# **Control Unit**

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Nominal size 6
Air-gap sensing and blow-off function
Modular design
Operating pressure 4 to 8 bar
(inlet pressure p<sub>e</sub>)



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# Description

This control unit is used to provide an air-gap sensing function during the machining of workpieces, ensuring that a work operation can be initiated only when both the workpiece and tool are correctly positioned. This position is monitored pneumatically. After the workpiece contact surface has been released, a higher blow-off pressure is applied to the sensing nozzles to free them of chips and other contamination.

The position and number of the sensing nozzles can be varied as desired. A control unit consists of an input module, up to six function modules and an end plate.

Fluid: Filtered compressed air Function: Low/high pressure system

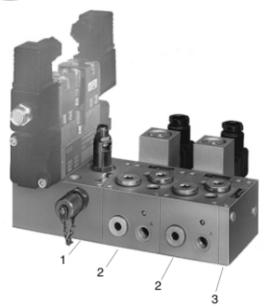
to provide air-gap sensing and blow-off function

Back-pressure nozzles: Variable dimensions, at variable

distance from control unit

### **Features**

- Air-gap sensing unit of variable modular design
- Positioning accuracy of ≤ 0.02 mm possible ¹)
- Well-proven components ensure reliable operation
- Compact dimensions
- Operates with workpieces of any size and material



- 1 Input module
- 2 Function module
- 3 End plate

Directional control valve and test connection supplied to separate order.

### Characteristic data

Description	Nominal size	Connection	Operating pressure [bar]		Cat. No.
			min.	max.	
Control unit (input module)	6	G 3/8	4	  8 	0540628
Control unit (function module)	6 Supply 4 Function	Manifold	1	8 	0540629
End plate complete	_	_	_	_	0540630
5/3 directional control valve ISO size 1	_	_	_	_	2531736.0247

<sup>1)</sup> Depends on viscosity of cooling fluid

### **Function**

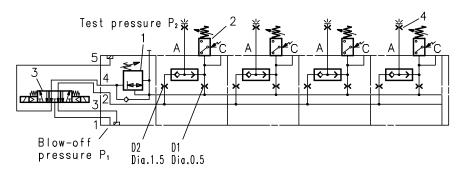
#### Air-gap sensing

The test pressure  $P_2$  (1 ... 3 bar) is adjusted by means of the pressure regulator (1) and monitored by the pressure sensors (2). When a workpiece is present in the correct position, a back pressure builds up to the level of the test pressure and actuates the pressure sensors. The machining of the workpiece is enabled.

#### Blow-off

After the workpiece contact surface has been released, the 5/3 directional control valve, size 1 (3), switches to a higher blow-off pressure  $P_1$  (p max. 8 bar). This keeps the sensing nozzles (4) free of contamination.

# Schematic circuit diagram



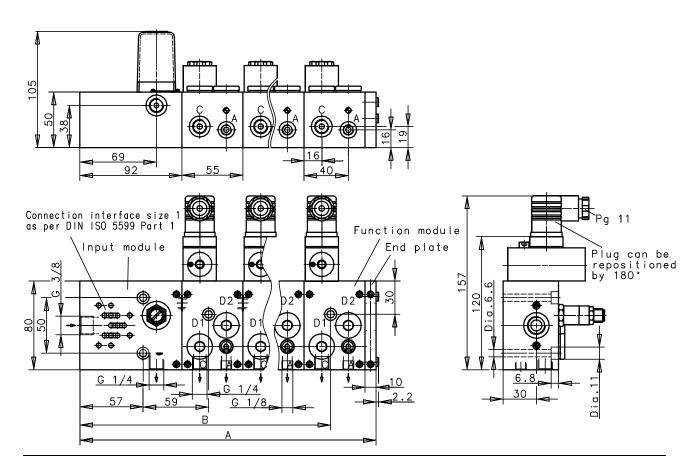
- Nozzle D 2 (high pressure) 1.5 mm dia. Cat. No. 0541353
- Nozzle D 1 (measuring air) 0.5 to 0.8 mm dia.
   Standard dia. = 0.5 mm
   Cat. No. 0540642
- Available to separate order as required:

0.6 mm dia. Cat. No. **0541337** 0.7 mm dia. Cat. No. **0541338** 0.8 mm dia. Cat. No. **0541339** 

#### **HERION recommendation:**

The tubing between connection "A" of the function module and the sensing nozzle should be no longer than 5 m. A maximum of 2 air-gap sensing nozzles 2.0 mm dia. x 2 mm should be used with each module. The sensing gap depends on the viscosity of the cooling fluid.

## **Dimensional drawing** [mm]



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