

# Power Valve Economy Valve Series VEX5

The conventional valve combination circuit has been condensed into a single valve.

Three functions (pressure regulator, switching valve, and speed controller) are provided by a single valve.

A large capacity and economical system.

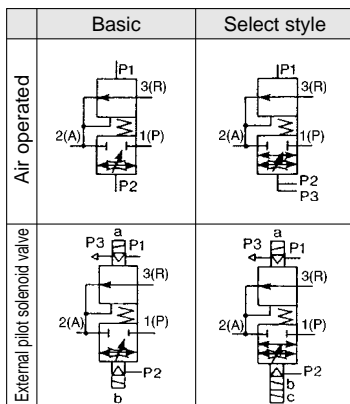
This valve provides twice the system capacity of the conventional circuit. Therefore, it is possible to downsize 1 or 2 sizes (for example, a conventional 32A circuit can be changed to a 25A or a 20A). It is economical, as its performance cost (system price/effective area) is one half of the conventional style. (Comparison based on SMC data.)



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## Standard Specifications

Model	VEX55□□ <sup>04</sup> <sub>06</sub> <sub>10</sub>	VEX57□□ <sup>10</sup> <sub>12</sub>	VEX59□□ <sup>14</sup> <sub>20</sub>					
Style	Air operated, External pilot solenoid							
Fluid	Air							
Proof pressure	1.5MPa							
Pressure range	0 to 1.0MPa							
Set pressure range	0.05 to 0.9MPa							
Ambient and fluid temp.	Max. 50°C (Air operated 60°C)							
Pilot pressure	P1: 0.05 to 0.9MPa P2: 0.2 to 0.9MPa (Air operated: P2, P3: 0.2 to 0.9MPa P2≤P3)							
Repeatability	0.01MPa							
Sensitivity	0.01MPa							
Response time	60ms or less							
Max. operating frequency	3 cycles/sec.							
No. of needle rotations	6 turns	8 turns						
Mounting	Free							
Lubrication	Not required (use turbine oil No. 1 ISO VG32, if lubricated)							
Port size Rc(PT)	Port	04	06	10	10	12	14	20
	P				1		1 1/4	
	A	1/2	3/4	1		1 1/4		2
R				1 1/4				
Effective area	mm <sup>2</sup>	130	160	180	300	330	590	670
	Cv	7.2	8.9	10	17	18	33	37
Weight (kg)	Air operated	Basic	2.0		3.2		4.7	
		Select	2.3		3.5		5.0	
	Solenoid	Basic	2.2		3.5		4.9	
		Select	2.6		3.8		5.3	

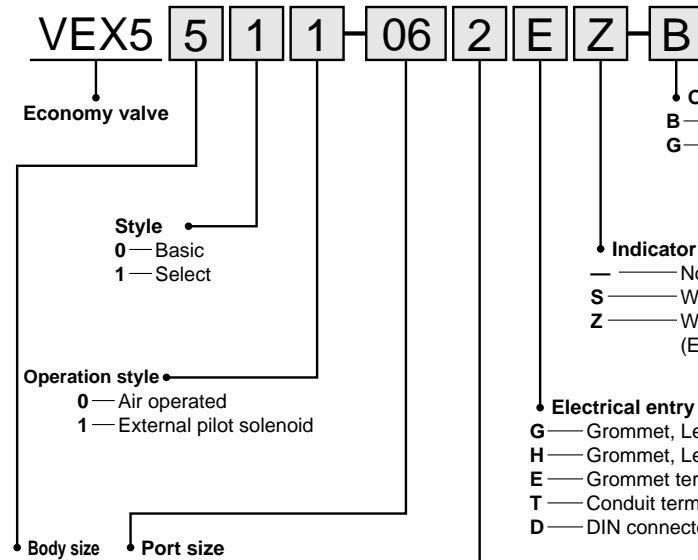
## Solenoid Specifications

Model	VEX5511, 5711, 5911, 5501, 5701, 5901		
Pilot valve	SF4-□□20		
Electrical entry	Grommet(G), Grommet terminal(E), Conduit terminal(T), DIN connector(D)		
Rated Voltage(V)	AC(50/60Hz)	100V, 200V, Other(Option)	
	DC	24V, Other(Options)	
Allowable voltage	-15% to +10% of rated voltage		
Coil insulation	Class B(130 °C) or equivalent		
Temperature rise	35°C or less		
Apparent power	AC	Inrush	5.6VA(50Hz), 5.0VA(60Hz)
		Holding	3.4VA(50Hz), 2.3VA(60Hz)
Power consumption	DC	1.8W	
Manual override	Non-locking push style		
Pilot port silencer	AN210-02		

## Accessories/Part No.

Description	Part No.		
	Model	VEX55□□ <sup>04</sup> <sub>06</sub> <sub>10</sub>	VEX57□□ <sup>10</sup> <sub>12</sub>
Bracket (With bolt and washer)	VEX5-32A	VEX7-32A	VEX9-32A
Pressure gauge	G46-10-01		

## How to Order



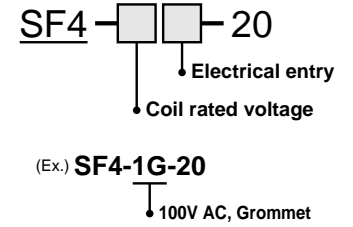
Body size	Port size Rc(PT)		
	P, A port	R port	
5	04	1/2	1/2
	06	3/4	3/4
	10	1	1
7	10	1	1 1/4
	12	1 1/4	
9	14	1 1/4	2
	20	2	

### Coil rated voltage

1	100V AC50/60Hz
2	200V AC50/60Hz
3*	110V AC50/60Hz
4*	220V AC50/60Hz
5	24V DC
6*	12V DC
7*	240V AC50/60Hz
9*	Other

\* Options

## How to Order Pilot valve



### Indicator light and surge voltage suppressor

- None
- S — With surge voltage suppressor (Only grommet)
- Z — With indicator light and surge voltage suppressor (Except for grommet)

### Electrical entry (Only solenoid)

- G — Grommet, Lead wire length 300mm
- H — Grommet, Lead wire length 600mm
- E — Grommet terminal
- T — Conduit terminal
- D — DIN connector

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### VEX5511-062EZ-BG

Body size 5, Select, External pilot solenoid

Port size Rc(PT) 3/4

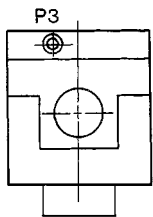
200V AC, Grommet terminal, Indicator light and surge voltage suppressor

Option...Bracket, with pressure gauge.

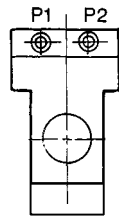
## Model

Model	Basic		Select		Port size Rc(PT)	
	Air operated	External pilot solenoid	Air operated	External pilot solenoid	P, A port	R port
Economy valve	VEX5500	VEX5501	VEX5510	VEX5511	1/2, 3/4, 1	1/2, 3/4, 1
	VEX5700	VEX5701	VEX5710	VEX5711	1, 1 1/4	1 1/4
	VEX5900	VEX5901	VEX5910	VEX5911	1 1/2, 2	2

## External Pilot Piping



R port size



P port size

### Caution

Refer to p.0-33 to 0-36 for Safety Instructions and common precautions

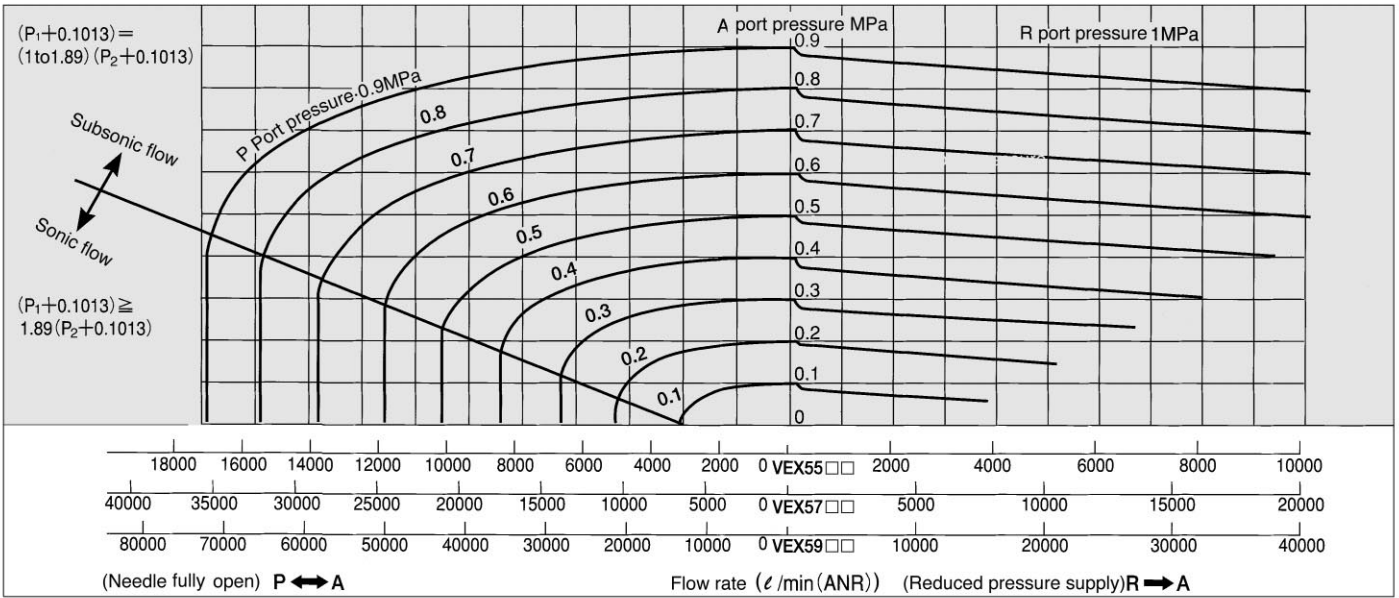
Model	P1	P2	P3
VEX5□00	External pilot	External pilot	Plug
VEX5□01	External pilot	External pilot	Pilot Exhaust
VEX5□10	External pilot	External pilot	External pilot
VEX5□11	External pilot	External pilot	Pilot Exhaust

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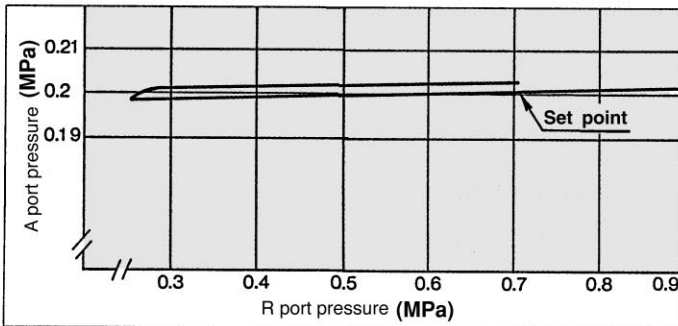
## Flow Characteristics



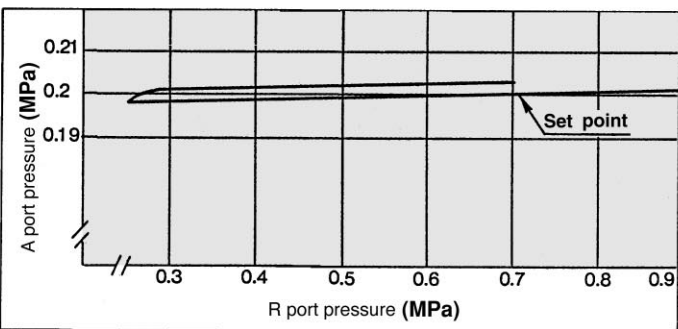
### Pressure Characteristics

Shows secondary pressure (A port) change against primary pressure (R port) change. They conform to JISB8372 (Air pressure regulator)

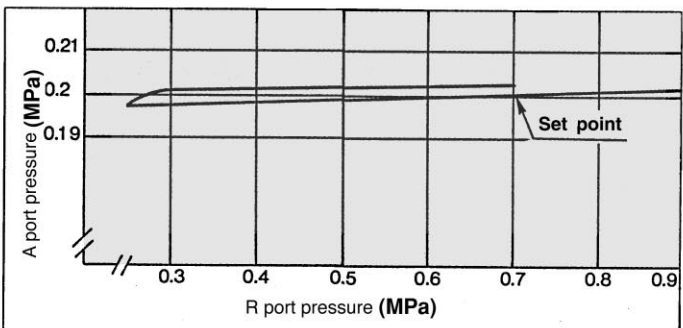
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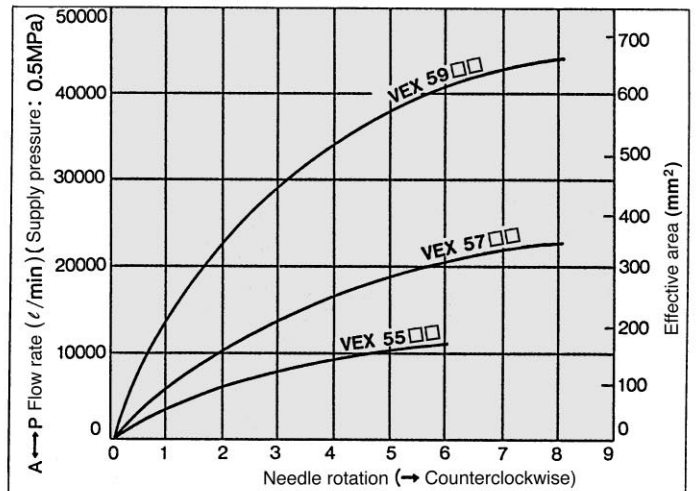
VEX57 □ □



VEX59 □ □

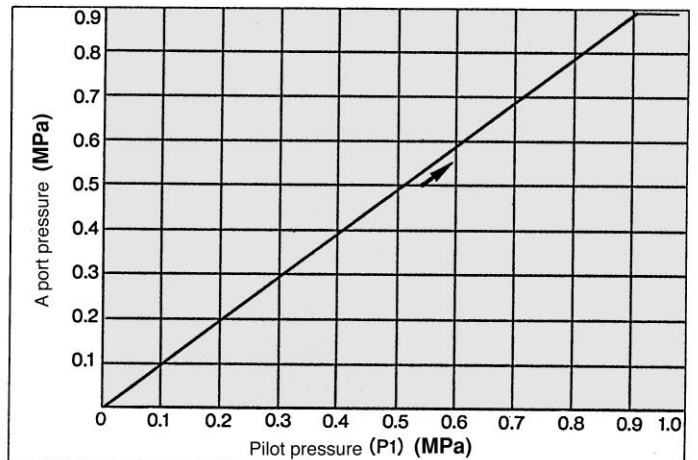


### Needle Characteristics A ↔ P



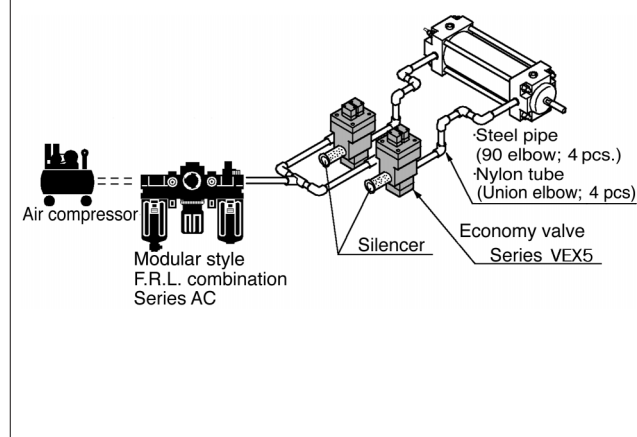
### Setting Pressure Characteristics

A port pressure is set according to pilot pressure (R → A: Non-relief regulator)

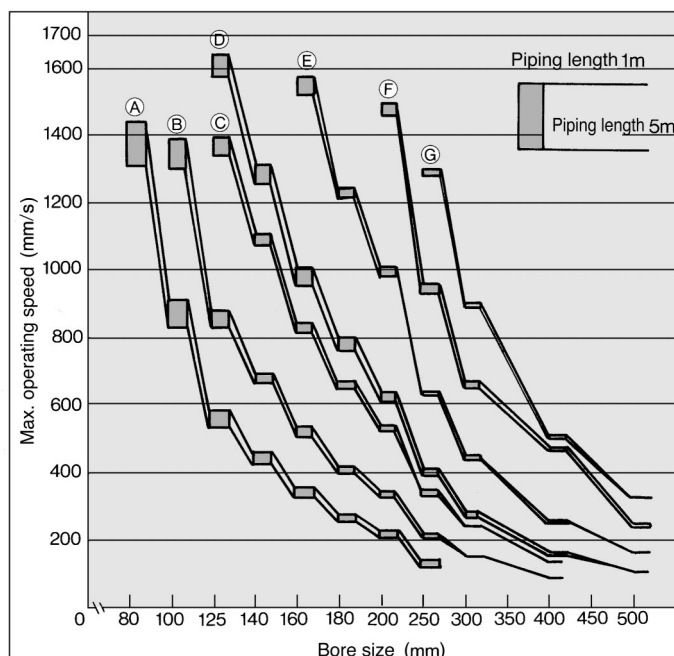


## Cylinder Speed

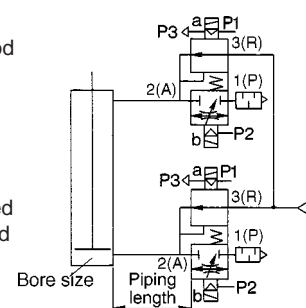
### System diagram



System	Solenoid valve	Silencer	Port size	Fitting (One side) 4 pcs
(A)	VEX55□□	AN400	SGP 1/2 B	90° Elbow
(B)	VEX55□□	AN500	3/4 B	90° Elbow
(C)	VEX55□□	AN600	1B	90° Elbow
(D)	VEX57□□	AN600	1B	90° Elbow
(E)	VEX57□□	AN700	1 1/4 B	90° Elbow
(F)	VEX59□□	AN800	1 1/2 B	90° Elbow
(G)	VEX59□□	AN900	2B	90° Elbow



- Supply air pressure  
Set pressure is 0.5MPa both on rod and head side.
- Needle fully open
- Load 50%
- 90° elbow 4 pcs.
- There is a limit to the relation between maximum operational speed and load in the cushion incorporated in the cylinder. Check it with the cylinder catalogue.
- Maximum working speed is 1.2 times when load factor is 0% and is 0.7 times when load factor is 75%.



## Energy Saving Lifter

### • Simple

Two economy valves and a tank move the double-acting cylinder to raise and lower heavy objects.

### • Energy saving

The balancing air reciprocates between the lower cylinder chamber and the tank, thus not being consumed. Low pressure air alone is exhausted from the upper chamber in every cycle, so the air consumption is reduced to 20 to 30% of the air consumption by the double acting cylinder with an ordinary change over valve.

### • Excellent operation control

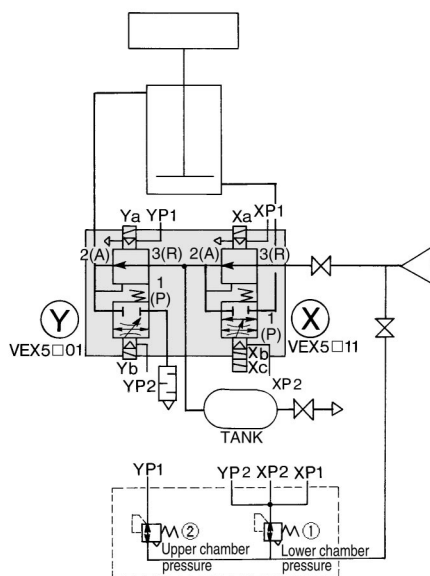
The economy valve sets pressure and permits high speed and low speed operation as well as suspension of operation. While the piston moves up and down, the valve controls speed change in the middle of strokes, terminal deceleration, inching, and emergency stops.

### • Simple operation

The pilot system is composed of a small regulator and solenoid valve (which is unnecessary for solenoid style), remote controls the economy valve.

Therefore, change in the pilot system sequence allows selection of a cylinder operation mode. Change in the large capacity main piping system is not necessary.

### <System configuration and operation of circuit in which external pilot solenoid is used >



The two economy valves (hereinafter called VEX) (X) and (Y) and a tank composes a main system that drives the double acting cylinder, and the small regulator (hereinafter called REG) and pilot valve (hereinafter called SOL) remote control the economy valve.

### Action

Cylinder	SOL	Xa	Xb	Xc	Yb	Ya	Mode
		Upward	High speed	ON	●	OFF	●
	Low speed	●	●	●	●	—	b
Downward	High speed	—	●	—	—	●	c
	Low speed	—	●	●	—	●	d
Stop		—	—	—	—	—	e

- The air in the upper cylinder chamber is exhausted from the P port of VEX (X), and the air in the tank flows in through the P port of VEX (Y).
- Air flows into the lower cylinder chamber through a throttled opening, set by a needle, from the A to P port of VEX (X).
- The air in the tank flows into the upper cylinder chamber at a preset low pressure from the A port of VEX (Y), while the air in the lower cylinder chamber returns to the tank through VEX (X).
- Air returns to the tank through a throttled opening from the P to the A port of VEX (X).
- The air in the lower cylinder chamber is blocked at the P port of VEX (X), while the air in the upper cylinder chamber is blocked at the A port of VEX (Y).

### ⚠ Caution

\* A lifter circuit can be composed of air operated valves. Contact SMC for details.

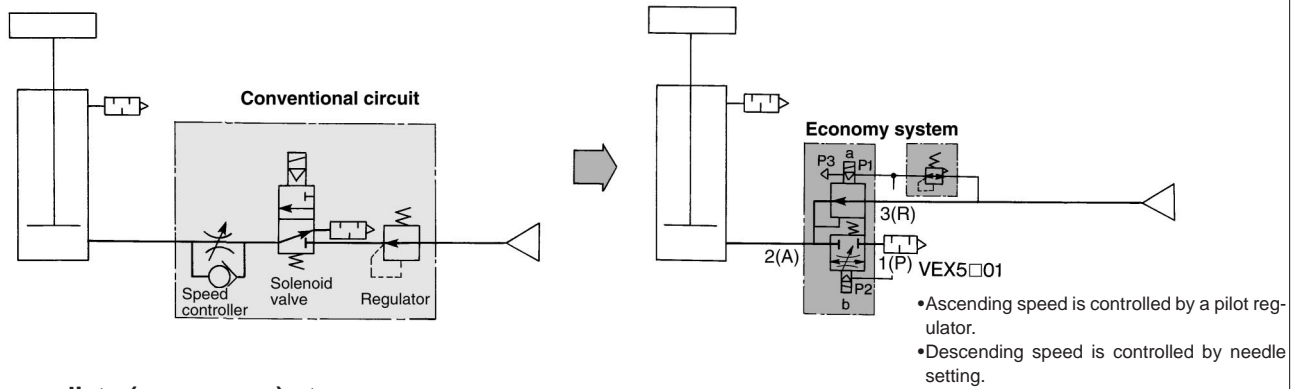
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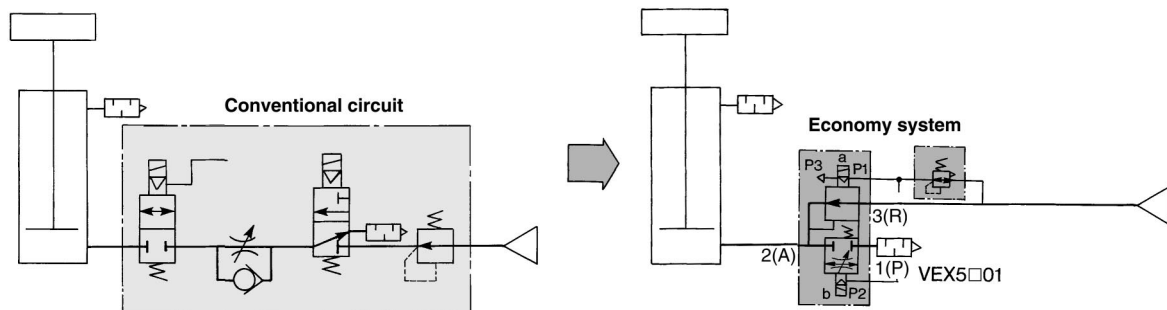
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**Applicable System/Example of Single Acting Circuit** (The valves can be used also for double acting circuits. Consult SMC for details.)

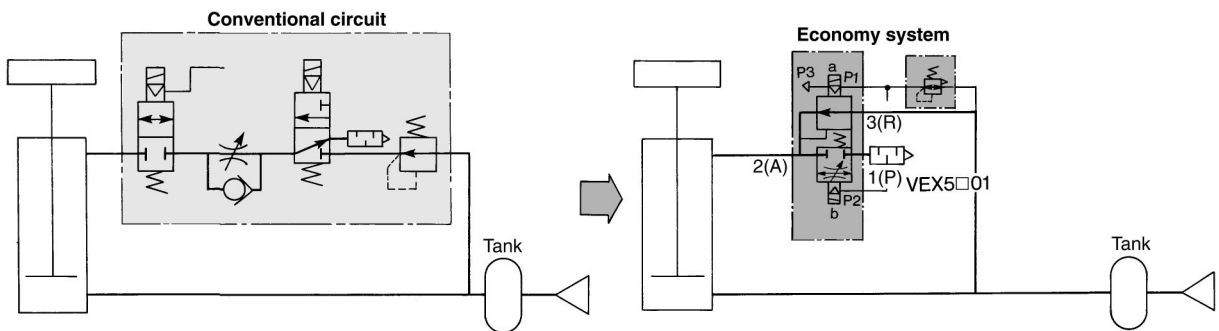
① **Speed control**



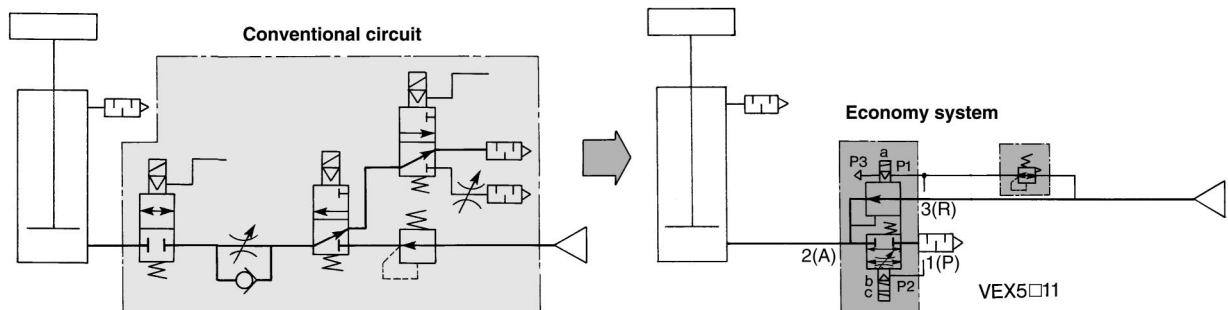
② **Intermediate (emergency) stop**



③ **Double pressure driving---Energy saving lifter (Air saving counter balance)**

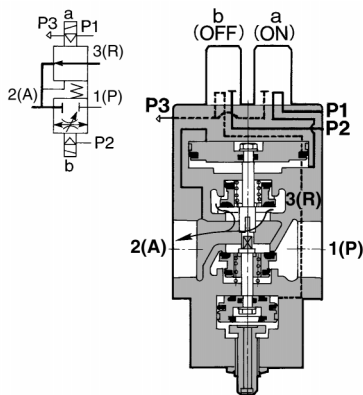


④ **Two speed driving**



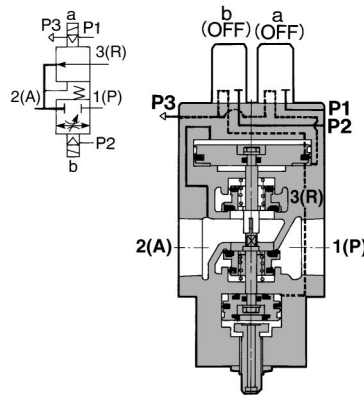
## Basic Construction/Principles

### (1) 3(R) → 2(A) Reduced pressure supply



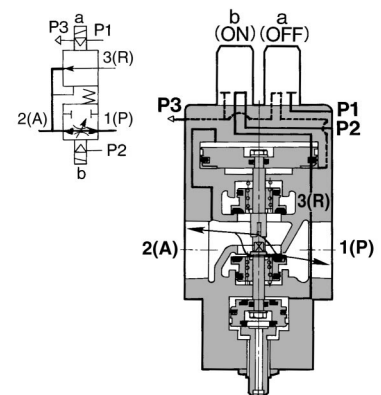
When the pilot solenoid valve "a" is energized (or when pilot pressure is applied to the P1 port of the air operated style) while the P1 port is under the pilot pressure, reduced pressure is supplied from the R port to the A port. The acting force of the pilot pressure (P1 port) reaches the space under the pressure control piston (3) pushes the piston upward and opens the poppet valve (6). Thus air is supplied from the R port to the A port. The air entering through the A port flows through the feedback passage to the space above the piston, and when its pressure balances with the pilot pressure under the pressure control piston, the poppet valve closes, thus setting the A port pressure corresponding to the pilot pressure (P1 port). (P1 port pressure: A port pressure = 1:1)

### (2) Closed center



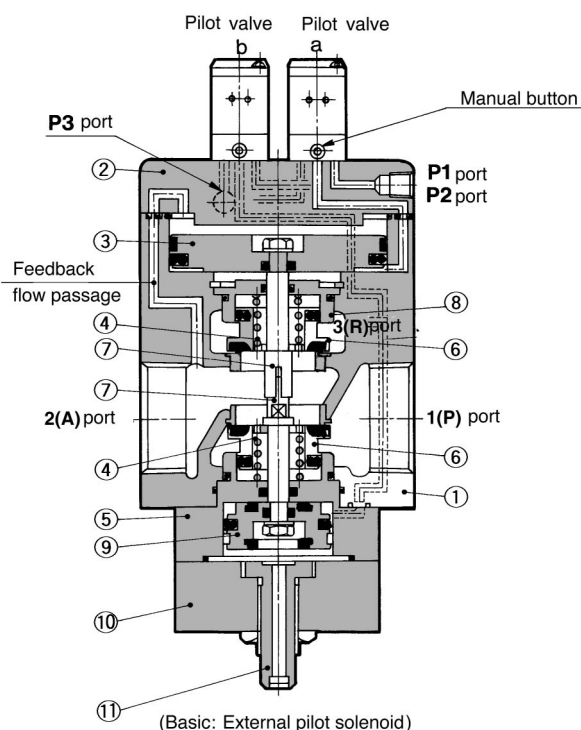
When neither the pilot solenoid valves "a" or "b" is energized (or when no pilot pressure is applied to the P1 and P2 ports of the air operated style), no acting force is applied to the pressure control piston (3) and operation piston (9), and the spring (4) closes both poppet valves (6), thus the valves assuming the closed centre position. While the A port is being pressurized, air will not be released even if electrical power to the pilot solenoid valve "a" is turned off (or pilot pressure if released from the P1 port of the air operated style). (R → A: Non relief regulator)

### (3) 2(A) ↔ 1(P) Throttled exhaust



When the pilot solenoid valve "b" is energized while pilot pressure is in the P2 port (or when the pilot pressure is applied to the P2 port of the air operated style), an acting force generated above the operation piston (9) pushes the operation piston down, and thus the P and A ports are connected. At that time, the lower poppet valve (6) opens by the degree preset by the needle (11). (Counterclockwise rotation of the needle opens the poppet valve.) The upper and lower poppet valves operate independently. When the pilot solenoid valves "a" and "b" are energized alternately (or when pilot pressure is applied to the P1 and P2 ports of the air operated style alternately), the supplied reduced pressure (R → A) can be throttled and exhausted (A → P).

## Construction

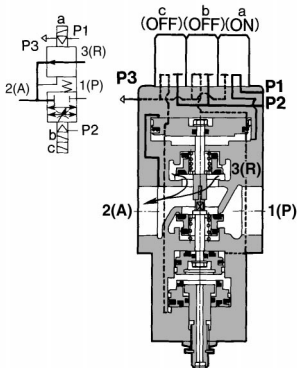


### Component Parts

No.	Description	Material
①	Body	Aluminium alloy casting
②	Cover	Aluminium alloy casting
③	Regulation piston	Aluminium alloy
④	Spring	Stainless steel
⑤	Chamber	Aluminium alloy
⑥	Poppet valve	NBR
⑦	Rod	Stainless steel
⑧	Valve guide	Aluminium alloy
⑨	Operating piston	Aluminium alloy
⑩	Bottom cover	Aluminium alloy
⑪	Needle	Brass

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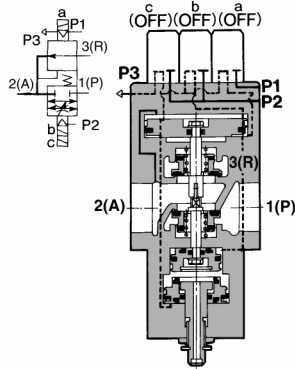
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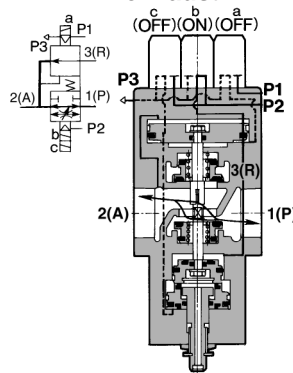
### (2) Closed center



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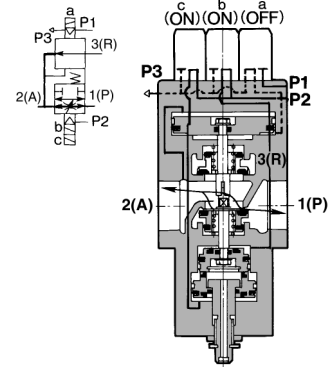
### (3) 2(A) → 1(P) Fully open exhaust



When the pilot solenoid valve "b" is energized while pilot pressure is in the P2 port (or when the pilot pressure is applied to the P2 port of the air operated style), an acting force generated above the operation piston (9), and pushes down the operation piston, and thus the P and A ports are connected.

At that time, the lower poppet valve (6) fully opens.

### (4) 2(A) → 1(P) Throttled exhaust

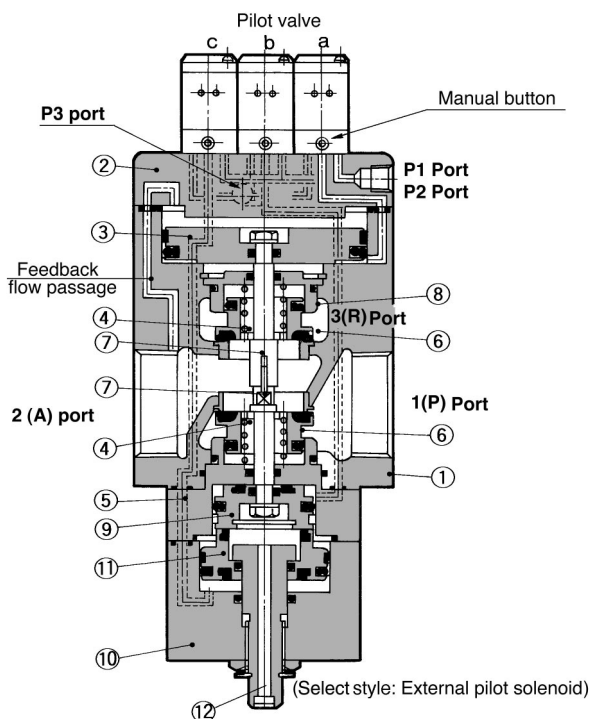


When the pilot solenoid valves "b" and "c" are energized simultaneously while pilot pressure is in the P2 port (or when the pilot pressure is applied simultaneously to the P2 and P3 ports of the air operated style), an acting force generated above the operation piston (9) pushes the piston down and another acting force generated under the stopper (11) pushes up the stopper, and thus the P and A parts are connected. At that time, the lower poppet valve (6) opens by the degree preset by the needle (12) (Counterclockwise rotation of the needle opens the poppet valve.)

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\* The pilot solenoid valve "c" remains energized (or pilot pressure remains applied to the P3 port of the air operated style).  
By turning on/off the pilot solenoid valve "c" (or by supplying/exhausting pilot pressure to/from the P3 port of the air operated style) while electric power is being supplied to the pilot solenoid valve "b" (or pilot pressure is being applied to the P2 port of the air operated style), either throttling or fully open exhaust can be selected (deceleration/acceleration) for the A ↔ P port.

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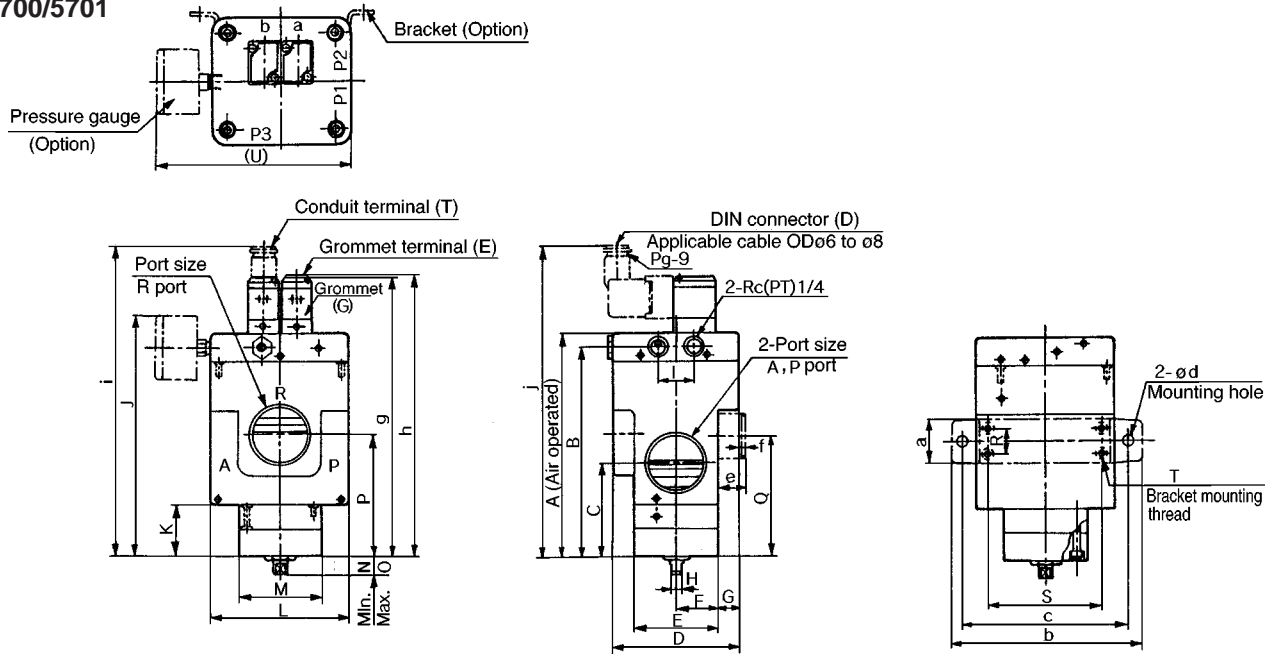


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## Basic Dimensions

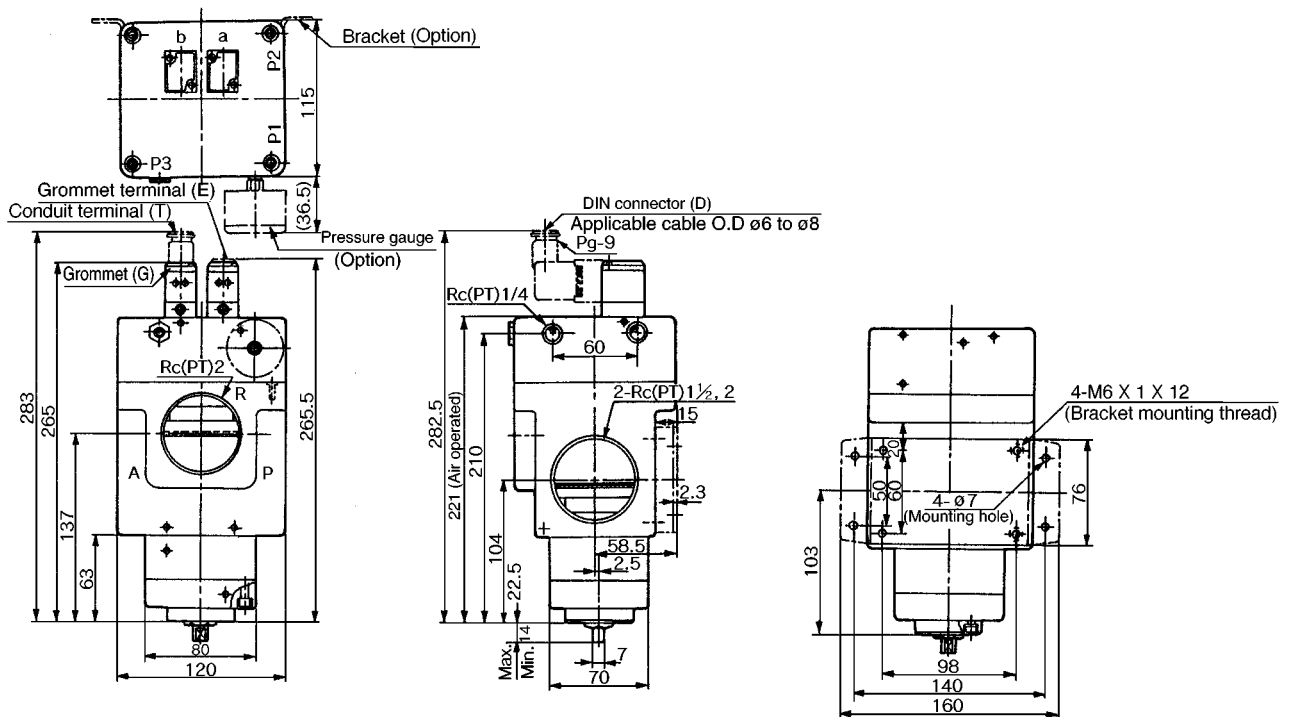
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Model	Port size		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U
	A, P port	R port																					
VEX5500	Rc(PT)	Rc(PT)	143.5	133.5	62.5	70	50	25	10	7	25	156.5	36.5	80	60	16.5	20	81.5	83.5	Center	60	2-M6 X 1 X Depth 9	116.5
VEX5501	1/2, 3/4, 1	1/2, 3/4, 1																					
VEX5700	Rc(PT)	Rc(PT)	160.5	150.5	62.5	90	60	30	15	7	25	173.5	37.5	100	60	13	17	88.5	86.5	18	82	4-M6 X 1 X Depth 6	136.5
VEX5701	1, 1 1/4	1 1/4																					

Model	Bracket mounting dimensions						Grommet	Grommet terminal	Conduit terminal	DIN connector
	a	b	c	ød	e	f				
VEX5500	19	130	110	9	12	2.3	187	187.5	205.5	205
VEX5501										
VEX5700	32	136	120	9	20	2.3	204	204.5	222.5	222
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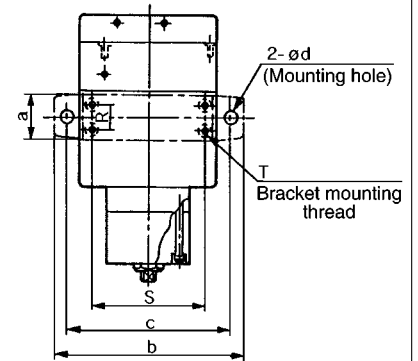
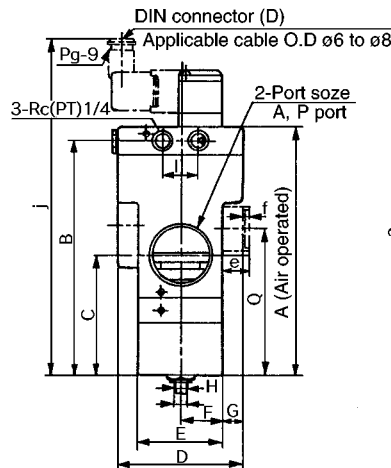
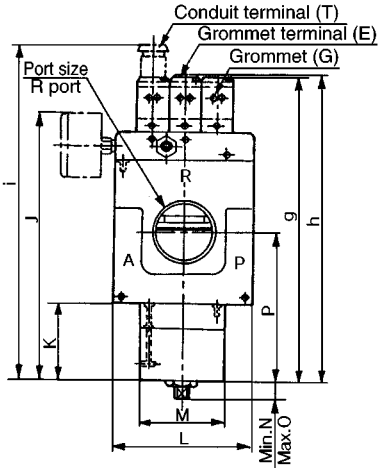
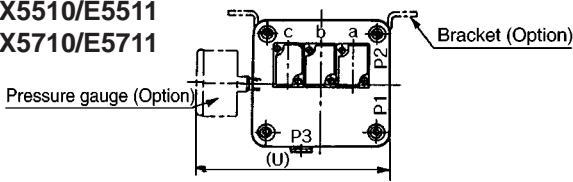
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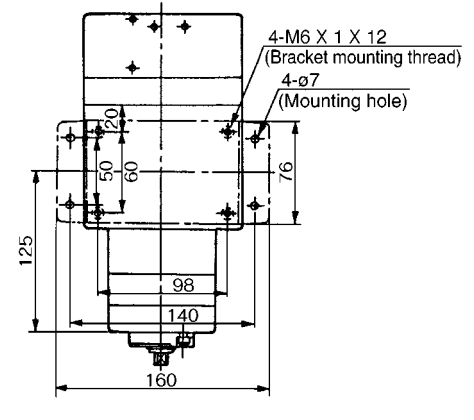
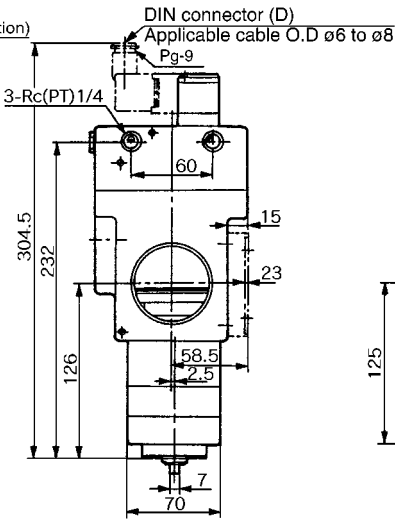
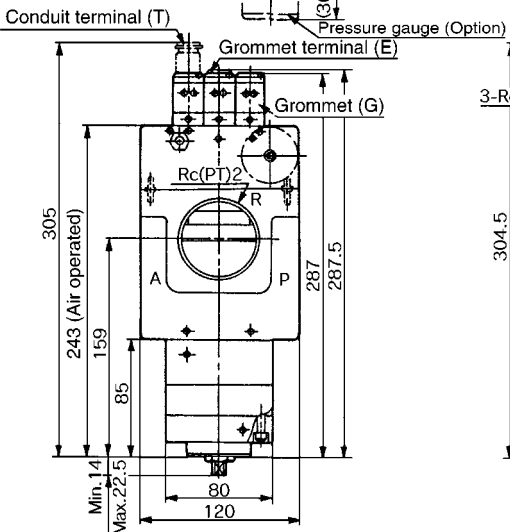
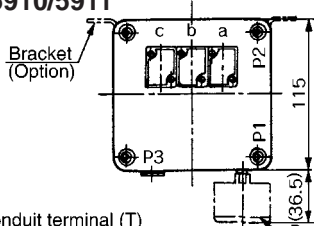
VEX5510/E5511  
VEX5710/E5711



Model	Port size		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U
	A, P port	R port																					
VEX5510	Rc(PT)	Rc(PT)	160	150	79	70	50	25	10	7	25	173	53	80	60	13	18	98	100	Center	60	2-M6 X 1 X depth 9	116.5
VEX5511	1/2, 3/4, 1	1/2, 3/4, 1																					
VEX5710	Rc(PT)	Rc(PT)	177.5	167.5	84.5	90	60	30	15	7	25	190.5	54.5	100	60	13	17	105.5	103.5	18	82	4-M6 X 1 X depth 6	136.5
VEX5711	1, 1 1/4	1 1/4																					

Model	Bracket mounting dimensions						Grommet	Grommet terminal	Conduit terminal	DIN connector
	a	b	c	ød	e	f				
VEX5510	19	130	110	9	12	2.3	204	204.5	222	221.5
VEX5511										
VEX5710	32	136	120	9	20	2.3	221	221.5	239.5	239
VEX5711										

VEX5910/5911



## Others

### Silencer (Series AN)

- Over 30dB noise reduction
- Sufficient effective area



Model	Connection R(PT)	Effective area (mm <sup>2</sup> )
<b>AN110</b>	1/8	35
<b>AN200</b>	1/4	35
<b>AN300</b>	3/8	60
<b>AN400</b>	1/2	90
<b>AN500</b>	3/4	160
<b>AN600</b>	1	270
<b>AN700</b>	1 1/4	440
<b>AN800</b>	1 1/2	590
<b>AN900</b>	2	960



• Refer to p.5.2-1 for details.

### Exhaust Cleaner (Series AMC)

- Provides a silencing capability and an oil mist recovery function.
- Can also be used in a centralized piping system.



Model	Connection R(PT)	Effective area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	Max.air flow (ℓ/min)
<b>AMC310</b>	3/8	16	300
<b>AMC510</b>	3/4	55	1,000
<b>AMC610</b>	1	165	3,000
<b>AMC810</b>	1 1/2	330	6,000
<b>AMC910</b>	2	550	10,000

- 99.9% of oil mist removal.
- Over 35dB noise reduction.



• Refer to p.5.3-1 for details.

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