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VAV Compact Controller Modbus RTU

G..B181..MO

VAV Compact Controllers 5 / 10 Nm with Modbus communication

- GDB181..MO with 5 Nm nominal torque
- GLB181..MO with 10 Nm nominal torque
- Operating voltage AC 24 V
- Modbus RTU (RS-485)
- For plants with variable or constant air-volume flow

Functions

Function	Description
Communication	Modbus RTU (RS-485), galvanically separated.
Functions	- Setpoint 0..100%, - Actual values for volume flow, position and differential pressure - Volume flow or position control - Override control Open / Close / Min / Max / Stop - Setpoint monitoring and backup mode
Supported baudrates	9.6, 19.2, 38.4, 57.6, 78.4, 115.2 kbaud
Transmission formats	1-8-E-1, 1-8-N-1-, 1-8-O-1, 1-8-N-2
Termination	120 Ω electronically switchable
Supported Modbus function codes	03 Read Holding Registers, 04 Read Input Registers, 06 Write Single Register, 16 Write Multiple registers (max. 120 registers within one message)

VAV compact controllers are not suitable for environments where the air is saturated with sticky or greasy particles or contain aggressive substances.

For a detailed description of specific functions please refer to the product documentation A6V10631862.

Type summary

Product no.	Stock no.	Packaging unit	Operating voltage	Positioning signal	Power consumption	Posit. time	Manual adjuster	Position feedback
GDB181.1E/MO	S55499-D166	1 pc.	AC 24 V	Modbus RTU	1 VA / 0.5 W 3 VA / 2.5 W [2]	150 s	Yes	True position potentiometer
GDB181.1EMMO	S55499-D841	18 pcs. [1]						
GLB181.1E/MO	S55499-D167	1 pc.						

Please refer to data sheet **N4698** for information on accessories and spare parts.

[1] Contains additional 18 pcs. ASK 87.12 shaft adapters

[2] Actuator rotates

Ordering (Example)

Product no.	Stock no.	Description	Quantity
GDB181.1E/MO	S55499-D166	VAV Compact Controller Modbus	1

The manufacturer of VAV box units (OEM) generally configures and assembles VAV Compact Controllers. VAV control core parameters are therefore protected against unauthorized changes after production. For configuration and maintenance, the service tools AST20 (handheld tool) or ACS931 / ACS941 (PC tool, to be used with AST22) are available.

Equipment combinations

Product no.	Stock no.	Description	Doc. type	Doc. number
AST20	S55499-D165	Handheld tool for commissioning and service	Datasheet	A6V10631836
AST22	S55499-D373	USB/PPS2 Interface Converter	Datasheet	A6V11236956
ACS931	--	PC tool for commissioning and service (OEM version)	Datasheet	N5853
ACS941	--	PC tool for commissioning and service (Service version)	Datasheet	N5854

Product documentation

Title	Topic	Document ID
VAV Compact Controllers Modbus RTU	Detailed information about the VAV Compact Controllers with Modbus communication	A6V10631862
Installation Instruction VAV Modbus / BACnet	Mounting / installation instruction	A6V10523083

How to obtain documentation and product-related software

Related documents such as environmental declarations, CE declarations, etc., can be downloaded at the following Internet address: http://siemens.com/bt/download

The ACS931 and ACS941 softwares can be downloaded at the following Internet address: https://support.industry.siemens.com

HMI (Human-machine interface)

For more detailed explanations on device states, functions and error display, cf. product documentation A6V10631862

Push-button operation

Activity	Push-button operation	Confirmation
Display current address (in reverse order)	Press button < 1s	Current address is displayed
Enter push-button addressing mode	Press button > 1s and < 5s	Red LED shines (release button before LED gets dark)
Reset to OEM default settings	Press button > 10s	Orange LED flashes

LED colors and patterns

Color	Pattern	Description
Green	steady	Start-up
	1s on / 5s off	Fault free operation ("life pulse")
	flashing	Bus traffic
Orange	steady	Device is in on-event addressing mode (Timeout 60s)
	1s on / 5s off	Backup mode entered
Red	steady	Mechanical fault / device jammed
	flashing fast	Sensor error: Pressure tubes interchanged or "invalid configuration"
	flashing slowly	Sensor error: Internal read error
	1s on / 5s off	Internal error

Resetting the device by push button

The VAV compact controllers can be reset by push-button:

1. Press button for >10s → LED starts flashing **orange**
2. Release button while LED still flashes → LED keeps flashing for 3s
3. After those 3s → LED shines **red** (reset), then **green** (start-up).

A factory reset by push-button leads to a reset of all parameters as described in the section "Commissioning and parameterization" to the OEM default values. Since these default values can be changed by the OEM, they are not necessarily the same as the Siemens factory settings.
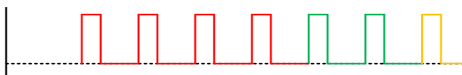
All other parameters, especially the bus parameters, are reset to Siemens factory settings.

VAV Compact Controllers can also be reset by the VAV handheld tool AST20 or over bus. Please refer to the corresponding operating manual / technical basics.

Display current address (digits in reverse order)

The Modbus address can be set without a separate tool by using the push-button and LED.

To display the current address, press button <1s.

Colors		
1-digits: **red**	10-digits: **green**	100-digits: **orange**

Example for address 124:	
LED	
Note	The address is entered and shown in reverse order.

Set new address (digits in reverse order)

1. **Enter addressing mode**: press button > 1s until LED shines **red**, then release button (before LED gets dark).
2. **Enter digits**: press button n-times → LED flashes per button press (feedback).
3. **Store digits**: press button until LED shines in color of following digits – release button,
4. **Save address**: press button until LED shines **red** (confirmation) → release button.
   An address can be stored at any time, i.e. after setting the 1-digits, or after setting the 1- and the 10-digits.
5. Entered address is repeated one times for confirmation.

Note: If button is released before LED shines **red**, the address is discarded.

Examples

Set address "124":
1. Enter addressing mode
2. Set 1-digits: Press button 4-times → LED flashes **red** per button press
3. Store 1-digits: press button until LED shines **green** – release button
4. Set 10-digits: Press button 2-times → LED flashes **green** per button press
5. Store 10-digits: press button until LED shines **orange** – release button
6. Set 100-digits: Press button 1-times → LED flashes **orange** per button press
7. Store address: press button until LED shines **red** – release button
   → address is stored and displayed 1x for confirmation

Set address "50":
1. Enter addressing mode
2. Skip 1-digits: Hold button pressed until LED shines **green** – release button
3. Set 10-digits: Press button 5-times → LED flashes **green** per button press
4. Store address (skip 100-digits): hold button pressed until LED shines **red**
   – release button
   → address is stored and displayed 1x for confirmation

Set address "5":
1. Enter addressing mode
2. Set 1-digits: Press button 5-times → LED flashes **red** per button press
3. Store address: press button until LED shines **red**
   → address is stored and displayed 1x for confirmation

Parameterization of the VAV application

The OEM generally provides the basic configuration to VAV Compact Controllers, especially the parameter Vn and the opening direction. The setting of all other parameters depends on the actual application and can be obtained from the ventilation planner or similar.

The following parameters must be checked or set prior to commissioning:

| Parameter	Range	Description	Factory setting
Operating mode	VAV (flow ctrl.) / POS (position ctrl.)	Interpretation of setpoint VAV = setpoint controls volume flow [%] POS = setpoint controls damper position [%]	VAV
Opening direction	CW (R) / CCW (L)	Opening direction of air damper	CW (R)
Adaptive positioning	Off / On	Adaption of actual opening range to position feedback [1] Off = No adaption / mapping 0°..90° → 0..100 % On = Pos. adaption / mapping e.g. 0°..60° → 0..100 %	Off
Vmax	20…120%	Maximum air volume flow	100 %
Vmin	-20…100%	Minimum air volume flow	0 %
Vnom	0…60'000 m^3/h	Nominal air volume flow [2]	100 m^3/h
Vn	1…3.16	Characteristic value for the air volume flow; set by the manufacturer (OEM)	1
Altitude	0…5000m in 500m steps	Altitude level correction factor for differential pressure sensor (select n*500m value closest to real altitude)	500 meters

Please refer to technical basics **A6V10631862** for more explanation.

[1] Adaptation must not be activated while a device jam is present

[2] Value used for displaying / not used for volume flow control loop

Operating mode "Volume flow control"

Variable air volume (VAV) control

The operating point is determined by the setpoint value and the Vmin / Vmax settings.

1 Setpoint range
2 Actual value range
3 Controlled area
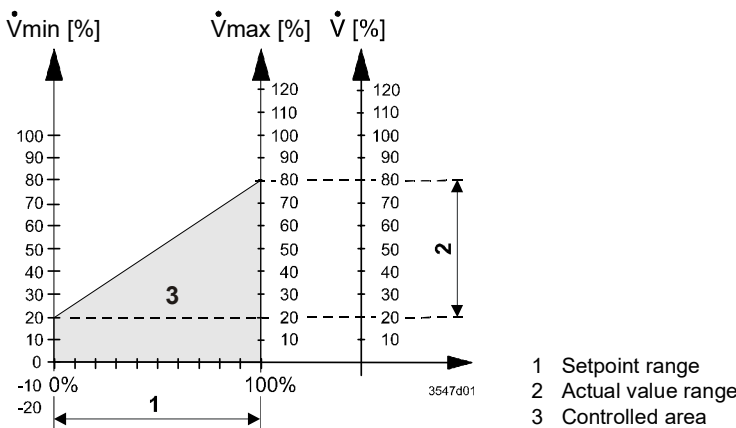
Constant air volume (VAV) control

A constant air volume flow can be achieved by sending a constant setpoint value or by setting Vmin = Vmax.

Operating mode "Position control"

The VAV compact controllers can be operated as damper actuators, i.e. using the 0..100% setpoint as position damper setpoint, by setting the operating mode parameter to "POS".

Engineering

Engineering mainly consists of implementing the data model into a VAV application, especially sending the setpoint from the supervisory controller to the VAV compact controller and receiving the actual values (cf. Modbus register list) for control and monitoring. System limitations of Modbus RTU apply, especially number of devices per segment and cable lengths depending on the baud rate.

Commissioning

Two basic workflows are supported:

- Full or partial configuration (bus configuration and optionally VAV parameters configuration) by a tool (AST20 or ACS941),
- Full or partial configuration over bus, usually using addressing by push-button, with subsequent configuration over bus.

Commissioning workflow 1: Full or partial configuration by tool

When using the AST20 handheld tool or the ACS931 / ACS941 PC tool, all bus and VAV parameters can be set.

- Connect AST20 or ACS931 / ACS941 (for PC tools, use AST22 interface converter) to the VAV compact controller and navigate to the bus configuration menu
- Set bus parameters as desired
- Optionally make changes on VAV parameters.

> **Note**
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> With AST20, all parameters can be set using the mass configuration function. The bus parameters are included in the mass configuration function. It can be selected that the address is automatically incremented with each programmed VAV compact controller. ACS931 / ACS941 supports saving and loading of parameter sets.

Commissioning workflow 2: Configuration over bus (full or partially)

The devices can be configured over bus if the pre-commissioning settings allow for a connection between the Modbus master / programming tool and peripheral devices (i.e. non-conflicting addresses and matching baudrate / transmission format).

- Full configuration over bus: If the address is unique per segment when powered up, the device can be accessed by the Modbus master (or programming tool) and the address and other parameters can then be set to the definitive values.
- Partial configuration over bus: If the address is not unique per segment when powered up, each device must get a non-conflicting address before connecting it to the bus (e.g. using the push-button addressing method). After addressing all devices, the remaining configuration can be done over the bus using the default settings for baudrate (auto-baud) and transmission mode for the Modbus master.
- Overwriting the bus configuration over bus uses a timeout. If "1 = Load" is not written into Reg 768 within 30 seconds, all values are discarded.

Example: Table shows bus configuration registers before and after changing them over bus.

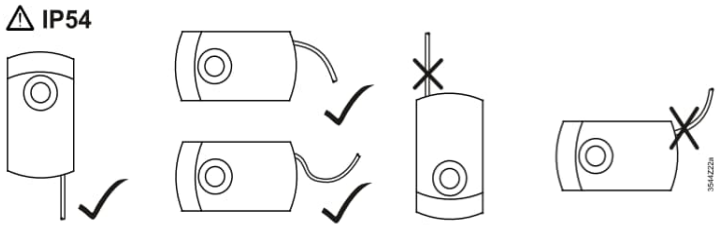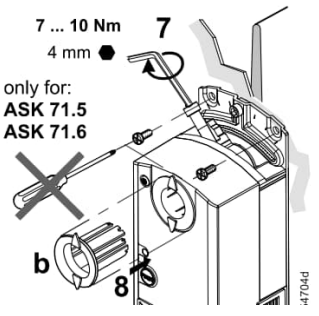| Reg.	Name	Pre-commissioning	New value (ex.)
764	Address	246	12
765	Baudrate	0 = auto	1 = 9600
766	Transmission Mode	0 = 1-8-E-1	3 = 1-8-N-2
767	Termination	0 = Off	0 = Off
768	BusConfigCmd	0 = Ready	1 = Load

Safety

> **⚠ Caution**
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> **National safety regulations**
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> Failure to comply with national safety regulations may result in personal injury and property damage.
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> - Observe national provisions and comply with the appropriate safety regulations.

Mounting

Mounting positions

IP54 protection in following mounting positions	Accessory mounting holes [1]
	 Cf. mounting instr. A6V10523083

⚠ [1] Not to be used for fixation of the actuator, use anti-rotation-bracket instead.

Maintenance

The VAV compact controllers are maintenance-free.

Mounting:
- Do not open the VAV compact controllers
- Do not use the accessory mounting holes for fixation of the VAV compact controllers
- If necessary, disconnect electrical connections from the terminals

The VAV compact controllers must be correctly adjusted to the VAV box before commissioning.

Disposal

	The device is considered electrical and electronic equipment for disposal in terms of the applicable European Directive and may not be disposed of as domestic garbage. • Dispose of the device through channels provided for this purpose. • Comply with all local and currently applicable laws and regulations.

Third-party devices: Siemens does not assume any responsibility for correct operation of third-party devices in conjunction with VAV Compact Controllers with Modbus communication. Test such devices before using them in a project.

For a detailed description of specific functions please refer to the product documentation A6V10631862.

Reg.	Name	R/W	Unit	Scaling	Range / enumeration
Process Values					
1	Setpoint	RW	%	0.01	0..100
2	Override control	RW	--	--	0 = Off / 1 = Open / 2 = Close 3 = Stop / 4 = GoToMin / 5 = GoToMax
3	Actual position	R	%	0.01	0..100
4	Actual Flow [rel.]	R	%	0.01	0..120
5	Actual Flow [abs.]	R	m^3/h / l/s [1]	1	0..60000 / 0..16667 l/s
6	Actual Pressure	R	Pa	0.1	0..500
256	Command	RW	--		0 = Ready / 1 = Reserved / 2 = Selftest 3 = ReInitDevice / 4 = RemoteFactoryReset

Parameters					
257	Opening direction	RW	--	--	0 = CW / 1 = CCW
258	Adaptive Mode	RW	--	--	0 = Off / 1 = On
259	Operating Mode	RW	--	--	0 = VAV / 1 = POS
260	MinPosition	RW	%	0.01	0..100
261	MaxPosition	RW	%	0.01	0..100
262	Actuator Running Time	R	s	1	150
385	Vnom	RW	m^3/h / l/s [1]	1	0..50000 m3/h / 0..13889 l/s
386	Vmin	RW	%	0.01	-20..100
387	Vmax	RW	%	0.01	0..120
388	Altitude Level	RW	m	1	0..5000
389	Unit Switch	RW	-- [1]	--	0 = m3/h / 1 = l/s
513	Backup Mode	RW	--	--	0 = Go to BackupPosition 1 = Keep last position / 2 = Disabled
514	Backup Position	RW	%	0.01	0..100
515	Backup Timeout	RW	s	1	0..65535
764	Modbus Address	RW	--	--	1..247 / 255 = "unassigned"
765	Baudrate	RW	--	--	0 = auto / 1 = 9600 / 2 = 19200 3 = 38400 / 4 = 57600 / 5 = 76800 6 = 115200
766	Transmission Format	RW	--	--	0 = 1-8-E-1 / 1 = 1-8-O-1 2 = 1-8-N-1 / 3 = 1-8-N-2
767	Bus Termination	RW	--	--	0 = Off / 1 = On
768	Bus Conf. Command		--	--	0 = Ready / 1 = Load / 2 = Discard
769	Status	R	--	--	See below

[1] Values are recalculated when the unit is switched

Device information					
1281	Factory Index	R	--	--	
1282-83	Factory Date	R	--	--	Cf. product documentation A6V10631862
1284-85	Factory SeqNo	R	--	--	
1409-16	TypeASN [Char_16..1]	R	--	--	

Register 769 "Status"

Status			
Bit 00	1 = Local override	Bit 06	1 = Adaptation run done
Bit 01	1 = Backup mode active	Bit 07	1 = Adaptation run in progress
Bit 02	1 = Sensor comm. fault	Bit 08	1 = Reserved
Bit 03	1 = Sensor tubes crossed	Bit 09	1 = Reserved
Bit 04	1 = Device jammed	Bit 10	1 = Selftest passed
Bit 05	1 = Nom. lifetime exceeded	Bit 11	1 = Invalid configuration

Supported function codes

Function codes	
03 (0x03)	Read Holding Registers
04 (0x04)	Read Input Registers
06 (0x06)	Write Single Register
16 (0x10)	Write Multiple registers (Limitation: Max. 120 registers within one message)

Technical data

Power supply		
Operating voltage	G..B181..	AC 24 V ± 20 % (SELV) or AC 24 V class 2 (US)
Frequency		50/60 Hz
Power consumption	at 50 Hz	
	Actuator holds	1 VA / 0.5 W
	Actuator rotates	3 VA / 2.5 W

Function data		
Positioning time for nominal rotation angle	G..B181..	150 s (50 Hz) 120 s (60 Hz)
Nominal torque	GDB..	5 Nm
	GLB..	10 Nm
Maximum torque	GDB..	< 7 Nm
	GLB..	< 14 Nm
Nominal / maximum rotation angle		90° / 95° ± 2°
Direction of rotation	Adjustable by tool or over bus	Clockwise (CW) / Counter-clockwise (CCW)

Connection cables		
Cable length		0.9 m
Power supply	Number of cores and cross-sectional area	2 x 0.75 mm^2
Communication	Number of cores and cross-sectional area	3 x 0.75 mm^2
Service interface	Terminal strip	7-pin, grid 2.00 mm

Communication		
Communication protocol	Modbus RTU	RS-485, galv. separated
	Number of nodes	Max. 32
	Address range	1...247 / 255 Default: 255
	Transmission formats	1-8-E-1 / 1-8-O-1 / 1-8-N-1 / 1-8-N-2 Default: 1-8-E-1
	Baudrates (kBaud)	Auto / 9.6 / 19.2 / 38.4 / 57.6 / 76.8 / 115.2 Default: Auto
	Termination	120 Ω electronically switchable Default: Off

Degree of protection		
Degree of protection	Degree of protection acc. to EN 60529 (see mounting instruction)	IP54
Safety class	Safety class acc. to EN 60730	III

Environmental conditions		
Applicable standard		IEC 60721-3-x
Operation	Climatic conditions	Class 3K5
	Mounting location	Indoors
	Temperature general	0…50 °C
	Humidity (non condensing)	5…95 % r. F.
Transport	Climatic conditions	Class 2K3
	Temperature	-25…70 °C
	Humidity	5...95 % r. h.
Storage	Climatic conditions	Class 1K3
	Temperature	-5…45 °C
	Humidity	5...95 % r. h.

Directives and Standards		
Product standard		EN60730-x
Product family standard		EN 50491-3, EN 50491-5 General requirements for Home and Building Electronic Systems (HBES) and Building Automation and Control Systems (BACS)
Electromagnetic compatibility (Application)		For residential, commercial and industrial environments
EU Conformity (CE)		GDB181.1E/MO	GLB181.1E/MO
		A5W00003842 [1]	A5W00000176 [1]
RCM Conformity		GDB181.1E/MO	GLB181.1E/MO
		A5W00003843 [1]	A5W00000177 [1]
UL, cUL	AC 24 V	UL 873 http://ul.com/database	

Environmental compatibility	
The product environmental declaration A6V10209938 [1] contains data on environmentally compatible product design and assessments (RoHS compliance, materials composition, packaging, environmental benefit, disposal).	

Dimensions / Weight		
Weight	Without packaging	0.6 kg
Dimensions		71 x 158 x 61 mm
Suitable drive shafts	Round shaft (with centering element)	8...16 mm (8...10 mm)
	Square shaft	6...12.8 mm
	Min. drive shaft length	30 mm
	Max. shaft hardness	<300 HV

Air volume flow controller		
Type	3-position controller with hysteresis	
Vmax, adjustable	resolution 1% / factory setting 100%	20%...120%
Vmin, adjustable	resolution 1% / factory setting 0%	-20%...100%
$V_n = f(dp_n)$, adjustable	resolution 0.01 / factory setting 1.00	1.0…3.16

| Differential pressure sensor		
	Connection tubes (Interior diameter)	3…8 mm
	Measuring range	0…500 Pa
	Operating range	0…300 Pa
Precision at 23 °C, 966 mbar and optional mounting position	Zero point	± 0.2 Pa
	Amplitude	± 4.5 % of the measured value
	Drift	± 0.1 Pa / Year
	Max. permissible operating pressure	3000 Pa
	Max. permissible overload on one side	3000 Pa

[1] The documents can be downloaded from http://siemens.com/bt/download

Diagrams

Internal diagrams

VAV Compact Controllers are delivered with two prewired cables (power / communication).

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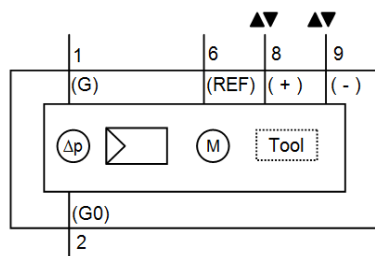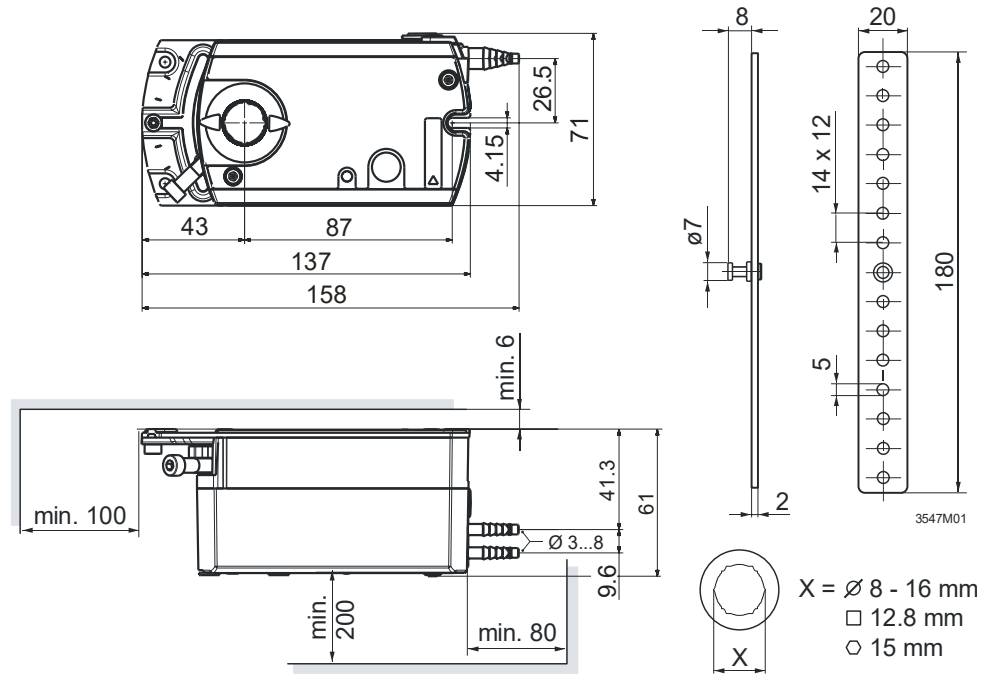

Tool = Configuration and maintenance interface (7-pin)

Power supply and communication cables

Core designation	Core color	Terminal code	Description
Cable 1: Power / black sheathing			
1	red (RD)	G	System voltage AC 24 V
2	black (BK)	G0	System neutral AC 24 V
Cable 2: Communication / blue sheathing			
6	violet (VT)	REF	Reference
8	grey (GY)	+	Bus (Modbus RTU)
9	pink (PK)	-	Bus (Modbus RTU)

Note

The operating voltage at terminals G and G0 must comply with the requirements under SELV or PELV. Safety transformers with twofold insulation as per EN 61558 required; they must be designed to be on 100 % of the time.

Dimensions

X = ⌀ 8 - 16 mm
□ 12.8 mm
◯ 15 mm

Measurements in mm