

Cartridge Valves Technical Information Counterbalance valves Quick reference

Hydraulic Vent	Model No.	Cavity	Description	Flow*	Pressure	Page
_	CP448-1	CP08-3L	Counterbalance Valve,	20 l/min	350 bar	09.6
(1)			Hydraulic Vent	[5 US gal/min]	[5000 psi]	
<u> </u>	CB10-HV	SDC10-3S		60 l/min	350 bar	09.7
				[16 US gal/min]	[5000 psi]	
	CP441-1	CP12-3S		115 l/min	350 bar	09.8
3				[30 US gal/min]	[5000 psi]	
<u>+</u>	CP443-1	CP20-3S		190 l/min	350 bar	09.9
(2)				[50 US gal/min]	[5000 psi]	

Atmospheric Vent	Model No.	Cavity	Description	Flow*	Pressure	Page
①	CB10-AV	SDC10-3S	Counterbalance Valve,	60 l/min	350 bar	09.10
			Atmospheric Vent	[16 US gal/min]	[5000 psi]	
ATM.						

Atmospheric Vent	Model No.	Cavity	Description	Flow*	Pressure	Page
3	VCB 12-CN	NCS12/3	Counterbalance Valve,	140 l/min	350 bar	09.11
			Atmospheric Vent	[37 US gal/min]	[5000 psi]	
ATM.						

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Dual Counterbalance	Model No.	Cavity	Description	Flow*	Pressure	Page
C1 T C2	1EEC11-1	None	Dual-Counterbalance	57 l/min	345 bar	09.12
F F			Valve, with Makeup Checks,	[15 US gal/min]	[5000 psi]	
			Catalog HIC			
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$A \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow A \rightarrow A$						
V1 V2						

Dual Counterbalance	Model No.	Cavity	Description	Flow*	Pressure	Page
(1) (2)	CP448-2	None	Counterbalance Valve,	20 l/min	350 bar	09.13
			Hydraulic Vent,	[5 US gal/min]	[5000 psi]	
	DCB10-HV	None	Catalog HIC	60 l/min	350 bar	09.14
\$ \$ \$				[16 US gal/min]	[5075 psi]	
	CP441-2	None		115 l/min	350 bar	09.15
V1 V2				[30 US gal/min]	[5000 psi]	

Dual Counterbalance	Model No.	Cavity	Description	Flow*	Pressure	Page
(1) (2)	DCB10-AV	None	Counterbalance Valve,	60 l/min	350 bar	09.16
			Atmospheric Vent,	[16 US gal/min]	[5075 psi]	
			Catalog HIC			
ATM ATM.						
W (2)						

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Cartridge Valves Technical Information Counterbalance valves **Application notes**

MOTION CONTROL VALVES

Motion control valves, also referred to as load holding valves, are used to control the motion of a load in the following ways:

- Prevent a load from dropping in case of hose or tube failure.
- Prevent a load from drifting caused by directional control valve spool leakage.
- Provide smooth, modulated motion when the load is in a lowering or run-away mode.
- Provide smooth, modulated motion when the directional control valve is suddenly closed.

There are two basic types of motion control valves:

- Pilot-operated, or pilot-to-open check valves will satisfy the first two of the above requirements.
- Counterbalance valves will satisfy all four of the above requirements.

Counterbalance valves



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COUNTERBALANCE VALVES

A counterbalance valve provides several functions:

- Free flow in one direction.
- Leak-free load holding.
- Protection against hydraulic line failure.
- Protection against pressure shocks caused by external forces or overrunning loads
- Cavitation-free motion control to match speed to pump flow when a load could cause loss of control of an actuator (cylinder or motor).
- Smooth, modulated motion control when the directional valve is suddenly closed.



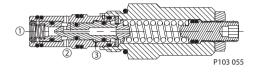
Cartridge Valves Technical Information Counterbalance valves Application notes

COUNTERBALANCE VALVES (continued)

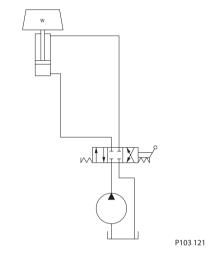
Counterbalance valves will positively hold a pressurized load and will control the motion of the load based on application of a pressure signal to the pilot port. Counterbalance valves are available as individual cartridges or standard cartridge-in-body (CIB) packages.

A typical circuit application for a counterbalance valve contains a pump, directional control valve, and an actuator. Without a counterbalance valve the load will drift down due to spool leakage if the directional control valve is centered with the load raised. Additionally there is no protection against the load dropping in the event of hydraulic line failure.

Individual cartridge counterbalance valve

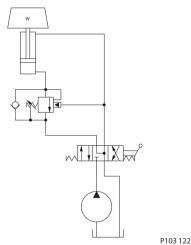


Circuit without a counterbalance valve



Adding a counterbalance valve controls motion and provides protection against hose or tube failure. In this circuit, moving the directional control valve to the left causes the cylinder to extend, raising the load with free flow going through the check valve portion of the counterbalance valve. When the directional control valve is centered, the counterbalance valve will prevent leakage and lock the load in position. Moving the directional control valve to the right sends flow/pressure to the rod end of the cylinder. This pressure also acts to pilot open the counterbalance valve and allows the load to be lowered. Should the load cause the cylinder to run away from the pump, pilot pressure to the counterbalance valve will decrease and the counterbalance valve will modulate to match the cylinder speed to the pump flow.

Circuit with a counterbalance valve





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COUNTERBALANCE VALVES (continued)

The pressure required to pilot open the counterbalance valve can be calculated as

 $P = \frac{(Ps \cdot Ab) - W}{(Ab \cdot R) + Ar} (load retracts cylinder)$

 $P = \frac{(Ps \cdot Ar) - W}{(Ar \cdot R) + Ab}$ (load extends cylinder)

W = Load

Ps = Counterbalance valve relief setting; see below for more information

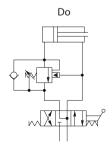
Ab = Cylinder bore area Ar = Cylinder rod area

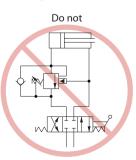
= Counterbalance valve pilot ratio; see below for more information

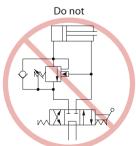
Note that these equations are idealized and do not consider any backpressure in the circuit, which is additive to the pressure required to pilot open the check valve.

Some additional guidelines for counterbalance valve applications:

- Specify the counterbalance valve relief setting high enough to stop any motion (flow) at the maximum expected actuator pressure. Generally it is recommended to use a setting of 1.3 multiplied by the maximum load pressure.
- Use low pilot ratios (3:1 and 4.5:1) for applications where loads may vary widely. Low pilot ratios require higher pilot pressure and are less efficient but provide stable, precise control for varying loads.
- Use high pilot ratios (8:1 and 10:1) for applications where loads are relatively constant. High pilot ratio valves require lower pilot pressure, have faster response, and are more efficient, but lack stability and precision in response to varying loads.
- Do not oversize counterbalance valves. There is no pressure drop operating limit for counterbalance valves and in fact some pressure drop is required to maintain valve operation.
- Locate counterbalance valves at or near the actuator to provide maximum load holding protection in the event of hydraulic line failure.
- Do not use counterbalance valves with closed-center directional control valves. Pressure trapped between the directional control valve and the actuator can pilot the counterbalance valve open and result in undesired load motion.
- Do not use counterbalance valves with tandem-center directional control valves. Backpressure in the system can prevent the counterbalance valve from opening.







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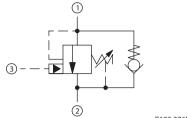


Cartridge Valves Technical Information Counterbalance valves **Hydraulic Vent** CP448-1

OPERATION

This is a pilot-operated counterbalance

Schematic



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SPECIFICATIONS

Theoretical performance 154 SUS (33 cSt) hyd. oil @ 100° F (38° C) bar 435 30 piloted open 1→2 ---- free flow 2→1 363 25 8.0:1 290 20 218 15 145 d 10 73 I /min 12 16

Specifications

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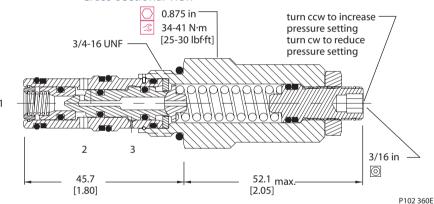
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Rated flow at 22	20 l/min [5 US gal/min]
bar [319 psi]	
Leakage	10 drops/min @ 70% of
	crack pressure
Weight	0.16 kg [0.36 lb]
Pilot ratio	3:1, 4.5:1, 8:1
Cavity	CP08-3L

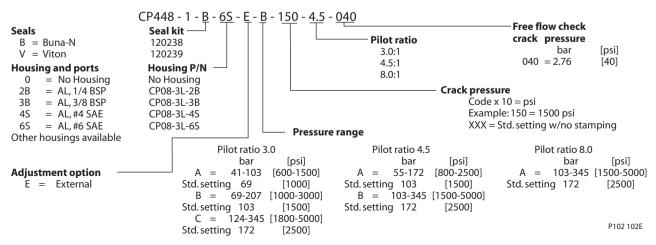
DIMENSIONS

mm [in]

Cross-sectional view

US gal/min 1.1







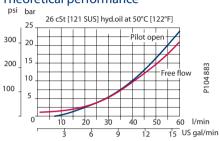
Cartridge Valves Technical Information Counterbalance valves Hydraulic Vent CB10-HV

OPERATION

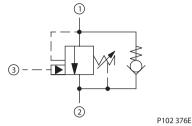
This is a pilot-operated counterbalance

SPECIFICATIONS

Theoretical performance



Schematic



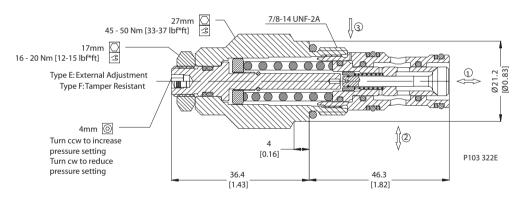
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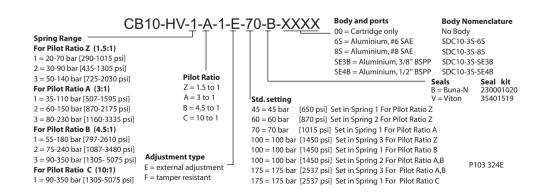
Rated pressure	350 bar [5000 psi]
Rated flow at 22	60 l/min [16 US gal/min]
bar [319 psi]	
Leakage	10 drops/min @ 70% of
	crack pressure
Weight	0.22 kg [0.47 lb]
Pilot ratio	1.5:1, 3:1, 4.5:1, 10:1
Cavity	SDC10-3S

DIMENSIONS

mm [in]

Cross-sectional view





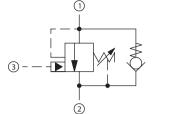


Cartridge Valves Technical Information Counterbalance valves **Hydraulic Vent** CP441-1

OPERATION

This is a pilot-operated counterbalance

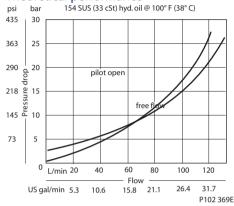
Schematic



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SPECIFICATIONS

Theoretical performance bar



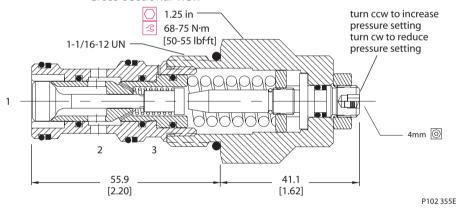
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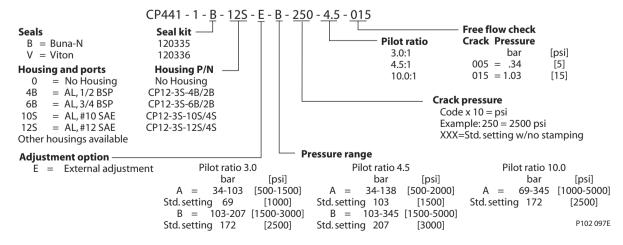
Rated pressure	350 bar [5000 psi]
Rated flow at 22	115 l/min [30 US gal/min]
bar [319 psi]	
Leakage	10 drops/min @ 70% of
	crack pressure
Weight	0.22 kg [0.48 lb]
Pilot ratio	3:1,4.5:1,10:1
Cavity	CP12-3S

DIMENSIONS

mm [in]

Cross-sectional view





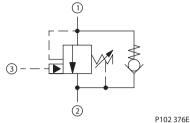


Cartridge Valves Technical Information Counterbalance valves Hydraulic Vent CP443-1

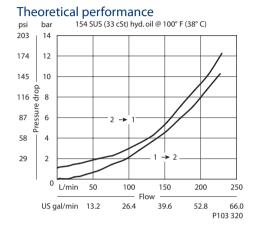
OPERATION

This is a pilot-operated counterbalance valve.

Schematic



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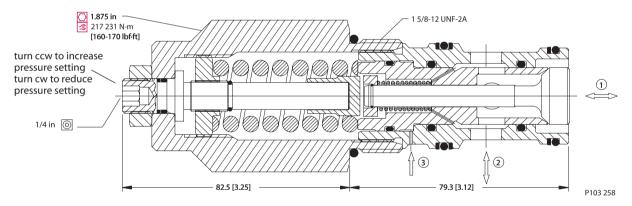
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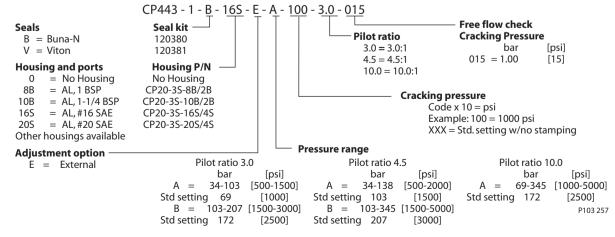
350 bar [5000 psi]
190 l/min [50 US gal/min]
10 drops/min @ 70% of
crack pressure
1.22 kg [2.69 lb]
3:1, 4.5:1, 10:1
CP20-3S

DIMENSIONS

mm [in]

Cross-sectional view







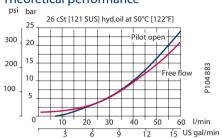
Cartridge Valves Technical Information Counterbalance valves Atmospheric Vent CB10-AV

OPERATION

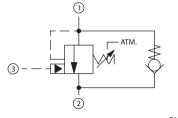
This is a pilot-operated counterbalance valve with an atmospheric vent.

SPECIFICATIONS

Theoretical performance



Schematic



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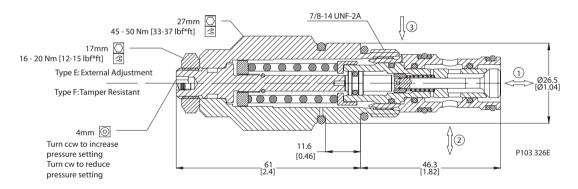
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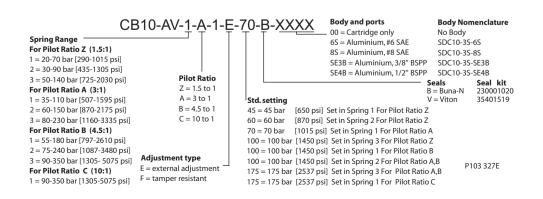
Rated pressure	350 bar [5000 psi]
Rated flow at 22	60 l/min [16 US gal/min]
bar [319 psi]	
Leakage	10 drops/min @ 70% of
	crack pressure
Weight	0.27 kg [0.60 lb]
Pilot ratio	1.5:1, 3:1, 4.5:1, 10:1
Cavity	SDC10-3S

DIMENSIONS

mm [in]

Cross-sectional view







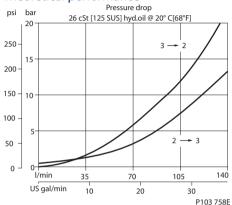
Cartridge Valves Technical Information Counterbalance valves Atmospheric Vent VCB 12-CN

OPERATION

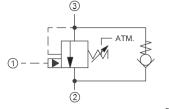
This is a pilot-operated counterbalance valve with an atmospheric vent.

SPECIFICATIONS

Theoretical performance



Schematic



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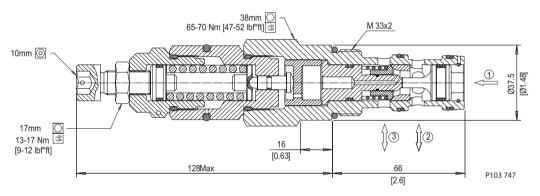
Specifications

Rated pressure	350 bar [5000 psi]
Rated flow at 22	140 l/min [37 US gal/min]
bar [319 psi]	
Weight	0.93 kg [2.05 lb]
Pilot ratio	4.7:1,5.9:1,6.9:1
Cavity	NCS12/3

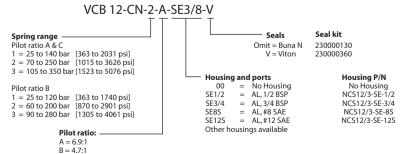
DIMENSIONS

mm [in]

Cross-sectional view



ORDERING INFORMATION



To order this valve with a specific factory setting, contact your Sauer-Danfoss representative

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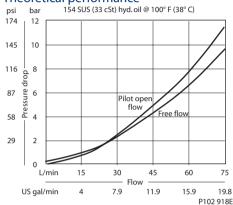
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OPERATION

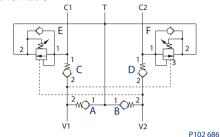
This valve is a dual counterbalance valve with make up checks.

SPECIFICATIONS

Theoretical performance



Schematic



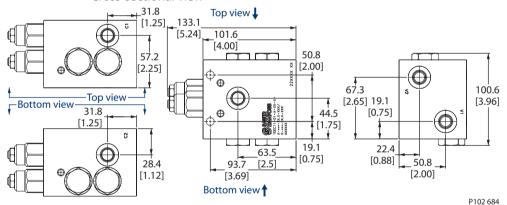
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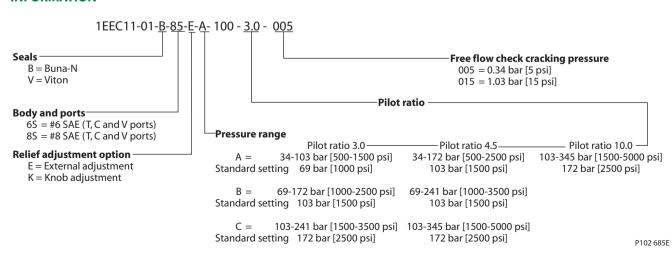
Rated pressure	345 bar [5000 psi]
Rated flow at 7 bar	57 l/min [15 US gal/min]
[100 psi]	
Weight	2.04 kg [4.50 lb]
Pilot ratio	3:1, 4.5:1, or 10:1
Cavity	none

DIMENSIONS

mm [in]

Cross-sectional view





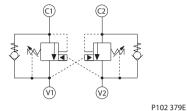


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OPERATION

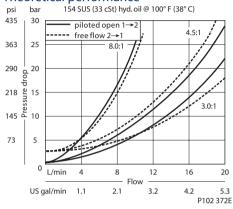
This valve is a dual counterbalance valve. It uses two CP448-1 cartridges.

Schematic



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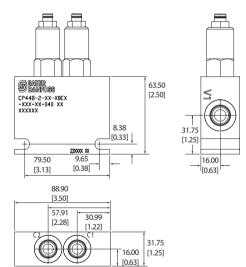
Specifications

Specifications		
Rated pressure	350 bar [5000 psi]	
Rated flow at 22	20 l/min [5 US gal/min]	
bar [319 psi]		
Weight	0.78 kg [1.72 lb]	
Pilot ratio	3:1, 4.5:1, 8:1	
Cavity	none	

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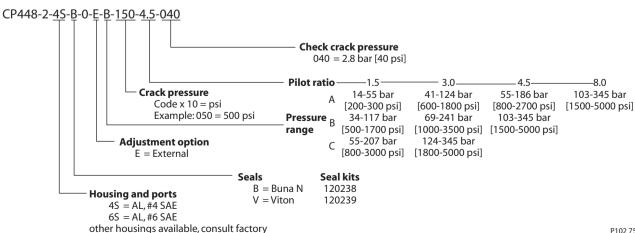
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ORDERING INFORMATION

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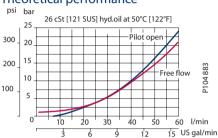
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OPERATION

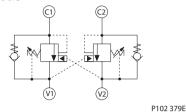
This is a dual counterbalance valve with hydraulic vent. This assembly uses the CB10-HV valve.

SPECIFICATIONS

Theoretical performance



Schematic



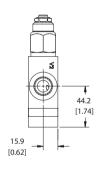
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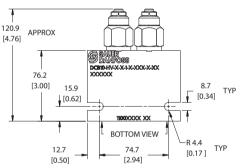
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Rated pressure	350 bar [5075 psi]		
Rated flow at 22	60 l/min [16 US gal/min]		
bar [319 psi]			
Leakage	10 drops/min @ at 70% of		
	crack pressure		
Weight	0.90 kg [1.98 lb]		
Pilot ratio	1.5:1, 3.0:1, 4.5:1, 10.0:1		
Cavity	None		

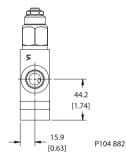
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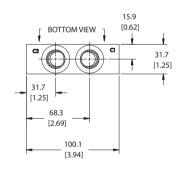
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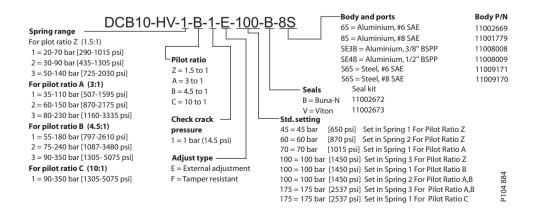
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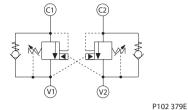


Cartridge Valves Technical Information Counterbalance valves **Dual Counterbalance** CP441-2

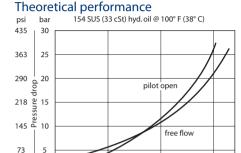
OPERATION

This valve is a dual counterbalance valve. It uses two CP441-1 cartridges.

Schematic



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Specifications

Specifications		
Rated pressure	350 bar [5000 psi]	
Rated flow at 7 bar	115 l/min [30 US gal/min]	
[100 psi]		
Weight	1.26 kg [2.77 lb]	
Pilot ratio	3:1, 4.5:1, 10:1	
Cavity	none	

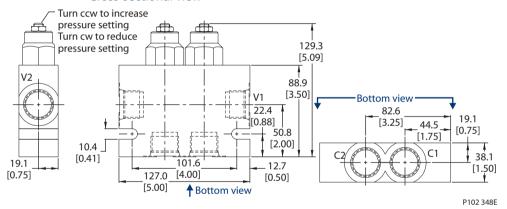
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mm [in]

Cross-sectional view

L/min

US gal/min



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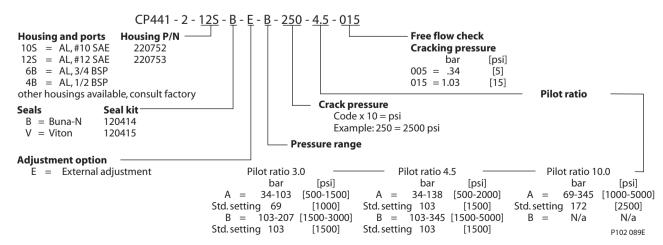
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Flow





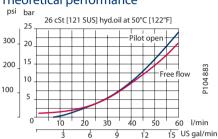
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OPERATION

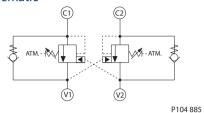
This is a dual counterbalance valve with atmospheric vent. This assembly uses the CB10-AV valve.

SPECIFICATIONS

Theoretical performance



Schematic



Specifications

Rated pressure	350 bar [5075 psi]		
Rated flow at 22	60 l/min [16 US gal/min]		
bar [319 psi]			
Leakage	10 drops/min @ at 70% of		
	crack pressure		
Weight	0.90 kg [1.98 lb]		
Pilot ratio	1.5:1, 3.0:1, 4.5:1, 10.0:1		
Cavity	None		

15.9 [0.62]

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DIMENSIONS

mm [in]

Cross-sectional view

