

MOVAX EXCAVATOR REQUIREMENTS

MOVAX Side-grip pile drivers, Piling hammers and Piling Drills - and MOVAX Manipulators - are designed to be operated and mounted on standard excavators and to be connected to the normal auxiliary hydraulic system of the excavator (for rail roaders and other carriers, please contact Movax Oy). MOVAX Multi-tool piling leaders are designed to be operated and mounted on standard excavators. In addition to normal auxiliary hydraulics, excavator bucket cylinder hydraulics can be utilized depending on the configuration.

The carrier to which the MOVAX is connected shall fulfill the following technical requirements, which are also the basis for any mechanical warranty provided by Movax Oy. It is recommended to measure the excavator auxiliary oil flow prior to selecting and installing the MOVAX piling and handling equipment.

1. GENERAL

The excavator hammer valve and boom-up valve shall be fed with separated oil pumps (1-pump connection).

Rationale: When extracting with a 2-pump connection the boom-up is getting the same pressure as the hammer line. The MOVAX is typically operated with a pressure of 240–290 bar thus reducing the lifting force by 20–40% compared to operating the boom-up with a pressure of 350 bar.

2. OIL FLOW RATE

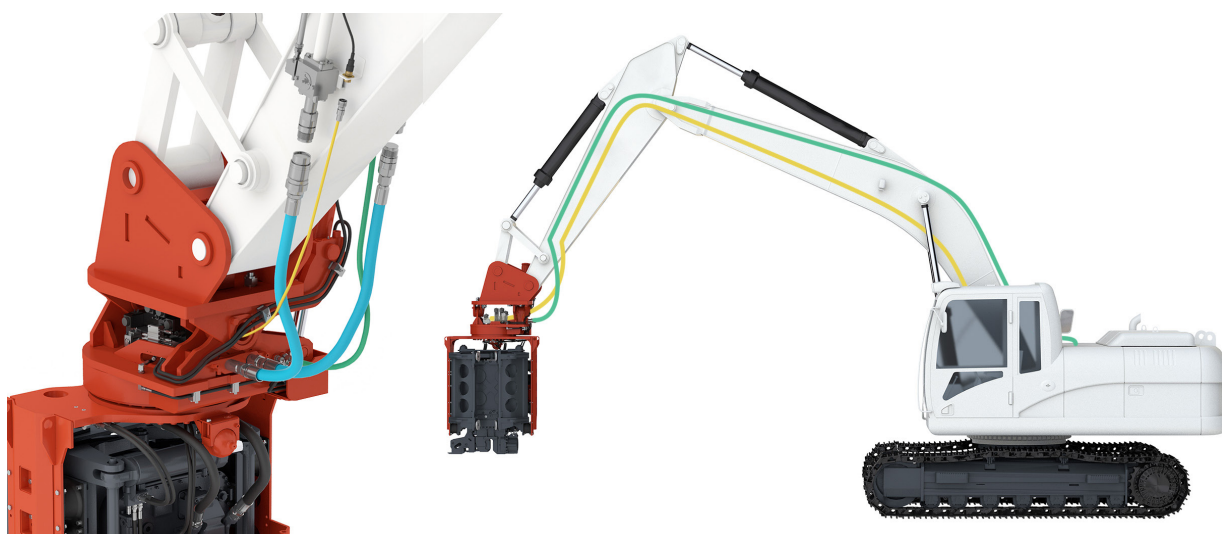
The required oil flow rate to the MOVAX at the operating pressure is presented in table 1. The recommended oil flow rate is 10% higher than the required amount and always measured at the MOVAX operating pressure (shown in table 1). Note! the oil flow and pressure requirements varies for different MOVAX models.

Rationale: The 10% margin in the oil flow rate is recommended because of other excavator or other carrier functions. The excavator or other carrier oil flow rate is normally presented at 0 bar pressure. The hydraulic pump performance curve is typically such that the oil flow rate drops when the pressure increases. Note! Required oil flow at the nominal operating pressure (as per table 1; for example SG-45 requires 141 l/min @ 280 bar(g)).

3. OIL RETURN PRESSURE

The return pressure measured at the end of the stick with cold oil (20–40°C) should be max. 15 bar.

Rationale: A too high return pressure will reduce the performance of the MOVAX piling equipment and could lead to, for example seal damages.



Picture 1. Hydraulic and electrical connections

The return hose from the hammer line should be connected directly to the return filter of the hydraulic tank without any restriction, and thus never through the main valve as in the 2-way hammer line. Please make sure that your excavator has the hammer piping (auxiliary hydraulics) installed and that it is in a working condition before installing the MOVAX. Hoses and pipes shall be large enough for the oil flow required by the MOVAX. The required hose and pipe sizes are provided by MOVAX.

MOVAX SG-, TAD-, KB- and MPL-models require a separate drain line with a ½" hose directly to the excavator hydraulic tank without any restrictions. It is recommended to connect the drain line to the hydraulic tank return filter. The drain pressure measured at the end of the stick with cold oil (20–40°C) should be max 5 bar.

Table 1. Selection chart

EXCAVATOR CLASS	(38) 40-50 ton	(33) 35-50 ton	(28) 30-50 ton	(20) 23-50 ton
PILE SIZE (length/weight)				
Max. pile length and weight based on excavator reach and stability.	DH-45	DH-35	DH-25	DH-15
SUITABLE PILES				
Sheet piles	width 400-700 mm			
H-beams	H180-H700		H180-H500	
Precast concrete piles (max)	508 mm x 508 mm			
Timber piles	Ø 90-510 mm			
Tube piles	Ø 88.9-1200 mm		Ø 88.9-762 mm	

NOTE!

Preliminary. When making the final selection the excavator engine size and hydraulic system design (oil pump arrangement, oil flow rate/pressure etc), excavator lifting capacity and stability and soil and site conditions shall be taken into account.

The excavator class (ton) and minimum excavator engine power (kW) are provided as a general guideline only.

In addition to the hydraulics, the stability of the excavator must be taken into consideration when determining the suitability of a specific excavator. Total weight of Movax equipment, quick coupler and pile shall not exceed lifting capacity mentioned in excavator's technical specifications. Working range must be kept by operator within the defined limits of stability at all times.

4. MAX PRESSURE SETTING

The pressure relief valve of the hammer line in the excavator must be set to the pressure presented in specified by MOVAX.

Note! the pressure setting changes between different MOVAX models.

5. CONTROL OF THE HAMMER VALVE

The hammer valve of the excavator has to be controlled by the MOVAX control system (mControl+). The mControl+ LITE and mControl+ PRO utilises either proportional pilot valves, a PWM controller or a CAN pilot circuit/interface for the control of the excavator's auxiliary hydraulics.

Note! Please inform MOVAX Oy or MOVAX Oy's representative, if your excavator has a 12 V system.

6. HYDRAULIC QUICK HOSE COUPLINGS

If using hydraulic quick hose couplings at the end of the hammer piping, use only low resistance ones with a locking mechanism to avoid opening during vibration. Italian manufacturer's Stucchi VP21 1-1/4" couplers are recommended to be used for oil flows 150–250 l/min. For oil flows 90–150 l/min Stucchi VP17 1" couplers are recommended. These both coupler types can be supplied by Movax Oy upon request.

EXCAVATOR STABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The stability of the excavator must be taken into consideration when determining the suitability of a specific excavator. The stability of a specific excavator can be determined based on the excavator manufacturer's 'Lifting capacity' chart or technical specification.

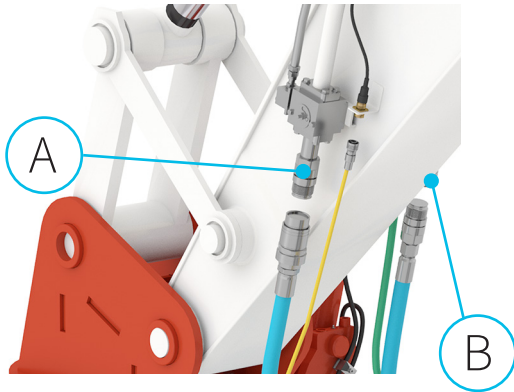
The total weight of the MOVAX equipment, adapter/quick coupler and the pile itself shall not exceed the lifting capacity mentioned in the excavator manufacturer's 'Lifting capacity' chart or technical specification. The lifting and/or working range must be kept by the operator within the specified limits of stability at all times. In addition to the stable operation it is also the explicit responsibility of the operator to adhere to all safety related instructions provided by both the manufacturer of the excavator (carrier) and MOVAX Oy at all times.



OIL FLOW MEASUREMENT

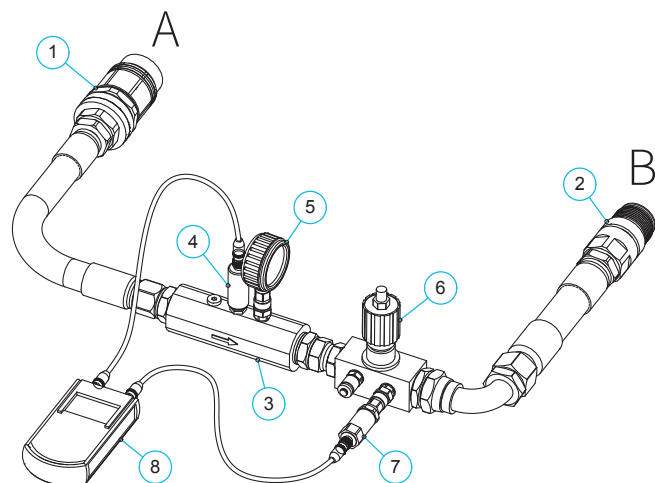
It is recommended to measure the excavator auxiliary oil flow prior to selecting and installing the MOVAX piling and handling equipment and MOVAX Control System in order to ensure the suitability of the excavator and the proper functioning of the MOVAX piling and handling equipment.

The oil flow shall be measured with an oil flow meter or tester. The oil flow meter (or tester) is connected between the pressure and return (to tank) lines.



Picture 2a. Connecting the flow meter

The oil flow shall be measured at 20 bar pressure intervals starting from 100 bar up to 350 bar (note! as a part of the measuring procedure the excavator relief valve pressure setting must be set to 350 bar with a tolerance of 335–350 bar). In addition, to the oil flow the return pressure shall be measured and recorded. The measured results shall be recorded (Flow test measuring protocol or report, table 2.).



Picture 2b. Connecting the flow meter

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| 1 | Pressure |
| 2 | Return to tank |
| 3 | Hydraulic oil flow turbine |
| 4 | Hydraulic oil flow sensor l/min |
| 5 | Hydraulic pressure gauge 0-400 bar (or pressure sensor) for main pressure |
| 6 | Hydraulic throttle valve (flow control valve) |
| 7 | Hydraulic pressure sensor 0-60 bar, 0-100 bar etc. (or pressure gauge) for return pressure |
| 8 | Hydraulic oil flow and pressure display |

Table 2. Flow test report (model)



FLOW TEST REPORT

Date:
 Performed by:

Customer

Carrier

make

model

year of manufacture

operating hours [hrs]

engine power [kW]

Note!

Flow test (measured data)

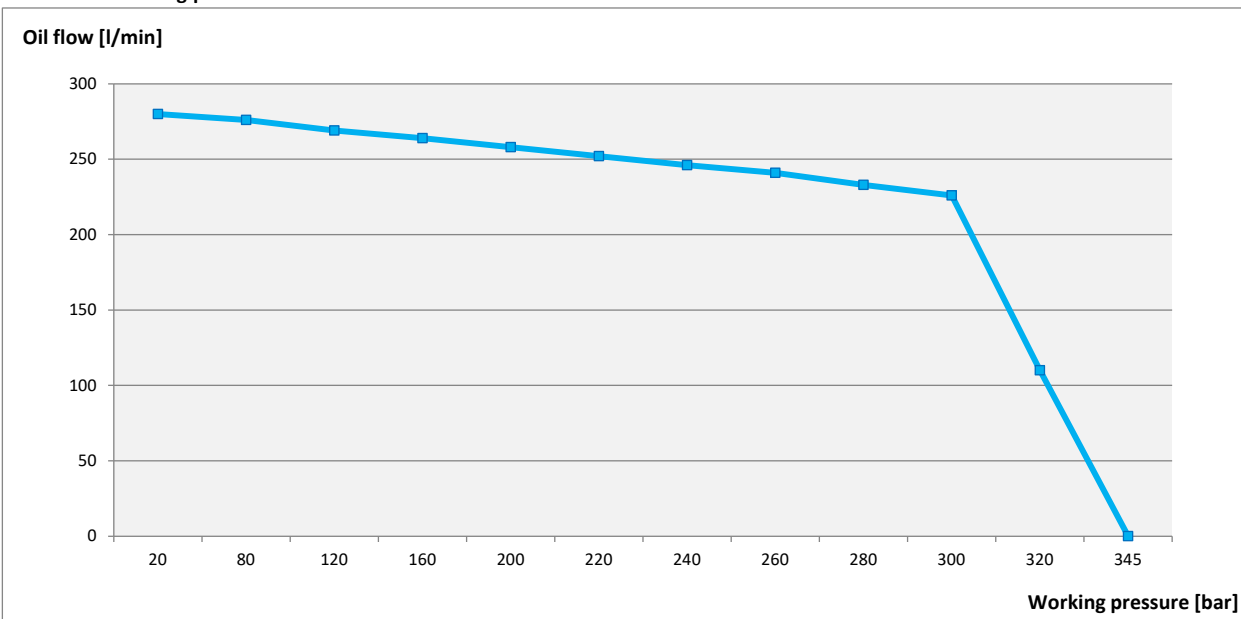
Working pressure [bar]	Oil flow [l/min]	Return pressure [bar]	Note!
20	280		
80	276		
120	269		
160	264		
200	258		
220	252		
240	246		
260	241		
280	233		
300	226		
320	110		
345	0		*relief working pressure

Note!

Relief working pressure* to be measured at 0 l/min oil flow.

Return pressure to be measured at MOVAX piling equipment nominal flow (please refer to 'MOVAX excavator requirements')

Oil flow vs working pressure



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