# Flow Switches // VK3 // for insertion installation into copper pipes

Flow monitoring of liquids



#### Features

- Magnetic principle without mechanical wear
   → very durable
- Reed switch designed for a large number of switching cycles (typically 5 million) → very long life cycle



#### Principle

- Flow directs the paddle
- Magnet (1) actuates the reed switch
- Paddle reset through magnet force (magnet 1+2)
  → No spring-based paddle system

#### Switching function

- Contact closes with increasing flow rate
- Contact opens with decreasing flow rate

 Robust paddle made of round material → able to resist water hammers and greater flow velocities

#### The switching unit makes the difference

- Reed switch and connecting cable are overmoulded instead of potted
  - → more stability, increased operational safety
  - → improved strain relief
  - $\rightarrow$  less sensitive to bending of the connecting cable



#### Quality

- 100% individual setpoint setting
  - → to compensate part tolerances
- 100% test of the electric switching function
- 100% recording of test data
- Sample inspection setpoint in the water test bench
- 100% traceability via batch number
- OEM product, developed and manufactured in Germany
- Significant test reports available, e.g. for endurance test and temperature test





#### For copper pipe

- Ø 22...54 mm
- Bore hole, 15mm Ø, with or without extrusion



#### Adaptations for serial customers

- You provide us with your pipeline or installation section
- We qualify the flow switch and the installation under original conditions
- We carry out optimisations, e.g. for hydraulically difficult conditions (influence of pipe bend, pump, heat exchanger)
- We set the desired set point and the switching function
- You receive a test report
- For the electrical connection, we comply with your wishes regarding cable and plug.

#### Insertion installation in 4 steps

- 1. Solder in the solder adapter
- **2.** Insert the O-ring
- **3.** Insert and align the flow switch
- **4.** Tighten the union nut

#### Scope of delivery

- Flow switch (1)
- 0-ring (**2**)
- Soldering adapter (3)





Technical data					
Switching function	Contact → closes at increasing flow → opens at decreasing flow				
Pressure rating	PN 10				
Temperature ranges					
Medium	-25100 °C				
Ambient	-2570 °C				
Electrical data					
Electrical connection	1.5 m PVC jacket cable				
Switching current	Max. 1 A				
Switching voltage	Max. 230 VAC, 48 VDC				
Rating	Max. 26 VA, 20 W				
Degree of protection EN 60529	IP65				
Protection class EN 60730-1	Class II				
Approvals					

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### Options

### On request

- $\rightarrow$  Special setpoints
- ightarrow Reversed switching function
- $\rightarrow$  Recognized component ETL
  - according to UL & CSA standards

Technical data							
Туре	Color	For	Paddle Setpoints [l/min] (typical value)		typical value)	Max.	Order number
	union nut	copper pipes	length L <sub>1</sub> [mm]	Increasing flow ON**	Decreasing flow OFF	flow rate [l/min]	
VK320	• red	Ø 22x1	33.5	10.5	9.2	100	VK320M0P10PD11
VK325	• black	Ø 28x1	36.0	17.6	15.7	150	VK325M0P10PD11
		Ø 32x1		25.7	23.6	155	
VK332	• blue	Ø 35x1.5	44.5	20.0	17.5	160	VK332M0P10PD11
VK340	• yellow	Ø 42x1.5	47.5	28.0	25.8	300	VK340M0P10PD11
VK350	• green	Ø 54x1.5	56.5	58.3	50.2	400	VK350M2P10PD11

 $^{*}~$  Water, 20 °C, horizontal pipe, tolerance ±15 %

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#### Typical pressure drop



#### Materials in contact with fluid

Body	PPE+PS Noryl™ 30 % glass fibre reinforced
Paddle	PPE+PS Noryl™ 30 % glass fibre reinforced
Soldering adapter	Brass CW617N
Magnet	Hard ferrite
0-ring	NBR

## Wiring



Reed contact Reed contact

Service - Adjustment of switching point and switching function according to customer specification and test in test bench	Order number
You provide us with your pipeline and installation section. We test it on our test bench, adjust the switching point as well as the switching function according to customer specification and create a test report. This ensures higher operational reliability of your device and makes installation in your production particularly easy, as you do not have to make any adjustments.	VSKTESTREPORT01



## Flow switches // SIKA range of services

Flow switches are used for monitoring fluid media. Depending on the individual requirements, they are available for different nominal diameters and setpoint ranges.

Thanks to the modular design, product versions and options for various applications can be set up. The further temperature and pressure ranges as well as the selection of materials or diverse connection options offer a high level of flexibility.

# Therefore, SIKA flow switches are used in many different areas:

- Heating technology, heat pumps
- Industrial cooling circuits
- Water technology
- Potable water applications



