Installation, Operating & Maintenance Instructions



RF all-metal gate valve with compact or extended pneumatic actuator

Series 47 DN 40 – 250 mm (I. D. 1½" – 10")

This manual is valid for the following product ordering numbers:

With compact actuator

47146- . E7 . - 47148- . E7 . - 47232- . E7 . - 47236- . E7 . - 47239- . E7 . - 47240- . E7 . - With extended actuator

47132- . E .. - 47146- . E .. - 47148- . E .. - 47232- . E .. - 47236- . E .. - 47239- . E .. - 47240- . E .. -



Sample pictures



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1 Description of product

1.1 Identification of product

The fabrication number and order number are fixed on the product directly or by means of an identification plate.



1.2 Use of product

Use product for clean and dry vacuum applications only. Other applications are only allowed with the written permission of VAT.

1.3 Related documents

- · Product data sheet
- · Dimensional drawing

1.4 Important information



This symbol points to a very important statement that requires particular attention.

Example:



VAT disclaims any liability for damages resulting from inappropriate packaging.

1.5 Technical data

See product data sheet and dimensional drawing.



2 Safety

2.1 Compulsory reading material

Read this chapter prior to performing any work with or on the product. It contains important information that is significant for your own personal safety. This chapter must have been read and understood by all persons who perform any kind of work with or on the product during any stage of its serviceable life.



NOTICE

Lack of knowledge

Failing to read this manual may result in property damage.

Firstly, read manual.



These Installation, Operating & Maintenance Instructions are an integral part of a comprehensive documentation belonging to a complete technical system. They must be stored together with the other documentation and accessible for anybody who is authorized to work with the system at any time.

2.2 Danger levels



A DANGER

High risk

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



WARNING

Medium risk

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



A CAUTION

Low risk

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.



NOTICE

Command

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in property damage.



2.3 Personnel qualifications



M WARNING

Unqualified personnel

Inappropriate handling may cause serious injury or property damage. Only qualified personnel are allowed to carry out the described work.

2.4 Safety labels

Label	Part No.	Label size (mm)	Location on valve
	DN 40 – 100: T-9001-155 DN 160 – 250: T-9001-156	20 × 20 80 × 80	On protective covers of flanges

Table 2-1

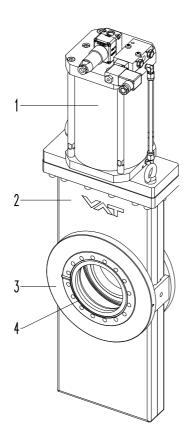


3 Design and Function

3.1 Design

With compact actuator: type 47 ... - . E7 . -

With extended actuator: type 47 ... - . E .. -



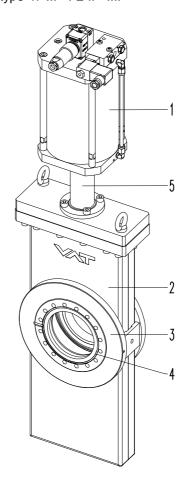


Figure 3-1

- 1 Actuator
- 2 Valve body
- 3 Connecting flange
- 4 Sealing surface
- 5 Distance piece



3.2 Function

Valve is closed and opened pneumatically.

Closing: The valve mechanism moves towards the valve opening until it touches the mechanical stop. Due to continued pressure, valve gate (1) with the assembled VATRING (7) and counter-plate (2) spread apart from the guide plate (3). This effect leaktight closing.

Opening: When the end position is reached, the RF contact band (6), which is clamped to the patented VATKIPP mechanism (7), will spread apart and couple to the flange to provide a low RF resistance during its operation.

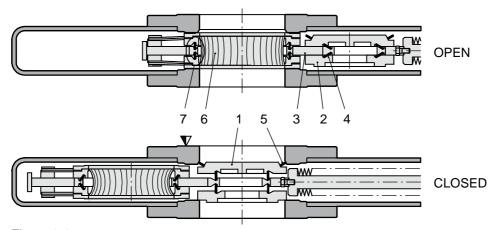


Figure 3-2

- 1 Valve gate 5 VATRING
- 2 Counter-plate3 Guide plate6 RF contact7 VATKIPP
- 4 Support

 Valve seat side



4 Installation



WARNING

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WARNING

Heavy weight

Physical overstraining.

Use a crane to lift the product.

4.1 Unpacking



- Make sure that the supplied products are in accordance with your order.
- Inspect the quality of the supplied products visually. If it does not meet your requirements, please contact VAT immediately.
- Store the original packaging material. It may be useful if products must be returned to VAT.



Open the plastic bag protecting the valve only at the points where you need access to the eyebolts (1) for fastening the crane hooks; see «Figure 4-1» on page 10. Keep valve in the plastic bag until it is being installed into the system.



NOTICE



Wrong lifting

Valve may crash and get damaged.

Use only the eyebolts shown in the dimensional drawing and in «Figure 4-1» on page 10 to lift the valve. Using any other components (e. g. position indicators, solenoid valves) to lift the valve is strictly forbidden.

NOTICE



Sensitive product

Valve parts may get damaged.

- When lifting the valve, pay attention that the valve does not touch any solid objects.
- Lift valve carefully and put it down on a clean surface or mount it to a clean system.



Use a crane for lifting valve DN100 and higher out of the transport box; see «Figure 4-1».

Weight of standard valves; see chapter «1.5 Technical data».

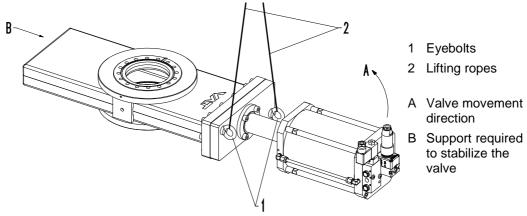


Figure 4-1

4.2 Installation into the system



WARNING

Movable parts

Human body parts may get jammed and severely injured.

Do not connect or supply electrical power and compressed air before the product is completely mounted in the system.



NOTICE

Contamination

Product may get contaminated.

Always wear cleanroom gloves when handling the product.



NOTICE

Force effect from other components of the system

Valve body may get deformed and/or malfunctions may occur.

- Do not use valve to support other components.
- Make sure that forces from other components do not impair the valve; use bellows sections, for instance.



4.2.1 Preparation for installation



WARNING

Danger of injury in case of insufficient skills

Inappropriate handling may cause serious injury or property damage.

Make sure that the valve does not topple or fall down while removing the protective covers from the flanges.



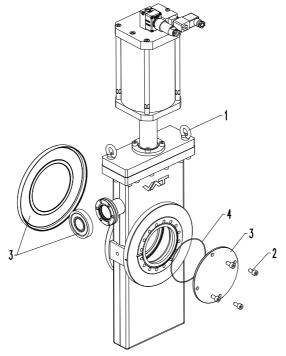
NOTICE

Sensitive product

Valve parts may get damaged.

When removing the protective covers from the flanges, be careful to avoid damage to the valve.

- Remove plastic bag.
- 2. Remove screws (2) and protective covers (3); see «Figure 4-2».
- 3. Remove O-rings (4).



- 1 Eyebolts to fasten the crane hooks
- 2 Screws (quantity depends on valve size)
- 3 Protective covers
- 4 O-rings

Figure 4-2



Store screws, protective covers and O-rings. They may be useful when valve needs to be repacked.



- Clean sealing surfaces; see «Figure 3-1» on page 7, with a cleanroom wiper soaked with pure alcohol (Isopropanol).
- 5. Clean surface with clean, oil free compressed air.

4.2.2 Mounting to the system



The valve seat side is marked with the symbol ∇ on flange A; see «Figure 4-3».

- Mount valve to your system by using appropriate flange screws (different quantity of screws required - depending on valve size).
- Initially, mount four screws evenly in crosswise order until the seal touches the sealing surface.
- 3. Afterwards, mount all screws evenly in crosswise order.
- Tighten all screws with the torques appropriate for the property classes of the screws. 4.
- 5. Do not block Leak detection port, see sample picture at «Figure 4-4». Please find the exact position of the Leak detection port on the dimensional drawing.

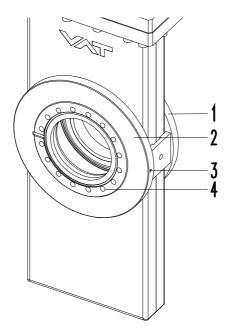
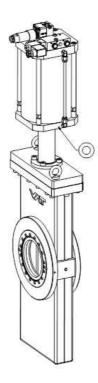


Figure 4-3

- 1 Flange B
- 2 Flange A
- 3 Marking for valve seat side (symbol $\langle \nabla \rangle$)
- 4 Screw holes





Leak detection port

Figure 4-4



Compressed air connection

WARNING



Valve in open or closed position

Risk of injury when compressed air is connected to the valve.

Connect compressed air only when:

- valve is installed in the vacuum system
- moving parts cannot be touched



NOTICE

Wrong sequence of connections

Valve mechanism may get damaged when electrical power is being connected before compressed air is connected.

Always connect compressed air before connecting electrical power.



Use clean, dry or slightly oiled air only.



Admissible air pressure range, see product data sheet.



Supply compressed air pressure only after the supply line is properly mounted to the actuator.

1. Connect compressed air supply line according the specification on the product data sheet and; see «Table 4-1».

Execution	Procedure		
Without solenoid	Connect relevant compressed air line to connection CLOSE.		
valve 47 E14	Afterwards, connect relevant compressed air line to connection OPEN.		
47 E24 47 E72	Supply admissible compressed air to connection "close" first!		
Standard solenoid valve	Connect relevant compressed air supply line to connection • OPEN/CLOSE.		
47 E44 47 E74	Supply admissible compressed air to connection "open/close".		
Impulse solenoid valve (option)	Connect relevant compressed air supply line to connection OPEN/CLOSE.		
47 E44 47 E74	Supply admissible compressed air to connection "open/close".		

Table 4-1



4.3 Electrical connection



A DANGER

Electric shock

Parts being under voltage will result in serious injury or death.

Do not touch parts being under voltage.



NOTICE

Wrong sequence of connections

Valve mechanism may get damaged when electrical power is being connected before compressed air is connected.

Always connect compressed air before connecting electrical power.



NOTICE

Wrong voltage

Electrical components may get damaged.

Supply electrical components with the correct voltage.

- 1. Connect position indicator according to product data sheet.
- 2. Connect the contacts of the solenoid valve connector according to the wiring diagram on the product data sheet, specification on solenoid coil and; see «Table 4-2».

Execution	Procedure		
Without solenoid valve	n. a.		
47 E14 47 E24 47 E72			
Standard solenoid valve	Connect one connector to the magnetic coil.		
47 E44 47 E74			
Impulse solenoid valve (option)	Connect the relevant connector to the open and close magnetic coil.		
47 E44 47 E74			

Table 4-2



5 Operation



WARNING

Unqualified personnel

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WARNING

Movable parts

Human body parts may get jammed and severely injured.

Do not operate before product is installed completely into the vacuum system.

5.1 Normal operation

Valve is closed and opened pneumatically.



For technical details, see product data sheet.



Make sure that compressed air is supplied at the specified pressure; see also chapter «0 Compressed air connection».



Make sure that the connect voltage is supplied. Check voltage specification on coil; see also chapter «4.3 Electrical connection».

Action	Execution	Procedure	
To open the valve	Without solenoid valve 47 E14 47 E24 47 E72	Supply compressed air to connection "open". Release air through connection "closed".	
	Standard solenoid valve	Supply specified voltage to the magnetic coil.	
	47 E44 47 E74		
	Impulse solenoid valve (option)	Supply an impulse of specified voltage to the coil for opening (pulse duration min. 50 ms).	
	47 E44 47 E74		

Table 5-1



Action	Execution	Procedure
		Supply compressed air to connection "close".
the valve	valve	Release air through connection "open".
	47 E14 47 E24 47 E72	
	Standard solenoid valve	Cut voltage supply to the magnetic coil.
	47 E44 47 E74	
	Impulse solenoid valve (option)	Supply an impulse of specified voltage to the coil for closing (pulse duration min. 50 ms).
	47 E44 47 E74	

Table 5-2

5.2 Operation under increased temperature

Maximum allowed temperature, see product data sheet.

NOTICE

Inconstant temperatures

Performance of the valve may deteriorate.



- Actuate valve only after the bake-out temperature has been stable for two hours.
- If valve must be actuated during bake-out, make sure that the heating or cooling rate does not exceed 10 °C per hour in the temperature range from 100 °C to 200 °C (version with compact actuator).
 from 100 °C to 300 °C (version with extended actuator).
- Make sure that the temperature differences over the whole body do not exceed 30 °C.



5.3 Bake-out



Inside under vacuum pressure $\leq 10^{-5}$ mbar to prevent oxidation.

		compact	extended
Valve:		≤ 200 °C in open and closed position	≤ 300 °C in open and closed position
Actuator:	standard:	≤ 200 °C for max.100 h *	≤ 200 °C for max.100 h *
	option: 10 ⁶ Gy (10 ⁸ rad)	≤ 140 °C for max.100 h *	≤ 140 °C for max.100 h *
	option: 10 ⁸ Gy (10 ¹⁰ rad)	≤ 200 °C *	≤ 200 °C *
Position	standard:	≤ 80 °C	≤ 80 °C
indicator:	option: 200 °C	≤ 200 °C	≤ 200 °C
Solenoid valve:		≤ 80 °C	≤ 80 °C
Heating and cooling rate:			
DN 40 – 160 DN 200 – 250		≤ 50 °C / h ≤ 25 °C / h	≤ 50 °C / h ≤ 25 °C / h

Table 5-3

5.4 Behavior in case of compressed air pressure drop

See product data sheet.

5.5 Behavior in case of power failure

See product data sheet.

5.5.1 Manual emergency operation



WARNING

Movable parts

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Keep human body parts away from movable parts.



The solenoid valves are provided with manual emergency operation (slotted screw). This screw allows actuating the valve in case of a power failure. Compressed air must be supplied.

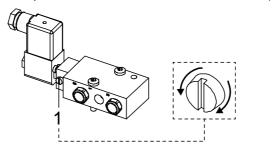
^{*} Applied high temperatures and radiation exposure are weakening the sealing materials of the actuator. A combination of both will shorten the lifetime.



Standard solenoid valve

To close the valve: Turn the slotted screw (1) counter-clockwise to its stop.

To open the valve: Turn the slotted screw (1) clockwise to its stop.



1 Slotted screw

Figure 5-1



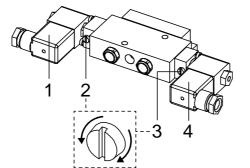
For remote operation make sure that the slotted screw is turned counter-clockwise to its stop.

Impulse solenoid valve

To close the valve: Turn the slotted screw (3) – coil CLOSE – clockwise to its stop.

As soon as valve is closed, turn screw back to its original position.

To open the valve: Turn the slotted screw (2) – coil OPEN – clockwise to its stop. As soon as valve is open, turn screw back to its original position.



- 1 Coil OPEN
- 2 Slotted screw of coil OPEN
- 3 Slotted screw of coil CLOSE
- 4 Coil CLOSE

Figure 5-2



For remote operation make sure that both slotted screws are turned counterclockwise to their stop (original position).



5.6 Trouble shooting

Failure	Check	Action	See
Valve mechanism does	Air pressure	Connect compressed air	«0 Compressed air connection»
not move	Electrical power	Connect electrical power	«4.3 Electrical connection»
	Operating pressure	Adjust operating pressure	«0 Compressed air connection»
	Position of slotted screw	Turn slotted screw to the correct position	«5.5.1 Manual emergency operation»
Leak at gate	Condition of gate seal	Please contact VAT	www.vatvalve.com
	Condition of valve gate	Please contact VAT	www.vatvalve.com
	Operating pressure	Adjust operating pressure	«0 Compressed air connection»
Leak at body	Condition of bonnet seal and sealing surface	Please contact VAT	www.vatvalve.com
	Condition of bellows	Please contact VAT	www.vatvalve.com
Whistling sound during opening or closing	_	No action required when valve is actuated at atmosphere	-
	_	No action required when valve is actuated in vacuum as long as the sound is not excessive	_

Table 5-4

If you need any further information, please contact one of our service centers. You will find the addresses on our website www.vatvalve.com.



6 Maintenance



WARNING

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6.1 Maintenance intervals

Under clean operating conditions the valve does not require any maintenance during the specified cycles.



- Impacts from the process may require more frequent maintenance.
- When the valve has reached the specified cycles; see product data sheet, we recommend to have it serviced by VAT. Please contact your nearest VAT service center to get recommendations and an offer. You will find the addresses on our website www.vatvalve.com.



7 Repairs

Repairs may only be carried out by the VAT service staff. In exceptional cases, the customer is allowed to carry out the repairs, but only with the prior consent of VAT.

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8 Dismounting and Storage



WARNING

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A WARNING

Heavy weight

Physical overstraining.

Use a crane to lift the product.



WARNING

Hazardous components

Human body parts may get jammed and severely injured.

Before dismounting the product:

- disconnect compressed air supply
- disconnect electrical power supply



WARNING

Movable parts

Human body parts may get jammed and severely injured.

Keep human body parts away from movable parts.



NOTICE

Contamination

Product may get contaminated.

Always wear cleanroom gloves when handling the product.



8.1 Dismounting



NOTICE

Valve in open position

Valve mechanism may get damaged if valve is in open position.

Close valve before dismounting the valve from the system.

- 1. Close valve.
- Disconnect compressed air supply.



After disconnecting the compressed air, make sure that the actuator is depressurized!

- 3. Disconnect electrical power supply.
- 4. Dismount valve according chapter «4 Installation», however in reverse order.



Observe safety instruction of chapter «4 Installation».

8.2 Storage



NOTICE

Wrong storage

Inappropriate temperatures and humidity may cause damage to the product.

Valve must be stored at:

- relative humidity between 10% and 70%
- temperature between +10 °C and +50 °C
- non-condensing environment



NOTICE

Inappropriate packaging

Product may get damaged if inappropriate packaging material is used. Always use the original packaging material and handle product with care.

- 1. Clean / decontaminate valve.
- 2. Mount protective covers on flanges; see chapter «4.2.1 Preparation for installation».
- 3. Pack valve appropriately, by using the original packaging material.



9 Packaging and Transport



WARNING

Unqualified personnel

Inappropriate handling may cause serious injury or property damage. Only qualified personnel are allowed to carry out the described work.



WARNING

Harmful substances

Risk of injury in case of contact with harmful substances.

Remove harmful substances (e. g. toxic, caustic or microbiological ones) from valve before you return the valve to VAT.



WARNING

Heavy weight

Physical overstraining.

Use a crane to lift the product.



NOTICE

Inappropriate packaging

Product may get damaged if inappropriate packaging material is used.

Always use the original packaging material and handle product with care.



- When returning products to VAT, please fill out the VAT form «Declaration of Chemical Contamination» and send it to VAT in advance. The form can be downloaded from our website www.vatvalve.com.
- If products are radioactively contaminated, the VAT form «Contamination and Radiation Report» must be filled out. Please contact VAT in advance.
- If products are sent to VAT in contaminated condition, VAT will carry out the decontamination procedure at the customer's expense.



9.1 Packaging



NOTICE

Valve in open position

Valve mechanism may get damaged if valve is in open position. Make sure that the valve is closed.

- 1. Mount protective covers on flanges; see chapter «4.2.1 Preparation for installation».
- 2. Pack valve appropriately, by using the original packaging material.



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9.2 Transport



NOTICE

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10 Disposal



A WARNING

Harmful substances

Environmental pollution.

Discard products and parts according to the local regulations.



11 Spare parts



NOTICE

Non-original spare parts

Non-original spare parts may cause damage to the product.

Use original spare parts from VAT only.



- Parts may only be replaced by the VAT service staff.
- Please contact one of our service centers and specify the fabrication number of the product; see chapter «1.1 Identification of product». You will find the addresses on our website www.vatvalve.com.