

Automatic Hand Brake System

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Abstract - As we know human life are gets more busy and complicated due to their work and development. So in today's advance technology maximum inventions or research is done to reduce human effort and for providing comfortable life to them. We know in today's vehicles a normal steering system is replace by power steering system for reducing some human effort and providing comfortable ride as compare to normal system. In this paper we are discuss how to reduce a human effort which is required to apply the hand brake while parking of vehicle.

Key Words: Hand brake, Hydraulic system, Solenoid

1. INTRODUCTION

In road vehicle s the parking brake also called as hand brake, emergency brake or e-brake is used to keep the vehicle stationary. In normal vehicles a hand brake is consist of a cable connected to two wheel brakes at one end and the other end to a pulling mechanism which is operated by human with hands. In this case human effort is required to pull the mechanism and apply the brakes. To minimize this human effort is the main aim of our project with help of hydraulic system .In some cases people are forget to apply hand brakes while parking the vehicle which results in moving the vehicle and causes accidents. To avoid this we develop such system in which hand brakes are control with ignition system of vehicle. Means a hand brake mechanism and ignition system of vehicle is connected each other with simple hydraulic system for applying the hand brake while parking.

1.1 Normal Hand brake

When we lower the lever the brake cable will become loose and brake is released.

When we need to apply the hand brake while parking a vehicle we pull the hand brake lever upward side, due to this the hand brake cable is pulled which causes expansion of brake shoe in brake drum of wheel. And hand brake is apply.

1.2 Automatic Hand Brake System

Now we have become more interested to see how automatic hand brake system is actually works. First of all this system consist a simple hydraulic system with simple circuit. This hydraulic system plays very important role for applying and

releasing hand brake while parking car. This hydraulic circuit consist of hydraulic pump, 4x2 solenoid operated direction control valve, pressure relief valve , single acting actuator, oil reservoir, hoses and fittings etc. The hand brake cable is attached to the end of actuator rod. When power supply is made on means ignition of vehicle is on it will rotates the motor and then hydraulic pump. The pump suck the oil from reservoir and pressurized it at certain pressure. The pressurized oil enters in single acting actuator through solenoid operated direction control valve and oil pushes the piston of actuator in forward , hand brake cable become loose and brake will be release. When ignition key is off it will stops the pump and direction control valve changes its position simultaneously, due to this oil returns to tank from actuator. Which causes backward movement of actuator piston, the brake cable will get pull and thus hand brake get applied immediately. It means the application of hand brake is done automatically with help of vehicle ignition system.

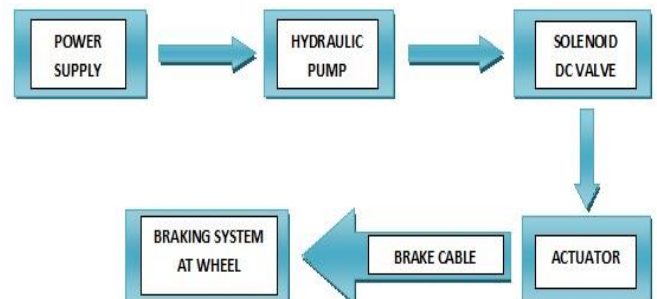


Fig. 1: Simple block diagram of Automatic hand braking system

2. COMPONENTS USED

2.1 Gear Pump

Hydraulic pump is used to supply pressurized oil through overall circuit for working. We used gear pump of having discharge 3.4 LPM. Pump having two meshing gears inside the casing . One gear is rotated by motor and due to meshing another gear is also starts to rotate. Pump having two ports one is inlet and other is discharge port. The oil comes in through inlet port and it will get pressurized between casing and gear tooth, the pressurized oil gets delivered through discharge port which is used in circuit.

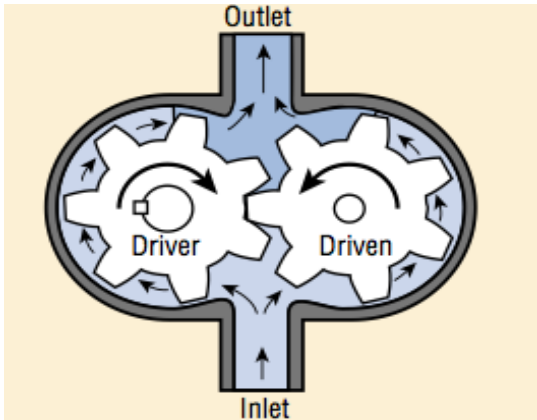


Fig. 2: Gear Pump

2.2 Solenoid(4x2) Operated Direction Control Valve

Direction control valve is used to control the direction of pressurized oil and return line oil. Also it will control the motion of actuator piston. This valve consist a solenoid circuit which is operated by power supply. We use 4x2 solenoid operated direction control valve which works on 240 volt supply. This valve having four ports and two positions. When power supply is given to valve it will in first position and oil is flows in actuator, when supply is off it will achieve its second position and oil from actuator returns to oil tank.

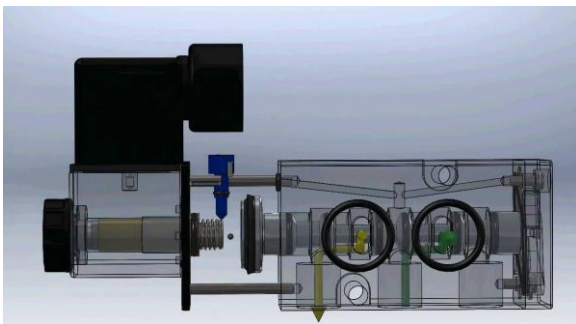


Fig. 3 Solenoid DC Valve

2.3 Pressure Relief Valve

Pressure relief valve are found in almost every hydraulic circuit, it is normally closed valve connected between pressure line and the oil reservoir. The main function of this valve is to limit the pressure in the system and thus to protect individual components and hydraulic oil carrying lines from overload and danger of bursting. It is a safety valve, it takes care of safety of the hydraulic system

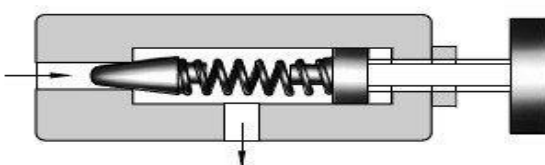


Fig. 4 Pressure Relief Valve

2.4 Single Acting Actuator

Hydraulic actuators are the devices which convert the power of pressurized hydraulic oil into useful mechanical work. The useful work is obtained through force and motion of actuator rod. A single acting actuator is used for this hydraulic circuit. This actuator having one port for oil entering. The hand brake cable is connected to actuator rod, when oil enters in it it will pushes rod in forward which causes loose the brake cable and brake will release. And when oil returns from actuator the rod moves backward, the cable will get pulled and the hand brake is applied.

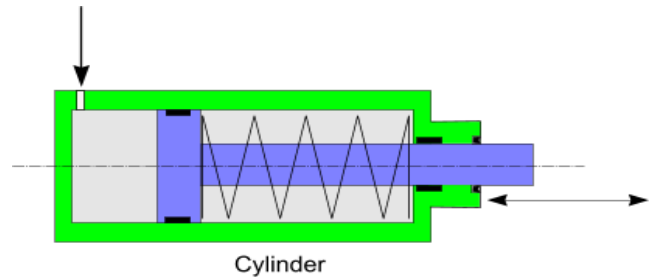


Fig. 5: Single Acting Actuator

3. EXPERIMENTAL SETUP



Fig. 6: Experimental Setup

This is the model of automatic hand brake system. The hand brake is applied by actuator rod which pulls the brake cable. For the experimental testing the gear pump is run with help of single phase AC motor.

4. CONCLUSION

Developing automatic hand brake system is the most effective solution for reducing human effort which is required for applying manual hand brake. This system can provide highly parking safety and braking effect. It provide quick braking and also simple in operation. It can be developed to use in case of failure of main braking system of the vehicle.

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