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RHD500 / RHD800 (Contrac)

Electrical rotary actuator



For continuous control mode, nominal torque
500 / 800 Nm (400 / 600 lbf-ft)

Process optimization thanks to maximum control precision

Maintenance-free up to 10 years

Electrical actuator for continuous positioning, three-point position control, or bus control

Stall-proof without the need for position- or torque-dependent shut-off

Adjustable mechanical limit stops for defined operating range

Handwheel for emergency operation

Signal and power input only via separate, microprocessor-controlled electronic unit

Power supply 115 V AC or 230 V AC via electronic unit only

Brief description

Compact actuator for the operation of final control elements with rotary movement such as valve flaps, ball valves, etc. The torque is transferred via a lever-type actuator or the actuator is directly coupled to the shaft of the final control element. The actuator is controlled using a Contrac electronic unit. This electronic unit serves as the interface between the actuator and the control system.

During continuous positioning, the electronic unit varies the motor torque steplessly until the actuator force and the control valve force are balanced. High response sensitivity and high positioning accuracy with short positioning time ensure an excellent control quality and a long actuator life.

Operating principles

The actuator continuously responds to a set point signal. The motor is permanently under voltage (operating mode S9 - 100 % stall-proof according to IEC 60034-1 / EN 60034-1) and gently increases or reduces the torque on the electronic unit in proportion to the ΔY signal (the difference between the Y set point and the Y position signal).

The actuator is not subject to temperature derating, i.e., there are no restrictions, even at the maximum permissible ambient temperature. Where a state of balance exists, the actuator force and process force are equivalent and the actuator keeps the final control element in the required position.

The classification of the 'S9 - 100 % overload protected' Contrac actuator in accordance with IEC 60034-1 / EN 60034-1 by far exceeds the requirements for the highest class, 'continuous modulation, class D' in accordance with EN 15714-2.

The Contrac actuator offers extensive process optimization capabilities thanks to its high-precision and highly dynamic operation.

Rotary actuators

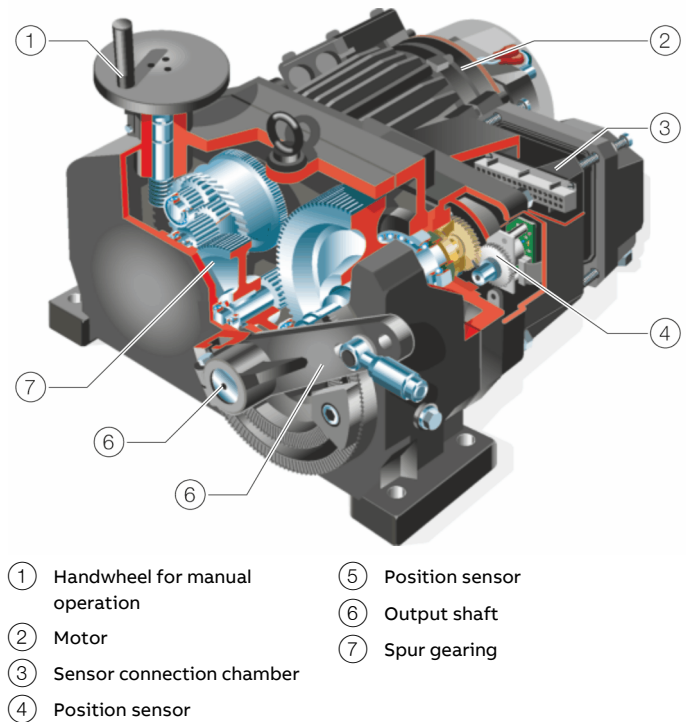


Figure 1: Cross-section of a rotary actuator (example)

Rotary actuators are available for rated torques from 50 to 16000 Nm (40 to 12000 lbf-ft), and they share a common design. A motor drives a low-friction, oil-lubricated spur gearing. At the end of this gearing, a lever mounted on the output drive shaft transmits torque to the final control element via a connecting rod. Since the position sensor is mounted directly on the rear end of the output drive shaft, position feedback is provided without any backlash. This specific design in conjunction with the 3-phase asynchronous motor serves as the basis for the continuous mode of the actuator.

Mechanical limit stops, provided on the outside of the gear case, can be adjusted as needed and used to limit the travel path for swing-through valve flaps, for instance.

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The handwheel offers an optimum level of performance between handwheel forces and rotational speed, owing to the design principle of the differential gearing. Furthermore, the gear train is not interrupted, even though it is possible to adjust the handwheel at any time. This ensures maximum operational reliability. The 3-phase asynchronous motor is equipped with a spring-loaded brake. The brake is energized in automatic mode. In the case of a fault or failure of the supply voltage, the brake will engage via the spring force and lock the control valve in the current position. This ensures reliable "Fail-Freeze" action. The brake is maintenance-free, regardless of whether the actuator is controlled via analog, bus, or step controller signals.

Analog signal and power input

For analog control, the set point entry is received from the control system through a 0 to 20 mA or 4 to 20 mA current value. Signal monitoring is possible. Should the signal leave the pre-defined limits, the actuator will perform the set safety procedure (e. g. 'Lock in last position' or 'Drive to safety position').

The position feedback is also given through a 0 to 20 mA or 4 to 20 mA feedback signal. There are 3 digital inputs and 3 digital outputs available in addition to the analog signal. If a digital input is activated, it will take priority over the set point signal (manual mode takes priority over automatic mode).

The following digital input configurations are possible:

Configuration	Digital input 1	Digital input 2	Digital input 3
OFF	No function	No function	No function
Manual intervention	Manual mode / Automatic mode switching	Travel command in OPEN direction	Travel command in CLOSE direction
Rapid traverse	Rapid traverse mode / Automatic mode switching	Rapid traverse travel command in OPEN direction	Rapid traverse travel command in CLOSE direction
Step controller	ON / OFF step controller activation	Step controller pulses in OPEN direction	Step controller pulses in CLOSE direction

The digital output function is freely selectable for each output. The following functions are available:

Function	Description
Ready to operate	Signaling of device status.
Signal end position 0 %	Actuator has reached the 0 % position.
Signal end position 100 %	Actuator has reached the 100 % position.
Signal limit value 1 rising	While the signal level is rising, the actuator has reached the position defined as limit value 1.
Signal limit value 1 falling	While the signal level is falling, the actuator has reached the position defined as limit value 1.
Signal limit value 2 rising	While the signal level is rising, the actuator has reached the position defined as limit value 2.
Signal limit value 2 falling	While the signal level is falling, the actuator has reached the position defined as limit value 2.
Collective failure	Drive function is no longer given. The actuator is no longer available.
Collective alarm	Parameters in the Contrac interface system have adopted values, which make a failure in the near future likely. The actuator remains functional.
Local operation	The actuator is operated via the local control station (ISF)
Rapid traverse + direction	Actuator is moving at rapid traverse speed in + direction (only for 2-motor version).
Rapid traverse control -direction	Actuator is moving at rapid traverse speed in - direction (only for 2-motor version).

Step controller operation

In the 'step controller' operating mode the incoming control commands are received as pulses at digital inputs 2 and 3 these are upward-integrated into an internal memory. The memory uses these pulses to generate an 'artificial' internal set point which the actuator then follows. This process is as easy on the control valve and actuator operation as the analog control process.

Rapid traverse mode

The actuator is operated exactly in the same operating mode as in the analog control mode. On activation of digital inputs 2 or 3, the actuator moves at twice the rated operating speed and half the torque in the corresponding direction. Just before the end position is reached, the actuator travel speed is automatically switched back to the set speed, at which the remaining distance is covered.

Speed

Contrac actuators offer different speed adjustments for both directions, independently of actuator torque or actuator force. Furthermore, a speed characteristics curve can be set with three different speed values for each direction. The actuator speed is steplessly adapted to the rate of change in speed of the set point value. This ensures a highly dynamic and extremely precise control process. In order to preserve the control valve, the actuator speed is automatically reduced before the end position is reached.

Torque/Force

The torque and actuator force setting options are comparable to the speed setting options. 50 %, 75 % and 100 % of the rated output value can be selected. The electronic unit alters the motor actuation according to the selected value.

Set point monitoring

The set point can be monitored for compliance with the adjustable limit values. Should the set point exceed the upper limit value or fall below the lower limit value, the actuator will perform the previously defined safety action. 'Lock in current Position' or 'Move to pre-defined safety position' are available as safety actions.

Ambient conditions

Temperature

Different temperature versions are available, dependent on the actuator type.

The power-up period is not subject to derating, i.e. even at the maximum permissible ambient temperature, the actuator ensures maximum control precision and dynamics during a power-up period of 100 %.

Corrosion protection

Contrac actuators and electronic units have been designed for operation in extreme ambient conditions. They satisfy the requirements of atmospheric corrosivity category C5-I (highly polluted industrial atmospheres) for protection against external corrosion in accordance with DIN EN 15714 (Electric actuators for industrial valves – Basic requirements), and EN ISO 12944-2:1998 (Paints and varnishes. Corrosion protection of steel structures by protective paint systems. Classification of environments).

Electronic cabinet modules satisfy the requirements of category C1 (low pollution) as per EN ISO 12944-2:1998 (Paints and varnishes. Corrosion protection of steel structures by protective paint systems. Classification of environments).

Maintenance interval

Contrac actuators and electronic units exceed the service life requirements for the highest class D, 'continuous modulation', as per DIN EN 15714 (Electric actuators for industrial valves – Basic requirements). The actuators remain maintenance-free for up to 10 years under 'normal' load.

Expected service life of the device

With proper use and consideration of relevant environmental conditions, the service life of the Contrac actuators and electronic units can reach approx. 10 years.

Regular maintenance work and / or proper repairs by ABB Service, along with the use of ABB spare parts, can extend the service life of the Contrac actuators and electronic units.

Communication

The PROFIBUS DP®, PROFIBUS DP®/V1 or HART® communication protocols are available for digital communication.

PROFIBUS®

PROFIBUS DP® is an international, open field bus protocol which has been standardized in the field bus standard EN 50170. On a cyclic basis, the master reads the input information from the slaves and writes the output information to the slaves. In addition to this cyclic data transfer of the process representation (e. g. setpoint and actual value), Profibus DP also provides powerful functions for diagnostics and commissioning. PROFIBUS DP/V1 additionally offers the acyclic transfer of data for the configuration of slaves, for example. Data traffic is monitored through the monitoring functions on the master and slave sides. In addition to PROFIBUS® data transfer, ABB Contrac actuators provide two configurable binary outputs to for example signal that the end position has been reached. The two configurable digital outputs can be used independently of the bus communication.

HART®

Contrac actuators also offer the option of using the HART® communication protocol for configuration and parameterization while operation is in progress. HART®-FSK communication enables simultaneous analog set point transmission and digital communication without additional installation. The HART signal is modulated on to the 4 to 20 mA analog set point signal. The HART® protocol works with Frequency Shift Keying (FSK) technology, based on the Bell 202 communication standard.

FDI – Field Device Integration

The Device Type Driver for Contrac actuators is based on FDI technology and can either be integrated in a control system or loaded onto a PC with the ABB Ability™ Field Information Manager (FIM).

This allows you to work with the same user interface in the commissioning phase, during operation, and for service tasks involving monitoring the device, parameterization, and reading out data.

DTM

The DTM (Device Type Manager) for Contrac actuators is based on FDT / DTM technology (FDT 1.2 / 1.2.1) and can either be integrated into a control system or loaded on a PC with an FDT framework application. This allows you to work with the same user interface in the commissioning phase, during operation, and for servicing tasks, involving monitoring the device, setting parameters, and reading out data. Communication is based on HART® protocol or PROFIBUS® communication. Reading out data from the device has no effect on the operation in progress. Newly set parameters are saved in the non-volatile memory directly upon download to the device, and become active immediately.

EDD

Similar to DTM, the EDD (Electronic Device Description) provides the option of configuration and parameterization of the device through HART® communication by using a handheld terminal or an EDD integrated in the system.

Specification

Control actuator

	RHD500 / RHD800 (Contrac)
Operating mode	S9 – 100%; stall-proof acc. to IEC 60034-1/EN 60034-1
IP rating	IP 66 acc. to IEC 60529/EN 60529 NEMA 4X acc. to CAN/CSA22.2 No. 94
Humidity	≤ 95 % annual average; condensation not permitted
Ambient temperature	–10 to 65 °C (15 to 150 °F) –30 to 50 °C (–20 to 125 °F) –1 to 85 °C (30 to 185 °F)*
Transport and storage temperature	–40 to 70 °C (–40 to 160 °F)
Long-term storage temperature	–30 to 40 °C (–22 to 104 °F)
Mounting position	any position; preferably IMB 3 acc. to IEC 60034-7 / EN 60034-7
Coating	2-layer component epoxy (RAL 9005, black)
Anti-condensation heater	Motor winding: Directly from electronic unit. Signal space: Separate heating resistor; separate power supply or power feed from Contrac electronic unit
Electrical connection	Plug connection with crimp snap-in contacts or screw terminals Connection cable for electronic unit – actuator available as an option (see ordering information for electronic unit)
Power supply for motor and sensors	Via Contrac electronic unit only

* 85 °C / 185 °F-design not available for all RHD variants.

	RHD500-10	RHD800-10
Nominal torque	500 Nm (370 lbf-ft), adjustable to 0.5, 0.75 or 1 × nominal torque	800 Nm (590 lbf-ft), adjustable to 0.5, 0.75 or 1 × nominal torque
Starting torque	1.2 × nominal torque (break-away torque in end positions for short time 2 × nominal torque)	
Rated time for 90°; adjustable	10 to 900 s	
Rated operating speed, adjustable	9.0 to 0.1°/s	
Operating angle	Typically 90° (min. 35°; max. 140°), with lever and limit stops the mechanical limits in accordance with operating instruction should be complied with.	
Weight	Approx. 94 kg (207 lb)	Approx. 97 kg (214 lb)
Associated electronic unit	For field mounting: EBN853 For rack installation: EBS852	
Motor	MCS 71 BA	MCS 80 BA
Sensors	Position transmitter and temperature sensor always available	

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Electronic unit

Note

Detailed information on separate electronic units can be found in the corresponding data sheets.

Power supply

RHD(E)500 / RHD(E)800

Supply voltage	115 V AC (94 to 130 V) or 230 V AC (190 to 260 V); 47.5 to 63 Hz; single-phase		
Current consumption at the electronic unit [A]		I_{\max} at 115 V	I_{\max} at 230 V
(AC 115 V / AC 230 V)	RHD(E)500-10	2.2 A	1.1 A
	RHD(E)800-10	5.0 A	2.5 A
External fuse	16 A; time-lag		

Communication

Conventional communication

Analog input	0 / 4 to 20 mA; internal load: 300 Ω
Analog output	0 / 4 to 20 mA, electrically isolated, max. load 500 Ω
3 digital inputs, 1 to 3	Digital 0: -3 to 5 V or open, electrically isolated Digital 1: 12 to 35 V, electrically isolated
3 digital outputs, 1 to 3	Potential-free relay contact, max. 60 V, 150 mA
Digital communication	RS232 for commissioning and service, with optional FSK / HART® or PROFIBUS DP®
Default settings	Conventional communication on page 10
Voltage output U_V	24 V, 15 mA, electrically isolated, for scanning external contacts, or similar applications
Connection for transmitter (optional)	Supply for two-wire transmitter with activated process controller in Contrac
Individual settings	See data sheet 'DS/CONTRAC/SETTING' or available upon request.

PROFIBUS DP® Communication	
PNO ID no.	0×9655 Actuators with DP/V0 communication (cyclic data traffic) 0×09EC Actuators with DP/V1 communication (cyclic and acyclic data traffic)
Communication protocol	PROFIBUS PA® Profile V3.0 Class B in accordance with IEC 50170 / EN 50170 (DIN 19245)
Bus cable	Twisted, shielded copper wire acc. to IEC 50170 / EN 50170
Interface	EIA-485 (RS485) acc. to IEC 50170 / EN 50170
Permissible baud rates	93.75 Kbit/s 187.5 Kbit/s 500 Kbit/s 1500 Kbit/s Automatic baud rate detection
Bus address	0 to 126, default address 126 Set Slave Address service is supported
Bus termination	Connectable active bus termination. Power supply from electronic unit
Block types	1 analog input function block 1 transducer block 1 physical block
Failsafe	Failsafe function is supported. Configurable function for downtime of bus communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lock in last position • Drive to safety position • Adjust with last effective set point Adjustable time delay
Modules for cyclic communication	8 standards-compliant modules and 3 manufacturer-specific modules are available.* SP (Short) SP (Long) RCAS_IN+RCAS_OUT SP+READBACK+POS_D SP+CHECKBACK SP+READBACK+POS_D+CHECKBACK RCAS_IN+RCAS_OUT+CHECKBACK SP+RCAS_IN+READBACK+RCAS_OUT+POS_D+CHECKBACK STANDARD SP+RB+MESSEING SP+RB+ENL_DIAG
Acyclic communication	Full parameterization and configurability via Master Class 2 and DTM
Default settings	see Table PROFIBUS DP® communication on page 10.
Digital outputs 1 and 2	In addition to the PROFIBUS®-communication, there are 2 digital outputs. Potential-free relay contact, max. 60 V, 150 mA Default setting: Digital output 1 End position signal 0 % Digital output 2 End position signal 100 %
Individual settings	See data sheet 'DS/CONTRAC/SETTING' or available upon request.

* A full description of communication modules can be found in parameterization and configuration instructions 45/68-10

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... Electronic unit

Delivery state

The standard delivery scope includes metric cable entry threads with IP66 seal plugs. Optional NPT and PG adapters are available. The individual actuator configuration may vary from the standard setup above. This information can be displayed via the user interface. Unless otherwise specified by the user, the electronic units are delivered with the following standard configuration:

Conventional communication

Parameter	Setting
Function selection	Positioner, parameter: set point
Set point function	Analog set point
Set point range	4 to 20 mA
Set point characteristic	Linear; set point = position value
Actual value range	4 to 20 mA
Nominal torque / rated force in \pm direction	100 %
Automatic speed in \pm direction:	100 %
Action in 0 % / 100 % end position	Keep leak-tight with nominal torque / rated force
Digital inputs	Digital input 1 Manual / Automatic switching, Digital input 2 / 3 Travel command \pm
Digital outputs	Digital output 1 ready for operation / error message, Digital output 2 / 3 end position signaling 0 % / 100 %
Brake Away Function	Deactivated
Shut-off function	Deactivated
Positioning loop monitoring	Deactivated
Set point monitoring	Deactivated
Alarm Type	Deactivated
Action after restoration of power	Switch to Automatic
Working range of actuator	Not set

PROFIBUS DP® communication

Parameter	Setting
Function selection	Positioner, parameter: set point
Set point function	Digital
Set point range	4 to 20 mA
Set point characteristic	Linear; set point = position value
Actual value range	Digital
Nominal torque / rated force in \pm direction	100 %
Automatic speed in \pm direction:	100 %
Action in 0 % / 100 % end position	Keep leak-tight with nominal torque / rated force
Digital outputs	Digital output 1 / 2 end position signal 0 % / 100 %
Brake Away Function	Deactivated
Shut-off function	Deactivated
Positioning loop monitoring	Deactivated
Communication monitoring	PROFIBUS DP® / V0: Activated Lock in last position PROFIBUS DP® / V1: Activated After delay time has elapsed (standard configuration 5 s) Lock in last position
Alarm Type	Deactivated
Action after restoration of power	Switch to Automatic
Working range of actuator	Not set

Electrical connections

Wire cross-sectional areas

Control actuator

Crimp pins

Motor / brake / heater	max. 1.5 mm ² (16 AWG)
Signals	max. 0.5 mm ² (20 AWG)
Contact surface	Gold-plated

Screw terminals (optional)

Motor / brake / heater	max. 2.5 mm ² (14 AWG)
Signals	max. 2.5 mm ² (14 AWG)
Contact surface	Motor / brake / signals: Gold-plated Heater: Silver-plated

Electronic unit

EBN853 – Screw terminals

Motor/brake	fixed: 1.5 to 6 mm ² (16 to 10 AWG) flexible: 0.2 to 4 mm ² (24 to 12 AWG)
Mains	fixed: 1.5 to 6 mm ² (16 to 10 AWG) flexible: 0.5 to 4 mm ² (20 to 12 AWG)
Signals	fixed: 0.5 to 4 mm ² (20 to 12 AWG) flexible: 0.5 to 2.5 mm ² (20 to 14 AWG)

EBS852 – Clamping connection

Suited for cable Ø Terminals for conductor cross-section		
Mains cable	13 mm (0.51 in)	max. 4 mm ² (12 AWG)
Signal cable (DCS)	8 mm (0.31 in)	max. 1.5 mm ² (16 AWG)
Transmitter (option)	8 mm (0.31 in)	max. 1.5 mm ² (16 AWG)
Motor cable	13 mm (0.51 in)	max. 4 mm ² (12 AWG)
Sensor cable	8 mm (0.31 in)	max. 1.5 mm ² (16 AWG)

Cable glands

The actuators and electronic units are supplied without cable glands. Suited cable glands must be installed on site.

Tap holes for cable glands

	metric	optional adapters for*	
Signals	M20 × 1.5 (2 ×)	PG 16 (2 ×)	NPT ½ in (2 ×)
Motor	M25 × 1.5 (1 ×)	PG 21 (1 ×)	NPT ¾ in (1 ×)

* Adapter for PG or NPT thread must be ordered separately

Selection of suited connection cables

Please observe the following information when selecting cables:

- Use shielded cables for the motor/brake cable, the sensor cable, and the signal cable to the control system/controller.
- Connect the shielding of the motor/brake cable and the sensor cable on both sides (to the actuator and to the Contrac electronic unit).

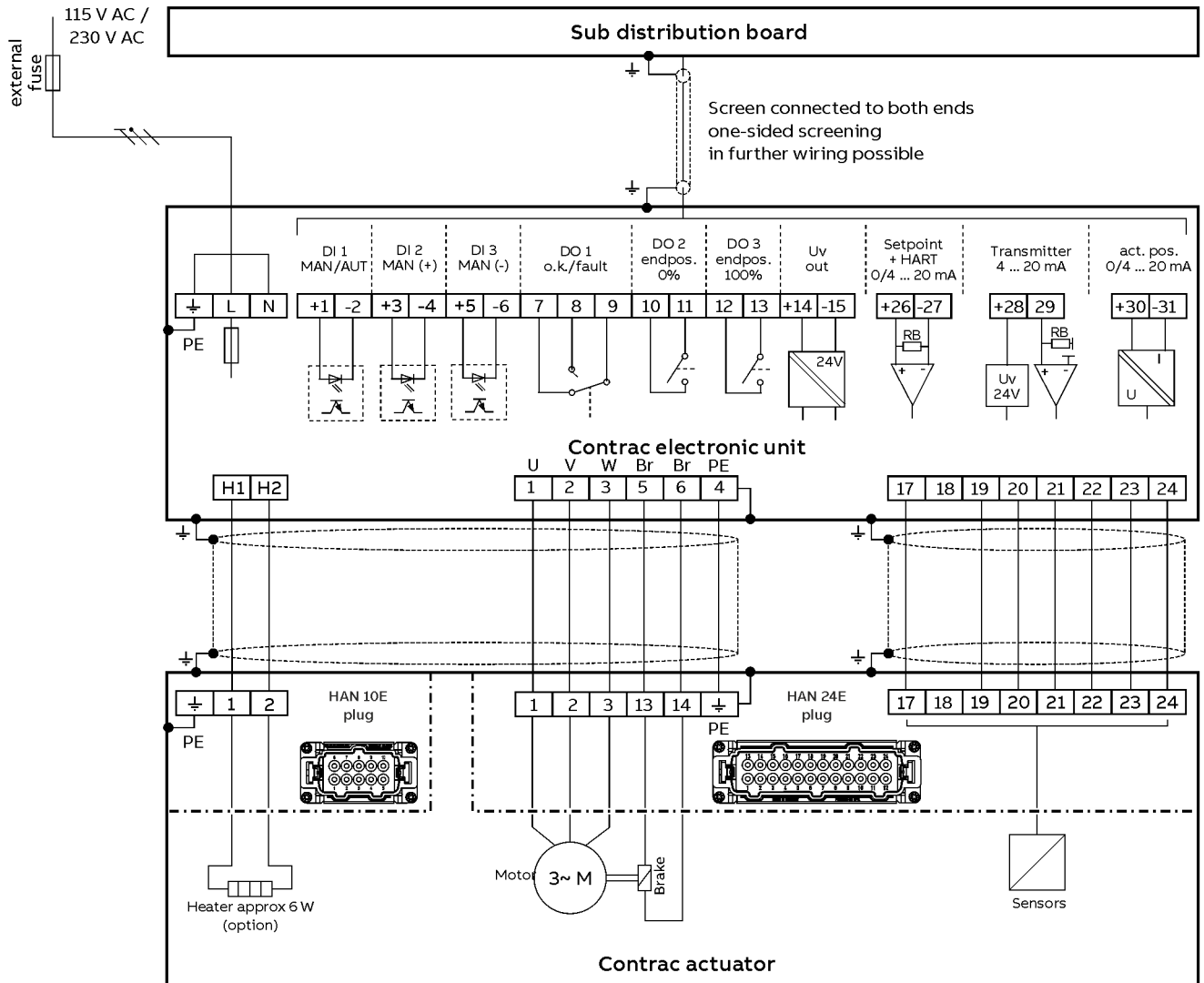
... Electrical connections

Electronic Unit EBN853 (Contrac)

Analog / Digital

Note

The electrical connection is provided by a universal plug on the actuator and the screw terminals on the electronic unit.



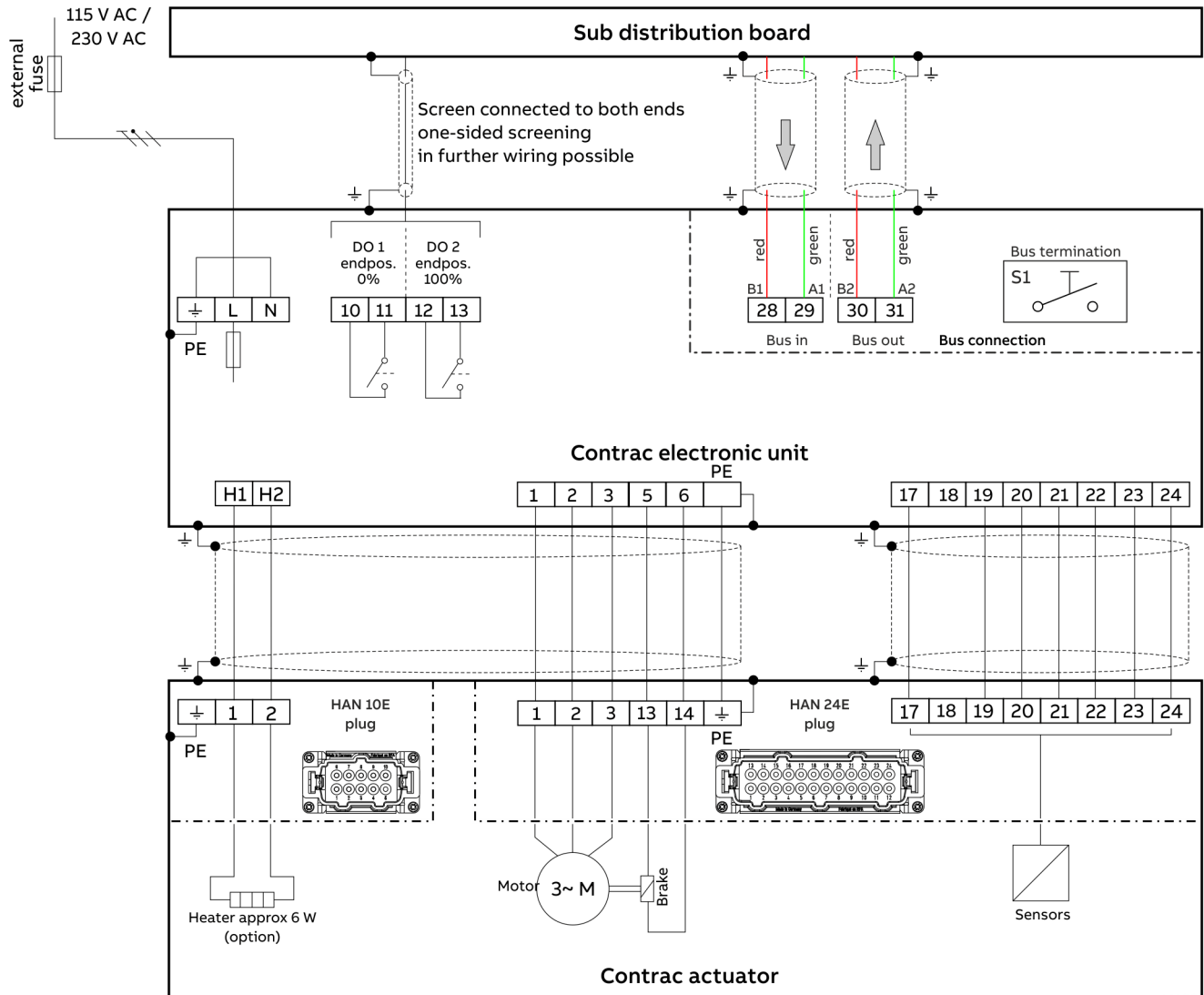
BE = digital input

BA = digital output

Figure 2: Control via analog input 0/4 to 20 mA, HART® communication or binary inputs

PROFIBUS DP®**Note**

The electrical connection is provided by a universal plug on the actuator and the screw terminals on the electronic unit.



BA = digital output

Figure 3: Control via fieldbus PROFIBUS DP®

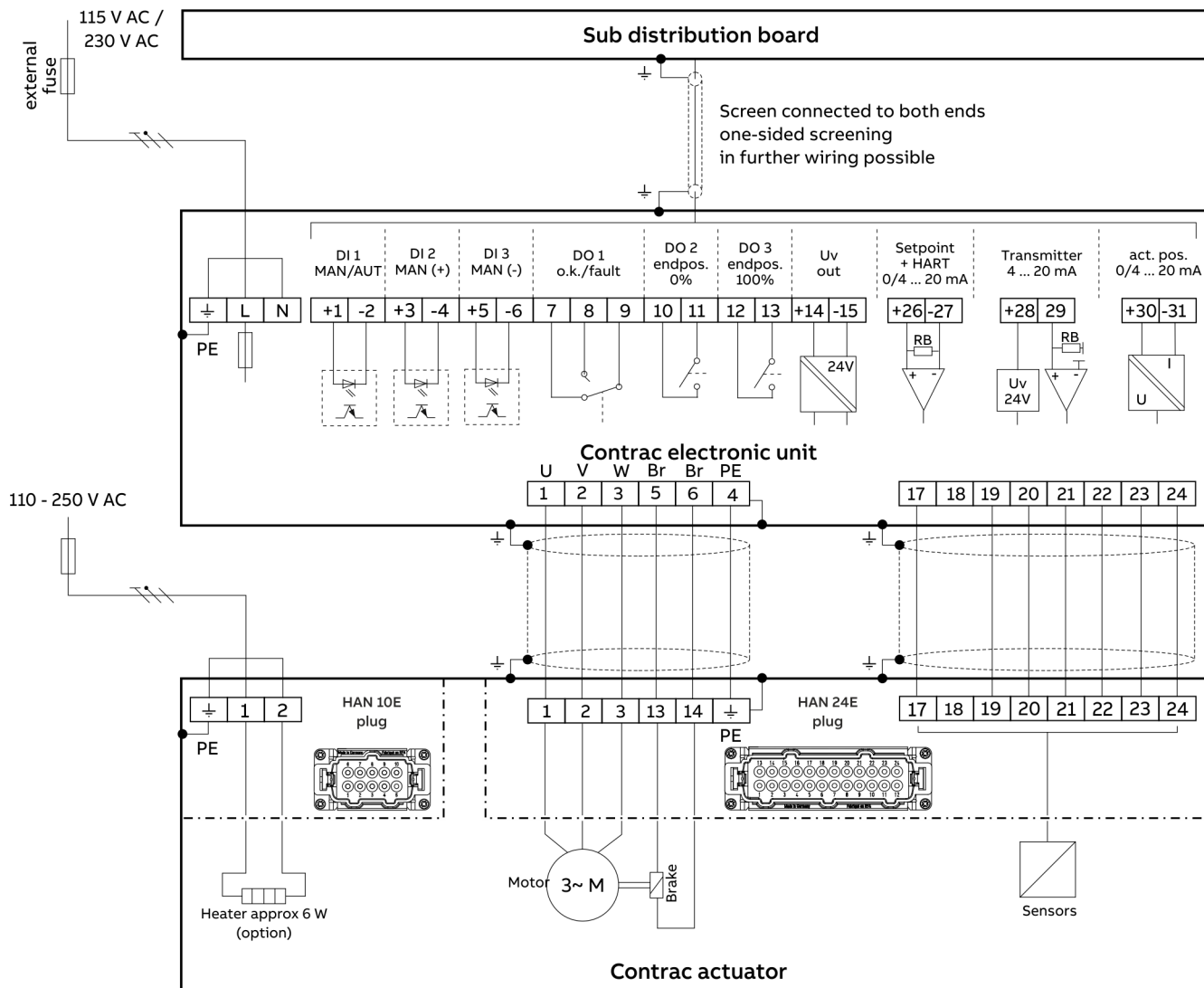
... Electrical connections

Electronic Unit EBN852 (Contrac)

Analog / Digital

Note

- The electrical connection is provided by a universal plug on the actuator and the screw terminals on the electronic unit.
- If you are using a separate heat supply, the heater must be protected with a 2 to 6 A medium time-lag fuse (e.g. NEOZED D01 E14).

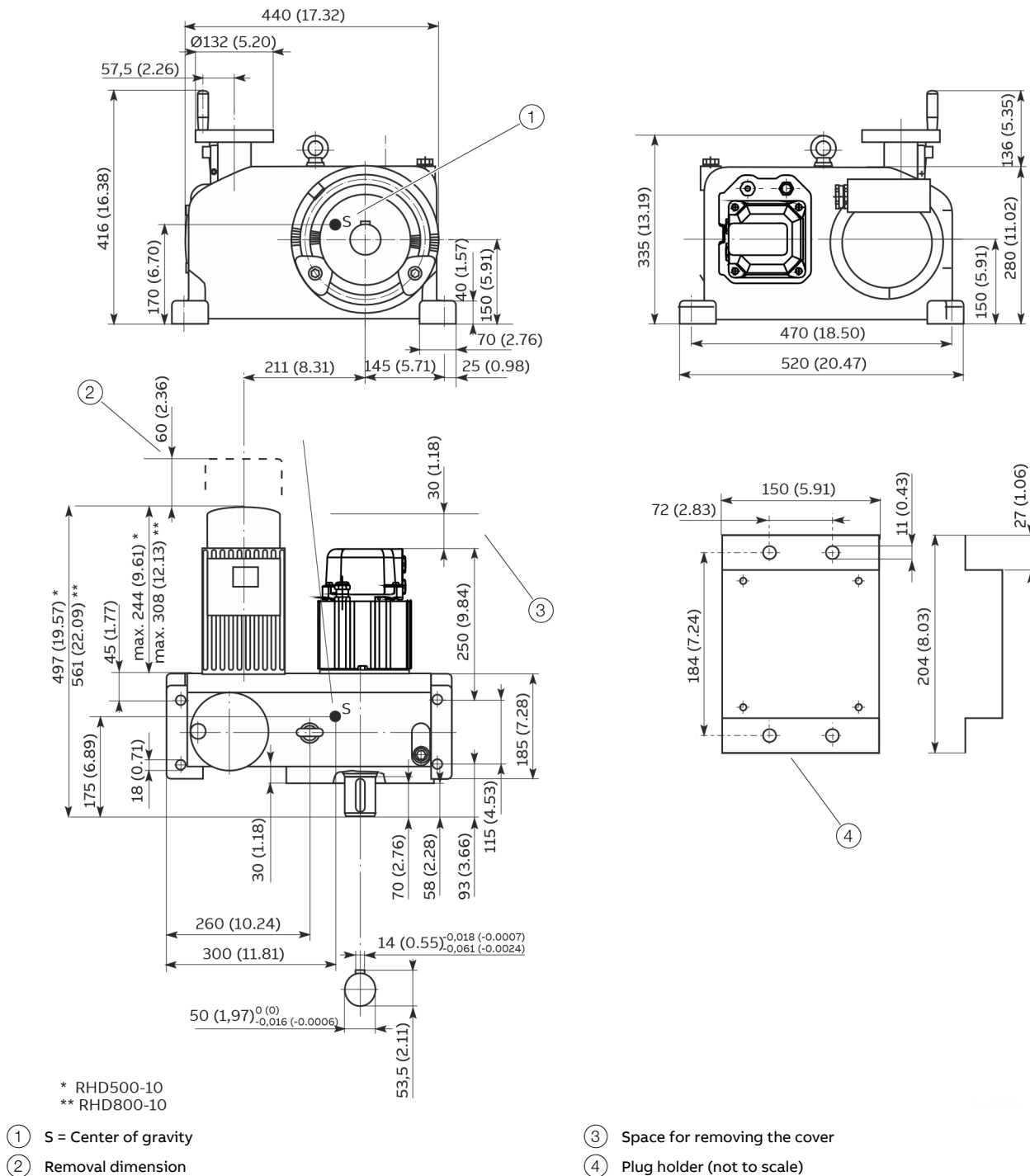


BE = digital input
BA = digital output

Figure 4: Control via analog input 0/4 to 20 mA, HART® communication or digital inputs

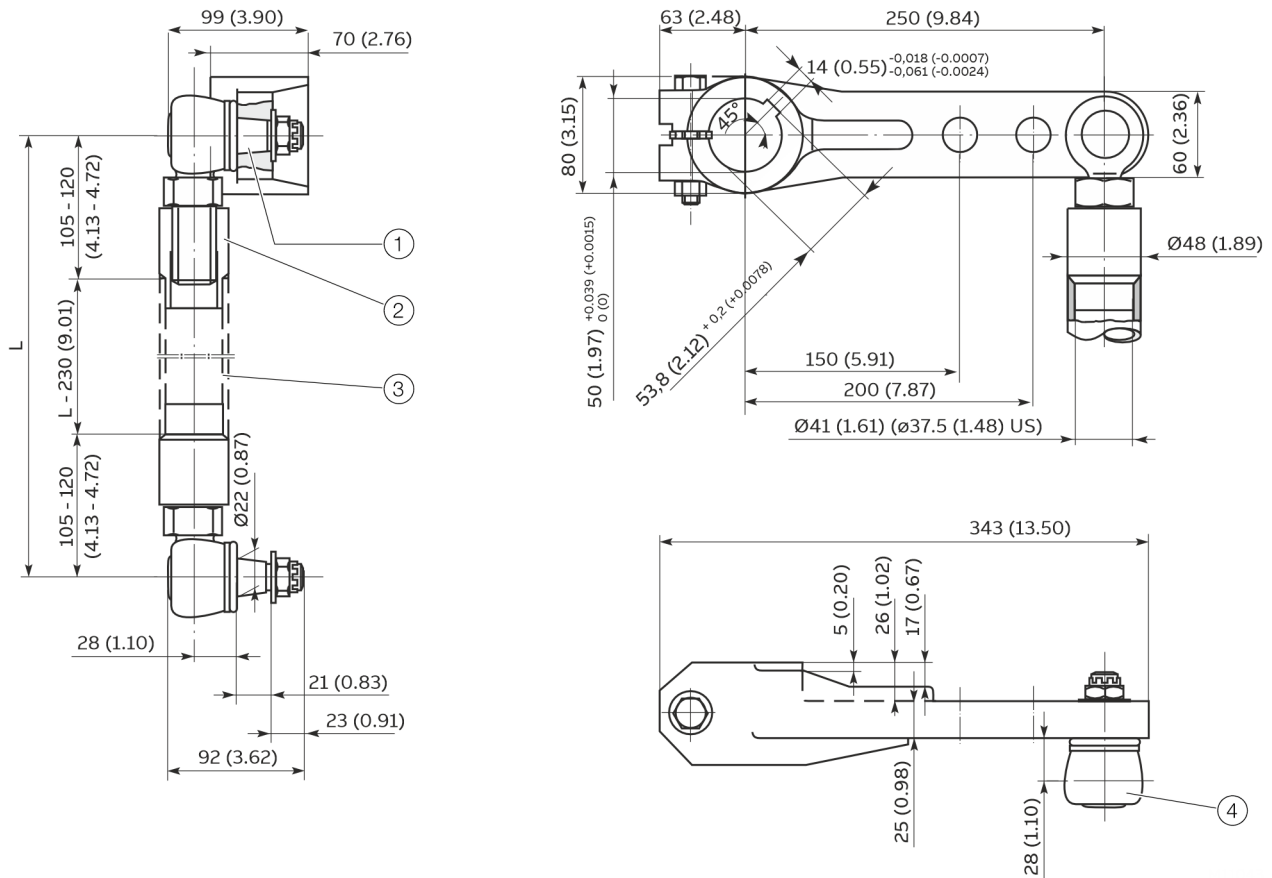
Dimensions

Control actuator



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Lever



- ① Cone 1:10
- ② Welding bushings are included in delivery
- ③ Connection pipe 1 ½ in DIN EN 10255 / ISO 65 or 1 ½ in schedule 80 pipe. Size 'L' acc. to requirements. The pipe is not included in delivery
- ④ Angular deflection of ball and socket joint: Pointing towards the actuator max. 3°; pointing away from the actuator max. 10°

Figure 6: Dimensions in mm (in)

Ordering Information

RHD500 / RHD800

Basic model					
RHD500 Rotary Actuator, rated torque 500 Nm (400 ft-lbs) (adjustable to 50 % / 75 % / 100 %)	V68163	XXXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
RHD800 Rotary Actuator, rated torque 800 Nm (600ft-lbs) (adjustable to 50 % / 75 % / 100 %)	V68164	XXXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Rated Pos. Speed					
9.0°/s (adjustable to 9.0 to 0.1°/s), only for RHD500		0111			
9.0°/s (adjustable to 9.0 to 0.1°/s), only for RHD800		0112			
Mechanical Connection					
Shaft with key				370	
Lever set, standard design (consists of lever, 2 ball-and-socket joints and 2 welding bushings)				496	
Lever set, US design (consists of lever, 2 ball-and-socket joints and 2 US welding bushings)				374	
Electrical Connection					
Plug (24-pole) complete, crimped					277
Plug (24-pole) complete, terminals					278
Plug bottom part covered					279*
Ambient Temperature Range					
-10 to 65 °C (15 to 150 °F)					344
-30 to 50 °C (-22 to 125 °F)					341
-1 to 85 °C (30 to 185 °F)					349

* Female plug with cables to be ordered with electronic unit

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... RHD500 / RHD800

Additional ordering information RHD500 / RHD800

RHD500 / RHD800 Rotary Actuator	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Electrical Connection Thread										
Set NPT adapter (junction metric / NPT thread)	680									
Set PG adapter (junction metric / PG thread)	681									
Anti-condensation Heater										
Anti-condensation heater		360								
Identification on Data Label										
Alphanumeric, max. 32 characters			294							
Data Label with US Units										
Data label with US units				253						
Accessories: Plug Cover										
Cover for male plug (24 pole)					337					
Accessories: Plug Holder										
Plug holder						338				
Factory Certificate 2.1 acc. to EN 10204										
Factory certificate 2.1 acc. EN 10204							291			
Certificate 3.1 acc. to EN 10204										
Certificate 3.1 acc. EN 10204								292		
Handling of Certificates										
Send via e-mail									GHE	
Send via mail									GHP	
Send via mail express									GHD	
Send with instrument									GHA	
Only archived									GHS	
Operating Instruction										
German										Z1D
English										Z1E
Portuguese										Z1P
Italian										Z1I
French										Z1F

Accessories

Description	Order number
RHD(E) adapter plate for rotary actuators, type AP2	789191

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