

FLUID POWER FORMULAS

BASIC FORMULAS		
FORMULA FOR:	WORD FORMULA	LETTER FORMULA
Fluid pressure In Pounds/Square Inch	PRESSURE = $\frac{\text{FORCE (pounds)}}{\text{UNIT AREA (square inches)}}$	$P = \frac{F}{A}$ or $\text{psi} = \frac{F}{A}$
Fluid flow rate In Gallons/Minute	FLOW RATE = $\frac{\text{VOLUME (gallons)}}{\text{UNIT TIME (Minutes)}}$	$Q = \frac{V}{T}$
Fluid power In Horsepower	HORSEPOWER = $\frac{\text{Pressure (PSI)} \times \text{Flow (GPM)}}{1714}$	$HP = \frac{PQ}{1714}$

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Velocity through piping In feet/ sec. velocity	VELOCITY = $\frac{.3208 \times \text{flow rate though I.D (GPM)}}{\text{Internal area (Square inches)}}$	$v = \frac{.3208Q}{A}$
Compressibility of oil In additional required oil to reach pressure	ADDITIONAL VOLUME = $\frac{\text{Pressure} \times \text{Vol.of oil under pressure}}{\text{Internal area (Square inches} \times 250,000 \text{ (Approx.)}}$	$VA = \frac{PV^*}{250,000}$ * Approx. $\frac{1}{2}\%$ per 1000 psi
Compressibility of a fluid	COMPRESSIBILITY = $\frac{1}{\text{Bulk modulus of the fluid}}$	$C(B) = \frac{1}{BM}$
Specific gravity of a fluid	SPECIFIC GRAVITY = $\frac{\text{Weight of one cubic foot of fluid}}{\text{Weight of one cubic foot of water}}$	$SG = \frac{W}{62.4283}$
Valve (CV) flow factor	VALVE FACTOR (CV) = $\frac{\text{Flow rate (GPM)} \times \sqrt{\text{Specific gravity}}}{\text{Pressure drop (psi)}}$	$CV = \frac{Q\sqrt{SG}}{\Delta P}$
Viscosity in centistokes	For viscosities of 32 to 100 Saybolt Uni. Seconds: CENTISTOKES = $.2253 \times \text{SUS} \frac{194.4}{\text{SUS}}$	$CS = .2253 \text{ SUS} - \frac{194.4}{\text{SUS}}$
Viscosity in centistokes	For viscosities of 100 to 240 Saybolt Uni. Seconds: CENTISTOKES = $.2193 \times \text{SUS} \frac{134.6}{\text{SUS}}$	$CS = .2193 \text{ SUS} - \frac{134.6}{\text{SUS}}$
Viscosity in centistokes	For viscosities greater than 240 Saybolt Uni. Seconds: CENTISTOKES = $\frac{\text{SUS}}{4.635}$	$CS = \frac{\text{SUS}}{4.635}$

PUMP FORMULAS		
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PUMP OUTLET FLOW In gallons/minute	FLOW = $\frac{\text{RPM} \times \text{PUMP DISPLACEMENT (Cu.In Rev.)}}{231}$	$Q = \frac{nd}{231}$
Pump input power In horsepower requires	HORSEPOWER INPUT = $\frac{\text{Flow rate output (GPM)} \times \text{Pressure (psi)}}{1714 \times \text{efficiency (Overall)}}$	$HP_{IN} = \frac{QP}{1714 \text{ Eff}}$ or $\frac{\text{GPM} \times \text{psi}}{1714 \text{ Eff}}$
Pump efficiency Overall in percent	OVERALL EFFICIENCY = $\frac{\text{Output Horsepower}}{\text{Input Horsepower}} \times 100$	$Eff_{ov} = \frac{HP_{out}}{HP_{in}} \times 100$
	OVERALL EFFICIENCY = Volumetric Eff. x Mechanical Eff.	$Eff_{ov} = Eff_{vol} \times Eff_{mech}$
Pump efficiency Overall in percent	VOLUMETRIC EFFICIENCY = $\frac{\text{Actual flow rate output (GPM)}}{\text{Theoretical flow rate output (GPM)}} \times 100$	$Eff_{vol} = \frac{O_{Act}}{O_{Theo.}} \times 100$
Pump efficiency Mechanical in percent	MECHANICAL EFFICIENCY = $\frac{\text{Theoretical torque to drive}}{\text{Actual torque to drive}} \times 100$	$Eff_{mec} = \frac{T_{Theo}}{T_{Act}} \times 100$
Pump life B_{10} Bearing life	B_{10} HOURS OF BEARING LIFE = Rated life hrs. x $\frac{\text{Rated speed (RPM)}}{\text{New speed (RPM)}} \times \left(\frac{\text{rated pressure (psi)}}{\text{new pressure (psi)}} \right)^3$	$B_{10} =$ Rated hrs. x $\frac{\text{RPM}_R}{\text{RPM}_N} - \left(\frac{\text{PR}}{\text{PR}} \right)^3$

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ACTUATOR FORMULAS		
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Cylinder area In square inches	AREA = $\pi \times \text{Radius}^2$ (Inches)	$A = \pi r^2$
	AREA = $\frac{\pi \times \text{Diameter}^2 \text{ (Inches)}}{4}$	$A = \frac{\pi r^2}{4}$ or $A = .785D^2$
Cylinder force In pounds, push or pull	FORCE = Pressure (psi) x Net area (square inches)	$F = \text{psi} \times A$ or $F = PA$
Cylinder velocity or speed In feet/second	VELOCITY = $\frac{231 \times \text{Flow rate (GPM)}}{12 \times 60 \times \text{net area (square inches)}}$	$F = \frac{231Q}{720A}$ or $V = \frac{.3208Q}{A}$
Cylinder Vol. capacity In gallons of fluid	VELOCITY = $\frac{\pi \times \text{Radius}^2 \times \text{stroke (inches)}}{231}$	$V = \frac{\pi r^2 l}{231}$
	NET AREA = $\frac{\text{Net area (square inches)} \times \text{stroke (inches)}}{231}$	$V = \frac{Al}{231}$ l = length of stroke
Cylinder flow rate In gallons per min.	FLOW RATE = $\frac{12 \times 60 \times \text{velocity (Feet/sec)} \times \text{Net area (sq.inches)}}{231}$	$Q = \frac{720vA}{231}$ or $Q = 3.117vA$
Fluid motor torque In inch pounds	TORQUE = $\frac{\text{Pressure (psi)} \times \text{F.M Displacement (Cu.In/Rev.)}}{2 \pi}$	$T = \frac{\text{psid}}{2\pi}$ or $T = \frac{pd}{2\pi}$
	$\frac{\text{Horsepower} \times 63025}{\text{RPM}}$	$T = \frac{63025HP}{n}$
	$\frac{\text{Flow rate (GPM)} \times \text{pressure (psi)} \times 36.77}{\text{RPM}}$	$T = \frac{36.77QP}{n}$ or $T = \frac{36.77Qpsi}{n}$
Fluid motor torque/100 psi In inch pounds	TORQUE/ 100 psi = $\frac{\text{F.M Displacement (Cu.In/Rev.)}}{.0628}$	$T_{100psi} = \frac{d}{.0628}$
Fluid motor speed In revolutions/min	SPEED = $\frac{231 \times \text{flow rate (GPM)}}{\text{F.M Displacement (Cu.In/Rev.)}}$	$n = \frac{231Q}{d}$
Fluid motor power In horsepower output	Horsepower = $\frac{\text{Torque output (Inch pounds)} \times \text{RPM}}{63025}$	$HP = \frac{Tn}{63025}$

THERMAL FORMULAS		
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Reservoir cooling capacity Based on adequate air circulation	HEAT (BTU/HR) = 2 x temp. diff btwn reservoir walls and air (°F) x area of reservoir (sq. feet)	$\text{BTU/HR} = 2.0 \times \Delta T \times A$
Heat in hydraulic oil (approx.) Due to system efficiency (SG= .89.32)	HEAT (BTU/HR) = Flow rate (GPM) x 210 x Temp. difference (°F)	$\text{BTU/HR} = Q \times 210 \times \Delta T$
Heat in fresh water (approx.)	HEAT (BTU/HR) = Flow rate (GPM) x 500 x Temp. difference (°F)	$\text{BTU/HR} = Q \times 500 \times \Delta T$

ACCUMULATOR FORMULAS		
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Pressure or Volume With constant "T" temp.	Original pressure x original volume = Final pressure x Final volume	$P_1 V_1 = P_2 V_2$ Isothermic
Pressure or Temperature With constant "V" volume	Original pressure x Final temperature = Final pressure x Original temperature	$P_1 T_2 = P_2 T_1$ Isochoric
Pressure or Temperature With constant "P" pressure	Original volume x Final temperature = Final volume x original temperature	$V_1 T_2 = V_2 T_1$ Isobaric
Pressure or Temperature With temp. change due to heat of compression	Original pressure x original volume = Final pressure x Final volume	$P_1 V_1^n = P_2 V_2^n$
	$\frac{\text{Final temp}}{\text{Orig.temp}} = \left(\frac{\text{Orig. volume}}{\text{Final volume}} \right)^{n-1} = \left(\frac{\text{Final pressure}}{\text{Orig.pressure}} \right)^{n-1/n}$	$\frac{T}{T} = \left(\frac{V_1}{V_2} \right)^{n-1} = \left(\frac{P_1}{P_2} \right)^{n-1/n}$