**16C Collet Block**

**A2-5 Spindle Nose, Pneumatic or Hydraulic, Double Acting, Pull-Back Style**

Part No. 7799-00-00-000086

**Specifications**

- Maximum operating pressure – 250 psi air, 400 psi hydraulic (17 bar air, 27 bar hydraulic)
- Draw tube force – 23 x line pressure
- Collet capacity – 16C \( \frac{1}{16} \) to \( \frac{5}{8} \) (1.58 to 41.27mm) round), 16C Step chuck up to 6" (152.4mm)
- Thru-hole in base
- Four thru holes for mounting with 1/2" screws
- Two \( \frac{3}{8} \) (9.52mm) dowel holes in bottom of base
- Two \( \frac{1}{4} \) NPT ports
- 2-position, 4-way control valve recommended for hydraulic operation, 2-position, 3-way control valve recommended for pneumatic operation (not included)

**Safety**

- Do not over tighten the mounting hardware or the plumbing fittings.
- When installing a collet in the closer, do not over tighten the collet.
- **Do not exceed maximum operating pressure of 250 psi air or 304psi hydraulic (17 bar air, 20 bar hydraulic).**
- Make sure that the collet retains your material when the collet is closed.

**Application**

This 16C collet closer is a stationary unit with a double-acting cylinder. It is effective on machine and assembly operations that require reliable clamping and unclamping. Use the collet block as a single unit or mount multiple closers on rotary tables, pallets, fixtures or tombstones for increased productivity.

**Installation**

1. Mount the collet block to a rigid flat surface.
2. Plumb your first supply line using 5000 psi (344 bar) rated steel tubing to the CLAMP 1/4 NPTF port of the collet block and the normally OPEN 1/4 NPTF port of your control valve.
3. Plumb your second supply line using 5000 psi (344 bar) rated steel tubing to the UNCLAMP 1/4 NPTF port of the collet block and the normally CLOSED 1/4 NPTF port of your control valve.
4. Plumb your control supply to the 1/4 NPTF pressure port of the valve.
5. This configuration maintains a closed collet until the valve is actuated.

**Operation**

1. Remove the control supply from the valve.
2. Loosen the collet locking screw until the tip does not protrude into the piston guide threads.
3. Put a witness mark on the face of your collet in-line with the collet groove and then insert the collet in the top of the collet closer.
4. Using the collet wrench, turn the collet clockwise until it contacts the piston taper.
5. Turn the collet counter clockwise until the collet witness mark lines up with the locking screw.
6. Tighten the collet locking screw. Do not overtighten.
7. To close the collet closer, insert a workpiece in the collet, and connect the supply to the control valve.

**WARNING:** Do not close the closer without the workpiece in the collet.
8. Regulate your supply pressure to a level that assures effective workholding only. Continuously operating the closer at maximum pressure will decrease the service life of the seals and collet.

**WARNING:** Pressure to this closer above 250 psi air or 304 psi hydraulic (17 bar air, 20 bar hydraulic) may overstress the 16C collet. Refer to the manufacturer’s recommended drawbar force when using a step chuck or expanding collet.
9. To open the collet, actuate the valve.

**Maintenance**

If, over a period of time, you experience a decrease in clamping force even though pressure remains unchanged, remove the collet block from service, disassemble, and replace any damaged or worn o-rings.

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Example of a simple pneumatic configuration

Components include a control valve and three pneumatic collet blocks supplied by Hardinge mounted on a customer machined fixture plate. Two connector bushings are used between each collet block for internal plumbing. A total of four connector bushings would be used in this example. (schematic shown in clamp position)

Dimensions for mounting holes are available on the installation instructions online at www.hardingetooling.com
Example of a typical hydraulic configuration

Components include a pump, control valve and three hydraulic collet blocks supplied by Hardinge mounted on a customer machined fixture plate. (schematic shown in clamp position) 5000 psi (344 bar) rated hose/tubing is recommended.

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Example of a quick disconnect hydraulic configuration

Components include a pump, control valve, accumulator, quick disconnect handle, manifold with check valve and three hydraulic collet blocks supplied by Hardinge on a customer machined fixture plate. The control valve should mount outside of the machine with the pump or on the outside wall of the machine. The quick disconnect with check valve allows you to remove the hydraulics while in the clamp mode – ideal for preloading pallets. An accumulator is required when using the quick disconnect product. (Schematic shown in the clamp position) 5000 psi (344 bar) rated hose/tubing is recommended.

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