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Series VRS / VRA Sizes 32, 40, 50, 63, 80, 100 & 125 mm Rotation 96, 186 and 366







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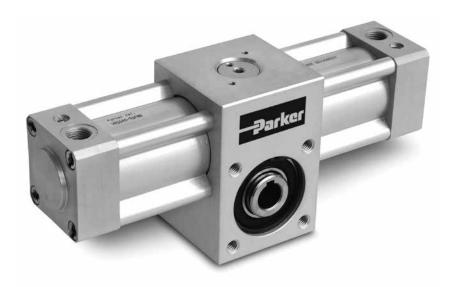
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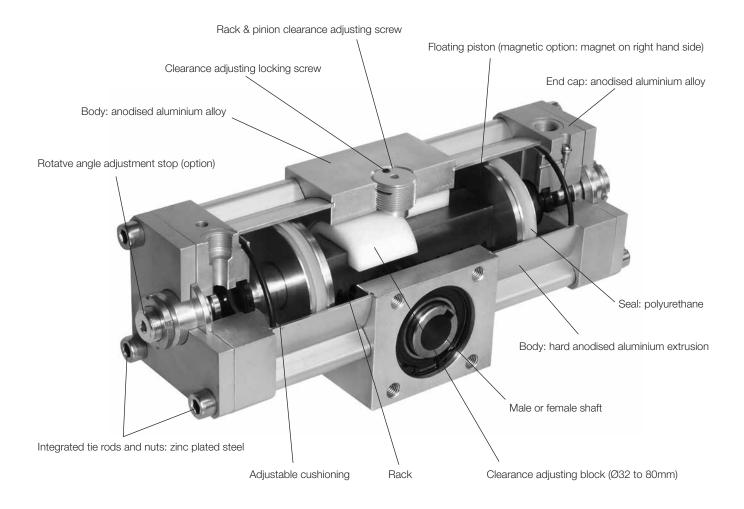




- Transforms the rectilinear motion of 2 single acting opposite cylinders into rotary motion via a rack and pinion drive contained within the cylinder body.
- Various tasks can be handled by use of a torque cylinder, including gate opening and closing, clamping and agitation of fluids and raw materials.
- Key points of the VRS / VRA cylinder design
   lightweight materials (aluminium alloy)
   accuracy in motion (cushioning, clearance compensation bores up to 80mm)
   long life (floating piston, nitrile seals, adjustable cushions)
   good resistance to corrosion
   easy cleaning (extruded body)
- Operates with dry, lubricated or non lubricated air
- The range includes bores from Ø32 to 125mm with rotative angles of 96°, 186° and 366°
- Magnetic piston versions can be fitted with P8S sensors and brackets
- Several options are available; rotative angle adjustable stop, male shaft or female shaft (through)



# VRS standard version (Ø32 to 125mm)



## VRA version (Ø32 to 80mm) for corrosive environment

- Aluminium blanking plate for the clearance adjustment screw
- Rack and pinion gear contained in waterproof enclosure (silicone seal)
- Stainless steel waterproof ball bearings
- Stainless steel pinion
- Stainless steel circlips, internal tie rods and screws
- Optional Magnetic version





# **Material specification**

|   | VRS                               | VRA                               |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Rack  | XC40 steel                        | XC40 steel                        |
| Floating piston                             | Aluminium                         | Aluminium                         |
| Magnet (***M version)                       | Magnetic elastomer                | Magnetic elastomer                |
| Piston seals                                | Polyurethane                      | Polyurethane                      |
| Rack and pinion gear seals                  |                                   | Silicone                          |
| Body  | Anodised aluminium                | Anodised aluminium                |
| Integrated tie rods, nuts, circlips, screws | Zinc plated steel                 | 303 stainless steel               |
| Body  | Hard anodised aluminium extrusion | Hard anodised aluminium extrusion |
| End caps                                    | Anodised aluminium                | Anodised aluminium                |
| Male or female transmission shaft           | XC40 steel                        | 304 stainless steel (female)      |
| Cushion sleeve                              | Brass                             | Brass                             |
| Clearance adjusting block (Ø 32 to 80mm)    | Acetal                            | Acetal                            |
| Adjusting screw blanking plate              |                                   | Aluminium + silicone seal         |

# **Condition of use**

|                      | Ø 32 to 80mm   | Ø 100 and 125mm             |  |  |  |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Temperature range    | -10°C to +60°C<br>(14°F to 140°F)                              |                             |  |  |  |
| Pressure range (bar) | 0.5 to 10<br>7 to 145 psi)                                     | 0.3 to 10<br>(4 to 145 psi) |  |  |  |
| Air condition        | Filtered air 40µ, lubricated or non lubricated, dry or non dry |                             |  |  |  |

# Theoretical torque

| Ø Bore | Pinion | ØD  | 0.6   | Torque (N.m) |       |       |        |  |  |  |
|--------|--------|-----|-------|--------------|-------|-------|--------|--|--|--|
| mm     | Module | ØPm | 2 bar | 4 bar        | 6 bar | 8 bar | 10 bar |  |  |  |
| 32     | 1.5    | 20  | 2.4   | 4.8          | 7.2   | 9.6   | 12     |  |  |  |
| 40     | 2      | 40  | 5.0   | 10.0         | 15.0  | 20.0  | 25     |  |  |  |
| 50     | 2      | 40  | 8.0   | 16.0         | 24.0  | 32.0  | 40     |  |  |  |
| 63     | 3      | 54  | 17.0  | 34.0         | 51.0  | 68.0  | 85     |  |  |  |
| 80     | 3      | 54  | 27.0  | 54.0         | 81.0  | 108.0 | 135    |  |  |  |
| 100    | 5      | 75  | 58.0  | 116.0        | 174.0 | 232.0 | 290    |  |  |  |
| 125    | 5      | 75  | 92.0  | 184.0        | 276.0 | 368.0 | 460    |  |  |  |

The table above shows the theoretical torque at different pressures. A maximum efficiency of 80% should be assured due to functional losses

# **Technical data**

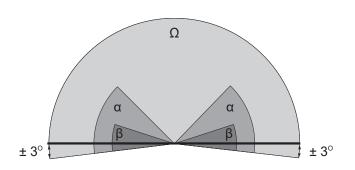
| Bore (mm)                         |        | 32    | 40    | 50    | 63             | 80    | 100  | 125  |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|-------|------|------|
| Maximum load (N)                  | Axial  | 110   | 350   | 350   | 1050           | 1050  | 2500 | 2500 |
|                                   | Radial | 35    | 220   | 220   | 900            | 900   | 2000 | 2000 |
| Cushion angle (°)                 |        | 50    | 45    | 45    | 32             | 32    | 30   | 30   |
| Nominal moment of inertia (kg.m³) |        | 0.003 | 0.01  | 0.02  | 0.1            | 0.2   | 0.3  | 0.4  |
| Rotative angle (-1°)              |        |       |       | 96    | 6°, 186°, 366° |       |      |      |
| Angular tolerance                 |        | 0°10' | 0°10' | 0°10' | 0°10'          | 0°10' | 1°   | 1°   |



#### **Technical data**

#### Rotative angle adjustable stop and cushion angle

| Ø Cylinder bore (mr                  | 32         | 40   | 50   | 63   | 80   | 100  | 125  |      |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                                      |            | 96°  | 96°  | 96°  | 96°  | 96°  | 96°  | 96°  |
| Rotative angle                       | Ω          | 186° | 186° | 186° | 186° | 186° | 186° | 186° |
|                                      |            | 366° | 366° | 366° | 366° | 366° | 366° | 366° |
| Cushion angle                        | α          | 50°  | 45°  | 45°  | 32°  | 32°  | 30°  | 30°  |
| Adjustable angle (R option: Adjustab | 15°<br>op) | 15°  | 15°  | 15°  | 15°  | 15°  | 15°  |      |

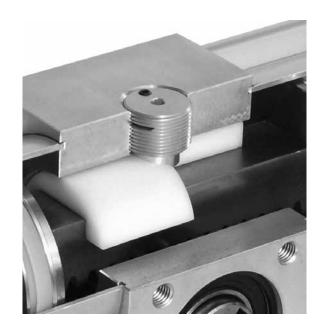


#### **Maintenance**

After 2 million cycles in nominal moment of inertia conditions, the cylinder should be dismantled and seals replaced. When assembling, grease gear and rack with ESSO GP GREASE or equivalent. Adjust clearance of gear and rack (Ø 32 to 80 cylinder bore) with the screw (1) in order to obtain the following minimum operating pressures (unloaded cylinder), then secure the adjustment with the screw (2).

#### Backlash adjustment

| Ø Bore (mm) | Minimum operating pressure |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| Ø 32 and 40 | 0.5 bar (7 psi)            |
| Ø 50 and 63 | 0.4 bar (6 psi)            |
| Ø 80        | 0.3 bar (4 psi)            |



# Weight - kg (lbs)

Standard cylinder: Female shaft, 0° rotation, magnetic or non magnetic

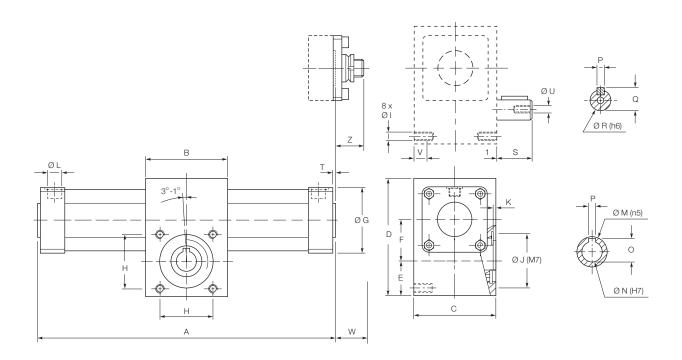
| Bore (mm)               | 32         | 40         | 50         | 63          | 80          | 100          | 125          |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Standard cylinder       | 1.30 (2.9) | 2.20 (4.8) | 2.50 (5.5) | 5.30 (11.7) | 6.20 (13.7) | 15.70 (34.6) | 17.80 (39.2) |
| For male shaft          | 0.10 (0.2) | 0.20 (0.4) | 0.20 (0.4) | 0.45 (1.0)  | 0.45 (1.0)  | 1.50 (3.3)   | 1.50 (3.3    |
| For one adjustable stop | 0.15 (0.3) | 0.25 (0.5) | 0.35 (0.8) | 0.35 (0.8)  | 0.40 (0.9)  | 1.00 (2.2)   | 1.00 (2.2)   |
| Per 90° of rotation     | 0.10 (0.2) | 0.30 (0.7) | 0.40 (0.9) | 0.70 (1.5)  | 0.80 (1.8)  | 2.00 (4.4)   | 2.30 (5.0)   |

**Example : VRM050-186FRN** Weight =  $2.5 + 0.35 \times 1 + 0.40 \times 2 = 3.65 \text{ kg}$  (5.5 + 0.77 × 1 + 0.88 × 2 = 8.04 lbs)



# **Dimensions (mm)**

# Cylinder bores Ø 32 to 80mm



The location of the shaft key is indicated when the pistons are on the left. First rotation as indicated (clockwise).

# $\Omega$ : Rotative angle 96°, 186° or 366°

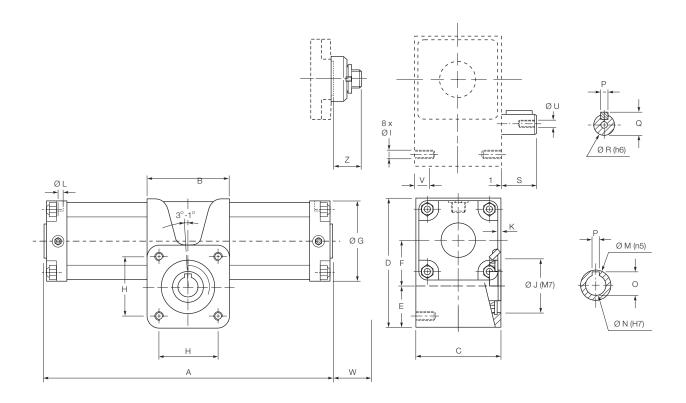
| Ø  | <b>A</b> *           | В  | С    | D   | E    | F    | G  | Н  | I       | J  | K   | L     |
|----|----------------------|----|------|-----|------|------|----|----|---------|----|-----|-------|
| 32 | 128 + 0.523 <b>Ω</b> | 50 | 50   | 72  | 25.0 | 24.0 | 45 | 35 | M6      | 35 | 2.0 | G1/8" |
| 40 | 163 + 0.6981 Ω       | 65 | 65   | 95  | 32.5 | 29.5 | 52 | 47 | M8      | 47 | 3.0 | G1/4" |
| 50 | 163 + 0.6981 Ω       | 65 | 65   | 95  | 32.5 | 29.5 | 65 | 47 | M8      | 47 | 3.0 | G1/4" |
| 63 | 209 + 0.9424 Ω       | 95 | 95   | 126 | 40.0 | 38.0 | 75 | 62 | M10     | 62 | 3.5 | G3/8" |
| 80 | 209 + 0.9424 Ω       | 95 | 95   | 126 | 40.0 | 38.0 | 95 | 62 | M10     | 62 | 3.5 | G3/8" |
| Ø  | М                    | N  | 0    | Р   | Q    | R    | S  | Т  | U       | V  | W*  | Z     |
| 32 | 17                   | 10 | 11.7 | 4   | 13.5 | 12   | 20 | 2  | M4 x 10 | 10 | 22  | 31    |
| 40 | 25                   | 15 | 17.2 | 5   | 18.0 | 16   | 30 | 3  | M5 x 15 | 12 | 24  | 35    |
| 50 | 25                   | 15 | 17.2 | 5   | 18.0 | 16   | 30 | 3  | M5 x 15 | 12 | 29  | 35    |
| 63 | 35                   | 24 | 27.2 | 8   | 27.0 | 24   | 40 | 3  | M8 x 20 | 15 | 32  | 32    |
| 80 | 35                   | 24 | 27.2 | 8   | 27.0 | 24   | 40 | 3  | M8 x 20 | 15 | 32  | 32    |

 $<sup>^{\</sup>ast}$  Add W to A for the magnetic version (magnet on right hand side as standard).



# **Dimensions (mm)**

# Cylinder bores Ø 100 to 125mm



The location of the shaft key is indicated when the pistons are on the left. First rotation as indicated (clockwise).

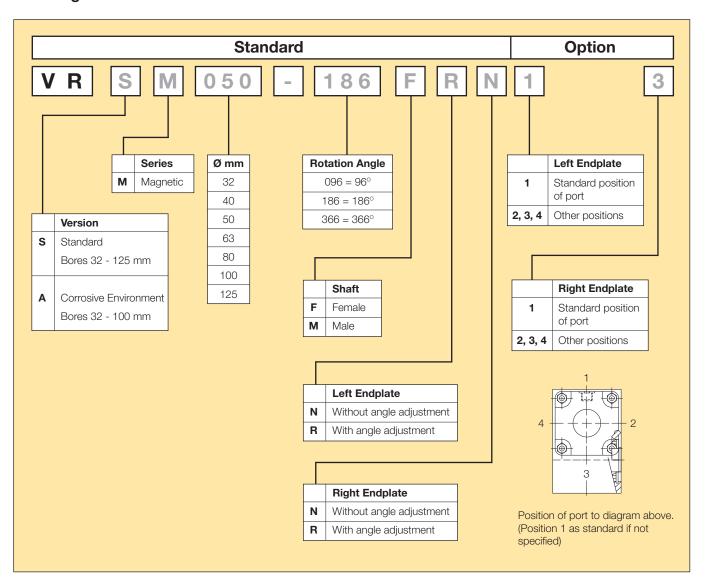
# $\Omega$ : Rotative angle 96°, 186° or 366°

| Ø   | A*            | В   | С    | D   | Е    | F    | G   | Н        | ı   | J  | K   | L     |
|-----|---------------|-----|------|-----|------|------|-----|----------|-----|----|-----|-------|
| 100 | 304 + 1.309 Ω | 130 | 142  | 188 | 64.0 | 53.5 | 115 | 90       | M14 | 90 | 4.5 | G1/2" |
| 125 | 304 + 1.309 Ω | 130 | 142  | 188 | 64.0 | 53.5 | 140 | 90       | M14 | 90 | 4.5 | G1/2" |
| Ø   | М             | N   | 0    | Р   | Q    | R    | S   | U        | ٧   | W* | Z   |       |
| 100 | 55            | 35  | 38.7 | 10  | 38.5 | 35   | 50  | M12 x 20 | 24  | 4  | 38  |       |
| 125 | 55            | 35  | 38.7 | 10  | 38.5 | 35   | 50  | M12 x 20 | 24  | 4  | 38  |       |

 $<sup>^{\</sup>ast}$  Add W to A for the magnetic version (magnet on right hand side as standard).



# **Ordering references**



## Maintenance - Seal kit

| Bore (mm)            | 32       | 40       | 50       | 63       | 80       | 100     | 125     |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Actuators VRS/ VRSM  | LIVDAGGG | LIVDAGAG | LIVDAGEG | LIVDAGG  | LIVDAGGO | JJVR100 | JJVR125 |
| Actuators VRA / VRAM | JJVRA032 | JJVRA040 | JJVRA050 | JJVRA063 | JJVRA080 | JJVK100 | JJVK125 |



#### Sensors

VRSM and VRAM cylinders can be fitted with sensors. These sensors use the following mounting bracket.

| Ø Bore (mm)      | 32 | 40 | 50  | 63    | 80         | 100 | 125 |
|------------------|----|----|-----|-------|------------|-----|-----|
| Mounting bracket |    |    | P8S | -TMA0 | <b>X</b> * |     |     |
| A                | 35 | 39 | 48  | 50    | 58         | 70  |     |
| В                | 30 | 35 | 42  | 48    | 56         | 65  |     |

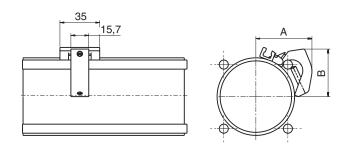
**Note:** Mounting brackets and sensors must be ordered seperately \* Please consult Technical Department for 125 mm bore.

#### Adapter for tie-rod design

| Description                                    | Weight [kg] | Order code |
|--|-------------|------------|
| Double jointed adapter for bore Ø 32 to 125 mm | 0.07        | P8S-TMA0X  |



The electronic sensors are "Solid State", i.e. they have no moving parts at all. They are provided with short-circuit protection and transient protection as standard. The built-in electronics make the sensors suitable for applications with high on and off switching frequency, and where very long service life is required.



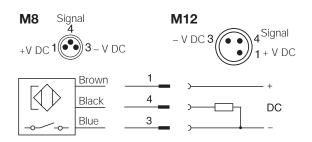
#### **Reed sensors**

The sensors are based on proven reed switches, which offer reliable function in many applications. Simple installation, a protected position on the cylinder and clear LED indication.

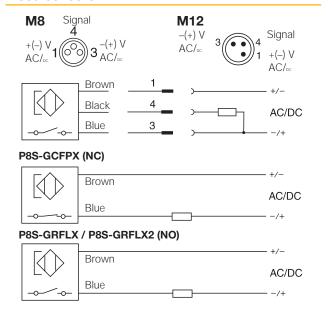
|   | Electronic  | Reed   |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| Cylinder type:                          | der type: Profile with T-slot   |  |  |  |  |
| Cylinder type with adaptor:             | Profile with S-slot (dovetail)   Tie rods   Round cylinders                 |  |  |  |  |
| Installation:                           | Drop-in. Fixed by 1.5 mm stainless steel allen key or flathead screwdriver. |  |  |  |  |
| Housing length:                         | 34.7 mm   31.5 mm (ATEX)  |  |  |  |  |
| Output Type / Function:                 | PNP, Normally Open (NO)   NPN,<br>Normally Closed (NC)                      | Normally Open (NO)   Normally Closed (NC)  |  |  |  |
| Switching (on/off) switching frequency: | ≤1000 Hz  | ± 400 Hz   |  |  |  |
| Degree of Protection (IP):              |   | IP67   |  |  |  |
| Power consumption:                      | ≤ 10 mA   | -  |  |  |  |
| Input Supply Voltage Range:             | 10 to 30 V DC   18 to 30 V DC (ATEX)  | 10 to 30   10 to 120   10 to 230 V AC/DC<br>(2-wire)   10 to 30 V AC/DC (3-wire) |  |  |  |
| Voltage Drop:                           | ≤ 2,2 V   | $\leq$ 3,5 V (2-wire NO)   $\leq$ 0,1 V (3-wire)   $\leq$ 0,1 V (2-wire NC)      |  |  |  |
| Continuous output current:              | $\leq$ 100 mA   $\leq$ 70 mA (ATEX)   | ≤ 100 mA (2-wire NO)   ≤ 500 mA (3-wire)   ≤ 50<br>mA (2-wire NC)                |  |  |  |
| Switching capacity:                     | -   | ≤ 10 W   |  |  |  |
| Hazardous area category:                | 3G / 3D (ATEX)  | -  |  |  |  |
| Protection Class:                       | III   | II (2-wire)   III (3-wire)   |  |  |  |
| Response Sensitivity:                   | 2.65 2.95 mT  | 2.1 3.4 mT   |  |  |  |
| Overrun Distance:                       | 3 mm  | 9 mm   |  |  |  |
| Histeresis:                             | ≤ 0.5 mT  | ≤ 0.2 mT   |  |  |  |
| Repeatability:                          | ≤ 0.1 mT  |  |  |  |  |
| Reverse Polarity Protection:            | Yes   |  |  |  |  |
| Short-circuit Protection:               | Yes   | -  |  |  |  |
| Power-up Pulse Protection:              | Yes   | -  |  |  |  |
| Ambiant Operating Temperature Range:    | -25 to +75 °C (PUR cable)   -20 to  | +70°C (PVC cable)   -20 to +45°C (ATEX)  |  |  |  |
| Shock and Vibration resistance:         | 30 g 11 ms  | / 10 55 Hz, 1 mm   |  |  |  |
| EMC:                                    | According to EN 60947-5-2   |  |  |  |  |
| Industry Standard:                      | CE   C UL US   RoHs   Ex  | CE   C UL US   RoHs  |  |  |  |
| UL Certification:                       | С   | On request   |  |  |  |
| Housing Material:                       | Plastic polyamid PA12 (ATEX)   PA66   | Plastic polyamid PA12 (2-wire 240V)   PA66                                       |  |  |  |
| Cable Specification:                    | PUR (Polyurethane)   PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride)                               |  |  |  |  |
| Conductor Cross-Section:                | 0.14 mm <sup>2</sup> (3 wire)   | 0.14 mm² (3-wire)   0.12 mm² (2-wire)  |  |  |  |
| Colour of LED:                          |   | Yellow   |  |  |  |
| Connection Style:                       | M8 snap-in   M8R (knurled nuts)   M12 (knurled nuts)   None (Flying lead)   |  |  |  |  |



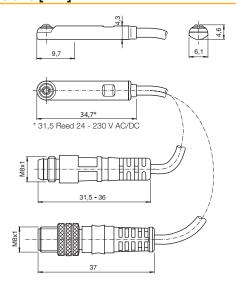
#### **Electronic sensors**



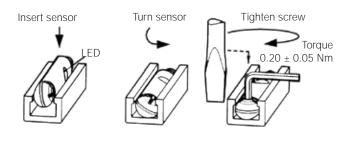
#### **Reed sensors**



#### **Dimensions** [mm]



### **Sensor Installation**



#### Sensors

| Output/function                | Cable/connector                                  | Weight [kg] | Order code |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------|------------|
| Electronic sensors, 10-30 V DC |  |             |            |
| PNP type, normally open        | 0.27 m PUR cable and 8 mm snap-in male connector | 0.007       | P8S-GPSHX  |
| PNP type, normally open        | 0.27 m PUR cable and M12 screw male connector    | 0.015       | P8S-GPMHX  |
| PNP type, normally open        | 3 m PVC cable without connector                  | 0.030       | P8S-GPFLX  |
| PNP type, normally open        | 10 m PVC cable without connector                 | 0.110       | P8S-GPFTX  |
| Reed sensors, 10-30 V AC/DC    |  |             |            |
| Normally open                  | 0.27 m PUR cable and 8 mm snap-in male connector | 0.007       | P8S-GSSHX  |
| Normally open                  | 0.27 m PUR cable and M12 screw male connector    | 0.015       | P8S-GSMHX  |
| Normally open                  | 3 m PVC cable without connector                  | 0.030       | P8S-GSFLX  |
| Normally open                  | 10 m PVC cable without connector                 | 0.110       | P8S-GSFTX  |
| Normally closed                | 5 m PVC cable without connector without LED      | 0.050       | P8S-GCFPX  |
| Reed sensors, 10-120 V AC/DC   |  |             |            |
| Normally open                  | 3 m PVC cable without connector                  | 0.030       | P8S-GRFLX  |
| Reed sensors, 24-230 V AC/DC   |  |             |            |
| Normally open                  | 3 m PVC cable without connector                  | 0.030       | P8S-GRFLX2 |

#### Male connectors for connecting cables

Cable connectors for producing your own connecting cables. The connectors can be quickly attached to the cable without special tools. Only the outer sheath of the cable is removed. The connectors are available for M8 screw connectors and meet protection class IP 65.



#### **Technical data**

Operating voltage: max. 32V AC/DC

Operating current per contact: max. 4 A

Connection cross section: 0.25.... 0.5 mm² (conductor diameter min 0.1)

Protection class: IP65 And IP 67 when

plugged and screwed down (EN 60529)

Temperature range: - 25... +85°C

| Connector           | Weight [kg] | Order Code |  |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|--|
| M8 screw connector  | 0.018       | P8CS0803J  |  |
| M12 screw connector | 0.022       | P8CS1204J  |  |

#### **Connecting cables**

| Description  | Weight [g] | For Product Series          | Order Code |
|--|------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Cable flex PVC 3 meter with 8mm snap-in connector / flying leads   | 70         | P8S Sensors with M8         | 9126344341 |
| Cable flex PVC 10 meter with 8mm snap-in connector / flying leads  | 210        | P8S Sensors with M8         | 9126344342 |
|  |            |                             |            |
| Cable PUR 3 meter with 8mm snap-in female connector / flying leads | 70         | P8S Sensors with M8         | 9126344345 |
| Cable flex PUR 10 meter with 8mm snap-in connector / flying leads  | 210        | P8S Sensors with M8         | 9126344346 |
|  |            |                             |            |
| Cable PVC 2.5 meter with M8 screw connector / flying leads         | 60         | P8S Sensors with knurled M8 | KC3102     |
| Cable PVC 5 meter with M8 screw female connector / flying leads    | 120        | P8S Sensors with knurled M8 | KC3104     |



# Specifying air quality (purity) in accordance with ISO8573-1:2010, the international standard for compressed air quality

ISO8573-1 is the primary document used from the ISO8573 series as it is this document which specifies the amount of contamination allowed in each cubic metre of compressed air.

ISO8573-1 lists the main contaminants as Solid Particulate, Water and Oil. The purity levels for each contaminant are shown separately in tabular form, however for ease of use, this document combines all three contaminants into one easy to use table.

|                         | Solid Particulate  |                |              | Water                              |                      | Oil                                   |       |
|-------------------------|--|----------------|--------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| ISO8573-1:2010<br>CLASS | CLASS Maximum number of particles per m <sup>3</sup>                             |                | Mass         | Vapour                             | Liquid               | Total Oil (aerosol liquid and vapour) |       |
| 0,                      | 0,1 - 0,5 micron   | 0,5 - 1 micron | 1 - 5 micron | Concentration<br>mg/m <sup>3</sup> | Pressure<br>Dewpoint | g/m <sup>3</sup>                      | mg/m³ |
| 0                       | O As specified by the equipment user or supplier and more stringent than Class 1 |                |              |                                    |                      |                                       |       |
| 1                       | ≤ 20 000   | ≤ 400          | ≤ 10         | -                                  | ≤ -70 °C             | -                                     | 0,01  |
| 2                       | ≤ 400 000  | ≤ 6 000        | ≤ 100        | -                                  | ≤ -40 °C             | -                                     | 0,1   |
| 3                       | -  | ≤ 90 000       | ≤ 1 000      | -                                  | ≤ -20 °C             | -                                     | 1     |
| 4                       | -  | -              | ≤ 10 000     | -                                  | ≤ +3 °C              | -                                     | 5     |
| 5                       | -  | -              | ≤ 100 000    | -                                  | ≤ +7 °C              | -                                     | -     |
| 6                       | -  | -              | -            | ≤ 5                                | ≤ +10 °C             | -                                     | -     |
| 7                       | -  | -              | -            | 5 - 10                             | -                    | ≤ 0,5                                 | -     |
| 8                       | -  | -              | -            | -                                  | -                    | 0,5 - 5                               | -     |
| 9                       | -  | -              | -            | -                                  | -                    | 5 - 10                                | -     |
| X                       | -  | -              | -            | > 10                               | -                    | > 10                                  | > 10  |

#### Specifying air purity in accordance with ISO8573-1:2010

When specifying the purity of air required, the standard must always be referenced, followed by the purity class selected for each contaminant (a different purity class can be selected for each contamination if required).

An example of how to write an air quality specification is shown below:

#### ISO 8573-1:2010 Class 1.2.1

ISO 8573-1:2010 refers to the standard document and its revision, the three digits refer to the purity classifications selected for solid particulate, water and total oil. Selecting an air purity class of 1.2.1 would specify the following air quality when operating at the standard's reference conditions:

#### Class 1 - Particulate

In each cubic metre of compressed air, the particulate count should not exceed 20,000 particles in the 0.1 - 0.5 micron size range, 400 particles in the 0.5 - 1 micron size range and 10 particles in the 1 - 5 micron size range.

#### Class 2 - Water

A pressure dewpoint (PDP) of -40  $^{\circ}\text{C}\,$  or better is required and no liquid water is allowed.

#### Class 1 - Oil

In each cubic metre of compressed air, not more than 0.01mg of oil is allowed. This is a total level for liquid oil, oil aerosol and oil vapour.

#### ISO8573-1:2010 Class zero

- Class 0 does not mean zero contamination.
- Class 0 requires the user and the equipment manufacturer to agree contamination levels as part of a written specification.
- The agreed contamination levels for a Class 0 specification should be within the measurement capabilities of the test equipment and test methods shown in ISO8573 Pt 2 to Pt 9.
- The agreed Class 0 specification must be written on all documentation to be in accordance with the standard.
- Stating Class 0 without the agreed specification is meaningless and not in accordance with the standard.
- A number of compressor manufacturers claim that the delivered air from their oil-free compressors is in compliance with Class 0.
- If the compressor was tested in clean room conditions, the contamination detected at the outlet will be minimal. Should the same compressor now be installed in typical urban environment, the level of contamination will be dependent upon what is drawn into the compressor intake, rendering the Class 0 claim invalid.
- A compressor delivering air to Class 0 will still require purification equipment in both the compressor room and at the point of use for the Class 0 purity to be maintained at the application.
- Air for critical applications such as breathing, medical, food, etc typically only requires air quality to Class 2.2.1 or Class 2.1.1.
- Purification of air to meet a Class 0 specification is only cost effective if carried out at the point of use.





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