

VA9204-AGx-2Z Series On/Off and Floating Point Electric Spring Return Valve Actuators

Installation Guide

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Applications

VA9204-AGx-2Z Series on/off and floating point electric spring return actuators are direct-mount valve actuators that operate on 24 VAC/VDC power. These bidirectional actuators are used to provide accurate positioning on Johnson Controls® VG1000 Series 1/2 in., 3/4 in., and 1 in. (DN15, DN20, and DN25) ball valves in HVAC applications.

An integral line voltage auxiliary switch, available only on the VA9204-AGB-2Z models, indicates end-stop position, or performs switching functions within the selected rotation range.

VA9204-AGA-2Z actuators includes plenum-rated cables and are specially configured for installation in spaces used for environmental air-handling purposes other than ducts and plenums as specified in National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 70: National Electrical Code (NEC) section 300.22(C), Other Space Used for Environmental Air. The space over a hung ceiling used for environmental air handling purposes is an example of the type of space for which these actuators are configured.

IMPORTANT: Use this VA9204 Series valve actuator only to control equipment under normal operating conditions. Where failure or malfunction of the VA9204 Series valve actuator could lead to personal injury or property damage to the controlled equipment or other property, additional precautions must be designed into the control system. Incorporate and maintain other devices, such as supervisory or alarm systems or safety or limit controls, intended to warn of or protect against failure or malfunction of the VA9204 Series valve actuator.

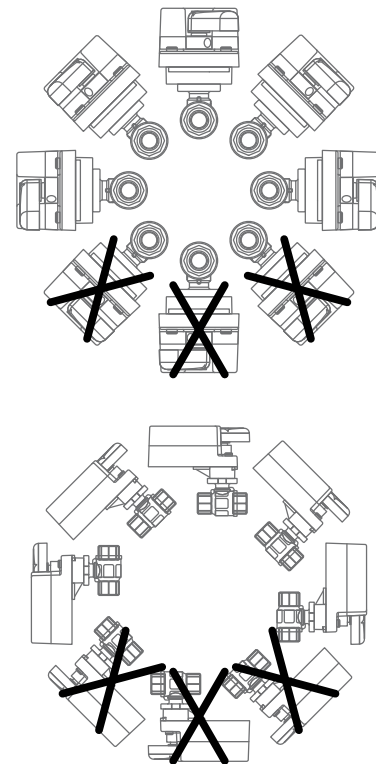
IMPORTANT : Utiliser ce VA9204 Series valve actuator uniquement pour commander des équipements dans des conditions normales de fonctionnement. Lorsqu'une défaillance ou un dysfonctionnement du VA9204 Series valve actuator risque de provoquer des blessures ou d'endommager l'équipement contrôlé ou un autre équipement, la conception du système de contrôle doit intégrer des dispositifs de protection supplémentaires. Veiller dans ce cas à intégrer de façon permanente d'autres dispositifs, tels que des systèmes de supervision ou d'alarme, ou des dispositifs de sécurité ou de limitation, ayant une fonction d'avertissement ou de protection en cas de défaillance ou de dysfonctionnement du VA9204 Series valve actuator.

Installation

Install the ball valve with the actuator at or above the center line of the horizontal piping (see Figure 1).

IMPORTANT: In steam applications, install the valve with the stem horizontal to the piping. Failure to follow this precaution may shorten the life of the actuator.

Figure 1: Mounting positions for chilled water and condensing atmosphere applications



IMPORTANT: Do not install or use this VA9204 Series valve actuator in or near environments where corrosive substances or vapors could be present. Exposure of the actuator to corrosive environments may damage the device's internal components, and will void the warranty.

Special tools needed

- Digital voltmeter
- T-20 TORX® driver

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Valve actuator with thermal barrier

See Figure 3 and Table 3 for valve actuator dimensions with the optional M9000-561 Thermal Barrier installed.

Figure 3: Spring return VA9204-actuated VG1241, VG1245, VG1841, and VG1845 Series ball valve with the optional M9000-561 Thermal Barrier installed dimensions, in. (mm)

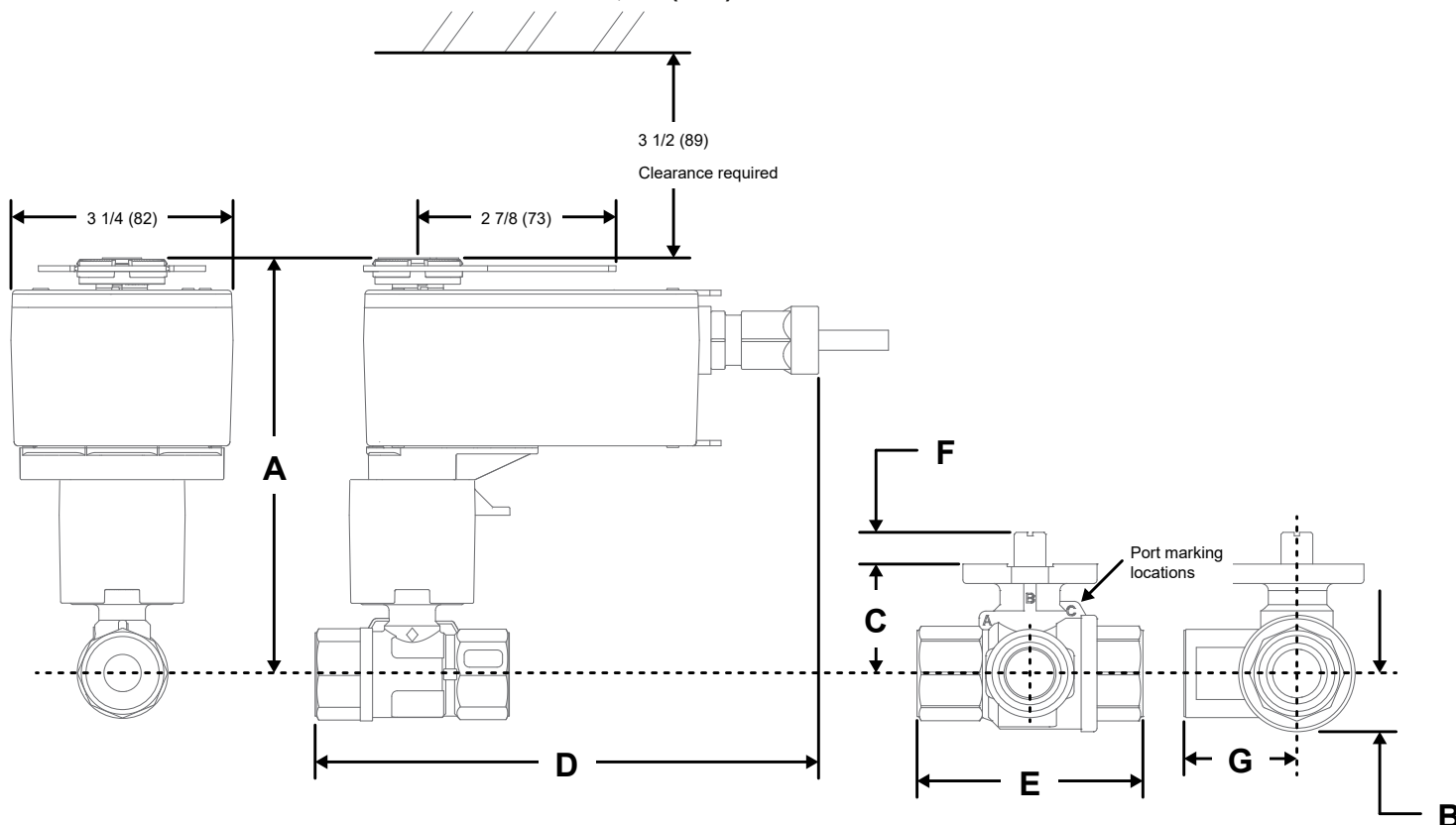


Table 3: VA9204-actuated VG1241, VG1245, VG1841, and VG1845 Series NPT ball valve with the optional thermal barrier installed dimensions, in. (mm)

Valve size, in. (DN)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1/2 (DN15)	6 (152)	21/32 (17)	1 7/32 (31)	6 31/32 (177)	2 33/64 (64)	11/32 (9)	1 1/4 (32)
3/4 (DN20)				7 1/8 (181)	2 51/64 (71)		1 13/32 (36)
1 (DN25)	6 1/16 (154)	3/4 (19)	1 19/64 (33)	7 31/64 (190)	3 13/32 (87)		1 45/64 (43)

Note: Port A must always be connected to the coil.

Repair information

A number of replacement parts are available; see Table 4 for more details. If a VA9204 Series electric actuator fails to operate within its specifications, replace the unit. For a replacement electric actuator, contact the nearest Johnson Controls representative.

Accessories

Table 4: Accessories (order separately)

Code number	Description
M9000-560	Ball valve linkage kit for applying M9203, M9204 and M9208 Series actuators to VG1000 Series valves (quantity: 1)
M9000-561	Thermal barrier extends M(VA)9104, M(VA)9203, M(VA)9204, and M(VA)9208 Series electric spring return actuator applications to include low pressure steam (quantity: 1)
M9000-342	Weathershield kit for VG1000 Series ball valve application of VA9104, VA9203, VA9204, and VA9208 Series electric actuators (quantity: 1)
M9000-607	Position indicator for VG1000 Series ball valve applications (quantity: 5)
M9000-700	Universal ball valve linkage kit (quantity: 1)

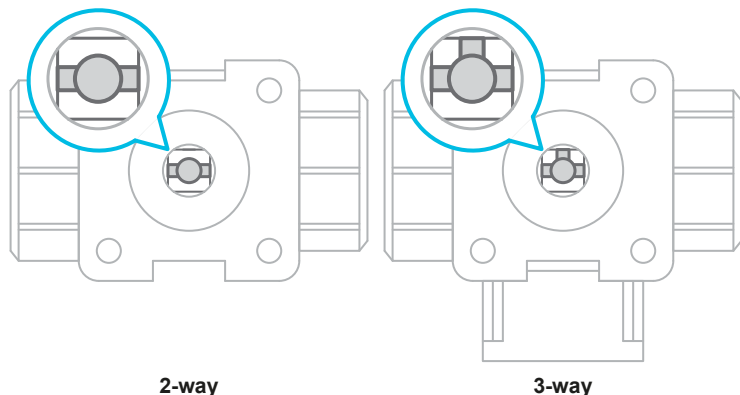
Mounting

Mounting the actuator to spring return Port A (coil) open

To mount the actuator to spring return Port A (coil) open:

1. Turn the valve stem to the position outlined in Figure 4.

Figure 4: Positioning the valve stem

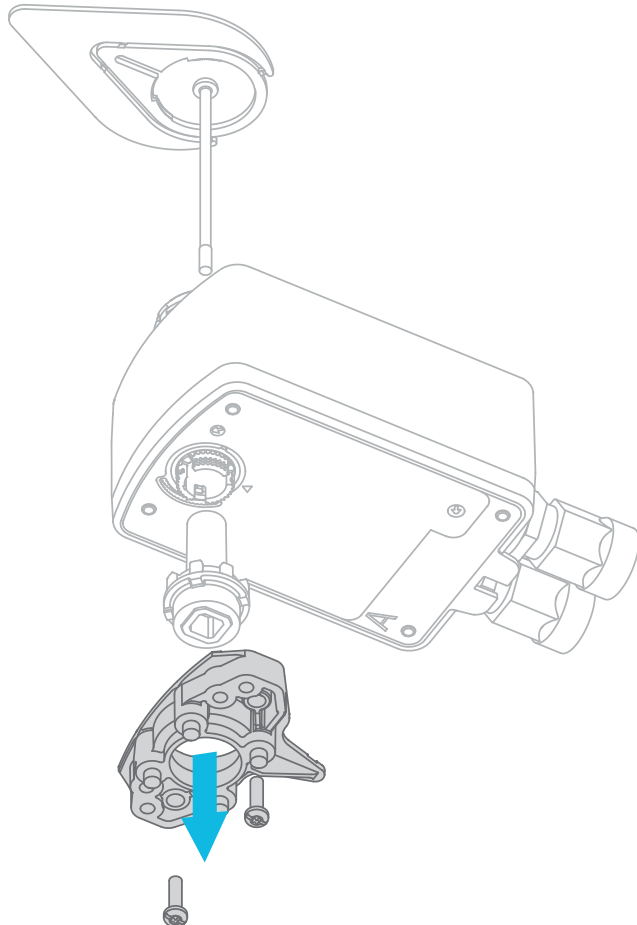


2. Mount the optional M9000-561 Thermal Barrier to the valve if fluid temperature exceeds 212°F (100°C). See the [Mounting the thermal barrier](#) section for more information.

Note: Proceed to Step 7 if the ball valve linkage is on actuator Side B.

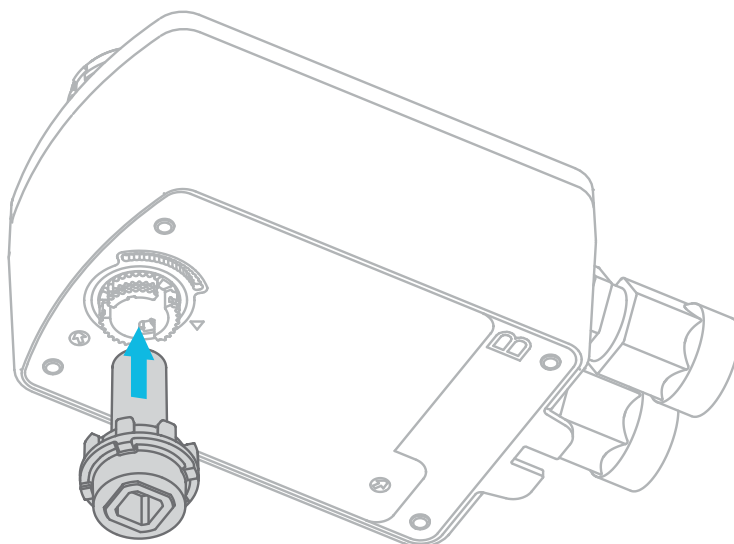
3. Remove the linkage from Side A (Figure 5).

Figure 5: Removing the linkage



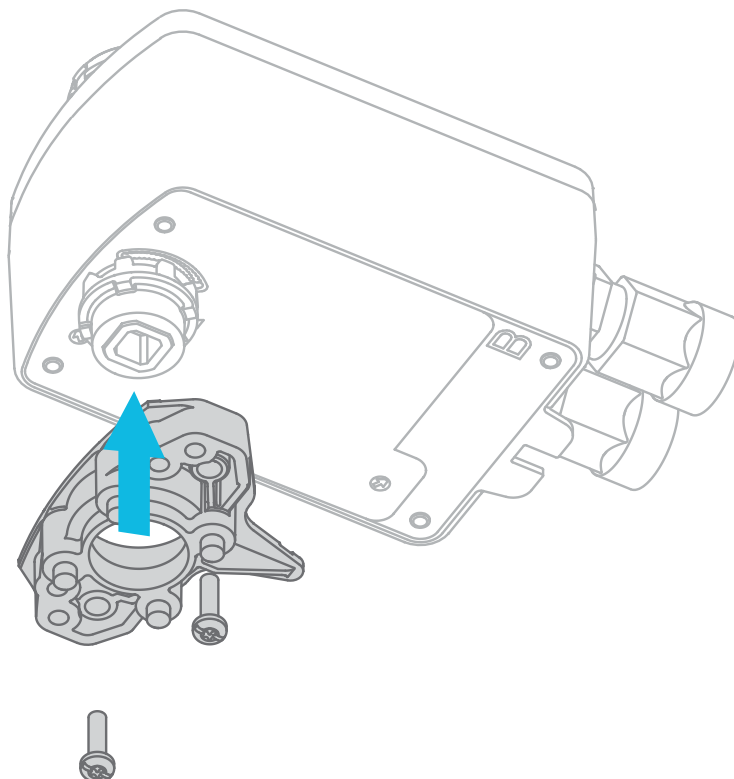
4. Insert the drive shaft into Side B (Figure 6). The drive shaft is keyed for one-way assembly. With gentle pressure applied, rotate the drive shaft until the key aligns and the drive shaft falls into place.

Figure 6: Inserting the drive shaft



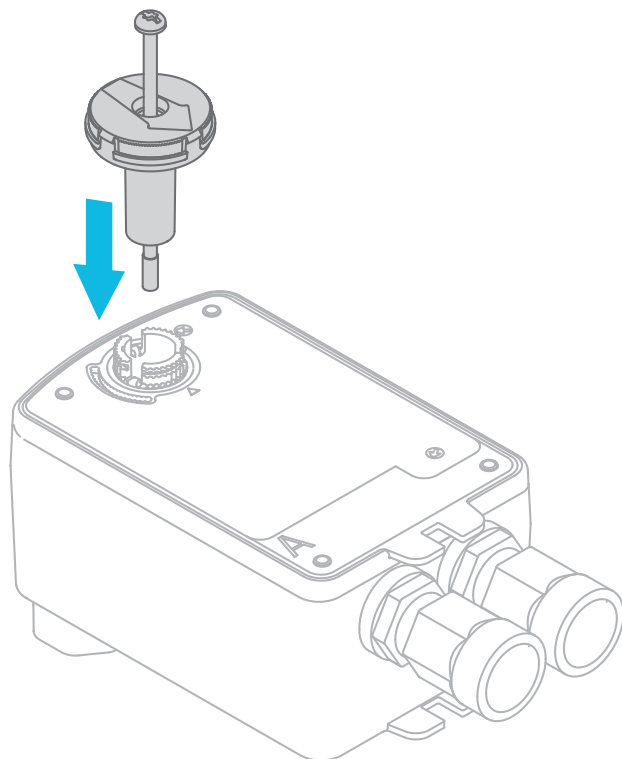
5. Install the linkage base on Side B using the two #8-32 x 0.625 in. long screws (Figure 7). Tighten the linkage screws to a torque of 29 lb·in. to 33 lb·in. (3.3 N·m to 3.7 N·m).

Figure 7: Installing the linkage



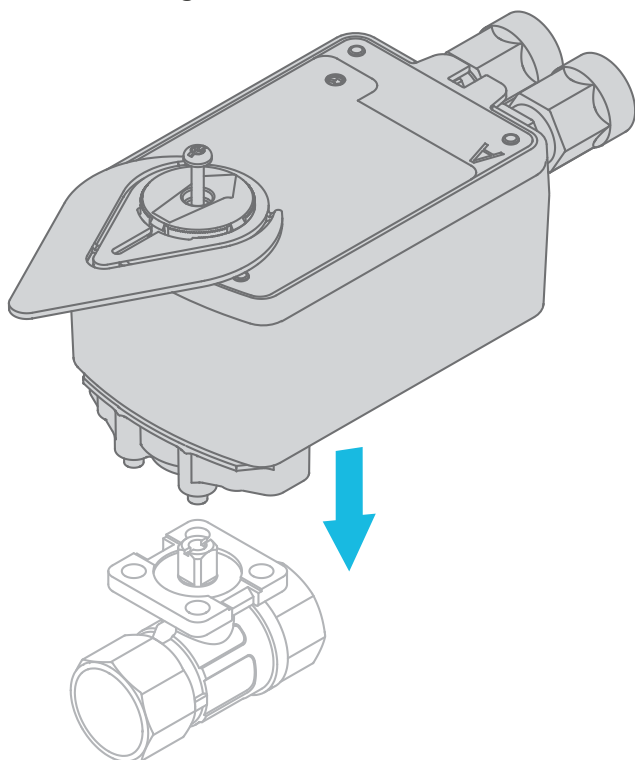
6. Insert the fixed pointer and M4x0.7x83 mm long screw into the Side A actuator hub (Figure 8). Direct the arrow on the pointer to 100%.

Figure 8: Installing the fixed pointer



7. Install the actuator on the ball valve (Figure 9). Tighten the actuator mounting screw to a torque of 10 lb·in. to 12 lb·in. (1.1 N·m to 1.4 N·m) and snap the large adjustable pointer into place.

Figure 9: Mounting the actuator

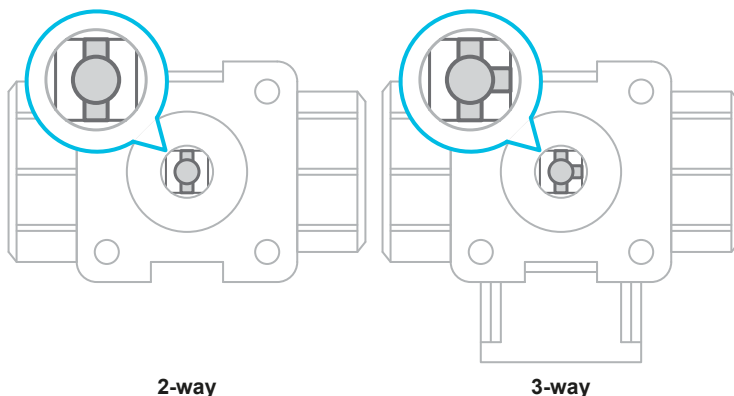


Mounting the actuator to spring return Port A (coil) closed

To mount the actuator to spring return Port A (coil) closed:

1. Turn the valve stem to the position outlined in Figure 10.

Figure 10: Positioning the valve stem

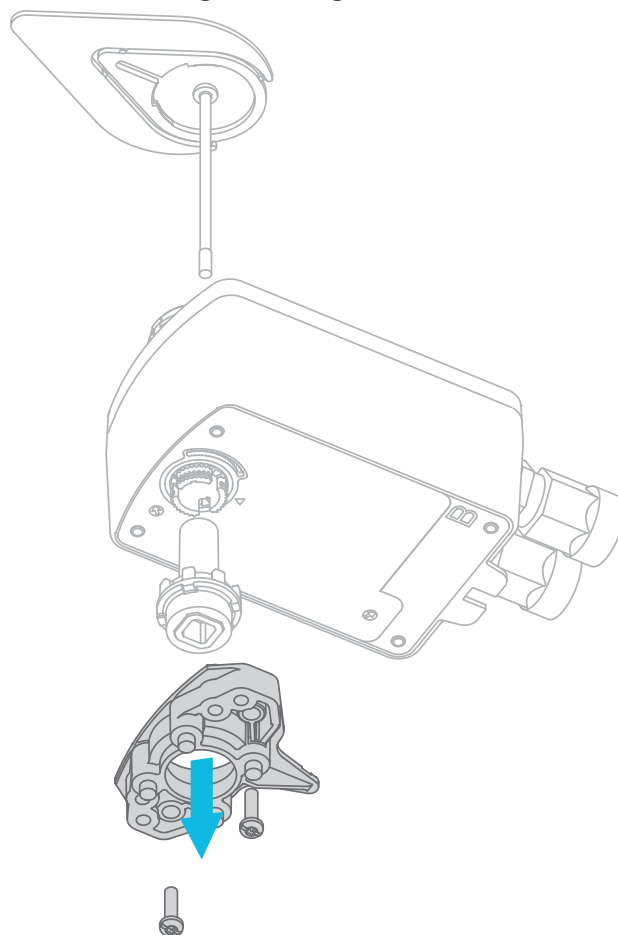


2. Mount the optional M9000-561 Thermal Barrier to the valve if fluid temperature exceeds 212°F (100°C). See the [Mounting the thermal barrier](#) section for more information.

Note: Proceed to Step 7 if the ball valve linkage is on actuator Side A.

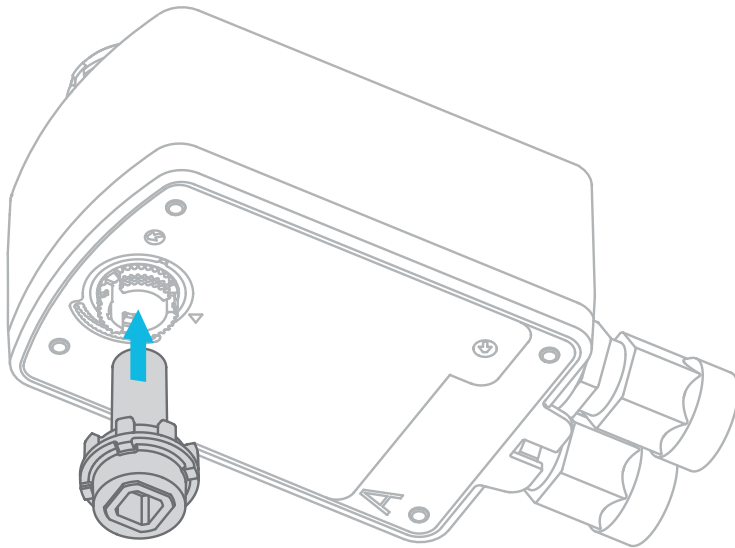
3. Remove the linkage from Side B (Figure 11).

Figure 11: Removing the linkage



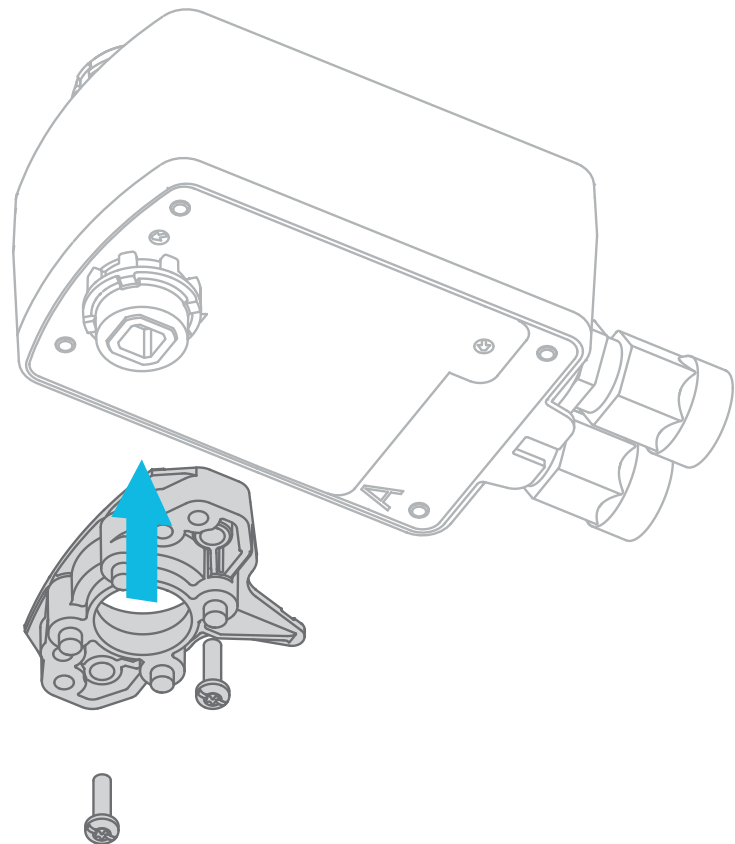
4. Insert the drive shaft into Side A (Figure 12). The drive shaft is keyed for one-way assembly. With gentle pressure applied, rotate the drive shaft until the key aligns and the drive shaft falls into place.

Figure 12: Inserting the drive shaft



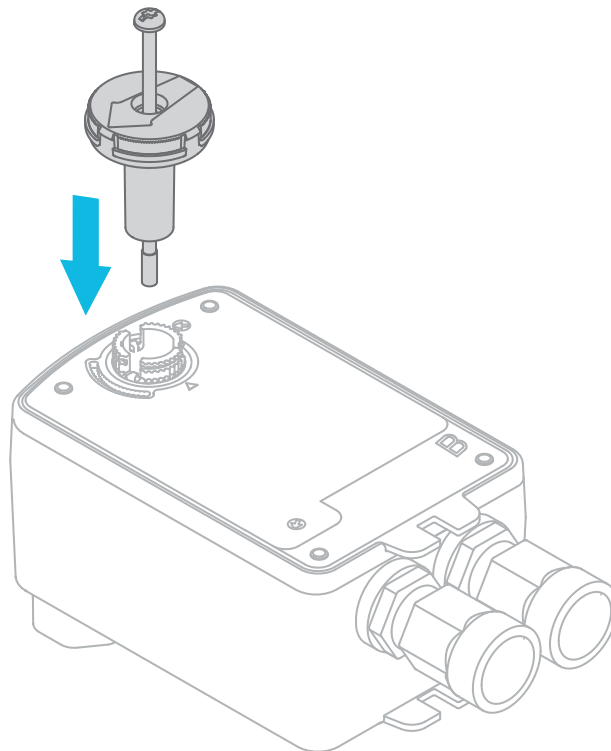
5. Install the linkage base on Side A using the two #8-32 x 0.625 in. long screws (Figure 13). Tighten the linkage screws to a torque of 29 lb·in. to 33 lb·in. (3.3 N·m to 3.7 N·m).

Figure 13: Installing the linkage



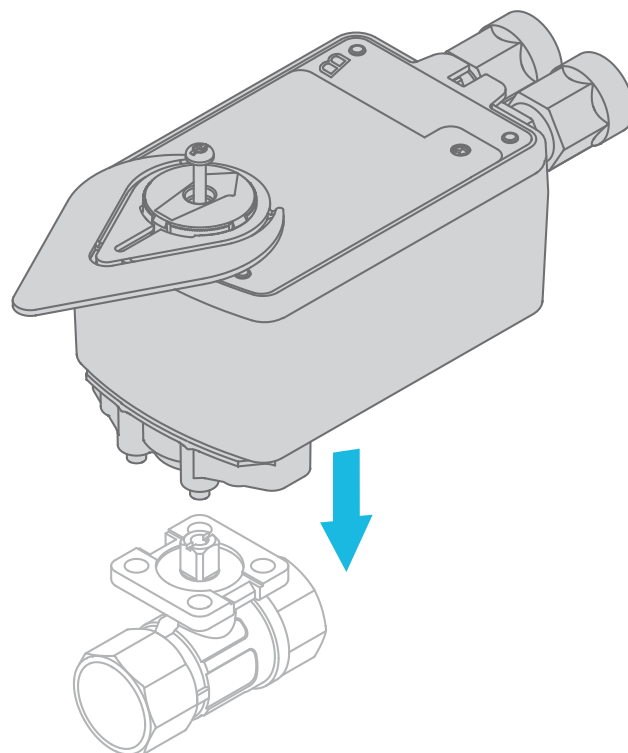
6. Insert the fixed pointer and M4x0.7x83 mm long screw into the Side B actuator hub (Figure 14). Direct the arrow on the pointer to 0%.

Figure 14: Installing the fixed pointer



7. Install the actuator on the ball valve (Figure 15). Tighten the actuator mounting screw to a torque of 10 lb·in. to 12 lb·in. (1.1 N·m to 1.4 N·m) and snap the large adjustable pointer into place.

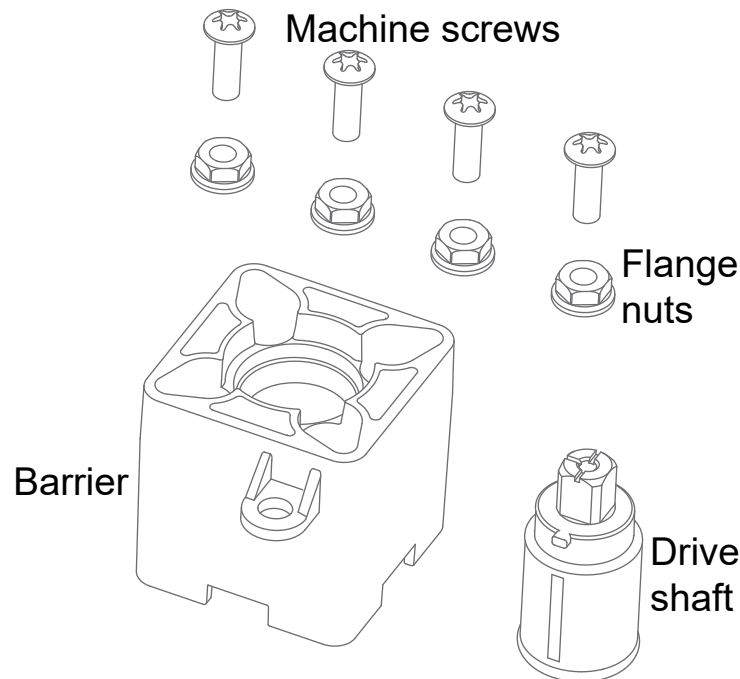
Figure 15: Mounting the actuator



Mounting the thermal barrier

Figure 16 shows the optional M9000-561 Thermal Barrier.

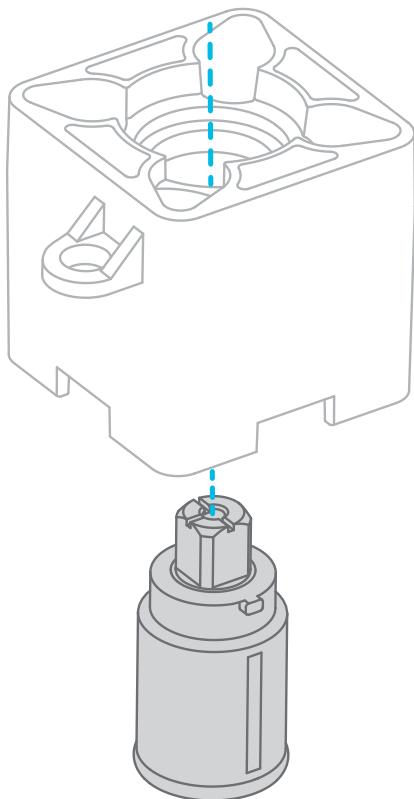
Figure 16: Optional M9000-561 Thermal Barrier



To mount the optional thermal barrier:

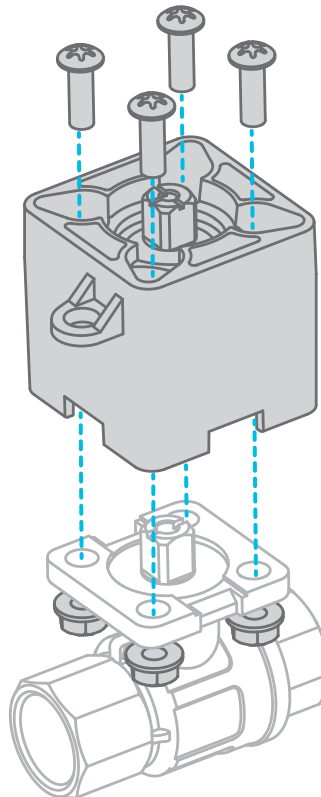
1. Install the thermal barrier drive shaft into the thermal barrier by aligning the tab on the drive shaft with the slot on the thermal barrier (Figure 17).

Figure 17: Installing the drive shaft into the thermal barrier



2. Rotate the drive shaft to align marks on the top of the thermal drive shaft with matching marks on the valve stem.
3. Mount the thermal barrier onto the valve using the four included M5x16 mm machine screws and four M5 flange nuts. Tighten the screws to a torque of 21 lb·in. to 25 lb·in. (2.4 N·m to 2.8 N·m) (Figure 18).

Figure 18: Installing the barrier



4. Proceed to actuator mounting instructions. Follow the same steps as mounting directly to the valve when mounting the actuator to the thermal barrier.

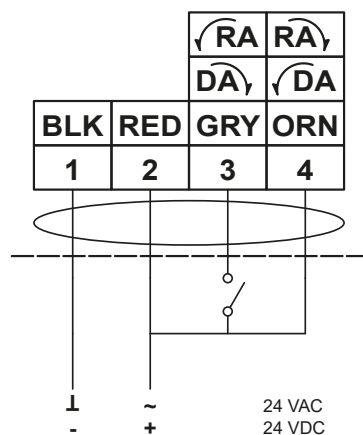
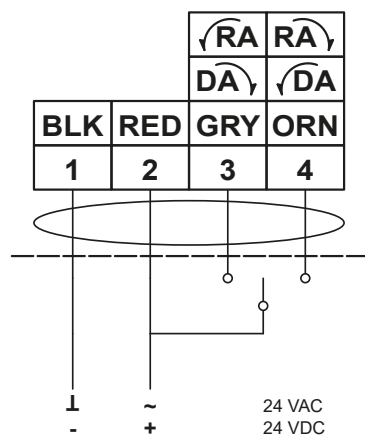
Wiring

See Figure 19 and Figure 20 to wire the applicable VA9204-AGx-2Z Series model.

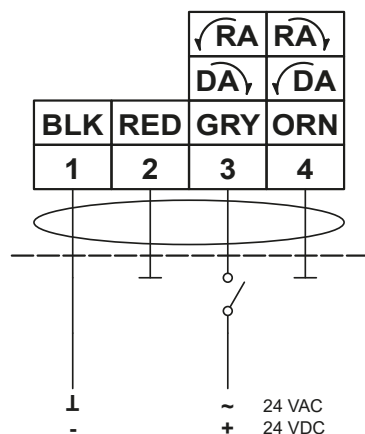
Figure 19: Control wiring diagrams

Floating control, four wire

Open/close, single wire control



On/off control, two wire



Floating control, multiple actuators with one transformer

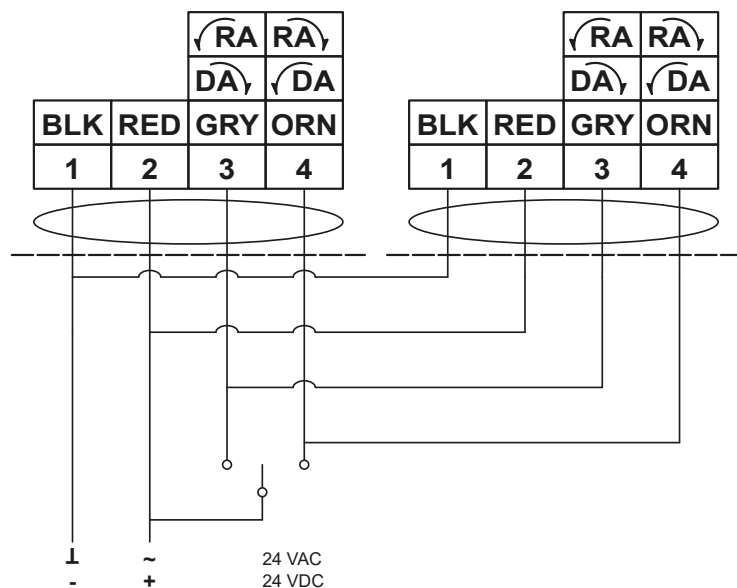
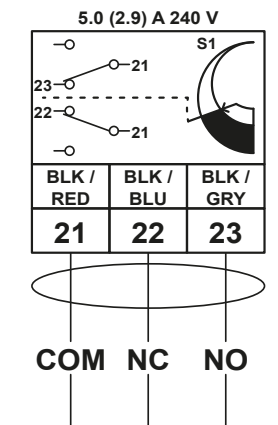


Figure 20: Auxiliary switch wiring diagram



WARNING: Risk of electric shock.

Disconnect or isolate all power supplies before making electrical connections. More than one disconnection or isolation may be required to completely de-energize equipment. Contact with components carrying hazardous voltage can cause electric shock and may result in severe personal injury or death.

AVERTISSEMENT : Risque de décharge électrique.

Débrancher ou isoler toute alimentation avant de réaliser un raccordement électrique. Plusieurs isolations et débranchements sont peut-être nécessaires pour couper entièrement l'alimentation de l'équipement. Tout contact avec des composants porteurs de tensions dangereuses risque d'entraîner une décharge électrique et de provoquer des blessures graves, voire mortelles.



CAUTION: Risk of property damage.

Do not apply power to the system before checking all wiring connections. Short circuited or improperly connected wires may result in permanent damage to the equipment.

MISE EN GARDE : Risque de dégâts matériels.

Ne pas mettre le système sous tension avant d'avoir vérifié tous les raccords de câblage. Des fils formant un court-circuit ou connectés de façon incorrecte risquent d'endommager irrémédiablement l'équipement.



CAUTION: Risk of property damage.
Insulate and secure each unused wire lead before applying power to the actuator. Failure to insulate and secure each unused wire lead may result in property damage.

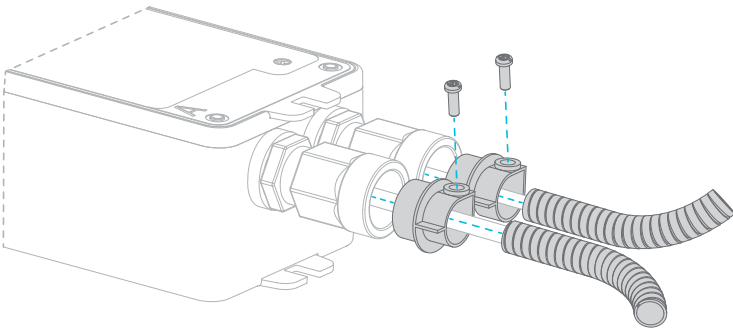
MISE EN GARDE : Risque de dégâts matériels.
Isoler et protéger chaque fil non utilisé avant de mettre l'actuator sous tension. Le non-respect de cette obligation d'isolation et de protection de chaque fil non utilisé risque d'entraîner des dégâts matériels.

IMPORTANT: Make all wiring connections in accordance with the National Electrical Code and local regulations. Use proper Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) precautions during installation and servicing to avoid damaging the electronic circuits of the actuator.

Using conduit

All VA9204 Series actuators accept 1/2 in. threaded electrician's fittings (Figure 21).

Figure 21: Adding flexible metal conduit



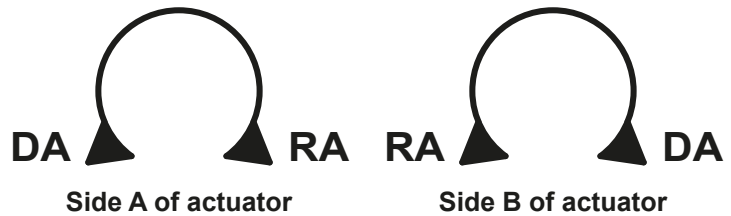
- 1. Feed the actuator cables through the field-supplied electrician's fitting and conduit.
- 2. Thread the electrician's fitting into the actuator and secure the conduit to the fitting in accordance with local building code requirements.

Setup and adjustments

Mode selection switch

Actuators have an external mode selection switch to reverse control logic. The switch is accessible from both A and B sides of the actuator as illustrated in Figure 22. You can switch the factory-set Direct Acting (DA) mode to Reverse Acting (RA) mode.

Figure 22: Mode selection



Control response

The installation side of the actuator and the position of the mode selection switch combine to determine control response from the actuator. See Figure 23.

Figure 23: Control response

		Installation side			
			A	B	
		Mode selection switch			
Control inputs					
GRY	ORN	DA	RA	RA	DA
3	4				
CLOSED	OPEN				
OPEN	CLOSED				
OPEN	OPEN	STOP	STOP	STOP	STOP
CLOSED	CLOSED				

Auxiliary switch (VA9204-xxB-xx models)

The VA9204-xxB-xx models include one integral auxiliary switch with a switch adjuster accessible on either face of the actuator (Figure 24). The factory setting for the auxiliary switch is 10% closing (relative to the 0% to 100% rotation range as printed on the product label). See the [Technical specifications](#) table for the auxiliary switch ratings.



WARNING: Risk of electric shock and property damage.

Insulate and secure each unused wire lead before applying power to the actuator. Failure to insulate and secure each unused wire lead may result in property damage, electric shock, and severe personal injury or death.

AVERTISSEMENT : Risque de décharge électrique et dégâts matériels.

Isoler et protéger chaque fil non utilisé avant de mettre l'actuateur sous tension. Le non-respect de cette obligation d'isolation et de protection de chaque fil non utilisé risque d'entraîner des dégâts matériels, des décharges électriques et des blessures graves, voire mortelles.

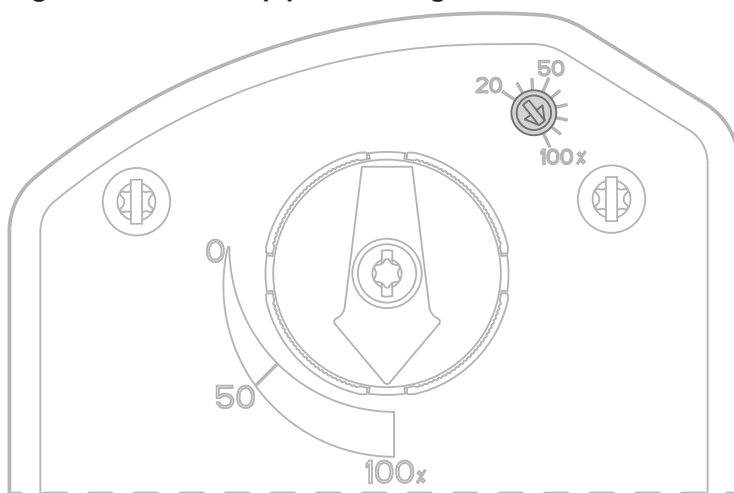
The switch point is continuously adjustable throughout the actuator's rotation range. For the most accurate switch positioning, see Figure 24 and use the method in the following example. To change the switch point of auxiliary switch:

1. Position the actuator in the full spring return position.

Note: The switch is factory set to trip when the actuator reaches the 10% position.

2. Rotate the switch adjuster until it points to the desired switch point.
3. Connect the auxiliary switch to a power source or an ohmmeter and apply power to the actuator. The actuator moves to the fully open position and holds while power is applied.
4. Observe the switch point. If required, repeat Step 1 through Step 3.

Figure 24: Switch trip point settings



VA9204-AGA-2Z, VA9204-AGB-2Z

Technical specifications

VA9204-AGx-2Z Series On/Off and Floating Point Electric Spring Return Actuators

Specification		Description
Power requirements		24 VAC (19.2 VAC to 28.8 VAC) at 50/60 Hz: Class 2 (North America) or Safety Extra-Low Voltage (SELV) (Europe), 5.1 VA running, 2.8 VA holding position 24 VDC (21.6 VDC to 28.8 VDC): Class 2 (North America) or SELV (Europe) 1.9 W running, 1.1 W holding. Holding position minimum transformer size: 6 VA for each actuator
Input signal/adjustments		19.2 VAC to 28.8 VAC at 50/60 Hz or 24 VDC +20%/-10% Class 2 (North America) or SELV (Europe). Minimum pulse width: 500 ms
Control input impedance		4,700 ohm control inputs
Auxiliary switch rating	-xxB models	One single-pole, double-throw (SPDT), double-insulated switch with silver contacts: 24 VAC, 50 VA pilot duty 120 VAC, 5.8 A resistive, 1/4 hp, 275 VA pilot duty 240 VAC, 5.0 A resistive, 1/4 hp, 275 VA pilot duty
Spring return		Direction is selectable with mounting position of actuator: Actuator face labeled A is away from valve: CCW spring return Actuator face labeled B is away from valve: CW spring return
Rated torque	Power on (running)	35 lb-in. (4 N·m) all operating temperatures
	Power off (spring returning)	35 lb-in. (4 N·m) all operating temperatures
Rotation range		Maximum full stroke: 95°
Rotation time for 90 degrees of travel	Power on (running)	90 s constant for 0 lb-in to 35 lb-in. (4 N·m) load, at all operating conditions
	Power off (spring returning)	12 s to 17 s for 0 lb-in to 35 lb-in. (4 N·m) load, at room temperature 16 s nominal at full rated load 22 s maximum with 35 lb-in. (4 N·m) load, at -22°F (-30°C)
Life cycles		60,000 full stroke cycles with 35 lb-in. (4 N·m) load, 1,500,000 repositions with 35 lb-in. (4 N·m) load
Audible noise rating	Power on (running)	<37 dBA at 35 lb-in. (4 N·m) load, at a distance of 39 13/32 in. (1 m)
	Power on (holding)	<20 dBA at a distance of 39 13/32 in. (1 m)
	Power off (spring returning)	<56 dBA at 35 lb-in. (4 N·m) load, at a distance of 39 13/32 in. (1 m)
Electrical connections	AGA-2Z models	36 in. (0.9 m) UL 444 Type CMP plenum-rated cable with 19 AWG (0.75 mm ²) conductors and 1/4 in. (6 mm) ferrule ends
	AGB-2Z models	48 in. (1.2 m) UL 758 Type AWM halogen-free cable with 18 AWG (0.85 mm ²) conductors and 1/4 in. (6 mm) ferrule ends
Conduit connections		Integral 1/2 in. (13 mm) threaded conduit connectors
Fluid temperature limits	VG12x1 and VG18x1 Series	23°F to 203°F (-5°C to 95°C), not rated for steam service
	VG12x5 and VG18x5 Series	-22°F to 212°F (-30°C to 100°C), not rated for steam service
	VG12x5 and VG18x5 Series with M9000-561 Thermal Barrier installed	-22°F to 284°F (-30°C to 140°C) water; 15 psig (103 kPa) at 250°F (121°C) saturated steam
Ambient conditions	Standard operating	-22°F to 140°F (-30°C to 60°C); 90% RH maximum, non-condensing
	Storage	-40°F to 185°F (-40°C to 85°C); 95% RH maximum, non-condensing
Enclosure rating		NEMA 2 (IP54) for all mounting directions
Compliance	United States	UL Listed, CCN XAPX, File E27734; to UL 60730-1A: 2003-08, Ed. 3.1, Automatic Electrical Controls for Household and Similar Use; and UL 60730-2-14: 2002-02, Ed. 1, Part 2 Particular Requirements for Electric Actuators. Plenum Rated (UL 2043). Suitable for use in other environmental air space (plenums) in accordance with Section 300.22 (C) of the National Electric Code.
	Canada	UL Listed, CCN XAPX7, File E27734; to UL 60730-1:02-CAN/CSA: July 2002, 3rd Ed., Automatic Electrical Controls for Household and Similar Use; and CSA C22.2 No. 24-93 Temperature Indicating and Regulating Equipment.
	Europe	Johnson Controls declares that this products is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of the EMC Directive and Low Voltage Directive, and equivalent UK regulations.
	Australia and New Zealand	RCM Mark, Australia/NZ Emissions Compliant
Shipping weight	-AGA models	2.0 lb (0.9 kg)
	-AGB models	2.4 lb (1.1 kg)



Product warranty

This product is covered by a limited warranty, details of which can be found at www.johnsoncontrols.com/buildingswarranty.

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