CPC-II
Current-to-Pressure Converter

Applications

The CPC-II (current to pressure converter, generation II) is an electrohydraulic pressure-regulating valve control designed for use in positioning single-acting steam turbine valve servos. This CPC’s superb accuracy and resolution make it ideal for steam turbine valve control and related turbine speed and load control. The CPC accepts a 4–20 mA pressure demand signal and accurately controls oil pressure to precisely position single-acting steam turbine governor-valves. Precise and stable steam valve control directly relates to improved steam turbine speed and load control and reduced system mechanical wear.

The CPC’s redundancy features make it ideal for critical steam turbine applications, where turbine up-time and availability are essential. This converter can be configured to accept redundant pressure demand inputs, from one or two (redundant) controllers, and vote the input to follow. Alternatively the CPC can be configured to accept signals from both its internal oil pressure sensor and an external (redundant) oil pressure sensor, and use the voted healthy signal.

The CPC’s robust design (strong actuator, corrosion-resistant material, single moving rotary valve, and self cleaning port design) makes it ideal for challenging applications where dirty or contaminated oil may be present.

Optionally two controllers can be connected to a single CPC in a redundant Master/Slave fashion to allow the turbine to continue to operate if either turbine control fails, or on-line changes are desired. Designed for use in applications requiring full redundancy, optionally two CPCs can be applied in a dual-redundant fashion, simplifying the entire system and control wiring.

Description

The CPC is an electrohydraulic pressure-regulating valve control that utilizes a very accurate internal pressure sensor and PID controller to precisely control steam turbine valves. The CPC consists of a valve-actuator assembly, pressure sensor, and electronic driver module. The unit’s driver module accepts one (or two) 4–20 mA pressure setpoints and compares these setpoints to the sensed oil pressure, to accurately control turbine valve oil pressure.

The CPC controls oil pressure by porting supply-oil to its control-oil output port (turbine valve control oil) or back to the system supply tank. This converter’s special PID architecture allows it to perform very stable pressure control during normal conditions, and respond in milliseconds to desired valve step changes during system or plant transients. As a means of protecting the turbine, an internal valve-return-spring forces the CPC to a fail-safe position (port oil to drain) and safely close turbine control valves upon any internal unit failure (electrical input power failure, pressure sensor failure, processor failure, etc.).

- Oil contamination resistant
- Precise fluid pressure control
- Stable & linear valve control
- Included valve linearization table
- Redundant inputs/sensors for critical applications
- Accepts signals from redundant controllers
- Redundant (dual) CPCs (Master/Slave) functionality
- Standard mounting and hydraulic connections
- Self cleaning valve algorithm
- Status & health indication
- Control pressure readout
- Software service tool with trending
- Certified for North American Hazardous Locations
- Compliant with applicable CE Directives—ATEX, Machinery, PED, and EMC
- Certified for use in explosive atmospheres within the Russian Federation
The CPC is factory and/or field configurable via a computer-based service tool. The CPC’s PCI Service Tool uses a simple user-friendly format to allow users to easily configure, calibrate, and adjust all internal functions and PID control settings. The CPC includes a 4–20 mA output channel to indicate control oil pressure level, and unit alarm and shutdown relay outputs for use as unit health and status indications into the system controller or plant DCS.

**Features**

A Manual Stroke function allows users to manually stroke the CPC output pressure (turbine valve position) locally at the unit, via an internal Manual Stroke Screw. This local manual stroke function is designed with built in security logic to protect the users from un-intentional use of this function during normal operation. Manual Stroke capability is also available via remotely or locally via the CPC’s computer based PCI Tool.

Since flow through single and staged inlet steam valves tend to be non-linear throughout their flow range, turbine controls are typically de-tuned to compensate for instability or sluggish control points throughout this range. As a way of allowing turbine control optimization, the CPC includes an eleven-point linearization table to allow turbine OEMs or users to compensate for poor valve linearization by digitally linearizing the control to valve flow relationship.

Because many turbine users utilize redundant pressure converters to increase system reliability, and because these type of applications are prone to sitting build-up problems in the slave unit, a special “Silt Buster” routine is also configurable to routinely remove internal silt build-up.

**Accessories**

A standard steel adapter plate is available to allow the CPC to easily interface with systems designed for Voith I/H converters.

**Specifications**

**Performance**

Accuracy: < ±0.2 % of full range
Repeatability: 0.1 % of full range
Temperature Drift: < ±0.01 % of full range /°C
Pressure stability: < ±2 % of setpoint
Failsafe Operation: Internal return spring forces Control Port oil to drain port on loss of power or detected failures
Configuration: Computer based Service Tool (RS-232 communications port)

**Physical**

Dimensions: See outline drawings
Height x Width x Depth: Approx. (290 x 270 x 270) mm
Weight: Approximately 25 kg (55 lb) without oil
Fluid Ports: See outline drawings
Mounting: Any attitude, Four M10 threaded holes, 23 mm deep, on the face with the hydraulic ports.

**Environmental**

Operating Temperature Range: (–40 to +85) °C
Hydraulic Supply Temperature: (–40 to +85) °C
Immunity: EN61000-6-2 (2005)
Emissions: EN61000-6-4 (2007)
Vibration: US MIL-STD 810F, M514.5A, Cat. 4 (0.015 G²/Hz, 10 to 500 Hz, 1.04 Grms)
Ingress Protection: IP56 per EN 60529

**Electrical**

Input Supply: (18 to 32) V (dc) @ 1.5 A steady state, 8 A peak (100 ms)
Analog Input Signals: Isolated (4 to 20) mA (250 Ω input impedance)
Analog Output Signal: (4 to 20) mA; maximum external load: 300 Ω, Accuracy = ±1 % of full scale
Discrete Inputs: Optically Isolated (requires 24 V (dc) wetting voltage)
Discrete Output Rating: 1 A @ 30 V (dc)
Service Tool Port: RS-232 communications via straight-through serial cable

**Hydraulic**

Fluid Types: Mineral or synthetic based oils may be used. Contact Woodward for specific oil recommendations.

**Regulatory Compliance**

**European Compliance for CE Marking:**

ATEX Directive: 94/9/EC Zone 2, Category 3, Group II G Ex nAnL II T4; and SIRA 11 ATEX 1310X (Ex d) for Zone 1, Category 2, Group II G, Ex d IIB T4 Gb, and SIRA 11 ATEX 4311 (Ex nAnL) for Zone 2, Category 3, Group II G, Ex nAnL IIC T4 Gc IP56

**Other European/International Compliance:**

Compliance with the following European Directives or standards does not qualify this product for application of the CE Marking.

IECEx: CSA 11.0017X (Ex d) for Zone 1, Category 2, Group II G, Ex d IIB T4 Gb, and CSA 11.0017X (Ex nAnL) for Zone 2, Category 2, Group II G, Ex nAnL IIC T4 Gc IP56

**North American Compliance:**

CSA: CSA Certified for Class I, Division 1, Groups C and D and Class I, Division 2, Groups A, B, C, and D, T3 at 85 °C Ambient for use in Canada and the United States.

**Marine Compliance:**

Det Norske Veritas (DNV): Certified for Marine Applications, Temperature Class D, Humidity Class B, Vibration Class B, EMC Class A and Enclosure Class B (IP56) per DNV Rules for Ships, Pt. 4, Ch. 9, Control and Monitoring Systems.
Figure 1. CPC-II Outline Drawing

Figure 2. Typical Redundant Control System using a CPC
Figure 3. CPC-II Flow Capacity

Figure 4. CPC-II Interface Schematic

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