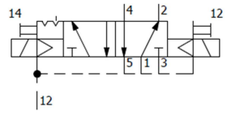
ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Instruction Manual

Double solenoid external pilot 5/2 spool valve with detent

VQC4201RY-51-X77





The intended use of this product is to control an actuator.
Validated according to ISO13849. Refer to specification section for details.

1 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.

[*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.

This manual contains essential information for the protection of users and others from possible injury and/or equipment damage.

- Read this manual before using the product, to ensure correct handling, and read the manuals of related apparatus before use.
- Keep this manual in a safe place for future reference.
- To ensure safety of personnel and equipment the safety instructions in this manual must be observed, along with other relevant safety practices.

⚠ **Caution**	Caution indicates a hazard with a low level of risk which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.
⚠ **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

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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, combustions 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 specification described in the product catalogue.
  3) An application which could have negative effects on people, property, or animals requiring special safety analysis outside the scope of ISO 13849 described in this document.
  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.
- **Always ensure compliance with relevant safety laws and standards.**
  All electrical work must be carried out in a safe manner by a qualified person in compliance with applicable national regulations.

⚠ Caution

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.

2 Specifications

2.1 General specifications

Valve specifications	Valve Type	Special 5-Port Solenoid Valve [Note 1)]
	Valve Configuration	Rubber seal (Pilot valve V100)
	De-energized actuation	Double solenoid with mechanical detent
	Fluid	Air
	Minimum air quality	5μm filtration. See also section 3.7
	Max. operating pressure	1.0 MPa
	Min. operating pressure	Vacuum
	External pilot pressure range	0.15 to 1.0 MPa
	Flow	See Table 2
	Proof pressure	1.5 MPa
	Minimum frequency	1 cycle / 30 days
	Maximum frequency	5Hz
	Duty cycle	Contact SMC
	Response time	Less than 78 ms [(Note 2)]
	Mass	260g
	Ambient temperature	-10 to +50°C (No freezing)
	Lubrication	Not required
	Manual override	Push type
	Vibration resistance (EN60068)	50m/s² (0.35mm) [(Note3)]
	Impact resistance (EN60068)	150m/s² at 11ms duration [(Note4)]
	Mounting orientation	universal
	Enclosure	IP67
	Standards	Complies with the basic and well-tried safety principles of ISO 13849-2:2012
	B_{10}	42.7 million cycles [(Note 5)]
	B_{10d}	85.4 million cycles [(Note 5)]
	Mission time	5 years
Elect.	Rated coil voltage	24 VDC
	Polarity	No polarity
	Allowable voltage fluctuation	±10 % of rated voltage
	Coil insulation type	Class B or equivalent
	Power consumption for 24VDC	0.4 W (17 mA)

Table 1

Note 1) When the external pilot pressure is removed or the coils are de-energised the main valve remains in position. The valves are to be used with a suitable external pilot sub-base or manifold or VQC4101-5-X10.
Note 2) Tested based on JIS B 8375-1981 (Coil temperature: 20°C)
Note 3) No malfunction occurred in a round sweep test between 5 and 200 Hz. The test was performed at both energised and de-energised states in the axial direction and at the right angles to the main valve and armature.

2 Specifications (continued)

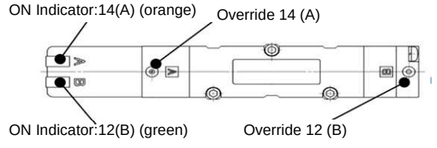
Note 4) No malfunction occurred when tested in the axial direction and at the right angles to the main valve and armature in both energised and de-energised states, five times for each condition.
Note 5) The B_{10} figure is estimated from SMC life tests. The B_{10d} figure is derived from B_{10} using the assumption in ISO 13849-1:2008 Annex C. Contact SMC for details.

2.2 Flow characteristics

Flow path			
1→4,2 (P→A,B)		4,2→5,3 (A,B→R1,R2)	
C (dm³/(s·bar))	b	C (dm³/(s·bar))	b
7.2	0.43	7.3	0.38

Table 2

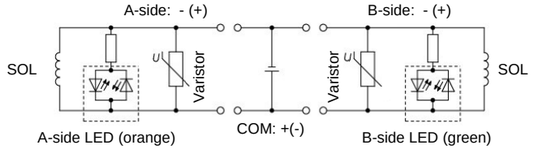
2.3 Indicators and override position



A-side light circuit assembly (orange)
B-side light circuit assembly (green)

2.4 Surge suppressors

The valve is fitted with diode surge suppressors, see diagram below. Note that this valve has no polarity. Coil surge voltage generated when OFF is about 60V.



⚠ Caution

The surge suppressors fitted to the valve are intended to protect the output device so that the surge generated inside the valve does not affect the output device. External overvoltage or overcurrent might damage the surge suppressor, the valve and the output device itself. Additional safety measures should be taken to prevent the effect of overcurrent on the valve and connected devices.

3 Installation

3.1 Installation

⚠ Warning

- Do not install the product unless the safety instructions have been read and understood.

1. Use caution when valves are used on a manifold because an actuator may malfunction due to back-pressure.
2. This valve is not suitable for use as an emergency shut-off valve. Additional safety measures should be adopted.
3. Operation in vacuum. Protect the valve from dirt and debris which might be drawn in.
4. Actuators may move unpredictably when connected to bi-stable valves for the first time. Ensure all bi-stable valves are in the correct position before the system is pressurised.
5. Provide ventilation when using the valve in a confined space such as an enclosure to prevent the pressurising effect of released air and heat generation.
6. Valves which are energised for a long period will become hot. Protect operators if this is a hazard.
7. Do not disassemble this product or make any modifications.
8. To ensure proper switching, the valve should be energised for at least 100ms. Always ensure the energisation time is adequate for the application conditions.
9. Warnings or specifications printed or affixed to the product should not be erased, removed or covered up.
10. Do not paint this product.

3 Installation (continued)

3.2 Environment

⚠ Warning

- Do not use in an environment where the product is directly exposed to corrosive gases, chemicals, salt water, water, steam or weld spatter.
- Do not use in an explosive atmosphere.
- Do not expose to direct sunlight. Use a suitable protective cover.
- Do not install in a location subject to vibration or impact. Check the product specifications.
- Do not mount in a location exposed to radiant heat.
- Products with IP67 enclosures (based on IEC60529) are protected against dust and water, however, these products cannot be used in water.
- Products compliant with IP67 satisfy the specification through mounting. Ensure the connections are made according to the appropriate product specification.

3.3 Piping

⚠ Caution

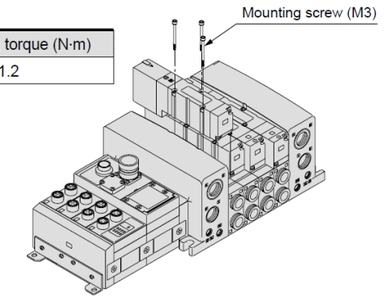
- Before piping make sure to clean up chips, cutting oil, dust etc.
- Preparation before piping:
  Before piping is connected, it should be thoroughly blown out with air (flushing) or washed to remove chips, cutting oil and other debris from inside the pipe.
  Install piping so that it does not apply pulling, pressing, bending or other forces the valve body.
- Holding of pressure:
  Rubber sealed spool valves may have a slight leakage. This has to be taken into account for applications, in which the loss of pressure leads to a hazardous movement.
- Maintenance space:
  The installation should have sufficient space for maintenance activities (removal of valve, etc.)
- Release of residual pressure:
  Provide a residual pressure release function for maintenance activities (removal of valve, etc.)

3.4 Mounting

⚠ Caution

After confirming that the gasket is installed correctly, securely tighten the mounting screws according to the tightening toque shown below.

Proper tightening torque (N·m)
0.8 to 1.2



3.5 Wiring

⚠ Caution

1. This valve has no polarity.
2. Ensure the supply voltage is correct before connecting to the valve to prevent damage to the valve or connected system.
3. Check if the connections are correct before completing the wiring.

3 Installation (continued)

3.6 Lubrication

Caution

- SMC products have been lubricated for life at manufacture, and do not require lubrication in service.
- If a lubricant is used in the system, use turbine oil Class 1 (no additive), ISO VG32. Once lubricant is used in the system, lubrication must be continued because the original lubricant applied during manufacturing will be washed away.
- Once lubrication is used in the system, it must be continued for the life of the valve

Warning

If excessive lubricant is used the oil may accumulate in the pilot valve causing malfunction or delayed response.

3.7 Air supply

Warning

1. Compressed air containing a large amount of drainage can cause malfunction of pneumatic equipment. An air dryer or water separator should be installed upstream from filters.
2. Ensure filter drains are maintained regularly.
3. Use clean air. Do not use air that contains chemicals, synthetic oils including organic solvents, salt or corrosive gasses, etc.

Caution

1. When extremely dry air is used as the fluid, degradation of the lubrication properties inside the valve may occur, resulting in reduced reliability and service life. Refer to SMC if extremely dry air is used.
2. Install an air filter to protect the valve and connected system.
3. Take measures to ensure air quality such as installing an aftercooler, air dryer or water separator.
4. If excessive carbon dust is generated is seen, install a mist separator on the upstream side of the valve. Dust might accumulate inside the valve and cause malfunction.

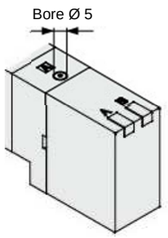
4 Settings

4.1 Manual override

Warning

The connected equipment will operate when the manual override is activated, confirm that conditions are safe prior to activation. Since two overrides are fitted, ensure the correct one is operated. Once the override is used the valve will remain in position until the other override is used or the appropriate coil energised.

Non-locking push type (Tool required)

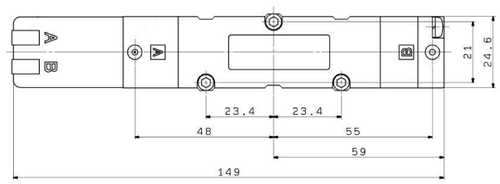


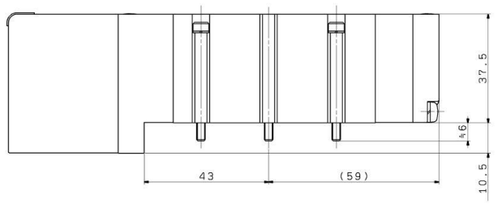
Push down the manual override button with a small screwdriver until it stops. The manual override will return to its position when released.

5 How to order

Please order using code VQC4201RY-51-X77. There are no options.

6 Outline Dimensions (mm)





7 Maintenance

7.1 General Maintenance

Caution

- Not following proper maintenance procedures could cause the product to malfunction and lead to equipment damage.
- If handled improperly, compressed air can be dangerous. Maintenance of pneumatic systems should be performed only by qualified personnel.
- Before performing maintenance, turn off the power supply and be sure to cut off the supply pressure. Confirm that the air is released to atmosphere.
- After installation and maintenance, apply operating pressure and power to the equipment and perform appropriate functional and leakage tests to make sure the equipment is installed correctly.
- If any electrical connections are disturbed during maintenance, ensure they are reconnected correctly and safety checks are carried out as required to ensure continued compliance with applicable national regulations.
- Do not make any modification to the product.
- Do not disassemble the product, unless required by installation or maintenance instructions.
- Operate the valve according to the minimum operating frequency given in section 2.

8 Limitations of Use

Caution

8.1 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**

  1) The warranty period of the product is 1 year in service or 1.5 years after the product is delivered, whichever is first[(1)]. Also, the product may have specified durability, running distance or replacement parts. Please consult your nearest sales branch.

  2) 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.

8 Limitations of Use (continued)

3) Prior to using SMC products, please read and understand the warranty terms and disclaimers noted in the specified catalogue for the particular products.

(1) 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.

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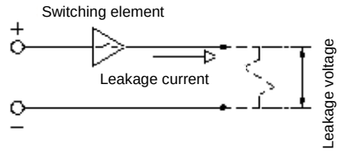
- **SMC products are not intended for use as instruments for legal metrology.**

  Measurement instruments that SMC manufactures or sells have not been qualified by type approval tests relevant to the metrology (measurement) laws of each country.

  Therefore, SMC products cannot be used for business or certification ordained by the metrology (measurement) laws of each country.

- **Leakage voltage**

Ensure that any leakage current when the switching element is OFF causes < 2% of the rated voltage across the valve.



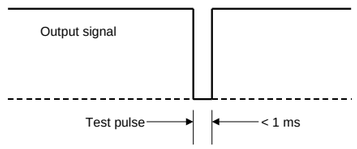
- **Low temperature operation**

According to the specification operation is possible to -10℃, but appropriate measures should be taken to avoid solidification or freezing of drainage and moisture, etc.

Warning

Any use in an EN ISO 13849 system must be within the specified limits and application conditions. The user is responsible for the specification, design, implementation, validation and maintenance of the safety system (SRP/CS)'

If a safe output from a safety relay or PLC is used to operate this valve, ensure that any output test pulse duration is shorter than 1 ms to avoid the valve solenoid responding.



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