# Vacuum generators



- Short switching times thanks to integrated solenoid valves
- Reliable release of parts under suction via ejector pulse
- Vacuum monitoring with vacuum switch
- 6 nominal sizes: 0.45 ... 3.0 mm
- Flexible assembly with fixed grid dimensions
- Sturdy, compact design
- Protection class IP65
- Free of copper and PTFE
- Repair service VADMI-... with vacuum switch
- Repair service VADMI-... with vacuum switch



# Vacuum generators

Key features

# Product overview



All Festo vacuum generators have a single-stage design and operate according to the venturi principle. The product families described below have been designed for a wide range of applications. The different performance classes of the individual product families make it possible to select vacuum generators tailored to suit specific requirements.

Technical data → Internet: vn

# Standard and inline ejectors VN-...



- Nominal size 0.45 ... 3 mm
- Max. vacuum
   93%
- Temperature range 0 ... +60 °C

#### VAD-.../VAK-...



- Nominal size 0.5 ... 1.5 mm
- Max. vacuum 80%
- Temperature range -20 ...+80 °C

- A range of extremely effective generators suitable for use directly in the workplace
- Available as straight or T-shaped housing
- Low space requirement
- Low-cost
- No wearing parts
- Extremely fast evacuation time
- Vacuum switch (optional)
- Optional with additional functions: – integrated eject pulse
  - electric control for vacuum ON/OFF
  - combination of eject pulse and control

Technical data → Internet: vad

- Range of vacuum generators with sturdy aluminium casing
- VAK-...: Built-in reservoir VAD-...: Connection for additional external reservoir
- Maintenance-free
- VAK-...: Reliable setting down of workpieces

# Vacuum generators Key features

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→ Internet: www.festo.com/catalogue/...

Features

#### At a glance

- Compact and sturdy design
- Components with numerous individual functions form a single unit
- Extremely short switching times thanks to integrated solenoid valves
- No external or additional components required
- Vacuum generator VADM-.../-...-P/-N
- Cost effective assembly as the solenoid valve, vacuum generator and silencer are all in a single unit.

• Easily fitted thanks to compact

particularly suitable for handling

dimensions and therefore

Protection class IP65

operations

- With manual override
- With integrated silencer for reducing exhaust noise
- With integrated filter for the air to be evacuated and a display window which shows the degree of filter contamination
- · With or without integrated vacuum switch to monitor the vacuum with PNP or NPN output
- With 2 vacuum ports, optional

# The compressed air supply of these

vacuum generators is controlled by

switched on, the valve is actuated and

the flow of compressed air from 1 (P) to 3 (R) generates a vacuum at port 2

(V), operating on the ejector principle.

Suction stops when the supply power to the valve is switched off.

The integrated silencer reduces exhaust noise to a minimum.

the built-in solenoid valve. When the electrical power supply is • Built-in solenoid valve for: - Vacuum ON/OFF

With the vacuum generators VADM-...-P/N the vacuum can be monitored by means of a vacuum switch.



VADM-...-P/-N with vacuum switch



- 1 = Pressure supply port
- 2 = Vacuum port
- 3 = Exhaust

VADMI-...

Compressed air enters the vacuum generator following the application of a voltage signal to the integrated solenoid valve, thereby creating a vacuum.

Once the voltage is switched off at the vacuum valve and switched on at the ejector valve, the vacuum is rapidly purged at port 2 as a result of the application of pressure. The integrated silencer reduces exhaust noise to a minimum.

### Vacuum generator VADMI-.../-...-P/-...-N with ejector pulse and vacuum switch

- Two built-in solenoid valves for: - Vacuum ON/OFF
- Ejector pulse
- With sensing interface
- With integrated non-return valve as safety function

With the vacuum generators VADMI-...-P/-N the vacuum can be monitored by means of a vacuum switch.



VADMI-...-P/-N with ejector pulse and vacuum switch



- 1 = Pressure supply port
- 2 = Vacuum port
- 3 = Exhaust



Features

### Vacuum generator VADMI-...-LS-P/N with ejector pulse, vacuum switch and air-saving circuit

This vacuum generator is identically constructed to the other VADMI types. In addition, however, this ejector has a built-in vacuum switch with airsaving circuit:

If the vacuum level falls below the required range, vacuum generation is activated automatically (operating principle of vacuum switch for VADMI-...-LS-P/N → 13).

- Solenoid valve for vacuum
- generationIntegrated silencer
- Integrated 40 µm filter with
- contamination indication
- With sensing interface for vacuum fault signal
- With integrated non-return valve as safety function
- With vacuum switch for pressure monitoring
- With 2 vacuum ports

VADM-...-LS-P/N with air-saving circuit



1 = Pressure supply port

2 = Vacuum port

3 = Exhaust



# Vacuum generators VADM/VADMI Peripherals overview





Mou	nting attachments and accessories			
		VADM/VADMI-45/70	VADM/VADMI-95/140/200/300	→ Page/Internet
1	Push-in fitting	-	-	qs
	QS	-	-	
2	Suction gripper			esg
	ESG	-	-	
3	Plug socket with cable			sim-m8
	SIM-M8	_	_	
4	Plug socket with cable		_	kmyz-2
	KMYZ-2	_		
5	Plug socket with cable		_	kmyz-4
	KMYZ-4	_		
6	Plug socket with cable	_		kmeb-1
	KMEB-2		_	
7	Plug socket		_	mssd-zbzc
	MSSD-ZBZC	_		
8	Plug socket	_		mssd-e
	MSSD-E		_	
-	Suction cup holder			esh
	ESH	_		
-	Suction cup		-	ess
	ESS	-	-	
-	Illuminating seal	_		me-ld
	ME-LD		_	

# Vacuum generators VADM/VADMI Type codes

			VADM	] –	45	-	LS	-	Р
Туре									
VADM	Vacuum generator without ejector	pulse		-					
VADMI	Vacuum generator with ejector pul	se							
Nominal									
Nomina									
45	0.45								
70	0.70								
95	0.95								
140	1.40								
200	2.00								
300	3.00								
Function									
Function	15								
LS	With air-saving circuit								
Switchin	ng type								
Р	PNP design (vacuum switch, outpu	t							
	potential)								
Ν	NPN design (vacuum switch, outpu	ıt							
	potential)								

- 🎍 - Note Possible combinations can be found

in the ordering data.

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Temperature range −0 … +60 °C

Operating pressure 1.5 ... 8 bar



VADMI-...





General technical data												
Nominal size		45	70	95	140	200	300					
Design		Slim rectangular										
Operating medium		Compressed air, unlubricated, grade of filtration to 40 µm										
Mounting position		Any										
Ejector features		High vacuum										
Type of mounting		Either: Via female th	nread, via through-ho									
Pneumatic connection 1/2		M5/M5	M5/G1⁄8	G1/8/G1/8	G1/8/G1/4	G1⁄4/G3⁄8	G1⁄4/G3⁄8					
Nominal size of laval nozzle	[mm]	0.45	0.7	0.95	1.4	2.0	3.0					
Operating pressure	[bar]	1.5 8		2 8								
Duty cycle	[%]	100										
Power consumption [W] 1.4				1.5 piloted								
Protection class		IP65										

• Note: This product conforms with the ISO 1179-1 standard and the ISO 228-1 standard.

Ambient conditions										
Nominal size	45	70	95	140 200 300						
Ambient temperature [°C]	-0 +60	+60								
Note on material Free of copper, PTFE and silicone										
Authorisation	c UL us - Recognized (OL)									

Weights [g]											
Nominal size	45	70	95	140	200	300					
VADM	60	140	210	290	320	340					
VADMP/-N	65	145	220	300	330	350					
VADMI	85	170	240	320	350	370					
VADMIP/-N/-LS-P	90	180	250	330	360	380					

Vacuum  $\Delta p_u$  as a function of operating pressure p



### Evacuation time t [s] for 1 litre volume at 6 bar operating pressure



-0.5

∆p<sub>u</sub> [bar]

-0,6

-0.7 -0.8

-0.2

-0.3 -0.4



Air supply time for 1 litre volume at 6 h	oar operating pressure <sup>1)</sup>				
Туре	With ejector pulse	Without ejector pulse	Max. flow rate		
	[S]	[s]	[l/min]		
VADM-45	-	5.9	-		
VADMI-45	1.9	-	21		
VADM-70	-	2.2	-		
VADMI-70	0.59	-	48		
VADM-95	-	1.18	-		
VADMI-95	0.24	-	104		
VADM-140	-	0.69	-		
VADMI-140	0.19	-	265		
VADM-200	-	0.29	-		
VADMI-200	0.15	-	260		
VADM-300	-	0.26	-		
VADMI-300	0.2	-	250		

1) Time required to build up vacuum from -0.75 to -0.05 bar.

Technical data



### Noise level Lp as a function of operating pressure p (without suction flow)



# Efficiency $\eta$ as a function of vacuum $\Delta p_u$ at $P_{nom}$ 6 bar



### Suction rate qn as a function of vacuum $\Delta p_u$



Vacuum switch for vacuum generators VADM...-...-P/N

Circuit diagram





- Piezo-resistive vacuum switch with adjustable switching point and adjustable hysteresis
- Switching status display, yellow LED
- Electrical connection, polarity safe



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General technical data		
Pneumatic data		
Max. operating pressure	[bar]	00.95
Switching point	[bar]	0 –0.9 (adjustable)
Hysteresis	[bar]	0.05 0.5 (adjustable)
Temperature influence		≤ ±5 mbar/10K (on switching point)
Electrical data		
Operating voltage	[V DC]	24 (15 30)
Voltage drop	[V]	1.2 (at switch output)
Switch output current	[mA]	130
Max. intrinsic current	[mA]	25
consumption		
Max. switching delay	[ms]	5
Connection		Reverse polarity protected
Mechanical data		
Design		Piezo-resistive vacuum switch with adjustable switching point and hysteresis
Ambient conditions		
Protection class		IP65

Ambient conditions										
Ambient temperature [°C]	-0+60									
Note on material	Free of copper, PTFE and silicone									
CE marking symbol	As per EU EMC directive									
(see conformity declaration)										
Authorisation	c UL us - Recognized (OL)									
	C-Tick									

# Vacuum switch control panel



- 1 Switching status display, yellow
  - LED
- 2 Switching point adjustment
- 3 Hysteresis adjustment

Technical data



#### Energy-saving function with VADMI-...-P/N

The conventional vacuum switch → A cost-effective energy-saving measure

With the vacuum generators VADMI a maximum value is first set and then the hysteresis is regulated (reliable operating range). The lower limit defines the minimum value.

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Optimum vacuum curve

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Actual vacuum curve

RP

3

The functional sequence

1

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[%]

Once the vacuum level is within this range, reliable workpiece transport is guaranteed.

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max.

1 min.

Hysteresis

The vacuum generator VADMI is only activated by the external controller if the level drops below the minimum value and is deactivated again once that minimum value is regained. A non-return valve prevents the vacuum level from being purged during the inactive phase of vacuum generation.

#### Vacuum on

- 1 External controller F switches on the VG solenoid
  - → Valve for compressed air supply B is opened
  - ➔ Vacuum generation E is activated

#### Vacuum stop

- 2 The specified maximum level is achieved:
  - → Pressure sensor A sends a signal to the external controller
  - → Controller switches the VG solenoid off
  - ➔ Vacuum generation is interrupted
  - → Non-return valve D prevents the vacuum level from being purged
- Vacuum on
- 3 Leakage causes the vacuum level to drop to the minimum value
  - → Pressure sensor A sends a signal to the external controller F
  - → Controller F switches the VG solenoid B back on
  - ➔ Vacuum generation E is active again
  - → Constant repetition of points 2 and 3

## Cycle ended: Vacuum off

- 4 Transport process ended
  - ightarrow External controller (PLC) F deactivates VG solenoid B
  - ➔ Vacuum generation E is ended
  - → External controller switches on ejector RP solenoid C
  - → Vacuum level at 0
  - → Workpiece is released

- RP Ejector pulse
- VG Vacuum on/off
- E Vacuum generator
- A Vacuum switch

Non-return valve

VG

D

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SPS F

Vacuum switch and cable set for vacuum generators with air-saving circuit VADMI-...-LS-P/N

Circuit diagram





- Piezo-resistive vacuum switch with adjustable switching point and adjustable hysteresis
- Air-saving circuit only in conjunction with supplied cable
- Switching status display, yellow LED
- Electrical connection, polarity safe

General technical data	
Pneumatic data	
Max. operating pressure [bar] 0 1	
Max. overload pressure [bar] 5 (for t <	<1 min)
Switching point [bar] 00.9	9 (adjustable)
Hysteresis [bar] 0.1 0.	.6 (adjustable)
Temperature influence $\leq \pm 10$ m	ibar/10K (on switching point)
Electrical data	
Operating voltage [V DC] 24 V (±1	0%, at VADMI-70-LS-P +10%-5%)
Voltage drop [V] 1.2 (at s	witch output)
Switch output current [mA] 130	
Max. intrinsic current [mA] 25	
consumption	
Max. switching delay [ms] 2 (with Max. spitching delay [max. spitching delay [ma	NPN cable distribution: 20 ms)
Connection Reverse	polarity protected
Mechanical data	
Design Piezo-re	sistive vacuum switch with integrated air-saving circuit
Ambient conditions	
Protection class IP65	

Ambient conditions										
Ambient temperature [°C]	-0 +60									
Note on material	Free of copper, PTFE and silicone									
CE marking symbol	As per EU EMC directive									
(see conformity declaration)										
Authorisation	: UL us - Recognized (OL)									
	C-Tick									

Technical data

#### Function principle

In conjunction with the supplied cable set, the vacuum generator VADMI-...-LS-P/N contains an airsaving circuit. The vacuum range to be used to hold the workpiece is set on the switch using both potentiometers. The switch generates a pulsating signal A2 which only actuates the solenoid for vacuum ON/OFF in the vacuum generator when the vacuum pressure has fallen below the selected upper limit value due to leakage etc. At all other times, the vacuum is maintained with the help of the nonreturn valve, even when the vacuum generator is not switched on. In addition to this, status signal A1 can be interrogated which is connected to +24 V during normal operation, but which is switched to 0 whenever vacuum pressure falls below the critical value by 150 mbar due to a malfunction.

This is the case, for example, if the workpiece has dropped off from the suction cup and it is no longer possible to generate the selected vacuum.

# Accessories (included in scope of delivery):

Connecting cable
 The switch may only be operated
 with the included cable set.
 Connections 1, 2 and 4 can
 nevertheless be interchanged with
 one another without damaging the
 device.

#### Vacuum switch control panel



1 Switching status display, yellow LED

- 2 Switching point adjustment
- 3 Hysteresis adjustment

# Terminal allocation







Pin allocation

- Brown: Positive terminal White: NC contact
- Blue: Negative terminal
- 3 Blue:4 Black:

1 2

# ck: NO contact

# Switching points/hysteresis



Technical data

#### Energy-saving function and error reporting with VADMI-...-LS-P/N

### The further development of the vacuum switch

In addition to the described functions, error reporting is also used as an additional energy-saving measure. This like the vacuum circuit is controlled via the vacuum switch.

If a suction cup does not pick up a workpiece properly or a tube bursts, the vacuum switch can report such an event to the external control unit (PLC) F so that this or the user can take the necessary steps.

### Given the decentrally controlled switching function, external actuation of the vacuum circuit (air-saving circuit) would be superfluous. As a result there is significantly less wiring.

#### The functional sequence





RP Ejector pulse

VG

С Ejector pulse

А

Branching G

Vacuum switch

- Vacuum on/off Vacuum generator Ε
- D Non-return valve

# Start signal

- 1 External controller F activates the pressure sensor → Pressure sensor A checks the vacuum status
  - ➔ No vacuum present
- Vacuum on
- 2 Pressure sensor activates the VG solenoid B
  - → Valve for compressed air supply is opened
  - → Vacuum generation E is activated
- 3 Vacuum level 150 mbar below the maximum level is exceeded
  - → Pressure sensor sends an enable signal to external controller (PLC) F BK
  - ➔ Transport process can start

#### Vacuum stop

- [4] The specified maximum level is achieved
  - → Pressure sensor A switches the VG solenoid off
  - → Compressed air supply stopped
  - → Vacuum generation E interrupted
  - → Non-return valve D prevents the vacuum level from being purged

### Vacuum on

- 5 Leakage causes the vacuum level to drop to the minimum value
  - → Pressure sensor A switches the VG solenoid on again
  - → Vacuum generation E is active again

### Fault: Transport stopped

- 6 Major leakage causes an overly large drop in the vacuum level → Vacuum generator E cannot compensate for the drop in level
- Vacuum level is 150 mbar below the minimum value 7
  - → Pressure sensor A sends an error message to the external controller (PLC) F BK
    - → External controller interrupts the transport process
    - ➔ Vacuum generation E is ended

#### Cycle ended: Vacuum off

- 8 Transport process ended
  - → External controller (PLC) F deactivates VG solenoid
  - → Vacuum generation E is ended
  - → External controller F switches on ejector RP solenoid C WH
  - ➔ Ejector pulse activated
  - ➔ Workpiece is released

Technical data

#### **Connection to PLC**

# PNP and NPN switching of the VADMI-...-LS-P/N

The three control and supply cable harnesses are combined in a branching directly via the vacuum generator so that only one cable containing one signal wire and three voltage supply wires need to be conducted from the branching to the PLC.

In principle there are two different signal characteristics with external control units (PLC) for the vacuum generator VADMI-LS, which differ only slightly in their mode of operation. As both versions are identical in terms of the vacuum generator and the vacuum switch, the signal flow is only converted in the branching, as this is the only difference between the models. The labelled plug-in connectors for the wiring harness are connected to the relevant elements of the VADMI-LS. The four-wire cable splice of the branching is connected to the control unit in the manner depicted below.



### PNP circuit



- BN = Brown for vacuum generation VG
- WH = White for ejector pulse RP
- $BK = Black \text{ for consumer } R_L (PLC)$
- BU = Blue for ground

### NPN circuit



Technical data



Туре	L1	L2	L4	L5	L6	L7	L8	L9	L10	L11	L12	L13	L14
VADM-45	56	41	33.6	25	3.6	11	16	41	56	7.9	1.9	36.3	4
VADM-70	73.3	58.3	40.4	21	14.2	11	22	52.4	76.1	9.4	1.9	53.7	4.5
VADM-95	73.8	61	43.3	8.7	13.2	9.7	24.5	61	78.8	9.5	2.3	55	4.5
VADM-140	96.8	84	26	12.5	28.5	9.7	24.5	61	96.8	13.8	2.3	79.4	5
VADM-200	96.8	84	26	12.5	28.5	9.7	24.5	61	101.8	12.5	2.3	79.4	5
VADM-300	133.2	120.4	26	12.5	28.5	9.7	24.5	61	137.4	12.5	2.3	115.8	5

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83.4

67.7

41.4

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 $\|\cdot\>$  Note: This product conforms with the ISO 1179-1 standard and the ISO 228-1 standard.

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G3⁄8

G1⁄4

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VADM-300

Technical data



Туре	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	L6	L7	L8	L9	L10	L11	L12	L13	L14
VADM-45-P/-N	71.4	41	28.4	33.6	25	3.6	11	16	41	56	7.9	1.9	36.3	4
VADM-70-P/-N	88.7	58.3	28.4	40.4	21	14.2	11	22	52.4	76.1	9.4	1.9	53.7	4.5
VADM-95-P/-N	91.4	61	28.4	43.3	8.7	13.2	9.7	24.5	61	78.8	9.5	2.3	55	4.5
VADM-140-P/-N	114.4	84	28.4	26	12.5	28.5	9.7	24.5	61	96.8	13.8	2.3	79.4	5
VADM-200-P/-N	114.4	84	28.4	26	12.5	28.5	9.7	24.5	61	101.8	12.5	2.3	79.4	5
VADM-300-P/-N	150.8	120.4	28.4	26	12.5	28.5	9.7	24.5	61	137.4	12.5	2.3	115.8	5

• Note: This product conforms with the ISO 1179-1 standard and the ISO 228-1 standard.



Туре	L1	L2	L4	L5	L6	L7	L8	L9	L10	L11	L12	L13	L14
VADMI-45	56	41	33.6	25	3.6	11	33	55	56	7.9	1.9	36.3	4
VADMI-70	73.3	58.3	40.4	21	14.2	11	45	67	76.1	9.4	1.9	53.7	4.5
VADMI-95	73.8	61	43.3	8.7	13.2	5.7	49.5	61	78.8	9.5	2.3	55	4.5
VADMI-140	96.8	84	26	12.5	28.5	5.7	49.5	61	96.8	13.8	2.3	79.4	5
VADMI-200	96.8	84	26	12.5	28.5	5.7	49.5	61	101.8	12.5	2.3	79.4	5
VADMI-300	133.2	120.4	26	12.5	28.5	5.7	49.5	61	137.4	12.5	2.3	115.8	5

▶ Note: This product conforms with the ISO 1179-1 standard and the ISO 228-1 standard.

Technical data



1) Plug sockets are included in the scope of delivery for type ... -LS- ....

Note: This product conforms with the ISO 1179-1 standard and the ISO 228-1 standard.

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Ordering data								
Size Solenoid coils		Without vacuum switch	With vacuum switch					
			PNP output	NPN output				
		Part No. Type	Part No. Type	Part No. Type				
Without ejector pulse								
45	MZB	162 500 VADM-45	162 512 VADM-45-P	162 513 VADM-45-N				
70	МҮВ	162 501 VADM-70	162 514 VADM-70-P	162 515 VADM-70-N				
95	MEB	162 502 VADM-95	162 516 VADM-95-P	162 517 VADM-95-N				
140	MEB	162 503 VADM-140	162 518 VADM-140-P	162 519 VADM-140-N				
200	MEB	162 504 VADM-200	162 520 VADM-200-P	162 521 VADM-200-N				
300	MEB	162 505 VADM-300	162 522 VADM-300-P	162 523 VADM-300-N				
With ejector pulse								
45	MZB	162 506 VADMI-45	162 524 VADMI-45-P	162 525 VADMI-45-N				
70	МҮВ	162 507 VADMI-70	162 526 VADMI-70-P	162 527 VADMI-70-N				
95	MEB	162 508 VADMI-95	162 528 VADMI-95-P	162 529 VADMI-95-N				
140	MEB	162 509 VADMI-140	162 530 VADMI-140-P	162 531 VADMI-140-N				
200	MEB	162 510 VADMI-200	162 532 VADMI-200-P	162 533 VADMI-200-N				
300	MEB	162 511 VADMI-300	162 534 VADMI-300-P	162 535 VADMI-300-N				

Ordering data						
Size	Solenoid coils	With vacuum switch				
		PNP output	NPN output			
		Part No. Type	Part No. Type			
With ejector pulse and air-saving circuit						
45	MZB	171 053 VADMI-45-LS-P	171 054 VADMI-45-LS-N			
70	MYB	171 055 VADMI-70-LS-P	171 056 VADMI-70-LS-N			
95	MEB	171 057 VADMI-95-LS-P	171 058 VADMI-95-LS-N			
140	MEB	171 059 VADMI-140-LS-P	171 060 VADMI-140-LS-N			
200	MEB	171 061 VADMI-200-LS-P	171 062 VADMI-200-LS-N			
300	MEB	171 063 VADMI-300-LS-P	171 064 VADMI-300-LS-N			

# - 🗍 - Note

With vacuum generators VADMI-...-LS-P/N , the plug sockets with cable for solenoid coils and vacuum switches are included in the scope of supply. These vacuum generators may only be operated with the cable supplied.