# **Netter**Vibration

Operating instructions for Netter pneumatic vibrators Series NCT, NCB and NCR



#### These operating instructions apply to:



#### Pneumatic turbine vibrators

NCT 1 NCT 15
NCT 2 NCT 29 / 29i
NCT 3 NCT 55
NCT 4 / 4i NCT 108 / 108i
NCT 5 NCT 126

NCT 10 / 10i NCT 250 / 250i



#### Pneumatic ball vibrators

NCB 1	NCB 10
NCB 2	NCB 20
NCB 3	NCB 50
NCB 5	NCB 70



#### Pneumatic roller vibrators

NCR 3 NCR 57 NCR 10 NCR 120 NCR 22

#### Use and storage

Before installing the vibrators read these instructions carefully. It is the basis for any action when dealing with the vibrators, and may be used for training purposes. The instructions should be subsequently stored at the operation site.

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#### 1 General information

#### Designation

The pneumatic vibrators of the series NCT, NCB and NCR are hereafter referred to as "vibrators".

# Scope of delivery

Please refer to the delivery note for the scope of delivery.

Check the packaging for possible transport damage. In the event of damage to the packaging, check the contents for completeness and possible damage. Inform the carrier in the case of damage.

#### **Target group**

The target group for these instructions is technical staff, who have basic knowledge in pneumatics and mechanics.

Only complying technical staff may work on the vibrators.

The vibrators may only be installed, put into operation, maintained, troubleshot and disassembled by persons authorised by the operator.

# Limitation of liability

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# Model designations

Explanation of additions to names in model designations:

HT: models for high ambient temperatures

NCT S: stainless steel models

NCT i: models with higher centrifugal force

NCR P: models with plastic cover

# Directives / standards observed

The pneumatic vibrators of the series NCT, NCB and NCR comply with the EC Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC.

In particular, the standard EN ISO 12100 has been observed.

## 2 Safety

#### Intended use

The vibrators are designed for installation in machines.

General applications are: loosening, conveying, sorting, compacting, separating bulk materials and reducing friction. The vibrators are used for emptying bunkers, as drives for conveyor troughs, as sieves and vibrating tables.

The vibrators may also be used outdoors, in dusty and humid environments.

After consultation with *NetterVibration* the NCT may also be used in water or other liquids.

Any other use is considered improper.

# Qualification of qualified personnel

Installation, commissioning, maintenance and troubleshooting of the vibrators may only be performed by authorised qualified personnel.

All handling of the vibrators is the responsibility of the operator.

#### **A WARNING**

#### Compressed air

A loosened hose which is under pressure can lead to personal injuries.

- Screw the hose lines on carefully.
- Check the hose lines and connections after one hour of operation and thereafter regularly (generally monthly).
- Retighten the hose lines, if necessary.
- > Ensure that the compressed air is disconnected from the supply lines during all work on the vibrators.
- Prevent the vibrators from being switched back on during all work.

## **WARNING**

#### Falling parts

The vibrators, construction parts as well as fastening screws can come loose due to vibration. Falling parts lead to severe personal injuries.

- Check the fastening screws after one hour of operation and thereafter at regular intervals (generally monthly).
- Retighten the fastening screws, if necessary.
- A safety device with a safety cable is mandatory for critical mounting situations.

#### WARNING

#### Sound level

Near the vibrators or in the vicinity of the constructions connected with the vibrators, the sound pressure level may exceed 80 dB(A). The human ear can be permanently damaged by the high sound level.

➤ When working in the noise area, use ear protection if 80 dB(A) is exceeded.

## **NOTICE**

Operation of the vibrators with silencers is mandatory.

Silencers reduce the noise level and protect the vibrators from contamination entering.

#### 3 Technical data

#### Permissible operating conditions

Drive medium	NCT must be operated with clean compressed air or nitrogen according to the following specification, according ISO 8573-1:			
	[5:	6 :	2]	
	Filter ≤ 5 µm	Humidity, pressure- dew point ≤ +10 °C	Total oil content ≤ 0,1 mg/m³	
	NCB and NCR must be operated with clean compressed air or nitrogen according to the following specification, according ISO 8573-1:			
	[5:	6 :	4]	
	Filter ≤ 5 µm	Humidity, pressure- dew point ≤ +10 °C	Total oil content ≤ 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
	All vibrators can be operated oil-free. A mist lubricator extends the service life of the NCB and NCR.			
Ambient	Standard: -20 °C to 120 °C			
temperature	HT-versions: 80 °C to 200 °C (with brass grommet and sintered silencer)			
	<b>Important:</b> Below the specified ambient temperature (< 80 °C) the performance of the HT-version is reduced.			
Operating pressure	2,0 to 6,0 bar			
Max. frequency NCT	The maximum permissible frequency must not be exceeded.			

Further technical data can be found in the brochures of the NCT, NCB and NCR on www.**Netter**Vibration.com.

#### **Connection data**

Туре	Thread	Tightening torque* [Nm]	Connection thread [inch]	hose/ valve size**
NCT 1, 2, 3, 4, 4i / NCB 1, 2 / NCR 3	M6	10	G 1/8	DN 6
NCT 5, 10, 10i, 15, 29, 29i NCB 3,5,10,20 / NCR 10, 20	M8	25	G 1/4	DN 9
NCB 50, 70	M10	50	G 3/8	DN 12
NCT 55, 108, 108i / NCR 57	M12	87	G 3/8	DN 12
NCT 126, 250, 250i / NCR 120	M16	210	G 3/8	DN 12

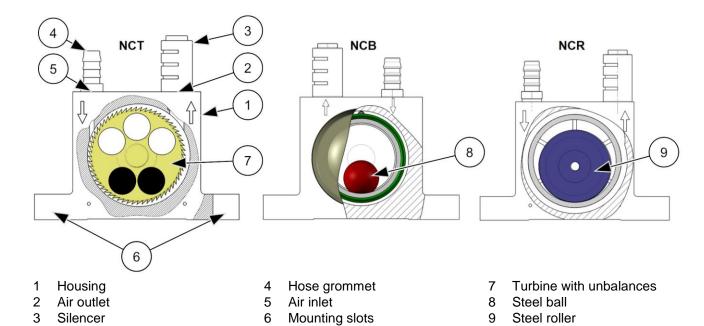
<sup>\*</sup> Screws and nuts of the strength class 8.8 (sliding friction coefficient 0.14)

#### Sound level

The sound level is largely determined by the mounting surface (e.g. sheet metal) on which the vibrator is mounted. Depending on the type, the sound pressure level with a silencer is 75-85 dB(A) at 6 bar air pressure, at lower air pressure it is below this. Sheet metal which is not silenced increases the sound level.

<sup>\*\*</sup> DN = Diameter nominal (inner diameter)

## 4 Design and function



#### **Function**

The vibrators generate circular vibrations, i.e. the vibrations act in all directions of a plane.

The air inlet (5) and the air outlet (2) are indicated by arrows on the housing (1).

The silencer (3) reduces the sound level and protects the interior of the housing from impurity. The frequency and therefore also the centrifugal force are determined by the pressure of the drive medium.

Two mounting slots (6) are provided for fastening.

**NCT:** A turbine (7) rotates in the housing with eccentrically inserted unbalances. Depending on the type, a different number of unbalances are pressed into the turbine, so that different unbalances are possible for each housing size. The turbine is mounted in permanently lubricated rolling bearings. These are fitted in the housing and cover.

**NCB:** The vibration (circular oscillation) is generated by the centrifugal force of a rotating steel ball (8) which runs on a hardened steel race. The housing is closed by a pressed-in cover.

**NCR:** The vibration (circular oscillation) is generated by the centrifugal force of a rotating steel roller (9) that runs in the housing on an inner ring made of steel.

## 5 Transport and storage

Transport conditions

Special conditions of transport are not required.

Storage conditions

Storage in a dry and clean environment, protected from UV-exposures,

weather and ozone. Storage temperature: -20 °C to 60 °C.

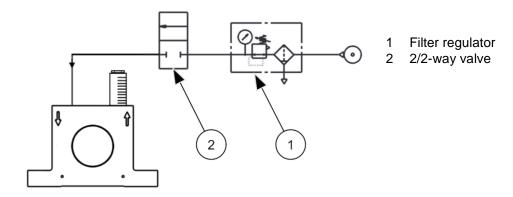
Close all openings before storage.

#### 6 Installation



Observe the safety instructions in chap. Safety, from page 3 on.

# Standard installation

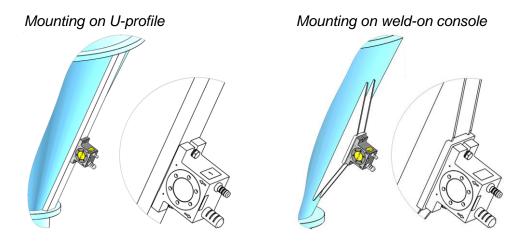


The vibrators can be operated with 3/2- or 2/2-way valves. The filter regulator can be used to set the operating pressure desired and thereby the frequency.

1. Mount the vibrators with two fastening screws and self-locking washers on a clean and flat surface (flatness of ±0.1 mm). *NetterVibration* recommends placing the vibrators on a reinforcement profile (U-profile or suitable console). Weld the reinforcement profile to the mounting surface provided by the customer so that the vibration energy is optimally distributed.

Lubricate the screws with a suitable assembly paste.

Observe the recommended values for screw sizes and tightening torques.



2. Mount the maintenance unit (filter, regulator), valve and supply line. Observe the minimum cross-sections for valves and hoses.

- 3. Fasten the compressed air supply. The air inlet has a smaller opening than the air outlet. Both are indicated by arrows on the front.
  - Air resistance increases with hose length. The nominal widths given above apply to hose lengths up to 3 m. Longer lines require larger cross sections.
  - The escaping air can be discharged via a hose. If the vibrator is to achieve full output, the exhaust air hose must have a larger nominal diameter than the supply hose. The use of the supplied silencer is mandatory. The silencer must be mounted at the free end.
  - Rainwater or any other liquid must not enter the housing when using outdoors. Is there a risk that e.g. Rainwater runs into the housing through the air outlet, the exhaust air must be discharged through a hose bent downwards.
- 4. For critical installation situations secure the vibrators against falling by means of a safety cable.

## 7 Start-up and operation



Observe the safety instructions in chap. Safety, from page 3 on.

Permissible operating conditions

Please refer to chap. Technical data, page 4 for permissible operating conditions.

#### **Set frequency**

Set the centrifugal force or frequency required with an upstream pressure regulator. For this purpose, slowly increase the pressure from approx. 1.5 bar to the required or necessary centrifugal force.

The maximum permissible frequency or maximum permissible operating pressure must not be exceeded. The frequency can be measured with a *Vibro*Scanner or sirometer (optionally available from *Netter*Vibration).

After 30 minutes operating time: check if the initial frequency is still set. Adjust the frequency if required.

#### Frequency / bearing life NCT

**NCT 1 and NCT 2:** Due to high efficiency they reach very high frequencies. The high frequencies reduce the bearing life and increase the sound level. Therefore, *NetterVibration* recommends operating the NCT 1 and NCT 2 only at 2-3 bar or only in interval operation.

#### **NCT:** operation in liquids

The operation of NCT in liquids requires the discharge of the compressed air into the atmosphere.

# 8 Maintenance and servicing



Observe the safety instructions in chap. Safety, from page 3 on.

#### Cleaning

Clean the surface of the vibrators regularly with a moist cloth to remove dust deposits.

To clean the vibrators with pressurised water, proceed as follows:

- 1. Unscrew the silencer and close the exhaust air opening.
- 2. Clean the vibrators externally with pressurised water.
- 3. Mount the silencer.
- 4. Activate the vibrators briefly.

# Bearings (NCT)

Damaged or worn bearings may be replaced by *NetterVibration*.

#### Maintenance plan

Interval	Action
After an hour of operation after initial start-up	Check fastening screws.*
	Check hose screw connections and hose connections and retighten, if necessary.
Monthly	Check fastening screws.*
	Check hose screw connections and hose connections and retighten, if necessary.
	Check hose supply lines for permeability and kinking. If necessary, clean and remove kinks.
	Check the function of the silencer. Replace it if necessary. A clogged silencer causes a loss of performance. In extreme cases it can lead to the complete failure of the vibrators.
	Check frequencies and set, if necessary.
	Empty filter of maintenance unit, if necessary. Clean (wash out) filter element and replace, if necessary.
	Check the function of the mist lubricator. Refill oil if necessary.
If necessary	Clean vibrators.

<sup>\*</sup> Observe the tightening torques (see chap. Technical data, from page 4 on).

#### **Maintenance intervals**

The maintenance intervals depend essentially on the service life and how clean the drive medium is. Unfiltered compressed air leads to high wear, silencer clogging or complete failure of the vibrators.

# 9 Troubleshooting



# Observe the safety instructions in chap. Safety, from page 3 on.

Malfunction	Possible cause	Corrective action
Vibrator has too little power or does not start	Connections switched	Place the air inlet on the connection with the smaller bore (see arrows).
	Dimensioning	Check size of the vibrator. Is the size correct?
	Pressure too low	Check pressure in front of Vibrator. Nominal width of hoses and valves observed? Lines kinked?
	Silencer clogged	Clean or replace silencer.
Power loss	Pressure on vibrator	Set operation pressure.  Caution: Observe max. frequency.
	Air line kinked	Connect the compressed air supply line without kinks.
	Leakage in air line	Replace the compressed air supply line.
	Silencer clogged	Clean or replace silencer.
	Wear, pollution	Have vibrator checked by NetterVibration.
Only NCT: Significant power loss, loud noise from bearings	Damage to bearings	Have NCT checked by <i>NetterVibration</i> .
Unusual rise in sound level after prolonged operating time	Loose construction parts or screws (rattling)	Secure loose parts, tighten screws.

# 10 Disposal

All parts of the vibrators must be properly disposed of according to the material specifications. The vibrators can be properly disposed by *NetterVibration*. The valid disposal prices are available on request.

## **Material specifications**

Material	Part
Aluminium	housing / NCT: turbine, bearing cover / NCR: cover
Steel, galvanised	Screws / NCB: steel ball, ball race, pin and cover NCR: steel roller and inner ring
Tungsten alloy	NCT: unbalances
Plastics	Silencer, hose grommet NCB: o-ring
Stainless steel (for NCT S)	housing, bearing cover, grommet
Sintered metal (for HT versions)	silencer
Brass (for HT versions)	hose grommet