

## A GUIDE TO

# CONVERTING HYDRAULIC TO ELECTRIC ACTUATORS



SUCCESSFUL CONVERSION TO ELECTRIC ACTUATORS



#### Benefits of Replacing Hydraulic Cylinders with Electric Actuators

Improve process control, increase efficiency, eliminate leaks, & get many other advantages by adopting electric actuator systems

Download Tolomatic's paper on the pros & cons of Electric Actuator vs. Hydraulic cylinder systems.



Advantages of Converting Hydraulic to Electric Linear Motion Information Video



#### **1: EVALUATE POTENTIAL BENEFITS**

Flexible Operation: would it be helpful to quickly and easily be able to adjust stroke lengths, forces, speed of movements?

**Precise Movement:** would it be helpful to improve your precision...so that every time you make a move you get exactly the same result?

**Data Collection:** would it be helpful to collect data from the motor and actuator so you could record how far the actuator moved, how much force was exerted and what speeds the actuator moved at?

Leaks and Environmental Concerns:

would it be helpful to eliminate the potential for hydraulic fluid leaks in the manufacturing environment to improve safety and better insure product quality?

Maintenance: would it be helpful if you had a system with fewer moving parts, almost no on-going maintenance requirements and doesn't contain pressurized oil?

Download "Calculating Total Cost of Ownership" Infographic.

Ambient Temperature: would it be helpful if you got the exact same performance regardless if the ambient temperature was below freezing or the hottest day of the summer?

**Other factors:** Utility costs, Noise, Shock loads

Download "Electric vs. Servo-hydraulic vs. Hydraulic Actuators" Infographic.



Hydraulic cylinders and required components are more complex than electric actuators



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#### **2: ACCURATELY SIZE ACTUATOR**



#### Most important sizing tip: Don't oversize the actuator.



A costly mistake when converting to an electric system is oversizing the actuator.

This video summarizes how to accurately size an actuator for hydraulic replacement.







## Apply High force actuators with confidence

Learn valuable tips for sizing and selecting high force actuators - from 50 lbf to 50,000 lbf (0.2 kN to 222.4 kN).

View this webinar to help you define a solution that you can deploy with confidence.

## Make pressure measurements at the cylinder or valve in order to better determine accurate applications forces.



This diagram shows the preferred locations to measure pressure to accurately determine the actual force required in an existing application



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#### **3: IMPLEMENTATION STEPS**

#### A.) Research:

Tolomatic has gathered a wealth of informative and educational resources to help with this process:

💆 Electric / hydraulic conversion info center





### **B.) Collect Application Details**

Use Tolomatic's application worksheet as a guide: The product selection process can be complex. It is highly recommended that you contact Tolomatic or an authorized Tolomatic Distributor for selection assistance.

Fill out an Application Data Checklist Form and submit it to our sales department for assistance in selecting the best product for your application.

💆 Online: Electric Rod-Style Actuator Application Checklist

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Size and select Tolomatic electric actuators with our easy-to-use online software.







#### **C.) Contact Tolomatic for Expert Advice**



*Engage with Tolomatic to work through the process* 

Expect prompt, courteous replies to all of your application and product questions. Call us at 1-800-328-2174

click on the 🔀 Ask and Engineer link

or email us at 🔽 sales@Tolomatic.com



#### **D.) Comprehensive Pre-sale and Post-sale Tech Support**

Factory application reviews to suit your preference (virtual, in person or at Tolomatic) with full support of our technical and engineering staff. We'll precisely integrate the perfect actuator for your machine/system. Support that gets quick results and ensures your system will continue to run effectively and efficiently.



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#### **Some Sizing Tips:**

□ Identify application loads and forces including tooling, reactive forces, press forces, drag, etc....

- $\Box$  Motion profiles and cycle rates
- $\Box$  Be as accurate as possible
- $\Box$  What is important: Speed, cycle time or both
- Don't forget dwells!





### The Tolomatic Difference Expect More From the Industry Leader:



Unique linear actuator solutions with Endurance Technology<sup>SM</sup> to solve your challenging application requirements.



The fastest delivery of catalog products... Built-to-order with configurable stroke lengths and flexible mounting options.



Online sizing that is easy to use, accurate and always up-to-date. Find a Tolomatic electric actuator to meet your requirements.



Match your motor with compatible mounting plates that ship with any Tolomatic electric actuator.

#### CAD LIBRARY

Easy to access CAD files available in the most popular formats to place directly into your assembly.



Extensive motion control knowledge: Expect prompt, courteous replies to any application and product questions from Tolomatic's industry experts.

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