Use and Maintenance Manual

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1 Introduction

1.1 Aim of the publication
This manual is aimed at those who use pneumatic ball vibrators belonging to the VVS family; it contains all the necessary information for the correct use of these vibrators. The proper functioning and lifespan of each vibrator relies on scrupulous and careful respect for the instructions and rules contained in the manual, as well as the safety and protection of the operator and materials processed. It is therefore advised that you carefully read and meticulously follow all the guidelines contained in this publication. All information is updated at the date of publication.

1.2 Publication identification
The “USE AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL” is an official document produced by VIBRONORD and constitutes an integral part of provision; it is distinguished by a Document Code, located at the foot of the page, which enables identification, traceability and successive references.

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VIBRONORD has made every effort to ensure that the information contained in this manual is accurate and exhaustive, however no responsibility is assumed in the case of error or inaccuracy. VIBRONORD retains the right to modify, at any time and without warning, the specification of the hardware herein described. VIBRONORD reserves the right to modify this manual at any time and without the obligation of forewarning.

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1.5 Use of the manual
The manual is subdivided into 11 chapters, as specified in the index.

1.6 Maintenance of the manual
The manual should be cared for throughout the life of the vibrator. Keep the manual in a place protected from heat and humidity. Do not remove, tear or rewrite any part of this manual for any reason.
In case of operational situations not mentioned or different of those given in the manual, please contact the manufacturer for a possible update.
The manual must be kept with the greatest care; it is necessary to avoid its inadequate safe-keeping and even partial damage to its contents.
The operator is responsible for the immediate replacement of the manual in the event that it is damaged, lost, or becomes totally or partially illegible.

1.7 Updates
VIBRONORD reserves the right to update this manual at any time and without the obligation of forewarning.

1.8 Warning symbols
Within this manual the following symbols indicate to the user particularly relevant information and especially delicate or dangerous procedures.

NOTE
Indicates important information

WARNING
Indicates a situation in which poor attention or incorrectly followed procedures could cause damage (possibly irreparable) to the vibrator.

ATTENTION
This is used to indicate a situation which puts people in danger.

In addition to these general symbols, particular symbols are associated with some specific risks; these are from time to time explained throughout the text.
These particular symbols that signal risky areas and conduct are reported on the vibrator by means of adhesive plates.
Before approaching the vibrator and putting it to use, it is necessary to carefully note the symbols listed above, their messages and instructions and to understand their import.
The operator is responsible for the immediate replacement of the adhesive plates applied to the vibrator in the case of loss or damage or if they have become partially or totally illegible.
1.9  Normative references
The contents of this publication are provided in conformance with the following regulations:
EN ISO 12100
and with regards to European Directive MD 2006/42/CE (Machinery Directive)

2  Safe use

2.1  Intended use

⚠️ ATTENTION
The use of the vibrator and its accessories for any activity different from that allowed and specified in this manual is absolutely forbidden.

VVS pneumatic vibrators are typically used in conjunction with mechanical equipment for carrying material. VVS pneumatic vibrators can be installed in any position and their primary aim is to cause the vibration of the structure to which they are fastened, in order to facilitate the movement of the material carried.

VVS pneumatic vibrators applied to formwork allow material to be compacted.

2.2  Usage not permitted

⚠️ ATTENTION
All uses not explicitly indicated in the preceding paragraph should be considered not permitted, without the specific approval of VIBRONORD.

⚠️ ATTENTION
The pneumatic vibrators described in this manual cannot be installed and used in potentially explosive areas (ATEX).

2.3  Potential dangers of general nature

⚠️ ATTENTION
The majority of accidents at work result from a failure to observe the most basic safety regulations. It is necessary that whoever operates the vibrator is perfectly aware of and respects the regulations written in this publication and on the warning plates.

Adherence to the general regulations indicated below is strictly necessary.

⚠️ ATTENTION
Before using the vibrator, carefully read this manual and check that the installation has been carried out correctly, according to the instructions given in the following pages. Also carefully note the adhesives affixed to the vibrator.

⚠️ ATTENTION
Any action performed on the vibrator must occur with the complete absence of pressure. Failure to follow this instruction can put the safety of the installer in danger.

⚠️ ATTENTION
The inhibition or dismantling of the covers mounted on the vibrator is absolutely forbidden for any reason.

⚠️ ATTENTION
Before proceeding to use the vibrator ensure that no components are visibly damaged.

⚠️ ATTENTION
Do not carry out any work or modifications of any kind on the vibrator. Do not modify in any way and for any reason components of the vibrator, with the aim to adapt other devices on it. In the event of malfunction/accident resulting from a failure to follow the instructions above, VIBRONORD will not respond to the consequences induced.

Please contact VIBRONORD beforehand in the event that changes to be made to the vibrator are required.

⚠️ ATTENTION
Check that the structure to be vibrated is elastically isolated and that there are no pieces or materials left free which could, as a result of the vibration, fall and cause damage to the operator or others.

2.4  Vibrator symbols

All warnings and given principles for the safe use of the product are present on the body of the vibrator by means of adhesive plates or direct engraving onto the body of the vibrator.
ATTENTION

On the edge of the vibrator a warning plate is positioned (see Figure 2.4.a) indicating the potential dangers which are explained in Table 2.4.a.

Request that the manual is read
request for the careful reading of the instructions supplied alongside the machine (Instruction Leaflet) and the further instructions issued here (Usage and Maintenance Manual)

Instruction to use PPE for hearing
recalls the necessity to use a system of protection for hearing on the part of the operator.

Recalls residual risks
Recalls the possibility of residual risks and sees their treatment in the instructions supplied alongside the machine.

CE Symbol
recalls the compliance of the machine to applicable Community directives.

Table 2.4.a

ATTENTION

Figure 2.4.b shows the plate which indicates the principal functional range of the vibrator:

PNEUMATIC BALL VIBRATOR
VIBRATORE PNEUMATICO A SFERA
P min 2 bar / P max 6 bar
Ta min –20°C / Ta max +100°C
Anno/Year: 2012
Lubricated air required
Richiesta Aria Lubrificata

Figure 2.4.b

ATTENTION

It is absolutely essential to guarantee that the pressure value for the pneumatic supply line is between 2 and 6 bar. Failure to observe the above recommendation can cause malfunction during normal use and damage to the vibrator itself.

2.5 Risks relating to vibrations

The vibrator is secured to an elastically suspended structure, which receives the vibrations, from which the location of the operator must be completely independent. Otherwise the vibrations transmitted to the operator should be measured and the safety measures required by current legislation regarding the safety and health of the operator should be implemented.

2.6 Risks relating to noise

The dB(A) value indicated in the data sheets shows the value revealed in use, at the maximum rpm at a distance of 1 metre with the vibrator equipped with the appropriate silencer and secured to a test bench.
For some models in the VVS family this value is higher than 80 dB (A); in this instance with the aim of protecting workers during the use of the vibrator the use of adequate means of personal protection (hearing protection systems) is required (Fig. 2.6).

However, once the vibrator has been secured in its final position, to the equipment to be vibrated, it is obligatory to measure the individual exposure times of the operator, because these could exceed the value of 80 dB(A) for individual daily exposure, even for models for which the noise measured on the bench was less than 80 dB(A).

**ATTENTION**

With the aim of reducing the noise generated by the vibrator during use the application of an adequate silencer at its outlet is advised.

### 2.7 Operator qualifications

The operations described in this manual, regarding the individual phases of the life cycle of the vibrator have been carefully and exhaustively analysed by VIBRONORD, including with regards to the attributes of the operator.

The competence of the operators is a necessary and indispensable condition for the correct use of the equipment with regards to all the safety requirements outlined in this manual.

The personnel who use the vibrators must be in possession of the qualifications required by current law with regards to the protection of workers. They must be provided with, and use, the necessary personal protection equipment required by current national legislation, with particular reference to: safety footwear, protective gloves and possible means for protecting the ears, eyes and head.

The following is an outline of the professional attributes which the individual operator assigned to work the vibrator and/or the potential machine to which the vibrator has been secured, must possess.

The assigned operator must:

- Be in possession of the qualifications required by current law with regards to the protection of workers.

- Possess an in-depth knowledge of the machine to which the vibrator will be attached, of the structure of its main functional blocks and about its units of manoeuvre which allow the isolation of the machine from primary supply sources;

- Be adequately trained so as to be able to carry out the implementation of all operational work necessary to the function and control of the specific equipment.

- Be adequately trained in the correct evaluation of events which occur throughout the course of the work cycle;

- Be adequately trained in the operation of the emergency stop procedure for the machine (also in relation to the potential consequences regarding the load);

Possess an in-depth knowledge and ability to be able to carry out preventative and corrective maintenance work with the aim of preserving the efficiency of the machine.

**ATTENTION**

This outline, strongly advised, must however be integrated with the professional attributes required by relevant current legislation in the country where the product is to be used.

### 2.8 Methods of personal protection

Due to the nature of the material to be treated the assigned operator must protect his/her body from direct or indirect discharge of possible materials or substances.

These substances could be harmful for contact and/or inhalation.

**ATTENTION**

Always use adequate means of protection according to the circumstances, such as: masks, overalls, gloves, goggles, earmuffs, safety footwear, etc.

### 2.9 Recommendations provided by the user

The user must provide the installation area with appropriate lighting as approved by the laws in force with regards to health and safety in the workplace.

Clear and legible symbol signs must be displayed close to the work area and highly visible, forbidding access to the work area to all unauthorised and inadequately protected personnel.

Before entrusting the assignment, the user must provide the correct training for the assigned operators and be convinced that they have acquired the necessary knowledge and skills according to the outline of required professional attributes.
The user must guarantee appropriate tidiness and correct cleaning of the environment in which the vibrator and/or the machine with which the vibrator is used is necessary for the protection of the user and so as not to compromise the proper functioning of the equipment and the safety of the operator during normal use and maintenance operations.

The user must provide the installation area of the vibrator, and/or the machine with which the vibrator is used, with adequate fire-fighting stations. The operator must be able to access, in case of an emergency, the general device for intercepting the main supply.

3 General description of the vibrator

3.1 Introduction
Pneumatic vibrators in the VVS family are machines intended to create a vibration.

They consist of a central body, made from aluminium and provided with adequate holes for securing the vibrator to the structure to be vibrated, outer covers and elements which generate the vibration (ball) which, rotating at the rpm determined by the pressure of the pneumatic supply line, generate a centrifugal rotating force which causes the vibrations.

These vibrations are used to shake up various pieces or materials; therefore in industry and construction to compact, filter, sift and transport materials.

3.2 Identification of models
The VVS family of vibrators is composed of 8 models identified by an alphanumeric code structured as follows (TAB 3.2):

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Ball size</th>
<th>VVS xx</th>
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<tr>
<td>08</td>
<td>Ball diameter 8mm</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>Ball diameter 10mm</td>
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<td>13</td>
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<td>36</td>
<td>Ball diameter 36mm</td>
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Table 3.2

The various models differ in their dimensions, rpm, force generated and other technical characteristics (See Chapter 4).

3.3 Identification of the equipment
All vibrators in the VVS family are identified by the incision of the acronym VVS and their model number, located on the front part of the main body.

3.4 Fundamental components of the vibrator
Vibrator models VVS08 and VVS10 are composed of the following principal components:

Vibrator models VVS13, 16, 20, 25, 30 and 36 are composed of the following principal components:
3.4.1 Vibrating body

The vibrating body is made of aluminium alloy and includes the holes for fastening.

3.4.2 Rings

The rings are made of steel and constitute the guide for rolling the Ball.

3.4.3 Front cover VSS08, 10

The front cover is made of aluminium and is supplied with a hole which the central locking screw goes through.

3.4.4 Front cover VSS13, 16, 20, 25, 30, 36

The front cover is made of aluminium and is supplied with a thread for fastening it to the body of the vibrator.

3.4.5 Rear cover VSS08, 10

The rear cover is made of aluminium and is supplied with a threaded hole for the fastening of the central locking screw.

3.4.6 Rear cover VSS13, 16, 20, 25, 30, 36

The rear cover is made of aluminium and is supplied with a left-hand thread for fastening it to the body of the vibrator.

3.4.7 Ball

The steel ball constitutes the element which generates the vibrations. Its diameter varies according to the model from a minimum of 8mm to a maximum of 35mm.

3.4.8 Locking screw VVS08, 10

Constitutes the fastening and joining element of the two outer covers; it is made of steel M6 x 20m.

4 Technical data

4.1 Main sizes and weights

The main sizes and weights of vibrators in the VVS family are shown in the following table (TAB. 4.1):

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<td>VVS 30</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>160</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>130</td>
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<td>VVS 36</td>
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Table 4.1

4.2 Technical data

The main technical data for vibrators in the VVS family are shown in the following table (TAB. 4.2.a, TAB4.2.b):

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Table 4.2.a

ATTENTION

The noise values shown in table 4.2.b result from tests carried out using a vibrator with an appropriate silencer.
The data provided in tables 4.2.a and 4.2.b are subject to decline as a result of wear from the use of the vibrator.

4.3 Construction criteria
Vibrating body: aluminium
Outer covers: aluminium
Rings: steel
Ball: steel
Locking screw: steel

4.4 Environmental criteria

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Equipment for use in environment</th>
<th>Internal</th>
<th>External (with directed discharge)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Temperature of the working environment</td>
<td>Minimum -20°C</td>
<td>Maximum +100°C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Temperature of the storage environment</td>
<td>Minimum -20°C, maximum +50°C</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Relative Humidity of storage</td>
<td>Maximum 80% with temp. ≤ 40°C</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pressure interval of the air supply</td>
<td>P min 2 bar</td>
<td>P max 6 bar</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 4.4

5 Transport, packaging and storage

5.1 Transport
For the vibrators covered by this manual no special means of transport are expected, however you are advised to adhere to the following rules:

- During all loading/unloading and transport activities, handle the vibrator and its packaging with care.
- On receipt of the goods check the condition of the packaging which should not appear damaged.
- In the event of damage to the packaging check the condition of the vibrator.

5.2 Packaging
For the transport of the vibrator, the packaging consists of a protective cardboard box is required.

It is recommended that you conserve the original packaging container to guarantee the proper transport of the vibrator in the case of relocation.

5.3 Storage
The vibrator must be stored in an enclosed, dry place in which the temperature is between -20°C and +50°C and the relative humidity does not exceed 80%. Avoid humid and brackish storage areas.

**WARNING**
Whenever an extended storage period has been necessary it is recommended that you carry out a thorough check of the vibrator before putting it to use.

**ATTENTION**
However the vibrator is to be stored after use it is recommended that it is allowed to cool completely, before being thoroughly cleaned before storage.

6 Installation

6.1 Environmental conditions required for use
The installation environment must be well-ventilated and adequately lit.
The environmental conditions must respect the criteria given in 4.4

6.2 Removal of protective materials
The vibrator is shipped in special containers (packaging) which protect it from external agents during transport and for periods of storage. The removal of packaging material must be carried out with extreme care so as to avoid, during this activity, handling the structures and surfaces of the vibrator inappropriately.

6.3 Positioning the vibrator
The correct positioning of the vibrator guarantees the perfect functioning of the system.
Position the vibrator away from contact with corrosive liquids.
When positioning the vibrator, consider that the space available around the vibrator must be calculated so as to guarantee proper ventilation and allow the operator to perform the following activities:

- Carry out all movement necessary for mounting and dismounting activities including the use of potential accessories provided;
- Perform ordinary maintenance activities, especially those of cleaning;

After having secured the vibrator it is recommended that you check that it is perfectly mounted and fastened.
ATTENTION

In the act of installation completely and absolutely AVOID the establishment of structural ties with surfaces or structures subject to stress or dynamic loads external to the vibrator.
When in the area where the vibrator has to be installed, a connection with structures subject to loads is foreseen, explain the relative difficulties to VIBRONORD before the purchase.

6.4 Securing the Vibrator

The body of the pneumatic vibrators in the VVS family is furnished with two ready-made holes to facilitate its fastening to the structure/equipment to be vibrated.
The area to which the vibrator is to be secured must be mechanically robust enough to be able to endure the vibrations generated and allow an adequate mechanical coupling, with the aim of better distributing the force generated by the vibrator. To guarantee the correct mechanical fixture recourse to the use of a coupling bracket to host the vibrator is advised (FIG 6.4.a).

Avoid fastening the vibrator to flexible structures which could generate unwanted spurious vibrations in directions perpendicular to the vibrator’s motion (FIG 6.4.b).

In the event of installation in places exposed to the elements provide an adequate discharge circuit for the vibrator so as to avoid the penetration of liquid inside the vibrator itself (FIG6.4.c).

The vibrator must be secured to the structure to be vibrated using adequate means of fastening, which must be fully tightened, and provided with appropriate anti-loosening facilities.
In order to guarantee the correct tightness of the means of fastening, it is recommended that you use a torque wrench and adhere to the table shown below to establish the exact torque (TAB 6.4).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Vibrator</th>
<th>Thread</th>
<th>Torque N/m</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>VVS08</td>
<td>M6</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>VVS10</td>
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<td>VVS13</td>
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<td>VVS36</td>
<td>M10</td>
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</table>

ATTENTION

Always use hex head screw or allen screw of at least class 8.8 and anti-loosening and self-locking washers. DO NOT use slotted or cross screws and flat and flexible washers (TAB6.4.d).
ATTENTION
To prevent the means of fastening from loosening over time use an appropriate anti-loosening liquid (e.g. LOCTITE 270).

During the stage of securing the vibrator to the structure to be vibrated, always check that the area to which the body is attached is adequately clear, dry, clean and grease-free, in order to avoid the danger of the screws loosening or of tension and breaking of the same during operation (FIG6.4.e).

Furthermore ascertain that the means of fastening are clean and free from substances which can reduce the friction between the joined surfaces.

ATTENTION
It is obligatory to check the initial tightness of the means of fastening after the first period of function and in any case within the first hour.

ATTENTION
Once the installation has been carried out it is required that the tightness of the means of fastening is checked at least monthly (FIG. 6.4.f).

ATTENTION
In the occasion that the vibrator is mounted in a suspended position, from which its potential fall could put people in danger, it is appropriate to provide facilities which have the potential to prevent, or protect from, a fall; these should be prepared by the installer.

ATTENTION
The vibrator is subject to mechanical stress during its normal function due to its own vibrating action. In order to guarantee its correct and safe function the following is recommended:

- Regularly check the integrity of the fastening components and in the case that they are damaged or worn, carry out an immediate substitution.
- Regularly verify the tightness of the fastening components.
- Substitute the fastening components at least every 500 working hours to prevent them from fatigue failures.

VIBRONORD takes no responsibility for accidents or malfunction resulting from failure to check the means of securing the vibrator.

6.5 Connection to energy sources
Connection to energy sources must be carried out with full respect for the specifications made in this chapter.

ATTENTION
Connection to the pneumatic line must be carried out by fully qualified personnel with regards to all safety qualifications required by current legislation with reference to the place where the vibrator is installed. All connections must be made with the absence of pressure.

Pneumatic vibrators in the VVS family are equipped for the mounting of two fittings dedicated to the connection of the pipe for the supply and discharge of air.

The size of the fittings and of the tubing varies according to the model and should be chosen basing on the following table (TAB 6.5):

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<tr>
<th>Vibrator Model</th>
<th>Fitting Model</th>
<th>Pipe Diameter</th>
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<tr>
<td>VVS08</td>
<td>GAS 1/4”</td>
<td>DN 10</td>
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<td>VVS10</td>
<td>GAS 1/4”</td>
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<td>VVS30</td>
<td>GAS 3/8”</td>
<td>DN 12</td>
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<td>VVS36</td>
<td>GAS 3/8”</td>
<td>DN 12</td>
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</table>

Table 6.5
ATTENTION

For the connection of the vibrator to the pneumatic line use only flexible pipes and fittings appropriate to the usage pressure values and maximum temperature.

ATTENTION

The connection of the pneumatic supply line tubes to the body of the vibrator is the responsibility and role of the client.

In carrying out the connection respect for the following procedure is recommended:

- Check that the selected fitting model and tube are correct according to table 6.5.
- Screw the input and output fittings in the correct places provided on the body of the vibrator, checking the adequacy of the pneumatic seal.
- Connect the input and output pipes to their respective fittings.

ATTENTION

During the connection of the input and output pipes for the pneumatic supply line take extra care to avoid switching the position of the pipes. Rigorously respect the arrows engraved on the body of the vibrator, which indicate the inlet and outlet (FIG. 6.5.a).

ATTENTION

After having connected the vibrator to the pneumatic supply line it is recommended that you fix the input and output pipes nearby the vibrator itself in order to avoid, in case of accidental detachment, the risk of bruising resulting from a whip effect.

ATTENTION

The connection of the vibrator to the pneumatic line requires the installation of an interception valve placed on the inlet pipe. This valve allows for the supply line to be cut off and safeguards the operator in all cases when it is necessary to work on the vibrator; ordinary maintenance and/or replacement work.

ATTENTION

In order to reduce the stop time of the vibrator in the case of emergency, the interception valve should be positioned close to the vibrator, thereby reducing to a minimum the lung effect caused by the presence of residual air inside the inlet pipe on the occasion that the line is cut off (FIG. 6.5.b).

For the correct function of the vibrator the air supply pressure must be between 2 and 6 bar. In order to obtain the correct regulation of the pressure air supplied to the vibrator, the installation of an appropriate pressure regulator is recommended.

ATTENTION

Always check that the pressure in the pneumatic supply line falls within the limits indicated on the plate on the vibrator.

ATTENTION

It is absolutely forbidden to operate the vibrator when it is not attached to a suitable support.
6.6  Quality of the air supply

ATTENTION

For the correct function of the vibrator the air used should be filtered (FIG. 6.6.a), dehumidified and lubricated (FIG.6.6.b).

ATTENTION

The use of lubricating oil, such as type ISO VG5, suitable for working temperatures and conforming to the vibrator’s usage temperature range (see given plate), is recommended.

In order to obtain the ideal lubrication of the air supply it is advised that you regulate the lubrication system to deliver from 2 to 5 drops per hour.

ATTENTION

In the instance that a NON-lubricated air supply is used, the mechanical friction will tend to increase resulting in a consequent increase in noise and a reduction in the lifespan of the vibrator.

ATTENTION

In order to safeguard the environment and the operator, the insertion of an appropriate removal filter placed on the air discharge is advised. The aim of the filter is to capture the lubricating particles contained in the air supply and prevent their emission into the environment.

7  Use

7.1  Preliminary checks

Before the normal use of the vibrator it is advisable to ascertain:

- Its proper positioning and mechanical fastening according to that established in 6.3 and 6.4.
- The correct execution of the connection to the pneumatic supply line as established in 6.5.
- The correct quality of the air supply as established in 6.6.

ATTENTION

In the instance that the number of vibrations per minute exceeds the value indicated in the reference table, reduce the vibrator’s pressure supply until the number of vibrations shown in the table is reached.

7.2  First ignition

To fuel the vibrator through the opening of the interception valve and ascertain the following:

- Absence of air loss from joints and fittings located on the vibrator and on its relative accessories (e.g. filters, silencers, etc.).
- Ascertain that the number of vibrations generated per minute does not exceed the values shown in Table 4.2.a.

ATTENTION

In the instance that the number of vibrations per minute exceeds the value indicated in the reference table, reduce the vibrator’s pressure supply until the number of vibrations shown in the table is reached.

7.3  Functionality checks

Ascertain that the number, position, and fastening of the vibrator to the structure subject to vibration are appropriate to the aim established for the end use.

ATTENTION

Ascertain that during the function of the equipment the structure subject to vibration does not behave in an unforeseen, anomalous manner.
7.4 Checks after the first hour
A thorough check of the tightness of the fastening components after the first working hour of the vibrator is required.
Adhere to the values shown in Table 6.4.

7.5 Function anomalies
In the case that function anomalies are encountered, contact VIBRONORD immediately.

8 Ordinary maintenance

The maintenance activities discussed in this chapter have been established after a thorough examination of the usual working conditions and use of the vibrator.
In cases of significantly dissimilar necessities please contact VIBRONORD promptly.
In this chapter the ordinary maintenance procedures applicable to the vibrator are established.
In drawing up an appropriate maintenance programme for the vibrator even possible periods of inactivity need to be taken into account.

Short periods of inactivity
For short periods of inactivity (less than 2 months) no special checks are required.

Long periods of inactivity
Before fuelling the vibrator after a long period of inactivity, it is good practice to carry out a general check of the equipment.

**WARNING**
Correct and punctual maintenance allows for prevention of the majority of anomalies and ensures performance of the vibrator over time, as well as giving it a longer lifespan.

**ATTENTION**
The maintenance work must be carried out by personnel specifically qualified in the performance of such tasks, keeping in mind the safety measures previously described.

**ATTENTION**
Before carrying out any maintenance work on the vibrator, unless specified otherwise, always stop it, closing the intercepting valve.

**ATTENTION**
It is forbidden to remove the outer covers of the vibrator to access its internal components.

8.1 Maintenance procedures
This paragraph outlines the procedural steps recommended for the correct execution of the ordinary maintenance to be carried out on the vibrator. The procedures are organised by topic and include frequency and possible warnings. The procedures are organised according to the following topics:
- Visual inspection
- Cleaning
- Periodic checks

**ATTENTION**
Only carry out maintenance activities wearing adequate clothing, appropriate to the type of maintenance to be carried out and at the same time capable of protecting the operator from the danger of bruising and cuts.

8.1.1 Visual inspection
- Weekly, carry out a visual check of the integrity of the vibrator as sequenced in the following points:
- Ascertain the integrity of the means of mechanical fastening.
- Ascertain the physical integrity of the pneumatic supply pipes and the relative fittings.
- Ascertain the physical integrity of the mechanical structure of the vibrator.
- Ascertain the state of clogging of the filters and the silencer.

8.1.2 Cleaning

The normal cleaning activities for the vibrator must be followed with respect to that advised in this paragraph. For each component to be treated, specific products must be used, the use of substances such as: solvents, acids, etc. or inappropriate tools can cause great damage to the equipment and its components.
- Remove any accumulation of dirt on the body and near to the fittings of the vibrator.

8.1.3 Periodic checks

Ascertain monthly the condition of mechanical fittings and related torques, adhering scrupulously to the values shown in Table 6.4.

9 Disposal

The disposal of the vibrator must be carried out in respect of and in compliance with the laws in force in the destination country.
It is recommended that in the event of disposal you contact the competent authorities or the manufacturer to find out the correct disposal procedures.
WARNING
The abandonment of disposed equipment in any place which is not specifically designed for that purpose is contrary to principles of respect for and protection of the environment and in some countries is punishable by administrative and penal sanctions.

10 Technical Assistance

For whatever work, VIBRONORD is completely at the disposal of the Clientèle, directly or indirectly, through their own agents/resellers in the area. Equipment and specialist personnel are available for refurbishing and repair work at the offices of:

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11 Guarantee

The vibrator is covered by guarantee according to the Guarantee Conditions recorded below. The guarantee becomes invalid when:

- Repairs are carried out without the consent of the manufacturer;
- The vibrator is used for means other than those for which it is intended;
- The instructions contained in this publication are not followed.

WARNING
VIBRONORD is not liable for possible failures, malfunctions and anomalies arising from the failure to adhere to the ordinary maintenance procedures outlined in this manual.

11.1 Guarantee conditions

Art. 1 The guarantee is applied to components of the vibrator which demonstrate construction or assembly defects, according to the judgement of in-house technicians.

Art. 2 The guarantee does not cover components which are subject to wear, and damage resulting from misuse or failure to observe the instructions contained in this usage and maintenance manual.

Art. 3 In compliance with European Directive 1999/44/CE the duration of the guarantee is two years from the date of consignment.

Art. 4 VIBRONORD is not liable for damage or inconvenience caused by the failure to observe the rules and instructions contained in this leaflet.

Art. 5 The guarantee is rendered ex-works, therefore costs for the transport of equipment under guarantee from the client to the manufacturer, and vice-versa, are not covered.

Art. 6 The guarantee does not cover the cost of labour necessary for the substitution or repair of the part returned.

Art. 7 The guarantee becomes invalid in the event that the product has evidently been tampered with, or modifications have been made to the same without previous written authorisation on the part of VIBRONORD.