VA 420

The affordable consumption counter for compressed air and gases



Intelligent solutions for accurate consumption measurement for compressed air and gases

The new affordable consumption counters VA 420 work according to the approved calorimentric measuring principle. In this process a heated sensor is cooled down by the gas circulating around it. The flowdependent cooling-down is used as a measuring effect while the degree of cooling-down is directly depending on the passing air resp. gas mass. Therefore, an additional pressure and temperature compensation is not necessary.

Due to its compact design it is possible to monitor all compressed air systems from the compressor to the smallest compressed air tool (½ to 2 inch) with the new affordable consumption counter VA 420. VA 400 consumption sensors are available for larger pipe diameters from DN 50 to DN 300. Apart from compressed air also other gases like e. g. nitrogen, oxygen and CO₂ can be measured.

The installation of the compressed air counters VA 420 can be done easily and quickly. A special advantage is the removable measuring device. The measuring device can be demounted quickly and easily for calibration or cleaning purposes without removing the complete measuring section.



VA 420 — The advantages at a glance

4...20 mA output for actual consumption

Pulse output for total consumption (counter reading)

Measuring device removable: Dismounting of the whole measuring section is not necessary, no bypass required. 19 A Display twistable by 180°

Display shows 2 values: Actual consumption in m³/h, l/min,... Total consumption (counter reading) in m³, l

Screw-in thread: Easy installation into the existing pipeline due to integrated measuring section (suitable for $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, 1", $1\frac{1}{2}$ " or 2" lines). High measuring accuracy due to defined measuring section (inlet and outlet section).



At the touch of a button: - reset of counter reading

selection of units

Application-technological features of the consumption counters VA 420:

- Easy and affordable installation
- Units freely selectable via keypad m³/h, m³/min, l/min, l/s, kg/h, kg/min, kg/s, cfm
- Compressed air counter up to 1,999,999,999 m³. Resettable to "zero" via keypad
- Analogue output 4...20 mA, pulse output (galvanically separated)
- High measuring accuracy also in the lower measuring range (ideal for leakage measurement)
- Negligibly small loss of pressure
- Calorimetric measuring principle, no additional pressure and temperature measurement necessary, no mechanically moved parts
- Gas types adjustable via software (nitrogen, oxygen, CO₂, nitrous oxide, argon)

Application range of VA 420:

- Compressed air balancing, compressed air consumption measurement
- Leakage air / leak rate determination
- Mobile compressed air measurement in front of single machines/plants
- Flow measurement of process gases like e. g. nitrogen, CO₂, oxygen, argon, nitrous oxide
- Flow measurement at nitrogen generators

Consumption



Removal of the measuring device without complete dismounting of the measuring section



In most cases the compressed air in not free from oil, condensate, dirt and particles. In the course of time this leads to a soiling of the compressed air counters which may cause errors in measurement or even a total breakdown.

The compressed air counters which have been on the market up to now generally

Stationary use



cannot be cleaned and will be exchanged if they are soiled. In case of compressed air counters with integrated measuring section the "measuring device" cannot be removed. For this reason an expensive bypass line is necessary.

New. The design of VA 420 enables the removal and cleaning of the "measuring device" with e. g. soap water without any dismounting of the measuring section. A closing cap grants a continuous use of the line for the duration of the cleaning. A bypass line is not necessary. The alignment pin grants an accurate installation of the measuring device.

For stationary use there are the following outputs available for the data transfer to a building management system or PLC: 4...20 mA for actual consumption. Pulse output (galvanically separated) for the total consumption.

Mobile use



Solution for large pipe diameters



By means of quick couplings the compressed air counter can be integrated quickly into the feed hose of a machine. During the shutdown of the machine it is possible to determine the leak rate, the actual consumption can be obtained when the machine is running. The power supply is effected via the power socket by means of the mains unit. For data recording over a longer period of time we recommend to use the compressed air analyzer DS 300 mobile.

The approved consumption sensor VA 400 is available for pipe diameters of 2" to DN 300. Its constructively sophisticated design enables the installation into pipes with nominal diameters up to DN 300 even under pressure. The installation is effected by means of a standard ½" ball valve.

Consumption







Flow measuring ranges VA 420

Connection thread		lnner pipe diam. mm	Measurin from	ng range to	L	L ₁	Н	Н1	A
R 1/2"	21.3	16.1	0.2	90 m ³ /h	300	210	176.4	165.7	20
R 3/4"	26.9	21.7	0.3	170 m ³ /h	475	275	179.2	165.7	20
R 1"	33.7	27.3	0.5	290 m ³ /h	475	275	182.6	165.7	25
R 11/2"	48.3	41.8	1.0	550 m ³ /h	475*	275	189.9	165.7	25
R 2"	60.3	53.1	2.0	900 m ³ /h	475*	275	195.9	165.7	30

 * Attention: Shortened inlet section! Please observe the recommended minimum inlet section (length = 10 x inner diameter) on site.

Description	Order no.
VA 420 with integrated ½" measuring section	0695 0421
VA 420 with integrated ¾" measuring section	0695 0422
VA 420 with integrated 1" measuring section	0695 0423
VA 420 with integrated 1 ¹ / ₂ " measuring section	0695 0424
VA 420 with integrated 2" measuring section	0695 0425
Connection cables:	
Connection cable 5 m (power supply, analogue output)	0553 0104
Connection cable 10 m (power supply, analogue output)	0553 0105
Pulse cable for consumption sensors with M12 plug, length 5 m	0553 0106
Pulse cable for consumption sensors with M12 plug, length 10 m	0553 0107
Further accessories:	
Closing cap for measuring section VA 420	0190 0001
CS Service Software for FA/VA 400 sensors including PC connection set, USB interface and interface adapter to the sensor as well as CS Soft Professional for data recordin	0554 2005
Mains unit in wall housing 100-240 V, 10 VA, 50-60 Hz/24VDC, 0.35 A	05540108
Mains unit 100-240 VAC / 24 VDC, 0.35 A for VA/FA 400 Series, 2 m cable	0554 0107
5 point precision calibration with ISO certificate	3200 0001

Technical data VA 420

Parameters:	m ³ /h, I/min to DIN 1945, ISO 1217 20°C, 1000 mbar			
Adjustable via keypad:	m ³ /h, m ³ /min, l/min, l/s, ft/min, cfm, m/s, kg/h, kg/min			
Meas. principle:	calorimetric measurement			
Sensor:	2 x silicium chip			
Meas. medium:	air, gases			
Gas types adjustable via software:	air, nitrogen, argon, nitrous oxide, CO ₂ , oxygen			
Meas. range:	see table at the left			
Accuracy:	± 1.5 % of m. v., ± 0.05 % of f. s. On request: Special calibration via 5 point ISO calibration certificate			
Operating temp.:	-3080 °C			
Operating press.:	up to 16 bar			
Analogue output:	420 mA for m ³ /h resp. I/min			
Pulse output:	1 pulse per m ³ resp. per liter galvanically separated			
PC connection:	SDI interface			
Power supply:	24 VDC smoothed \pm 15 %			
Burden:	< 500 0hm			
Housing:	polycarbonate			
Meas. section:	stainless steel, 1,4301			
Mounting thread meas. section:	R ½", R ¾", R 1", R 1½", R 2" external thread			



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