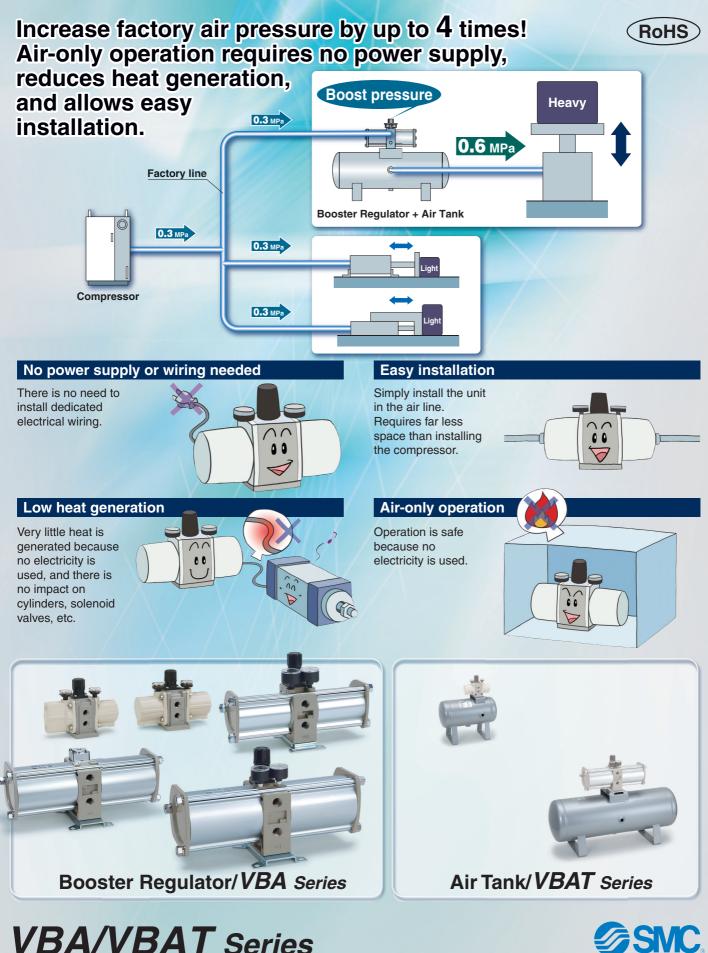
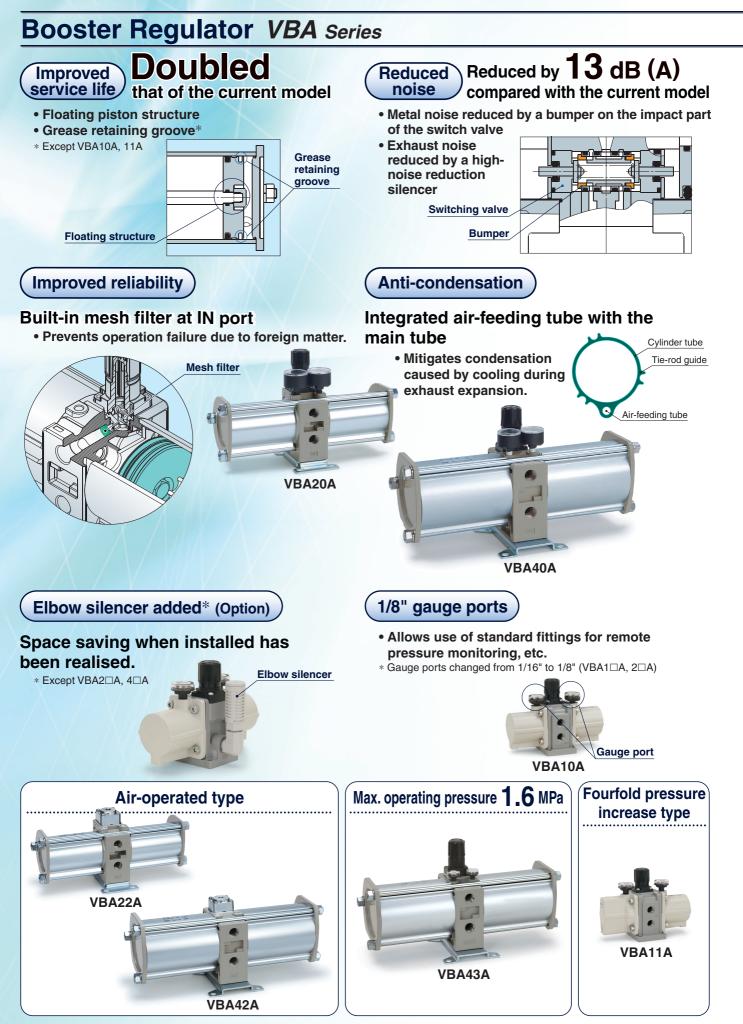
Booster Regulator/Air Tank







SMC

| Pressure increase ratio | | Twice | | 2 to 4 times |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Operation | Knob-ope (Direct o | rated type peration) | Air-operated type (Remote operation) | Knob-operated type (Direct operation) |
| Set pressure range Body size | 0.2 to 1.0 MPa | 0.2 to 1.6 MPa (2.0 MPa) | 0.2 to 1.0 MPa | 0.4 to 2.0 MPa |
| 1/4" | | VBA10A-02 (0.2 to 2.0 MPa) | | VBA11A-02 |
| 3/8" | VBA20A-03 | | VBA22A-03 | |
| 1/2" | VBA40A-04 | VBA43A-04 (0.2 to 1.6 MPa) | VBA42A-04 | |

Air Tank VBAT Series

Perfect fit with a booster regulator

This is an air tank to which a booster regulator can be connected compactly. It can be used alone as a tank. The pressure vessel law is different from country to country, so as an air tank suitable to a country needs to be confirmed.

Extensive product lineup

To meet a variety of usage environment and pressure specifications, models are available in two materials, stainless steel 304 and carbon steel (SS400), and in four sizes ranging from 5 litres to 38 litres.

| Model | VBAT05A | VBAT10A | VBAT20A | VBAT38A |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Tank capacity (L) | 5 | 10 | 20 | 38 |
| Max. operating pressure (MPa) | 2. | .0 | 1. | .0 |
| Material | | Carbo | n steel | |



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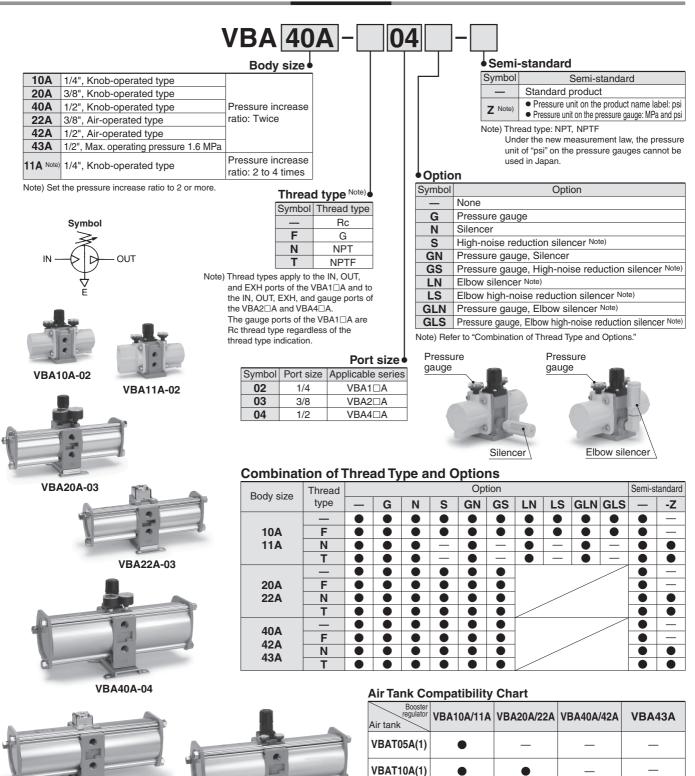


Booster Regulator VBA Series



How to Order





VBA43A-04



VBAT20A(1)

VBAT38A(1)

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VBA42A-04

Standard Specifications

| Model | VBA10A-02 | VBA20A-03 | VBA40A-04 | VBA22A-03 | VBA42A-04 | VBA43A-04 | VBA11A-02 | |
|--|-------------------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---------------------|--|
| Fluid | | Compressed air | | | | | | |
| Pressure increase ratio | | | Tw | vice | | | 2 to 4 times Note 4 | |
| Pressure adjustment mechanism | Knob-operate | Knob-operated with relief mechanism Note 2) | | | erated | Knob-operated with relief mechanism Note 2) | | |
| Max. flow rate Note 3) (I/min (ANR)) | 230 | 1000 | 1900 | 1000 | 1900 | 1600 | 70 | |
| Set pressure range (MPa) | 0.2 to 2.0 | 0.2 t | o 1.0 | 0.2 t | o 1.0 | 0.2 to 1.6 | 0.4 to 2.0 | |
| Supply pressure range (MPa) | | 0.1 to 1.0 | | | | | | |
| Proof pressure (MPa) | 3 | | 1 | .5 | | 2.4 | 3 | |
| Port size (Rc) (IN/OUT/EXH: 3 locations) | 1/4 | 3/8 | 1/2 | 3/8 | 1. | /2 | 1/4 | |
| Pressure gauge port size (Rc) (IN/OUT: 2 locations) | | | | 1/8 | | | | |
| Tank connection port (with plug) Note 5) | 1/4 | 3/8 | 1/2 | 3/8 | 1/ | 2 | 1/4 | |
| Ambient and fluid temperature (°C) | | 2 to 50 (No freezing) | | | | | | |
| Installation | Horizontal | | | | | | | |
| Lubrication | Grease (Non-lube) | | | | | | | |
| Weight (kg) | 0.84 | 3.9 | 8.6 | 3.9 | 8.6 | 8.6 | 0.89 | |

Note 1) Be sure to secure an air supply capacity of the minimum operating pressure (0.1 MPa) or more.

Note 2) If the OUT pressure is higher than the set pressure by the knob, excess pressure is exhausted from the back of the knob.

Note 3) Flow rate at IN= OUT= 0.5 MPa. The pressure varies depending on the operating conditions. Refer to "Flow Rate Characteristics" on pages 3 and 4.

Note 4) Set the pressure increase ratio to 2 or more.

Note 5) The tank connection port cannot be used for applications other than the connection with VBAT.

Options/Part No.

Pressure Gauge, Silencer (When thread type is Rc or G.)

| Мо | del | VBA10A-02 | VBA20A-03 | VBA40A-04 | VBA22A-03 | VBA42A-04 | VBA43A-04 | VBA11A-02 |
|-------------------------------|-----|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Description | | VBA10A-F02 | VBA20A-F03 | VBA40A-F04 | VBA22A-F03 | VBA42A-F04 | VBA43A-F04 | VBA11A-F02 |
| Pressure gauge | G | G27-20-01 | G36- | 10-01 | KT-VBA22A-7 | G36-10-01 | G27-20-01 | G27-20-01 |
| Silencer | Ν | AN20-02 | AN30-03 | AN40-04 | AN30-03 | AN40-04 | AN40-04 | AN20-02 |
| High-noise reduction silencer | S | ANA1-02 | ANA1-03 | ANA1-04 | ANA1-03 | ANA1-04 | ANA1-04 | ANA1-02 |
| Elbow for silencer | L | KT-VBA10A-18 | _ | — | — | _ | — | KT-VBA10A-18 |

Note 1) In the case of options GN, two pressure gauges and one silencer are included in the same container as accessories.

Note 2) KT-VBA22A-7 is a pressure gauge with fitting. (Please order two units when using with IN and OUT.)

Pressure Gauge, Silencer (When thread type is NPT or NPTF.)

| Mo | del | VBA10A-N02* | VBA20A-N03* | VBA40A-N04* | VBA22A-N03* | VBA42A-N04* | VBA43A-N04* | VBA11A-N02* |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | - | | - |
| Description | / | *: when " -Z " | *: when "-Z" |
| Pressure gauge *: when | ~ | G27-20-01 | G36-1 | 0-N01 | KT-VBA22A-7N | G36-10-N01 | G27-20-N01 | G27-20-01 |
| Pressure gauge *: when "-Z" Note 3) | G | G27-P20-01-X30 | G36-P10- | N01-X30 | KT-VBA22A-8N | G36-P10-N01-X30 | G27-P20-N01-X30 | G27-P20-01-X30 |
| Silencer | Ν | AN20-N02 | AN30-N03 | AN40-N04 | AN30-N03 | AN40-N04 | AN40-N04 | AN20-N02 |
| High-noise reduction silencer | S | _ | ANA1-N03 | ANA1-N04 | ANA1-N03 | ANA1-N04 | ANA1-N04 | _ |
| Elbow for silencer | Г | KT-VBA10A-18N | — | _ | — | — | _ | KT-VBA10A-18N |

Note 1) In the case of options GN, two pressure gauges and one silencer are included in the same container as accessories.

Note 2) KT-VBA22A-7N, KT-VBA22A-8N are pressure gauges with fittings. (Please order two units when using with IN and OUT.)

Note 3) Pressure unit on the pressure gauge: MPa and psi

Related Products/Part No.

Mist Separator, Exhaust Cleaner

| Model Description | For VBA10A-02 For VBA11A-02 | Eor VBA22A-02 | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Mist separator | AM250C-02 | AM450C-04, 06 | AM550C-06, 10 |
| Exhaust cleaner | AMC310-03 | AMC510-06 | AMC610-10 |

Note) Refer to page 13 for air tanks and www.smc.eu for mist separators and exhaust cleaners.

Refer to the separate operation manual for the connection method.

VBA Series

Solid line: Operating range

Operate so that the flow rate follows the solid line even when the outlet side air has been consumed.

VBA20A, 22A

1.0

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2

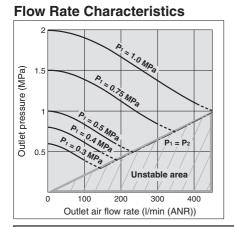
0 200 400 600 800 1000

Outlet pressure (MPa)

Ex.) For the VBA10A: When the inlet pressure is 0.5 MPa and the set pressure is 1.0 MPa, operate at an outlet air flow rate of 180 l/min (ANR) or less. Dotted line: Outside of the set pressure range

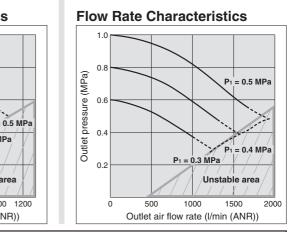
P1: Inlet pressure P2: Outlet pressure

VBA10A



Flow Rate Characteristics

VBA40A, 42A



When operated at a flow rate that falls within the unstable area ($P_2 < P_1$ conditions) as shown in the graphs above, the booster regulator may not operate normally and may therefore fail to increase the pressure.

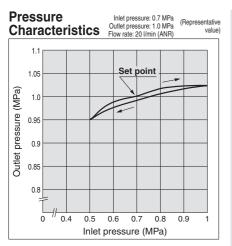
Outlet air flow rate (I/min (ANR))

P1

P1 = 0.4 MPa

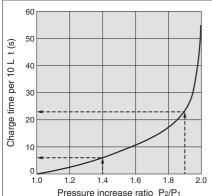
Unstable area

= 0.3 MPa



Charge

Characteristics (Pressure increase ratio: Twice)



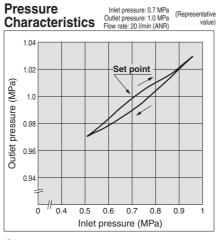
VBA10A

• The time required to charge pressure in the tank from 0.7 MPa to 0.95 MPa at 0.5 MPa supply pressure:

$$\frac{\mathbf{P}_2}{\mathbf{P}_1} = \frac{0.7}{0.5} = 1.4 \qquad \frac{\mathbf{P}_2}{\mathbf{P}_1} = \frac{0.95}{0.5} = 1.9$$

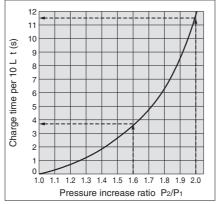
With the pressure increase ratio from 1.4 to 1.9, the charge time of 23 - 6 = 17 sec. (t) is given by the graph. Then, the charge time (T) for a 10 L tank:

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{t} \times \frac{\mathbf{V}}{10} = 17 \times \frac{10}{10} = 17$$
 (s).









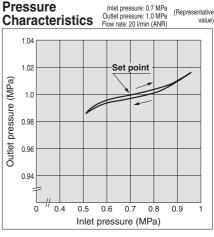
VBA20A, 22A

• The time required to charge pressure in the tank from 0.8 MPa to 1.0 MPa at 0.5 MPa supply pressure:

$$\frac{\mathbf{P}_2}{\mathbf{P}_1} = \frac{0.8}{0.5} = 1.6 \qquad \frac{\mathbf{P}_2}{\mathbf{P}_1} = \frac{1.0}{0.5} = 2.0$$

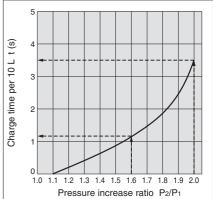
With the pressure increase ratio from 1.6 to 2.0, the charge time of 11.5 - 3.8 = 7.7 sec. (t) is given by the graph. Then, the charge time (T) for a 100 L tank:

$$T = t x \frac{V}{10} = 7.7 x \frac{100}{10} = 77$$
(s).



Charge

Characteristics (Pressure increase ratio: Twice)



VBA40A, 42A

• The time required to charge pressure in the tank from 0.8 MPa to 1.0 MPa at 0.5 MPa supply pressure:

$$\frac{\mathbf{P}_2}{\mathbf{P}_1} = \frac{0.8}{0.5} = 1.6 \qquad \frac{\mathbf{P}_2}{\mathbf{P}_1} = \frac{1.0}{0.5} = 2.0$$

With the pressure increase ratio from 1.6 to 2.0, the charge time of 3.5 - 1.1 = 2.4 sec. (t) is given by the graph. Then, the charge time (T) for a 100 L tank:

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{t} \times \frac{\mathbf{V}}{10} = 2.4 \times \frac{100}{10} = 24$$
 (s).



Booster Regulator VBA Series

Solid line: Operating range

Operate so that the flow rate follows the solid line even when the outlet side air has been consumed.

Ex.) For the VBA10A: When the inlet pressure is 0.5 MPa and the set pressure is 1.0 MPa, operate at an outlet air flow rate of 180 l/min (ANR) or less. Dotted line: Outside of the set pressure range

P1: Inlet pressure P2: Outlet pressure

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Unstable are

VBA43A

1.6

1.4

12

0.8

0.6

0.4 0.2

0

500

1000

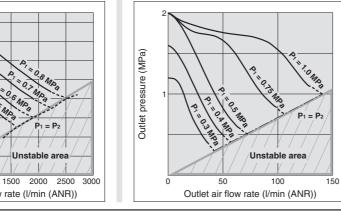
Outlet air flow rate (I/min (ANR))

pressure (MPa)

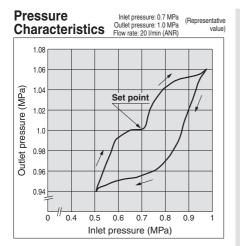
Outlet /

VBA11A

Flow Rate Characteristics **Flow Rate Characteristics**

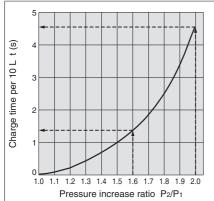


When operated at a flow rate that falls within the unstable area ($P_2 < P_1$ conditions) as shown in the graphs above, the booster regulator may not operate normally and may therefore fail to increase the pressure.





Characteristics (Pressure increase ratio: Twice)



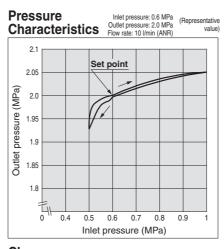
VBA43A

• The time required to charge pressure in the tank from 0.8 MPa to 1.0 MPa at 0.5 MPa supply pressure:

$$\frac{\mathbf{P_2}}{\mathbf{P_1}} = \frac{0.8}{0.5} = 1.6 \qquad \frac{\mathbf{P_2}}{\mathbf{P_1}} = \frac{1.0}{0.5} = 2.0$$

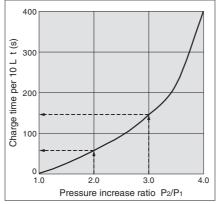
With the pressure increase ratio from 1.6 to 2.0, the charge time of 4.5 - 1.3 = 3.2 sec. (t) is given by the graph. Then, the charge time (T) for a 100 L tank:

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{t} \times \frac{\mathbf{V}}{10} = 3.2 \times \frac{100}{10} = 32 \text{ (s)}$$









VBA11A

• The time required to charge pressure in the tank from 1.0 MPa to 1.5 MPa at 0.5 MPa supply pressure:

$$\frac{\mathbf{P}_2}{\mathbf{P}_1} = \frac{1.0}{0.5} = 2.0 \qquad \frac{\mathbf{P}_2}{\mathbf{P}_1} = \frac{1.5}{0.5} = 3.0$$

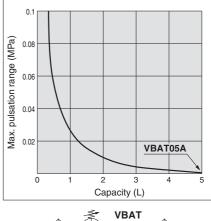
With the pressure increase ratio from 2.0 to 3.0, the charge time of 147 - 58 = 89 sec. (t) is given by the graph. Then, the charge time (T) for a 10 L tank:

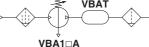
$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{t} \times \frac{\mathbf{V}}{10} = 89 \times \frac{10}{10} = 89 \text{ (s)}.$$

Pulsation/Pulsation is decreased with a tank.

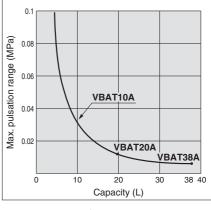
If the outlet capacity is undersized, pulsation may occur.

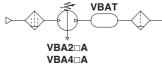
VBAT05A





VBAT10A, 20A, 38A



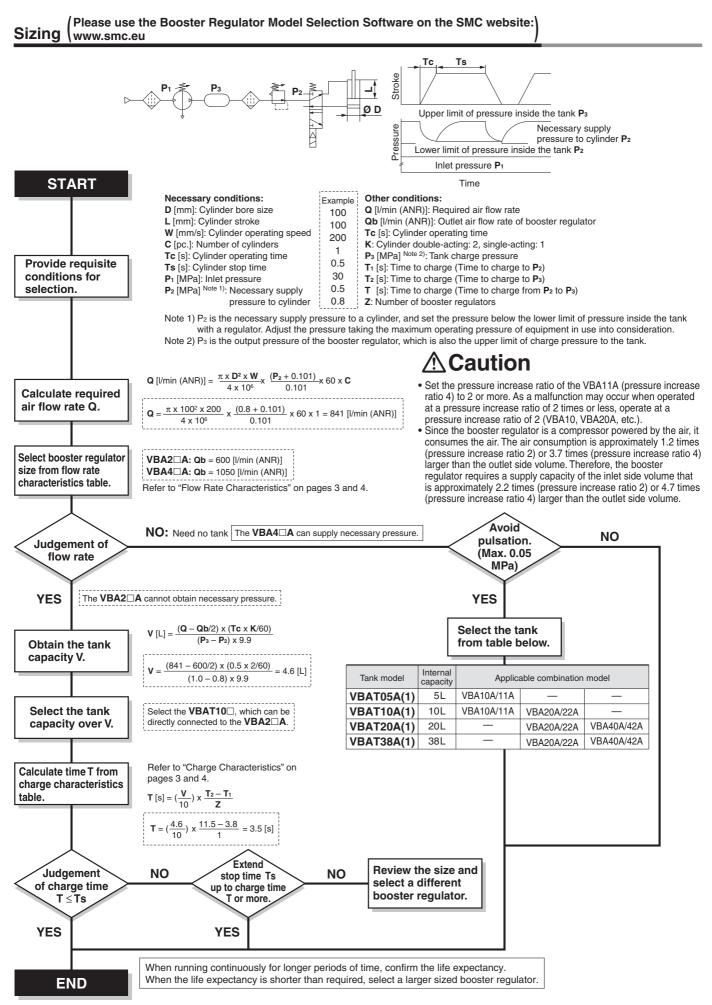


Conditions: Inlet pressure: 0.5 MPa Outlet set pressure: 1 MPa

Flow rate: Between 0 and max, flow rate

- Performance of air tank
- · Alleviates the pulsation generated on the outlet side.
- · When air consumption exceeds air supply during intermittent operation, required air will be accumulated in the tank for use. This does not apply for continuous operation.
- · Operation at a flow rate that falls within the unstable area under temporary $P_1 \ge P_2$ conditions can be prevented when the outlet side air has been consumed

VBA Series

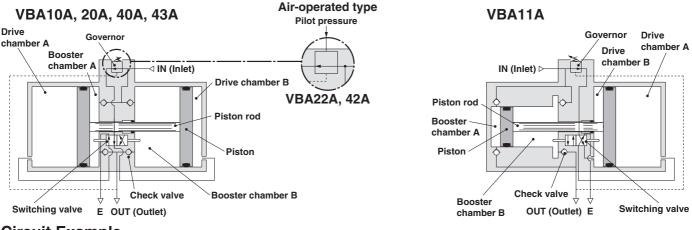


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Booster Regulator VBA Series

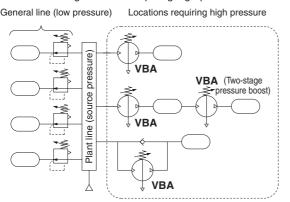
Working Principle

The **IN** air passes through the check valve to **booster chambers A and B**. Meanwhile, air is supplied to **drive chamber B** via the governor and the switching valve. Then, the air pressure from **drive chamber B** and **booster chamber A** are applied to the piston, boosting the air in **booster chamber B**. As the piston travels, the boosted air is pushed via the check valve to the **OUT** side. When the piston reaches to the end, the piston causes the switching valve to switch, so that **drive chamber B** is in the exhaust state and **drive chamber A** is in the supply state respectively. Then, the piston reverses its movement, this time, the pressures from **booster chamber B** and **drive chamber A** boosts the air in **booster chamber A** and sends it to the **OUT** side. The process described above is repeated to continuously supply highly pressurised air from the **IN** to the **OUT** side. The governor establishes the outlet pressure by knob operation and pressure adjustment in the drive chamber by feeding back the outlet pressure.

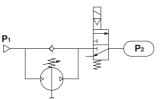


Circuit Example

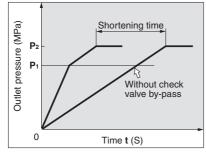
 When only some of the machines in the plant require high-pressure air, booster regulators can be installed for only the equipment that requires it. This allows the overall system to use low-pressure air while accommodating machines requiring high-pressure air.



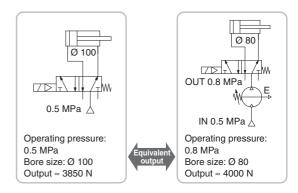
- * When using two booster regulators for 2-stage pressure boost, be sure to supply sufficient flow to each booster regulator in order to stabilise the booster regulator inlet pressure. Refer to Selection 2. on page 6 for the inlet side supply amount.
- When charging a tank or the like from a source at atmospheric pressure, a circuit with a check valve can be used to reduce the charge time by allowing air to pass through the check valve up to the inlet pressure.



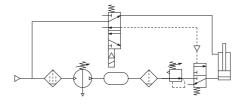
Initially, inlet pressure (P1) passes through the check valve, fills P2, and results in P1 = P2.



- When the actuator output is insufficient but space limitations prohibit switching to a larger cylinder diameter, a booster regulator can be used to increase the pressure. This makes it possible to boost the output without replacing the actuator.
- When a certain level of output is required but the cylinder size must be kept small so that the driver remains compact.



• When only one side of the cylinder is used for work, booster regulators can be installed only on the lines that require them to reduce the overall air consumption volume.



Design

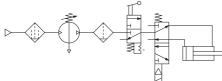
Warning

1. Warning concerning abnormal outlet pressure

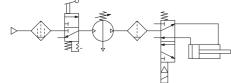
- If there is a likelihood of causing an outlet pressure drop due to unforeseen circumstances such as equipment malfunction, thus leading to a major problem, take safety measures on the system side.
- Because the outlet pressure could exceed its set range if there is a large fluctuation in the inlet pressure, leading to unexpected accidents, take safety measures against abnormal pressures. If operation at a flow rate that falls within the unstable area (P₁ ≥ P₂) occurs due to outlet pressure consumption, install an air tank, etc. (Refer to page 4.)
- Operate the equipment within its maximum operating pressure and set pressure range.

2. Residual pressure measures

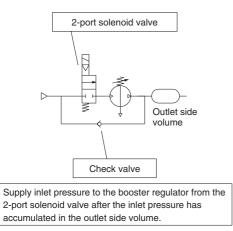
• Connect a 3-port valve to the OUT side of the booster regulator if the residual pressure must be released quickly from the outlet pressure side for maintenance, etc. (Refer to the diagram below.) The residual outlet pressure side cannot be released even if the 3-port valve is connected to the IN side because the check valve in the booster regulator will activate.



• After operation is finished, release the supply pressure at the inlet. This stops the booster regulator from moving needlessly and prevents operating malfunctions.



- If operated so that the inlet pressure and outlet pressure are exhausted every operational cycle, the flow rate will occasionally fall within the unstable area shown in the Flow Rate Characteristics graphs on pages 3 and 4, resulting in the switching valve stopping halfway and failing to increase the pressure. (The restart method is shown on page 9.)
- When exhausting inlet pressure or outlet pressure (residual pressure), supply inlet pressure to the booster regulator after supplying the inlet pressure to the outlet side volume.



Recommended air circuit

Design

1. System configuration

- Be sure to secure an air supply capacity of the minimum operating pressure (0.1 MPa) or more. If the internal operating pressure becomes the minimum operating pressure or less, the switching valve may remain in the intermediate position, which may cause a restart failure.
- The IN port of the booster regulator has metallic mesh to prevent dust from entering the booster regulator. However, it cannot remove dust continuously or separate drainage. Make sure to install a mist separator (AM series) on the inlet side of the booster regulator.
- The booster regulator has a sliding part inside, and it generates dust. Also, install an air purification device such as an air filter or a mist separator on the outlet side as necessary.
- Connect a lubricator to the outlet side, because the accumulated oil in the booster regulator may result in a malfunction.

2. Exhaust air measures

 Provide a dedicated pipe to release the exhaust air from each booster regulator. If centralised piping is used for the exhaust air, the switching valve may stop halfway and fail to increase the pressure due to the influence of other exhaust.

In the same manner, if a silencer or exhaust cleaner other than those designated by SMC is used, back pressure will be generated due to the clogging of the silencer, which may result in the switching valve stopping halfway and failing to increase the pressure.

 Depending on the necessity, install a silencer or an exhaust cleaner on the exhaust port of the booster regulator to reduce the exhaust noise.

3. Maintenance space

• Allow the sufficient space for maintenance and inspection.

Selection

▲ Caution

1. Check the specifications.

• Consider the operating conditions and operate this product within the specification range that is described in this catalogue.

2. Selection

- Based on the conditions (such as pressure, flow rate and cycle time) required for the outlet side of the booster regulator, check the selection procedures described in this catalogue or model selection software for size selection of the booster regulator. Model selection can be done using the selection software on the SMC website. Go to Documents/Downloads → Model Selection Software → Booster Regulators
- Since the booster regulator is a compressor powered by the air, it consumes the air. The air consumption is approximately 1.2 times (pressure increase ratio 2) or 3.7 times (pressure increase ratio 4) larger than the outlet side volume. Therefore, the booster regulator requires a supply capacity of the inlet side volume that is approximately 2.2 times (pressure increase ratio 2) or 4.7 times (pressure increase ratio 4) larger than the outlet side volume.
- Set the pressure of the VBA10A, VBA20A, VBA22A, VBA40A, VBA42A or VBA43A (pressure increase ratio 2) to a level that is at least 0.1 MPa higher than the inlet pressure. If the pressure differential is 0.1 MPa or less, the internal operating pressure becomes the minimum operating pressure or less and the switching valve may remain at the intermediate position, causing a restart failure.
- Set the pressure increase ratio of the VBA11A (pressure increase ratio 4) to 2 or more. When the VBA11A is used at a pressure increase ratio of 2 or less, the internal operating pressure becomes the minimum operating pressure or less and the switching valve may remain at the intermediate position, causing a restart failure.
- When operating the booster regulator continuously for longer periods of time, particularly confirm its service life.
- The service life of the booster regulator depends on not the operation hours but the operating cycles (piston sliding distance). The operating cycles (piston sliding distance) depend on the outlet flow of the booster regulator. Thus, when more outlet flow of the booster regulator is used, its service life becomes shorter. Selecting a booster regulator of a larger size will result in reduced operation frequency, thus increasing the service life of the product.
- When using two booster regulators for 2-stage pressure boost, be sure to provide a stable supply of pressure to the downstream booster regulator, and install a pressure vessel such as an air tank, etc., between the booster regulators. (Refer to the circuit diagram shown on page 6.)

Mounting

ACaution

1. Transporting

• When transporting this product, hold it lengthwise with both hands. Never hold it by the black knob that protrudes from the centre because the knob could become detached from the body, causing the body to fall and leading to injury.

2. Installation

- Install this product so that the silver-coloured tie-rods and cover are placed horizontally. If mounted vertically, it may result in a malfunction.
- Because the piston cycle vibration is transferred, use the following mounting bolts (VBA1: M5; VBA2, 4: M10) and tighten them with the specified torque (VBA1: 3 N·m; VBA2, 4: 24 N·m).
- If the transmission of vibration is not preferred, insert an isolating rubber material before installation.
- Mount the pressure gauge with a torque of 7 to 9 N·m.

Piping

ACaution

1. Flushing

• Use an air blower to flush the piping to thoroughly remove any cutting chips, cutting oil, or debris from the piping inside, before connecting them. If they enter the inside of the booster regulator, they could cause the booster regulator to malfunction or its durability could be affected.

2. Piping size

• To bring the booster regulator's ability into full play, make sure to match the piping size to the port size.

Air Supply

Caution

1. Quality of air source

- Connect a mist separator to the inlet side near the booster regulator. If the quality of the compressed air is not thoroughly controlled, the booster regulator could malfunction (without being able to boost) or its durability could be affected.
- If dry air (atmospheric pressure dew point: -23 °C or less) is used, the life expectancy may be shortened because dry air will accelerate evaporation of grease inside.

2. Pressure fluctuation

 Provide a stable supply of pressure for the inlet pressure. If the inlet pressure supply is unstable, operation also becomes unstable, which may result in the switching valve stopping halfway and failing to increase the pressure.

Operating Environment

Caution

1. Installation location

- Do not install this product in an area that is exposed to rainwater or direct sunlight.
- Do not install in locations influenced by vibrations. If it must be used in such an area due to unavoidable circumstances, please contact SMC beforehand.

Handling

▲ Caution

1. Setting the pressure on the knob-operated type

• If air is supplied to the product in the shipped state, the air will be released.

Set the pressure by quickly pulling up on the governor knob, releasing the lock, and rotating the knob in the direction of the arrow (+).

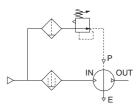
- There is an upper and lower limit for the knob rotation. If over-rotating the knob even after reaching to the limit, the internal parts may be damaged. If the knob suddenly feels heavy while being turned, stop turning the knob.
- Once the setting is completed, push the knob down and lock it.
- To decrease the outlet pressure, after the pressure has been set, rotate the knob in the direction of the arrow (–). The residual air will be released from the area of the knob, due to the relief construction of the governor.
- To reset the pressure, first reduce the pressure so that it is lower than the desired pressure; then, set it to the desired pressure.



2. Setting the pressure on the air-operated type (VBA22A, 42A)

- Connect the outlet pipe of the pilot regulator for the remote control to the pilot port (P). (Refer to the diagram below.)
- Refer to the graph below for the relationship between the pilot pressure and outlet pressure.
- The AR20 and AW20 are recommended for the pilot regulator.

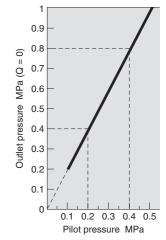
Pilot regulator



- The outlet pressure is twice the pilot pressure.
- When the inlet pressure is 0.4 MPa:

Pilot pressure 0.2 MPa to 0.4 MPa

Outlet pressure 0.4 MPa to 0.8 MPa



VBA Series

Handling

≜Caution

3. Draining

 If this product is used with a large amount of drainage accumulated in the filter, mist separator or tank, the drainage could flow out, leading to equipment malfunction. Therefore, drain the system once a day. If it is equipped with an auto drain, check its operation once a day.

4. Exhaust

• If the air on the OUT side is not consumed for a long period of time when the pressure increase ratio is set to 2 or less, there may be delays in the left and right switching operation of the piston, which may result in air leakage from the exhaust port. This phenomenon is not considered abnormal. The leak will stop once the air on the OUT side is consumed.

5. Maintenance

Booster regulator

- Life expectancy varies depending on the quality of air and the operating conditions. Signs that the unit is reaching the end of its service life include the following:
 - Constant bleed from under the knob.
 - Air exhaust noise can be heard from the booster regulator at 10 to 20 second intervals even when there is no air consumption on the outlet side.
- Conduct maintenance earlier than scheduled in such cases. • When maintenance is required, confirm the model and lot
- number of the booster regulator, and please contact SMC for maintenance kit.
- Conduct maintenance according to the specified maintenance procedure by individuals possessing enough knowledge and experiences in maintaining pneumatic equipment.
- The list of replacement parts and kit number are shown on page 10, and the figure shows the position of the parts.

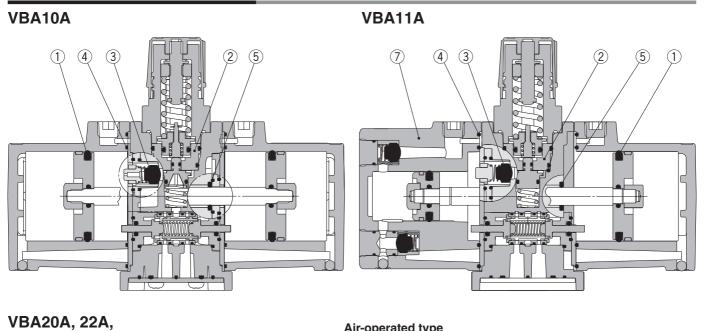
Silencer

It is normal for the silencer to change in colour due to the turbine oil, grease, and drain contained in the exhaust, the surrounding atmosphere, etc. Back pressure will be generated if the silencer is clogged, which may result in the switching valve stopping halfway and failing to increase the pressure; therefore, be sure to perform regular maintenance on the product.

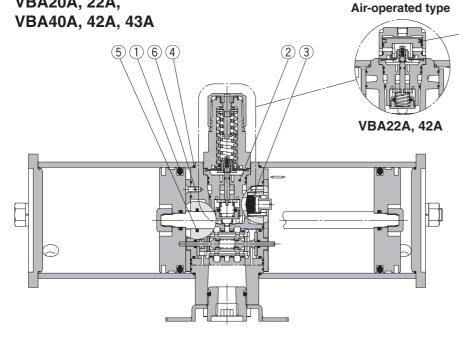
6. Restart method when the pressure will not increase

- With the inlet side in a pressurised state, use your finger, a finger valve, etc., to block the exhaust port, let the exhaust pressure rise, and then quickly release it.
- Release inlet and outlet pressure air and, after confirming the safety of the downstream devices, resupply the air.

Construction/Replacement Parts



(1)



Replacement Parts/Kit No.

Place an order with the following applicable kit number.

| Model | VBA10A | VBA20A | VBA40A | VBA22A | VBA42A | VBA43A | VBA11A |
|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Kit no. | KT-VBA10A-1 | KT-VBA20A-1 | KT-VBA40A-1 | KT-VBA22A-1 | KT-VBA42A-1 | KT-VBA43A-1 | KT-VBA11A-20 |

The kit includes the parts from (1) to (7) and a grease pack.

| No. | Model | VBA10A | VBA20A | VBA40A | VBA22A | VBA42A | VBA43A | VBA11A |
|------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|---------|--------|------------------------|
| INO. | Description | | | | Quantity | | | |
| 1 | Piston seal | | 2 | | 2 large | 1 small | 2 | 1 each large and small |
| 2 | Governor assembly | | 1 | | | | | |
| 3 | Check valve | | | | 4 | | | 2 |
| 4 | Gasket | | 2 | | | | | |
| 5 | Rod seal | | | | 1 | | | |
| 6 | Mounting screw | — | 8 | 12 | 8 | 1 | 2 | — |
| 7 | Cover C assembly | | | - | _ | | | 1 |
| _ | Grease pack | 1 | | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |

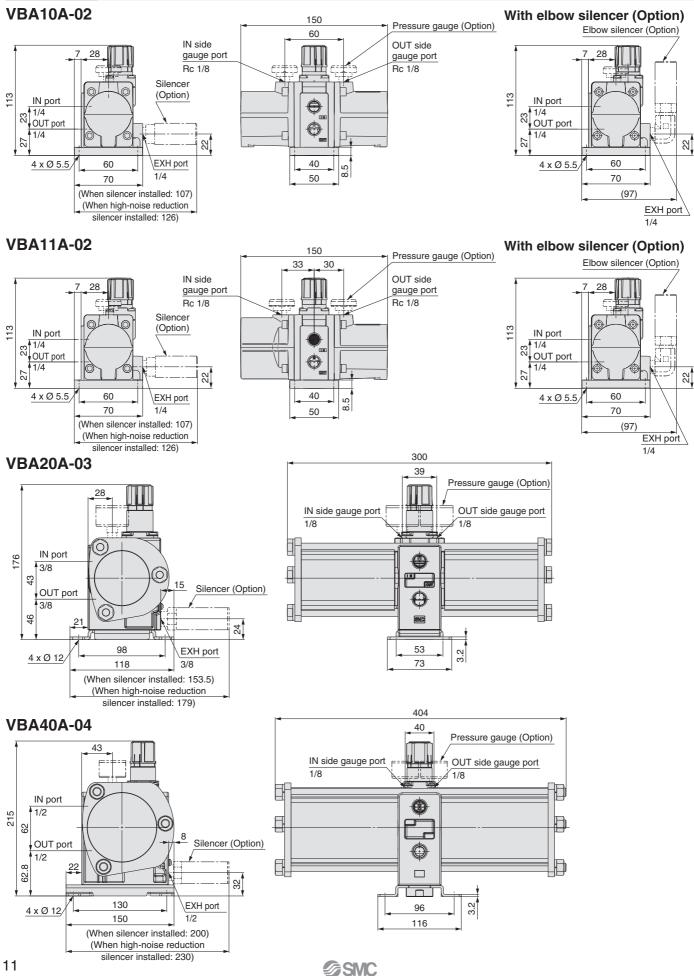
The grease pack has 10 g of grease.
Make sure to refer to the procedure for maintenance.
For details on the replacement parts kit, refer to the procedure for maintenance.

* Refer to page 2 for pressure gauges.

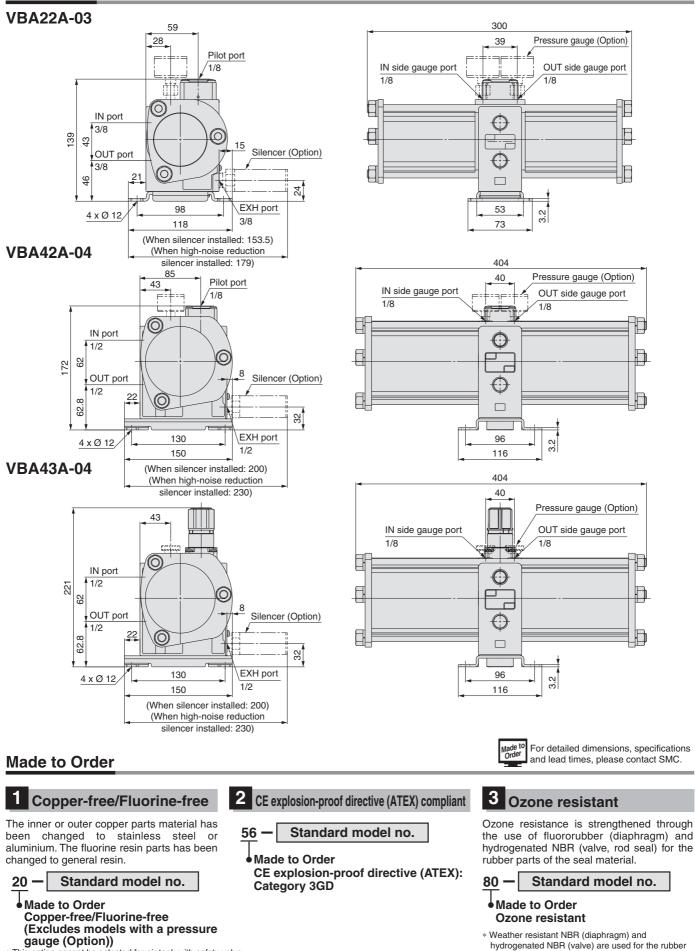


VBA Series

Dimensions



Dimensions



* This option cannot be selected for air tank with safety valve.

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parts of the standard model.

Air Tank **VBAT** Series

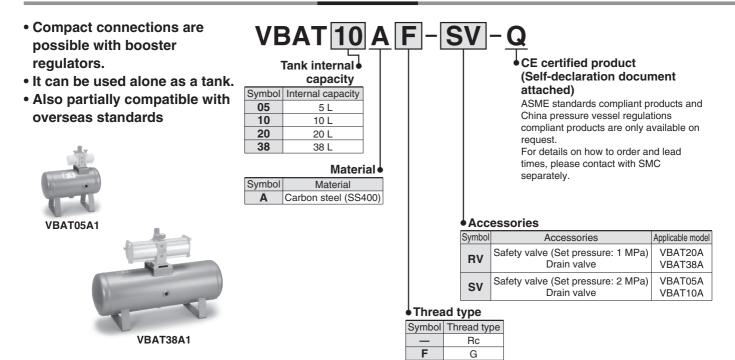


Made to Order

(For details, refer to page 14.)

Made to Order

How to Order



Specifications

| Model | VBAT05AD-SV-Q | VBAT10A□-SV-Q | VBAT20A□-RV-Q | VBAT38A□-RV-Q | | |
|------------------------------------|--|-----------------|---------------|---------------|--|--|
| Fluid | | Compre | ssed air | ssed air | | |
| Tank capacity (L) | 5 | 10 | 20 | 38 | | |
| Max. operating pressure (MPa) | | 2.0 | 1. | .0 | | |
| IN port size | 3/8 | 1/2 | 3/ | /4 | | |
| OUT port size | 3/8 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 3/4 | | |
| Proof pressure (MPa) | 3 | 3.3 | 1. | .6 | | |
| Ambient and fluid temperature (°C) | | 0 to | 75 | | | |
| Installation | | Horizontal (Flo | oor mounting) | | | |
| Weight (kg) | 6.6 | 10 | 14 | 21 | | |
| Material | Carbon steel (SS400) | | | | | |
| Paint | Outside: Silver paint, Inside: Rustproof paint | | | | | |

Note 1) Accessories are included in the same container. Note 2) Scratches, scrapes, blotches, and uneven colour may be present on the surface, but they do not affect the function or performance of the product.

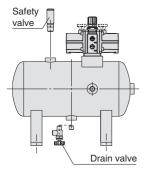
Accessories/Part No.

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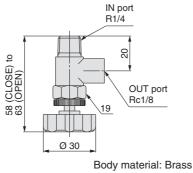
| Model | VBAT05A□-SV-Q | VBAT10A□-SV-Q | VBAT20A□-RV-Q | VBAT38A□-RV-Q |
|---------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Accessory kit | VBAT5A-Y-2 | VBAT10A-Y-2 | VBAT2 | 0A-Y-2 |
| Safety valve | VBAT-S (Set p | VBAT-S (Set pressure: 2 MPa) | | ressure: 1 MPa) |
| Drain valve | | VBA | T-V1 | |

The Accessory Kit is a Set of Nos. 1) to 5.

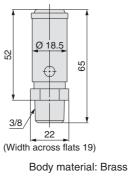
| No. | Model | VBAT5A-Y-2 | VBAT10A-Y-2 | VBAT20A-Y-2 |
|----------------|--|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 110. | Description | | Quantity | |
| 1 | Bushing assembly (with O-ring) | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | Hexagon socket head taper screwed plug | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| (\mathbb{Z}) | (for drain port) | 1 | I | I |
| (3) | Hexagon socket head cap screw | 1 | 4 (VBA1⊡A) | Λ |
| 3 | Hexagon socket head cap sciew | 4 | 4 (VBA2⊟A) | 4 |
| 4 | Anchor bolt/nut | — | — | 4 |
| (5) | Hexagon socket head taper screwed plug | -1 | -1 | 4 |
| 9 | (for safety valve port) | | I | 1 |



Drain valve: VBAT-V1



Safety valve: VBAT-R, VBAT-S



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For detailed dimensions, specifications

and lead times, please contact SMC.

Made to Order

1 **Copper-free/Fluorine-free**

VBAT-V2 (A set of stainless steel needle valve and fittings) is included with the standard product.

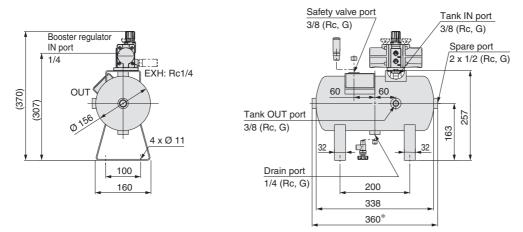
| Т | D — VBAT 10 Tank internal capacity | Drain valve/ | Note 1) The thread type for each port is Rc. |
|----|--|------------------------|---|
| | Internal capacity | VBAT-V2 ● Material | Note 2) Stainless steel fittings and a needle valve are included in the same container as accessories. (For lead times and detailed dimensions, please contact SMC.) |
| 05 | 5 L | Symbol Material | It can be ordered separately. |
| 10 | 10 L | A Carbon steel (SS400) | Note 3) Since neither copper nor fluorine parts are used for the tank, the standard |
| 20 | 20 L | | model can be used as a copper-free product when drain valve is not necessary. |
| 38 | 38 L | | Note 4) The material of the safety valve is brass only. |

VBAT Series

Dimensions

VBAT05A-Q Material: Carbon steel

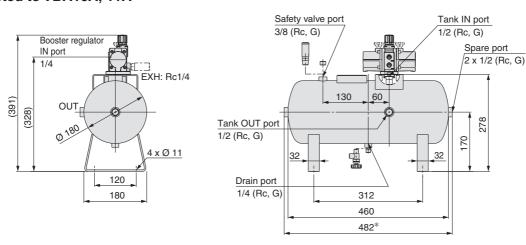
Connected to VBA10A, 11A



* The length may be longer than the specification if the plugs mounted on the tank are not fit to the end.

** The plug in the spare port has been firmly secured with adhesive. When removing the plug to use the port, be careful so as not to damage the plug.

VBAT10**A-Q** Material: Carbon steel Connected to VBA10A, 11A

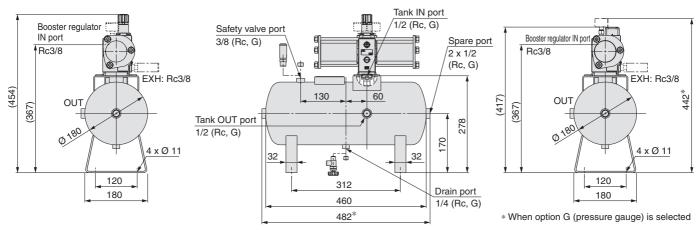


* The length may be longer than the specification if the plugs mounted on the tank are not fit to the end.

** The plug in the spare port has been firmly secured with adhesive. When removing the plug to use the port, be careful so as not to damage the plug.

Connected to VBA22A

Connected to VBA20A

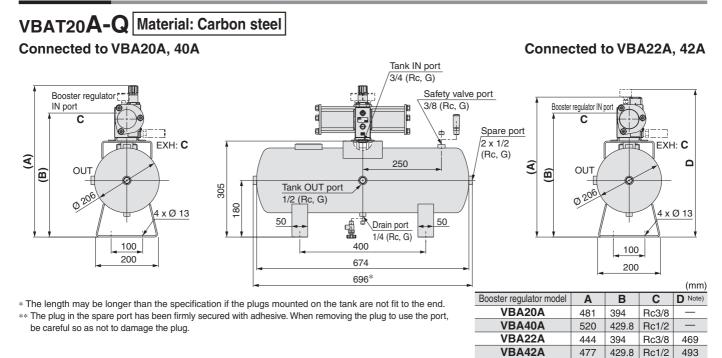


* The length may be longer than the specification if the plugs mounted on the tank are not fit to the end.

** The plug in the spare port has been firmly secured with adhesive. When removing the plug to use the port, be careful so as not to damage the plug.

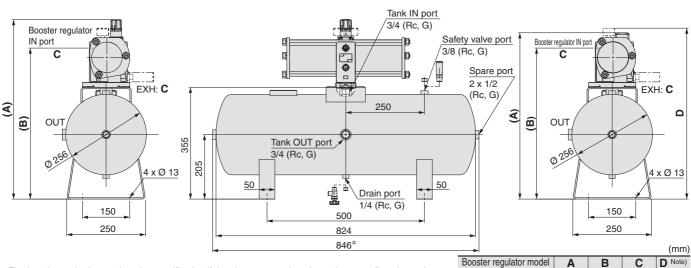


Dimensions



VBAT38**A-Q** Material: Carbon steel

Connected to VBA20A, 40A



* The length may be longer than the specification if the plugs mounted on the tank are not fit to the end. ** The plug in the spare port has been firmly secured with adhesive. When removing the plug to use the port, be careful so as not to damage the plug.

527 Note) When option G (pressure gauge) is selected

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Rc3/8

Rc1/2

Rc3/8

Rc1/2

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VBA20A

VBA40A

VBA22A

VBA42A

Connected to VBA22A, 42A

Note) When option G (pressure gauge) is selected



VBAT Series Specific Product Precautions

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

Design

A Warning

1. Operating pressure

- Operate this product below the maximum operating pressure. If it is necessary, take appropriate safety measures to ensure that the maximum operating pressure is not exceeded.
- When the tank alone is used
 Use a pressure switch or a safety valve to ensure that the maximum operating pressure is not exceeded.
- 2. Connection
- The air tank (carbon steel) port portion (including the seal surface) and the mounting screws are untreated. The generation of rust on these untreated parts, as well as the inner surface of the tank, may occur to a degree that will not interfere with the performance of the product.
- Be sure to air blow (flush) the inside of the air tank before use. Dust or oil may flow out to the outlet side. After conducting air blow (flushing), install an air filter (AF series), etc., on the OUT port of the air tank.
- A VBA booster regulator can be connected directly with the tank accessories as indicated combinations below.

Air Tank Compatibility Chart

| Booster regulator Air tank | VBA10A/11A | VBA20A/22A | VBA40A/42A | VBA43A |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------|
| VBAT05A(1) | • | | _ | — |
| VBAT10A(1) | • | • | _ | — |
| VBAT20A(1) | — | • | • | _ |
| VBAT38A(1) | — | • | • | _ |

Selection

A Caution

- Consider the operating conditions and operate this product within the specification range.
- When using the air tank with a booster regulator, refer to "Sizing" on page 5 or SMC Pneumatic System Energy Saving Program.

Mounting

A Caution

1. Accessories

- Refer to the operation manual regarding combining booster regulators with older model air tanks.
- The accessories are secured by bands to the feet of the air tank. Once removed, make sure not to lose them.

2. Installation

- Install the tank away from people. It is dangerous if the accumulated air inside the tank were to seep out.
- Do not mount the air tank on a moving part or a place with vibration. If it must be used in such an area due to unavoidable circumstances, please contact SMC beforehand.
- When connecting a booster regulator with the tank, refer to the operation manual first, which is provided with the air tank before assembling.
- To mount the air tank on a floor surface, use the four holes to secure the tank with bolts or anchor bolts.
- Put measures into place to prevent load and vibrations from the piping from being applied to the air tank.

Maintenance

A Warning

1. Inspection

• The use of pressure vessels could lead to an unexpected accident due to external damage or internal corrosion caused by drainage. Therefore, make sure to check periodically for external damage, or the extent of internal corrosion through the port hole. An ultrasonic thickness indicator may also be used to check for any reduction in material thickness.

2. Draining

• If this product is used with a large amount of drainage, the drainage could flow out, leading to equipment malfunction or corrosion inside the tank. Therefore, drain the system once a day.

▲ Safety Instructions

These safety instructions are intended to prevent hazardous situations and/or equipment damage. These instructions indicate the level of potential hazard with the labels of **"Caution," "Warning"** or **"Danger."** They are all important notes for safety and must be followed in addition to International Standards (ISO/IEC) ¹⁾, and other safety regulations.

| ⚠ | Caution: | Caution indicates a hazard with a low level of risk which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury. | 1 |
|---|----------|---|---|
| | Warning: | Warning indicates a hazard with a medium level of risk which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury. | |
| | Danger: | Danger indicates a hazard with a high level of risk which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. | |

▲ Warning

1. The compatibility of the product is the responsibility of the person who designs the equipment or decides its specifications. Since the product specified here is used under various operating conditions, its compatibility with specific equipment must be decided by the person who designs the equipment or decides its specifications based on necessary analysis and test results. The expected performance and safety assurance of the equipment will be the responsibility of the person who has determined its compatibility with the product. This person should also continuously review all specifications of the product referring to its latest catalogue information, with a view to giving due consideration to any possibility of equipment failure when configuring the equipment.

2. Only personnel with appropriate training should operate machinery and equipment.

The product specified here may become unsafe if handled incorrectly. The assembly, operation and maintenance of machines or equipment including our products must be performed by an operator who is appropriately trained and experienced.

- 3. Do not service or attempt to remove product and machinery/ equipment until safety is confirmed.
 - 1. The inspection and maintenance of machinery/equipment should only be performed after measures to prevent falling or runaway of the driven objects have been confirmed.
 - 2. When the product is to be removed, confirm that the safety measures as mentioned above are implemented and the power from any appropriate source is cut, and read and understand the specific product precautions of all relevant products carefully.
 - 3. Before machinery/equipment is restarted, take measures to prevent unexpected operation and malfunction.
- 4. Contact SMC beforehand and take special consideration of safety measures if the product is to be used in any of the following conditions.
 - 1. Conditions and environments outside of the given specifications, or use outdoors or in a place exposed to direct sunlight.
 - 2. Installation on equipment in conjunction with atomic energy, railways, air navigation, space, shipping, vehicles, military, medical treatment, combustion and recreation, or equipment in contact with food and beverages, emergency stop circuits, clutch and brake circuits in press applications, safety equipment or other applications unsuitable for the standard specifications described in the product catalogue.
 - 3. An application which could have negative effects on people, property, or animals requiring special safety analysis.
 - 4. Use in an interlock circuit, which requires the provision of double interlock for possible failure by using a mechanical protective function, and periodical checks to confirm proper operation.

▲ Caution

1. The product is provided for use in manufacturing industries. The product herein described is basically provided for peaceful use in manufacturing industries.

If considering using the product in other industries, consult SMC beforehand and exchange specifications or a contract if necessary. If anything is unclear, contact your nearest sales branch.

1) ISO 4414: Pneumatic fluid power – General rules relating to systems.

ISO 4413: Hydraulic fluid power – General rules relating to systems. IEC 60204-1: Safety of machinery – Electrical equipment of machines. (Part 1: General requirements)

ISO 10218-1: Manipulating industrial robots - Safety. etc.

Limited warranty and Disclaimer/Compliance Requirements

The product used is subject to the following "Limited warranty and Disclaimer" and "Compliance Requirements".Read and accept them before using the product.

Limited warranty and Disclaimer

- The warranty period of the product is 1 year in service or 1.5 years after the product is delivered, whichever is first. ²) Also, the product may have specified durability, running distance or replacement parts. Please consult your nearest sales branch.
- For any failure or damage reported within the warranty period which is clearly our responsibility, a replacement product or necessary parts will be provided. This limited warranty applies only to our product independently, and not to any other damage incurred due to the failure of the product.
- Prior to using SMC products, please read and understand the warranty terms and disclaimers noted in the specified catalogue for the particular products.
- 2) Vacuum pads are excluded from this 1 year warranty. A vacuum pad is a consumable part, so it is warranted for a year after it is delivered. Also, even within the warranty period, the wear of a product due to the use of the vacuum pad or failure due to the deterioration of rubber material are not covered by the limited warranty.

Compliance Requirements

- 1. The use of SMC products with production equipment for the manufacture of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) or any other weapon is strictly prohibited.
- 2. The exports of SMC products or technology from one country to another are governed by the relevant security laws and regulations of the countries involved in the transaction. Prior to the shipment of a SMC product to another country, assure that all local rules governing that export are known and followed.

▲ Caution

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