

# **Viscosity-Compensated Flow Meters and Switches**

for Viscous Liquids



measuring

monitoring

analysing



- Measuring range: oil 0.1-0.45 to 5-80 L/min
- Accuracy:±4% of F.S.
- pmax 12 bar, tmax 100°C
- Viscosity range:1...540 mm²/s
- Connection: G 1/4...G 1 female 1/4...1 NPT female
- Material: brass, stainless steel





#### **Description**

The KOBOLD flow meters and switches model VKG have a spring-loaded float, which slides within a cylindrical measuring tube and has an integral orifice which is believed to be unique.

This and other design features means that it has for the first time become possible to create a flow meter and switch which fully compensates for viscosity and to a large extent for density even with very low flows. The float of these patented devices contain permanent magnets which actuate a potential free bistable reed contact mounted outside the flow thus ensuring hermetic separation between the medium and the electrical contact system. The contact is embedded within a height-adjustable plastic housing to prevent damage to the contacts by mechanical action or aggressive atmospheres.

#### Viscosity compensation

If the viscosity changes from 1 mm $^2$ /s to 540 mm $^2$ /s the indicated value is still accurate within  $\pm 5\,\%$ , even with very low flows, for example, 0.1 L/min.

Comparable devices, for instance conventional float-type flow meters, are, if the viscosity changes to such an extent, subject to indicating errors up to 2.500%, especially with comparable low flows. Other instruments with spring-loaded floats, which are allegedly viscosity compensated, still produce indicating errors of more than 500% with the same change in viscosity and a flow of 0.1 L/min.

Thanks to the virtually perfect viscosity compensation and good density compensation the flow meters and switches of the latest generation are suitable both for water and highly viscous oil, without having to change the scale and without readjustment. This constitutes an extremely important advance especially in the critical area of oil lubrication circuits where measurement and switching are necessary at changing media temperatures.

#### **Applications**

- Lubrication circuits
- Paper-making machines
- Machine tools
- Oil lubrication circuits
- Hydraulics
- Extruding plant
- Printing press

#### **Technical Details**

Housing: aluminium, anodized

(not media-contacted)

Screwed fitting: VKG-x1...: brass, nickel-plated

VKG-x2...: stainless steel 1.4301

Float: VKG-x1...: brass, nickel-plated

VKG-x2...: stainless steel 1.4301

Orifice: stainless steel 1.4310 Spring: stainless steel 1.4310

Magnet: ceramic

Measuring glass: Duran glass

Seals: VKG-x1...: NBR

VKG-x2...: FPM

Max. temperature: +100°C Max. pressure: 12 bar

Installation position: any

Basic accuracy:  $\pm 4\%$  f. s.

(for a viscosity of 105 mm<sup>2</sup>/s)

Measuring error with

change in viscosity: for changes in viscosity within

1-540 mm<sup>2</sup>/s the additional deviation is  $\pm 5\%$  f. s. maximum

Viscosity range: 1-540 mm<sup>2</sup>/s

Contacts: For VKG-2..., VKG-3..., VKG-4...

Electrical

connection: connector DIN 43 650

Electrical switching

values: N/O contact (CSA)

max.  $240 V_{AC} / 100 VA / 1.5 A$ 

changeover contact (CSA) max. 240 V<sub>AC</sub> / 60 VA / 1 A

N/O contact (UL)

250 V<sub>AC</sub> - 0.4 A / 200 V<sub>DC</sub> - 0.25 A

50 V<sub>DC</sub> -1.0 A

changeover contact (UL)

max. 250  $V_{DC}$  / 0.136 A - 30  $V_{DC}$  / 1 A

Protection: IP 65 (electrical contact)

IP 54 (side indicator)



#### **Four versions**

VKG-1...: Flow meters



VKG-2...: Flow meters and switches with 1 contact



VKG-3...: Flow meters and switches with 2 contacts



VKG-4...: Flow meters and switches with 1 contact and side indicator for turbid and dark media





Order Details (Example: VKG-1103 R15)

### Viscosity-compensated flow meters model: VKG-1...

Measuring range	Pressure [bar] at ra		Brass	Stainless steel	Contact	Connection		Option special
L/min oil	min.	max.						connect.
0.10.45	0.06	0.9	VKG-1101	VKG-1201		R08 = G 1/4	N08= 1/4 NPT	
0.21.2	0.04	1.0	VKG-1102	VKG-1202				
0.42	0.04	1.0	VKG-1103	VKG-1203		R08 = G 1/4	N08= 1/4 NPT	
0.63.4	0.04	0.9	VKG-1104	VKG-1204		R15=G ½	N15= ½ NPT	D
28	0.06	1.0	VKG-1105	VKG-1205				B=outlet female
315	0.04	1.0	VKG-1106	VKG-1206	00= without contact	R15=G ½	N15= 1/2 NPT	thread
420	0.04	1.0	VKG-1107	VKG-1207		<b>R20</b> = G 3/4	N20 = 3/4 NPT	inlet BVB manifold
2.545	0.08	0.4	VKG-1108	VKG-1208		<b>R20</b> = G 3/4	N20 = 3/4 NPT	maniioid
555	0.1	1.0	VKG-1109	VKG-1209		R25=G 1	N25=1 NPT	
2.570	0.1	1.1	VKG-1110	VKG-1210		n25=G1	1425=   14171	
580	0.1	1.0	VKG-1111	VKG-1211		<b>R25</b> =G1	N25 = 1 NPT	

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}% =0.01$  The pressure loss is based on water.

## Viscosity-compensated flow meters and switches model: VKG-2...

Measuring range	Pressure loss ∆ P [bar] at rated flow*		Brass	Stainless steel	Contact	Connection		Option special
L/min oil	min.	max.						connect.
0.10.45	0.06	0.9	VKG-2101	VKG-2201		R08 = G 1/4	N08= 1/4 NPT	
0.21.2	0.04	1.0	VKG-2102	VKG-2202				
0.42	0.04	1.0	VKG-2103	VKG-2203	<b>R0.</b> = 1 N/O contact	R08 = G 1/4	N08= 1/4 NPT	
0.63.4	0.04	0.9	VKG-2104	VKG-2204	U0= 1 changeover	R15=G ½	N15= 1/2 NPT	
28	0.06	1.0	VKG-2105	VKG-2205	contact			B=outlet female
315	0.04	1.0	VKG-2106	VKG-2206	C0= 1 N/O contact	R15 = G ½	N15= 1/2 NPT	thread
420	0.04	1.0	VKG-2107	VKG-2207	(UL)	R20 = G 3/4	N20 = 3/4 NPT	inlet BVB
2.545	0.08	0.4	VKG-2108	VKG-2208	D0= 1 changeover	<b>R20</b> = G 3/4	<b>N20</b> = 3/4 NPT	manifold
555	0.1	1.0	VKG-2109	VKG-2209	contact (UL)	<b>R25</b> =G1	N25=1 NPT	
2.570	0.1	1.1	VKG-2110	VKG-2210		n20=G1	N25=   NP1	
580	0.1	1.0	VKG-2111	VKG-2211		<b>R25</b> = G 1	N25 = 1 NPT	

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## **Order Details**

### Viscosity-compensated flow meters and switches with 2 contacts model: VKG-3...

Measuring range	Pressure loss Δ P [bar] at rated flow*		Brass	Stainless steel	Contact	Connection		
L/min oil	min.	max.						
0.10.45	0.06	0.9	VKG-3101	VKG-3201		R08 = G 1/4	N08 = 1/4 NPT	
0.21.2	0.04	1.0	VKG-3102	VKG-3202				
0.42	0.04	1.0	VKG-3103	VKG-3203	RR= 2 N/O contacts	R08 = G 1/4	N08 = 1/4 NPT	
0.63.4	0.04	0.9	VKG-3104	VKG-3204	UU= 2 changeover	R15=G ½	N15=1/2 NPT	
28	0.06	1.0	VKG-3105	VKG-3205	contacts			
315	0.04	1.0	VKG-3106	VKG-3206	CC= 2 N/O contacts	R15=G ½	N15 = ½ NPT	
420	0.04	1.0	VKG-3107	VKG-3207	(UL)	R20 = G 3/4	N20 = 3/4 NPT	
2.545	0.08	0.4	VKG-3108	VKG-3208	DD= 2 changeover	R20 = G 3/4	N20 = 3/4 NPT	
555	0.1	1.0	VKG-3109	VKG-3209	contacts (UL)			
2.570	0.1	1.1	VKG-3110	VKG-3210		<b>R25</b> = G 1	N25 = 1 NPT	
580	0.1	1.0	VKG-3111	VKG-3211		<b>R25</b> =G1	N25 = 1 NPT	

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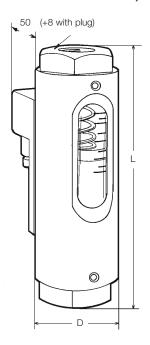
## Viscosity-compensated flow meters and switches with side indicator model: VKG-4...

Measuring range	Pressure loss ∆ P [bar] at rated flow*		Brass	Stainless steel	Contact	Connection		Option special
L/min oil	min.	max.						connect.
0.10.45	0.06	0.9	VKG-4101	VKG-4201		R08 = G 1/4	N08 = 1/4 NPT	
0.21.2	0.04	1.0	VKG-4102	VKG-4202				
0.42	0.04	1.0	VKG-4103	VKG-4203	<b>R0.</b> = 1 N/O contact	R08 = G 1/4	N08 = 1/4 NPT	
0.63.4	0.04	0.9	VKG-4104	VKG-4204	U0= 1 changeover	R15=G ½	N15=1/2 NPT	
28	0.06	1.0	VKG-4105	VKG-4205	contact			B=outlet female
315	0.04	1.0	VKG-4106	VKG-4206	C0= 1 N/O contact	R15 = G ½	N15=1/2 NPT	thread
420	0.04	1.0	VKG-4107	VKG-4207	(UL)	R20 = G 3/4	N20 = 3/4 NPT	inlet BVB
2.545	0.08	0.4	VKG-4108	VKG-4208	D0= 1 changeover	<b>R20</b> = G 3/4	<b>N20</b> = 3/4 NPT	manifold
555	0.1	1.0	VKG-4109	VKG-4209	contact (UL)	<b>R25</b> =G 1	N25=1 NPT	
2.570	0.1	1.1	VKG-4110	VKG-4210		n25=G1	N25=   NP	
580	0.1	1.0	VKG-4111	VKG-4211		<b>R25</b> = G 1	N25 = 1 NPT	

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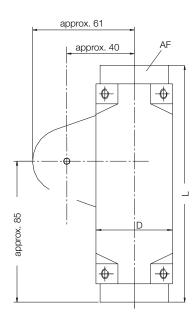


## Dimensions model VKG-1.., VKG-2..., VKG-3...



Model	D	- []		AF	Weight [kg] VKG-1		
	[mm]	Standard connection	Special connection	[mm]	Standard connection	Special connection	
VKG01	48	143	-	41	0.9	0.9	
VKG02	48	143	143	41	0.9	0.8	
VKG03	48	143	143	41	0.9	0.8	
VKG04	48	143	143	41	0.9	0.8	
VKG05	48	143	143	41	0.9	0.8	
VKG06	48	143	153	41	0.8	0.8	
VKG07	48	143	153	41	0.8	0.8	
VKG08	48	153	153	41	0.8	0.7	
VKG09	48	153	153	41	0.8	0.7	
VKG10	48	153	153	41	0.8	0.7	
VKG11	48	153	-	41	0.7	0.7	

### Dimensions model VKG-4..



Model	, D	L [n	nm]	AF [mm]	Weight [k	g] VKG-4
	[mm]	Standard connection	Special connection		Standard connection	Special connection
VKG01	46 x 46	143	-	41	1.3	1.3
VKG02	46 x 46	143	143	41	1.3	1.2
VKG03	46 x 46	143	143	41	1.3	1.2
VKG04	46 x 46	143	143	41	1.3	1.2
VKG05	46 x 46	143	143	41	1.2	1.2
VKG06	46 x 46	143	143	41	1.2	1.2
VKG07	46 x 46	143	153	41	1.2	1,1
VKG08	46 x 46	153	153	41	1.2	1.1
VKG09	46 x 46	153	153	41	1.2	1.1
VKG10	46 x 46	153	153	41	1.1	1.1
VKG11	46 x 46	153	-	41	1.1	1.1

