Service Call:
Adjusting pressure reducing valve

Tools Required:
5/16” Allen wrench
0-500 psi gauge

Model(s):
All Digger Derricks with return manifolds
Tech Tip Safety Rules

Danger
Failure to obey the instructions and safety rules in the appropriate Operator's Manual and Service Manual for your machine will result in death or serious injury. Many of the hazards identified in the operator’s manual are also safety hazards when maintenance and repair procedures are performed.

Do Not Perform Maintenance Unless:
- You are trained and qualified to perform maintenance on this machine.
- You read, understand and obey:
  - manufacturer’s instructions and safety rules
  - employer’s safety rules and worksite regulations
  - applicable governmental regulations
- You have the appropriate tools, lifting equipment and a suitable workshop.

The information contained in this tech tip is a supplement to the service manual. Consult the appropriate service manual of your machine for safety rules and hazards.
Step 1
Bring system to normal operating temperature.

Step 2
With engine off and the PTO disengaged, locate the return manifold in the pedestal. Identify the “PR” port on the manifold and install a hydraulic pressure gauge.

Note: the gauge should be teed into the circuit.

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Relief manifold with new reduced pressure cartridge

Reduced pressure for joystick controls
Step 3
Start the engine, engage PTO, and verify gauge reading.
  • Typical settings are
    o 180 psi on standard units
    o 300 psi on units with radio controls or Hydra-Sync digger shift for 2 speed digger
  • See Quick Reference page in maintenance manual.

Step 4
If the reduced pressure requires adjustment, disengage the PTO and return the engine to the off position.

Old style pressure reducing cartridge:
  • Remove the cap-plug on top of the pressure reducing valve exposing the adjustment screw inside.
  • Turn the adjustment screw clockwise to increase the pressure setting or counterclockwise to reduce the pressure setting.
  • Install the cap-plug and retest.
New style pressure reducing cartridge:

- Insert allen wrench into allen head, break jam nut loose and turn clockwise (CW) to increase pressure and counter-clockwise (CCW) to decrease pressure.

Once desired setting is reached, check performance of cartridge by stalling out a boom function (2nd retract) to verify that the valve performs at system pressure. A small increase in reduced pressure may occur during this check, but should return to original setting when 2nd retract is returned to neutral.

Step 5

Remove gauge, check for leaks, and verify proper performance of systems that use reduced pressure. (Typical systems are digger shift, auger release, swing away controls or radio controls).

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