



Operation Manual

PRODUCT NAME

Direct Operated 3-port solenoid valve

MODEL / Series / Product Number

Series: VT/O 307
(Model number: VT/O 307-***1-**)

* Body colour: White

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Safety Instructions

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

- *1) ISO 4414: Pneumatic fluid power -- General rules relating to systems
- ISO 4413: Hydraulic fluid power -- General rules relating to systems
- IEC 60204-1: Safety of machinery -- Electrical equipment of machines (Part 1: General requirements)
- ISO 10218-1: Manipulating industrial robots -- Safety
- etc.



Caution

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



Warning

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



Danger

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

Warning

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. Our products cannot be used beyond their specifications. Our products are not developed, designed, and manufactured to be used under the following conditions or environments. Use under such conditions or environments is not covered.

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, fuel equipment, entertainment equipment, emergency shut-off circuits, press clutches, rake 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.



Safety Instructions

Caution

We develop, design, and manufacture our products to be used for automatic control equipment, and provide them for peaceful use in manufacturing business.

Use in non-manufacturing business is not covered.

Products we manufacture and sell cannot be used for the purpose of transactions or certification specified in the Measurement Act.

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.*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) 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 regulation 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.



3 port solenoid valve/ Precautions (1)

Be sure to read before handling.

Design / Selection

Warning

(1) Confirm the specifications.

This product is designed only for use in compressed air systems (including vacuum).

Do not operate at pressures, temperatures, etc., beyond the range of specifications, as this can cause damage or malfunction. (Refer to the specifications.)

Please contact SMC when using a fluid other than compressed air (including vacuum).

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 (such as the installation of a cover or the restricting of access to the product) to prevent potential danger caused by actuator operation.

(3) Effects of back pressure when using a manifold

Use caution when valves are used on a manifold because actuators may malfunction due to back pressure.

Especially, when a single acting cylinder is operated, caution is necessary. When there is a danger of such malfunction, take countermeasures such as using an individual exhaust manifold.

(4) Holding pressure (including vacuum)

Since valves 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 shutoff valve, etc.

These valves are not designed for safety applications such as an emergency shutoff valve. If the valves are used for the mentioned applications, additional safety measures should be adopted.

(6) Release of residual pressure

For maintenance and inspection purposes install a system for releasing residual pressure.

(7) Operation in a vacuum condition

When a valve is used for switching a vacuum, take measures to install a suction filter or similar to prevent external dust or other foreign matter from entering inside the valve.

In addition, at the time of vacuum adsorption, be sure to supply a constant supply of vacuum. Failure to do so may result in foreign matter sticking to the adsorption pad or air leakage, causing the workpiece to drop.

(8) Regarding vacuum switch valves and vacuum release valves

If a non-vacuum valve is installed in the middle of a piping system that contains a vacuum, the vacuum condition will not be maintained. Use a valve designed for use under vacuum conditions.

(9) Ventilation

Provide ventilation when using a valve in a confined area, such as in a closed control panel. For example, install a ventilation opening, etc., in order to prevent pressure from increasing inside of the confined area and to release the heat generated by the valve.

(10) Energizing for extended periods of time

Caution hot surface

* Be aware that the valve surface may get hot.

• If a valve is continuously energized for an extended period of time, the temperature of the valve will increase due to the heat generated by the coil. This will likely adversely affect the performance of the solenoid valve and any nearby peripheral equipment. Therefore, when the total energizing time per day is expected to be longer than the total de-energizing time per day, use a low-wattage type or continuous duty type valve.

Depending on the operating conditions, it may be possible to use valves which are not mentioned above. Please contact SMC. In addition, it is possible to shorten the energizing time by using a N.O. (normal open) valve.

• When the valve is mounted onto a control panel, incorporate measures to limit the heat radiation so that it is within the operating temperature range.

For example, the temperature will be high when a 3 station manifold or larger is put next to other valves and continuously energised.

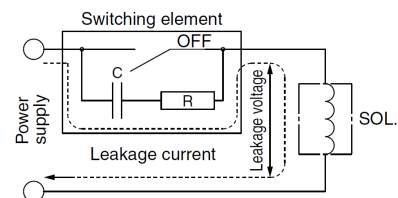
(11) Do not disassemble the product or make any modifications, including additional machining.

Doing so may cause human injury and/or an accident.

Caution

(1) Leakage voltage

Take note that the leakage voltage will increase when a resistor is used in parallel with a switching element or when a C-R circuit (surge voltage suppressor) is used for protecting a switching device because of the leakage voltage passing through the C-R circuit. The suppressor residual leakage voltage should be as follows.



DC coil 3% or less of rated voltage

AC coil 15% or less of rated voltage

(2) Solenoid valve drive for AC with a solid state output (SSR, TRIAC output, etc.)

1) Current leakage

When using a snubber circuit (C-R element) for surge protection of the output, a very small amount of electrical current will continue to flow even during the OFF state.

This results in the valve not returning. In a situation where the tolerance is exceeded, as in the above case, take measures to install a bleeder resistor.

2) Minimum allowable load amount (Min. load current)

When the consumption current of a valve is less than the output's minimum allowable load volume or the margin is small, the output may not switch normally. Please contact SMC.



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3 port solenoid valve/ Precautions (2)

Be sure to read before handling.

Design / Selection

⚠ Caution

(3) Surge voltage suppressor

If a surge protection circuit contains nonstandard diodes, such as Zener diodes or varistor, a residual voltage that is in proportion to the protective circuit and the rated voltage will remain. Therefore, take into consideration the surge voltage protection of the controller.

In the case of diodes, the residual voltage is approximately 1 V.

(4) Operation in low temperature conditions

It is possible to operate this valve in extreme temperature, as low as -10°C . Take appropriate measures to avoid the freezing of drainage, moisture, etc., in low temperatures.

(5) Mounting orientation

Mounting orientation is unrestricted.

Mounting

⚠ Warning

(1) Operation Manual (this document)

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 and inspection.

(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 operate 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 on 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

⚠ Caution

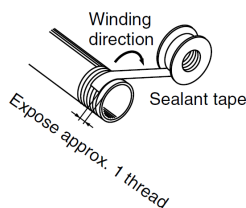
(1) Preparation before piping

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.

(2) Winding of sealant 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 sealant tape is used, leave 1 thread ridge exposed at the end of the threads.



(3) Connection of fittings

When screwing fittings into valves, tighten as follows.

Tightening Torque for applicable piping

| Connection thread | Proper tightening torque (N·m) |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Rc 1/8 | 3 to 5 |
| Rc 1/4 | 8 to 12 |

(4) Piping to products

When piping to a product, refer to the catalog to avoid mistakes in the position of the supply port, etc.

Wiring

⚠ Caution

(1) Polarity

When connecting power to a solenoid valve with a DC specification and a light or surge voltage suppressor, check for polarity.

If the polarity connection is wrong, the valve will not operate.

(2) Applied voltage:

When electric power is connected to a solenoid valve, be careful to apply the proper voltage. Improper voltage may cause malfunction or coil damage.

(3) Check the connections.

Check if the connections are correct after completing all wiring.

(4) External force applied to the lead wire

If an excessive force is applied to the lead wire, this may cause faulty wiring. Take appropriate measures so that a force of 30 N or more is not applied to the lead wire.

Lubrication

⚠ Warning

(1) Lubrication

1) The product has been lubricated for life by the manufacturer and therefore, does not require lubrication while in service.

2) If a lubricant is used in the system, use class 1 turbine oil (no additives), ISO VG32.

Once a lubricant is used in the system, lubrication must be continued because the original lubricant applied during manufacture will be washed away.

If turbine oil is used, refer to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) of the oil.

Air Supply

⚠ Warning

(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 the malfunction of pneumatic equipment. An air dryer or water separator should be installed upstream from filters.



3 port solenoid valve/ Precautions (3)

Be sure to read before handling.

Air Supply

Warning

(3) Drain flushing

If condensation in the drain bowl is not emptied on a regular basis, the bowl will overflow. This may cause the malfunction of pneumatic equipment.

If the drain bowl is difficult to check and remove, the installation of a drain bowl with an auto drain option is recommended.

For detailed information regarding the quality of the compressed air described above, refer to SMC's Best Pneumatics catalog.

(4) Use clean air.

Do not use compressed air that contains chemicals, synthetic oils that include organic solvents, salt, corrosive gases, etc., as it can cause damage or malfunction.

Caution

- (1) When extremely dry air is used as the fluid, degradation of the lubrication properties inside 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 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.

(4) 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.

For detailed information regarding the quality of the compressed air described above, refer to SMC's Best Pneumatics catalog.

Operating Environment

Warning

- (1) Do not use in an atmosphere containing 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. Usage may cause a fire or explosion. 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.

- (7) When the solenoid valve is mounted in a control panel or its energized for a long time, make sure the ambient temperatures is within the specification of the valve.

Caution

(1) Temperature of ambient environment

Use the valve within the range of the ambient temperature specification of each valve. In addition, pay attention when using the valve in environments where the temperature changes drastically.

(2) Humidity of ambient environment

- When using the valve in environments with low humidity, take measures to prevent static.
- If the humidity rises, take measures to prevent the adhesion of water droplets on the valve.

Maintenance

Warning

- (1) Perform maintenance inspection according to the procedures indicated in the operation manual (this document).

If handled improperly, human injury and/or malfunction or damage of machinery and equipment may occur.

(2) Removal of equipment, and supply/exhaust of compressed air

Before components are removed, first confirm that measures are in place to prevent workpieces from dropping, run-away equipment, etc. Then, cut off the supply air and electric power, and exhaust all air pressure from the system using the residual pressure release function.

When the equipment is operated after remounting or replacement, first confirm that measures are in place to prevent the 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

When a manual override is operated, connected equipment will be actuated.

Operate only after safety is confirmed.

- (5) If the volume of air leakage increases or the valve does not operate normally, do not use the valve.

Perform periodic maintenance on the valve to confirm the operating condition and check for any air leakage.

Caution

(1) Drain flushing

Remove drainage from the air filters regularly.

(2) Lubrication

Once lubrication has been started, it must be continued.

Use class 1 turbine oil (with no additives), VG32. If other lubricant oil is used, it may cause a malfunction.



VT307 Series 3 port solenoid valve Specific Product Precautions (1)

Be sure to read before handling.

How to use DIN connector

Disassembly

- 1) Loosen screw (1) and pull up housing (2) in the direction of screw (1) to remove the connector from the body (solenoid).
- 2) Pull out screw (1) from housing (2).
- 3) On the bottom part of terminal block (3), there is a notch (9). If a small flat head screwdriver is inserted into the gap between housing (2) and terminal block (3), terminal block (3) will be removed from housing (2). (See diagram at the top right of the page.)
- 4) Remove cable gland (4), washer (5) rubber seal (6).

Wiring

- 1) Insert cable gland (4), washer (5) and rubber seal (6) into cable (7) in order, and insert it into housing (2).
- 2) Loosen screws (11) on terminal (3). Insert lead wires (10) and tighten screws (11) again.
 - Note 1) The tightening torque should be 0.5 N·m +/- 15%.
 - Note 2) Crimped terminal like round-shape or Y-shape cannot be used.
 - Note 3) The insulation stripping allowance of lead wire (10) should be 3 to 5 mm.

Assembly

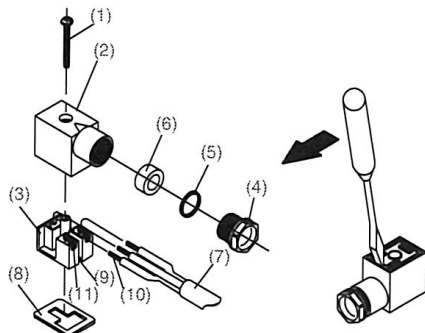
- 1) Insert cable gland (4), washer (5) and rubber seal (6) and housing (2) into cable (7) in order. Connect cable (7) to terminal block (3) and fix terminal block (3) to housing (2) in place. (Push it down until you hear the click sound.)
 - 2) Insert rubber seal (6) and washer (5) into the cable entry on housing (2) in order, and tighten cable gland (4) securely.
 - 3) Insert gasket (8) into the gap between the bottom of terminal box (3) and plug on the equipment, and insert screw (1) from the top of housing (2) to tighten them.
- Note 1) The tightening torque should be 0.5 N·m +/- 20%.

Changing the entry direction

The orientation of a connector can be changed 180°, depending on the combination of a housing (2) and a terminal block (3).

Connector for DIN Terminal, Gasket

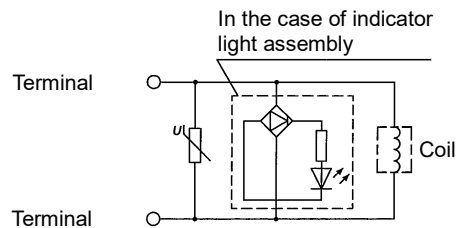
| Description | Part no. | Cable (7) O.D. Dimensions mm |
|---------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| DIN connector | B1B09-2A (Standard) | ø6~ø8 |
| | GM209NJ-B17 (CE/UKCA-compliant) | ø4.5~ø7 |
| Gasket | CAXT623-6-7-12 (Standard) | — |
| | CAXT623-6-7-11 (CE/UKCA-compliant) | — |



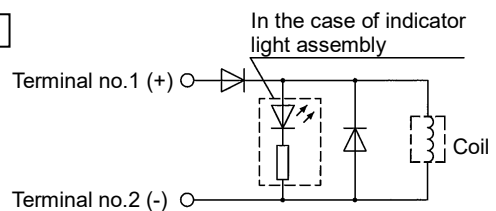
Indicator Light/Surge Voltage Suppressor

Caution

AC



DC

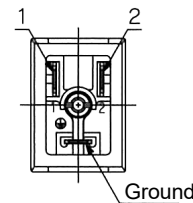


Electrical Connection

Caution

The DIN connector terminal and conduit terminal (with indicator light/surge voltage suppressor) are wired internally as shown below. Connect each of the wire to the corresponding wire of the power supply.

DIN terminal block



| | | |
|--------------|---|---|
| Terminal no. | 1 | 2 |
| DIN terminal | + | - |

Lead wire color

| Voltage specification | Color |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 100 VAC | Blue |
| 200 VAC | Red |
| DC polar indication | Red (+), black (-) |
| Others | Gray |



VT307 Series 3 port solenoid valve/ Specific Product Precautions (2)

Be sure to read before handling.

Operation in a vacuum condition

⚠ Caution

For operation in a vacuum condition, use VT/O307V. Note that if the valve is used in an environment where the product is exposed to a large amount of dust, install a filter to the 3(R) port. If a suction pad is used, install a filter between the suction pad and valve. However, they have a different application from the vacuum retaining solenoid valve.

| Specifications | Function plate |
|----------------|----------------|
| N.C. | No mark |
| N.O. | NO |

Piping (Manifold)

⚠ Caution

For the common exhaust type, pressurization or evacuation of the 3 (R) port can cause a malfunction.

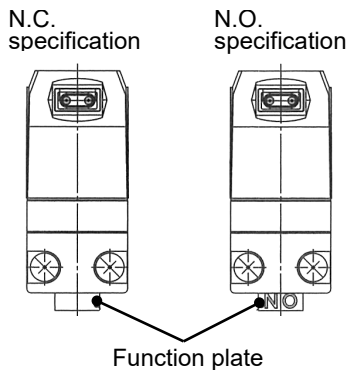
Manifold

⚠ Caution

- (1) Each valve is fixed to the manifold base with two M4 mounting screws. Tighten the screws evenly when re-mounting.
- (2) For mounting, tighten M4 or equivalent screws evenly into the mounting holes of the manifold base.
Tightening torque of the mounting screws (M4): 1.4 N·m

⚠ Warning

- (1) When using the manifold, if the actuator may malfunction due to back-pressure, use an individual exhaust type manifold.
- (2) When mounting a valve on the manifold base, N.C. and N.O. can be reversed by the function plate orientation. Also, since the cylinder operates in reverse, confirm if the function plate is correctly mounted or not.



Changing from N.C. to N.O.

⚠ Caution

This product is delivered as a N.C. valve. If N.O. valve is required, remove mounting screws of the required valve and turn over the function plate. (Make sure that there are gaskets on both sides of the plate.) Then, tighten the mounting screws to fix the valve to the manifold base.

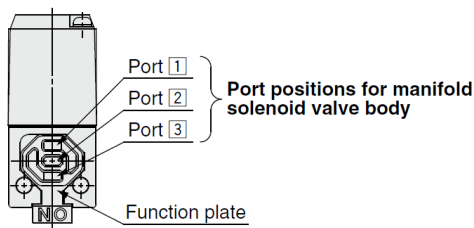
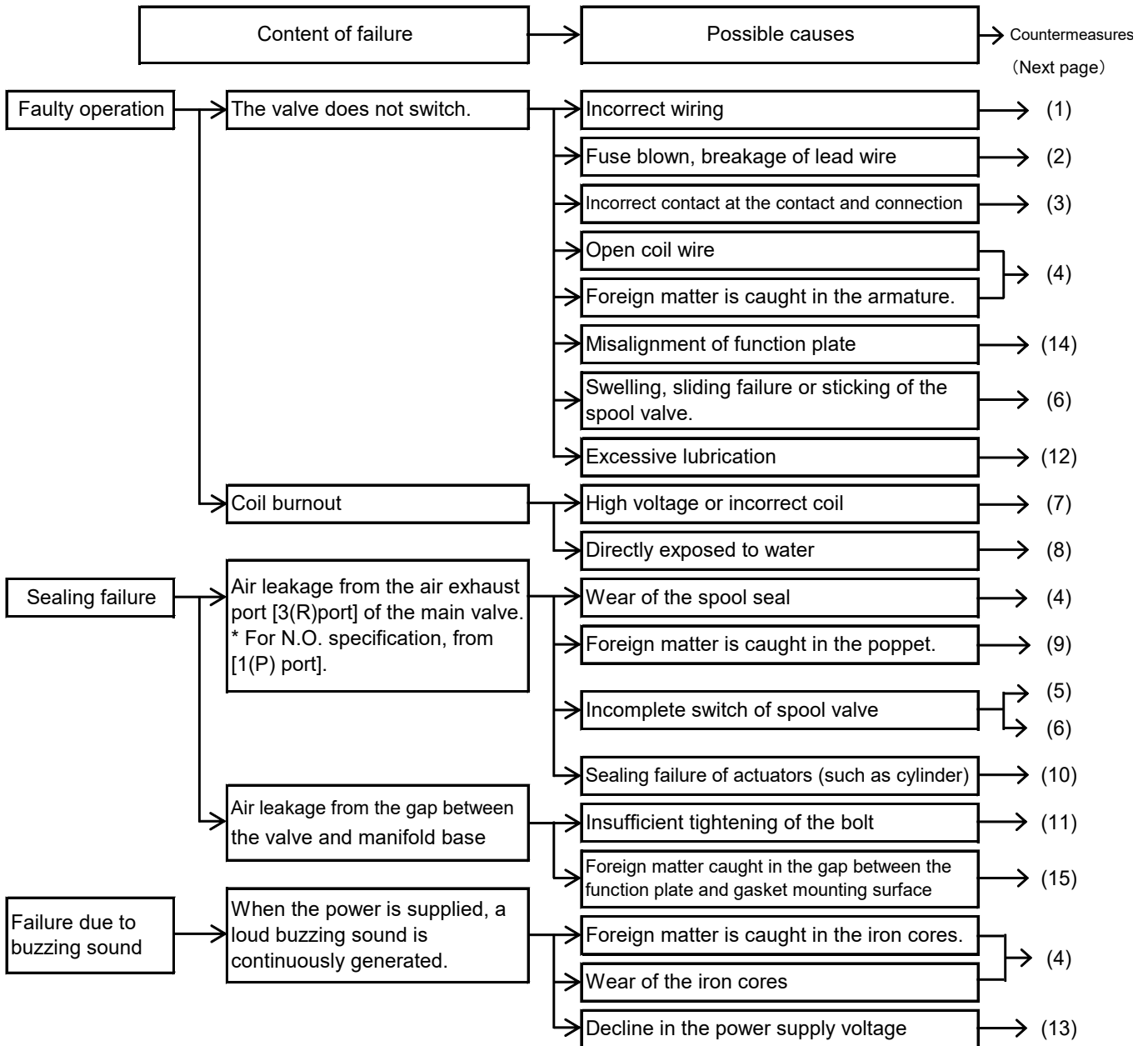


Figure: For N.C.

Troubleshooting

Should any trouble occur during operation, trace the source of the problem in the following list and take appropriate countermeasures.



Countermeasures

| No. | Countermeasures |
|------|--|
| (1) | Connect wires correctly. |
| (2) | Replace the part. |
| (3) | Replace the part or connect wires correctly. |
| (4) | Replace the valve. |
| (5) | Adjust the pressure so that the pilot pressure stays within the specification range at the time of operation. |
| (6) | If incorrect oil has been used for lubrication, remove the oil using a pneumatic blow gun, and replace the valve with a new one. If a lubricant is used in the system after the replacing the valve, use turbine oil Class 1 (with no additive) ISO VG32. If there is a large amount of condensation or condensate cannot be removed completely, mount an auto drain or install a dryer and replace the valve. |
| (7) | Check the voltage and replace the valve. |
| (8) | Protect the valve especially the coil to prevent it from being exposed to water. |
| (9) | If air leakage is caused by foreign matter, remove the foreign matter in the piping using a pneumatic blow gun and replace the valve. |
| (10) | Repair or replace the actuators. |
| (11) | Stop the air and additionally tighten the bolt. |
| (12) | Reduce the amount of lubrication to the amount at which the oil does not splash from the exhaust port [3(R) port]. * For N.O. specification, from [1(P) port]. |
| (13) | Adjust the voltage so that voltage during operation will satisfy the specification. |
| (14) | Align the function plate. |
| (15) | Remove foreign matter. |

If the countermeasures above are not effective, there may be a problem with the valve. In that case, stop using the valve immediately.

If any of the examples below are applicable, there may be an internal problem in the valve. In that case, stop using the valve immediately.

1. Voltage was outside of the rated voltage.
2. Oils other than specified were supplied.
3. Lubrication was stopped in the middle of lubrication. Or, lubrication was interrupted temporarily
4. Directly exposed to water
5. Severe impact was applied.
6. Foreign matter such as condensate or rubber entered.
7. Other than those specified, if precautions on the operation manual apply.

If the product malfunctions, please return the valve as it is.

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