Electrical amplifiers

Type VT-VSPA1-1 and VT-VSPA1K-1

Component series 1X

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Features

- Suitable for controlling all direct and pilot operated proportional pressure control valves without electrical position feedback and only one solenoid as actuator that are available at the time of publication of this data sheet
- Differential input, can be switched between voltage and current input
- Additional command value input, 0 to +9 V
- Ramp generator, can be adjusted separately for up and down ramps
- Clocked output stage
- Signal "ready for operation" (VT-VSPA1K-1 only with LED indicator lamp)
- Reverse polarity protection for voltage supply
- Cable break detection of current input 4 to 20 mA
- Short-circuit protection of solenoid cable
- Cable break detection of solenoid cable

Suitable card holders for VT-VSPA1-1:
- Type VT 3002-2X/32, see RE 29928
  Single card holder without power supply unit

Suitable power supply unit:
- Type VT-NE30-1X, see RE 29929
  Compact power supply unit 115/230 VAC → 24 VDC, 108 W
Ordering code

Amplifiers for controlled proportional pressure control valves, analogue, with one solenoid

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Further details in clear text

1X = Component series 10 to 19
(10 to 19: unchanged technical data and pin assignment)

For substitutes for amplifier types VT 2000 (up to component series 4X), VT 2010, VT 2013 or VT 2023 for rack installation, blind plate 4TE/3HE must be ordered separately. Material no. R900021004

Functional description

The command value voltage is applied to command value input 1 either directly or via an external command value potentiometer with the help of the regulated +9 V voltage from the power supply unit [14].

The following is valid for this input: +9 V +100 % [1].

External command value feedforward

Command value input 2 is a differential input [1] (0 to +10 V).
With the help of DIL switches [2] it can be configured as current input (4 to 20 mA or 0 to +20 mA). If the command value is fed forward by external electronics with a different reference potential (e.g. by a PLC), this input must be used. When the command value voltage is applied or withdrawn, care must be taken that both signal cables are disconnected from or connected to the input.

Before being passed on, both command values are summed [2] and then fed to a potentiometer [3] that is accessible on the front panel and acts as attenuator and limits the maximum command value.

The downstream ramp generator [4] generates a ramp-shaped output signal from a stepped input signal. The time constant of this signal can be adjusted separately for "up" and "down" ramps with the help of two potentiometers. The specified ramp time refers to a command value step-change of 100% and can be approx. 1 s or 5 s, depending on the setting of a DIL switch [2]. If a command value step-change of less than 100 % is fed to the input of the ramp generator or when attenuator [3] is effective, the ramp time shortens accordingly.

The following is valid for type VT-VSPA1-1: The up and down ramp times can be set separately to their minimum value (approx. 30 ms) with the help of the external contacts "ramp up/down OFF".

The following is valid for type VT-VSPA1K-1: The up and down ramp times can be set collectively to their minimum value (approx. 30 ms) with the help of the external contact "ramp OFF".

Note:
When an external command value potentiometer is used, internal potentiometer "Gw" [3] must be set to maximum or the required maximum pressure.

Internal command value feedforward

Differential input (input 2)

0 to +10 V / 4 to 20 mA
0 to 20 mA
0V reference potential

Additions to the pin designations in brackets are only valid for type VT-VSPA1-1.
**Functional description (continued)**

Summing amplifier [5] adds the output signals of the characteristic curve generators [6 or 7] to the command value (can be selected by means of DIL switches [2]) depending on the valve to be controlled). The current command value can also be filtered through a low-pass filter that can be cut in. Current output stage [9] is controlled via current regulator [8]. In addition, the current regulator modulates the current command value with clock-pulse encoder signal [10] (the frequency can be programmed with the help of DIL switches [2]). The clocked actual current value acts in the solenoid of the valve like a constant current with overlaid dither signal. Type VT-VSPA1-1 is provided with measuring sockets for the internal command value and the actual value.

The following is valid for the command value: +6 V 100 %

The following is valid for the actual value: 1 mV 1 mA

The signal “ready for operation” is output and LED “H2” on the front panel (with VSPA1-1) or LED “H2” (with VSPA1K-1) is lit, when:
- The solenoid cables are not short-circuited and the output stage is not overloaded,
- a command value is applied (cable break detection),
- there is no cable break present on the solenoid cable.

1) Reference potential for command value 1 is M0 (measuring zero).

2) For DIL switch settings, see “adjustment elements” on page 8 [ ] … Cross-reference to block circuit diagrams on pages 4 and 5

Ramp "up/down" OFF

VT-VSPA1-1

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VT-VSPA1K-1

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The output signal of ramp generator [4] is fed as current command value to the summing amplifier [5]. Here, a command value of 100 % corresponds to a voltage of +6 V.
Note: Measuring zero (M0) is raised by 9 V as against 0V operating voltage!
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Technical data (for applications outside these parameters, please consult us!)

Operating voltage \( U_O \) +24 VDC +40 % –5 %

Operating range:
- Upper limit value \( u_O(t)_{\text{max}} \) +35 V
- Lower limit value \( u_O(t)_{\text{min}} \) +22 V

Max. power consumption \( P_s \) 50 VA

Max. current consumption \( I \) 1.8 A

Fuse \( I_s \) 2.5 ATP

Inputs:
- Command value 1 \( I_i \) 0 to +9 V (reference potential is M0)
- Command value 2 (differential input) \( I_i \) 0 to +10 V; \( R_i = 100 \Omega \) depending on setting with S11 to S13
  or \( I_i \) 4 to 20 mA (load \( R_L = 100 \Omega \))
  or \( I_i \) 0 to 20 mA (load \( R_L = 100 \Omega \))

Ramp time (adjustment range) \( t \) 30 ms to approx. 1 s or 5 s (depending on setting with S14)

Outputs:
- Output stage
  - Solenoid current/resistance \( I_{\text{max}} \) 800 mA +20 %, \( R_{20} = 19.5 \Omega \) depending on setting with S17
  or \( I_{\text{max}} \) 1600 mA +20 %, \( R_{20} = 5.4 \Omega \)
  - Biassing current at \( I_{\text{max}} = 800 \) mA \( I_b \) 50 mA or 100 mA depending on setting with S17 and "Zw" (R130)
  - Biassing current at \( I_{\text{max}} = 1600 \) mA \( I_b \) 100 mA
  - Additional at \( I_{\text{max}} = 800 \) mA \( I_b \) 0 to 300 mA +20 %
  - Additional at \( I_{\text{max}} = 1600 \) mA \( I_b \) 0 to 600 mA +20 %
  - Clock frequency \( f \) 100 Hz, 200 Hz, 300 Hz or 370 Hz ±10 % each depending on setting with S25 to S27

- Signal "ready for operation" (only with VT-SPA1-1)
  - Component series 10 when ready for operation \( U \) approx. \( U_O \) in the case of a fault \( U < 1 \) V
  - From component series 11 when ready for operation \( U \) approx. \( U_O, 50 \) mA in the case of a fault \( U \) 0 V \( R_i = 10 \) kΩ Load resistance > 10 kΩ

- Regulated voltage \( U \) ±9 V ±1 %, ±25 mA externally laodable

- Measuring sockets
  - Command value "w" \( U \) 0 to +6 V (+6 V 100 % solenoid current), \( R_i = 1 \) kΩ
  - Actual current value "I" \( U \) 0 to 1600 mV 0 to 1600 mA ±20 mA

Type of connection:
- VT-VSPA1-1 32-pin male connector, DIN 41612, form D
- VT-VSPA1K-1 16-pin terminal strip

Card dimensions: Euro-card 100 x 160 mm, DIN 41494

Front panel dimensions
- Height 3 HE (128.4 mm)
- Width soldering side 1 TE (5.08 mm)
- Width component side 3 TE

Permissible operating temperature range \( \vartheta \) 0 to +50 °C

Storage temperature range \( \vartheta \) –25 to +85 °C

Weight \( m \) 0.1 kg

1) The maximum current \( I_{\text{max}} \) can be set to the required value by means of command value attenuator potentiometer "Gw".
Output characteristic curves

Linear output characteristic curve (basic characteristic curve)

- \( I_1 \) Adjustment range of biasing current \( I_b \) by means of potentiometer "Zw" (R130) on the printed-circuit board
- \( I_2 \) Adjustment range of maximum command value by means of potentiometer "Gw"
- A Characteristic curve with factory setting

Output characteristic curve with firmly set characteristics

(see adjustment instructions on pages 8 and 9)

- \( I_v \) Biasing current curve 2 (qualitative representation)
- \( I_2 \) Adjustment range of maximum command value by means of potentiometer "Gw"
- 1 Characteristic curve 1 (qualitative representation)
- 2 Characteristic curve 2 (qualitative representation)
**Indicator / adjustment elements**

**VT-VSPA1-1, component series 10**

- LED indicator lamp "ready for operation"
- Max. command value (attenuator)
- Ramp time “up”
- Ramp time “down”

w - Current command value
I - Actual current value

**VT-VSPA1-1, from component series 11**

- LED indicator lamp "ready for operation"
- Max. command value (attenuator)
- Ramp time “up”
- Ramp time “down”

w - Current command value
I - Actual current value

**VT-VSPA1K-1**

- Max. command value (attenuator)
- Ramp time “up”
- Ramp time “down”

LED indicator lamp "ready for operation" (SMD LED)
## Indicator / adjustment elements (continued)

Assignment of DIL switch settings on the card to the valve types (see also label on the printed-circuit board)

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<td>DBE(M)T, DBE(M)30, DRE(M)30, 3DRE(M)10 1), 3DRE(M)16 1), DBEP6A, DBEP6B, 3DREP6A, 3DREP6B, pumps</td>
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<td>DBE(M)10-5X, DBE(M)20-5X, 3DRE(M)10P-6X, 3DRE(M)16P-6X, ZDRE10, (Z)DBE6</td>
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<td>DRE6, ZDRE6</td>
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<td>X</td>
<td>4 ... 20 mA ON 1 2 3 4 5 6 7</td>
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1) Up to component series 5X

### Meaning of potentiometers “Zw” (R130) and “Gw”:

- Adjustment of biasing current by means of potentiometer “Zw” (R130)
  - Turning clockwise → increase in biasing current
  - Turning counter-clockwise → reduction of biasing current
- Adjustment of the max. command value by means of potentiometer “Gw”
  - Turning clockwise → increase in command value
  - Turning counter-clockwise → reduction of command value

### Note (X):

- With type VT-VSPA1-1 (component series 10) switch BR22 must be set to “ON” and potentiometer “R130” turned to “left-hand limit stop” before the correct characteristic curve can be set.
- With type VT-VSPA1-1 (from component series 11) and type VT-VSPA1K-1, switch S22 is ineffective. Potentiometer “Zw” needs not to be operated.
Meaning of the DIL switches

Note (X):
Before commissioning the amplifiers, make sure that the DIL switches on the printed-circuit board are set according to the relevant application.

Switch positions with reference to the current valve types or previous amplifier cards

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Characteristic curves

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<td>S16 (BR16)</td>
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Command value filters

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<td>S23 (BR23)</td>
<td>f_{3dB} = 4 Hz</td>
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<td>S24 (BR24)</td>
<td>f_{3dB} = 4 Hz</td>
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Max. output current 1)

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<td>S17 (BR17)</td>
<td>( I_{\text{max}} = 800 \text{mA} )</td>
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Clock frequency 2)

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Basic biasing current setting

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<th>“Zw” (R130)</th>
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1) Doubling of the maximum output current doubles the adjustment range and the set biasing current.
2) For \( f = 100 \text{Hz} \), DIL switches S25, S26 and S27 must be set to the “ON” position.
3) Up to component series 5X

Adjustment options independent of the valve type (command value 2 and ramp time)

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<td>S12 (BR12)</td>
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<td>Command value 2: 4 to 20 mA</td>
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<td>S14 (BR14)</td>
<td>Max. ramp time</td>
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Factory setting (corresponds to the configuration of a VT 2000 amplifier)
Unit dimensions (nominal dimensions in mm)

VT-VSPA1-1

VT-VSPA1K-1

Engineering / maintenance notes / supplementary information

- Before commissioning the amplifiers, make sure that the DIL switches on the printed-circuit board are set according to the relevant application.
- The factory setting of the parameters is as follows (for the adjustment of parameters, see pages 8 to 10):
  - max. ramp time = 5 s, biasing current = 100 mA, max. output current = 800 mA, clock frequency = 200 Hz
- The amplifier card may only be installed when disconnected from the power supply!
- Do not use plugs with free-wheeling diodes or LED lamps for connecting the solenoids!
- Measurements on the card may only be taken with instruments $R > 100 \, \text{k}\Omega$
- Measuring zero (M0) is raised by +9 V as against 0 V operating voltage and not electrically isolated, i.e. -9 V regulated voltage 0 V operating voltage. For this reason, do not connect measuring zero (M0) to 0 V operating voltage!
- Use relays with gold-plated contacts for passing on command values (small voltages, small currents)!
- Always shield command value cables; connect the shield to ground on the card side and leave the other end open. Connect the card to ground at terminal 6 or 8. If no system ground is provided, connect 0 V operating voltage.
  - Recommendation: Also shield solenoid cables!
  - For solenoid cables of up to 50 m length, use cable type LiYCY 1.5 mm². For greater lengths, please consult us!
- The distance to aerial lines, radio sources and radar equipment must be at least 1 m!
- Do not lay solenoid and signal cables near power cables!
- Due to the charging current of the smoothing capacitor on the card, fuses must feature slow-blowing characteristics!

⚠️ Caution! When the differential input is used, both inputs must always be switched on or off simultaneously!

💡 Note! Electrical signals (e.g. signal "ready for operation") brought out via control electronics must not be used for switching safety-relevant machine functions!

(See also European standard “Safety requirements for fluid power systems and components - hydraulics”, EN 928.)
Troubleshooting

If the amplifier cards are not operable, follow the steps below for troubleshooting:

1. Is the operating voltage applied?
   Measurement of contacts 24(ac) against 18 (ac)
2. Fuse on the card defective?
3. Internal ±9 V operating voltage available on the card?
4. When the internal command value potentiometer is used, is the jumper from 10(ac) to 12(ac) plugged?
5. Is the external potentiometer properly connected?
6. Is the differential input properly connected?
   Check: Reference potential to 30(ac)
   0 to +10 V to 28(ac)
7. Is the solenoid properly connected?
   When the card is unplugged, a resistance of approx. 20 Ω
to 30 Ω or 5 Ω to 8 Ω, depending on the valve, must be measurable between contacts 22ac and 20ac.

The additions to the contact designations are only valid for type VT-VSPA1-1.

Note:
The output stage shuts down in the case of excessive temperatures (e.g. caused by overloading). This fault is signalled by LED "H2" going out!

In the event of a cable break of the "4 to 20 mA" input, the signal "ready for operation" is reset and LED "H2" also goes out.
The following is valid from component series 11 onwards:
In the case of a short-circuit or cable break of the solenoid cable, the output “ready for operation” is switched and LED "H2" flashes at a frequency of 0.5 to 2 Hz as soon as the command value is > 2 % at the same time.