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Acceptance tests**

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Foreword

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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- Normative references have been updated ([Clause 2](#));
- A new clause “Symbols and units” ([Clause 4](#)) has been added;
- Test fluids have been updated ([6.1](#));
- New figures showing the identification of a double ([Figure 1](#)) and a single rod cylinder ([Figure 2](#)) have been added;
- Contamination levels have been updated ([6.2.2](#));
- Fluid temperature requirements have been changed ([6.2.3](#));
- An optional piston seal leakage test ([Clause 9](#)) and an optional friction force test ([Clause 10](#)) have been added.

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Introduction

In hydraulic fluid power systems, power is transmitted and controlled through a liquid under pressure circulating within an enclosed circuit.

One component of such a system is the hydraulic fluid power cylinder. This is a device that converts fluid power into linear mechanical force and motion. It consists of a movable element, i.e. a piston and piston rod, operating within a cylindrical bore.

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Hydraulic fluid power — Cylinders — Acceptance tests

1 Scope

This document specifies acceptance and function tests for hydraulic fluid power cylinders.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 4406, *Hydraulic fluid power — Fluids — Method for coding the level of contamination by solid particles*

ISO 5598, *Fluid power systems and components — Vocabulary*

ISO 6743-4, *Lubricants, industrial oils and related products (class L) — Classification — Part 4: Family H (Hydraulic systems)*

ISO 7745, *Hydraulic fluid power — Fire-resistant (FR) fluids — Requirements and guidelines for use*

ISO 15380, *Lubricants, industrial oils and related products (class L) — Family H (Hydraulic systems) — Specifications for hydraulic fluids in categories HETG, HEPG, HEES and HEPR*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 5598 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Symbols and units

[Table 1](#) lists the symbols and units used in this document.

Table 1 — Symbols and units

Symbol	Characteristics	Unit
AL	bore diameter ^a	mm
MM	piston rod diameter ^a	mm
A_1, A_2	working areas of the cylinder ^b	mm ²
f_s	test frequency at sinusoidal movement	Hz
p_a	working pressure of the cylinder	MPa
p_1, p_2	pressure inside the chambers 1 or 2	MPa
$p_1(t), p_2(t)$	pressure inside the chambers 1 or 2 dependent on time	MPa
F_R	friction force of the cylinder	N
^a Identification code as per ISO 6099.		
^b Parameter as per ISO 7181.		

Table 1 (continued)

Symbol	Characteristics	Unit
$F_R(t)$	friction force of the cylinder dependent on time	N
F_H	static friction	N
F_{H1}	static friction extending at sinusoidal movement	N
F_{H2}	static friction retracting at sinusoidal movement	N
F_G	mean dynamic friction extending at constant speed	N
F_{G1}	dynamic friction extending at constant speed	N
F_{G2}	dynamic friction retracting at constant speed	N
t	time	s
T_M	temperature of the fluid during test	°C
v	speed	m/s
v_S	maximum speed retracting at sinusoidal movement	m/s
v_K	speed at constant speed curve	m/s
x	amplitude	mm
x_s	test amplitude	mm
S	total stroke of the cylinder	mm
L_{Ds}, L_{Dk}	stroke length if cushioning on rod or piston side	mm
^a Identification code as per ISO 6099.		
^b Parameter as per ISO 7181.		

5 Identity check and characteristic parameters

5.1 General

The following information about the cylinder to be tested shall be recorded:

- type;
- port size, type and orientation;
- if the cylinder contains cushions, verification of proper location and orientation of throttle screw(s);
- stroke length;
- model label;
- bore;
- rod diameter;
- piston rod extension and configuration;
- mounting type or style and, where applicable, position of the variable mounting surface.

5.2 Double rod cylinder

[Figure 1](#) shows the identification of a double rod cylinder.

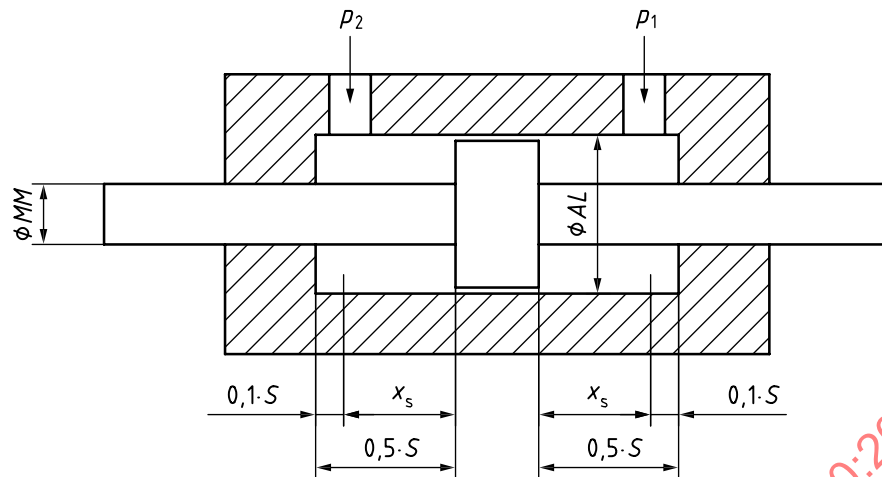


Figure 1 — Identification double rod cylinder

5.3 Single rod cylinder

Figure 2 shows the identification of a single rod cylinder.

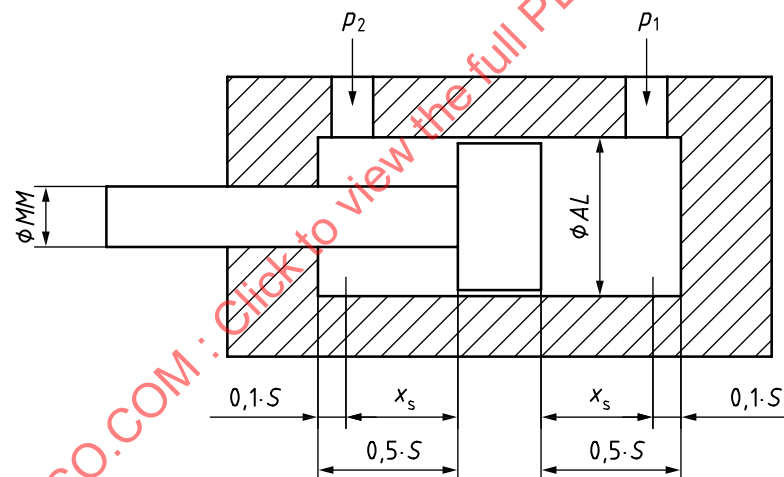


Figure 2 — Identification single rod cylinder

6 Test conditions

6.1 Test fluid

A hydraulic oil (or other liquid on which the cylinder manufacturer and user have agreed) that conforms to ISO 6743-4, ISO 7745 or ISO 15380 and is compatible with sealing materials used in the cylinder under test shall be the test medium.

6.2 Test fluid conditioning

6.2.1 General

The fluid used in the test circuit shall be conditioned according to 6.2.2 to 6.2.4, as applicable.

6.2.2 Contamination level

The contamination level of the fluid shall be 19/16 or 19/16/13, expressed in accordance with ISO 4406, or lower.

For those applications that require a higher fluid cleanliness level, e.g. for cylinders with servo-valves or contamination sensible sealing elements, the contamination level of the fluid shall be 16/13 or 16/13/10 expressed in accordance with ISO 4406.

6.2.3 Fluid temperature

The fluid temperature during test shall be maintained between 35 °C and 55 °C. Other temperature ranges shall be agreed between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

6.2.4 Rust inhibitors

Rust inhibitors to prevent corrosion inside the cylinder may be added to the fluid, provided they are compatible with sealing materials used in the cylinder under test.

7 Test modules

This document describes a basic test for leakage which is obligatory (module L) and additional tests for piston leakage and friction force, which are optional (modules P and F), see [Table 2](#).

Table 2 — Test modules

Test module	Obligatory/optional
Module L — Test for leakage	Basic-test-module, obligatory Required for all cylinders
Module P — Piston seal leakage test	Optional test
Module F — Friction force test	Optional test

8 Module L — Basic tests for leakage

8.1 General

This test is obligatory and is required for all cylinders.

8.2 Test for leakage at low test pressure

8.2.1 Procedure

Cycle the cylinder at a minimum of 500 kPa [5 bar¹⁾] for cylinders with bores greater than 32 mm and at 1 000 kPa (10 bar) for cylinders with bores less than or equal to 32 mm, three or more times to the end positions. Pause at one of the end positions for a minimum of 10 s. It is recommended to apply the pressure during the pause longer for larger bore sizes.

8.2.2 Sight test

- a) The absence of vibration or crawling during the motion shall be verified.

1) 1 bar = 0,1 MPa = 10⁵ Pa; 1 MPa = 1 N/mm²

- b) When the piston has reached the maximum extension at end stroke, the overall stroke shall be measured.
- c) Fluid leakage on rod seal shall be observed. When the test is over, any oil film present on the rod shall be insufficient to form either a drop or a ring of oil on the rod.
- d) The absence of fluid leakage on all static seals shall be verified.
- e) The absence of fluid leakage on throttle screws or on check valves of end stroke cushion(s) shall be verified.
- f) If any cylinder components are sealed by a weld, the absence of fluid leakage at the weld seam(s) shall be verified.
- g) If the cylinder incorporates a cushion or cushions and has throttle screws, the screws should be set to a slightly open position. It shall be verified that the piston and rod assembly show a deceleration effect before bottoming on to the cylinder end cap(s).

8.3 Proof/external leakage test

8.3.1 Procedure

A test pressure of 1,5 times the cylinder's rated pressure or recommended operating pressure shall be applied alternately to both ends of the cylinder and held for at least 10 s. It is recommended to apply the pressure longer at both ends for larger bore sizes.

8.3.2 Sight test

- a) The structural integrity of the cylinder shall be verified.
- b) The absence of fluid leakage on all static seals shall be verified.
- c) The absence of fluid leakage on throttle screws or on non-return valves (check valves) of end-of-stroke cushion(s), shall be verified as applicable.
- d) If any cylinder components are sealed by a weld, the absence of fluid leakage at the weld seam(s) shall be verified.

9 Module P — Piston seal leakage test (optional)

9.1 General

This test is required only if specified as such by the user.

9.2 Procedure

A test pressure equal to the cylinder's rated pressure or a test pressure as specified by the user shall be applied to the cylinder.

9.3 Sight test

The absence of fluid leakage past piston seals shall be verified.

10 Module F — Friction force test (optional)

10.1 General

This test is required only if specified as such by the user.

The friction force of hydraulic fluid power cylinders shall be determined by the differential pressure measuring in an electrohydraulic circuit.

For this purpose, the piston rod of the hydraulic cylinders shall be moved in a position control loop with an appropriate control valve and a position transducer. In both cylinder chambers suitable pressure transducers are integrated.

Both pressures in the chambers and the piston rod position shall be measured continuously at each pressure stage $p_a = 5 \text{ MPa}$, 10 MPa , 15 MPa , 20 MPa and 25 MPa over 2 double strokes.

If the permitted working pressure is below the test pressures mentioned in this document, no measurements should be carried out with these high pressures.

10.2 Test setup

The cylinder under examination shall be mounted horizontally without any additional moved mass.

The pressure ratio of the two chambers shall be the inverse of the ratio of the piston areas in order to balance the forces in both chambers.

The test mounting may be vertically, if the application requires or if otherwise agreed. In this case the weight forces shall be considered when calculating the friction forces.

10.3 Test amplitude

The piston rod shall be moved with a test amplitude x_s .

A spacing of 10 % of the total stroke on each side shall be subtracted from the test amplitude. The length L_{Ds} and L_{Dk} of any existing cushioning shall also be subtracted from the test amplitude.

$$x_s = \frac{S - 0,2 \cdot S - L_{Ds} - L_{Dk}}{2}$$

10.4 Motion profile

10.4.1 Measurement with sinusoidal movement

The test frequency, f_s , of the sinusoidal movement shall be chosen in relation to the test amplitude x_s to achieve a maximum test speed of $v_s = 0,05 \text{ m/s}$.

$$f_s = \frac{v_s}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot x_s}$$

In the case that the determined test amplitude exceeds 100 mm, the measurement with sinusoidal speed curve shall be performed with an amplitude of 100 mm centred in the middle of the stroke.