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Pneumatics & Hydraulics

References

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Description

Power transmission: Hydro = water, aulos = pipeThe means of power transmission is a liquid (pneumatic $\rightarrow gas$)

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A typical hydraulic system



A typical hydraulic system

- Simple method to create linear movements
- Creation of large forces and torques, high energy density
- Continuously variable movement of the actuator
- Simple turnaround of the direction of the movement, starting possible under full load from rest
- Low delay, small time constant because of low inertia
- Simple overload protection (no damage in case of overload)
- Simple monitoring of load by measuring pressure
- Arbitrary positioning of prime mover and actuator
- Large power density (relatively small mass for a given power compared to electrical and mechanical drives)
- Robust (insensitive against environmental influences)

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Disadvantages of hydrostatic drives

- Working fluid is necessary (leakage problems, filtering, etc.)
- It is not economic for large distances

Hydraulic fluids - tasks

- They have the following primary tasks:
- Power transmission (pressure and motion transmission)
- Signal transmission for control
- Secondary tasks:
- Lubrication of rotating and translating components to avoid friction and wear
- *Heat transport, away from the location of heat generation, usually into the reservoir*
- Transport of particles to the filter
- Protection of surfaces from chemical attack, especially corrosion

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Hydraulic fluids - requirements

Functional

- Good lubrication characteristics
- Viscosity should not depend strongly on temperature and pressure
- Good heat conductivity
- Low heat expansion coefficient
- Large elasticity modulus

Economic

- Low price
- Slow aging and thermal and chemical stability □ long life cycle

Hydraulic fluids - requirements (contd.)

Safety

- High flash point or in certain cases not inflammable at all
- Chemically neutral (not aggressive at all against all materials it touches)
- Low air dissolving capability, not inclined to foam formation
- Environmental friendliness
 - No environmental harm
 - No toxic effect

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Hydraulic fluid types

- Water (3%)
- Mineral oils (75%)
- Not inflammable fluids (9%)
- Biologically degradable fluids (13%)
- Electrorheological fluids (in development)



Single acting cylinder - a cylinder in which air pressure is applied to the movable element (piston) in only one direction.





Spring return cylinder - a cylinder in which a spring returns the piston assembly





Double acting cylinder - a cylinder in which air pressure may be alternately applied to the piston to drive it in either direction.





Two-Way Directional Valve

A two-way directional valve consists of two ports connected to each other with passages, which are connected and disconnected.



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- Three-Way Directional Valve
- A three-way directional valve consists of three ports connected through passages within a valve body that are shown here as port A, port P and port Ex.
- If port A is connected to an actuator, port P to a source of pressure and port Ex is open to exhaust, the valve will control the flow of air to (and exhaust from) Port A.



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Position Boxes

Every valve provides two or more usable positions, each position providing one or more flow paths.



A 2-Position valve is shown by two boxes.

A 3-Position valve is shown by three boxes.

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- Valve ports
- Every valve port, which appears on the outside of the valve, is supposed to be shown on the symbol. But the ports are shown on only one of the boxes, the box that represents the flow paths that exist at the start of the machine cycle.





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In this example, free flow is from left to right. Restricted flow is from right to left.

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