Halton Vita VLS – Fume cupboard controller for Halton Vita Lab solutions



Overview

The Halton Vita VLS controller operates as a fundamental element of the exhaust ductwork in the Halton Vita Lab solutions. It controls the airflow of the fume cupboard and maintains the constant face velocity in the fume cupboard's open sash.

The controller provides fast and accurate airflow control for all types of fume cupboards. It is

- Designed for the ventilation control of fume cupboards in laboratories where safety, air quality and comfort need to be maintained at the required level regardless of external conditions
- Suitable for fume cupboards in research, production and educational laboratories
- Different types of material available depending on the requirements
- Energy efficient solution with versatile features

Application

- Halton Vita Lab basic applications for normal laboratory conditions:
 - Face velocity control maintains a constant face velocity regardless of the sash position
 - Dual position airflow control maintains a minimum face velocity by detecting if the sash is open or closed
- Halton Vita Lab Pro meets the requirements for the most demanding laboratory spaces:
 - Sash movement control controls the sash movement to provide a quick increase of



the exhaust airflow, while also controlling the sash position in order to maintain a constant face velocity

 Double sensor control – maintains the face velocity at a predefined level and controls the sash movement in order to provide an exceptionally quick increase of the exhaust airflow

Key features

- Stand-alone system
- Pressure-independent operation
- All types of fume cupboards
- Airflow is measured with cross measuring tubes, orifice plate or venturi (only plastic)
- Several materials available; galvanize, stainless steel and epoxy coated steel, PVC and PPS plastics
- Project specific settings are preset and tested at the factory
- Several connection sizes between 100-630 mm
- Velocity range 1 6.5 m/s
- Can be connected to Buildings Management System (BMS)

Operating principle



Fig.1. Operating principle of Halton Vita VLS with VFC damper

The Halton Vita VLS with VFC airflow damper contains an airflow measurement unit, a VAV airflow controller, a fast actuator, differential pressure sensor and a blade (with or without gasket).

The control signal and the airflow measurement data from the pickup tubes are processed in the Halton Vita VLS controller. The Halton Vita VLS controller gives the actuator a command to change the position of the damper blade, in order to keep the airflow at the predefined setpoint.



The damper controls the airflow of the fume cupboard or laminar cabinet. It maintains the required airflow through accurate measurement and airflow control. The most accurate control will be achieved when the ductwork has a constant static pressure, controlled by air handling unit and/or Halton Vita VLZ controller.

The airflow measurement is based on a differential pressure generated by high-precision pickup tubes of the measurement probe, orifice or venturi unit depending on the environment and the material requirements.

The user can adjust following settings manually from the control panel Halton HTP (if allowed):

- Damper control On/Off
- ECO or Max mode
- Light On/Off

All other settings are protected behind the password.

The ECO mode can be controlled also by occupancy sensor or from the building management system (BMS).



Key technical data



Feature	Value
Duct connection sizes	 Circular, steel: ø100-630 mm Circular, plastic: ø125-500 mm
Material	 Galvanised or stainless steel (EN 1.4404/ AISI 316L) Plastic PP or PVC
Air velocity range	● 1 – 6.5 m/s
Operating range (ambient temperature)	0-50 °C
Ambient relative humidity (non-condensing)	< 95%
Communication interface	ModBUS RTU/IP, BACnet/IP
Operating modes Velocity control Min/max control 	 Complete shut off function Maximum differential pressure over the damper 200 Pa
Accessories	 Sound attenuator (SA) Velocity sensor (VE1) Sash sensor (XE1) Occupancy sensor (HOS-OE1) Control panel (HTP Pro, Compact or Basic) Insulation 50 mm mineral wool for air radiated sound and condensation purposes
Protection class	Controller: IP20
Power supply	• AC 230 or 24 V -15%/+20%



Standards and certifications	 Controller CE marking, quality standard ISO9001 compliance Building material declaration, Declaration of Conformity Environmental standard ISO14001 Casing tightness Circular steel model: EN 1751 class C Circular plastic model: EN 1751 Shut-off operation tightness Circular model: Fulfils EN 1751 class 4 Circular plastic model: Fulfils EN 1751
Maintenance	According to the building maintenance program

Features and options

Category	Name	Description
Control concept	Face velocity control	Constant face velocity control for fume cupboards with horisontal and vertical shases.
	Dual position airflow control	Variable airflow control for fume cupboards with vertical shases.
	Sash position control	Constant face velocity control for fume cupboards with vertical shases.
	Sash movement control	Control of the sash position in order to maintain a constant face velocity for fume cupboards with vertical shase.
	Double sensor control	Control the face velocity in order to maintain the face velocity at its setpoint for fume cupboards with horisontal and vertical shases.
VFH	Circular with gross tube, galvanised steel	
	VFC	Circular with orifice plate, galvanised steel
Damper (Centralised	VFA	Circular with orifice plate, antibacterial painted galvanised steel
	VFN	Circular with orifice plate, stainless steel (EN 14404/ AISI 316L)
	VFI	Circular with cross tube, stainless steel (EN 14404/ AISI 316L)
control)	VFP/Y	Circular with gross tube, plastic PVC or PPS
	VFP/V	 Circular with venturi and flange connections Sizes 160, 200, 250, 315 mm, available in PVC or
		 PPS Sizes 125, 400 and 500 mm, available in PPS only
	VVH	Circular with gross tube, galvanised steel
Measurement unit	VVI	Circular with cross tube, stainless steel
(Single control)	VVP	Circular with gross tube, plastic

For more detailed information of the codes, see section Order code.



Solution description

Halton Vita VLS controller is a part of the Halton Vita Lab solution offering.



Fig.2. Halton Vita VLS controller+VFC airflow damper combined with a Halton Vita Lab Solo controller, Halton Vita VSS sensor package (sash and velocity sensors) and Halton HTP touch panel

Halton Vita VLS is a controller designed for controlling the fume cupboards or laminar cabinets in a laboratory and cleanroom environment. It is used for controlling the ventilation airflow according to the EN standard EN 14175-6.

This controller package consists of a controller unit and optional components depending on customer needs: a control panel and sensors for controlling the face velocity (velocity and sash sensor) and occupancy.

In the laboratory room Halton fume cupboard ventilation controllers Halton Vita VLS are connected to the Halton Vita VLR (room controller) via internal BUS. The holistic system includes all components for high required laboratory ventilation control.

Application area

- Controlling the ventilation airflow of the fume cupboards and laminar cabinets according to the EN 14175-6
- The Halton Vita VLS controller is a part of Halton Vita Lab solution. This controller communicates with Halton Vita VLR controller, which controls the room airflow, pressure, temperature and CO₂ level
- Overall Halton Vita Lab systems includes:
 - Halton Vita Lab Room air conditioning applications
 - Supply airflow
 - General exhaust



- Room pressure
- Temperature and CO₂
- Halton Vita Lab Solo fume cupboard control
 - Face velocity control
 - Dual position airflow control
 - Sash position control
 - Sash movement control
 - Double sensor control
- Halton Vita Lab Zone duct static pressure
 - Zone pressure control
- Local exhaust units and all ventilated components in the laboratory environment

Key features

- Fast and accurate control
- User safety
- Factory-tested controller and wiring, easy to install
- Pre-installed project-specific parameters, quick to commission
- Versatile system which can be installed in any type of fume cupboards
- Highly energy-efficient and reliable system operation
- Can be connected to the Halton remote system

Operating principle

Fume cupboard ventilation control

Fume cupboard controller is located in fume exhaust VAV damper (Halton Vita VLS). Fume cupboard airflows are controlled to maintain flow rate that is in accordance with defined face velocity (default 0,5m/s). Velocity sensor is installed on the fume cupboard and this measurement is used as feedback signal for the airflow control. Sash sensor is installed on the fume cupboard (sash counter-weight) and this measurement is used as feedback signal for accelerated control when sash position is changing

Operation of the fume cupboard can be monitored from the local control panel (Halton HTP), which is installed on the fume cupboard. At the front page it displays the measured airflow and setpoint + alarm values. It also indicates alarms and allows user to change operational parameters. Optionally, user can select the fume cupboard ventilation mode on the control panel (Eco/Normal/Max -modes).

ECO -mode

The ECO mode saves energy and capacity by setting the face velocity setpoint in the minimum position, e.g. from 0,5m/s to 0,3m/s. The manual ECO mode allows the user to activate it from the Halton HTP touch panel. The feature is enabled and adjusted from the configuration menu. The automatic ECO mode is an optional feature and requires an occupancy sensor. It provides further savings in energy usage by automatically activating the ECO mode when there is no presence in front the fume cupboard. The set value is pre-configured from the Halton HTP configuration menu.

Flow watch

The flow watch is an optional feature and requires an occupancy sensor. When there is no



presence in the front of the fume cupboard and the sash is open more than minimum opening, an acoustic alarm appears on the Halton HTP panel.

The idea is to inform users an open sash.

Energy consumption calculation

The energy consumption calculation is an optional feature. The purpose of the energy consumption calculation is to modify user behaviour towards more energy-efficient system performance by steering them towards keeping the sash in minimum position as much as possible. Simultaneously, the control function makes working in the laboratory safer for users as fumes are least likely to escape the fume cupboard when the sash is in the minimum position. When the capacity of the air handling unit is often in a limit, to avoid the capacity issues....

The control principle is based on airflow measurement every one minute. The average performance is calculated for one week at a time. The weekly result is displayed on the Halton HTP panel and give an energy rate, from deep green leaf red leaf. Yellow leaf is the level of regularly working in the fume cupboard for 8h every working day, five days a week. Improvements from this level lead to better letters and energy ratings.



Fig.3. Halton HTP Basic and Pro control panels



Quick selection

Halton Vita VLS with VFC and VFN damper

NS [mm]	l/s min @ 0.5 m/s	l/s max @ 6 m/s	m ³ /h min @ 0.5 m/s	m ³ /h max @ 6 m/s
125	6,9	74.0	24.8	266.0
160	10.0	121.0	36.0	434.0
200	15.9	188.4	56.5	678.0
250	25.0	294.4	90.0	1060.0
315	39.0	468.0	140.0	1683.0
400	63.0	754.0	226.0	2714.0
500	98.0	1178.0	353.0	4241.0

Structure and materials



Fig.3. Halton Vita VLS with damper VFC



No.	Part	Material	Note
1	Blade gasket	EPDM rybber	_
2	Shaft	Galvanised steel	Stainless steel (EN 14404/AISI 316L) with damper option VFI
3	Blade	Galvanised steel	Stainless steel (EN 14404/AISI 316L) with damper option VFI
4	Duct seal gasket	1C-polyurethane hybrid	-
5	Casing	Galvanised steel	Stainless steel (EN 14404/AISI 316L) with damper option VFI
6	Actuator	Plastic, steel, PVC cable	_
7	Airflow controller box	-	_



Dimensions and weight

Halton Vita VLS controller with damper VFC, without insulation





NS [mm]	⊘D [mm]	L [mm]	L1 [mm]	L2 [mm]	H [mm]	Weight [kg] * ⁾
125	124	328	256	77	135	1.9
160	159	328	256	77	170	2.2
200	199	328	256	77	210	2.6
250	249	328	256	77	260	3.2
315	314	495	423	77	325	3.8
400	399	495	423	80	410	5.3
500	499	620	548	149	508	13.7

*) Without airflow control box



Specification

Pressure-independent variable airflow control damper for supply and exhaust installations, fulfilling the following requirements:

Construction

- Airflow is adjusted by the position of the blade and measuring is based on differential pressure over the cross tube or orifice plate
- Damper includes components
 - Fast actuator, 2.5/4.0 s running time
 - Controller box ("Master") or junction box ("Slave")
 - Pressure transmitter
 - Airflow measuring tubing
- Duct connection with integral airtight rubber gaskets
- Complete shut-off function (blade gasket), complies with EN 1751 class 4
 - Plastic models complies with EN 1751 class 3
- Casing tightness complies with EN 1751 class C
- Damper with external insulation include a 50mm mineral wool

Material

- Galvanised steel
- Stainless steel (EN 14404/ AISI 316L)
- Plastic (PVC or PPS)

Electrical data

Master

- Supply voltage: 230 VAC (230 VAC / 24 VAC -transformer included)
- Actuators / sensors supply voltage: 24 VAC
- Analog control: 2...10 VDC
- Analog measuring: 0...10 VDC (0-200 Pa)
- Modbus RTU, Modbus TCP, Bacnet IP -communication available via controller

Slave:

- Supply voltage 24 VAC
- Actuators / sensors supply voltage: 24 VAC
- Analog control: 2...10 VDC
- Analog measuring: 0...10 VDC (0-200 Pa)
- No bus communication

Parameter settings

Master

• Design parameters are calibrated at the factory. Halton service will verify all parameters during commissioning phase.



- Dampers are tested at the factory.Controller settings are adjustable with a PC- or a handheld tool

Order code

VLS/C-O-T-D; IN-MA-FL-FC-TF-CB-LO-BB-SC-ZT

Main options	
C = Control concept	
А	Face velocity control
В	Dual position airflow control
C	Sash position control
D	Sash movement control
E	Double sensor control
O = Control type	
S	Single
C	Centralised
T = Damper/measurement unit type	
A	VFH (galvanised steel, cross tube)
В	VFC (galvanised steel, orifice)
C	VFA (galvanised steel, orifice, antibacterial)
D	VFN (stainless steel, orifice)
E	VFI (stainless steel, cross tube)
F	VFP/Y (measurement unit, galvanised steel, cross tube)
G	VFP/V (measurement unit, stainless steel, cross tube)
Н	VVH (measurement unit, galvanised steel, cross tube)
I	VVI (measurement unit, stainless steel, cross tube)
J	VVP (measurement unit, plastic, cross tube)
D = Duct connection size [mm]	100, 125, 160, 200, 250, 315, 400, 500



Other options and accessories	
IN = Insulation	
13	Insulated, 50 mm
NA	Not assigned
MA = Material	
CS	Hot-galvanised steel
AS	Stainless steel (AISI 316)
PP	PPS
PV	PVC
FL = Flanges (for VFP, plastic damper)	
Y	Yes
Ν	No
FC = Controller	
A1	VLC-A1 (Modbus, 2 port, 15 I/O)
A2	VLC-A2 (Modbus, 3 port, 28 I/O)
TF = Transformer	
TF1	230/24 transformer (35VA)
Ν	No
CB = Control box	
CB1	Galvanised box, delivered attached to damper/measurement unit
CB2	Galvanised box, delivered separately from damper/ measurement unit
NA	Not assigned
LO = Light control option	
Y	Yes
Ν	No
BB = Battery back-up unit	
NA	Not assigned
SC = Automatic sash control	
Ν	No



ZT = Tailored product	
Ν	No
Y	Yes (ETO)
Sub products and accessories (ordered separately)	
Halton Vita VSS	Sensor package

Order code example

VLS/A-C-A-160; IN=NA; MA=CS, FL=N, FC=A1, TF=TF1, CB=CB1, LO=Y, BB=NA, SC=N, ZT=N

Control panel

Installation

Halton Vita HTP

Wiring

The wiring must be carried out by professional technicians in accordance with local regulations. For the power supply, a safety-isolating transformer must be used.

Installation instructions and project-specific wiring diagrams are provided by Halton for all Halton Vita Lab Solo system configurations.

For more information, see the Halton Vita Lab Solo Design guide available from Halton Sales.

