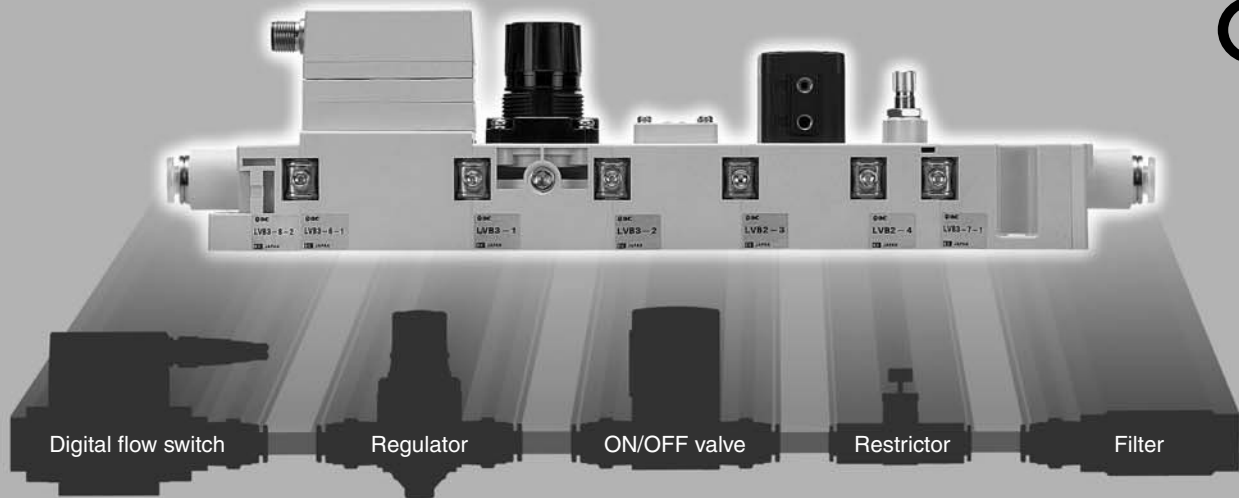
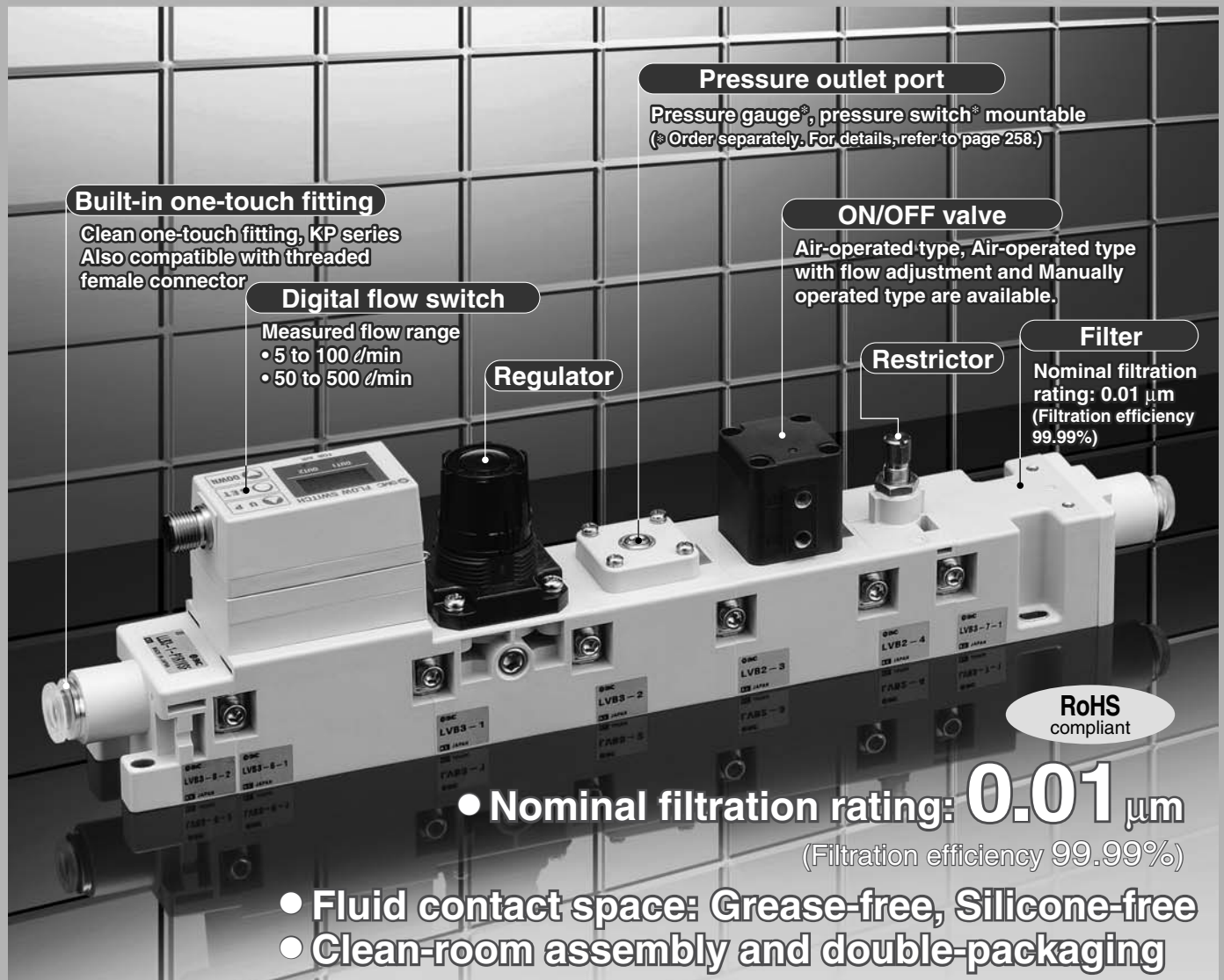


Clean Air Module

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Modularizes clean equipment (Reduced piping man-hours/space-saving). Easily obtains clean air.



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Available in 24 variations

Digital flow switch	Regulator	Regulator + Pressure outlet port	ON/OFF valve	Restrictor	Filter
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Regulator + Filter



Digital flow switch + Regulator + ON/OFF valve + Filter



Regulator + ON/OFF valve + Restrictor + Filter



LLB4
Flow range: 50 to 500 μ /min (ANR)



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Flow range: 5 to 100 μ /min (ANR)

Related Equipment

Pressure gauge for
clean room
G46-4-01-SRB

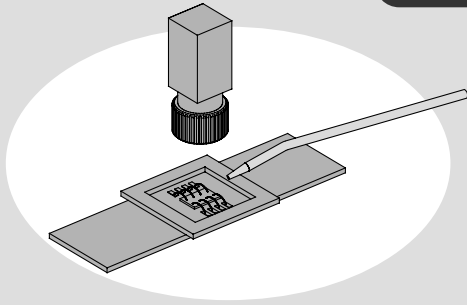


2-color display
digital pressure switch
10-ISE series

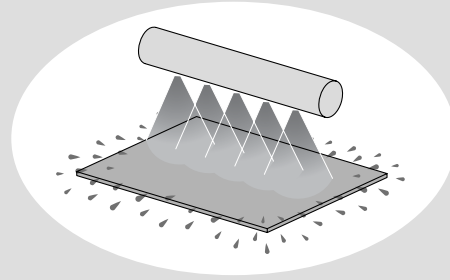


Applications

Air-blow

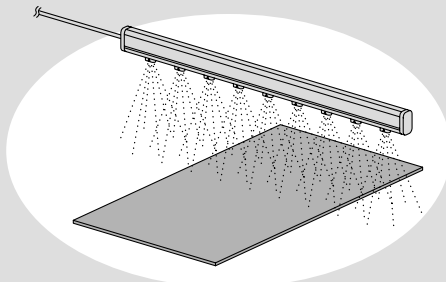


N₂ blow to prevent lead frame oxidation,
N₂ blow to prevent detection camera blur



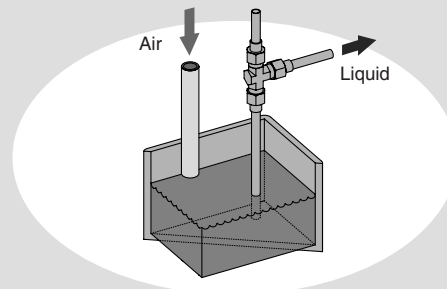
Prevents traces of water droplets.
Air-knife

Ionizer



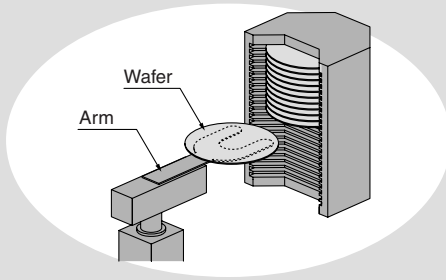
Supplies main pressure to the ionizer.

Applies pressure to tank



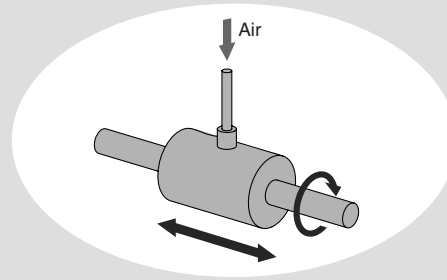
Compressed air for lifting clean liquid

Adsorption and transfer



Suction/release air for wafer-transfer robot

Static pressure gas bearing



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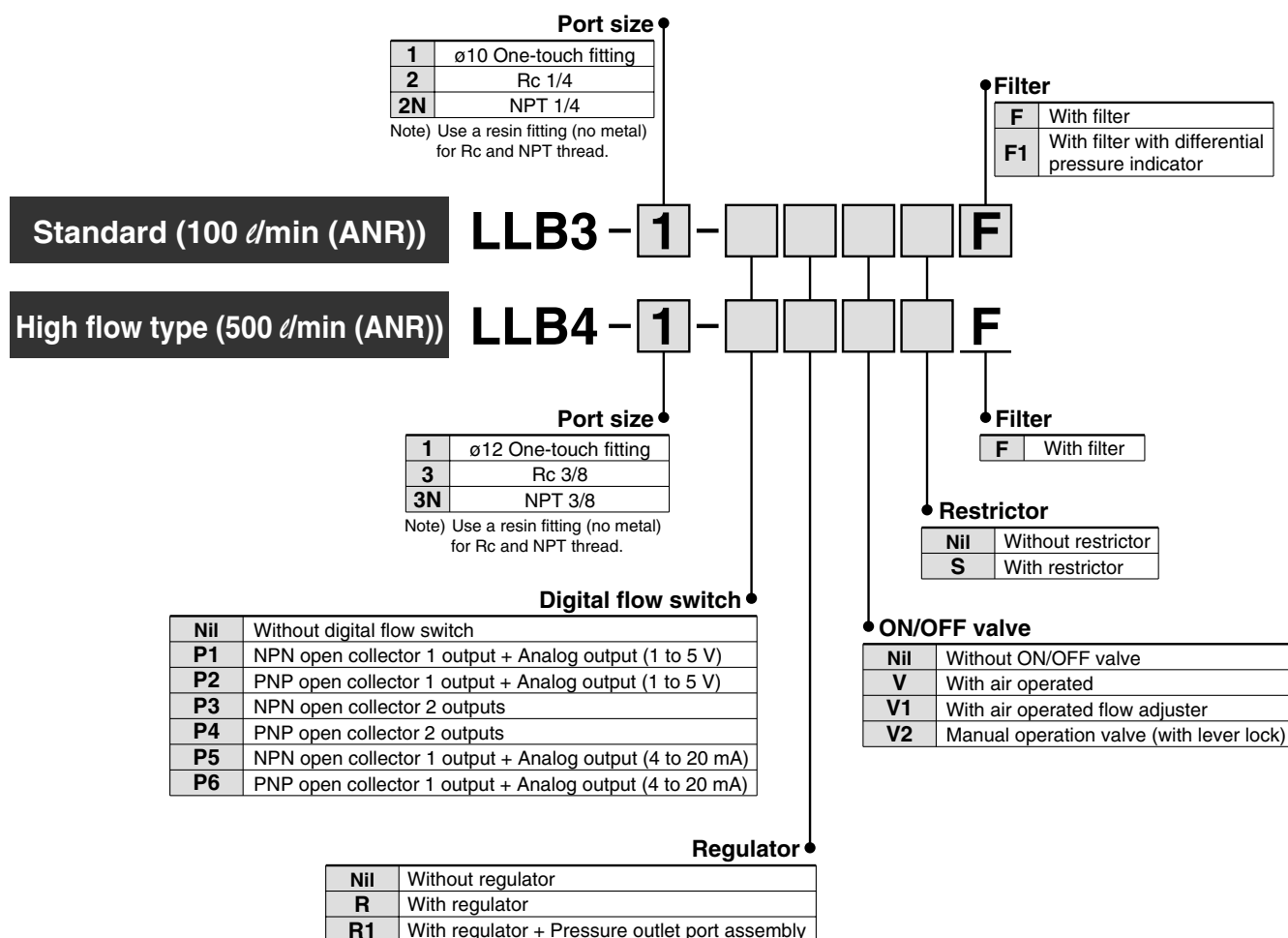
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Note) For CE compliant models,
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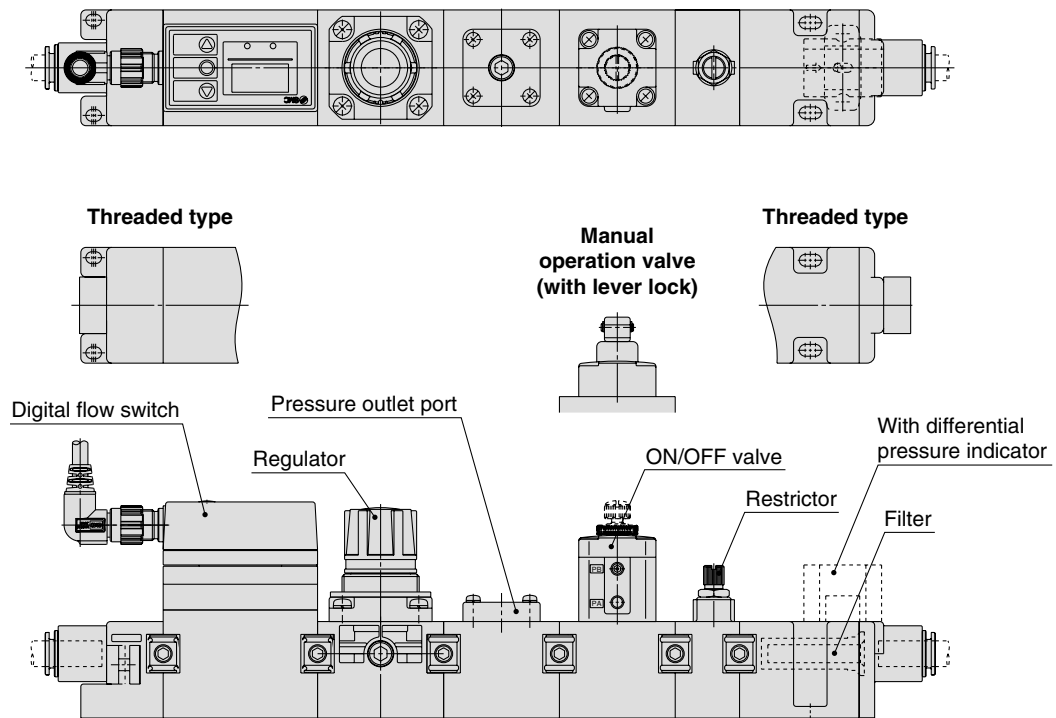
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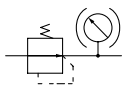
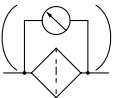


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Variations**Variations**

Flow switch P□ 	Regulator R 	Regulator + Pressure outlet port R1 	ON/OFF valve V (V1/V2) 	Restrictor S 	Filter F (F1) 	Mass (kg)	
						LLB3	LLB4
●	—	—	—	—	●	0.36	0.84
●	●	—	—	—	●	0.52	1.18
●	—	—	●	—	●	0.47	1.10
●	—	—	●	●	●	0.41	1.09
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Specifications

Model	LLB3	LLB4
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Clean Air Module Common Specifications

Fluid	Clean air, N ₂ gas (Inlet air conditions: equivalent to ISO 8573-1 and Quality Class 1.4.1-1.6.1) ^{Note 3)}	
Maximum operating pressure	0.7 MPa	
Set pressure	0.05 to 0.4 MPa	
Withstand pressure	1.0 MPa	
Fluid temperature	5°C to 45°C (No freezing)	
Ambient temperature	* The guaranteed display of digital flow switch ranges between 15 to 35°C.	
Flow range ^{Note 1)}	5 to 100 ℓ/min (ANR)	50 to 500 ℓ/min (ANR)
Nominal filtration rating ^{Note 2)}	0.01 μm (Filtration efficiency 99.99%)	
Fluid contact space	Grease-free, Silicon-free	
Material	Body	PBT
	Module connection seal	FKM
	One-touch fitting seal	EPDM

Note 1) The maximum flow rate varies depending on set pressure. Refer to "Flow Characteristics" for detail.

Note 2) According to SMC measurement conditions.

Note 3) Refer to page 270 "Operating Environment."

Digital Flow Switch Unit Specifications

Detection type	Heat type	
Measured flow range	5 to 100 ℓ/min	50 to 500 ℓ/min
Minimum unit setting	1 ℓ/min	5 ℓ/min
Accumulated pulse flow rate exchange value (Pulse width: 50 [ms])	1 ℓ/pulse	5 ℓ/pulse
Accumulated flow range	0 to 999999 ℓ	
Linearity	±5% F.S. or less (15 to 35°C: Based on 25°C)	
Repeatability	±2% F.S. or less	
Temperature characteristics	±5% F.S. or less (15 to 35°C: Based on 25°C)	
Specifications	Switch output	NPN or PNP open collector output
		Maximum load current
		80 mA
	Analog output	Maximum applied voltage
		30 VDC (at NPN output)
		Internal voltage drop
Status LED's	Voltage output	NPN output: 1 V or less (at 80 mA), PNP output: 1.5 V or less (at 80 mA)
		Output voltage 1 to 5 V
		Allowable load resistance 100 kΩ or more
	Current output	Output current 4 to 20 mA
		Allowable load resistance 300 Ω or less (12 VDC), 600 Ω or less (24 VDC)
Response time	1 S or less	
Power supply voltage	12 to 24 VDC (Ripple ±10% or less)	
Current consumption	160 mA or less	170 mA or less
Withstand voltage	1000 VAC for 1 min. between external terminal and case	
Insulation resistance	50 MΩ or more (500 VDC Mega) between external terminal and case	
Noise resistance	1000 Vp-p, Pulse width 1 μs, Rise time 1 ns	
Lead wire	Lead wire with connector	
Enclosure	IP65	
Fluid contact space material	Mesh	Stainless steel
	Sensor housing	PBT
	Sensor	Lead glass (exempted from the RoHS application)
		PtIr
		FeNi

Regulator Unit Specifications

Relief mechanism	Non-relief	
Fluid contact space material	Diaphragm	FKM

ON/OFF Valve Unit Specifications

Pilot pressure (ON/OFF valve operating pressure)	0.4 to 0.5 MPa	
Back pressure	0.4 MPa or less	
Valve type	N.C.	
Orifice size	4 mm	8 mm
Cv factor	0.35	1.7
Fluid contact space material	Diaphragm	PTFE
Valve leakage	1 cm ³ /min (ANR) or less	

Specifications

Model	LLB3	LLB4
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Restrictor Unit Specifications

Cv factor	0.28	1.4
Number of needle rotations	8 rotations	10 rotations
Fluid contact space material	Needle Stainless steel	

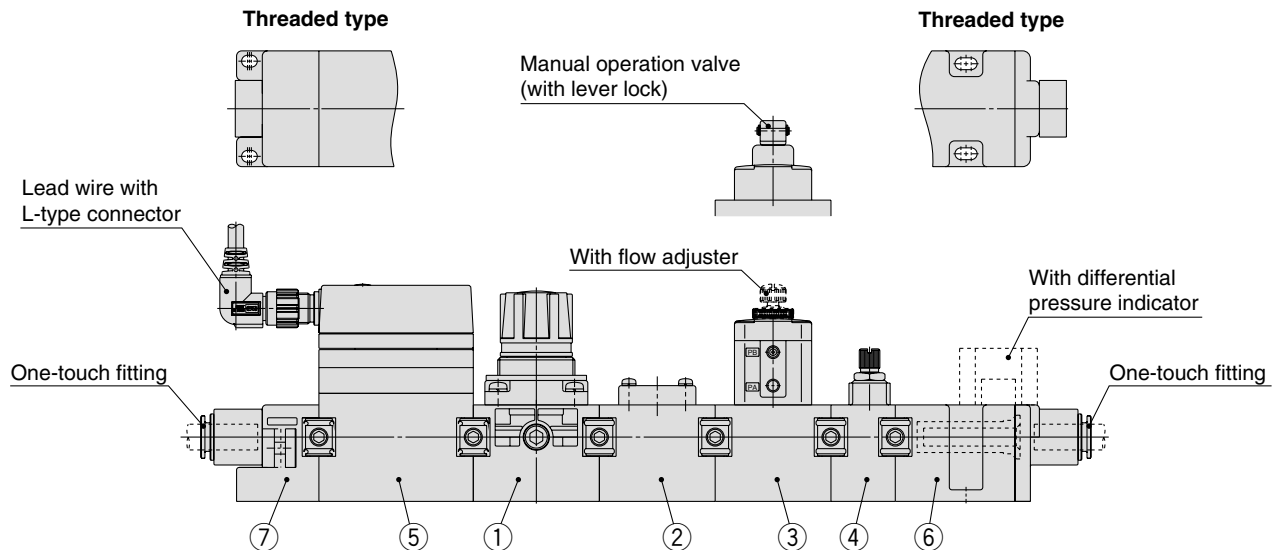
Filter Unit Specifications

Normal filtration rating Note 1)	0.01 μm (Filtration efficiency 99.99%)	
Element withstand differential pressure Note 2)	0.5 MPa	
Flow capacity	Up to 100 l/min (ANR)	Up to 500 l/min (ANR)
Fluid contact space material	Filter case	PC
	Hollow fiber	PP
	Potting	PU

Note 1) According to SMC measurement conditions.

Note 2) This means that the element will not break at 0.5 MPa. Refer to "Installation" of Specific Product Precautions prior to use.

Component Parts

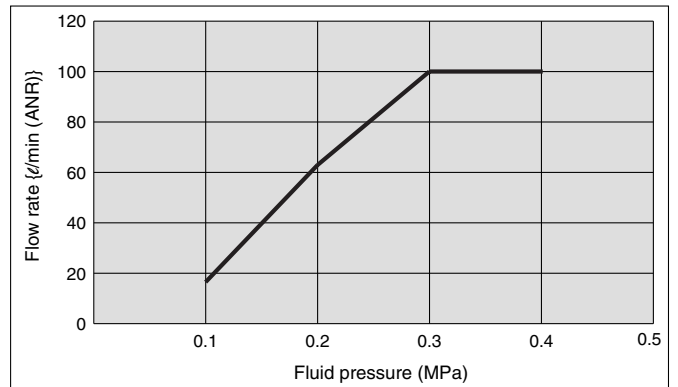
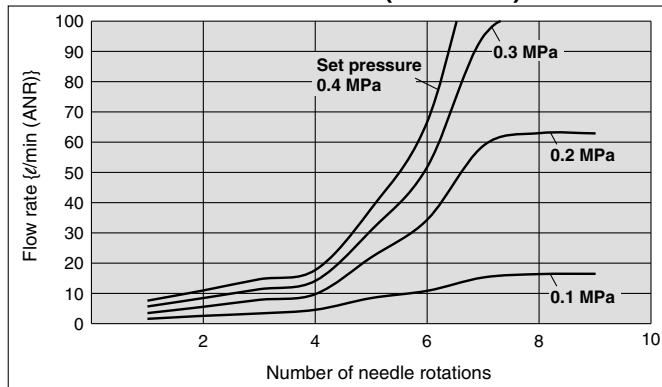


No.	Description	Individual part no.		Note
		LLB3	LLB4	
1	Clean regulator assembly	—	LVB3-1 LVB4-1	—
2	Pressure outlet port assembly	—	LVB3-2 LVB4-2	—
3	ON/OFF valve assembly/ Air operated valve	Without flow adjuster	LVB2-3 LVB4-3	—
		With flow adjuster	LVB2-3-1 LVB4-3-1	—
	ON/OFF valve assembly/Manual operation valve	—	LVB2-3-2 LVB4-3-2	—
4	Restrictor assembly	—	LVB2-4 LVB4-4	—
5	Digital flow switch assembly	5 to 100 l/min	LVB3-6-□ —	With L-type connector With lead wire (3 m)
		50 to 500 l/min	— LVB4-6-□	
6	Clean air filter assembly	With ø10 one-touch fitting	LVB3-7-2	With one-touch fitting
		Rc 1/4	LVB3-7-3	Threaded type
		NPT 1/4	LVB3-7-4	Threaded type
		With ø10 one-touch fitting, with differential pressure indicator	LVB3-7-2-1	With one-touch fitting
		Rc 1/4, with differential pressure indicator	LVB3-7-3-1	Threaded type
		NPT 1/4, with differential pressure indicator	LVB3-7-4-1	Threaded type
		Replacement element	SFD-EL101 SFD-EL050	—
7	End plate assembly	With ø10 one-touch fitting	LVB3-8-2 —	With one-touch fitting
		Rc 1/4	LVB3-8-3 —	Threaded type
		NPT 1/4	LVB3-8-4 —	Threaded type
		With ø12 one-touch fitting	— LVB4-8-1	With one-touch fitting
		Rc 3/8	— LVB4-8-2	Threaded type
		NPT 3/8	— LVB4-8-3	Threaded type

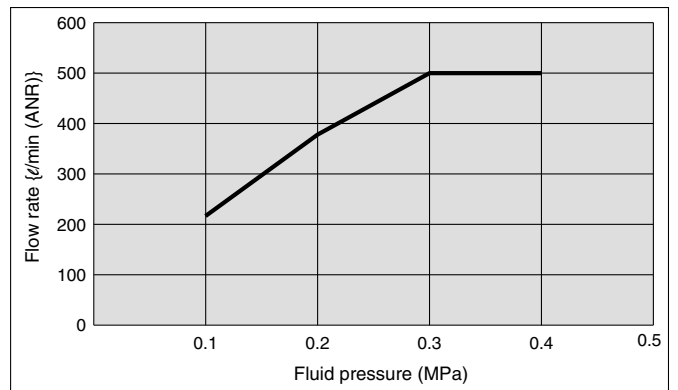
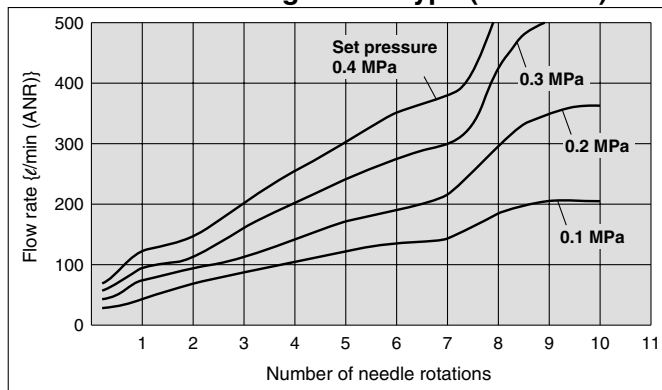
* Each module has 2 connecting brackets.

Flow Characteristics

LLB3-1-P1R1VSF: Standard (100 ℓ/min)



LLB4-1-P1R1VSF: High Flow Type (500 ℓ/min)

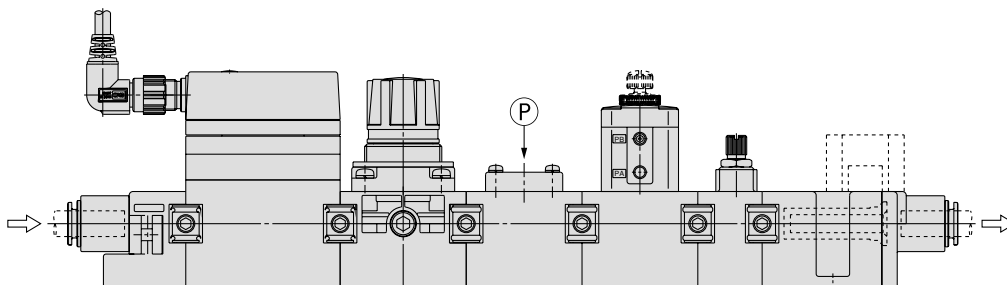


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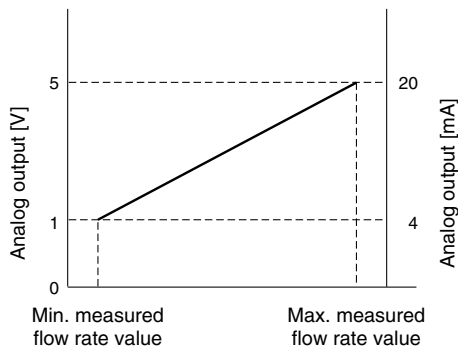
Supplied pressure: 0.5 MPa

Pressure setting condition and measured position: Pressure is set by turning the regulator knob with ON/OFF valve turned off.
Pressure is measured at the pressure outlet port.



Digital Flow Switch Output Specifications

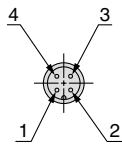
• Analog output



Flow Rate Range by Type

Model	Normal condition (ℓ/min) [nor]		Standard condition (ℓ/min) [ANR]	
	Minimum measured flow rate range	Maximum measured flow rate range	Minimum measured flow rate range	Maximum measured flow rate range
LLB3	5	100	5	107
LLB4	50	500	55	535

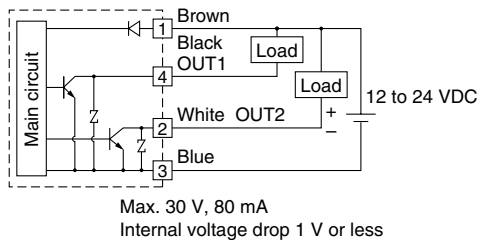
• Connector pin numbers



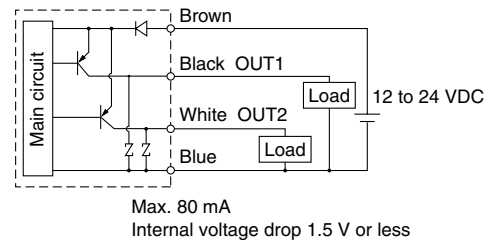
Pin no.	Pin description
1	DC (+)
2	Analog output
3	DC (-)
4	OUT1

• Internal circuits and wiring examples

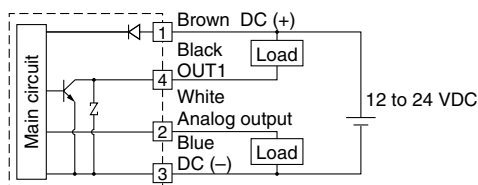
NPN open collector 2 outputs LLB□-□-P3□□□F (F1)



PNP open collector 2 outputs LLB□-□-P4□□□F (F1)

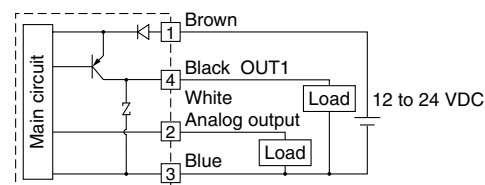


NPN open collector 1 output + Analog output LLB□-□-P1□□□F (F1)



P1: Analog output 1 to 5 V
Allowable load resistance 100 k Ω or more
P5: Analog output 4 to 20 mA
Allowable load resistance 300 Ω or less (12 VDC),
600 Ω or less (24 VDC)

PNP open collector 1 output + Analog output LLB□-□-P2□□□F (F1)



P2: Analog output 1 to 5 V
Allowable load resistance 100 k Ω or more
P6: Analog output 4 to 20 mA
Allowable load resistance 300 Ω or less (12 VDC),
600 Ω or less (24 VDC)

Functions

Refer to the operation manual for how to set and to operate.

Flow rate selection display

Real-time flow rate and accumulated flow rate can be selected. Up to 999999 of flow rate value can be accumulated.

The accumulated flow rate is reset when power is turned off.

Flow rate conversion

Normal condition {0°C, 101.3 kPa, Dry air} or standard condition (ANR) {20°C, 101.3 kPa, 65% RH} can be selected.

Flow rate confirmation display

This function allows the accumulated flow rate confirmation when real-time flow rate is selected, and the real-time flow rate confirmation when accumulated flow rate is selected.

Key lock

This function prevents incorrect operations such as changing the set value accidentally.

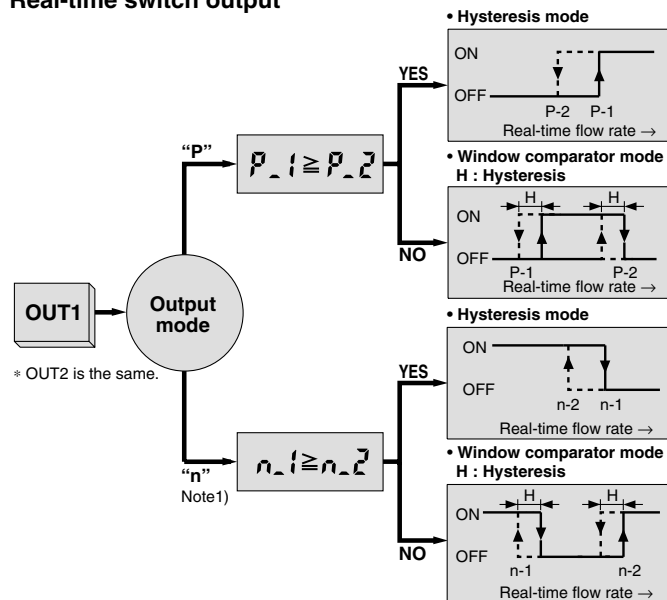
Error correction

LED display	Contents	Solution
E _r 1	A current of more than 80 mA is flowing to OUT1	Check the load and wiring for OUT1.
E _r 2	A current of more than 80 mA is flowing to OUT2.	Check the load and wiring for OUT2.
E _r 4	The setting data has changed for whatever reasons.	Perform the RESET operation, and reset all data again. If the setting does not return to the factory setting, inspection needs to be performed by SMC.
---	The flow rate is over the flow rate measurement range.	Reduce the flow rate until it is within the flow rate measurement range, using an adjustment valve.

Output types

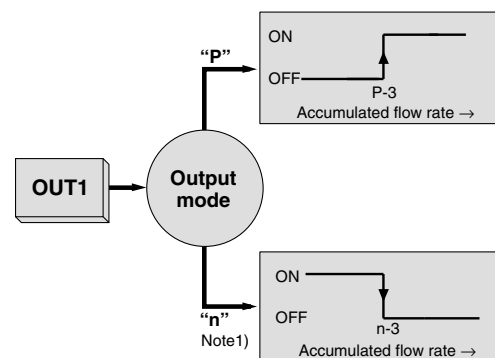
Real-time switch output, accumulated switch output, or accumulated pulse output can be selected as an output type.

Real-time switch output

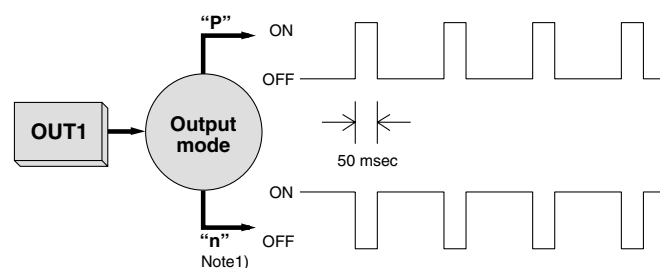


Note 1) Output mode is set to inverted output when shipped from factory.

Accumulated switch output



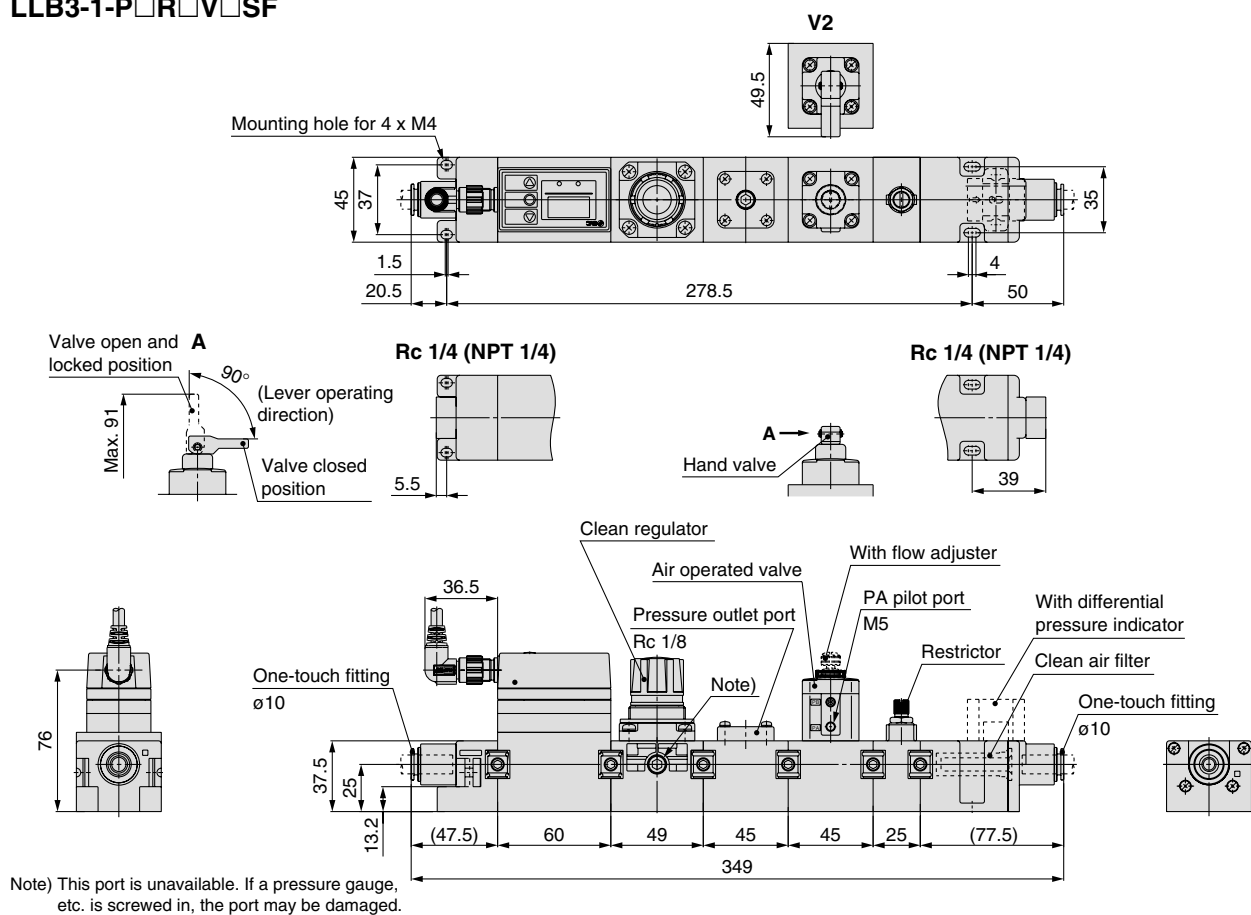
Accumulated pulse output



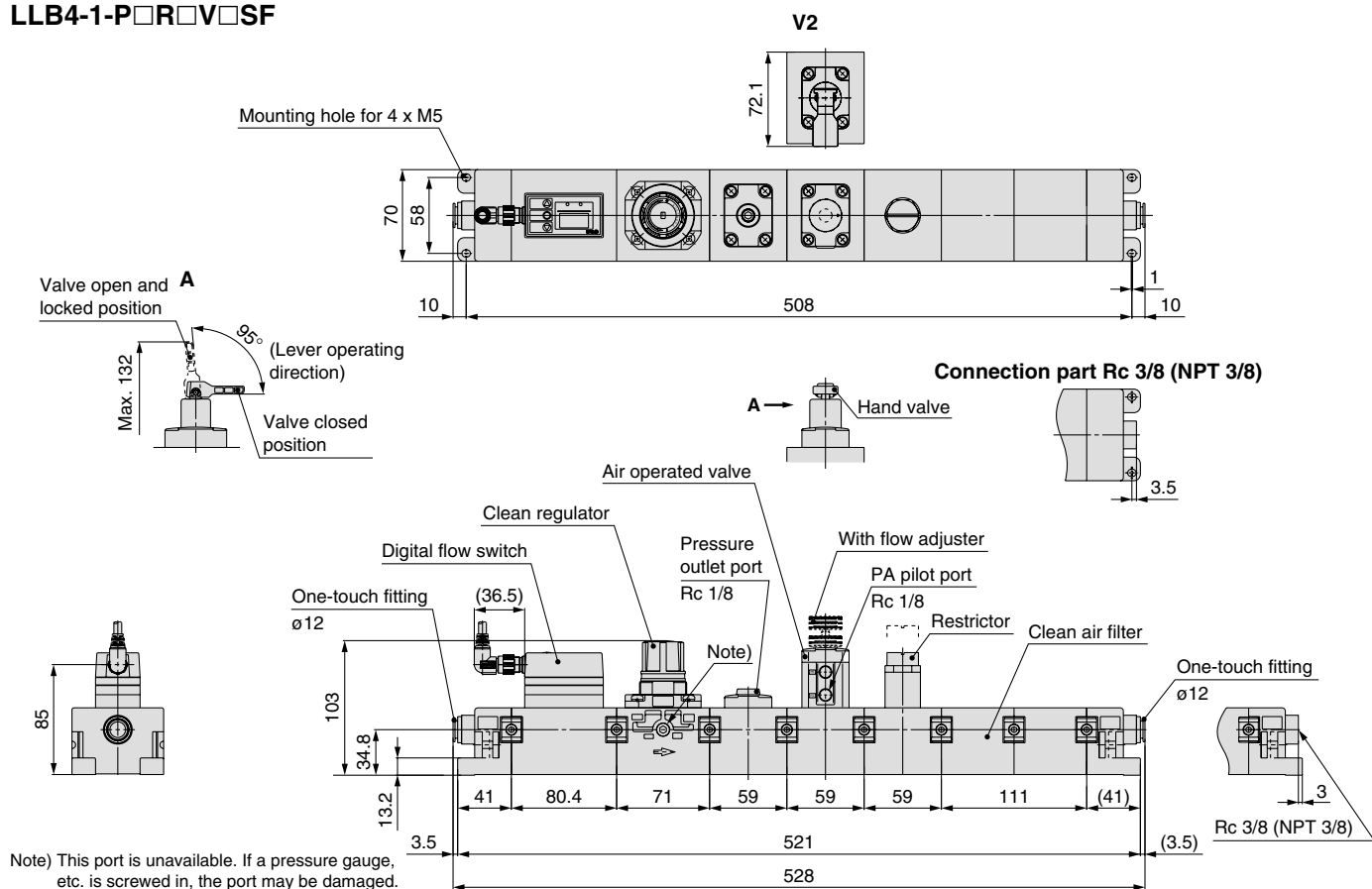
Note 2) Refer to the specifications of display unit for the flow rate value per pulse.

Dimensions

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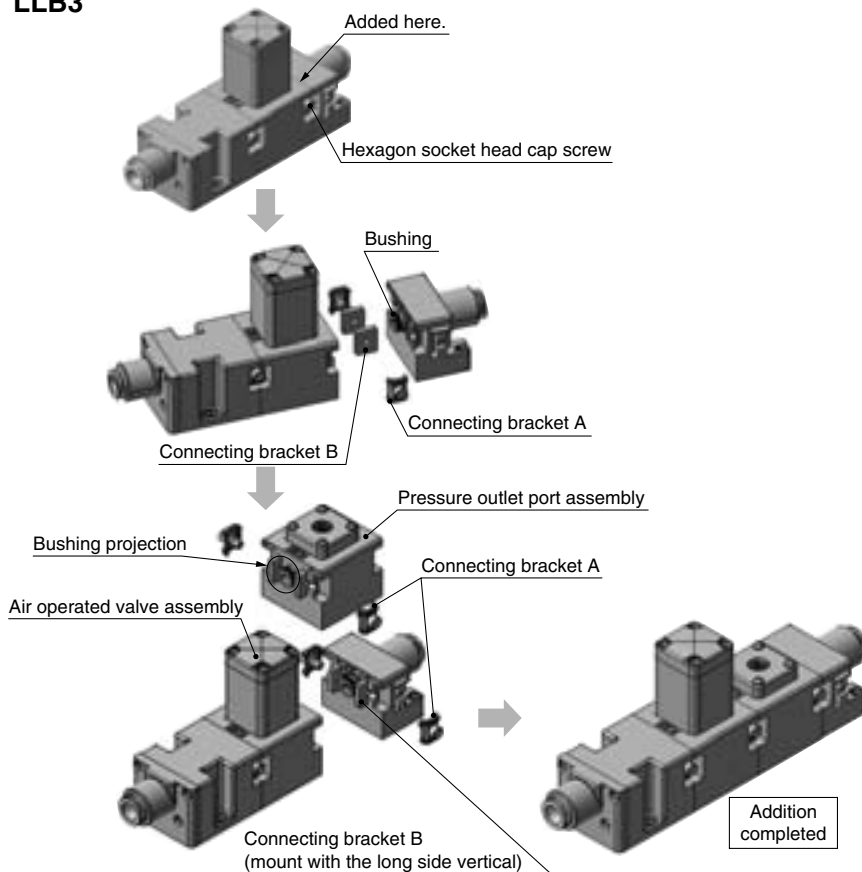
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Additional Module Procedure

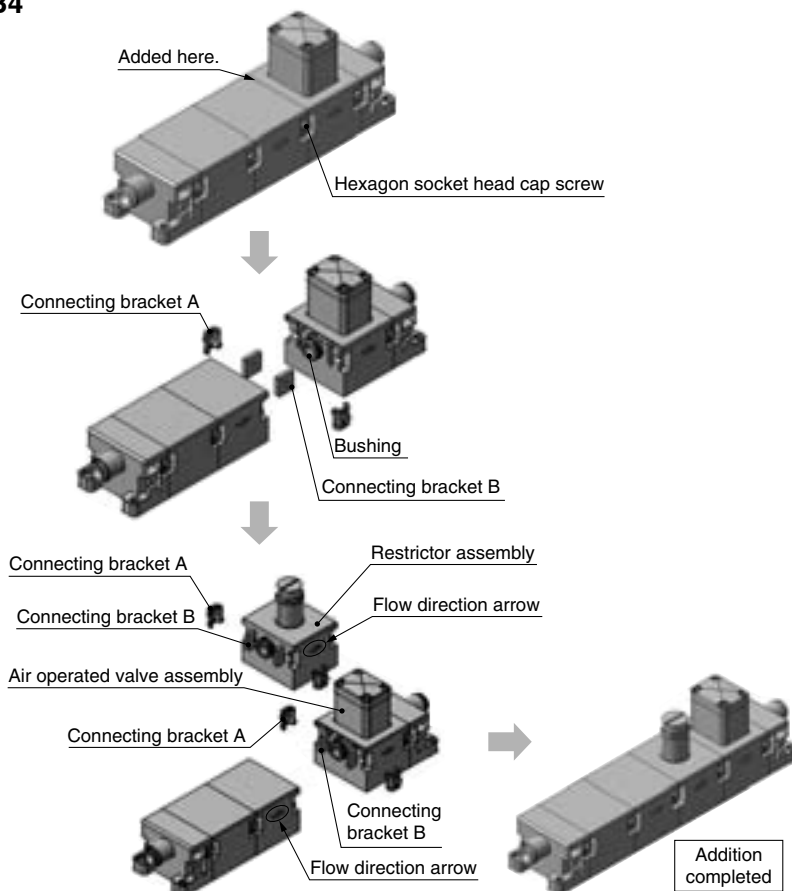
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Example: Addition of the pressure outlet port assembly (LVB3-2)

- ① Loosen two hexagon socket head cap screws at the position where the clean air module is added, and remove the connecting bracket A.
- ② After removing the connecting bracket A, separate the forward and backward blocks from each other.
Note) Do not lose the connecting bracket A.
- ③ Check that the connecting brackets B (at two positions) are attached, and insert the bushing projection of the pressure outlet port assembly into the indent of the air operated valve assembly. Similarly, insert the end plate assembly into the pressure outlet port assembly.
- ④ Mount the connecting bracket A, and tighten the hexagon socket head cap screw with the following torque.
Tightening torque: 1.0 to 1.4 N·m

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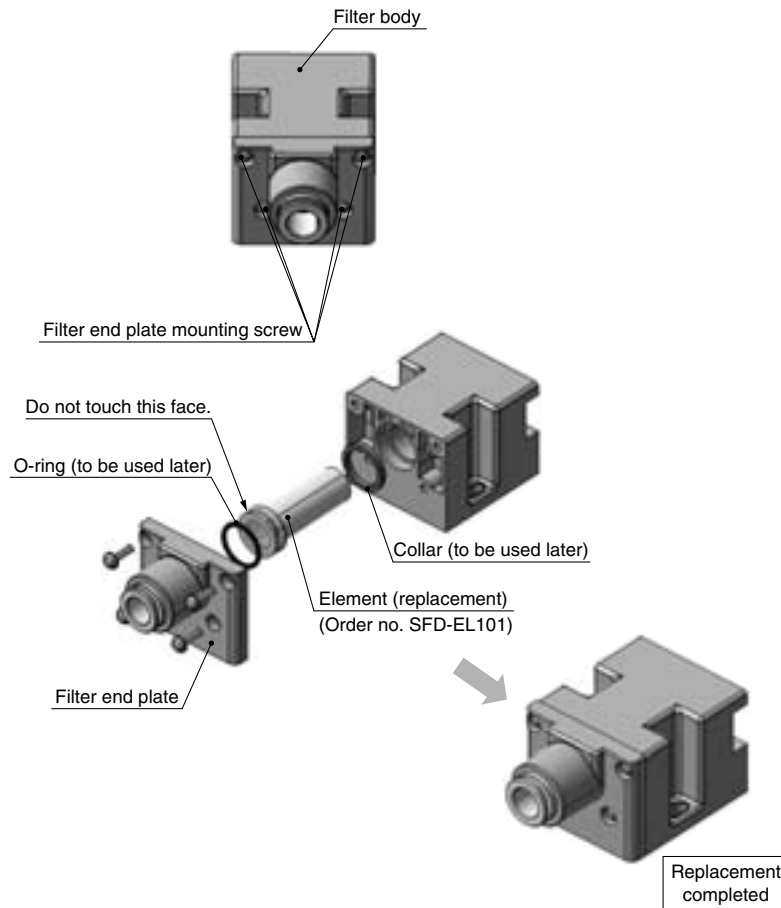


Example: Addition of the restrictor assembly (LVB4-4)

- ① Loosen two hexagon socket head cap screws at the position where the clean air module is added, and remove the connecting bracket A.
- ② After removing the connecting bracket A, separate the forward and backward blocks from each other.
Note) Do not lose the connecting bracket A.
- ③ Check that the connecting brackets B (at two positions) are attached, and assemble the restrictor assembly on the groove of the block with care as to the direction of the restrictor assembly. Similarly, connect the air operated valve assembly to the restrictor assembly.
Note) The arrow on the module and the arrow on the block must point in the same direction.
- ④ Mount the connecting bracket A, and tighten the hexagon socket head cap screw with the following torque.
Tightening torque: 1.6 to 2.0 N·m

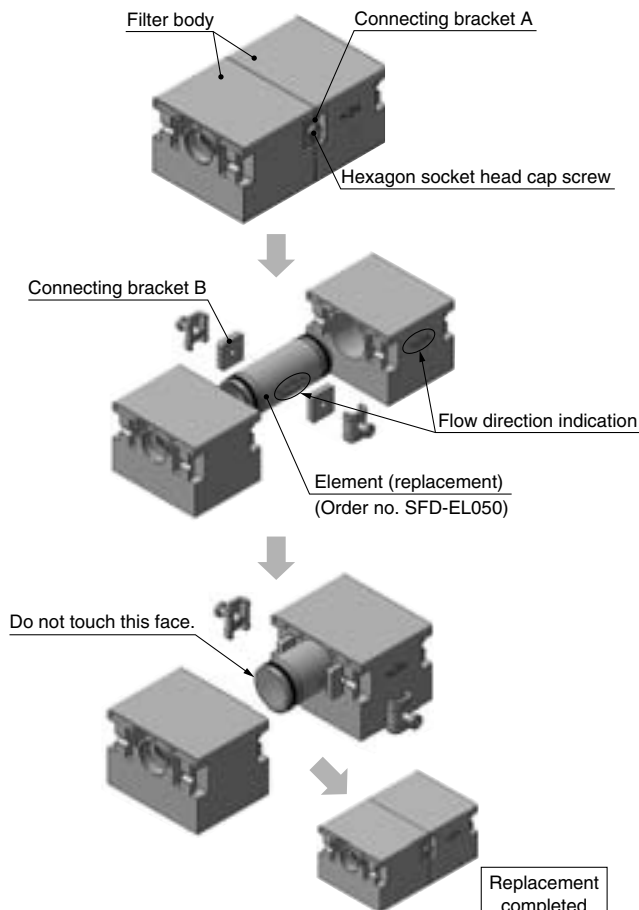
Element Replacing Procedure

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- ① Loosen the four filter end plate mounting screws on the clean air module.
- ② After removing the filter end plate, take out the element.
Note) Do not lose the collar and O-ring.
- ③ Assemble a new element on the filter body.
- ④ Mount the filter end plate, and tighten the screws with the following torque.
Tighten the screws diagonally so that torque can be given to the screws evenly.
Tightening torque: 0.45 to 0.55 N·m
- ⑤ After replacing the elements, flush air before operation.

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- ① Remove the clean air filter from the clean air module.
* Refer to the additional module procedure on page 268 for removal.
- ② Loosen two hexagon socket head cap screws and remove the connecting bracket A.
- ③ After removing the connecting bracket A, open the filter body, and take out the element.
Note) Do not lose the connecting bracket.
- ④ Assemble a new element on the filter body.
Note) The arrow on the element and the arrow in the filter body must point in the same direction.
- ⑤ Check that two connecting brackets B are attached to the filter body, and assemble the filter body to the groove of the block.
- ⑥ Mount the connecting bracket A on the assembled filter body, and tighten the hexagon socket head cap screw with the following torque.
Tightening torque: 1.6 to 2.0 N·m
- ⑦ After replacing the elements, flush air before operation.

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Clean Air Module / Precautions 1

Be sure to read before handling. Refer to front matters 42 and 43 for Safety Instructions and pages 6 to 8 for Air Preparation Equipment Precautions.

Design and Selection

Warning

1. Confirm the specifications.

Give careful consideration to the operating conditions such as the application, fluid and environment, and use within the operating ranges specified in this catalog.

2. Ensure sufficient space for maintenance activities.

Provide space required for maintenance.

3. Fluid pressure range

Supplied fluid pressure must be within the operating pressure range specified in the catalog.

Mounting

Warning

1. If air leakage increases or equipment does not operate properly, stop operation.

After mounting is completed, confirm that it has been done correctly by performing a suitable function test and leakage test.

Operating Environment

Warning

1. Do not operate under the conditions listed below due to a risk of malfunction.

In locations having corrosive gases, organic solvents, and chemicals, or in locations in which these elements are likely to adhere to the equipment.

In locations in which salt water, water, or water vapor could come in contact with the equipment.

In locations that are exposed to direct sunlight. (Shield the equipment from sunlight to prevent its resin material from ultraviolet ray degradation or overheating.)

In locations that have a heat source and poor ventilation. (Shield the equipment from heat sources to protect it from softening degradation due to radiated heat.)

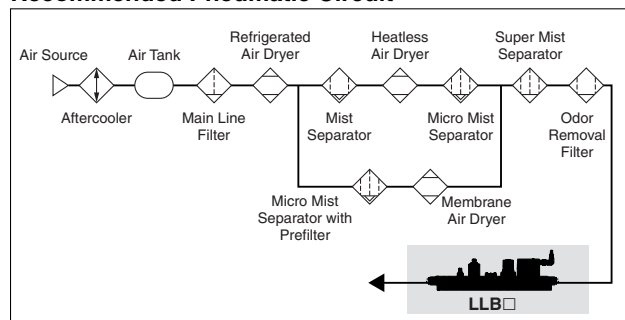
In locations that are exposed to shocks and vibrations.

In locations with high humidity or a large amounts of dust.

2. When the product is used for blowing, use caution to prevent the work from being damaged by entrained air from the surrounding area.

When the compressed air is used for air blow, the exhausted air from the blow nozzle may have taken in airborne foreign matter (such as solid particle, fluid particle) from the surrounding air. The foreign matter will be sprayed on the work, and the airborne foreign matter may adhere to it. Therefore, use caution for the surrounding environment.

Recommended Pneumatic Circuit



3. ISO compressed air quality class

The class regarding the cleanliness of compressed air (solid particles, moisture and oil) stipulated by ISO 8573-1:1991 (JIS B8392-1:2000)

Quality class	Maximum particle size (μm)	Minimum pressure dew point (°C)	Maximum oil concentration (mg/m ³)
1	0.1	-70	0.01
2	1	-40	0.1
3	5	-20	1.0
4	15	3	5
5	40	7	25
6	—	10	—

Notation system

Example) Solid particle size: 0.1 μm

Pressure dew point: 3°C

Oil concentration: 0.1 mg/m³

With the above conditions, notation of the quality class is 1, 4, 2.



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Clean Air Module / Precautions 2

Be sure to read before handling. Refer to front matters 42 and 43 for Safety Instructions and pages 6 to 8 for Air Preparation Equipment Precautions.

Piping

⚠ Caution

1. Preparation before piping

Before piping is connected, it should be thoroughly blown out with air (flushing) or washed to remove chips, cutting oil and other debris from inside the pipe.

Install piping so that it does not apply pulling, pressing, bending or other forces on the module unit.

2. Be certain that sealing material does not enter the piping.

When connecting pipes, fittings, etc., be sure that chips from the pipe threads and sealing material do not enter the module. Any dust or scale residing in the piping can cause malfunction or failure. Furthermore, when pipe tape is used, leave 1.5 to 2 thread ridges exposed at the end of the threads.

3. Use fittings with resin threads for the connection of fittings to the IN and OUT ports.

Using fittings with metal threads could damage the ports.

Tightening Torque for Thread

Size	Release torque (N·m)	Tightening torque (N·m)	Tightening guide (Thread rotation number)
LLB3	2 to 3	0.5 to 1	2 to 3 rotations
LLB4	8 to 9	2 to 3	3 to 4 rotations

4. Connect tubing to the IN and OUT one-touch fittings in accordance with the precautions for one-touch fittings.

Other Tube Brands

⚠ Caution

1. When tubing of brands other than SMC's are used, verify that the tubing O.D. satisfies the following accuracy;

- 1) Polyolefin tubing: Within ± 0.1 mm
- 2) Polyurethane tubing: Within $+0.15$ mm, within -0.2 mm
- 3) Nylon tubing: Within ± 0.1 mm
- 4) Soft nylon tubing: Within ± 0.1 mm

Do not use tubing which does not meet these outside diameter tolerances. It may not be possible to connect them, or they may cause other trouble, such as air leakage or the tube pulling out after connection.

The recommended tube for the clean fitting is polyolefin tube. Other tubes can satisfy the performance in terms of leakage, tensile strength, etc., but impair the cleanliness. Note this point for use.

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Series LLB Specific Product Precautions 1

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Precautions on Digital Flow Switch

Design and Selection

⚠ Warning

- 1. Operate the switch only within the specified voltage.**
Use of the switch outside the range of the specified voltage can cause not only malfunction and damage of the switch but also electrocution and fire.
- 2. Do not exceed the maximum allowable load specification.**
A load exceeding the maximum load specification can cause damage to the switch.
- 3. Do not use a load that generates surge voltage.**
Although surge protection is installed in the circuit at the output side of the switch, damage may still occur if a surge is applied repeatedly. When a surge generating a load such as a relay or solenoid is directly driven, use a type of switch with a built-in surge absorbing element.
- 4. The switch does not have explosion proof structure, so do not use flammable gas. Otherwise, fire may occur.**
- 5. Monitor the internal voltage drop of the switch.**
When operating below a specified voltage, it is possible that the load may be ineffective even though the pressure switch function is normal. Therefore, the formula below should be satisfied after confirming the minimum operating voltage of the load.

$$\text{Supply voltage} - \text{Internal voltage drop of switch} > \text{Minimum operating voltage of load}$$
- 6. Use the switch within the specified flow rate measurement and operating pressure.**
Operating beyond the specified flow rate and operating pressure can damage the switch.

⚠ Caution

- 1. Data of the flow switch will be stored even after the power is turned off.**
Input data will be stored in EEPROM so that the data will not be lost after the flow switch is turned off. (Data can be rewritten for up to one million times, and data will be stored for up to 20 years.)
- 2. The accumulated flow rate is reset when power is turned off.**

Mounting

⚠ Warning

- 1. Hold the body of the switch when handling.**
The tensile strength of the lead wire with connector is 49N. Applying a greater pulling force on it can cause a malfunction. When handling, hold the body of the switch – do not dangle it from the wire.
- 2. Do not use until you can verify that equipment can operate properly.**
Following mounting, repair, or retrofit, conduct suitable function tests after piping and power connections have been made.
- 3. Never mount a switch in a place that will be used as a scaffold during piping.**
Damage may occur if an excessive load is applied to the switch.

Mounting

⚠ Warning

- 4. Be sure to allow straight pipe length that is minimum 8 times the port size for the inlet side of the switch piping.**
When abruptly reducing the size of piping or when there is a restriction such as a valve on the inlet side, the pressure distribution in the piping changes and makes accurate measurement impossible.

Wiring

⚠ Warning

- 1. Verify the color and terminal number when wiring.**
Incorrect wiring can cause the switch to be damaged and malfunction. Verify the color and the terminal number in the instruction manual when wiring.
- 2. Avoid repeatedly bending or stretching the lead wire.**
Repeatedly applying bending stress or stretching force to the lead wire will cause it to break.
- 3. Confirm proper insulation of wiring.**
Make sure that there is no faulty wiring insulation (contact with other circuits, ground fault, improper insulation between terminals, etc.). Damage may occur due to excess current flow into a switch.
- 4. Do not wire in conjunction with power lines or high voltage lines.**
Wire separately from power lines and high voltage lines, avoiding wiring in the same conduit with these lines. Control circuits including switches may malfunction due to noise from these other lines.
- 5. Do not allow loads to short circuit.**
Although switches indicate excess current error if loads are short circuited, all incorrect wiring connections (power supply polarity, etc.) cannot be protected. Take precautions to avoid incorrect wiring.

Operating Environment

⚠ Warning

- 1. Never use in the presence of explosive gases.**
The switches do not have an explosion proof rating. Never use in the presence of an explosive gas as this may cause a serious explosion.
- 2. Mount switches in locations where there is no vibration greater than 98 m/s², or impact greater than 490 m/s².**
- 3. Do not use in an area where surges are generated.**
When there are units that generate a large amount of surge in the area around pressure switches, (e.g., solenoid type lifters, high frequency induction furnaces, motors, etc.) this may cause deterioration or damage to the switches' internal circuitry. Avoid sources of surge generation and crossed lines.



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Specific Product Precautions 2

Be sure to read before handling. Refer to front matters 42 and 43 for Safety Instructions and pages 6 to 8 for Air Preparation Equipment Precautions.

Precautions on Digital Flow Switch

Operating Environment

⚠ Warning

4. **Switches are not equipped with surge protection against lightning.**

Flow switches are CE compliant; however, they are not equipped with surge protection against lightning. Lightning surge protection measures should be applied directly to system components as necessary.

5. **Avoid using switches in an environment where the likelihood of splashing or spraying of liquids exists.**

Switches are dustproof and splashproof; however, avoid using in an environment where the likelihood of heavy splashing or spraying of liquids exists.

6. **Use the switch within the specified fluid and ambient temperature range.**

The fluid temperature and ambient temperature ranges are 5 to 45°C, but the accuracy warranted range is 15 to 35°C. Take measures to prevent frozen fluid when using in low temperatures, since this may cause damage to the switch and lead to a malfunction. The installation of an air dryer is recommended to eliminate condensate and moisture. Never use the switch in an environment where there are drastic temperature changes even when these temperatures are within the specified temperature range.

Maintenance

⚠ Warning

1. **Perform periodical inspections to ensure proper operation of the switch.**

Unexpected malfunctions may cause possible danger.

2. **Take precautions when using the switch for an interlock circuit.**

When a pressure switch is used for an interlock circuit, devise a multiple interlock system to prevent trouble or malfunctioning, verify the operation of the switch and interlock function on a regular basis.

3. **Do not make any modifications to the product.**

Measured Fluid

⚠ Warning

1. **The fluids that the switch can measure accurately are nitrogen and clean air.**

Please note that accuracy cannot be guaranteed when other fluids are used.

2. **Never use flammable fluids.**

The flow velocity sensor heats up to approximately 150°C.

Others

⚠ Warning

1. **Since switch output remains OFF while a message is displayed after the power is turned on, start measurement after a value is displayed.**

2. **Perform settings after stopping control systems.**

When the switch's initial setting and flow rate setting are performed, output maintains the condition prior to the settings.

3. **Do not apply excessive rotational force to the display unit.**

The integrated type display unit can rotate 90°. If more rotation is required, a separate display unit is available as special order.

4. **Be certain to turn on the power when the flow rate is at zero.**

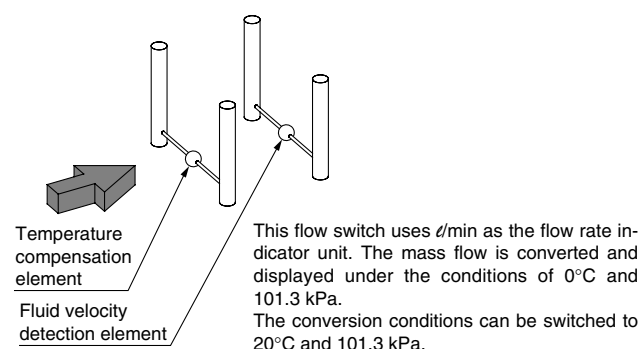
Allow an interval of 10 minutes after turning on the power, as there are some changes in the display.

5. **Flow rate unit**

Switch measures at mass flow rates without being influenced by temperature and pressure. The switches use l/min as the flow rate indicator unit, in which the volumetric flow is substituted for mass flow at 0°C and 101.3 kPa (NOR). The volumetric flow rate at 20°C, 101.3 kPa, and 65%RH (ANR) can be displayed.

Detection Principle of Digital Flow Switch for Air

A heated thermistor is installed in the passage, and fluid absorbs heat from the thermistor as it is introduced to the passage. The thermistor's resistance value increases as it loses heat. Since the resistance value increase ratio has a uniform relationship to the fluid velocity, the fluid velocity can be detected by measuring the resistance value. To further compensate the fluid and ambient temperature, the temperature sensor is also built into the switch to allow stable measurement within the operating temperature range.



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Specific Product Precautions 3

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Precautions on Regulator

Pressure Adjustment

⚠ Warning

1. Do not use any tool to operate the pressure regulator knob.

Using a tool to operate the pressure regulator knob may cause breakage. Operate the knob by hand.

⚠ Caution

1. Adjust pressure after unlocking the pressure regulator knob.

If the pressure regulator knob does not rotate, it is locked. Pull up on the pressure regulator knob once to unlock it. Rotating the knob forcibly may break the knob.

After adjusting pressure, lock the knob. Press down on the knob to lock.

2. Adjust pressure by increasing the pressure.

If pressure is adjusted by decreasing the pressure, pressure cannot be set correctly. Rotating the knob clockwise increases the outlet pressure, and rotating the knob counterclockwise decreases the pressure.

3. As this is a non-relief type regulator, rotating the knob counterclockwise does not decrease pressure.

The non-relief type regulator does not decrease outlet pressure even if it is rotated counterclockwise unless the fluid at the outlet side is consumed.

If the knob is rotated forcibly, the knob may break.

If pressure setting is too high, consume fluid at the outlet side once to decrease the outlet pressure to the necessary set pressure or less, and set the pressure again.

4. Check the inlet pressure.

The setting of the outlet pressure should be 85% or less of the inlet pressure. If the inlet pressure is low, pressure cannot be set correctly.

5. Do not operate fluid which contains solid matter.

Otherwise, this may cause malfunction.

6. Oscillation (beat) may occur with some operating conditions even if the operation is within specification. Contact SMC for that case.

Precautions on ON/OFF Valve

Precautions

⚠ Warning

1. The maximum operating pressure and back pressure must be within the specified range.

⚠ Caution

1. Valve leakage

Valve leakage of 1 cm³/min or less (at pneumatic pressure) can happen when shipped from factory.

2. Product with flow adjuster can cause oscillation with some operating conditions if operating flow rate is very small, so examine the flow rate, pressure, and piping conditions carefully before operating.

3. For flow adjustment with flow adjuster, adjust the flow rate by opening the knob gradually from the fully closed state.

Turning the adjusting knob counterclockwise opens the valve. Do not apply excessive force to the knob around the fully open or closed state. Otherwise, the orifice seat can be deformed or the adjusting knob screw can be broken. It is fully closed when shipped from factory.

4. Have a trial run before operation if the valve is not used for long periods of time.

5. Pay attention to the lever operating direction and handling of the lever.

Piping

⚠ Caution

1. Tighten with the tightening torque below for pilot port.

Tightening Torque for Operating Port

Operating port	Torque (N·m)
M5	After tightening by hand, tighten additional 1/6 rotation with a tightening tool.
Rc, NPT 1/8	0.8 to 1.0

2. Use the pilot ports and sensor (respiration) port as follows.

	PA port	PB port	Sensor (respiration) port
N.C.	Pressurization	Respiration	Respiration
N.O.	Respiration	Pressurization	Respiration
Double acting	Pressurization	Pressurization	Respiration

For N.C. and N.O. type, the port which is not pressurized should be open to atmosphere. If air intake to and exhaust from the valve is not preferable due to ambient atmosphere or dust, install piping to the valve so that the valve can intake/exhaust air at the proper place.

Air Supply for Operation

⚠ Warning

1. Use clean air.

If the compressed air is contaminated with chemicals, synthetic oil including organic solvent, salt, corrosive gas, etc., it may lead to the breakdown or malfunction of the equipment.



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Specific Product Precautions 4

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Precautions on Restrictor

Precautions

⚠ Warning

1. Restrictor cannot be used as a stop valve, which requires zero leakage. It is tolerant to some extent of leakage as a specification.

2. Check the number of rotations of the needle valve.

It does not rotate further because it has a drop-out prevention mechanism. Check the number of needle rotations. Rotating the needle too much may cause damage.

Precautions on Filter

Installation

⚠ Warning

1. Air equipment which is mounted on the outlet side may generate dust.

If air equipment is installed on the outlet side, the equipment may generate dust, and it will be a factor to deteriorate cleanliness. Examine the position to install air equipment.

2. Set operating flow rate within the specified range.

[Specified range]

LLB3: 100 ℓ/min (ANR) or less

LLB4: 500 ℓ/min (ANR) or less

If the operating flow rate is out of the specified range, it will cause functional deterioration and breakage.

3. The filter should be installed in a place where pulsation does not occur.

4. This product cannot operate compressed air which contains fluid such as water and oil.

- For the air source for this product, install a dryer, mist separator, micro mist separator, super mist separator, odor removal filter, etc.
- Generally, compressed air contains following particle contaminants:

[Example of particle contaminants contained in compressed air]

- Moisture (Condensate)
- Dust in atmospheric air
- Deteriorated oil exhausted from the compressor
- Solid foreign matter such as rust or oil in the piping

5. Flush air into the piping for cleaning before installing the product.

To decrease the affect of dust from a connection, also flush air into the piping before using the product for the first time and when replaced.

Maintenance

⚠ Warning

1. When removing the product, exhaust the air and ensure the air is released to atmosphere before removing it.

2. When the element comes to the end of its life, immediately replace it with a new filter or replacement element.

Service life of element

- 1) After 1 year of usage has elapsed.
- 2) When the set flow rate is not achieved even if it has been less than 1 year since operation started.

Operating Environment

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- In locations in which salt water, water, or water vapor could come in contact with the equipment.
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- In locations that are exposed to shocks and vibrations.
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