

# Booster Regulator

Size: 10, 11, 20, 21

New

RoHS

## CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (Air consumption)

Boosting efficiency has been optimized.

Max. **25%** reduction <sup>\*1</sup> (Pressure increase ratio: 2 times for the VBAF10)

Max. **30%** reduction <sup>\*1</sup> (Pressure increase ratio: 4 times for the VBAF11)

\*1 Based on SMC's measuring conditions

Increase factory air pressure by up to **4 times**  
Air-only operation that requires no power supply, and allows for easy installation

Max. flow rate

**10%** increase

(Pressure increase ratio: 2 times for the VBAF10)

**30%** increase

(Pressure increase ratio: 4 times for the VBAF11)

Charging time

Max. **30%** shorter

(Pressure increase ratio: 2 times for the VBAF10)

Max. **60%** shorter

(Pressure increase ratio: 4 times for the VBAF11)

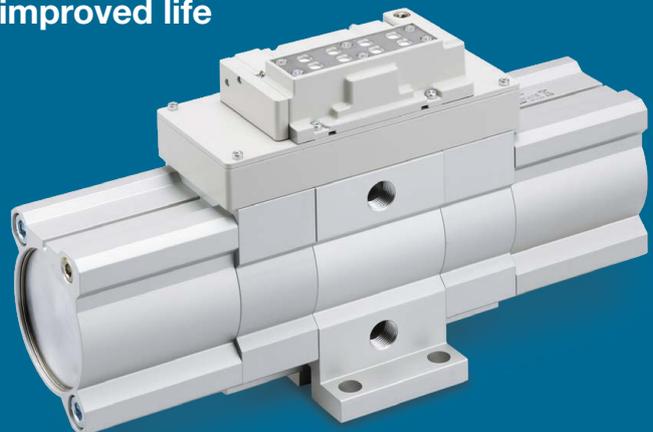
\* Inlet pressure: 0.5 MPa, Air tank: 10 L

Operating cycles

**50 million cycles or more** (Pressure increase ratio: 2 times/4 times)

Reduced maintenance frequency due to improved life

\* Based on SMC's test conditions



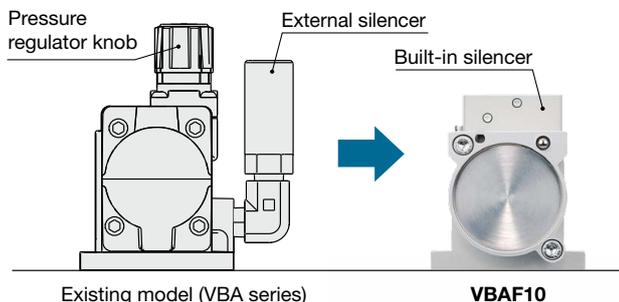
**VBAF Series**

**SMC**

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## Simple, compact shape

- Built-in silencer
- No longer any need for a pressure regulator knob due to the fixed pressure increase ratio  
More compact than the existing model



## A regulator can be mounted.

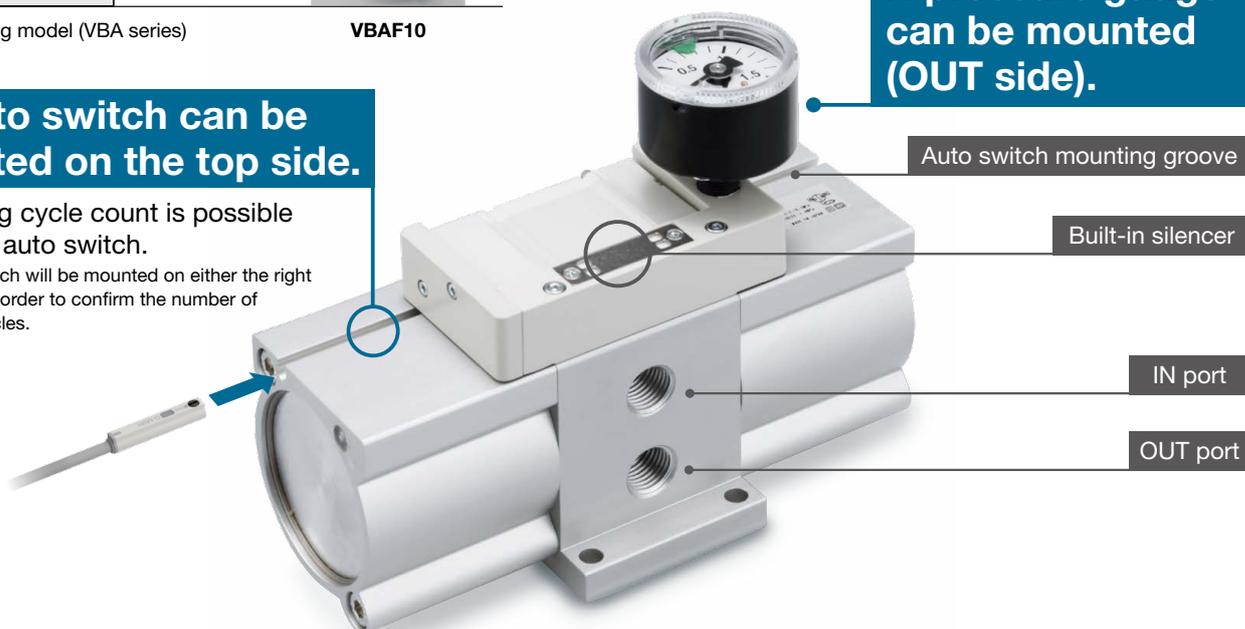
(Details p. 5)



## A pressure gauge can be mounted (OUT side).

## An auto switch can be mounted on the top side.

- Operating cycle count is possible using an auto switch.
- \* The auto switch will be mounted on either the right or left side in order to confirm the number of operating cycles.



## Pressure increase ratio

- Pressure increase ratio: 2 times
- VBAF10/20 Series**



- Pressure increase ratio: 4 times
- VBAF11/21 Series**



## Compatible with vertical and horizontal installation

- Improved mounting flexibility



## Mounting interchangeability with the existing model (VBA series)

- Can be mounted to an air tank (VBAT series)



## Proposal for reducing pressure

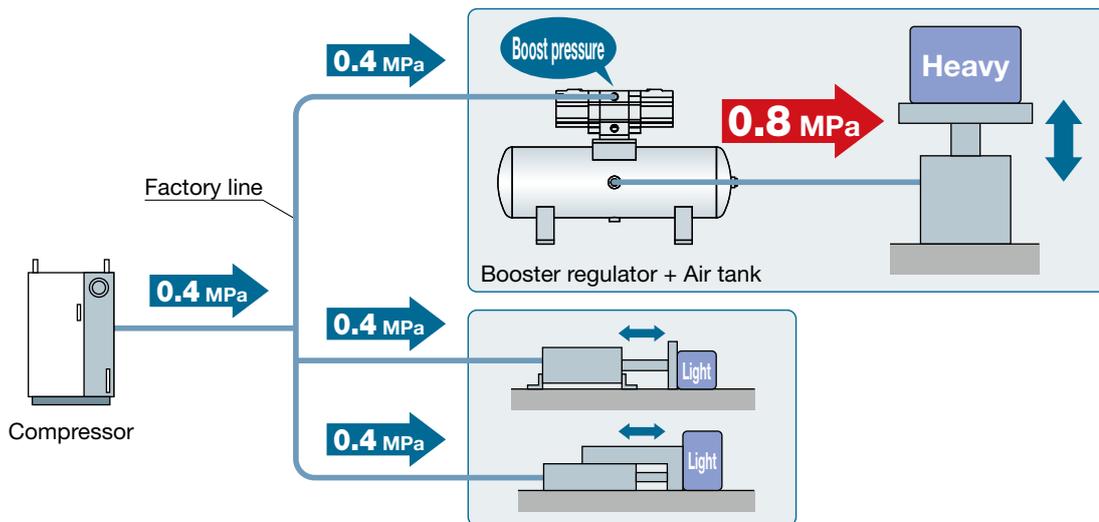
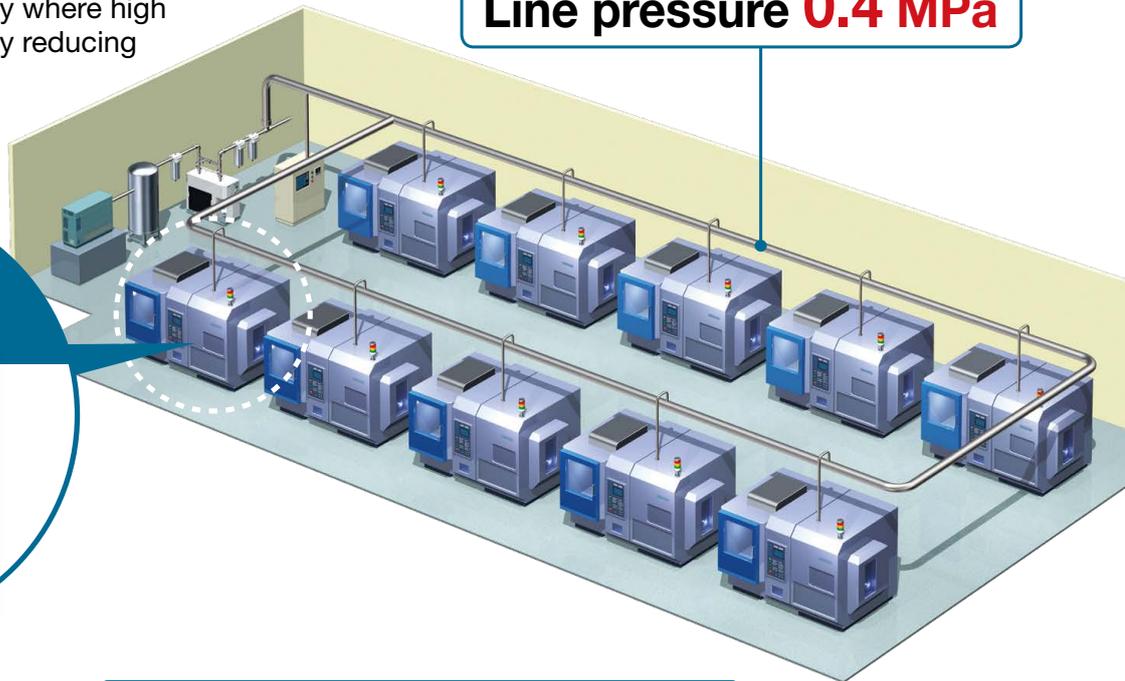
### Reduced pressure

Local pressure increase only where high pressure is required, thereby reducing overall factory pressure

Line pressure **0.4 MPa**

Power supply not required

Local pressure increase **0.8 MPa**

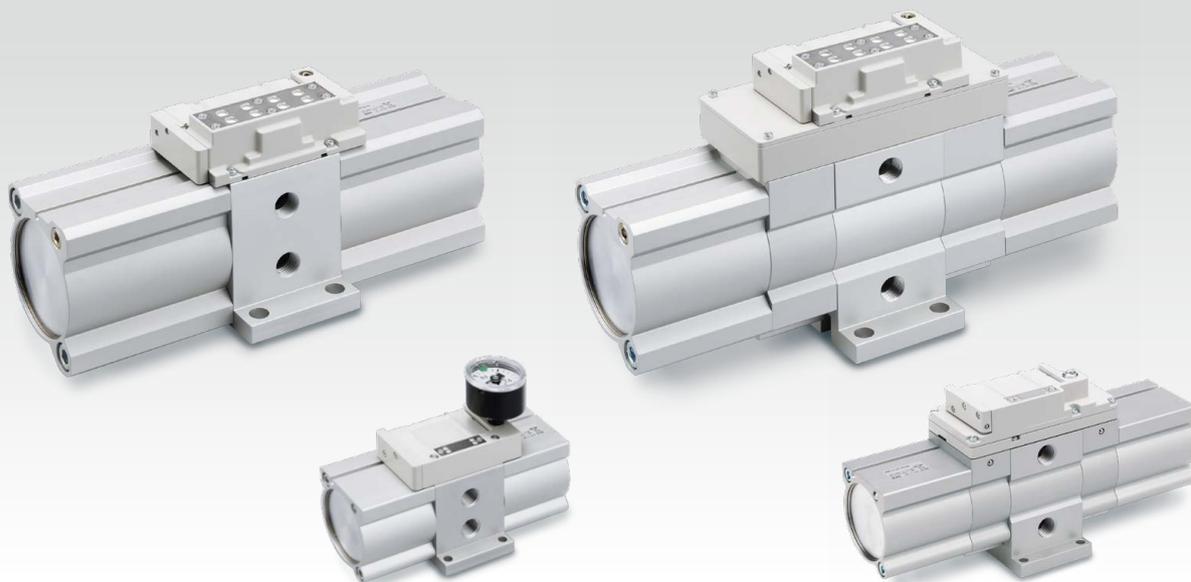


### Series Variations

Series	Model	Nominal size	Body size	Pressure increase ratio	Max. flow rate [L/min (ANR)]	Outlet pressure range [MPa]	Pressure adjustment mechanism (Operating method)	Installation
	VBAF	10	1/4	2 times (Fixed)	250	0.4 to 1.4	Fixed type (Without pressure adjustment mechanism)	Horizontal Vertical
		11		4 times (Fixed)	90	0.8 to 2.0		
		20	3/8	2 times (Fixed)	1000	0.4 to 1.4		
		21		4 times (Fixed)	300	0.8 to 2.0		

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# Booster Regulator

# VBAF Series

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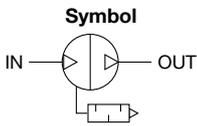


### How to Order

VBAF **20** - **03** - **03** - **03**

#### Body size

Symbol	Body size	Pressure increase ratio
10	1/4	2 times
11	1/4	4 times
20	3/8	2 times
21	3/8	4 times



#### Thread type\*1

Symbol	Thread type
Nil	Rc
F	G
N	NPT

#### Port size

Symbol	Port size	Applicable model
02	1/4	VBAF1□
03	3/8	VBAF2□

#### Semi-standard

Symbol	Semi-standard
Nil	Standard product
Z*4	Pressure unit on the product name label: psi Pressure unit on the pressure gauge: MPa and psi

#### Option\*5

	Symbol	Description	Body size		
			1□	2□	
a	Bolt	Nil	None	●	●
		B	Air tank mounting bolt	—*2	●*3
b	Regulator	Nil	None	●	●
		D	Regulator Modular adapter, Spacer	●	●
		E	Modular adapter, Spacer	●	●
c	Pressure gauge	Nil	None	●	●
		G	OUT side pressure gauge	●	●

\* Select one item for "a," "b," and "c."

- \*1 Thread types apply to the IN and OUT ports. The gauge ports are Rc thread type regardless of the thread type indication.
- \*2 When mounting a booster regulator to an air tank, use the included tank mounting bolt.
- \*3 Be sure to use the dedicated air tank mounting bolt (option "B") when mounting to an air tank. (The length varies from that of the included tank mounting bolt.) The kit part number for ordering the dedicated mounting bolt separately is "KT-VBAF20-3." (Includes 4 dedicated mounting bolts)
- \*4 For the pipe thread type: NPT  
This product is for overseas use only according to the New Measurement Act. (The SI unit type is provided for use in Japan.)
- \*5 Options are shipped together with the product.

### Standard Specifications

Model	VBAF10	VBAF20	VBAF11	VBAF21
Fluid	Compressed air			
Pressure increase ratio	2 times (Fixed)		4 times (Fixed)	
Max. flow rate*1 [L/min (ANR)]	250	1000	90	300
Outlet pressure range [MPa]	0.4 to 1.4		0.8 to 2.0	
Inlet pressure range [MPa]	0.2 to 0.7		0.2 to 0.5	
Proof pressure [MPa]	2.1		3.0	
Port size (IN, OUT)	1/4	3/8	1/4	3/8
OUT side gauge port	1/8			
Tank connection port (with plug)*2	1/4	3/8	1/4	3/8
Ambient and fluid temperatures [°C]	2 to 50 (No freezing)			
Installation	Horizontal, Vertical			
Lubrication	Grease (Non-lube)			
Weight [kg]	1.0	4.0	1.6	6.3

- \*1 Flow rate at IN = OUT = 0.5 MPa. The pressure varies depending on the operating conditions. Refer to "Flow Rate Characteristics" on pages 7 and 8.
- \*2 The tank connection port cannot be used for applications other than the connection with VBAT.

### Air Tank Compatibility Chart

Booster regulator	VBAF10/11	VBAF20	VBAF21
Air tank			
VBAT05A(1)	●	—	—
VBAT05S(1)	●	—	—
VBAT10A(1)	●	●	●
VBAT10S(1)	●	●	●
VBAT20A(1)	—	●	—
VBAT20S(1)	—	●	●
VBAT38A(1)	—	●	—
VBAT38S(1)	—	●	●
VBAT mounting bolt	Use the bolt included with the VBAT series.	Select option "B," and use the included bolt. Or, order the bolt separately using the kit part number "KT-VBAF20-3."	

- \* Be sure to confirm the operating pressure range of the air tank. For details on air tanks, refer to the [Web Catalog](#).



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Air tank details

# VBAF Series

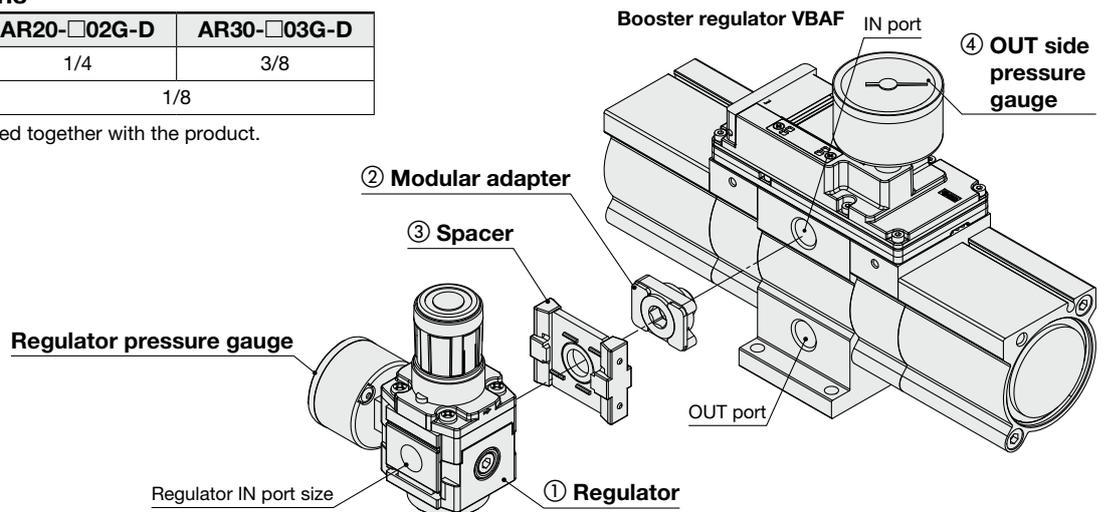
## Options / Part Nos.

Model	① Regulator	② Modular adapter	③ Spacer	④ OUT side pressure gauge
VBAF10-02□	AR20-02G-D	E210-U02	Y200-D	G36-15-01
VBAF10-F02□	AR20-F02G-D			
VBAF10-N02□ (Without "-Z")	AR20-N02G-D			
VBAF10-N02□-Z	AR20-N02G-Z-D			G27-P20-01-X30
VBAF20-03□	AR30-03G-D	E310-U03	Y300-D	G36-15-01
VBAF20-F03□	AR30-F03G-D			
VBAF20-N03□ (Without "-Z")	AR30-N03G-D			
VBAF20-03□-Z	AR30-N03G-Z-D			G27-P20-01-X30
VBAF11-02□	AR20-02G-D	E210-U02	Y200-D	G46-20-01
VBAF11-F02□	AR20-F02G-D			
VBAF11-N02□ (Without "-Z")	AR20-N02G-D			
VBAF11-N02□-Z	AR20-N02G-Z-D			G27-P20-01-X30
VBAF21-03□	AR30-03G-D	E310-U03	Y300-D	G46-20-01
VBAF21-F03□	AR30-F03G-D			
VBAF21-N03□ (Without "-Z")	AR30-N03G-D			
VBAF21-03□-Z	AR30-N03G-Z-D			G27-P20-01-X30

## Regulator Specifications

Model	AR20-□02G-D	AR30-□03G-D
Port size (Rc, NPT, G)	1/4	3/8
Pressure gauge*1	1/8	

\*1 The pressure gauge is shipped together with the product.



## Mounting a Regulator

The ① regulator knob can be fixed in any position within 360° as long as it does not interfere with the OUT port.

The regulator pressure gauge that is shipped together with the product needs to be mounted by the customer. Note that it can be mounted with the knob facing either left or right.

\* Refer to page 16 for the dimensions when a regulator or regulator pressure gauge is mounted and for details on the OUT port.

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① Regulator details

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② Modular adapter/  
③ Spacer details

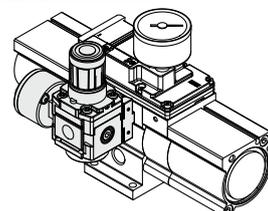
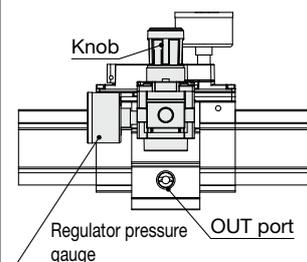
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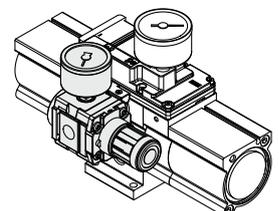
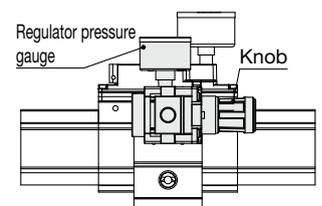
④ OUT side pressure gauge details

## Mounting Example

### Upward-facing regulator knob



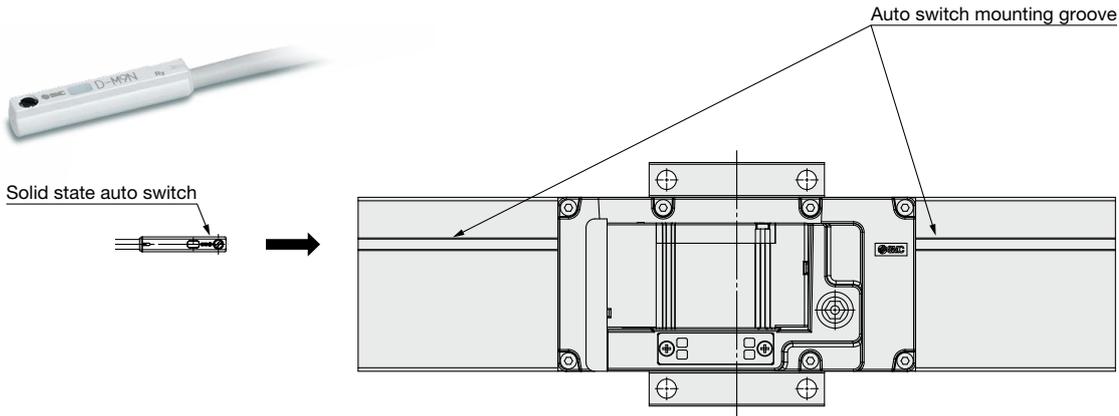
### Side-facing regulator knob



## Solid State Auto Switches (To Be Ordered Separately) /Refer to the **Web Catalog** for further information on auto switches.

Auto switch model In-line	Electrical entry	Indicator light	Wiring (Output)	Load voltage		Applicable load	
				DC			
<b>D-M9N</b>	Grommet	Yes	3-wire (NPN)	24 V	5 V, 12 V	IC circuit	Relay, PLC
<b>D-M9P</b>			3-wire (PNP)		12 V		
<b>D-M9B</b>			2-wire			—	

\* Lead wire length symbols: 0.5 m ..... Nil (Example) D-M9N  
 1 m ..... M (Example) D-M9NM  
 3 m ..... L (Example) D-M9NL  
 5 m ..... Z (Example) D-M9NZ



Since an auto switch is used to count the operation cycles, attach the switch to either the left or right side.

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Auto switch details

# VBAF 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 VBAF10: When the inlet pressure is 0.5 MPa and the set pressure is 0.8 MPa, operate at an outlet air flow rate of 140 L/min (ANR) or less.

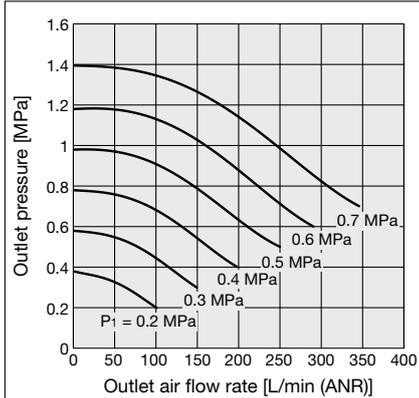
P<sub>1</sub>: Inlet pressure

P<sub>2</sub>: Outlet pressure

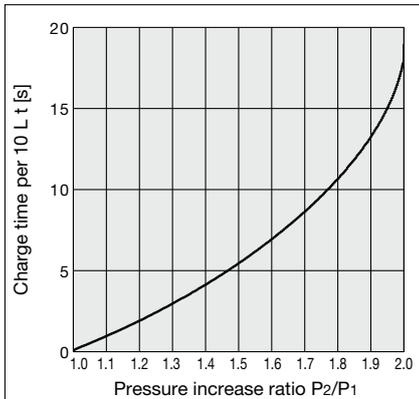
## Characteristics

### VBAF10

#### Flow Rate Characteristics



#### Charge Characteristics



#### VBAF10

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

$$\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{0.7}{0.5} = 1.4 \quad \frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{0.95}{0.5} = 1.9$$

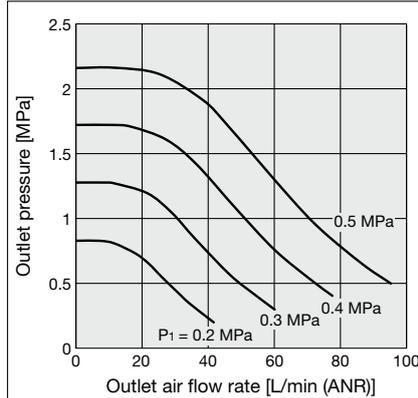
With the pressure increase ratio from 1.4 to 1.9, the charge time of 13 - 4 = 9 [s] is given by the graph.

Then, the charge time (T) for a 10 L tank:

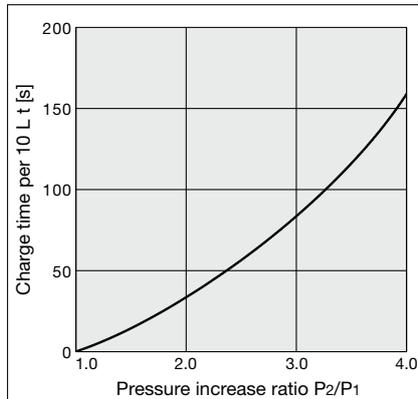
$$T = t \times \frac{V}{10} = 9 \times \frac{10}{10} = 9 \text{ [s]}$$

### VBAF11

#### Flow Rate Characteristics



#### Charge Characteristics



#### VBAF11

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

$$\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{1.0}{0.5} = 2.0 \quad \frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{1.5}{0.5} = 3.0$$

With the pressure increase ratio from 2 to 3, the charge time of 84 - 34 = 50 [s] is given by the graph.

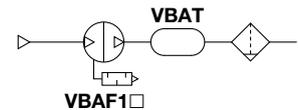
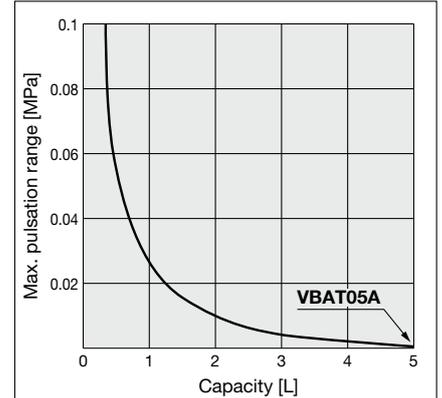
Then, the charge time (T) for a 10 L tank:

$$T = t \times \frac{V}{10} = 50 \times \frac{10}{10} = 50 \text{ [s]}$$

### Pulsation/Pulsation is decreased with a tank.

If the outlet capacity is undersized, pulsation may occur.

#### VBAT05A



Conditions: Inlet pressure: 0.5 MPa  
Outlet pressure: 1.0 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.

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 VBAF10: When the inlet pressure is 0.5 MPa and the set pressure is 0.8 MPa, operate at an outlet air flow rate of 140 L/min (ANR) or less.

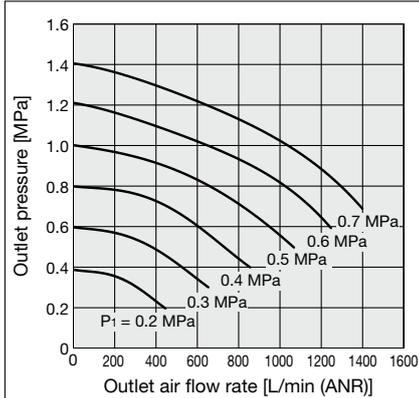
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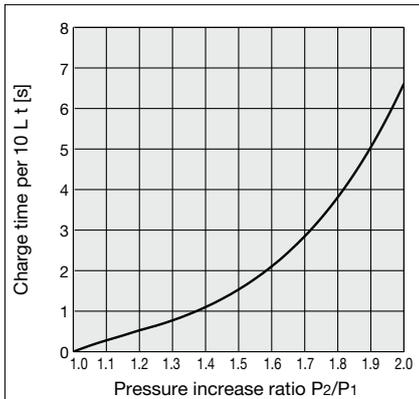
## Characteristics

### VBAF20

#### Flow Rate Characteristics



#### Charge Characteristics



#### VBAF20

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

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

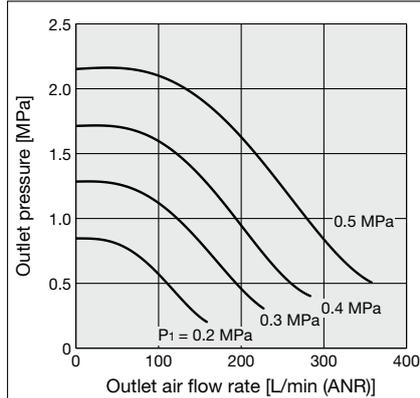
With the pressure increase ratio from 1.6 to 2.0, the charge time of 6.6 – 2.1 = 4.5 [s] is given by the graph.

Then, the charge time (T) for a 100 L tank:

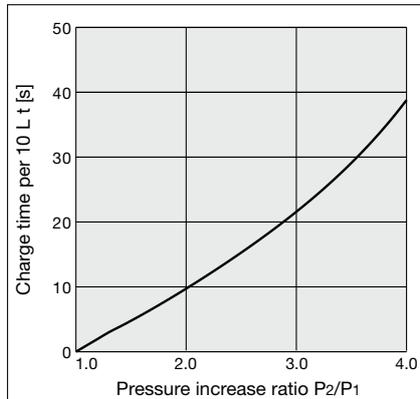
$$T = t \times \frac{V}{10} = 4.5 \times \frac{100}{10} = 45 \text{ [s]}$$

### VBAF21

#### Flow Rate Characteristics



#### Charge Characteristics



#### VBAF21

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

$$\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{1.0}{0.5} = 2.0 \quad \frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{1.5}{0.5} = 3.0$$

With the pressure increase ratio from 2 to 3, the charge time of 22 – 10 = 12 [s] is given by the graph.

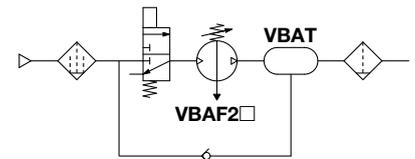
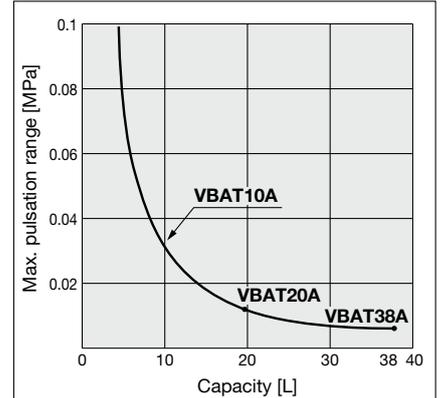
Then, the charge time (T) for a 10 L tank:

$$T = t \times \frac{V}{10} = 12 \times \frac{10}{10} = 12 \text{ [s]}$$

### Pulsation/Pulsation is decreased with a tank.

If the outlet capacity is undersized, pulsation may occur.

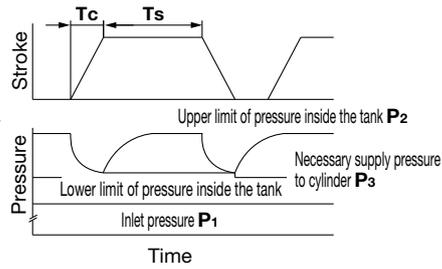
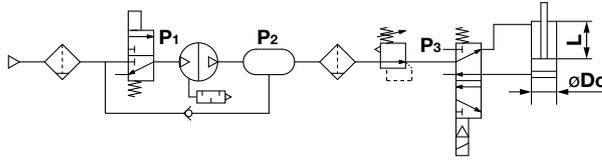
#### VBAT10A, VBAT20A, VBAT38A



Conditions: Inlet pressure: 0.5 MPa  
Outlet pressure: 1.0 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.

**Sizing** (Please use the Booster Regulator Model Selection Software on the SMC website:  
<https://mssc.smcworld.com/brmss/>)



**START**

Provide requisite conditions for selection.

- Necessary conditions:**  
**Dc** [mm]: Cylinder bore size  
**Lc** [mm]: Cylinder stroke  
**N** [pc.]: Number of cylinders  
**Tc** [s]: Cylinder operating time  
**Dt** [mm]: Piping bore (Valve-Cylinder)  
**Lt** [mm]: Piping length (Valve-Cylinder)  
**C** [cpm]: Operating frequency  
**P1** [MPa]: Booster regulator inlet pressure  
**P3** [MPa]: Necessary supply pressure to cylinder  
**P2** [MPa]: Booster regulator outlet pressure (Set pressure)

- \* **P3** is the necessary supply pressure to a cylinder, and set the pressure below the lower limit of pressure inside the tank with a regulator. Adjust the pressure taking the maximum operating pressure of equipment in use into consideration.
- \* **P2** is the output pressure of the booster regulator, which is also the upper limit of charge pressure to the tank.

- Other conditions:**  
**QAVE** [L/min]: Average air flow rate  
**QMAX** [L/min]: Maximum instantaneous air flow rate  
**K**: Cylinder double-acting: 2, single-acting: 1  
**T1** [s]: Time to charge (Time to charge to **P3**)  
**T2** [s]: Time to charge (Time to charge to **P2**)  
**T** [s]: Time to charge (Time to charge from **P3** to **P2**)

Obtain the capacity (V).

Obtain the piping volume from the valve to the actuator and the volume of the actuator to obtain the air flow rate from the outlet side of the booster regulator.

Cylinder volume

$$V_{CYL} [L] = \frac{\pi \times Dc^2 \times Lc}{4 \times 10^6} \times \frac{P3 + 0.101}{0.101} \times N$$

Piping capacity

$$V_{TUBE} [L] = \frac{\pi \times Dt^2 \times Lt}{4 \times 10^6} \times \frac{P3}{0.101} \times N$$

Selection example

<b>Dc</b> [mm]: 50	<b>Lt</b> [mm]: 500
<b>Lc</b> [mm]: 100	<b>C</b> [cpm]: 6
<b>N</b> [pc.]: 1	<b>P1</b> [MPa]: 0.5
<b>Tc</b> [s]: 0.5	<b>P3</b> [MPa]: 0.8
<b>Dt</b> [mm]: 4	<b>P2</b> [MPa]: 1.0

$$V_{CYL} [L] = \frac{\pi \times 50^2 \times 100}{4 \times 10^6} \times \frac{0.8 + 0.101}{0.101} \times 1 = 1.75 [L]$$
  

$$V_{TUBE} [L] = \frac{\pi \times 4^2 \times 500}{4 \times 10^6} \times \frac{0.8}{0.101} \times 1 = 0.05 [L]$$
  

$$Q_{AVE} [L/min (ANR)] = (1.75 + 0.05) \times 2 \times 6 = 21.6 [L/min (ANR)]$$
  

$$Q_{MAX} [L/min (ANR)] = \frac{(1.75 + 0.05)}{0.5} \times 60 = 216 [L/min (ANR)]$$

Calculate air flow rate (Q).

Obtain the average air flow rate **QAVE** to select the size of the booster regulator.

Average air flow rate

$$Q_{AVE} [L/min (ANR)] = (V_{CYL} + V_{TUBE}) \times 2 \times C$$

(Reciprocation)

Obtain the maximum instantaneous air flow rate **QMAX** to check the necessity of an air tank.

Maximum instantaneous air flow rate

$$Q_{MAX} [L/min (ANR)] = \frac{(V_{CYL} + V_{TUBE})}{Tc} \times 60$$

Select the booster regulator and check the necessity of an air tank.

Select the booster regulator from the average air flow rate **QAVE** and check the necessity of an air tank from the maximum instantaneous air flow rate **QMAX**.

- It can be used** when the outlet air flow rate of the intersecting point between the booster regulator inlet pressure (**P1**) and necessary supply pressure to cylinder (**P3**) on the catalog flow characteristic table (p. 7) is equal to the average air flow rate **QAVE** or higher.
- An air tank is required** when the outlet air flow rate is less than the maximum instantaneous air flow rate **QMAX**.
- An air tank is not required** when the outlet air flow rate is at the maximum instantaneous air flow rate **QMAX** or higher.

## ⚠ Caution

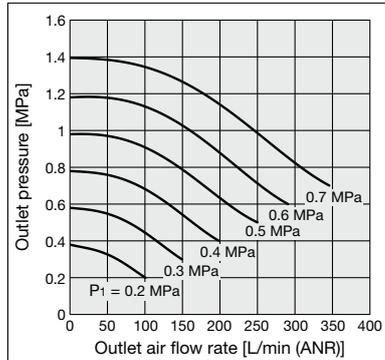
- Since the booster regulator is a compressor powered by the air, it consumes the air. The air consumption is approximately 0.9 times (VBAF10), 1.1 times (VBAF20), or 3 times (VBAF11, VBAF21) larger than the outlet side volume. Therefore, the booster regulator requires a supply capacity of the inlet side volume that is approximately 1.9 times (VBAF10), 2.1 times (VBAF20), or 4 times (VBAF11, VBAF21) larger than the outlet side volume.

**Selection example**

$P_1$ : 0.5 [MPa],  $P_2$ : 0.8 [MPa] → **Outlet air flow rate**  
**VBAF10: 140 [L/min]**  
 Average air flow rate  $Q_{AVE}$ : 21.6 [L/min]  
 Maximum instantaneous air flow rate  $Q_{MAX}$ : 216 [L/min]

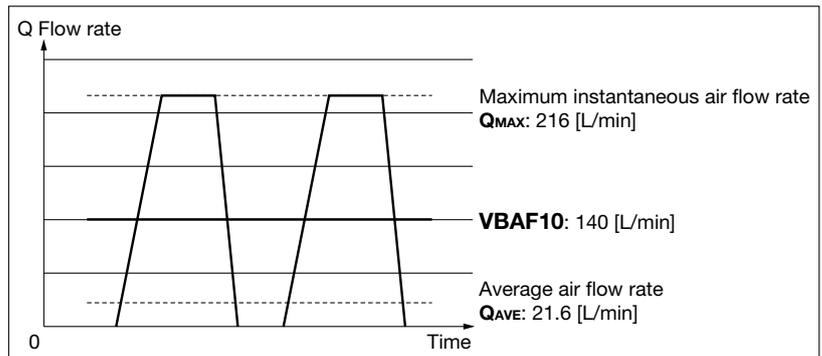
**VBAF10**

**Flow Rate Characteristics**



**Results**

The outlet air flow rate of **VBAF10** is equal to the average air flow rate  $Q_{AVE}$  or higher but it is less than the maximum instantaneous air flow rate  $Q_{MAX}$ . Therefore, it can be used but an air tank is required.



**Booster regulator selection and air tank necessity confirmation results**

**Obtain the air tank capacity.**

Obtain the air tank capacity.

$$V [L] = \frac{Q_{MAX}}{(P_2 - P_3) \times 9.9} \times \frac{T_c}{60} \times K$$

**Check the air tank charge characteristics.**

Obtain the time  $T$  from the catalog charge characteristics table (p. 7) and check that it satisfies the operating frequency.

$$T = \left(\frac{V}{10}\right) \times (T_2 - T_1) \leq \frac{60}{C}$$

**Application example**

$$T = \left(\frac{1.8}{10}\right) \times (18 - 7) = 2 \leq \frac{60}{6}$$

A tank smaller than the calculation results may satisfy the requirement since this size selection calculation provides calculation which is on the safe side. This does not consider air flowing from the booster regulator. Please use the booster regulator model selection software on the SMC website.

**Application example**

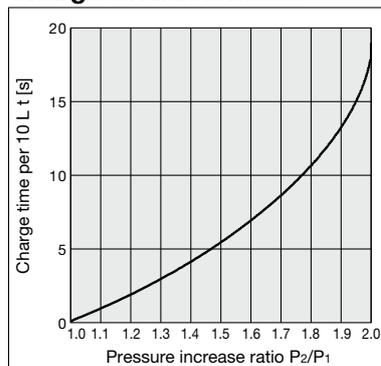
Required air tank volume for **VBAF10**

$$V [L] = \frac{216}{(1 - 0.8) \times 9.9} \times \frac{0.5}{60} \times 2 = 1.8 [L]$$

\* Air tank of 1.8 L or more is required.

**VBAF10**

**Charge Characteristics**

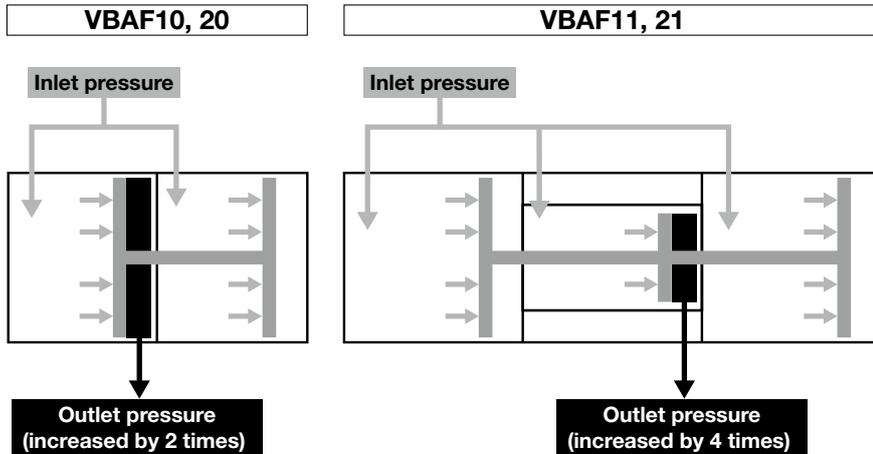


**END**

When running continuously for longer periods of time, confirm the life expectancy. When the life expectancy is shorter than required, select a larger sized booster regulator.

# VBAF Series

## Working Principle



The VBAF10 and VBAF20 have two pistons and four chambers.

The inlet pressure enters two chambers as shown in the figure and pushes the pistons in the arrow direction and outputs compressed air as outlet pressure.

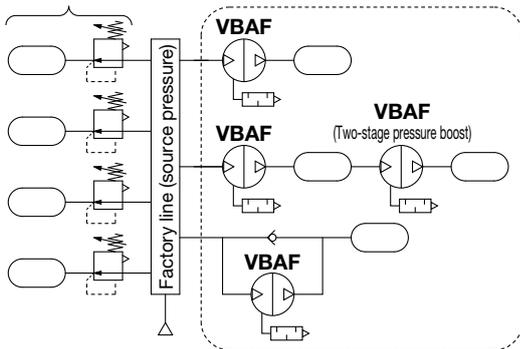
The VBAF11 and VBAF21 have three pistons and six chambers.

The inlet pressure enters three chambers as shown in the figure and pushes the pistons in the arrow direction and outputs compressed air as outlet pressure.

## Circuit Example

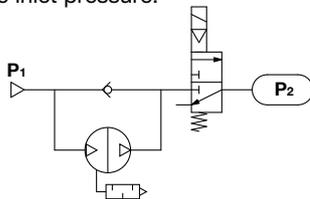
- When only some of the machines in the factory require high-pressure air, booster regulators can be installed for only the equipment that requires it. This allows the overall system to use low-pressure air while accommodating machines requiring high-pressure air.

General line (low pressure)      Locations requiring high pressure

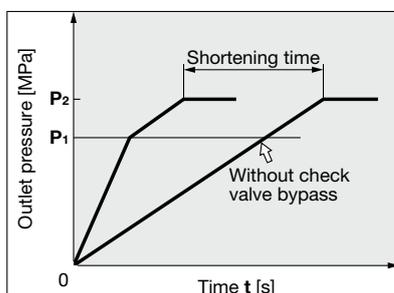


\* When using two booster regulators for 2-stage pressure boost, be sure to supply sufficient flow to each booster regulator in order to stabilize the booster regulator inlet pressure. Refer to Selection 1. on page 20 for the inlet side supply amount.

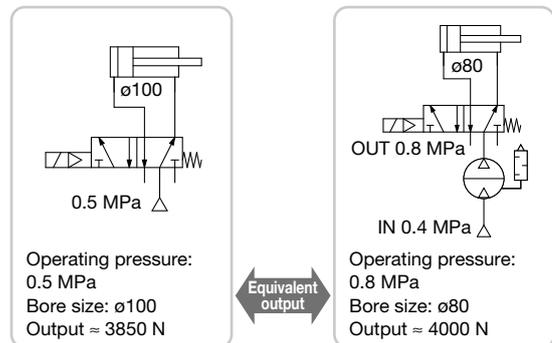
- When charging a tank or the like from a source at atmospheric pressure, a circuit with a check valve can be used to reduce the charge time by allowing air to pass through the check valve up to the inlet pressure.



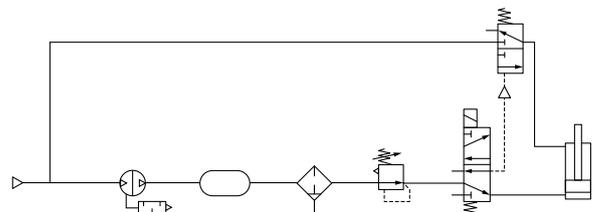
Initially, inlet pressure ( $P_1$ ) passes through the check valve, fills  $P_2$ , and results in  $P_1 = P_2$ .



- 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.

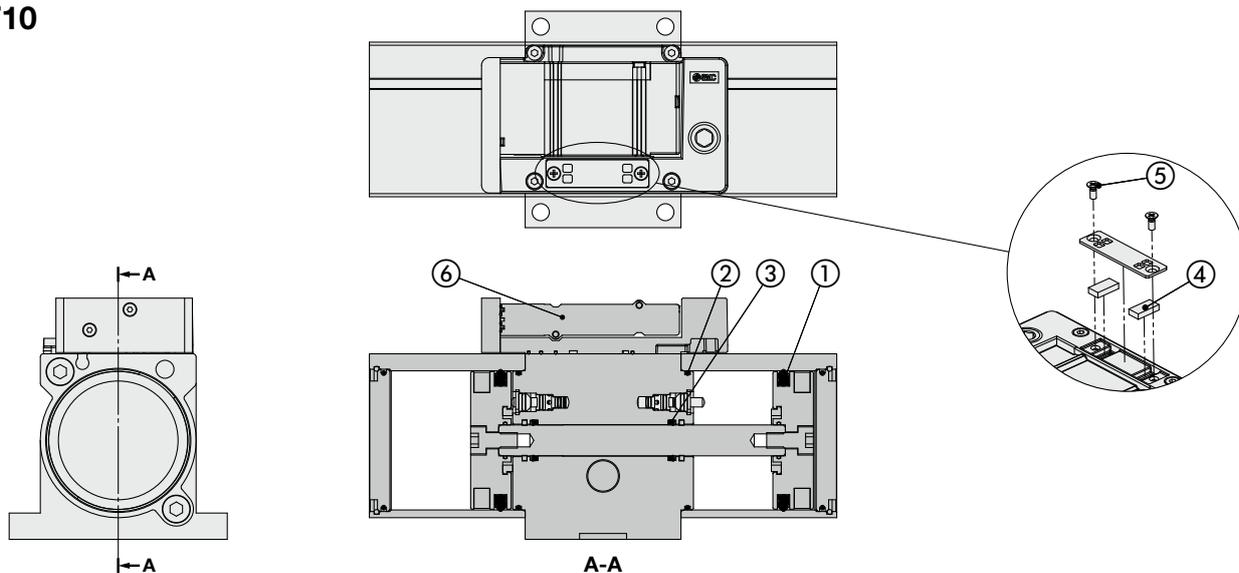


- When only one side of the cylinder is used for work, booster regulators can be installed only on the lines that require them to reduce the overall air consumption volume.

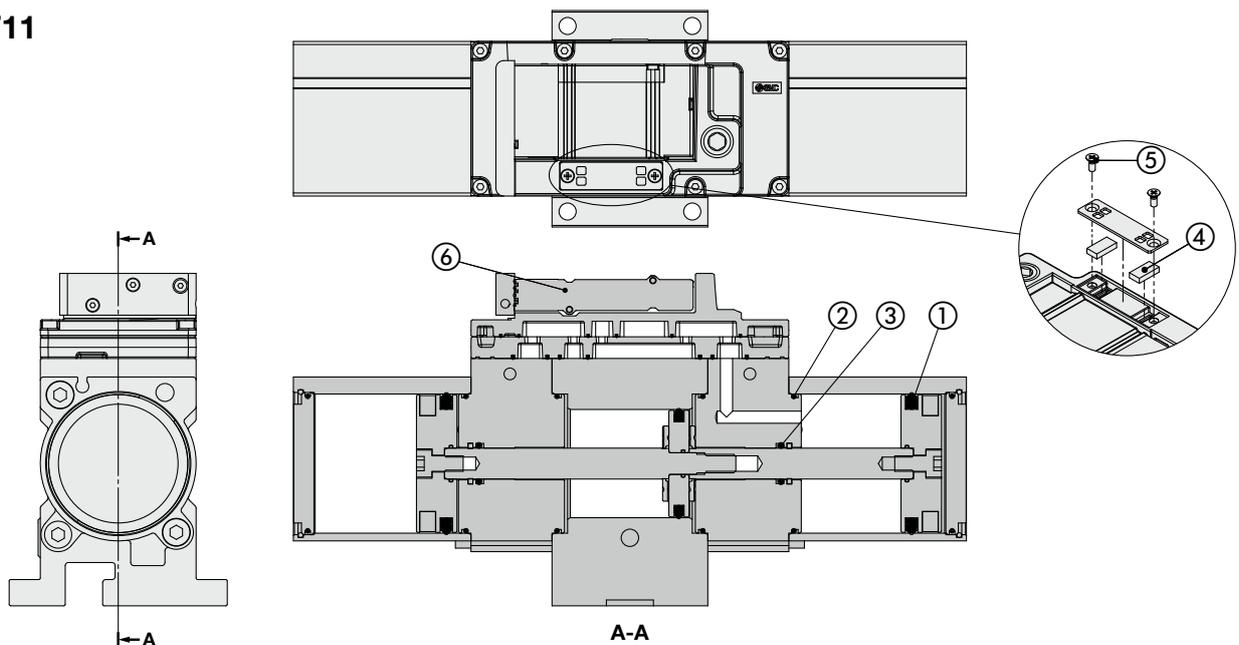


## Construction / Replacement Parts

### VBAF10



### VBAF11



### Replacement Parts / Kit Nos.

Place an order with the following applicable kit number.

Model	VBAF10	VBAF11
Kit no.	KT-VBAF10-1	KT-VBAF11-1

- \* 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.

The kit includes the following parts and a grease pack.

No.	Description	Model	Quantity	
			VBAF10	VBAF11
1	Piston seal		2	2 large, 1 small
2	Tube gasket		2	4
3	Rod seal		2	
4	Silencer		2	
5	Flat head screw		2	
6	Switching valve		1	
—	Gasket		2	5
—	Check valve assembly		4	
—	Pilot valve assembly		2	
—	O-ring		2	6
—	Grease pack		1	

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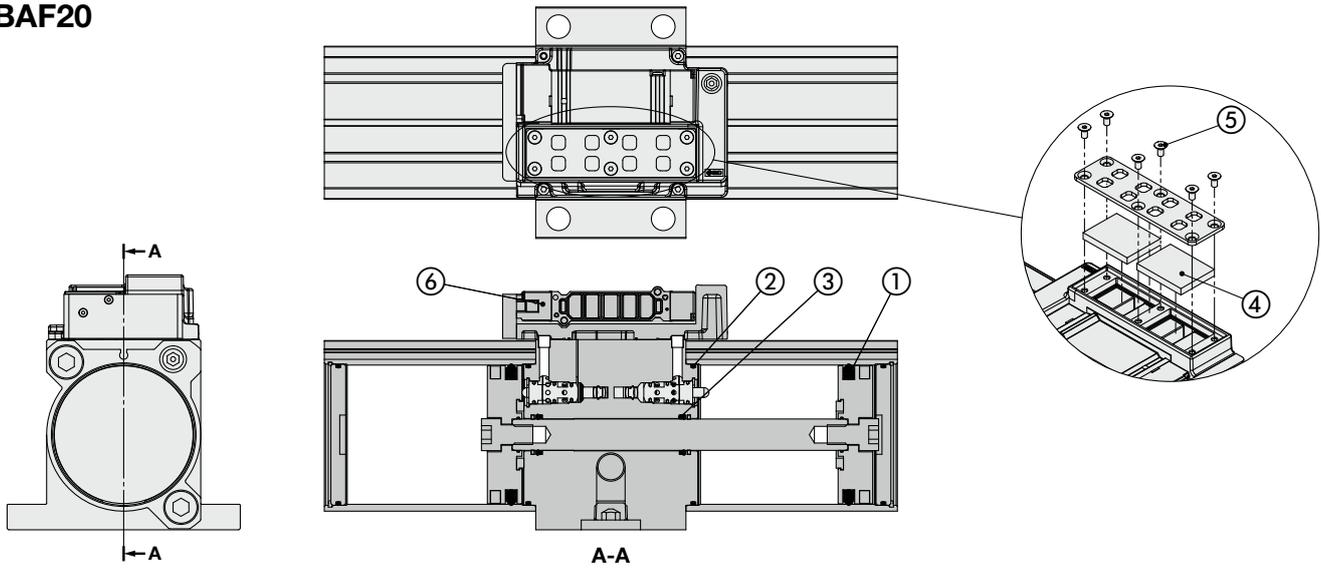


Operation manual/  
Procedure for maintenance

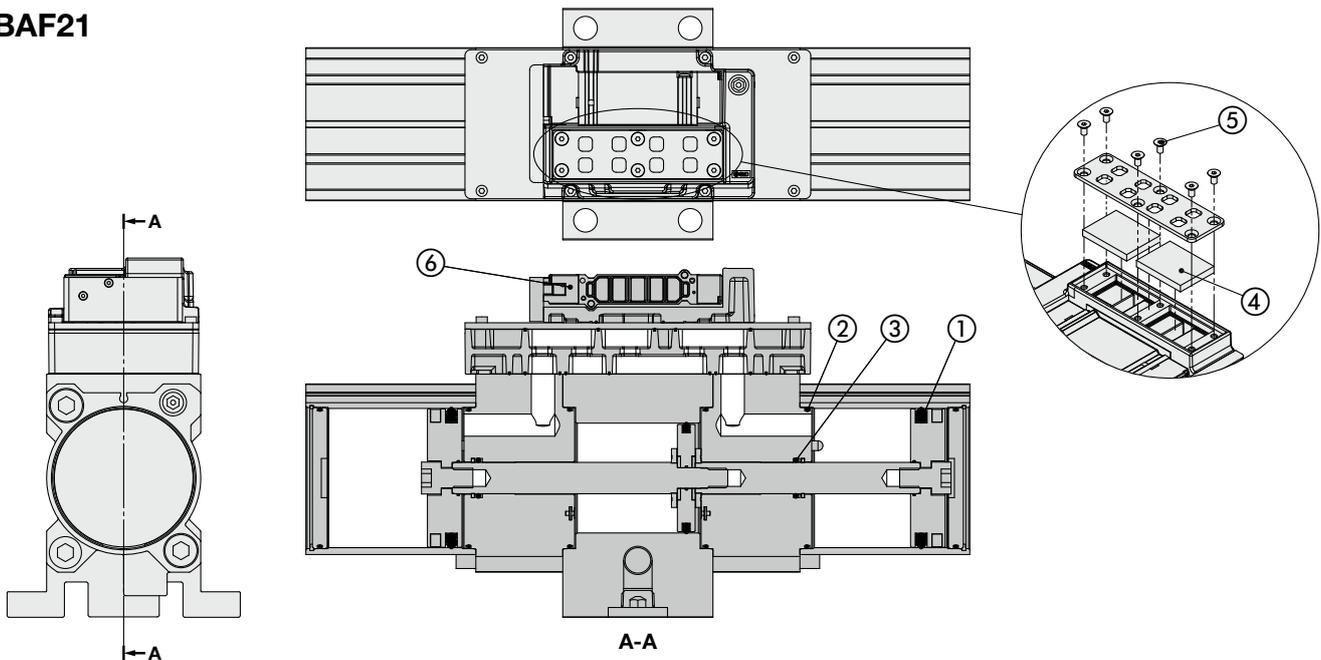
# VBAF Series

## Construction / Replacement Parts

### VBAF20



### VBAF21



### Replacement Parts / Kit Nos.

Place an order with the following applicable kit number.

Model	VBAF20	VBAF21
Kit no.	KT-VBAF20-1	KT-VBAF21-1

The kit includes the following parts and a grease pack.

No.	Description	Model	
		VBAF20	VBAF21
1	Piston seal	2	2 large, 1 small
2	Tube gasket	2	4
3	Rod seal	2	2
4	Silencer	2	2
5	Flat head screw	6	6
6	Switching valve	1	1
—	Gasket	2	6
—	Pilot silencer	4	4
—	Check valve assembly	4	4
—	Pilot valve assembly	2	2
—	O-ring	2	6
—	Grease pack	1	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.

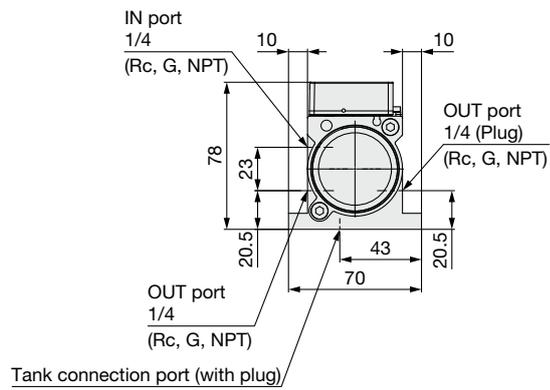
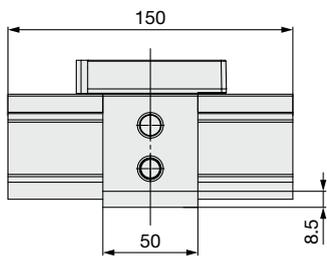
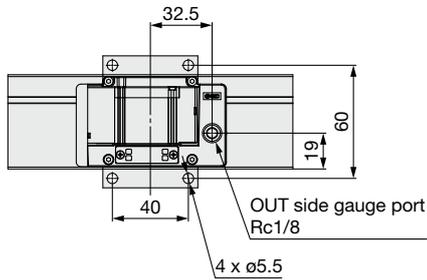
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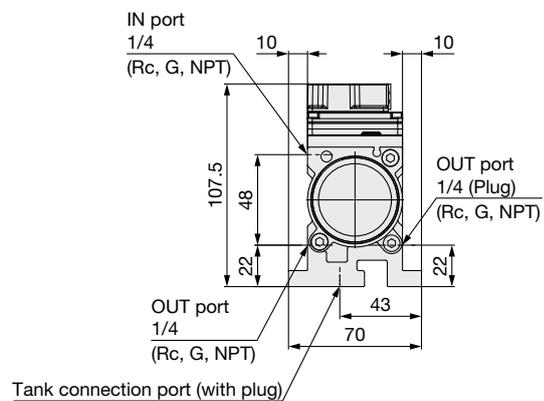
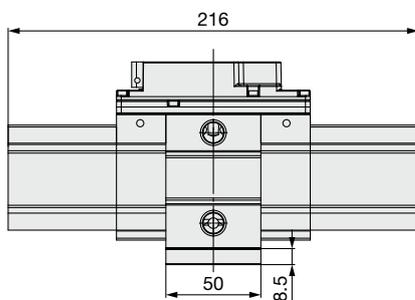
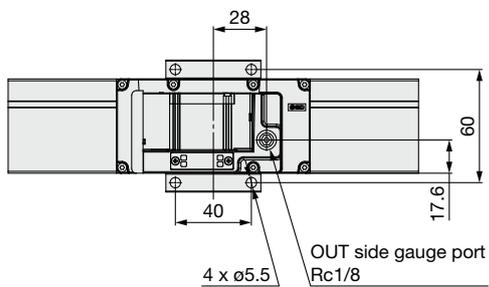
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## Dimensions

### VBAF10



### VBAF11

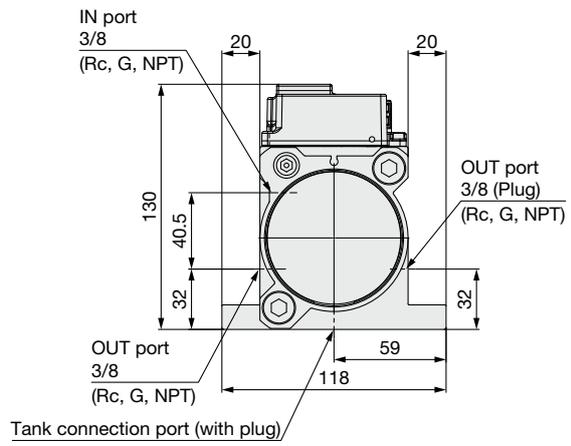
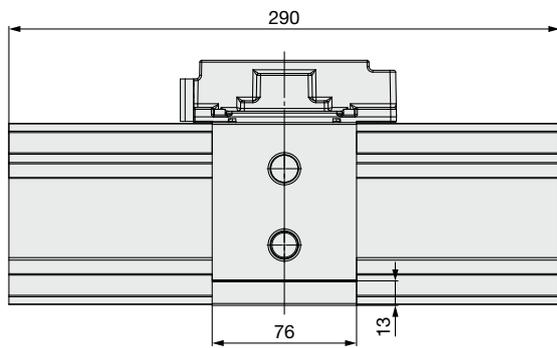
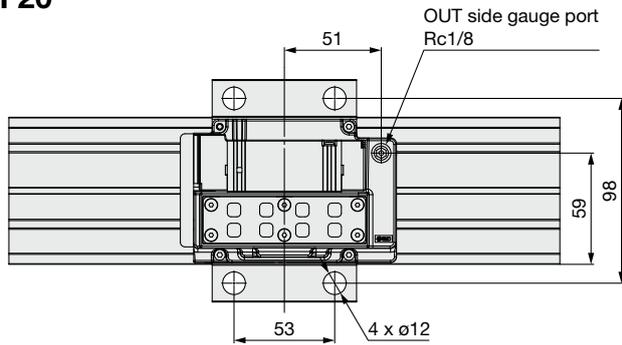


\* Refer to page 16 for dimensions with a regulator.

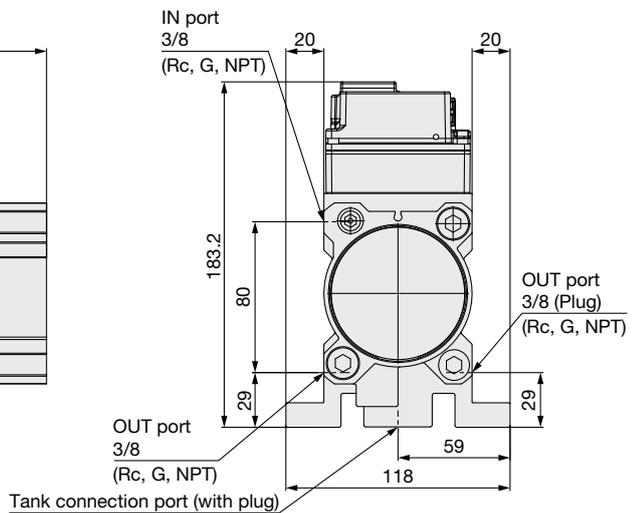
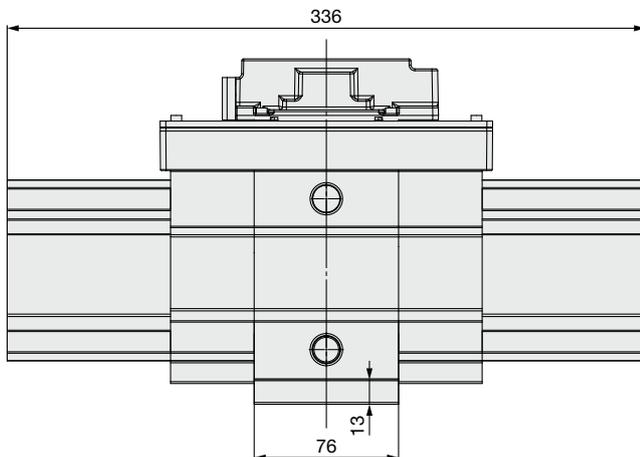
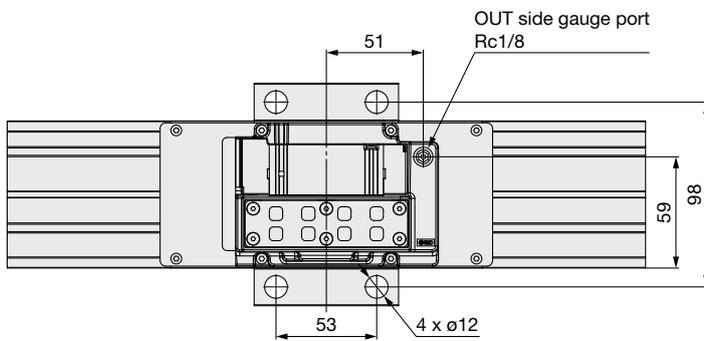
# VBAF Series

## Dimensions

### VBAF20



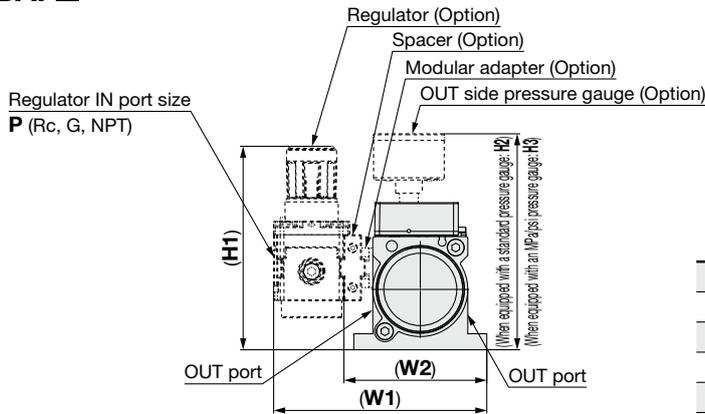
### VBAF21



\* Refer to page 16 for dimensions with a regulator.

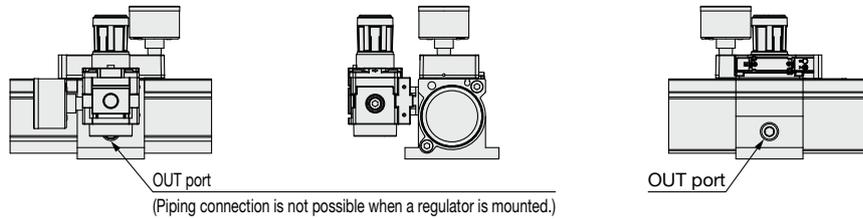
## Dimensions (When equipped with a regulator/pressure gauge)

### VBAF□

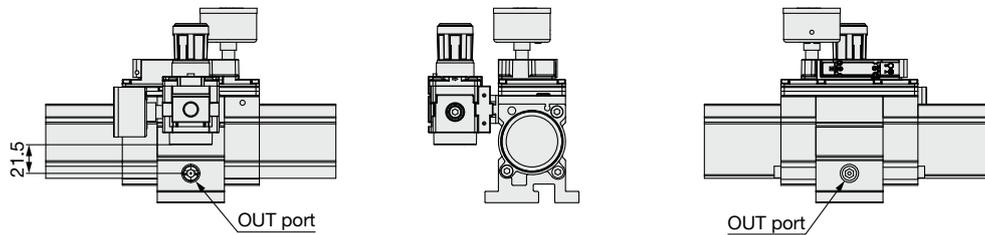


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Model	P	W1	W2	H1	H2	H3
<b>VBAF10</b>	1/4	112.2	75.2	107.9	114.5	95.5
<b>VBAF11</b>	1/4	112.2	75.2	134.4	145.9	125
<b>VBAF20</b>	3/8	164.2	116.1	155.5	161.2	142.2
<b>VBAF21</b>	3/8	164.2	116.1	192	216.3	195.4

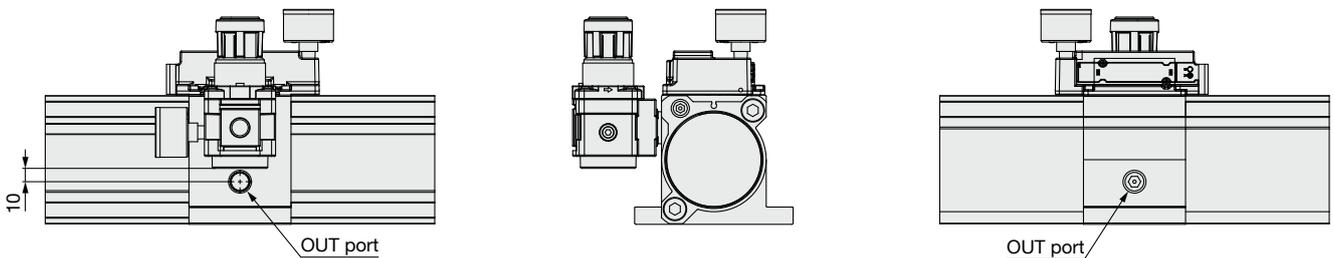
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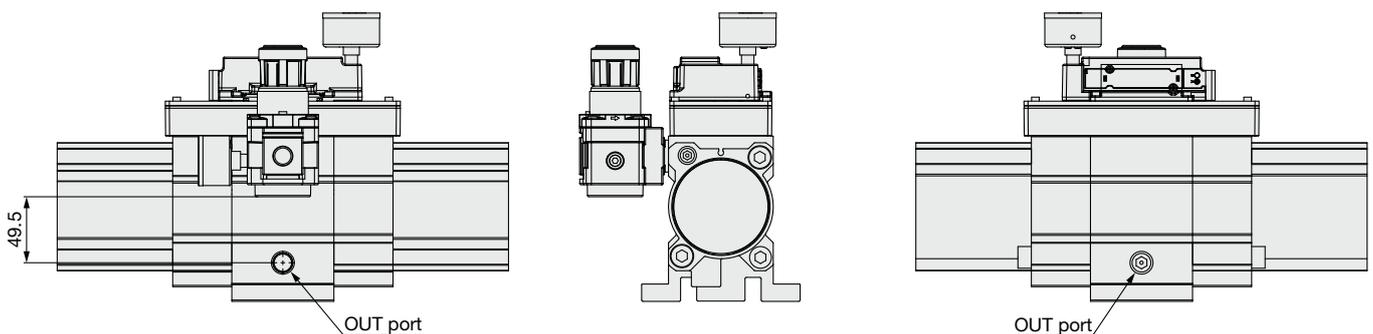
### VBAF11



### VBAF20



### VBAF21



# VBAF Series

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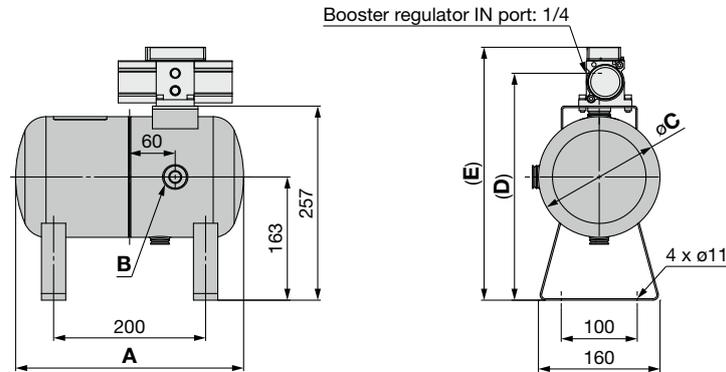


\* The length may be longer than the specification if the plugs mounted on the tank are not fit to the end.  
 \* Refer to the VBAT catalog for details on tank option mounting positions, etc.

## Dimensions (When mounted on an air tank)

Air tank details

### For 5 L

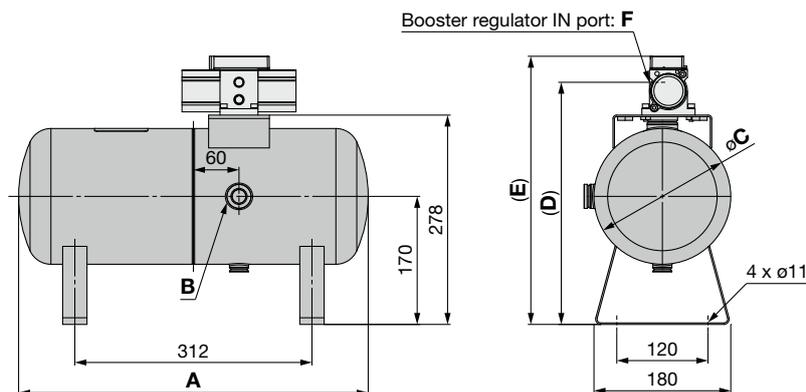


Booster regulator model	Standard products (For Japanese market)						CE/UKCA marking-conformity products			ASME certified products/CRN approved products (For the U.S. and Canada)			Chinese pressure vessel regulations compliant products						Same for all tanks	
	VBAT05A1			VBAT05S1			VBAT05A-Q			VBAT05AN1-E□-X105 VBAT05A1-E□-X105 VBAT05SN1-E□-X105 VBAT05S1-E□-X105			VBAT05A1-U-X104*1			VBAT05S1-U-X104*1				
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C		
VBAF10	349	Rc3/8	156	300	Rc3/8	160	360	Rc3/8	156	374	Rc3/8	150	374	Rc3/8	150	374	Rc3/8	149	300.5	335
VBAF11								G3/8			NPT3/8	(148)							327	364.5

\*1 Be sure to confirm the max. operating pressure of the air tank.

\* The dimension in brackets is for the VBAT05S(N)1-E□-X105.

### For 10 L



Booster regulator model	Standard products (For Japanese market)						CE/UKCA marking-conformity products			ASME certified products/CRN approved products (For the U.S. and Canada)			Chinese pressure vessel regulations compliant products						Same for all tanks		
	VBAT10A1			VBAT10S1			VBAT10A-Q			VBAT10AN1-E□-X105 VBAT10A1-E□-X105 VBAT10SN1-E□-X105 VBAT10S1-E□-X105			VBAT10A1-U-X104*1			VBAT10S1-U-X104*1					
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C			
VBAF10																			321.5	356	1/4
VBAF20	471	Rc1/2	180	460	Rc1/2	180	482	Rc1/2	180	522	Rc1/2	170	522	Rc1/2	170	522	Rc1/2	170	350.5	408	3/8
VBAF11								G1/2			NPT1/2								348	385.5	1/4
VBAF21																			386.8	461	3/8

\*1 Be sure to confirm the max. operating pressure of the air tank.

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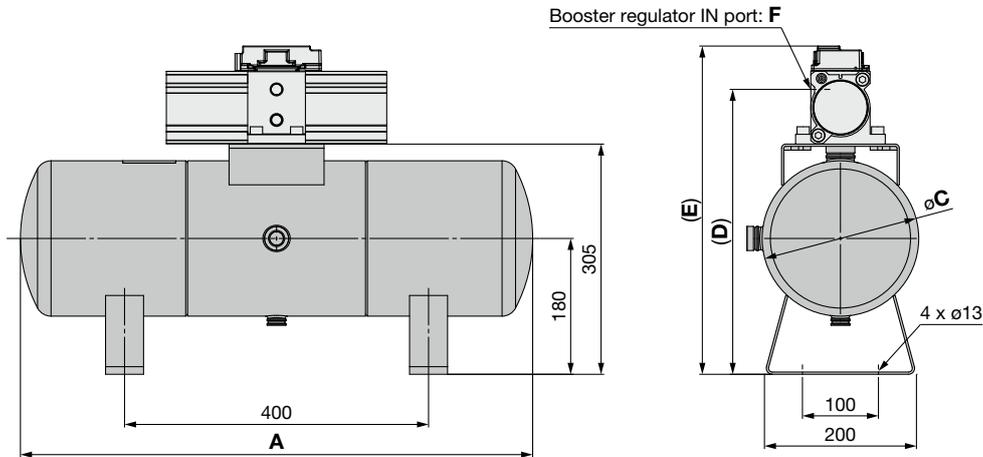


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## Dimensions (When mounted on an air tank)

Air tank details

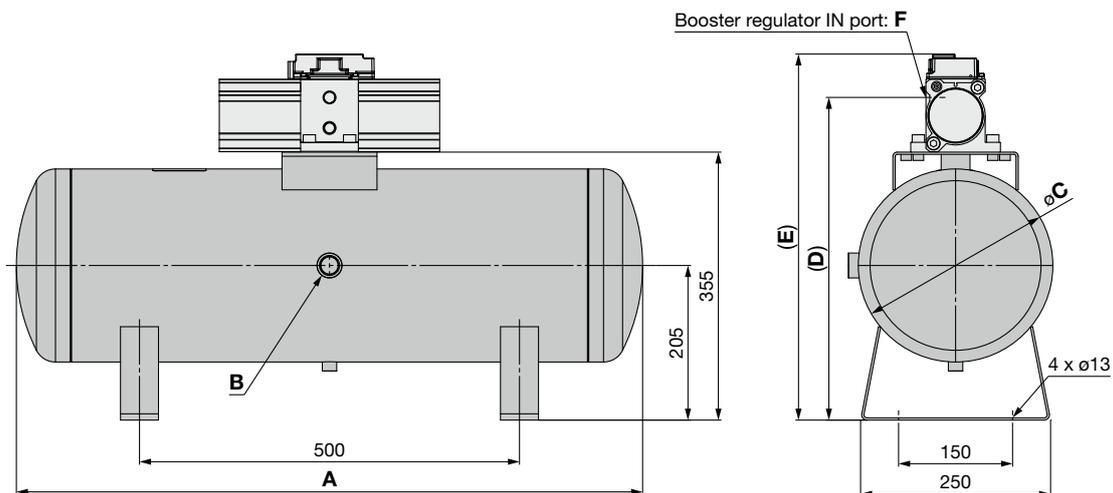
### For 20 L



Booster regulator model	Standard products (For Japanese market)						CE/UKCA marking-conformity products			ASME certified products/CRN approved products (For the U.S. and Canada)			Chinese pressure vessel regulations compliant products						Same for all tanks		
	VBAT20A1*1			VBAT20S1			VBAT20A-Q*1			VBAT20AN1-E□-X105 VBAT20A1-E□-X105 VBAT20SN1-E□-X105 VBAT20S1-E□-X105			VBAT20A1-T-X104*1			VBAT20S1-T-X104*1					
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	D	E	F
VBAF20	685	Rc1/2	206	674	Rc1/2	206	696	Rc1/2	206	700	Rc1/2	216	700	Rc1/2	216	700	Rc1/2	216	377.5	435	3/8
VBAF21																			413.8	488	

\*1 Be sure to confirm the max. operating pressure of the air tank.

### For 38 L



Booster regulator model	Standard products (For Japanese market)						CE/UKCA marking-conformity products			ASME certified products/CRN approved products (For the U.S. and Canada)			Chinese pressure vessel regulations compliant products						Same for all tanks		
	VBAT38A1*1			VBAT38S1			VBAT38A-Q*1			VBAT38AN1-E□-X105 VBAT38A1-E□-X105 VBAT38SN1-E□-X105 VBAT38S1-E□-X105			VBAT38A1-T-X104*1			VBAT38S1-T-X104*1					
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	D	E	F
VBAF20	835	Rc3/4	256	824	Rc3/4	256	846	Rc3/4	256	873	Rc3/4	250	873	Rc3/4	252	873	Rc3/4	250	427.5	485	3/8
VBAF21																			463.8	538	

\*1 Be sure to confirm the max. operating pressure of the air tank.



## VBAF Series

# Specific Product Precautions 1

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### Design

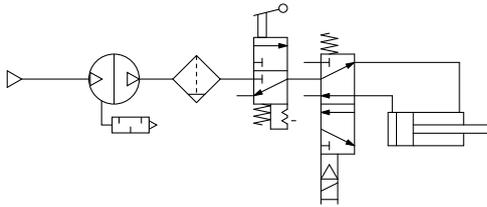
## ⚠ Warning

### 1. Warning concerning abnormal outlet pressure

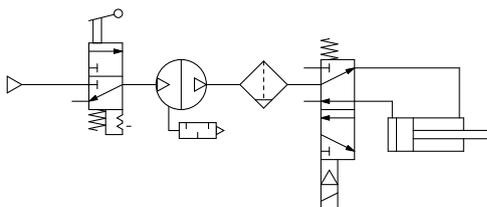
- If there is a likelihood of causing an outlet pressure drop due to unforeseen circumstances such as equipment malfunction, thus leading to a major problem, take safety measures on the system side.
- Because the outlet pressure could exceed its set range if there is a large fluctuation in the inlet pressure, leading to unexpected accidents, take safety measures against abnormal pressures.
- Use within the outlet 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.



- Discharge the inlet charge pressure after the operation. It stops the operation of the booster regulator and prevents unnecessary air consumption.



## ⚠ Caution

### 1. System configuration

- **Select an inlet piping size with a sufficient margin.**

Since the booster regulator is a compressor powered by the air, it consumes the air. The air consumption is approximately 0.9 times (VBAF10), 1.1 times (VBAF20), or 3 times (VBAF11, 21) larger than the outlet side volume. Therefore, the booster regulator requires a supply capacity of the inlet side volume that is approximately 1.9 times (VBAF10), 2.1 times (VBAF20), or 4 times (VBAF11, 21) larger than the outlet side volume.

- Ensure sufficient air charge capability of the min. operating pressure (0.2 MPa) or more. The switching valve may not operate when the internal operating pressure is equal to the min. operating pressure or less.
- 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.
- Pay attention to the max. operating pressure range and operate within these specifications of peripheral equipment.

### 2. Quality of air source

- **Install an air filter.**

Install an air filter on the inlet side of the booster regulator. Select an air filter with a filtration degree of 5 μm or finer.

- **Take measures to ensure air quality, such as by installing an aftercooler, air dryer, or water separator.**

Compressed air that contains a large amount of drainage can cause the malfunction of pneumatic equipment, such as valves. Therefore, take appropriate measures to ensure air quality, such as by providing an aftercooler, air dryer, or water separator.

- **If an excessive amount of carbon powder is present, install a mist separator on the upstream side of the valve.**

If excessive carbon dust is generated by the compressor, it may adhere to the inside of a valve and cause it to malfunction.

### 3. Counting the operating cycle

- When counting the operating cycles using an auto switch, use an instrument with a counting speed of 1 kHz or more.



# VBAF Series

## Specific Product Precautions 2

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### Selection

#### Caution

##### 1. 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 catalog or model selection software for size selection of the booster regulator. Please use the Booster Regulator Model Selection software on the SMC website: <https://mssc.smcworld.com/brmss/>
- 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 air flow rate of the booster regulator. Thus, when more outlet air flow rate 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 2 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 “Circuit Example” on page 11.)

### Mounting

#### Caution

##### 1. Transporting

- When transporting this product, hold it lengthwise with both hands.

##### 2. Mounting

- Tighten the mounting bolts for installation according to the table below since the piston vibration will transfer when installed.

Model	Bolt	Tightening torque
<b>VBAF10, 11</b>	M5 x 0.8	3 N·m
<b>VBAF20, 21</b>	M10 x 1.5	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.

### 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 the booster regulator is frequently operated in a high-temperature, humid environment, condensation may be generated on the outside of the booster regulator.

## 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.

 **Danger :** **Danger** indicates a hazard with a high level of risk which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

 **Warning:** **Warning** indicates a hazard with a medium level of risk which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

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

\*1) ISO 4414: Pneumatic fluid power - General rules and safety requirements for systems and their components  
ISO 4413: Hydraulic fluid power - General rules and safety requirements for systems and their components  
IEC 60204-1: Safety of machinery - Electrical equipment of machines - Part 1: General requirements  
ISO 10218-1: Robots and robotic devices - Safety requirements for industrial robots - Part 1: Robots etc.

### 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 catalog 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. SMC products cannot be used beyond their specifications. They are not developed, designed, and manufactured to be used under the following conditions or environments. Use under such conditions or environments is not allowed.

1. Conditions and environments outside of the given specifications, or use outdoors or in a place exposed to direct sunlight.
2. Use for nuclear power, railways, aviation, space equipment, ships, vehicles, military application, equipment affecting human life, body, and property, combustion equipment, entertainment equipment, emergency shut-off circuits, press clutches, brake circuits, safety equipment, etc., and use for applications that do not conform to standard specifications such as catalogs and operation manuals.
3. Use for interlock circuits, except for use with double interlock such as installing a mechanical protection function in case of failure. Please periodically inspect the product to confirm that the product is operating properly.

### Caution

**SMC develops, designs, and manufactures products to be used for automatic control equipment, and provides them for peaceful use in manufacturing industries.**

**Use in non-manufacturing industries is not allowed.**

Products SMC manufactures and sells cannot be used for the purpose of transactions or certification specified in the Measurement Act of each country. The new Measurement Act prohibits use of any unit other than SI units in Japan.

### 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.\*2)  
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.
3. Prior to using SMC products, please read and understand the warranty terms and disclaimers noted in the specified catalog for the particular products.

\*2) **Suction cups (Vacuum pads) are excluded from this 1 year warranty.**

A suction cup (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 suction cup (vacuum pad) or failure due to the deterioration of rubber material are not allowed 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.

## Safety Instructions

Be sure to read the “Handling Precautions for SMC Products” (M-E03-3) and “Operation Manual” before use.