

Universal Charging and Testing Unit

FPU-1 For Bladder, Piston and Diaphragm Accumulators

1. DESCRIPTION

1.1. FUNCTION

The charging and testing unit FPU-1 is used to charge accumulators with nitrogen or to check or to change the existing pre-charge pressure in accumulators. For this purpose the charging and testing unit is screwed onto the gas valve of the hydraulic accumulator and connected to a commercial nitrogen bottle via a flexible charging hose. If the nitrogen pressure is only to be checked or reduced, the charging hose does not need to be connected. The unit has a screw-type fitting with a built-in gauge, check valve and a spindle for opening the accumulator gas valve to control the pressure.

HYDAC piston and diaphragm accumulators can be charged and checked without the need for adaptors. Bladder accumulators, however, require an adaptor (A3 supplied as standard, see model code on page 2).

The FPU-1 must only be used for its intended purpose.



1.2. INTERVALS BETWEEN CHECKING

On the whole, nitrogen losses on HYDAC hydraulic accumulators are very low. However, a regular check of the gas pre-charge pressure is recommended to prevent the piston from hitting the cover plate or the bladder or diaphragm from becoming too deformed, if there is a drop in the pressure p_0 .

The pre-charge pressure p_0 as shown on the label or the accumulator body, must be reset after every new installation or repair and then checked at least once during the following week. If no nitrogen loss is detected, a further check should be made after approx. 4 months. If after this period no change in the pressure is found, a yearly check should be sufficient.

1.3. CONSTRUCTION

The HYDAC charging and testing unit for bladder, piston and diaphragm accumulators consists of:

- ☐ Valve body
- ☐ Spindle
- ☐ Check valve
- ☐ Release valve
- ☐ Gauge
- ☐ Charging hose
- ☐ A3 adaptor for bladder accumulators

1.4. ACCESSORIES

- ☐ **Gas safety valve with intermediate piece** TUV set and lead sealed, it must be fitted between the hydraulic accumulator and the nitrogen bottle by means of the intermediate piece, if the gas pressure in the commercially available nitrogen bottle is higher than the max. permissible operating pressure of the hydraulic accumulator.
- ☐ **Pressure reducer** for setting the required pre-charge pressure between nitrogen bottle and accumulator.
- ☐ **Protective case** for storing the charging and testing unit and adaptors.

Different types of case are available, depending on customer requirement.

2. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

2.1. MODEL CODE (also order example)

FPU-1 250 F 2.5 G2 A1 K

Universal charging and testing unit

Gauge indication range

0 - 10 bar	0 - 145 psi	10	
	0 - 25 bar	0 - 363 psi	25
0 - 100 bar	0 - 1450 psi	100	
0 - 250 bar	0 - 3626 psi	250	
0 - 400 bar	0 - 5714 psi	400	

Charging hose

F = for 200 bar nitrogen bottle with connection

W24.32x1/14 (DIN 477, Part 1)

FM = for 300 bar nitrogen bottle with connection M30x1.5 (DIN 477, Part 5 to April 2002)

FW = for 300 bar nitrogen bottle with connection W30x2 (DIN 477, Part 5 from April 2002)

Length of charging hose

2.5 m	2.5
4.0 m	4

Special lengths on request

Adaptor G for nitrogen bottles

See table under point 10 (page 15)

Adaptor A

A1 = M16x1.5

A2 = 5/8 - 18 UNF

A3 = 7/8 - 14 UNF

A4 = 7/8 - 14 UNF

A5 = M8x1

A6 = G 3/4 A

A7 = G 1/4

A is supplied as standard)

A8 = G 3/4

A9 = Vg 8

A10 = 7/8 - 14 UNF

A11 = M16x2

D4 = 5/8 - 18 UNF

(Part no. 366374) other

adaptors on request

Protective case

Accessories (Please give full details when ordering.)

Gas safety valve with intermediate piece (see point 5.3.).

Pressure reducer (see point 5.1.).

Adaptor for connector D (see point 4.1.).

Wrench 14x15 (Part no. 1011065).

Allen key SW6 (Part no. 1005164).

Valve tool for gas valve (Part no. 616886).

Torque wrench (Part no. 3136470)

2.2. WEIGHT

Standard model without case:

approx. 1.4 kg

Standard model with case:

approx. 3.0 kg

2.3. FPU-1 STANDARD MODELS

2.3.1 Model without case

Model code	Part no.
FPU-1-010F2.5A3	2114486
FPU-1-025F2.5A3	2114481
FPU-1-100F2.5A3	2114310
FPU-1-250F2.5A3	2114306
FPU-1-400F2.5A3	2115646
FPU-1-010F4A3	2115056
FPU-1-025F4A3	2116876
FPU-1-100F4A3	2115657
FPU-1-250F4A3	2114311
FPU-1-400F4A3	2119673

2.3.2 Model with case

Model code	Part no.
FPU-1-010F2.5A3K	2115365
FPU-1-025F2.5A3K	2114305
FPU-1-100F2.5A3K	2115314
FPU-1-250F2.5A3K	2114302
FPU-1-400F2.5A3K	2114307
FPU-1-010F4A3K	3013690
FPU-1-025F4A3K	2116738
FPU-1-100F4A3K	2114842
FPU-1-250F4A3K	2114303
FPU-1-400F4A3K	2114304

2.3.3 Model without case with G adaptor

Model code	Part no.
FPU-1-250F2.5G2A3	2120252
FPU-1-250F2.5G3A3	2115555
FPU-1-250F2.5G4A3	2124611
FPU-1-250F2.5G9A3	2114312
FPU-1-250F4G3A3	2123839
FPU-1-250F4G6A3	2117532
FPU-1-250F4G10A3	2119789
FPU-1-400F2.5G2A3	2115823
FPU-1-400F2.5G3A3	2121557
FPU-1-400F2.5G8A3	2115693

2.3.4 Model with case and G adaptor

Model code	Part no.
FPU-1-010F2.5G2A3K	2116766
FPU-1-010F2.5G3A3K	2127228
FPU-1-010F2.5G4A3K	2125524
FPU-1-010F2.5G6A3K	2115661
FPU-1-010F2.5G7A3K	2117851
FPU-1-010F2.5G8A3K	2117303
FPU-1-010F2.5G9A3K	2114482
FPU-1-010F2.5G10A3K	3008015
FPU-1-010F4G7A3K	2124450
FPU-1-025F2.5G2A3K	2114401
FPU-1-025F2.5G3A3K	2121210
FPU-1-025F2.5G4A3K	2115247
FPU-1-025F2.5G5A3K	3013724
FPU-1-025F2.5G8A3K	2119888
FPU-1-025F2.5G9A3K	2123949
FPU-1-025F2.5G10A3K	2119564
FPU-1-025F4G9A3K	2119680
FPU-1-100F2.5G2A3K	2122515
FPU-1-100F2.5G4A3K	2122089
FPU-1-100F2.5G6A3K	3003846
FPU-1-100F2.5G9A3K	2119883
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FPU-1-250F4G4A3K	2128944
FPU-1-250F4G8A3K	2124860
FPU-1-250F4G9A3K	2116004
FPU-1-250F4G10A3K	2125750
FPU-1-400F2.5G2A3K	2114605
FPU-1-400F2.5G3A3K	2115692
FPU-1-400F2.5G4A3K	2128360
FPU-1-400F2.5G5A3K	2124387
FPU-1-400F2.5G6A3K	2121984
FPU-1-400F2.5G8A3K	2116005
FPU-1-400F2.5G9A3K	2115757
FPU-1-400F4G2A3K	2122119
FPU-1-400F4G3A3K	2115656
FPU-1-400F4G7A3K	2124504
FPU-1-400F4G8A3K	2119759
FPU-1-400F4G9A3K	2126309
FPU-1-400F4G10A3K	2116642

2.4. SPECIAL MODELS



For higher pressures, the following special models are available:

- FPS 600 for bladder accumulators up to 600 bar max. pre-charge pressure (see technical information 293715).
- FPK 600 for piston, diaphragm and SB800-1.5 accumulators up to 600 bar max. pre-charge pressure (see technical information 297248).
- FPH 800 for high pressure bladder accumulators up to 800 bar max. pre-charge pressure (see technical information 242948).

3. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE TEMPERATURE EFFECT

In order that the recommended pre-charge pressures are maintained even at relatively high operating temperatures, the pre-charge pressure $p_{0 \text{ charge}}$ for charging and testing a cold accumulator must be selected as follows:

$$p_{0 \text{ charge}} = p_0 \frac{\text{Pre-charge temp.} + 273}{\text{Operating temp.} + 273}$$

Pre-charge temperature [°C]
Operating temperature [°C]

3.2. PREPARATION

Prior to each testing, topping-up or re-charging of nitrogen, the accumulator must be isolated from the pressurised system by means of a shut-off valve and the fluid released.

Unscrew the protective caps S and H (only on bladder accumulators). Remove the O-ring O on bladder accumulators. Slightly loosen the internal hexagon screw P on piston and diaphragm accumulators by means of an Allen key SW 6, DIN 911 (approx. 1/2 turn). Place FPU-1 onto the accumulator and screw connector D by hand onto accumulator gas valve. At the same time, ensure that the release B of the FPU-1 is closed. Turn charging unit to a position where the gauge can be easily read.

3.3. TESTING

On bladder accumulators

(FPU-1 with A3 or other suitable adaptor) open valve by turning spindle A clockwise.

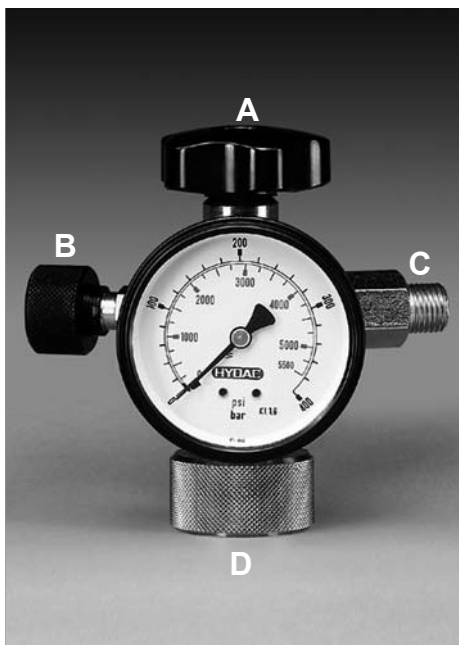
On piston and diaphragm accumulators (FPU-1)

open valve V by turning the internal hexagon screw anticlockwise with spindle A.

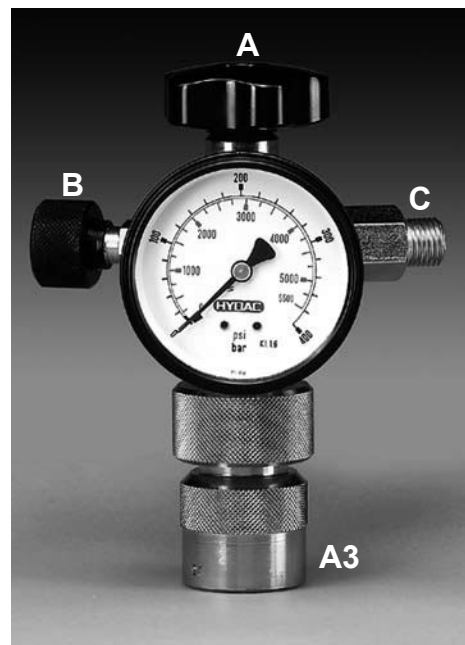
When the needle of the gauge begins to move, give the spindle another complete turn. The gauge now shows the charging pressure in the accumulator. The check valve C prevents any escape of nitrogen.

3.4. REDUCING THE PRE-CHARGE PRESSURE

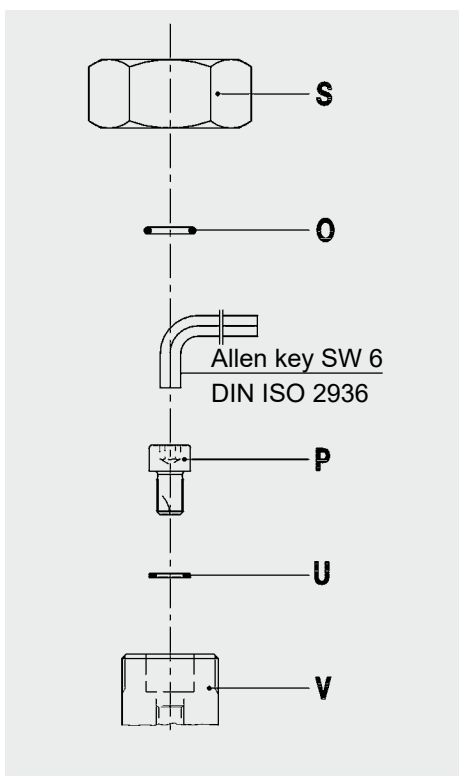
Carefully open release B. The nitrogen escapes into the atmosphere.



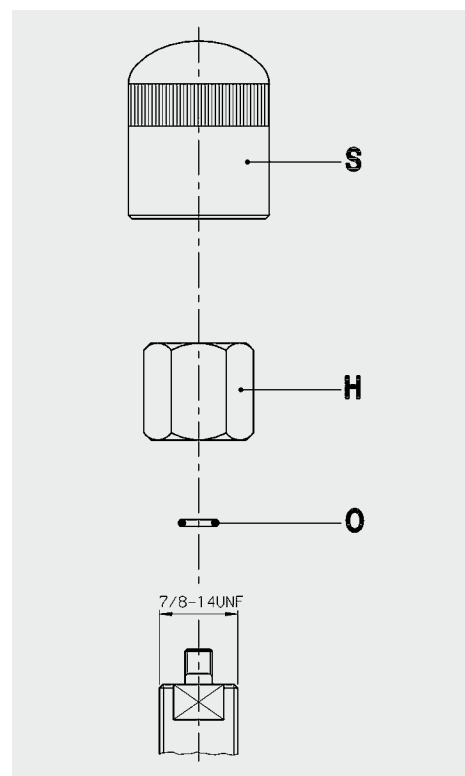
Charging and testing unit FPU-1 for piston and diaphragm accumulators



Charging and testing unit for bladder accumulators with adaptor A3



Gas valve for piston and diaphragm accumulators



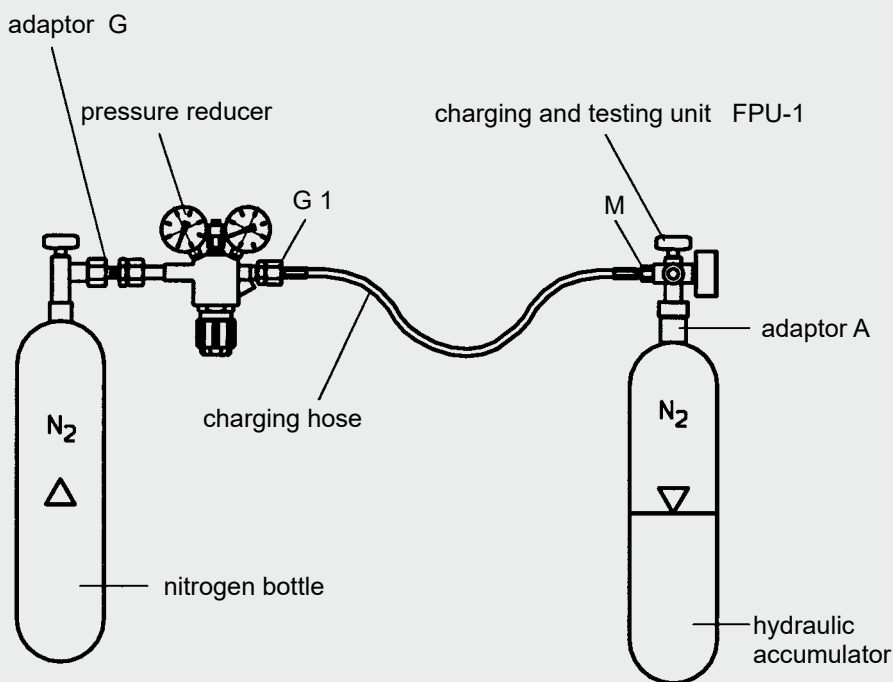
Gas valve for bladder accumulators

3.5. INCREASING PRE-CHARGE PRESSURE

Only use nitrogen for charging accumulators **Never use oxygen! Danger of explosion!** If the gas pressure in the nitrogen bottle is higher than the max. operating pressure of the accumulator, a gas pressure reducer must be fitted.

- Connect the flexible charging hose to the pressure reducer on the nitrogen bottle by means of the connector G1. For nitrogen bottles from other countries the appropriate adaptor is required (see page 15). Connect connector M of the charging hose to the check valve C of the charging and testing unit FPU-1. Open the shut-off valve on the nitrogen bottle, and slowly release nitrogen into the accumulator. Wait until approximately 1 bar has been reached before opening the shutoff valve of the nitrogen bottle further to enable faster charging.
- Interrupt the charging process from time to time and check the pre-charge pressure reached. Repeat this process until the required gas pre-charge pressure is achieved. After temperature equalisation has taken place, re-check the pre-charge pressure and adjust if necessary. If the pressure is too high, it can be lowered via the pressure release B of the FPU-1.
- If the required gas pre-charge pressure has been reached, turn the spindle anticlockwise to close the gas valve on bladder accumulators. On piston or diaphragm accumulators close the internal hexagon screw P by turning the spindle clockwise. Discharge the charging and testing unit FPU-1 via the pressure release and remove it by loosening the connector. On bladder accumulators, unscrew the adaptor and replace the O-ring O. On piston and diaphragm accumulators, tighten the internal hexagon screw P with Allen key [20 Nm].
- Check for leakages on the accumulator gas valve using a leak detector spray.
- Screw on cap nut H (only on bladder accumulators) and valve protection cap S onto the gas valve of the accumulator and tighten.

3.6. FPU-1 WITH ACCESSORIES

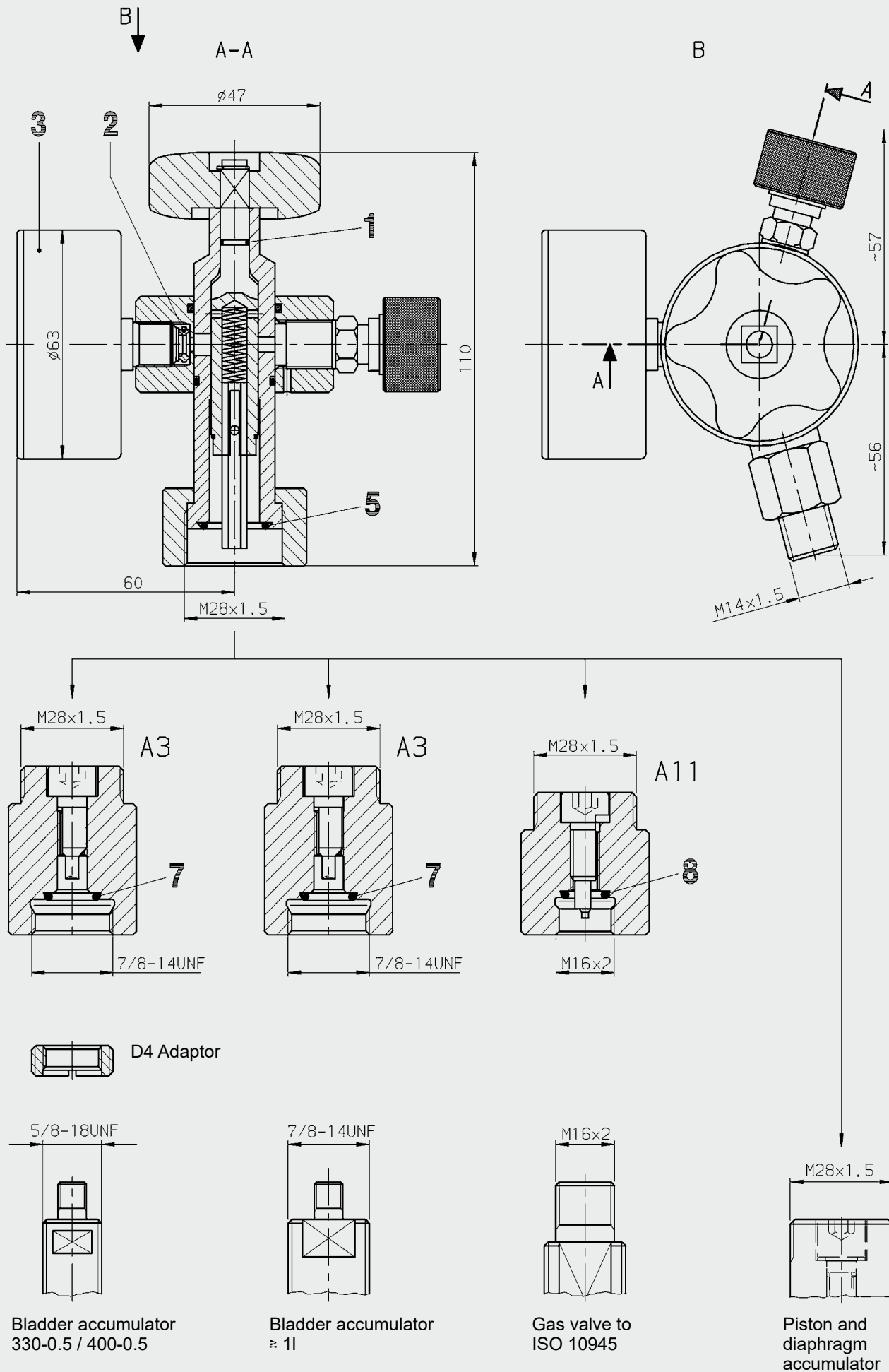


3.7. WARNING

- Nitrogen and operating fluid can escape when filling or testing the accumulator due to a faulty, i.e. leaking, bladder, diaphragm or piston seals.
Caution!
Risk to health in the case of aggressive fluids! (special charging and testing unit available on request)
- The check valve C must not be removed. The valve has a safety function for the whole charging and testing unit.
- During charging, by a compressor or nitrogen charging system connected upstream, continuous operation can lead to unacceptable increases in temperature.
- Rest periods must therefore be incorporated into the charging procedure and the FPU-1 must be allowed to cool down.

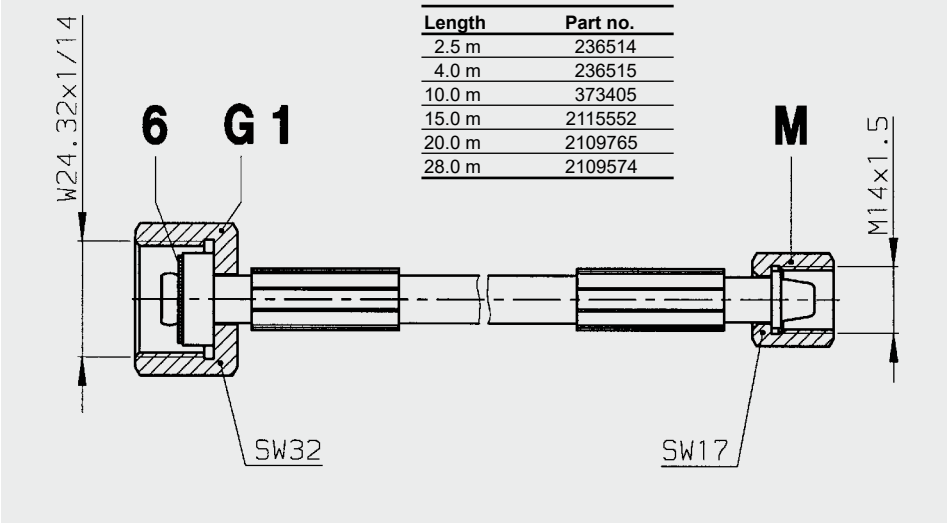
4. DIMENSIONS

4.1. CHARGING AND TESTING UNIT FPU-1 WITH ADAPTOR FOR HYDAC ACCUMULATORS

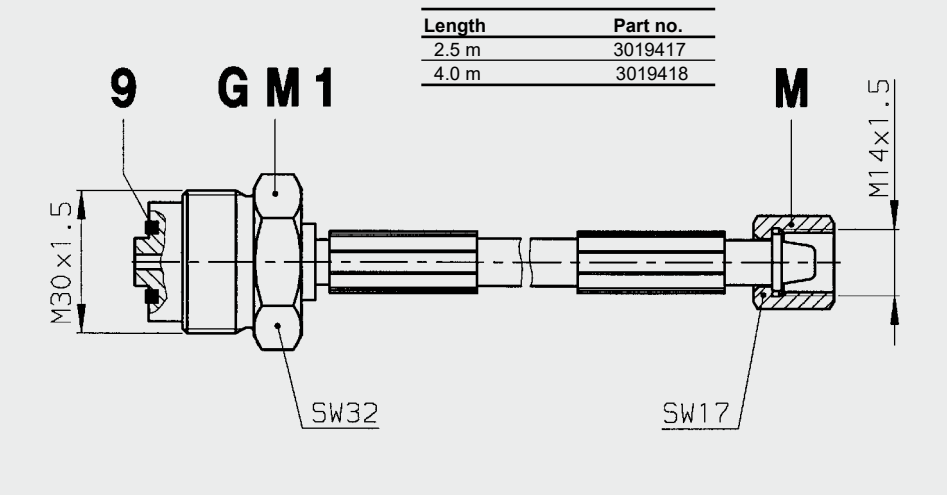


4.2. CHARGING HOSE F (200 bar nitrogen bottle - connection to DIN 477, part 1)

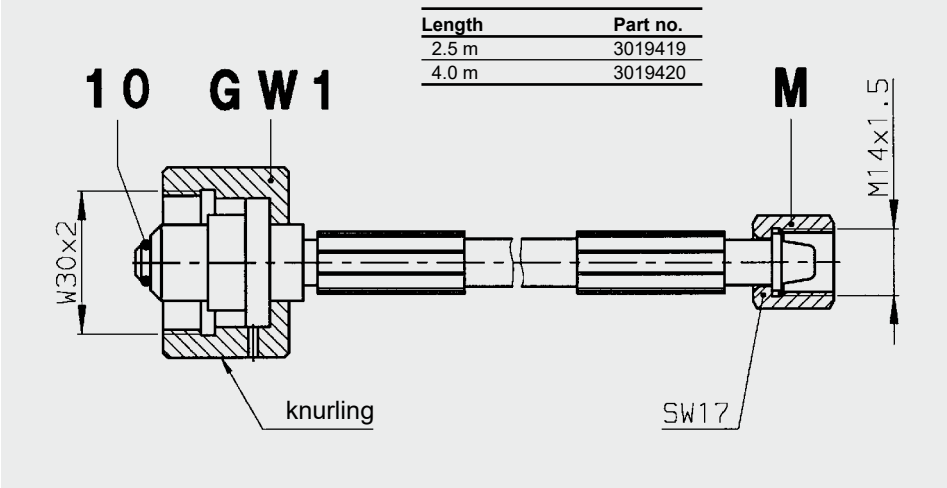
Charging hoses are suitable for the respective published maximum permissible operating pressures and 10,000 charging processes. (HYDAC charging hoses comply with the EC machine directive and with DIN EN 982 and DIN EN 853 to 857).



4.3. CHARGING HOSE FM (300 bar nitrogen bottle - connection to DIN 477, part 5 to April 2002)

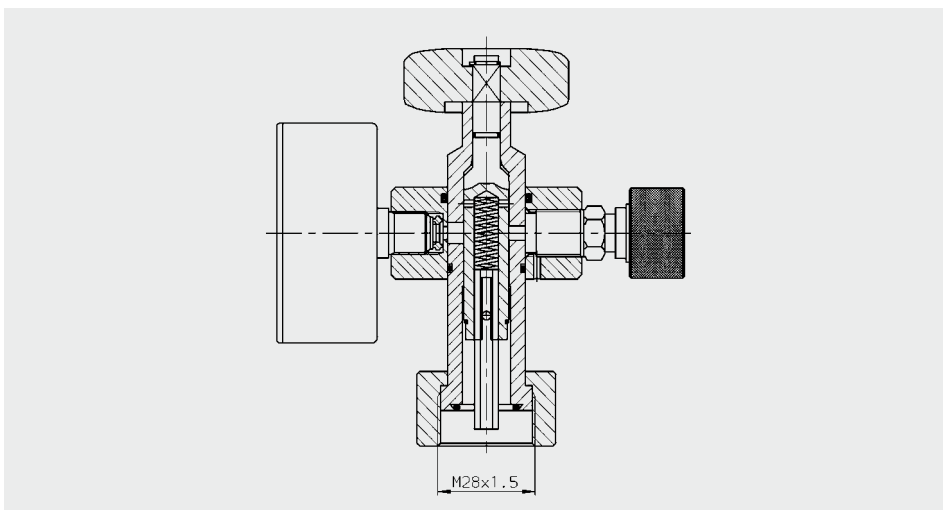


4.4. CHARGING HOSE FW (300 bar nitrogen bottle - connection to DIN 477, Part 5 from April 2002)

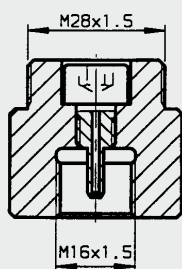


4 ADAPTORS A1 TO A12 The universality of the FPU-1 is guaranteed because as well as HYDAC piston and diaphragm accumulators, bladder accumulators can also be charged and tested using the A3 adaptor.

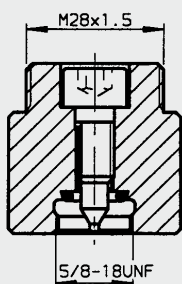
By using additional adaptors other makes of accumulator can also be charged and tested.



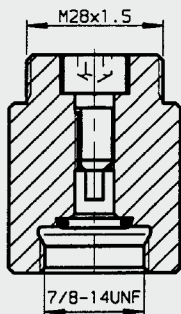
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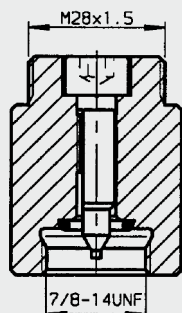
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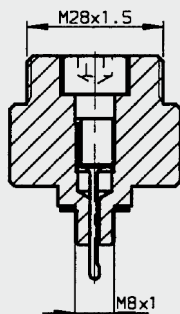
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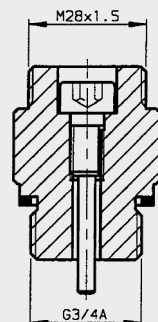
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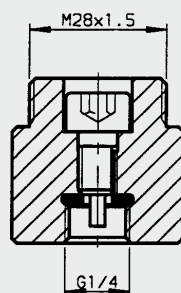
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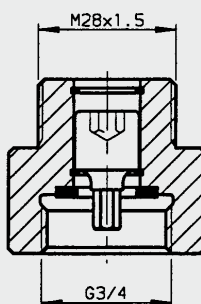
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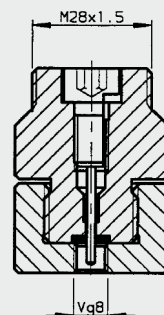
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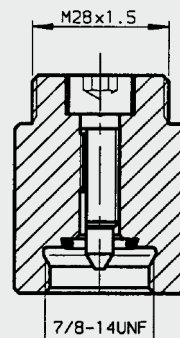
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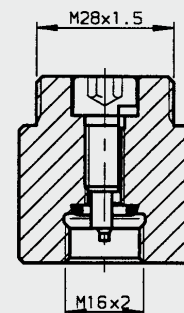
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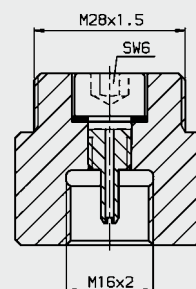
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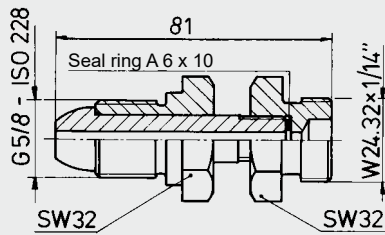


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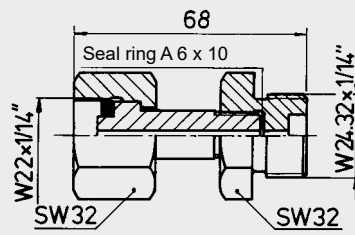


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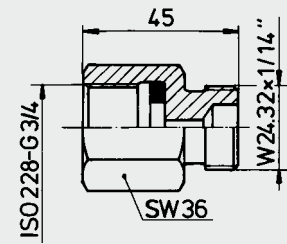
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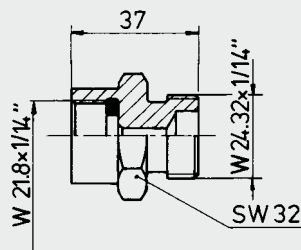
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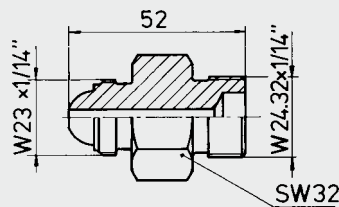
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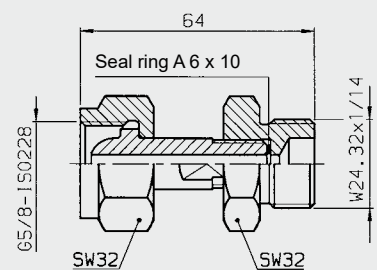
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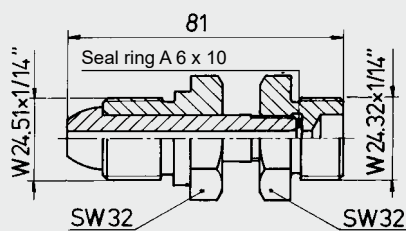
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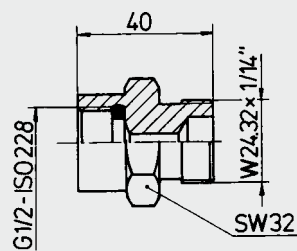
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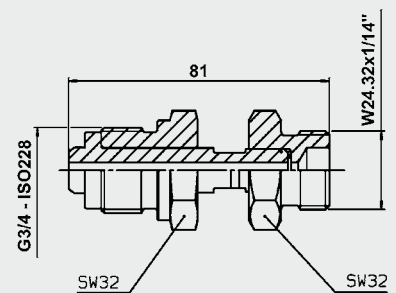
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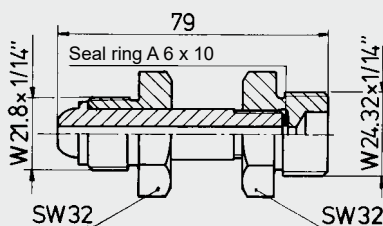
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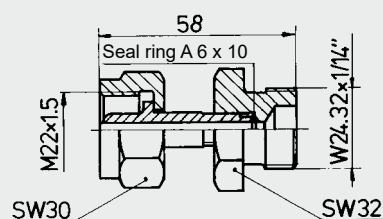
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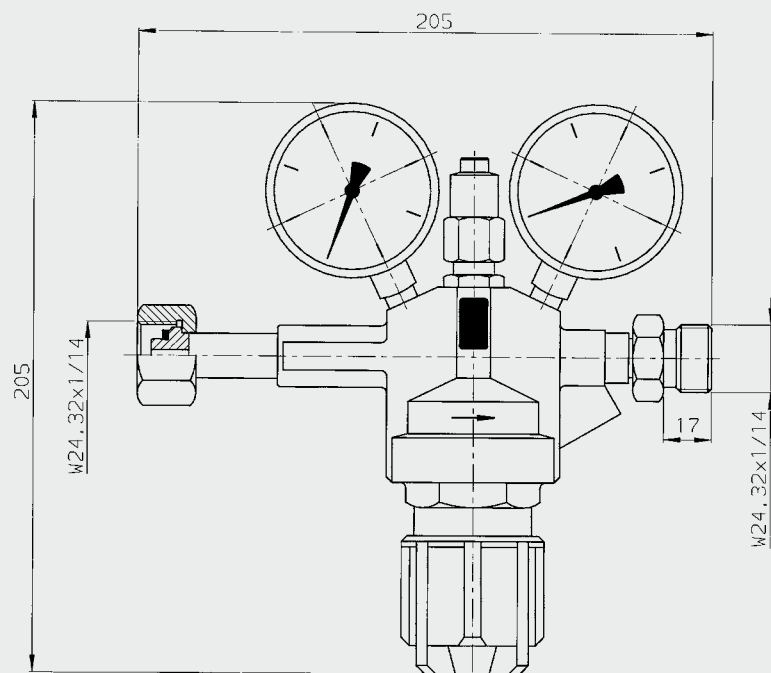


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5. ACCESSORIES

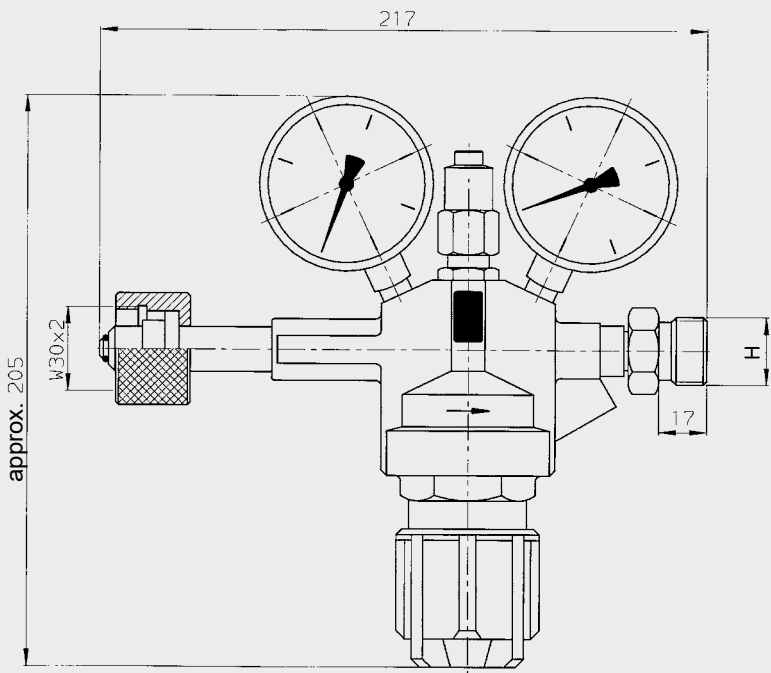
5.1. PRESSURE REDUCER FOR 200 BAR NITROGEN BOTTLES
(Connection W24.32x1/14 - DIN 477, Part 1)



Bottle pressure [bar]	Reduces pressure to between [bar]	Part no.
200	0- 20	635409
200	0-100	635411
200	0-200	635412

Weight: 2.3 kg

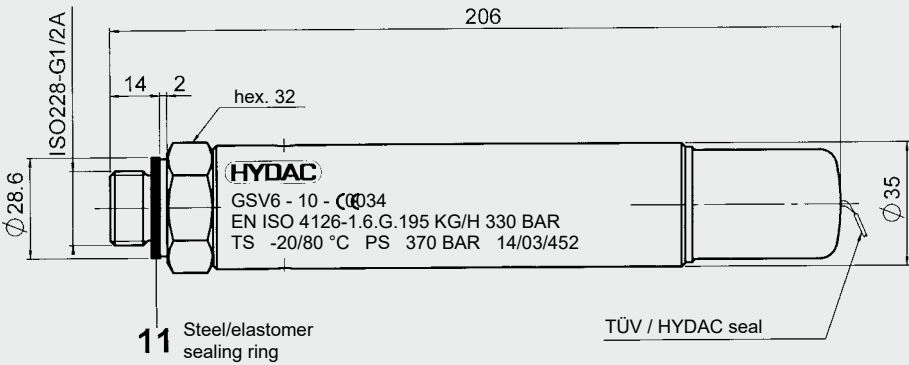
5.2. PRESSURE REDUCER FOR 300 BAR NITROGEN BOTTLES
(Connection W30x2 - DIN 477, Part 5 from April 2002)



Bottle pressure [bar]	Reduces pressure to between [bar]	Connection H	Part no.
300	0 - 20	W24.32x1/14	6004020
300	0-100	W24.32x1/14	6004021
300	0-200	W24.32x1/14	6004022

Weight: 2.3 kg

5.3. GAS SAFETY VALVE GSV6



5.3.1 Model code
(also ordering example)

GSV6 - 10 - CE0034.ENISO4126-1.6.G. 195. 330

Gas safety valve _____

Component code _____

Flow rate Q in kg/h _____
(see table, point 5.3.2)

Pressure setting p in bar _____
(see table, point 5.3.2)

5.3.2 Types of GSV6

Q [kg/h]	p [bar]	Part no.
15	30	3123965
20	40	3123966
28	50	3124028
35	60	Others on request
40	70	
45	80	3124030
50	90	3124031
58	100	3124032
65	110	3124033
70	120	Others on request
75	130	3124035
83	140	3124036
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200	340	3124056
205	350	3124057
210	360	3153706
216 370		3143015

others on request
> 350 bar = additional price for EC individual testing

5.3.3 Type of construction

Direct-acting gas safety valve
nominal width 6 mm

5.3.4 Design 3123967 PED 97/23/EC,
EN ISO41236-1, EN 13445-6 3124029

5.3.5 Module category

3124031 IV to PED
3124032 Module B + D (EC prototype
test) 3124033 module G (EC individual test) 3124034

5.3.6 Materials stainless steel,
closing element with flexible seat
seal

5.3.7 Operating pressure range
30 to 370 bar

5.3.8 Temperature range 3124043
-20 to +80 °C

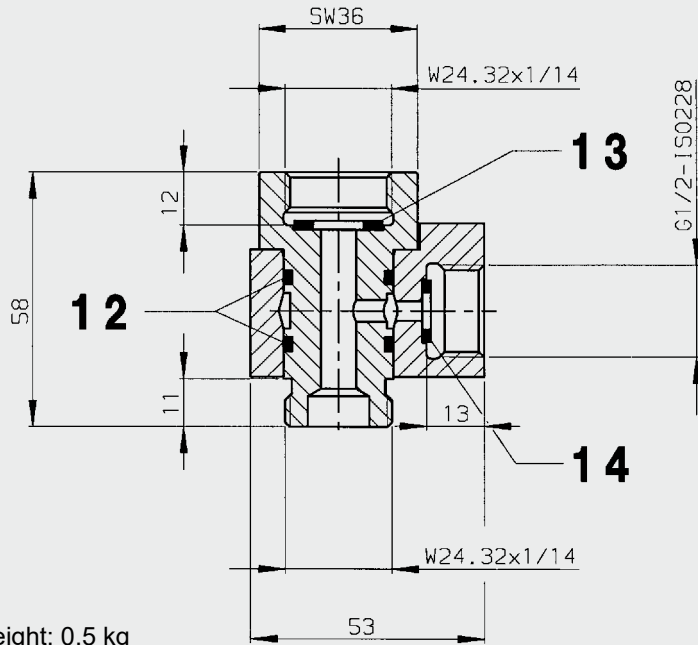
5.3.9 Operating fluid
Nitrogen (N₂)

5.3.10 Mounting position
optional

Weight 3124050 1.1

5.4. INTERMEDIATE PIECE GSV6-10-CE

Intermediate piece for fitting the gas safety valve GSV6 between the 200 bar nitrogen bottle and the charging and testing unit FPU-1 (Part no. 242558)

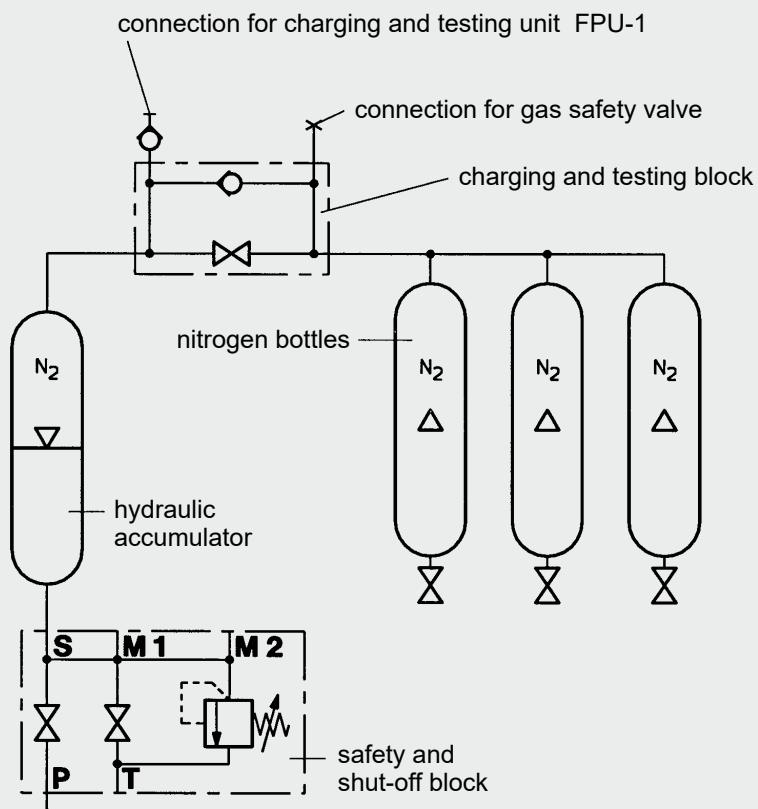


Weight: 0.5 kg

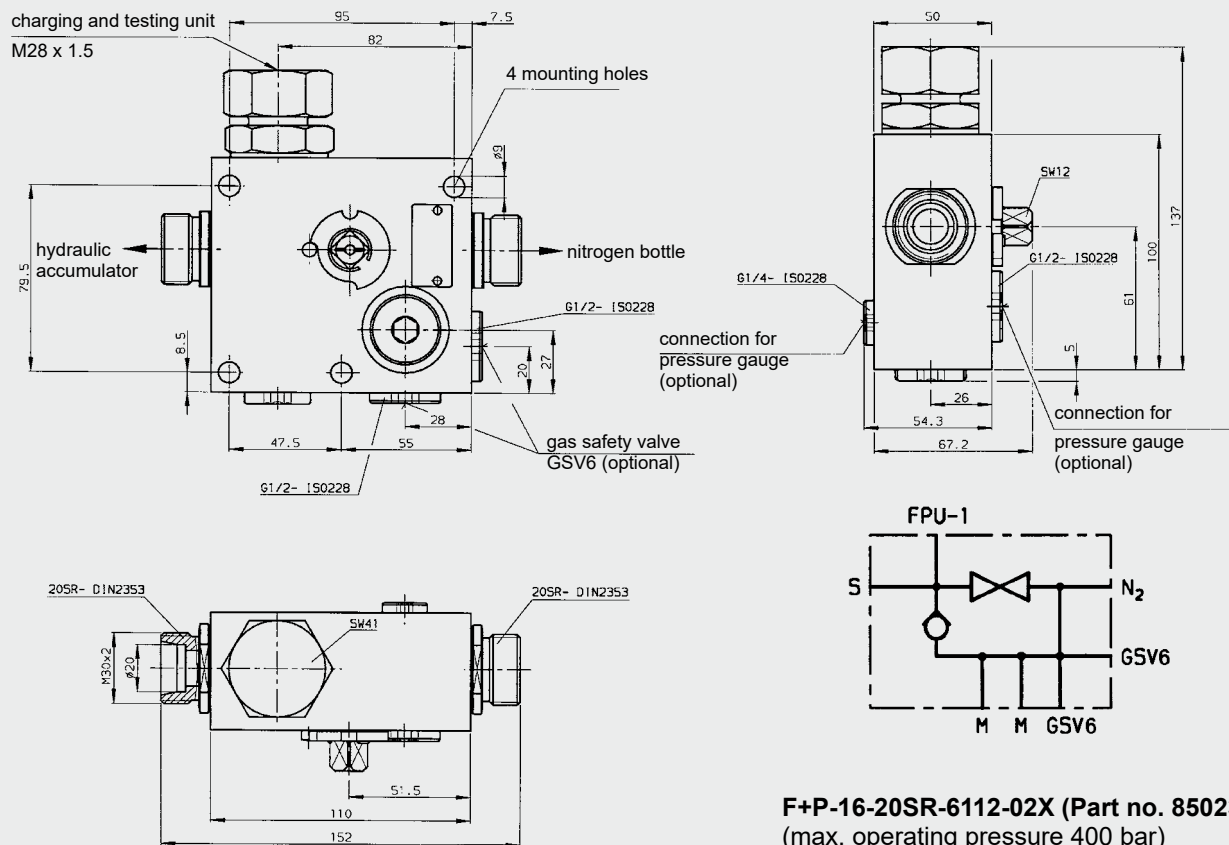
6. CHARGING AND TESTING BLOCK F + P

The HYDAC charging and testing block F+P is used to charge and test back-up type hydraulic accumulators. It has connections for the charging and testing unit FPU-1 and for pressure gauges. As a safety function, a gas safety valve GSV6 can be fitted. In addition it allows the back-up nitrogen bottles to be shut off from the hydraulic accumulator.

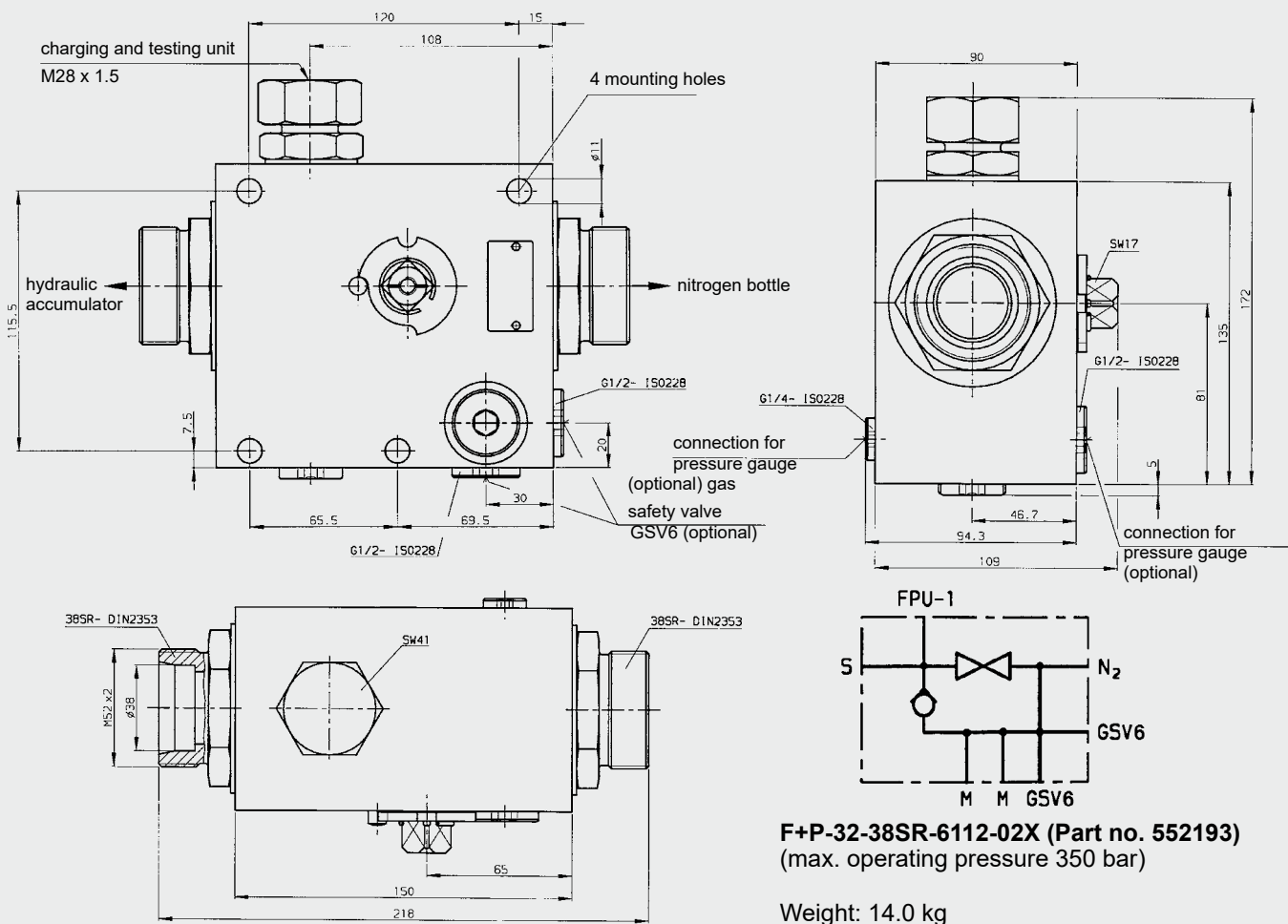
6.1. BACK-UP TYPE HYDRAULIC ACCUMULATOR WITH CHARGING AND TESTING BLOCK



6.2. CHARGING AND TESTING BLOCK DN 16



6.3. CHARGING AND TESTING BLOCK DN 32



7. SPARE PARTS

CHARGING AND TESTING UNIT FPU-1

Item	Quantity	Designation	Part no.
1	1	O-ring 6x1	601 032
2	1	Seal ring	612 730
3	1	Pressure gauge	0 - 10 bar 0 - 25 bar 0 - 100 bar 0 - 250 bar 0 - 400 bar
5	1	O-ring 15x2	601 049
6	1	Seal ring	601 456
7	1	O-ring 11x2	601 043
8	1	O-ring 9x2	601 040
9	1	O-ring 11x2.5	603 681
10	1	O-ring 5.7x1.9	6004009
		Seal kit FPU-1	2117669

ADAPTOR A

		Seal kit Adaptor A1 - A12	3269153
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GAS SAFETY VALVE GSV6-10-CE

Item	Quantity	Designation	Part no.
11		Seal ring 21.54x28.58x2.47	6018877

When mounting onto the HYDAC charging and testing block, O-ring 18x2.5 (Part no. 601 057) must be fitted.

INTERMEDIATE PIECE GSV6-10-CE

Item	Quantity	Designation	Part no.
12	2	O-ring 20x2.5	601 058
13	1	Seal ring 20x11.5x2	614 706
14	1	Seal ring 14x8.5x2	612 735
		Seal kit intermediate piece	2117287

CHARGING AND TESTING BLOCK

		Seal kit F+P DN 16	2115776
		Seal kit F+P DN 32	2112088

8. NITROGEN CHARGING UNIT



HYDAC nitrogen charging units facilitate fast and cost-effective filling or testing of the required gas pre-charge pressure in bladder, diaphragm or piston accumulators. They guarantee optimum use of commercially available nitrogen bottles up to a residual pressure of 20 bar and a maximum accumulator pressure of 350 bar. Portable, mobile and stationary types of N₂ Server are available. For further details and technical specifications, see HYDAC brochure "Nitrogen Charging Unit N₂ Server", no.: E 2.201.

9. NOTE

The information in this brochure relates to the operating conditions and applications described. For applications or operating conditions not described, please contact the relevant technical department. Subject to technical modifications.

10. SCHEDULE OF COUNTRIES Adaptor G

for nitrogen bottles from different countries.

Country	Type / Part no. G6											
	G1 ₁)	G2 236376	G3 2103421	G4 236374	G5 236373	2103423	G7/236377	G8 2103425	G9 241168	G10 2103427	G11 3018678	G12 3195556
Albania												
Algeria												
Argentina												
Australia												
Austria												
Bahamas												
Bahrain												
Bangladesh												
Barbados												
Belgium												
Bolivia												
Botswana												
Brazil												
Bulgaria												
Burma												
Canada												
Chile												
China												
Colombia												
Costa Rica												
Cyprus												
Czech Republic												
Denmark												
Djibouti												
Dominican Republic												
Ecuador												
Egypt												
Ethiopia												
Fiji												
Finland												
France												
Gabon												
Gambia												
Germany												
Ghana												
Great Britain												
Greece												
Guatemala												
Guinea												
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Honduras												
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Paraguay												
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Philippines												
Poland												
Portugal												
Puerto Rico												
Qatar												
Romania												
Russia												
Saudi Arabia												
Singapore												
South Africa												
Spain												
Sri Lanka												
Sudan												
Surinam												
Swaziland												
Sweden												
Switzerland												
Syria												
Taiwan												
Tanzania												
Thailand												
Trinidad/Tobago												
Tunisia												
Turkey												
United Arab Emirates												
Uruguay												
USA												
Venezuela												
Vietnam												
Yugoslavia, the former ₂₎												
Zambia												

□ = suggestion ₁₎ = already fitted to hose
₂₎ = Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Slovenia