



Mini Vacuum Pumps with Fieldbus Communication







# LEMCOM Series: 1st Mini Vacuum Pump

In a world where everything is connected, COVAL is innovating once more by unveiling the LEMCOM series: the first vacuum pump on fieldbus.

## Compact integration: The COVAL technique

The illustrations demonstrate the COVAL advantage: all necessary functions are integrated into a complete and self-governing mini-module,



# Easy integration with existing industrial network

LEMCOM is the first vacuum pump which seamlessly integrates with the field network without the use of gateways or other specific interfaces.

The LEMCOM "master" modules enable the continuity of a fieldbus through their two integrated communication ports. Tested and certified by ODVA (EtherNet/IP), PI (Profinet) and by CiA (CANopen), LEMCOM is connected very easily to the PLC (EDS file, RSLogix 5000 Add-On Instructions, GSDML file).

Based on a "master/secondary" structure where the "master" is a fully-integrated pump, the LEMCOM design enables the supply and control of 1 to 16 vacuum pumps while requiring only 2 connecting cables.





## ADVANTAGES

- **Easy implementation:** Plug & Play, custom configuration for every type of application.
- Maximum automatic energy savings:

40% savings for porous products.

**Saving** 90% savings for airtight products.

- Compactness: LEMCOM vacuum pumps are the most compact on the market.
- Short response times: Installed in close proximity to vacuum cups.
- **Dust resistant:** Non-clogging through-type silencer.
- Safety: Product gripping is maintained even during power failure.
- Supported buses: EtherNet/IP, Profinet and CANopen.
- Wiring simplified: 2 cables are capable of managing 1 to 16 modules.
- Settings and diagnosis via remote monitoring.
- Nearly unlimited arrangements (stand-alone modules, island assemblies or remote modules)
  → see page 7.
- → An essential innovation for intelligent vacuum gripping.

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# on Industrial Fieldbus



# 2 vacuum levels to match precise application needs

**VERSION 60** (Max. 60% vacuum) To enable a high rate of vacuum flow and compensate for leakage when gripping porous materials.

Suction flow rate (NI/min) :

max. vacuum Nozzle Ø	60 %
1.0 mm	38
1.2 mm	72
1.4 mm	92



**VERSION 90** (Max. 85% vacuum) To enable a high vacuum level and thus increase the holding force for gripping airtight materials.

Suction flow rate (NI/min) :

max. vacuum Nozzle Ø	85 %
1.0 mm	29
1.2 mm	45
1.4 mm	70





2 integrated energy-saving technologies





Combined "venturi regulator" ASR: pressure regulator **①** feeds venturi **③** with 3.5 bar, the optimized pressure for operation.

→ No more unnecessary consumption of compressed air.





Combination of non-return valve **(b)** and advanced electronics **(c)** ensures **ASC**'s automatic performance.

→ Once vacuum is established, the pump no longer consumes air to hold the product.



# A Regulator (ASR): porous applications



LEMCOM series vacuum pumps, which integrate an **ASR** "venturi regulator" combination, maintain ideals that COVAL values greatly: reducing both compressed air consumption and noise generation.

Regardless of pressure supplied by the compressed air network, the integrated regulator feeds the venturi at **3.5** bar pressure, optimal for its operation.

- $\rightarrow$  No more unnecessary energy consumption.
- → No external regulator required, thus eliminating the risk of improper adjustment.

Compared to pressures found in most compressed air networks (5-7 bar), the graph opposite demonstrates an achieved economy of 40% on average.



# Energy saving & intelligence



For airtight or semi-porous products, the LEMCOM pumps automatically execute the above "ASC" cycle, thus resulting in maximum energy savings, according to the following three phases:

1- Product gripping : Vacuum generated by the venturi.

**2- Operations on vacuum gripped product** : At the L2 vacuum threshold (75%), incoming air pressure is blocked  $\rightarrow$  consumption becomes zero; the product remains gripped due to the non-return valve. If micro-leaks make the vacuum drop to the L2 threshold – (the value of regulated hysteresis), vacuum generation is briefly resumed.

3- Product release : By externally controlled blow-off or automatic blow-off function.

### 1- Gripping + transfer

(1.4 mm nozzle Ø, emptying 0.2 l).

		1	ir consumption		
Phase	Duration	without "ASC"	with "ASC"		
Gripping	0.28 s	0.4 NI	0.4 NI	energy	
Transfer	1.20 s	1.8 NI	0	savings	
Release	0.14 s	0.2 NI	0.2 NI	dGilleveu	
		2.4 NI	0.6 NI	<b>≻75%</b>	

### 2- Clamping + operations

(1.4 mm nozzle Ø, emptying 0.4 l).

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		1	Air consum	ption
Phase	Duration	without	with	
		"ASC"	"ASC"	
Clamping	0.55 s	0.8 NI	0.8 NI	energy
Operations	60 s	90 NI	0	savings
Release	0.14 s	0.2 NI	0.2 NI	achieved
		91 NI	1.0 NI	<b>≻99</b> %

### **RESULTING SAVINGS**

Energy savings from "ASC" are significant, as the two examples opposite show:

- 75% savings for transferring an object after gripping.
- 99% savings for holding an object during a 1 minute operation.

The product often pays for itself in just a few months.



The illustration above shows the adaptation capability of the LEMCOM module. "ASC" operation is automatic for any object that is airtight or generally nonporous (cycle 1).

If a leak occurs (cycle 2), due to a rough object or suction cup wear:

1/ the module automatically detects the anomaly, 2/ ends the cycle without "ASC" in order to continue production and 3/ reports the event for possible maintenance. Production continues and once everything is returned to normal (cycle 3), "ASC" operation is automatically resumed.

**ENERGY SAVING APP** 

Calculate the savings you can achieve using ASC technology with our free software.



#### **"ASC": AN ADVANTAGE WITHOUT LIMITATIONS**

Saving energy has become essential. With LEMCOM, thanks to **ASC**, energy is saved automatically without interfering with established practices:

#### 1- No specific adjustment

The default setting (L1 = 65%, L2 = 75%) is suitable for most applications.

### 2- Production regardless of conditions

Performance is guaranteed. When necessary, without "ASC", if the leakage level is too high.

#### 3- Guided maintenance

Clear display of the need for maintenance in order to return to autoregulated "ASC" operation.

With LEMCOM, all settings are remotely configurable, and diagnosis is made easier.



Optimal pressure : 4 bar

# Individual or island modules?

Stand-alone modules are suitable for the most common applications: one module controls one or more suction cups, all of which operate according to the same sequence. When several suction cups are operating according to differ-

ent sequences, multiple modules are required, which can be: • several autonomous modules. OR

 a group of these modules with an internally shared pressure supply

The illustrations shown here guide the selection:

- autonomous modules are coupled with integrated pressure regulators (ASR)
- in a group, the integrated regulator is eliminated: to maintain the advantage of economical and silent operation, it is recommended to reduce the group's common pressure supply to 4 bar.

The maximum number of modules in an island depends on the power of the modules that must be active simultaneously:

- 5 modules maximum for nozzle 1.4 mm ID.
- 7 modules maximum for nozzle 1.2 mm ID.
- 9 modules maximum for nozzle 1.0 mm ID.

# Vacuum control by NC or NO solenoid valve

Vacuum control by NC (Normally Closed) solenoid valve is the most common: in the event of an electrical shut-off, vacuum is no longer generated. On the other hand, with a NO (Normally Open) solenoid valve, vacuum continues to be generated in the event of an electrical shut-off, providing positive object-gripped security.

The diagrams opposite show that both versions are controlled by the same "vacuum" signal  $\boldsymbol{\nu}$ : The opposite  $\boldsymbol{\overline{\nu}}$  required for control of the NO solenoid valve is automatically obtained internally by the control electronics.



Network : 4.5 to 7 bar



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common pressure

supplied to units



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## Communications panel





**LEMCOM** secondary module



# LEMCOM Series: simplified

# Multitude of Innovations

- Maximum intelligence / minimal bulk.
- One "master" module controls up to 15 secondary modules.
- Master module is a fully-integrated pump.
- Remote configuration, monitoring and diagnostics.
- Dedicated Coval bus between master and secondary modules.
- Simplified wiring and installation.
- Standard secondary modules (regardless of the type of bus).
- Additional communications port.
- Supported buses: EtherNet/IP<sup>TM</sup> / Profinet / CANopen®...
- IP65 / M8 standard connectors.





# A simple product to utilize

## LEMCOM

## master

- PRQĘŢ EtherNet/IP<sup>\*</sup>
- On-board 2-Port Ethernet Switch.
- On-board web server.
- Dedicated configuration software.
- M8/RJ45 standard connectors.



#### LEMCOM master

## CANOPER

- Two CAN ports.
- From 20 to 1000 Kbps.
- Dedicated configuration software.
- Configuration by SDO.
- Adjustable PDO-TX transmission threshold.



## LEMCOM secondary module

 Universal secondary module, whatever the type of bus used.



# Settings, diagnosis and process data



- Product Gripped" and vacuum regulation (ASC) thresholds.
- Automatic blow-off.
- State of valves in the event of loss of communication.
- Client LED status.
- Network parameters.
- Firmware updates...



- Cycle counters, vacuum and blow-off control, gripped pieces, lost pieces, ASC...
- Power-supply voltage.
- Firmware version.
- Product reference.
- Vacuum cycle acquisition...



Vacuum and blow-off control.



- Instant vacuum level (0 to 100%).
- "Gripped Product" signal (ON/OFF).
- Regulation system status.
- Alarms (power-supply voltage, temperature, preventive maintenance).

# communication for all processes



# A setting for every application

The LEMCOM is based on an innovative, efficient product structure:

- The "master" module manages communication on the fieldbus, assures management of the "secondary" modules and is a fully-integrated vacuum pump. Its 2 communication ports enable a continuous fieldbus.
- The "secondary" modules are interconnected with the "master" module via the COVAL bus.

Contact between the "master" module and the "secondary" modules is confirmed by an M8 connecting bridge for island configurations or by a M8/M8 standard cable for configurations based on remote modules.

### Advantages :

This product structure guarantees flexibility in selection, enabling use of LEMCOMs in stand-alone, island or mixed configurations. As a result, vacuum generators may be placed in close proximity to the application, guaranteeing a reduction:

- in gripping time
- in cycle time
- in energy consumption.

Because setup and diagnosis of the LEMCOM is carried out remotely, it is not necessary to install them in easily accessible zones.



## Full remote access

LEMCOM parameters can easily be updated remotely and in several ways. Configuration is possible using LEMCOM Manager PC software, the embedded web server (EtherNet/IP and Profinet) or by sending vacu-

um parameters directly from the PLC during use or on initialization. This flexibility enables the LEMCOM user to adapt to all types of applications without direct intervention on the vacuum generator.

# EtherNet/IP<sup>\*</sup>



- Embedded web server.
- Implicit (I/O) and explicit messaging (setting) (EtherNet/IP).
- Synchronous (I / 0) and asynchronous data (configuration) (Profinet).



## ■ SD0 / PD0.

PDO : Process Data Object ((I/O process data). SDO : Service Data Object (configuration data).





 Dedicated universal application: LEMCOM Manager.

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# LEMCOM Series: selecting



## Handling of porous products: cardboard, untreated wood, pastries, etc. → LEMCOM 60% max. vacuum

When porosity and/or surface leaks are expected during gripping, a vacuum level between 35 and 55% is the best economical compromise generated by a maximum venturi vacuum level of 60%.

To determine the most effective nozzle diameter, use the table at right and measure the leakage flow rate of the material.

Evacuation tim	volume	Consumed	Vacuum		
vacuum reached Nozzle Ø	35 %	45 %	55 %	Air (NI/min)	flow (NI/min)
1.0 mm	0.83	1.31	2.35	44	38
1.2 mm	0.52	0.83	1.49	65	72
1.4 mm	0.34	0.54	0.97	90	92

## Handling of airtight products: glass, plastic, coated wood, sheet metal, etc. -> LEMCOM 85% max. vacuum

Gripping done without major leaks will benefit from a high level of vacuum: Between 55 and 75% generated by **a maximum venturi vacuum level of 85%** 

Depending on the volume to be evacuated and the time available for product gripping, use the table below to select the most effective nozzle diameter and vacuum flow rate.

On airtight products, ASC enables you to considerably reduce compressed air consumption. The table below shows:

- A larger nozzle provides a faster grip without consuming more, when using "ASC".
- A smaller nozzle only consumes less when the operation is continued without "ASC".

### When using "ASC" (evacuation of 1 liter volume):

Nozzle Ø	gripping time (65% vacuum) (s)	Time up to 75% vacuum (s)	Consumed Air (NI)
1.0 mm	2.38	3.33	2.2
1.2 mm	1.53	2.15	2.2
1.4 mm	0.99	1.38	2.2

#### Working without "ASC":

Evacuation tim	Consumed	Vacuum			
vacuum reached Nozzle Ø	55 %	65 %	75 %	Air (NI/min)	flow (NI/min)
1.0 mm	1.76	2.38	3.33	44	29
1.2 mm	1.13	1.53	2.15	65	45
1.4 mm	0.73	0.99	1.38	90	70

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# and ordering a module





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# Dimensions, mounting options











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# LEMCOM Séries: specifications



# Electrical connections







M8

M8

**COVAL Bus** 

YE: yellow, WH: white, BU: blue, OG: orange, BR: brown, BK: black

(BU)

CAN-GND

(WH)

CAN-H

(BR)

24V CC



## M8/M8 "COVAL BUS" 120 Ω TERMINATION

Male M8/Female M8 cable integrating a 120  $\Omega$  termination resistor.

The termination must be integrated on the last "secondary" module of the COVAL Bus, between the final M8 connector of the product and the 24V DC electric supply. See "Accessories", page 9.



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Common specifications

- Supply: Non-lubricated air 5 microns filtered, according to ISO 8573-1 Class 4 standard.
- Operating pressure: 4.5 to 7 bar.
- Mini dynamic pressure: stand-alone module: P = 4.5 bar.
- island modules : 4 bar.
- Blow-off: adjustable flow: stand-alone version: P = 3.5 bar.
   island version: P network.
- Maximum vacuum: 85%.
- Suction flow rate: From 29 to 92 NI/min.
- Air consumption: From 44 to 90 NI/min, when operating "without ASC".
- Integrated non-clogging silencer.
- Noise level: approximately 68 dBA "ASC off". 0 dBA with ASC.
- Electric protection grade: IP65.
- Maximum operating frequency: 4 Hz.
- Service life: 30 million cycles.
- Weight: 150 g.
- Operating temperature: From 0 to 50°C.
- Materials: PA 6-6 15% FG, brass, aluminum, NBR.
- 4-pins M8 male connectors.

#### Self-Adaptation

• Continuous monitoring of the leakage level: Shutoff or automatic return to operation with ASC.

## Integrated electronics

- 24V DC supply (regulated  $\pm$  10 % ).
- Electric consumption: "master" < 150 mA, "secondary" < 100 mA, of which 30 mA (0.7W) per vacuum and blow-off pilot.
- Measurement range: 0 to 99% vacuum.
- Measurement accuracy: ±1,5 % of range, temperature compensated.
- Communication ports protected against wiring errors or reversed polarity.

# Service specifications

### Settings

- Piece gripping (L1) and regulation (L2)thresholds.
- Automatic blow-off time configurable (0 to 10 seconds).

- Activation/deactivation of ASC regulation system.
- Activation/deactivation of the (DIAG ECO) leakage level monitoring system.
- Adjustable blue LED functioning mode

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(BK)

CAN-

Valve functioning mode in the event of loss of communication

#### Diagnosis

- Instantaneous vacuum level (0 to 99%).
- Gripped product, loss of product, regulation in process, regulation default information.
- Cycle counters (vacuum, blow-off, gripped piece, ASC, etc.).
- Supply voltage and internal temperature.
- Product reference and serial number.
- Firmware version.

#### **Configuration and diagnosis tools**

- LEMCOM Manager PC software (EtherNet/IP, Profinet and CANopen universal application.
- Embedded web server (EtherNet/IP and Profinet module).

## Communication

- EtherNet/IP:
- 2-port ethernet switch.
- Static IP address or DHCP.
- EDS file & RSLogix 5000 Add-On Instructions.
- Profinet:
- 2-port ethernet switch.Static IP address or Profinet DCP.
- Static IP addres
  GSDML file.
- CANopen:
- 2 CAN port.
- 10 to 1000 Kbps.
- EDS file.
- COVAL Bus:
- CAN link between "master" and "secondary" units / 1 Mbps.
- Connection by specific bridge for island assembly or unshielded female M8/female M8 cable.
- Max total length of the COVAL Bus: 20 meters.







### **A TECHNOLOGICAL PARTNER ON A GLOBAL SCALE**

Located in the southeast region of France, COVAL designs, manufactures and globally distributes high performance, advanced vacuum automation components and systems for industrial applications in all branches of activity.

COVAL is an ISO 9001: V2015 certified company, which offers innovative solutions integrating reliable and optimized components with intelligent functions. Our aim is to provide the most personalized and economic solution to a given application, while assuring significant improvement in productivity and safety for vacuum users around the world.

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