INTRODUCTION

MAP-180 is a pneumatic magnet meant for attaching ferromagnetic parts in lifting, work holding or automation applications. The magnet’s state, attached or detached, is changed pneumatically. MAP-180 pneumatic magnet doesn’t need pressurized air to keep its state. Air pressure is needed only to change the state from attached to detached or vice versa.

WARNINGS

- Please read this manual carefully before deployment to ensure safe use of the device.
- This device includes a source of magnetic field. A fluctuating magnetic field is produced during the use in the proximity of the device.
- This device produces a magnetic field that may interfere with medical devices such as metallic implants or cardiac pacemakers. Do not use this device and keep out of close proximity unless you have approval from the manufacturer of the medical device or from your physician.
- Do not disassemble or replace the device parts. Only pneumatic connectors are user changeable.
- The device must not be used for lifting or transporting people.
- Always pay special attention to the factors that may decrease the holding force of the magnet.
- The permitted holding force must not be exceeded.
- Do not operate a damaged or malfunctioning device.
- The designer and manufacturer of the whole system should always ensure that the system where this device will be integrated to meets local and national safety regulations.

HOLDING FORCE

Holding force and rated lifting capacity of the MAP-180 can only be realized when the forces are perpendicular to the magnet’s gripping surface.

Three factors affect magnet’s holding force:
- Material properties
- Thickness of the load
- Distance between gripping surface and attached load (airgap)

Holding force and lifting capacity of MAP-180 pneumatic magnet are rated with steel EN S355. Most other steel materials produce lower holding force. Also hardened steel produces lower holding force.

A material’s capacity to conduct magnetic field depends on its thickness. A thinner material has weaker capacity compared to a thicker material. Increasing material thickness increases the material’s capability to conduct magnetic field until a magnet specific maximum value is reached. See figure 2: MAP-180 holding force in proportion to material thickness

Any material that separates the magnet’s gripping surface from the surface of the load reduces the total magnetic holding force. Reduction can be caused by non-magnetic materials or by materials with weak magnetic qualities, such as, zinc or paint or similar coating, rust, frost or air. The distance between the surfaces caused by materials above is commonly called as airgap.

Surfaces must be clean and the airgap zero to achieve maximum holding force. The load surface must also be flat and it must occupy the gripping surface of the device completely (see figure 1). See figure 3: MAP-180 holding force in proportion to airgap.

![Figure 1. The gripping surface and magnetic poles of MAP-180 (hashed area).](image1)

![Figure 2. MAP-180 holding force in proportion to material thickness.](image2)

![Figure 3. MAP-180 holding force in proportion to airgap.](image3)
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- Holding force of 5296 N is determined with steel EN S355 with material thickness ≥ 25 mm. Most other magnetic materials result in lower holding force.
- When lifting a piece from a stack, also the piece below the lifted piece can be attached to the magnet.
- The forces caused by acceleration must be considered. For example, sudden moves cause stronger forces than slow and smooth moves. Sudden moves may drop the load.
- Before magnet attachment, both the magnet’s gripping surface and the load material surface must be cleaned of foreign materials to minimize the airgap that reduces the holding force.
- Due to residual magnetism, the magnet’s lifting surface may contain minor magnetic particles or pieces which reduce the holding force.
- The load material surface may bend, which produces an airgap and reduces the holding force. Especially thin materials may cause this effect.
- Do not lift the load higher than necessary. Unnecessary elevation of the load during lifting increases the risk of damage or injury.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Dimensions:
- Height: 82.0 mm (98.0 mm including pneumatic connectors)
- Diameter: 120.0 mm
- Weight: 5.8 kg

Capacity:
- Holding force: minimum 5.30 kN (S235 S ≥ 25 mm) (1200 lb)
- Rated lifting capacity with safety factor 3: 180 kg (S235 S ≥ 25 mm) (400 lb)
- Residual holding force: maximum 60 N (13.5 lb)

Environmental conditions:
- Operating temperature: 0 °C … +50 °C
- Storage temperature: -20 °C … +50 °C
- Humidity 0 % … 90 %
- IP67 (The product is protected from dust and temporary immersion up to 1 m)

Requirements for compressed air:
- Recommended pressure: 6.0 bar (88 psi)
- Functional range: 5.0 … 8.0 bar (72-116 psi)
- Water separating
- Particle filtering ≤ 5µm

Information related to medical implants:
- Safety distance for a person with active implanted device is 50 cm of air or other non-magnetic material. The distance is measured from the magnet or magnetic material attached to it.
  - Maximum static magnetic field of MAP-180 is 180 mT on the gripping surface.
  - Interference with active implanted devices, e.g. cardiac pacemakers – Action level for exposure to static magnetic fields is 0.5 mT [Directive 2013/35/EC].

INSTALLATION AND USE

MAP-180 pneumatic magnet has to be installed using the M8 screws (3 pcs.) according to Figure 4. The pneumatic connections have to be made using 6.0 mm tube.

The top cover of MAP-180 pneumatic magnet has two pneumatic connectors. When air pressure is applied to the inner connector, MAP-180 is set ON (attach). When air pressure is applied to the outer connector, MAP-180 is set OFF (detach). The same pressure in both air hose contacts or no pressure at all keeps the magnet’s current state. See figure 5.

MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTIONS

MAP-180 pneumatic magnet itself is maintenance free. If MAP-180 pneumatic magnet has been damaged or it has been exposed to an impact, it must be tested before continuing its use. Do not use the device if you find any damages or malfunction!

WARRANTY

The product has a 12 months warranty from the date of delivery. The warranty covers material and manufacturing defects. Warranty does not cover defects caused by a misuse of the product against the instructions and regulations in this manual. The warranty does not cover normal wear and tear.

PATENT PENDING

Several patent applications are pending related to MAP-180 and Ixtur pneumatic magnet technology.