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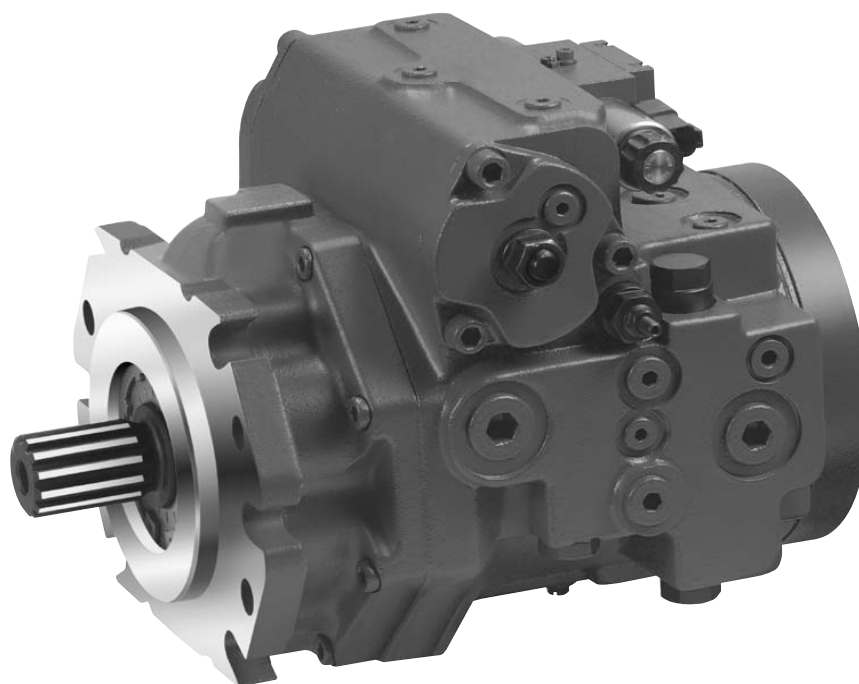
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## Axial piston variable pump A4VG

Series 40

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## 1 About this documentation

### 1.1 Validity of the documentation

This documentation is valid for the following products:


- Axial piston variable pump A4VG Series 40

This documentation is intended for machine/system manufacturers, assemblers and service engineers.








This documentation contains important information on the safe and appropriate transport, installation, commissioning, operation, maintenance, removal and simple troubleshooting of the axial piston unit.

- Read this documentation completely and in particular the chapter 2 “Safety instructions” on page 9 and chapter 3 “General instructions on damage to property and the product” on page 16 before you start work with the axial piston unit.

### 1.2 Required and supplementary documentation

- Only commission the axial piston unit if the documentation marked with the book symbol  is available to you and you have understood and observed it.

**Table 1: Required and supplementary documentation**

Title	Document number	Document type
 <b>Order confirmation</b> Contains the order-related technical data of your axial piston variable pump A4VG Series 40.	–	Order confirmation
 <b>Installation drawing</b> Contains the outer dimensions, all connections and the hydraulic circuit diagram for your axial piston variable pump A4VG Series 40.	Please request the installation drawing from your contact at Bosch Rexroth.	Installation drawing
 <b>Axial piston variable pump A4VG Series 40</b> Contains the permissible technical data.	92004	Data sheet
 <b>Mineral oil-based hydraulic fluids and related hydrocarbons</b> Describes the requirements on a mineral oil-based hydraulic fluid and related hydrocarbons for operation with Rexroth hydraulic components, and assists you in selecting a hydraulic fluid for your hydraulic system.	90220	Data sheet
 <b>Environmentally acceptable hydraulic fluids</b> Describes the requirements on an environmentally acceptable hydraulic fluid for operation with Rexroth hydraulic components and assists you in selecting a hydraulic fluid for your hydraulic system.	90221	Data sheet
 <b>Fire-resistant, water-free hydraulic fluids (HFDR/HFDR)</b> Describes the requirements on fire-resistant, water-free hydraulic fluids (HFDR/HFDR) for operation with Rexroth hydraulic components and assists you in selecting a hydraulic fluid for your hydraulic system.	90222	Data sheet
 <b>Axial piston units for operation with water-free and water-containing fire-resistant hydraulic fluids (HFDR, HFDR, HFA, HFB, HFC)</b> Describes the requirements on fire-resistant, water-free and water-containing hydraulic fluids (HFDR, HFDR, HFA, HFB, HFC) for operation with Rexroth hydraulic components and assists you in selecting a hydraulic fluid for your hydraulic system.	90225	Data sheet
<b>Information on the use of hydrostatic drives at low temperatures</b> Contains additional information on the use of Rexroth axial piston units at low temperatures.	90300-03-B	Manual
<b>Storage and preservation of axial piston units</b> Contains additional information on storage and preservation.	90312	Data sheet

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## 1.3 Representation of information

Standardized safety instructions, symbols, terms and abbreviations are used throughout this documentation so that you can work quickly and safely with your product. To give you a better understanding they are explained in the sections below.

### 1.3.1 Safety instructions




This documentation includes safety instructions in chapter 2.6 “Product-specific safety instructions” on page 12 and in chapter 3 “General instructions on damage to property and the product” on page 16 and before a sequence of actions or an instruction for action involving a risk of personal injury or damage to equipment. The described danger prevention measures must be observed.

Safety instructions are set out as follows:

 <b>SIGNAL WORD</b>
<b>Type and source of danger!</b> Consequences of noncompliance ► Measures to prevent danger

- **Warning sign:** draws attention to the danger
- **Signal word:** identifies the degree of the danger
- **Type and source of danger:** indicates the type and source of the danger
- **Consequences:** describes what occurs if the safety instructions are not complied with
- **Precautions:** states how the danger can be avoided



**Table 2: Hazard classes as defined in ANSI Z535.6**

Warning sign, signal word	Meaning
 <b>DANGER</b>	Identifies a dangerous situation that will result in death or serious injuries if it is not avoided.
 <b>WARNING</b>	Identifies a dangerous situation that may result in death or serious injuries if it is not avoided.
 <b>CAUTION</b>	Identifies a dangerous situation that may result in minor to moderate injuries if it is not avoided.
<b>NOTICE</b>	Property damage: The product or the environment may get damaged.

### 1.3.2 Symbols

The following symbols indicate information that is not safety-relevant but increases understanding of the documentation.

**Table 3: Meaning of the symbols**

Symbol	Meaning
	If this information is disregarded, the product cannot be used and/or operated to the optimum extent.
	Single, independent action
1.	Numbered instruction:
2.	The numbers indicate that the actions must be completed one after the other.
3.	

### 1.3.3 Designations

This documentation uses the following designations:

**Table 4: Designations**

Designation	Meaning
A4VG	Axial piston variable pump, closed circuit
Threaded plug	Metal screw, pressure-resistant
Protective plug	Made out of plastic, not pressure-resistant, only for transportation

As umbrella term for “axial piston variable pump A4VG” the designation “axial piston unit” will be used in the following.

## 1.3.4 Abbreviations

This documentation uses the following abbreviations:

**Table 5: Abbreviations**

Abbreviation	Meaning
ATEX	EC directive on explosion protection (Atmosphère explosible)
DA	Automatic control, speed related
DIN	Deutsches Institut für Normung (German Institute for Standardization)
EP	Proportional control, electric
ET	Electric control, direct operated with two pressure reducing valves (DRE)
EV	Electric control , direct operated
EZ	Two-point control, electric
HP	Proportional control, hydraulic, pilot-pressure related
HW	Proportional control, hydraulic, mechanical servo
HT	Hydraulic control, direct operated
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
JIS	Japan Industrial Standard
RE	Rexroth document in the English language
VDI 2230	Directive for the systematic calculation of high duty bolted joints and joints with one cylindrical bolt from the VDI (Verein Deutscher Ingenieure - Association of German Engineers)



## 2 Safety instructions

### 2.1 About this chapter

The axial piston unit has been manufactured according to the generally accepted rules of current technology. There is, however, still a danger of personal injury or property damage if this chapter and the safety instructions in this documentation are not complied with.

- ▶ Read this documentation completely and thoroughly before working with the axial piston unit.
- ▶ Keep this documentation in a location where it is accessible to all users at all times.
- ▶ Always include the required documentation when you pass the axial piston unit on to third parties.

### 2.2 Intended use

Axial piston units are hydraulic components, meaning that in their application area they are classified neither as complete nor as partly completed machinery in the sense of the EC Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC. The component is exclusively intended to form partly completed machinery or complete machinery together with other components. The component may only be commissioned after it has been installed in the machine/system for which it is intended and the safety of the entire system has been established in accordance with the Machinery Directive.

This product is intended for the following use:

The axial piston unit is only approved as a pump for hydrostatic drives in closed circuit.

- ▶ Observe the technical data, the application and operating conditions and the performance limits as specified in data sheet 92004 and in the order confirmation. Information about approved hydraulic fluids can be found in data sheet 92004.

The axial piston unit is only intended for professional use and not for private use. Intended use includes having read and understood the complete documentation, especially chapter 2 "Safety instructions" on page 9.

### 2.3 Improper use

Any use other than that described as intended use shall be considered as improper and is therefore impermissible.

Bosch Rexroth AG is not liable for damages resulting from improper use. The user shall bear all risks arising from improper use.

The following foreseeable faulty usages are also be considered to be improper (this list does not claim to be exhaustive):

- Use outside the operating parameters approved in the data sheet or in the order confirmation (unless specifically approved by the customer)
- Use of non-approved fluids, e.g. water or polyurethane components
- Changes to factory settings by unauthorized persons
- Use of assembled parts (e.g. attachment filter, control unit, valves) other than the specified Rexroth components

- Use of the axial piston unit with assembled parts under water at a depth of more than 10 meters without the necessary additional measures, for example pressure equalization. Units with electrical components (e.g. sensors) generally cannot come into contact with water.
- Use of the axial piston unit under a continuous pressure differential between case to ambient pressure greater than 2 bar, whereby the ambient pressure must always be lower than the case pressure. Momentary ( $t < 0.1$  s) pressure peaks of up to 10 bar are allowed. Beyond this, the maximum case pressure specified on the data sheet cannot be exceeded.
- Use of the axial piston unit in explosive environments unless the component or machine/system has been certified as compliant with the ATEX directive 2014/34/EC
- Use of the axial piston unit in a corrosive atmosphere
- Use of the axial piston unit in aircraft or spacecraft

## 2.4 Personnel qualifications

The activities described in this documentation require basic mechanical, electrical and hydraulics expertise, as well as knowledge of the associated technical terms. For transporting and handling the product, additional knowledge is necessary with regard to working with lifting devices and their slings. In order to ensure safe use, these activities should only be performed by skilled personnel or an instructed person under the direction and supervision of skilled personnel.

Skilled persons are those who can recognize possible dangers and take the appropriate safety measures due to their professional training, knowledge, and experience, as well as their understanding of the relevant regulations pertaining to the work to be done. Skilled personnel must follow the rules relevant to their field and have the necessary hydraulics expert knowledge.

Hydraulic expert knowledge includes:

- Reading and fully understanding hydraulic circuit diagrams,
- especially fully understanding the relationships with regard to safety devices
- and understanding how hydraulic components work and are put together.



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## 2.5 General safety instructions

- Observe the applicable accident prevention and environmental protection regulations.
- Observe the safety regulations and provisions of the country in which the product is used/operated.
- Use Rexroth products only when they are in good working order.
- Observe all notices on the product.
- Persons who install, operate, remove or maintain Rexroth products may not be under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medication that may affect their reaction time.
- Only use genuine Rexroth accessories and spare parts to ensure there is no hazard to persons due to unsuitable spare parts.
- Observe the technical data and ambient conditions specified in the product documentation.
- If unsuitable products are installed or used in applications that are of relevance to safety, unexpected operating conditions may occur in the application, which could result in injury to personnel or property damage. For this reason, only use the product in safety-relevant applications if this use is expressly specified and permitted in the product documentation, for example in explosion protection applications or in safety-related parts of a control system (functional safety).
- You may only commission the product if it has been determined that the end product (for example, machinery or system) in which the Rexroth products are installed complies with the country-specific provisions, safety regulations and standards for the application.
- Use tools appropriate for the work being performed and wear appropriate protective clothing to prevent punctures and cuts (e.g. when removing protective covers, disassembly).
- There is a risk of entanglement when operating the axial piston unit with a bare shaft end. Check whether or not your machine requires additional safety measures for your application. If necessary, make sure that these are properly implemented.
- Depending on the type of control used, electromagnetic effects can be produced when using solenoids. When a direct current is applied, solenoids do not cause electromagnetic interference nor is their operation impaired by electromagnetic interference. Other behavior can result when a modulated direct current (e.g. PWM signal) is applied. Potential electromagnetic interference for persons (e.g. persons with a pacemaker) and other components must be tested by the machine manufacturer.

## 2.6 Product-specific safety instructions

The following safety instructions apply to chapters 6 to 14.

### WARNING

#### **Danger from excessively high pressure!**

Risk of death or injury, or property damage!

Improperly changing the factory pressure settings can result in a pressure increase beyond the permissible maximum pressure.

Operating the unit above the permissible maximum pressure can cause components to burst and hydraulic fluid to escape under high pressure.

- ▶ Changes to the factory settings must only be made by Bosch Rexroth specialists.
- ▶ In addition, a pressure relief valve is required in the hydraulic system as a back-up. If the axial piston unit is equipped with a pressure cut-off and/or a pressure controller, this is not an adequate back-up against pressure overload.

#### **Danger from suspended loads!**

Risk of death or injury, or property damage!

Improper transportation may cause the axial piston unit to fall down and lead to injuries e.g. crushing or broken bones or damage to the product.

- ▶ Make sure that the load bearing capacity of the lifting device is sufficient to safely bear the weight of the axial piston unit.
- ▶ Never stand or put your hands under a suspended load.
- ▶ Make sure the unit remains stable during transport.
- ▶ Wear your personal protective equipment (e.g. safety goggles, safety gloves, suitable working clothes, safety shoes).
- ▶ Use suitable lifting devices for transportation.
- ▶ Observe the prescribed position of the lifting strap.
- ▶ Observe the national laws and regulations on work and health protection and transportation.

#### **System/machine under pressure!**

Danger to life or risk of injury, serious injuries when working on machines/systems not secured! Risk of property damage!

- ▶ Switch off the entire system and secure it against reconnection according to the parameters provided by the machine/system manufacturer.
- ▶ Make sure that all relevant components of the hydraulic system are depressurized. Follow the parameters given by the machine/system manufacturer.
- ▶ Note that the hydraulic system may still be under pressure even after the pressure supply itself has been disconnected.
- ▶ Do not disconnect any line connections, ports and components as long as the hydraulic system is under pressure.

## WARNING

### **Escaping hydraulic fluid mist!**

Risk of explosion and fire, health hazard, risk of environmental pollution!

- ▶ Depressurize the relevant machine/system component and repair the leak.
- ▶ Only perform welding work then the machine/system is depressurized.
- ▶ Keep open flames and ignition sources away from the axial piston unit.
- ▶ If axial piston units are located in the vicinity of ignition sources or powerful thermal radiators, a shield must be erected to ensure that any escaped hydraulic fluid cannot be ignited, and to protect hose lines from premature aging.

### **Electrical voltage!**

Risk of injury from electric shock or risk of property damage!

- ▶ Always set up the relevant part of the machine/system so that it is free of electrical voltage before you install the product or when connecting and disconnecting connectors. Protect the machine/system against being re-energized.

### **Danger from unforeseen machine movement!**

Danger to life or risk of injury! Unintentional or careless actuation of the manual override of the solenoids can cause unexpected machine movements.

- ▶ Use the manual override only for functional testing or in the event of technical malfunctions.
- ▶ Using the manual override on a permanent basis (e.g. by wedging, blocking) is not permitted.
- ▶ The use of the manual override is only permitted with limited technical data (e.g.  $0.25 \times$  maximum data).
- ▶ Check whether additional protective measures are necessary for the application on your machine in order to avoid unintentional actuation. If necessary, make sure that these are properly implemented.
- ▶ Wear suitable protective clothing.

### **Restriction of the control function!**

Risk of injury or property damage!

Moving parts in control equipment (e.g. valve spools) can, under certain circumstances, get stuck in position as a result of contamination (e.g. impure hydraulic fluid, abrasion, or residual dirt from components). As a result, the hydraulic fluid flow and the build-up of torque in the axial piston unit can no longer respond correctly to the operator's specifications. Even the use of various filter elements (external or internal flow filtration) will not rule out a fault but merely reduce the risk.

- ▶ Check whether your application requires that remedial measures be taken on your machine in order to bring the driven consumer into a safe position (e.g. safe stop).
- ▶ If necessary, make sure that these are properly implemented.

## WARNING

### **Restriction of the load holding function in lifting winches!**

Risk of injury or property damage!

Moving parts in high-pressure relief valves may in certain circumstances become stuck in an undefined position due to contamination (e.g. contaminated hydraulic fluid). This can result in restriction or loss of the load holding function in lifting winches.

- ▶ Check whether the application on your machine requires additional safety measures, in order to keep the load in a safe position.
- ▶ If necessary, make sure that these are properly implemented.

## CAUTION

### **High noise development during operation!**

Risk of hearing damage or hearing loss!

The noise emission of axial piston units depends on, among other factors, rotational speed, working pressure and installation conditions. The sound pressure level may rise above 70 dB (A) in certain application conditions.

- ▶ Always wear hearing protection when in the vicinity of the operating axial piston unit.

### **Hot surfaces on the axial piston unit!**

Risk of burning!

- ▶ Allow the axial piston unit to cool down sufficiently before touching it.
- ▶ Wear heat-resistant protective clothing, e.g. gloves.

### **Improper routing of cables and lines!**

Risk of stumbling and property damage! Improper routing of cables and lines can cause a risk of stumbling as well as damage to equipment and components, for example, tearing of lines and connectors.

- ▶ Always route cables and lines in such a way that no one can trip over them, that they do not become kinked or twisted, do not rub on edges and do not run without adequate protection through sharp-edged ducts.

### **Contact with hydraulic fluid!**

Risk of adverse health effects, e.g. eye injury, skin irritation, poisoning from inhalation!

- ▶ Avoid contact with hydraulic fluids.
- ▶ When working with hydraulic fluids, strictly observe the safety instructions provided by the lubricant manufacturer.
- ▶ Wear your personal protective equipment (e.g. safety goggles, safety gloves, suitable working clothes, safety shoes).
- ▶ Consult a doctor immediately if hydraulic fluid gets in your eyes or bloodstream, or is swallowed.

## CAUTION

### **Escaping hydraulic fluid due to machine/system leakage!**

Risk of burns and risk of injury due to escaping hydraulic fluid jet!

- ▶ Depressurize the relevant machine/system component and repair the leak.
- ▶ Never attempt to block or seal the leak or hydraulic fluid jet with a cloth.

### **Danger from improper handling!**

Risk of slipping! Risk of slipping on wet surfaces when climbing on the axial piston unit.

- ▶ Never grab or climb onto the axial piston unit.
- ▶ Check how to safely get on top of the machine/system.

## **2.7 Personal protective equipment**

Personal protective equipment is the responsibility of the user of the axial piston unit. Observe the safety regulations and provisions in your country.

All pieces of personal protective equipment must be intact.

## 3 General instructions on damage to property and the product

The following instructions apply to chapters 6 to 14.

### NOTICE

#### **Danger from improper handling!**

Product can get damaged!

- ▶ Do not expose the product to excessive mechanical loads.
- ▶ Never grab or climb onto the product.
- ▶ Do not place/lay any objects on the product.
- ▶ Do not strike the drive shaft of the axial piston unit.
- ▶ Do not set/place the axial piston unit on the drive shaft or assembled parts.
- ▶ Do not strike assembled parts (e.g. sensors or valves).
- ▶ Do not strike sealing surfaces (e.g. working ports).
- ▶ Leave the protective covers on the axial piston unit until you connect the lines.
- ▶ Disconnect all electrical connectors before electro-welding or painting operations.
- ▶ Make certain that the electronic components (e.g. sensors) do not become electrostatically charged (e.g. during painting operations).

#### **Risk of property damage due to inadequate lubrication!**

Product can get damaged or destroyed!

- ▶ Never operate the axial piston unit with insufficient hydraulic fluid. Specifically, make sure that the rotary group has sufficient lubrication.
- ▶ When commissioning a machine/system, make sure that the housing area and the working lines of the axial piston unit are filled with hydraulic fluid and remain filled during operation. Air inclusions in the forward drive shaft bearing are to be prevented, especially with the installation position "drive shaft upwards".
- ▶ Check the hydraulic fluid level in the housing area regularly; if necessary, recommission. With above-reservoir installation, the housing area may drain via the drain line after longer periods of disuse (air enters via the shaft seal) or via the working line (gap leakage). This means the bearings are insufficiently lubricated when the system is turned on.
- ▶ Make sure that the suction line is always filled with hydraulic fluid during commissioning and operation.

#### **Mixing of hydraulic fluids!**

Product can get damaged!

- ▶ Before installation, remove all fluids from the axial piston unit to prevent mixing with the hydraulic fluid used in the machine/system.
- ▶ Any mixing of hydraulic fluids from different manufacturers or different types from the same manufacturer is generally not permitted.



## NOTICE

### Contamination of the hydraulic fluid!

The cleanliness of the hydraulic fluid has a considerable impact on the cleanliness and service life of the hydraulic system. Contamination of the hydraulic fluid can cause premature wear and malfunctions!

- ▶ Make sure that the working environment at the installation site is fully free of dust and foreign substances in order to prevent foreign particles, such as welding beads or metal cuttings, from getting into the hydraulic lines and causing product wear or malfunctions. The axial piston unit must be installed in a clean condition.
- ▶ Use only clean ports, hydraulic lines and assembled parts (e.g. measuring devices).
- ▶ No contamination may enter the ports when they are plugged.
- ▶ Before commissioning, make sure that all hydraulic connections are tight and that all of the seals and plug-in connections are installed correctly to ensure that they are leak proof and fluids and foreign particles are prevented from penetrating the product.
- ▶ Use a suitable filter system to filter hydraulic fluid during filling to minimize solid particle contamination and water in the hydraulic system.

### Improper cleaning!

Product can get damaged!

- ▶ Plug all openings with the appropriate protection equipment in order to prevent cleaning agents from entering the hydraulic system.
- ▶ Never use solvents or corrosive cleaning agents. Use only water and, if necessary, a mild cleaning agent to clean the axial piston unit.
- ▶ Do not point a high-pressure cleaner at sensitive components, e.g. shaft seal, electrical connections and components.
- ▶ Use fiber-free cloths for cleaning.

### Environmental pollution due to improper disposal!

Careless disposal of the axial piston unit and its assembled parts, the hydraulic fluid and the packaging material can result in environmental pollution!

- ▶ Dispose of the axial piston unit, hydraulic fluid and packaging in accordance with the national regulations in your country.
- ▶ Dispose of the hydraulic fluid in accordance with the applicable safety data sheet for the hydraulic fluid.

### Danger from chemical or corrosive environmental conditions!

Product can get damaged! If the axial piston unit is exposed to chemical or corrosive environmental conditions, such as sea water, fertilizer or road salt, it can result in corrosion or, in extreme cases, malfunction. Hydraulic fluid can escape if leaks occur.

- ▶ Take appropriate steps to protect the axial piston unit from chemical or corrosive environmental conditions.

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## NOTICE

### Escaping or spilling hydraulic fluid!

Risk of environmental pollution and contamination of ground water!

- ▶ Always place a drip tray under the axial piston unit when filling and draining the hydraulic fluid.
- ▶ Use a suitable binding agent if hydraulic fluid is spilled.
- ▶ Observe the parameters in the safety data sheet for the hydraulic fluid and the specifications provided by the system manufacturer.

### Danger from hot components!

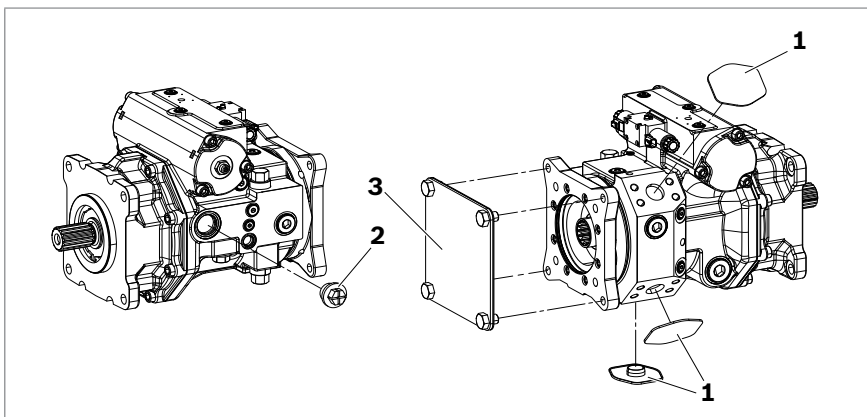
Nearby products can become damaged! Components which heat up (e.g. solenoids) can cause damage to nearby products if they are too close during installation.

- ▶ When installing the axial piston unit, check the distances to nearby products to ensure that they do not get damaged.

The warranty only applies to the delivered configuration.

The entitlement to warranty cover will be rendered void if the product is incorrectly installed, commissioned or operated, or if it is used or handled improperly.

## 4 Scope of delivery



**Fig. 1: Axial piston unit**

The scope of delivery includes the following:

- Axial piston unit as per order confirmation

The following parts are also assembled prior to delivery:

- Protective covers (1)
- Protective plug/threaded plug (2)
- For version with through drive, metallic protective cover and mounting bolts (3)

## 5 About this product

### 5.1 Performance description

The axial piston variable pump generates, controls and regulates a hydraulic-fluid flow. It is designed for mobile applications such as construction machinery. Refer to data sheet 92004 and the order confirmation for the technical data, operating conditions and operating limits of the axial piston unit.

### 5.2 Product description

The A4VG is a variable pump with axial piston rotary group in swashplate design for hydrostatic drives in closed circuits. The flow is proportional to the drive speed and displacement. The flow can be changed steplessly by controlling the swashplate (cradle) (13). For axial piston units with swashplate design, the pistons are arranged axially relative to the drive shaft.

**Closed circuit** In the closed circuit, the hydraulic fluid flows from the hydraulic pump to the consumer, e.g. hydraulic motor and from there directly back to the hydraulic pump. There is a high-pressure side and a low-pressure side which alternate depending on which side is under load.

#### 5.2.1 Layout of the axial piston unit

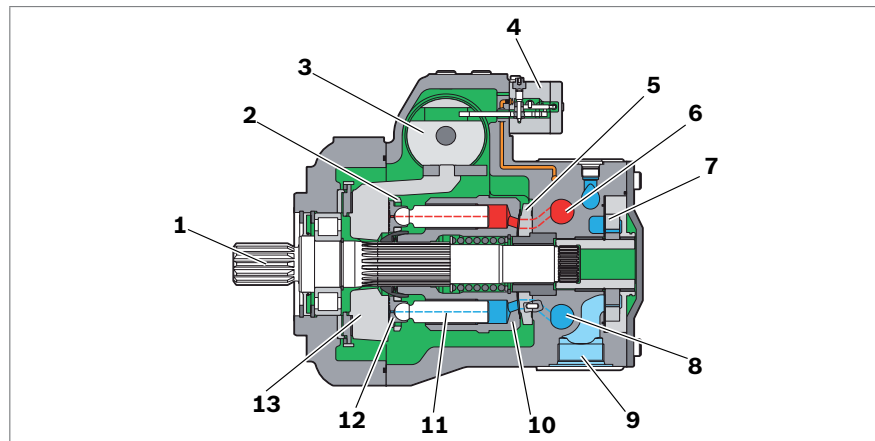


Fig. 2: Layout of the A4VG Series 40

- |  |                                     |                |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 Drive shaft                                    | 5 Control plate (distributor plate) | 9 Suction port |
| 2 Retaining plate                                | 6 High-pressure side                | 10 Cylinder    |
| 3 Stroking piston                                | 7 Boost pump                        | 11 Piston      |
| 4 Control unit (using the EP as an example here) | 8 Low-pressure side                 | 12 Slipper pad |
|  |                                     | 13 Cradle      |

## 5.2.2 Functional description

<b>Pump function</b>	<p>Torque and rotational speed are applied to the drive shaft <b>(1)</b> by a drive motor. The drive shaft is connected by splines to the cylinder <b>(10)</b> to set this in motion. With every revolution, the pistons <b>(11)</b> execute a stroke in the cylinder bores, the size of which depends on the pitch of the cradle <b>(13)</b>. The slipper pads <b>(12)</b> are held on with the pistons and guided along the glide surface of the cradle by the retaining plate <b>(2)</b>.</p> <p>The pitch of the swashplate during a rotation causes each piston to move over the bottom and top dead centers and back to its initial position.</p> <p>Here, hydraulic fluid is fed in and drained out through the two control slots in the control plate <b>(5)</b> according to the stroke displacement. On the high-pressure side <b>(6)</b> the hydraulic fluid is pushed out of the cylinder chamber and into the hydraulic system by the pistons. At the same time, hydraulic fluid flows into the growing piston chamber on the low-pressure side <b>(8)</b>. In a closed circuit, this is supported by the return flow and boost pressure.</p>
<b>Pressure cut-off</b>	<p>The working pressure is limited by the pressure cut-off.</p> <p>The pressure cut-off corresponds to a pressure control which reduces the pump capacity once the set specified pressure command value is reached so that the set pressure is maintained but not exceeded.</p>
<b>High-pressure limitation</b>	<p>The two high-pressure relief valves protect the hydrostatic transmission (pump and motor) from overloading. They limit the maximum pressure in the respective high-pressure line and serve simultaneously as boost valves. High-pressure relief valves are not working valves and are only suitable for pressure peaks or high rates of pressure change.</p>
<b>Version with boost pump</b>	<p>The boost pump <b>(7)</b> continuously supplies a sufficient volume of fluid (boost volume) from a small reservoir to the low-pressure side of the closed circuit via a check valve to replenish the internal leakage of the variable pump and consumer. The boost pump is an internal gear pump which is driven directly via the drive shaft.</p>
<b>Version without boost pump (external boost pressure supply)</b>	<p>In order to replenish the internal leakage in the variable pump and consumers, port <b>G</b> must be connected to an external source of boost pressure. The boost-pressure relief valve is integrated.</p>
<b>Sequence valve (optional)</b>	<p>The optional sequence valve interrupts the active control pressure. The springs in the stroking chambers move the stroking piston <b>(3)</b> towards the central position (neutral position). The reset function is influenced by the current working pressure and the rotational speed.</p> <p>Switching off the control pressure does not ensure that the pump goes to the central position (neutral position).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>► Use an appropriate emergency-off device to ensure that the drive can be brought to a safe position at any time. The machine or system manufacturer is responsible for the installation of a proper emergency-off device.</li> </ul>

## Neutral valve (optional)

Actuation of the switching solenoid enables pilot pressure through-flow into the control device of the pump. The pump can be swiveled out. When the solenoid is de-energized, this connection is interrupted and at the same time the two stroking chambers are connected to each other and relieved to the pump housing. This ensures the pump is drive torque-free.

Switching off the control pressure and a bypass circuit for the two stroking chambers does not ensure that the pump goes to the central position (neutral position).

- Use an appropriate emergency-off device to ensure that the drive can be brought to a safe position at any time. The machine or system manufacturer is responsible for the installation of a proper emergency-off device.

## Control

The swivel angle of the cradle (**13**) is infinitely variable. Adjusting the swivel angle changes the piston stroke and therefore, the displacement. Controlling the swashplate through the neutral position will change the direction of flow (making reversing operation possible). The swivel angle is controlled hydraulically by the stroking piston (**3**). The cradle is mounted in swivel bearings for easy motion and the neutral position is spring-centered. Increasing the swivel angle increases the displacement; reducing the angle results in a corresponding reduction in displacement.



Various control devices are available depending on requirements. Information about this can be found in data sheet 92004.

## 5.3 Bypass function

For vehicles with hydrostatic travel drive, as long as there is no downstream mechanical interruption of the drive train (switch to idle/free running), the flow can be altered using a bypass circuit in order to tow the vehicle out of the immediate danger zone. Turning the corresponding screw allows the hydraulic fluid to flow freely.



The bypass function must be deactivated again before restarting the machine.

### 5.3.1 Activating and deactivating the bypass function

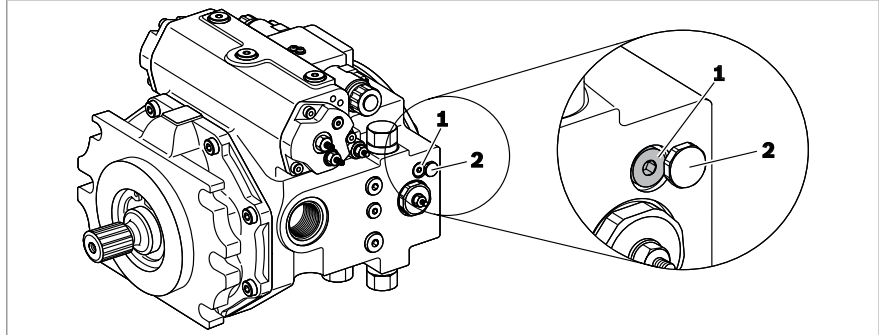


Fig. 3: Activating the bypass function

#### Activating the bypass function

To activate the bypass function:

1. Switch off the combustion engine.
2. Use a hexagon socket wrench (WAF 8) to turn the shuttle valve (1) counter-clockwise to the stop (2). The bypass function is now active.

#### Towing speed

The maximum towing speed is dependent on the gear ratio in the vehicle and must be calculated by the vehicle manufacturer. The corresponding flow of  $q_v = 30 \text{ l/min}$  may not be exceeded.

#### Towing distance

The vehicle may only be towed out of the immediate danger zone.

**CAUTION!** Impermissible heat generation and inadequate lubrication!

Risk of burning or property damage! High towing speeds and long towing distances result in impermissible heat generation and inadequate lubrication. This overheats and damages the axial piston unit.

- ▶ Wear heat-resistant protective clothing, for example, gloves.
- ▶ Only tow the vehicle out of the immediate danger zone.

#### Deactivating the bypass function

**NOTICE!** Draining the hydraulic circuit!

Risk of damage! While towing with the bypass function activated, the closed hydraulic circuit drains itself. This can result in unintended functions when restarting the travel drive.

- ▶ Start the travel drive only after completely filling and air bleeding the hydraulic circuit (see chapter 8.1 "Initial commissioning" on page 46).

To deactivate the bypass function:

1. Immediately after towing, switch off the bypass function.
  2. Use a hexagon socket wrench (WAF 8) to turn the shuttle valve (1) clockwise to the stop and tighten it with a tightening torque of 50 Nm.
- The bypass function is no longer active.

## 5.4 Product identification

The axial piston unit can be identified by the name plate. The following example shows an A4VG name plate:

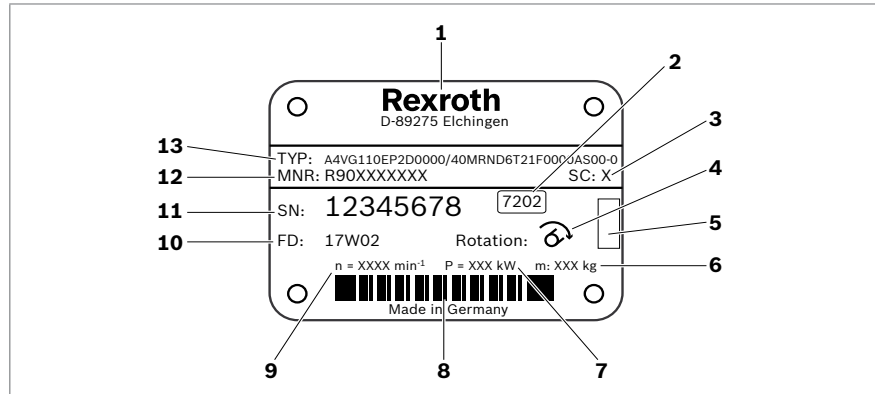


Fig. 4: Name plate A4VG

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>1</b> Manufacturer  | <b>8</b> Bar code                                  |
| <b>2</b> Internal plant designation                                      | <b>9</b> Rotational speed                          |
| <b>3</b> Sample category (optional)                                      | <b>10</b> Manufacturing date                       |
| <b>4</b> Direction of rotation (viewed on drive shaft) – here: clockwise | <b>11</b> Serial number                            |
| <b>5</b> Specified area for inspection stamp                             | <b>12</b> Material number of the axial piston unit |
| <b>6</b> Weight (optional)   | <b>13</b> Type code                                |
| <b>7</b> Power   |  |



## 6 Transport and storage

- ▶ Always observe the required ambient conditions for transport and storage, see chapter 6.2 “Storing the axial piston unit” on page 27.



Information on unpacking can be found in chapter 7.1 “Unpacking” on page 29.

### 6.1 Transporting the axial piston unit

The following transportation options are available depending on the weight and duration of transport:

- Manual transport (chapter not relevant for this axial piston unit)
- Transporting with a lifting device (eye bolt or lifting strap)

#### Dimensions and weights

Table 6: Dimensions and weights

Size		110	125	145	175	210	280
Ground	kg	88	84	106	115	152	160
Width	mm	Dimensions vary by equipment. The values applicable for your axial piston unit can be found in the installation drawing (request if necessary).					
Height	mm						
Depth	mm						

Weight may vary by equipment.

#### 6.1.1 Transporting by hand

Axial piston units with a weight of up to 15 kg can be transported manually for a short time if necessary.

#### CAUTION! Danger from heavy loads!

Health hazard from carrying axial piston units.

- ▶ Use suitable lifting, lowering and moving methods.
- ▶ Wear your personal protective equipment (e.g. safety goggles, safety gloves, suitable working clothes, safety shoes).
- ▶ Do not use sensitive assembled parts to transport the axial piston unit (e.g. sensors or valves).
- ▶ Carefully place the axial piston unit on the seating to prevent it from being damaged.

#### 6.1.2 Transporting with a lifting device

For transporting, the axial piston unit can be connected to a lifting device via an eye bolt or a lifting strap.

The axial piston unit can be transported suspended from an eye bolt screwed into the drive shaft as long as only outward (pulling) axial forces are applied.

- ▶ For all female threads, use a stud end from the same system of units and of the correct size.
- ▶ To do this, screw an eye bolt completely into the female thread on the drive shaft. The thread size is stated in the installation drawing.
- ▶ Make sure that the eye bolt can bear the total weight of the axial piston unit plus 20%.

**Transport with eye bolt  
(only permissible for sizes  
110, 125, 145 and 175)**

You can hoist the axial piston unit as shown in Fig. 5 with the eye bolt screwed into the drive shaft.

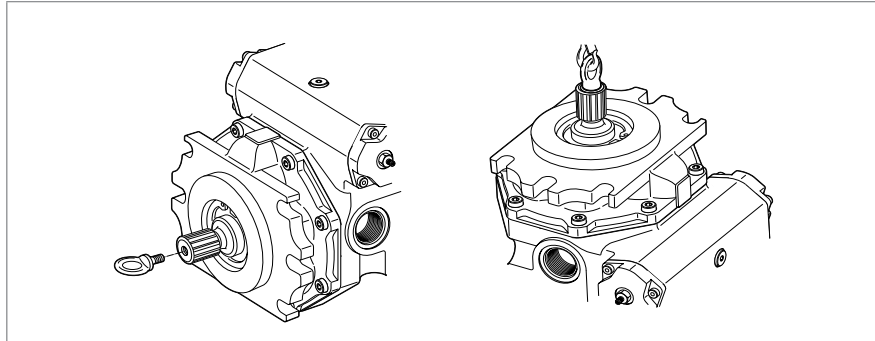


Fig. 5: Fixing the eye bolt

## Transport with lifting strap

**WARNING!** Danger from suspended loads!

During transport with a lifting device, the axial piston unit can topple out of the lifting strap and cause injuries.

- ▶ Use the widest possible lifting strap.
- ▶ Make sure that the axial piston unit is securely fixed with the lifting strap.
- ▶ Only guide the axial piston unit by hand for fine positioning and to avoid oscillations.
- ▶ Never stand or put your hands under a suspended load.
- ▶ Place the lifting strap around the axial piston unit in such a way that it does not pass over assembled parts (e.g. valves, piping) and that the axial piston unit is not suspended from assembled parts (see Fig. 6).

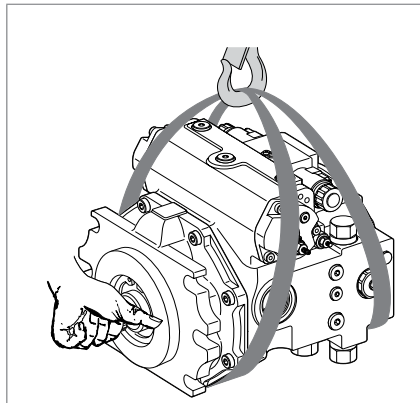


Fig. 6: Transport with lifting strap

## 6.2 Storing the axial piston unit

### Requirements

- The storage areas must be free of corrosive materials and gases.
- To prevent damage to the seals, ozone-forming equipment (e.g. mercury-vapor lamps, high voltage equipment, electric motors, sources of electrical sparks or electrical discharge) must not be operated in storage areas.
- The storage areas must be dry.  
Recommended relative humidity  $\leq 60\%$ .
- Ideal storage temperature:  $+5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- Minimum storage temperature:  $-50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- Maximum storage temperature:  $+60\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- Keep out of direct sunlight.
- Do not stack axial piston units and store them in a shock-proof manner.
- Do not store the axial piston unit on the drive shaft or assembled parts, e.g. sensors or valves.
- For further storage conditions, see Table 7.

- Check the axial piston unit monthly to ensure proper storage.

### After delivery

The axial piston units are provided with corrosion protection packaging at the factory (corrosion protection film).

Table 7 lists the maximum permissible storage times for an originally packed axial piston unit as per data sheet 90312.

**Table 7: Storage time with factory corrosion protection**

Storage conditions	Standard corrosion protection	Long-term corrosion protection (optional)
Closed, dry room, at an even temperature between $+5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and $+20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Undamaged and sealed corrosion protection film.	Maximum 12 months	Maximum 24 months



Warranty is void if the requirements and storage conditions are not observed or after expiration of the maximum storage time (see Table 7).

Procedure after expiration of the maximum storage time:

1. Check the entire axial piston unit for damage and corrosion prior to installation.
2. Perform a test run to check the axial piston unit for proper function and leak-tightness.
3. If the storage time exceeds 24 months, the shaft seal must be replaced.



After expiration of the maximum storage time, we recommend that you have the axial piston unit inspected by your Bosch Rexroth service partner.

In the event of questions regarding repair and spare parts, contact your responsible Bosch Rexroth service partner or the service department of the manufacturer's plant for the axial piston unit, see chapter 10.5 "Spare parts" on page 54.

**After removal** A dismantled axial piston unit must be preserved with corrosion protection for the duration of storage.



The following instructions only refer to axial piston units which are operated with a mineral oil-based hydraulic fluid. Other hydraulic fluids require preservation measures that are specifically designed for them. In such a case, consult with your local contact person, you can find the address under [www.boschrexroth.com/addresses](http://www.boschrexroth.com/addresses)

Bosch Rexroth recommends the following procedure:

1. Clean the axial piston unit, see chapter 10.1 "Cleaning and care" on page 51.
2. Empty the axial piston unit.
3. For storage times up to 12 months: Coat the inside of the axial piston unit with mineral oil and fill with about 100 ml mineral oil.  
For storage times up to 24 months: Fill the axial piston unit with corrosion protection VCI 329 (20 ml).  
Filling is done through the drain port **T<sub>1</sub>** or **T<sub>2</sub>**, see chapter 7.4 "Installing the axial piston unit", Fig. 13 to Fig. 14 on page 41.
4. Plug all ports so they are airtight.
5. Moisten the unpainted areas of the axial piston unit with mineral oil or suitable, easily removable corrosion protection, e.g. acid-free grease.
6. Package the axial piston unit with desiccant in corrosion protection film so it is airtight.
7. Store the axial piston unit in a shock-proof manner, see "Requirements" on page 27 in this chapter.

## 7 Installation

Prior to installation, the following documents must be to hand:

- Installation drawing for the axial piston unit (can be obtained from your contact at Bosch Rexroth)
- Hydraulic circuit diagram for the axial piston unit (in the installation drawing)
- Hydraulic circuit diagram for the machine/system (available from the machine/system manufacturer)
- Order confirmation (contains the order-related technical data for your axial piston unit)
- Data sheet for the axial piston unit (contains the permissible technical data)

### 7.1 Unpacking

The axial piston unit is delivered in a corrosion protection film made of polyethylene material (PE).

**CAUTION!** Danger from parts falling out!

Improperly opening the packaging can result in parts falling out, which can become damaged or cause injury!

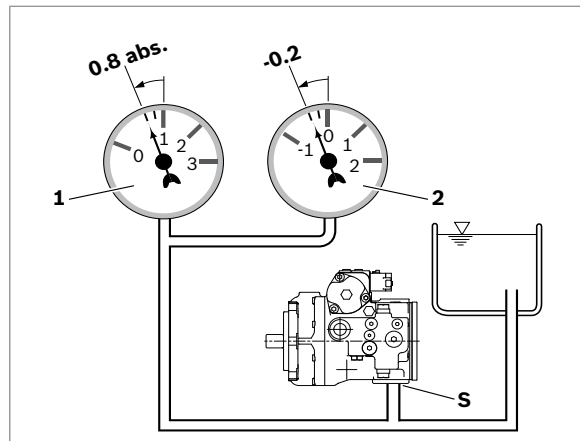
- ▶ Place the packaging on a level, load-bearing surface.
- ▶ Only open the packaging from the top.
  
- ▶ Remove the packaging from the axial piston unit.
- ▶ Check the axial piston unit for transport damage and completeness, see chapter 4 “Scope of delivery” on page 19.
- ▶ Dispose of the packaging material according to the national regulations in your country.

### 7.2 Installation conditions

The installation location and position of the axial piston unit essentially determine the procedures during installation and commissioning (such as when filling and air bleeding the axial piston unit).

- ▶ Fix the axial piston unit so that the expected forces and torques can be transferred without any danger. The machine/system manufacturer is responsible for dimensioning the fastening elements.
- ▶ Observe the permissible radial forces on the drive shaft when transferring input/output drive with radial loading (belt drives). If necessary, the belt pulley must be stored separately.
- ▶ Make sure that the axial piston unit is air bled and filled with hydraulic fluid during commissioning and operation. Do this also after relatively long standstill periods, since the axial piston unit may drain through the hydraulic lines.
- ▶ The leakage in the housing area must be directed to the reservoir via the highest drain port. Use the line size which is appropriate for the port.

- ▶ Avoid using a check valve in the drain line.  
Exception: Above-reservoir installation, drive shaft upward.  
A check valve in the drain line (cracking pressure 0.5 bar) can prevent the system from draining through the drain line. Please note the correct flow direction.
- ▶ To keep noise down, decouple all connecting lines from all vibration-capable components (e.g. reservoir) using elastic elements.
- ▶ Make sure that the suction, drain, and return lines flow into the reservoir below the minimum fluid level in all operating conditions. This will prevent air from being drawn in and foam from being formed.
- ▶ Make sure that a minimum suction pressure of 0.8 bar absolute is present at port **S** (0.5 bar absolute for cold start) during operation in all installation positions and installation locations for the axial piston pump, see Fig. 7. See data sheet for pressure values.



**Fig. 7: Suction pressure**

- 1** Absolute pressure gauge
- 2** Standard pressure gauge (relative)



The suction conditions improve with below-reservoir installation.

- ▶ Make sure that the working environment at the installation site is completely free of dust and foreign substances. The axial piston unit must be installed in a clean condition. Contamination of the hydraulic fluid can considerably affect the function and service life of the axial piston unit.
- ▶ Use fiber-free cloths for cleaning.
- ▶ Use suitable mild cleaning agents to remove lubricants and other difficult-to-remove contamination. Cleaning agents must not enter the hydraulic system.

### 7.3 Installation position

The following installation positions are permissible. The pipeline routing shown illustrates the basic layout.



If filling the stroking chambers via **X<sub>1</sub>** to **X<sub>4</sub>** is not possible in the final installation position, then the filling must be effected before installation, e.g. in installation position **2**.



To prevent unexpected actuation and damage, the stroking chambers must be air bled via the ports **X<sub>1</sub>**, **X<sub>2</sub>**, or **X<sub>3</sub>**, **X<sub>4</sub>** depending on the installation position.



For installation position **4** and **10** (drive shaft upwards), you need the additional air bleed port **R<sub>1</sub>** in the flange area. This port is not provided in the standard version and must be stated in plain text when ordering.

## 7.3.1 Below-reservoir installation (standard)

Below-reservoir installation means that the axial piston unit is installed outside of the reservoir and below the minimum fluid level of the reservoir.



Recommended installation position: **1** and **2**.

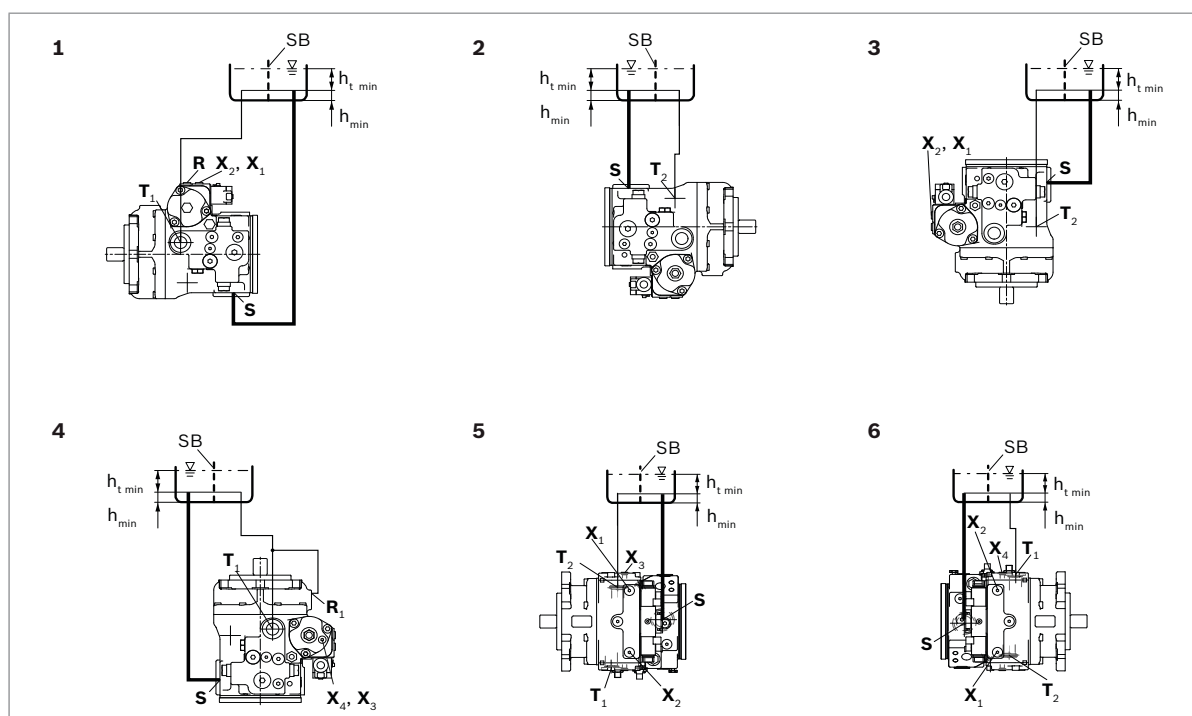


Fig. 8: Below-reservoir installation with installation position 1-6

<b>T<sub>1</sub>, T<sub>2</sub></b>	Highest drain port	<b>X<sub>3</sub>, X<sub>4</sub></b>	Stroke chamber pressure port
<b>R</b>	Air bleed port	<b>h<sub>t min</sub></b>	Minimum required immersion depth (200 mm)
<b>R<sub>1</sub></b>	Air bleed port (special version)	<b>h<sub>min</sub></b>	Minimum required distance to reservoir bottom (100 mm)
<b>S</b>	Suction port	<b>SB</b>	Baffle (baffle plate)
<b>X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub></b>	Control pressure port		

Table 8: Below-reservoir installation

Installation position	Air bleeding the housing	Air bleeding the stroke chamber	Filling
1 (drive shaft horizontal)	<b>R</b>	<b>X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>S + T<sub>1</sub> + X<sub>1</sub> + X<sub>2</sub></b>
2 (drive shaft horizontal)	–	–	<b>S + T<sub>2</sub></b>
3 (drive shaft vertically downward)	–	<b>X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>S + T<sub>2</sub> + X<sub>1</sub> + X<sub>2</sub></b>
4 (drive shaft vertically upward)	<b>R<sub>1</sub></b>	<b>X<sub>3</sub>, X<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>S + T<sub>1</sub> + X<sub>3</sub> + X<sub>4</sub></b>
5 (drive shaft horizontal)	–	<b>X<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>S + T<sub>2</sub> + X<sub>3</sub></b>
6 (drive shaft horizontal)	–	<b>X<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>S + T<sub>1</sub> + X<sub>4</sub></b>



## 7.3.2 Above-reservoir installation

Above-reservoir installation means that the axial piston unit is installed above the minimum fluid level of the reservoir.



Observe the maximum permissible suction height  $h_{S \max} = 800 \text{ mm}$ . The permissible suction height  $h_s$  is derived from the total pressure loss.



Recommendation for installation position **10** (drive shaft upward): A check valve in the drain line (cracking pressure 0.5 bar) can prevent the housing area from draining.

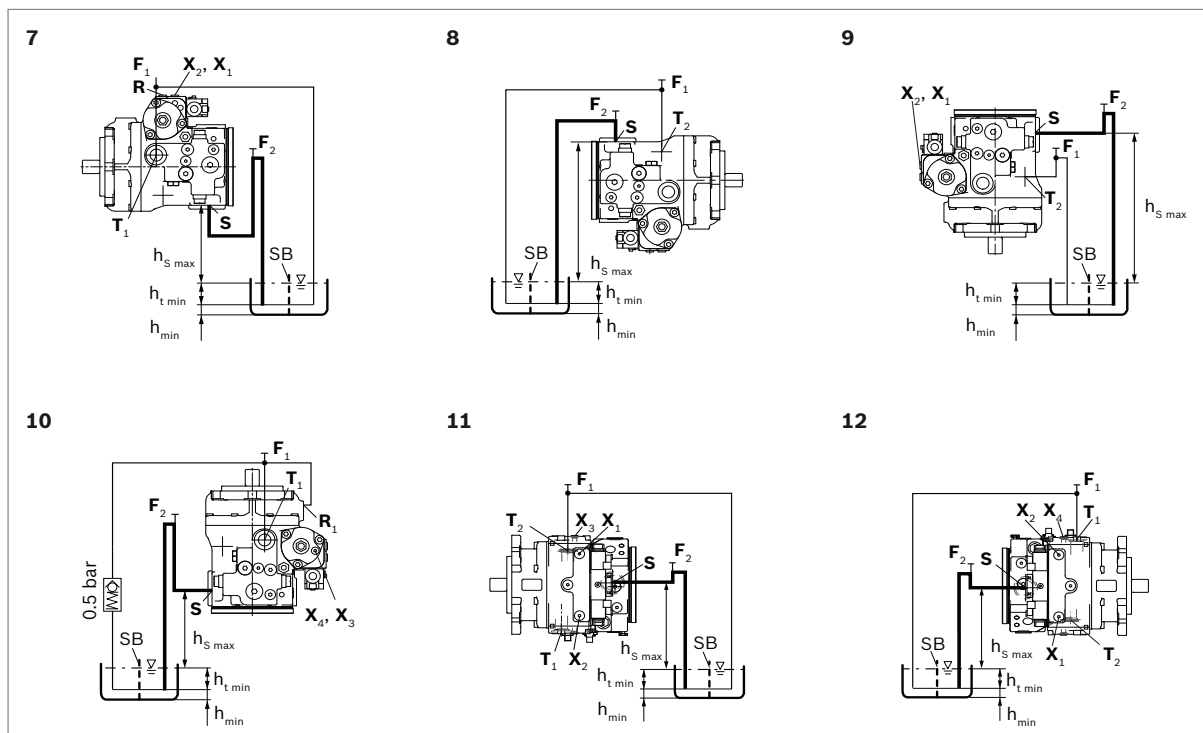


Fig. 9: Above-reservoir installation A4VG with installation position 7-12

$T_1, T_2$	Highest drain port	$X_3, X_4$	Stroke chamber pressure port
$F_1, F_2$	Filling / air bleeding	$h_{t \min}$	Minimum required immersion depth (200 mm)
<b>R</b>	Air bleed port	$h_{\min}$	Minimum required distance to reservoir bottom (100 mm)
<b>R<sub>1</sub></b>	Air bleed port (special version)	$h_{S \max}$	Maximum permissible suction height (800 mm)
<b>S</b>	Suction port	<b>SB</b>	Baffle (baffle plate)
$X_1, X_2$	Control pressure port		



Ports  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are part of the external piping and must be provided on the customer side to make filling and air bleeding easier.

Table 9: Above-reservoir installation

Installation position	Air bleeding the housing	Air bleeding the stroking chamber	Filling
7 (drive shaft horizontal)	$F_2 + R$	$X_1, X_2$	$F_1 + F_2 + X_1 + X_2$
8 (drive shaft horizontal)	$F_2 (S) + F_1 (T_2)$	–	$F_2 (S) + F_1 (T_2)$
9 (drive shaft vertically downward)	$F_2 (S) + F_1 (T_2)$	$X_1, X_2$	$F_2 (S) + F_1 (T_2) + X_1 + X_2$
10 (drive shaft vertically upward)	$F_2 + R_1$	$X_3, X_4$	$F_1 + F_2 + X_3 + X_4$
11 (drive shaft horizontal)	$F_2 (S) + F_1 (T_1)$	$X_3$	$F_2 (S) + F_1 (T_2) + X_3$
12 (drive shaft horizontal)	$F_2 (S) + F_1 (T_2)$	$X_4$	$F_2 (S) + F_1 (T_1) + X_4$

7.4 Installing the axial piston unit

7.4.1 Preparation

- 1. Check the specifications on the name plate of the axial piston unit to see if the axial piston unit is correct.
- 2. Compare the material number and designation (type code) with the details in the order confirmation.



If the material number for the axial piston unit does not correspond to the one in the order confirmation, contact your local contact person for clarification, you can find the address under [www.boschrexroth.com/addresses](http://www.boschrexroth.com/addresses)

- 3. Before installing, completely empty the axial piston unit to prevent mixing with the hydraulic fluid used in the machine/system.
- 4. Check the permissible direction of rotation of the axial piston unit (on the name plate) and make sure that this corresponds to the direction of rotation of the drive motor.

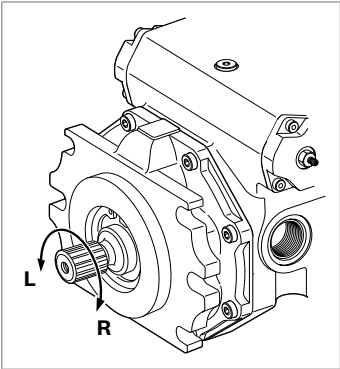


Fig. 10: Direction of rotation

- L Counter-clockwise
- R Clockwise



The direction of rotation as specified on the name plate determines the direction of rotation of the axial piston unit as viewed on the drive shaft, see chapter 5.4 "Product identification" on page 24. For information on the direction of rotation of the drive motor, please refer to the drive motor manufacturer's instruction manual.

#### 7.4.2 Dimensions

The installation drawing contains the dimensions for all connections and ports on the axial piston unit. Also observe the manuals provided by the manufacturers of the other hydraulic components when selecting the required tools.

#### 7.4.3 General instructions

Follow these general instructions when installing the axial piston unit:

- Note that you can expect certain installation positions to affect the control device. Gravity, dead weight and case pressure can cause minor characteristic shifts and changes in response time.
- Torsional vibrations and speed variations may cause leakages on the shaft seal and increased rotary angular accelerations of the rotary group of the axial piston unit. At risk are diesel drives with a small number of cylinders and low flywheel mass and toothed belt or V-belt drives. Belts can lose a large part of their pre-charge pressure after just a short operating time.  
An automatic clamping device can lessen the speed variations and vibrations and thus avoid subsequential damage.  
– When using toothed belts or v-belts to transfer the input or output drive, always use an automatic clamping device.
- On the input or output drive of an axial piston unit, a cardan shaft may cause vibrations and impermissible rotary angle accelerations. Depending on the frequency and temperature, they may cause leakages on the shaft seal and damage to the rotary group.
- If a shared drain line is used for several units, make sure that the respective case pressure is not exceeded. The shared drain line must be dimensioned to ensure that the maximum permissible case pressure of all connected units is not exceeded in any operational conditions, particularly at cold start. If this is not possible, separate drain lines must be laid, if necessary.

The type of installation to be used for the axial piston unit depends on the connecting elements to the drive side. The following descriptions explain the installation of the axial piston unit:

- with a coupling
- on a gearbox
- to a cardan shaft

#### 7.4.4 Installation with coupling

The following describes how to install the axial piston unit with a coupling:

**NOTICE!** Danger from improper handling!

Product can get damaged!

- ▶ Do not install the coupling hub onto the drive shaft of the axial piston unit by striking it.

1. Install the specified coupling half onto the drive shaft of the axial piston unit according to the instructions of the coupling manufacturer.



The drive shaft of the axial piston unit is equipped with a female thread. Use this female thread to pull the coupling element onto the drive shaft. The size of the female thread can be seen in the installation drawing.

2. Clamp the coupling hub onto the drive shaft or ensure permanent lubrication of the drive shaft. This prevents the formation of frictional corrosion and the associated wear.
3. Transport the axial piston unit to the installation location.
4. Remove dirt and foreign particles from the installation location.
5. Install the coupling on the output shaft of the drive motor in accordance with the specifications provided by the coupling manufacturer.



The axial piston unit must not be tightened down until the coupling has been correctly installed.

6. Fasten the axial piston unit at the installation location.
7. Align the drive shaft of the axial piston unit and the output shaft of the drive motor so that there is no angular deviation.
8. Make sure that no impermissible axial and radial forces act on the drive shaft.
9. For bell housing installation, check the coupling axial play through the bell window according to the manufacturer's specifications.
10. Details on the required tools and tightening torques for the mounting bolts are available from the machine/system manufacturer.
11. When using flexible couplings, check that the drive is free of resonance after completing the installation.

#### 7.4.5 Installation on a gearbox

The following describes how to install the axial piston unit on a gearbox.

After installing on a gearbox, the axial piston unit is covered and is difficult to access:

- ▶ Therefore, before installing, make sure that the spigot diameter centers the axial piston unit (observe tolerances) and that no impermissible axial or radial forces act on the drive shaft of the axial piston unit (installation length).
- ▶ Protect the drive shaft against frictional corrosion by providing permanent lubrication.
- ▶ Fasten the axial piston unit at the installation location.

#### For attachment via gear wheel or helically-toothed shaft

No gearing forces higher than the permissible axial and radial forces are to act on the shaft, if necessary the gear wheel must be supported separately at the gearbox output.

#### 7.4.6 Installation with cardan shaft

The following describes how to connect the axial piston unit via a cardan shaft on a drive motor.

**NOTICE!** Damage to the axial piston unit and leaks at the shaft seal!

Improperly installed cardan shafts generate unbalances. This results in vibrations and impermissible forces on the drive shaft.

- ▶ Observe the cardan shaft manufacturer's assembly instructions.
1. Position the axial piston unit close to the specified installation location. Allow enough space for the cardan shaft to fit through on both sides.
  2. Position the cardan shaft on the output shaft of the drive motor.
  3. Push the axial piston unit to the cardan shaft and position the cardan shaft on the drive shaft of the axial piston unit.
  4. Bring the axial piston unit to the installation position and secure. If necessary, details on the required tools and tightening torque for the mounting bolts can be obtained from the system manufacturer.

#### 7.4.7 Completing installation

1. Remove any mounted transport screws.

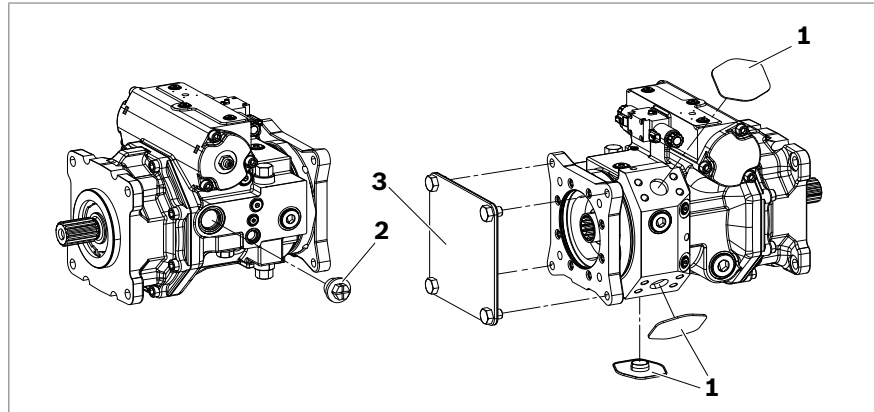
**CAUTION!** Operation with protective plugs!

Operating the axial piston unit with protective plugs may result in injury or damage to the axial piston unit.

- ▶ Before commissioning, remove all protective plugs and replace them with suitable, pressure-resistant, metallic threaded plugs or connect the appropriate lines.

**2. Remove the transport protection.**

The axial piston unit is delivered with protective covers (**1, 3**) and protective plugs (**2**). They are not pressure-resistant and have to be removed prior to connection. Use a suitable tool for this to prevent damage to the sealing and functional surfaces. If sealing or functional surfaces are damaged, contact your Bosch Rexroth service partner or the service department of the manufacturer's plant for the axial piston unit.



**Fig. 11: Removing transport protection**

- 1** Protective covers
- 2** Protective plugs/threaded plugs
- 3** For version with through drive, metallic protective cover and mounting bolts



Ports intended for connecting lines are provided with protective plugs or threaded plugs, which serve as transport protection. All ports required for functional operation must be connected (see Table 10 "Ports A4VG Series 40Series 40" on page 42). Failure to do so could lead to malfunctions or damage. If a port is not connected, it must be plugged with a threaded plug because protective plugs are not pressure-resistant.



Setting screws are protected against unauthorized resetting by means of tamper-proof caps. Removal of the tamper-proof caps will void the warranty. If you need to change the settings, please contact your local contact person, you can find the address under [www.boschrexroth.com/adresses](http://www.boschrexroth.com/adresses)

- 3. For versions with through drive, assemble the auxiliary pump according to the pump manufacturer's instructions.**

## 7.4.8 Changing the lever position of the HW control

If necessary, you can change the position of the lever by turning.

### Required tools

- Hexagon socket wrench with WAF 10 mm

### Procedure

1. Loosen and remove the mounting bolt (1) of the HW lever (2).
2. Pull the HW lever up, turn it into the desired position and push it back down.
3. Tighten the mounting bolt (1) again.  
Tightening torque  $M_A = 6.5 \text{ Nm}$ .

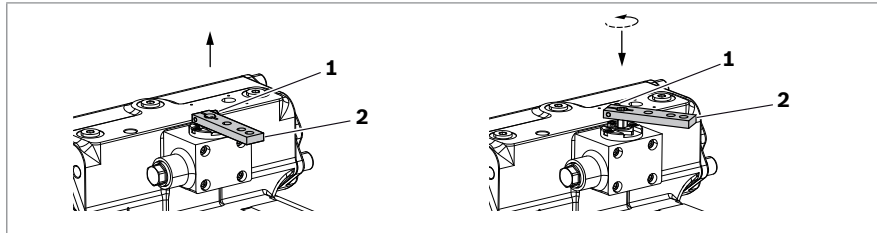


Fig. 12: Changing the lever position of the HW control

## 7.4.9 Hydraulically connecting the axial piston unit

### NOTICE

#### Insufficient suction pressure!

Generally, a minimum permissible suction pressure at port **S** is specified for axial piston pumps in all installation positions. If the pressure at port **S** drops below the specified values, damage may occur which may lead to the axial piston pump being damaged beyond repair!

- Make sure that the necessary suction pressure is not undercut. This is influenced by:
  - the piping (e.g. suction cross-section, pipe diameter, length of suction line)
  - The position of the reservoir
  - The viscosity of the hydraulic fluid
  - A filter element or check valve in the suction line, if these are fitted (regularly check the filter element's level of contamination)

The machine/system manufacturer is responsible for dimensioning the lines. The axial piston unit must be connected to the rest of the hydraulic system in accordance with the hydraulic circuit diagram of the machine/system manufacturer.

The ports and fastening threads are designed for the maximum permissible pressures  $p_{max}$ , see Table 10 "Ports A4VG Series 40Series 40" on page 42. The machine/system manufacturer must ensure that the connecting elements and lines correspond to the specified application conditions (pressure, flow, hydraulic fluid, temperature) with the necessary safety factors.



Connect only hydraulic lines that are appropriate for the axial piston unit port (pressure level, size, system of units).

## Notices on routing lines

Observe the following notices when routing the suction, pressure, and drain lines.

- Lines and hoses must be installed without pre-charge pressure, so that no further mechanical forces are applied during operation that will reduce the service life of the axial piston unit and, if applicable, the entire machine/system.
- Use suitable seals as sealing material.
- Suction line (pipe or hose)
  - The suction line should be as short and straight as possible.
  - Measure the line cross section of the suction line so that the pressure at the suction port does not drop below the minimum permissible pressure. Make sure that the maximum suction pressure is not exceeded (e.g. when pre-filling).
  - Make sure the connections and connecting elements are airtight.
  - The hose must be pressure-resistant, also regarding external air pressure.
- Pressure line
  - For the pressure lines, use only pipes, hoses and connecting elements rated for the working pressure range specified in data sheet 92004 (see Table 10).
- Drain line
  - Always route the drain lines so that the housing is constantly filled with hydraulic fluid and to ensure that no air gets through the shaft seal even during extended standstill periods.
  - Under no operating circumstances may the case pressure exceed the maximum limit values specified for the axial piston unit in the data sheet.
  - The drain line inflow in the reservoir must always be below the minimum fluid level (see chapter 7.3 “Installation position” on page 31).
- If the axial piston unit is equipped with installed screw fittings, these must not be unscrewed. Screw the stud end of the fitting directly into the installed fitting.

## Risk of confusion with threaded connections

Axial piston units are employed in application areas that use the metric measuring system as well as the Anglo-American (imperial) and the Japanese measuring system (JIS – **J**apan **I**ndustrial **S**tandard). Moreover, various kinds of seal are used. The system of units, the kind of seal and the size of female thread and stud ends (e.g. threaded plug) must all match. There is a risk of confusion due to the limited ways of visually telling them apart.



## WARNING! Leaky or bursting stud ends!

For fittings, if a stud end which is of a different measurement system, kind of seal and size with respect to the female thread is pressurized, the stud end may loosen itself or even be ejected from the hole in a projectile-like manner. This can result in serious injury and property damage. Hydraulic fluid can escape from this leakage point.

- Use the drawings (installation drawing) to determine the required stud end for each fitting.
- Make sure the right fittings, mounting bolts and threaded plugs are installed.
- For all female threads, use a stud end from the same system of units and of the correct size.

## Port overview

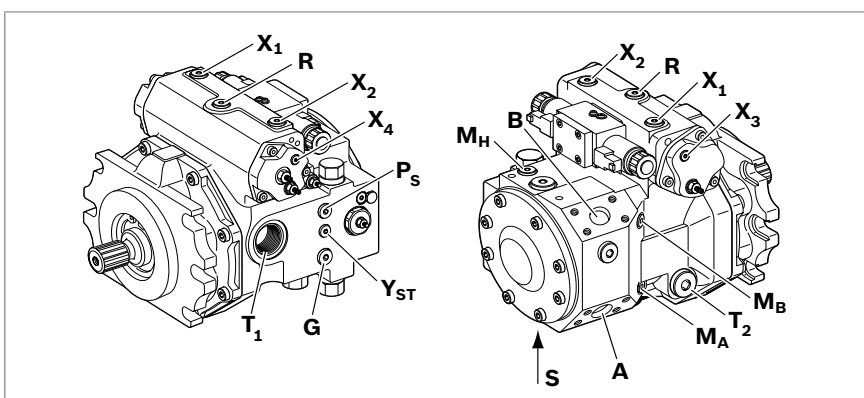


Fig. 13: Port overview A4VG Series 40, working ports A and B, on left side 45° (viewed on drive shaft)

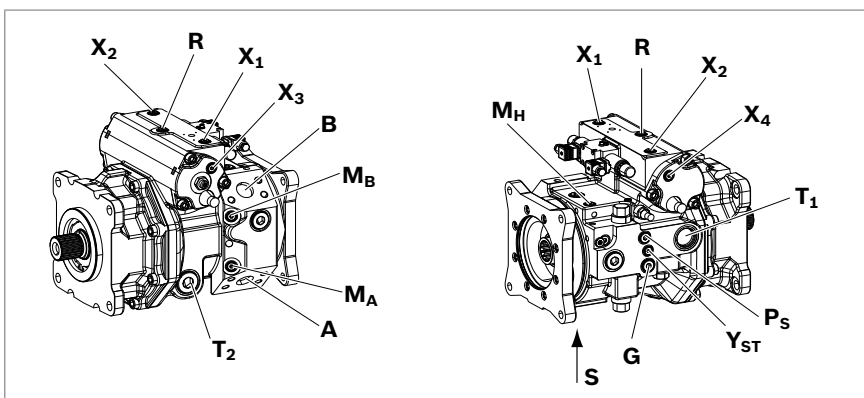


Fig. 14: Port overview A4VG Series 40, working ports A and B, on right side 45° (viewed on drive shaft)

**Table 10: Ports A4VG Series 40**

Ports <sup>1)</sup>		$p_{\max}$ [bar] <sup>2)</sup>	State <sup>5)</sup>
<b>A, B</b>	Working port	500	O
<b>S</b>	Suction port	5	O <sup>3)</sup>
<b>T<sub>1</sub></b>	Drain port	3	O <sup>4)</sup>
<b>T<sub>2</sub></b>	Drain port	3	X <sup>4)</sup>
<b>R, R<sub>1</sub></b>	Air bleed port	3	X
<b>X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub></b>	Control pressure port (upstream of orifice)	40	X
<b>X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub></b>	Control pressure port (upstream of orifice, HT only)	40	O
<b>X<sub>3</sub>, X<sub>4</sub></b> <sup>5)</sup>	Stroking chamber pressure port	40	X
<b>G</b>	Boost pressure port inlet	40	X
<b>P<sub>S</sub></b>	Pilot pressure port inlet	40	X
<b>P<sub>S</sub></b>	Pilot pressure port (DA..6 only)	40	O
<b>Y<sub>ST</sub></b>	Pilot pressure port outlet	40	X
<b>Y<sub>ST</sub></b>	Pilot pressure port outlet (DA..6 only)	40	O
<b>Y<sub>HT</sub></b>	Pilot pressure port outlet (HT only)	40	O
<b>M<sub>A</sub>, M<sub>B</sub></b>	Measuring port pressure A, B	500	X
<b>M<sub>H</sub></b>	Measuring port, high pressure	500	X
<b>Y<sub>1</sub>, Y<sub>2</sub></b>	Pilot pressure port (pilot signal HD only)	40	O
<b>Z</b>	Pilot pressure port (inch signal DA..5 only)	80	O

<sup>1)</sup> The measuring system and thread size can be taken from the installation drawing.

<sup>2)</sup> Short-term pressure peaks may occur depending on the application. Keep this in mind when selecting measuring devices and fittings.

<sup>3)</sup> Plugged for external boost pressure supply.

<sup>4)</sup> Depending on the installation position, **T<sub>1</sub>** or **T<sub>2</sub>** must be connected (see chapter 7.3 "Installation position" on page 31)

<sup>5)</sup> Optional

<sup>6)</sup> O = Must be connected (plugged when delivered)  
X = Plugged (in normal operation)

## Tightening torques

The following tightening torques apply:

- Fittings:  
Observe the manufacturer's specifications regarding the tightening torques of the used fittings.
- Female threads in the axial piston unit:  
The maximum permissible tightening torques  $M_{G_{max}}$  are maximum values of the female threads and must not be exceeded. For values, see Table 11.
- Threaded plugs:  
For the metallic threaded plugs supplied with the axial piston unit, the required tightening torques of threaded plugs  $M_V$  apply. For values, see Table 11.
- Mounting bolts:  
For mounting bolts with metric ISO thread according to DIN 13 or thread according to ASME B1.1, we recommend checking the tightening torque in individual cases in accordance with VDI 2230.

**Table 11: Tightening torques for female threads and threaded plugs**

Ports Standard	Thread size	Maximum permissible tightening torque of the female threads $M_{G \max}$	Required tightening torque of the threaded plugs $M_V$	WAF hexagon socket of the threaded plug
ISO 6149	M8 × 1	10 Nm	7 Nm	4 mm
	M10 × 1	30 Nm	15 Nm	5 mm
	M12 × 1.5	50 Nm	25 Nm	6 mm
	M14 × 1.5	80 Nm	45 Nm	6 mm
	M16 × 1.5	100 Nm	55 Nm	8 mm
	M18 × 1.5	140 Nm	70 Nm	8 mm
	M20 × 1.5	170 Nm	80 Nm	10 mm
	M22 × 1.5	210 Nm	100 Nm	10 mm
	M27 × 2	330 Nm	170 Nm	12 mm
	M30 × 2	420 Nm	215 Nm	17 mm
	M33 × 2	540 Nm	310 Nm	17 mm
	M42 × 2	720 Nm	330 Nm	22 mm
	M48 × 2	900 Nm	420 Nm	22 mm
ISO 11926	5/16-24 UNF-2B	10 Nm	7 Nm	1/8 in
	3/8-24 UNF-2B	20 Nm	10 Nm	5/32 in
	7/16-20 UNF-2B	40 Nm	18 Nm	3/16 in
	9/16-18 UNF-2B	80 Nm	35 Nm	1/4 in
	3/4-16 UNF-2B	160 Nm	70 Nm	5/16 in
	7/8-14 UNF-2B	240 Nm	110 Nm	3/8 in
	1 1/16-12 UN-2B	360 Nm	170 Nm	9/16 in
	1 5/16-12 UN-2B	540 Nm	270 Nm	5/8 in
	1 5/8-12 UN-2B	960 Nm	320 Nm	3/4 in
	1 7/8-12 UN-2B	1200 Nm	390 Nm	3/4 in

<sup>1)</sup> The tightening torques for the threaded plugs are valid for the condition “dry” and “lightly oiled”.

<sup>2)</sup> The tightening torques for the threaded plugs are valid for the condition “dry” – in the condition “lightly oiled”, the tightening torques for M10 × 1 are reduced to 10 Nm and for M12 × 1.5 to 17 Nm.

## Procedure

To connect the axial piston unit to the hydraulic system:

1. Remove the protective plugs or threaded plugs at the ports at which the connections are to be made according to the hydraulic circuit diagram.
2. Make sure that the sealing surfaces of the hydraulic ports and functional surfaces are not damaged.
3. Use only clean hydraulic lines or flush them before installation. (Observe chapter 7.5 “Performing flushing cycle” on page 45 when you flush out the entire system.)
4. Connect the lines in accordance with the installation drawing and the machine or system circuit diagram. Check whether all ports are connected or plugged with threaded plugs.
5. Tighten the fittings correctly (note tightening torques!). Mark all correctly tightened fittings, e.g. with a permanent marker.
6. Check all pipes and hose lines and every combination of connecting pieces, couplings or connecting points with hoses or pipes to ensure they are in condition for safe working.



For relationship between direction of rotation and flow direction, please refer to data sheet 92004.

## 7.4.10 Electrically connecting the axial piston unit

### NOTICE

#### Short circuit due to penetrating hydraulic fluid!

Fluid can penetrate the product and cause a short circuit.

- ▶ Do not install axial piston units with electric components (e.g. electric controls, sensors) in a reservoir below the fluid level (inside-reservoir installation).

The machine/system manufacturer is responsible for the layout of the electric control.

Electrically controlled axial piston units must be connected in accordance with the electrical circuit diagram for the machine/system.

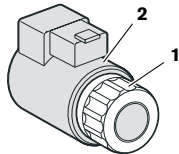
For axial piston units with electrical control and/or mounted sensors, please observe the specifications in data sheet 92004, such as:

- Permissible voltage range
- Permissible current
- Correct pin assignment
- Recommended electrical control units

Exact details on the connector, type of protection and matching mating connector can also be found in data sheet 92004. The mating connector is not included in the scope of delivery.

1. Switch off the power supply to the relevant system component.
2. Electrically connect the axial piston unit (12 or 24 V). Before connecting, check that the connector, including all seals, is intact.

#### Changing connector position



If necessary, you can change the position of the connector by turning the solenoid body. This is not dependent on the connector version.

To do this, proceed as follows:

1. Loosen the mounting nut (1) of the solenoid. To do this, turn the mounting nut (1) one turn counter-clockwise.
2. Turn the solenoid body (2) to the desired position.
3. Re-tighten the mounting nut. Tightening torque of the mounting nut: 5<sup>+1</sup> Nm.

## 7.5 Performing flushing cycle

In order to remove foreign particles from the system, Bosch Rexroth recommends a flushing cycle for the entire system before the initial commissioning. To avoid internal contamination, the axial piston unit must not be included in the flushing cycle.



The flushing cycle must be performed with an additional flushing unit. Follow the instructions of the flushing unit's manufacturer for the exact procedure during the flushing cycle.

## 8 Commissioning

### WARNING

#### **Danger while working in the danger zone of a machine/system!**

Danger to life or risk of injury or serious injury!

- ▶ Pay attention to and eliminate potential danger sources before operating the axial piston unit.
- ▶ Make sure no one is in the danger zone of the machine/system.
- ▶ The emergency stop button for the machine/system must be within the operator's reach.
- ▶ Always follow the instructions of the machine/system manufacturer during commissioning.

### CAUTION

#### **Commissioning an improperly installed product!**

Risk of injury and property damage!

- ▶ Make sure that all electrical and hydraulic ports are connected or plugged.
- ▶ Only commission a completely installed, fully functioning product with original accessories from Bosch Rexroth.

### 8.1 Initial commissioning



During all work for commissioning the axial piston unit, observe the general safety instructions and intended use detailed in chapter 2 "Safety instructions" on page 9.

- ▶ Connect the pressure gauge for the boost pressure, working pressure, case pressure and suction pressure to the specified measuring points on the axial piston unit or in the hydraulic system, to check the technical data at first operation.
- ▶ During the commissioning process, monitor the temperature of the hydraulic fluid in the reservoir to ensure that it lies within the permissible viscosity limits.

### 8.1.1 Filling the axial piston unit

Professional filling and air bleeding is necessary to prevent damage to the axial piston unit and to maintain correct function.



The axial piston unit should be filled with a filling unit (10 µm filter grade). The axial piston unit must not be operated while it is being filled by the filling unit.

Use only a hydraulic fluid that conforms to the following requirements:

You can find details of the minimum requirements on hydraulic fluids in Bosch Rexroth data sheets 90220, 90221, 90222, and 90225. The titles of the data sheets can be found in Table 1 "Required and supplementary documentation" on page 5. You can find details on the permissible and optimal viscosity in data sheet 92004.

To ensure the functional reliability of the axial piston unit, cleanliness level 20/18/15 according to at least ISO 4406 is necessary for the hydraulic fluid. At very high hydraulic fluid temperatures (maximum +110 °C, measured at port **T**), a cleanliness level of at least 19/17/14 according to ISO 4406 is necessary. For permissible temperatures, see data sheet 92004.

1. Place a drip tray under the axial piston unit to collect any hydraulic fluid that may leak.

**NOTICE!** Contaminated hydraulic fluid!

The cleanliness levels of hydraulic fluids on delivery do not normally conform to the requirements for our components.

- Use a suitable filter system to filter hydraulic fluids during filling to minimize solid impurities and water in the hydraulic system.

2. Fill and air bleed the axial piston unit via the appropriate ports, see chapter 7.3 "Installation position" on page 31. The hydraulic lines of the system must also be filled.

**NOTICE!** Risk of property damage due to inadequate lubrication!

Product can get damaged or destroyed!

- When using a shut-off valve in the suction and/or drain line, make sure that the drive of the axial piston unit can only be started when the shut-off valves are open.
3. When using a shut-off valve in the suction and/or drain line, only operate the axial piston unit when the shut-off valves are open.
  4. Test the direction of rotation of the drive motor. To do this, rotate the drive motor briefly at the lowest rotational speed (inching). Make sure that the direction of rotation of the axial piston unit agrees with the details of the name plate, see chapter 5.4 "Product identification", Fig. 4: Name plate A4VG on page 24.
  5. Operate the axial piston pump at a lower rotational speed (starter speed for internal combustion engines or inching operation for electric motors) until the hydraulic system is completely filled and air bled. For checking purposes, drain the hydraulic fluid at the drain port and wait until it drains without bubbles.

### 8.1.2 Testing the hydraulic fluid supply

The axial piston unit must always have a sufficient supply of hydraulic fluid. For this reason, the supply of hydraulic fluid must be ensured at the start of the commissioning process.

When you test the hydraulic fluid supply, constantly monitor the noise development and check the hydraulic fluid level in the reservoir. If the axial piston unit becomes louder (cavitation) or the drain fluid is discharged with bubbles, this is an indication that the axial piston unit is not being sufficiently supplied with hydraulic fluid.

For information on troubleshooting, see chapter 14 “Troubleshooting” on page 58.

To test the hydraulic fluid supply:

1. Allow the drive motor to run at the lowest rotational speed. The axial piston unit must be operated without load. Pay attention to leaks and noises.
2. Check the axial piston unit's drain line during the test. The drain fluid should be without bubbles.
3. Increase the load and check whether the working pressure rises as expected.
4. Perform a leak test to ensure that the hydraulic system is sealed and can withstand the maximum pressure.
5. Check the suction pressure at port **S** of the axial piston pump at nominal speed and maximum swivel angle. Refer to data sheet 92004 for the permissible value.
6. At maximum working pressure, check the case drain pressure at port **T<sub>1</sub>** or **T<sub>2</sub>**. Refer to data sheet 92004 for the permissible value.

### 8.1.3 Performing a functional test



## WARNING

#### Improperly connected axial piston unit!

Mixing up the ports will cause malfunctions (e.g. lift instead of lower) and could endanger persons and equipment!

- Before the functional test, check whether the piping specified in the hydraulic circuit diagram has been installed.

Once you have tested the hydraulic fluid supply, you must perform a functional test on the machine/system. The functional test should be performed according to the instructions of the machine/system manufacturer.

The axial piston unit is tested for functional capability and performance before delivery according to the technical data. During commissioning, it must be ensured that the axial piston unit was installed properly in the machine/system.

- After starting the drive motor, check in particular the specified pressures, e.g. working pressure, boost pressure, and case pressure.
- Perform a leak test without and with load prior to normal operation.
- If necessary, disconnect the pressure gauge and plug the ports with the specified threaded plugs.



## 8.2 Running-in phase

### **NOTICE**

#### **Property damage by insufficient viscosity!**

An increased hydraulic fluid temperature may reduce the viscosity values by too much and damage the product!

- ▶ Monitor the operating temperature during the running-in phase, e.g. by measuring the leakage temperature.
- ▶ Reduce the loading (pressure, rotational speed) of the axial piston unit if impermissible operating temperatures and/or viscosities occur.
- ▶ Operating temperatures that are too high indicate faults that have to be analyzed and eliminated.

The bearings and sliding surfaces are subject to a running-in phase. The increased friction at the start of the running-in phase results in increased heat development which decreases with increasing operating hours. The volumetric and mechanical-hydraulic efficiency increases as well until the conclusion of the running-in phase of approx. 10 operating hours.

To ensure that contamination in the hydraulic system does not damage the axial piston unit, Bosch Rexroth recommends the following procedure after the running-in phase:

- ▶ After the running-in phase, have a hydraulic fluid sample analyzed for the required cleanliness level.
- ▶ Change the hydraulic fluid if the required cleanliness level is not reached. If a laboratory test is not carried out after the running-in phase, it is recommended to change the hydraulic fluid.

## 8.3 Recommissioning after a standstill

Depending on the installation conditions and ambient conditions, changes may occur in the hydraulic system which make recommissioning necessary.

Among others, the following criteria may make recommissioning necessary:

- Air and/or water in the hydraulic system
  - Old hydraulic fluid
  - Other contamination
- ▶ For recommissioning, proceed as described in chapter 8.1 "Initial commissioning" on page 46.

## 9 Operation

The product is a component which requires no settings or changes during operation. For this reason, this chapter of the manual does not contain any information on adjustment options. Use the product only within the performance range specified in the technical data. The machine/system manufacturer is responsible for the proper project planning of the hydraulic system and its control.

## 10 Maintenance and repair

### **NOTICE**

#### **Inspection and maintenance work overdue!**

Risk of property damage!

- ▶ Perform the specified inspection and maintenance work at the intervals described in this manual.

### **10.1 Cleaning and care**

### **NOTICE**

#### **Damage to seals and electrical system due to mechanical influences!**

The jet of a high-pressure cleaner may damage the seals and electrical system of the axial piston unit!

- ▶ Do not point the high-pressure cleaner on sensitive components, for example, shaft seal, electrical connections and components.

For cleaning and care of the axial piston unit, observe the following:

- ▶ Check whether all seals and plug-in connections are securely seated to ensure that no moisture can penetrate into the axial piston unit during cleaning.
- ▶ Use only water and, if necessary, a mild cleaning agent to clean the axial piston unit. Never use solvents or corrosive cleaning agents.
- ▶ Remove major external contamination and keep sensitive and important components, such as solenoids, valves, displays and sensors, clean.

## 10.2 Inspection

In order for the axial piston unit to be reliable and long-lasting, Bosch Rexroth recommends testing the hydraulic system and axial piston unit on a regular basis, and documenting and archiving the following operating conditions:

**Table 12: Inspection schedule**

Task to be performed		Interval
Hydraulic system	Check level of hydraulic fluid in the reservoir.	Daily
	Check the operating temperature under comparable load condition at the drain port and in the reservoir.	Weekly
	Conduct analysis of hydraulic fluid: Viscosity, aging and contamination	Yearly or every 2000 operating hours (whichever occurs first)
Axial piston unit	Check axial piston unit for leakage. Early detection of hydraulic fluid loss can help to find faults on the machine/system and rectify them. For this reason, Bosch Rexroth recommends that the axial piston unit and system are always kept in a clean condition.	Daily
	Check axial piston unit for unusual noise development.	Daily
	Check fastening elements for tight seating. All fasteners have to be checked when the hydraulic system is switched off, depressurized and cooled down.	Monthly
	Change the filter element in optionally mounted filters. The replacement interval may vary depending on the degree of contamination of the hydraulic fluid. We recommend using a contamination indicator.	Half-yearly or every 500 operating hours (whichever occurs first)

## 10.3 Maintenance

The axial piston unit is low-maintenance when used as intended.

The service life of the axial piston unit is heavily dependent on the quality of the hydraulic fluid. For this reason, we recommend changing the hydraulic fluid at least once per year or every 2000 operating hours (whichever occurs first) or having it analyzed by the hydraulic fluid manufacturer or a laboratory to determine its suitability for further use.

The service life of the axial piston unit is limited by the service life of the built-in bearings. On the basis of the load cycle, you can ask your local contact person about the service life, you can find the address under

[www.boschrexroth.com/addresses](http://www.boschrexroth.com/addresses)

Based on these details, a maintenance interval is to be determined by the system manufacturer for the replacement of the bearings and included in the maintenance schedule of the hydraulic system.

### 10.3.1 Changing the filter element

The following describes how to change the filter element in versions with an attachment filter.

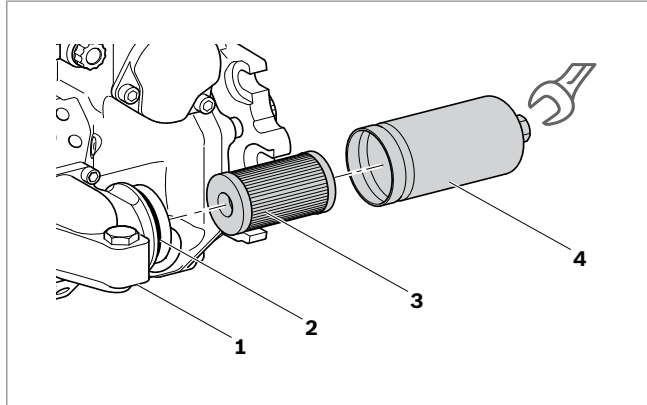


Fig. 15: Changing the filter element of an attachment filter

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|---------------|------------------|
| 1 Filter head | 3 Filter element |
| 2 O-ring      | 4 Filter housing |

#### Procedure

To replace the filter element and the filter housing seal:

1. Loosen and remove the filter housing (4) from the filter head (1) by turning counterclockwise (external hexagon WAF: 24 mm).
2. Withdraw the used filter element (3) from the filter housing (4).
3. Check the filter head (1) and filter housing (4) for damage, wear and contamination.
4. Insert the new filter element (3) into the filter housing (4).
5. Check the O-ring (2) and O-ring groove for damage, wear and contamination.
6. If required, replace the O-ring (2). Lightly grease the O-ring (2).
7. Screw the filter housing (4) onto the filter head (1).
8. Tighten the filter housing (4) with 45 Nm.

### 10.4 Repair

Bosch Rexroth offers a comprehensive range of services for the repair of Rexroth axial piston units.

Repairs on the axial piston unit and its assembled parts may only be performed by service centers certified by Bosch Rexroth.

- Use exclusively original spare parts from Rexroth to repair the Rexroth axial piston units, otherwise the functional reliability of the axial piston unit cannot be assured and the warranty is void.

In the event of questions regarding repairs, contact your responsible Bosch Rexroth service partner or the service department of the manufacturer's plant for the axial piston unit, see chapter 10.5 "Spare parts" on page 54.

## 10.5 Spare parts



### CAUTION

#### Use of unsuitable spare parts!

Spare parts which do not comply with the technical requirements as laid down by Bosch Rexroth can cause injury and property damage!

- Use exclusively original spare parts from Rexroth to repair the Rexroth axial piston units, otherwise the functional reliability of the axial piston unit cannot be assured and the warranty is void.

The spare parts lists for axial piston units are order-specific. When ordering spare parts, quote the material and serial number of the axial piston unit as well as the material numbers of the spare parts.

Address all questions regarding spare parts to your responsible Bosch Rexroth Service partner or the service department of the manufacturer's plant for the axial piston unit.

Bosch Rexroth AG  
Glockeraustrasse 4  
89275 Elchingen, Germany  
Hotline: +49 9352 405060  
spares.elchingen@boschrexroth.de

Spare parts can be found online at [www.boschrexroth.com/eshop](http://www.boschrexroth.com/eshop)

For general inquiries, please contact your local contact person, you can find the address under

[www.boschrexroth.com/adresses](http://www.boschrexroth.com/adresses)

## 11 Removal and replacement

### 11.1 Required tools

Removal can be performed using standard tools. No special tools are necessary.

### 11.2 Preparing for removal

1. Decommission the entire system as described in the instruction manual for the machine or system.
  - Relieve pressure in the hydraulic system according to the instructions of the machine or system manufacturer.
  - Make sure that the relevant system components are not under pressure or voltage.
2. Secure the complete system against being re-energized.

### 11.3 Performing removal

Proceed as follows to remove the axial piston unit:

1. Make sure you have the appropriate tools and wear personal protective equipment.
2. Allow the axial piston unit to cool down until it can be removed without danger.
3. For below-reservoir installation, before removing the axial piston unit from the complete system, seal the connection to the reservoir or drain the reservoir.
4. Place a drip tray under the axial piston unit to collect any hydraulic fluid that may leak.
5. Loosen the lines and collect the escaping hydraulic fluid in the drip tray.
6. Remove the axial piston unit. Use a suitable lifting device.
7. Completely drain the axial piston unit of hydraulic fluid.
8. Plug all openings.

### 11.4 Preparing the components for storage or further use

- Proceed as described in chapter 6.2 “Storing the axial piston unit” on page 27.

## 12 Disposal

Careless disposal of the axial piston unit, the hydraulic fluid and the packaging material can result in environmental pollution.

Observe the following points when disposing of the axial piston unit:

1. Completely drain the axial piston unit of hydraulic fluid.
2. Dispose of the axial piston unit and packaging material in accordance with the national regulations in your country.
3. Dispose of the hydraulic fluid according to the national regulations in your country. Also observe the applicable safety data sheet for the hydraulic fluid.
4. Disassemble the axial piston unit into its individual parts and properly recycle these parts.
5. For example, separate the parts into:
  - Castings
  - Steel
  - Aluminum
  - Non-ferrous metal
  - Electronic waste
  - Plastic
  - Seals



## 13 Extension and conversion

Do not modify the axial piston unit or its assembled parts.  
Changes to settings on the customer side should only be made using the product-specific setting instructions.



The warranty from Bosch Rexroth only applies to the product configuration as delivered. The warranty is void if the unit is modified or extended.



Setting screws are protected against unauthorized resetting by means of tamper-proof caps. Removal of the tamper-proof caps will void the warranty. If you need to change the settings, please contact your local contact person, you can find the address under [www.boschrexroth.com/adresses](http://www.boschrexroth.com/adresses)

## 14 Troubleshooting

Table 13 may help you with troubleshooting. This table does not cover everything. Issues may occur in practice that are not listed here.

Only authorized personnel may perform troubleshooting inside a safety area designated by the machine manufacturer.

### 14.1 How to proceed with troubleshooting

- ▶ Perform troubleshooting if possible with reduced operating data (e.g. slowly swinging in or out and slow pressure increase).
- ▶ Proceed in a systematic and purposeful manner, even when pressed for time. Random and imprudent removal and changing of settings could result in the inability to ascertain the original cause of the fault.
- ▶ First obtain a general overview of how your product works in conjunction with the entire system.
- ▶ Try to find out whether or not the product was working properly in conjunction with the entire system before the fault occurred.
- ▶ Try to determine any changes to the entire system in which the product is installed:
  - Were there any changes to the product's application conditions or operating range?
  - Has maintenance work recently been carried out? Is there an inspection or maintenance log?
  - Have any changes (e.g. upgrades) or repairs been made to the overall system (machine/system, electrics, control) or to the product? If yes, which?
  - Has the hydraulic fluid been changed?
  - Has the product or machine been used as intended?
  - How did the malfunction appear?
- ▶ Try to get a clear idea of the cause of the fault. Directly ask the (machine) operator.
- ▶ Document the work carried out.
- ▶ If you cannot rectify the fault, contact one of the contact addresses which can be found at:  
[www.boschrexroth.com/addresses](http://www.boschrexroth.com/addresses).

## 14.2 Malfunction table

Table 13: Axial piston unit malfunction table

Malfunction	Possible cause	Remedy
Unusual noises	Insufficient air bleeding of the hydraulic system	Fill the axial piston unit, suction line for the hydraulic pump and the reservoir
		Completely air bleed the axial piston unit and hydraulic system
		Check correct installation position
	Insufficient suction conditions, e.g. insufficient dimensioning of the suction line, viscosity of the hydraulic fluid too high, suction height too high, suction pressure too low, contaminants in the suction line, suction filter too small or blocked, etc.	Machine/system manufacturer: Check the system, e.g. optimize inlet conditions, use suitable hydraulic fluid
		Fill the suction line with hydraulic fluid
		Remove foreign particles from the suction line
		Check the filter system and change the filter as necessary
	Drive speed too high	Machine/system manufacturer: reduce drive speed
	Wrong direction of rotation	Machine/system manufacturer: check correct direction of rotation, see chapter 7.4.1 "Preparation" on page 34
	Improper mounting of the axial piston unit	Check the mounting of the axial piston unit according to the specifications of the machine/system manufacturer (observe tightening torques)
	Improper mounting of assembled parts, hydraulic lines or improper installation of the coupling	Mount assembled parts according to the information provided by the coupling or fitting manufacturer
	Oscillate pressure limitation and pressure control valves of the axial piston unit (boost-pressure relief valve, high-pressure relief valve, pressure cut-off)	Air bleed the axial piston unit and hydraulic system Contact Bosch Rexroth Service: Optimize the setting of the pressure limitation and pressure control valves
	Mechanical damage to the axial piston unit (e.g. bearing damage)	Replace axial piston unit
		Contact Bosch Rexroth Service
Increased, unusual vibration	Bearings worn	Contact Bosch Rexroth Service

**Table 13: Axial piston unit malfunction table**

Malfunction	Possible cause	Remedy
No or insufficient flow	Insufficient air bleeding of the hydraulic system	Fill the axial piston unit, suction line for the hydraulic pump and the reservoir
		Completely air bleed the axial piston unit and hydraulic system
	Faulty mechanical drive (e.g. defective coupling)	Contact machine/system manufacturer
	Drive speed too low	Contact machine/system manufacturer
	Insufficient suction conditions, e.g. insufficient dimensioning of the suction line, viscosity of the hydraulic fluid too high, suction height too high, suction pressure too low, contaminants in the suction line, suction filter too small or blocked, etc.	Machine/system manufacturer: Check the system, e.g. optimize inlet conditions, use suitable hydraulic fluid
		Fill the suction line with hydraulic fluid
		Remove foreign particles from the suction line
		Check the filter system and change the filter as necessary
	Hydraulic fluid not in optimum viscosity range	Machine/system manufacturer: check temperature range and use suitable hydraulic fluid
	Insufficient boost pressure	Check boost pressure
		Contact Bosch Rexroth Service
	Insufficient pilot pressure or control pressure	Check pilot pressure or control pressure
		Contact Bosch Rexroth Service
	Malfunction of the control device or controller of the axial piston unit	Contact Bosch Rexroth Service
	Control of the control device defective	Check control (contact machine/system manufacturer or Bosch Rexroth Service)
	Wear or mechanical damage to the axial piston unit	Replace axial piston unit
		Contact Bosch Rexroth Service

**Table 13: Axial piston unit malfunction table**

Malfunction	Possible cause	Remedy
No or insufficient pressure	Insufficient air bleeding of the hydraulic system	Fill the axial piston unit, suction line for the hydraulic pump and the reservoir
		Completely air bleed the axial piston unit and hydraulic system
		Check correct installation position
	Faulty mechanical drive (e.g. defective coupling)	Contact machine/system manufacturer
	Drive power too low	Contact machine/system manufacturer
	Insufficient suction conditions, e.g. insufficient dimensioning of the suction line, viscosity of the hydraulic fluid too high, suction height too high, suction pressure too low, contaminants in the suction line, suction filter too small or blocked, etc.	Machine/system manufacturer: Check the system, e.g. optimize inlet conditions, use suitable hydraulic fluid
		Fill the suction line with hydraulic fluid
		Remove foreign particles from the suction line
		Check the filter system and change the filter as necessary
	Hydraulic fluid not in optimum viscosity range	Machine/system manufacturer: check temperature range and use suitable hydraulic fluid
	Insufficient boost pressure	Check boost pressure
		Contact Bosch Rexroth Service
	Insufficient pilot pressure or control pressure	Check pilot pressure or control pressure
		Contact Bosch Rexroth Service
	Malfunction of the control device or controller of the axial piston unit	Contact Bosch Rexroth Service
	Control of the control device defective	Check control (contact machine/system manufacturer or Bosch Rexroth Service)
	Wear or mechanical damage to the axial piston unit	Replace axial piston unit
		Contact Bosch Rexroth Service
	Output unit defective (e.g. hydraulic motor or cylinder)	Contact machine/system manufacturer

**Table 13: Axial piston unit malfunction table**

Malfunction	Possible cause	Remedy
Pressure/flow fluctuations/ instabilities	Insufficient air bleeding of the hydraulic system	Fill the axial piston unit, suction line for the hydraulic pump and the reservoir
		Completely air bleed the axial piston unit and hydraulic system
		Check correct installation position
	Insufficient suction conditions, e.g. insufficient dimensioning of the suction line, viscosity of the hydraulic fluid too high, suction height too high, suction pressure too low, contaminants in the suction line, suction filter too small or blocked, etc.	Machine/system manufacturer: Check the system, e.g. optimize inlet conditions, use suitable hydraulic fluid
		Fill the suction line with hydraulic fluid
		Remove foreign particles from the suction line
	Oscillate pressure limitation and pressure control valves of the axial piston unit (boost-pressure relief valve, high-pressure relief valve, pressure cut-off)	Check the filter system and change the filter as necessary
		Air bleed the axial piston unit and hydraulic system
	Unstable control signal	Contact Bosch Rexroth Service
	Malfunction in the control devices or the controller	Contact machine/system manufacturer or Bosch Rexroth Service
Excessive temperature of hydraulic fluid and housing	Excessive inlet temperature at the axial piston unit	Contact Bosch Rexroth Service
	Wrong setting or malfunction in the pressure relief and pressure control valves (e.g. high-pressure relief valve, pressure cut-off, pressure controller)	Machine/system manufacturer: inspect system, e.g. malfunction in the cooler, insufficient hydraulic fluid in the reservoir
		Optimize the adjustment of the pressure limitation and pressure control valves of the axial piston unit and the pressure limitation in the hydraulic system
		Contact Bosch Rexroth Service
	Flushing flow of the flushing valve too low	Contact machine/system manufacturer
	Axial piston unit worn	Contact Bosch Rexroth Service

## 15 Technical data

The permissible values of the technical data of your axial piston unit can be found in the data sheet 92004.

The data sheet can be found on the Internet at  
[www.boschrexroth.com/mediadirectory](http://www.boschrexroth.com/mediadirectory)

Additional information can be found in the online product catalog  
Mobile Hydraulics: [www.boschrexroth.com/axial-piston-pumps](http://www.boschrexroth.com/axial-piston-pumps)

Order-related technical data for your axial piston unit can be found in the order confirmation.

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