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# Caliper Disc Brakes

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### Description

Caliper disc brakes are ideally suited for most large torque, high energy stopping applications. By proper choice of actuating pressure, number of calipers per disc, number of discs and disc diameter a braking system can be custom designed for most applications.

The calipers are of the opposed piston design. This design permits fixed mounting of the caliper and the brake disc. Symmetrical split construction of the piston housings permits a center reaction mounting and the ability to accommodate brake discs of different thicknesses. Friction shoes attach to the caliper actuating pistons and are replaceable without disturbing the caliper mounting. Pressurizing the piston cylinders causes the piston mounted friction shoes to clamp the disc, developing the braking torque.

Caliper model 225DP100 is designed with self-adjusting retracting mechanisms which compensates for friction material wear and maintains a constant running clearance between the friction shoes and brake disc. They also maintain a constant displacement volume and hence a constant response time for each brake engagement.

Model HC-3 and HD-3 calipers are designed for very heavy duty braking service. The design automatically compensates for runout on large diameter brake discs. Because of this feature, they require manual adjustment to compensate for friction material wear and to maintain a constant volume displacement for actuation. Model HC-3 requires a mounting between the piston housings. Model HD-3 is used for side surface mounting.

Low coefficient friction shoes are available which permits the calipers to be used as tension brakes.

All three caliper models can be air or hydraulic actuated. The pressurizing media must be specified to insure proper piston seal compatibility. Two seals are available: one for air and mineral base fluids, and the other for vegetable base fluids.

Maximum allowable operating pressure is 1000 psi (69 bar). For those installations not equipped with a high pressure power source, a pressure intensifier can be used to provide the required pressure. This device multiplies a low air pressure input into a higher hydraulic pressure output.

### Where Used:

- Conveyors
- Flywheel Brakes
- Mining Vehicle Brakes
- Railroad Maintenance Equipment
- Tension Brakes



### **Brake Disc Recommendations**

Other than a 15 inch (381 mm) diameter ventilated disc, Airflex does not offer a line of standard discs. Because caliper braking systems are custom designed for an installation, it is more advantageous for the customer to provide his own disc or braking surface. For this reason the following disc guidelines are offered.

Rotational speed and thermal stresses must be considered when selecting disc material. Brake disc material should have high carbon content: for gray cast iron, minimum grade ASTM A48 class 50 (ISO 185 grade 35); for steel, minimum grade SAE 1040 (1SO 683/1 and 4 C40). Frictional surfaces should be finished machined to 125 micro (ISO N8) and have a Brinell hardness of 200.

### General

Technical Section Y of the Catalog contains useful information pertaining to the selection, mounting, alignment and control of clutches and brakes in general. Formulas, symbols and units are also identified. It is recommended that Section Y be reviewed before attempting to size a specific product for an application.

#### **Frictional Force Adjustment**

Dynamic frictional force ratings  $\mathbf{F}_{r}$  are given for calipers furnished with either standard or low coefficient friction linings. The ratings are based upon an effective pressure  $\mathbf{p}_{r}$  of 1000 psi (69 bar) for standard linings and 100 psi (6,9 bar) for low coefficient linings. Low coefficient linings are intended for applications which slip continuously and as a result are not recommended for use at pressures over 100 psi (6,9 bar).

Friction force ratings must be adjusted for operating pressure  $\mathbf{p}_o$  and the parasitic loss  $p_p$  which represents the pressure to overcome piston seal friction and friction shoe release springs. The effective friction force  $\mathbf{F}_e$  is calculated from:

$$F_{_{e}}=\frac{p_{^{o}}\text{-}p_{^{p}}}{p_{^{r}}}\cdot F_{^{r}}$$

#### **Torque Calculations**

Braking torque is calculated from:

$$M_{e} = 0.5 \cdot N \cdot F_{e} (D-C_{t})$$

where  $M_{e}$  is the effective brake torque (lb·in or N·m)

N = number of calipers

 $F_e$  = effective frictional force (lb or N)

D = disc outside diameter (in or m)

 $C_t = disc constant$ 

	225 DP 100		HC3 and HD3	
Parameter	English Units	SI Units	English Units	SI Units
Dynamic Frictional Force F <sub>r</sub>			,	
Standard linings @ 1000 psi (69 bar)	2540 lb	11300 N	5300 lb	23600 N
Lo-co linings @ 100 psi (6,0 bar)	190 lb	845 N	400 lb	1780 N
Static Friction Force			,	
Standard linings @ 1000 psi (69 bar)	3170 lb	14100 N	6620 lb	29440 N
Parasitic Loss p <sub>p</sub>	8 psi	0,6 bar	10 psi	0,7 bar
Disc Constants			,	
C <sub>d</sub>	8.25	2095	10.21	2593
Ct	3.2	0,08	4.1	0,10
Minimum Disc Diameter	9.63 in	0,24 m	18.63 in	0,47 m
Friction Area	12.5 in <sup>2</sup>	80 cm <sup>2</sup>	39 in <sup>2</sup>	252 cm <sup>2</sup>
Typical Disc Running Clearance per Side	0.03 in	0,8	0.06 in	1,6
Displacement to Engagement	0.5 in <sup>3</sup>	0,008 dm <sup>3</sup>	1.1 in <sup>3</sup>	0,018 dm <sup>3</sup>
Cylinder Volume - Engaged			,	
New lining and disc	0.9 in <sup>3</sup>	0,015 dm <sup>3</sup>	3.5 in <sup>3</sup>	0,06 dm3
Worn lining and disc	4.0 in <sup>3</sup>	0,07 dm <sup>3</sup>	12.5 in <sup>3</sup>	0,21 dm <sup>3</sup>
Lining Thickness			,	
New	0.65 in	17 mm	0.56 in	14 mm
Worn	0.37 in	9 mm	0.06 in	1,5 mm
Weight/Mass	17 lb	7,7 kg	85 lb	39 kg

#### **Example**

What combinations of disc diameters and number of 225DP100 calipers will produce a dynamic torque of 5000 lb·in. Air pressure of 80 psi is available.

$$F_{e} = \frac{p_{o} - p_{p}}{p_{r}} \cdot F_{r}$$

$$= \frac{80 - 8}{1000} \cdot 2540$$

$$= 183 \text{ lb}$$

$$M_{e} = 0.5 \cdot \text{N} \cdot F_{e}(\text{D-C}_{t})$$

$$D = \frac{M_{e}}{0.5 \cdot \text{N} \cdot F_{e}} + C_{t}$$

$$= \frac{5000}{0.5 \cdot 183 \cdot \text{N}} + 3.2$$

$$= \frac{54 \cdot 64}{\text{N}} + 3.2$$

No. Calipers N	Disc Diameter (in)
One	58
Two	30.5
Three	21.5
Four	17



### **Thermal Capacity**

Non-cyclic thermal capacity is determined by the caliper's friction area and/or the swept area of the braking disc. For good life, it is recommended that the peak thermal power not exceed 75 HP (56 kW) for the 225DP100 and 235 HP (175 kW) for the HC3 and HD3 calipers. Disc swept area loading should not exceed 0.3 HP/in<sup>2</sup> (0.035 kW/cm<sup>2</sup>). The swept area can be approximated from:

$$\mathbf{A}_{s}=\mathbf{Cd}{\boldsymbol{\cdot}}\left(\mathbf{D}{\boldsymbol{\cdot}}\mathbf{Ct}\right)$$

where  $A_s = disc$  swept area in<sup>2</sup> (cm<sup>2</sup>)

- $C_d = disc constant$
- D = disc outside diameter in (m)
- $C_t = disc constant$

The following graph illustrates the continuous thermal power dissipation for the 225DP100 caliper with low coefficient friction linings and a 15 inch (0.38 m) diameter ventilated disc.

### Example

A 1,5 m diameter disc will be used with a HC3 caliper. What is the disc's thermal capacity?

As 
$$= C_d \cdot (D-C_1)$$

= 2593 · (1,5 - 0,10)

$$= 3630 \frac{kW}{cm^2} \cdot 3630 cm^2 = 127$$



## **Airflex**<sup>®</sup> 225DP100 Caliper Component Parts







ltem	Description
1	Friction Shoe Retainer
2	Hex Nut
3	Sleeve
4	Piston
5	Spring Guide
6	Washer
7	Snap Ring
8	Pin
9	Snap Ring
10	Retaining Ring
11	Spring
12	Quad Ring

Item	Description
13	Boot
14	Dyna Seal
15	Hex Hd Cap Screw
16	Lockwasher
17	Socket Hd Screw
18	Lockwasher
19	Elbow
20	Decal
21	Pipe Plug
22	45° Elbow
23	Bridge Pipe
24	Cylinder Block
25	Friction Shoe Assy

	Items	Kit Description	Part Number
	12,13&25	Standard Lining and 14625 Vegetable Seal Kit	
3,4,5,6,9 10,11,12 & 13	Piston Replacement Kit:,		
	For Air and Mineral Base Fluid	145862X	
	For Vegetable Base Fluid	145862Y	

## Airflex<sup>®</sup> 225DP100 Caliper

Form CA 1001

Dimensional Data



Caliper Description	Part Number
Caliper w/low coefficient linings and seals for mineral base fluids	142862C
Caliper w/standard linings and seals for vegetable base fluids	142862H
Caliper w/standard linings and seals for mineral base fluids	142862J

### **Notes:**

• American National Pipe Thread

American National Standard for Unified Screw Threads.

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### **Airflex**<sup>®</sup> 225DP100 Caliper Brake Application

Form CA 1003

Dimensional Data



		English Units		SI Units	
Component	Part Number	Weight Ib	Wk² lbft²	Mass kg	J kg·m²
Caliper	142862 🛈	17	N/A	7,7	N/A
Disc for standard hub	407936 🛛	24	5.6	10,9	0,23
Disc for QD hub	410851 🛛	25	5.7	11,3	0,24
Standard Hub	404351	13	0.3	5,9	0,01
QD Hub	304582@	12	0.2	5,4	0,01

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### Notes:

- **1** Basic part number only. Type of friction linings and actuating fluid must be specified.
- Maximum speed is 1800 rpm.
- Basic part number only. Suffix must be added for specific bore.
- Minimum gap during operations: 0.030" (0,8 mm) typical.

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### Airflex<sup>®</sup> HC 3 Caliper



Form CA 1002

Dimensional Data





Basic Part Number 142967 <sup>•</sup>

### **Notes:**

- American National Standard for Unified Screw Threads.
- 2 These dimensions based on a 1.25 in (32 mm) thick disc.
- **3** Suffix must be added to indicated type of friction lining and actuating fluid.

### Airflex<sup>®</sup> HD 3 Caliper



Dimensional Data





### Notes:

- American National Standard for Unified Screw Threads.
- 2 These dimensions based on a 0.63 in (6 mm) thick disc.
- **3** Suffix must be added to indicated type of friction lining and actuating fluid.

### Airflex<sup>®</sup> HC 3 and HD 3

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**Component Parts** 





Item	Description	
1	Set Screw	
2	Hex Nut	
3	Plain Washer	
4	Thredseal	
5	Quad Ring	
6	Oil Seal	
7	Acron Nut	
8	Stud	
9	Hex Nut	
10	Washer	
11	Compression Spring	
12	Spherical Washer	
13	Spherical Washer	
14	Cylinder Block	
15	Cylinder Block	

ltem	Description
16	Hi-Collar Lockwasher
17	Hex Socket Screw
18	Retaining Clip
19	Hex Socket Screw
20	Lockwasher
21	Hex Jam Nut
22	Label
23	Retaining Clip
24	Bleeder Fitting
25	Hex Hd Cap Scr
26	Piston
27	Steel Ball
28	Lockwasher
29	Friction Shoe Assy

### Description

This intensifier is designed for industrial caliper brakes which require low initial hydraulic displacement prior to full pressure application and requires near zero residual system pressure. It is intended for single stop and low cyclic duty. It multiplies a low air pressure input into a higher hydraulic pressure output.

Contact the factory for the appropriate intensifier to meet your application requirements.

Hydraulic to air pressure ratio - 15:1

Maximum displacement - 4.7 in3 (0,08 dm3)

Actuating fluid - vegetable base only



#### **Notes:**

• American National Pipe Thread

Three 1/2-20-2B female ports. Unit includes two 1/2-20-2B plugs and two gaskets as well as one adapter fitting for 1/4-18-NPT female thread connection and gasket.





Direct drive application where the 225DP100 caliper is used to brake the flywheel of a 60 ton Header during the set-up process.