

# **COVAL** vacuum managers

# Controlled Micro Vacuum Pumps



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## General Information

Thanks to their low weight and extremely compact design, the **MPXE Series** controlled micro vacuum pumps can be closely integrated with the suction cups to meet the needs of very high speed applications.

They are available as standalone modules or in banks of 1 to 8 modules with common pressure and collectable exhaust. They are equipped with vacuum and blow-off control valves, LEDs for displaying the control valve status, a vacuum check valve, and an analog vacuum level signal.

The analog vacuum level signal and the vacuum check valve allow the vacuum regulation to be managed by the PLC.

In addition, the **MPXE Series** micro-pump range offers 2 blow-off options: standard or powerful. The powerful blow-off can be adjusted via a set screw.

#### **Main Features**

- Ultra-compact and lightweight: 12.5 mm wide and 82 g minimum.
- Maximum vacuum: 85%.
- Suction flow rates: Nozzle Ø 0.7 mm  $\rightarrow$  15 NI/min - Nozzle Ø 1.0 mm  $\rightarrow$  26 NI/min
- Vacuum control: NC (Normally Closed) or NO (Normally Open).
- Standard or adjustable powerful blow-off.

- Vacuum check valve.
- Integrated open silencer or exhaust collector.
- Standalone micro vacuum pumps or bankable from 1 to 8 modules with common pressure and collectable exhaust.
- Electronic vacuum switch with analog output 5V DC.
- Standard Input/Output (SIO).

#### **Applications**

The compact and lightweight nature of the **MPXE Series** micro vacuum pumps allow installation as close as possible to the suction cups, thereby reducing cycle times and energy consumption.

They are ideal for high speed gripping applications:

- Plastics processing
- Electronics
- Pharmaceutical











## **Controlled Micro Vacuum Pumps**







### Ultra-compact and lightweight design

- 12.5 mm wide
- 82 g minimum
- Volume: 71 cm<sup>3</sup>



#### Vacuum generation with single-stage Venturi pump

- Short evacuation times
- No moving parts
- Dust resistant
- No maintenance required





#### **Available configurations**

Standalone module: ultra-thin and lightweight micro vacuum pump.



Bank from 1 to 8 modules with common pressure and collectable exhaust.





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Integration and Performance

#### **Integrated Functions**

The **MPXE Series** micro vacuum pumps integrate all the necessary functions into a compact footprint for a simple, efficient solution adapted to each application:

- Vacuum solenoid valve
- Single-stage Venturi pump
- ③ Open silencer or exhaust collector
- Vacuum check valve
- Electronic vacuum switch
- **G** Blow-off solenoid valve
- 200 µm filter screen



### **1** IN/OUT



#### Performance Determined by the Venturi Pump's Nozzle Diameter

The table specifies the performance levels and evacuation times generated for each nozzle diameter available.

	Evacuation time <sup>(1)</sup> (s) of a volume of 5 cl <sup>(2)</sup>				Max. vacuum	Air drawn in	Air consumed	Air pressure level
Vacuum reached Nozzle dia. (mm)	50%	60%	70%	80%		(NI/min)	(NI/min)	(bar)
0.7	0.15	0.25	0.42	0.70	85	15	22	3.7
1.0	0.09	0.14	0.24	0.37	85	26	44	3.7

(1) Out of valve response time. (2) Example of a 5 cl volume: 4 suction cups 1.5 bellows Ø 25 (VSA25) + 4 airlines 4x6 mm lg 600 mm + 1 airline 4x6 mm lg 500 mm.



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#### VACUUM GENERATED/COMPRESSED AIR



#### SUCTION FLOW RATE/COMPRESSED AIR





Selection Guide

#### **Vacuum Control: 2 Solutions**

#### Model MPXE\_S:

Vacuum pump with **NC** vacuum control and **NC** blow-off.

In the event of power failure, vacuum is no longer generated. In the event of compressed air failure, the vacuum is no longer maintained. ■ NC blow-off and vacuum control: solenoid valves.

NC vacuum control Standard blow-off (F1) NC vacuum control Adjustable powerful blow-off (F3) NC vacuum control Adjustable powerful blow-off (F3) P

P: Pressure / Compressed Air V: Vacuum / Suction Cup E: Exhaust

#### Model MPXE\_V:

Vacuum pump with NO vacuum control and NC blow-off.

In the event of power failure, vacuum is still generated: object is held in place  $\rightarrow$  fail-safe.

In the event of compressed air failure, the vacuum is no longer maintained.

- NO vacuum control solenoid valve.
- NC blow-off control solenoid valve.



#### **Blow-off Function**

The MPXE micro vacuum pumps offer 2 blow-off versions to meet all application needs:

Standard blow-off (MPXE\_F1 version) The blow-off flow is directed into the vacuum network, ensuring the release of parts in most applications.

 $\rightarrow$  Network pressure (blow-off flow rate of 7 NI/min at 3.7 bar).

#### Adjustable powerful blow-off (MPXE\_F3 version)

This blow-off version allows for very rapid release of parts in cases where the pump cannot be positioned close to the suction cups or to minimize cycle times. The MPXE\_F3 features an adjustment screw with a locking nut to tailor the power as needed.  $\rightarrow$  Network pressure with amplification valve (adjustable blow-off flow rate from 16 to 55 NI/min at 3.7 bar).



#### **Electrical Connections and Cables**

JST male connector 5 pins with 1 mm pitch, type NSH





# 1brown24V DC2white24V DC PNP suction command (1)3blueOV - GND4blackVacuum level signal - analog output 5V DC5gray24V DC PNP blow-off command

(1) 24 V DC suction command, depending on version:
 S: 24 V DC vacuum control
 V: 24 V DC vacuum off command

#### Accessories for MPXE Micro Vacuum Pumps

#### **Connection Cables**



Part No.: CDM8M6PJSTF5PL01 Cable JST 5P NSH to M8 6P straight male A-coded, Lg 10 cm.



#### Part No.: CDM12M5PJSTF5PL02 Cable JST 5P NSH to M12 5P straight male A-coded, Lg 20 cm.





## Configurations

#### **Standalone vs Bank**

Standalone **MPXE** micro vacuum pumps cater to the most common applications: a single micro vacuum pump controls one or several suction cups, all operating in the same sequence.

When multiple suction cups operate in different sequences, several micro vacuum pumps are needed, which can be configured as:

- Multiple standalone micro vacuum pumps;
- Or a bank consisting of 1 to 8 micro vacuum pumps with a shared internal pressure and a collectable common exhaust.





MPXE micro

vacuum pump



Bank supply differ

Bank of 3 MPXE micro vacuum pumps supplying suction cups according to different sequences





## Configurations



#### BANK EQUIPPED WITH SINGLE END SET - LEFT (MPXE\_\_\_B\_L)

- Nozzle Dia. 0.7 mm: 1 to 8 modules per bank
- Nozzle Dia. 1.0 mm: 1 to 4 modules per bank
- 1x Common Pressure
- 1x Unrestricted and collectable exhaust



Compressed air (common pressure) 8x10 mm push-to-connect (x1)

**Common collectable** exhaust 10x12 mm push-to-connect (x1)

4x6 mm push-to-connect

#### BANK EQUIPPED WITH DOUBLE END SET (MPXE\_\_\_B\_D)

- 1 to 8 modules per bank
- 2 x Common Pressure
- 2 x Unrestricted and collectable exhaust



10x12 mm push-to-connect (x2)

#### **Composition of Banks**

Standard banks are composed of 1 to 8 identical MPXE vacuum modules in the MPXE\_EB version, an end set consisting of a head module and a tail module, and assembly screws corresponding to the number of modules in the bank.

The end sets are available in two versions:

- Single version left: 1 x Common Pressure and 1 x Unrestricted and collectable exhaust
- Double version: 2 x Common Pressure and 2 x Unrestricted and collectable exhaust

Standard banks are cataloged and delivered assembled.

For banks composed of different MPXE vacuum modules, it is necessary to order the sub-assemblies separately:

- X MPXE micro vacuum pump modules for the bank (version MPXF EB)
- An end set for the bank
- An assembly screw kit

Specific banks are delivered unassembled.





micro vacuum pump modules

Assembly screws (length varies depending on configurations)

#### **Completing a Bank**

It is possible to add an MPXE micro vacuum pump to an existing bank by ordering the desired MPXE micro vacuum pump module in the EB version, along with the assembly screw kit corresponding to the new number of modules in the bank.



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Configuring a Vacuum Pump

STANDALONE MPXE MICRO		E SI			
<b>MPXE90X 10</b>	S	L15 P R2	F1	Ε	
NOZZLE DIA.		BLOW-OFF			EXHAUST
0.7 mm dia. <b>07</b>		Standard blow-off	F1	V	
1.0 mm dia. <b>10</b>				<b>X</b>	Without
		Adjustable powerful blow-off	F3	E	With
<b>GENERATOR CONTROL</b>					
Vacuum <b>NC</b> and blow-off <b>NC</b>	S				
Vacuum <b>NO</b> and blow-off <b>NC</b>	V				

#### Sample part number: MPXE90X07SL15PR2F1X



MPXE Micro Vacuum Pump, maximum vacuum 85%, nozzle 0.7 mm dia., controlled by an NC vacuum solenoid valve and an NC blow-off solenoid valve, 5-pin JST connector, with standard blowoff and open silencer.

push-to-connect 8x10 mm

connect 10x12 mm

2 x Exhaust collectors, push-to-

PXE MICRO VACUUM PUM	N BANK					
MPXE90X 10	S	L15 P R2 F1	EB4	•	L	
NOZZLE DIA.		BLOW-OFF		NUMBER OF MODULES		BANK END SETS
0.7 mm dia. <b>07</b>		Standard <b>F1</b>	EB1	Bank of 1 MPXE module	L	Single Left End Set for a bank of 1 to 4 MPXE modules with a 1.0 mm nozzle
1.0 mm dia. <b>10</b>			EB2	Bank of 2 MPXE modules		and up to 8 MPXE modules with a 0.7 mm nozzle.
GENERATOR CONTROL Vacuum NC and blow-off NC S		Adjustable <b>F3</b> powerful blow-off	EB3	Bank of 3 MPXE modules		<ul> <li>1 x common pressure connection,</li> </ul>
		S		Bank of 4 MPXE modules		push-to-connect 8x10 mm 1 x Exhaust collector, push-to-
Vacuum <b>NO</b> and blow-off <b>NC</b>	V		EB5	Bank of 5 MPXE modules		connect 10x12 mm
ample part number:			EB6	Bank of 6 MPXE modules	D	<b>Double</b> End Set for a bank of 1 to 8 MPXE modules.
INTERPORT NUMBER:	(FR	8D	EB7	Bank of 7 MPXE modules		<ul> <li>2 x common pressure connections,</li> </ul>

## MPXE90X10VL15PR2F3EB8D

Assembled bank of 8 MPXE modules, maximum vacuum 85%, 1.0 mm nozzle, controlled by an NO vacuum solenoid valve and an NC blow-off solenoid valve, 5-pin JST connector, with adjustable powerful blow-off and equipped with a double end set.



#### MPXE90X07SL15PR2F1EB4L

Assembled bank of 4 MPXE modules, maximum vacuum 85%, 0.7 mm nozzle, controlled by an NC vacuum solenoid valve and an NC blow-off solenoid valve, 5-pin JST connector, with standard blow-off and equipped with a simple left end set.





## Mounting Accessories for Standalone MPXE Micro Vacuum Pumps

Front panel installation kit for standalone MPXE module (1 plate + 4 fastening screws)

**Accessories** 

Part No. MPXFIXB

Part No. MPXFIXA

EB8 Bank of 8 MPXE modules

DIN rail installation kit for standalone MPXE module (1 mounting plate + 5 screws and 1 clip)

#### Mounting Accessories for MPXE Micro Vacuum Pump Banks Part No. MPXFIXC

DIN rail mounting kit for MPXE bank (2 clips + 2 fastening screws)

Part No. MPXFIXD Front panel mounting kit for MPXE bank (2 plates + 4 fastening screws)

**Connection Cables for MPXE Micro Vacuum Pumps** 

#### Part No. CDM8M6PJSTF5PL01

Cable JST 5P NSH to M8 6P straight male A-coded, Lg 10 cm.

Part No. CDM12M5PJSTF5PL02 Cable JST 5P NSH to M12 5P straight male A-coded, Lg 20 cm.



## **Controlled Micro Vacuum Pumps**

Build Your Own Bank Assembly

To build a custom bank assembly containing different MPXE micro vacuum pumps, you need to order the parts below separately. Note: Custom bank assemblies come unassembled.





#### **Select the Bank End Set**

MOVOETAL	<ul> <li>Single Left Bank End Set:</li> <li>Head module on the left with 8x10 mm pressure connection and 10x12 mm exhaust collector.</li> <li>Tail module on the right (simple).</li> <li>→ For a bank of 1 to 4 MPXE micro vacuum pump modules with a 1.0 mm nozzle, and up to 8 modules with a 0.7 mm nozzle.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Double Bank End Set:</li> <li>Head and tail modules with 8x10 mm pressure connection and 10x12 mm exhaust collector.</li> <li>→ For a bank of 1 to 8 MPXE micro vacuum pump modules.</li> </ul>

#### **Select the Micro Vacuum Pump Modules for Bank**

<b>MPXE90X</b>	10	S	L15	P	<b>R2</b>
NOZZLE DIA.			<b>GENER</b>	ATO	R CONTROL
0.7 mm dia.	07	S	Vacuum	NC a	nd blow-off <b>N</b>
1.0 mm dia.	10	V	Vacuum	NO a	nd blow-off <b>N</b>

ROL -off **NC** -off NC

#### F1 EB **BLOW-OFF**

- **F1** Standard blow-off
- F3 Adjustable powerful blow-off



Assembly Screw Kit for						
a Single Left Bank Version						
MPXSETVB1L For a bank of 1 MPXE module						
MPXSETVB2L	For a bank of <b>2 MPXE modules</b>					
MPXSETVB3L	For a bank of <b>3 MPXE modules</b>					
MPXSETVB4L	For a bank of <b>4 MPXE modules</b>					
MPXSETVB5L	For a bank of <b>5 MPXE modules</b>					
MPXSETVB6L	For a bank of <b>6 MPXE modules</b>					
MPXSETVB7L	For a bank of <b>7 MPXE modules</b>					
MPXSETVB8L	For a bank of <b>8 MPXE modules</b>					

Assembly Screw Kit for a <b>Double</b> Bank Version					
MPXSETVB1D	For a bank of <b>1 MPXE module</b>				
MPXSETVB2D	For a bank of <b>2 MPXE modules</b>				
MPXSETVB3D	For a bank of <b>3 MPXE modules</b>				
MPXSETVB4D	For a bank of <b>4 MPXE modules</b>				
MPXSETVB5D	For a bank of <b>5 MPXE modules</b>				
MPXSETVB6D	For a bank of <b>6 MPXE modules</b>				
MPXSETVB7D	For a bank of <b>7 MPXE modules</b>				
MPXSETVB8D	For a bank of <b>8 MPXE modules</b>				





**Controlled Micro Vacuum Pumps Dimensions and Installation Options** 

#### **Standalone Module**

LATERAL INSTALLATION 2 x 4.2 mm dia. (for two Ø 4 mm through screws or bolts with large washers).



**MOUNTING FROM FRONT** 

2 x Ø4.5 mm

0

Individual mounting plate

with its 4 fastening screws

following installation kit:

For front panel installation, order the

Part No.: MPXFIXA

(1 plate + 4 fastening screws)

15

22.5

12

'n

10.5 100

2 x 4.5 mm dia.

(for M4 screws)

1.5

0



\* Push-to-connect:

- -V (vacuum / suction cup): 4x6 mm
- E (exhaust collection, E option): 4x6 mm
- -P (pressure / compressed air): 4x6 mm

#### Bank



- -E (exhaust collection): 10x12 mm
- -P (pressure / compressed air): 8x10 mm

Note: All dimensions are in mm.





#### INSTALLATION ON DIN RAIL

For a static installation (e.g., in a cabinet), an MPXE micro vacuum pump can be mounted on a DIN rail.





In this case, it must be equipped with an installation clip that is to be ordered separately:

Part No.: MPXFIXB (1 bracket + 1 clip + 5 fastening screws)

#### Dimensions of the MPXE\_F3 Option (Adjustable Powerful Blow-off)

The MPXE micro vacuum pumps in the F3 version feature an adjustment screw with a locking nut to adjust the blow-off power.





## **Controlled Micro Vacuum Pumps**

**Dimensions and Installation Options** 

#### MPXE\_\_\_B\_D VERSION





#### Dimensions of the MPXE\_F3 Option (Adjustable Powerful Blow-off)

The MPXE micro vacuum pumps in the F3 version feature an adjustment screw with a locking nut to adjust the blow-off power.



Note: All dimensions are in mm.

#### **MOUNTING FROM REAR**

-V (vacuum / suction cup): 4x6 mm -E (exhaust collection): 10x12 mm -P (pressure / compressed air): 8x10 mm

\* Push-to-connect:

4 x M4 threaded inserts depth 8 mm





Dimensions

MPXE\_\_\_**B1D** 0

MPXE\_\_\_**B2D** 3

MPXE\_\_\_**B3D** 0

MPXE\_\_\_**B4D** 3

MPXE\_\_\_**B5D** 0 MPXE\_\_\_**B6D** 3

MPXE\_\_\_**B7D** 0

MPXE\_\_\_**B8D** 0

A

Part No.



#### **MOUNTING FROM FRONT** 4 x 4.5 mm dia.

(for M4 screws)

For front panel installation, order the following installation kit:

Part No.: **MPXFIXD** (2 plates + 4 fastening screws







#### 12.5 x n MPXE + A INSTALLATION ON DIN RAIL 68.9 The bank can be mounted on a DIN rail for a static installation (e.g. in a cabinet). In this case, it must be equipped Dimensions with an installation clip that is Version Α ordered separately: 39.3 MPXE\_\_\_B\_**L** 18.75 MPXE\_\_\_B\_**D** 22.5 Part No.: MPXFIXC (2 clips + 2 fastening screws) 0.9 6.9

screws



## **Controlled Micro Vacuum Pumps**

Technical Specifications

#### **General characteristics**

- Supply: non-lubricated air, filtered to 5 microns, according to standard ISO 8573-1:2010 [3:4:3].
- Operating pressure: from 3.5 to 7 bar.
- Optimal dynamic pressure per module: 3.7 bar (bank supply pressure must be adjusted according to the number of modules to ensure 3.7 bar dynamic pressure / module).
- Standard blow-off (MPXE\_\_F1): network pressure (blow-off flow rate of 7 NI/min at 3.7 bar).
- Adjustable powerful blow-off (MPXE\_\_F3): network pressure with valve (flow rate adjustable from 16 to 55 NI/min at 3.7 bar).
- Pressure connection:
  - Standalone vacuum pumps: 4x6 mm push-to-connect with 200  $\mu m$  filter screen.

Bank: 8x10 mm push-to-connect with 200  $\mu m$  filter screen.

- Vacuum connection: 4x6 mm push-to-connect with 200 µm filter screen.
- Common collectable exhaust:
  - Standalone vacuum pumps: 4x6 mm push-to-connect. Bank: 10x12 mm push-to-connect.
- Noise level:
  - Standalone vacuum pumps: max 66 dBA Bank of 1 to 4 vacuum pumps: max 74 dBA
  - Bank of 5 to 8 vacuum pumps: max 82 dBA
- Protection rating: IP40.
- Max. operating frequency: 4 Hz.
- Endurance: 30 million cycles.
- Weight:
  - Standalone vacuum pumps:
  - MPXE\_\_\_**F1**: 85 g
  - MPXE\_\_\_**F3**: 90 g.
  - Bank:
  - MPXE\_B\_L: 82 g (F1) or 86 g (F3) X number of stand-alone modules + 145 g for ends set.
     MPXE\_B\_D: 82 g (F1) or 86 g (F3) X number of stand-alone modules + 185 g for ends set.
- Operating temperature: from 0 to 50°C (32 to 122°F).
- Storage temperature: from -10°C to 60°C (14°F to 140°F).
- Materials: PA 6.6 GF, aluminum, stainless steel, brass, steel, NBR, PC+ABS, FKM, POM, PU. Housing materials comply with the requirements of UL standard 94 class HB.

#### **Electrical controls**

- Control voltage: 24V DC (regulated ± 10 %), PNP.
- Max. consumption: 60 mA (1.4 W) per vacuum and blow-off solenoid valve.
- Valve response time:
  - opening: 20 ms.
  - closure: 24 ms.

#### Integrated electronics

- 24 V DC power supply (regulated ± 10 %).
- Typical current consumption: < 35 mA / max. 50 mA.
- Measuring range: 0 to 99 % vacuum.
- Measurement accuracy: ± 2% of the range, compensated for temperature.
- Protected against reversed wiring and polarity.
- Protection against short circuits.
- Inputs switching type: PNP.
- LEDs for visualization of the controls:
  - Model **MPXE\_S**, Vacuum pump with NC vacuum control and NC blow-off:
  - Green LED: vacuum control.
  - Orange LED: blow-off control.
  - Model **MPXE\_V**, Vacuum pump with NO vacuum control and NC blow-off:
  - No LEDs: vacuum control.
  - Both LEDs on: blow-off control.

#### **Electrical connections**

- JST connector 5 pins with 1 mm pitch type NSH, A-Coded.
- SIO (Standard Inputs Outputs) operation.

#### Output signal

• Vacuum level signal, analog output 5V DC: from 1 to 4V DC from 0 to 90% of vacuum.



## **Applications**

## **MPXE, MPXS: 2 Complementary Series**

COVAL offers a variant of the MPXE controlled micro vacuum pumps with the MPXS Series controlled communicating micro vacuum pumps.

Vacuum control (NC or NO)		
Blow-off control (NC)		
Automatic timed blow-off	1	
Powerful blow-off (F3)		
Electronic vacuum switch		
Display	1	
Vacuum level signal, analog output 5 V DC		1
Output signal "Object Gripped", Digital output 24 V DC (PNP/NPN)	1	
Vacuum check valve		
Automatic vacuum regulation (ASC)	1	
Electrical Connectors:		1
- M8-6-pin male	1	
Standalone or in Bank Module		
IO-Link	1	

The MPXS series micro vacuum pumps offer a new approach to vacuum handling in numerous domains: robotics, plastic molding, pharmaceutical, etc..

Optimized to serve small and medium sized suction cups, the MPXS series helps to simplify the installation while integrating all control functions into a single lightweight micro-module, placed close to the suction cups.

Integrated in all MPXS micro-vacuum pumps, the ASC technology automatically provides 60-99% energy savings when objects handled are airtight. If porous products are also handled, production continues normally, but without ASC.

The MPXS series is applied on installations handling airtight products: glass, plastics, coated wood, metal sheets, etc.. The energy savings generally pays for itself within a few months.

The MPXS series may also be applied to mixed machines that handle airtight and porous objects: the adaptation to the type of product is totally automatic.













**MPXE** 





#### A TECHNOLOGICAL PARTNER ON A GLOBAL SCALE

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An ISO 9001: V2015 certified company, COVAL innovates globally in vacuum handling. Our optimized components integrate intelligent and reliable functionalities, adapt to your industrial context, and safely improve your productivity.

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