OpenAir™
VAV compact controller  GDB181.1E/3
GLB181.1E/3
Series E

- Compact controllers for plants with variable or constant airflow
- Integrated high-accuracy differential pressure sensor, actuator, and configurable digital air volume controller
- Operating voltage AC 24 V
- Nominal torque 5 or 10 Nm, angular rotation of air damper mechanically adjustable between 0 and 90°
- Optional configuration as a VAV compact controller or as a combined actuator / differential pressure sensor
- Prewired with a 0.9 m connecting cable

Note
- Please refer to the “Technical Basics” in document P3544en for a detailed description as well as information on safety, engineering notes, mounting and commissioning
- Series E or newer: Configuration and maintenance interface with 7-pin terminal strip for connection cables with 7-pin connector (please refer also to datasheet AST10 / N5851).
**Application**

VAV compact controllers are primarily used for controlling a variable or constant air volume flow.

**Application fields:**
- Supply air control
- Extract air control
- Supply/extract cascade control with
  - Ratio control 1:1
  - Ratio control (positive/negative pressure)
  - Differential control (positive/negative pressure)
- Air dampers with a nominal torque of up to 5 or 10 Nm

VAV compact controllers are not suitable for environments where the air is saturated with sticky or fatty particles or contain aggressive substances.

**Type summary**

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<th>Torque</th>
<th>Application range</th>
<th>Operating voltage</th>
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<td>5 Nm</td>
<td>0...300 Pa</td>
<td>AC 24 V</td>
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<td>GLB181.1E/3</td>
<td>10 Nm</td>
<td>0...300 Pa</td>
<td>AC 24 V</td>
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For torques >10 Nm and/or special functions (e.g. auxiliary switch or spring return) cf. datasheet ASV181.1E/3 (N3545).

For networked types (KNX / PL-Link) cf. datasheet GxD181.1E/KN (N3547).

For information on accessories and spare parts cf. datasheet N4698.

**Equipment combinations**

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<td>Room thermostat</td>
<td>RDG4..</td>
<td>3182, 3192</td>
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<td>Room controller</td>
<td>RX..</td>
<td>38xx</td>
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<td>Universal controller</td>
<td>RLU2..</td>
<td>3101</td>
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<td>RMU7..</td>
<td>3144</td>
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**Tools for configuration and service**

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<tr>
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<td>AST10 *</td>
<td>5851</td>
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<td>Interface converter</td>
<td>AST11</td>
<td>5852</td>
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<tr>
<td>PC software for service</td>
<td>ACS941**</td>
<td>5854</td>
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* limited functionality for VAV compact controller Series E

** The ACS941 PC software can be downloaded free of charge at [www.siemens.com/openair](http://www.siemens.com/openair)
Design

The VAV compact controllers can be parameterized with configuration tools (cf. "equipment combinations")*.

### Settings and operating mode

#### Settings for setpoint signal YC

<table>
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<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>YC</td>
<td>0…10 V</td>
<td>Setpoint for air volume flow</td>
<td>0…10 V (operating mode &quot;con&quot;)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2…10 V</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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#### Settings for actual value signal U

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>U</td>
<td>FLW</td>
<td>Actual value of air volume flow (measurement value)</td>
<td>FLW</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>POS</td>
<td>0…10 V</td>
<td>Position display of air damper</td>
<td>0…10 V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2…10 V</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>0.05…5 s (Resolution 0.01 s)</td>
<td>Time constant actual value U</td>
<td>1 s</td>
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#### Settings for adaptive positioning (for special opening ranges)

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<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Siemens factory setting</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ADP</td>
<td>Off</td>
<td>Default op. mode for position display of air damper (mapping 0°...90° → 0…100 %)</td>
<td>Off</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>On</td>
<td>Adaptive op. mode for position display of air damper (mapping e.g. 0°...60° → 0…100 %)</td>
<td></td>
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#### Setting elevation for sensor accuracy

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<tr>
<td>Elevation asl</td>
<td>0…5000 m (Resolution 500 m)</td>
<td>Elevation asl to increase pressure sensor accuracy</td>
<td>500 m</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### LED state display

- LED dark: No operating voltage
- LED green: Faultless operation
- LED flashes red: Connection tubes for sensor interchanged
- LED red: Differential pressure sensor fault

* For connections at the configuration and maintenance interface please consider that voltages >10 V at YC can’t be processed.
Operating modes

Operating mode “con”

The following parameters have to be set or checked in operating mode “con”:

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>con</td>
<td>VAV or CAV mode</td>
<td>con</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>YC</td>
<td>0…10 V</td>
<td>Air volume flow reference signal (setpoint)</td>
<td>0…10 V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2…10 V</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>YC</td>
<td>1…3.16</td>
<td>Characteristic value for nominal air volume flow, preset by manufacturer (OEM)</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>V&lt;sub&gt;n&lt;/sub&gt;</td>
<td>20…120 %</td>
<td>Maximum air volume flow</td>
<td>100 %</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>V&lt;sub&gt;min&lt;/sub&gt;</td>
<td>-20…100 %</td>
<td>Minimum air volume flow</td>
<td>0 %</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dir</td>
<td>r or L</td>
<td>Opening direction of air damper</td>
<td>r</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>r = Clockwise (CW)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>L = Counterclockwise (CCW)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Variable air volume (VAV) control

The VAV compact controllers operate in VAV mode provided a DC 0…10 V or DC 2…10 V Signal is fed into the input YC. The setpoint signal controls the operating range V<sub>min</sub> … V<sub>max</sub>.

Forced control in VAV mode

Using the Y<sub>1</sub> and Y<sub>2</sub> control signals, the damper of the air volume controller can be driven either to the fully open or fully closed position.

VAV operating mode (Type “con”)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>YC</th>
<th>DC 0/2…10 V</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Y&lt;sub&gt;1&lt;/sub&gt;</td>
<td>open G0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Y&lt;sub&gt;2&lt;/sub&gt;</td>
<td>open</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Action</td>
<td>VAV control with DC 0/2…10 V setpoint compensation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>“Damper fully open”</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note

- Setting V<sub>min</sub> ≤ 0 % and YC = 0 V drives the actuator to position “fully closed”.

Note
**Constant air volume (CAV) control**

VAV compact controllers operate in CAV mode if input YC is open. \( V_{\text{min}} \) or \( V_{\text{max}} \) control can be accomplished with control signals Y1 and Y2.

**Forced control in CAV mode**

If inputs Y1 and Y2 are wired appropriately, different states can be reached according to the following table:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>YC</th>
<th>Y1</th>
<th>Y2</th>
<th>Action</th>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>open</td>
<td>open</td>
<td>G0</td>
<td>( V_{\text{min}} ) control</td>
<td>Dir ( r \to ) rotation CW</td>
<td>Characteristic value for nominal air volume flow, set by manufacturer (OEM)</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>open</td>
<td>G0</td>
<td>( V_{\text{max}} ) control</td>
<td>Dir ( L \to ) rotation CCW</td>
<td>“Damper fully open”</td>
<td>r</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Notes**

- CAV mode is also possible when preselecting a constant setpoint via input YC.
- Setting \( V_{\text{min}} \leq 0 \) drives the actuator to position “fully closed”.

**Operating mode “3P”**

To use VAV compact controllers as differential pressure sensor for air volume flow measurement with a 3-position actuator, the operating mode parameter must be set to “3P”.

**Parameter setting**

In operating mode “3P”, the following parameters must be set or checked:

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<th>Parameter</th>
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<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>3P</td>
<td>3P mode</td>
<td>con</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( V_{\text{a}} )</td>
<td>1…3.16</td>
<td>Characteristic value for nominal air volume flow, set by manufacturer (OEM)</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dir</td>
<td>( r ) or ( L )</td>
<td>Opening direction of air damper</td>
<td>( r )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>( r = ) Clockwise (CW)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>( L = ) Counterclockwise (CCW)</td>
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</table>

In operating mode “3P”, \( V_{\text{min}} \) and \( V_{\text{max}} \) are of no relevance since air volume flow control in this operating mode is ensured by the higher level room controller (typically cascade of room temperature and air volume flow). In this operating mode, air volume flow control by the VAV compact controllers is deactivated.

The air damper’s opening direction is determined by the connection of signal inputs Y1 (core 6, violet) and Y2 (core 7, orange).

**Differential pressure sensor with 3-position actuator (Type = “3P”)**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>YC</th>
<th>Y1</th>
<th>Y2</th>
<th>Action</th>
<th>Setting</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Siemens factory setting</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>open</td>
<td>G0</td>
<td>G0</td>
<td>Damper holds position</td>
<td>Dir ( r \to ) rotation CW</td>
<td>“Damper opens”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>open</td>
<td>open</td>
<td>G0</td>
<td></td>
<td>Dir ( L \to ) rotation CCW</td>
<td>“Damper closes”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>G0</td>
<td></td>
<td>Dir ( L \to ) rotation CW</td>
<td>“Damper closes”</td>
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</table>
**Operating mode “STP”**

CAV step mode: CLOSE / $\dot{V}_{\text{min}}$ / $\dot{V}_{\text{mid}}$ / $\dot{V}_{\text{max}}$ / OPEN

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<tr>
<th>CAV step mode (Type “STP”)</th>
<th>YC</th>
<th>&lt;1 V</th>
<th>$\dot{V}_{\text{min}}$</th>
<th>open</th>
<th>$\dot{V}_{\text{mid}}$</th>
<th>$&gt;9$ V</th>
<th>$\dot{V}_{\text{max}}$</th>
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<td>Y1</td>
<td>open</td>
<td>G0</td>
<td>open</td>
<td>G0</td>
<td>open</td>
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<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Y2</td>
<td>open</td>
<td>G0</td>
<td>open</td>
<td>G0</td>
<td>open</td>
<td></td>
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**Note**

- Setting $\dot{V}_{\text{min}} \leq 0$ drives the actuator to position “fully closed”.

**Ordering through the VAV box manufacturer (OEM)**

As a rule, documentation provided by VAV box manufacturers (OEM) contains detailed information on VAV compact controller ordering.

The OEM generally configures and assembles VAV compact controllers as VAV box units. This facilitates commissioning at the construction site considerably.

Should changes be necessary, the use of PC software for service ACS941 (download free of charge at [www.siemens.com/openair](http://www.siemens.com/openair)) and interface converter AST11 is recommended.

**OEM always sets $\dot{V}_{N}$ (nominal air volume flow) as a matter of principle.**

**Configuration for operating mode “3P”**

For configuration for operating mode “3P”, supply and extract air volume controllers are each connected to separate 3P outputs and DC 0/2…10 V inputs of a suitable DDC room controller, e.g. RXC31.1.

**Configuration for operating mode “con”**

When “con” is configured, a differentiation is to be made as to how VAV compact controllers are wired in relation to the relevant controller:

In the case of parallel control, the controller controls all VAV compact controllers in a starlike (parallel) manner. I.e., the DC 0/2…10 V output signal is the reference variable for all VAV compact controllers. The OEM adjusts the minimum and maximum air volume flow limit values $\dot{V}_{\text{min}}$ and $\dot{V}_{\text{max}}$ individually on each controller.

Parallel control is in particular suitable to design large rooms with several air volume controllers.
With **master/slave control**, the DC 0/2…10 V output signal of the controller is fed into the supply air volume controller (master controller) as the reference variable. The extract air volume controller (slave controller) receives the master controller’s actual value signal of the air volume flow as the reference variable (setpoint).

**Minimum and maximum limitation of air volume flow**

The limitation to $V_{\text{min}}$ or $V_{\text{max}}$ is made on the relevant controller. This means that the OEM does not set these limit values on the VAV compact controllers. The factory settings made by Siemens are 0 % and 100 % and will not be changed.

**Operating mode “3P”**

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**Operating mode “con”**

Here, a differentiation is to be made between two cases, which must be considered when ordering the air volume controller with the OEM:

- The OEM sets the limit values ($V_{\text{min}}$ and $V_{\text{max}}$) on the VAV compact controller
- The limit values ($\dot{V}_{\text{min}}$ and $\dot{V}_{\text{max}}$) are set on the assigned room temperature controller, provided the controller used offers this facility

**Disposal**

The device is considered an electronics device for disposal in terms of European Directive 2012/19/EU and may not be disposed of as domestic garbage.

- Dispose of the device through channels provided for this purpose.
- Comply with all local and currently applicable laws and regulations.
Technical Data

### Power supply AC 24 V
(SELV/PELV)
- G (core 1, red) and G0 (core 2, black)
- Operating voltage / frequency: AC 24 V ±20 % / 50/60 Hz
- Power consumption:
  - Actuator holds: 1 VA/0.5 W
  - Actuator rotates: 3 VA/2.5 W

### Damper actuator
- Nominal torque: 5 Nm (GDB) / 10 Nm (GLB)
- Maximum torque: <7 Nm (GDB) / <14 Nm (GLB)
- Nominal rotation angle / maximum rotation angle: 90° / 95° ±2°
- Running time for nominal rotation angle 90°: 150 s (50 Hz) / 125 s (60 Hz)
- Direction of rotation (adjustable with e.g. ACS941): Clockwise / counterclockwise

### Signal inputs
- Air volume flow reference or communication signal YC (core 8)
- Reference signals Y1 (core 6) and Y2 (core 7)
  - Input voltage: DC 0/2…10 V
  - Contact sensing:
    - Contact open: DC 30 V contact voltage
    - Contact closed: DC 0 V, 8 mA contact current

### Signal outputs
- Air volume flow measuring signal U (core 9)
  - Output voltage: DC 0/2…10 V limited to DC 12 V
  - Max. output current: DC ± 1 mA
  - Time constant (actual value U): 0.05…5 s
  - Resolution: 0.01 s / factory setting 1 s

### Configuration and maintenance interface
- Series A - D
- Connection cable:
  - Cable length: 0.9 m
  - Number of cores and cross-sectional area: 6 x 0.75 mm²

### Degree of protection and safety class
- Degree of protection acc. to EN 60529 (cf. mounting instruction): IP54
- Safety class acc. to EN 60730: III

### Environmental conditions
- Operation / transport: IEC 721-3-3 / IEC 721-3-2
- Temperature: 0...50 °C / 25...70 °C
- Humidity (non-condensing): <95% r.h.

### Standards and Regulations
- Product safety:
  - Automatic electric controls for household and similar use: EN 60730-2-14 (mode of action type 1)
  - Electromagnetic compatibility (Application): For residential, commercial and industrial environments
- EU Conformity (CE):
  - GDB181.1E/3
  - A5W00000176
- RCM Conformity:
  - GLB181.1E/3
  - A5W00003843
- Product environmental declaration:
  - CM2E4634E

### Dimensions
- W x H x D: 71 x 158 x 61 mm

### Suitable drive shafts
- Type of drive shaft:
  - Round: 8...16 mm
  - Round, with centering element: 8...10 mm
  - Square: 6...12.8 mm
  - Hexagonal: <15 mm
- Min. drive shaft length: 30 mm
- Max. shaft hardness: <300 HV

### Weight
- Without packaging: 0.6 kg

### Air volume controller
- 3-position controller with hysteresis
  - \( V_{\text{max}} \): adjustable (resolution 1 % / factory setting 100 %) 20...120 %
  - \( V_{\text{min}} \): adjustable (resolution 1 % / factory setting 0 %) -20...100 %
  - \( V_{\text{mid}} \): adjustable (resolution 1 % / factory setting 50 %) 0...100 %
  - \( V_{n} \): adjustable (resolution 0.01 / factory setting 1.00) 1...3.16
\[ V_n = 1 \pm 300 \text{ Pa at nominal air volume flow} \]
\[ V_N = 3.16 \pm 30 \text{ Pa at nominal air volume flow} \]

**Differential pressure sensor**
- Connection tubes (interior diameter): 3…8 mm
- Measuring range: 0…500 Pa
- Operating range: 0…300 Pa
- Precision at 23 °C, 966 mbar and optional mounting position:
  - Zero point: ± 0.2 Pa
  - Amplitude: ± 4.5 % of the measured value
  - Drift: ± 0.1 Pa / Year
- Max. permissible operating pressure: 3000 Pa
- Max. permissible overload on one side: 3000 Pa

1) The documents can be downloaded from [http://siemens.com/bt/download](http://siemens.com/bt/download)

2) The product environmental declarations contain data on environmentally compatible product design and assessments (RoHS compliance, materials composition, packaging, environmental benefit, disposal).

**Diagrams**

The VAV compact controllers are supplied with a pre-wired connecting cable. The devices connected to it must use the same G0.

**Internal diagram**
(applies to all types)

![Internal diagram](image)

Tool = Configuration and maintenance interface (Series E: 7-pin)
### Connection cable
(color coded and labeled)

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<tr>
<th>Terminal label</th>
<th>Color code</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>red (RD)</td>
<td>System potential AC 24 V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>black (BK)</td>
<td>System neutral AC 24 V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>violet (VT)</td>
<td>Positioning signal &quot;Actuator’s direction of rotation&quot; (G0 switched) dependent on the setting of direction</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>orange (OG)</td>
<td>Positioning signal &quot;Actuator’s direction of rotation&quot; (G0 switched) dependent on the setting of direction</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>grey (GY)</td>
<td>Air volume flow reference signal DC 0/2...10 V (setpoint) or communication signal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>pink (PK)</td>
<td>Air volume flow measuring signal DC 0/2 ... 10 V (actual value)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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1) To ensure the functions at YC, only one cable may be connected at the time, either the cable for the air volume flow reference signal DC 0/2...10 V (setpoint) or the cable for the communication signal.

### Wiring diagram

**VAV**
Supply / extract air control in operating mode “con”

**CAV**
Supply / extract air control in operating mode “con”

**Complete shutoff in operating mode “con”**

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VAV compact controllers GDB181.1E/3 and GLB181.1E/3

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Operating mode “3P”

Supply / extract air control

The operating voltage fed to terminals G and G0 must comply with the requirements for SELV or PELV

Use safety isolating transformers with double insulation conforming to EN 61558; they must be suited for 100 % of operating time

Dimensions

Measurements in mm