

# Block metering device VPB

Block feeder for use in oil or grease lubrication systems



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Block metering devices or feeders of the VPBM/VPBG series are used in small circulating-oil lubrication systems as well as in grease and oil total loss lubrication systems. Fields of application are, for example, metal-forming machines, vehicles, production systems in the automotive industry as well as packaging and printing machines.

## Advantages:

- Robust and cost-efficient
- Usable for the widest possible range of applications with regards to mode of operation (continuous/intermittent) and lubricants
- Central function monitoring of all feeder ports with a minimum of effort
- Number of cycles: max. 200/min
- Available in metric design as VPBM or in inch design as VPBG
- Defined volume portion per cycle and outlet of 0,20 cm<sup>3</sup>
- Accurate lubricant distribution, even with back pressure at the lubrication points, due to fitted pistons
- The feeders are available with 6 up to 20 outlets
- Maximum number of lubrication points (per system) approximately 100; for ring-line systems with in-line pumps several hundred
- Pressure range: 30 to 200 bar for circulating-oil lubrication systems; 300 bar for grease systems
- Basic design zinc coated, optionally of stainless steel, or in waterproof design

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## General information

The block metering device VPB, which belongs to the progressive feeder range, is available in the designs VPBM (metric threaded connectors) and VPBG (inch threaded connectors). The block feeders VPBM and VPBG are pre-set to a fixed dosing volume of 0.2 cm<sup>3</sup> per outlet and cycle.

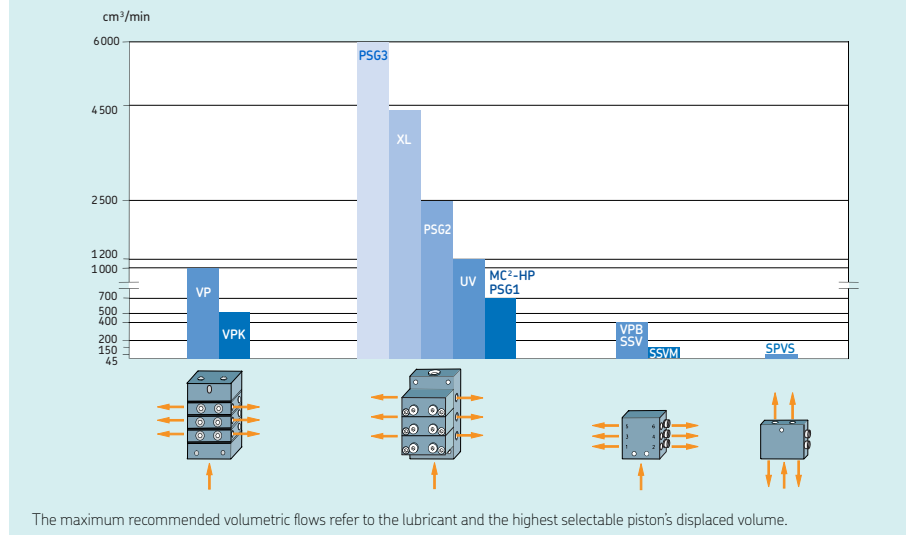
The volumetric flow, which is sent via a tube, is forcibly distributed in a predetermined ratio to the outlets, i.e. to the lubrication points or the downstream progressive feeders. Pistons, which are aligned in series, meter the lubricant for two opposite outlets each and control the function of the neighboring piston. This way, the function of the sectional feeder can be checked by monitoring any piston with a cycle indicator or a piston detector. The optional add-on check valves offer high functional reliability (for high or different back pressures). They also provide an accurate feed and safe blocking behavior, even for internal or external combinations.

## Operation of block metering device VPB

The task of the progressive metering device is to distribute consecutively specified portions of the pressure-fed lubricant (grease or oil) to the connected lubrication points. The discharge of the lubricant continues as long as it is pressure-fed to the progressive feeder. The specified portions are metered through the piston movement. Two lubricant outlets on the two end positions of the piston travel are allocated to each piston. The number of pistons within a feeder is variable. If lubricant is pressure-fed, the pistons of a feeder move in turn to their end position. The piston movement displaces a portion of the lubricant that is upstream of the piston to the downstream outlet. The movement of a piston can only start after the upstream piston has been moved to its end position.

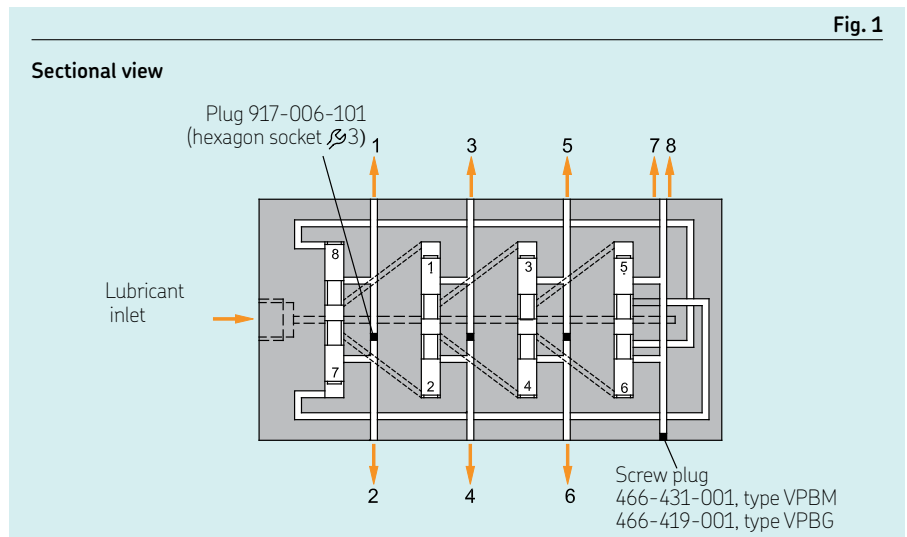
If all pistons are in their left or right end position, internal connecting bores in the feeder ensure a defined and continued running of the pistons. When all pistons have been moved once to the left as well as to the right end position, all connected lubricant points have been supplied once with the preset lubricant quantity. The portions

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for both outlets are determined by the diameter and the travel of the piston. The selection of the required portion is made during the design of the feeder. A subsequent change of the portions is only possible through a modification of the feeder.

Fig. 1



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## Information on the VPB design

The general criteria for the design of progressive feeders also apply without restrictions to the sectional metering device VPB. In case of an installation on movable machine parts or in case of strong vibrations (e.g. on grease guns), the piston position of the feeder should not correspond with the direction of movement of the machine part.

## Combination of outlets → Fig. 2

Possibility of a subsequent internal connection of two opposing outlets by removing the screw in plug from the right outlet bore and blocking one of the two outlets.

## Operating pressure and temperature

The maximum permissible operating pressure of the block distributor is 300 bar. If oil is delivered, a maximal operating pressure of 200 bar is recommended.

The operating temperature range given in technical data for the respective characteristic has to be met.

## Number of cycles

A maximum of 200 cycles/min is recommended.

## Quantity distribution

Block feeders distribute an amount delivered by a pump to several outlets while the feeder determines the volumetric ratio.

The different output quantities within a feeder are achieved by connecting two or more outlets. The indicated lubricant quantities result from the piston diameter and the maximum travel of the piston. Depending on the system design, these capacities may vary by 35%. By grease plants, with master feeder/secondary feeder systems, check valves must be used on the feeder outlets of the master feeder.

A connection of opposing outlets is possible by removing the plug. Furthermore, connecting neighboring outlets is possible by optionally applied crossports (crossporting). → Fig. 3

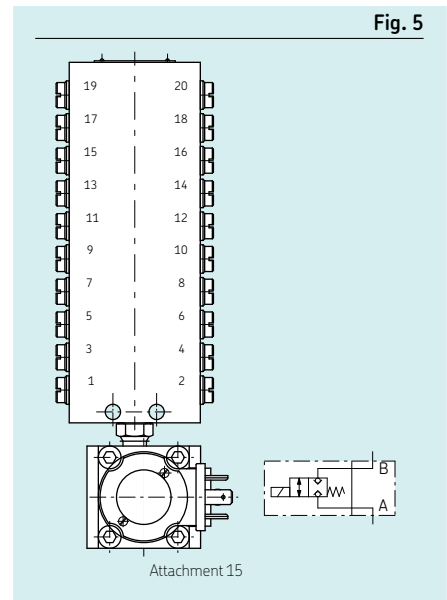
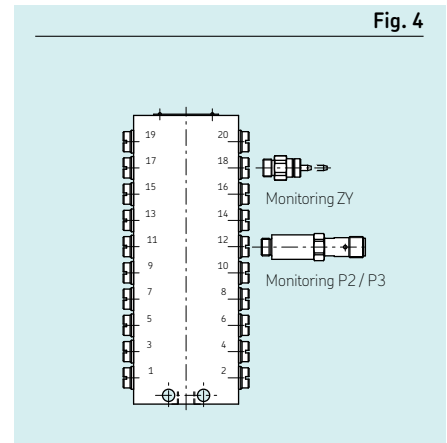
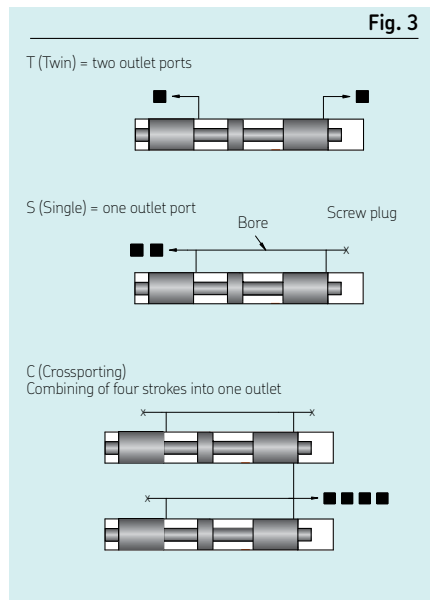
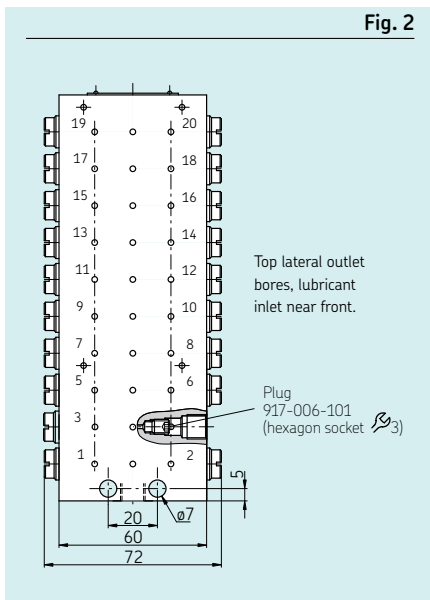
## Monitoring → Fig. 4

The block feeder can be monitored directly by means of a piston detector (compare in the order code: parameters piston detector, monitoring type P2, P3) and can be retrofitted. Furthermore, the piston movement can be monitored by visual stroke monitoring, monitoring type ZY.

Both monitoring models can be used both for oil as well as for grease.

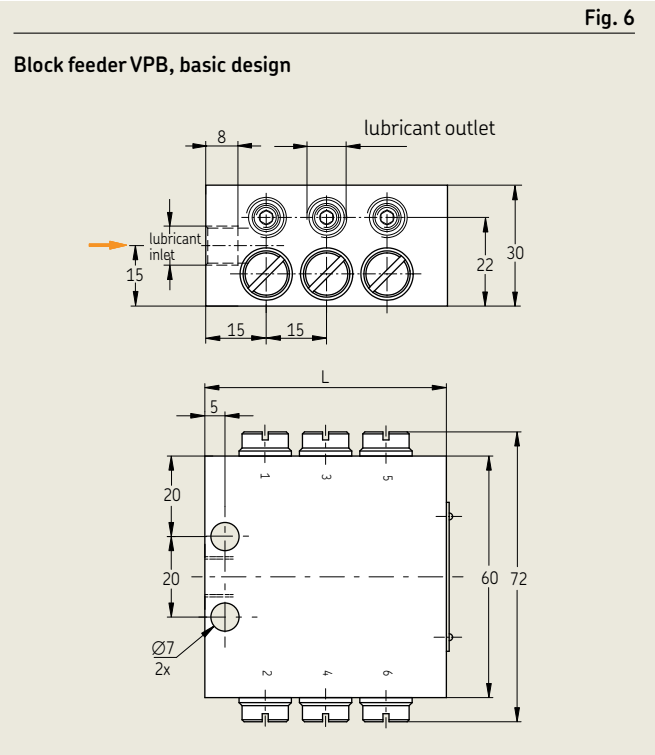
## Attachments → Fig. 5

The block feeder VPB can be equipped with upstream 2/2 directional solenoid valve, attachment 15.



# Block metering device VPB, basic design

for oil or grease, without attachments, without monitoring



## Technical Data

Style	hydraulically controlled
Mounting position	any
Screw connection	
Inlet / outlet	VPBM = M10x1 / VPBG = G1/8
Ambient temperature range	-25 to +110 °C
Feeder sections	→ Table 1
Quantity of outlets	6 to 20
Material	Steel, tinned/ nitrile
Operating pressure max.	Oil 200 bar, grease 300 bar
Volumen per outlet and cycle	0.20 cm <sup>3</sup>
Lubricant	Mineral oils, grease based on mineral oil, environmentally friendly and synthetic oils and greases
Operating viscosity	> 12 mm <sup>2</sup> /s
Worked penetration	≥ 265 x 0.1 mm (up to NLGI-grade 2)

**Table 1**

## Dimensions

Type of threading		Number of feeder sections	Number of possible outlets	L [mm]
M10x1	G1/8	Type	Type	
VPBM-3 *	VPBG-3 *	3	6	60
VPBM-4	VPBG-4	4	8	75
VPBM-5	VPBG-5	5	10	90
VPBM-6	VPBG-6	6	12	105
VPBM-7	VPBG-7	7	14	120
VPBM-8	VPBG-8	8	16	135
VPBM-9	VPBG-9	9	18	150
VPBM-10	VPBG-10	10	20	165

\* This progressive feeder must be installed with check valves.

**Table 2**

## Inlet screw connection

Designation	Order code
M10 x 1 for tube Ø6 mm	406-423
M10 x 1 for tube Ø8 mm	441-008-511
M10 x 1 for tube Ø10 mm	410-443
M10 x 1 Plug-in connector for tube Ø6 mm	451-006-518-VS
G1/8 for tube Ø6 mm	406-403W
G1/8 for tube Ø8 mm	408-423W
G1/8 for tube Ø10 mm	410-443W
Plug-in connector for tube Ø6 mm	406-423-VS

**Table 3**

## Outlet screw connection

Designation	Order code
M10 x 1 for tube Ø4 mm	404-403
M10 x 1 for tube Ø6 mm	406-423
M10 x 1 tap. Plug-in connector for tube Ø4 mm	451-004-518-VS
M10 x 1 tap. Plug-in connector for tube Ø6 mm	451-006-518-VS
G1/8 for tube Ø4 mm	404-403W
G1/8 for tube Ø6 mm	406-423W
G1/8 Plug-in connector for tube Ø4 mm	404-040-VS
G1/8 Plug-in connector for tube Ø6 mm	406-423W-VS
Screw plug M10 x 1	466-431-001
Screw plug G1/8	466-419-001

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monitored by piston detector, for oil and grease

With piston detector, electrical



With cycle indicator, optical



## Technical Data

For further technical data → basic design, page 5

### Piston detector, electrical \*

Internal thread	M10×1
Ambient temperature range	-25 to + 80 °C
Load current max.	100 mA
Protection class	IP67

Piston detector	2-pin (P2)
(short-circuit protection, intermittent and protected against polarity reversal)	
Design	with 4-point-LED, 2 pin connection
Rated voltage	10 to 36 V DC
Residual ripple	3% to 15%
Output function	NC contact
Minimum load current	4 mA

Piston detector,	3-pin (P3)
(short-circuit protection, intermittent and protected against polarity reversal, NC contact PNP)	
Design	with 4-point-LED, 3 pin connection
Rated voltage	10 to 36 V DC
Residual ripple	≤10%
Output function	PNP contact

### Cycle indicator, optical

Ambient temperature range	-15 to + 75 °C
Operating pressure max.	300 bar

\* The piston detector is designed for a service life of approx. 10-15 million cycles. This value may be significantly exceeded depending on the application, external environmental influences, medium, pressure, and cycle speed. Please consult the manufacturer if you have questions in this regard.

Fig. 7

Block metering device VPB with piston detector, for further technical data → page 5, fig. 6

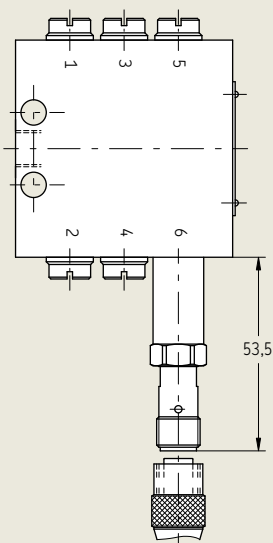
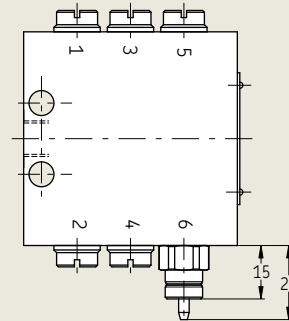


Fig. 8

Block metering device VPB with cycle indicator, for further technical data → page 5, fig. 6



**Note**  
The cable socket of the piston detector must be ordered separately → see page 10.

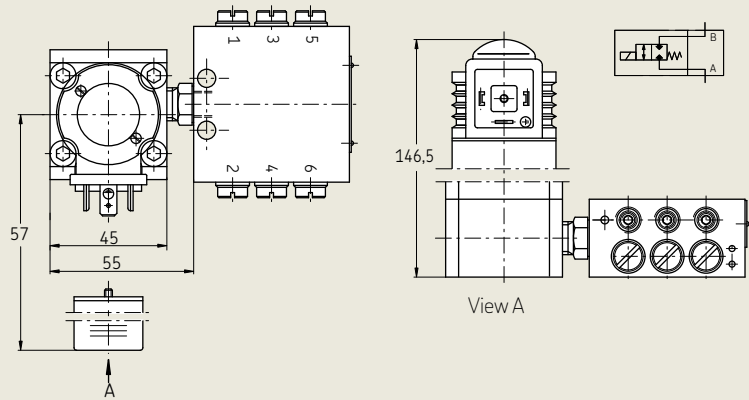
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with 2/2 directional solenoid valve for grease



Fig. 9

Block metering device VPB with directional solenoid valve, for further technical data  
→ page 5, fig. 6



## Technical Data

For further technical data → basic design, page 5

Inlet thread connection	G1/4
Ambient temperature range	-25 to +80 °C
Operating pressure max.	300 bar
Lubricant	Grease up to NLGI-grade 2

## 2/2-directional solenoid valve

Type	Spherical seat valve
Electrical connection	Plug / DIN43650-AF3
Voltage	24 V DC
Rated current	0,67 A
Nominal output	16 W
On-time	100% ED (at max. +35 °C)
Protection class	IP 65
Basic position	closed when de-energized



## Note

Line sockets must be ordered separately → page 10.







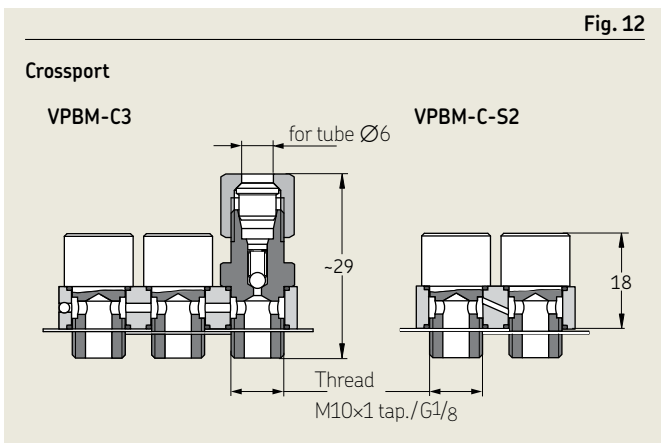
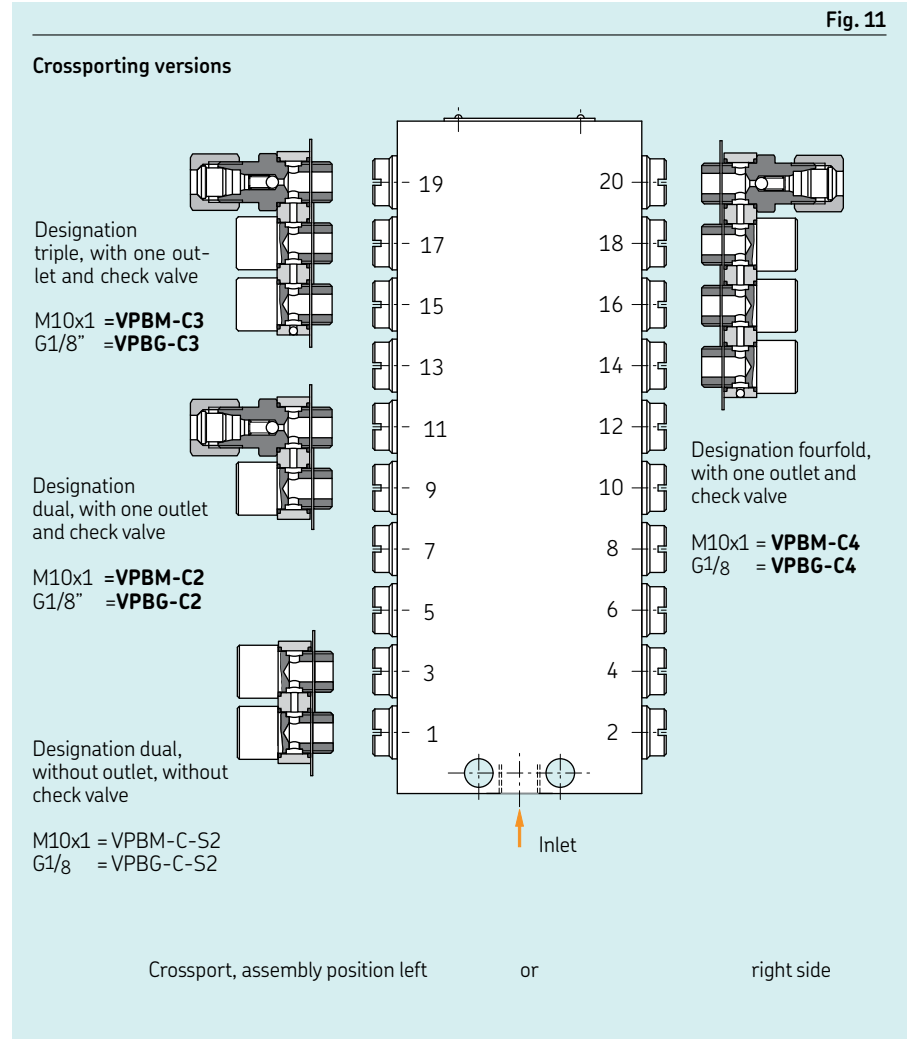
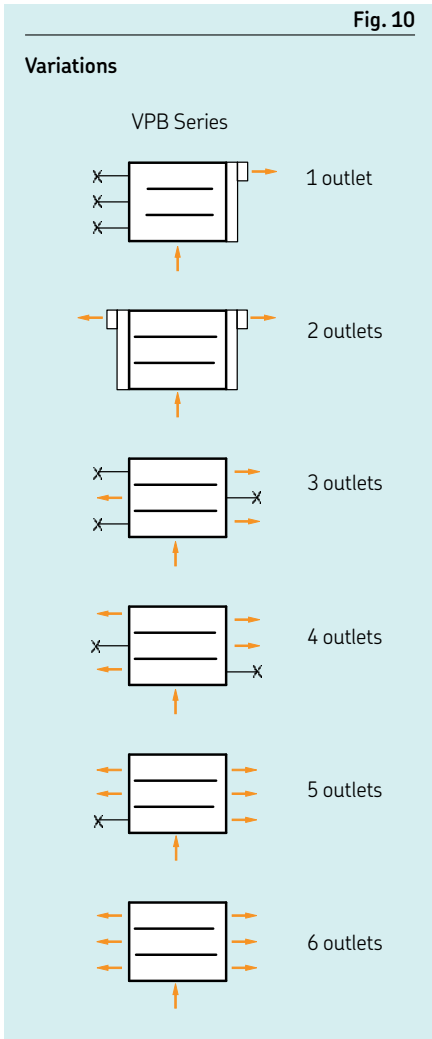
# Example of possible variations

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for 1 to 6 lube points on one 3-section feeder

## Crossporting versions

Example VPBM/VPBG



**Table 4**

**Crossports for connecting nearby outlets**

Number of connecting Outlets	Order code for the complete crossport incl. hollow screws and connectors for tube Ø6 mm and check valve		Order code for the complete crossport without fitting	
	M10x1	G1/8	M10x1	G1/8
2	<b>VPBM-C2</b>	<b>VPBG-C2</b>	<b>VPBM-C-S2*</b>	<b>VPBG-C-S2*</b>
3	<b>VPBM-C3</b>	<b>VPBG-C3</b>	-	-
4	<b>VPBM-C4</b>	<b>VPBG-C4</b>	-	-

\* The crossporting version of the type VPBM-C is approved up to max. 100 bar operating pressure.

# Accessories

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### Check valves

Order code	tube		Opening pressure [bar]	pressure, max. [bar]	Fig.
	ød1	G			
for the direct screw-in in a feeder outlet					
VPKG-RV	6	R1/8 tap.	3	100	13
VPKM-RV-S4	6	M10×1 tap.	2	100	
for plug-in connector					
VPKG-RV4-VS	4	R1/8 tap.	3	300	14
VPKG-RV-VS	6	G1/8	3	300	
VPKM-RV-VS	6	M10×1 tap.	3	300	15
226-10337-3	6	M10×1 tap.	3	350	

Fig. 13

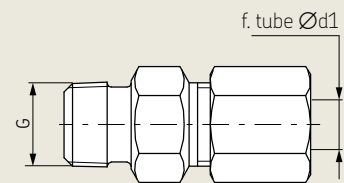


Fig. 14

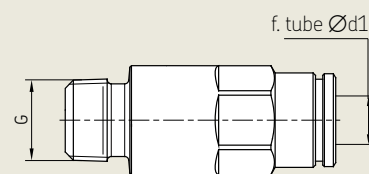
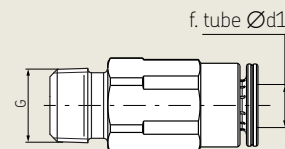


Fig. 15



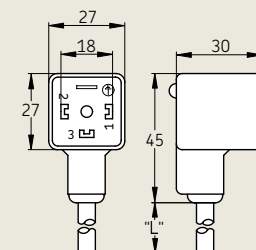
## Accessories

### Electrical Plug-in connectors

Order code	Specification
179-990-416	Rectangular plug DIN EN 175301-803A, for 2/2-way-valve, 2-pin with splashed cable; 3 m, 3×0.75 mm <sup>2</sup>
179-990-371	Circular plug straight (A), Cable diameter 4–6 mm, 4-polig, max. 0.75 mm <sup>2</sup>
179-990-600	Circular plug straight (B), 4-pin with splashed cable; 5 m, 4×0.25 mm <sup>2</sup>
179-990-372	Circular plug angled (C), Cable diameter 4–6 mm, 4-pin, max. 0.75 mm <sup>2</sup>
179-990-601	Circular plug angled (D), 4-pin with splashed cable, 5 m, 4×0.25 mm <sup>2</sup>

→ Brochure 1-1730-EN

Rectangular plug  
179-990-416



Circular plug M12×1



# Spare parts

Spare parts	
Designation	Order code
Piston detector, 2-pin	<b>177-300-096</b>
Piston detector, 3-pin	<b>177-300-097</b>
Corresponding O-ring	<b>WVN501-10x1.5</b>
2/2-way valve, 24 V DC	<b>161-110-031+924</b>
Cable socket - 2/2 way valve	<b>24-1882-2029</b>
VPKM	
Screw connection G $\frac{1}{4}$ to M10x1	<b>44-0159-2282</b>
O-ring	<b>504-019</b>
VPKG	
Screw connection G $\frac{1}{4}$ to G $\frac{1}{8}$	<b>96-6013-0282</b>



#### **Important information on product usage**

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