



## Viscosity-Compensated Flowmeters and Switches

for viscous liquids



measuring  
•  
monitoring  
•  
analysing

VKG



- Measuring range:  
Oil 0.1 - 0.45 ... 5 - 80 l/min
- Basic accuracy:  
 $\pm 4\%$  of full scale
- $p_{\max}$ : 12 bar;  $t_{\max}$ : 100 °C
- Viscosity range:  
1 ... 540 mm<sup>2</sup>/s
- Connection:  
G 1/4 ... G 1 female  
1/4 ... 1" NPT female
- Material:  
brass, stainless steel

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### Description

The KOBOLD flowmeters 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 flowmeter 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<sup>2</sup>/s to 540 mm<sup>2</sup>/s the indicated value is still accurate within ±5%, even with very low flows, for example, 0.1 l/min.

Comparable devices, for instance conventional float-type flowmeters, are, if the viscosity changes to such an extent, subject to indicating errors up to 2500%, 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 flowmeters 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, anodised (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:	oxide ceramic
Measuring glass:	borosilicate glass
Seals:	VKG-x1...: NBR VKG-x2...: FPM
Max. temperature:	+100 °C
Max. pressure:	12 bar
Installation position:	any
Basic accuracy:	±4% of full scale (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 ±5% of full scale maximum
Viscosity range:	1 ... 540 mm <sup>2</sup> /s
<b>Contacts for VKG-2..., VKG-3..., VKG-4...</b>	
Electrical connection:	connector DIN EN 175301-803
Electrical switching values:	N/O contact max. 250V <sub>AC/DC</sub> /1.5A/100W/100VA changeover contact max. 250V <sub>AC/DC</sub> /1A/30W/60VA N/O contact and changeover contact (cCSAus) max. 230V <sub>DC</sub> /0.26A/60W, 60V <sub>DC</sub> /1A/60W, max. 240V <sub>AC</sub> /0.42A/100W, 100V <sub>AC</sub> /1A/100W
Ex-range:	ATEX-zone 1 as »simple apparatus«
Protection:	IP 65 (electrical contact) IP 54 (side indicator)

**Four versions**

**VKG-1...:**  
Flowmeters



**VKG-2...:**  
Flowmeters and switches with 1 contact



**VKG-3...:**  
Flowmeters and switches  
with 2 contacts



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





**Order Details**

Viscosity-compensated flowmeters model: VKG-1... (Example: VKG-1103 R15)

Measuring range l/min Oil	Pressure loss Δ P (bar) at rated flow*		Brass	Stainless steel	Contact	Connection female thread		Option special connection
	min.	max.						
0.1...0.45	0.06	0.9	VKG-1101...	VKG-1201...	..00.. = without contact	..R08 = G ¼	..N08 = ¼" NPT	B = outlet female thread, inlet BVB manifold
0.2...1.2	0.04	1.0	VKG-1102...	VKG-1202...		..R08 = G ¼	..N08 = ¼" NPT	
0.4...2	0.04	1.0	VKG-1103...	VKG-1203...		..R15 = G ½	..N15 = ½" NPT	
0.6...3.4	0.04	0.9	VKG-1104...	VKG-1204...		..R15 = G ½	..N15 = ½" NPT	
2...8	0.06	1.0	VKG-1105...	VKG-1205...		..R20 = G ¾	..N20 = ¾" NPT	
3...15	0.04	1.0	VKG-1106...	VKG-1206...		..R20 = G ¾	..N20 = ¾" NPT	
4...20	0.04	1.0	VKG-1107...	VKG-1207...		..R25 = G 1	..N25 = 1" NPT	
2.5...45	0.08	0.4	VKG-1108...	VKG-1208...		..R25 = G 1	..N25 = 1" NPT	
5...55	0.1	1.0	VKG-1109...	VKG-1209...				
2.5...70	0.1	1.1	VKG-1110...	VKG-1210...				
5...80	0.1	1.0	VKG-1111...	VKG-1211...				

\* The pressure loss is based on water

Viscosity-compensated flowmeters and switches model: VKG-2... (Example: VKG-2103 R15)

Measuring range l/min Oil	Pressure loss Δ P (bar) at rated flow*		Brass	Stainless steel	Contact	Connection female thread		Option special connection
	min.	max.						
0.1...0.45	0.06	0.9	VKG-2101...	VKG-2201...	..R0.. = 1 N/O contact ..U0.. = 1 changeover contact ..C0.. = 1 N/O contact (cCSAus) ..D0.. = 1 changeover contact (cCSAus)	..R08 = G ¼	..N08 = ¼" NPT	B = outlet female thread, inlet BVB manifold
0.2...1.2	0.04	1.0	VKG-2102...	VKG-2202...		..R08 = G ¼	..N08 = ¼" NPT	
0.4...2	0.04	1.0	VKG-2103...	VKG-2203...		..R15 = G ½	..N15 = ½" NPT	
0.6...3.4	0.04	0.9	VKG-2104...	VKG-2204...		..R15 = G ½	..N15 = ½" NPT	
2...8	0.06	1.0	VKG-2105...	VKG-2205...		..R20 = G ¾	..N20 = ¾" NPT	
3...15	0.04	1.0	VKG-2106...	VKG-2206...		..R20 = G ¾	..N20 = ¾" NPT	
4...20	0.04	1.0	VKG-2107...	VKG-2207...		..R25 = G 1	..N25 = 1" NPT	
2.5...45	0.08	0.4	VKG-2108...	VKG-2208...		..R25 = G 1	..N25 = 1" NPT	
5...55	0.1	1.0	VKG-2109...	VKG-2209...				
2.5...70	0.1	1.1	VKG-2110...	VKG-2210...				
5...80	0.1	1.0	VKG-2111...	VKG-2211...				

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**Order Details**

Viscosity-compensated flowmeters and switches with 2 contacts model: VKG-3... (Example: VKG-3103 R15)

Measuring range l/min Oil	Pressure loss Δ P (bar) at rated flow*		Brass	Stainless steel	Contact	Connection female thread	
	min.	max.					
0.1...0.45	0.06	0.9	VKG-3101...	VKG-3201...	..RR.. = 2 N/O contacts ..UU.. = 2 changeover contacts ..CC.. = 2 N/O contacts (cCSAus) ..DD.. = 2 changeover contacts (cCSAus)	..R08 = G ¼	..N08 = ¼" NPT
0.2...1.2	0.04	1.0	VKG-3102...	VKG-3202...		..R08 = G ¼	..N08 = ¼" NPT
0.4...2	0.04	1.0	VKG-3103...	VKG-3203...		..R15 = G ½	..N15 = ½" NPT
0.6...3.4	0.04	0.9	VKG-3104...	VKG-3204...		..R15 = G ½	..N15 = ½" NPT
2...8	0.06	1.0	VKG-3105...	VKG-3205...		..R20 = G ¾	..N20 = ¾" NPT
3...15	0.04	1.0	VKG-3106...	VKG-3206...		..R25 = G 1	..N25 = 1" NPT
4...20	0.04	1.0	VKG-3107...	VKG-3207...		..R25 = G 1	..N25 = 1" NPT
2.5...45	0.08	0.4	VKG-3108...	VKG-3208...			
5...55	0.1	1.0	VKG-3109...	VKG-3209...			
2.5...70	0.1	1.1	VKG-3110...	VKG-3210...			
5...80	0.1	1.0	VKG-3111...	VKG-3211...			

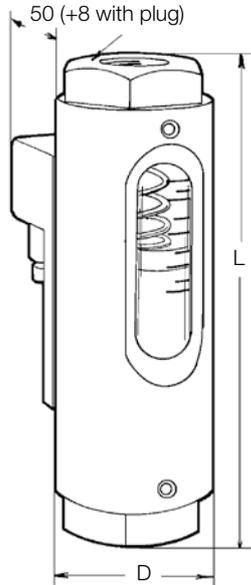
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Viscosity-compensated flowmeters and switches with side indicator model: VKG-4... (Example: VKG-4103 R15)

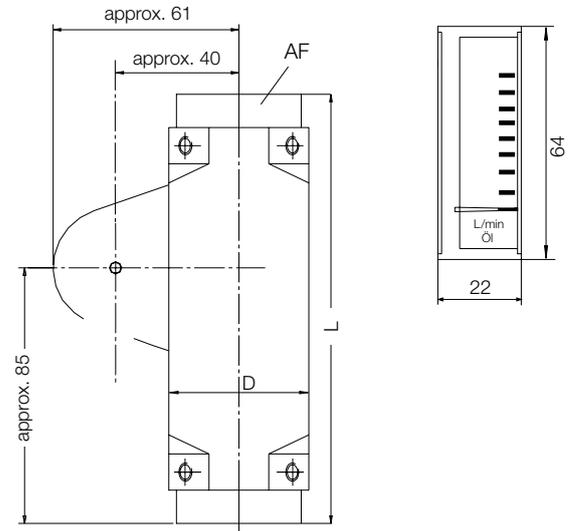
Measuring range l/min Oil	Pressure loss Δ P (bar) at rated flow*		Brass	Stainless steel	Contact	Connection female thread		Option special connection
	min.	max.						
0.1...0.45	0.06	0.9	VKG-4101...	VKG-4201...	..R0.. = 1 N/O contact ..U0.. = 1 changeover contact ..C0.. = 1 N/O contact (cCSAus) ..D0.. = 1 changeover contact (cCSAus)	..R08 = G ¼	..N08 = ¼" NPT	B = outlet female thread, inlet BVB manifold
0.2...1.2	0.04	1.0	VKG-4102...	VKG-4202...		..R08 = G ¼	..N08 = ¼" NPT	
0.4...2	0.04	1.0	VKG-4103...	VKG-4203...		..R15 = G ½	..N15 = ½" NPT	
0.6...3.4	0.04	0.9	VKG-4104...	VKG-4204...		..R15 = G ½	..N15 = ½" NPT	
2...8	0.06	1.0	VKG-4105...	VKG-4205...		..R20 = G ¾	..N20 = ¾" NPT	
3...15	0.04	1.0	VKG-4106...	VKG-4206...		..R25 = G 1	..N25 = 1" NPT	
4...20	0.04	1.0	VKG-4107...	VKG-4207...		..R25 = G 1	..N25 = 1" NPT	
2.5...45	0.08	0.4	VKG-4108...	VKG-4208...				
5...55	0.1	1.0	VKG-4109...	VKG-4209...				
2.5...70	0.1	1.1	VKG-4110...	VKG-4210...				
5...80	0.1	1.0	VKG-4111...	VKG-4211...				

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



Dimensions model VKG-4..



Model	D [mm]	AF [mm]	Weight [kg] (VKG-1..)	
			Standard connection	Special connection
VKG-..01	48	41	0.9	0.9
VKG-..02	48	41	0.9	0.8
VKG-..03	48	41	0.9	0.8
VKG-..04	48	41	0.9	0.8
VKG-..05	48	41	0.9	0.8
VKG-..06	48	41	0.8	0.8
VKG-..07	48	41	0.8	0.8
VKG-..08	48	41	0.8	0.7
VKG-..09	48	41	0.8	0.7
VKG-..10	48	41	0.8	0.7
VKG-..11	48	41	0.7	0.7

Model	D [mm]	AF [mm]	Weight [kg] (VKG-1..)	
			Standard connection	Special connection
VKG-..01	46 x 46	41	1.3	1.3
VKG-..02	46 x 46	41	1.3	1.2
VKG-..03	46 x 46	41	1.3	1.2
VKG-..04	46 x 46	41	1.3	1.2
VKG-..05	46 x 46	41	1.2	1.2
VKG-..06	46 x 46	41	1.2	1.2
VKG-..07	46 x 46	41	1.2	1.1
VKG-..08	46 x 46	41	1.2	1.1
VKG-..09	46 x 46	41	1.2	1.1
VKG-..10	46 x 46	41	1.1	1.1
VKG-..11	46 x 46	41	1.1	1.1

Connection female thread				Option special connection			
Model	L [mm]	Model	L [mm]	Model	L [mm]	Model	L [mm]
VKG-..R08	143	VKG-..N08	143	VKG-..R08 B	148	VKG-..N08 B	148
VKG-..R15	143	VKG-..N15	143	VKG-..R15 B	148	VKG-..N15 B	148
VKG-..R20	153	VKG-..N20	153	VKG-..R20 B	153	VKG-..N20 B	153
VKG-..R25	153	VKG-..N25	153	VKG-..R25 B	153	VKG-..N25 B	153