
**Hydraulic fluid power — Valves
— Determination of differential
pressure/flow rate characteristics**

*Transmissions hydrauliques — Distributeurs — Détermination des
caractéristiques de pression différentielle/débit*

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- "volume flow rate" is replaced with "flow rate";
- "flow rate symbol " q_v " is replaced with " q ";
- updated and improved quality of [Figure 1](#) and [Figure 2](#).

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Introduction

In hydraulic fluid power systems, power is transmitted and controlled through a liquid under pressure within an enclosed circuit. Hydraulic valves control the direction, pressure or flow rate of the fluid in the system.

When fluid flows through a valve, it encounters some resistance, which results in a loss of pressure; this loss is called the pressure differential.

This document is intended to unify testing methods for hydraulic fluid power valves to enable the pressure differential/flow characteristics of different valves to be compared.

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