



F.R.L. Units Precautions 1

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Design / Selection

Warning

1. Confirm the specifications.

Products represented in this catalog are designed only for use in compressed air systems (including vacuum).

Do not operate at pressures or temperatures, etc., beyond the range of specifications, as this can cause damage or malfunction. (Refer to the specifications.)

Please contact SMC when using a fluid other than compressed air. We do not guarantee against any damage if the product is used outside of the specification range.

2. The standard bowl for the air filter, filter regulator, and lubricator, as well as the sight dome for the lubricator are made of polycarbonate. Do not use in an environment where they are exposed to or come in contact with organic solvents, chemicals, cutting oil, synthetic oil, alkali, and thread lock solutions.

Effects of atmosphere of organic solvents and chemicals, and where these elements are likely to adhere to the equipment.

Chemical data for substances causing degradation (Reference)

Type	Chemical name	Application examples	Material	
			Polycarbonate	Nylon
Acid	Hydrochloric acid	Acid washing liquid for metals	△	×
	Sulfuric acid, Phosphoric acid			
	Chromic acid			
Alkaline	Sodium hydroxide (Caustic soda)	Degreasing of metals Industrial salts Water-soluble cutting oil	×	○
	Potash			
	Calcium hydroxide (Slack lime)			
	Ammonia water			
	Carbonate of soda			
Inorganic salts	Sodium sulfide	—	×	△
	Sulfate of potash			
	Sulfate of soda			
Chlorine solvents	Carbon tetrachloride	Cleansing liquid for metals	×	△
	Chloroform	Printing ink		
	Ethylene chloride	Dilution		
	Methylene chloride			
Aromatic series	Benzene	Coatings Dry cleaning	×	△
	Toluene			
Ketone	Acetone	Photographic film	×	×
	Methyl ethyl ketone	Dry cleaning		
	Cyclohexane	Textile industries		
Alcohol	Ethyl alcohol	Antifreeze Adhesives	△	×
	IPA			
	Methyl alcohol			
Oil	Gasoline	—	×	○
	Kerosene			
Ester	Phthalic acid dimethyl	Synthetic oil Anti-rust additives	×	○
	Phthalic acid dimethyl			
	Acetic acid			
Ether	Methyl ether	Brake oil additives	×	○
	Ethyl ether			
Amino	Methyl amino	Cutting oil	×	×
		Brake oil additives		
		Rubber accelerator		
Other	Thread-lock fluid	—	×	△
	Seawater			
	Leak tester			

○: Essentially safe △: Some effects may occur ×: Effects will occur

When the above factors are present, or there is some doubt, use a metal case for safety.

3. Do not use in such a way as to frequently fill in or release the pressure from the standard bowls such as the air filter, filter regulator, lubricator, etc. Damage to the bowl may occur. A metal bowl is recommended in these cases.

4. Please consult with SMC if the intended application calls for absolutely zero leakage due to special atmospheric requirements or if the use of a fluid other than air is required.

5. The mineral grease used on internal sliding parts and seals may come in contact with outlet side components. Please consult with SMC if this is not desirable.

Please contact SMC if the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) of the grease is required.

6. Do not disassemble the product or make any modifications, including additional machining. It may cause human injury and/or an accident.

Caution

1. Select a model that is suitable for the desired air cleanliness by referring to SMC's Best Pneumatics catalog.

Mounting

Warning

1. Operation manual

Install the products and operate them only after reading the operation manual carefully and understanding its contents. Also, keep the manual where it can be referred to as necessary.

2. Ensure sufficient space for maintenance activities.

When installing the products, allow access for maintenance.

3. Tighten threads with the proper tightening torque.

When installing the products, follow the listed torque specifications.

Caution

1. To avoid reversed connections of the air inlet/outlet, make connections after confirming the "IN/OUT" mark or arrows that indicate the direction of air flow. Reversed connections can cause malfunction.

2. Components with a bowl, e.g., air filter, filter regulator, lubricator, must be installed vertically with the bowl downward so that faulty drain discharge and dripping can be verified.

3. Ensure sufficient top, bottom and front clearance for maintenance and operation of each component. Refer to the dimensions section for the minimum clearance of each component.

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Piping

⚠ Warning

1. To screw a piping material into a component, tighten with the recommended tightening torque while holding the female thread side.

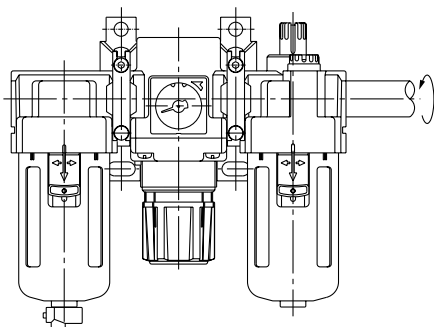
If the tightening torque is not enough, looseness and seal failure can occur. On the other hand, excess tightening torque can cause damage to the threads. Furthermore, tightening without holding the female thread side can cause damage due to the excess force that is applied directly to the piping bracket.

Recommended Tightening Torque

Unit: N·m

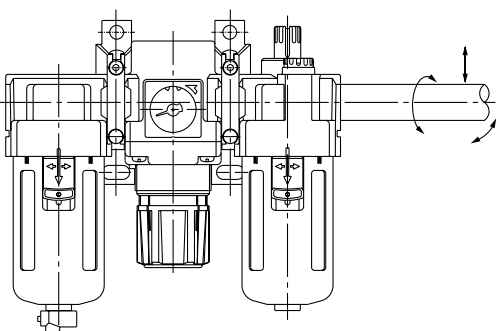
Connection thread	M5	1/8	1/4	3/8	1/2	3/4	1	1 1/4	1 1/2	2
Torque	1 to 1.5 ^{*1}	7 to 9	12 to 14	22 to 24	28 to 30	28 to 30	36 to 38	40 to 42	48 to 50	48 to 50

*1 After tightening by hand, use a tightening tool to tighten an additional 1/6 to 1/4 turn as a guideline.



2. Avoid excessive torsional moment or bending moment other than those caused by the equipment's own weight as this can cause damage.

Support external piping separately.



3. Piping materials without flexibility such as steel tube piping, are prone to be effected by excess moment load and vibration from the piping side. Use flexible tubing in between to avoid such an effect.

⚠ Caution

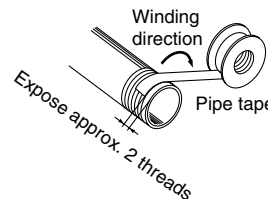
1. Preparation before piping

Before piping is connected, it should be thoroughly blown out with air (flushing) or washed to remove chips, cutting oil and other debris from inside the pipe.

⚠ Caution

2. Wrapping of pipe tape

When screwing piping or fittings into ports, ensure that chips from the pipe threads or sealing material do not enter the piping. Also, if pipe tape is used, leave 1.5 to 2 thread ridges exposed at the end of the threads.



3. Refer to the Fittings and Tubing Precautions (Best Pneumatics No. 6) for handling one-touch fittings.

Air Supply

⚠ Warning

1. Type of fluids

Please consult with SMC when using the product in applications other than compressed air.

2. Take measures to ensure air quality, such as by installing an aftercooler, air dryer, or water separator.

Compressed air that contains a large amount of drainage can cause malfunction of pneumatic equipment such as filters, regulators, and lubricators. Therefore, take appropriate measures to ensure air quality, such as by providing an aftercooler, air dryer, or water separator.

3. Drain flushing

If condensation in the drain bowl is not emptied on a regular basis, the bowl will overflow and allow the condensation to enter the compressed air lines. It causes malfunction of pneumatic equipment.

If the drain bowl is difficult to check and remove, installation of a drain bowl with an auto drain option is recommended.

For compressed air quality, refer to Air Preparation Equipment Selection Guide (pages 2 and 3).

4. Use clean air.

Do not use compressed air that contains chemicals, synthetic oils including organic solvents, salt or corrosive gases, etc., as it can cause damage or malfunction.

When synthetic oil is used for the compressor oil, depending on the type of synthetic oil used, or on the conditions of use, there may be adverse effects on the resin of the pneumatic equipment or on the seals if the oil is flowed out to the outlet side, so the mounting of a main line filter is recommended.

⚠ Caution

1. Ensure that the fluid and ambient temperature are within the specified range.

When using at low temperatures, drain or moisture could solidify or freeze, causing damage to the seals and equipment malfunction. If the fluid temperature is less than 5°C, the moisture in the circuit could freeze, causing damage to the seals and equipment malfunction. Therefore, take appropriate measures to prevent freezing.

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Operating Environment

⚠ Warning

1. Do not use in an atmosphere having corrosive gases, chemicals, sea water, water, water steam, or where there is direct contact with any of these.

Refer to each drawing on the F.R.L. units material.

2. Do not expose the product to direct sunlight for an extended period of time.
3. Do not use in a place subject to heavy vibration and/or shock.
4. Do not mount the product in locations where it is exposed to radiant heat.

Maintenance

⚠ Warning

1. Perform maintenance inspection according to the procedures indicated in the operation manual.

If handled improperly, malfunction and damage of machinery or equipment may occur.

2. Maintenance work

If handled improperly, compressed air can be dangerous. Assembly, handling, repair and element replacement of pneumatic systems should be performed by a knowledgeable and experienced person.

3. Drain flushing

Remove drainage from air filters regularly.

4. Removal of equipment, and supply/exhaust of compressed air

When components are removed, first confirm that measures are in place to prevent workpieces from dropping, run-away equipment, etc. Then, cut off the supply pressure and electric power, and exhaust all compressed air from the system using the residual pressure release function.

When machinery is restarted, proceed with caution after confirming that appropriate measures are in place to prevent cylinders from sudden movement.

5. Perform periodical inspections to detect any cracks, scratches, or other deterioration of the transparent resin bowl of the air filter, filter regulator, and lubricator or the sight dome of the lubricator.

Replace with a new bowl, sight dome, or metal bowl when any kind of deterioration is found. Otherwise, damage may occur.

6. Perform periodical inspections to detect dirt on the transparent resin bowl of the air filter, filter regulator, and lubricator or the sight dome of the lubricator.

When you find dirt on any of the above devices, clean with a mild household cleanser. Do not use other cleaning agents. Otherwise, this can cause damage.

⚠ Caution

1. Perform periodical inspections of the filter element and replace it as necessary. Check the element whenever the outlet pressure drops below normal or air does not flow smoothly during operation.

Regulator / Filter Regulator

Design / Selection

⚠ Warning

1. Attach a safety device if damage or malfunction of equipment and devices on the outlet side may result from the output pressure exceeding the set pressure.
2. Residual pressure release (outlet pressure release) is not complete by releasing the inlet pressure. To release residual pressure, select a model with a back flow mechanism. Using a model without a back flow mechanism causes unstable residual pressure release (i.e., residual pressure may or may not be released) depending upon the operating conditions.
3. Please contact SMC if air will not be consumed in the system for long periods of time, or if the outlet side will be used with a sealed circuit and a balanced circuit, since this may cause the set pressure of the outlet side to fluctuate.
4. Set the outlet pressure range for the regulator in a range that is 85% or less of the inlet pressure. If set above 85%, the inlet pressure will be easily effected by fluctuations in the flow rate and inlet pressure, and will become unstable.
5. Since a safety margin is calculated into the maximum regulating pressure value of set pressure range appearing in the catalog's specification table, the set pressure may exceed the range.
6. Please contact SMC when a circuit requires the use of a regulator having relief sensitivity with high precision and setting accuracy.

⚠ Caution

1. Air consumption is 0.1L/min. (ANR) or less under standard operation specifications. Please consult with SMC if this value is not allowable.

Mounting

⚠ Caution

1. When adjusting the pressure, unlock the knob first, and lock it back after the pressure is set.

Adjustment

⚠ Warning

1. Set the regulator while verifying the displayed values of the inlet and outlet pressure gauges. Turning the knob excessively can cause damage to the internal parts.
2. Do not use a tool on the pressure regulator knob as this can cause damage. It must be operated by hand.

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Regulator / Filter Regulator

Adjustment

⚠ Caution

1. Check the inlet pressure before setting.
2. The pressure gauge included with products for 0.02 to 0.2 MPa setting is for up to 0.2 MPa only. Do not apply pressure exceeding 0.2 MPa. It can damage the pressure gauge.
3. To set the pressure using the knob, turn the knob in the direction that increases pressure and lock the knob after the pressure is set. If this is done in the direction that decreases pressure, the pressure may drop from the original set pressure. Turning the knob clockwise increases the outlet pressure, and turning it counterclockwise reduces the pressure.

Lubricator

Design / Selection

⚠ Warning

1. Select a lubricator with a fixed throttle when the lubricator is used in high frequency operations, such as in a press machine.
When selecting a model, it is necessary to select the passage area of the fixed throttle, so please consult with SMC.
2. Lubrication cannot be properly performed if the operating flow rate is too low. Select proper size lubricator by referring the minimum dripping flow rate provided in this catalog.
3. Mount a residual pressure removal 3-port valve on the inlet side, and avoid the use of a lubricator that causes back flow as this may cause damage to internal parts.
4. Use a check valve (Series AKM) to prevent the back flowing of lubricant when the piping is branched at the inlet side.

Piping

⚠ Caution

1. Avoid riser piping and branch lines on the outlet side to prevent inferior lubrication.

Maintenance

⚠ Warning

1. Use class 1 turbine oil (without additives) ISO VG32. Using other lubricant can cause damage to devices and result in malfunction.
2. For the AL10, 20 type, supply the lubricant after releasing the inlet pressure since the lubricant cannot be applied under pressurized condition.

⚠ Caution

1. Check the usage rate once a day. If the lubricant is not normally consumed, problems may occur to the lubricated objects.

Mist Separator / Micro Mist Separator

Design / Selection

⚠ Caution

1. Design the system so that a mist separator and a micro mist separator are installed where a pulsation is not likely to be generated. The pressure difference between the internal and external pressure inside the element should be kept within 0.1 MPa, since exceeding this value can cause damage.

Maintenance

⚠ Warning

1. To prevent damage to the filter element, replace it every 2 years or when the pressure drop becomes 0.1 MPa, whichever comes first.
2. Release accumulated condensation inside of an air filter bowl periodically and before the accumulation reaches the maximum capacity. If accumulated condensation flows out to the outlet side, it can cause malfunction.

Air Filter

Maintenance

⚠ Warning

1. To prevent damage to the element, replace the element every 2 years or when the pressure drop becomes 0.1 MPa, whichever comes first.
2. Release accumulated condensation inside of an air filter case periodically and before the accumulation reaches the maximum capacity. If accumulated condensation flows out to the outlet side, it can cause malfunction.

Air Combination

Design / Selection

⚠ Caution

1. When using a 2-unit combination such as the AC□0A, AC□0B and AC□0D, secure the top and bottom of the bracket. For 3-unit, securing the bottom side of the bracket is recommended.
2. The bracket position varies depending on the attachment (T-interface or pressure switch) mounting.
3. The standard mounting position for a bracket is OUT side of each component (the AF, AR, AL, AW and AFM). For the standard mounting position dimension for a bracket by mounting an attachment, refer to page 326.
4. A bracket cannot be mounted on both sides of a T-interface or a pressure switch.
5. Please contact SMC if you wish to change the bracket mounting position.



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Float Type Auto Drain

Design / Selection

Warning

1. Use an auto drain under the following conditions to avoid malfunction.

<N.O. type>

- Operating compressor: 0.75 kW (100 ℓ /min. (ANR)) or more
When using 2 or more auto drains, multiply the above value by the number of auto drains to find the minimum capacity of the required compressors.
Selecting a model with a minimum or larger required capacity is recommended. For example, when using 2 auto drains, a compressor capacity of at least 1.5 kW (200 ℓ /min. (ANR)) is required.
- Operating pressure: 0.1 MPa or more

<N.C. type>

- Operating pressure for AD17/27: 0.1 MPa or more
Operating pressure for AD37/47: 0.15 MPa or more

Piping

Caution

1. Float type auto drain

Drain piping should be performed under the following conditions to avoid malfunction.

<N.O. type>

- Use piping whose I.D. is $\phi 6.5$ or larger, and whose length is 5 m or less. Avoid riser piping.

<N.C. type>

- AD17/27: Use piping with an I.D. of $\phi 2.5$ or larger.
AD37/47: Use piping with an I.D. of $\phi 4$ or larger.
Length is 5 m or less. Avoid riser piping.

Maintenance

Caution

1. Turn the knob counterclockwise to release the drainage manually. Avoid applying excessive torque to the knob, such as by using a tool, as this can damage an auto drain.

After releasing the condensation, turn the knob clockwise until it stops.

2. Air leakage or other performance malfunction can occur if premature clogging of the element or pressure drop causes the pressure inside the bowl to deviate from the specified pressure range parameters.

Check the pressure whenever such an irregularity occurs.

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