

UNIT 1

Machine Hydraulic Systems-- 928G Wheel Loader

Unit Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, the student will be able to:

1. Identify components in the 928G Wheel Loader pilot operated implement hydraulic system and the LSPC with hand metering unit steering system.
2. State the function of each component in the 928G Wheel Loader pilot operated implement hydraulic system and the LSPC with hand metering unit steering system.
3. Trace the oil flow in both the 928G Wheel Loader pilot operated implement hydraulic system and the LSPC with hand metering unit steering system.
4. Using the procedures in the Service Manual, test and adjust the 928G Wheel Loader implement hydraulic system and the LSPC with hand metering unit steering system.

Introduction

This unit will discuss the pilot operated hydraulic system and the load sensing, pressure compensated (LSPC) with hand metering unit steering system on the 928G Wheel Loader.

On the manual operated construction equipment, the operator's lever is attached through linkage or cable to the implement control. The work required to move the implement control is performed by the operator.

On the pilot operated equipment, the operator's lever is attached to a pilot control valve that sends pilot oil to move the implement control. The work required to move the implement control is performed by the pilot oil. The pilot operated system gives the operator better control with less effort which results in less operator fatigue, more production and better safety.

The conventional steering system uses a variable (LSPC) pump and shares the oil with the implement pilot system. The LSPC pump is also used in the design of other implement hydraulic and steering systems. However, the pump operation is basically the same. Therefore, many of the concepts used in the LSPC steering system may be transferred to any LSPC system.

The LSPC system differs from the fixed displacement pump system in that the pump output is controlled primarily by the demand of the system and not by the speed of the engine.

Lesson 1: Implement Hydraulic System (Pilot Operated System)

Introduction

The 928G Wheel Loader pilot operated implement hydraulic system is similar to the implement hydraulic system used on other Caterpillar machines. The information learned in this lesson will allow students to understand the pilot operated hydraulic system used on many Caterpillar machines.

928G Wheel Loader

- **Implement Hydraulic System
(Pilot Operated System)**
- **Steering System
(LSPC with Hand Metering Unit)**

Objectives

Upon completion of this lesson, the student will be able to:

1. Identify components of the 928G Wheel Loader pilot operated implement hydraulic system.
2. State the function of the 928G Wheel Loader pilot operated implement hydraulic system.
3. Trace the oil flow through the 928G Wheel Loader pilot operated implement hydraulic system schematic in all positions (hold, tiltback, lower, etc...).
4. Perform the testing and adjusting procedures as stated in the 928G Wheel Loader Service Manual Module (Form No. SENR1226)

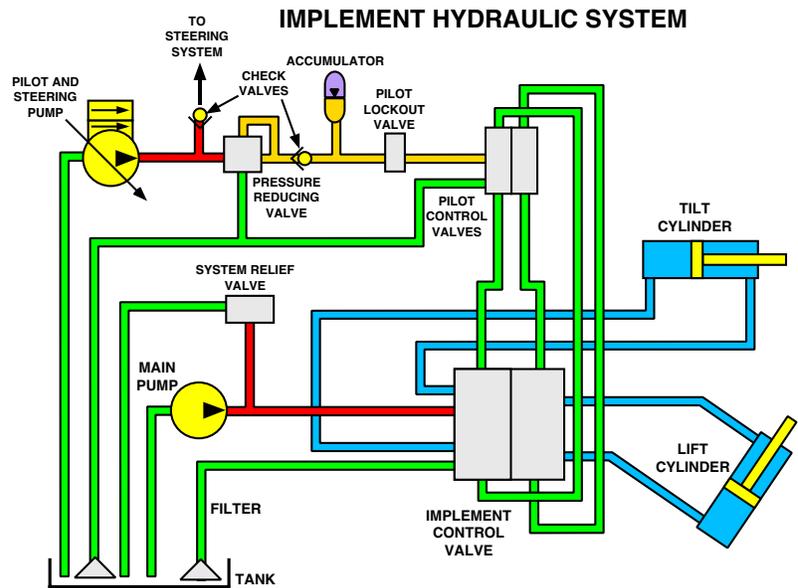


Fig. 1.1.1

IMPLEMENT HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

Figure 1.1.1 shows a simplified schematic of the implement hydraulic system. The implement hydraulic system consists of a pilot system and a main implement system.

The pilot system controls the functions of the main control valve. Pilot system components are:

Pilot and steering pump: The pilot and steering pump supplies oil to the implement pilot system and to the steering system when the engine is ON.

Pressure reducing valve: The pressure reducing valve controls maximum pilot system pressure.

Check valves: The check valves prevent oil in the pilot and steering circuits from flowing back to the pump when the pump is not pumping.

Accumulator: The accumulator maintains a constant pressure in the pilot system when the engine is running. Also when the engine is not running, the accumulator provides pressurized oil in the pilot system to lower the bucket.

Pilot lockout valve: The pilot lockout valve shuts off pilot oil to the pilot control valve.

Pilot control valve: The pilot control valve controls pilot oil flow to the implement control valve.

The main implement hydraulic system components are:

Main system pump: The main system pump supplies oil to the lift and tilt cylinders.

System relief valve: The system relief valve limits the maximum pressure at the main system pump.

Implement control valve: The implement control valve controls oil flow to the implement cylinders.

Tilt cylinder: The tilt cylinder moves the bucket to the DUMP and TILT positions.

Lift cylinders: The lift cylinders raise and lower the lift arms.

The hydraulic tank stores hydraulic oil for both the pilot and implement systems.

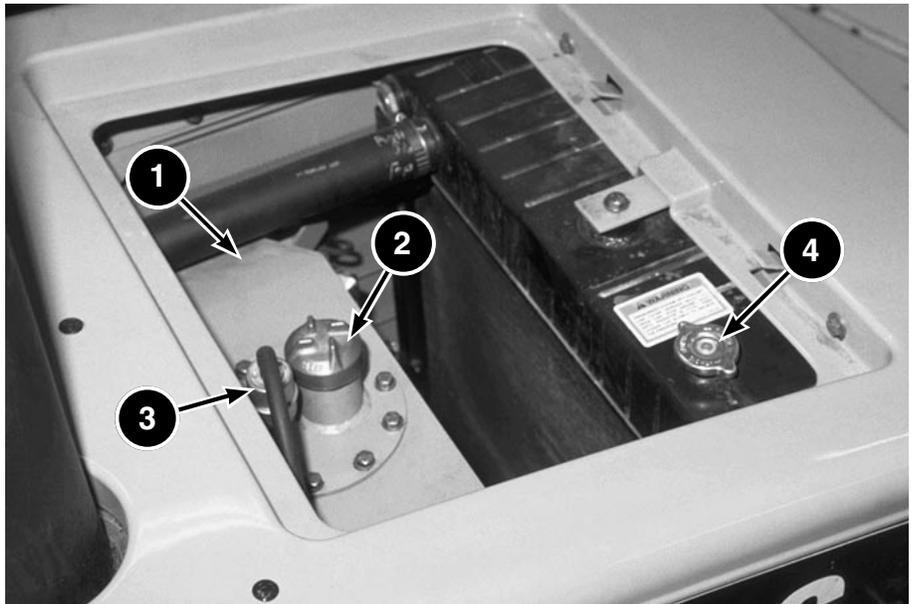


Fig. 1.1.2

Hydraulic Tank

The hydraulic tank (1) is located behind the cab below the hood access cover. The hydraulic tank supplies oil to the implement, the steering, the brake and the fan drive systems.

Also shown are the hydraulic tank oil fill cap (2), the hydraulic tank breather (3) and the radiator fill cap (4).

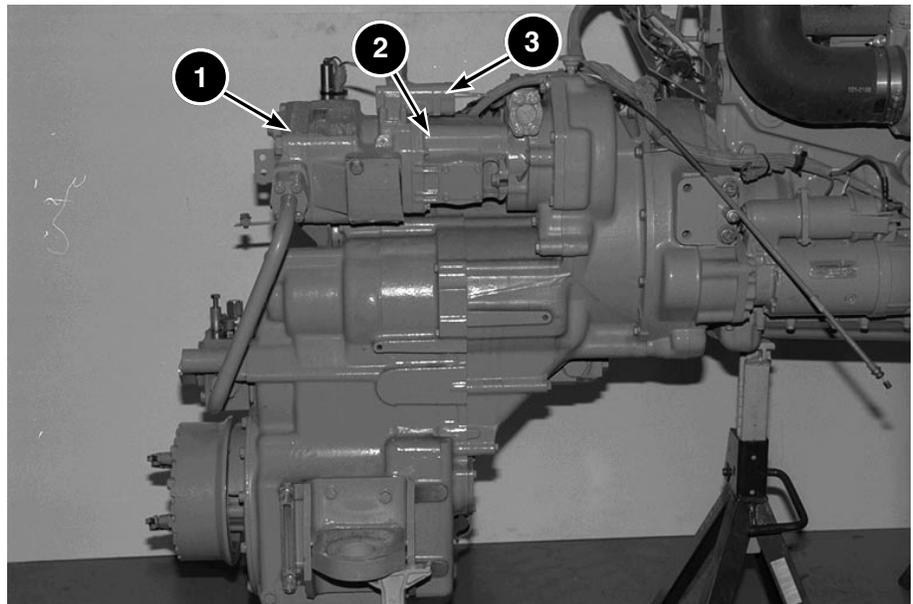


Fig. 1.1.3

Implement Pump

The implement pump (1) is located on the left side of the machine above the transmission.

Oil flows from the tank to the implement pump. The implement pump sends oil flow to the control valve on the front frame.

Also shown are the steering pump (2) and the steering pump control valve (3).

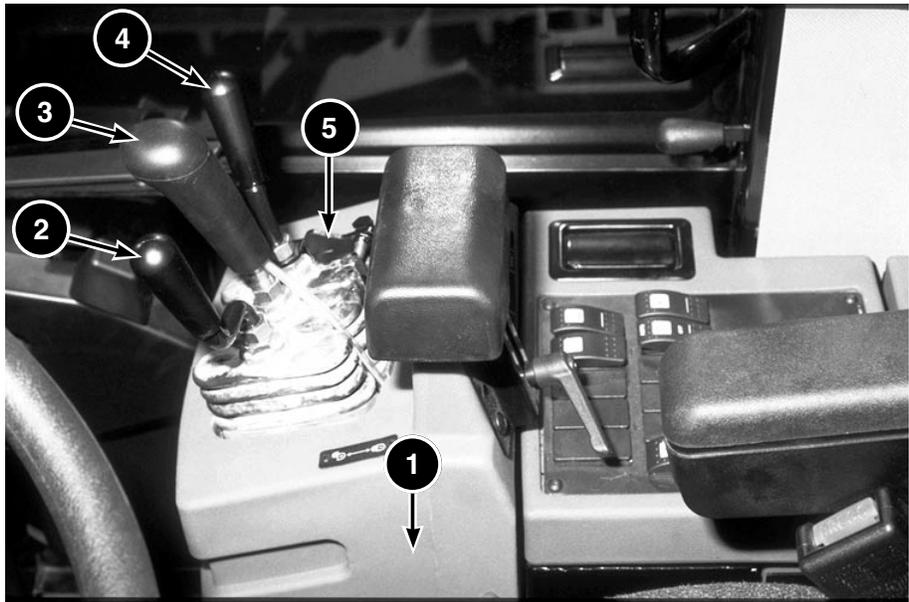


Fig. 1.1.4

The pilot lockout valve lever (not visible, below 1) is located between the operator's seat and the pilot control valves. When the pilot lockout valve lever is in the LOCK position, the pilot oil is blocked to the pilot control valves.

The tilt control lever (2) operates the tilt pilot valve. The tilt pilot valve sends pilot oil to the tiltback and dump spool in the main control valve. The lift control lever (3) operates the lift pilot valve. The lift pilot valve sends pilot oil to the lift, lower and float spool in the main control valve.

Also shown are the third function control lever (4), and the third function lever lock (5).

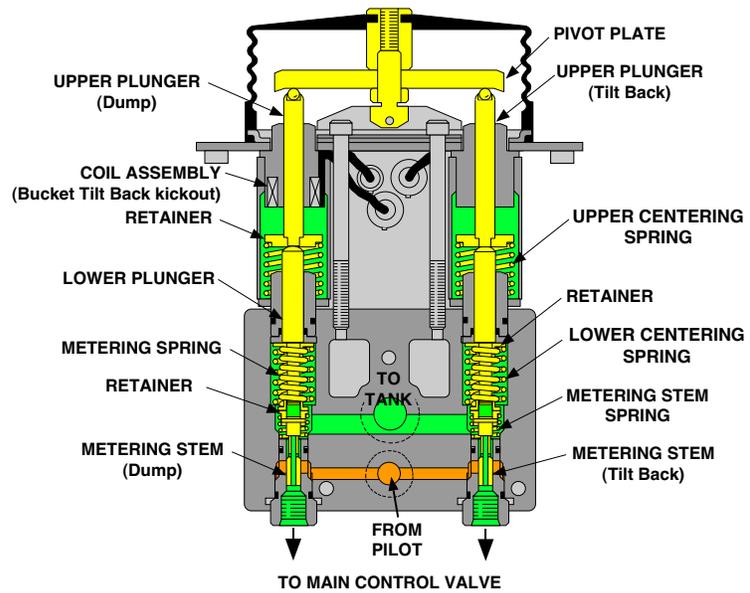


Fig. 1.1.5

Tilt/Dump Pilot Control Valve

Figure 1.1.5 shows the major components in the tilt/dump pilot control valve. Except for the coil assembly at the top of the dump section (left side), the parts are the same for both sides of the valve.

With the engine running and the control lever in the HOLD position, pilot oil enters the supply port (bottom center of valve body) and is blocked by the metering stems. Any oil in the lines to the main control valve is vented to the tank port through the center of the metering stems.

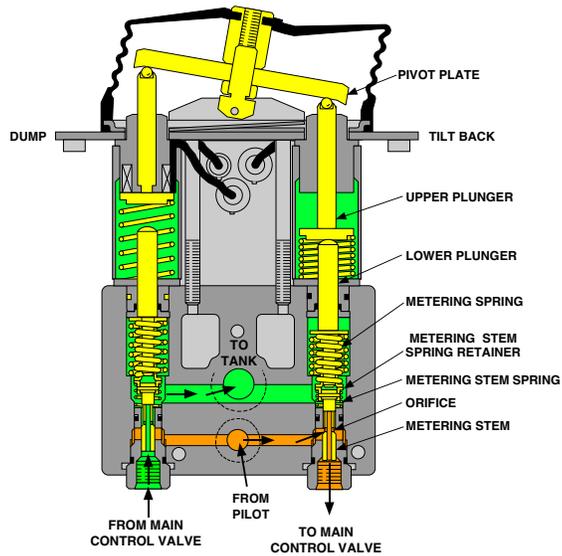


Fig. 1.1.6

TILT BACK Position

When the operator moves the pilot control lever to the TILT BACK position (Figure 1.1.6), the force causes the pivot plate to move the upper plunger, the lower plunger, the metering spring, the metering stem spring retainer, the metering stem spring and the metering stem down. Oil from the pilot pump flows through the orifice and the center of the metering stem to the main control valve. Return oil from the main control valve flows through the dump metering stem port, the center of the metering stem and to the tank port.

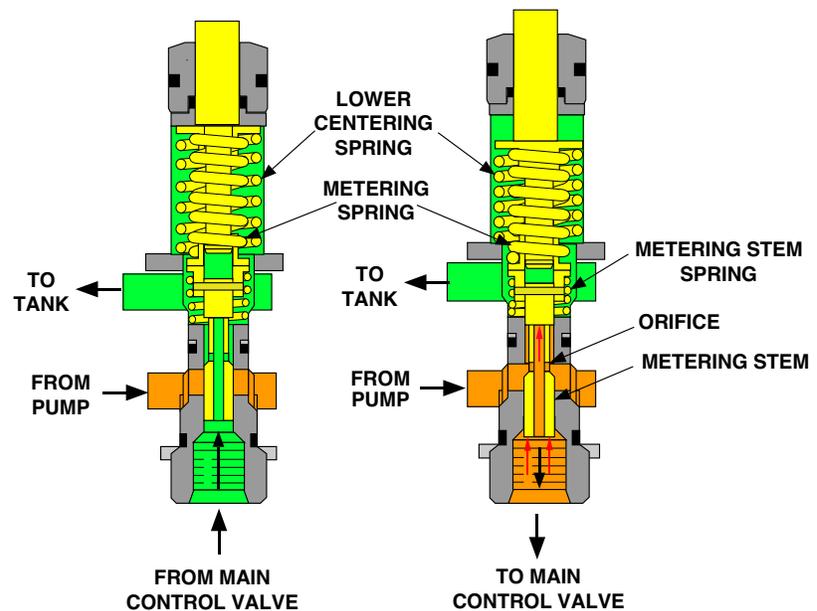


Fig. 1.1.7

Metering Stem

The job of the metering stem (Figure 1.1.7) is to allow movement of the main valve spool relative to the movement of the pilot valve lever. The metering stem and metering spring function as a pressure reducing valve and control the oil pressure at the main control valve spool.

When the tiltback metering stem moves down, pilot oil flows through the orifice, the center of the metering stem and out to the main control valve spool. The pilot oil is blocked at the main control valve spool causing the pilot pressure to increase. The pressure increase is also sensed against the metering stem (red arrows). When the pressure increase overcomes the applied force, the metering stem moves up and compresses the metering spring. The movement restricts pilot oil flow through the metering stem orifice. Restricting the oil flow controls the pressure at the main control valve spool. The metering spring therefore adjusts the pressure at the main control valve spool in proportion to the movement of the pilot valve lever.

The pressure moves the main control valve spool. The main control valve spool directs the main system oil to the cylinder.

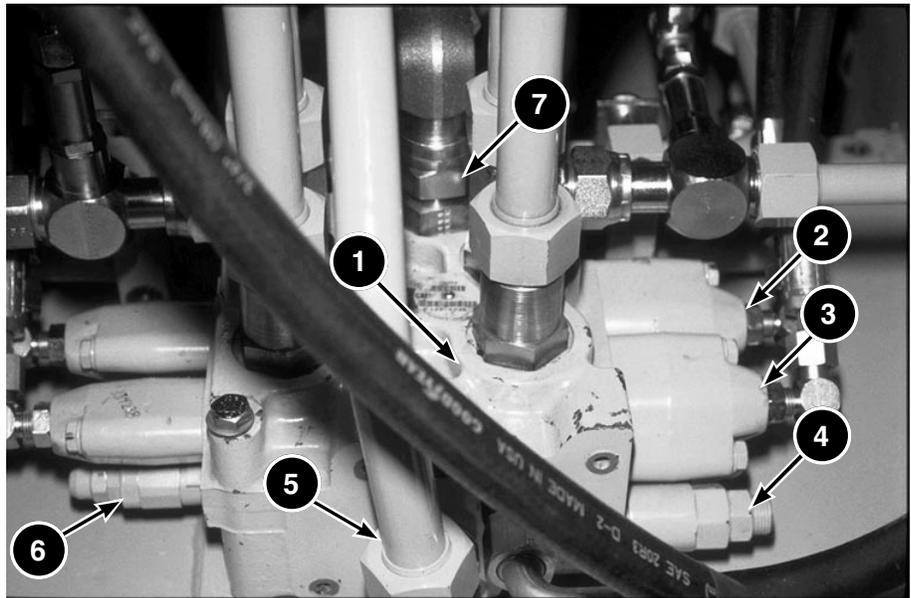


Fig. 1.1.8

The implement control valve (1) is located between the lift arms on the front frame. Included in the implement control valve housing are: the lift control valve (2), tilt control valve (3), main relief valve (4), and the tilt cylinder rod end line relief valve (6).

Also shown are oil supply line (5) and return line (7).

The above control valve is from the 938G Wheel Loader. The valve operation is the same as the 928G Wheel Loader.

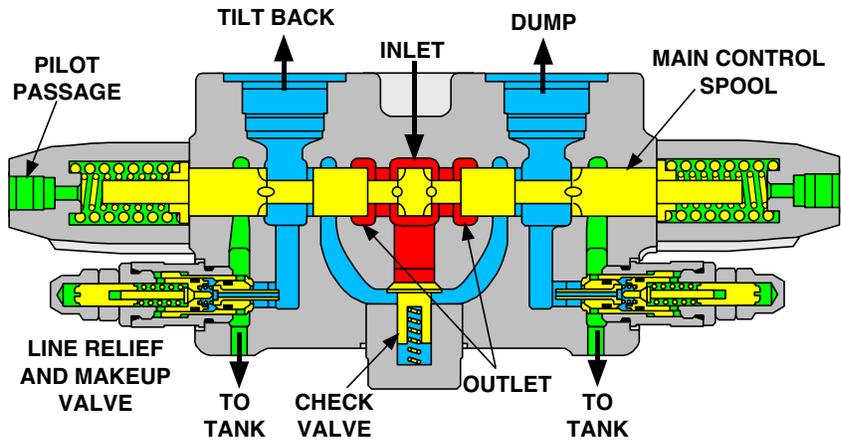


Fig. 1.1.9

Control Valve in HOLD Position

Figure 1.1.9 shows the 928G tilt back/dump control valve in the HOLD position. The function of the valve shown is representative of the tilt valve, lift valve, auxiliary valve or the fourth function valve. The line valves (line relief, makeup, etc...) may change depending on the particular control valve.

When in the HOLD position, pump supply oil enters the center passage, flows around the control spool, and through the outlet passages to the next valve. Supply oil also flows through the internal passage to the check valve. Oil flows past the check valve to the the main control spool. The main control spool blocks supply oil flow to the work ports (tilt and dump passages). The main control spool also blocks the work port oil passages from the tank oil passages.

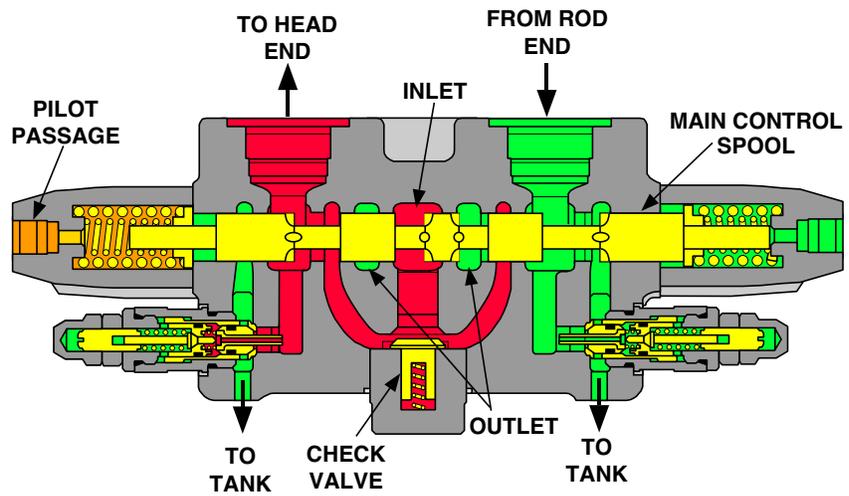


Fig. 1.1.10

TILT BACK Position

When the operator moves the pilot control lever to the TILT BACK position (Figure 1.1.10), pilot oil (orange) moves the main control spool to the right. The control spool blocks the oil outlet passages, opens the passage from the check valve to the tilt cylinder head end and opens the passage from the tilt cylinder rod end to the tank return. When the supply pressure is higher than the pressure in the head end of the tilt cylinder, the supply oil opens the check valve and flows past the control spool to the head end of the tilt cylinder. The return oil flows from the rod end of the tilt cylinder, past the control spool and to the tank. The bucket begins tilting back.

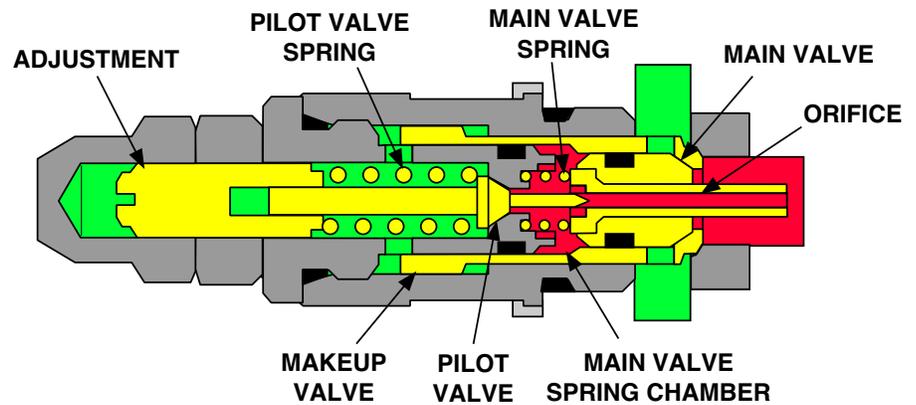


Fig. 1.1.11

Combination Line Relief and Makeup Valve

Figure 1.1.11 shows the combination line relief and makeup valve. The line relief valve is simply a pilot operated relief valve. However, the line relief valve is not designed to handle maximum implement pump flow.

The oil in the cylinder is connected through lines to the right end of the combination valve. The oil flows through the main valve orifice to the main valve spring chamber. The oil pressure in the spring chamber is the same as the oil pressure at the front (right) of the valve. The oil pressure plus the force of the spring keeps the main valve closed.

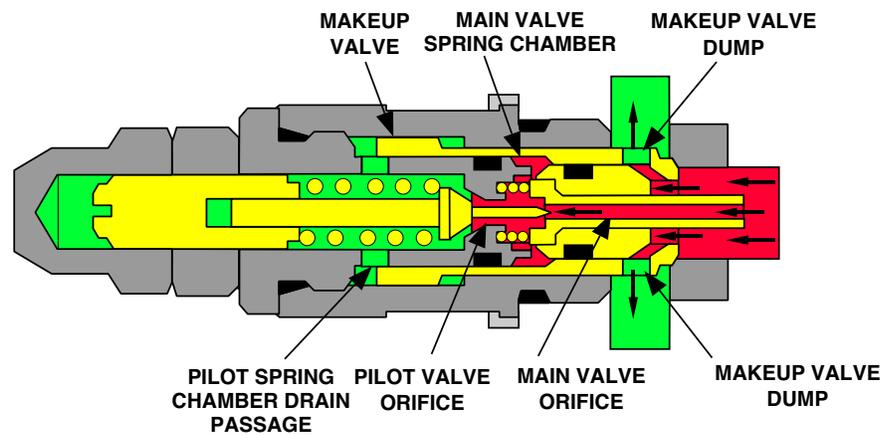


Fig. 1.1.12

Line Relief in RELIEF Position

In Figure 1.1.12, the line relief is shown in the RELIEF position. When the oil pressure overcomes the setting of the pilot valve, the pilot valve moves to the left against the spring. The high pressure oil in the spring chamber flows through the pilot valve to the pilot spring chamber drain passage. The pressure in the main valve spring chamber decreases. The higher pressure oil at the right side of the main valve moves the main valve to the left. The high pressure oil flows past the main valve, through the makeup valve dump openings to the tank.

The makeup valve does not move when the line relief valve opens.

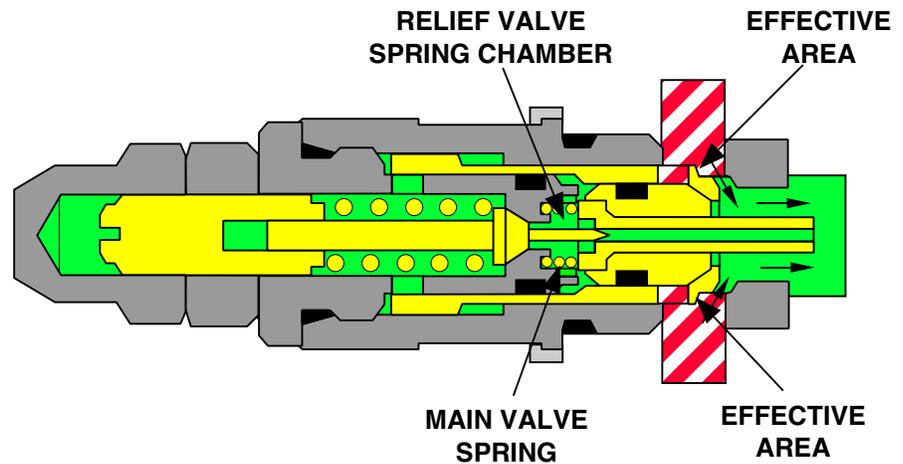


Fig. 1.1.13

Makeup Valve

Figure 1.1.13 shows the combination line relief and makeup valve in the MAKEUP position. The tank pressure is sensed on the effective area of the combination valve at all times.

When the oil pressure in the cylinder, the connecting line and the relief valve spring chamber decreases to 13.78 kPa (2 psi) less than the oil pressure in the tank, the tank pressure moves the makeup valve and the main valve to the left against the main valve spring. The tank oil flows through the newly opened passage to the connecting line and cylinder.

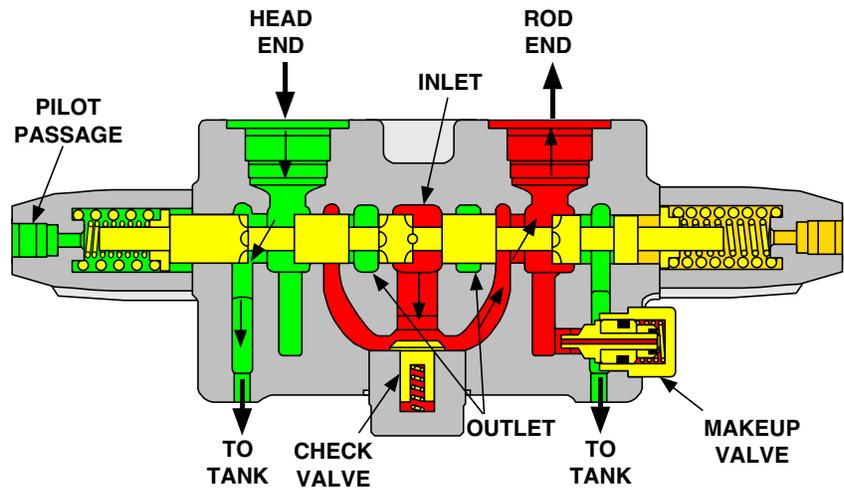


Fig. 1.1.14

Lift Control Valve in LOWER Position

Figure 1.1.14 shows the lift control valve in the LOWER position.

When the operator moves the lift/lower pilot control lever to the LOWER position, pilot oil (orange) moves the main control spool to the left. The control spool blocks the oil outlet passages, opens the passage from the check valve to the lift cylinder rod end and opens the passage from the lift cylinder head end to the tank return. When the supply pressure is higher than the pressure in the rod end of the tilt cylinder, the supply oil opens the check valve and flows past the control spool to the rod end of the lift cylinder. The return oil flows from the head end of the lift cylinder, past the control spool and to the tank. The bucket begins to lower.

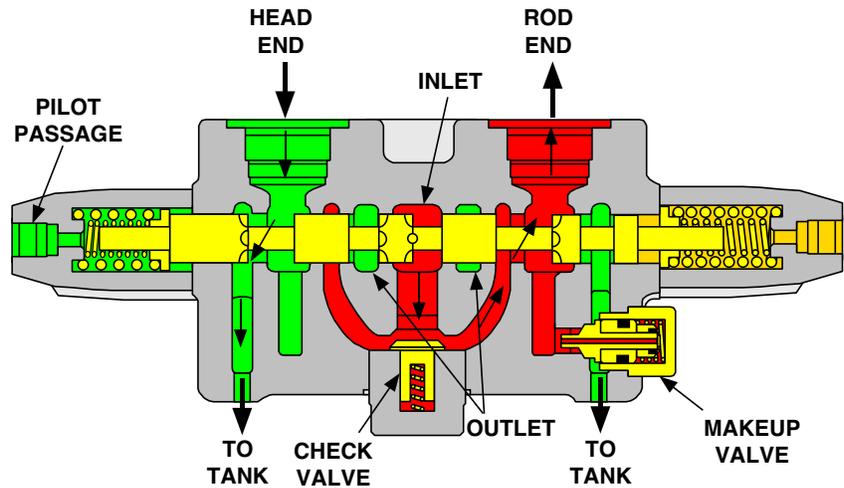


Fig. 1.1.15

Lift Control Valve in FLOAT Position

Figure 1.1.15 shows the lift control valve in the FLOAT position.

When the operator moves the lift/lower pilot control lever to the FLOAT position, pilot oil (orange) moves the main control spool completely to the left. The control spool opens the passage from the check valve to the left side outlet and opens the passage from the lift cylinder head end to the tank return. The control spool also connects the lift cylinder rod end to the tank return. When the pump and both ends of the lift cylinder are connected to the tank return, the lift cylinder cannot be hydraulically raised or lowered.

When the machine is moved and the lift/lower control is in the FLOAT position, the implement follows the curvature of the ground.

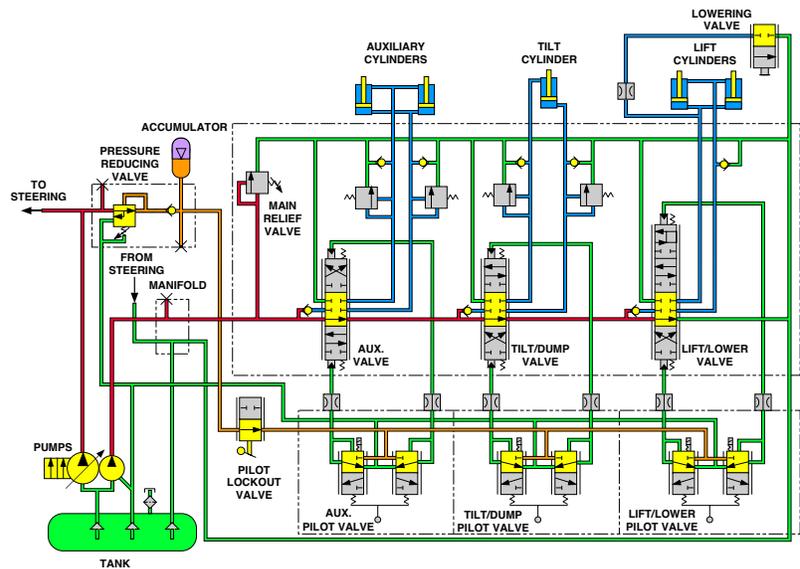


Fig. 1.1.16

Implement Hydraulic Schematic

Figure 1.1.16 shows the implement hydraulic system with the engine running and all control levers in the HOLD position. The pilot system is a closed center system and the main system is an open center system.

The steering and pilot pump draws oil from the tank and sends supply oil to the steering system and to the pilot system pressure reducing valve. The pressure reducing valve maintains a constant pressure in the pilot system. Oil from the pressure reducing valve flows through the check valve to the accumulator and the pilot lockout valve.

When the pilot lockout valve lever is in the LOCK position, the pilot oil is blocked to the pilot control valves. When the pilot lockout valve lever is in the UN-LOCK position, oil flows to the pilot control valves. When the pilot control valves are in the HOLD position, pilot oil is blocked to the main control valve.

The main implement pump draws oil from the tank and sends supply oil past the main relief valve to the auxiliary, tilt/dump and lift/lower control valve spools inside the main implement control valve body. In the HOLD position, oil flows through the center of the auxiliary, tilt and lift control valve spools and returns to the tank.

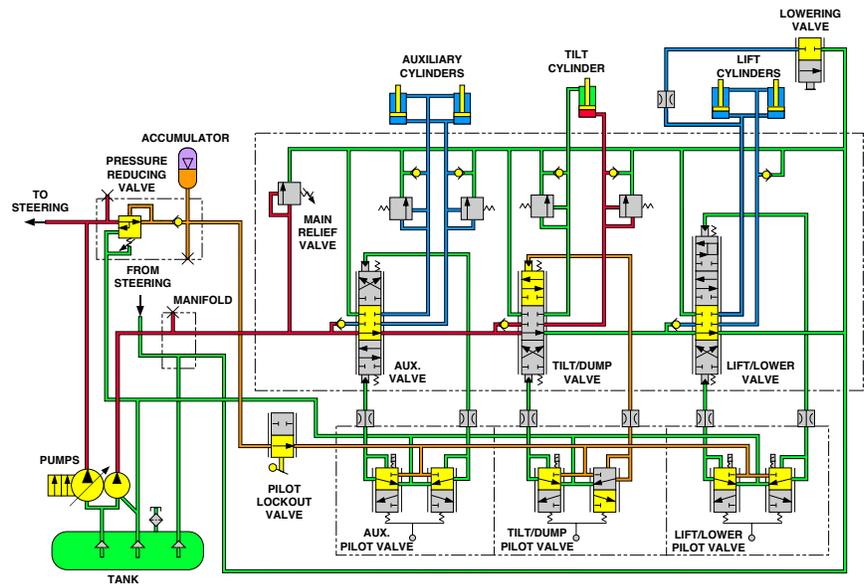


Fig. 1.1.17

Figure 1.1.17 shows the flow through the hydraulic system with the tilt/dump pilot valve control lever in the TILT BACK position.

When the tilt/dump pilot valve control lever is moved to the TILT BACK position, pilot oil is sent to the end of the tilt/dump control spool in the main implement control valve. Pilot oil moves the tilt/dump control spool to the TILT BACK position. Oil from the opposite end of the tilt/dump control spool flows through the tilt/dump pilot valve to the tank.

Movement of the tilt/dump control spool to the TILT BACK position blocks the flow of implement pump (supply) oil to the tank and directs supply oil to the head end of the tilt cylinder. Oil in the rod end of the tilt cylinder is forced back past the tilt/dump control spool to the tank.

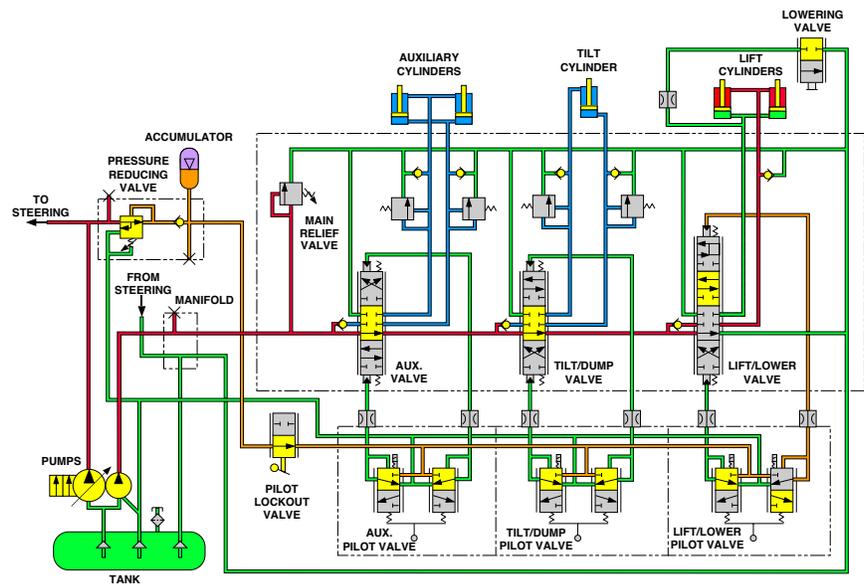


Fig. 1.1.18

Figure 1.1.18 shows the flow through the hydraulic system with the lift/lower pilot valve control lever in the LOWER position.

When the lift/lower pilot control lever is moved to the LOWER position, pilot oil is sent to the lift/lower control spool. Pilot oil moves the lift/lower control spool to the LOWER position. Oil from the opposite end of the lift/lower control spool flows back through the lift/lower pilot control valve to the tank.

Movement of the lift/lower control spool to the LOWER position blocks the flow of supply oil to the tank. Supply oil is directed to the rod end of the lift cylinders. Oil in the head end of the cylinders is forced past the lift/lower control spool to the tank.

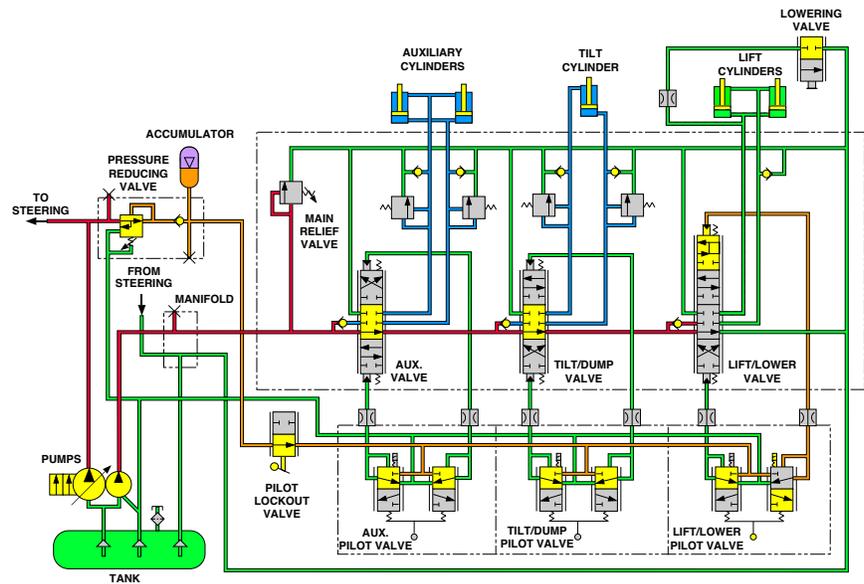


Fig. 1.1.19

In Figure 1.1.19, the lift/lower pilot valve control lever has been moved to the FLOAT position.

When the lift/lower pilot valve control lever is moved to the FLOAT position, the control valve is held in place by an electromagnet in the float position coil assembly. Pilot oil is sent to the lift/lower control spool. Pilot oil moves the lift/lower control spool to the FLOAT position. Oil from the opposite end of the lift/lower control spool flows back through the lift/lower pilot valve to the tank.

In the FLOAT position, supply oil is directed to the rod end of the lift cylinders and to the tank. Both ends of the lift cylinders are open to the tank allowing the bucket to float along the ground (follow the contour of the ground).

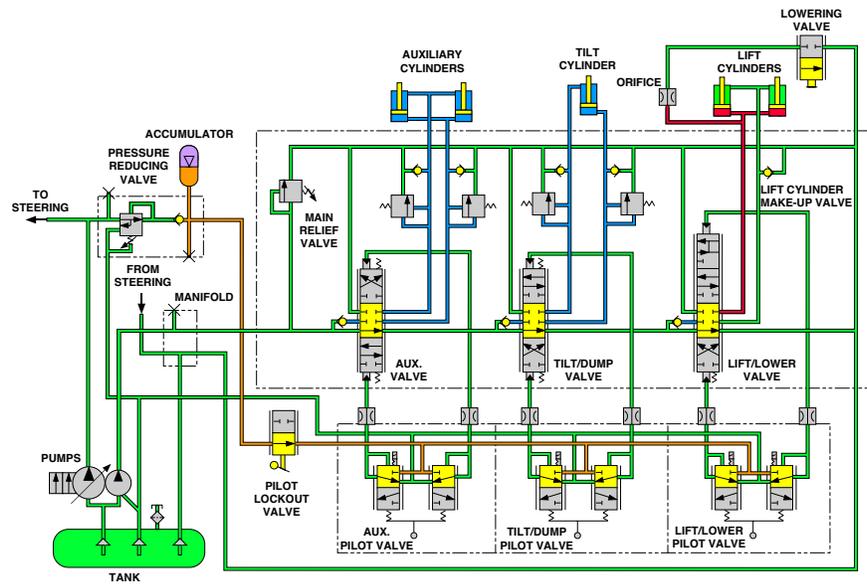


Fig. 1.1.20

In Figure 1.1.20 the bucket is being LOWERED with the ENGINE OFF.

When the bucket is in the RAISED position and the engine is OFF, the weight of the bucket acts on the lift cylinder pistons and pressurizes the oil in the head end of the lift cylinders. When the lowering valve is moved to the OPEN position, a passage is open for the pressurized oil to flow from the head end of the lift cylinders. The weight of the bucket moves the pistons and displaces the pressurized oil. The movement of the pistons causes a vacuum in the rod end of the lift cylinders. Most of the head end oil is forced through the orifice, the lowering valve and the lift cylinder rod end make-up valve into the rod end of the lift cylinders. The excess oil flows to the tank. The oil flow through the rod end make-up valve prevents cavitation in the lift cylinders.

LAB 1.1.1: Implement Hydraulic System Component Identification

Shop Lab Exercise

Procedure:

You will identify the Implement Hydraulic System components by matching the lettered or numbered tags on the components with the names on the worksheets.

After locating the components on the machine, you will locate the component on the hydraulic system schematic and record the appropriate schematic item number for each component.

Materials Needed

Lab 1.1.1 Worksheets

Pen or pencil

Service Manual module "928G Wheel Loader, IT28G Integrated Toolcarrier Hydraulic System Operation, Testing and Adjusting" (Form No. SENR1226)

Service Manual module "928G Wheel Loader, IT28G Integrated Toolcarrier Hydraulic System Schematic" (Form No. SENR1227)

928G Wheel Loader or IT28G Integrated Toolcarrier

Mechanic's tool box with hand tools

LAB 1.1.1: Implement Hydraulic System Component Identification Worksheet

Directions: Use this worksheet during the slide presentation to take notes on the function and location of each component. The Service Manual may be used when performing this lab. Write the letter or number attached to the component in the space provided next to the correct name. Record the components item number using the schematic.

_____ Pressure Reducing Valve

Location: _____

Function: _____

Item Number _____

_____ Pilot and Steering Pump

Location: _____

Function: _____

Item Number _____

_____ Main Control Valve

Location: _____

Function: _____

Item Number _____

_____ Control Levers

Location: _____

Function: _____

Item Number _____

LAB 1.1.1: Implement Hydraulic System Component Identification Worksheet (continued)

_____ **Main System Pump**

Location: _____

Function: _____

Item Number _____

_____ **Auxiliary Cylinders (if equipped)**

Location: _____

Function: _____

Item Number _____

_____ **Tilt Cylinder**

Location: _____

Function: _____

Item Number _____

_____ **Lift Cylinders**

Location: _____

Function: _____

Item Number _____

_____ **Main Relief Valve**

Location: _____

Function: _____

Item Number _____

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Lab 1.1.2: Implement Hydraulic System Testing and Adjusting

Shop Lab Exercise

Procedure:

Following the procedures in the Service Manual module "928G Wheel Loaders IT28G Integrated Toolcarrier Hydraulic System, Systems Operation Testing and Adjusting" (Form No. SENR1226), perform the following tasks:

1. Visual Inspection
2. Check Lift and Tilt Cylinder Drift with Engine On
3. Check Lift and Tilt Cylinder Drift with Engine Off, Key Off
4. Check Lift and Tilt Cylinder Speed

Record all test results on "Lab 1.1.2: Implement Hydraulic System Testing and Adjusting Worksheets."



To avoid possible personal injury, follow all warnings listed in the Service Manual module "928G Wheel Loaders IT28G Integrated Toolcarrier Hydraulic System, Systems Operation Testing and Adjusting" (Form No. SENR1226).

Materials Needed

Lab 1.1.2 Worksheets

Pen or pencil

Service Manual module "928G Wheel Loader, IT28G Integrated Toolcarrier Hydraulic System Operation, Testing and Adjusting" (Form No. SENR1226)

Service Manual module "928G Wheel Loader, IT28G Integrated Toolcarrier Hydraulic System Schematic" (Form No. SENR1227)

928G Wheel Loader or IT28G Integrated Toolcarrier

6 in. ruler

Felt tip pen

Stop watch

Mechanic's tool box with hand tools

Lab 1.1.2: Implement Hydraulic System Testing and Adjusting Worksheet 1

VISUAL INSPECTION

Check the oil level in the hydraulic tank sight gauge.

Oil Level _____

Comments: _____

Check for air in the hydraulic oil.

Comments: _____

Check oil lines for damage or leaks.

Comments: _____

Check for restrictions to flow.

Comments: _____

Remove and check filter elements.

Comments: _____

Inspect control linkage.

Comments: _____

Lab 1.1.2: Implement Hydraulic System Testing and Adjusting Worksheet 2

Directions: Write the specifications from the service manual in the appropriate area of the worksheet for each test. Perform the tests and record the actual machine readings on the worksheet.

Cylinder Drift Tests

Lift and Tilt Cylinder Drift Tests

LIFT CYLINDERS DRIFT			
	Maximum Drift	Oil Temperature	Time In Minute
Specifications			
Actual			

TILT CYLINDER DRIFT			
	Maximum Drift	Oil Temperature	Time In Minutes
Specifications			
Actual			

Lift and Tilt Cylinder Speed Tests

Directions: Locate and enter the specifications from the service manual in the space provided. Perform the tests and compare the average time to the machine specifications.

LIFT CIRCUIT SPEED TESTS		
Function	Distance	Specifications
RAISE	Ground level to maximum height Empty bucket	
LOWER	Maximum height to ground level Empty bucket	
FLOAT	Maximum height to ground level Empty bucket	

Lab 1.1.2: Implement Hydraulic System Testing and Adjusting Worksheet 3

LIFT CIRCUIT RAISE				
Oil Temp ____°F	1st Test	2nd Test	3rd Test	Average
Cycle Time				

Is the average cycle time within machine specification? ___ Yes ___ No

LIFT CIRCUIT LOWER				
Oil Temp ____°F	1st Test	2nd Test	3rd Test	Average
Cycle Time				

Is the average cycle time within machine specification? ___ Yes ___ No

LIFT CIRCUIT FLOAT				
Oil Temp ____°F	1st Test	2nd Test	3rd Test	Average
Cycle Time				

Is the average cycle time within machine specification? ___ Yes ___ No

SPEED TESTS FOR TILT CIRCUIT		
Function	Distance	Specifications
TILT BACK	Full Dump Position to Full Tilt Back Position-Empty Bucket	
DUMP	Full Tilt Back Position to Full Dump Position-Empty Bucket	

TILT CIRCUIT TILTBACK				
Oil Temp ____°F	1st Test	2nd Test	3rd Test	Average
Cycle Time				

Is the average cycle time within machine specification? ___ Yes ___ No

TILT CIRCUIT DUMP				
Oil Temp ____°F	1st Test	2nd Test	3rd Test	Average
Cycle Time				

Is the average cycle time within machine specification? ___ Yes ___ No

Lab 1.1.3: Implement Hydraulic System Testing and Adjusting

Shop Lab Exercise

When testing and adjusting the steering system, use the Service Manual module "928G Wheel Loader, IT28G Integrated Toolcarrier Hydraulic Systems Operation, Testing and Adjusting" (Form No. SENR1226)

Procedure:

Following the procedure in Service Manual module "928G Wheel Loader, IT28G Integrated Toolcarrier Hydraulic Systems Operation, Testing and Adjusting" (Form No. SENR1226), perform the following tasks:

1. Test Pilot System Pressure (Pressure Reducing Valve)
2. Test and Adjust Main Relief Valve
3. Test Tilt Cylinder Rod End Relief Valve
4. Test Tilt Cylinder Head End Relief Valve
5. Pilot Oil Accumulator Recharging Procedure

Record all test results on "Lab 1.1.3: Implement Hydraulic System Testing and Adjusting Worksheet."



To avoid possible personal injury, follow all warnings listed in the Service Manual module "950G/962G Wheel Loaders Electro-Hydraulic System Testing and Adjusting" (Form No. RENR2146).

Lab 1.1.3: Implement Hydraulic System Testing and Adjusting (continued)

Materials Needed

Lab 1.1.3 Worksheets

Pen or pencil

Service Manual module "928G Wheel Loader, IT28G Integrated Toolcarrier Hydraulic Systems Operation, Testing and Adjusting" (Form No. SENR1226)

1 - 8T-0857 Pressure Gauge

1 - 8T-0852 Pressure Gauge

1 - 6V-3014 Hose Assembly

1 - 6V-4143 Quick Disconnect Fitting

1 - 3S-6224 Hydraulic Pump Group

1 - 7S-5437 Nitrogen Charging Group

Mechanic's tool box with hand tools

Lab 1.1.3: Implement Hydraulic System Testing and Adjusting Worksheet

Directions: Locate and enter the specifications from the service manual in the spaces provided.
Perform the tests and compare the machine readings to the specifications.

IMPLEMENT HYDRAULIC SYSTEM PRESSURE TESTS		
	Pressure Reducing Valve	Main Relief Valve
Specifications		
Machine Pressure		

TILT RELIEF VALVE PRESSURE TEST		
	Tilt Cylinder Head End Relief Valve	Tilt Cylinder Rod End Relief Valve
Specifications		
Machine Pressure		

NOTES
