

## ABSTRACT

### VACUUM VALVE

A vacuum valve comprises a valve housing (1), a closure unit (8) which has first and second valve plates (3a, 3b), supported by a valve rod (5), and a carrier piece (7) which is connected rigidly to the valve rod (5) outside the valve housing (1), a transmission unit (16), a drive unit (13) with a base body (15) and at least one actuator (14), at least one longitudinal linear guide (17), by which the transmission unit (16) is guided displaceably parallel to a longitudinal adjusting direction (10) with respect to the base body (15) of the valve drive, at least one oblique linear guide (12), by which the carrier piece (7) is guided displaceably parallel to an oblique adjusting direction (12) with respect to the transmission unit (16), at least one spring (21) which acts between the transmission unit (16) and the carrier piece (7), a stop device which blocks an adjustment of the closure unit (8) in the longitudinal adjusting direction (10) in a middle position of the closure unit (8), and a blocking unit (33), in the locked state of which an adjustment of the closure unit (8) which is situated in the middle position is blocked counter to the longitudinal adjusting direction (10) and, in the release state of which, in adjustment of this type is released.

(Fig. 42)