

Operation Manual

PRODUCT NAME

Electric Vacuum Gripper for Collaborative Robots

MODEL / Series / Product Number

ZXPE5 Series

- Hardware -

The outward appearance showed on this manual is an example of the vacuum gripper with suction cups which is indicated by the product number: ZXPE5A*-25JS-*. Refer to the suction cup catalog for the detail of other applicable suction cups.

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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)^{*}, and other safety regulations.

- *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.

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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.
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 - 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, 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.



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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.

 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. Prior to using SMC products, please read and understand the warranty terms and disclaimers noted in the

- 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 are excluded from this 1 year warranty.

A suction cup 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 or failure due to the deterioration of rubber material are not covered by the limited warranty

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Explanation of Symbols

Symbol	Definition
\bigcirc	Things you must not do. Instructions are provided as a drawing or sentence next to the symbol.
•	Things you must do Instructions are provided as a drawing or sentence next to the symbol.

Operator

- 1. This Operation Manual is intended for those who have knowledge of machinery using pneumatic equipment, and have sufficient knowledge of assembly, operation and maintenance of such equipment. Only those persons are allowed to perform assembly, operation and maintenance.
- 2. Read and understand this Operation Manual carefully before assembling, operating or providing maintenance to the product.

Safety Instructions

	<u> </u>
Disassembly prohibited	Do not disassemble, modify (including the replacement of board) or repair other than instructed in this manual. Otherwise, an injury or failure can result.
Do not	Do not operate the product outside of the specifications. Do not use for flammable or harmful fluids. Fire, malfunction, or damage to the product can result. Please check the specifications before use.
Do not	Do not use in an atmosphere containing flammable or explosive gases. Fire or an explosion can result. The product is not designed to be explosion proof.
Do not	Do not use the product in a place where static electricity is a problem. Otherwise failure or malfunction of the system can result.
Do not	Do not cut off the power and compressed air supplied to this product while it is operating. Otherwise it can cause injury due to dropping of workpieces or damage to the system.
Instruction	If using the product in an interlocking circuit - Provide a double interlocking system, for example a mechanical system. - Check the product for proper operation. Otherwise malfunction can result, causing an accident.
Instruction	 The following instructions must be followed during maintenance Turn off the power supply Stop the air supply, exhaust the residual pressure in piping and verify that the air is released before performing maintenance work. It may cause an injury.

	⚠ Caution
Do not touch	Do not touch the terminals and connectors while the power is on. Otherwise electric shock, malfunction or damage to the switch can result.
Instruction	Perform sufficient trial run. Otherwise, injury or damage to the system can result due to suction failure depending on the conditions of the suction of the workpiece. Perform sufficient verification before using this product.
Instruction	After maintenance is complete, perform appropriate functional inspections and leak test. Stop operation if the equipment does not function properly or there is leakage of fluid. If there is leakage from parts other than the piping, the product might be broken. Cut off the power supply and stop the fluid supply. Do not supply fluid if there is leakage. Safety cannot be assured in the case of an unexpected malfunction.

Precautions for Handling

Follow the instructions given below for selecting and handling of the electric vacuum gripper.

Product specifications

- Ensure to provide enough space for maintenance.
- Design the system allowing the required space for maintenance.
- Use the specified voltage. Otherwise, failure or malfunction can result.
- Do not exceed the specified maximum allowable load. Otherwise, it can cause damage or shorten the life of the product.
- Design the product to prevent reverse current when the circuit is opened, or the product is forced to operate for
- operational check. Reverse current can cause malfunction or damage the product.

- Data duration of input data to the pressure monitor is 20 years.

Operating environment

- Do not use the product in environments where the following atmospheres exist:

- 1. Corrosive gases, chemicals, sea water, water, water stream, or where there is contact with any of these
- 2. Flammable gases or explosive gases
- 3. Oil or chemicals
- 4. Thermal cycles other than normal temperature changes
- 5. Direct sunlight (ultraviolet rays) or outdoor
- 6. Ambient temperature exceeds the operating temperature range (refer to the specification table)
- 7. A source of heat, causing radiant heat
- -Do not use the product in an area where surges are generated.

When there are machines or equipment that generate a large surge near the product (magnetic type lifter, high frequency inductive furnace, motor, etc.), this can result in deterioration and damage of the internal elements. Take measures against the surge sources and prevent the lines from coming into close contact.

- Do not use the product in an area where a strong magnetic field or strong electric field is generated; this can result in damage to internal parts and product malfunction.
- Do not allow oil, moisture, particles, dust, cutting chips, spatter, or other foreign objects to enter inside the product; this can result in deterioration in product performance or malfunction. Provide appropriate protection when using the product in an environment where contamination may occur.
- Do not apply vibration or impact to the product. Handle the product with care as vibration and impact may cause deterioration in product performance or malfunction.

1. Parts included in the package





2. How to order



Table	for	com	natihl	o ro	hote
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Symble	Robot manufacturer	Supported models	Input and output	
		UR3(e) *7		
0110	UNIVERSAL	UR5(e) *7	DNID	
UTIF	ROBOTS	UR10(e) *7	E INF	
		UR16e		
		TM5(S)		
021N	OMRON/TECH	TM7S	NPN	
02111	MAN ROBOT	TM12(S)		
		TM14(S)		
	YASKAWA	MOTOMAN-		
043N		HC10(S)DTP	NPN	
04311		MOTOMAN-		
		HC20(S)DTP		
	IAORAWA	MOTOMAN-		
043P		HC10(S)DTP	PNP	
0451		MOTOMAN-		
		HC20(S)DTP		
		CRX-5iA		
051P	FANLIC	CRX-10iA(L)	PNP	
	17.100	CRX-20iA		
		CRX-25iA		

*7 URCap is only available for the e-Series.

• See "Suction Cup Part Numbers and Weights" for the suction cup part combination.

 $\cdot \text{Refer}$ to the catalog of suction cup on the SMC website for the detail of suction cup.

*1 ■Suction Cup Part Numbers and Weights

ZXPE5(A,N)*

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Applicable cups Cup part numbers

3	4	5	6
Cup	Cup	Cup	Cup
diameter	form	material	attach-
			ment
08	U	*	
08	В	*	
10	UT	*	
13	UT	*	
16	UT	*	
10	U	*	
13	U	*	
16	U	*	
20	U	*	
25	U	*	
32	U	*	
10	C O	*	
13		*	
10		*	
20	C	*	
20	C	т ¥	
10	B	*	
13	B	*	
16	B	*	
20	B	*	
25	B	*	
32	B	*	
20	UT	*	
16	J	*	
25	J	*	
30	J	*	
20	JT2	SF	
20	JT2	SF	М
20	JT2	SF	F
25	JT2	SF	
25	JT2	SF	М
25	JT2	SF	F
32	JT2	SF	
32	JT2	SF	M
32	JT2	SF	F
20	JT5	SF	
25	JT5	SF	
32	JT5	SF	
20	PT	SF	
25	PT	SF	

Cup with adapter		Adapter unit Vacuum inlet: Male thread M6 × 1	Cup unit				
	Weig	ht by cup r	naterial(g/	cup)		l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l	
Part No.	Ν	S/SF	U	F	1 🛱))	
	(NBR)	(Silicone rubber)	(Urethane rubber)	(FKM)	9		
ZPT08U*-A6	4	4	4	4		ZP08U*	
ZPT08B*-A6	4	4	4	4		ZP08B*	
ZPT10UT*-A6	4	4	4	4	ZPT1-A6	ZP10UT*	
ZPT13UT*-A6	4	4	4	4		ZP13UT*	
ZPT16UT*-A6	4	4	4	4		ZP16UT*	
ZPT10U*-AS6	7	7	7	7		ZP10U*	
ZPT13U*-AS6	7	7	7	8	ZPT2-AS6	ZP13U*	
ZPT16U*-AS6	7	7	7	8		ZP16U*	
ZPT20U*-AS6	9	10	10	10		ZP20U*	
ZPT25U*-AS6	10	10	10	11	ZPT3-AS6	ZP25U*	
ZPT32U*-AS6	10	11	11	12		ZP32U*	
ZPT10C*-AS6	7	7	7	7		ZP10C*	
ZPT13C*-AS6	7	7	7	7	ZPT2-AS6	ZP13C*	
ZPT16C*-AS6	7	7	7	8		ZP16C*	
ZPT20C*-AS6	9	10	10	11		ZP20C*	
ZPT25C*-AS6	10	10	10	11	ZPT3-AS6	ZP25C*	
ZPT32C*-AS6	10	11	11	12		ZP32C*	
ZPT10B*-AS6	7	7	7	8		ZP10B*	
ZPT13B*-AS6	7	8	8	8	ZPT2-AS6	ZP13B*	
ZPT16B*-AS6	8	8	8	9		ZP16B*	
ZPT20B*-AS6	11	11	11	13	-	ZP20B*	
ZPT25B*-AS6	11	12	12	14	ZPT3-AS6	ZP25B*	
ZPT32B*-AS6	14	15	15	18		ZP32B*	
ZP2-T20UT*-A6	4	4	4	4	ZPT1-A6	ZP2-20UT*	
ZP2-T16J*-AS6	8	8	8	9	ZPT2-AS6	ZP2-16J*	
ZP2-TB25J*-AS6	14	15	15	18	7073-456	ZP2-B25J*	
ZP2-TB30J*-AS6	18	19	19	25	2F13 A30	ZP2-B30J*	
ZP3P-T20JT2SF-W-AS6	-	21	-	-		ZP3P-20JT2SF-W	
ZP3P-T20JT2SF-WM-AS6	-	21	-	-		ZP3P-20JT2SF-WM	
ZP3P-T20JT2SF-WF-AS6	-	21	-	-	7P3PA-T1.IT-AS6	ZP3P-20JT2SF-WF	
ZP3P-T25JT2SF-W-AS6	-	21	-	-		ZP3P-25JT2SF-W	
ZP3P-T25JT2SF-WM-AS6	-	21	-	-		ZP3P-25JT2SF-WM	
ZP3P-T25JT2SF-WF-AS6	-	21	-	-		ZP3P-25JT2SF-WF	
ZP3P-T32JT2SF-W-AS6	-	37	-	-		ZP3P-32JT2SF-W	
ZP3P-T32JT2SF-WM-AS6	-	37	-	-	ZP3PA-T2JT-AS6	ZP3P-32JT2SF-WM	
ZP3P-T32JT2SF-WF-AS6	-	37	-	-		ZP3P-32JT2SF-WF	
ZP3P-T20JT5SF-AS6	-	23	-	-	7P3PA-T1JT-AS6	ZP3P-20JT5SF-WG	
ZP3P-T25JT5SF-AS6	-	25	-	-		ZP3P-25JT5SF-WG	
ZP3P-T32JT5SF-AS6	-	43	-	-	ZP3PA-T2JT-AS6	ZP3P-32JT5SF-WG	
ZP3P-T20PTSF-AS6	-	20	-	-	7P3PA-T1-AS6	ZP3P-20PTSF	
ZP3P-T25PTSF-AS6	-	20	-	-		ZP3P-25PTSF	

3. Names and descriptions of parts

3.1. Names of parts of the product



3.2. Descriptions of parts

Main plate assembly: LED:	Connects the gripper with the robot. Indicates the gripper status.
DIP switch:	Changes the gripper operation mode.
Pressure monitor:	Displays real-time vacuum pressure, the gripper operation mode and sets parameter threshold values.
Vacuum pump:	Generates vacuum.
Atmospheric release valve:	Releases air to atmosphere upon the release command.
SET/TEST button:	Moves to initial setup and diagnostic function or between parameters.
Cup mounting flange assembly:	Connects a cup with the gripper body.
Cups with adapter:	Grips workpieces. Select a cup suitable for the workpiece.
	(Refer to " <u>8.1. How to calculate theoretical lifting force</u> " and the suction cup catalog for how to select a suction cup.)

3.2.1. LED

Table 1. LED light and status of the gripper

LED	Gripper status	LED	Gripper status	
No light	No supply voltage			
Green light	Grip success	Red light	Grip/release failure, Work drop detection	
Green light (5s)	Initial setup is completed/ Diagnostic: "normal" judgement	Red light (5s)	Initial setup could not be set up/ Diagnostic: "caution" judgement	
Flashing green	Idle state	Flashing red	Alarm	
Flashing green x 2	Set value fixed	Flashing red × 2	Execute "Factory reset"	
		Flashing red × 4	Setting values invalid	
Flashing orange	During initial setup and diagnostic	Flashing orange × 2	At the start of initial setup and diagnostic	

3.2.2. DIP switch (for changing the gripper operation mode)

To change the gripper operation mode, use the 2-pole DIP switch on the top of the product. Change the operation mode before mounting the electric vacuum gripper on the robot, while the power is off.

How to change

- 1. Remove the switch cover above the LED cover and switch ON or OFF the DIP switch as shown in the table below.
- 2. Return the switch cover and connect the electric vacuum gripper to the robot. (Refer to "4.1. Mounting".)

Gripper Automatic mode Automatic mode Manual mode Continuous mode and auto-diagnostic* operation mode (Factory default) 1pole:OFF 2pole:OFF 1pole:ON 2pole:OFF 1pole:OFF 2pole:ON 1pole:ON 2pole:ON Output ON ON ON Image of DIP switch Pressure monitor sub screen display (left) (After power on)

Table 2. Gripper operation modes

* In "Automatic mode and auto-diagnostic" mode, the vacuum pressure without workpiece is automatically diagnosed when the gripper is turned on. (For details on operation, see "<u>5.1. Initial setup</u> and diagnostic function").

3.2.3. Gripper operation modes

3.2.3.1. Automatic mode

In automatic mode, the electric vacuum gripper operates in an energy-saving manner, automatically setting a threshold value based on the vacuum pressure at gripping, the maximum vacuum pressure of the product, and the pre-determined vacuum pressure without workpiece (*).

Below is the description of the energy-saving operation.

Upon the grip command, the pump engages and starts suctioning. According to the vacuum pressure after suction has started, the gripper performs one of the following five actions:

- 1. When the vacuum pressure reaches P1, the pump stops. After that, when the vacuum pressure drops by H1, the pump starts again and maintains the vacuum. If the vacuum pressure reaches P1 again, the pump stops, and thereafter it repeats the on and off cycle.
- If the on and off cycle is repeated a predetermined number of times, the pump will operate continuously.
 When the vacuum pressure reaches P1, the pump stops. When the vacuum pressure drops by H1, the pump starts again. However, if the vacuum pressure does not reach P1, the pump runs continuously.
- If the vacuum pressure does not increase sufficiently after the start of suction, the pump does not stop and runs continuously.
- 4. If the vacuum pressure does not reach P2, it indicates that gripping has failed, and the pump stops.
- 5. If the vacuum pressure drops to P2+H2 during suction, it indicates that a dropped workpiece event has been detected, and the pump stops.

- P1: Threshold of pressure for energy-saving operation
- H1: Energy-saving operation range
- P2: Pressure for gripping success detection
- H2: Hysteresis of pressure for gripping success detection
- (P2+H2: Pressure for workpiece drop detection)
- *Vacuum pressure without workpiece means the pressure when the grip command is given without workpiece.

3.2.3.2. Manual mode

In manual mode, threshold values are manually set, and the vacuum gripper operates in an energy-saving manner (which controls the pump's actions) similarly to automatic mode. The following four threshold values can be set with the buttons on the pressure monitor as described in "<u>5.2.4. Viewing and setting</u> thresholds". Refer to "<u>6.2. List of setting items</u>" for default values and adjustable ranges.

- P1: Threshold of pressure for energy-saving operation
- H1: Energy-saving operation range
- P2: Pressure for gripping success detection
- H2: Hysteresis of pressure for gripping success detection
- (P2+H2: Pressure for workpiece drop detection)

In manual mode, each threshold value can be set arbitrarily within adjustable range, but depending on the set value, malfunctions may occur.

For example, if the vacuum pressure without workpiece Pe at initial setup is higher than the manually set the pressure for workpiece drop detection P2+H2, the workpiece drop detection cannot be judged correctly. In that case, set the value appropriately or use automatic mode or continuous mode.

3.2.3.3. Continuous mode

In continuous mode, the pump operates continuously while the grip command is valid. The pressure for gripping success detection P2 and the hysteresis of pressure for gripping success detection H2 are automatically determined based on the gripper maximum vacuum pressure and the pre-determined vacuum pressure without workpiece.

3.2.4. Pressure monitor display

Main display: Displays pressure measurement values. (in red)

Sub display (left): Displays the current gripper operation mode or parameter (in orange)

Sub display (right): Displays the set value, peak value or bottom value (in orange)

The buttons on the pressure monitor are used only in manual mode or to change the measurement unit.

button: Increases a set value and changes the parameter to display.

button: Decreases a set value and changes the parameter to display.

button: Changes a set value.

*Indicator lights indicate as follows:

IO-Link status indicator: Always turns on while the gripper is energized as IO-Link communication is used inside the product.

Gripper's vacuum status indicator: (OUT1/OUT2): Turns on or off according to the threshold values of each parameter. But it is not relevant to the product's specification.

4.1. Mounting

Mounting the gripper on the robot

- 1) Insert the parallel pin(6x10) into the robot tool flange pin hole.
- 2) Align the parallel pin with the oval hole of the main plate. Mount the main plate on the robot with 4 hexagon thin socket head bolts(M6x10) provided. Tighten with a tightening torque of 5.2±0.5 N·m.
- 3) Align the grooves of the main plate and the LED cover. Insert the clamper into the grooves and mount the gripper by tightening the hexagon thin socket head bolts(M5x25) with a tightening torque of 1.5±0.1 N·m.
- 4) With the gasket seal in place on the adapter, mount 4 cups with adapter onto the electric vacuum gripper with a tightening torque of 1 N⋅m or tighten by 1/4 turn using a spanner after tightening by hand.

To remove the gripper, follow the mounting procedure in reverse.

▲ Caution

Mount the electric vacuum gripper on the robot in an orientation that minimizes slack in the connector cable. If the cable slack is large, the cable may cause an unexpected accident by pulling on the surrounding equipment, workpieces, or people while the robot is in operation.

<Example of mounting>

4.2. Wiring

Connect the connector cable

Connect the electric vacuum gripper's M8 connector pin and the tool flange's tool I/O connector together with the connector cable.

Do not energize while securing the connector. Check that the connector is not loose.

M8 Connector pin

M8 connector plug angle

Table 3. M8 connector pin assignment

Symbol	Robot manufacturer	Robot manufacturer Pin no. Function	
		1	RS485+
		2	RS485-
		3	Digital output 1
011D		4	Digital output 0
UTIP	UNIVERSAL ROBOTS	5	Power supply voltage (24V)
		6	Digital input 1
		7	Digital input 0
		8	Power supply voltage (GND)
		1	Power supply voltage (24V)
		2	Digital output 0
	OMRON/TECHMAN ROBOT	3	Digital output 1
021N		4	Non connection
UZIIN		5	Digital input 0
		6	Digital input 1
		7	Non connection
		8	Power supply voltage (GND)
		1	Non connection
		2	Non connection
043N		3	Digital output 1
043N	YASKAWA	4	Digital output 0
051P	FANUC	5	Power supply voltage (24V)
0011		6	Digital input 1
		7	Digital input 0
		8	Power supply voltage (GND)

Make sure that input/output type of electrical vacuum gripper matches robot.

Caution Ţ

Do not connect the "non connection" pins in the table. Miswiring may cause product malfunction.

4.3. Power on

When supply voltage is applied to the electric vacuum gripper, the pressure monitor is turned on and performs zero-clear (*). The LED flashes green, indicating that the electric vacuum gripper is idling.

The pressure monitor identification code is displayed for approximately 3 seconds after supplying power, but this code has no relation to the specifications of the electric vacuum gripper.

▲ Caution

Power on the electric vacuum gripper with the vacuum port released to atmosphere and unpressurized. This product clears the display value to zero upon power on. If it is powered on with pressure applied (performs zero-clear), the displayed pressure value may deviate. If this happens, power it on again after powering off and removing the pressure from the vacuum port to release to atmosphere.

*Zero-clear: Function to adjust the displayed pressure to zero.

5. Operation

5.1. Initial setup and diagnostic function

The following initial setup and diagnostic can be performed.

Table 1	امناما	o o tu vo	ممط	diagraphi	a itama
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Function	Setup and diagnostic item Note 1	Execution timing	Vacuum port status	Pressure monitor sub screen display
Initial setup	Vacuum pressure without workpiece: Pe	When the cup conditions are changed Note 2	Atmospheric release	
Diagnostic	Gripper maximum vacuum pressure: Pp	Arbitrary	Plug *Seal the vacuum port.	EL PPS 100
	Vacuum pressure without workpiece: Pe	Arbitrary or When the gripper is activated Note 3 (When "Automatic mode and auto-diagnostic" mode is selected.)	Atmospheric release	PE - OB

Note 1: Vacuum pressure without workpiece: Pressure when the grip command is given without workpiece.

- Gripper maximum vacuum pressure: Pressure when the grip command is given with the vacuum port plugged. Note 2: The threshold values for automatic and continuous mode are defined based on the vacuum pressure without workpiece at the initial setup. If the cup or other conditions are changed, perform the initial setup without workpiece before operating the gripper.
- Note 3: If "Automatic mode and auto-diagnostic" is selected using the DIP switch on the top of the product, the diagnostic starts automatically when the product is turned on and the result is displayed on the sub screen. Refer to "<u>3.2.2. DIP</u> <u>switch (for changing the gripper operation mode)</u>" for switching method.
- · Initial setup Vacuum pressure without workpiece

The vacuum pressure is measured while the pump is operating for five seconds and the calculated vacuum pressure is automatically set as the new vacuum pressure without workpiece. Based on this newly set vacuum pressure, the threshold values for automatic and continuous mode are defined. If the cup specifications are changed, perform this initial setup before operating the gripper.

- Diagnostic Gripper maximum vacuum pressure and vacuum pressure without workpiece
- The vacuum pressure is measured while the pump is operating for five seconds and the current vacuum pressure is calculated. The current pressure is diagnosed by comparing with the pressure when the gripper is in appropriate condition and the LED indicates the result. Refer to <u>#Table 5</u> for details.

How to use buttons

1. Press and hold the SET/TEST button () for five or more seconds and less than ten seconds. Release the button when [S_T] is displayed on the left of the sub screen. The LED will flash orange, indicating that the initial setup and diagnostic is now ready to be performed.

2. Double click to change the display on the left of the sub screen.

- O 3. With the item to be measured or diagnosed displayed, press for one or more seconds and less than three seconds to operate the pump for five seconds and measure the pressure.
- 4. After measurement, the measured pressure will be displayed on the left of the sub screen for five seconds.

5. After the measured pressure display is complete, press and hold the SET/TEST button () for five or more seconds. Release the button when gripper operation mode is displayed on the left of the sub screen. The LED will flash green, indicating that the gripper has returned back to the idle state.

Table 5. Initial setup and diagnostic results display and diagnostic details

Function	Setup and diagnostic item	Display of setup and diagnostic results	Contents of diagnostic	Countermeasure
Initial setup	Vacuum pressure without workpiece: Pe	Pressure monitor Et: Setup mesurement value, Right: No display LED Note 1 If setup is completed: Green light If it could not be set up: Red light		
	Gripper maximum vacuum pressure: Pp	Pressure monitor Pressure monitor Left: Diagnostic mesurement value, Right: Value at shipping inspection LED Nomal: Green light Caution: Red light	A diagnostic measurement value of less than -70 kPa indicates a "caution" decision. The gripper maximum vacuum pressure may be reduced due to a loose plug or cup mounting flange fastening or air leakage inside the product. e.g. Diagnostic measurement value = -74.5 kPa: Normal Diagnostic measurement value = -69.0 kPa: Caution	Check that there are no loose plug or cup mounting flange fastenings. If there are no loose connections, air leaks inside the product (e.g. internal product failure or poor vacuum pump performance) may be the cause.
Diagnostic	Vacuum pressure without workpiece: Pe	Pressure monitor Pressure monitor Left: Diagnostic mesurement value, Right: Initial setup value LED Nomal: Green light Caution: Red light	If the diagnostic measurement value is outside the permissible range, a "caution" decision is made. The following possibilities are considered. •The vacuum pressure without workpiece is increasing due to clogging of the mesh on the cup mounting flange. •The cup conditions are different from the initial setup. The threshold is determined by the gripper maximum vacuum pressure and the initial setup value. e.g. When Pp= -75.2 kPa and Pe=0.0 kPa Permissible range: -4.0 kPa < diagnostic mesurement value < 4.0 kPa Diagnostic measurement value = -3.9 kPa: Normal Diagnostic measurement value = -4.0 kPa: Caution	If the operation continues in the state of "caution", there is a risk of malfunction, please carry out the following. •Clean the mesh. Note 2 •Re-perform the initial setup.

Note 1: If the initial setup measurement value is outside the adjustable range, the LED lights up red for 5 seconds and the measurement value is not set.

Note 2: Refer to "<u>9.2. Maintenance for suction cup 2) Mesh</u>" for details.

▲ Caution

The gripper maximum vacuum pressure at the time of shipment from the factory is recorded in the gripper as a value converted at standard atmospheric pressure (101.3 kPa). On the other hand, the measurement of the gripper maximum vacuum pressure at diagnostic is based on the atmospheric pressure at the time of diagnostic.

If the atmospheric pressure at the time of diagnostic differs significantly from the standard atmospheric pressure, the diagnostic judgement may be affected. So it is recommended to use diagnostic measurement value corrected for atmospheric pressure to make a decision.

Example: When the atmospheric pressure at diagnostic is 96.3 kPa,

Diagnostic measurement value (-69 kPa) - [standard atmospheric pressure (101.3 kPa) - atmospheric pressure at time of measurement (96.3 kPa)] = diagnostic measurement value (-74 kPa)

The diagnostic measurement value -69 kPa is less than the judgment value -70 kPa, so a "caution" judgment is made, after atmospheric pressure correction, the value is -74 kPa and a "normal" judgement is made.

5.2. Gripper operation

Use the buttons on the gripper body to set each parameter. See the diagram below for how to set digital signals and buttons on the gripper.

The pressure monitor has functions that are not used for gripper operation, but malfunctions may occur when using functions not described in this manual. Do not perform any operations other than those described in this manual. In case of malfunction, perform the factory reset (Refer to "<u>5.2.6. Factory reset</u>").

5.2.1. IO communication

Tool IO signals

Digital inputs are allocated to the gripper's control signals, and digital outputs are allocated to the status signals.

able e. Digital inpute (control signale nom the report to the gripper)						
Digital input 0	Digital input 1	Status				
OFF	OFF	Idle				
ON	OFF	Grip command				
OFF	ON	Release command				
ON	ON	Idle				

Fahle 6 Digital inputs (control signals from	the robot to the arigner)

Output status of digital output corresponds to status of gripper. Specifications of digital outputs differ between part numbers as shown in the tales below.

Table 7. Digital outputs for ZXPE5*011P (status signals from the gripper to the robot)

Digital output 0: Success	Digital output1: Failure	Status
OFF	OFF	Idle
ON	OFF	Grip/release success
OFF	ON	Grip failed, work drop detection or release failed
ON	ON	Alarm occurred

*Refer to <u>#Table 19</u> regarding alarms.

Table 8. Digital outputs except for ZXPE5*011P (status signals from the gripper to the robot)

Digital output 0: Grip checking signal	Digital output 1: Alarm signal	Status
OFF	OFF	Idle
ON	OFF	Gripping
OFF	ON	Alarm occurred while no gripping
ON	ON	Alarm occurred while gripping

*Refer to <u>#Table 19</u> regarding alarms.

After alarm occurs, digital output 0 retains the status before the alarm has occurred.

Internal circuit and wiring example

Input and Output

When symbol for input and output is P: PNP

When symbol for input and output is N: NPN

Instruction

Make sure that input/output type of electrical vacuum gripper matches robot.

5.2.2. Illustration of the gripper operation via IO communication

ZXPE5*011P

Example 1 - Grip/release operation and workpiece drop detection

	Robot: ON Starts energizing gripper Grip command Release command Grip command Workpiece dropped Robot: OFF ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
Digital input 0:Grip	
Digital input 1:Release	ON
Vacuum pressure	P2- P2-H2 Release success threshold: Equivalent to -1.0 kPa Atmospheric pressure
LED display	Flashing green No light No light Green light Flashing green Green light
Image of gripper	Atmospheric release time: 2000 msec *2
Digital output 0:Success	ON Grip: Success Release: Success Grip: Success OFF
Digital output 1: Failed *Output 1 will be turned off when a new command is entered or the gripper is restarted.	ON Grip: Workpiece drop detection

*1 Enter digital input signals for 200 msec or longer.

*2 At the time of release, the atmospheric release valve opens for an atmospheric release time of 2000 msec (fixed value).

If the release success signal is output even during the atmospheric release time, the grip command can be input without waiting 2000 msec, and the atmospheric release valve is closed at the same time as the grip command is input.

▲ Caution

To restrain the rise in the coil surface temperature of the atmospheric release valve, an interval of at least 2000 msec should be allowed between when the valve closes and when the valve opens by inputting a release command.

Digital input 0: Grip	ON				
Digital input 1: Release	ON				
Atmospheric release valve	Open	2000 mse	c or longer	·]	

*3 Caution

Both the success signals for grip and release operations are output at digital output 0.

As there is a time lag of up to 99 msec between the input and the output, the success signal should be checked after 100 msec from the input of the current command.

Digital input 0: Grip	ON OFF		
Digital input 1: Release	ON OFF	 	
Digital output 0: Success	ON OFF	 Grip: Success	Release: Success

Example - Each signal at entering release

	Robot: ON Starts energizing gripper	Grip command	Grip command	Release command	
Digital input 0:Grip	ON				
Digital input 1:Release	ON				
Vacuum pressure	P2 P2-H2 Release success threshold: Equivalent to -1.0 kPa Atmospheric pressure				
LED display	Flashing green	No light Red light	No light Green light	No light Flashing green	
Image of gripper	De-energized + Idling	Grip: error detection time: 2000 mse	C Grip failed c Idling →	↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓	
Digital output 0:Success	ON			Grip: Success	Release: Success
Digital output 1: Failed *Output 1 will be turned off when a new command is entered or the gripper is restarted.	ON		Grip: Failed		

Example 2 – Gripping failed

*1 Grip error detection time: If the vacuum pressure does not rise to a predetermined value within 2000 msec (fixed value), the grip failed is judged.

Other than ZXPE5*011P

Example 1 - Grip/release operation and workpiece drop detection

	Robot: ON Starts energizing gripper Grip command Release command Grip command Workpiece dropped Robot: OFF
Digital input 0:Grip	
Digital input 1 : Release	ON
Vacuum pressure	P2
LED display	Flashing green No light No light Green light Flashing green Green light
Image of gripper	Atmospheric release time: 2000 msec *2
Digital output 0: Gripping check signal	ON Grip: Success OFF
Digital output 1: Alarm signal *Output 1 will be turned off when a new command is entered or the gripper is restarted.	ON

*1 Enter digital input signals for 200 msec or longer.

*2 At the time of release, the atmospheric release valve opens for an atmospheric release time of 2000 msec (fixed value).

If the release success signal is output even during the atmospheric release time, the grip command can be input without waiting 2000 msec, and the atmospheric release valve is closed at the same time as the grip command is input.

⚠ Caution

To restrain the rise in the coil surface temperature of the atmospheric release valve, an interval of at least 2000 msec should be allowed between when the valve closes and when the valve opens by inputting a release command.

Digital input 0: Grip	ON			
Digital input 1: Release	ON			
Atmospheric release valve	Open Close	2000 mse	c or longer	

Example 2 – Gripping failed

*1 Grip error detection time: If the vacuum pressure does not rise to a predetermined value within 2000 msec (fixed value), the grip failed is judged.

5.2.3. Keylock function

The set button ((5)) on the pressure monitor is locked by default.

Unlock the button as shown below before changing threshold values (in manual mode) or changing the measurement unit. After setting is completed, lock the button again or power off and on the electric vacuum gripper to lock the button.

How to unlock the button

 Press the S button on the pressure monitor for 5 seconds or longer and stop pressing the button once [oPE] is displayed on the main screen.
 [LoC] will be displayed on the sub screen.

2. Press or v button to select [UnL] and press the s button to unlock it. Similarly, to lock the button, select [LoC] and press the s button.

5.2.4. Viewing and setting thresholds (in Manual mode only)

View or set values after unlocking the set button on the pressure monitor. The set value becomes valid, and the gripper operates accordingly only in Manual mode. Refer to "<u>6.2. List of setting items</u>" for the adjustable range.

How to set values

1. Pressing the up or down button on the pressure monitor changes the parameter to display on the sub screen.

2. With the parameter to be changed displayed on the sub screen, press the 💷 button once; the set value on the right of the sub screen will start flashing.

3. Press the 🔿 or 💟 button to change the set value.

The \bigcirc button increases the value, and the \bigcirc button decreases it. Pressing the \bigcirc (or \bigcirc) button once increases (or decreases) the value by one digit, pressing and holding the button increases (or decreases) the value continuously.

4. After pressing the 🗊 button, press the 💟 button on the back of the gripper twice to confirm the new value. The LED will flash twice in green.

If the new value is outside of the allowable range, the LED will light red when the set button is pressed. The invalid value will not be stored; [Er**] is displayed on the left of the sub screen. (In **, P1, H1, P2 or H2 is shown to indicate the parameter of which set value is invalid.) The right of the sub screen shows the existing threshold value. The error message disappears once a value within the allowable range is set or the gripper is restarted. If the value is not reset, the gripper performs according to the previous set value.

5.2.5. Change of measurement unit

Ensure to unlock the set button in advance to enable the buttons on the pressure monitor. The measurement unit on the display can be changed. The changeable unit depends on the unit specification of the selected pressure unit. Refer to "6.2. List of setting items" for details.

How to change the unit

- 1. Press and hold the ^S button for 3 seconds or longer and less than 5 seconds to show [F 0] on the main screen.
- 2. Press or v to select the measurement unit to display.

- Press the Sutton for 2 seconds or longer to return to the display screen of gripper operation mode. (Refer to <u>#Table 2</u> for details of display screen.)
- 4. Press the button on the back of the gripper twice to confirm the unit switching. The LED will flash twice in green.

If the button is not pressed, the unit will be switched after about 10 seconds (with no LED flashing).

If the button is not pressed, the value will be set after about 10 seconds (with no LED flashing).

5.2.6. Factory reset

The gripper can be reset to the factory settings if the current settings are uncertain. For the default values, refer to "6.2. List of setting items".

How to reset

1. Press and hold the button for 10 seconds or longer until [RSET] is shown on the left of the sub screen of the pressure monitor, and then release the button. The LED flashes orange twice; the gripper is now reset to the factory settings.

6.1. Specifications

Product specifications

Table9. Specifications

	Standards			Conforming to "ISO 9409-1-50-4-M6"		
	Operating te	mperatu	re range [°C]	5 to 40		
	Connector t	уре		M8 8-pin (Plug)		
		Electric vacuum gripper ¹⁾		722 (556)		
	Weight [g]	Connector cable		Refer to "Table 18. Robot compatible connector cable".		
		Cup with adapter		Refer to "P.9 "Suction cup part numbers and weights".		
BOUY	Max. work l	oad [kg]	2)	5		
specifications	Static allow	able load	d F_{max} [N] ³⁾	150		
	Static allow	able mor	ment M_{max} [N·m] ³⁾	1		
	Max. vacuu	m pressi	ure [kPa] ⁴⁾	-74		
	Max. suctio	n flow ra	te [L/min(ANR)] ⁴⁾	4.5		
	Impact / Vib	oration re	sistance [m/s²] ⁵⁾	150 / 30		
	Noise level	[dB(A)] 6	i)	60		
Power	Power supp	ly voltag	<u>je [V]</u>	24 VDC ±10%		
specifications	Current consumption [mA] ⁷⁾		Max. current ⁸⁾	1,400		
specifications			Standby current ⁹⁾	60		
	Input type			PNP/NPN		
IO communication	Input ON vo	oltage [V]		15 or more		
input	Input ON cu	urrent [m	A]	3 or more		
specifications	Input OFF v	oltage [\	/]	5 or less		
	Input OFF c	current [n	nA]	0.5 or less		
IO communication	Output type			PNP/NPN		
output	Max. load c	urrent [n	nA]	200		
specifications	Protection			Short-circuit protection		
	Rated press	sure rang	ge [kPa]	0.0 to -101.0		
	Display pres	ssure rar	nge [kPa]	10.0 to -105.0		
	Display/Sm	allest ad	justable increment	0.1		
Pressure monitor	[kPa]			0.1		
specifications	Display acc	uracv [%	51	± 2 F.S. ± 1 digit		
			.1	(Ambient temperature of 25± 3°C)		
	Repeatabili	ty [%]		±0.2 F.S. ±1 digit		
	Temperatur	e charac	teristics [%]	± 2 F.S. (25°C standard)		
Applicable suction of	cups			Reter to " <u>2. How to order</u> ".		
Standard				CE / UKCA MARKED		

1) The weight of the main plate assembly is included. The weights of the connector cable and cup with adapter are not included. The weight in brackets refers to the weight of the product without a cup mounting flange assembly.

2) The maximum workload is restricted by the cup diameter, mounting orientation, and workpieces. Use this product within its maximum workload. Suction and transfer exceeding the max. workload may result in product failure or dropping of the workpieces.

3) Limit values of the product itself. If there are other restrictions, such as a robot to be connected, use the ZXPE within these limits. When combining a load and moment, such as at the time of transportation, make sure the load factor is 1 or less according to the equation below.

 $F/F_{max} + M/M_{max} \leq 1$ (Load factor)

- 4) These are the values under SMC measurement conditions when the gripper is in continuous mode (the vacuum pump working continuously) and may vary depending on the atmospheric pressure (weather, altitude, etc.) and the measurement method.
- 5) Impact resistance: The characteristics are satisfied after tested one time in each of the X, Y and Z directions with energization. (Initial value)

Vibration resistance: The characteristics are satisfied after tested a one sweep in each of the X, Y and Z directions at 10 to 500 Hz with energization. (Initial value)

- 6) Actual values under SMC's measurement conditions (Not guaranteed values)
- 7) This represents the value when supply voltage of 24VDC is applied.
- 8) This represents the value including inrush current.
- 9) The standby current is an average current when the electric vacuum gripper is on standby.

6.2. List of setting items

Table 10. List of setting items

Setting items	Factory default	Adjustable range	Note	
Gripper operation modes	Automatic mode	Refer to <u>#Table 2.</u>	Dip switch 1 pole: OFF, 2 pole: OFF	
Display pressure unit	kPa	Refer to <u>#Table 11</u> .		
P1: Threshold of pressure for energy-saving operation	-60.0	-40.0 to -70.0	Value when display unit	
H1: Energy-saving operation range	10.0	0.0 to 10.0	kPa is selected.	
P2: Pressure for gripping success detection	-10.0	-10.0 to -30.0	units are selected, refer to	
H2: Hysteresis of pressure for gripping success detection	2.0	0.0 to 10.0		
Pe: Vacuum pressure without workpiece	Shipping inspection value	0.0 to -49.9	Set by initial setup. (<u>#Table 4</u>)	
Pp: Gripper maximum vacuum pressure	Shipping inspection value		Not configurable	
Grip error detection time	2000 msec	Fixed value		
Atmospheric release time	2000 msec	Fixed value		

Table 11. Adjustable unit

Part No.	Adjustable unit				
ZXPE5**-*-* C *	kPa(Factory default)、MPa、kgf/cm ² 、bar、psi、InHg、mmHg				
ZXPE5**-*-* M *	kPa(Factory default)、MPa				

Table 12. Factory default and settable range of each parameter

		kPa	MPa	kgf/cm ²	bar	psi	InHg	mmHg
D1	Factory default	-60.0	-0.060	-0.612	-0.600	-8.70	-17.7	-450
ΡI	Max.	-70.0	-0.070	-0.713	-0.700	-10.15	-20.6	-525
	Min.	-40.0	-0.040	-0.408	-0.400	-5.80	-11.9	-300
LI1	Factory default	10.0	0.010	0.102	0.100	1.45	2.9	75
пі	Max.	10.0	0.010	0.102	0.100	1.45	3.0	75
	Min.	0.0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.00	0.0	0
20	Factory default	-10.0	-0.010	-0.102	-0.100	-1.45	-3.0	-75
F2	Max.	-30.0	-0.030	-0.306	-0.300	-4.35	-8.8	-225
	Min.	-10.0	-0.010	-0.102	-0.100	-1.45	-3.0	-75
L12	Factory default	2.0	0.002	0.020	0.020	0.29	0.6	15
ΠZ	Max.	10.0	0.010	0.102	0.100	1.45	2.9	75
	Min.	0.0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.00	0.0	0

<u>∧</u>Caution

If the value is set at the maximum / minimum of the settable range, setting error may occur because switching units causes conversion errors in the values.

7. Dimensions

7.1. Electric Vacuum Gripper

Without cup mounting flange assembly

*1 The cup with adapter ZP2-TB25JS-AS6 is used. *2 Operating range: 25 to 35 (when a cup is mounted in the center). Cups interfere each other depending on the cup diameter. Select the cup diameter according to the pitch to be used. *3 No mesh is fitted to the vacuum port.

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7.2. Tool center point and center of gravity

Table 13. ZXPE5**A***-**** (When "With flange assembly (42 mm×42 mm)" is selected)

	Х	Y	Z
Tool center point (T.C.P.)	0.0	0.0	133.0+Cup
Center of gravity (C.O.G.)	1.4	-1.5	69.5

(Unit: mm)

Table 14. ZXPE5**N***-**** (When "Without flange assembly" is selected)

	Х	Y	Z
Tool center point (T.C.P.)	0.0	0.0	113.0+Cup
Center of gravity (C.O.G.)	1.9	-2.0	54.7

(Unit: mm)

7.3. Suction cup with adapter

Representative models only are shown. See the suction cup catalog for the other models.

SMC

Model: ZP2-T16J*-AS6 (Suction cup: Multistage bellows type 2.5-Stage)

Model: ZP2-T(B25, B30)J*-AS6 (Suction cup: Multistage bellows type 3.5-Stage)

Table. Dimensions

Model	А	В	D	E	F	G	Н
ZP2-TB25J*-AS6	25	26.2	27	10.2	32.5	48	52.5
ZP2-TB30J*-AS6	30	32.9	32	13.8	38	54.5	59

8. Technical information

8.1. How to calculate theoretical lifting force

This manual only shows how to calculate the theoretical lifting force of a cup. Refer to the catalog of suction cups for details on how to select a suction cup.

How to calculate theoretical lifting force

The theoretical lifting force of a cup can be found by calculation or from the theoretical lifting force table.

Theoretical lifting force table

The theoretical lifting force (not including the safety factor) can be determined by the cup diameter and vacuum pressure.

The required lifting force can then be determined by dividing the theoretical lifting force by the safety factor t.

Lifting force = Theoretical lifting force / t

Theoretical lifting force (Theoretical lifting force = P x S x 0.1)

Cup diameter	(Ф8 to Ф32)
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Cup diameter (Φ8 to	Φ32)		-					Unit: N
Cup diameter [m	im]	Φ8	Φ10	Φ13	Φ16	Ф20	Φ25	Φ32
S: Cup area [cm	າ ²]	0.50	0.79	1.33	2.01	3.14	4.91	8.04
	-85	4.2	6.6	11	17	26	41	68
	-80	4.0	6.2	10	16	25	39	64
	-75	3.7	5.8	10	15	23	36	60
	-70	3.5	5.5	9.3	14	22	34	56
vacuum	-65	3.2	5.1	8.6	13	20	31	52
pressure	-60	3.0	4.7	8.0	12	18	29	48
וארמן	-55	2.7	4.3	7.3	11	17	27	44
	-50	2.5	3.9	6.7	10	15	24	40
	-45	2.2	3.5	6.0	9.0	14	22	36
	-40	2.0	3.1	5.3	8.0	12	19	32

8.2. How to change the number of cups 8.2.1. Change to 1 cup (with flange)

- 1. Removal of the cup
 - (1) Remove the suction cup with adapter from Plate B using a spanner.
 - (2) Loosen the bolt (M4x8) to remove Plate B from Plate A. Be careful not to lose the O-ring.
 - (3) Loosen the bolt for sealing (M6x8) to remove the cup from Plate A.

Finished product

2. Mounting of the plug and suction cup with adapter

(1) After making sure that each of the plugs provided has a gasket seal inside it, mount the plugs to Plate A. (4 places)

(2) After making sure that the adapter has a gasket seal inside it, mount the suction cup with adapter removed in the step (1) to Plate A.

To reassemble the parts, follow these steps in reverse with the specified tightening torque.

(1) Removal of the suction cup

(2) Mounting of plugs and a suction cup with adapter

▲ Caution

* Tightening torque: 1 N⋅m (As reference, tighten the cup by turning 1/4 rotations using tool after tightening by hand) If tightened excessively, the thread may be damaged and gasket may be deformed. This will cause air leakage. Insufficient tightening may loosen the thread or cause air leakage.

8.2.2. Change to 1 cup (without flange)

<u>∧</u>Caution

No mesh is fitted to the gripper's vacuum port (V-port). If a mesh is required, use a cup mounting flange. If the flange is not used, take care to prevent foreign objects from entering the vacuum port.

- 1. Removal of the cup mounting flange
 - (1) Loosen the bolt (M6x10) to remove the cup mounting flange.
 - Be careful not to lose the O-ring.
 - (2) Remove the parallel pin.
- 2. Mounting of the suction cup with adapter
 - (1) Remove the suction cup with adapter from the flange with cup removed in the above step.
 - (2) Making sure that the adapter has a gasket seal inside it, mount the suction cup with adapter removed in the step (1) to the product.

To reassemble the parts, follow these steps in reverse with the specified tightening torque.

(1) Removal of the cup mounting flange

(2) Mounting of a suction cup with adapter

* Tightening torque: 1 N · m (As reference, tighten the cup by turning 1/4 rotations using tool after tightening by hand) If tightened excessively, the thread may be damaged and gasket may be deformed. This will cause air leakage. Insufficient tightening may loosen the thread or cause air leakage.

Finished product

8.2.3. Change to 2 cups

- 1. Removal of the cup
 - (1) Remove the suction cup with adapter from the plate B using a spanner.
 - (2) Loosen the bolt (M4x8), then remove plate B from plate A.
 - Be careful not to lose the O-ring.
- 2. Mounting of the plug

Confirm the gasket seal in the plug, then mount the plugs to plate A.

Reassemble the parts by reversing the disassembling process with specified tightening torque.

(1) Removal of the suction cup

(2) Plug mounting

A Caution

* Tightening torque: 1 N ⋅ m (As reference, tighten the cup by turning 1/4 rotations using tool after tightening by hand) If tightened excessively, the thread may be damaged and gasket may be deformed. This will cause air leakage. Insufficient tightening may loosen the thread or cause air leakage.

8.3. Suction with a vacuum saving valve

This product connects four suction cups to one vacuum pump. This means that gripping failure of one cup leads to further failures of the other cups. Take safety measures to prevent workpieces from being dropped during transport. If one of the cups may not have a workpiece to grip, the use of the ZP2V series vacuum saving valve (Part number depends on the number of cups. Refer to <u>#Table 15</u>.) can reduce the possibility of vacuum pressure drop and aid the suction of the other cups. The vacuum saving valve is only available in continuous mode. The user is advised to test the vacuum saving valve in their application to verify suitability for their workpiece and operating conditions.

<u>∧</u>Caution

The number of cups that can be used for this product based on specifications of vacuum saving valve is shown in $\frac{\text{#Table 15}}{\text{Table 15}}$.

Also, the construction of the vacuum saving valve allows slight air venting, which may adversely affect the energy saving function. So do not use the vacuum saving valve in automatic or manual mode.

Table 15. Applicable ZP2V part no.

The number of cups	Applicable part no.
3 cups	ZP2V-B6-03
2 cups	ZP2V-B6-05

When using the vacuum saving valve for suction, ensure to set up the gripper according to "<u>5.1. Initial</u> <u>setup and diagnostic function</u>"; otherwise, it cannot be correctly judged whether gripping has been successful.

Table 16. Reference: Theoretical lifting force of vacuum cup diameter 32 mm [N / pc.]

		With ZP2V-B6	-03	With ZP2V-B6-05			
	Vacuum pressure [kPa]	Theoretical lifting force	Horizontal lifting force (Safety factor 1/4)	Vacuum pressure [kPa]	Theoretical lifting force	Horizontal lifting force (Safety factor 1/4)	
1 cup gripping	-45	36	9	-40	32	8	
2 cups gripping	-60	48	12	-74	59	14	
3 cups gripping	-74	59	14				

Calculated by $W = P \times S$, $S = \pi \cdot r^2$, $r = \varphi 32/2$. Refer to 8.1. How to calculate theoretical lifting force for the detail.

These are theoretical lifting forces for the suction of an impermeable workpiece. When the workpiece is permeable, the lifting force is reduced.

Examples

Handling a narrow workpiece

The vacuum saving valve helps the suction of a narrow workpiece, as s shown in the figure below when gripping with 2 cups.

Handling more than one workpiece

The vacuum saving valve helps to hold workpieces gripped by the gripper one at a time in each cup and to transport them all at the same time.

1 cup gripping

2 cups gripping

9. Maintenance

Perform the maintenance and inspection shown below in order to use the electric vacuum gripper in a safe and appropriate manner for a long time.

9.1. Maintenance for electric vacuum gripper

ACaution

1) Inspection before and after maintenance

When removing the product from the robot, ensure that the power supply is turned off and the vacuum pressure inside the product is released. When returning the product on the robot after maintenance, connect to the power and check if it functions properly.

2) Perform diagnostic function of product regularly.

For details of diagnostic function, refer to "5.1. Initial setup and diagnostic function".

3) Regularly tighten connections which may be loosened by the use for a long period.

The parts connections may be loosened by vibration or impact when the gripper is operated for a long time. Tighten the following connections regularly to ensure that parts do not fall off and the gripper is properly installed on the robot.

- Clamper Tighten the clamper in the same manner as the initial installation. (Refer to <u>4.1 Mounting.</u>)
- 2. Cup mounting flange Refer to "<u>8.2. How to change the number of cups</u>" and tighten to the specified tightening torque.
- 4) Do not disassemble or modify the product, other than replacement of the parts specified in this manual.

9.2. Maintenance for suction cup

ACaution

1) Suction cups are consumables. Replace them on a regular basis.

Continued use of suction cups will cause wear and tear on the gripping surface, and the exterior dimensions will be gradually reduced, which can lead to a reduction in lifting force, whilst gripping will remain possible. It is extremely difficult to predict when a suction cup should be replaced. This is because there are numerous factors at work, including surface roughness, operating environment (temperature, humidity, ozone, solvents, etc.), and operating conditions (vacuum pressure, workpiece weight, pressing force of the suction cups on the workpieces, presence or absence of a buffer, etc.).

(With the bellow type cup, weakened bents, wear, or sticking of rubber parts may occur.)

The customer is required to decide when suction cups should be replaced, based on their operating condition at the time of initial use.

The bolts may become loose depending on the operating conditions and environment. Be sure to perform regular maintenance.

How to replace the suction cup

- Pull the lock ring upward and after lifting it up to the adapter, remove the old cup by pulling it downward.
- While holding the lock ring in the raised position place a new cup onto the adapter.
- Confirm that the cup is securely in place and then return the lock ring to its original position.
- * The cup without lock ring should be inserted to the end of the adapter.

2) Mesh

If the mesh is used in such a way that foreign matter is absorbed from the air or the workpiece, it may become clogged, which will cause a reduction in the vacuum performance. Clean the mesh periodically as necessary by washing, air blow and so on. If mesh clogging cannot be resolved by cleaning, replace Plate B or Suction cup adapter.

Plate B spare part number: ZXPE5-APL6-A Suction cup adapter spare part number: ZXPE5-EXP6

9.3. Spare parts

Table 17. Spare part numbers

Description	Part number	Included parts
Cup mounting flange		Cup mounting flange, Plate B, Suction cup
assembly	2/1 23-1121-4	adapter, Mounting bolt, Plug, O-ring
Plate B	ZXPE5-APL6-A	Plate B, Mounting bolt, O-ring
Suction cup adapter	ZXPE5-EXP6	Extension adapter, Plug, O-ring
Main plate assembly	RMTM2-4M1	Main plate, Mounting bolt, Clamper, Parallel pin
Connector cable	Refer to "Table 18. Robot	
	compatible connector cable"	
Cup with adaptor	Refer to P.9 "Suction Cup Part	
Cup with adapter	Numbers and Weights"	
Plug	M-3P	

Refer to <u>1. Parts included in the package</u> and <u>3.1. Names of parts of the product</u> for the names of the parts.

Table 18. Robot compatible connector cable

Symbol	Robot manufacturer	A Gripper side	B Robot side	Part no.	Weight [g]
011P	UNIVERSAL ROBOTS	M8 8-pin connector (Socket)	M8 8-pin connector (Socket)	RMH-A00-11-A	16
021N	OMRON/ TECHMAN ROBOT		M8 8-pin connector (Plug)	RMH-A00-11-B	14
043N 043P	YASKAWA		M8 8-pin connector (Socket)	RMH-A00-11-A	16
051P	FANUC		M8 8-pin connector (Socket)	RMH-A00-11-A	16

10. Precautions

10.1. Electric vacuum gripper precautions

Designing

Warning

If power or air supply is shutdown, vacuum pressure may decrease and this product may drop a workpiece during gripping.

It is necessary to take measures such as drop prevention so that injury and damage to machinery or equipment can be prevented.

Restart after a long period of product inactivity

When the product is not in use for a long time, its response to the grip or release command may delay due to seizure. It will be resolved by a few conditioning-runs. Consider commissioning the gripper before restarting full operation. It is recommended to switch on and off the valve once every thirty days to prevent malfunction.

Mounting

1) Tighten to the specified tightening torque.

If the tightening torque is exceeded, the body and the mounting screws may break. However, insufficient torque may cause displacement of the body and loosening of the mounting screws.

2) Hold the product itself when handling. Do not pull the connector cable strongly or lift up the product by holding this cable. It can cause the malfunction of the product.

3) Do not restrict the exhaust air, such as blocking the opening. Exhaust air is released from the opening in the product. If exhaust air is restricted, vacuum performance could be reduced.

Wiring

⚠Warning

- 1) Do not wire while energizing the product. Doing so may result in damage to the internal parts of the solenoid valve or pressure sensor. In some cases, this damage may result in a malfunction.
- 2) Do not disassemble the connector cable or make any modifications, including additional machining. Doing so may cause human injury and/or an accident.

Avoid repeatedly bending or stretching the connector cable as well as applying force to it.

Operation

∠!\Caution

- 1) Do not press the buttons on the product with a sharp object. It may damage the buttons.
- 2) Do not touch the LCD display of the pressure monitor while it is in use. It may generate static electricity, causing the display to become erratic.
- 3) The electric vacuum gripper monitors the pressure and controls the operations for grip and release movements. The integrity of the system should be determined after thorough verification on the actual machine.

Do not use the product for workpieces with water or dust attached.

If water or dust adheres to the surface of a workpiece, they may enter the inside of the product, causing a decline in vacuum performance. If the workpiece is permeable, the gripper may not generate sufficient lifting force. Assess the suitability of the gripper with the workpiece before the equipment is put into service.

Storage

\land Warning

- 1) Do not store the product in a place where it is exposed to rain, water, harmful gases or liquids.
- 2) Store the product out of direct sunlight and within the product's operating temperature range.
- 3) Do not apply vibration or impact to the product during storage.

10.2. Suction cup precautions

Design

⚠Warning

In cases where the workpieces are heavy or dangerous objects, etc., take measures to address a possible loss of gripping force (installation of a drop prevention guide, etc.).

In the case of transportation by vacuum gripping using suction cups, the gripping force is lost when there is a drop in vacuum pressure. Furthermore, since vacuum pressure can also deteriorate due to the wear and cracking of cups, vacuum leakage from piping, etc., be certain to perform maintenance on vacuum equipment.

Selection

- I) The cup materials which can be used differ depending upon the operating environment. An appropriate cup material should be selected. Furthermore, since suction cups are manufactured for use with industrial products, they should not come into direct contact with medicines, food products, etc.
- Depending upon the weight and shape of the workpieces, the diameter, quantity, and shape of cups suitable for use will vary.

Refer to "<u>8.1. How to calculate theoretical lifting force</u>" for the theoretical lifting force. Also, the selectable cups will differ based upon conditions other than the above, such as the condition of the workpiece surface (presence or absence of oil or water), the workpiece material, and its gas permeability. Confirmation is necessary by actually performing vacuum gripping on the subject workpieces.

- 3) Do not apply an impact or large force to a cup when gripping a workpiece. This will cause the deformation, cracking, and wear of the cup to be accelerated. The stiffening ribs, etc., should touch lightly, while staying within the cup skirt's deformation range. Positioning should be performed accurately, especially in the case of small-diameter cups.
- 4) When transporting vertically, factors such as acceleration, wind pressure, and impact force must be considered in addition to the workpiece weight. Use caution particularly when lifting items such as glass plates and circuit boards because a large force will be applied by wind pressure. When a workpiece which is oriented vertically is transported horizontally, large forces are applied by acceleration when movement is started and stopped. Furthermore, in cases where the
- cup and workpiece can slip easily, accelerations and decelerations of horizontal movement should be kept to a minimum.
 When transporting flat shaped workpieces that have large surface areas using multiple cups, care
- 5) When transporting flat shaped workpieces that have large surface areas using multiple cups, care must be taken in arranging the cups, so that the workpieces are evenly gripped.

6) Use caution since the workpiece could rotate during transfer. Use of more than one cup for each workpiece is recommended.

Vertical lifting (This type of application should generally be avoided.)

Storage

<u>∧</u>Caution

It is recommended to store suction cups in the environment shown in the table below.

Storing in an environment other than that recommended below may lead to changes in properties (deformation, discoloration, cracking, increased adhesiveness, etc.).

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Temperature	15 to 25 °C	
Humidity	50[%] or less, No condensation	
Other	Location that is shaded from direct sunlight or fluorescent light	
	Location without the presence of ozone (For NBR and conductive NBR)	

11.Troubleshooting

Troubleshooting

Refer to "List of problems and countermeasures" when any failure occurs with this product. If a cause applicable to the troubles cannot be identified and normal operation is recovered by replacement with a new product, the product <u>may have failed</u>. Problems with the product may be due to the operating environment (dusty etc.). Refer to "<u>P.5</u> Precautions for Handling" for the operating environment.

Problem	Cause	Countermeasure
	Gripping area is small. (Lifting force is lower than the workpiece mass.)	Recheck the relationship between workpiece mass and lifting force. - Use a suction cup with a large gripping area. - Increase the quantity of suction cups.
	Vacuum pressure is low. (Air leakage from the mounting of cups or flange, or gripping surface) (Air permeable workpiece)	 Check if there is air leakage from the mounting of cups or flange, or gripping surface. Tighten the cups and flange to the specified torque. If the number of cups has been changed and a plug is used, check that a gasket is securely fitted and not loose. Reconsider the shape of a suction cup. Check the relationship between suction flow rate and arrival pressure of vacuum.
Initial gripping problem (During	Vacuum pressure is low. (Air leakage inside the product)	Perform diagnostic of gripper maximum vacuum pressure and check if there is pressure drop. Refer to " <u>5.1. Initial setup and diagnostic function</u> ". - Might be due to contamination inside the product or product failure.
commissioning)	Cup shape	Response time differs by cup shape or piping condition. Select the cups by the time of grip error detection time within 2 seconds.
	High P2 set value (pressure at which suction is judged to have failed)	Set a suitable pressure for the workpiece and cup conditions.
	Unsuitable initial set value of vacuum pressure without workpiece: Pe	Inadequate initial set value may cause malfunction. If the cup or other conditions are changed, set up the gripper again according to " <u>5.1. Initial setup and diagnostic function</u> ".
	Unsuitable settings for gripper operation mode	Perform a test run with the actual workpiece to determine suitable settings. Continuous mode is recommended for breathable workpieces.
	Product failure	Replace the product.
Slow response	Cup shape	Response time differs by cup shape or piping condition. Select the cups by the time of grip error detection time within 2 seconds.

List of problems and countermeasures

List of problems and countermeasures (continued)

Problem	Cause	Countermeasure	
	Vacuum pressure is low. (Air leakage from the mounting of cups or flange, or gripping surface)	 Check if there is air leakage from the mounting of cups or flange, or gripping surface. Tighten the cups and flange to the specified torque. If the number of cups has been changed and a plug is used, check that a gasket is securely fitted and not loose. 	
	Vacuum pressure is low. (Air leakage inside the product)	Perform diagnostic of gripper maximum vacuum pressure and check if there is pressure drop. Refer to " <u>5.1. Initial setup and diagnostic function</u> ". - Might be due to contamination inside the product or product failure.	
Gripping problem over time (Gripping is normal during trial operation.)	Clogging of the mesh	Perform diagnostic of vacuum pressure without workpiece and check if there is pressure increase. Refer to " <u>5.1. Initial setup and diagnostic function</u> ". - Clean the mesh periodically as necessary by washing, air blow and so on or replacing plate B. Refer to " <u>9.2. Maintenance for suction cup</u> ".	
	Cup (rubber) deterioration, cracking, etc.	Replace cups. Check the compatibility of vacuum cup material and workpiece condition.	
	Insufficient warm up	After power on, the pressure display drifts. Allow ten to fifteen minutes of warm-up before detecting low pressure.	
	Contamination inside the product	Perform diagnostic of gripper maximum vacuum pressure and check if there is pressure drop. Refer to " <u>5.1. Initial setup and diagnostic function</u> ". Contact our sales representative for removal of contamination.	
	Product failure	Replace the product.	
	Insufficiently short atmospheric release time	Select the piping condition to fit atmospheric release time within 0.5 seconds.	
Workpiece is not released.	The increase of stickiness due to the wearing of the cup (rubber).	Replace cups. Check the compatibility of the cup material and workpiece condition.	
	Seizure of atmospheric release valve	Carry out a few conditioning-runs to resolve this problem.	
	Product failure	Replace the product.	
Pressure monitor error (pressure value fluctuation, lost or missing	Incorrect power supply	Supply voltage must be 24VDC ±10%. Check if the supply voltage is correct.	
from the display, or flashing)	Product failure	Replace the product.	
Wrong zero point of the pressure monitor	Zero-clear failure	This product clears the display value to zero upon power on. Power on the product again after powering off and releasing the vacuum port to atmosphere.	
	Product failure	Replace the product.	
The display units cannot be changed.	Incorrect model (no measurement unit change function is available)	Check the part number if it indicates that the product has the measurement unit selection function. If the model has only the SI unit, the unit cannot be changed (except for between kPa and MPa).	
	Product failure	Replace the product.	

List of problems and countermeasures (continued)

Problem	Cause	Countermeasure	
SET/TEST button	The button is not recognized as pressed.	The button is unlikely to be recognized as pressed. Press the button until you hear a click.	
does not work	Product failure	Replace the product.	
The pressure monitor buttons	The set button is locked.	The set button on the pressure monitor is locked by default. Unlock the button according to " <u>5.2.3. Keylock</u> <u>function</u> ".	
don't work.	Product failure	Replace the product.	
The product is	A ticking sound is heard when the cup is sealed.	To prevent the workpiece from being unintentionally gripped, the atmospheric release valve is turned on when the cup is sealed during idling status. The ticking sound is created by the valve and it's not failure.	
noisy.	A ticking sound is heard during idling status. (The valve switches at regular intervals)	Power on again after powering off and releasing the V- port to atmosphere.	
	Product failure	Replace the product.	
Gripper malfunction	Malfunction due to out-of- specification settings of the pressure monitor (operations other than those described in this manual).	Perform the "Factory reset". (Refer to " <u>5.2.6. Factory reset</u> " .)	

Alarms

When an alarm occurs, the LED will flash red.

Table 19. List of alarms

Alarm	Product status	Countermeasure
Temporary pressure monitor error	LED: flashes red Pressure monitor: shows "HHH" or "LLL"	A pressure outside of the upper or lower limit of the pressure monitor display has been applied. Adjust the pressure to fall within the display range.
Internal part overcurrent error	LED: flashes red	The load current on an internal part exceeds the maximum value. Turn the power off and check that the wiring is correct. After ensuring the wiring is correct, power on again. Check the operating environment if strong magnetic field has been generated.
Communication error	LED: flashes red	
Pressure monitor internal error	LED: flashes red Pressure monitor: shows an error code (Er 0/4/6/7/8/9)	An internal error has occurred. Turn the power off and on again.
System error	LED: flashes red	

If the error cannot be reset after the above measures are taken, or errors other than above are displayed, please contact SMC.

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