# Sectional metering devices

# Product series VPK

# For oil and grease

For use in SKF CircOil circulating and SKF ProFlex progressive centralized lubrication systems







# Fields of application

- Metal-forming machinery
- Vehicles
- Construction machinery
- Production systems in the automotive industry
- Packaging and printing machines

### **Advantages**

- For universal use in continuous or intermittent operations
- Versatile features metering sections with variable dosing amounts and internal and external consolidation of outlets
- Expandable by attaching directional solenoid valves
- Can be monitored using piston detectors or visual cycle indicators
- Simple to service separator plates feature vulcanized seals that cannot be detached
- owerful max. 20 outlets for volumetric flow of up to 500 cm<sup>3</sup>/min





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Important information on product usage SKF and Lincoln lubrication systems or their components are not approved for use with gases, liquefied gases, pressurized gases in solution and fluids with a vapor pressure exceeding normal atmospheric pressure (1 013 mbar) by more than 0,5 bar at their maximum permissible temperature.





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# Product overview



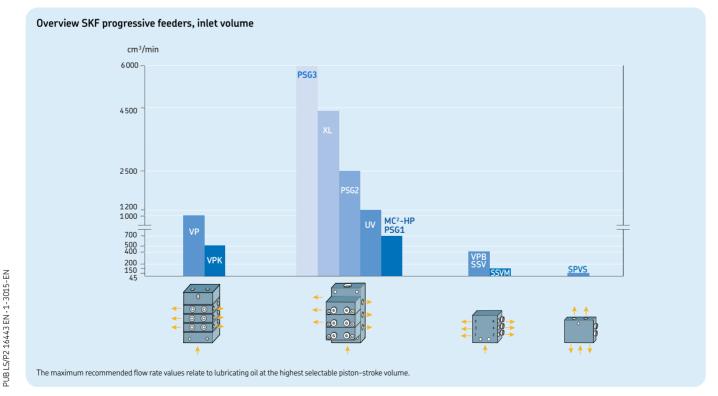












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### **Product description**

### General

The sectional metering device VPK, which belongs to the progressive feeder range, is available in the designs VPKM (metric-threaded connectors) and VPKG (inch-threaded connectors). With their metering sections, VPM and VPG cover a metering volume per outlet and cycle of 0.05 cm³ (T-section) to 0.6 cm³ (S-section). The inlet of the feeder is located at an inlet section and the outlets are at the downstream feeder sections. The delivery ducts are sealed by elastic seals. An end section is located downstream of the last feeder section. All sections are interconnected with tie-rods. They seal the feeder assembly.

The volumetric flow, which is sent via a tube, is forcibly distributed in a predetermined ratio to the outlets, i.e. to the lubrication points or the downstream progressive feeders. Pistons, which are aligned in series, meter the lubricant for two opposite outlets each and control the function of the neighboring piston. This way, the function of the sectional metering device can be checked by monitoring any piston with a cycle indicator or a piston detector.

### Operation (→ Fig. 1)

The task of the progressive feeder is to distribute consecutively specified portions of the pressure-fed lubricant (grease or oil) to the connected lubrication points.

The discharge of the lubricant continues as long as it is pressure-fed to the progressive feeder. The specified portions are generated through the piston movement. Two lubricant outlets on the two end positions of the piston travel are allocated to each piston.

The number of pistons within a feeder is from 3–10 variable. If lubricant is pressure-fed, the pistons of a feeder move in turn to their end position. The piston movement displaces a portion of the lubricant that is downstream of the piston to the downstream outlet. The movement of a piston can only start after the upstream piston has been moved to its end position. If all pistons are in their left or right end position, internal connecting bores in the feeder ensure a defined and continued running of the pistons.

When all pistons have been moved once to the left as well as to the right end position, all connected lubricant points have been

supplied once with the preset lubricant quantity.

The portions for both outlets are determined by the diameter and the travel of the piston. The selection of the required portion is made during the design of the feeder.

A subsequent change of the portions is only possible through a modification of the feeder.

### Information on the design

The general criteria for the design of progressive feeders also apply without restrictions to the sectional metering device VP. The most important criterion is the number of cycles (stroke rate). They should be held as low as possible by selecting high-volume feeders. Maximum value of 200 cycles/min should not be exceeded

Thus, pressure losses and noise level will also be reduced. In case of an installation on movable machine parts or in case of strong vibrations (e.g. on presses), the piston position of the feeder should not be the same as the direction of movement of the machine part.

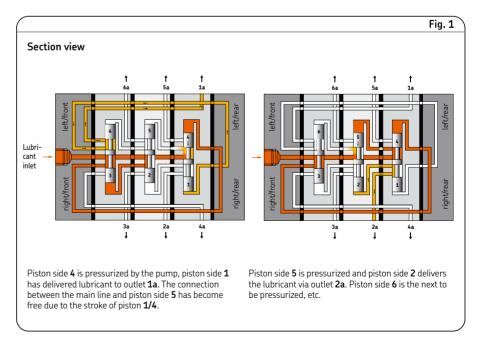
For the VPK feeder, the minimum number of feeder sections is 3 and the maximum number is 10.

### Quantity distribution

Sectional metering devices distribute an amount delivered by a pump to several outlets while the feeder determines the volumetric ratio.

The different output quantities within a feeder are achieved by the use of various piston diameters or the joining of two or more outlets. The indicated lubricant quantities result from the piston diameter and the maximum travel of the piston. Depending on the system design, these capacities may vary by 40 percent.

For the sectional metering devices VPKM and VPKG, sections for two connections (**T** = twin) or for one connection (**S** = single) are available. In case of single sections, the two opposite outlets are connected internally, whereby one outlet is closed.



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### Monitoring and attachments

### **Tightening torques**

During the installation of the VKP feeder, consisting of inlet section, inlet plate, twin and single sections, separator plates as well as end plate and end section, the following tightening torques have to be adhered to for the tie-rods and nuts:

### Tightening torque

Tie-rod (2x) each 2,5 Nm Nut for tie-rod M6 (2x) each 12,0 Nm

### Monitoring

All standard sections can be monitored directly by means of a piston detector. Furthermore, the piston movement can be monitored by visual stroke monitoring.

Both monitoring models can be used for oil as well as for grease.

### **Attachments**

The sectional metering device VPK can be equipped with upstream directional solenoid valves for oil.

### Check valves

Screw unions with check valves are recommended when using greases due to the air inclusions caused by production processes.

### Consolidation of outlets (→ Fig. 2)

Two neighboring outlets are joined from the end section towards the inlet section. The plug (order No. 917-006-101) of the outlet nearest to the end section must be unscrewed and the outlet bore must be sealed with a screw plug. The fluid of the two outlets will then flow out of the outlet near the inlet section.

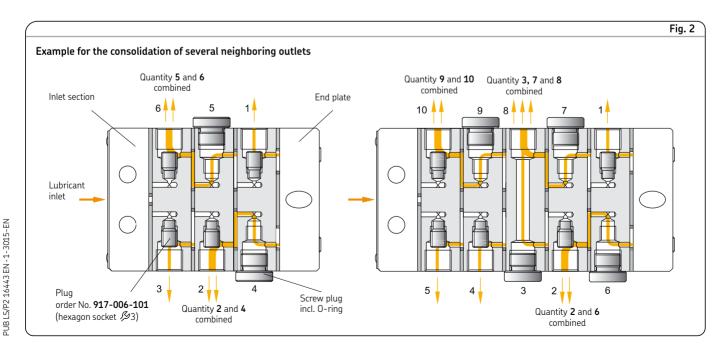
### Note:

To avoid damages the feeder section behind the inlet section must not be closed!

### Important!

To avoid damages it is absolutely essential, that the plug (order No. **917-006-101**) has been removed before screwing in the screw plug, otherwise the feeder may block.

This consolidation of outlets can be combined, as long as there is no single section in-between. The single section completes the group formation; a new group formation can only be carried out behind the single section. If it turns out that the fluids of two neighboring outlets have to be separated again (e.g. due to an additional lubrication point), this will be a simple matter. The only thing to do is to screw in a plug (order No. 917-006-101) and to connect the previously closed outlet to the new lubrication point.



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# Basic design for oil and grease



Technical data	
Type	Hydraulically controlled Any -25 to +90 °C → Table 1 1 to 20
Material Inlet, separator and end section Sections	Steel, galvanized, NBR Steel, galvanized
Hydraulic system Operating pressure, max	Oil 200 bar, grease 300 bar → Table 2 Mineral oils, greases based on mineral oil, environmentally friendly and synthetic oils and greases
Operating viscosity	> 12 mm²/s ≥ 265 x 0.1 mm (up to NLGI Grade 2)

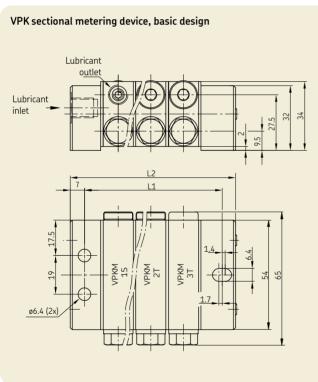


						Table 1
Dimen	sions					
Inlet:	VPKM = M10 VPKG = G1/8	×1		KM = M1 KG = G1,		
Тур		Number of feeder sections	Number of possible outlets	L1 [mm]	L2 [mm]	Weight [kg]
VPKM-	3/VPKG-3	3	6	68.4	81.9	0.99
VPKM-	4/VPKG-4	4	8	84.6	98.1	1.18
VPKM-	5 / VPKG-5	5	10	100.8	114.3	1.38
VPKM-	6 / VPKG-6	6	12	117.0	130.5	1.57
VPKM-	7 / VPKG-7	7	14	133.2	146.7	1.77
VPKM-	8/VPKG-8	8	16	149.4	162.9	1.96
VPKM-	9 / VPKG-9	9	18	165.6	179.1	2.16
VPKM-	10 / VPKG-10	10	20	181.8	195.3	2.35

			Table 2
Selection of feede	r sections		
Quantity per cycle and outlet [cm ]		Description of the sections	Identification letter/Order code
0.05	2	05T	Α
0.10	2	1T	С
0.20	2	2T	E
0.30	2	3T	G
0.10	1	05S	В
0.20	1	15	D
0.40	1	25	F
0.60	1	35	Н

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# Monitoring with piston detector and cycle indicator, for oil and grease







### Technical data

### Basis design → Technical data page 6

### Piston detector, electrical 1)

Ambient temperature range . . . . . . . −25 to +80 °C 350 bar Operating pressure max. . . . . . . . . 4-point LED Design . . . . . Rated voltage 10 to 36 V DC Internal thread . . . . . . . . . . M10×1 Weight . 30 g Residual ripple (2-pin) . . . . . . . . . . . . 3 bis 15% Residual ripple (3-pin) . . . . . . . Max. load current . . . . . . . . 100 mA Protection class Min. load current (2-pin). . . . . . . . . 4 mA Outlet function (2-pin) . . . . . . . . . NC contact Outlet function (3-pin) . . . . . PNP contact

Cycle indicator, visual

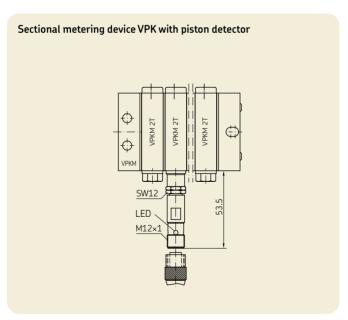
-15 to +75 °C Ambient temperature range . . . . . . . 

1) The piston detector is designed for a service life of approx. 10-15 million cycles. This value may be significantly exceeded depending on the application, external environmental influences, medium, pressure, and cycle speed. Please contact the manufacturer if in doubt.

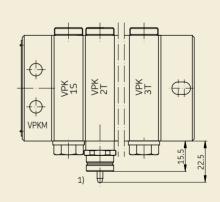
# Note!

Electrical plug and socket connections are ordered sepa-

rately → page 13.



### Sectional metering device VPK with visual cycle indicator

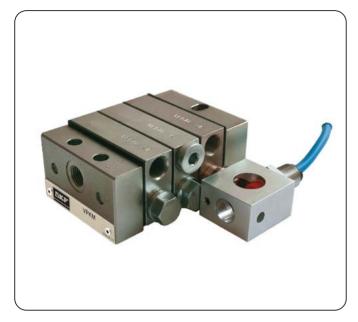


1) The installation of the cycle indicator with or without proximity switch is only possible from feeder section 2T/2S or larger.

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# Monitoring with cycle indicator and NAMUR proximity switch, for oil and grease



### Technical data

### Basis design → Technical data page 6

Proximity switch

with 2 m cable 2x 0.34 mm<sup>2</sup>

Power consumption . . . . . . . . . . conducting > 2.2 mA, blocking < 1.0 mA

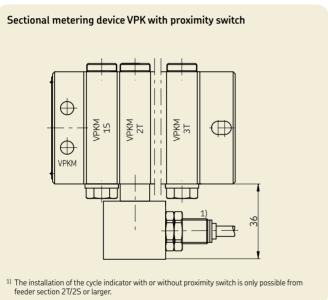
Protection class . . . . . . . . . . IP 67

Outlet function . . . . . Öffner normal geschlossen (NC)

Weight total . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 (Cycle indicator, housing, proximity switch)

### Note!

Use proximity switch only with NAMUR switching amplifier.



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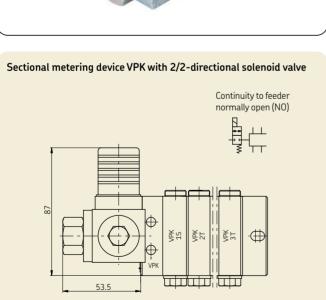
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# with directional solenoid valve, for oil



# With 2/2-directional solenoid valve



### Technical data

### Basis design → Technical data page 6

 Lubricant
 Mineral oils, environmentally friendly and synthetic oils

 Operating viscosity
 20–1 000 mm²/s

 Elektrische Bauart
 Pusher/solenoid

 Plug/electrical connection
 DIN EN 175301-803

Design . . . . . . . . . . . . . 4/2 continuity to feeder normally open (NO); 3/2 continuity to feeder

normally closed (NC)

2/2-directional solenoid valve (only for VPKG)

Ambient temperature range . -15 to +75 °C
Operating pressure max. 150 bar
Rated voltage . 24 V DC
Rated current . 1.3 A
Weight . 610 g

 Lubricant
 Mineral oils, environmentally friendly and synthetic oils

 Operating viscosity
 20–1 000 mm²/s

 Elektrische Bauart
 Pusher/solenoid

 ON-time
 100% ED

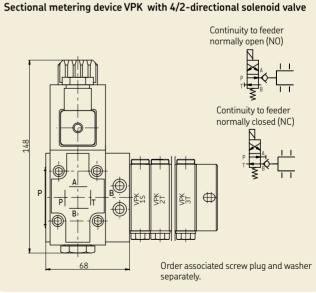
 Plug/electrical connection
 DIN EN 175301-803

Design . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Continuity to feeder normally

open (NO)

### Note!

Electrical plug and socket connections are ordered separately  $\rightarrow$  page 13.



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# Order code

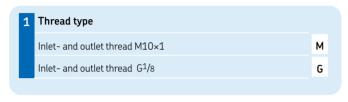
# Sectional metering device of product series VPK\*)

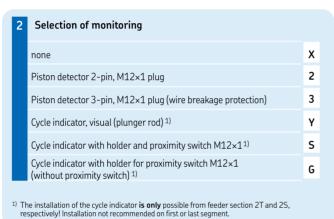


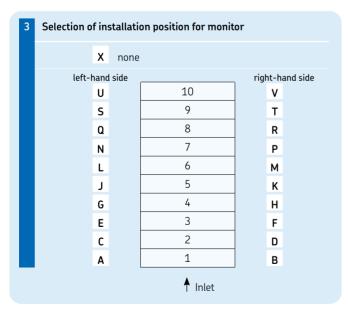
Feeder information

Choice 6/7/8: information on sections 1 to 10 as seen from inlet (min. 3 sections)

# Order example: VPKGYFXC-EMM-CMV-HSM-DMS-EMM (→ page 12)







4	Selection of attachments	VPKM	VPKG
	none	х	х
	4/2-directional solenoid valve for oil	В	В
	3/2-directional solenoid valve for oil	D	D
	2/2-directional solenoid valve for oil	-	Ε

5	Selection of inlet screw union	VPKM	VPKG	
	none	Х	Х	
	Straight connector for tube ø6 mm, L <sup>1)</sup>	Α	Α	
	Straight connector for tube ø6 mm, tapered LL <sup>1)</sup>	В	-	
	Straight connector for tube ø8 mm, tapered LL <sup>1)</sup>	С	С	
	Straight connector for tube $\emptyset 10$ mm, tapered L $^{1)}$	-	D	
	Straight connector, EO2 for tube ø6 mm	Ε	Ε	
	Straight quick connector for tube ø6 mm	F	F	
	Straight quick connector for tube ø6 mm, tapered	G	G	
	Elbow for tube ø6 mm, tapered, L 1)	Н	Н	
	Elbow for tube ø6 mm, tapered, LL $^{1)}$	J	-	
	Elbow for tube ø8 mm, tapered, LL $^{1)}$	K	K	
	Elbow quick connector, ø6 mm, tapered	L	L	
	Banjo fitting for tube ø6 mm, L 1)	М	М	
	Banjo fitting for tube ø6 mm, LL <sup>1)</sup>	N	-	
	Banjo fitting quick connector for tube ø6 mm	Р	Р	
	Banjo fitting quick connector for tube ø6 mm, tapered	Q	-	
L <b>L-</b> S	eries = extra light version, L-series = light version, S-series = heavy duty version			

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1) Solderless pipe unions with cutting sleeve acc. to DIN 2353

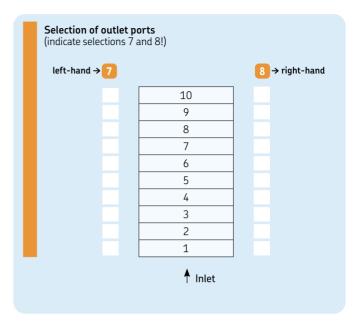
<sup>\*)</sup> Online configurable under skf-lubrication.partcommunity.com (>> page 12).

# Order code

# Sectional metering device of product series VPK VPK

(	Volume per cycle and	utlets 2 (Twin)  Designation of sections		Volume pe cycle and outlet [cm <sup>3</sup> ]		
	0.05	05T	Α	0.10	05S	В
ı	0.10	1T	С	0.20	15	D
	0.20	2T	E	0.40	25	F
	0.30	3T	G	0.60	3S	Н

7 8	2nd place outlet screw union, left-hand side; 3rd place outlet screw union, right-hand side	VPKM	VPKG
	No outlet port, screw plug	S	S
ı	Outlet port without screw unions	Х	Х
	Outlet port with 4 mm outlet screw union <sup>2)</sup> , tapered, LL	Α	-
	Outlet port with 4 mm outlet screw union <sup>2)</sup> , LL	-	В
	Outlet port with 6 mm outlet screw union <sup>2)</sup> , tapered, LL	С	-
	Outlet port with 6 mm outlet screw union <sup>2)</sup> , L	D	D
	Outlet port with 8 mm outlet screw union <sup>3)</sup> , tapered, LL	Ε	Ε
	Outlet port with 10 mm outlet screw union <sup>3)</sup> , tapered, L	-	F
	Outlet port with 4 mm outlet screw union, E02	G	G
ı	Outlet port with 6 mm outlet screw union, E02	J	J
ı	ø4 mm quick connector	K	K
	ø4 mm quick connector, tapered	L	-
	ø6 mm quick connector	М	М
ı	ø6 mm quick connector, tapered	N	N
	Outlet port with 6 mm outlet screw union, with CV	Q	Q
ı	6 mm quick connector, with CV	R	-
	Outlet port with 4 mm banjo fitting <sup>2)</sup> , LL	-	W
	Outlet port with 6 mm banjo fitting <sup>2)</sup> , L	1	1
	Outlet port with 6 mm banjo fitting 2), LL	2	-
	4 mm quick connector-banjo fitting	3	3
	4 mm quick connector-banjo fitting, tapered	4	-
	6 mm quick connector-banjo fitting	5	5
	6 mm quick connector-banjo fitting, tapered	6	-
	Crossporting forwards (seen from the inlet)	٧	٧



**LL**-series = extra light version, **L**-series = light version **CV** = Check valve

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<sup>2)</sup> Solderless pipe unions with cutting sleeve acc. to DIN 2353 <sup>3)</sup> cannot be mounted on 2 consecutive segments on the same side

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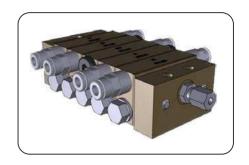
# Order example

# Sectional metering device of product series VPK

We recommend that you enter your desired sectional metering devices in Cadenas at **skf-lubrication.partcommunity.com s**o that you can configure it quickly.

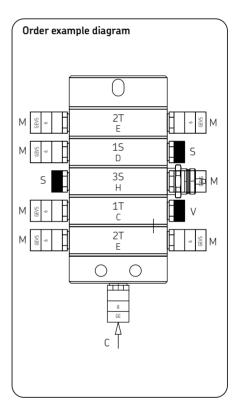
You will receive:

- A 3D drawing
- A 2D drawing
- A dimensioned drawing
- A complete order code
- A legend



### Order code: VPKGYFXC-EMM-CMV-HSM-DMS-EMM

escription	Clarification
Progressive sectional metering device	VPK
1 Thread type	<b>G</b> (inlet and outlet thread G1/8)
Feeder size	5 sections
2 Monitoring type	Y (cycle indicator, visual)
Mounting position of the monitoring system	<b>F</b> (right-side, on 3rd section)
Attachments	X (without)
Inlet screw union	C (straight connector for tube ø 8mm, tapered, LL)
1. Section	
6 Feeder section	<b>E</b> (2T – 0.20 cm <sup>3</sup> , 2 outlets)
7 left side of section	<b>M</b> (straight quick connector for tube ø6 mm)
8 right side of section	<b>M</b> (straight quick connector for tube ø6 mm)
2. Section	
6 Feeder section	<b>C</b> (1T – 0.10 cm <sup>3</sup> , 2 outlets)
7 left side of section	<b>M</b> (straight quick connector for tube ø6 mm)
8 right side of section	V (Crossporting nach vorne)
3. Section	
6 Feeder section	$H (3S - 0.60 \text{ cm}^3, 1 \text{ outlet})$
7 left side of section	S (no outlet port, screw plug)
8 right side of section	M (straight quick connector for tube ø6 mm)
4. Section	
6 Feeder section	<b>D</b> (1S – 0.20 cm <sup>3</sup> , 1 outlet)
7 left side of section	M (straight quick connector for tube ø6)
8 right side of section	<b>S</b> (no outlet port, screw plug)
5. Section	
6 Feeder section	<b>E</b> (2T – 0.20 cm <sup>3</sup> , 2 outlets)
7 left side of section 7 right side of section	M (straight quick connector for tube ø6 mm)  M (straight quick connector for tube ø6 mm)



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### Square connector

Order No. Designation

Square connector per DIN EN 175301-803A, cable diameter 6–10 mm, 3-pin +PE, 179-990-033

max. 1.5 mm<sup>2</sup>

### Circular connector M12x1

2360-0000316 Straight circular connector (A),

cable diameter -6 mm, 4-pin, max. 0.75 mm<sup>2</sup>

179-990-600 Straight circular connector (B),

4-pin with integrally extruded cable, 5 m, 4×0,25 mm<sup>2</sup>

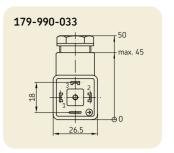
2360-00000317 Angled circular connector (C), cable diameter 4–6 mm, 4-pin, max. 0.75 mm<sup>2</sup>

179-990-601 Angled circular connector (D),

with integrally extruded cable, 5 m,  $4\times0.25$  mm<sup>2</sup>

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