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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)

etc.

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

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

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

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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. 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 catalog.
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.
Safety Instructions

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.

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. 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) 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.
Design / Selection

⚠️ Warning
1. Confirm the specifications
   Products represented in this instruction manual are designed only for use in compressed air systems (including vacuum).
   Do not operate at pressures or temperatures, etc., beyond the range of specifications, as this can cause damage or malfunction.
   We do not guarantee against any damage if the product is used outside of the specification range.

2. Actuator drive
   When an actuator, such as a cylinder, is to be driven using a valve, take appropriate measures (cover installation or approach prohibition) to prevent potential danger caused by actuator operation.

3. Effect of back pressure when using a manifold.
   Use caution when valves are used on a manifold, because an actuator may malfunction due to back-pressure.

4. Holding pressure (including vacuum).
   Since the valve are subject to air leakage, they cannot be used for applications such as holding pressure (including vacuum) in a pressure vessel.

5. Not suitable for use as an emergency shut-off valve, etc.
   The valves listed in this instruction manual are not designed for safety applications such as an emergency shut-off valve. If the valves are used for the mentioned applications, additional safety measures should be adopted.

6. Release of residual pressure
   For maintenance purposes install a system for releasing residual pressure.

Caution
1. Operation in a low temperature condition
   It is possible to operate a valve in extreme temperature, as low as -10 °C. Take appropriate measures to avoid freezing of drainage, moisture etc. in low temperature.

2. Operation for air blowing
   Use caution because the pressure drop caused by the air blowing can have an affect on the single solenoid.
   In case of single solenoid type, be certain that pressure within operating pressure range be supplied to supply port, because return pressure is introduced from supply port (1(P)) for activation.

Mounting

⚠️ Warning
1. Operation manual
   Install the products and operate them only after reading the operation manual carefully and understanding its contents. Also, keep the manual where it can be referred to as necessary.

2. Ensure sufficient space for maintenance activities.
   When installing the products, allow access for maintenance.

3. Tighten threads with the proper tightening torque.
   When installing the products, follow the listed torque specifications.

4. If air leakage increases or equipment does not operated properly, stop operation.
   Check mounting conditions when air and power supplies are connected. Initial function and leakage tests should be performed after installation.

5. Painting and coating
   Warnings or specifications printed or affixed to the product should not be erased, removed or covered up.
   Please consult with SMC before applying paint to resinous parts, as this may have an adverse effect due to the solvent in the paint.
Piping

1. Refer to the Fittings and Tubing Precautions for handling one-touch fittings.

2. 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.

3. Wrapping of pipe tape
   When screwing piping or fittings into ports, ensure that chips from the pipe threads or sealing material do not enter the piping. Also, if pipe tape is used, leave 1 thread ridges exposed at the end of the threads.

4. Connection of fittings
   When screwing fittings into valves, tighten as follows.
   (1) Follow the procedures below when installing an SMC fitting, etc.
      1) M3
         After tightening the fitting by hand, use a wrench to tighten the fitting an additional approximately 1/4 turn. As a reference valve, tightening torque is 0.4 to 0.5 N·m.
      2) M5
         After tightening the fitting by hand, use a wrench to tighten the fitting an additional approximately 1/6 to 1/4 turn. As a reference value, tightening torque is 1 to 1.5 N·m.
   Note) If tightened excessively, the thread of the product may break or the gasket may deform. If tightened insufficiently, the thread of the product may become loose. In either case, air leakage can occur.
   (2) Follow the procedure of the manufacture when fittings other than SMC is used.
   3) Rc type
      Tighten with the proper torque shown below.

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<th>Connection thread</th>
<th>Proper tightening torque (N·m)</th>
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<td>Rc1/8</td>
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5. Piping to products
   When piping to a product, avoid mistakes regarding the supply port, etc.

Lubrication

1. Lubrication
   1) The valve has been lubricated for life by the factory and does not require any further.
   2) If a lubricant is used in the system, use class 1 turbine oil (no additive), ISO VG32. Once a lubricant is used in the system, lubrication must be continued because the original lubricant applied during manufacturing will be washed away. If turbine oil is used, refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) of the oil.

Air Supply

1. Type of fluids
   Please consult with SMC when using the product in applications other than compressed air.

2. When there is a large amount of drainage.
   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.

3. Drain flushing
   If condensation in the drain bowl is not emptied on a regular basis, the bowl will overflow and allow the condensation to enter the compressed air lines. It causes malfunction of pneumatic equipment. The drain bowl is difficult to check and remove, installation of a drain bowl with an auto drain option is recommended.
   For compressed air quality, refer to SMC’s Best Pneumatics catalog.

4. Use clean air
   Do not use compressed air that contains chemicals. Synthetic oils including organic solvents, salt or corrosive gases, etc., as it can cause damage or malfunction.

   1. When extremely dry air is used as the fluid, degradation of the lubrication properties in side the equipment may occur, resulting in reduced reliability (or reduced service life) of the equipment. Please consult with SMC.
   2. Install an air filter.
      Install an air filter upstream near the valve. Select an air filter with a filtration size of 5 µm or smaller.
   3. 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 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.
Air Supply

4. If excessive carbon powder is seen, 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.
   For compressed air quality, refer to SMC’s Best Pneumatics catalog.

Operating Environment

1. Do not use in an atmosphere having corrosive gases, chemicals, sea water, water, water steam, or where there is direct contact with any of these.
2. Do not use in an environment where flammable gas or explosive gas exists. The products do not have an explosion proof construction.
3. Do not use in a place subject to heavy vibration and/or shock.
4. The valve should not be exposed to prolonged sunlight. Use a protective cover.
5. Remove any sources of excessive heat.
6. If it is used in an environment where there is possible contact with oil, weld spatter, etc., exercise preventive measures.

Maintenance

1. Perform maintenance inspection according to the procedures indicated in the operation manual.
   If handled improperly, malfunction and damage of machinery or equipment may occur.
2. Removal of equipment, and supply/exhaust of compressed air
   When components are removed, first confirm that measures are in place to prevent workpieces from dropping, run-away equipment, etc. Then, cut off the supply pressure and electric power, and exhaust all compressed air from the system using the residual pressure release function.
   For 3-position closed center type, exhaust the residual pressure between the valve and the cylinder.
   When the equipment is operated after remounting or replacement, first confirm that measures are in place to prevent lurching of actuators, etc. Then, confirm that the equipment is operating normally.
3. Low frequency operation
   Valves should be operated at least once every 30 days to prevent malfunction. (Use caution regarding the air supply.)
4. Manual override operation
   When the manual override is operated, connected equipment will be actuated.
   Operate after safety is confirmed.

Caution

1. Drain flushing
   Remove drainage from the air filters regularly.
2. Lubrication
   In the case of rubber seals, once lubrication has been started, it must be continued.
   Use class 1 turbine oil (without additive), VG32 because if other lubricant oil is used, it may cause malfunction. Please contact SMC for suggested class 2 turbine oil (with additive), VG32.
TROUBLESHOOTING

Should any trouble be found during operation, trace the source of the trouble in the following order and take corrective action.

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<th>Possible Cause</th>
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<td>Main valve will not shift or will be sluggish.</td>
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<td>Swollen &quot;spool ass'y&quot; ring</td>
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<td>Excessive amount of lubricant</td>
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<td>Leaks</td>
<td>Air leaks through exhaust port of main valve</td>
<td>Worn &quot;spool ass'y&quot; ring</td>
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<td>Intrusion of foreign matter</td>
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<td>Spool valve has not completely shifted</td>
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<td>Poor seal on actuator (cylinders, etc.) side</td>
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<td>Regulate pressure so that pilot pressure will fall within operating pressure range during operation.</td>
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<td>If wrong oil is used, completely air blow to remove oil, and replace valve. After valve is replaced, use turbine oil class 1 (ISO VG32).</td>
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<td>Oil in applications where excessive condensate is produced, install either an auto-drain or a dryer. The valve should be replaced.</td>
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<td>Reduce the amount of lubricant to the degree that no oil splashes out of the air exhaust port.</td>
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<td>⑤</td>
<td>Replace worn spool valve. To remove foreign matter, air blow piping, then replace valve.</td>
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<td>⑥</td>
<td>Repair or replace actuators.</td>
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If no improvement is achieved in spite of the above countermeasure, inside of the valve may have some failure. In this case, stop using the valve immediately.

If any of followings are carried out, inside of the valve may have some failure. In this case, stop using the valve immediately.

① Oil other than the specified one has been lubricated.

② Lubrication has been stopped intermediately, or lubrication was suspended temporarily.

③ Strong impact was given.

④ Alien substance such as drain and particle got into.

⑤ Prohibited way of using the valve which is written at "Precautions" section in this operation manual was carried out excluding above-mentioned.

※If any trouble should happen with the uni, please send it back to the supplier for repair or replacement.