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## C. Control and Signal Modules

### VA6-M, SAx-T—Discrete Control Module Supporting Integrated Valve

#### 1. Product Overview

The Discrete Control modules are required to provide a means for the customer to communicate with and control the Tool Changer.

MS-style connectors are provided for interfacing on the Master and Tool modules. When the Tool Changer is coupled, the Master and Tool modules communicate across their interface using a spring-loaded pin block. A flexible boot surrounds the pin block to seal the connection from moisture and liquid while coupled. Several module configurations are available in order to provide the customer with Tool Changer I/O and various pass-through signal capabilities. Refer to [Section 7—Specifications](#) for the specifications of each available module.

The VA6 Master module provides discrete signal pass-through capability. When this product is specified, the customer is responsible for supplying pneumatic Lock and Unlock signals to the air adapter block for Tool Changer coupling. Refer to the air adapter block manual for more information (9620-20-C-JXX Air-Valve Adapters with Valve Signal Pass Thru).

An electrical interface is provided on the VA6 Master module for support of an integrated solenoid valve (DC Voltage). The integrated valve can be supplied from ATI as part of the valve adapter block, 9121-Jxx-M. Refer to the valve adapter block manual for more information. The VA6 Master module is used with the SA series Tools. Electrical interface drawings and connector details are provided in drawings in [Section 8—Drawings](#).

The VA6 Master module is outfitted with a Tool Stand Interlock (TSI) connector that is wired directly into the unlock solenoid valve circuit. Using this connector, a switch can be integrated that will allow the solenoid valve to uncouple the Tool Changer only when the Tool is in the Tool Stand. Otherwise, a jumper plug is factory-supplied with the connector to close the solenoid valve circuit.

The Tool-ID feature allows the customer to distinguish between the different Tools that are being coupled by the Tool Changer. Setting of Tool-ID is facilitated using push button switches provided on the Tool modules.

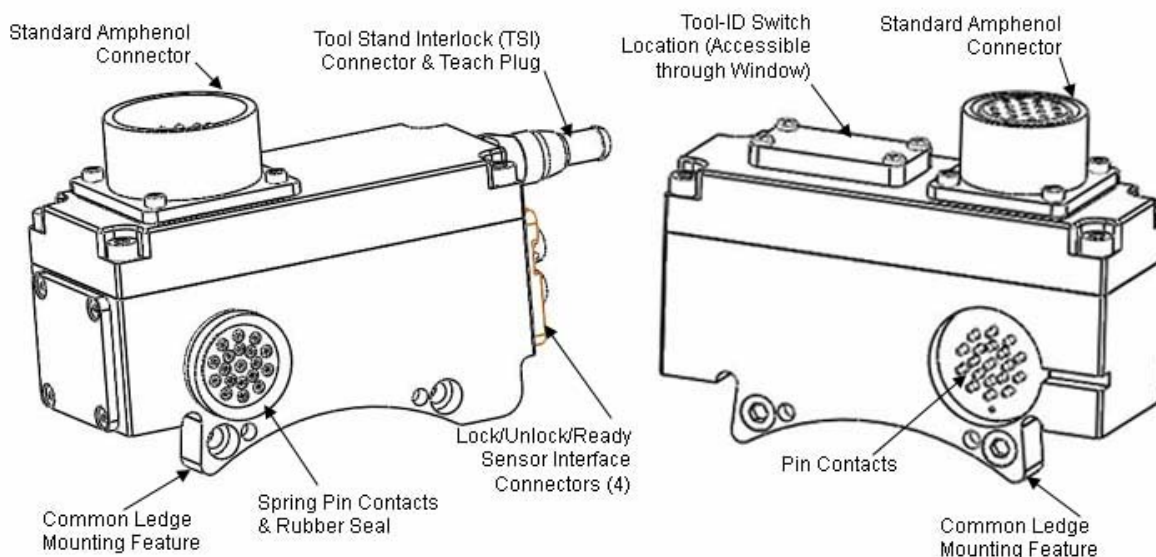
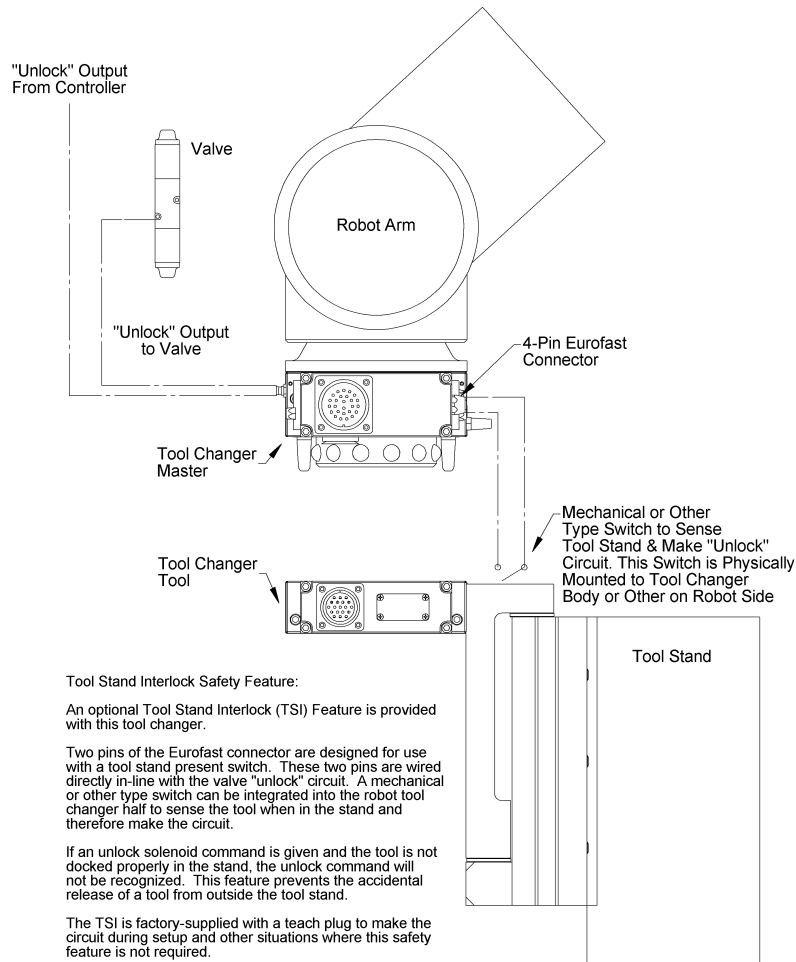


Figure 1.1—VA6 Master and SAx Tool Modules



**Figure 1.3—Tool Stand Interlock (TSI)**



**CAUTION:** The Tool Changer is equipped with Tool Stand Interlock (TSI). Special procedures are required to uncouple the Tool Changer

## 2. Installation

The control/signal modules are typically installed by ATI prior to shipment. The steps below outline the field installation or removal as required.

For wiring information refer to the drawings in [Section 8—Drawings](#).



**WARNING:** Do not perform maintenance or repair on Tool Changer or modules with power or air on. Injury or equipment damage can occur with power or air on. Turn off power and air before performing maintenance or repair on Tool Changer or modules.

### 2.1 Installing

1. It may be necessary to clean the mounting surface on the Tool Changer prior to installing the module in order to remove any debris that may be present.
2. Align the module to the holes in the Tool Changer mounting surface using the dowels that are pressed into the module housing. Push the module flush with the Tool Changer surface.
3. Apply Loctite-222<sup>®</sup> (or similar) thread locker to the socket head cap screws and tighten using a hex key.
4. Typically, proximity sensor cables are connected to the Master control module. These connections need to be made once the module has been attached to the Tool Changer body.

### 2.2 Removal

1. All customer connections and proximity sensor cables up to the Master module need to be disconnected.
2. Remove the socket head cap screws and pull the module off the Tool Changer. Retain the fasteners for re-installation.

### 3. Operation

Various Tool Changer I/O are provided to the customer through the military-style Amphenol connector on the control/signal Master module. Lock, Unlock, and Ready-to-Lock proximity sensor inputs are provided for confirmation of Tool Changer and locking mechanism positions. Other, customer-assigned discrete I/O points are also available through the connector.

Output signals need to be provided to the discrete control module to actuate the solenoid valve (VA6 version) in order to provide pneumatic pressure to lock or unlock the Tool Changer.

Note that 0 and 24 VDC supply lines are required to be on certain pin locations of the customer interface connector. Reference drawings in [Section 8—Drawings](#) for pin out information and location of the I/O signals.

Refer to the specific Tool Changer manual for details on the operation of the Tool Changer and recommended procedure for coupling.

When coupled, the discrete module Tool can be communicated with, Tool-ID can be read, and attached end-effectors can be used.

#### 3.1 Operation Flow Chart

Refer to the flow chart in Figure 3.1 for a logical description of the Tool Changer, lock/unlock procedure and diagnostic checks.



## 4. Maintenance

Contact pins on the control module should be inspected and cleaned periodically to ensure electrical continuity is maintained. Care should be taken not to bend or pull out the contacts when cleaning. Do not use an abrasive media to clean the contact pins as erosion may occur to the contact surface.

If the Tool Changer is being used in dirty environments (e.g.; welding or deburring applications), care should be taken to limit the exposure of the Tool Changer. Unused Tool assemblies should be covered to prevent debris from settling on the mating surface. Also, the Master assembly should be exposed for only a short period of time during Tool change and down time. In this instance, the customer should determine a suitable inspection schedule.

Detailed drawings are provided in [Section 8—Drawings](#) of this manual.

## 5. Troubleshooting

Symptom	Possible Cause / Correction
Unit will not lock or unlock	Verify that ball bearings are moving freely. Clean and lubricate as needed. Check air supply. Check that exhaust port is properly vented (check muffler). Verify that discrete signals are operating correctly. Verify that the Master and Tool are within the specified No-Touch zone when attempting to lock.
Sensors not operating properly	Verify that cables are connected correctly. Verify that the sensors are set correctly. Ensure that the Tool Plate is securely held to the Master Plate, that nothing is trapped between their surfaces, and that there is no air trapped in the Unlock (U) air port.
Loss of Communication	Check/Replace signal cabling up- and down-stream of Tool Changer modules. Inspect module contact pins for debris/wear/damage.

## 6. Recommended Spare Parts

See Drawings in [Section 8—Drawings](#).

## 7. Specifications

**VA6-M** Discrete, 26 Pin Amphenol, 19 Pin Block, Supports L/U/R1/R2 Sensors with Integrated Valve Pass Through  
VA6-M Supports TSI on the Master-side and Works with SA Series Tools Mates with SA2, SA3, SA4, SA5, and SA6 Tools.

Connector MS3102E28-12P

Weight 1.5 lbs (0.7 kg) Master-side

Pass-Through Signals 19@5A, 250 V Rhodium-plated, spring-loaded and No-Touch contact pins.

**SA2-T** Tool Discrete signal module with 19-pin pass-through, Signal module with NO internal Tool-ID. Mates with VA6-M. Supplied with TSI Connector. Pins 1 to 4 (TSI circuit) made with use of Yellow Teach Plug 1700-0535501-01, sold separately.

Connector MS3102E22-14S

Weight 1.3 lbs (0.6 kg) Tool-side

Pass-Through Signals 19@5A, 250 V Rhodium-plated contacts w/ first mate ground pin.

**SA3-T** Tool Discrete signal module with 15-pin pass-through, Signal module w/ internal Tool-ID, 0-9. Mates with VA6-M. Supplied with TSI Connector. Pins 1 to 4 (TSI circuit) made with use of Yellow Teach Plug 1700-0535501-01, sold separately.

Connector MS3102E22-14S

Weight 1.3 lbs (0.6 kg) Tool-side

Pass-Through Signals 15@5A, 250 V Rhodium-plated contacts w/ first mate ground pin.

**SA4-T** Tool Discrete signal module with 11-pin pass-through, Signal module w/ internal Tool-ID, 0-99. Mates with VA6-M. Supplied with TSI Connector. Pins 1 to 4 (TSI circuit) made with use of Yellow Teach Plug 1700-0535501-01, sold separately.

Connector MS3102E22-14S

Weight 1.3 lbs (0.6 kg) Tool-side

Pass-Through Signals 11@5A, 250 V Rhodium-plated contacts w/ first mate ground pin.

**SA5-T** Tool Discrete signal module with 7-pin pass-through, Signal module w/ internal Tool-ID, 0-999. Mates with VA6-M. Supplied with TSI Connector. Pins 1 to 4 (TSI circuit) made with use of Yellow Teach Plug 1700-0535501-01, sold separately.

Connector MS3102E22-14S

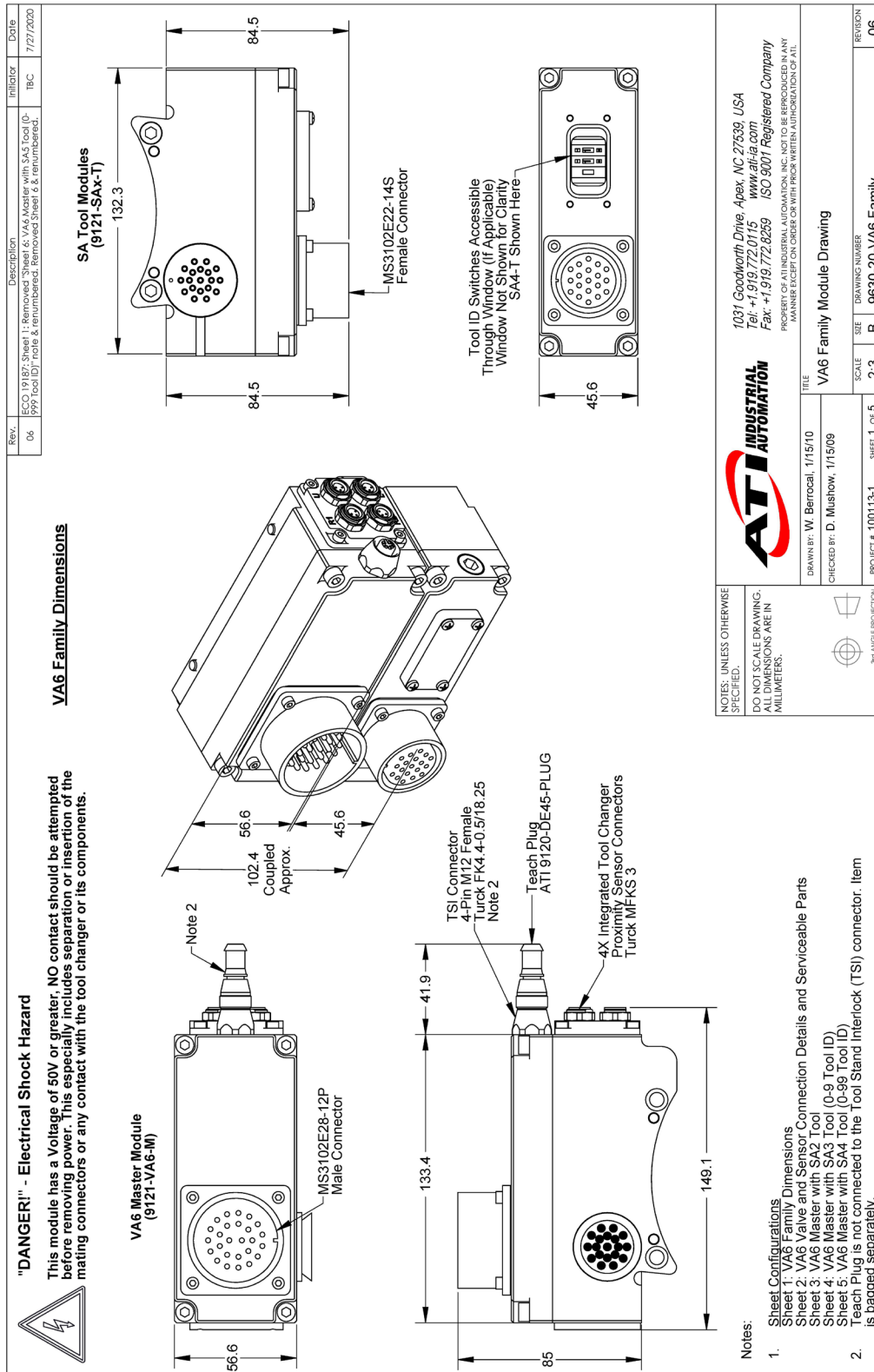
Weight 1.3 lbs (0.6 kg) Tool-side

Pass-Through Signals 17@5A, 250 V Rhodium-plated contacts w/ first mate ground pin.

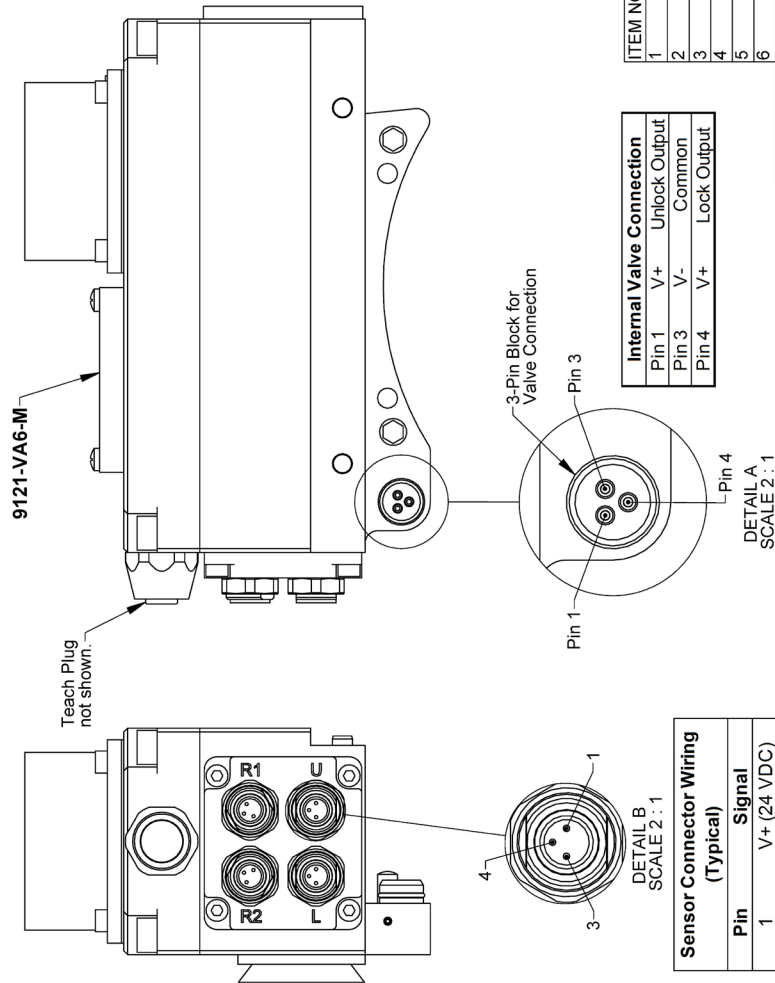
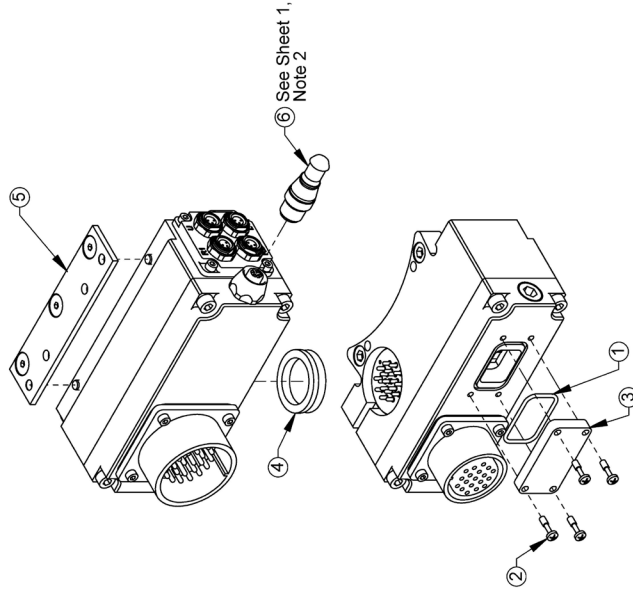
**SA6-T** Potted version of SA2-T



## 8. Drawings



**VA6 Family Serviceable Parts**



Internal Valve Connection	
Pin 1	V+ Unlock Output
Pin 3	V- Common
Pin 4	V+ Lock Output

Sensor Connector Wiring (Typical)	
Pin 1	Signal
Pin 3	V+ (24 VDC)
Pin 4	0 VDC Input

ITEM NO.	QTY.	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	1	3410-0007092-01	O-ring AS568-023
2	4	3500-9957012-21	CAPTIVE SCREW M3 X 12 SLOTTED HEAD SS
3	1	3700-20-2686	Thick Window for DP/DE45 Master
4	1	4010-0000030-01	V-Ring Seal
5	1	9005-20-1198	Master Cleat Sub-Assembly
6	1	9120-DE45-PLUG	Yellow Teach Plug w/ lanyard and Caution Tags

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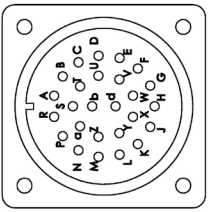
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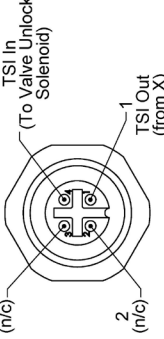
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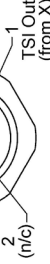
  



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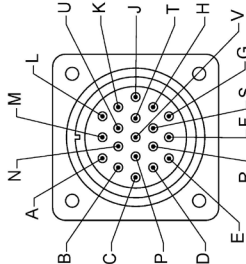


TSI In  
(To Valve Unlock  
Solenoid)



TSI Out  
(from X)



TSI Connector  
VA6 Master Side  
(4-Pin Euro)  
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**Controller Outputs**

Pin	Signal	Description
A	0 VDC	Voltage Reference
B	24 VDC	Voltage Supply
W	24 VDC	Lock Solenoid Supply (Double Solenoid)
X	24 VDC	Unlock Solenoid Supply

**Controller Inputs**

Pin	Signal	Description
Z	RTL #1	Ready-To-Lock Input #1
a	RTL #2	Ready-To-Lock Input #2
b	Lock	Tool Changer Lock Input
d	Unlock	Tool Changer Unlock Input

2. The VA6-M is supplied with a Teach Plug (part # 9120-DE45-PLUG) to make the TSI circuit (Pin 1 to Pin 4 on TSI Connector). It is recommended that the customer integrate a mechanical limit switch to use with this circuit. The limit switch would be mounted to indicate that the robot and tool changer are in the stand, thus making the circuit and only allowing the tool changer to uncouple while in the stand. Contact ATI for further assistance.

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General Notes:

1. Pin A is first mate and last break during a tool change and is specified for use as 0 VDC and/or ground service.



**VA6 Master with SA4 Tool (0-99 Tool ID)**

VA6 Master  
MS3102A28-15P  
Male Connector

A	>>	0 Vdc Reference
B	>>	24 Vdc (I/P & Tool ID)
C	>>	available
D	>>	available
E	>>	available
F	>>	available
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(1) TSI Connection not available

Lock O/P  
 Lock I/P  
 Unlock I/P

**Controller Outputs**

Pin	Signal	Description
A	0 VDC	Voltage Reference
B	24 VDC	Voltage Supply
W	24 VDC	Lock Solenoid Supply (Double Solenoid)
X	24 VDC	Unlock Solenoid Supply

**Controller Inputs**

Pin	Signal	Description
M	Tool ID	SW2 Bit Value 8 (See Tool ID Table)
N	Tool ID	SW2 Bit Value 4 (See Tool ID Table)
P	Tool ID	SW2 Bit Value 2 (See Tool ID Table)
R	Tool ID	SW2 Bit Value 1 (See Tool ID Table)
S	Tool ID	SW1 Bit Value 8 (See Tool ID Table)
T	Tool ID	SW1 Bit Value 4 (See Tool ID Table)
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V	Tool ID	SW1 Bit Value 1 (See Tool ID Table)
Z	RTL #1	Ready-To-Lock Input #1
a	RTL #2	Ready-To-Lock Input #2
b	Lock	Tool Changer Lock Input
d	Unlock	Tool Changer Unlock Input

**Amphenol Connector Master Side MS3102E28-12P Face View Scale 1:1**

**Amphenol Connector Tool Side MS3102E22-14S Face View Scale 1:1**

**General Notes:**

- Pin A is first mate and last break during a tool change and is specified for use as 0 VDC and/or ground service.
- The common for Tool ID is tied into the 24VDC line (Pin B). The Tool ID switches are Rated for service at 50V and 100 mA max. Refer to the Tool ID table for switch setup information.

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**Tool ID Output**

Switch 1	"S"	"T"	"U"	"V"
Switch 2	"M"	"N"	"P"	"R"
0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	1
2	0	0	1	0
3	0	0	1	1
4	0	1	0	0
5	0	1	0	1
6	0	1	1	0
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9	1	0	0	1

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