

# Pressure Balanced™ Boom Suspension



## RIDE CONTROL IS NO LONGER OPTIONAL

**Compact wheel loaders**, skid-steer loaders, and loaderequipped tractors may not be the biggest machines on the construction site, but they are often **do most of the work**, from scooping, lifting, moving and dumping, to minor grading tasks such as scraping and backdragging.

For small and mid-size loaders without wheel suspension, the **rough ride** comes with the territory. We rely on the operator

to adjust working habits to accommodate machine performance. This means working more slowly and deliberately, limiting tight turns, extending braking distances, and avoiding difficult terrain. This is a drag on productivity.

Cushioning the movement of the boom while traveling over difficult terrain is key to load stability and vehicle safety. An effective boom suspension system can act to prevent loss and shifting of the load, and a vehicle with a controlled load is easier to maneuver and safer to operate.

So in today's machines, boom suspension is not just a matter of operator comfort, it is critical to working quickly and efficiently. Loaders equipped with boom suspension **perform tasks faster** and operators can **focus** more **on moving material** instead of spilling it.



#### **BALANCE IS KEY**

The HydraForce pressure-balanced boom suspension system offers a **more responsive control** for compact loaders. At the heart of the system is the **patent-pending** PB08-E40 pressure-balanced **accumulator charging** valve. What makes this system **perform better** is the ability to **charge the accumulator without borrowing oil** from the boom cylinder. This means the **boom doesn't drop** during travel, or **jerk suddenly** when the system is activated, and **no mushy performance** when digging into a pile of material. It simply **performs the way the operator expects.** 



# **ADAPTS TO YOUR VEHICLE**

The available proving manifold includes solenoid enable valves to allow **deactivation for grading tasks**. It can be **plumbed directly** into the boom circuit for testing. At production time, the optimized circuit can be **integrated into the vehicle hydraulic system**, or the components can be placed in a **custom manifold** and **remotely mounted**.

Orifices in the proving manifold can be changed to tune the following performance characteristics:

- Accumulator charge/discharge rate
- Pilot circuit damping
- Cylinder rod-end metering

#### **Features**

- Pressure-balanced accumulator charging
- Load does not move when system is activated
- · Leakdown protection
- Charges using pump flow / discharges to reservoir
- · Two solenoid enable valves
- Quick system tuning



## **PERFORMANCE IS PROVEN**

HydraForce engineers developed this system to fit a broad range of vehicles and boom configurations. During development, HydraForce was able to see marked performance improvement in load balancing and leakdown protection over existing systems. The ability to observe and document actual machine performance in our Innovation and Technology Center gives HydraForce a distinct advantage in developing components and systems that solve real world problems.

Advantages of using a pressure-balanced boom suspension:

- Keep the load in the bucket
- Increase operator comfort
- · Increase working efficiency
- Reduce wear on vehicle components
- Increase travel speeds
- Decrease braking distances
- · Adapt easily to any system
- Standardized hardware available for proving

# MAKE PERFORMANCE STANDARD EQUIPMENT ON YOUR VEHICLE

The HydraForce pressure-balanced boom suspension system offers operators a **better** overall **experience** because it **performs reliably** under **all operating conditions**. It offers a more **responsive load-balanced control** that is able to maintain accumulator charge even when the system is disengaged. Even **skid-steer and compact loaders** can employ an **economical suspension system** that competes with larger machines. This **flexible all-cartridge solution** can be mounted close to the boom or integrated into a complete vehicle hydraulic system manifold. Operators are able to **work more quickly and efficiently** because vehicle stability is greatly improved. **Safer and more efficient machines get the job done faster.** 



Operate with confidence Smooth and Safe

# WHY CONSIDER HYDRAFORCE?



- World's largest privately owned cartridge valve manufacturer focused on EH system controls
- · Broadest range of cartridge valves
- Designed EH systems for mobile equipment in every industry





- Free design support
- Simulation software
- Fast prototypes



- Integrate sensors, fittings, ancillary valves, and other custom components into a single manifold
- Simplified circuit design
- Consolidated or distributed hydraulic systems

- All manifolds are end-of-line function tested
- Use of Lean and Six Sigma practices
- Five year warranty on valves and manifolds



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