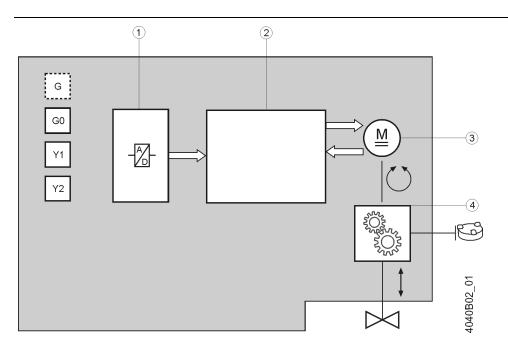
# 4 Functions and control

# 4.1 3-position control



A 3-position signal drives the actuator via connection terminals Y1 or Y2. The required position is transferred to the valve.

1	A/D conversion		
		Identification of seat	
	Control	Control of direction	
2	functions	Motor control	
		Manual adjustment	
3	Brushless D	C motor	
4	Gear train		
B	Manual adjuster		

Positioning signal	Stroke actuator	Rotary actuator	Control path valve A→AB	Bypass valve B → AB
Voltage at Y1	Actuator's stem extends	Actuator's spindle turns in clockwise direction	Opening	Closing
Voltage at Y2	Actuator's stem retracts	Actuator's spindle turns in counter-clockwise direction	Closing	Opening
No voltage at Y1 and Y2	Actuator's stem maintains the position	Actuator's spindle maintains the position	Maintains	the position

Note

Observe information given in chapter "Acting direction and flow characteristic" on page 44.

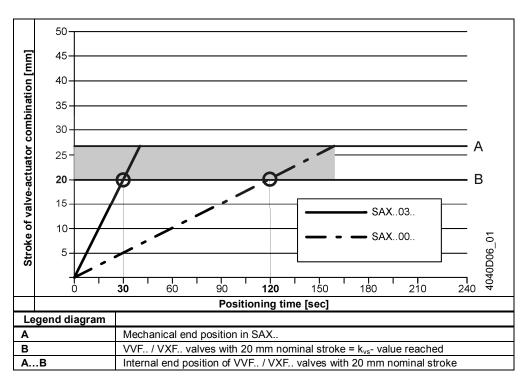
Internal control ensures very constant positioning times and determination of the actuator's position.

Positioning times stroke model

The specified positioning times refer to the respective nominal stroke / nominal angular rotation. Since the end positions of rotary actuators are inside the actuator, the following remarks refer to stroke actuators.

The resulting effective strokes vary, depending on the type of valve, resulting in shorter or longer actuator positioning times.

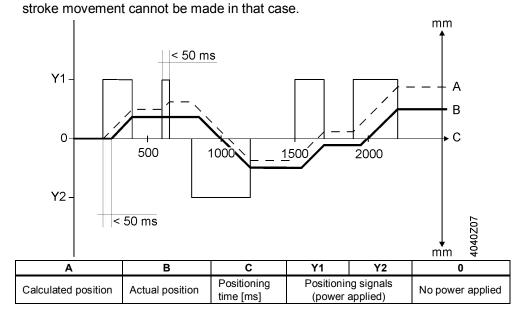
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Notes

Deviations occur...

 after several positioning signals Y1 and Y2 in the same direction since the stroke movement starts with a delay of 200 ms.
 when positioning signals Y1 and Y2 are active for less than 200 ms since the



Accurate position feedback is made possible with the help of a potentiometer (page 53).

Notes

# 4.1.1 Combination with RVD.. controller for direct domestic hot water distribution by heat exchanger

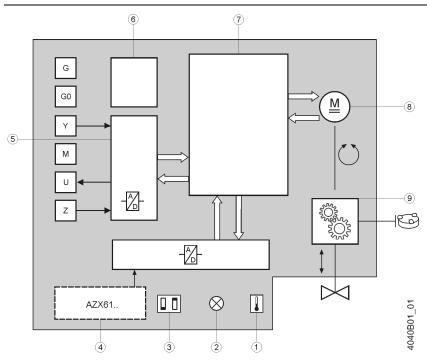
The design based slow reaction on control signals of SAX31.. and SAX81.. actuators doesn't allow the actuator to react on very short control pulses. Only control pulses with a length greater than 400 ms allow a sufficient reaction.

Especially the direct domestic hot water control does not allow such long control pulses. The specific optimized control loops – equipped with an SIGMAGYR RVD.. controller and Acvatix SQS359.05 actuator— work with pulses down to 40 ms.

SAX31.. and SAX81.. are not able to work with these short pulses. The following table gives alternatives which actuators can be used within these control loops.

Controller	Plant	Prefered	Valve line	DN	kvs
	type	actuator			
RVD130		SQS35.03	VVG55	DN1525	0.25 6.3
RVD135/109		SQS359.05	VVG549	DN1525	0.25 6.3
RVD135/309		SQS359.54	VVG549	DN1525	0.25 6.3
RVD140	4 und 5	SKD32.21	VVG41	DN1550	0.63 40
RVD144/109			VVF53		0.16 40
RVD145/109		SKD32.21E		DN1550	0.63 40
RVD139					0.16 40
RVD230		SQS35.03	VVG55	DN1525	0.25 6.3
RVD235/109		SQS359.05	VVG549	DN1525	0.25 6.3
RVD250		SQS359.54	VVG549	DN1525	0.25 6.3
RVD255/109	x- 4	SKD32.21	VVG41	DN1550	0.63 40
RVD240			VVF53		0.16 40
RVD245/109		SKD32.21E	VVG41	DN1550	0.63 40
RVD260			VVF53		0.16 40
RVD265/109					

# 4.2 Modulating control



The modulating positioning signal drives the actuator steplessly. The positioning signal range (DC 0...10 V / DC 4...20 mA, 0...1000  $\Omega$ ) corresponds in a linear manner to the positioning range (fully closed...fully open, or 0...100 % stroke).

The actuator is driven via connection terminal Y or forced control Z (page 49). The required stroke / rotation is transferred to the valve's stem / spindle.

1	Calibration slot			
2	LED (2 colors)			
		Changeover of characteristic		
3	DIL switches	Positioning signal		
4	Function module	9		
5	A/D conversion			
6	Power supply			
		Identification of seat		
	Control	Position control		
		Motor control		
_		Detection of foreign bodies		
7	functions	Calibration		
		Forced control		
		Characteristics function		
		Manual adjustment		
8	Brushless DC motor			
9	Gear train			
5	Manual adjuster			

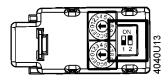
Positioning signal	Stroke actuator	Rotary actuator	Control path valve A→AB	Bypass valve B → AB
Signal Y, Z increasing	Actuator's stem extends	Actuator's spindle turns in clockwise direction	Opening	Closing
Signal Y, Z decreasing	Actuator's stem retracts	Actuator's spindle turns in counterclockwise direction	Closing	Opening
Signal Y, Z constant	Actuator's stem maintains the position	Actuator's spindle maintains the position	Maintains	the position

**Notes** 

- If function module AZX61.1 is used, observe the information given in chapter "Changeover of acting direction" (page 42).
- Observe the information given in chapter "Acting direction and flow characteristic" on page 44.

# 4.3 Function module AZX61.1

#### **DIL** switches

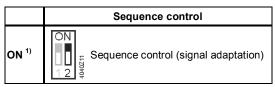


	Acting direction	Sequence control
OFF 1)	ON Direct acting positioning signal Y or Z	Sequence control <b>not</b> active
ON 1)	Reverse acting positioning signal Y or Z	Sequence control (signal adaptation)

<sup>1)</sup> Factory setting: All switches set to OFF

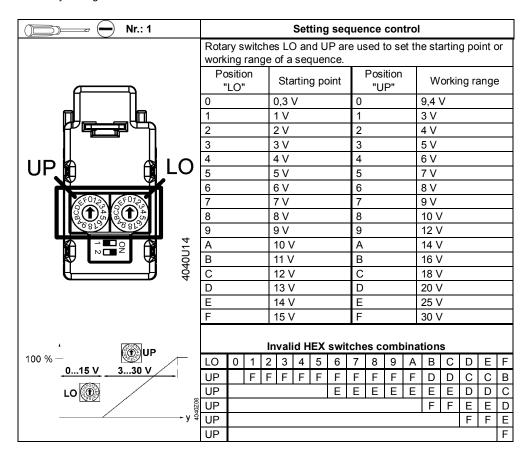
### 4.3.1 Sequence control (signal adaptation)

#### **DIL** switches



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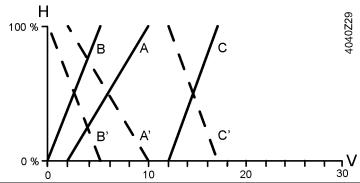
#### **HEX** switches



### Notes

- Can only be used with voltage input.
- Maximum input voltage is DC 30 V. If the configuration is invalid, the actuator operates on DC 0...10 V.

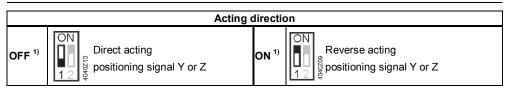
#### Examples



Legend diagram	Positioning signal range	Position LO	Position UP	Position feedback U	
Α	DC 210 V	2	6	DC 010 V	
В	DC 05 V	0	3	DC 010 V	
С	DC 1217 V	С	3	DC 010 V	
Н	Stroke or rotary angle				
	Acting direction: Direct (A, B, C)				
	Acting direction: Reverse (A', B', C')				

# 4.3.2 Changeover of acting direction

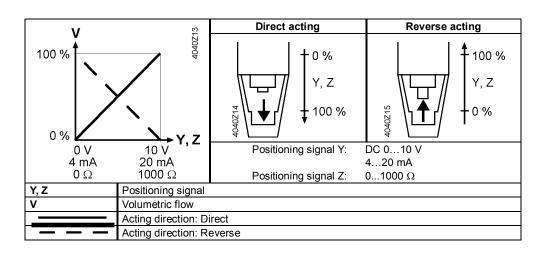
#### **DIL** switches



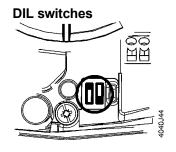
<sup>1)</sup> Factory setting: All switches set to OFF

# Selecting the acting direction

- With valves whose stem is extended in the fully closed position, "direct acting" means that the valve is fully closed (0 %) when positioning signal Y = 0 V resp.
  Z = 0 Ω. This applies to all Siemens valves according to "Equipment combinations" (page 10).
- With valves whose stem is retracted in the fully closed position, "direct acting" means that the valve is fully open (100 %) when positioning signal Y = 0 V resp.  $Z = 0 \Omega$ .



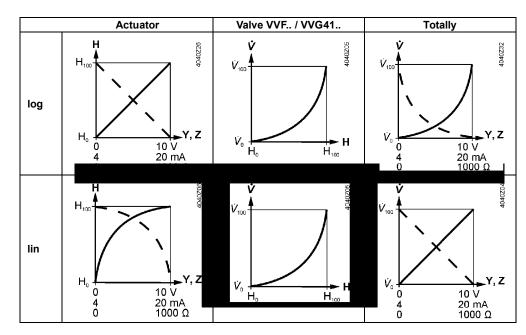
# 4.4 Positioning signal and flow characteristic selection



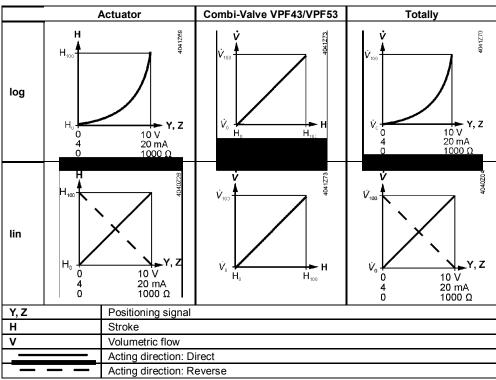
	Positioning signal "Y"	Position feedback "U"	Flow charact	teristic
OFF 1)	ON 01 DC 010 V	DC 010 V	ON log = equal-percentage	v v see
ON	ON DC 420 mA	DC 010 V	ON lin = linear	V <sub>0</sub> 10 V , Z 20 mA 1000 Ω

 $<sup>^{\</sup>text{1)}}$  Factory setting: All DIL switches set to OFF  $\Omega$ 

Flow characteristic SAX61.03 + VVF..



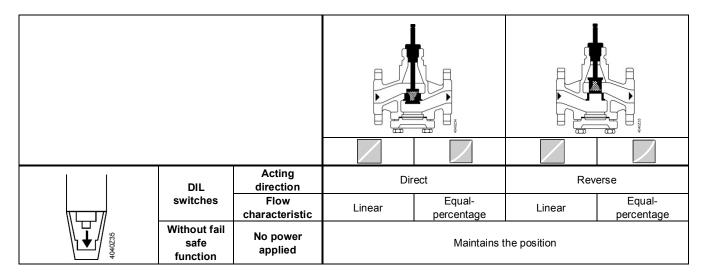
Flow characteristic SAX61P03 + VPF...



# 4.5 Acting direction and flow characteristic

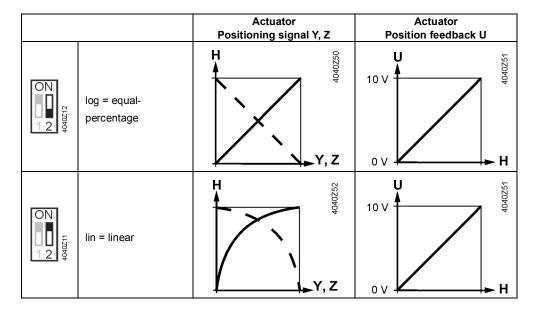
The selection of changeover of acting direction and characteristic with the DIL switches depends on the type of actuator (with or without fail safe function) and the associated type of valve (valve characteristic, push to open, pull to open).

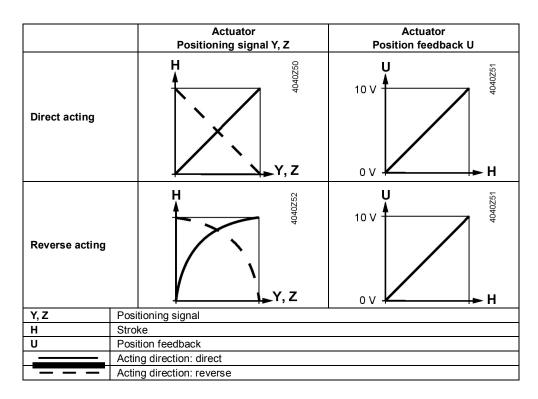
When the positioning signal increases (DC 0...10 V, DC 4...20 mA, 0...1000  $\Omega$ ), the objective is to have the valve's volumetric flow V rising, but to fully open the valve, V = 100 % (NO = normally open), or to fully close it, V = 0 % (NC = normally closed) in the event of a power failure.



## 4.6 Position Feedback U

The position feedback U (DC 0...10~V) is always proportional to stroke H of the actuator's stem.





# 4.7 Position control with ClosedPosition Synchronisation

Within SAX/SAL61.. actuators the position control works based on the HALL-sensor pulses from the brushless DC-motor calculating with an internal stroke model calculating the actual position. This kind of control is more accurate and wearless compared with a physical element for position measurement and grants a precise position control with high resolution.

During manual operation the motor is declutched from the geartrain and the internal position control get's not sensor pulses. So real position will deviate from the internally calculated position. As a consequence the position feedback on terminal U is set to "0V" during manual operation.

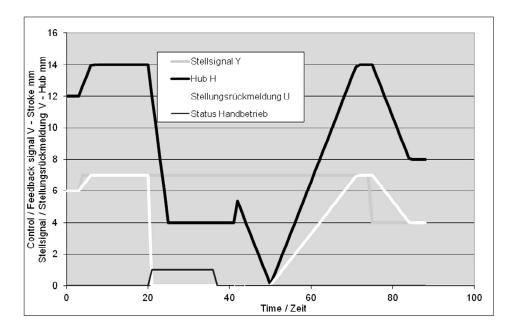
To grant – after manual operation – that real mechanical position and internal position control are matching the SAX61.. does after manual operation an automatic ClosedPosition-Synchronisation.

### 4.7.1 ClosedPosition-Synchronisation

Returned into automatic operation the actuator runs for 0.5.. 2 s into opening direction to grant secure closed-position detection. Then the actuator runs into closed position (seat A-AB in the valve). Reaching the closed position the internal stroke model is synchronized. Positioning signal, position feedback and meachnical position now match perfectly again.

With this function it's granted that the position feedback U – which was zero during manual operation and synchronization - always represents the real mechanical position of the actuator.

After synchronization the actuator follows the control signal again.



#### 4.7.1.1 Active forced position input on Z

If after return to automatic mode a signal on Z is active (GND, AC/DC 24 V or 0...1000 Ohm) the ClosedPosition-Synchronisation is deactivated as long as the signal on Z remains. After Z is deactivated the ClosedPosition-Synchronisation will be performed.

ClosedPosition-Synchronisation is only automatically activated after manual operation. A power failure does not activate this function automatically, to avoid that all actuators in a section close in parallel.

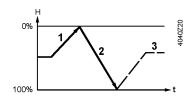
If the customer likes synchronization also after a power failure he should take care that the plant restarting routine drives the actuator automatically into an end position. This will also synchronies the internal position control and the real position.

### 4.8 Calibration

To match the actuator to production-related mechanical tolerances of the individual valves, accurate positioning and position feedback must be ensured, if calibration is performed when the plant is commissioned (page 33). During commissioning, the actuator detects the valve's end positions and files the exact stroke in its internal memory.

Calibration takes place in the following phases:

- Actuator drives to H<sub>0</sub> (1), valve closes. Detection of upper end position.
- Actuator drives to H<sub>100</sub> (2), valve opens.
  Detection of lower end position.
- The detected values are stored (3). Then the actuator follows the positioning signal.



Note

Note

- Observe status indication (LED) during and after calibration (page 52).
- If the actuator does not detect the second end position within an appropriate stroke range (max. 25 mm), the first end stop will be adopted and the actuator operates with a working range of 20 mm.

# 4.9 Signal priorities

The actuators are controlled via different interlinked positioning signal paths (positioning signal "Y", forced control input "Z", manual adjuster). The signal paths are assigned the following priorities:

Priority	Description	
1	The manual adjuster always has priority 1, thus overriding all signals active at	r3
(highest)	"Z" or "Y", independent of whether or not power is applied.	
2	Only SA61: As soon as a valid positioning signal is active at input "Z", the position is determined via positioning signal "Z" (forced control). Prerequisite: The manual adjuster is not used.	Z
3 (lowest)	The position is determined via positioning signal "Y". The manual adjuster is not used and on Z there is no active signal.	Υ

Examples

Manual adjuster	Forced control (Z)	Positioning signal (Y)	Stroke actuator	Rotary actuator
Automatic mode	Not connected	5 V	Actuator's stem travels to position (50%)	Actuator's spindle travels to position (50%)
Automatic mode	G	3 V	Actuator's stem extends	Actuator's spindle turns in clockwise direction
Automatic mode	G0	3 V	Actuator's stem retracts	Actuator's spindle turns in counter-clockwise direction
Operated (30%) and engaged	G	8 V	Actuator's stem retracts manual (to 30%)	Actuator's spindle turns manual in counterclock-wise direction (to 30%)

Bold printing = positioning signal currently active

## 4.10 Detection of valve seat

The actuators feature force-dependent valve seat detection. After calibration, the exact valve stroke is filed in the actuator's memory. When the actuator reaches the respective end of stroke, it does not hit the valve's seat at full speed, but stops for 5 seconds at about 1% before the stored position is reached. If the positioning signal stays at 0% or 100%, the actuator travels to the calculated end position at reduced positioning speed and builds up the required nominal force.

This function extends the actuator's service life since the dynamic forces are reduced when approaching the valve seat and there will be less strain on the gear train.

In addition, the actuator's oscillations in the case of instable control are suppressed.

If no force is built up in the calculated end position (e.g. in the event of temperature effects for instance), the actuator continues to operate at a reduced positioning speed until the nominal positioning force is restored. This ensures that the valve always fully closes.

After a power failure, valve seat identification is not active – the actuators define their stroke position on power resoration to be at 50%. From now on, the actuator follows the positioning signal.

When the valve plug reaches its seat for the first time, the actuator readjusts its stroke model.

The supposed position is 50%, Y = 2 V, the actuator travels 30% of the stored valve stroke in the direction of "Actuator's stem retracted".

If the actuator reaches the seat within this 30% travel, it interprets the position as "Valve fully closed" and shifts the position of the valve's stroke accordingly without changing the extent of travel.

From now on, the actuator follows the changed valve stroke position.

This means: New position 0%, Y = 2 V, actuator travels 20% of the stored valve stroke in the direction "Actuator's stem extended".

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Example

# 4.11 Detection of foreign bodies

The actuator detects when the valve is clogged and adjusts its operational behavior accordingly to prevent damage to itself or the valve.

If the actuator hits an obstacle within the calibrated stroke and is not able to overcome it with its nominal positioning force, it stores the position at which the obstacle was hit. Depending on the direction of travel, as ...

- "Lower limit of valve clogging", if the clogging was detected when traveling in the direction of "Actuator's stem retracting".
- "Upper limit of valve clogging", if the clogging was detected when traveling in the direction of "Actuator's stem extending".

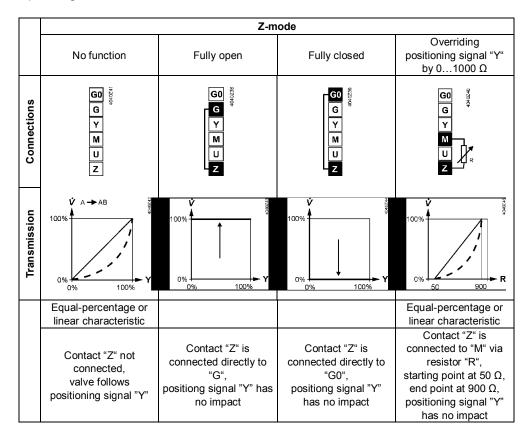


Now, the status LED blinks green and the actuator only follows the positioning signal between the positions "Actuator's stem retracted" and "Upper limit of valve clogging" or "Actuator's stem extended" and "Lower limit of valve clogging". After detection of clogging, 3 attempts are made to overcome clogging by traveling about 15% in the opposite direction and then trying again to overcome the position of clogging. If the attempts made are unsuccessful, the actuator continues to follow the positioning signal within the restricted range only and the LED continues to blink green (refer to "Indicators" on page 52).

# 4.12 Forced control Z

### **SA..61..** only

Forced control is affected by changeover of acting direction. It uses the following operating modes:



Note

The operating modes "Z" shown are based on factory setting "direct acting" and a "push to open" valve.

# 4.13 Technical and mechanical design

# 4.13.1 Transmission of power

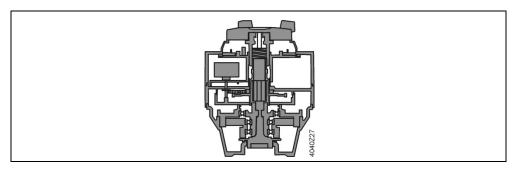
### **Function principle**

Incoming positioning signals are translated to positioning commands for the motor.

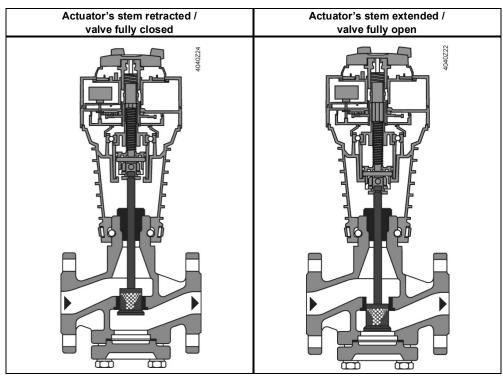
A gear train transmits the motor's positioning steps to the output stage (valve coupling). Attached to the gear train are the electrical and mechanical accessory items and the manual adjuster.

In the case of the rotary actuators, the adjustment to the required torque is made in the output stage. With the stroke actuators, the translation from rotary to stroke movement takes place in the output stage.

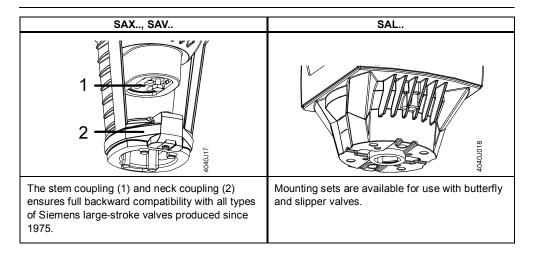
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# 4.13.2 Coupling

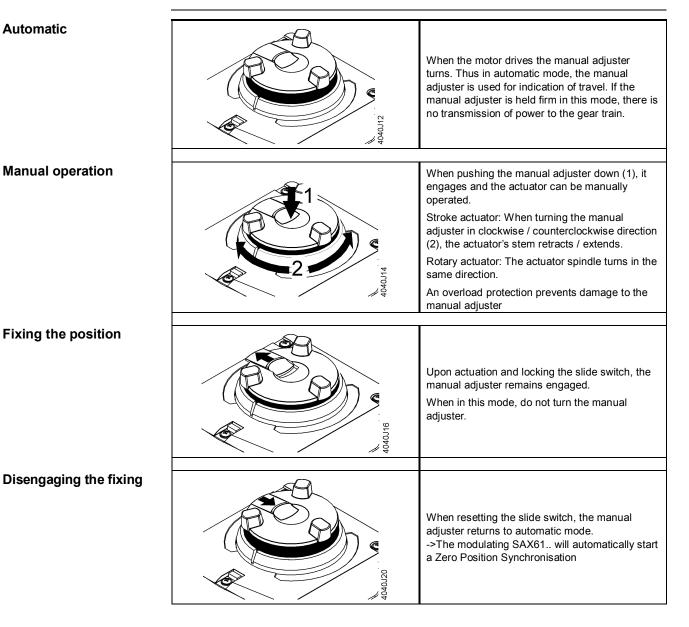


#### 4.13.3 Manual adjuster

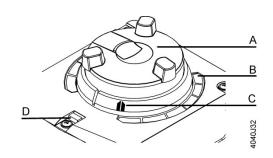
#### **Automatic**

**Manual operation** 

Fixing the position



### 4.13.4 Indicators



Α	Indication of travel			
В	Scale			
С	Indicator	Position indication		
D	LED Status indication			

# Operational status indication

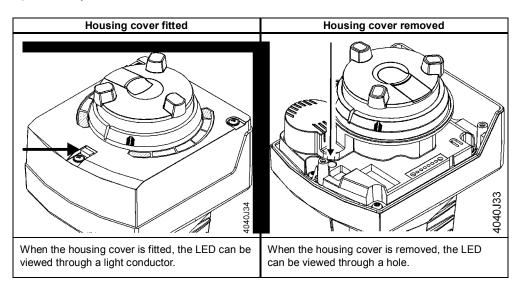
In Automatic mode, the manual adjuster serves for the indication of travel. See "Automatic" (page 51).

#### **Position indication**

Position indication is on 2 opposite sides. When turning the manual adjuster, the indicator moves in the same direction.

The scale indicates the stroke. When reaching the stops, the valve is either fully open or fully closed.

### Status indication (LED)



The status indication informs about the operational state of the actuator.

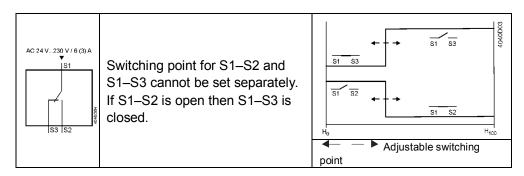
LED	Indication	Operating state	Remarks, troubleshooting
	On	Automatic mode	Normal operation
Green	Blinking	Calibration (page 33).	Wait until calibration is finished (then green or red light)
Green		In manual mode	Manual adjuster in MAN position
		Detection of foreign bodies (page 48)	Check valve / actuator
Ded	On	Calibration error	Start calibration again (page 33)
Red	Blinking	Clogged valve	Check valve
Dark	Dark	No power or electronics faulty	Check operating voltage

#### 4.13.5 Electrical accessories

# Auxiliary switch ASC10.51



The auxiliary switch ASC10.51 switches on or off when a certain position is reached. The switching point can be set between 0...100%.



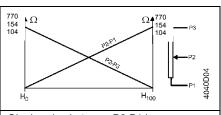
Application example:

When using an auxiliary switch, position feedback can trigger an automatic stop of the circulating pump in the end position "Fully closed".

# Potentiometer ASZ7.5/..



Potentiometer ASZ7.5/.. (1000  $\Omega$ , 200  $\Omega$ , 135  $\Omega$ ) delivers an ohmic value to the controller giving the exact position of the actuator (continuous position feedback). A slip clutch prevents damage to the potentiometer in the mechanical end positions. This is also used for accurate balancing of the potentiometer in the fully closed position.

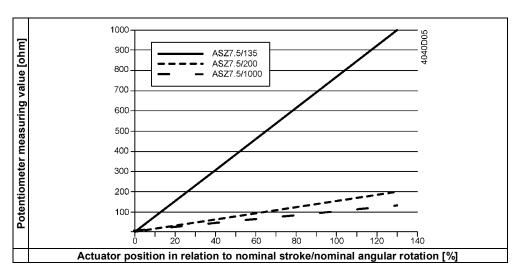


Ohmic value between P2-P1 increases with stroke H or rotation, ohmic value between P2-P3 decreases.

Flow characteristic

The end values of the potentiometers refer to the maximum stroke / maximum angular rotation of the actuators. For this reason, the resulting values in operation deviate, depending on the type of valve used in combination with the actuator. The potentiometer's starting point can be very accurately adjusted during installation (refer page 26).

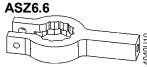
	ASZ7.5/135	ASZ7.5/200	ASZ7.5/1000
	104 Ohm at nominal stroke/nominal angular rotation	154 Ohm at nominal stroke/nominal angular rotation	770 Ohm at nominal stroke/nominal angular rotation
	R = 0 + 1.04 Ohm x nominal stroke/nominal angular rotation (%)	R = 0 + 1.54 Ohm x nominal stroke/nominal angular rotation (%)	R = 0 + 7.7 Ohm x nominal stroke/nominal angular rotation (%)
SAX	R = 0 + 5.2 Ohm x stroke (mm)	R = 0 + 7.71 Ohm x stroke (mm)	R = 0 + 38.5 Ohm x stroke (mm)
SAL	R = 0 + 1.15 Ohm x rotary angle (°)	R = 0 + 1.71 Ohm x rotary angle (°)	R = 0 + 8.55 Ohm x rotary angle (°)



# Function module AZX61.1



# Stem heating element



Function module AZX61.1 offers the following choices for changing control:

- Changeover of acting direction (page 42)
- Connection terminals (page 58)
- Sequence control (page 41)

Stem heating element ASZ6.6 prevents the formation of ice on the stem when medium temperatures drop below 0 °C. It is suited for universal use with valves having a stem diameter of 10 or 14 mm.



The stem heating element heats up to 120 °C.

This is a PTC element, which means it shows up with a low resistance at power up – inrush current may reach 13 A at low temperatures / high voltage level

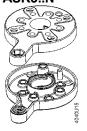
### 4.13.6 Mechanical accessories

# Weather shield ASK39.1



Weather shield ASK39.1 protects the actuator when installed outdoors. This does not lead to a change of IP class (IP54).

# Mounting sets ASK3..N



Mounting sets ASK31N, ASK33N and ASK35Nenable the actuators to be fitted to slipper valves VBF21.., DN65...150 and butterfly valves VKF41.. and VKF45 (page 21-25).