

# **Enhanced Choke Valve Control with Integrated Automation Technologies**

# **ServoChoke**®





#### **Agenda**

- Meeting the challenges for MPD
- Comparing Available Technologies
- Design & Performance attributes
- Adding Value in MPD
- ServoChoke beyond MPD
- Industry Adoption
- Why Tolomatic
- Conclusions & considerations



# **ServoChoke**

Confidential

#### **Designed to Meet Challenging Pressure Control Requirements**



#### **High Reliability** No Maintenance & designed for long service life, reduces down time (NPT), No limitation on duty cycle

Rugged Integrated Design w/ Roller Screws

**Superior Positioning** Low backlash, inline design, precise positioning

**High System Rigidity** 



Speed – Open/Close, Adjustments Quickly compensate for pressure changes, reduced settle time improves pressure control

**Servo Controlled** 



# **Comparing Available Technologies**

- Comparison between commonly deployed MPD Choke Operators
- MPD requirements vary from operator to operator
- This chart has some of what would be minimum performance aspects for MPD equipment

#### **MPD** Needs

Tight pressure control Continuos operation High reliability Minimal to no maintenance Long service life Durable Safe Price

Excellent

Very Good

🔵 Good

🔵 Fair

Not Applicable

Hydraulic	Fully Integrated	Jack Screw
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# **Available Technologies**

#### **Fabricated Actuator**

- Mechanics are not ideally suited for applications above 40% duty cycle
- Unpredictable service life
- Full open to full close times typically longer than 7 seconds (2" travel)
- Typically will use same or similar drive components from hydraulically actuated valves
- Allows use of brushless motor technology
- Motors may be subject to discontinuation
  - 2 commonly used motors have been discontinued or slated for discontinuation in the last 24 months
- Can be globally certified
  - Selection of manufacturers with ATEX, IECEx, and C1D1 on a single motor assembly is limited
  - May require stocking two separate part numbers
- Full range of operating temperatures available with the motor and mechanics
- Components separately sourced or manufactured
- Additional assembly and set-up when installing or replacing on the choke
- Repeatability is limited
  - Typically will not exceed +/- 0.002"
  - Continual maintenance will be required to maintain performance





# **Available Technologies**

#### ServoChoke® SVC

- No mechanical adjustments needed to maintain repeatability
  - Reduced total cost of ownership
- Designed to achieve in excess of 7 million linear inches of travel at full load
  - Not limited to number of adjustments or start/stops per hour
  - Assuming an average adjustment of 3% ServoChoke (15K) would exceed 50 million adjustments at full load
- Full open to full close in less than 3.5 seconds (2" travel)
- Utilizes highly reliable automation grade components
  - Brushless servo motor
  - Roller Screws
- Rated for 100% duty cycle
- Globally certified for ATEX, IECEx, and C1D1 (US & Canada)
  - Dual assemblies will not be required based on country of operation
- Single assembly contains the motor, mechanics, and feedback
  - No need install subassemblies on the valve
- Newly available to the market ensures reliable availability of new assemblies & parts
- Single source for entire assembly ensures consistency and performance of the "System"





#### **Globally Certified**

- Fit for purpose design for all choke valve applications, including MPD
- Globally certified
  - Class I, Division 1, Groups C and D, T4
  - Class 1, Zone1, AEx db IIB T4 Gb
  - − Class 1, Zone1, Ex db IIB T4 Gb -40°C≥TAMB≤+60°C, Type 3R
  - Ex db IIB T4 Gb -40°C≥TAMB≤+60°C
  - CE Ex II 2 G Ex db IIB T4 Gb -40°C≥TAMB≤+60°C IP6X
- Rugged, all steel, fully integrated design
  - Motor, linear actuator, and feedback
  - NACE MR0175 Compliant

(UL1203/CSA C22.2) (IECEx U.S.) (IECEx Canada) (ATEX Zone 1) (IECEx Zone 1)







#### **Performance Attributes**

- Superior precision
  - Repeatable better than 0.001"
- Superior speed
  - Full open to full close in less than 3.2 sec (7K), 5.9 sec (15K)
  - Modulating moves 0.12" (6%) in less than 0.40 sec (7K) 0.61 sec (15K)
- Maintenance Free
- Continuous duty rated up to 15,000 lbf. (SVC15)
- Temp rated to -40C to +60C
- Self locking (fail in place)
- Manual override
- High efficiency

- 208-460 VAC
- 6 amp peak current draw









#### **Comparing Similar Technologies**

		SVC	Fabricated
Continuous Thrust	Lbf	15,000/7,000	Unknown
Peak Velocity	mm/sec	18.9 / 9.4	7.5 est
Programmable/Variable Speed	Yes/No	Yes	Yes
Reversting Time (Latency)	ms	5	5
Duty Cycle	%	100%	40%
Start/Stop per min		Unlimited	Unlimited
Repeatability (2" travel)	%	0.04	*0.50
Maintenance Free	Yes/No	Ves Yes	No
Real Time Data Collection	Yes/No	Yes	Yes
Certifications		🗸 ATEX, IECEX, C1D1	ATEX, C1D1
Well Control Capable	Yes/No	Yes	Yes
MPD Capable	Yes/No	Ves Yes	Yes



\*Requires regular maintenance

## Industrial automation components inside:

- Servo Motor
- Roller Screw
- Servo Class Gear Reduction



• Absolute multiturn encoder





**NOV HXE-G3** 

#### Why were these components chosen?

- This component combination is the primary choice for the automotive industry for resistant spot welding of body frames
  - 6-9 million welds per year with no preventative maintenance to the actuator
  - Average 2-3 years of service (15-20 million welds)
- Average cost of down time is <u>\$22,000 per minute</u>
  - Some estimates indicate over <u>\$50,000 per minute</u>
- These same components are what has been integrated into the ServoChoke<sup>®</sup> SVC actuator
  - Ensures maximum reliability, availability, and consistency in mission critical applications
- Over 30,000 ServoWeld<sup>®</sup> units from Tolomatic have been deployed globally







# Fully integrated, all-in-one design



### **Ruggedized Design**

• In-house impact testing







#### Where does ServoChoke<sup>®</sup> add value

- Maximum reliability
- Designed for continuous duty
- Longest designed service life
- Zero maintenance
- Superior pressure control
- Full access to actuator performance parameters



#### **Robust Precision Solution for the Oilfield**

- ServoChoke<sup>®</sup> can influence overall operational expenses
  - Cost of avoiding one influx can quickly exceed \$12,000 to \$15,000
  - The same can be said with stuck pipe with savings surpassing \$1,000 to \$2,000 per incident
- Higher overall repeatability and lack of maintenance can offer savings during start-up and while drilling
  - Calibration routines take time away from drilling
  - Additional time for initial set-up and calibration contributing to NPT
  - Saving >60 min/mo can net savings of >\$5,000/mo
- Oilfield equipment is often mishandled leading to damaged components
  - One incident could cost the rig over \$12,000
    - One replacement servo motor can cost over \$4,000
    - NPT time and labor to replace this motor could exceed \$8,000





#### Help continue to optimize the drilling process?

- Peak reliability and availability ensure the equipment works where and when you need it
- Speed and precision can help enhance existing pressure control software
  - May enable software to calculate and execute more adjustments per minute or per second
  - Enhanced precision may help offset minor computational errors which could avoid an influx or stuck pipe
  - Some believe ServoChoke could eliminate the need to use a back pressure pump when making connections
- One actuator can be used across multiple chokes within the drilling process to reduce number of components and spares to track
  - MPD Chokes
  - Drillers Chokes
  - Choke & Kill
  - Block Style PRVs
- Better control, zero maintenance, and improved drilling operations all lead to reduced risk of NPT, damage to equipment and the safety of the rig crew



# ServoChoke<sup>®</sup> beyond MPD Drilling Chokes

- We are seeing increased interest in other applications
  - Inquiries started in 2015
- ServoChoke<sup>®</sup> has also been evaluated & approved for use on:
  - 6" MPD choke systems
  - Set-point drilling chokes
  - Block style PRV

- Tolomatic has installed actuators on PRVs as part of an MPD manifold
- Common reasons driving inquiries for electric PRVs:
  - Adds ability for remote or condition based changes in pressure set point
  - Allows for "throttling" or slight bleed off of pressure rather than a conventional "pop off"
  - Can act as an additional means of controlling pressure
- ServoChoke<sup>®</sup> would also work on 5K & 10K C&K 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" 3" orifice sizes



#### **Industry Adoption**

Tolomatic is working with the following choke manufacturers











ServoChoke<sup>®</sup> has been approved for use with the following MPD Drilling Software

X ABSOLUTE CONTROL



We have proven compatibility with



Tolomatic is currently working with **6** different companies land and offshore MPD systems



#### Why Tolomatic ServoChoke<sup>®</sup> for Choke Control?

- Global supplier of high performance automation grade actuators for over 60 years
- Specialists in linear mechanical motion control
- Designing fit for purpose actuators for the operation of linear choke valves
  - Choke & Kill
  - Managed Pressure Drilling
- Member of API-16C committee developing requirements for electric actuators for choke valves
- Performance tested under varying temperature and force conditions reflecting real world operating environments
- Single source for all choke valve actuators



#### **Considerations**

- Tolomatic ServoChoke<sup>®</sup> SVC actuators are ideally suited for continuous drilling or high performance valve operations
- Versatile for not only MPD chokes but, PRV operation, set-point, & C&K
  - Standardize on a single actuator for multiple uses
- Industrial Automation grade components with predictable service life ensure consistent and reliable performance for years with zero maintenance
- Expanding installed base, field deployments and industry acceptance
  - Currently being deployed on MPD chokes and electric PRVs
- Improved valve control allows for focus on other key components or systems that can further the increase in safety and provide additional cost reductions



#### **Questions**





