GEMÜ 12A0
Intelligent electrical position indicator

Features

- IO-Link communication and programming interface (incl. SIO mode via 24 V DC signals)
- Self-initialization through autonomous detection of end positions
- Condition monitoring through integrated sensor system
- Configuration and status diagnostics via the GEMÜ App
- Contactless position detection
- Electrical and mechanical position indicator as well as advanced diagnostic messages via high-visibility LED
- Uniform mounting kit with integrated air supply and control pressure detection

Description

The GEMÜ 12A0 position indicator is compatible with all pneumatically actuated process valves of the new platform generation as well as with quarter turn valves. The position sensor determines the valve position precisely, reliably and wear-free. The current valve position is indicated by far-sighted LEDs and signalled back via electrical signals. The innovative position indicator is characterised by modern communication interfaces, integrated sensors and the option of operation via the GEMÜ app.

Technical specifications

- **Ambient temperature:** -20 to 60 °C
- **Supply voltages:** 18 - 30 V DC I 24 V DC
- **Electrical connection types:** M12 plug
- **Communication modes:** IO-Link/SIO mode (24 V DC signals)
- **Protection class :** IP 65. IP 67

Technical data depends on the respective configuration

IO-Link

Product description

Construction

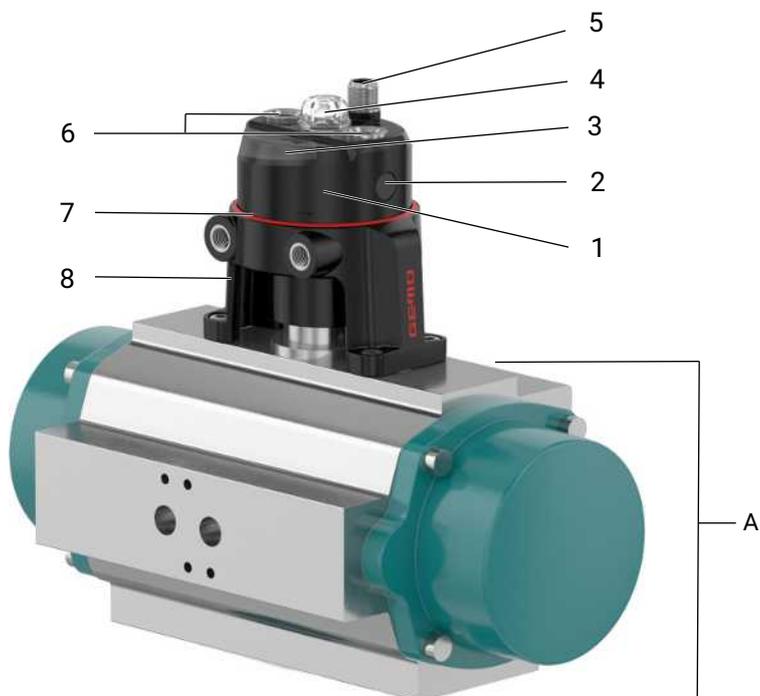Actuator **A** must be ordered separately.

Fig. 1: Linear design

Fig. 2: Rotary design

Item	Name	Materials
1	Housing cover, black	PC
2	Housing ventilation	ePTFE
3	LED signalling window	PC
4	Transparent cap	PC
5	Electrical threaded connection	SS/1.4305
6	Pneumatic connectors	SS/1.4305
7	Seal	FKM
8	Mounting bracket (only rotary design)	PC
	Mounting plate (only BG1, linear)	Anodized aluminium

High visibility LEDs

As well as the electrical position indicator and error output, a visual signal of the various operating conditions is emitted by high visibility LEDs **1** integrated into the housing. The LEDs are arranged so that two light bands integrated on the side are illuminated, making the condition also apparent from a distance. The following conditions are illustrated here:

Valve position indicator [1]

Colour of high visibility LEDs		Function
Standard	**Inversed** [2]	
Green	Orange	Process valve in OPEN position
Orange	Green	Process valve in CLOSED position
Flashing green	Flashing orange	Movement of process valve in OPEN direction
Flashing orange	Flashing green	Movement of process valve in CLOSED direction

[1] The valve position indicator can be dimmed or deactivated via parameters

[2] Inversed display can be activated via parameters

Status indication

Colour of high-visibility LEDs	Function
Standard	
Flashing yellow/white	Initialization active
Flashing white	Localization active
Flashing orange/red	General warning active
Flashing red	General error active
Flashing yellow/turquoise	Maintenance required
Flashing blue (briefly)	Wireless connection established
Flashing purple/green	Internal update process active
Flashing turquoise (briefly)	Device start
Lit up red (permanently)	Serious error (device faulty)

Overview of available functions

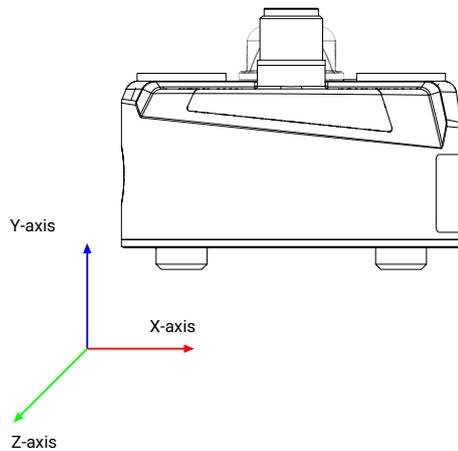| Function |
|---|
| Self-commissioning function (autonomous detection of end positions) |
| Start initialization |
| Deactivation/dimming of high-visibility position indicator |
| Position feedback OPEN |
| Position feedback CLOSED |
| Reading option for the current valve position (0.0 to 100.0%) |
| Reading option for initialized end positions |
| Reading option for the determined travel time |
| Reading option for the condition monitoring sensor values (temperature, air humidity, internal pressure) |
| Adjustable warning threshold for exceeding or not reaching the sensor values |
| Transmission of warning or error messages |
| Automatic detection of the valve control function |
| Monitoring the valve movement profile for deviations (diagnostic function) |
| Feedback for operating mode |
| Location function |
| Inversion of LED colours |
| Inversion of feedback signals |
| Switch point setting (tolerance) |
| Operating hours counter reading |
| Cycle counter reading (on-site) |
| Total cycle counter reading |
| Digital parameter representation |
| Configurable process data variables |
| Configurable functions of standard IO pins 1 and 2 (SIO operation) |
| App operating option (BLE) |
| Reset to default settings |

Sensor system for status monitoring

Various sensors are installed on the device which make it possible to diagnose the status. The measured values are output on the electrical interface(s) and so can be processed. Additionally, for each relevant measured value, warning thresholds are defined that generate a warning or error message when they are not reached or are exceeded. This means that unacceptable influences that would damage the device or reduce its service life can be reacted to in a timely manner.

The following measured values are detected internally:

- Internal temperature
- Internal humidity
- Internal pressure
- Control air supply pressure
- Installation position (in two directions)
- Acceleration (in three axes)
- Current consumption
- Supply voltage

The axes for evaluating the acceleration in the X, Y and Z directions are defined in accordance with the visualisation below.

The following correlation is provided in the details of the mounting angles:

- The frontal inclination angle corresponds to the Z axis.
- The side inclination angle corresponds to the X axis.

Integrated diagnostic functions

GEMÜ 12A0 has integrated diagnostic functions that provide information early on about irregularities in the switch characteristics of pneumatically operated process valves. These diagnostic functions continuously monitor the movements of the actuator and detect deviations from normal operating behaviour.

This can generate the following messages:

- **"No movement or incorrect movement in the Open/Closed direction":**
  Signals that no or incomplete movement has taken place (e.g. due to no or insufficient control pressure or mechanical blockage).
- **"Duration error in the Open/Closed direction":**
  Indicates an above-average switching time, e.g. in the event of a pressure drop or mechanical resistance.

These diagnostic functions, including the resulting diagnostic messages, can be deactivated via parameters.

Range overview

Compatibility with linear actuators on the new platform generation

Every size is compatible with one or more actuator sizes of valves with linear actuators on the new platform generation. Please ensure that the size is compatible with the actuator size on the selected valve.

Size 12A0 direction of movement code L (linear) and air supply code I (integrated)	Compatible linear actuator size
1	1
2 *	2, 3
3	4, 5, 6

Size 1 ≙ size 2 plus mounting plate and longer indicator spindle

* Special function code X = explosion protection optionally possible

Compatibility with quarter turn actuators

Compatibility with quarter turn actuators also depends on the size and can be found in the following table:

Size 12A0 direction of movement code R (rotary) and air supply code E (external)	Quarter turn actuator compatibility
1	-
2	(VDI/VDE 3845, borehole pattern 80x30 mm, shaft height 20 and 30 mm) *
3	-

* Other borehole patterns on request

Order data

The order data provide an overview of standard configurations.

Please check the availability before ordering. Other configurations available on request.

Note: If there are restrictions on the customer or on the system side which prohibit the use of a Bluetooth interface, we recommend using an order variant with a deactivated Bluetooth interface or without a Bluetooth interface.

- For designs with a Bluetooth interface, the option also exists to deactivate the interface via parameters independently later or to uninstall the type E1B0 Bluetooth module.

- For designs without a Bluetooth interface, the option also exists to retrofit the interface independently later.

Note: The IO-Link version also supports an SIO mode as standard. This means that conventional 24 V DC signals are used.

Order codes

1 Type	Code
Intelligent electrical position indicator	12A0

2 Electrical interface	Code
IO-Link	OK

3 Action	Code
Any	0

4 Direction of movement	Code
Linear	L
Rotary	R

5 Device version	Code
Basic	B

6 Interface/size	Code
Size 1	1
Size 2	2
Size 3	3

7 Body material	Code
Plastic	P

8 Options	Code
Without	0

9 Electrical connection	Code
M12 connector	1

10 Air supply	Code
Integrated	I
External	E

11 Wireless interface	Code
Without	0
Bluetooth	B

12 Local user interface	Code
LEDs	L

13 Mechanical option	Code
Without	0

14 Special version	Code
Without	

14 Special version	Code
Explosion protection	X

Order example

Ordering option	Code	Description
1 Type	12A0	Intelligent electrical position indicator
2 Electrical interface	OK	IO-Link
3 Action	0	Any
4 Direction of movement	L	Linear
5 Device version	B	Basic
6 Interface/size	2	Size 2
7 Body material	P	Plastic
8 Options	0	Without
9 Electrical connection	1	M12 connector
10 Air supply	I	Integrated
11 Wireless interface	B	Bluetooth
12 Local user interface	L	LEDs
13 Mechanical option	0	Without
14 Special version		Without

Technical data

Medium

Working medium:	Compressed air and inert gases

Temperature

Ambient temperature:	-20 – 60 °C (standard version)
	10–40 °C (special version code X)
Control medium temperature:	-20 — 60 °C
Storage temperature:	-20 — 70 °C

Pressure

Control pressure:	max. 10 bar
	The applied pressure must not exceed the maximum control pressure of the process valve.

Product compliance

EMC Directive:	2014/30/EU
RoHS Directive:	2011/65/EU
Approval:	Fieldbus/communication: IO-Link specification V1.1.4
Explosion protection:	2014/34/EU
ATEX marking (only special function X):	⟨Ex⟩Gas: II 3G Ex ec IIC T6 Gc X
	⟨Ex⟩Dust: II 3D Ex tc IIIC T100°C Dc X

FMEDA:	**Product description:**	Intelligent GEMÜ electrical position indicator 12A0
	Device type:	B
	Software version:	V1.1.X.X
	Fail safe function:	The fail-safe state is defined as a High (24 V DC) signal at pin 4 (device version 24 V IO-Link)
	HFT (hardware fault tolerance):	0

Mechanical data

Installation position:	Optional	
Weight:	Size 1, linear	210 g
	Size 2, linear	130 g
	Size 2, rotary	235 g
	Size 3, linear	290 g

Linear travel sensor:

	Size 1 and 2	Size 3
Minimum stroke: [1]	2.0 mm	5.0 mm
Maximum stroke: [2]	29.0 mm	45.0 mm
Correlation between travel sensor spindle/valve position [3]	Retracted (top) ≙ 100% (valve open) Extended (bottom) ≙ 0% (valve closed)	
[1] Relevant for successful initialization.		
[2] Corresponds to the linearized stroke range.		
[3] Relative to the setting value of the "Inversion of travel sensor signal" parameter = 0 (deactivated). If the inversion of the travel sensor signal is activated, the correlation is correspondingly inverted.		

Rotary travel sensor:

Minimum angle of rotation: [1]	7°
Maximum angle of rotation:	-7° to 97°
Mounting bracket:	Suitable for actuators with VDI/VDE 3845 interface, borehole pattern 80x30 mm, shaft height 20 and 30 mm
[1] Relevant for successful initialization	

Operating conditions

Ambient conditions:	**Use indoors and outdoors**
	Dry and wet environments
Height:	Up to 2000 m (above sea level)
Relative air humidity:	0–100%

Protection class:	Single device as supplied	Mounted to actuator/mounting bracket
	Unintended operating condition	Size 1–3, linear and size 2, rotary: **IP 65**
		Size 2, linear: **IP 67** (only for piped air outlet)

Degree of contamination:	4 (pollution degree)

Electrical data

Supply voltage Uv:	18 - 30 V DC (in accordance with IO-Link specification)
Duty cycle:	Continuous duty
Reverse polarity protection:	yes
Electrical protection class:	III

Current consumption:	SIO mode	IO-Link mode
	Maximum 40 mA	Maximum 50 mA

Electrical connection type:	1 x 5-pin M12 plug (A-coded)

Switching characteristic:
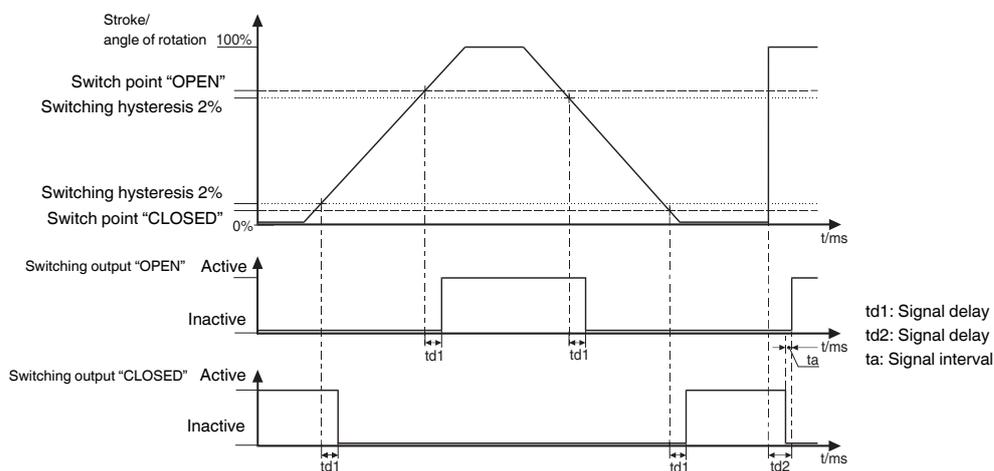
Switch points in data in percent of the programmed stroke, with reference to the lower end position (0%)

Switch points:

	Size 1 and 2	Size 3
Switch point CLOSED	Default setting: 12% (adjustable from 0–90%)	
Switch point OPEN	Default setting: 75% (adjustable from 10–100%)	
Min. switch point CLOSED	0.8 mm for linear/2° for rotary	1.2 mm
Min. switch point OPEN	0.5 mm for linear/2° for rotary	0.75 mm
Switching hysteresis	2% (relative to the initialized range upstream of the respective switch point)	

If the percentage switch points dependent on the programmed stroke are less than the permissible min. switch points, the min. switch points will apply automatically.

The min. switch points refer to the value before achieving the initialized end position values for the respective item. For example, the CLOSED end position is output at the very latest from 0.8 or 1.2 mm/2° before reaching the initialized end position value of the CLOSED position. The detection and feedback of end positions can also take place earlier (dependent on the stroke or angle of rotation) due to the set percentage value of switch point OPEN or CLOSED.

A difference of at least 10% must be maintained between the switch point settings.

Interface:

	Bluetooth Low Energy (only with integrated wireless interface)	IO-Link
Function	Parameterization, configuration, diagnostics and operation	Parameterization, configuration, diagnostics and operation
Prerequisite	Compatible smartphone/tablet with Android or iOS [1] • Apple iOS: Version 16.6 or higher • Android: Version 8.0 ("Oreo") or higher • Bluetooth 4.0 LE or newer	IO-Link master spec. 1.1
Version	Bluetooth 5.4 (Low Energy)	IO-Link spec. V1.1.4

[1] The compatible GEMÜ app can be downloaded in the respective stores (Apple App Store or Google Play Store).

Wireless-specific parameters

Technology: Bluetooth Low Energy (only possible in conjunction with the GEMÜ app)

Frequency: 2.4 GHz (2.4–2.4835 GHz)

Output power: Max. 11.2 dBm

Digital outputs (Standard IO pins 1 and 2)*

*Standard IO pin 1 can be used as input or output depending on the selected function. Default setting = Output

Note: Outputs are overload proof. In the event of overheating due to too long an overload, the device switches off until the temperature has fallen below the temperature threshold once more.

Type of contact: Push-Pull

Switching current: Max. 100 mA

Voltage drop Vdrop: max. 0.9 V DC at 100 mA

Switching voltage: $+U_v - V_{drop}$

Optional digital input (Standard IO pin 1)*

*Standard IO pin 1 can be used in SIO operation as input or output depending on the selected configuration. Default setting = Output

Input current: max. 50 µA

Input voltage: max. 30 V DC

High level: > 12.5 V DC

Low level: < 9 V DC

Sensor system for status monitoring

| Value	Value range	Sensor resolution	Deviation	Typical deviation	Long-term stability
Internal temperature	-40 to 100 °C	0.016 °C	± 1.60 °C [1]	± 0.20 °C [1]	< ± 0.02 °C/year
Internal humidity	0 to 100%	0.03%	± 3.5% between 20 to 80% ± 6.5% between 0 to 100%	± 2% between 20 to 80% ± 3.5% between 0 to 100%	± 0.25%/year
Internal pressure	260 to 1260 mbar	24 bit	± 1.0 mbar	± 0.1 mbar	-
Control air supply pressure	0 to 30 bar	1.31 mbar	± 110 mbar	± 30 mbar	± 30 mbar/year
Installation position (in two directions)	-180° to 180°	16 bit	± 3.1° [2]		-
Acceleration (in three axes)	-156.96 m/s² to 156.96 m/s²	16 bit	±1.48 m/s²	± 0.52 m/s²	-
Current consumption	0 to 375 mA	16 bit	±3.0 mA	±0.5 mA	-
Supply voltage	0 to 36 V	16 bit	±0.5 V [3]	±0.05 V [3]	-

[1] The value is measured on the inside of the housing with the corresponding influences of the device electronics (e.g. heating).

[2] The data refers to a vibration-free status. In the case of vibrations, the deviation can be significantly greater or a value can no longer be determined.
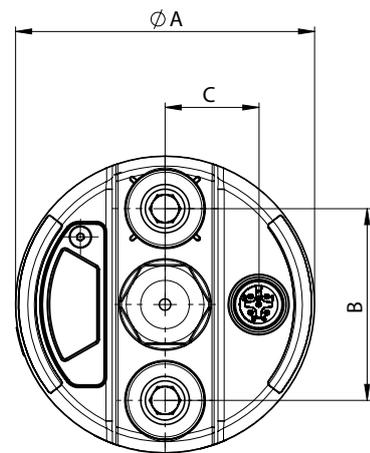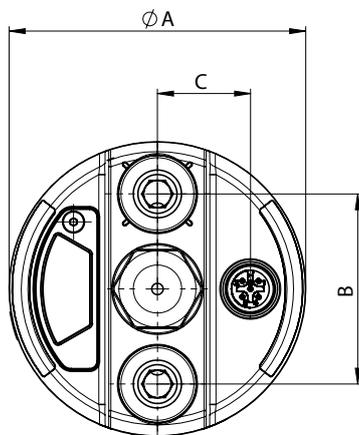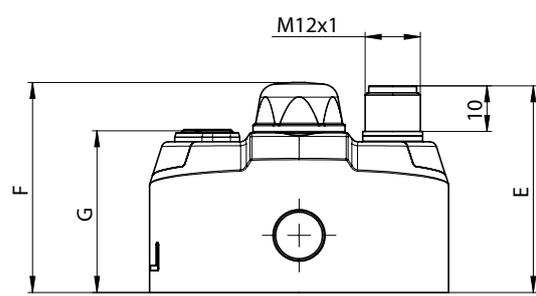
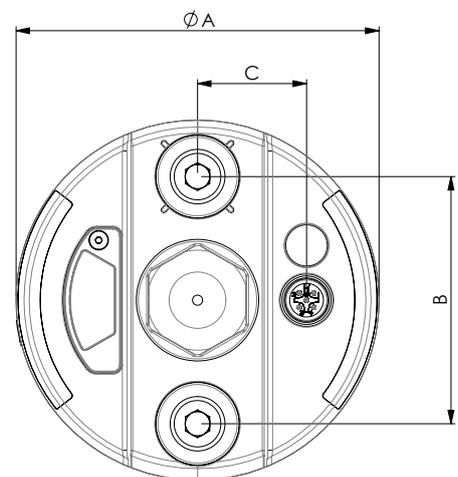[3] In the case of increased loads, the outputs in SIO mode can show an additional deviation of max. 0.5 V.

Dimensions

Linear BG1
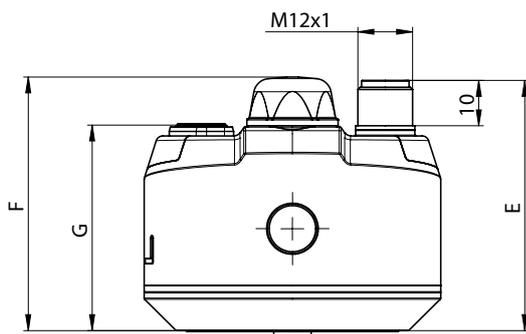
Linear BG2
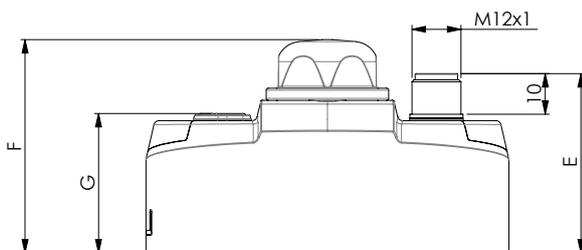

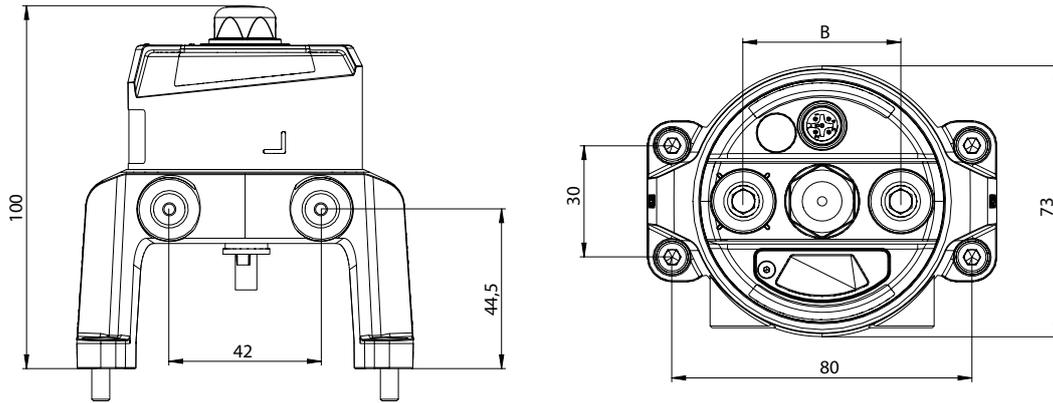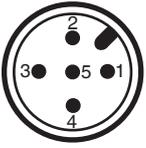
Linear BG3

Rotary BG2

	Dia. A	B	C	E	F	G
BG1 (only linear)	65.0	42.0	20.4	55.3	56.0	45.4
BG2 (linear and rotary)	65.0	42.0	20.4	45.3	46.0	35.4
BG3 (linear)	88.9	61.0	26.7	44.25	52.65	34.4

BG = size
Dimensions in mm

Electrical connection

|	Description
1	Uv+, 24 V DC, supply voltage
2	I/Q/Standard IO pin 1* (24 V DC, OPEN end position output)
3	Uv-, GND
4	C/Q IO-Link/Standard IO pin 2** (24 V DC, CLOSED end position output)
5	n.c.***

* Depending on the selected configuration of the associated "Standard IO pin 1 function" parameter, can be used as an input or output in SIO operation. Default setting = OPEN end position output

** Output function in SIO operation can be configured via the associated "Standard IO pin 2 function" parameter.
Default setting = CLOSED end position output

* Pin 5 is not relevant for the function and may therefore be populated (visible) or not populated (not present).

Pneumatic connection

Linear design
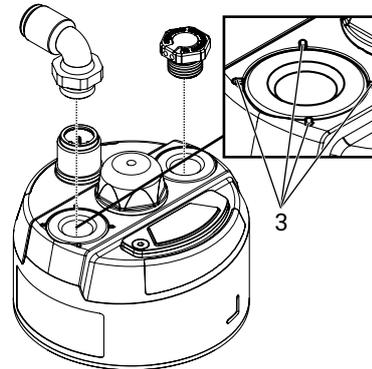
Note: The figure shows the attachment options for single acting (NO or NC)

Connection	Marking	Designation	Connection size
1	Marking on connection (see figure above **3**)	Working connection for process valve (with integrated control pressure detection)	BG1 and BG2: **G1/8** BG3: **G1/4**
2	(without marking)	Process valve spring chamber ventilation (single acting)/working connection 2 for process valve (only double acting)	BG1 and BG2: **G1/8** BG3: **G1/4**

The product comes with two pneumatic connections (for commercially available 6x4 mm pneumatic tubing) and a venting plug as standard. These are provided as follows:

| Control function of valve actuator	Connector 1	Connector 2
Single acting (NO or NC) (see figure at the top right)	Pneumatic connection	Venting plug*
Double acting	Pneumatic connection	Pneumatic connection
* With piped air outlet: Pneumatic connection. The venting plug is not suitable for IP 67 and is not recommended for damp ambient conditions.		

Rotary design

Figure 1
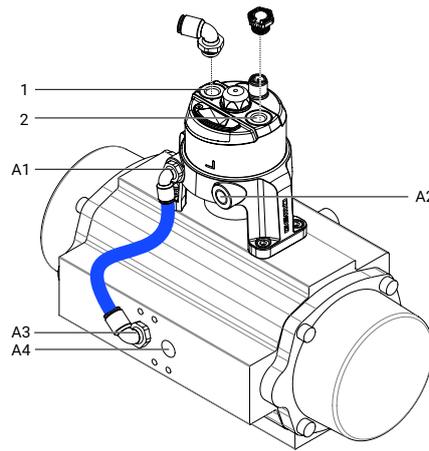
Figure 2, note: The figure shows the attachment options for single acting (NO or NC)

Connection	Marking	Designation	Connection size
1	Marking on the connection	Working connection 1 (with integrated control pressure detection)	**G1/8**
2	(without marking)	Working connection 2 (only double acting)	**G1/8**
A1	A1	Working connection 1 from adapter to quarter turn actuator	**G1/8**
A2	A2	Working connection 2 from adapter to quarter turn actuator (only double acting)	**G1/8**
A3	Dependent on the actuator	Dependent on the actuator	Dependent on the actuator
A4	Dependent on the actuator	Dependent on the actuator	Dependent on the actuator

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Control function of valve actuator	Connector 1	Connector 2	Connector A1	Connector A2	Connectors A3 and A4
Single acting (NO or NC) (see figure 2)	Pneumatic connection	Venting plug* (connection not required)	Pneumatic connection	(connection not required)	A pneumatic connection appropriate for the actuator in question must be fitted on the system side (not included in the scope of delivery)
Double acting	Pneumatic connection	Pneumatic connection (not included in the scope of delivery)	Pneumatic connection	Pneumatic connection (not included in the scope of delivery)	A pneumatic connection appropriate for the actuator in question must be fitted on the system side (not included in the scope of delivery)
* With piped air outlet: Pneumatic connection. The venting plug is not suitable for IP 67 and is not recommended for damp ambient conditions.					

Connectors 1, 2, A1 and A2 must be appropriately protected against the penetration of moisture. Unused connectors (for example, connectors 2 and A2 for single acting actuators) should be tightly sealed.

Note: The pneumatic connection can also be made directly with the quarter turn actuator only (A3 and A4). However, this means that the option to record the control pressure via the position indicator and to make internal device diagnoses based on the control pressure is lost. With this connection option, all connectors (1, 2, A1 and A2) must be sealed on the system side.

Specific data relating to IO-Link

Physics:	Physics 2 (3-wire design)
Port configuration:	Type A port
Transmission rate:	38400 baud
Min. cycle time:	10 ms
Vendor ID:	401
Device ID:	1220610 (0x12A002)
ISDU support:	Yes
SIO operation:	Yes
Block parameterization:	Yes
IO-Link specification:	V1.1.4

Information for IO-Link: IODD files can be downloaded via https://ioddfinder.io-link.com/ or www.gemugroup.com.

Process data

Outputs (Master → Device)			
Bit	**Description**	**Default setting function**	**Logic**
0	Digital device input 1	Deactivated	
1	Digital device input 2	Deactivated	
2	Digital device input 3	Initialization input	0 = normal operation 1 = activate initialization
3	Digital device input 4	Localization input	0 = location function inactive 1 = activate location function
4	Digital device input 5	Deactivated	
5	Digital device input 6	Deactivated	
6	Digital device input 7	Deactivated	
7	Digital device input 8	Deactivated	

Device-side digital input signals can be used to start various actions, such as starting initialization/location function The function can be set by the associated non-cyclical parameter data			
Digital device input 1 to 8 function	0	Deactivated	No function
	3	Initialization input	Initialization is activated if this signal is active.
	4	Localization input	The location function is activated if this signal is active.

Inputs (Device → Master)			
Bit	Description	Default setting function	Logic
0	Digital device output 1	OPEN feedback	0 = process valve not in OPEN position 1 = process valve in OPEN position
1	Digital device output 2	CLOSED feedback	0 = process valve not in CLOSED position 1 = process valve in CLOSED position
2	Digital device output 3	Feedback for initialization active	0 = normal operation 1 = initialization mode active
3	Digital device output 4	Deactivated	
4	Digital device output 5	Deactivated	
5	Digital device output 6	Deactivated	
6	Digital device output 7	Deactivated	
7	Digital device output 8	Deactivated	
8 to 23	Analogue device output	Valve position feedback	0.0 to 100.0% valve position

Device-side digital output signals can be used to output various statuses, such as end position feedback/errors/alarms. → The function can be set via the associated non-cyclical parameter data			
Digital device output 1 to 8 function	0	Deactivated	No function
	1	OPEN feedback	Feedback for valve position OPEN
	2	CLOSED feedback	Feedback for valve position CLOSED
	3	Error output	Output if an error is detected
	4	Warning output	Output if a warning is detected
	5	Feedback for initialization active	Feedback when initialization is active

IO-Link system commands

System commands can be transmitted via the subindex 0x0002. The following are supported by the device:

Designation	System command	Description
Application Reset	0x81	Resets the technology-specific parameters. This allows the device to be brought into a pre-defined state without interrupting the corresponding communication and without the need for a switch-off cycle.
Back-to-Box	0x83	This function allows the device to be reset to the original parameterization. This command is useful if, for example, a device is removed from an existing plant and reactivated as a spare part. After the command has been executed, IO-Link communication is stopped until the next device start.
Reset Cycle Counter User	0xA2	Resets the user switching cycle counter.

Accessories

GEMÜ 1219

Cable socket / cable plug M12

GEMÜ 1219 is an M12, 5-pin connector (cable socket/cable plug). Straight and/or 90° angled plug type. Defined cable length or with threaded connection without cable. Various materials available for the threaded ring.

It is recommended that a straight connector is used for this product.

Description	Length	Order number
5-pin, straight	without cable	88205544
	2 m cable	88205542
	5 m cable	88205543
	10 m cable	88270972
	15 m cable	88346791
5-pin, angle	without cable	88205545
	2 m cable	88205534
	5 m cable	88205540
	10 m cable	88210911
	15 m cable	88244667

GEMÜ 1560

IO-Link master

The GEMÜ 1560 IO-Link master is used for parametrization, actuation, commissioning and for evaluating process and diagnostics data on products with IO-Link interface with communication standard in accordance with IEC 61131-9. The IO-Link master is available with USB port for use on a computer or with a Bluetooth or WLAN interface for use on mobile devices (iOS and Android). GEMÜ 1560 can be ordered separately or as a set for GEMÜ products including the required adapter.

Description	Order designation	Order number
IO-Link master kit (adapter plus cable)	1560USBS 1 A40A12AU A	99072365
IO-Link master kit (adapter plus cable)	1560 BTS 1 A20A12AA A	99130458

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