

# Installation, Operating & Maintenance Instructions

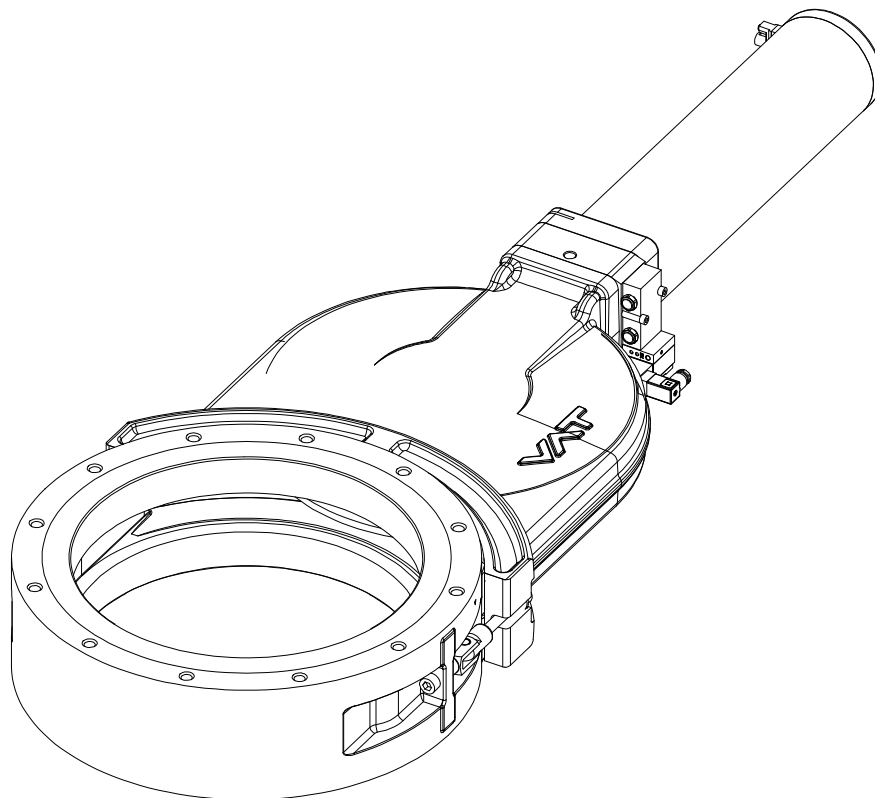
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## Vacuum gate valve with double acting pneumatic actuator

**Series 121**  
**DN 63 – 320 mm (I. D. 2½" – 12")**

This manual is valid for the following product ordering numbers:  
**121 .. - .... - ....**



Sample picture

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# 1 Description of product

## 1.1 Identification of product

The fabrication number and order number are fixed on the product directly or by means of an identification plate.



← Fabrication number  
← Order number

## 1.2 Use of product

Use product for clean and dry vacuum applications only. Other applications are only allowed with the written permission of VAT.

## 1.3 Related documents

- Product data sheet
- Dimensional drawing

## 1.4 Important information



This symbol points to a very important statement that requires particular attention.

### Example:



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## 1.5 Technical data

See product data sheet and dimensional drawing.

## 2 Safety

### 2.1 Compulsory reading material


Read this chapter prior to performing any work with or on the product. It contains important information that is significant for your own personal safety. This chapter must have been read and understood by all persons who perform any kind of work with or on the product during any stage of its serviceable life.


|   |  |
|---|--|
|  | NOTICE   |
|   | <p><b>Lack of knowledge</b><br/>Failing to read this manual may result in property damage.<br/>Firstly, read manual.</p> |





These Installation, Operating & Maintenance Instructions are an integral part of a comprehensive documentation belonging to a complete technical system. They must be stored together with the other documentation and accessible for anybody who is authorized to work with the system at any time.

### 2.2 Danger levels

|   |  |
|---|--|
|  | ⚠ DANGER   |
|   | <p><b>High risk</b><br/>Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.</p> |

|   |   |
|---|---|
|  | ⚠ WARNING   |
|   | <p><b>Medium risk</b><br/>Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.</p> |

|   |   |
|---|---|
|  | ⚠ CAUTION   |
|   | <p><b>Low risk</b><br/>Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.</p> |

|   |   |
|---|---|
|  | NOTICE  |
|   | <p><b>Command</b><br/>Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in property damage.</p> |

### 2.3 Personnel qualifications

|  |   |
|--|---|
|  | <b>WARNING</b>  |
|  | <p><b>Unqualified personnel</b><br/>                 Inappropriate handling may cause serious injury or property damage.<br/>                 Only qualified personnel are allowed to carry out the described work.</p> |

### 2.4 Safety labels

| Label | Part No.                  | Location on valve |
|-------|---------------------------|-------------------|
|       | T-9001-155 (DN 63 – 100)  | Protective cover  |
|       | T-9001-156 (DN 160 – 320) | Protective cover  |
|       | N-6289-351                | On the actuator   |

Table 2-1

### 3 Design and Function

#### 3.1 Design

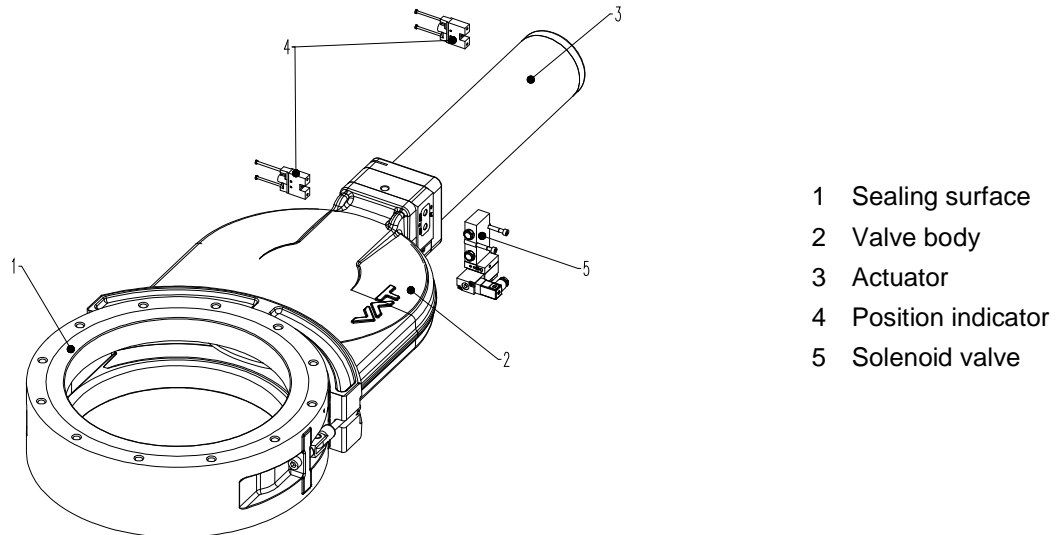


Figure 3-1

#### 3.2 Function

The valve features the VATLOCK sealing technology. This means, the valve is mechanically locked in the closed position. In the open position, the mechanism is not locked. Leaf springs hold gate and counter plate against the carriage with the ball retainers. The ball pairs are in the detents. For closing, the mechanism is moved forward into the closing position. The locking starts after the leaf spring stop touches the body. The ball retainers move the ball pairs out of the detents. Gate and counter plate are spread apart. The gate seal is pressed against the sealing surface without scuffing. The arrangement of the ball pairs ensures an increase of the sealing force with vacuum on either side of the gate. During opening the movements proceed in the reverse order; see «Figure 3-2».

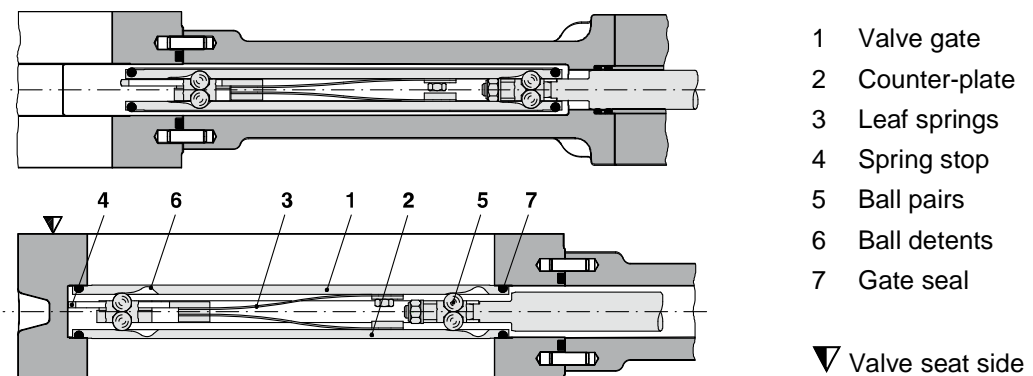


Figure 3-2

## 4 Installation

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|  | ⚠ WARNING   |
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|  |   |
|--|---|
|  | ⚠ WARNING   |
|  | <p><b>Heavy weight</b><br/>                 Physical overstraining.<br/>                 Use a crane to lift the product.</p> |

### 4.1 Unpacking



- Make sure that the supplied products are in accordance with your order.
- Inspect the quality of the supplied products visually. If it does not meet your requirements, please contact VAT immediately.
- Store the original packaging material. It may be useful if products must be returned to VAT.



The valve can be lifted only at the eyebolt threads; see dimensional drawing.






### 4.2 Installation into the system

|  |  |
|--|--|
|  | ⚠ WARNING  |
|  | <p><b>Movable parts</b><br/>                 Human body parts may get jammed and severely injured.<br/>                 Do not connect or supply electrical power and compressed air before the product is completely mounted in the system.</p> |

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|  | NOTICE  |
|  | <p><b>Contamination</b><br/>                 Product may get contaminated.<br/>                 Always wear cleanroom gloves when handling the product.</p> |



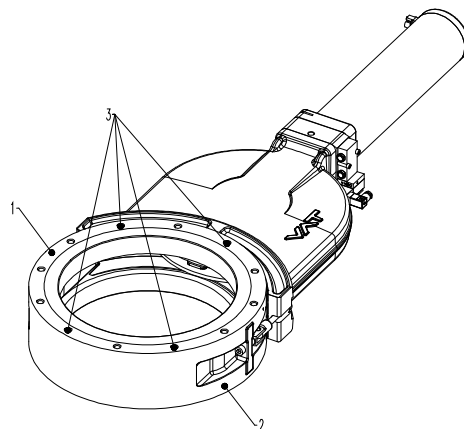
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|  | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>NOTICE</b></p> <p><b>Inappropriate tools</b><br/>Sealing surfaces may get damaged.<br/>Do not use sharp-edged tools.</p>                                    |
|  | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>NOTICE</b></p> <p><b>Wrong tightening torque</b><br/>Valve body and screws may get damaged.<br/>Use tightening torque according the size of the screws.</p> |
|  | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>NOTICE</b></p> <p><b>Too long screws</b><br/>Valve body may get deformed and / or malfunctions may occur.<br/>Use only screws recommended by VAT.</p>       |

1. Remove protective covers from body flanges.
2. Clean sealing surfaces and seals of both flanges;  
see (1) and (2) according to «Figure 4-1».



The valve seat side is marked with the symbol «∇» on flange «A».

3. Lift the valve to the mounting position. For the size DN 320 (12150- . .14 / 24 / 34 / 44)  
use only the eyebolts threads; see dimensional drawing.
4. Mount the four screws (3) according to «Figure 4-1», evenly in crosswise order until the  
seal touches the sealing surface.
5. Tighten all screws with the torques appropriate for their property classes.



- 1 Flange A
- 2 Flange B
- 3 Screws

Figure 4-1

**4.2.1 Admissible forces and bending moments**



Forces from evacuating the system, from the weight of other components or from baking can lead to deformation of the valve body and to malfunction of the valve. The stress has to be relieved by suitable means; e.g. bellows sections.

The following forces or bending moments are admissible:

| DN (nom. I. D.) |      | Axial tensile or compressive force «FA» |     | Bending moment «M» |          |
|-----------------|------|---|-----|--------------------|----------|
| mm              | inch | N                                       | lbf | Nm                 | lbf · ft |
| 63              | 2½   | 980                                     | 220 | 39                 | 29       |
| 80              | 3    | 1025                                    | 230 | 43                 | 32       |
| 100             | 4    | 1080                                    | 242 | 49                 | 36       |
| 160             | 6    | 3000                                    | 674 | 150                | 110      |
| 200             | 8    | 3000                                    | 674 | 150                | 110      |
| 250             | 10   | 3500                                    | 787 | 200                | 148      |
| 320             | 12   | 4000                                    | 900 | 300                | 220      |

If a combination of both forces («FA» and «M») occurs, the values mentioned above are invalid. Please contact VAT for more information.

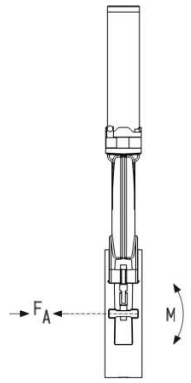



Table 4-1

### 4.3 Compressed air connection

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|  | <b>⚠ WARNING</b>   |
|   | <p><b>Valve in open position</b></p> <p>Risk of injury when compressed air is connected to the valve.</p> <p>Connect compressed air only when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– valve is installed in the vacuum system</li> <li>– moving parts cannot be touched</li> </ul> |



Use clean, dry or slightly oiled air only.



Admissible air pressure range, see product data sheet.

1. Connect compressed air according to the product data sheet and dimensional drawing.

### 4.4 Electrical connection

|   |  |
|---|--|
|  | <b>⚠ DANGER</b>  |
|   | <p><b>Electric shock</b></p> <p>Parts being under voltage will result in serious injury or death.</p> <p>Do not touch parts being under voltage.</p> |






#### NOTICE

**Wrong voltage**

Electrical components may get damaged.  
Supply electrical components with the correct voltage.

1. Connect solenoid valve according to the product data sheet and dimensional drawing.
2. Connect position indicator according to the product data sheet and dimensional drawing.
3. Connect heater (option) according to the product data sheet and dimensional drawing.

## 5 Operation

|   |   |
|---|---|
|  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>⚠ WARNING</b></p> <p><b>Unqualified personnel</b><br/>Inappropriate handling may cause serious injury or property damage.<br/>Only qualified personnel are allowed to carry out the described work.</p> |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>⚠ WARNING</b></p> <p><b>Movable parts</b><br/>Human body parts may get jammed and severely injured.<br/>Do not operate before product is installed completely into the vacuum system.</p>               |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>⚠ WARNING</b></p> <p><b>Hot surfaces</b><br/>Risk of burning when touching hot surfaces.<br/>Do not touch hot surfaces.</p>   |

### 5.1 Normal operation

Valve is opened and closed pneumatically.

### 5.2 Operation under increased temperature

Maximum allowed temperature, see product data sheet.


### 5.3 Behavior in case of compressed air pressure drop

See product data sheet.

### 5.4 Behavior in case of power failure

See product data sheet.

### 5.4.1 Manual emergency operation

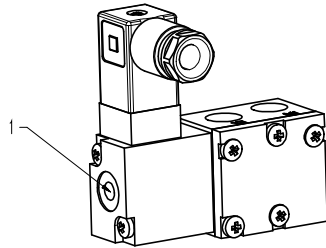
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|  | <b>! WARNING</b>   |
|   | <p><b>Movable parts</b><br/>Human body parts may get jammed and severely injured.<br/>Keep human body parts away from movable parts.</p> |



Only valid for the ordering number 121...**34/44** (with solenoid valve)

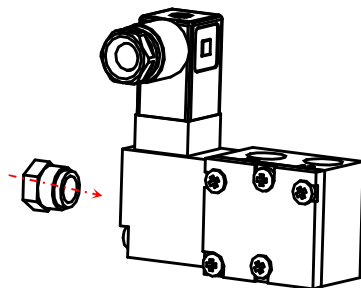
In case of a power failure, the valve can be actuated manually if compressed air is available.

#### Standard solenoid valve

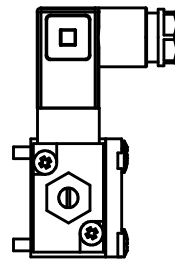
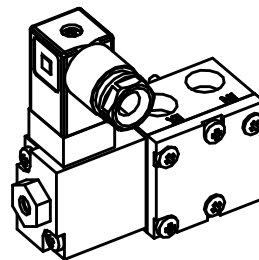


Press push-button (1): valve opens  
Release push-button (1): valve closes

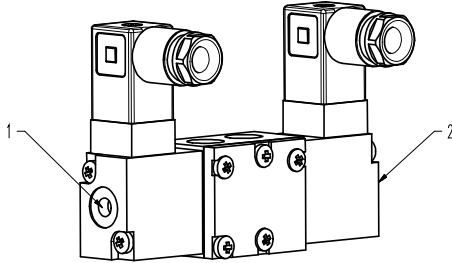
#### Solenoid valve with lockable emergency operation (option)



Push and rotate in lockable: valve opens  
Push and rotate unlockable: valve closes



**Solenoid valve for impulse actuation (option)**



Press push-button (1): valve opens  
 Press push -button (2): valve closes


**5.5 Trouble shooting**

| Failure                     | Check                                      | Action   | See  |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Valve does not close / open | Air pressure                               | Connect compressed air                                   | «4.3 Compressed air connection»                |
|                             | Operating pressure                         | Adjust operating pressure                                | Product data sheet                             |
|                             | Voltage at solenoid valve                  | Connect voltage  | «4.4 Electrical connection»                    |
| Leak at gate                | Gate seal all right?                       | Replace valve gate                                       | «6.4 Replacement of gate seal and bonnet seal» |
|                             | Gate damaged or contaminated?              | Replace valve gate                                       | «6.4 Replacement of gate seal and bonnet seal» |
|                             | Operating pressure                         | Adjust operating pressure                                | Product data sheet                             |
| Leak at body                | Bonnet seal and sealing surface all right? | Clean sealing surface, if necessary, replace bonnet seal | «6.4 Replacement of gate seal and bonnet seal» |

Table 5-1

If you need any further information, please contact one of our service centers. You will find the addresses on our website [www.vatvalve.com](http://www.vatvalve.com).

## 6 Maintenance

|   |   |
|---|---|
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|    | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>⚠ WARNING</b></p> <p><b>Heavy weight</b><br/>Physical overstraining.<br/>Use a crane to lift the valve insert.</p>  |
|    | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>⚠ WARNING</b></p> <p><b>Hazardous components</b><br/>Human body parts may get jammed and severely injured.<br/>Before starting maintenance:<br/>– disconnect compressed air supply<br/>– disconnect electrical power supply</p> |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>⚠ WARNING</b></p> <p><b>Movable parts</b><br/>Human body parts may get jammed and severely injured.<br/>Keep human body parts away from movable parts.</p>  |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>⚠ WARNING</b></p> <p><b>Hot surfaces</b><br/>Risk of burning when touching hot surfaces.<br/>Touch hot surfaces only if the valve has cooled down.</p>  |

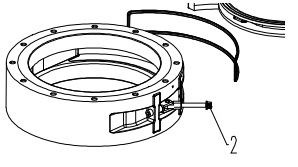
### 6.1 Maintenance intervals

Under clean operating conditions the valve does not require any maintenance during the specified cycles; see product data sheet. After these cycles, VAT recommends replacing the mechanism unit; see chapter «6.4 Replacement of gate seal and bonnet seal».

For more information or a general overhaul please contact one of our service centers. You will find the addresses on our website [www.vatvalve.com](http://www.vatvalve.com).

## 6.2 Tightening torque specifications

| Item-No. | Description  | Tightening torque [Nm] |            |
|----------|--------------|------------------------|------------|
|          |              | DN 160–200             | DN 250–320 |
| 2        | Bonnet screw | 14                     | 20         |



| Item-No. | Description  | Tightening torque [Nm] |  |
|----------|--------------|------------------------|--|
|          |              | DN 63–100              |  |
| 2        | Bonnet screw | 3.5                    |  |

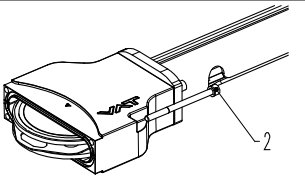


Table 6-1

## 6.3 Required tools

- Torque wrench according «Table 6-1»
- Cleanroom wiper soaked with alcohol (2% methyl ethyl ketone)
- O-Ring removal tool; see «Table 11-1» on page 27

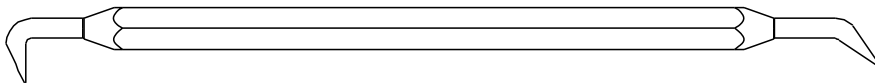





Figure 6-1

## 6.4 Replacement of gate seal and bonnet seal

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|---|---|
|  | <b>WARNING</b>  |
|   | <p><b>Loaded spring steel sheet</b></p> <p>Human body parts may get jammed and severely injured.<br/>Do not put human body parts between valve gate and spring steel sheet.</p> |
|  | <b>NOTICE</b>   |
|   | <p><b>Contamination</b></p> <p>Product may get contaminated.<br/>Always wear cleanroom gloves when handling the product.</p>  |



| <b>NOTICE</b>   |  |
|---|--|
|  | <p><b>Inappropriate tools</b></p> <p>Sealing surfaces may get damaged.<br/>Do not use sharp-edged tools.</p> |

The numbers in brackets ( ) refer to «Figure 6-4» on page 19.

1. Vent chambers on either side to atmospheric pressure.
2. Open valve.
3. Disconnect compressed air supply.
4. Disconnect electrical power supply.
5. Loosen both screws (2).
6. Swing the both screws (2) out (only for DN 160 or higher).



Make sure to maintain upper valve body (5) in its position while losing and swinging out the screws!

7. Lift upper valve body (5) carefully from lower part of body (1) without touching the body wall and put it on a clean place (seat side symbol «∇» on top).



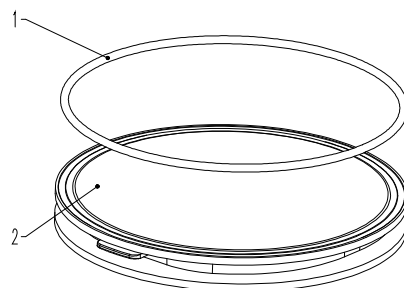
Do not touch the actuator with the lifting ropes, if you lift the upper valve body!

8. Apply compressed air (air pressure approx. 1 bar) and move mechanism slowly out of upper part of body (5).



Provide sufficient free space in order to prevent the mechanism from touching any objects.

9. Disconnect compressed air.
10. Remove gate seal (1) from groove; see «Figure 6-2»; use O-ring removal tool.




- 1 Gate seal
- 2 Valve gate

Figure 6-2

11. Check and clean sealing surface of valve seat; use cleanroom wiper.


12. Install new gate seal (1); see «Figure 6-2».


 Press O-ring uniformly in crosswise order (diagonal) into groove.


13. Remove bonnet seal (3) from groove; use O-ring removal tool.

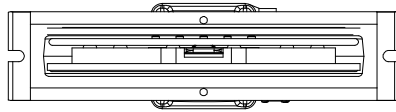
14. Check and clean sealing surface of bonnet seat; use cleanroom wiper.

15. Install new bonnet seal (5).


 • Press O-ring into groove on one short side.  
• Distribute seal uniformly over long sides to opposite short side and press it fully into groove.

 Make sure to have gate (2); see «Figure 6-2»; on seat side «∇»; see «Figure 6-4» on page 19.

 Align mechanism with opening of upper part of body.




16. Apply compressed air (air pressure approx. 1 bar) and move mechanism slowly into upper valve body (5).

 Provide sufficient free space in order to prevent the mechanism from touching any objects.

17. Disconnect compressed air from valve.

18. Lift upper valve body (5) carefully back into the lower valve body (1) without touching the body wall.

 The tips of the triangles «∇» of both body parts must face each other; see «Figure 6-3 » on page 19 and «Figure 6-4» on page 19.

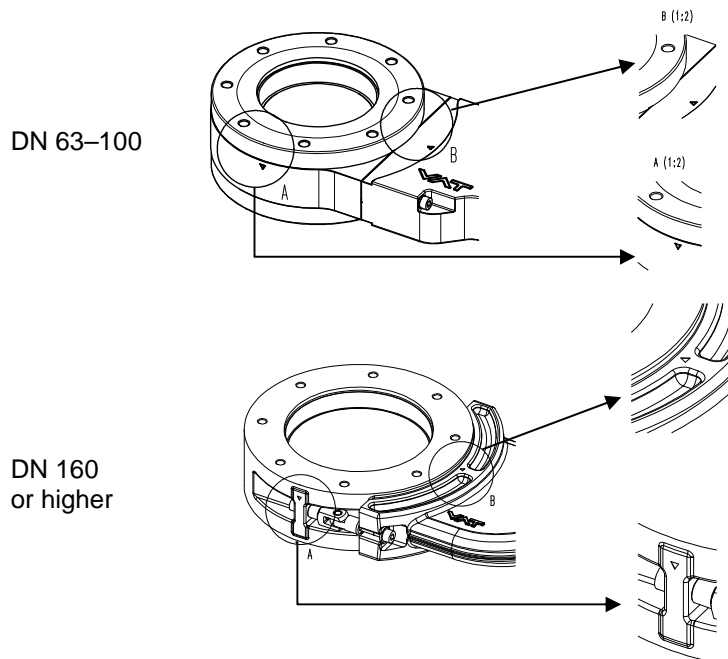


Figure 6-3

19. For DN 160 or higher: Swing back both screws (2); see «Figure 6-4».
20. Tighten the screws (2) with the appropriate torque specified in chapter «6.2 Tightening torque specifications».
21. Connect electrical power supply.
22. Connect compressed air supply.
23. Close the valve.

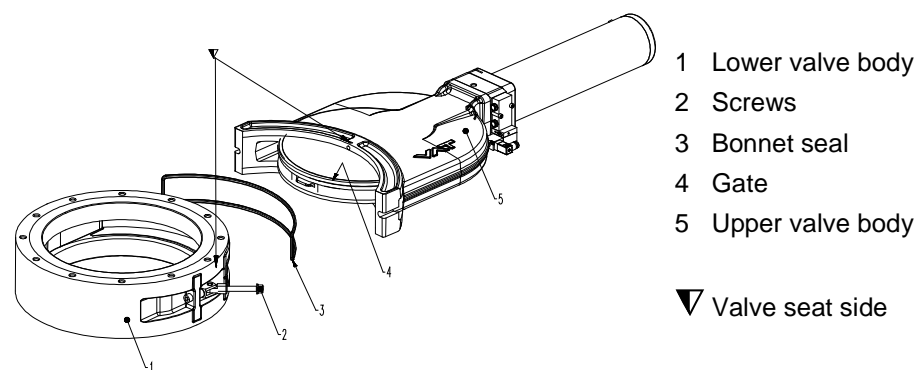


Figure 6-4







Valve is ready for use.

## 7 Repairs


Repairs may only be carried out by the VAT service staff. In exceptional cases, the customer is allowed to carry out the repairs, but only with the prior consent of VAT.

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## 8 Dismounting and Storage


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|    | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>⚠ WARNING</b></p> <p><b>Hazardous components</b><br/>Human body parts may get jammed and severely injured.<br/>Before dismantling the product</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– disconnect compressed air supply</li> <li>– disconnect electrical power supply</li> </ul> |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>⚠ WARNING</b></p> <p><b>Movable parts</b><br/>Human body parts may get jammed and severely injured.<br/>Keep human body parts away from movable parts.</p>   |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>⚠ WARNING</b></p> <p><b>Hot surfaces</b><br/>Risk of burning when touching hot surfaces.<br/>Touch hot surfaces only if the valve has cooled down.</p>   |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTICE</b></p> <p><b>Contamination</b><br/>Product may get contaminated.<br/>Always wear cleanroom gloves when handling the product.</p>   |


## 8.1 Dismounting

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|  | <b>NOTICE</b>   |
|   | <p><b>Valve in open position</b></p> <p>Valve mechanism may get damaged if valve is in open position.<br/>Close valve before dismounting the valve from the system.</p> |

1. Close valve.
2. Carry out the steps according to chapter «4 Installation» in reverse order.  
Pay attention to the safety instructions!





## 8.2 Storage

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|  | <b>NOTICE</b>   |
|   | <p><b>Wrong storage</b></p> <p>Inappropriate temperatures and humidity may cause damage to the product.<br/>Valve must be stored at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– relative humidity between 10% and 70%</li><li>– temperature between +10 °C and +50 °C</li><li>– non-condensing environment</li></ul> |

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|  | <b>NOTICE</b>  |
|   | <p><b>Inappropriate packaging</b></p> <p>Product may get damaged if inappropriate packaging material is used.<br/>Always use the original packaging material and handle product with care.</p> |

1. Clean / decontaminate valve.
2. Cover all valve openings with a protective foil.
3. Pack valve appropriately, by using the original packaging material.


## 9 Packaging and Transport

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|    | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>⚠ WARNING</b></p> <p><b>Unqualified personnel</b><br/>Inappropriate handling may cause serious injury or property damage.<br/>Only qualified personnel are allowed to carry out the described work.</p>                                       |
|    | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>⚠ WARNING</b></p> <p><b>Heavy weight</b><br/>Physical overstraining.<br/>Use a crane to lift the product.</p>   |
|    | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>⚠ WARNING</b></p> <p><b>Harmful substances</b><br/>Risk of injury in case of contact with harmful substances.<br/>Remove harmful substances (e. g. toxic, caustic or microbiological ones) from valve before you return the valve to VAT.</p> |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTICE</b></p> <p><b>Inappropriate packaging</b><br/>Product may get damaged if inappropriate packaging material is used.<br/>Always use the original packaging material and handle product with care.</p>                                    |



- When returning products to VAT, please fill out the VAT form «Declaration of Chemical Contamination» and send it to VAT in advance. The form can be downloaded from our website [www.vatvalve.com](http://www.vatvalve.com).
- If products are radioactively contaminated, the VAT form «Contamination and Radiation Report» must be filled out. Please contact VAT in advance.
- If products are sent to VAT in contaminated condition, VAT will carry out the decontamination procedure at the customer's expense.

## 9.1 Packaging


| <b>NOTICE</b>   |  |
|---|--|
|  | <p><b>Valve in open position</b><br/>Valve mechanism may get damaged if valve is in open position.<br/>Make sure that the valve is closed.</p> |

1. Cover all valve openings with a protective foil.
2. Pack valve appropriately, by using the original packaging material.



VAT disclaims any liability for damages resulting from inappropriate packaging.

## 9.2 Transport


| <b>NOTICE</b>  |   |
|--|---|
|  | <p><b>Inappropriate packaging</b><br/>Product may get damaged if inappropriate packaging material is used.<br/>Always use the original packaging material and handle product with care.</p> |



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## 10 Disposal

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|  | <b>⚠ WARNING</b>  |
|   | <b>Harmful substances</b><br>Environmental pollution.<br>Discard products and parts according to the local regulations. |

## 11 Spare parts

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|  | NOTICE |
| <p><b>Non-original spare parts</b><br/>                 Non-original spare parts may cause damage to the product.<br/>                 Use original spare parts from VAT only.</p> |        |



- Please specify the fabrication number of the product when you place an order for spare parts; see chapter «1.1 Identification of product». This is to ensure that the appropriate spare parts are supplied.
- VAT makes a difference between spare parts that may be replaced by the customer and those that need to be replaced by the VAT service staff.
- «Table 11-1» only contains spare parts that may be replaced by the customer. If you need any other spare parts, please contact one of our service centers. You will find the addresses on our website [www.vatvalve.com](http://www.vatvalve.com).

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| Description          | Part No.   | Quantity per valve | Maintenance procedure see chapter              |
|----------------------|------------|--------------------|--|
| Replacement kit      | on request | 1                  | «6.4 Replacement of gate seal and bonnet seal» |
| Gate O-ring          | on request | 1                  | «6.4 Replacement of gate seal and bonnet seal» |
| Bonnet flange O-ring | on request | 1                  | «6.4 Replacement of gate seal and bonnet seal» |
| O-ring removal tool  | 234859     | 1                  | «6.4 Replacement of gate seal and bonnet seal» |
| VAT vacuum grease    | on request | 1                  | «6.4 Replacement of gate seal and bonnet seal» |

|                  | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Part No.</b> | <b>Quantity per valve</b> | <b>Maintenance procedure see chapter</b>       |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--|
| DN 160 or higher | Replacement kit      | on request      | 1                         | «6.4 Replacement of gate seal and bonnet seal» |
|                  | Gate O-ring          | on request      | 2                         | «6.4 Replacement of gate seal and bonnet seal» |
|                  | Bonnet flange O-ring | on request      | 1                         | «6.4 Replacement of gate seal and bonnet seal» |
|                  | O-ring removal tool  | 234859          | 1                         | «6.4 Replacement of gate seal and bonnet seal» |
|                  | VAT vacuum grease    | on request      | 1                         | «6.4 Replacement of gate seal and bonnet seal» |

Table 11-1