Model Selection

1 Features and Precautions for Vacuum Adsorption

Vacuum adsorption system as a method to hold a workpiece has the following features.

- Easy construction
- Compatible with any place where adsorption is possible.
- No need for accurate positioning
- Compatible with soft and easily-deformed work pieces

However, special care is required in the following conditions.

- Workpiece may drop under certain conditions since it is transferred being adsorbed.
- Liquid or foreign matter around the workpiece may be sucked into the equipment.
- Large adsorption area is necessary to get large gripping force.
- Vacuum pad (rubber) may deteriorate.

Fully understand the features above and select the equipment that suits your operating conditions.

2 Vacuum Pad Selection

● Vacuum Pad Selection Procedures

1) Fully taking into account the balance of a workpiece, identify the adsorption positioning, number of pads and applicable pad diameter (or pad area).
2) Find the theoretical lifting force from the identified adsorption area (pad area x number of pads) and vacuum pressure, and then find the lifting force considering actual lifting and safety factor of transfer condition.
3) Determine a pad diameter (or pad area) that is sufficient to ensure the lifting force is greater than the workpiece mass.
4) Determine the pad type and materials, and the necessity of buffer based on the operating environment, and the workpiece shape and materials.

The above shows selection procedures for general vacuum pads; thus, they will not be applicable for all pads. Customers are required to conduct a test on their own and to select applicable adsorption conditions and pads based on the test results.

● Points for Selecting Vacuum Pads

A. Theoretical Lifting Force

- The theoretical lifting force is determined by vacuum pressure and contact area of the vacuum pad.
- Since the theoretical lifting force is the value measured at the static state, the safety factor responding to the actual operating conditions must be estimated in the actual operation.
- It is not necessarily true that higher vacuum pressure is better. Extremely high vacuum pressure may cause problems.
  - When the vacuum pressure is unnecessarily high, pads are likely to be worn out quickly and cracked, which makes the pad service life shorter.
    Doubling the vacuum pressure makes the theoretical lifting force double, while to doubling the pad diameter makes the theoretical lifting force quadruple.
  - When the vacuum pressure (set pressure) is high, it makes not only response time longer, but also the necessary energy to generate a vacuum larger.

Example) Theoretical lifting force = Pressure x Area

2 times

Pad diameter	Area (cm^2)	**Vacuum pressure [-40 kPa]**	Vacuum pressure [-80 kPa]
ø20	3.14	**Theoretical lifting force 12 N**	Theoretical lifting force 25 N
ø40	12.56	**Theoretical lifting force 50 N**	Theoretical lifting force 100 N

4 times