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Patented SVCL and SPCL series valves "U.S. Patent #7,921,880" from HydraForce offer the unique capability of providing integral piloting and load-signaling in a single solenoid-operated on/off or proportional cartridge valve. The new SPCL16-30, SPCL16-32, and SPCL16-40 are rated to 40 gpm / 150 lpm, and were designed to help reduce manifold space claim, cost, and material.

This is an efficient, compact and cost effective solution for directional control and load-holding applications. Patents were recently awarded for these unique and innovative new valves, allowing us to offer the most effective solution to our customer.

SVCL10-30 and SVCL10-32

SVCL10-30 and SVCL10-32 valves are low leakage, on/off solenoid operated poppet valves with an integral load-sensing check valve. External load-sensing shuttle valves are eliminated, allowing for a smaller, lower-cost installation. In the de-energized position, the sensing port is isolated from the load, preventing load drift and enabling the load-sense signal to be externally vented to zero when the system is inactive.

SPCL10-30 and SPCL10-32

SPCL10-30 and SPCL10-32 valves are electrically-proportional, low-leakage poppet valves with an integral piloting port. The piloting feature can be used in counterbalance circuits providing both superior load-holding, as well as accurate flow regulation.

SPCL16-30 and SPCL16-30

SPCL16-30 and SPCL16-30 valves are electrically-proportional, low-leakage poppet valves with integral load-sensing check valve capability. The proportional poppet design allows for accurate electro-hydraulic system control for a wide range of load sensing applications.

SPCL16-40

SPCL16-40 valves are electrically-proportional, low-leakage poppet valves with two integral load-sensing check valves. The proportional poppet design allows for accurate electro-hydraulic system control for a wide range of load sensing applications.

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SVCL and SPCL Valve Performance:
- System Operating Pressure: 3625 psi / 250 bar
- Holding Pressure: 5000 psi / 350 bar at Port 1
- Rated Flow:
  10-size valves: 15 gpm / 57 lpm
  16-size valves: 40 gpm / 152 lpm
- @ 175 psi / 12 bar differential for SVCL10-30 and SVCL10-32
- @ 225 psi / 15.5 bar differential for SPCL10-30 and SPCL10-32
- @ 300 psi / 20.7 bar differential for SPCL16-30 and SPCL16-40
- Leakage: 5 dpm between ports 1 and 3, or ports 1 and 4 for the SPCL16-40
  15 dpm at port 2, or ports 2 and 3 of the SPCL16-40
- Manual Overrides: J, Y, and M options are available for SPCL10-30 and SPCL10-32
  M option is available for SVCL10-30 and SVCL10-32
- Cavity: VC10-3B for the SPCL10-30 and 32, and the SVCL10-30 and 32
  VC160-3SPCL for the SPCL16-30 and SPCL16-32
  VC160-4SPCL for the SPCL16-40

APPLICATION EXAMPLES:
Low Leakage Directional Control Circuit

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Pump-Unloading Directional Control Circuit

In a single acting cylinder application, the SPCLxx-30 is used to control flow for raising the cylinder. In addition it provides the load-sense signal to the ECR valve for excess flow unloading. The SPxx-20 proportional solenoid valve controls lowering flow, while the ECxx-34 provides load compensation.

The RV08-29 relief valve is used to set maximum system operating pressure. When the valve setting is reached, pilot flow is vented allowing the EPFR to bypass pump flow to tank. The small RV08-29 is used in place of a separate high-flow relief, allowing an economical and compact package configuration. The RV08-29 is designed to provide stable performance in low-flow pilot circuits.

The SPCL and the EPFR are both part of HydraForce’s family of multi-function valves which integrate two functions into a single cavity. The EPFR integrates a venting flow regulator into the bypass compensator. The flow regulator brings the sense line to zero when there is no demand at the cylinder, accelerating the compensator response speed. The flow regulator is pressure-compensated so that the vent flow does not increase at higher pressures, assuring high overall efficiencies.

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Directional Bridge Circuit

This shows a directional bridge circuit configuration using the SPCLxx-32 style valve. In this version the check valve in the integral sensing line is eliminated, allowing the load pressure to be used as a piloting signal.

The SPCLxx-32 provides proportional control of the inlet flow to the motor. A pressure signal, supplied by the pilot line of the SPCL, is required in order to open the counterbalance valve thus allowing the motor function. Using this circuit configuration, a return side directional element is eliminated, without loss of motor control. Return flow from the motor passes directly to tank, eliminating back-pressure, minimizing circuit components, improving overall efficiency, and significantly reducing cost versus a conventional directional control system.

The addition of a check valve allows the higher of two pressure signals to be used as a load sensing pressure. In these applications, please note that sealed pilot operated check valves and pressure compensated pumps should not be used in conjunction because the result would effectively eliminate the system’s pilot pressure bleed path. This causes pressure to build in the pilot lines, prevents the pilot operated check valves from closing, and gives the working lines an open path to tank. Additionally, when using pilot operated checks in a load sense configuration, the spring bias must be set higher than the load sense pressure to ensure proper operation of the valve.

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