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Modular and scalable drive concepts: New servohydraulic pump unit reduces energy consumption and engineering work

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The primary-regulated drive from Bosch Rexroth makes it easier to engineer and commission plastics processing machines with high performance requirements



The new servohydraulic pump unit (SHP) from Rexroth has a compact design and reduces the engineering work required by being mounted directly on manifolds. (Image source: Bosch Rexroth AG)

The new servohydraulic pump unit SHP from Bosch Rexroth makes construction work much easier and fits seamlessly into modular plastics processing machines with various drive concepts. It combines the power density of hydraulics with the flexibility of electric drive concepts. The servo-hydraulic pump units which can be mounted on the manifold significantly improve energy efficiency, speed up the construction and commissioning process and reduce noise emissions.

The sharp rise in energy prices and the desire to help protect the climate are reinforcing end customer demand for greater energy efficiency in plastics processing machines in all performance classes. The new SHP4V servohydraulic pump unit from Bosch Rexroth reduces energy consumption in combination with the energy-efficient displacement control system. This significantly reduces the volume of oil required. To make this possible, Bosch Rexroth combines MS2N synchronous servo motors with A4 axial piston pumps. The actuator movement can be controlled by adjusting the speed or the pump itself. When used in plastics processing machines, the primary-regulated drive normally uses the speed to position the actuator and pump adjustment to limit the power.

The standardized, compact drive unit in various sizes makes hydraulic construction work easier in centralized and decentralized concepts. In addition, the SHP4V can be mounted on the manifold itself. This reduces not only the amount of materials required but also the assembly and commissioning work. It also increases the freedom available to engineers when putting in place modular concepts. As a result, a broad range of performance requirements is easily covered. Depending on the application, direct mounting also reduces air, structure and liquid-borne noise by approx. 5 dB(A) compared to concepts where the pump drive and manifold are connected by pipes. In terms of sound power, this means that emissions are more than halved.



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The servohydraulic pump unit is particularly suitable for four quadrant operation. When the pressure is reduced, the motor switches to generator mode and recovers braking energy. The primary-regulated drive works at a lower speed in partial load mode and ensures that full use is made of the electric drive systems. The result: Less powerful motors and power electronics reduce the system and energy costs.

As a fully connective module, the drive unit supports futuristic condition monitoring and predictive analytics concepts designed to ensure maximum availability. The synchronous servo motor functions as a sensor, recording operating data and allowing conclusions to be drawn regarding possible wear. Additional sensors collect other operating data. As a result, the necessary maintenance work can be planned in advance and carried out during production breaks.

Basic Information Bosch Rexroth

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Basic Information Bosch

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