### Hydraulic Test Kit Instructions 3430-0650

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Hypro's Hydraulic Test Kit is designed as an invaluable tool for obtaining critical information when attempting to diagnose insufficient spray performance at the boom of your sprayer.

#### Kit consists of:

- 1. One Pressure Test Fixture with a 3000 PSI pressure gauge, 20 GPM in-line flowmeter and 1/2" Pioneer Quick Disconnect Couplers.
- 2. One Return Test Fixture with 3000 PSI pressure gauge and 1/2" Pioneer Quick Disconnect Couplers.
- 3. One Hydraulic Motor Test Fixture with 1000 PSI digital pressure gauge.
- 4. Set of 3/4" Pioneer Quick Disconnect Couplers.

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#### Installation and Operation:

- 1. Prepare tractor and sprayer for testing by idling tractor for 10 to 15 minutes to warm up hydraulic oil and filling sprayer with enough water to run the pump safely.
- 2. Run the pump for several minutes to warm up hydraulic motor. This will give you a more true reading of how the pump will perform in the field.

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- 3. Insert Pressure Test Fixture into pressure line on the tractor. The tractor port to be used is noted by cylinder in *retracted position*. Using this port allows the operator to turn the hydraulic-driven pump off by going to the **float** position instead of the neutral position. This is very important so that trapped pressure doesn't occur within the hydraulic motor and damage hydraulic motor oil seal.
- 4. Insert Return Test fixture in return line on tractor to measure back pressure. High back pressure is detrimental to the performance of the pump. High back pressure robs the hydraulic motor of the potential energy to do work.
- 5. For improved back pressure measurement, use Hydraulic Motor Test Fixture installed as shown below.





Follow the Centrifugal Diagnostic Flow Chart to determine course for corrective action to improve pump performance. If you have any questions, call the Hypro Technical/Applications Dept. at 800-445-8360.

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#### **Best Practices for Tractor Hydraulics**

There are many tractors with a variety of hydraulic capabilities. How you get the most use of your tractor's power depends on your skill as a good operator and manager. Here are some tips to follow that will lead you to greater pump performance, and in the long run, will add to your success.

#### Rule #1 Minimize hydraulic motor back pressure in the return line hydraulic hose.



High hydraulic motor back pressure can rob performance from your Hypro pump. As you can see in the chart below, for the same spray pressure, there is a 40 gallon per minute loss in performance due to excessively high hydraulic back pressure in the return line of the spray pump's hydraulic hose. Those 40 gallons could be used to spray at faster ground speed, increase flow to agitation, or to reduce the required hydraulic flow necessary to do the job. Whatever your need is, reducing hydraulic back pressure saves you money!



#### Effect of Hydraulic Back Pressure on 9306C-HM1C Performance

By reducing your motor's hydraulic back pressure, the amount of available energy to the hydraulic motor increases and that energy can be used for work. Here are some of the most common sources to high hydraulic motor back pressure.

#### **1. Tractor Return Valve Block**

A *free dump* return port is the best way to minimize return back pressure. This *free dump* return, bypasses the tractor valve block spool and greatly reduces hydraulic back pressure. *Free dump* return ports help to reduce the back pressure but can vary for tractor models. A realistic back pressure goal is 50 – 150 PSI.



#### 2. Quick Coupler Size

Modern tractors provide a free dump option,

and because this option is designed to reduce back pressure for constant operating hydraulic equipment, they usually increase the coupler size. By increasing its size, a larger cross-sectional area is provided for the hydraulic oil to flow through the coupler without greatly increasing the back pressure. The chart below shows the decrease in pressure drop.



#### Pressure Drop Across Coupler At Various Hydraulic Flows and Coupler Size

#### 3. Return Hose Diameter

For hydraulic flows greater than 13 GPM, the standard 1/2" hose can be limiting in its capacity to carry higher hydraulic flows back to the tractor reservoir. Factors that create higher back pressures of a hose include hose diameter and hose length. If the pump is not located near the hitch, consider upsizing the *hydraulic hose* size to 3/4" to reduce motor hydraulic back pressure.

#### 4. Tractor Hydraulic Filter Condition

Older tractors may feel the effect of neglect with their age. If you intend to get the most out of your tractor, check your maintenance records to be sure the hydraulic filter had been recently changed. The higher the hydraulic flow is the higher the pressure drop is across any restriction. This includes the filter. It is not uncommon to see a 200 PSI pressure drop across a dirty filter.

#### 5. Second Circuits

Secondary circuits can be used for the spray pump hydraulic pressure supply, but free dump returns should always be used with them. Standard tractor

secondary return ports are even more restrictive than primary return ports.

#### Rule #2

#### Know Where to Set the Bypass Screw

This Hypro hydraulic motor feature is intended solely for Open Center hydraulic systems. Follow directions for bypass screw adjustments in the owner's manual. Be sure bypass screw is turned in completely if your hydraulic system is a Closed Center pressure-compensating or load-sensing system.

#### Rule #3 On/Off Operation

Whenever possible, use the rate controller for On/Off control of your spray nozzles. Cycling the pump on and off does provide more opportunity to damage the hydraulic motor's oil seal, especially if the hydraulic return line is through the circuit spool valve. In the graph to the right you can see over 3000 PSI pressure is trapped in the motor until it slowly seeps down to zero PSI. 13 GPM Hyd Flow, 100 PSI Pump Pressure Circuit Dump, Off To neutral, 1/2 Agitation





That pressure is exerted directly against the hydraulic oil lip seal in the motor. Trapping high hydraulic oil pressure in the motor will lead to early seal failures.

Using a free dump will avoid hydraulic oil from having to go through the circuit spool valve and will alleviate the possibility of trapped pressure in the motor as well as lower the back pressure in the motor to increase its performance.

#### **Glossary of Terms:**

**Shut-off condition:** Operation of the pump at full hydraulic flow under normal spray conditions with all nozzles turned off and all flow to agitation turned off as well. At this condition, the pump will operate at maximum speed and develop its highest output pressure.

**Shut-off pressure:** Pressure measured in PSI when pump is running with all systems (booms and agitation) turned off.

**Free Dump:** Return line from the hydraulic motor is connected directly back to the reservoir of the hydraulic system via hydraulic cooler and filter, instead of routing through control spool valve. Bypassing the spool valve accomplishes two things: (1) Lowers back pressure which in turns increases available hydraulic pressure to do work, (2) Increases hydraulic motor's seal life and prevents accidental trapped pressure when stopping the pump by going to *neutral* position instead of *float* position.

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