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ML+40 LINEAR ACTUATOR

The ML+40 Electro Hydraulic Linear Actuator combines all the elements of an hydraulic circuit in one compact unit. Designed for ease of installation, the unit is supplied with a quick release mounting and tiller bolt. An optional rudder reference/feedback unit can be mounted directly onto the actuator. Integral relief valves protect the unit and its mountings from being overloaded.

Description

The ML+40 combines a hydraulic cylinder, pump, IP67 motor, clutch and reservoir in one powerful and compact unit. To operate the clutch is engaged and the cylinder extends and retracts by means of reversing the motor polarity. Integral relief valves protect the unit and its mounting from being overloaded. Anti-cavitation valves are also incorporated to allow full stroke speeds of up to 2 seconds when back-driven by the helm.

Designed for ease of servicing with a motor that can be removed from the unit without affecting the hydraulic circuit.

A full range of spares, seal kits and servicing tools are available.

The ML+40 is supplied pre-filled and ready to install.

Features

Ease of installation.
Low profile
Low power consumption.
IP67 motors
2 speed options.
Integral relief valves.
Rudder/feedback option.
Low maintenance.
User serviceable.
Quick release mounting.
12 or 24v DC option.
Service kits available.
Low back-drive
Marine environment protective finish.
Interchangeable with ML40

Application

Ruggedly designed specifically for the marine autopilot market where they are widely used on sailboats and power craft with displacement or fast planing hulls. They are ideal where space is limited as there is no separate pipe-work or reservoirs to fit.

The unit can be mounted in any attitude.

Outside of the marine market it has found many industrial applications including gate and door opening and mechanical lifts.

The ML+40 is suitable anywhere a high thrust is required from a 12 or 24v DC supply.
Performance Graphs
Typical characteristics
Dynobear 10 oil at 25ºC

Circuit Diagram

Technical Data

Voltage 12 / 24 VDC
Current Typical Amp-hour
580N at 25% duty
12v 24v
Typical Current
Intermittent 6350N
12v 24v
ML+4010 2.0 1.0 19.0 9.0
ML+4020 2.5 1.3 25.0 12.0
Ingress protection IP67
EMC Protection S EN 60945:2002 (DC)
Ignition Protection BS EN 28846:1993
Ambient operating Temperature -15 to +55 deg C
Max Operating Thrust 6900N (Intermittent)
Relief Valve setting 62 bar (7800N)
Orientation Red lead to positive - Extends
Black lead to positive - Retracts
Clutch coil 12 watt
Clutch connection DIN 43650 (6-8 mm cable)
Fluid ISO VG10 to VG40 hydraulic
mineral fluid to ISO 6743-4 HV
Weight 8 kg

Order Codes

OTHER SPEED OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE
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Installation Details
Typical installation for an 8.4" (213mm) Quadrant.
The HS+40 hydraulic steering systems are designed specifically for marine secondary steering applications. They combine a hydraulic cylinder with clutch, reversing pump and reservoir in a compact installation. The solenoid clutch disengages the hydraulic circuit allowing manual mechanical steering to be used in conjunction with the hydraulic system.

**Description**

A pre-filled hydraulic system comprising a cylinder with clutch, pump and reservoir. The cylinder is free to float until the solenoid clutch is engaged, the reversing pump is then used to extend and retract it. Integral relief valves protect the installation from damage.

**Application**

Designed specifically for the marine autopilot market where they can be used on sailboats and power-craft with displacement and fast planing hulls. The pumps and cylinders can be matched to give the hard-over times and thrusts to suit the application. Further combinations using our 5 reversing pump sizes are also possible. Please refer to our data sheet PR-d for details of the reversing pump range.

**Features**


**Technical Data**

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Performance Graphs
Typical characteristics
Dynobear 10 oil at 25°C

Order Code

Circuit Diagram
The HS hydraulic steering systems are designed specifically for marine secondary steering applications. They are available with either a 2.5lpm reversing pump or two sizes of constant running pumps. The systems are protected by integral relief valves. A solenoid clutch is also fitted so that manual mechanical steering can be used.

Description
The hydraulic steering systems comprise of a compact cylinder which includes the relief valves and solenoid clutch, a reversing or constant running pump, marine hoses, fittings and a reservoir. The system comes filled ready for installation. A choice of pump sizes can be selected with single or twin cylinders to give a range of hard-over times and thrusts.

Application
Designed specifically for the marine autopilot market where they can be used on sailboats and power-craft with displacement and fast planing hulls. The pumps and cylinders can be matched to give the hard-over times and thrusts to suit the application.

Features
Pre-filled ready to fit.
Installation kit included.
Shorter than conventional cylinders.
Quiet operation.
Low maintenance.
Low power consumption.
Replaceable brushes.
Integral solenoid bypass valve.
Integral relief valves.
Marine environment protected (under deck)
Fully serviceable.
12 or 24V options.
Reversing or constant running pump options.
Adjustable or non adjustable rod-ends
Twin opposed cylinder option.

Technical Data
Voltage 12 / 24 VDC

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Ingress protection IP67
EMC Protection S EN 60945:2002 (DC)
Ignition Protection BS EN 28846:1993

Ambient operating Temperature -15 to + 55 deg C

Max Operating Thrust 10840N (Intermittent)
Relief Valve setting 62 bar (12400N)
Orientation Red lead to positive - Extends
Black lead to positive - Retracts
Clutch coil 12 watt
Clutch connection DIN 43650 (6-8 mm cable)
Fluid ISO VG10 to VG40 hydraulic mineral fluid to ISO 6743-4 HV

Weight 14 kg
Installation Details

Performance Graphs
Typical characteristics
Dynobear 10 oil at 25°C

Order Code

Circuit Diagram
PR+ REVERSING DC HYDRAULIC POWER UNIT

Backed with over 30 years of continuous development the new PR+ range of reversing pumps presents the ultimate in quiet and smooth operation. Unlike noisy piston pump designs the precision gear form delivers smooth flow in all conditions and with minimal noise. Now with IP67 motors that have a 4000 hour brush life these latest generation of Hydraulic Projects power units are the best available.

Description

A permanent magnet DC motor driven precision gear pump available with a range of flows from 0.6 to 2.5 L/min. Each pump is fitted with zero-leakage pilot check valves for positive locking of attached cylinders.

The two service ports and reservoir port are mounted on the front of the pump. The threads are G1/4 (BSP) parallel. There is an optional second reservoir port on the top face accessed via a removable plug. If top mounted ports are preferred a kit is available to provide this option.

Relief valves to limit the maximum pressure generated are available as a further option.

The motors are maintenance free with internal brushes giving typically a 4000+ hour life. The front and rear bearings are sealed ball races for smooth and quiet operation. They have an Ingress Protection rating of IP67.

The pumps are sealed on the driven gear journal allowing the motors to be removed without air entering or oil loss from the hydraulic circuit. This feature also facilitates the fitting of users own motors.

Application

Designed specifically for the marine autopilot market they are used by the worlds leading autopilot manufacturers. They can be used with balanced or unbalanced cylinders and are suitable for use in pressurized systems.

See page 15 for a selection guide for matching the drives to hydraulic steering cylinders.

Due to their low noise and excellent performance they have found uses in many other and varied applications from window openers to sports car suspension lifters.

Features

Quiet and smooth operation.
Low power consumption.
Zero back drive check valves.
5 flow options.
12 and 24v D.C options.
Relief Valve option.
Port position options.
Compact size.
Easy installation.
G1/4 (BSP) ports (with NPTF adapter kits available).
Service kits available.
Performance Graphs

Typical characteristics
Q8 Auto 15 oil @ 25ºC

Circuit Diagram

Technical data

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Ingress Protection  IP67
EMC Protection  BS EN 60945:2002 (DC)
Ignition protection BS EN 28848:1993

Ambient operating
Temperature  -15 to +55 deg C
Max Pressure  55 bar (intermittent operation)
Reservoir line  2 bar Max
Ports  G1/4 (BSPP) Parallel
A = ram port
B = ram port
R = reservoir port

Rotation  Red lead to - positive Pressure to A port
Black lead to positive - Pressure to B port

Hoses  Suitable for working pressure 55 bar.
Minimum burst pressure 100 bar.

Fluid  ISO VG10 to VG40 Hydraulic mineral fluid meeting ISO 6743-4 HV
Installation Dimensions

Order Codes
Drive Selection

It is important to select the correct size pump as it directly influences the ability of the Autopilot to steer the vessel.

An Autopilot Drive will need to give a nominal “Hard over time” of 10 to 12 seconds (Or as specified by the Autopilot manufacturer).

The type of vessel to be steered must be considered. The “Hard over time” may be faster on lightweight Planing Craft/Modern yachts and slower on displacement power boats/long keel yachts.

**Note** if the pump is too large, the vessel may over steer and will use more power; Too small and the Autopilot may struggle to maintain a course.

To use the table below you will need to know the volume of your steering cylinder. Select the Hard over time you require. Follow the column down until you approximately match your cylinder volume. Then select the pump on that row.

Note if your cylinder has a smaller volume, it will have a faster “Hard Over Time”
But if it is larger, it will have a slower “Hard Over Time”

“Hard Over Time” is the time that the pump takes to drive the rudder from port to starboard stops. “Dock side” (no flow over the rudder).

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CONSTANT RUNNING DC HYDRAULIC POWER UNIT 2.5LPM

Manufactured specifically for marine autopilot steering applications the versatile PC25 constant running pumps use a powerful fan-cooled 4 brush motor to deliver up to 2.5 litres per minute. Designed to be used for heavy duty applications on larger yachts or commercial craft these units come fitted with pressure compensated flow controls, relief valves and cylinder lock valves as standard.

Description
Once the hard-over time has been set via the speed control, steering is achieved by switching a double acting solenoid valve. The motor and precision gear pump are protected by a pre-set relief valve and toughened check valve components positively lock the steering on course. The unit comes fitted with an 0.75 litre aluminium oil tank.

Application
Designed specifically for the marine autopilot market, these 12V and 24V D.C. pumps are used on the larger sailing craft or commercial vessels. They can be used with single or twin double acting rams. They can also be used with balanced or unbalanced cylinders and pressurized systems.

Features
12V 405 watt and 24V 550 watt fan cooled motors.
Adjustable pressure compensated flow control.
Integral Relief valve
Low power consumption for size.
Quiet operation.
Compact.
Replaceable brushes.
Service kits.
Easy installation.
Cylinder and hose kits supplied to suit.

Performance Graphs
Typical characteristics
Q8 Auto 15 oil @ 25°C

Technical Data

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Installation Details

Order Codes

Circuit Diagram

PORTS A & B - G1/4 BSPP
PORT R - G1/2 BSPP
BS2779/73

PORT A

PORT B

Solenoid A

Solenoid B

Speed Control

Pressure Relief Valve

2 Mounting Holes Ø9 Thro'

A  B  R

M

PC25 FCU  24

12  24

Motor & Solenoid Voltage

Constant Running Pump
2.5 LPM with Speed Control
And Heavy Duty Motor
CONSTANT RUNNING DC HYDRAULIC POWER UNIT 4.5LPM

Manufactured specifically for marine autopilot steering applications the versatile PC45 constant running power unit uses a heavy-duty 4 brush, fan cooled, 550 watt motor to deliver 4.5 lpm. Designed to be used for heavy duty applications on larger yachts or commercial craft these units come fitted with pressure compensated flow controls, relief valves and cylinder lock valves as standard.

Description
Once the hard-over time has been set via the speed control, the steering action is achieved by switching a damped heavy duty double acting solenoid valve. The motor and precision gear pump are protected by a pre-set relief valve, and check valves with toughened components positively lock the steering on course. A stainless steel clamp retains the stove enameled steel oil tank, and inside is a large capacity replaceable 15 micron return line filter to maintain system cleanliness. A heavy duty motor starting relay is also supplied, as are the rubber noise absorbing mounts.

Application
Designed and developed specifically for marine autopilot applications in the commercial and larger pleasure boat market the PC45 can be used with single or twin ram systems. The design of the unit also makes it compatible with unbalanced rams and pressurized reservoir type systems.

Features
Heavy duty fan cooled motor
12v & 24v D.C. options.
Low power consumption.
4.5 litre per minute variable flow
Integral relief valve
Quiet operation.
Compact construction.
Replaceable brushes.
Service kits.
Easy installation.
Cylinder and hose kits supplied to suit.
Adjustable pressure compensated flow control.
**Industrial Spec. Relay included.**

Performance Graphs
Typical characteristics
Q8 Auto 15 oil @ 25°C

Technical Data
Voltage 12 / 24 Vdc
Pump output (variable) 0 to 4.5 lpm
Ambient operating temperature -15 to +55 deg C
Motor voltage nominal 12Vdc 24Vdc
Motor output watts 405w 550w
Max continuous current 34 amps 23 amps
Ingress protection IP44
(Suitable only for ‘under-deck’, dry environment mounting.)
Relief valve setting 58 bar
Orientation Solenoid A energized Pump to A port
Solenoid B energized Pump to B port
Coils 31 watt
Coil connection DIN 43650 (6-8mm cable)
Relay 12 watt
Fluid ISO VG10 to VG40 hydraulic mineral fluid to ISO 6743-4 HV
Capacity 4 litres
Tank pressure 3.5 bar max
Weight 12 Kg
Installation Details

Circuit Diagram

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PC45 FCU 24
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MARINE AUTOPILOT CYLINDER UNLOADER VALVE

The Autopilot Cylinder Unloader valve is a line mounted valve that is used to bypass the hydraulic steering cylinder to enable the boat to be steered manually. This 12 watt solenoid operated valve is available in 12 and 24 Vdc and can be used in systems up to 72 bar. Can be used with balanced and unbalanced cylinders.

Description

The solenoid operated unloader valve is a compact line mounted G1/4 ported manifold. The low power consumption 12 watt coils are available in 12 and 24Vdc variants. With an anodized body and an IP55 rating this valve has been designed for the harsh marine environment.

Application

Designed to be used in autopilot steering applications, this valve is used to bypass the hydraulic steering cylinder so that manual steering can be used. It can be used with balanced cylinders or by connecting the additional port to a reservoir for unbalanced cylinders. The design has been optimized to enable the coil to be energized for very long periods of time.

Features

Marine environment protected
Compact size.
12 or 24Vdc variants.
Low power consumption.
Used for balanced/unbalanced cylinders.
Line mounted.
Long energizing capacity.

Technical Data

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Performance Graphs

Typical characteristics
Q8 Auto 15 oil @ 25ºC
Installation Details

ALL PORTS G1/4(BSP) PARALLEL

THE R PORT MUST BE CONNECTED TO THE SYSTEM RESERVOIR WHEN USING AN UNBALANCED CYLINDER

Circuit Diagram

Unbalanced Cylinder

Balanced Cylinder

Order Code

R2345-O 12

12 12V
24 24V

SOLENOID VOLTAGE
The marine autopilot pilot operated check valve is a line mounted valve that is used to lock steering cylinders. The G1/4 valve can also be used when a helm pump is without check valves to prevent the autopilot pump back driving the helm wheel.

**Description**

This G1/4 (BSP) in-line check valve is designed to close the service ports until a pilot pressure is applied to move the check valve piston and so open the port. The body is made from anodized aluminium for protection against the harsh marine environment whilst the internal components are made from hardened and toughened steels for extended life.

**Application**

Designed to be used to positively lock steering cylinders or to prevent the back drive of the helm steering wheel by the autopilot pump should the helm pump not have its own check valves.

It is designed for use with both balanced and unbalanced cylinders. Where an unbalanced cylinder is used the additional ‘R’ port is connected to an external reservoir.

**Features**

Positive locking of the ports.
Hardened check piston.
Toughened check seats.
High grade chromium balls.
Suitable for balanced and unbalanced cylinders.
Mounting holes.
Port identification.

**Technical Data**

- Rated flow: 4.5 l/min
- Maximum pressure: 72 bar
- Pilot ratio: 2.25:1
- Port size: G1/4
- Ambient operating temperature: -15 to + 55 deg C
- Fluid: ISO VG10 to VG40 hydraulic mineral fluid to ISO 6743-4 HV
- Weight: 0.31 Kgs
Installation Details

ALL PORTS G1/4(BSP) PARALLEL
P = PUMP PORT
C = CYLINDER PORT
R = RESERVOIR PORT

THIS PORT MUST BE CONNECTED TO T) SYSTEM RESERVOIR WHEN USING AN UNBALANCED CYLINDER

Circuit Diagram

Order Code

R2254
R4306 HYDRAULIC STEERING FLUID RESERVOIR

Specifically developed for hydraulic steering systems this robust reservoir comes complete with marine grade isolator tap, tethered filler / breather cap and a pick up that allows extreme heel angles without spillage or air ingress into the system. Manufactured from high-density translucent polyethylene for ‘at a glance’ checking of fluid level.

Technical Data

**Capacity**
- Maximum: 0.94 Litre
- Recommended: 0.70 Litre (ref. 70º heel angle)

**Performance**
- Temp min: -20ºc
- Temp max: +55ºc
- Max pressure: Not applicable

**Materials**
- Body: HDPE
- Tap: Chrome plated brass
- Fittings: Brass
- Seals: Nitrile

**Weight empty**: 0.48kg

**Connection**: 5/8 SAE male (G1/4 option available)

Installation Details

Order Code

R4306
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