

VO40 Open-Center Directional Control Valve

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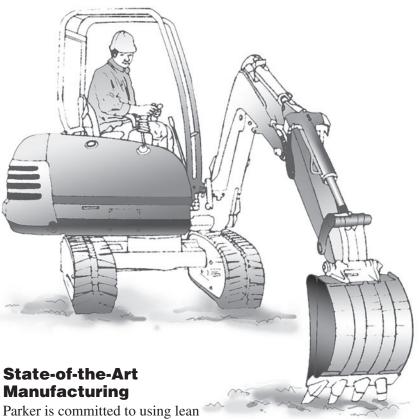
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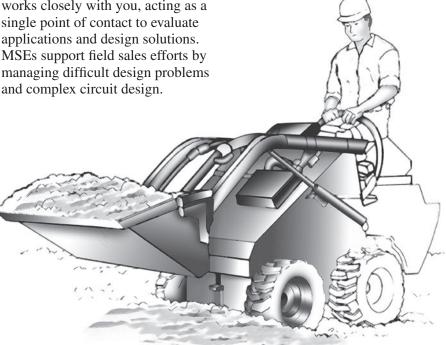
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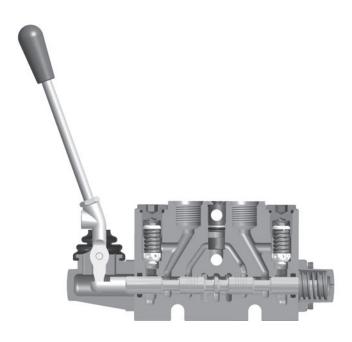
Technical Information

General Description

The VO40 is an open-center directional control valve with the flexibility of sectional construction. Consistent with this technology, it is simple in its application, reliable, easy to troubleshoot, and cost effective. The global design reflects the performance and quality expected by today's machine designers. Spools have metering notches in the three critical areas – opencenter, parallel path and tank, which optimizes simultaneous metering. Contemporary honing technology is used to deliver low work port to tank leakage. Additionally, each work section has a transition check to ensure that a load does not "dip" during simultaneous operation. All of these features, plus those listed below, were intended to take machine controllability to the next level.

Operation

The VO40 incorporates traditional open-center technology. It is usually interfaced with a constant flow pump, whose flow is routed directly to tank when the spools are in neutral. When one or more spools are selected, flow is directed to the actuators. The throttling of that flow depends upon the spool position and the design of the metering notches. Spool notches can be designed to accommodate resistive loads (meter-in) and negative loads (meter-out). To accommodate multiple pump circuits, split flow and combined flow mid inlets are available.





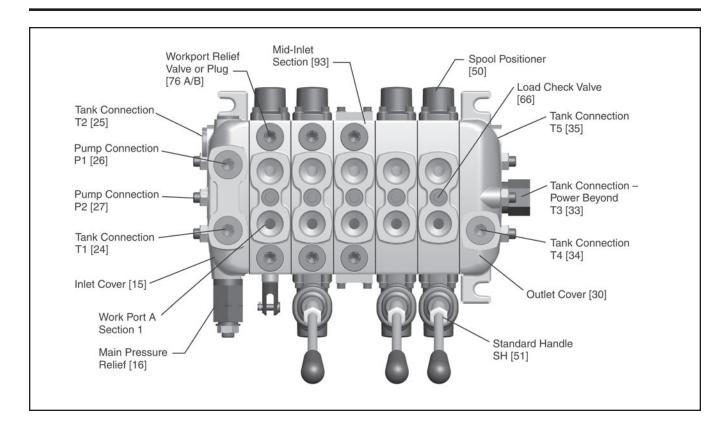
Benefits

- Enhanced metering especially during simultaneous operation, this is accomplished by having notches in the three critical areas of the spool: open center, parallel path and tank.
- Improved simultaneous metering having a transition check in each work section ensures that a load does not "dip" downward when metering two or more work-sections.
- Repeatability consistent metering from valve to valve is achieved by flycutting all of the critical cast lands. This means that the notch position relative to the spool stroke is controlled and predictable. The result is consistent machine control.
- Reduced operator fatigue the open-center core is a split wing or "Y" core design, which provides for a consistent lever force when selecting the spool from neutral to both power positions.
- Reduced function drift low internal leakage accomplished thru the use of contemporary honing technology. Also, for those functions requiring near zero drift, pilot-operated checks are available.
- Small footprint port accessories are installed vertical to the spool, allowing the handle to be positioned closer to the valve body.
- Ease of service the bottom two stud assemblies are slotted, enabling a work section to be replaced without completely disassembling the valve assembly. This is accomplished by loosening the top tie bolt and then lifting the section out of the assembly. Downtime is minimized.
- Easy conversion from a left-handed to a right-handed section – the work section housing and spool are symmetrical, which enables the spool to be inserted in either end of the housing.
- Improved spool seal life the enclosed handle assembly protects the spool and spool seal area from contamination and the potential corrosion.





Technical Information



Specifications

Pressures	Inlet Port: 300 Bar (4350 PSI) Tank Port: 50 Bar (725 PSI) Work Ports: 300 Bar (4350 PSI)
Flow Rates (maximum recommended)	40 LPM (10.6 GPM)
Internal Pilot Pressure	Required for solenoids – consult factory
Spool Leakage from work port to tank	Max. 6 mL/min @172 Bar (2500 PSI) Oil temp. 50°C (122°F), and viscosity 40 cSt

Weights

Weights are approximate due to number of variations available

Inlet with relief	1.92 kg (4.2 lbs)		
Outlet	1.88 kg (4.1 lbs)		
Work section with reliefs and manual actuator	1.93 kg (4.3 lbs)		
Work section and manual actuator without reliefs	1.98 kg (4.4 lbs)		
Work Section, PO Checks with manual actuator	2.1 kg (4.6 lbs)		
Joystick assembly	0.8 kg (1.8 lbs)		

Connections

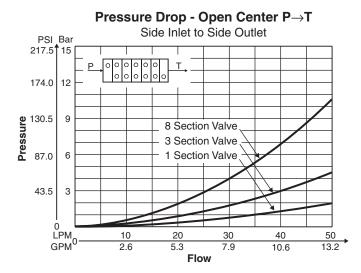
Standard valves are available in SAE-6 or SAE-8 (J1926/1). Also available in 3/8" BSP (DIN 3852/2).

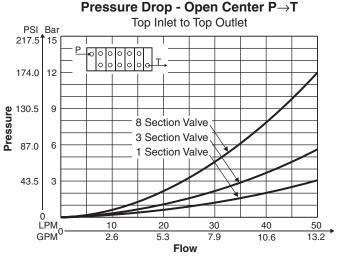
Connection	Location	SAE -8	SAE-6	BSP
P1, P2	Inlet	34-16 UNF	%16-18 UNF	%-19
T1, T2	Inlet	¾-16 UNF	%16-18 UNF	3% - 19
P3	Outlet	34-16 UNF	%16-18 UNF	%-19
T3	Outlet	¾-16 UNF	%16-18 UNF	3% - 19
PB1	Outlet	¾-16 UNF	%16-18 UNF	%-19
Work Ports	Work Sections	34-16 UNF	%16-18 UNF	_{3/8} -19
GAGE PORT	Inlet	7/16-20 UNF	7/16-20 UNF	1/4
PC (Hyd. Conn.)	Work Sections	7/16-20 UNF	7/16-20 UNF	1/4
PT (Pneu.Conn.)	Work Sections	1/8 NPT	1/8 NPT	1/8 NPT

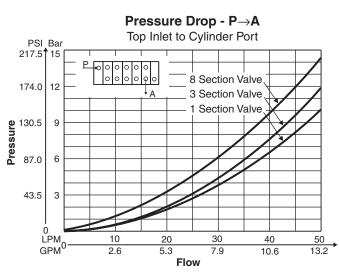


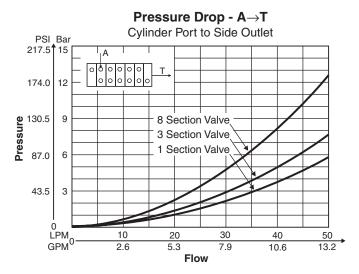
Technical Information

Performance Curves









NOTE: ISO VG 46 oil @ 50°C

Environmental Characteristics

The valve can be mounted in all conceivable directions. However, the mounting base should be flat and stable so that the valve is not subjected to strain.

While the o-rings in the valve are normally of nitrile rubber, there are a number of special fluorocarbon variants. Please contact Parker for further information.

Temperature

Oil temperature, working range: +20°C to 90°C (68 to 194°F)*

Filtration

Filtration must be arranged so that Target Contamination Class 20/18/14 according to ISO 4406 is not exceeded. For the pilot circuit, Target Contamination Class 18/16/13 according to ISO 4406 must not be exceeded.

Hydraulic Fluids

Best performance is obtained using mineral-base oil of high quality and cleanliness in the hydraulic system.

Hydraulic fluids of type HLP (DIN 51524), oil for automatic gearboxes Type A and engine oil type API CD can be used.

Viscosity, working range: 15-380 mm²/s (15-380 cST)**

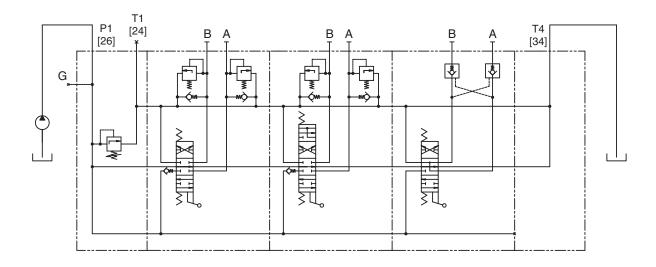
Technical information in this catalog is applicable at an oil viscosity of 30 mm²/s (30 cST) and temperature of 50°C (122°F) using nitrile rubber seals.

- * Product operating limits are broadly within the above range, but satisfactory operation within the specification may not be accomplished. Leakage and response will be affected when used at temperature extremes and it is up to the user to determine acceptability at these levels.
- ** Performance efficiency will be reduced if outside the ideal values. These extreme conditions must be evaluated by the user to establish suitability of the product's performance.



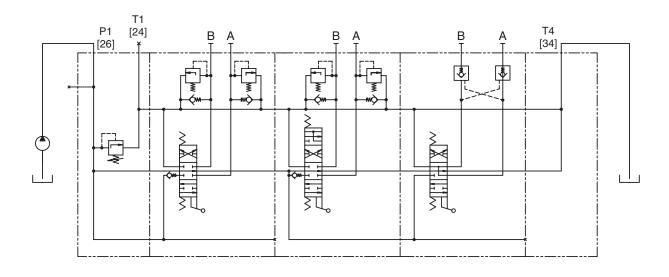
Circuit Types – Parallel Circuit

In the open-center parallel circuit, oil flows through the open-center passage when all of the spools are in neutral. When spools are shifted, oil is diverted into the parallel path and available to each of the selected work-sections. Simultaneous operation can be achieved, when two or more spools are selected. However, since oil will take the path of least resistance the operator must meter the flow to each function to get a desired function speed.



Circuit Types – Tandem Circuit (Priority)

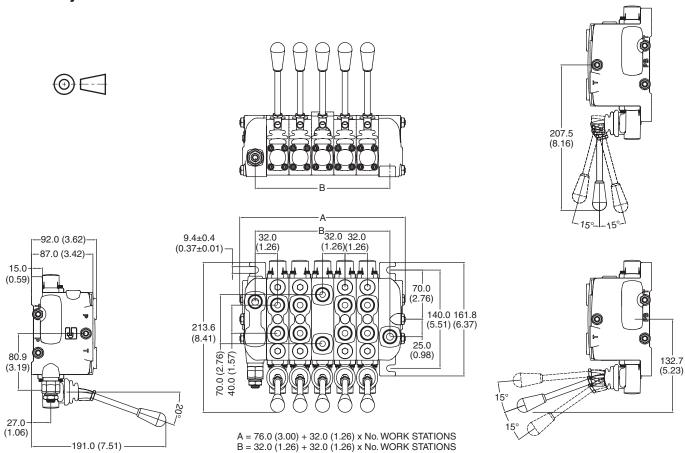
In the open-center tandem circuit, oil flows through the open-center passage when all of the spools are in neutral. Tandem work-sections are fed from the open center and the parallel path is blocked. A tandem work-section will give priority to an upstream work-section.



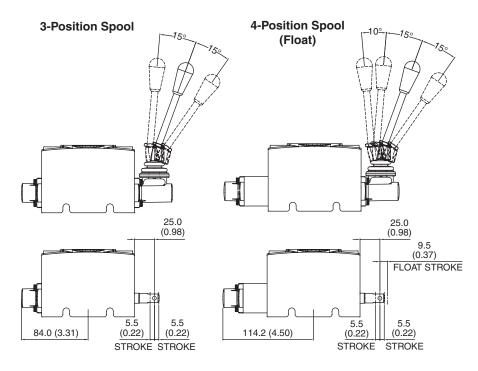


Inch equivalents for millimeter dimensions are shown in (**)

Assembly



Spool Stroke of Work Sections

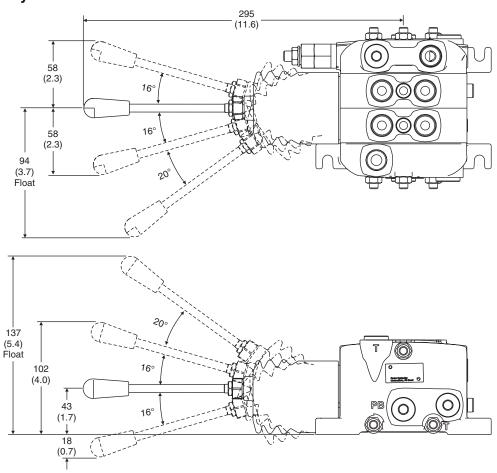




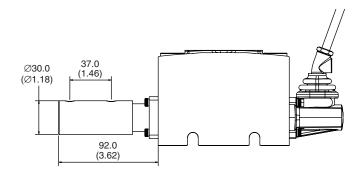
Dimensions

Inch equivalents for millimeter dimensions are shown in (**)

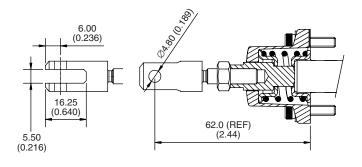
Mechanical Joystick



Pneumatic Actuator



Dual Actuator





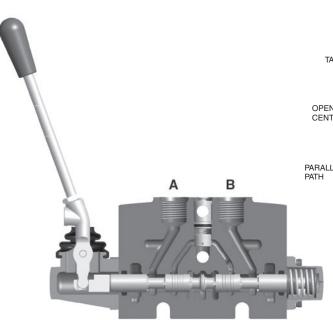
Handle Actuation vs. Spool Direction

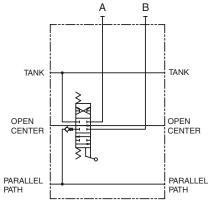


- Spool Out
- · Energize port "B"
- · Port "A" to tank



- · Spool In
- · Energize port "A"
- · Port "B" to tank





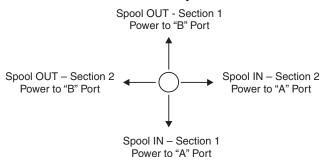
Note:

Circuit reflects spool position, not handle position

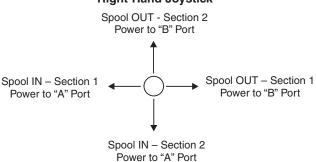
Upstream View



Left-Hand Joystick



Right-Hand Joystick





How to Order the VO40 Valve Assembly

A specification sheet is located in the back of this book, and is also available in an electronic Excel format on our web site. This form should be used to configure a valve assembly. The layout starts from the inlet cover on the left, work sections and mid-inlets in the middle and the outlet cover on the far right. Each field will require an entry, and the fields are represented with a position reference [] to help guide you to the option codes listed in the catalog pages 11 to 21.

Inlet Cover Portion of Spec Sheet



Example: Inlet Cover (Sect #1)

Customer has 6 GPM pump flow, requires a pilot operated main relief set @ 2000 PSI, and wants all SAE-8 work ports.

 Reference position [4] calls out the thread option for the entire valve assembly (SAE or BSP) ("U8" is the code for all SAE-8 size ports).

Note: There is a separate specification sheet which utilizes metric units.

- Reference position [12] calls out the system flow and can be listed in GPM or LPM depending on which spec sheet you are using (6 is entered for flow).
- Reference position [15] gives you an option for a standard type inlet "I" or an unloader type inlet cover "IU" ("I" is entered for std inlet cover).
- Reference position [16] indicates the type of main relief valve: ("PB" is the code for a pilot operated RV).
- Reference position [17] Enter desired relief valve setting (2000 PSI is entered).
- Reference position [17C] Enter desired flow for relief valve setting (6 GPM is entered).
- Reference position [24-27] calls out the inlet/outlet porting (machined/plugged) options:

T1 is the top tank port openT2B is code for side tank port pluggedP1B is code for top inlet port pluggedP2 is code for top inlet port open



Valve Assembly – General Information

The VO40 has two basic thread versions - UNF (SAE) or BSP.

[04] - Connections Thread

G 3/8 BSP Inlet, Outlet & Work Ports

U 9/16" UNF (SAE-6) Inlet, Outlet & Work Ports

U6 9/16" UNF (SAE-6) Work Ports, 3/4" UNF (SAE-8) Inlet/Outlet Ports

U8 3/4" UNF (SAE-8) Inlet, Outlet & Work Ports

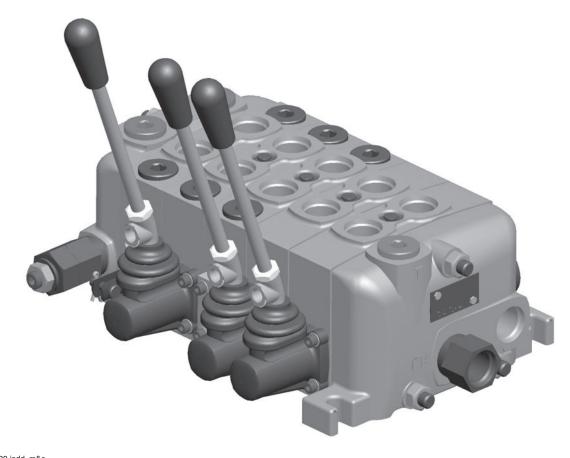
[05] - System Voltage To be determined when the solenoid option is released

[07] - Surface Treatment (Paint)

X No Paint

P Paint valve black

[08] - Customer Designated ID: Enter Customer Part Number



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Ordering Information – Inlet Cover

The inlet cover of VO40 is available in two versions. One is the standard inlet and the other is an inlet with a solenoid pump unloader (in development). The porting location options for the standard inlet are: 1) Top/side – inlet and outlet ports. Any unused ports can be plugged and 2) Top – inlet and outlet ports only.

All inlet bodies have a gage port, that comes plugged. SAE #4 (7/16"x20 UNF thread) or 1/4" BSP.

The coding to specify an inlet cover is accomplished by eight fields, as shown below:

[12] - Max Pump Flow

The pump inlet flow can be selected in GPM or LPM

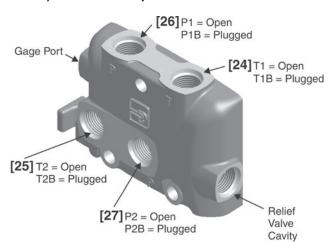
[15] – Type of Inlet

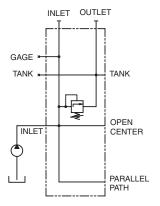
Standard Inlet

III Inlet with pump unload, solenoid actuated (in development)

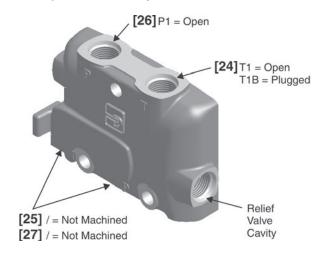
[24] to [27] - Inlet Porting Options

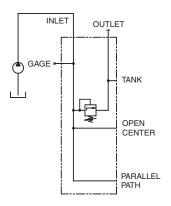
1) Standard - Top & Side Inlet/Outlet Ports





2) Standard - Top Inlet/Outlet Ports







Ordering Information – Inlet Cover

[16] - Main Relief Options

PS Adjustable main pilot-operated relief

Adjustment range: 725 to 4300 PSI (50 to 300 Bar)



PB Adjustable main pilot-operated relief

(Tamperproof aluminum cap)

Adjustment range: 725 to 4300 PSI (50 to 300 Bar)



PN Adjustable main direct-acting relief

Adjustment range: 900 to 3000 PSI (60 to 207 Bar)



PA Adjustable main direct-acting relief

(Tamperproof aluminum cap)

Adjustment range: 900 to 3000 PSI (60 to 207 Bar)



Y Not present (cavity machined and plugged)



[17] - Pressure Setting - Enter pressure setting (PSI or Bar)

Note: Relief valve code PN and PA max setting is 3000 PSI (207 Bar)

[17C] - Inlet Flow (GPM or LPM)



Ordering Information – Outlet Cover

The VO40 outlet cover is available in two versions: Standard or with pilot generation and regulation for proportional solenoid applications.

The standard outlet has two porting configurations available: 1) Top and side outlet ports along with machining for conversion to power-beyond or closed-center or 2) Top outlet only.

The coding to specify an outlet is made by four fields as shown below:

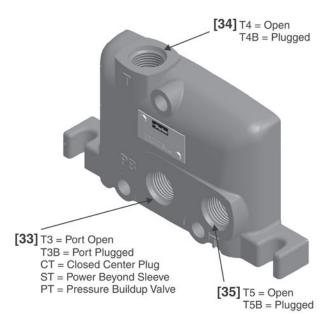
[30] - Type of Outlet

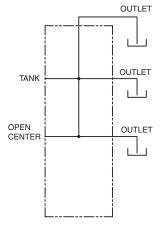
US Standard

USP With pilot-pressure generation (to be used on solenoid valves) (in development)

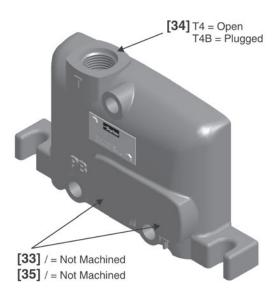
[33] to [35] - Outlet Porting Options

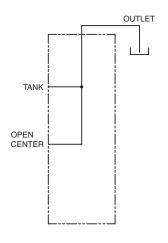
1) Top and Side Oulet Ports





2) Top Oulet Port Only





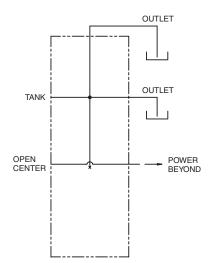


[33] to [35] - Outlet Porting Options

Power-Beyond



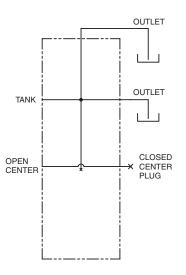




Closed-Center







Ordering Information – Work Sections

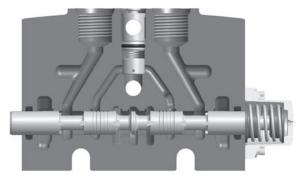
The VO40 valve can be supplied in combinations from one to ten work sections. For each work section there is a variety of spool options, actuators, positioners and port accessories. Work sections can have parallel, series, and/or tandem circuitry. All types can be combined in the same valve assembly.

All work sections with hold in neutral spools have transition checks (load checks). All work sections with free flow in neutral spools (motor) do not include transition checks (load checks). Consult factory if you require a deviation from this configuration.

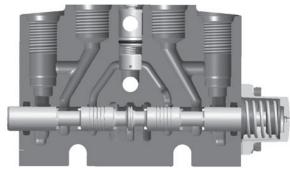
Work sections are available with or without work port option machining. Integrated pilot-operated checks (Lock-Out) are available in a specially machined casting (ordering code on page 20 [76 A/B]). A spacer section which provides for more spacing between sections is also available (ordering code on page 20 [90]).

Examples of work port machining options:

Section without RV Cavities



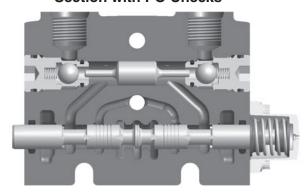
Section with RV Cavities



The VO40 Pilot-Operated Check (Lock-Out) sections provide near zero leakage and can prevent cylinder drift when the spool is in the neutral position. When the spool is shifted to a power position, oil is directed to one work port. Return oil is momentarily blocked until pilot pressure unseats the check (3.1:1 ratio). With 3000 PSI load, it will require 968 PSI into the opposite work port to unlock.

The spool is a 4-way, 3-position free flow spool which prevents system pressure leakage from building up and unlocking the PO checks.

Section with PO Checks



The coding to specify a work section is made by 11 fields, as shown below:

[47] – Work Section Circuitry

P Parallel Circuitry

Tandem Circuitry – Provides priority to upstream sections

Series Circuitry— (In development)



Ordering Information – Work Sections

[50] - Spool Actuators

C Spring centered to neutral position.

CD Spring centered with dual control.

CHA2 Two position detent – spool "IN"

Detent in neutral and "A" positions.

CHB2 Two position detent – spool "OUT" Detent in neutral and "B" positions.

CHB3 Three position detent.

B2A Spring centered with "IN" detent.

Detent in "A" position and spring centering to neutral position.

B2B Spring centered with "OUT" detent.

Detent in "B" position and spring centering to neutral position.

B2C Spring centered with detent in two positions "A" & "B".

CB Spring centered with detent in fourth position, used with float spool.

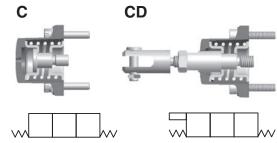
PC Hydraulic Remote Actuator (in development)

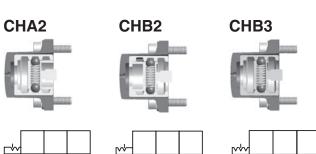
Solenoid Operated – Proportional (in development)

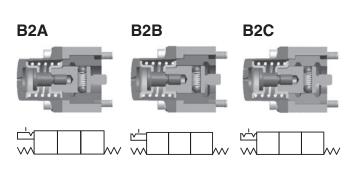
ED Solenoid Operated – On/Off (in development)

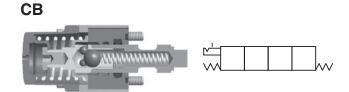
ACP Pneumatic actuator - single ended

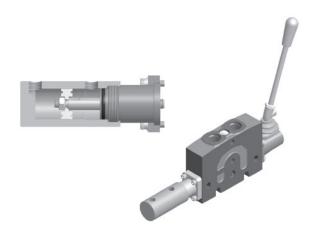
The pneumatic actuator for the VO40 allows the spool to be operated by a pneumatic signal. The pneumatic actuator is assembled onto one side of the work section and the opposite end is open and available for the addition of a handle. A min. of 80 PSI (5.5 Bar) is required. The threaded ports are both 1/8" NPT.









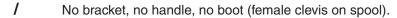




[51] - Lever Bracket Note: Handle Levers are sold separately (see PN listed below)

SH Standard enclosed handle bracket.

SR Standard enclosed handle bracket, but rotated 180 degrees.



LU No bracket, but with boot protector at spool end (female clevis on spool).

MJL Mechanical Joystick – left side version (must be placed on two adjacent work sections).

MJR Mechanical Joystick - right side version (must be placed on two adjacent work sections).

Handle Rod Assembly is sold as a separate line item PN: K-VO40-H1

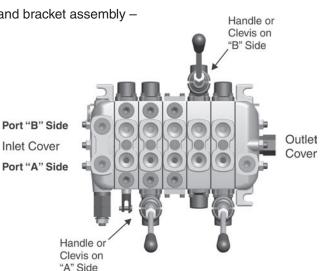


[51C] – Spool Clevis or Handle Bracket Location

This field is used to indicate the location of the handle lever and bracket assembly – adjacent to port "A" or port "B" side of the work section.

A Spool Clevis or Handle Bracket on port "A" side.

B Spool Clevis or Handle Bracket on port "B" side.



[52] - Spool Position Indication

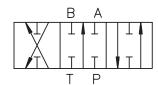
/ Without spool position indicator.

SD With micro-switch on-off indicator (in development)

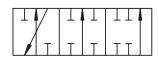


[60] - Spool Function

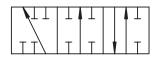
D Double-acting (4-way) spool. Work ports blocked in the neutral position.



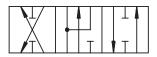
EA Single-acting (3-way) spool. Port "A" blocked in neutral. Port "A" is active and Port "B" is plugged.



EB Single-acting (3-way) spool. Port "B" blocked in neutral. Port "B" is active and Port "A" is plugged.



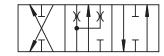
M Double-acting (4-way) spool. Work ports open to tank in the neutral position. Note: A work section with this spool does not have a transition check (load check).



F Double-acting (4-way) spool with a 4th position in which both work ports are connected to tank (float position). Work ports are blocked in the neutral position.



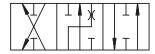
DM Double-acting (4-way) spool. Work port pressure is bled to tank, when the spool is in the neutral position.



Bleed notch is designed for 0.5 GPM @1000 PSI (1.9 LPM @ 69 Bar)

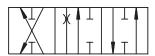
DA Double-acting (4-way) spool. Work port "A" pressure is bled to tank, when the spool is in the neutral position

Bleed notch is designed for 0.5 GPM @1000 PSI (1.9 LPM @ 69 Bar)



DB Double-acting (4-way) spool. Work port "B" pressure is bled to tank, when the spool is in the neutral position

Bleed notch is designed for 0.5 GPM @1000 PSI (1.9 LPM @ 69 Bar)



[62] - Piston Head Side of Cylinder

The default for this field is code M. Codes A and B are only used when asymmetrical spools must be developed. For example, a cylinder that requires meter-in for one direction and meter-out for the other.

- M Standard symmetrical spool- cylinder or motor.
- A Piston head connected with port "A".
- **B** Piston head connected with port "B".

[76 A/B] - Work Port Valves

This pertains to the work port accessory options.

- / Port not machined.
- Y2 Relief Valve cavity plugged.
- **N2** Anti-cavitation valve.
- () RV/AC Non-Adjustable: Enter Pressure setting (PSI or Bar). Note: RV Set at 2.6 GPM (10 LPM)
- C2 Pilot-Operated Checks (Lock-out valve)
 Refer to page 17.



[88 A/B] - Work Port Option

/ No Restrictor

Work port restrictors restrict flow in one direction and are free flow in the opposite direction.

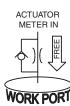
Restrict flow "out" of actuator "into" work port

P1 = 1mm (0.040") P2 = 2mm (0.080") P3 = 3mm (0.120") P4 = 4mm (0.160")



Restrict flow "out" of work port "into" actuator

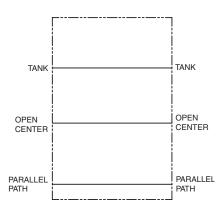
N1 = 1mm (0.040") N2 = 1mm (0.080") N3 = 1mm (0.120") N4 = 1mm (0.160")



[90] - Spacer Section

N Spacer Section

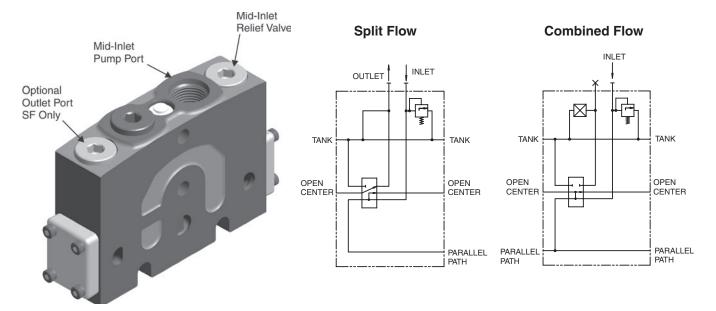
This section connects the open center, parallel path and tank cores between two adjacent work sections. This section is used to provide additional spacing between two work sections. All other fields in the work section code can be left blank. (Contact factory for size options available)





The VO40 mid-inlet options are split or combined flow. They are available with a main RV option. There is also a provision for an outlet port on the split flow version only.

The coding to specify a mid-inlet is made by three fields as shown below:



[93] - Mid Inlet Options

C3 Combined Flow (Port "A" inlet - Port "B" is plugged and not available to tank)

C5 Split Flow (Port "A" inlet - Port "B" is optional tank port)

[94] - Main Pressure Relief

Y Without pressure relief (cavity machined and plugged)



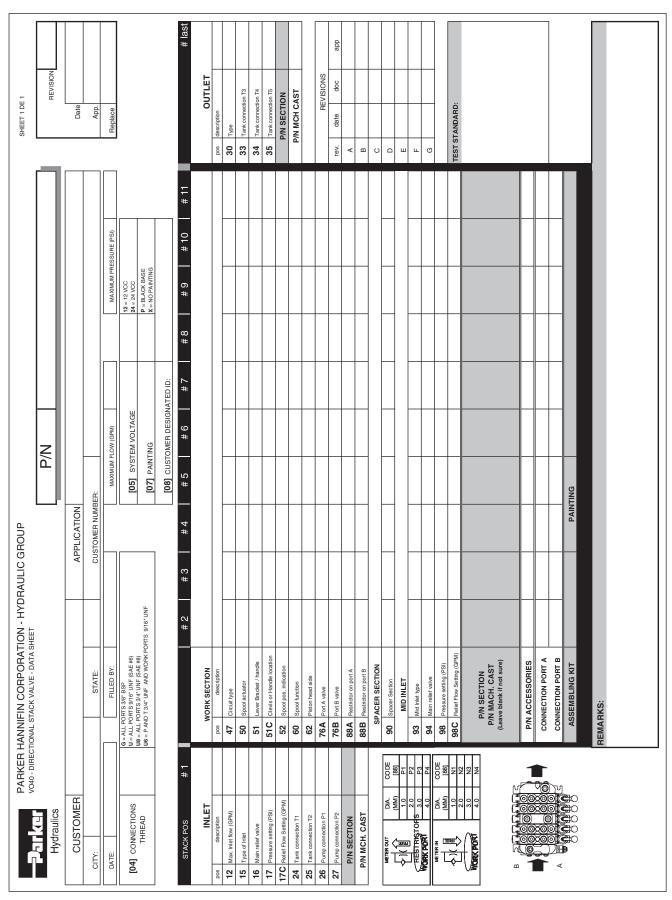


[98] - Pressure Setting - Enter pressure (PSI or Bar)

[98C] - Mid-Inlet Flow (GPM or LPM)



Assembly Configuration Form





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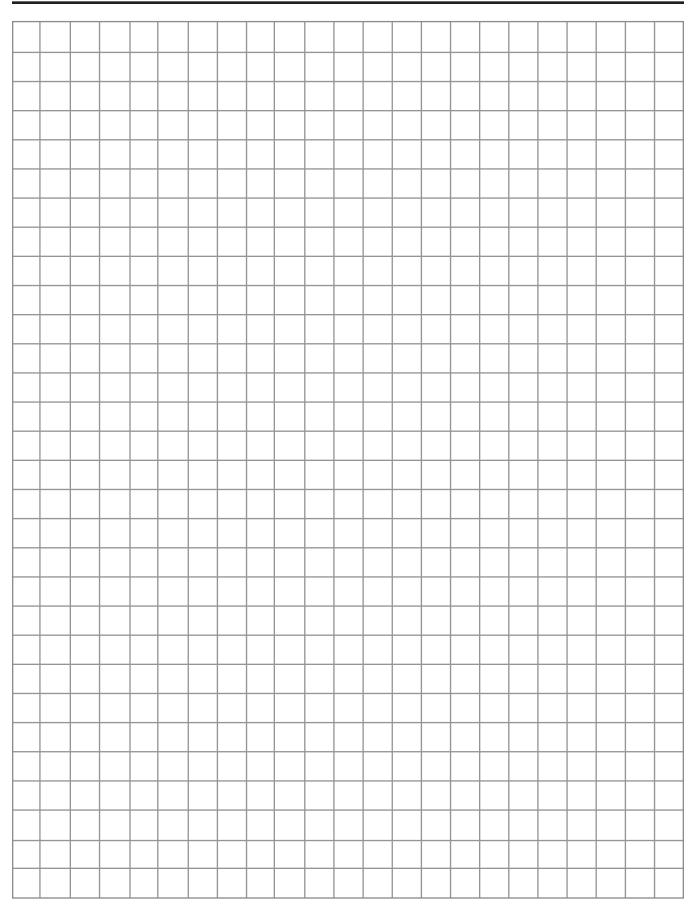
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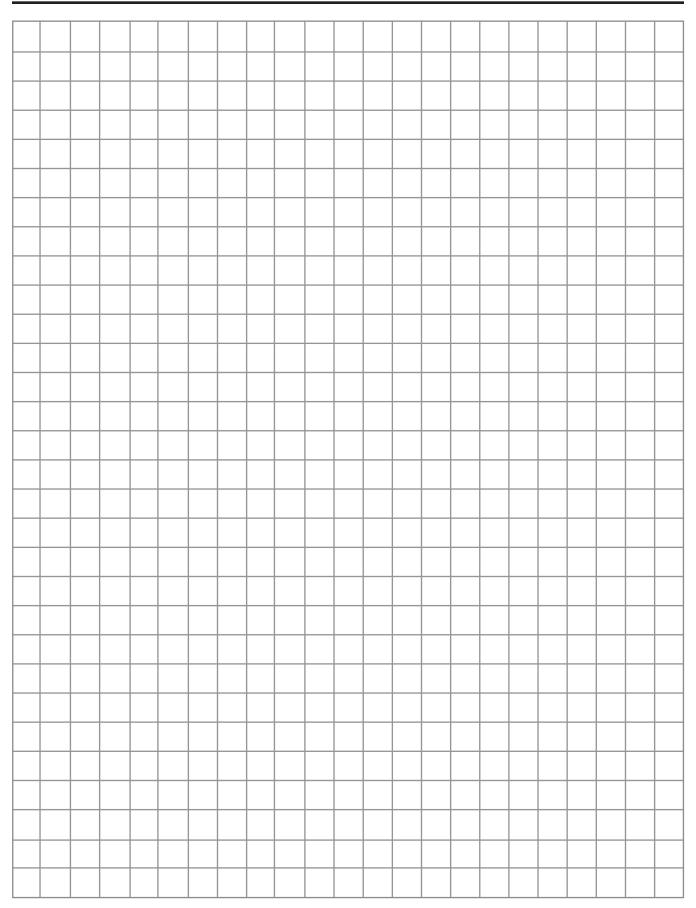
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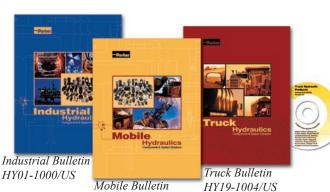
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