

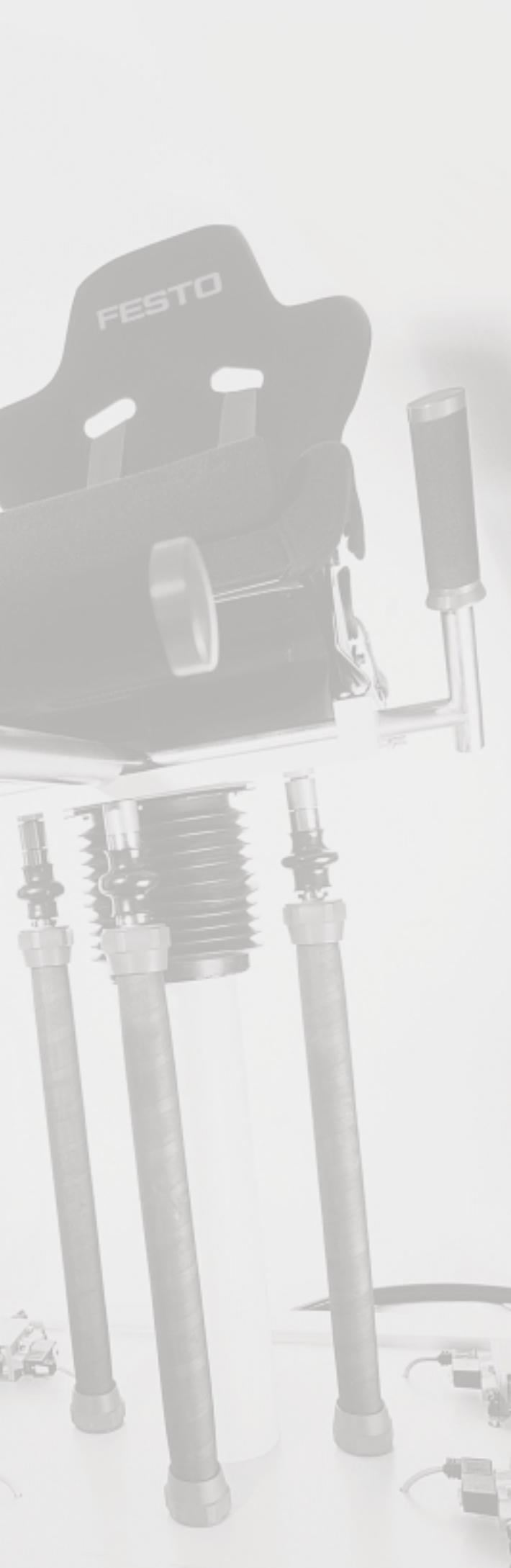
New. Fluidic Muscle MAS

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Simply ingenious –
muscles for automation



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Festo proudly presents:
Fluidic Muscle MAS

Innovative principle

The fluidic muscle is a membrane contraction system; put in simple terms, tubing which contracts in length under pressure. The basic idea is the combination of flexible tubing, which is impervious to fluids, and a covering of strong fibres in rhomboidal form. This creates a three-dimensional grid structure. When air is admitted, the grid structure changes in shape through expansion and a tensile force is created in the axial direction. The grid structure causes the muscle to shorten up to the neutral axis as internal pressure is increased. This corresponds to a stroke of approx. 25% of the initial unloaded length.

A winner, when it comes to comparison of force

In the distended state, the "muscle" develops up to ten times more force than a conventional pneumatic cylinder and consumes only 40 % of the energy for an identical force. A third of the cross section is sufficient for an identical force, the stroke is reduced with an identical installation length. An equation which applies in the case of numerous applications and opens up completely new areas of pneumatic applications.

Totally impervious

The membrane contraction system is hermetically sealed – compressed air can only escape through the inlet, thereby rendering the Fluidic Muscle impervious to dirt, dust and sand. Even more possibilities for the use of clean pneumatics: Also anywhere, where electrical drives are a problem or might even constitute a danger.

Worldwide service

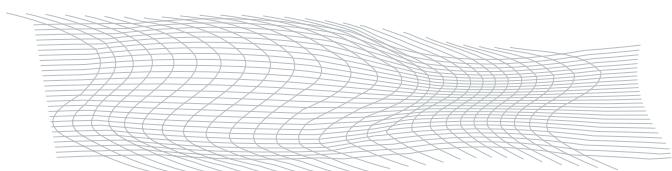
New products know no frontiers. No matter where you are, Festo is never far away – and wherever Festo is represented, you will be able to obtain the Fluidic Muscle.

Fluidic Muscle MAS – a powerful light-weight.

The principle of contraction – the new force for the latest drive ideas

Simply fascinating is the perfection, with which the human muscle works: It is capable of powerful contraction or can be relaxed at will. However, the technical implementation of this natural system of contraction poses a particular challenge.

Festo has succeeded in developing the principle of muscle power to the point of series production with a new product worldwide, based on a combination of flexible tubing and strong fibres in rhomboidal form. For the Festo user the Fluidic Muscle offers maximum flexibility in use, with up to ten times more force – and that at a fraction of the weight of a pneumatic cylinder. Make sure you experience this new aspect in pneumatic technology.



Simply pneumatic – convincing in many ways

Convincingly dynamic

Thanks to its enormous initial force and acceleration, the light-weight fluidic muscle is highly suitable for applications requiring high acceleration without any stick-slip effect, e.g.

- Simulator technology
- High-speed cutting processes
- Clamping and gripping technology

Convincingly resistant

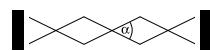
Even in dusty or contaminated environmental conditions, which would lead to mechanical wear on moving parts, the performance of the hermetically sealed Fluidic Muscle system is convincing.

- Wood-working
- Grinding shops

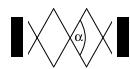
Convincingly clean

The benefits of the Fluidic Muscle's cleanliness are fully evident in any application which requires a complete separation between actuator air and the environment, e.g. in biomedical research

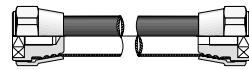
The function principle



Pretensioned



Contracted



The diameters:
Ø10 mm, Ø20 mm, Ø40 mm



Maximum dynamics, even with high loads.



Extremely low weight, ideal for mobile applications.

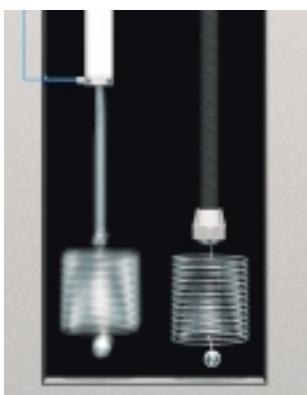


**Convincingly simple –
The connection technology**

The connection to the drive medium is effected via two conical connectors in anodised light-weight metal. Various threads and inserts ensure flexibility of use for a wide variety of different applications. In the event of application modifications or if the muscle needs to be replaced, the connectors can simply be re-used.

**MAS: Innovative in principle
and simple in assembly**

MAS: The only actuator that can be cut to length with cutters, irrespective of whether the Fluidic Muscle has an internal diameter of 10, 20 or 40 mm – assembly made most simple. The length can be determined with the help of convenient sizing software, available on the Internet under www.festo.com/fluidic_muscle. Lengths of up to 9 m are directly available. Once the length has been defined, all you need to do is to decide whether you require a radial or axial air connection.



Totally free of sticking or jerking, even during slow movements.



Precision positioning using simple technology, without displacement encoders.



The current production length of 9 metres can be extended if required, by linking several muscles.

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Ahead by lengths – with a smaller cross section

The future is once again within your grasp. So take the time to fully understand the benefits of Fluidic Muscle technology. Include these in your calculations and take advantage of them for your own benefit,

irrespective of the department in which you deal with pneumatic products. The Fluidic Muscle will bring about a small revolution in your workplace, one that you can look forward to.

	Benefits for Designers	Benefits for Buyers
1. Contraction Membrane pre-assembled or by the metre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Three different diameters and eight variable configurations – Convenient sizing and simple X-lengths – Problem-free replacement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Reduced costs thanks to ready assembled design
2. Excellent price/ performance ratio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Maximum flexibility thanks to variable length and wide range of accessories, – Reduced unit volume, – No slip-stick characteristics – Highly suitable for mobile applications since the rolled-up contraction membrane is easily transportable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Minimal storage costs thanks to reduced volume of wound-up contraction membrane – Lower follow-up costs thanks to excellent resistance to ageing – Practically no mechanical wear
3. Service and delivery reliability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Less planning requirement thanks to immediately available calculation software on the Festo Homepage – Technical application advice – easily obtainable via E-Mail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cost optimisation via quick, global availability ex works – Comprehensive customer service through competent technical consultants available on the spot

Pneumatic Pictograms



Stroke length



Flow rate



Voltage



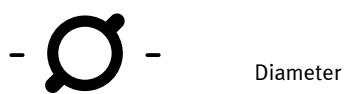
Force



Pressure



Temperature range



Diameter



Vacuum



Width



Service



Repair service



Worldwide service



Hotline



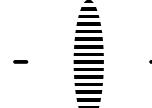
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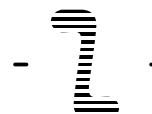
Delivery time



In stock



Important



Type discontinued



New



Repairable

Summary of further components

Important components in our product range

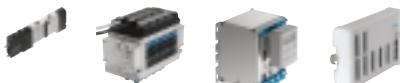
Compressed air preparation

- Service units D series



Control technology

- Individual valves type CPE
- Valve terminal type CPV
- Smart Positioning Controller type SPC200
- Front-End Controller IPC FEC Standard type FC640



Long linear movement

- Rodless cylinder type DGPL
- Electric toothed-belt drive type DGE
- Standard cylinder type DNC and type DSNU



Short linear movement

- Linear module type HMP
- Guide unit type DFM
- Mini slide type SLT
- Flat slide type SLG
- Linear module type HMPL
- Short-stroke cylinder type ADVC



Rotary movement

- Rotary drive type DRQD
- Swivel module type DSM
- Swivel/linear module type DSL



Gripping, mechanical ...

- Precision gripper type HGPP
- Micro gripper type HGWM
- Three-point gripper type HGD



... or with vacuum

- Suction gripper type ESG
- Vacuum generator type VADMI
- Vacuum generator type VAD New Line



Connecting and installing

- Basic elements
- Screw connectors
- Restrictors
- Tubing



Parts sorting and testing

- Checkbox family



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