MODEL 73N BUILT-IN VALVE POSITIONER

The Model 73N is a Built-in Valve Positioner which is mounted directly on the topworks of a valve. It is capable of utilizing the full force of its air supply to drive the piston or diaphragm, in a pneumatic actuator, to a position called for by the control instrument. The positioner incorporates a single-axis force-balance principle of operation to insure accurate and stable positioning of a control valve.

MODEL DESIGNATION

Basic Model Number  
73N  12  F

Input Span – psig

Special Features
  F — Fast response
  R — Reverse acting
  E — Tapped Exhaust
  USM — U.S. Electrical Motors Type

Fast Response: The fast response positioner is used on actuators with large volume topworks requiring a fast response action. Due to increased pilot plunger travel and larger ports in the fast response positioner, greater filling and exhausting capacities result. This permits a quicker response to a change in control conditions, plus increased speed of valve operation.

Tapped Exhaust: The Model 73N Positioner can be ordered with a tapped exhaust port. This feature permits piping of the pilot exhaust to a safe atmosphere on applications where noxious gases are used as a control medium instead of air.

USM: On actuators with small topworks and a low volume, a special hi-response positioner may be used. This positioner is denoted by the letters USM in the model number. There is no bleed on this model due to the low volume. A special valve plunger is used to ensure fast response for close control.

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Instrument Input Pressure Range.................3-15, 3-9, 9-15, and 3-27 psig

Supply Pressure
  Minimum........................................3 psi above required actuator pressure
  Maximum ....................................100 psi

Air Consumption ..................................0.25 SCFM (in balance condition with 20 psi supply and 9 psi dead ended output)

Valve Travel
  Minimum....................................1/4" 
  Maximum .....................................4"

Ambient Temperature Limits ......................-40°C to +82°C (-40°F to +180°F)
INSTALLATION

Refer to Figure 1 for mounting dimensions and connections. A centering washer (customer provided) which fits the I.D. of the range spring should be used. This acts as a spring seat and keeps the spring from shifting.

Mounting hardware is included with the positioner in a plastic bag numbered 10448-88. It contains (6) mounting screws and washers, (1) range spring seat and (1) gasket.

CAUTION
Exceeding the specified ambient temperature limits can adversely affect performance and may cause the positioner to fail.

1. Place centering washer on the actuator's diaphragm or piston.
2. Place the positioner range spring on the center of the actuator diaphragm or piston.
3. Place the gasket on the mounting flange of the actuator top works. Substitute the P/N 10636-59 centering diaphragm for the gasket if the P/N 12388-6412 or 12395-6412 range spring is used.
4. Place the positioner range spring seat on the center nut of the positioner diaphragm assembly.
5. Hold the spring seat and guide the positioner and seat onto the range spring.
6. Orient the positioner for desired location of connections.
7. Insert mounting screws and washers and tighten screws.

PNEUMATIC CONNECTIONS

1. All connections are 1/4” NPT.
2. The piping recommended for the positioner is 1/4" O.D. tubing for the INSTRUMENT (input) connection and 3/8" O.D. tubing for the supply connection. However, any scale-free piping may be used.
3. Blow out all piping before connections are made to prevent dirt, chips, etc., from entering the positioner.
4. Use pipe sealant sparingly and then only on the male threads. A non-hardening sealant is strongly recommended.
5. Connect the positioner to a source of clean, dry, oil-free instrument air supply (see INSTRUMENT AIR REQUIREMENTS).

CAUTION
Pressure in excess of 150 psig to any connection may cause damage.

INSTRUMENT AIR REQUIREMENTS

Connect the positioner to a source of clean, dry, oil-free supply air. Failure to do so will increase the possibility of a malfunction or deviation from specified performance.

CAUTION
Use of process fluids other than instrument air is not recommended. No claim is made as to the suitability of this product for use with other process fluids, such as hazardous gases, except as listed on the appropriate certificate. Non-approved instruments are suitable for use with instrument air only. Optional features and modifications such as tapped exhaust do not imply suitability for use with hazardous gases except as listed on the approval certificate.

CAUTION
Synthetic compressor lubricants in the air stream at the instrument may cause the positioner to fail.
There are many types of synthetic lubricants. Some may not be compatible with the materials used in the construction of the positioner. Wetting of these materials by such an oil mist or oil vapor, etc., may cause them to deteriorate. This may ultimately result in failure of the positioner. The following materials are in contact with supply air: Aluminum, Brass, Stainless Steel, Neoprene and Buna-N.

The requirements for a quality air supply can be found in the Instrument Society of America's "Quality Standard for Instrument Air" (ISA-S7.3). Basically this standard calls for the following:

Particle Size — Maximum particle size in the air stream should be no larger than 3 microns.

Figure 1  Installation Dimensions and Connections
Dew Point — Dew point at line pressure should be at least 10°C (18°F) below the minimum temperature to which any part of the instrument air system is exposed at any season of the year. Under no circumstances should the dew point at line pressure exceed 2°C (35.6°F).

Oil Content — Maximum total oil or hydrocarbon content, exclusive of non-condensables, should not exceed 1 ppm under normal operating conditions.

CAUTION

Exceeding the specified ambient temperature limits can adversely affect performance and may cause damage.

ADJUSTMENT

The only adjustment that can be made on the positioner is a zero adjustment. The zero adjusting screw is located under the positioner top cover.

To adjust the zero, set the instrument pressure to the midpoint of its span, and turn the zero adjustment until the valve is at the mid-point of its stroke.

In some cases, valve shut-off or opening may be required at a specific instrument pressure. To zero the positioner at this point, set the instrument pressure at the specific pressure and turn the zero adjustment screw until the valve reaches the required position.

A slight change of the instrument pressure should start to move the valve.

The valve stroke for a given span may also be suppressed or shifted to the desired range by means of the zero adjusting screw.

RANGE SPRING SELECTION

Range springs for the positioner are selected from the table in Figure 2. Color coding of the range springs is given by the table in Figure 3.

To find the proper spring, select the stroke listed which most nearly agrees with the desired stroke, and the pressure span which most nearly agrees with the desired span. The proper spring will be found at the intersection of these two columns.

Series 4090 and 12395 range springs are available for stroke range tolerances of ±10%. Series 12388 range springs are available, at extra cost, for stroke range tolerances of ±5%.
Input Pressure Span (see Special Notes below)

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Special Notes:
1) All range springs are identified as Part No. (P/N) 12395-______(# from table)
2) Input pressure span = pressure @ max. input – (minus) pressure @ min input, e.g. @ 3-15 psig range = @ 12 psig span

Spring Selection:
1) Find valve stroke nearest desired valve stroke.
2) Find instrument input pressure span nearest desired instrument input pressure span.
3) Select proper range spring at intersection of valve stroke and instrument input pressure span columns.

Springs purchased with models are quoted as model discounts all others get spare parts pricing.

Notes:
1) The maximum zero pressure for the Model 73N12F is 9 psig when the 12395 series range spring is used.
2) The maximum zero pressure for the Model 73N24F is 15 psig for instrument pressure spans of 16 psi or greater and 28 psig when used for spans of 12 psi or less.
3) The maximum instrument pressure for the Model 73N-FR is 15 psig for instrument pressure spans of 12 psi or less and 27 psi for spans of 16 psi or greater.

Figure 2 Range Spring Index
MAINTENANCE GENERAL

Clean, dry, oil-free instrument air will reduce most problems associated with pneumatic instruments. Refer to INSTRUMENT AIR REQUIREMENTS. If these requirements are observed, no routine maintenance is recommended. Cleaning the plunger is to only maintenance which may be required on an occasional basis.

The system should be shut down or the valve isolated from the system before service or removal of the positioner is accomplished.

CLEANING (Refer to parts list)

The plunger can be cleaned without dismantling the positioner. Use the following procedure:
1. Turn off the supply air.
2. Remove the positioner top cover.
3. Remove the retaining nut.
4. Remove the plunger.
5. Use a non-abrasive solvent to clean the plunger.
6. Replace the plunger.
7. Replace and tighten the retaining nut.
8. Replace the top cover.

DISASSEMBLY (Refer to parts list)

1. Loosen the six socket head mounting screws holding the positioner to the actuator.
2. Remove the positioner.
3. Remove the two body screws holding the diaphragm stack assembly to the positioner body (located on the underside of the stack).
4. The diaphragm stack assembly can be further disassembled by removing the diaphragm jam nut.

ASSEMBLY (Refer to parts list)

To assemble, reverse the disassembly procedures. Take care to insure proper alignment of the diaphragms and rings. When tightening the jam nut on the diaphragm assembly, make sure the diaphragms do not rotate out of position.

An alignment slot is provided on the rings to facilitate proper assembly.
Figure 4 Schematic – Direct Acting

Figure 5 Schematic – Reverse Acting
CUSTOMER/PRODUCT SUPPORT

Support is available through an online Support Request service; a link is provided in the table at the end of this section.

When contacting Siemens for support:

- Please provide complete product information:
  - For hardware, this information is provided on the product nameplate (part number or model number, serial number, and/or version).
  - For most software, this information is given in the Help > About screen.

- If there is a problem with product operation:
  - Is the problem intermittent or repeatable? What symptoms have been observed?
  - What steps, configuration changes, loop modifications, etc. were performed before the problem occurred?
  - What status messages, error messages, or LED indications are displayed?
  - What troubleshooting steps have been performed?
  - Is the installation environment (e.g. temperature, humidity) within the product’s specified operating parameters? For software, does the PC meet or exceed the minimum requirements (e.g. processor, memory, operating system)?

- A copy of the product Service Instruction, User’s Manual, or other technical publication should be at hand. The Siemens public Internet site (see the table) has current revisions of technical literature, in Portable Document Format, for downloading.

- To send an instrument to Siemens for warranty or non-warranty service, call Repair Service and request a Return Material Authorization (RMA).

IMPORTANT

An instrument must be thoroughly cleaned (decontaminated) to remove any process materials, hazardous materials, or blood-borne pathogens prior to return for repair. Read and complete the Siemens RMA form(s).

Contact Information

For the location of your local Siemens representative, visit the Siemens Process Instrumentation product support page at http://www2.sea.siemens.com/Products/Process-Instrumentation/Support/Customer-Support.htm.

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