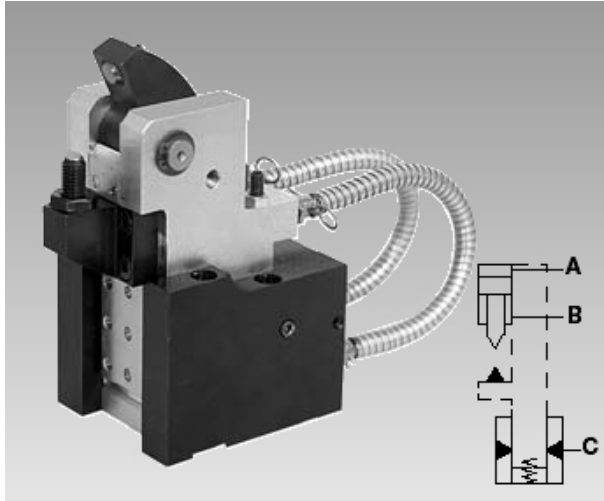




Position flexible clamping claw

double acting, separate locking port,
with optional position monitoring, max. operating pressure 250 bar



1 Description of the product

The position flexible clamping claw consists of an U-shaped mounting body and the displaceably embedded clamping unit with oil supply by two short high-pressure hoses with swarf protection.

In the movable clamping unit a double-acting hydraulic cylinder is integrated, whose clamping force is introduced through the clamping lever by 180° into the workpiece support. This support is height-adjustable to clamp workpieces of different thickness.

After the clamping process the still displaceable clamping unit will be locked by a single-acting cylinder in the mounting body. In unclamped mode the clamping lever swivels back so far that unimpeded loading and unloading of the clamping fixture can be effected.

To control the clamping lever an inductive or pneumatic position monitoring can be delivered.

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Function:

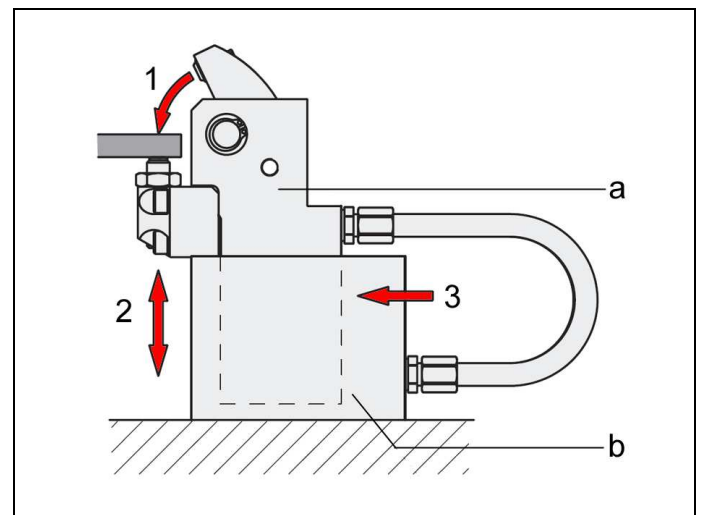


Figure 1: Functioning

1 Floating approach and clamping	a Clamping unit
2 Clamping	b Mounting body
3 Locking	

A workpiece is clamped in a fixture. For machining of a relatively unstable web machining clamping with minimum of deformation is required. A position flexible clamping claw is so arranged that the web is within the clamping range.

First the clamping cylinder is controlled.

By nipper-like floating clamping the web will be clamped between support and clamping lever (1), i.e. the clamping unit adapts itself position flexible to the height (2). The occurring displacing force in the mounting body will be minimised by the installed weight compensation.

Then the clamping unit is locked by a second clamping circuit or a sequence valve (3) and can now compensate machining forces from all directions.

2 Validity of the documentation

This document applies to the following products:

Position flexible clamping claw of data sheet B1.733. The following types or part numbers are concerned:

- 4412-977, -978

3 Target group of this document

- Specialists, fitters and set-up men of machines and installations with hydraulic expert knowledge.

Qualification of the personnel

Expert knowledge means that the personnel must

- be in the position to read and completely understand technical specifications such as circuit diagrams and product-specific drawing documents,
- have expert knowledge (electric, hydraulic, pneumatic knowledge, etc.) of function and design of the corresponding components.

An **expert** is somebody who has due to its professional education and experiences sufficient knowledge and is familiar with the relevant regulations so that he

- can judge the entrusted works,
- can recognize the possible dangers,
- can take the required measures to eliminate dangers,
- knows the acknowledged standards, rules and guidelines of the technology.
- has the required knowledge for repair and mounting.

4 Safety instructions

DANGER

Danger of life / heavy health damages

Stands for an imminent danger.

If it is not avoided, death or very severe injuries will result.

WARNING

Person damage

Stands for a possibly dangerous situation.

If it is not avoided, death or very severe injuries will result.

CAUTION

Easy injuries / property damage

Stands for a possibly dangerous situation.

If it is not avoided, minor injuries or material damages will result.

Hazardous to the environment



The symbol stands for important information for the proper handling with materials that are hazardous to the environment. Ignoring these notes can lead to heavy damages to the environment.



Mandatory sign!

The symbol stands for important information, necessary protection equipment, etc.

NOTE

This symbol stands for tips for users or especially useful information. This is no signal word for a dangerous or harmful situation.

5 For your safety

5.1 Basic information

The operating instructions serve for information and avoidance of dangers when installing the products into the machine as well as information and references for transport, storage and maintenance.

Only in strict compliance with these operating instructions, accidents and property damages can be avoided as well as trouble-free operation of the products can be guaranteed.

Furthermore, the consideration of the operating instructions will:

- avoid injuries
- reduce down times and repair costs,
- increase the service life of the products.

5.2 Safety instructions

The product was manufactured in accordance with the generally accepted rules of the technology.

Observe the safety instructions and the operating instructions given in this manual, in order to avoid personal damage or material damage.

- Read these operating instructions thoroughly and completely, before you work with the product.
- Keep these operating instructions so that they are accessible to all users at any time.
- Pay attention to the current safety regulations, regulations for accident prevention and environmental protection of the country in which the product will be used.
- Use the ROEMHELD product only in perfect technical condition.
- Observe all notes on the product.
- Use only accessories and spare parts approved by the manufacturer in order to exclude danger to persons because of not suited spare parts.
- Respect the intended use.
- You only may start up the product, when it has been found that the incomplete machine or machine, in which the product shall be mounted, corresponds to the country-specific provisions, safety regulations and standards.
- Perform a risk analysis for the incomplete machine, or the machine.

Due to the interactions between the product and the machine/fixture or the environment, risks may arise that only can be determined and minimized by the user, e.g. :

- generated forces,
- generated movements,
- Influence of hydraulic and electrical control,
- etc.

6 Application

6.1 Intended use

The products are designed exclusively for clamping of workpieces in industrial applications. They must only be operated with hydraulic oil.

Furthermore the following are possible uses:

- Use within the capacity indicated in the technical characteristics (see data sheet).
- Use as per operating instructions.
- Compliance with service intervals.
- Qualified and trained personnel for the corresponding activities.
- Mounting of spare parts only with the same specifications as the original part.
- Only HLP hydraulic oils may be used.
- Solely clamping jaws may be moved.

6.2 Misapplication

WARNING

Injuries, material damages or malfunctions!

- Do not modify the product!

The use of these products is not admitted:

- For domestic use.
- On pallets or machine tool tables in primary shaping and metal forming machine tools.
- If due to vibrations or other physical / chemical effects damages of the products or seals can be caused.
- In machines, on pallets or machine tool tables that are used to change the characteristics of the material (magnetise, radiation, photochemical procedures, etc.).
- In areas for which special guidelines apply, especially installations and machines:
 - For the use on fun fairs and in leisure parks.
 - In food processing or in areas with special hygiene regulations.
 - For military purposes.
 - In mines.
 - In explosive and aggressive environments (e.g. ATEX).
 - In medical engineering.
 - In the aerospace industry.
 - For passenger transport.
- For other operating and environmental conditions e.g.:
 - Higher operating pressures than indicated on the data sheet or installation drawing.
 - With hydraulic fluids that do not correspond to the specifications.
 - Higher flow rates than indicated on the data sheet or installation drawing.

Special solutions are available on request!

7 Installation

WARNING

Injury by high-pressure injection (squirting out of hydraulic oil under high pressure)!

- Improper connection can lead to escapes of oil under high pressure at the connections.
- Mounting or dismounting of the element must only be made in depressurised mode of the hydraulic system.
- Connection of the hydraulic line as per DIN 3852/ISO 1179.
- Unused connections have to be locked professionally.
- Use all mounting holes.

Injury by high-pressure injection (squirting out of hydraulic oil under high pressure)!

Wear, damage of the seals, ageing and incorrect mounting of the seal kit by the operator can lead to escapes of oil under high pressure.

- Before using them make a visual control.

Injury by falling parts!

- Keep hands and other parts of the body out of the working area.
- Wear personal protection equipment!

Poisoning due to contact with hydraulic oil!

Wear, damage of the seals, ageing and incorrect mounting of the seal kit by the operator can lead to escapes of oil.

Incorrect connection can lead to escapes of oil at the ports.

- For handling with hydraulic oil consider the material safety data sheet.
- Wear protection equipment.

CAUTION

Great weight may fall

Some product types have a considerable weight. These have to be secured against working free during transport.

Weight specifications see chapter "Technical characteristics".

NOTE

Aggressive cutting fluids

If aggressive cutting fluids and coolants with swarf can penetrate in the area of the clamping jaws of single-acting fixture clamps, this has to be prevented by the customer.

Smooth running

Pay attention to smooth running when mounting!

7.1 Design

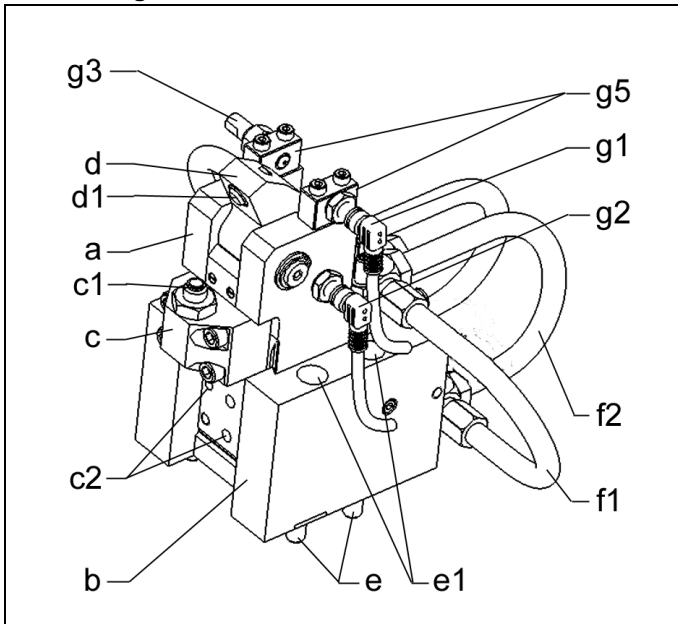


Figure 2: Components

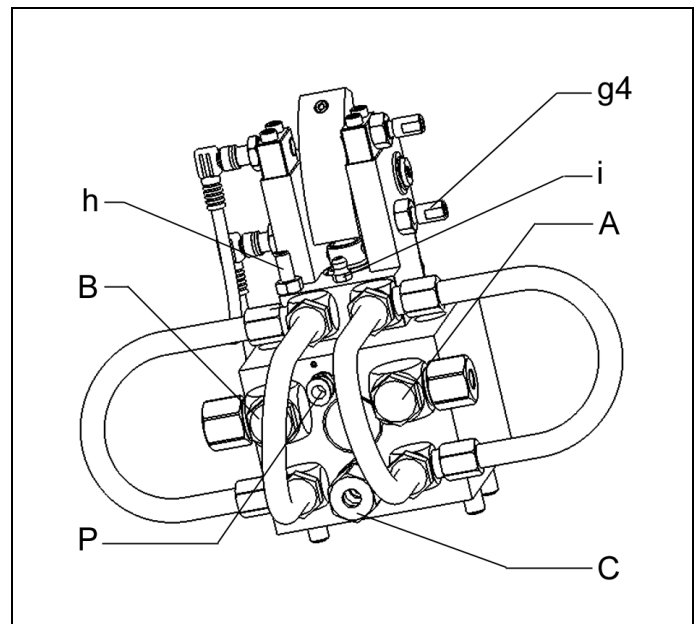


Figure 3: Components

a Clamping unit	g1 Inductive proximity switch incl. lock nut plug with cable (accessory). "End of clamping stroke"
b Mounting body	g2 as g1. "Unclamped"
c Bearing block (displaceable within the grid)	g3 Pneumatic jet with lock nut (accessory). "End of clamping stroke"
c1 Ball pressure screw (adjustable)	g5 Location for position transmitter "End of clamping stroke" (Accessory for proximity switch or pneumatic jet)
c2 Grid	
d Clamping lever	
d1 Toggle locator	
e Fixing screws M8 (included in the delivery)	
e1 Cover caps (included in the delivery)	
f1 Version hose at the side or	
f2 Version hose at the back	

A Clamping G14", elbow coupling (accessory)	P Positive air pressure protection M5 - 0.5 bar, fitting (accessory)
B Unclamping G14", elbow coupling (accessory)	g4 as g3. "Unclamped"
C Locking G14", fitting (accessory)	h Adjusting screw for zero position
	i Lubricating nipple

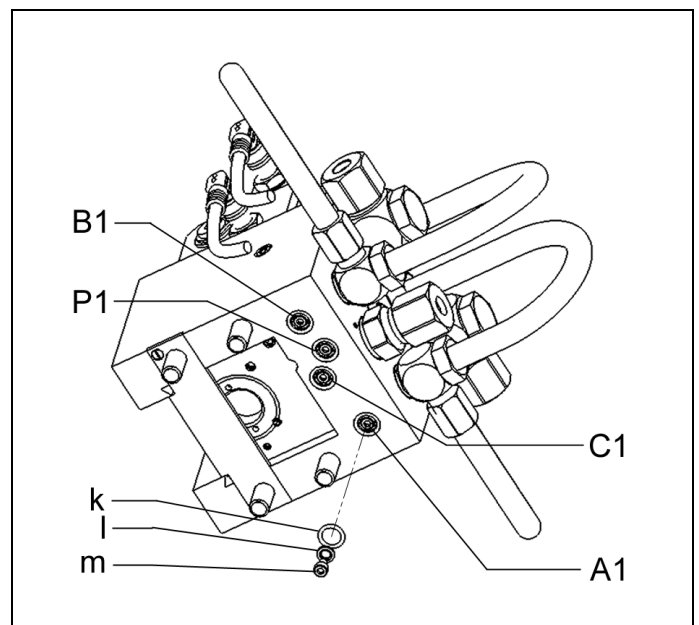


Figure 4: Components

A1 Clamping, for manifold mounting	P1 Positive air pressure connection, for manifold mounting
B1 Unclamping, for manifold mounting	k O-ring (accessory)
C1 Locking, for manifold mounting	l Seal - USIT ring
	m Socket head cap screw

7.2 Mounting types

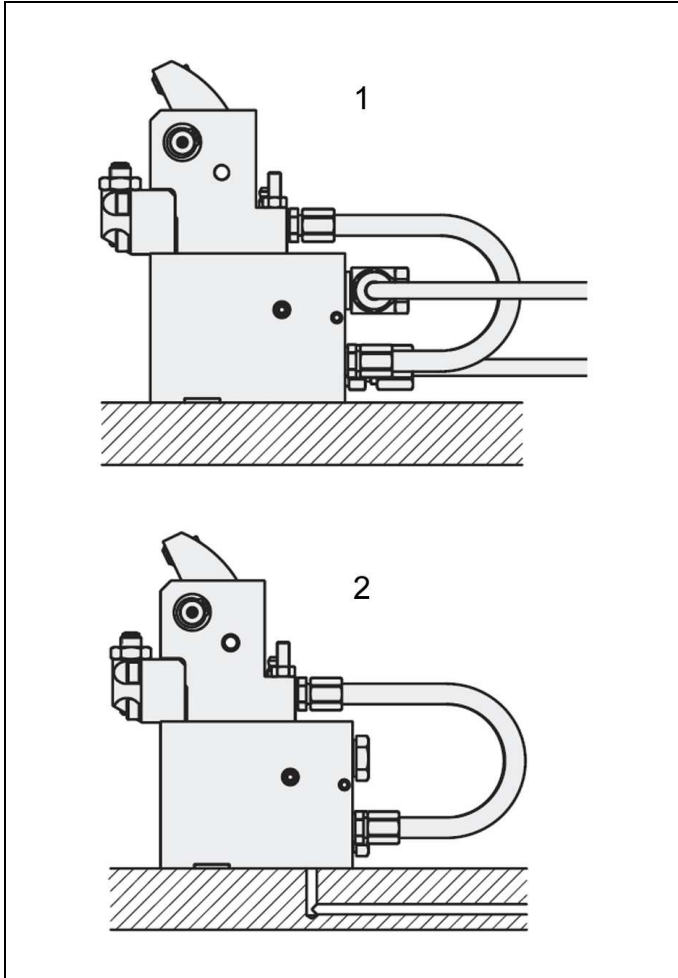


Figure 5: Mounting types

1 Pipe thread	2 Hydraulic connection without pipes
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Retrofitting for installation position upside down

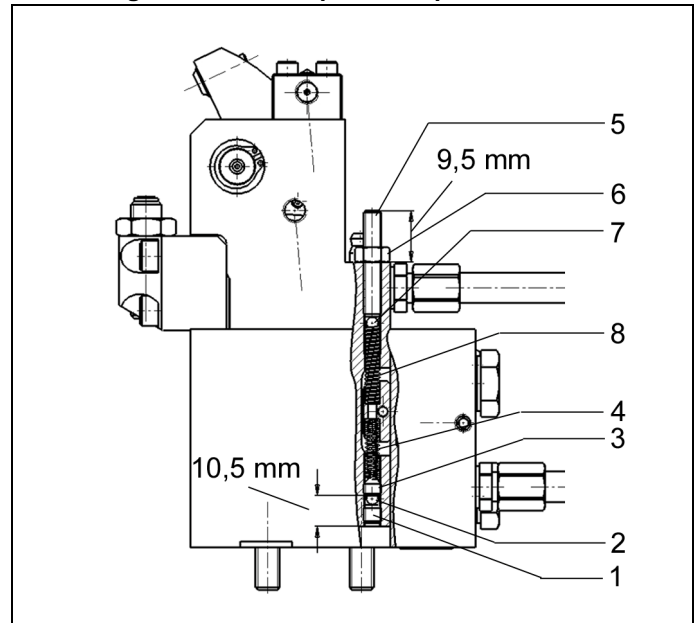


Figure 6: Retrofitting for installation position upside down

1 Set screw M6 x 6 with tapered point	5 Set screw M6 x 35
2 Ball	6 Hex-nut
3 Set screw M6 x 6 with tip	7 Ball
4 Pressure spring d=0.63	8 Pressure spring d=0.80

For retrofitting proceed as follows:

1. Dismantle Pos. 1, 2, 3 and 4.
2. Dismantle Pos. 5, 6, 7 and 8.
3. The springs Pos. 4 and 8 will be exchanged against each other.
4. Insert the spring Pos. 8 into the below represented bore hole and screw in set screw Pos. 3 to dimension 10.5 mm.
5. Insert ball Pos.2 and secure with set screw Pos. 1.
6. Insert the spring Pos. 4 into the represented upper bore hole, place in ball Pos. 7 and screw in set screw Pos. 5 to dimension 9.5 mm, then secure with nut Pos. 6.

This adjustment is a rough adjustment only.

If the clamping element is held upside down, it should be movable from a centre position upwards and downwards by approx. 4 mm. After releasing, it should automatically float to its centre position with a tolerance of approx. ± 1 mm.

Note for correct adjustment:

- If the set screw Pos. 3 will be screwed further in, the movable interior part will be lifted upwards.
If the weight of the bearing block and /or the special clamping lever is considerably higher than the weight of the standard components, it is possible that the floating stroke of originally ± 4 mm will be limited when the set screw Pos. 3 will be further screwed in.
- If the set screw Pos. 5 will be further screwed in, the return force of the movable interior part will be increased after an upwards deflection in the direction of the centre position.
- To adjust the centre position, start always with set screw Pos. 3. Screw in the set screws Pos. 3 and 5 only as far as necessary to adjust the centre position. If the set screws are screwed in further than necessary, the floating force to the workpiece increases.

7.3 Admissible oil flow rate

⚠ WARNING

Injury due to overload of the element

High-pressure injection (squirting out of hydraulic oil under high pressure) or flying components!

- Due to throttling or closing of ports a pressure intensification can occur.
- Connect the ports professionally!

⚠ CAUTION

Maximum flow rates do not exceed

The maximum flow rate must not be exceeded.

7.3.1 Calculation of the admissible flow rate

The admissible flow rate or the admissible stroke speed (see chapter Technical characteristics and/or data sheet A 0.100) is valid for the horizontal mounting position in combination with standard add-on parts of the clamping jaw.

In case of other mounting positions and/or add-on parts the flow rate has to be reduced.

If the pump flow rate divided by the number of elements is larger than the admissible flow rate of one element, the flow rate has to be throttled.

This prevents an overload and therewith an early failure.

The flow rate can be checked as follows:

$$Q_{Pumpe} < \frac{\dot{V}_{Zul} \cdot 60 \cdot n}{1000} \text{ and/or } Q_{Pumpe} < \frac{v_{Zul} \cdot A_{Kolb} \cdot n}{166,67 \cdot 1000}$$

for clamping elements and work supports (indicated on the data sheets)

$$\text{or } v_{max.} < \frac{Q_{Pumpe} \cdot 166,67 \cdot 1000}{A_{Kolb} \cdot n}$$

for cylinders (see A 0.100).

With

\dot{V}_{Zul} = Admissible flow rate of the element in [cm³/s]

Q_{Pumpe} = Flow rate of the pump in [l/min]

$v_{Zul} = v_{max.}$ = Admissible stroke speed in [m/s]

A_{Kolb} = Piston area in [cm²]

n = Number of elements

7.3.2 Throttling of the flow rate

The throttling always has to be effected in the supply line to the swing clamp. Only thus pressure intensification and thereby pressures exceeding the operating pressure are avoided. The hydraulic circuit diagram shows flow control valves which allow oil return from the element without any impediments.

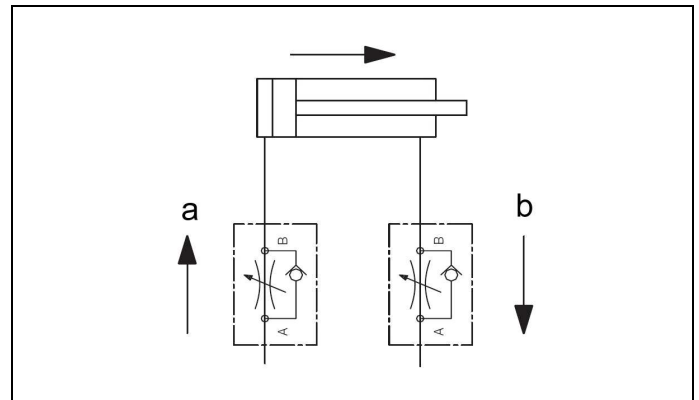


Figure 7: Hydraulic circuit diagram without flow control valves

a Throttling direction	b Free flow
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If a return-flow throttling is required due to a negative load, it must be guaranteed that the max. operating pressure (see technical characteristics) will not be exceeded.

7.4 Installation of pipe-mounted types

1. Clean the support surfaces.
2. Fasten the element support at the flange surface (see figure "Mounting types").

⚠ WARNING

Injury by falling products!

Safety shoes have to be worn to avoid injuries due to falling objects.

i NOTE

Tightening

- To determine the tightening torque of the fixing screws a screw calculation as per VDI 2230 page 1 has to be effected. The screw material is indicated in the chapter "Technical characteristics".

Tightening torques

- The tightening torques for the fixing screws have to be designed with reference to the application (e. g. as per VDI 2230).

Proposals and approximate values for the tightening torques see chapter "Technical characteristics".

7.5 Installation of manifold-mounted types

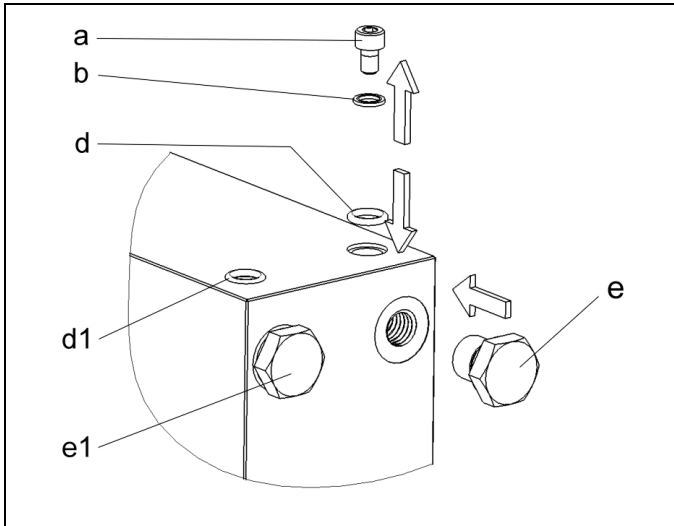


Figure 8: Example, preparation for hydraulic ports without pipes

NOTE

The arrangement of the ports

- The shown figure is a schematic diagram. The arrangement of the ports depends on the respective product (see chapter "Design").

a Socket head cap screw	d1 Mounted O-ring
b Sealing ring	e Screw plug (accessory)
d O-ring (accessory, depending on the version)	e1 Mounted screw plug

- Drill the holes for hydraulic oil supply and return in the fixture (see also data sheet).
- Grind or finish mill the manifold-mounting surface ($Ra \geq 0.8$ and a flatness of 0.04 mm to 100 x 100 mm, marks, scratches, shrink holes, concentric machining marks are inadmissible).

For some versions:

- Remove socket head cap screws and sealing rings, insert o-rings (accessories, if required).
 - Tighten pipe ports with screw plugs (accessories, if required)
- Clean the support surfaces.
 - Position and fasten on the fixture.
 - Install bleeding screws at the upper ends of the piping.

NOTE

Tightening torques

- The tightening torques for the fixing screws have to be designed with reference to the application (e. g. as per VDI 2230).

Proposals and approximate values for the tightening torques see chapter "Technical characteristics".

7.6 Connection of the hydraulic equipment

- Connect hydraulic lines to qualifying standards and pay attention to scrupulous cleanness (A = Extend, B = Retract)!

NOTE

More details

- See ROEMHELD data sheets A 0.100, F 9.300, F 9.310 and F 9.360.

Screwed Plug

- Use only fittings "screwed plug B and E" as per DIN 3852 (ISO 1179).

hydraulic connection

- Do not use sealing tape, copper rings or coned fittings.

Pressure fluids

- Use hydraulic oil as per ROEMHELD data sheet A 0.100.

7.7 Leakage due to the system

The piston rod is set in motion by the hydraulic oil to perform the clamping task.

The hydraulic oil must be sealed at the piston rod to the atmosphere. During extension of the piston rod, the hydraulic oil must remain in the cylinder.

For ROEMHELD products, sealing systems are used for the piston rod, generally consisting of several sealing elements. Those sealing systems enable the sealing points to be absolutely leak-proof in the total specified pressure area, when the system is not in operation. Neither does oil escape at the piston rod, nor is oil transferred from the piston side and piston rod side.

Important: ROEMHELD products do not leak oil when static.

To ensure an adequate working life, the sealing systems must be lubricated by the hydraulic fluid while in motion, in dynamic operation. Since the hydraulic fluid must reach the sealing lip, a certain amount of oil is lost from leakage, in the process.

According to the used sealing and the corresponding application conditions the amount can be very different depending on the product group. However the leakage should be very little (see A 0.100 General characteristics of hydraulic equipment).

Leakage-free cylinders (leakage re-circulation or special sealing) are available on request.

8 Start up

⚠ WARNING

Poisoning due to contact with hydraulic oil!

Wear, damage of the seals, ageing and incorrect mounting of the seal kit by the operator can lead to escapes of oil.

Incorrect connection can lead to escapes of oil at the ports.

- For handling with hydraulic oil consider the material safety data sheet.
- Wear protection equipment.

⚠ CAUTION

Operating pressure of 250 bar does not exceed

The maximum operating pressure of 250 bar must not be exceeded.

- Check tight seating (check tightening torque of the fixing screws, see chapter "Technical characteristics").
- Check tight seating of hydraulic connections (check tightening torque of the hydraulic connections, see chapter "Technical characteristics").
- Bleed the hydraulic system.

i NOTE

Clamping time

- Without bleeding the clamping time will be considerably prolonged and function problems may occur.

8.1 Bleeding of pipe-mounted types

1. Loosen carefully at low pressure union nut of the pipe at the hydraulic ports.
2. Pump until bubble free oil comes out.
3. Fasten union nuts of the pipe.
4. Check tightness.

8.2 Bleeding of manifold-mounted types

1. Loosen carefully the bleeding screws of the fixture at low pressure.
2. Pump until bubble free oil comes out.
3. Fasten the bleeding screws.
4. Check correct function.
5. Check sealing of the hydraulic connections!

9 Maintenance

⚠ WARNING

Burning due to hot surface!

- In operating conditions, surface temperatures of more than 70 °C can appear at the product.
- All maintenance and repair works must only be effected in cooled mode or with safety gloves.

9.1 Plan for maintenance

Maintenance works	Interval	Realisation
Cleaning	As required With increased dirt and coolant ingress more frequently!	Operator
Regular checks	daily	Operator
Regular lubrication	Every 50,000 clamping cycles, lubricate with RENOLIT HLT 2 * through lubricating nipple (i). ▶ Note With increased dirt and coolant ingress lubrication must be made more frequently!	⚠ Caution ! If this lubrication will not be made, this can lead to a failure or interference of the floating clamping! Operator or central lubrication
Repair		Qualified personnel

* Brand name

Description as per DIN 51 502: KPHC 2 N-40.

Description as per ISO 6743-9: ISO-L-X-DDHB 2

9.2 Cleaning

⚠ CAUTION

Avoid damages of the moved components

Avoid damages of the moved components (rods, plungers, bolts, etc.) as well as of wiper and seal.

Aggressive cleaning agents

The product must not be cleaned with:

- Corrosive or corroding components or
- Organic solvents as halogen or aromatic hydrocarbons and ketones (cellulose thinner, acetone, etc.), because this can destroy the seals.

The element must be cleaned at regular intervals. Especially the clamping slide and the housing have to be cleaned of swarf and other liquids.

In the case of heavy contamination, the cleaning has to be made in shorter intervals.

9.3 Regular checks

1. Check tightness of hydraulic connections (visual control).
2. Leakage control at the housing and the clamping slide.
3. Clamping force control by pressure control.
4. Check the observance of the maintenance intervals.

9.4 Exchange seal kit

The exchange of the seal kit is made in case of external leakages. For high availability, the seals have to be changed at the latest after 1,000,000 cycles or 2 years.

The seal kit is available as spare part. An instruction for the exchange of the seal kit is available on request.

i NOTE

Seal Kits

- Do not install seal kits which were exposed to light for a longer time.
- Pay attention to the storage conditions (see chapter "Technical characteristics").
- Only use original seals.

10 Trouble shooting

Trouble	Cause	Remedy
Clamping unit does not approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clamping unit is dirty • Swarf jammed between the clamping unit and mounting body 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean and grease • Remove swarf, clean and grease
Clamping unit has too much play:	Guide worn out	Exchange clamping claw, exchange component, if required.
Clamping pressure reduces due to leakages at the fixture clamp:	Wear at the seals	Renew seals.
Clamping unit does not firmly clamp during machining:	Locking of the clamping unit does not function.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check connections • Renew seals.

11 Technical characteristics

General characteristics

Type	Maximum operating pressure [bar]	Maximum clamping force [kN]	Maximum retention force [kN]
4412-97X	250	7.5	10

Proposal, tightening torques for screws of tensile strength 8.8, 10.9, 12.9

i NOTE

The indicated values are approximate values and have to be interpreted according to the user's application!
See note!

Thread	Tightening torque [Nm]		
	8.8	10.9	12.9
M6	10	15	18
M8	25	36	45
M10	49	72	84
M12	85	125	145
M14	135	200	235
M16	210	310	365
M20	425	610	710
M24	730	1050	1220
M30	1,450	2100	2450

Note: Valid for workpieces and set screws made of steel with metric thread and connecting surface dimensions as per DIN 912, 931, 933, 934 / ISO 4762, 4014, 4017, 4032

In the table values for tightening torques the following is considered:

Design steel/steel, friction value $\mu_{ges} = 0.14$ - not oiled, utilisation of the minimum yield point = 90%.

i NOTE

Further information

- For further technical data see ROEMHELD data sheet.

12 Storage

! CAUTION

Storage of components!

- The product may not be exposed to direct solar radiation, because the UV light can destroy the seals.
- A storage differing from the storage conditions is inadmissible.
- In case of improper storage, the seals can embrittle and resinification of the anti-corrosive oil or corrosion at the element can occur.

The elements are tested by default with mineral oil. The exterior of the elements is treated with a corrosion inhibitor.

The oil film remaining after the test provides for a six-month interior corrosion protection, if stored in dry and uniformly tempered rooms.

For longer storage times, the element has to be filled with a non-resinifying corrosion inhibitor and the outside surfaces must be treated.

13 Accessory

i NOTE

Accessories

- See data sheet.

14 Disposal



Hazardous to the environment

Due to possible environmental pollution, the individual components must be disposed only by an authorised expert company.

The individual materials have to be disposed as per the existing regulations and directives as well as the environmental conditions.

Special attention has to be drawn to the disposal of components with residual portions of hydraulic fluids. The instructions for the disposal at the material safety data sheet have to be considered.

For the disposal of electrical and electronic components (e.g. stroke measuring systems, proximity switches, etc.) country-specific legal regulations and specifications have to be kept.

The manufacturer commits to transmit the special documents of the products to state authorities on request.

The technical documentation as per appendix VII part B was prepared for the products.

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15 Declaration of manufacture

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Declaration of manufacture of the products

Position flexible clamping claw of data sheet B1.733. The following types or part numbers are concerned:

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They are designed and manufactured in line with the relevant versions of the directives **2006/42/EC** (EC MSRL) and in compliance with the valid technical rules and standards.

In accordance with EC-MSRL and EN 982, these products are components that are not yet ready for use and are exclusively designed for the installation in a machine, a fixture or a plant.

According to the pressure equipment directives the products are not to be classified as pressure reservoirs but as hydraulic placing devices, since pressure is not the essential factor for the design, but the strength, the inherent stability and solidity with regard to static or dynamic operating stress.

The products may only be put into operation after it was assessed that the incomplete machine/machine, in which the product shall be installed, corresponds to the machinery directives (2006/42/EC).