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# Gear Pump Units

For single-line centralized lubrication systems



These units comprising the MFE Group are designed to supply the lubricant used in intermittently operated, single-line centralized lubrication systems.

The basic setup includes a gear pump unit with motor, a 3 or 6 liter lubricant reservoir, metal or plastic, or a 15 liter metal reservoir and float switch to monitor the minimum permissible level of lubricant. In addition to the basic models, it is also possible for the units to be outfitted with add-ons.

Special models for a wide variety of applications are listed in the overview table on page 3.





## Example of a single-line central lubrication system for an automobile manufacturing plant

The system consists essentially of:

- a gear pump unit
- 6 liter metal reservoir
- piston distributors, assembly 340
- metering units, assembly 320
- pressure switches, group DS-W for max. pressure build-up and relief pressure

Overview table for gear pump units

See important product usage information on the back cover.

Order No.	Reservoir capacity [liters]	Reservoir material	Design features
MFE5-KW3-2	3	Plastic	Basic version with WS32-2 float switch
MFE5-KW3-2-S4	3	Plastic	Basic version with WS35-2 float switch
MFE5-KW3-2-S9	3	Plastic	For oil as 5 mm <sup>2</sup> /s at max. 16 bars
MFE5-KW3-2-S13	3	Plastic	Unit for 50/95 weatherproofing (DIN 50015); WS32-2 float switch
MFE5-KW3-S24	3	Plastic	Motor with HAN6ES Harting connector; WS35-S30 float switch
MFE5-BW3-2 MFE5-BW3-2-S14 MFE5-BW3-2-S22 MFE5-BW3-2-S34 MFE5-BW3-2-S37 MFE5-BW3-S41	3 3 3 3 3 3 3	Metal Metal Metal Metal Metal Metal	Basic version with WS32-2 float switch French Automotiv version (CNOMO); WS35-2 float switch; Stäubli filler coupling For oil as 5 mm <sup>2</sup> /s at max. 16 bars Motor UL/CSA Basic version with WS35-2 float switch Motor with HAN6ES Harting connector; WS35-S30 float switch
MFE5-KW6	6	Plastic	Basic version with WS32-2 float switch
MFE5-KW6-S1	6	Plastic	Basic version with WS35-2 float switch
MFE5-KW6-S8	6	Plastic	FKM (FPM) version, WS32-S8 float switch
MFE5-KW6-S33	6	Plastic	Motor with HAN6ES Harting connector; WS35-S30 float switch
MFE5-BW7 MFE5-BW7-CF MFE5-BW7-S8 MFE5-BW7-S22 MFE5-BW7-S29	6 6 6 6	Metal Metal Metal Metal Metal	Basic version with WS32-2 float switch Basic version with WS35-2 float switch FKM (FPM) version, WS32-S8 float switch Motor UL/CSA French Automotiv version (CNOMO); WS35-2 float switch; Stäubli filler coupling
MFE5-BW7-S54	6	Metal	Unit for 50/95 weatherproofing (DIN 50015); WS32-2 float switch
MFE5-BW7-S120	6	Metal	VW version
MFE5-BW7-S98	6	Metal	VW version with filler coupling
MFE5-BW7-S107	6	Metal	Motor with HAN6ES Harting connector; WS35-S30 float switch
MFE5-BW15	15	Metal	Basic version with WS32-2 float switch; wall-mounted reservoir
MFE5-BW16	15	Metal	Basic version with WS35-2 float switch; wall-mounted reservoir
MFE5-BW15-S7	15	Metal	Basic version with WS35-2 float switch; foot-mounted reservoir
MFE5-BW16-S93	15	Metal	Motor with HAN6ES Harting connector; WS35-S30 float switch





Please provide voltage and frequency when ordering.

A special sealed pump must be used for horizontal flange-mounting of the unit in a position **below the oil level**. For gear pump unit model MFE5 complete with metal or plastic reservoir (3, 6 and 15 liters) see the pages 7–9.

### Explanation of hydraulic function

Both (ME5, MFE5) types have the same hydraulic function. Oil is sucked in at S and flows under pressure through the duct in the direction P. The oil pressure closes valve V and opens valve E3, at the same time closing valve E1 against spring tension. If air is entrained (due to low oil level in the reservoir), valve V remains open and diverts the air or, respectively, the air-oil mixture into the return duct (see bubble (o) marking in direction R1). Valve C allows oil under overpressure to flow out into the return duct (see cross (+) marking).

When the unit stops (interval time), spring-loaded valve E1 opens and valve E3 simultaneously closes. The system pressure at P can now be released through valve E1 – with the exception of a small amount of residual pressure determined by valve E2. This pressure release is required for the piston distributors to function correctly. The pressure relief process is shown in fig. 4.

### Explanation of the structural differences

In the case of model ME5, the long screw plug D1 blocks flanged port R2 of the return duct. The oil returning from valves V, C and E1 flows via port R1 through a tube to the separately mounted oil reservoir (see fig. 1 and 2).

In the case of model MFE5, the short screw plug D2 – unlike D1 with model ME5 – leaves flanged port R2 open. A plug closes off external port R1. Flanged port R2 of the return duct drains directly into the reservoir without any connection threads (see fig. 3 and 4).

MFE5 unit variants *					
Order No.	Flow rate <sup>2</sup> ) [l/min]	Max. back pressure <sup>3</sup> ) [bars]	Design		
MFE5-2000	0.5	28	Basic version, NBR,		
MFE5-3041	0.5	28	Basic version, NBR, metal terminal box		
MFE5-2000-D	0.5	28	Installed below oil level, NBR_plastic terminal box		
MFE5-3000-D	0.5	28	Installed below oil level, NBR metal terminal box		
MFE5-2008	0.5	28	Basic version, FKM (FPM), plastic terminal box		
MFE5-2009 MFE5-2053	0.25 0.25	17.5 17.5	For light oil as of 5 mm²/s, NBR For light oil as of 5 mm²/s, FKM		
MFE5-4000 MFE5-5000 MFE5-1001	0.5 0.5 0.5	28 28 28	UL/CSA-approved, NBR CCC-approved, NBR HAN6ES Harting connector, NBR, Motor 180° turned		
MFE5-1088 MFE5-S67	0.5 0.5	28 28	HAN10ES Harting connector, FKM 50/95 weatherproofing, NBR, metal terminal box		

\*) The geometrical dimensions of the variants can deviate of the one shown in Fig. 5.

<sup>2</sup>) Flow rate based on an operating viscosity of 140 mm<sup>2</sup>/s,

at a back pressure of p = 5 bars.

<sup>3</sup>) The max. back pressure is equivalent to the actual value of the built-in pressure limiting valve. If the units are operated with a single-phase AC supply, only 60% of the indicated pressure is permissible, i.e. a 16-bar pressure limiting valve should be fitted to the system.

The appropriate capacitors for a frequency of 50 and 60 Hz are: 230 V ... 8 μF: order No. **179-340-007** 115 V ... 30 μF: order No. **179-340-060**  Fig. 5 ø96 149 (4x) ø5.8 ø50 d9 M5 0-ring 48×3 ø49 R2 44.5 63 M14×1.5<sup>1)</sup> ς 87 63 connection ø100 for cable 4 ... 11 mm diam. □ 88 = inlet (suction port) S P = outlet (pressure port) R1 (ME5) = oil return from relief and pressure limiting valve R2 (MFE5) 1) Ports tapped for solderless 8 mm diam tube connection.

Technical data of the shown motor

Motor      Three-phase motor        Mode of operation      S1, 100%        Insulation class      F        Rated frequency [Hz]      50      60        Voltage [V] Y <sup>4</sup> )      400      480        Rated current [A]      0.29      0.29        Rated power [kW]      0.075      0.09        Rated flow rate [l/mi]      0.5      0,6        Operating pressure [bars]      28      0        Operating temperature [°C]      +10 to +40        Medium      20 to 1000 mm²/s        Type of enclosure acc. to DIN 50050      IP 54
Type of enclosure acc. to DIN 50050 . IP 54 Max. suction head [mm] 500

<sup>4</sup>) See page 6: "Multivoltage motors"

### Multi-voltage motors for pump units (assembly M..)

Many export oriented companies have to deal with voltages/frequencies that deviate from those in Germany. To make it easier for them to buy the most common pump units for centralized lubrication systems, we have developed 3 multirange motors that cover a wide range of three-phase voltages and frequencies.

Pump units with or without oil reservoirs are included, provided the hydraulic power data listed in the brochures are not exceeded (limit values).

These pump units are designated as: M2, MF2, MFE2, M5, MF5, MFE5, FLM12-3, FLMF12-3, M202

Our experience shows these units can meet almost every need. That means simplified warehousing for our customers and shorter delivery times, since we always have these 3 types of motors in stock.

Voltage

230/400 V. 50 Hz

230/400 V, 60 Hz

240/415 V, 50 Hz

240/415 V, 60 Hz

255/440 V, 50 Hz

255/440 V, 60 Hz

265/460 V, 50 Hz

265/460 V. 60 Hz

280/480 V, 60 Hz

265/460 V, 60 Hz, UL

265/460 V, 60 Hz, CSA

280/480 V, 60 Hz, UL

280/480 V. 60 Hz. CSA

280/480 V, 60 Hz, UL/CSA 564

Range I	Range II	Range III
130-130 V / 173-225 V, 50 Hz 120-156 V / 208-270 V, 60 Hz	207-254 V / 360-440 V, 50 Hz 249-305 V / 432-528 V, 60 Hz	230-290 V / 398-500 V, 50 Hz 290-346 V / 500-600 V, 60 Hz
order code: 199	order code: 299	order code: 399
order code ISO-F: <b>19E</b>	order code ISO-F: 29E	order code ISO-F: 39E

### A tailor-made motor has to be used instead of a multirange motor in the following cases:

- when the desired operating voltage cannot be covered by one of the three voltage ranges,
- when the operating voltage, with the voltage tolerances to be expected, exceeds a defined voltage benchmark for the range,
- in the case of motors with PTC thermistor sensors,
- for dual-circuit pump unit, e.g. M205
- in the case of motors with UL/CSA version
- for units with a 4-pole motor

Order code

140

640

150

650

165

665

175

675

563

676

680

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### MFE5 gear pump unit with 3 or 6 liter metal reservoir

Order No.	Flow rate [l/min]	Reservoir capacity [l]	Reservoir material	Order No. without float switch
MFE5-BW3-2	0.5	3	die-cast aluminum	MFE5-B3-2
MFE5-BW7	0.5	6	sheet steel	MFE5-B7

#### Technical data

Float switch (WS) for monitoring of minimum oil level

Type of contact		1 changeover
Max. switching voltage		230 V AC / 230 V DC
Max. switching current		1.0 A
Max. switching capacity		60 VA / 40 W <sup>4</sup> )
Type of enclosure		IP 65
Temperature range		–10 °C to +60 °C

<sup>4</sup>) Take appropriate measures to protect contacts when switching inductive loads.

See page 5 for further technical details.



### Function - float switch (WS)

When the oil drops to a minimum level, contact 1-2 opens and contact 1-3 closes.

With plug-type connector that compiles with DIN EN 175301-803-A

Depicted: full reservoir

230 V AC

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minimum minimum

### MFE5-BW3-2



### MFE5-BW7

<sup>1</sup>) Port tapped for solderless tube connection, for 8 mm diam. tube



### MFE5 gear pump unit with 3 or 6 liter plastic reservoir

Order No.	Flow rate [l/min]	Reservoir capacity [l]	Reservoir material	Order No. without float switch
MFE5-KW3-2	0.5	3	plastic	MFE5-K3-2
MFE5-KW6	0.5	6	plastic	MFE5-K6

See page 5 for further technical details.

See page 7 for technical data on the float switch.



### MFE5-KW3-2



### MFE5-KW6

- Port tapped for solderless tube connection, for 8 mm diam. tube
  Connection for cable 7 to 9 mm diam.



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### MFE5 gear pump unit with 15 liter sheet steel reservoir

Order No.	Flow rate [l/min]	Reservoir capacity [l]	Reservoir material	Version
MFE5-BW16 MFE5-BW15	0.5	15	sheet steel	foot-mounted reservoir wall-mounted reservoir

See page 5 for technical data.

### Technical data

Float switch (WS) to monitor the critical level of oil with advance warning about 25 mm before the minimum oil level is reached.

Type of contact	2 change-over contacts (reed contacts)
Max. switching voltage	230 V AC / 230 V DC
Max. switching current	0.8 A
Max. switching capacityn .	60 VA / 40 W <sup>3</sup> )
Type of enclosure	IP 65
Temperature range	-10 °C to +60 °C

<sup>3</sup>) Take appropriate measures to protect contacts when switching inductive loads.



### Function – float switch (WS)

About 25 mm before the minimum oil level is reached contact 1-3 closes. When the minimum oil level is reached contact 1-2 opens in addition.

With plug-type connector to DIN EN 175301-803-A

Depicted: full reservoir

## Hydraulic layout for MFE5-BW16 T1 М RR ς

### MFE5-BW16

- Port P tapped for solderless tube connection, M14×1.5 for 8 mm diam. tube.
- <sup>2</sup>) Connection for cable 7 to 9 mm diam.









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Notes

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#### Important product usage information

All products from SKF may be used only for their intended purpose as described in this brochure and in any instructions. If operating instructions are supplied with the products, they must be read and followed. Not all lubricants are suitable for use in centralized lubrication systems. SKF does offer an inspection service to test customer supplied lubricant to determine if it can be used in a centralized system. SKF lubrication systems or their components are not approved for use with gases, liquefied gases, pressurized gases in solution and fluids with a vapor pressure exceeding normal atmospheric pressure (1013 mbars) by more than 0.5 bar at their maximum permissible temperature.

Hazardous materials of any kind, especially the materials classified as hazardous by European Community Directive EC 67/548/EEC, Article 2, Par. 2, may only be used to fill SKF centralized lubrication systems and components and delivered and/or distributed with the same after consulting with and receiving written approval from SKF.

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