

Pneumatic Reciprocating Hack Saw Machine

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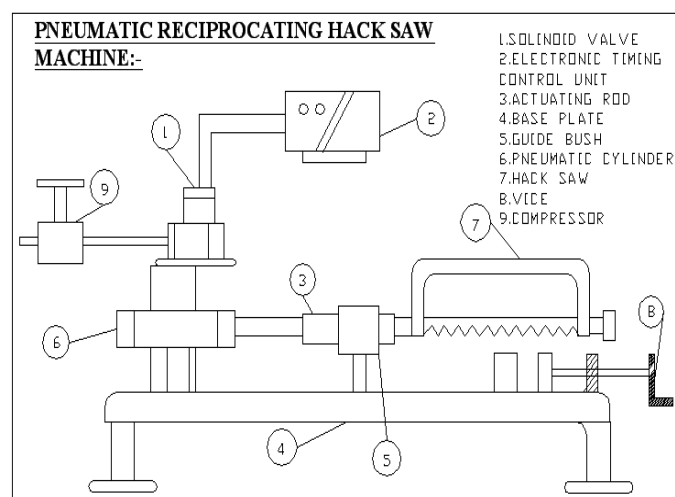
Abstract--- The hacksaw is a metal cutting machine tool designed to cut metal by applying pneumatic pressure. The machine is exclusively intended for mass production and they represent faster and more efficient way to cut a metal. Hacksaws are used to cut thin and soft metals. The operation of the unit is simplified to a few simple operations involving a cylinder block and piston arrangement. There are numerous types of cutting machines in Engineering field, which are used to fulfill the requirements. We are interested to introduce pneumatic system in Hacksaw machine. The main function of Pneumatic hacksaw is to cut thin and soft metals by pneumatic power.

Keywords--- Saw Machine, Pneumatic Reciprocating, Atmosphere, Damping Feature.

I. INTRODUCTION

Principles of Working

- The compressed air from the compressor reaches the solenoid valve. The solenoid valve changes the direction of flow according to the signals from the timing device.
- The compressed air pass through the solenoid valve and it is admitted into the front end of the cylinder block. The air pushes the piston for the cutting stroke. At the end of the cutting stroke air from the solenoid valve reaches the rear end of the cylinder block. The pressure remains the same but the area is less due to the presence of piston rod. This exerts greater pressure on the piston, pushing it at a faster rate thus enabling faster return stroke.
- The weight attached at the end of the hacksaw frame gives constant loads which lower the hacksaw to enable continuous cutting of the work.
- The stroke length of the piston can be changed by making suitable adjustment in the timer.



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II. COMPONENTS AND DESCRIPTION

Pneumatic Control Component

Pneumatic Cylinder

An air cylinder is an operative device in which the state input energy of compressed air i.e. pneumatic power is converted in to mechanical output power, by reducing the pressure of the air to that of the atmosphere.

Single Acting Cylinder

Single acting cylinder is only capable of performing an operating medium in only one direction. Single acting cylinders equipped with one inlet for the operating air pressure, can be production in several fundamentally different designs.

Double Acting Cylinders

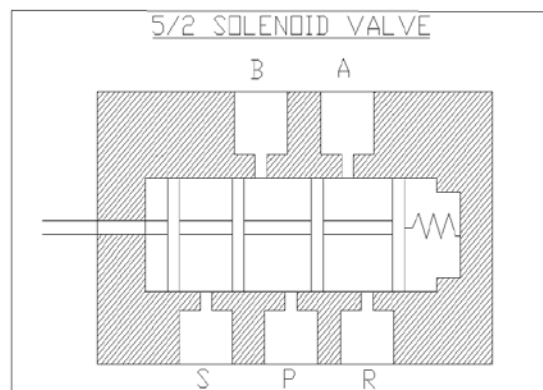
A double acting cylinder is employed in control systems with the full pneumatic cushioning and it is essential when the cylinder itself is required to retard heavy messes. This can only be done at the end positions of the piston stock. In all intermediate position a separate externally mounted cushioning derive most be provided with the damping feature.

Valves

a) 5/2 Double Acting Solenoid Valve

The directional valve is one of the important parts of a pneumatic system. Commonly known as DCV, this valve is used to control the direction of air flow in the pneumatic system. The directional valve does this by changing the position of its internal movable parts.

This valve was selected for speedy operation and to reduce the manual effort and also for the modification of the machine into automatic machine by means of using a solenoid valve.



Piston

The piston is fitted in the cylinder block and reciprocates inside. When the solenoid valve supplies the air in the front end of the piston, the piston is pushed forward. This moves the hacksaw and the cutting stroke takes place. Then the solenoid valve supplies air to the rear end of the piston.

The pressure is same but the contact area is less due to the presence of the piston rod and pushes the piston at a greater pressure thus resulting in a fast return stroke. The material for the piston is Aluminum.

Actuating Rod

The actuating rod is fitted inside the bush. It is connected at one end to the piston rod and at the other end it is connected to the hacksaw frame. It reciprocates inside the bush. The material for the actuating rod is mild steel.

Hacksaw Frame

The hacksaw frame is connected to one end of the actuating rod and the weights are mounted at the other end. The hacksaw is fitted in the slots provided in the frame. The material for the frame is mild steel.

Timing Device

The timing device supplied signal alternatively to the solenoid valve. The clock fitted in the device actuates the operation of the valve. The timing can be changed to obtain different speeds.

APPLICATION

1. Agriculture:
 - Crop forming
 - Stock breeding
 - Animal food industries
 - Forestry
2. Utilities:
 - Power Station
 - Nuclear Engineering
 - Water Supply
3. Mining
4. Chemical Industry
5. Plastics and rubber industries
6. Stone, Ceramic and glass industries
7. Metal Industries:
 - Iron and Steel
 - Non-ferrous metals
 - Foundries
 - Scrap and recycled metals

Advantages

- There is no need of giving feed during every cut due to the presence of weight.
- The cutting speed can be varied according to our needs by adjusting the timer.

- It is portable.
- It does not have any Prime mover, like electric motor related to the unit.
- As the air is freely available, we can utilize the air to cut the metal and hence it is economical.
- Simple in construction than mechanical hacksaw
- It is a compact one
- Less Maintenance

Limitations

- Only smaller size and soft metal can be cut
- It is costlier than the mechanical hacksaw because of compressor unit.
- Less efficiency when compressed to mechanical device.
- Leakage of air affects the working of the unit.

Need for Automation

Nowadays almost all the manufacturing process is being atomized in order to deliver the products at a faster rate. The manufacturing operation is being automised for the following reasons.

To achieve mass production

- To reduce man power
- To increase the efficiency of the plant
- To reduce the work load
- To reduce the production cost
- To reduce the production time
- To reduce the material handling
- To reduce the fatigue of workers
- To achieve good product quality
- Less Maintenance

III. CONCLUSION

In the pneumatic hacksaw variable speeds can be obtained by adjusting the timer device and pressure of the compressed air. Since the mechanism is so simple and versatile it can be handled by any operator, construction of the unit is very simple. Handling the machine is easy and smooth operation is achieved.

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