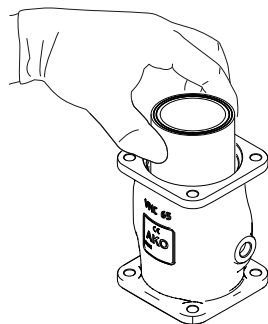


Clean all individual parts afterwards and check the parts for damage as well as for ageing and porosity. Replace damaged parts.

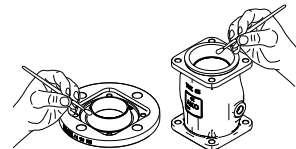
Assembly

Slide the sleeve into the body until the bottom edge is sitting flush and the sleeve is protruding upwards by approx. 5-6 mm.

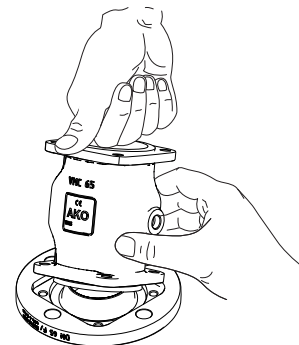
Use a little AKO assembly paste (MP200/MPL200) between the sleeve and body in case of stiffness.



Apply AKO assembly paste (MP200/MPL200) to the inside of both ends of the sleeve and to the flange cone.

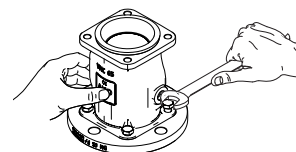


Place the flange onto a stable surface with the sealing surface facing downwards and the cone facing upwards. Take the body with the inserted sleeve and position the 5-6 mm protruding sleeve end diagonally on the flange cone. Push the body with the sleeve firmly over the cone.



If necessary, lubricate the screws with suitable grease before screwing them in.

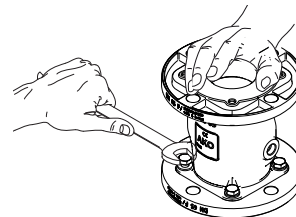
Align the body with the through holes with the threaded flange holes. Push and hold the body, insert the screws and tighten them crossways with a spanner until the screws are sitting in the threaded flange holes.



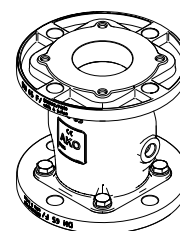
Turn the valve unit 180° and position it again.

Repeat the process with the second flange.

Check all screws have an adequate tightening torque (max. 20 Nm).



Check the function of the pinch valve by closing the pinch valve with minimal control pressure. Make sure that it closes correctly to form a lip shape.



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11.7 Air operated pinch valves series VMC, DN65-80, Type G, M, N, R, RA, T, TA, FT

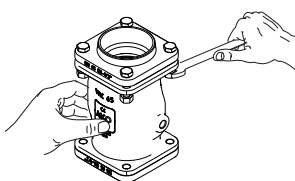
Assembly aids:

AKO assembly paste MP200 or MPL200 for the food sector, if necessary 4 no. M10x45 ISO 4017 screws for pre-assembly (FT=DIN912)

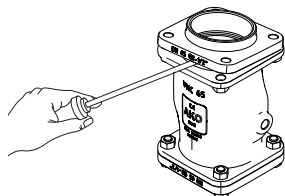
Dismantling

Place the pinch valve facing upwards and hold it tightly on the body. Loosen the screws and nuts crossways with a spanner (SW16 + FT=hexagon socket wrench 8).

Then turn the pinch valve and also loosen all screws crossways.

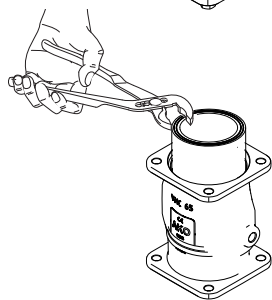


Lift both covers off the valve unit. Use a slot screwdriver to do this if necessary.



Push or pull the sleeve out of the body. Use a pipe wrench if necessary.

This is made easier by using AKO assembly paste (MP200/MPL200) as lubrication between the sleeve and body.

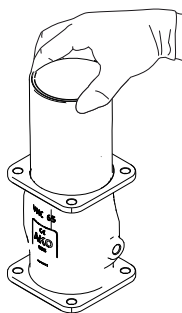


Clean all individual parts afterwards and check the parts for damage as well as for ageing and porosity. Replace damaged parts.

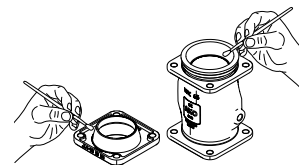
Assembly

Slide the sleeve into the body until the bottom edge is sitting flush and the sleeve is protruding upwards by approx. 5-6 mm.

Use a little AKO assembly paste (MP200/MPL200) between the sleeve and body in case of stiffness.



Apply AKO assembly paste (MP200/MPL200) to the inside of both ends of the sleeve and to the cover cone.

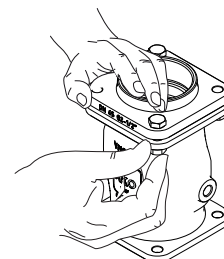


Place the valve unit so that the protruding sleeve end is at the top. Push one cover diagonally into the sleeve and fix it in a screw hole with a screw for pre-assembly, washer and nut. Turn the nut approximately the length of a nut.

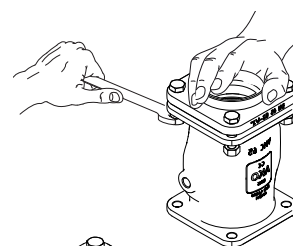


If necessary, lubricate the screws with suitable grease before screwing them in.

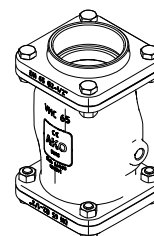
Align the cover with the screw holes flush with the holes in the body and push the cover into the sleeve. Insert the screws with washer and nut into the designated holes.



Push and hold the cover and tighten the screws and nuts crossways with a spanner (SW16 + FT=hexagon socket wrench 8) until the cover is sitting on the body.



Turn the valve unit 180°. Repeat the process for the second cover. Check all screws have an adequate tightening torque (max. 20 Nm).



Check the function of the pinch valve by closing the pinch valve with minimal control pressure. Make sure that it closes correctly to form a lip shape.



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11.8 Air operated pinch valves series VMC, DN100, Type F, FA

Assembly aids:

Assembly kit incl. assembly paste MP200 or MPL200 for the food sector, AKO assembly pipe, AKO assembly board, screws for pre-assembly

Dismantling

Place the pinch valve facing upwards and hold it tightly on the body. Loosen the screws crossways with a spanner (SW19). Then turn the pinch valve and also loosen all screws crossways.

Lift both flanges off the valve unit. Use a slot screwdriver to do this if necessary.

Use your thumb to push the old sleeve out of the body. Use AKO assembly paste (MP200/MLP200) as lubrication between the body and sleeve.

Remove the old sleeve with a pipe wrench or another suitable tool.

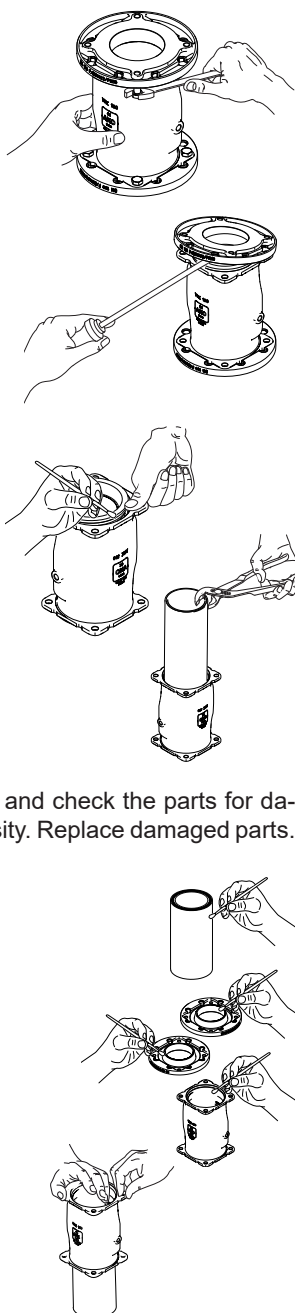
Clean all individual parts afterwards and check the parts for damage as well as for ageing and porosity. Replace damaged parts.

Assembly

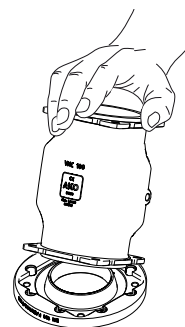
Lubricate the following parts with AKO assembly paste (MP200/MLP200):

- Inside and outside of the sleeve on both ends
- Cones of both flanges
- Inner neck of the body on both sides

Slide or push the sleeve into the body and centre the sleeve until it protrudes evenly at both ends.



Place the flange onto a stable surface with the sealing surface facing downwards and the cone facing upwards. Take the body with the inserted sleeve and position the evenly protruding sleeve end diagonally on the flange cone. Push the body with the sleeve firmly over the cone.



If necessary, lubricate the screws with suitable grease before screwing them in.

Insert the second screw for pre-assembly diagonally and tighten it slightly.

Turn the valve unit 180° and repeat the described process for the second flange.

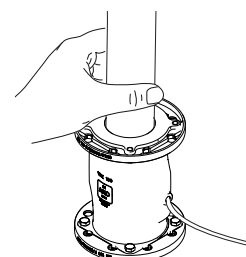
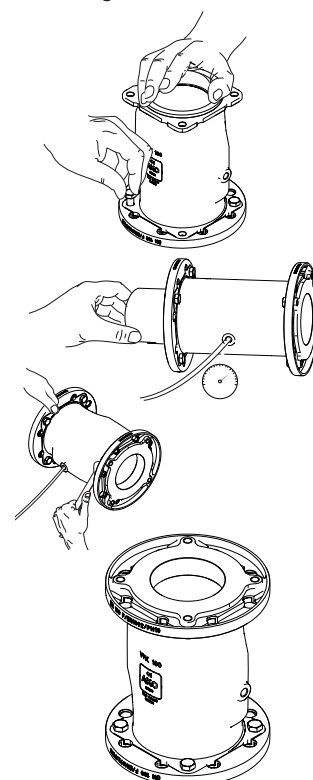
Insert the assembly pipe into the centre of the valve. Apply approx. 2 bar of air to the body via the control air connection.

Make sure that the sleeve is protruding evenly on both sides. Tighten the screws for pre-assembly with a spanner.

Release the control air from the body. Remove the assembly pipe. Place two mounting screws per flange side into the other two holes and tighten them. Replace the screws for pre-assembly with mounting screws on each flange.

Now tighten the screws alternately and crossways on both sides to max. 30 Nm until the flanges rest on the body. Check the function of the pinch valve by closing the pinch valve with minimal control pressure. Make sure that it closes correctly to form a lip shape.

If there is a triangular closing pattern, correct this using an assembly board. Position the assembly board with the narrow side in alignment with the control air connection and hold it tightly.



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11.9 Air operated pinch valves series VMC, DN 100, Type G, M, R, RA, T, A

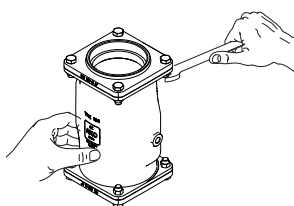
Assembly aids:

Assembly kit incl. assembly paste MP200 or MPL200 for the food sector, AKO assembly pipe, AKO assembly board, screws for pre-assembly

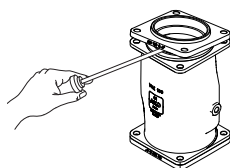
Dismantling

Place the pinch valve facing upwards and hold it tightly on the body. Loosen the screws and nuts crossways with a spanner (hexagon SW19).

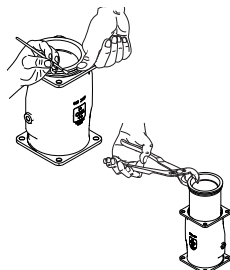
Then turn the pinch valve and also loosen all screws crossways.



Lift both covers off the valve unit. Use a slot screwdriver to do this if necessary.



Use your thumb to push the old sleeve out of the body. Use AKO assembly paste (MP200/MLP200) as lubrication between the body and sleeve.



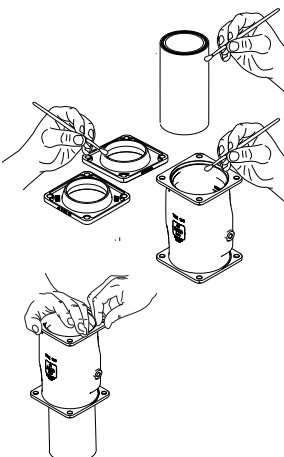
Remove the old sleeve with a pipe wrench or another suitable tool.

Clean all individual parts afterwards and check the parts for damage as well as for ageing and porosity. Replace damaged parts.

Assembly

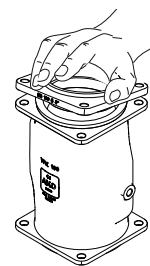
Lubricate the following parts with AKO assembly paste (MP200/MLP200):

- Inside and outside of the sleeve on both ends
- Cones of both covers
- Inner neck of the body on both sides



Slide or push the sleeve into the body and centre the sleeve until it protrudes evenly at both ends.

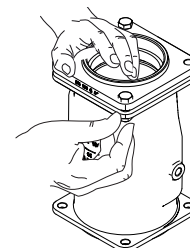
Place the valve unit onto a stable surface. Push one cover diagonally into the sleeve and fix it in a screw hole with a screw for pre-assembly, washer and nut. Turn the nut approximately the length of a nut.



If necessary, lubricate the screws with suitable grease before screwing them in.

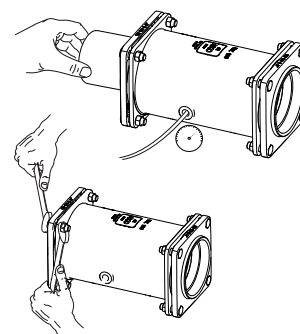
Insert the second screw for pre-assembly diagonally and tighten it slightly.

Turn the valve unit 180° and repeat the process with the second cover.



Insert the assembly pipe into the centre of the valve. Apply approx. 2 bar of air to the body via the control air connection.

Tighten the mounting screws of both socket end covers.

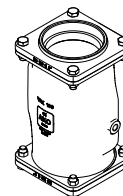


Make sure that the sleeve is protruding evenly on both sides. Tighten the screws for pre-assembly with a spanner.

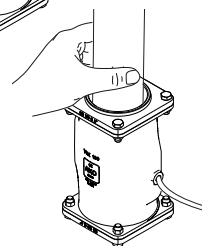
Release the control air from the body. Remove the assembly pipe. Insert two mounting screws per cover and tighten them. Replace the screws for pre-assembly on both covers with mounting screws and tighten them.

Now tighten the screws alternately and crossways on both sides to max. 30 Nm until the covers rest on the body.

Check the function of the pinch valve by closing the pinch valve with minimal control pressure. Make sure that it closes correctly to form a lip shape.



If there is a triangular closing pattern, correct this using an assembly board. Position the assembly board with the narrow side in alignment with the control air connection and hold it tightly.



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11.10 Air operated pinch valves series VMC, DN125-150, Type F, FA, R, RA, T, TA

Assembly aids:

Assembly kit incl. assembly paste MP200 or MPL200 for the food sector, AKO assembly pipe, AKO assembly board, screws for pre-assembly

Dismantling

Place the pinch valve facing upwards and hold it tightly on the body. Loosen the screws crossways with a spanner (SW19). Then turn the pinch valve and also loosen all screws crossways.

Now lift both flanges/socket end covers off the valve unit. Use a slot screwdriver to do this if necessary.

Use your thumb to push the old sleeve out of the body. Use AKO assembly paste (MP200/MLP200) as lubrication between the body and sleeve

Remove the old sleeve with a pipe wrench or another suitable tool.

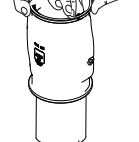
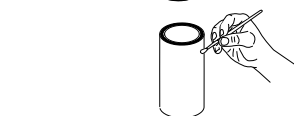
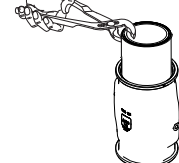
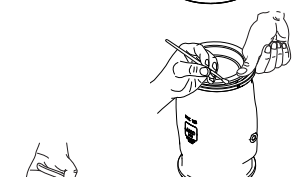
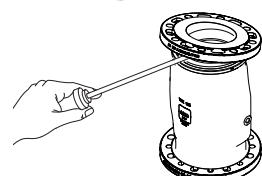
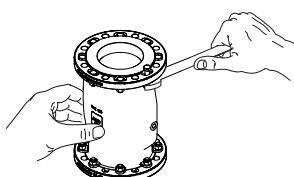
Clean all individual parts afterwards and check the parts for damage as well as for ageing and porosity. Replace damaged parts.

Assembly

Lubricate the following parts with AKO assembly paste (MP200/MLP200):

- Inner neck of the body
- Inside and outside of the sleeve on both ends
- Cones of both flanges/socket end covers

Slide or push the sleeve into the body until it protrudes evenly at both ends.



Push one flange/socket end cover diagonally into the sleeve and fix it in a screw hole with a screw for pre-assembly, mounting disc (area to the body) and nut. Turn the nut approximately the length of a nut.



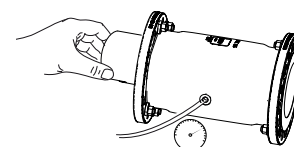
If necessary, lubricate the screws with suitable grease before screwing them in.

Align the groove in the flange/socket end cover with the screw on the body. Push the flange/socket end cover into the sleeve. Insert the second screw for pre-assembly diagonally and tighten it approximately the length of a nut.



Insert two further mounting screws twisted at 90°, as described above. Turn the valve unit 180° and repeat the process with the second flange/socket end cover.

Slide the assembly pipe into the valve. Apply approx. 2 bar of air to the body via the control air connection (varies depending on the nominal size).



Make sure that the sleeve is protruding evenly (approx. 5-8 mm) on both sides.

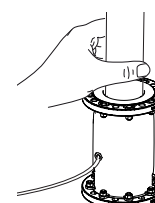
Tighten the screws for pre-assembly on both sides with a spanner (SW19).



Release the control air from the body. Remove the assembly pipe. Place the mounting screws into the remaining mounting holes on each flange side/socket end cover side and tighten them. Replace the screws for pre-assembly with mounting screws on each flange/socket end cover and tighten them as well.

Now tighten the screws alternately and crossways on both sides to max. 30 Nm until the flanges rest firmly on the body. Check the function of the pinch valve.

Insert the assembly board into the valve so that the narrow side of the board is facing the air connection. Hold the assembly board firmly. Apply the minimal control pressure to the body. Make sure that it closes correctly to form a lip shape.



Repeat the process two or three times to give the sleeve the optimum closing direction.



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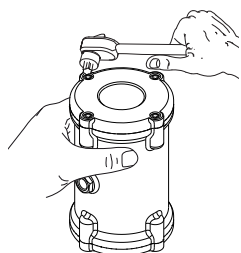
11.11 Air operated pinch valves series VMP, DN10-50

Assembly aid:

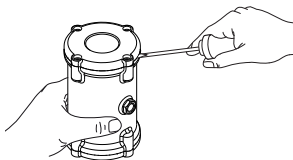
AKO assembly paste MP200 or MPL200 for the food sector

Dismantling

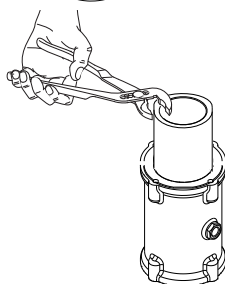
Place the pinch valve facing upwards and hold it tightly on the body. Loosen the screws crossways with a ratchet (T30 Torx bit). Then turn the pinch valve and also loosen all screws crossways.



Lift both socket end covers off the valve unit. Use a slot screwdriver to do this if necessary.



Push or pull the sleeve through the pressure zone rings out of the body. This is made easier by using AKO assembly paste (MP200/MPL200) as lubrication between the sleeve and pressure zone ring.



Clean all individual parts afterwards and check the parts for damage as well as for ageing and porosity. Replace damaged parts.

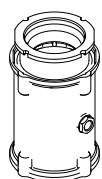
Replace the body following two assemblies to ensure the thread strength.

Assembly

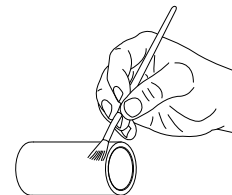
Pull the sealing ring over the pressure zone ring and push it into the designated groove. Repeat the process for the second pressure zone ring.



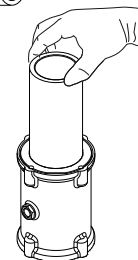
Slide both pressure zone rings including the sealing ring into the body.



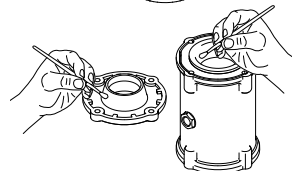
Apply a thin layer of AKO assembly paste (MP200/MPL200) to the outside of one end of the sleeve.



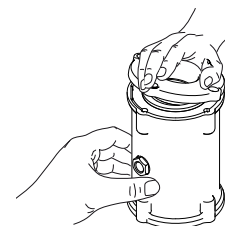
Slide the coated end of the sleeve through the first pressure zone ring into the body until the sleeve through the second pressure zone ring is flush with the bottom edge of the body.



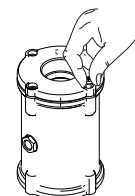
Apply enough AKO assembly paste (MP200/MPL200) to both ends of the sleeve and to the cone of the socket end cover.



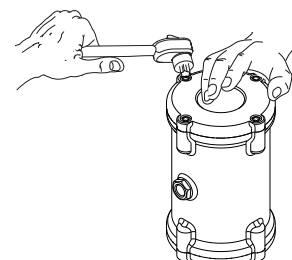
Position the valve unit with one hand and hold it firmly. Insert the socket end cover diagonally into the sleeve with your other hand and push in the socket end cover.



Align the socket end cover with the screw holes flush with the holes in the body. Insert the screws into the designated holes.



Push and hold the socket end cover and tighten the screws crossways with a ratchet until the socket end cover is sitting on the body. Check all screws have an adequate tightening torque (max. 4 Nm). Turn the valve unit 180° and position it again. Repeat the process for the second socket end cover.



Check the function of the pinch valve by closing the pinch valve with minimal control pressure. Make sure that it closes correctly to form a lip shape.



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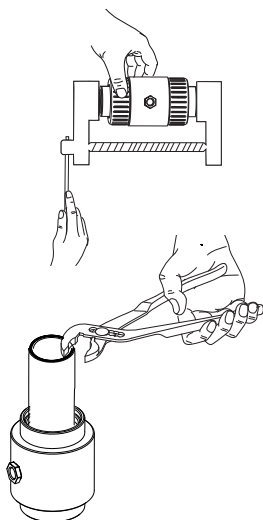
11.12 Air operated pinch valves series VM+VMF, DN10-50

Assembly aid:

AKO assembly paste MP200 or MPL200 for the food sector

Dismantling

Clamp the complete valve in a vice and remove both coupling nuts by hand. Loosen the vice and remove both socket ends.



Push or pull the sleeve out of the body. Use a pipe wrench if necessary.

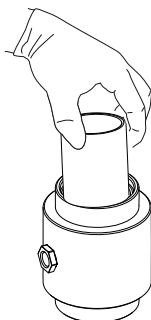
This is made easier by using AKO assembly paste (MP200/MPL200) as lubrication between the sleeve and body.

Clean all individual parts afterwards and check the parts for damage as well as for ageing and porosity. Replace damaged parts.

Assembly

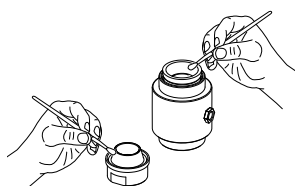
Insert the sleeve into the body until it protrudes evenly at both ends.

This is made easier by using AKO assembly paste (MP200/MPL200) as lubrication between the sleeve and body.

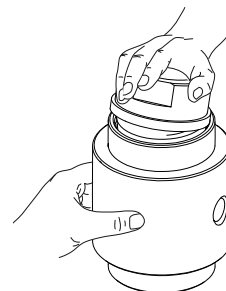


Note: Lubricate the thread on the body with suitable grease with valve bodies made of aluminium or stainless steel.

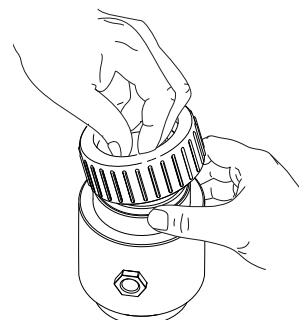
Apply AKO assembly paste (MP200/MPL200) to the inside of both ends of the sleeve and to the cone of the socket ends.



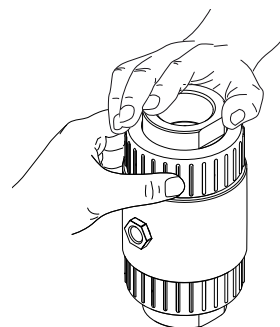
Place the body with the sleeve in a vertical position and hold it tightly with one hand. Push the cone of the socket end into the sleeve with your other hand.



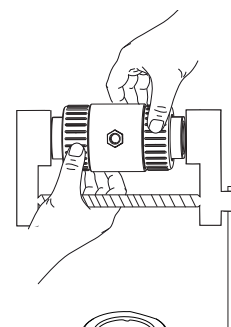
Push and hold the socket end with one hand whilst placing the coupling nut onto the socket end with your other hand. Reach through to push and hold the socket end. Now push the socket end with one hand and turn the coupling nut onto the thread of the valve with your other hand.



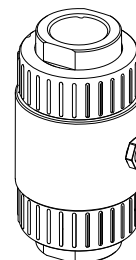
Turn the valve 180° and proceed as described to fit the second socket end using the coupling nut.



Clamp the valve unit with the socket ends horizontally in a vice. Turn the vice inwards until the socket ends rest on the body. Now tighten both coupling nuts by hand. Do not use a tool to tighten them.



Check the function of the pinch valve by closing the pinch valve with minimal control pressure. Make sure that it closes correctly to form a lip shape.



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11.13 Air operated pinch valves series VT, DN100

Assembly aids:

Assembly kit incl. assembly paste MP200 or MPL200 for the food sector, AKO assembly pipe, AKO assembly board, screws (M10x60 DIN912) for pre-assembly.

Demontage

Place the pinch valve facing upwards and hold it tightly on the body. Loosen the screws crossways with a spanner (SW17) and hexagon socket wrench (8).

Then turn the pinch valve and also loosen all screws crossways.

Now lift both flanges off the valve unit. Use a slot screwdriver to do this if necessary.

Use your thumb to push the old sleeve out of the body. Use AKO assembly paste (MP200/MLP200) as lubrication between the body and sleeve.

Remove the old sleeve with a pipe wrench or another suitable tool.

Clean all individual parts afterwards and check the parts for damage as well as for ageing and porosity. Replace damaged parts.

Assembly

Lubricate the following parts with AKO assembly paste (MP200/MLP200):

- Inside and outside of the sleeve on both ends
- Cones of both flanges
- Inner neck of the body on both sides

Slide or push the sleeve into the body until it protrudes evenly at both ends.

Push one flange diagonally into the sleeve and fix it in a screw hole with a screw for pre-assembly, washer and nut. Turn the nut approximately the length of a nut.

If necessary, lubricate the screws with suitable grease before screwing them in.

Push the flange into the sleeve. Insert the second screw for pre-assembly diagonally and tighten it approximately the length of a nut. Turn the valve unit 180° and repeat the process with the second flange.

Slide the assembly pipe into the valve. Apply approx. 2 bar of air to the body via the control air connection. Make sure that the sleeve is protruding evenly on both sides. Tighten the screws for pre-assembly with a spanner SW17) and hexagon socket wrench (8).

Release the control air from the body. Remove the assembly pipe. Place two mounting screws per flange side into the other two holes and tighten them. Replace the screws for pre-assembly with mounting screws on each flange. Now tighten the screws alternately and crossways on both sides to max. 20 Nm until the flanges rest firmly on the body.

Check the function of the pinch valve by closing the pinch valve with minimal control pressure. Make sure that it closes correctly to form a lip shape.

If there is a triangular closing pattern, correct this using an assembly board. Position the assembly board with the narrow side in alignment with the control air connection and hold it tightly.



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12. Appendix

12.1 Possible malfunctions of air-operated pinch valves

Malfunction	Possible cause	Solution
Pinch valve does not close or not fully close	- No control air present	- Check compressed air lines - Check if control pressure is present on pinch valve
	- Control valve defective	- Check/replace control valve
	- Control pressure too low	- Check ideal control pressure to be set
	- Sleeve defective	- Replace sleeve
	- Sleeve does not close in lip shape	- Correct closing pattern of sleeve using the assembly board
Pinch valve does not open or not fully open	- Bleed bore on control valve clogged	- Clean silencer/control air line
	- Vacuum in the pumping area	- Vacuum compensator (e.g.. AKOVAC)
	- Pinch valve connected for extended period	- Vacuum-supported opening (e.g.. AKOVAC)
	- Control valve defective (does not switch)	- Check/replace control valve
Sleeve wears out quickly	- Excessive control pressure/differential pressure	- Check ideal control pressure to be set
	- Switching (open/closed) to fast	- Increase switching time
	- Turbulence in the feed pipe/pinch valve to close to an elbow	- Change feed pipe or arrangement of pinch valve (minimum distance to elbow)
	- Pinch valve does not fully close	- Check ideal control pressure to be set
	- Unfavourable operating conditions (e.g.excessive temperature, operating pressure or flow speed)	- Change operating conditions
	- Pinch valve opens/closes too slowly	- See malfunction "Pinch valve opens/closes too slowly"
	- Vacuum in the pumping area	- Vacuum compensator (e.g.. AKOVAC)
	- Sleeve quality not suitable for pumping medium	- Use different sleeve quality
Flange wears out quickly	- Turbulence in the feed pipe/pinch valve to close to an elbow	- Change feed pipe or arrangement of pinch valve (minimum distance to elbow)
Pinch valve opens/closes too slowly	- If a sleeve has been kept closed for a long period of time, it will require, depending on the quality of the elastomer, a longer amount of time before it opens again.	- This is a property of the elastomer so that the sleeve can permanently change shape for the opening and closing process. - The opening of the sleeve is also supported by the media pressure.
	- Control air line is too small	- Enlarge control air line as described in the Operating manual. - Install quick bleed valve
	- Control air line is too long	- Shorten control air line - Install control valve directly on pinch valve - Install quick bleed valve
	- Bleed bore on control valve clogged.	- Clean silencer/control air line
	- Control air connection too small	- Enlarge air connection or use pinch valve with two air connections
	- Outlet of control valve too small	- Install larger control valve
Control medium (e.g. air) enters the pumping area	- Sleeve defective	- Replace sleeve
Control medium exits the bleed outlet of the control valve	- Sleeve defective	- Replace sleeve
Whistling/hissing/abnormally loud noises	- Pinch valve connection to the feed pipe/compressed air line is not leak tight	- Untight connections or seal/replace the lines
	- Sleeve is possibly faulty	- Replace sleeve
	- Vibration of the sleeve or cavitation	- Change operating conditions


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12.2 Einbauerklärung

EC Declaration of Incorporation

in accordance with Directive
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The manufacturer

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hereby declares that the following partly completed machinery

Designation:	Pinch valve
Product description:	Air operated pinch valve, directly operated, open with zero current
Series:	V, VF, VM, VMC, VMCE, VMF, VMP, VT
Nominal size:	DN 10 to DN 300

complies with the basic requirements of the following list of relevant regulations, insofar as they apply to the goods delivered by us.

EU Directives:

Machinery Directive	RL2006/42/EG
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Related harmonised standards:


DIN EN ISO 12100	Safety of machinery
DIN EN 349	Safety of machinery - Minimum gaps to avoid crushing of parts of the human body
DIN EN ISO 14120	Safety of machinery - Guards
DIN EN ISO 13857	Safety of machinery - Safety distances to prevent hazard zones being reached by upper and lower limbs
ISO 4414 (EN 983)	Pneumatic fluid power - General rules and safety requirements for systems and their components

Technical documentation:
 The special technical documentation in accordance with Annex VII Part B and the assembly instructions in accordance with Annex VI of the Machinery Directive RL2006/42/EC have been created. We undertake to provide this information in electronic form to the market surveillance authorities following a reasoned request within an appropriate period of time. The following company is authorised to compile the technical documentation:
 AKO Armaturen & Separationstechnik GmbH

Note:
 The partly completed machinery may only be placed into operation when it has been determined that the machinery into which the partly completed machinery is to be installed complies with the basic requirements of the Machinery Directive RL2006/42/EC and the EC Declaration of Conformity in accordance with Annex II A has been provided.

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