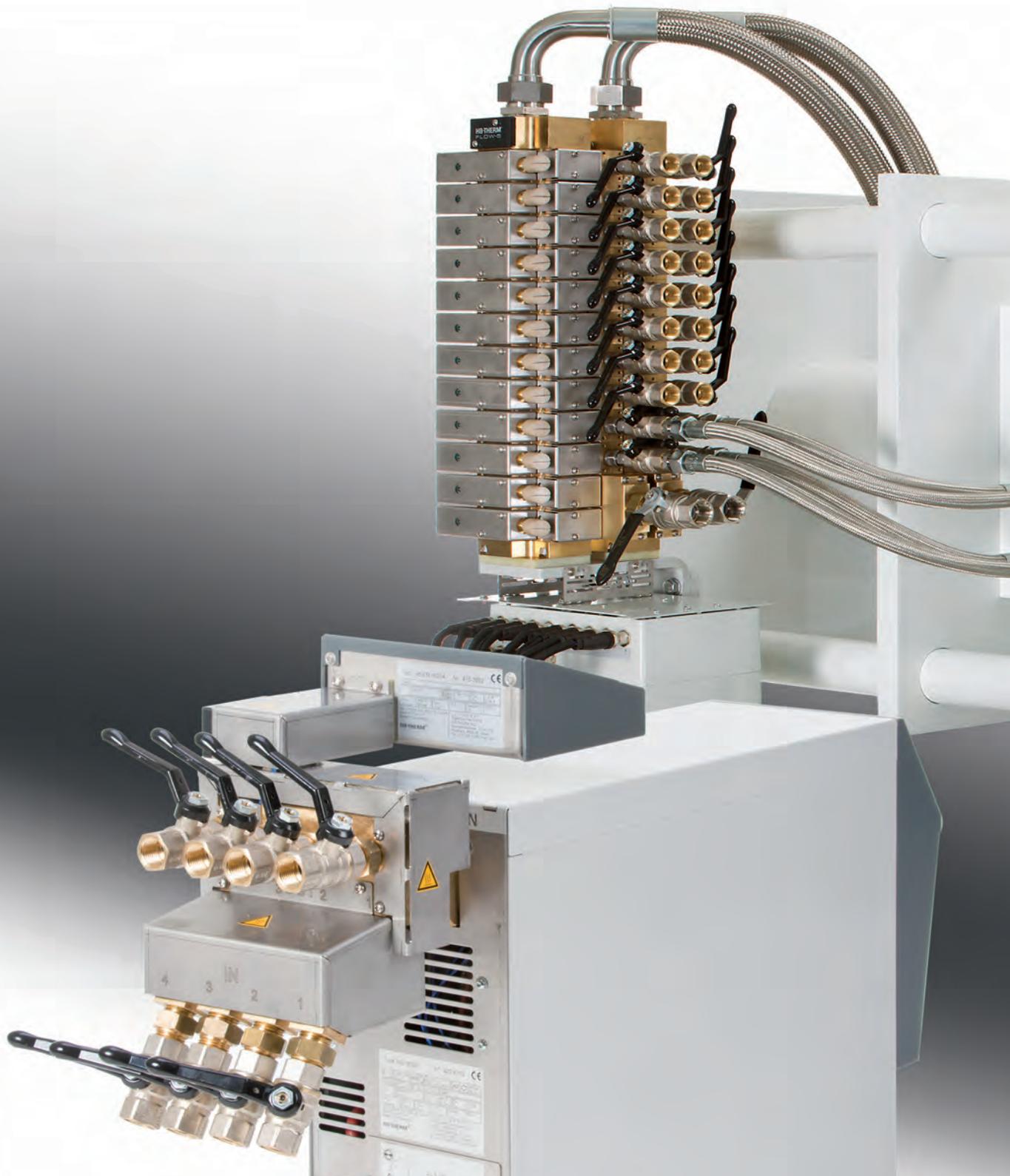


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FLOW-5

Flow Meter

Product Catalogue 2015-10



Flow Meter Flow-5

In parallel connected circuits flow changes might remain undetected as the flow of medium is distributed among the remaining channels.

External flow meters Flow-5 monitor parallel circuits individually and detect changes early on, before production quality begins to be compromised.

The Flow-5 are easy to operate and provide highly accurate ultrasonic measurements.

...precise, powerful and efficient

- Large scope of application
- Smallest flow rates from 0,4 L/min
 - High temperatures up to 200 °C
 - Different configurations

...parallel, more power, and still reliable

Constant temperature control and high part quality

- Larger overall flow
- Smaller temperature difference between main line and return line
- Better homogeneity in temperature distribution

Saves costs and energy

- Fewer temperature control units necessary

...easy, intelligent and convenient

- Determination of process power per circuit
- Automatic limit value setting
- Assistant for manual flow adjustment
- Recording of data via USB and analysis in Excel

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Flow rate	18 L/min	No.	Ret.
Main line	175.0 °C	1	8.5 174.2
Return line	174.2 °C	2	5.3 172.8
Process power	1.0 kW	3	OFF 11 OFF
Difference return/main line	-0.8 °C	4	10.1 174.2
		5	2.1 171.7
		6	0.7 169.3
		7	18.1 174.2
		8	4.5 173.1
			3.6 172.7
	Normal operation		Normal operation

...safe, reliable and low on maintenance

- Fully automated process monitoring
- Continuous monitoring of flow and temperature per circuit
 - Highly accurate ultrasonic flow rate measurement
- Durable construction
- Solely non-corroding materials in the hydraulic circuit
 - Flow rate measurement without any moving parts
- Improved protection for the mould
- Early detection saves costly maintenance

Flow Meter Flow-5

Model: Unit attachment

Standard Equipment

Hydraulics		Continuous maintenance-free ultrasonic flow meter
		Nominal measuring range 0,4 to 20 L/min per circuit
		Up to 4 circuits with the extension block up to 8 circuits
		Hydraulic circuit made of non-corroding materials
		Common temperature sensor in the main line Pt 1000
		Temperature measuring in the return line of each circuit Pt 1000
Command / Display		Three coloured LEDs show the status of the unit
		Info button for switching display
		Determination of individual process power
		Automatic limit value setting
Interface	HB (IN/OUT)	HB-Therm data interface CAN for connection to a temperature control unit Thermo-5 or control module Panel-5
	AUX	2 sockets Sub-D 15 pin (1 male / 1 female) Frequency output (20 L/min @ 200 Hz) 1 socket Sub-D 25 pin (male)
Power supply		Power supply via interface HB 24 VDC; 1,2 W/4 circuits

Communication (→P. 8, Fig. 1)



Technical Specifications

Flow meter	Model	Unit attachment					
	Temperature control unit	Thermo-5					
	Heat transfer medium	Water				Oil	
	Maximum main line temperature	°C	160		180		200
	Housing size of temperature control unit		1 or 2		2		2
Type		HB-FM160		HB-FM180		HB-FM200	
	Unit attachment	G		G		G	
	Maximum number of circuits	4	8	4	8	4	8
Circuits	Number of circuits	4	●	●	●	●	●
		8		●	●		●
Connection	Cable HB, 1 m	●	●	●	●	●	●
	Cable HB, 0,6 m		●		●		●

Accessories ¹⁾	Shut-off valves set (4 circuits) G½	O/ID	25255	25255-4	25255-1
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Ordering example: HB-FM160G4-4, deutsch (without accessories)

Nominal measurement range per circuit	L/min	0,4–20	0,4–20	0,4–20
Dimensions (→P. 9, Fig. 2)	Height	mm	246	246
	Width	mm	180	184
	Depth	mm	348	348
Weight max.	kg	9	9	9
Connection circuits	Thread	G½	G½	G½
Shut-off valves set	Resistance	bar, °C	20, 180	25, 200
				8, 220

● Standard specification

¹⁾ More accessories → Accessories program (D8064-E)

Flow Meter Flow-5

Model: Autonomic assembly

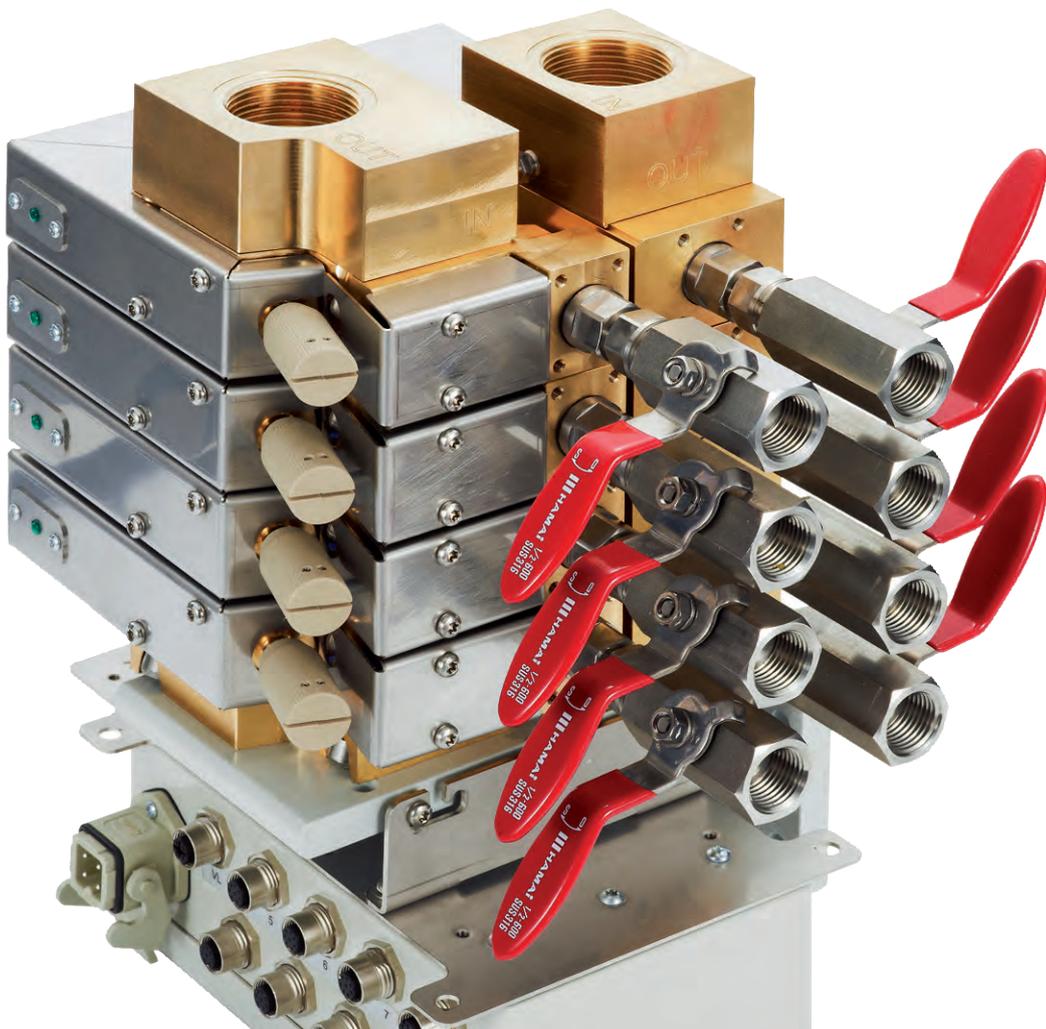
Standard Equipment

Hydraulics		Continuous maintenance-free ultrasonic flow meter
		Nominal measuring range 0,4 to 20 L/min per circuit
		Expansion of measuring range up to 40 L/min by parallel connection of two circuits (accessories)
		Manual flow rate setting with fine adjustment valve per circuit
		Modular-design with up to a maximum of 128 circuits
		Hydraulic circuit made of non-corroding materials
		Common temperature sensor in the main line with sensor Pt 1000
		Temperature measuring in the return line of each circuit with sensor Pt 1000
Command / Display		Signalling lights for visualising flow rates
		Determination of individual process power
		Automatic limit value setting
Interface	HB (IN/OUT)	HB-Therm data interface CAN for connection to a temperature control unit Thermo-5 or control module Panel-5
		2 sockets Sub-D 15 pin (1 male / 1 female)
Power supply		Power supply via interface HB
		24 VDC; 2,2 W/4 circuits

Additional Equipment

ZA	Connection for alarm	Alarm using potential-free contact (rating max. 250 VAC, 4 A)
		1 socket Harting Han 3A (male)

Communication (→P. 8, Fig. 1)



Technical Specifications

Flow meter	Model	Autonomic assembly														
	Heat transfer medium	Water														
	Maximum main line temperature	°C 160				180										
Type		HB-FM160				HB-FM180										
	Mounting left	L				L										
	Mounting right	R				R										
	Maximum number of circuits	4	8	12	16	4	8	12	16							
Circuits	Number of circuits	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
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Additional Equipment	Connection for alarm	ZA	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Accessories ¹⁾	Shut-off valves set (per circuit) G½	O/ID	26171-1	26171-2
	Parallel connection set G¾	O/ID	26243-1	26243-4
	Parallel connection set incl. shut-off valves G¾	O/ID	26243-2	26243-3
	Adjustable screw joint set (per circuit) G½	O/ID	26173	26173

Ordering example: HB-FM160L8-6, English (without accessories)

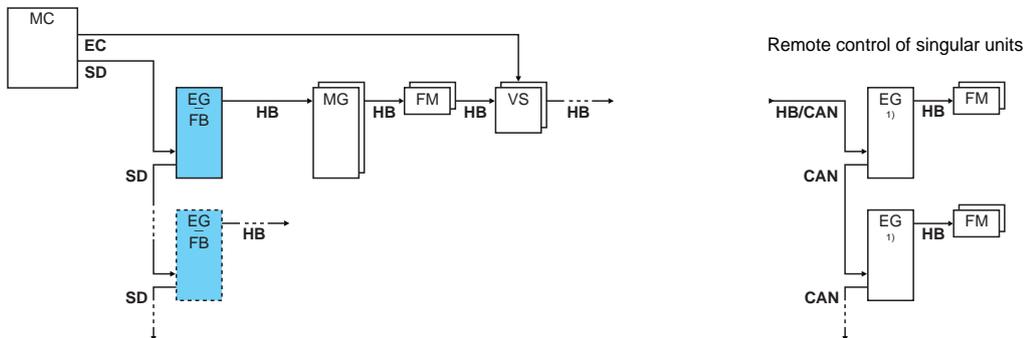
Nominal measurement range per circuit	L/min	0,4–20	0,4–20	0,4–20	0,4–20	0,4–20	0,4–20	0,4–20	0,4–20	
Dimensions (→P. 10/11, Fig. 3)	Maximum height	mm	352	504	687	839	352	504	687	839
	Width	mm	336	336	336	336	336	336	336	336
	Depth	mm	245	245	265	265	245	245	265	265
Weight max.	kg	25	41	57	73	25	41	57	73	
Connection main manifold	Thread	G1 ¼								
Connection circuits	Thread	G½								
Shut-off valves set	Resistance	bar, °C	20, 180	20, 180	20, 180	20, 180	25, 200	25, 200	25, 200	25, 200

● Standard specification ○ Optional

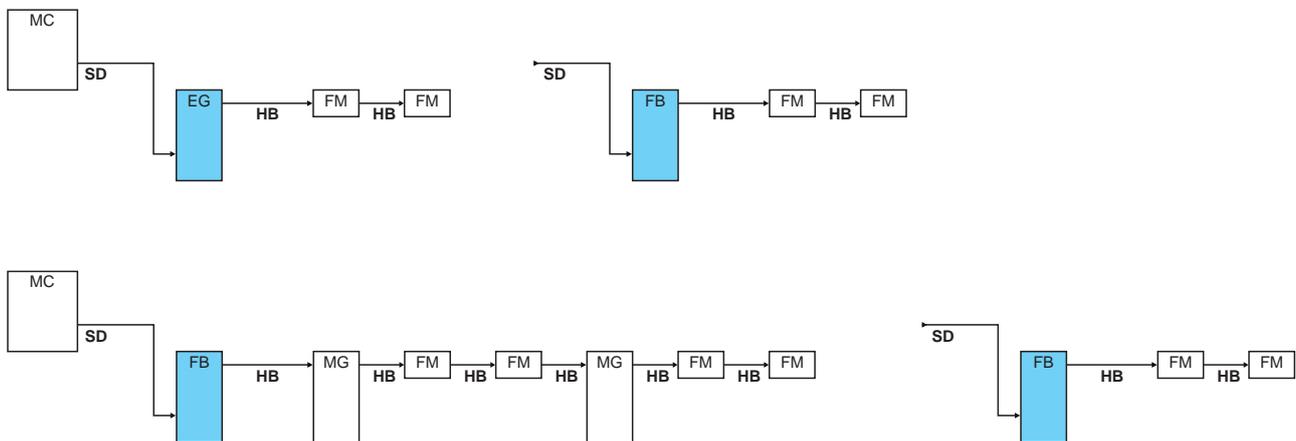
¹⁾ Further accessories → Accessories program (D8064-E)

Communication (Fig. 1)

Basic circuit diagram



Examples



Legend	Description	Note
MC	Machine control	max. 1
FB	Control modul Panel-5	max. 1
EG	Temperature control unit Thermo-5, singular unit	max. 16 (per command)
MG	Temperature control unit Thermo-5, modular unit	
FM	Flow meter Flow-5	max. 32 (at 4 circuits each)
VS	Switching unit Vario-5	max. 8
SD	Communication via serial data interface DIGITAL (ZD), CAN (ZC) or PROFIBUS-DP (ZP)	Maximum number of units, operating range and transfer of flow rate values depend on machine control and protocol
HB	Communication interface HB	Order of connection is not relevant
HB/CAN	Communication interface HB/CAN	To remotely control singular units
CAN	Communication interface CAN (ZC)	
EC	External Control	Assignment dependent on machine control unit

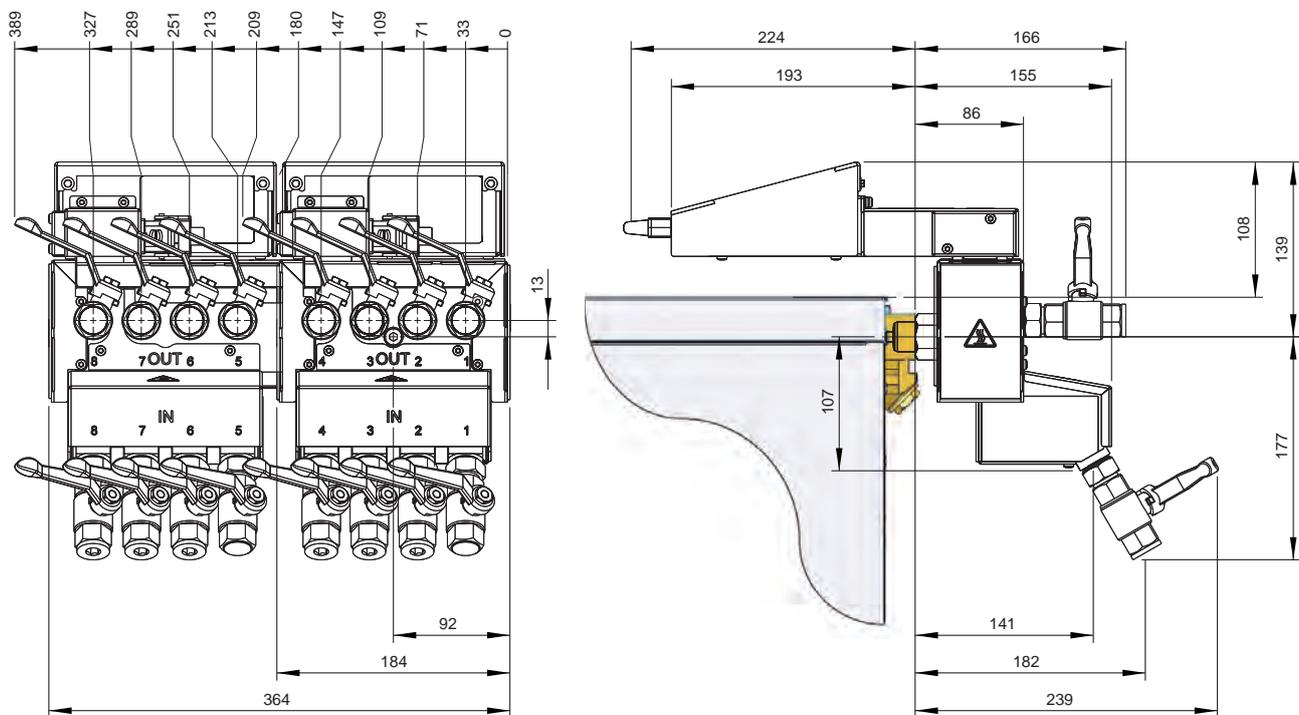
■ Command 1) Command deactivated

General Technical Data

Environment	Temperature	5–60 °C
	Humidity	35–85 % RH (non-condensing)
Colour	Model: Unit attachment	RAL 7012 (basalt grey)
Protection class		IP 54
Standards		EN ISO 13732-1, EN 61010-1, EN 61326-1
Certification / Approval		CE (compliance with relevant CE directives)
Tolerance	Flow indicator	±5 % of measured value

Dimensions (Fig. 2)

HB-FM160/180/200G, scale 1:6

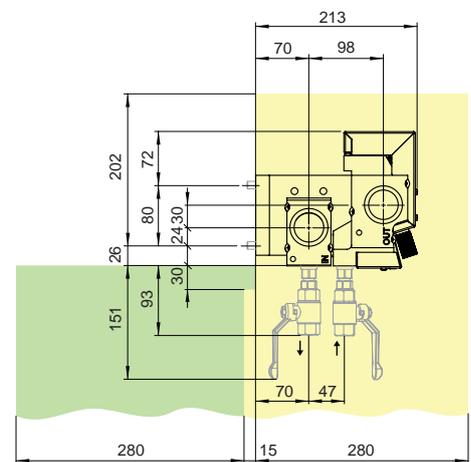
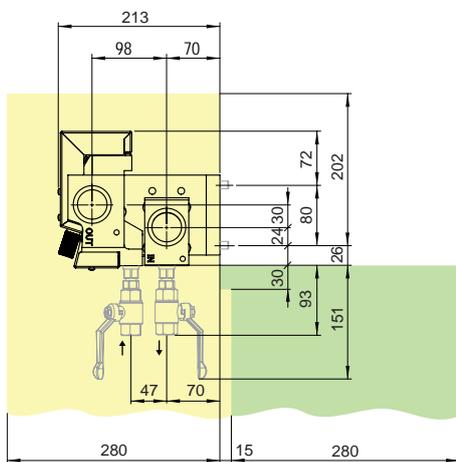
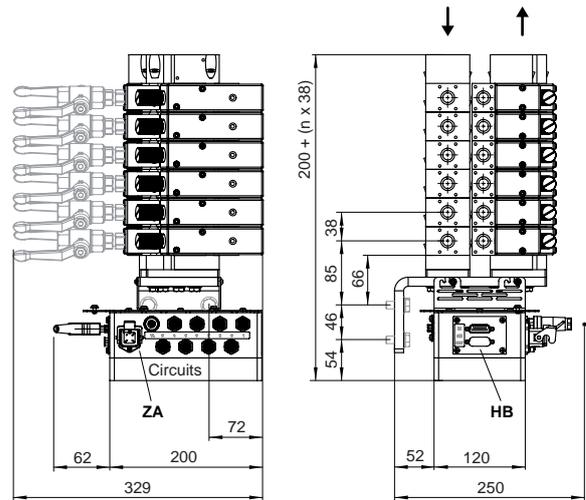
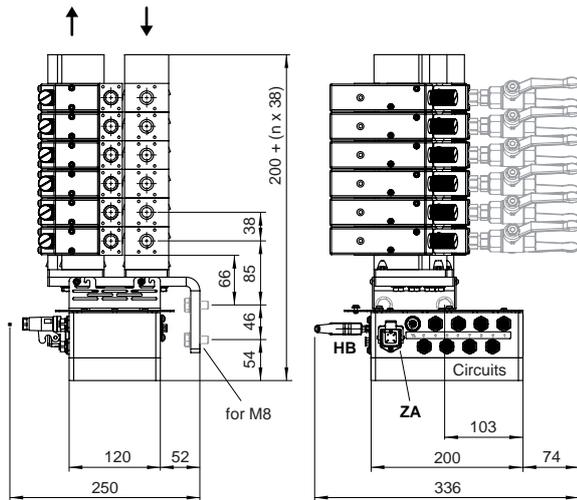


Dimensions (Fig. 3)

HB-FM160/180L (Mounting left, 2–8 circuits)

HB-FM160/180R (Mounting right, 2–8 circuits)

Scale 1:10

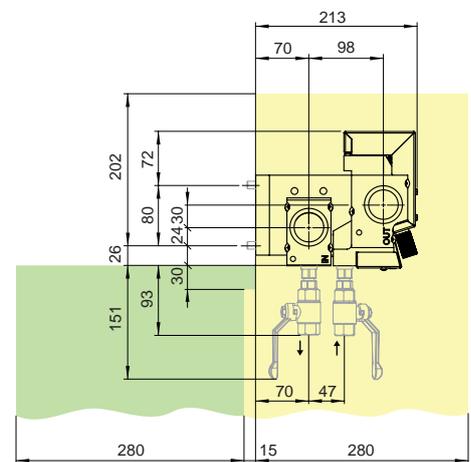
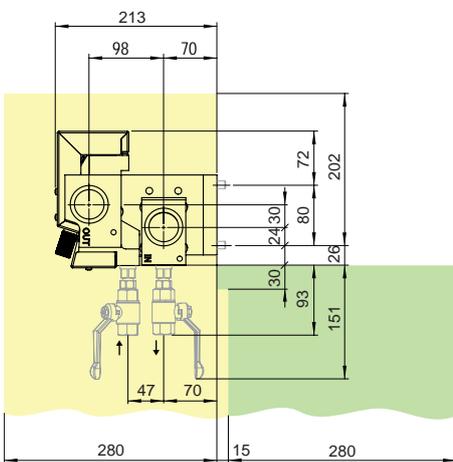
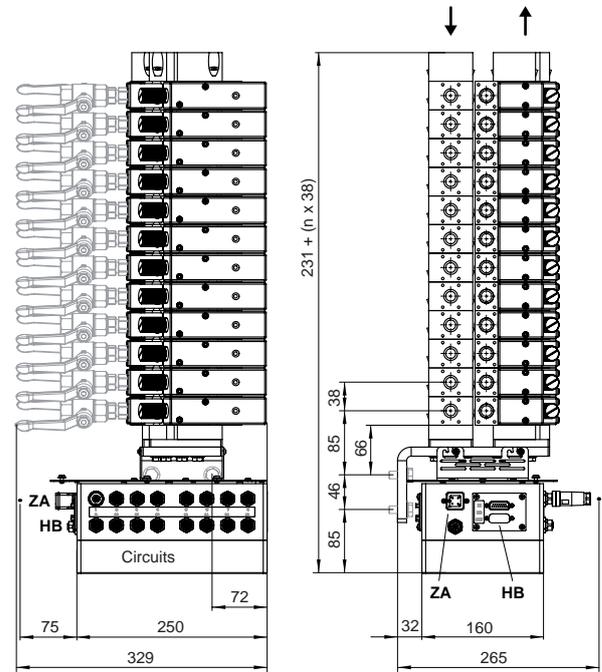
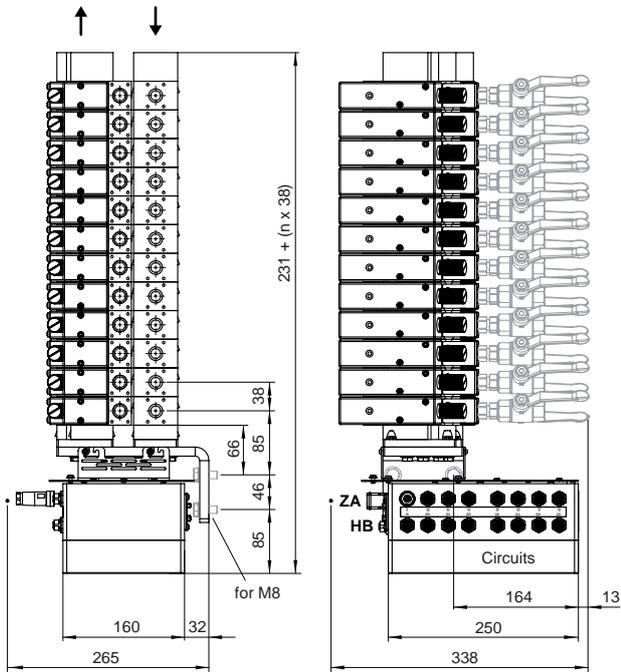


- n Number of circuits
- Required free space
- Additionally suggested free space

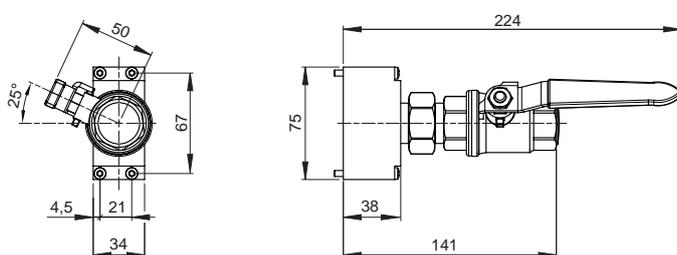
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HB-FM160/180L (Mounting left, 9–16 circuits)

HB-FM160/180R (Mounting right, 9–16 circuits)

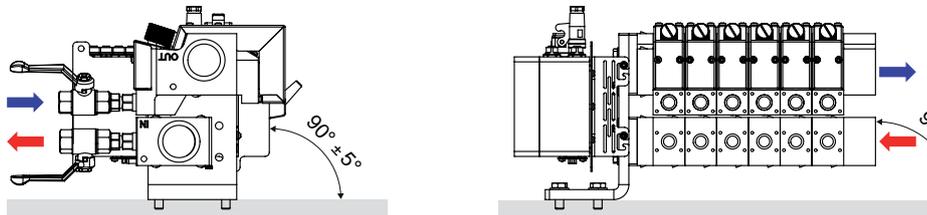


Parallel connection of two circuits, scale 1:5

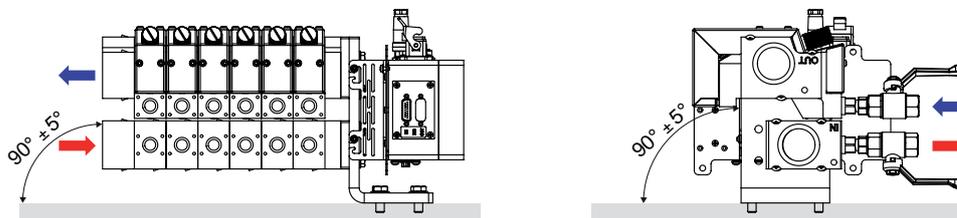


Mounting Position (Fig. 4)

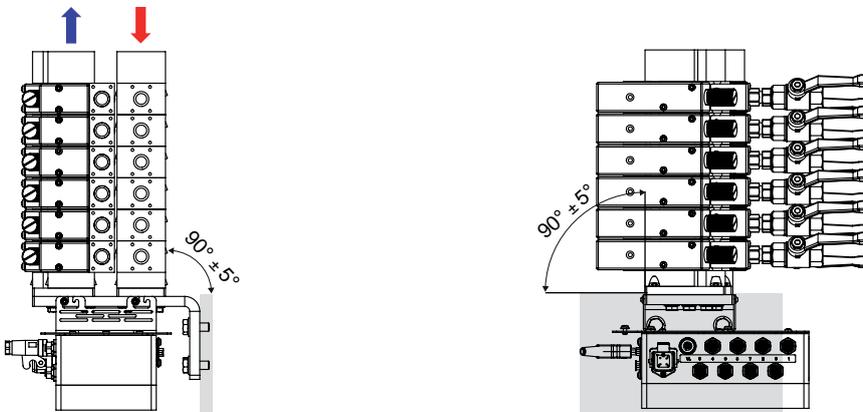
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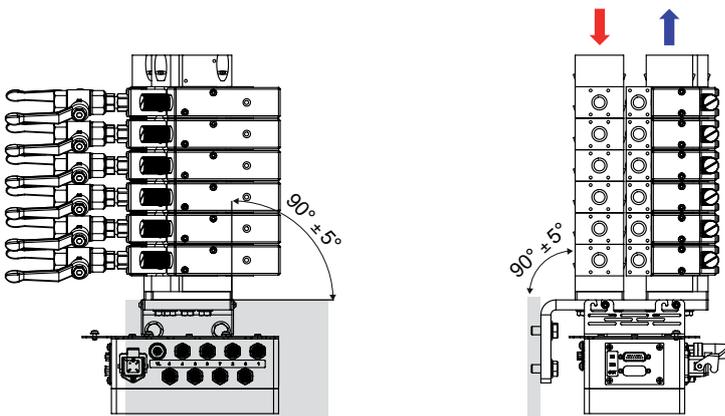
Horizontal (Mounting right)



Vertical (Mounting left)



Vertical (Mounting right)

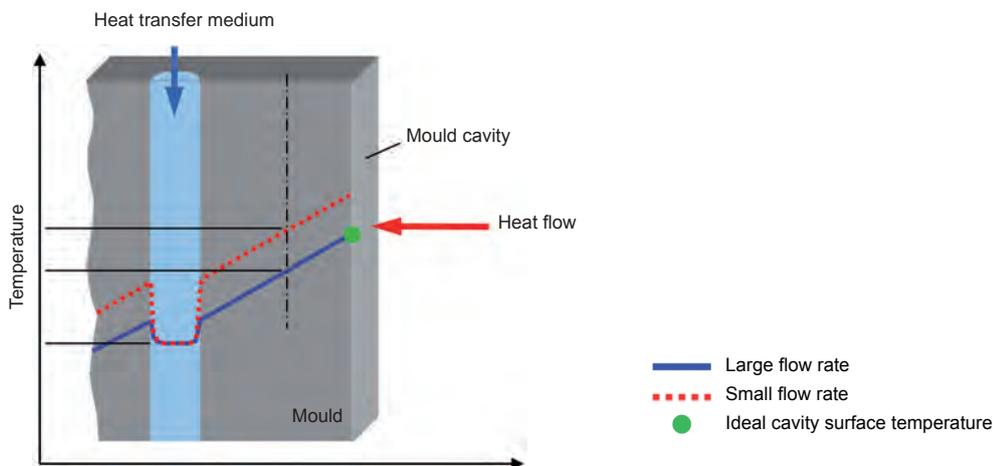


Flow rate measurement

When temperature control circuits are connected in parallel in an injection mould, slight changes in the flow rates of the individual channels can affect the temperature in the mould cavity, which in turn can lead to product quality problems. Reliable measurement and monitoring of the flow rates in all parallel-connected temperature control circuits can enable the benefits of this type of connection to be exploited and ensure consistently high-quality finished parts. Depending on the application it can make sense to mount the flow meters on the temperature control unit or autonomic near the mould.

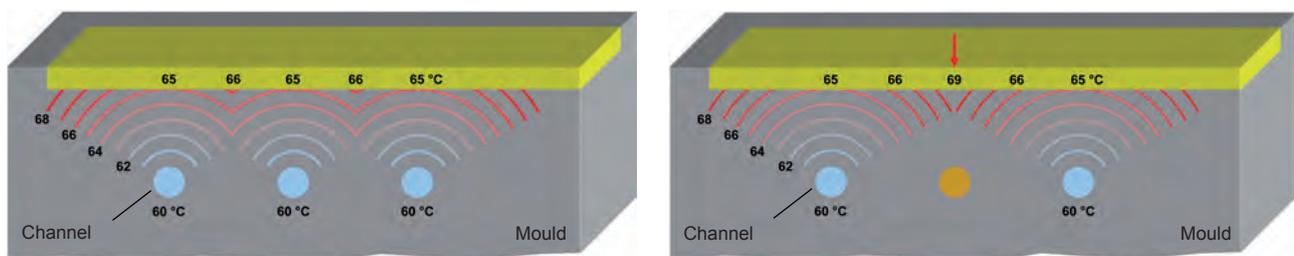
Influence of flow rate in the injection moulding process

Heat transfer at the wall of the cooling channel depends heavily on the flow conditions, which in turn are primarily determined by the flow rate. A change of the temperature difference between the heat transfer medium and the mould therefore has a direct effect on the quality-relevant temperature of the surface of the mould cavity. In the injection moulding process an even temperature distribution at the surface of the mould cavity is particularly important for mould temperature control.



Temperature gradient in the mould for different flow rates

Partly or complete blocked channels of a circuit degrade the temperature distribution massively. Unfortunately, they cannot be detected by measuring and monitoring the main flow of the temperature control unit only.

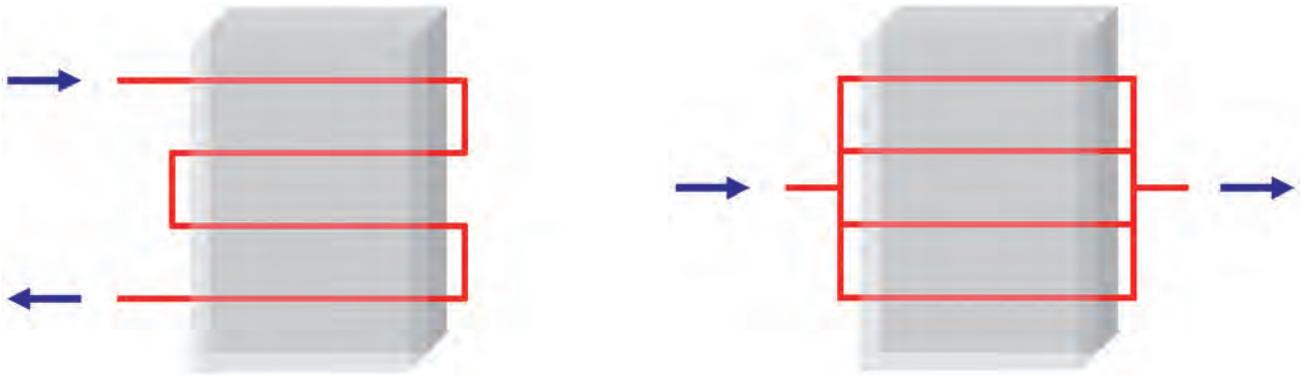


Temperature distribution for the same flow rate in all three channels Temperature distribution when the middle channel is blocked

In certain cases, the temperature in the area of influence of a channel can be changed by adjusting the flow consciously. The reduction of the flow results in higher temperatures. With this technique the sensitivity of perturbation increases, what makes the monitoring of the flow of the channels essential.

Serial versus parallel connection

In applications with serially connected temperature circuits, the flow monitoring of the individual temperature control unit is perfectly adequate because the flow in all channels connected is equal. In contrast to serial systems, parallel connected temperature control circuits offer a lower pressure drop with a larger total flow rate, fast-response temperature control and more even temperature distribution as well as a smaller temperature difference between feed and return flow.



Serial connection

Parallel connection

In order to be able to take full advantage of the benefits of temperature control circuits connected in parallel and to ensure a consistently high quality of produced parts, it is advisable to measure and monitor the flow rates of the individual circuits.

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