Reference Material: *Mobil Hydraulics Manual* by Vickers. Can be ordered online from https://hydraulicsliteraturestore.com/mobile-hydraulics-manual-2nd-edition/

#### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

### 1. Hydraulic Theory, use and maintenance of hydraulic fluids

- A. Hydraulic Theory
  - 1. Pascal's Law
  - 2. Fluid flow
    - a. Effects of an orifice on flow
    - b. Effects of changes in pressure on flow
  - 3. Pressure and flow
    - a. Measurement names
      - 1. Bar
    - b. PSIG vs PSIA
    - c. Charge pressure
    - d. Metric conversion
    - e. Hydrodynamics
    - f. Back flow/ back pressure
    - g. Operating pressure
  - 4. Definition of fluid flow
  - 5. Effects on fluid by ambient pressure
  - 6. Causes & Effects of cavitation and aeration
  - 7. Horsepower ratings
    - a. foot pound formula
  - 8. Purpose of fluid
  - 9. Laminar flow
  - 10. Types of energy in hydraulic system
  - 11. Calculating area and force of actuators
  - 12. Measuring force

- B. Hydraulic fluid
  - 1. Viscosity
  - 2. Filtration
    - a. Types of elements & compatibility
    - b. Efficiency measurement
      - 1. Smallest particle observable
    - c. Location in system
    - d. Coalescing filters
  - 3. Additives
  - 4. Types
    - a. Synthetic
    - b. Hydrocarbon
    - c. ATF
    - d. Biodegradable
  - 5. Fluid Features
    - a. Characteristics of fluid
      - 1. Flash point
    - b. Weight of oil vs water
    - c. Water based
  - 6. Contamination
    - a. ISO 4406-1999
    - b. Required Cleanliness Levels
    - c. Oxidation catalysts
    - d. New fluids
    - e. Free air air in fluid
    - f. Microbial growths

# 2. Understand Hydraulic system components and their functions

- A. PTO's and Drives
  - 1. Types of engagement
  - 2. Horsepower requirements
  - 3. Drive line requirements
- B. Hydraulic Pumps
  - 1. Piston
    - a. Fixed displacement
      - 1. swash plate
    - b. Variable displacement
      - 1. Inline
      - 2. Axial
      - 3. Compensator
    - c. Pressure/flow compensating
  - 2. Balanced/Unbalanced vane
    - a. Displacement
  - 3. Gear
  - 4. Cause of aeration and cavitation
- C. Reservoir
  - 1. Capacity Requirements
  - 2. Design
  - 3. Location
  - 4. Function
- D. Plumbing
  - 1. Hosing type, size & construction
- 2. Tubing vs. Pipe
  - 3. How hydraulic steel tubing size is measured
  - 4. Proper Sealing Methods
  - 5. Restriction to flow

- 6. Fittings
  - a. Quick disconnect couplings
- E. Valves
  - 1. Directional Valve
    - a. Rotary
    - b. Spool
      - 1. Deadband
    - c. Pilot Operated
    - d. Shuttle
      - 1. Inlets/outlets
  - 2. Cartridge Valve
    - a. Relief valves
    - b. Flow control valves
      - Non-Compensated
        Compensated
    - c. Sequencing Valve
    - d. Slip-in and screw-in cartridges
      - 1. Pressure range
      - 2. Modulating orifice cartridges
    - e. Manifold blocks
      - 1. Cavities
    - f. Unloading valve
  - 3. Hysteresis
    - a. Causes
  - 4. Solenoid Valves
    - a. Pulse width modulation
    - b. Electronics controls
      - 1. Force motor
      - Torque motor
        Servo & Proportional Valves
    - c. Valve actuation

- 5. Pressure control valves
  - a. Relief valve
  - b. Pressure Reducing valve
  - c. Balance piston relief valve
    - 1. Vent connection
  - d. Remote
- 6. Counterbalance valves
- 7. Unloading valves
- 8. Auxiliary valves a. Flow divider
- 9. Load Control
  - a. Pilot Operated
  - b. Counter Balance
- 1. Linear (cylinder)

F. Actuators

- a. Single Acting
- b. Double Acting (differential)
  - 1. Seal Failure
  - 2. Pressure Intensification
- c. Telescoping
- d. Components of cylinders1. Seal construction
  - 2. Cylinder cushion
  - 3. Thermal relief valve
- e. Double acting double rodf. Welded construction
- 2. Rotary (Motor)
- 3. Torque and Speed

G. Heat Exchangers - BTU/HR

- a. Output horsepower
- H. Accumulators

- 1. Maintaining pressure
- I. Gauges and Meters
  - 1. Pressure Transmitter
  - 2. Pressure Transducer
- J. Filter media

### 3. Understand and identify hydraulic circuits & symbols

- A. Types
  - 1. Parallel
  - 2. Series
  - 3. Regenerative
  - 4. Open Circuit
  - 5. Closed Circuit
  - 6. Hydrostatic Transmission
    - a. Peak Torque
    - b. Charge Pump
  - 7. Open Center & Open Loop
  - 8. Closed Center & Closed
    - Loop
  - 9. Load Sensing

- B. Schematics & Symbols
  - 1. Variable Motor
  - 2. Accumulator
  - 3. Fixed motor
  - 4. Variable pump
  - 5. Fixed pump
  - 6. Filter, Strainer
  - 7. Cooler
  - 8. Types of Cylinder
  - 9. Heater
  - 10. Temperature Controller
  - 11. Counterbalance
  - 12. Slip in cartridge
  - 13. Direction of flow

- 14. Flowmeter
- 15. Pressure gauge
- 16. Liquid level gauge
- 17. Pressurized reservoir
- 18. Relief valve
- 19. Sequence
- 20. Pressure reducing
- C. Control
  - 1. Digital
  - 2. Analog
  - 3. Electro-Hydraulic
  - 4. Conductor
    - a. Fluid Velocity
  - 5. Resistance

## 4. Troubleshooting, Tools and Equipment

- A. Troubleshooting
  - 1. Circuits
    - a. Speed Control
    - b. Flow Control
    - c. Closed Loop
  - 2. Components
    - a. Pumps
      - 1. Cavitation causes
      - 2. Failure analysis
    - b. Valves
      - 1. Counter balance
      - 2. Shuttle valve
      - 3. Load sensing
    - c. Actuators
      - 1. Cylinders
        - (i) Pressure intensification
      - 2. Hydraulic Motors
        - (i) Shaft Failure Causes
          - 1) torsional failures
          - 2) bending shear failures

- Tubes, hoses, fittings
- e. Filters
- 3. Overheating
- 4. Fluid
  - a. Contamination
  - b. Sampling techniques
- B. Tools and Equipment
  - 1. Flow meters
  - 2. Pressure gauge sets
  - 3. Tube fabrication
    - a. Tube benders
    - b. Flaring tools
    - c. Proof pressure

- 5. Definitions
- A. Unload
- B. Closed Circuit
- C. Reciprocation
- D. Circuit
- E. Demulsibility
- F. Bar
- G. Deadband
- H. Wiper ring
- I. Thermocouple
- J. Solenoid
- K. Hysterisis
- L. Watt
- M. Counterbalance Valve
- N. Nominal Rating
- O. Filter
- P. Strainer
- Q. Elastohydrodynamic Lubrication
- R. Absolute rating
- S. Abrasion

- T. Lubricity
- U. Pour PointV. Cracking Pressure
- W. Hydrokinetics
- X. Drain
- Y. Viscosity
- Z. Actuator
- AA. Specific gravity
- AB. Durometer
- AC. Silt
- AD. Delivery
- AE. Back pressure
- AF. Exhaust
- AG. Bleed off
- AH. Bypass
- Al. Full flow AJ. Rated flow
- AK. Pressure compensator
- AL. Positive displacement
- AM. Throttle

- AN. Reversing valve
- AO. Pressure transducer
- AP. Pressure transmitter
- AQ. Scraper ring