

# KCB\*

# LOAD HOLDING VALVES, CARTRIDGE

| KCB08 | max 350 bar | 30 l/min  |
|-------|-------------|-----------|
| KCB10 | max 350 bar | 60 l/min  |
| KBC1S | max 350 bar | 60 l/min  |
| KBC4S | max 350 bar | 150 l/min |

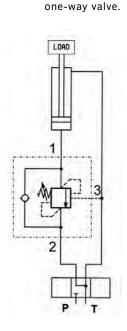
# TECHNICAL CATALOGUE



#### INTRODUCTION

They control the movement of a hydraulic actuator (cylinder or motor), specifically:

- Safe locking of actuator with directional valve in idle position (or with pump stopped).
- Controlled movements of the actuator when the load is descending. Due to the presence of the pilot line, the velocity of the actuator is always due to the flow rate from the pump, even in the case of dragging load, cavitation phenomena that can cause serious accidents due to loss of control are avoided.
- They limit the maximum pressure in the service due to any shocks, overloads or abrupt maneuvers.
  They allow free rise of the load thanks to a built-in



#### FIGURE 1

Typical use of a counterbalance valve to control the descent of a load.

#### KCB OPERATING PARAMETERS

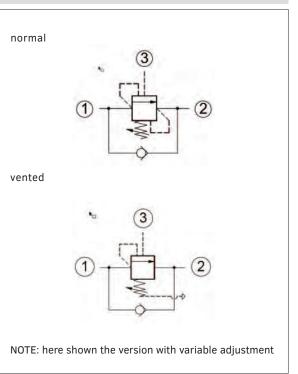
| MAXIMUM<br>OPERATING<br>PRESSURE |             | 350 bar                         | 5000 psi        |  |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| LOAD PRESSURE                    |             |                                 |                 |  |
|                                  | S           | 60 l/min                        | gpm             |  |
| FLOW CAPACITY                    | R           | 30 l/min                        | 10.6 gpm        |  |
| FLOW CAPACITY -                  | F           | 15 l/min                        |                 |  |
|                                  | U           | 4 l/min                         |                 |  |
|                                  | KCB08       | SAE08                           |                 |  |
| CAVITY                           | KCB10       | SAE10                           |                 |  |
|                                  | KCB1S       | T11A                            |                 |  |
|                                  | KCB4S       | T2A                             |                 |  |
| TEMPERATURES:                    | fluid       | -30 to +100 °C                  | - 22 to +212 °F |  |
| FLUID VISCOSITY                  | range       | 10-500 cSt                      | SUS             |  |
| FLOID VISCOSITY                  | recommended | 25 cSt                          | 120 SUS         |  |
| FLUID<br>CONTAMINATION           |             | ISO 4406:1999<br>class 19/17/14 |                 |  |

#### FLUIDS

Mineral oil based hydraulic fluids HL (DIN 51524 part 1) or HLP (din 51524 part 2).

The performance curves are obtained using mineral based fluid ISO VG 46 with an oil temperature of 30-40  $^\circ$ C.

#### HYDRAULIC SYMBOLS





### PILOT RATIO

The quotient of the active area on the pilot line and the active area of the valve acting as a pressure limiter defines the pilot ratio R of the counterbalance valve:

$$R = \frac{\text{pilot area}}{\text{relief area}}$$

With reference to Figure 1, during descent, the pressure acting on the rod side of the cylinder also acts on the pilot line (3) of the valve, aiding its opening.

Load-induced pressure also pushes the cylinder downward. We call the pressure on the port (3) P<sub>p</sub>, the load-induced pressure P<sub>c</sub>, the setting pressure of the valve P<sub>TAR</sub> and the pilot ratio R. Neglecting back pressure, for a scheme as in Figure 1, we have that the minimum pressure required to operate the valve descent P<sub>p</sub> is:

$$P_{\rm P} = \frac{P_{\rm TAR} - P_{\rm C}}{R}$$

Example:

valve set to  $\rm P_{_{TAR}}$  = 350 bar, load-induced pressure  $\rm P_{_C}$  = 250 bar, pilot ratio 4:1 (R = 4).

$$P_{\rm p} = \frac{350 - 250}{4} = 25 \ b \ a \ r$$

#### VALVES IN NORMAL AND VENTED DESIGN

Due to the construction geometry, a normal counterbalance valve is strongly affected by back pressure at the port (2). If this pressure is not zero, then the pilot pressure in the previous example should be fixed with:

$$P'_{p} = P_{p} + P_{2} \cdot \frac{R+1}{R}$$

In addition, the pressure will be relieved to an upper value that can be calculated by:

$$\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{R}} = \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{TAR}} + \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{2}} \cdot (\mathbf{R} + 1)$$

If in the example above we had a back pressure of  $P_2 = 20$  bar, then:

$$P'_{p} = 25 + 20 \cdot \frac{4+1}{4} = 50 \ b \ a \ r$$

While the valve set at 350 bar would relief the pressure to:

$$P_{_{\rm R}} = 350 + 20 \cdot (4+1) = 450 \ b \ a \ r$$

PRESSURE SETTING

For the pressure relief function, the valve must remain closed even when the utility is subjected to the maximum load allowed by the application ( $P_{max}$ ).

For this purpose, it is generally required that the set pressure is at least 30% more than the pressure induced by the maximum permissible load, thus:  $P_t \ge 1.3 \cdot P_{max}$ 

#### AVAILABLE SETTING

Valves are supplied in various sizes, in SAE or SUN cavities. Each size currently available (SAE 08, SAE 10, SUN T11A, SUN T2A) consists of several versions (normal or vented design), with different pilot ratios, fixed or variable pressure settings, and with different Q –  $\Delta$ P characteristics (from the most restrictive for particularly fine movements to the largest openings the size can allow). In the next page will follow most standards pdoducts.

All the various combinations available will be included in the catalog.

For special needs, we recommend contacting HYDRECO.

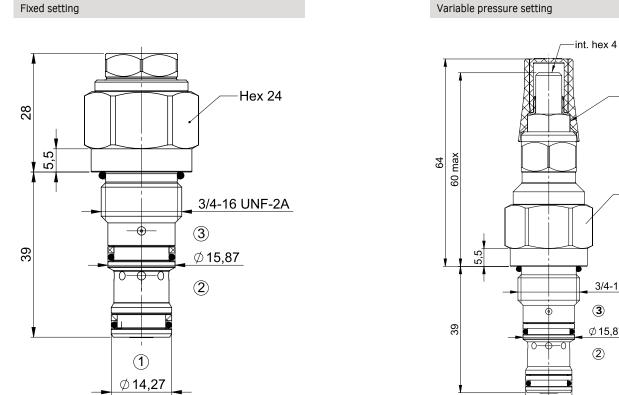
If this is not acceptable, there is the vented version that makes the counterbalance valve completely insensitive to back pressure because the spring is vented in air.

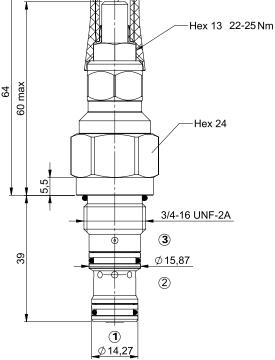
Such valves are commonly used in directional control valves with services locked in the idle position, with antishock auxiliary valves on the ports; typical use cases are:

- 1. Counterbalance valves operating with limited pilot pressures, or in the presence of back pressure
- (example: regenerative circuits or with actuators connected in series).
- 2. Progressive and stable opening is required in the presence of oscillating back pressure.
- 3. Counterbalance valves with openings piloted directly by hydraulic joystick pressure.

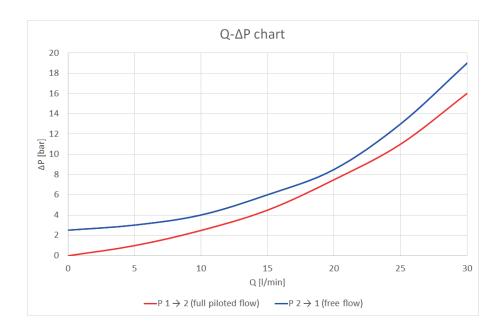


### KCB08 (SAE 08 cavity)



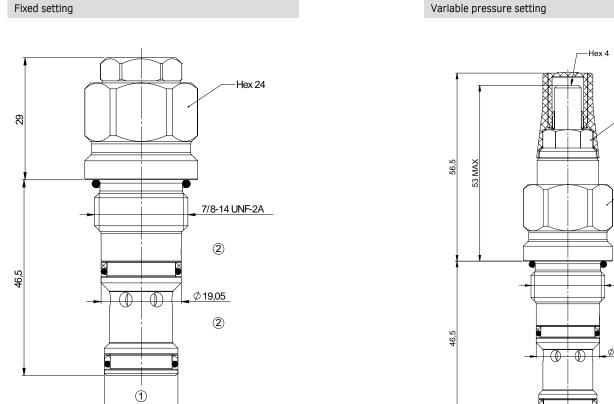


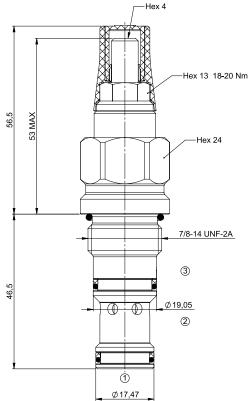
#### Q- $\Delta P$ characteristic





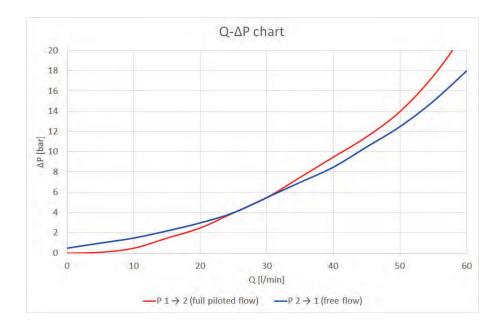
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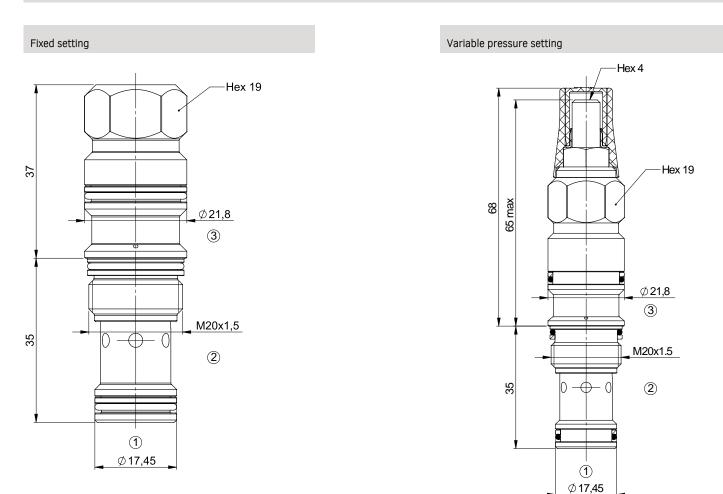
# Q- $\Delta P$ characteristic

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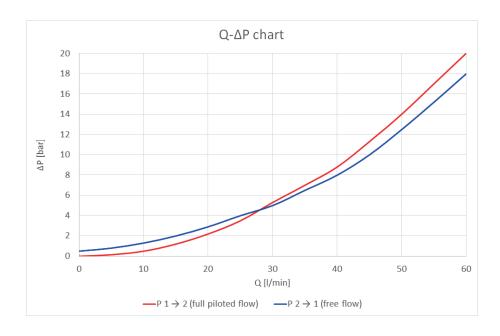




## KCB1S (SUN T11A cavity)



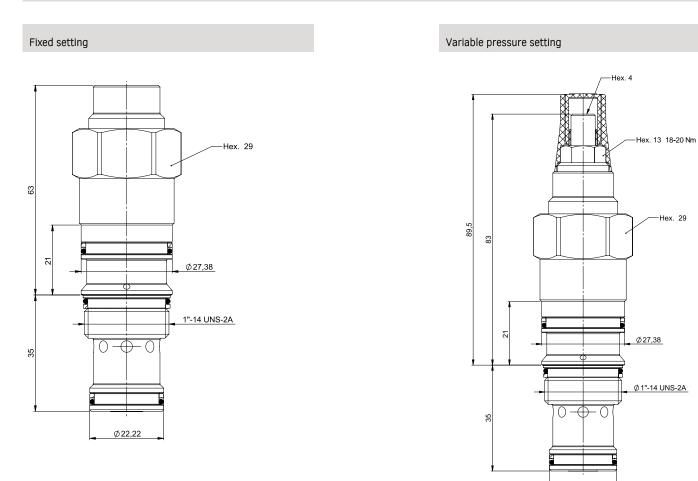
# Q-∆P characteristic



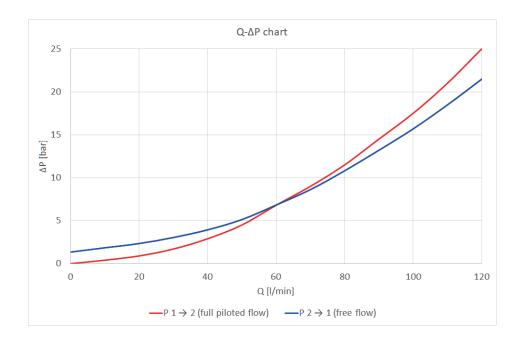


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# KCB4S (SUN T2A cavity)

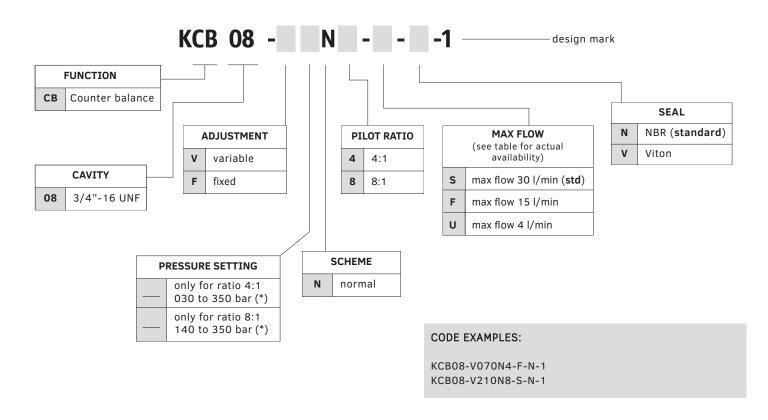


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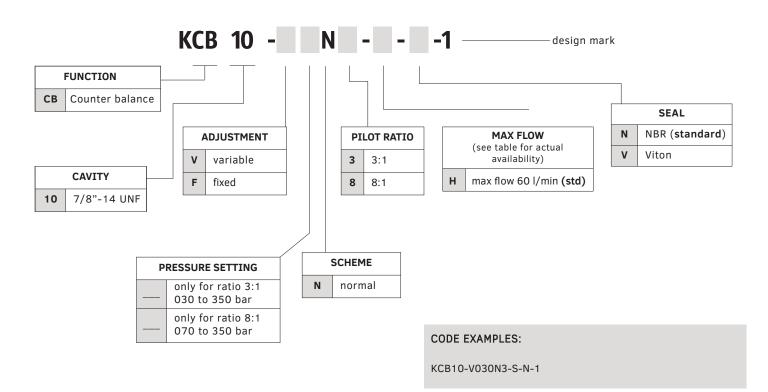




#### CARTRIDGES FOR SAE CAVITY 3/4" - 16 UNF

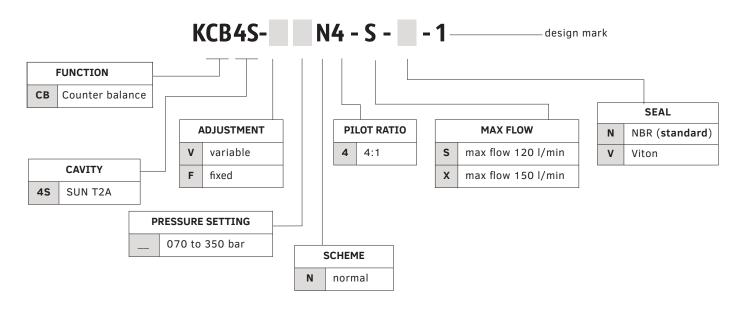


CARTRIDGES FOR SAE CAVITY 7/8" - 14 UNF





#### CARTRIDGES FOR SPECIAL CAVITIES

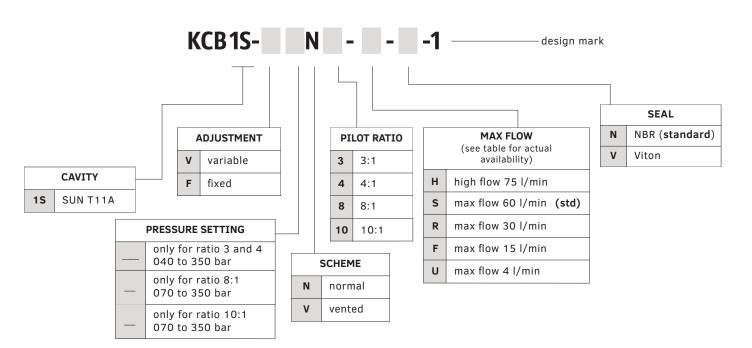


#### CODE EXAMPLES:

KCB10-V030N3-N-1 KCB10-V210N8-N-1

#### CARTRIDGES FOR SPECIAL CAVITIES





|      |           | A          | VAILABILITY                | TABLE                      |                 |                 |                 |
|------|-----------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|      | scheme    | adjustment | pressure<br>range<br>[bar] | max flow<br>[l/min] (code) |                 |                 |                 |
|      |           |            |                            | 4 ( <b>U</b> )             | 15 ( <b>F</b> ) | 30 ( <b>R</b> ) | 60 ( <b>S</b> ) |
| flow | ratio 3:1 |            |                            |                            |                 |                 |                 |
|      | normal    |            |                            |                            |                 |                 |                 |
|      |           | fixed      | 100280                     |                            |                 |                 |                 |
|      |           |            | 105210                     |                            |                 |                 |                 |
|      |           |            | 200390                     |                            |                 |                 |                 |
|      |           |            | 200350                     |                            |                 |                 |                 |
|      |           |            | 30105                      |                            |                 |                 |                 |
|      |           |            | 340420                     |                            |                 |                 |                 |
|      |           |            |                            |                            |                 |                 |                 |
|      | vented    |            |                            |                            |                 |                 |                 |
|      |           | fixed      | 105210                     |                            |                 | -               |                 |
|      |           |            | 170330                     | •                          |                 |                 |                 |
|      |           |            | 330390                     | •                          |                 | •               |                 |
|      |           |            | 40105                      |                            |                 |                 |                 |
|      |           | variable   | 105210                     |                            |                 |                 |                 |
|      |           |            | 170330                     |                            |                 |                 |                 |
|      |           |            | 330390                     |                            |                 |                 |                 |
|      |           |            | 40105                      |                            |                 |                 |                 |
| flow | ratio 4:1 |            |                            |                            |                 |                 |                 |
|      | normal    |            |                            |                            |                 |                 |                 |
|      |           | variable   | 100280                     |                            |                 |                 |                 |
|      |           |            | 200390                     |                            |                 |                 |                 |
|      |           |            | 30105                      |                            |                 |                 |                 |
| flow | ratio 8:1 |            |                            |                            |                 |                 |                 |
|      | normal    |            |                            |                            |                 |                 |                 |
|      | normal    | variable   | 140350                     |                            |                 |                 |                 |
|      |           | Variable   | 70210                      |                            |                 |                 |                 |
|      | vented    |            | 70210                      |                            |                 |                 | -               |
|      | VCIILEU   | fixed      | 140350                     |                            |                 |                 |                 |
|      |           | IIACU      | 70210                      |                            |                 |                 | •               |
|      |           |            | 70210                      |                            |                 |                 | -               |

#### CODE EXAMPLES:

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