SECTION F — MECHANICAL ENGINEERING; LIGHTING; HEATING; WEAPONS; BLASTING

F15 FLUID-PRESSURE ACTUATORS; HYDRAULICS OR PNEUMATICS IN GENERAL

F15B SYSTEMS ACTING BY MEANS OF FLUIDS IN GENERAL; FLUID-PRESSURE ACTUATORS, e.g. SERVOMOTORS; DETAILS OF FLUID-PRESSURE SYSTEMS, NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR

Note(s)

In this subclass, the following terms are used with the meanings indicated:

- "telemotor" means a system or device in which a substantially constant amount of fluid is trapped between an input member and an output member to act as a fluid link;
- "servomotor" means a fluid-pressure actuator, e.g. a piston and cylinder, directly controlled by a valve or other device which is responsive to operation of an initial controlling member; "Servomotor" does not cover a telemotor. The initial controlling member may be adjacent to the servomotor or at a distance, and may be, for example, a hand lever.

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1/00 Installations or systems with accumulators; Supply reservoir or sump assemblies [1, 2006.01]

- 1/02 Installations or systems with accumulators [1, 2006.01]
- 1/027 having accumulator charging devices [6, 2006.01]
- 1/033 • with electrical control means **[6, 2006.01]**
- 1/04 • Accumulators **[1, 2006.01]**
- 1/08 • using a gas cushion; Gas charging devices; Indicators or floats therefor [6, 2006.01]
- 1/10 • with flexible separating means **[6, 2006.01]**
- 1/12 • • attached at their periphery (flexible separating means in the form of a tube F15B 1/16) [6, 2006.01]
- 1/14 • • by means of a rigid annular supporting member [6, 2006.01]
- 1/16 • • in the form of a tube **[6, 2006.01]**
- 1/18 • • Anti-extrusion means **[6, 2006.01]**
- 1/20 • • fixed to the separating means **[6, 2006.01]**
- 1/22 • Liquid port constructions **[6, 2006.01]**
- 1/24 • with rigid separating means, e.g. pistons **[6, 2006.01]**
- 1/26 Supply reservoir or sump assemblies [6, 2006.01]
- 3/00 Intensifiers or fluid-pressure converters, e.g. pressure exchangers; Conveying pressure from one fluid system to another, without contact between the fluids [1, 2006.01]

5/00 Transducers converting variations of physical quantities, e.g. expressed by variations in positions of members, into fluid-pressure variations or vice versa; Varying fluid pressure as a function of variations of a plurality of fluid pressures or variations of other quantities (F15B 9/00 takes precedence) [1, 2006.01]

Fluid-pressure actuator systems

Note(s)

- 1. Groups F15B 7/00-F15B 21/00 cover systems in which members are moved into one or more definite positions by means of fluid pressure.
- Pump, motor, and control features so far as not peculiar to this purpose are classified in the relevant classes.
- 7/00 Fluid-pressure actuator systems in which the movement produced is definitely related to the output of a volumetric pump; Telemotors [1, 2006.01]
- 7/02 Systems with continuously-operating input and output apparatus [1, 2006.01]
- in which the ratio between pump stroke and motor stroke varies with the resistance against the motor [1, 2006.01]
- 7/06 Details (F15B 15/00 takes precedence) [1, 2006.01]
- 7/08 • Input units; Master units **[1, 2006.01]**
- 7/10 Compensation of the liquid content in a system (F15B 7/08 takes precedence) [1, 5, 2006.01]

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9/00	Servomotors with follow-up action, i.e. in which the position of the actuated member conforms with that of the controlling member [1, 2006.01]	11/10	• • in which the servomotor position is a function of the pressure [1, 2006.01]
9/02	 with servomotors of the reciprocatable or oscillatable 	11/12	 providing distinct intermediate positions; with step-by-step action [1, 2006.01]
9/03	type [1, 2006.01]with electrical control means [1, 2006.01]	11/13	• • using chambers of predetermined volume [6, 2006.01]
9/04	 controlled by varying the output of a pump with variable capacity [1, 2006.01] 	11/15	 with special provision for automatic return [1, 2006.01]
9/06	 controlled by means using a fluid jet [1, 2006.01] 	11/16	 with two or more servomotors [1, 2006.01]
9/07	• • • with electrical control means [1, 2006.01]	11/17	• • using two or more pumps [6, 2006.01]
9/08	 controlled by valves affecting the fluid feed or the fluid outlet of the servomotor (F15B 9/06 takes precedence) [1, 2006.01] 	11/18	 used in combination for obtaining stepwise operation of a single controlled member [1, 2006.01]
9/09	• • with electrical control means [1, 2006.01]	11/20	 controlling several interacting or sequentially-
9/10	 • in which the controlling element and the servomotor each controls a separate member, these members influencing different fluid passages or the same passage [1, 2006.01] 	11/22	 operating members [1, 2006.01] Synchronisation of the movement of two or more servomotors [1, 2006.01]
9/12	• • • in which both the controlling element and the	13/00	Details of servomotor systems (F15B 15/00 takes
	servomotor control the same member	10/01	precedence) [1, 2006.01]
	influencing a fluid passage and are connected to that member by means of a differential	13/01 13/02	Locking-valves or other detent devices [1, 2006.01]Fluid distribution or supply devices characterised by
	gearing [1, 2006.01]	13/02	their adaptation to the control of
9/14	• with rotary servomotors [1, 2006.01]		servomotors [1, 2006.01]
9/16	Systems essentially having two or more interacting	13/04	• • for use with a single servomotor [1, 2006.01]
9/17	servomotors [1, 2006.01]with electrical control means [1, 2006.01]	13/042	operated by fluid pressure [1, 2006.01]with electrically-controlled pilot
		13/043	valves [1, 2006.01]
11/00	Servomotor systems without provision for follow-up action (F15B 3/00 takes precedence) [1, 2006.01]	13/044	• • operated by electrically-controlled means, e.g. solenoids, torque-motors [1, 2006.01]
11/02	 Systems essentially incorporating special features for controlling the speed or the actuating force or speed 	13/06	• • for use with two or more servomotors [1, 2006.01]
	of an output member [1, 2006.01]	13/07	• • • in distinct sequence [1, 2006.01]
11/024	• • by means of differential connection of the	13/08	 • Assemblies of units, each for the control of a single servomotor only [1, 2006.01]
11 /020	servomotor lines, e.g. regenerative circuits [6, 2006.01]	13/10	Special arrangements for operating the actuated device without using fluid pressure, e.g. for
11/028	 for controlling the actuating force (F15B 11/024 takes precedence) [6, 2006.01] 	40.40	emergency use [1, 2006.01]
11/032	• • by means of fluid-pressure	13/12	 Special measures for increasing the sensitivity of the system [1, 2006.01]
11/036	converters [6, 2006.01]by means of servomotors having a plurality of	13/14	• Special measures for giving the operator by sense of
117 000	working chambers [6, 2006.01]		touch the immediate response of the actuated device [1, 2006.01]
11/04	• • for controlling the speed (F15B 11/024 takes precedence) [1, 6, 2006.01]	13/16	• Special measures for feedback [1, 2006.01]
11/042	• • • by means in the feed line (F15B 11/046, F15B 11/05 take precedence) [6, 2006.01]	15/00	Fluid-actuated devices for displacing a member from one position to another; Gearing associated
11/044	 • by means in the return line (F15B 11/046, F15B 11/05 take precedence) [6, 2006.01] 	15/02	therewith [1, 2006.01]Mechanical layout characterised by the means for
11/046	• • • depending on the position of the working member [6, 2006.01]		converting the movement of the fluid-actuated element into movement of the finally-operated
11/048	• • • with deceleration control [6, 2006.01]	45.004	member [1, 2006.01]
11/05	 specially adapted to maintain constant speed, e.g. pressure-compensated, load- 	15/04 15/06	with oscillating cylinder [1, 2006.01]for mechanically converting rectilinear movement
11 /06	responsive [1, 2006.01] • involving features specific to the use of a	15/06	into non-rectilinear movement [1, 2006.01]
11/06	compressible medium, e.g. air, steam [1, 2006.01]	15/08	 characterised by the construction of the motor unit [1, 2006.01]
11/064	• • with devices for saving the compressible	15/10	• the motor being of diaphragm type [1, 2006.01]
11/068	 medium [6, 2006.01] with valves for gradually putting pneumatic 	15/12	• • of the oscillating-vane or curved-cylinder type [1, 2006.01]
11/072	systems under pressure [6, 2006.01]Combined pneumatic-hydraulic	15/14 15/16	• • of the straight-cylinder type [1, 2006.01]
11/0/2	systems [6, 2006.01]	15/16 15/17	• of the telescopic type [1, 2006.01]• of differential-piston type [1, 2006.01]
11/076	• • • with pneumatic drive or displacement and	15/17	Combined units comprising both motor and
	speed control or stopping by hydraulic		pump [1, 2006.01]
11/08	braking [6, 2006.01] • with only one servomotor [1, 2006.01]	15/19 15/20	 Pyrotechnical actuators [3, 2006.01] Other details [1, 2006.01]

15/22	 for accelerating or decelerating the stroke [1, 2006.01] 	• Special measures taken in connection with the properties of the fluid [1, 2006.01, 2019.01]
15/24	• • for restricting the stroke [1, 2006.01]	21/041 • • Removal or measurement of solid or liquid
15/26	 Locking mechanisms [1, 2006.01] 	contamination, e.g. filtering [2019.01]
15/28	 Means for indicating the position, e.g. end of 	21/042 • • Controlling the temperature of the fluid [2019.01]
	stroke [4, 2006.01]	21/0423 • • • Cooling [2019.01]
17/00	Combinations of telemotor and servomotor	21/0427 • • • Heating [2019.01]
	systems [1, 2006.01]	21/044 • • Removal or measurement of undissolved gas, e.g. de-aeration, venting or bleeding [2019.01]
17/02	 in which a telemotor operates the control member of a servomotor [1, 2006.01] 	21/045 • • Compensating for variations in viscosity or temperature [2019.01]
18/00	Parallel arrangements of independent servomotor systems [1, 2006.01]	21/047 • • Preventing foaming, churning or cavitation [2019.01]
		21/048 • • Arrangements for compressed air preparation, e.g.
19/00	Testing fluid-pressure actuator systems or apparatus,	comprising air driers, air condensers, filters,
	so far as not provided for elsewhere [1, 2006.01]	lubricators or pressure regulators [2019.01] 21/06 • Use of special fluids, e.g. liquid metal; Special
20/00	Safety arrangements for fluid actuator systems;	adaptations of fluid-pressure systems, or control of
	Applications of safety devices in fluid actuator	elements therefor, to the use of such
	systems; Emergency measures for fluid actuator	fluids [1, 2006.01]
	systems [1, 2006.01]	 Servomotor systems incorporating electrically- operated control means (F15B 21/02 takes
21/00	Common features of fluid actuator systems; Fluid-	precedence) [1, 2006.01]
	pressure actuator systems or details thereof, not covered by any other group of this	21/10 • Delay devices or arrangements [1, 2006.01]
	subclass [1, 2006.01]	• Fluid oscillators or pulse generators [1, 2006.01]
21/02	 Servomotor systems with programme control derived from a store or timing device; Control devices therefor [1, 2006.01] 	21/14 • Energy-recuperation means [6, 2006.01]

F15C FLUID-CIRCUIT ELEMENTS PREDOMINANTLY USED FOR COMPUTING OR CONTROL PURPOSES (transducers F15B 5/00; fluid dynamics in general F15D; computers comprising fluid elements G06D, G06G)

Note(s) [7]

Attention is drawn to the Notes following the titles of class B81 and subclass B81B relating to "microstructural devices" and "microstructural systems".

1/00 1/02 1/04 1/06	 Circuit elements having no moving parts [1, 2006.01] Details [1, 2006.01] Means for controlling fluid streams to fluid devices, e.g. by electric signals [1, 2006.01] Constructional details; Selection of specified materials [1, 2006.01] 	1/20 1/22 3/00	 Direct-impact devices, i.e. devices in which two collinear opposing power streams are impacted [1, 2006.01] Oscillators [2, 2006.01] Circuit elements having moving parts (valves, construction of valves F16K) [1, 2006.01]
	Note(s) [2] Group F15C 1/22 takes precedence over groups F15C 1/08-F15C 1/20.		Note(s) [2] Group F15C 3/16 takes precedence over groups
1/08	 Boundary-layer devices, e.g. wall-attachment amplifiers [1, 2, 2006.01] 	3/02	F15C 3/02-F15C 3/10. • using spool valves [1, 2006.01]
1/10	 for digital operation, e.g. to form a logical flip-flop, OR-gate, NOR-gate [1, 2006.01] Multiple arrangements thereof for performing 	3/04	 using diaphragms (connection of valves to inflatable elastic bodies B60C 29/00) [1, 2006.01] using balls [1, 2006.01]
1/12	operations of the same kind, e.g. majority gates, identity gates [1, 2006.01]	3/08 3/10	using reeds [1, 2006.01]using nozzles or jet pipes [1, 2006.01]
1/14	 Stream-interaction devices; Momentum-exchange devices, e.g. operating by exchange between two orthogonal fluid jets [1, 2006.01] 	3/12 3/14	 the nozzle or jet pipe being movable [1, 2006.01] the jet from the nozzle being intercepted by a flap [1, 2006.01]
1/16	 Vortex devices, i.e. devices in which use is made of the pressure drop associated with vortex motion in a 	3/16	• Oscillators [2, 2006.01]
1/18	 fluid [1, 2006.01] Turbulence devices, i.e. devices in which a controlling stream will cause a laminar flow to 	4/00	Circuit elements characterised by their special functions [1, 2006.01]
	become turbulent [1, 2006.01]	5/00	Manufacture of fluid-circuit elements; Manufacture of assemblages of such elements [1, 2006.01]

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7/00 Hybrid elements, i.e. circuit elements having features

according to groups F15C 1/00 and F15C 3/00 [2, 2006.01]

F15D FLUID DYNAMICS, i.e. METHODS OR MEANS FOR INFLUENCING THE FLOW OF GASES OR LIQUIDS (fluid-circuit elements F15C)

Note(s)

This subclass <u>covers</u> boundary-layer control and other arrangements and methods, not provided for in other classes, for influencing the flow of fluids relative to constraining surfaces and after leaving these surfaces, e.g. producing or removing turbulence, deflecting jets, guiding flow through bends in conduits, affecting distribution of fluid in a conduit, reducing fluid friction.

1/00	Influencing the flow of fluids [1, 2006.01]	1/08	•	of jets leaving an orifice (nozzles or outlets with
1/02	 in pipes or conduits [1, 2006.01] 			means for mechanically breaking-up or deflecting the
1/04	 Arrangements of guide vanes in pipe elbows or 			jet B05B, e.g. B05B 1/26) [1, 2006.01]
	duct bends; Construction of pipe conduit elements	1/10	•	around bodies of solid material [1, 2006.01]
	or elbows with respect to flow, specially for	1/12	•	• by influencing the boundary layer [1, 2006.01]
	reducing losses of flow [1, 2006.01]	1/14	•	Diverting flow into alternative channels (in hydraulic
1/06	• • by influencing the boundary layer [1, 2006.01]			engineering E02B) [1, 2006.01]