Models 22188/22188-5100/ 22189/22189-5100

Bottom Repairable Accumulators



It is recommended that the accumulator be <u>mounted pointing down as a safety precaution</u>. This mounting procedure also allows the accumulator to remain cooler during system operation and prolongs the effective operating life of the accumulator bladder.

WARNING: Always fully discharge nitrogen pre-charge from bladder before attempting any repairs.

NEW ACCUMULATOR COMMISSIONING

Prior to operating a new accumulator on any system a few common sense steps should be taken

- 1. A qualified Fluid Power specialist should review the accumulator's application for correct sizing, pressure, cycling, connections, placement and efficiency.
- 2. Carefully remove the accumulator from the factory packaging, read and understand all factory labels, stickers, tags and nameplates attached to the accumulator and the packaging.
- 3. Read and understand any written factory instructions accompanying the accumulator.
- 4. If the accumulator is part of a third party OEM system, read and understands all of their labeling and instructions.
- 5. All the steps listed (above) should be followed.
- 6. The proper training of your accumulator maintenance personnel is recommended.

INSTALLATION & OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

PRE-CHARGING INSTRUCTIONS

- If the accumulator is already installed on a system:
- 1. Pump a small amount of system fluid (10% of accumulator capacity) into the accumulator, at low pressure. (Do not exceed 35psi)
- 2. Turn off all power to the system and release all hydraulic pressure from the accumulator.
- > If accumulator is not yet installed:
- 1. Place a small amount of fluid (10% of accumulator capacity) into the accumulator. Lubricate as much of the bladder surface area as possible.
- 2. Remove the protective cap (gas valve guard) and the valve cap (if there is one).
- 3. Attach the gland & nut portion of the charging assembly. <u>If the gland & nut do not fit, you are using</u> the wrong gas or wrong pressure!
- 4. Attach the air chuck to the accumulator bladder gas valve by hand tightening its swivel hex connection.
- 5. Turn the air chuck "T " handle clockwise until it stops. This opens the valve core.
- 6. Set nitrogen bottle gas regulator (if attached) to 35 psig. (The use of a nitrogen gas regulator is strongly recommended!)
- 7. Open nitrogen bottle gas valve. (If you are not using a nitrogen gas regulator, care should be taken to <u>slowly</u> "crack" the valve open.) With a regulator, valve can be opened fully.
- 8. Pre-charge slowly (35 psig) using dry nitrogen gas, until bladder is fully inflated.

<u>CAUTION:</u> INITIAL PRE-CHARGING AT A FLOW RATE ABOVE 35 PSIG WILL CAUSE THE BLADDER TO BURST

- 1. Continue pre-charging to desired pressure by increasing gas flow slowly.
- 2. Turn the air chuck "T" handle COUNTER-clockwise until it stops. This CLOSES the valve core.
- 3. Remove the charging assembly. Check for gas leakage. (The use of gas leak detection fluid or soapy water is recommended.)
- 4. Tighten hex jam nut and lock nut fully.
- 5. Replace the valve cap, protective cap and ACC.INC nameplate. Tighten, hand tight.
- 6. Install accumulator on system. CHECK FOR LEAKAGE.
- 7. Pressurize system. Operate.

CAUTION: PRE-CHARGE MAINTENANCE

For cycling applications check the pre-charge weekly. For non-cycling applications, monthly. You will normally lose some gas, over time, due to Permeance. A more rapid loss may indicate a gas valve problem.

- 1. Release system pressure. Not gas pre-charge.
- 2. Remove gas protective cap (valve guard) and valve cap.
- 3. Install gauging device on gas valve stem.
- 4. Screw down air chuck "T" handle, check pressure.
- 5. Add additional dry nitrogen gas if necessary, using the above procedures.
- 6. To release excess nitrogen gas (if any) open up bleeder valve, located at bottom gauging device, until desired is achieved.



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