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modulated hydraulic control valves —**

**Part 3:  
Test methods for pressure control  
valves**

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## Foreword

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## Introduction

This document describes methods of testing electro-hydraulic pressure relief and pressure reducing valves. These types of electro-hydraulic valves prevent the pressure in a hydraulic system rising above a level defined or set by an electrical input signal.

Relief valves are used to control the pressure in a closed volume by increasing the flow out of the volume if the pressure exceeds the set pressure level. The excess flow is dumped directly to a tank.

Reducing valves are used to control the pressure in a closed volume by restricting the flow into the volume if the pressure exceeds the set pressure level.

The design of the system and the position of the valve within the system dictates which type of valve is appropriate to use.

This document has been prepared with the intention of improving the uniformity of valve testing and hence the consistency of recorded valve performance data so that these data can be used for system design, regardless of the data source.

# Hydraulic fluid power — Electrically modulated hydraulic control valves —

## Part 3: Test methods for pressure control valves

### 1 Scope

This document describes test methods for determining the performance characteristics of electrically modulated hydraulic pressure control valves.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3448:1992, *Industrial liquid lubricants — ISO viscosity classification*

ISO 4406, *Hydraulic fluid power — Fluids — Method for coding the level of contamination by solid particles*

ISO 5598, *Fluid power systems and components — Vocabulary*

ISO 6743-4, *Lubricants, industrial oils and related products (class L) — Classification — Part 4: Family H (Hydraulic systems)*

ISO 9110-1:1990, *Hydraulic fluid power — Measurement techniques — Part 1: General measurement principles*

ISO 10771-1, *Hydraulic fluid power — Fatigue pressure testing of metal pressure-containing envelopes — Part 1: Test method*

### 3 Terms, definitions and symbols

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 5598 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

##### 3.1.1

##### **electrically modulated pressure control valve**

valve that limits the pressure in a hydraulic system to a level that is continuously variable and proportional to an electrical input signal

##### 3.1.2

##### **electrically modulated relief valve**

valve that limits the pressure at the inlet port by dumping excess flow to the tank port