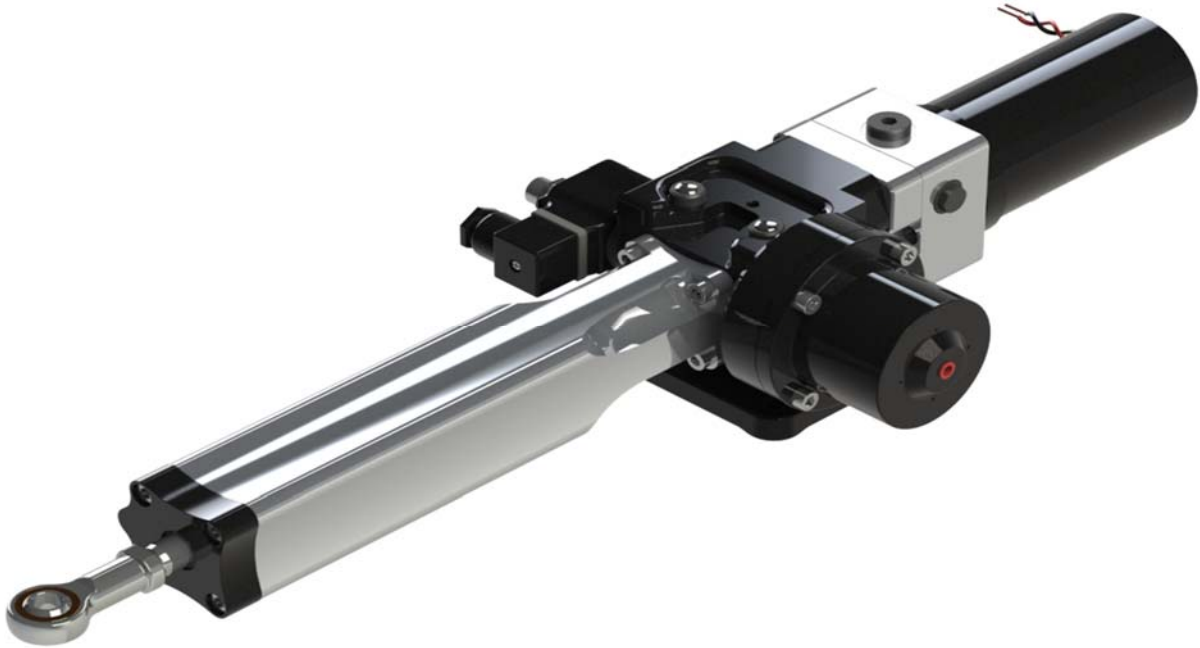


# Hy-ProDrive

Marine Steering Technology  
By Hydraulic Projects Ltd.



**ML+40 S 200mm**  
**ML+40 M 250mm**  
**ML+40 L 300mm**

Marine Linear Actuator  
Installation and Service Instructions

Serial Number

Please record your serial number here

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This precision engineered product was designed and manufactured in the United Kingdom.

Please keep this manual in a safe place

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## **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION**

Failure to install and maintain this equipment in accordance with the instructions contained in this Manual could result in damage or injury.

This equipment must be installed and maintained by a person who is qualified to do so. This equipment is only for use with marine auto pilots within the limitations stated in the following pages.

Auto pilot steering systems are navigational aids and the user must still maintain a permanent watch.

This equipment meets the latest EMC (Electromagnetic Compatibility) standards required for use in the marine environment.  
In order to ensure conformance and to prevent interference with electronic systems the unit must be properly bonded to earth and the supply cables screened.

Caution! 

In operation this unit can rotate the vessels wheel rapidly.  
Keep clear of the wheel when this unit is engaged to avoid entrapment.

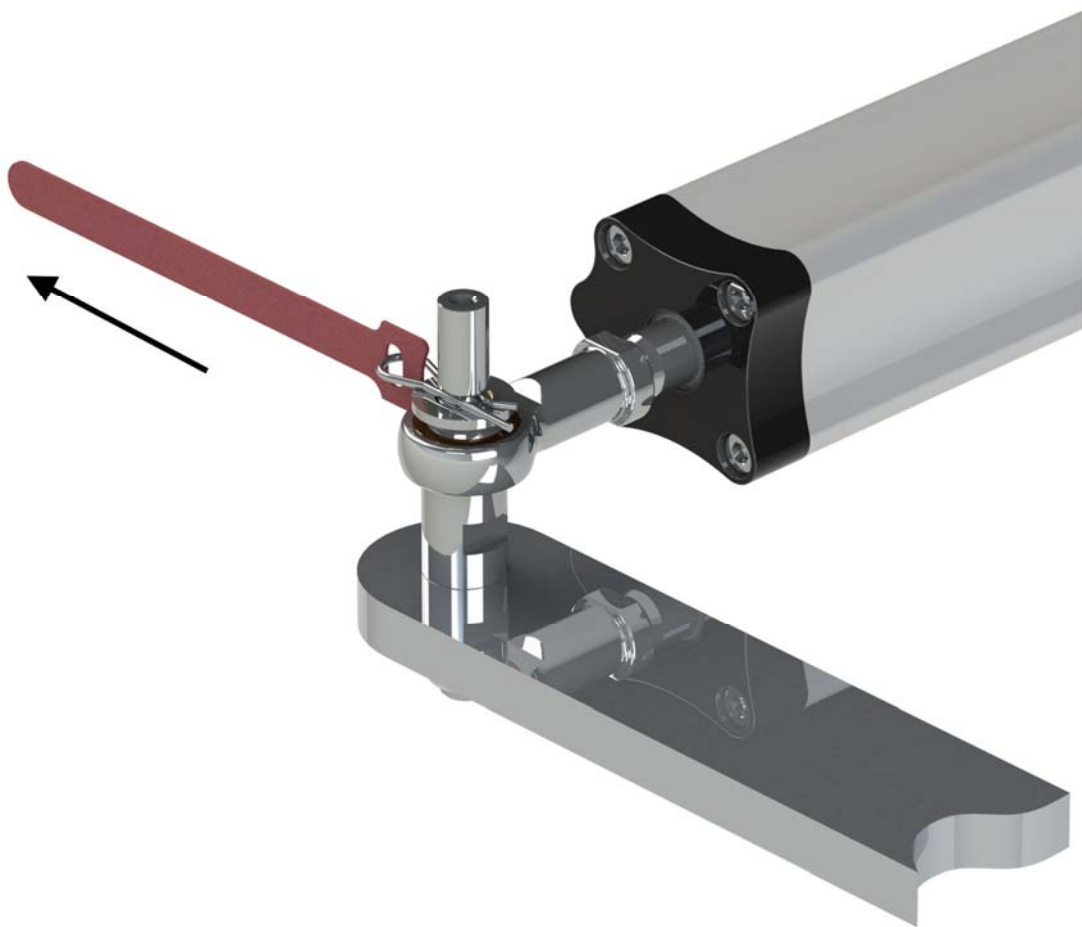
Beware of hot motor and solenoid components and the risk of entrapment from moving parts.

Do not flash test.

## **EMERGENCY QUICK RELEASE**

In the unlikely event of failure of the actuator a quick release R-Clip is fitted to the tiller bolt which secures the actuator to the steering quadrant.

Pull the red tab to release the R-Clip and then manually lift the actuator clear of the steering quadrant.



## **EMERGENCY STEERING - PRIMARY STEERING FAILURE**

If the primary steering fails it may be possible to steer the boat via the auto-pilot controls.

## **DESCRIPTION**

The ML+40 Hydraulic linear actuator combines a cylinder, pump, motor, clutch and reservoir in a pre-filled, sealed unit. It is designed to be used on vessels fitted with mechanical primary steering that can be back driven. When the clutch is disengaged the cylinder is free and moves with the primary steering. To operate the unit in autopilot mode the course computer energises the clutch solenoid coil and runs the bi-directional motor to extend and retract the ram.

Internal relief valves protect the unit and its mountings from rudder strikes, grounding etc.

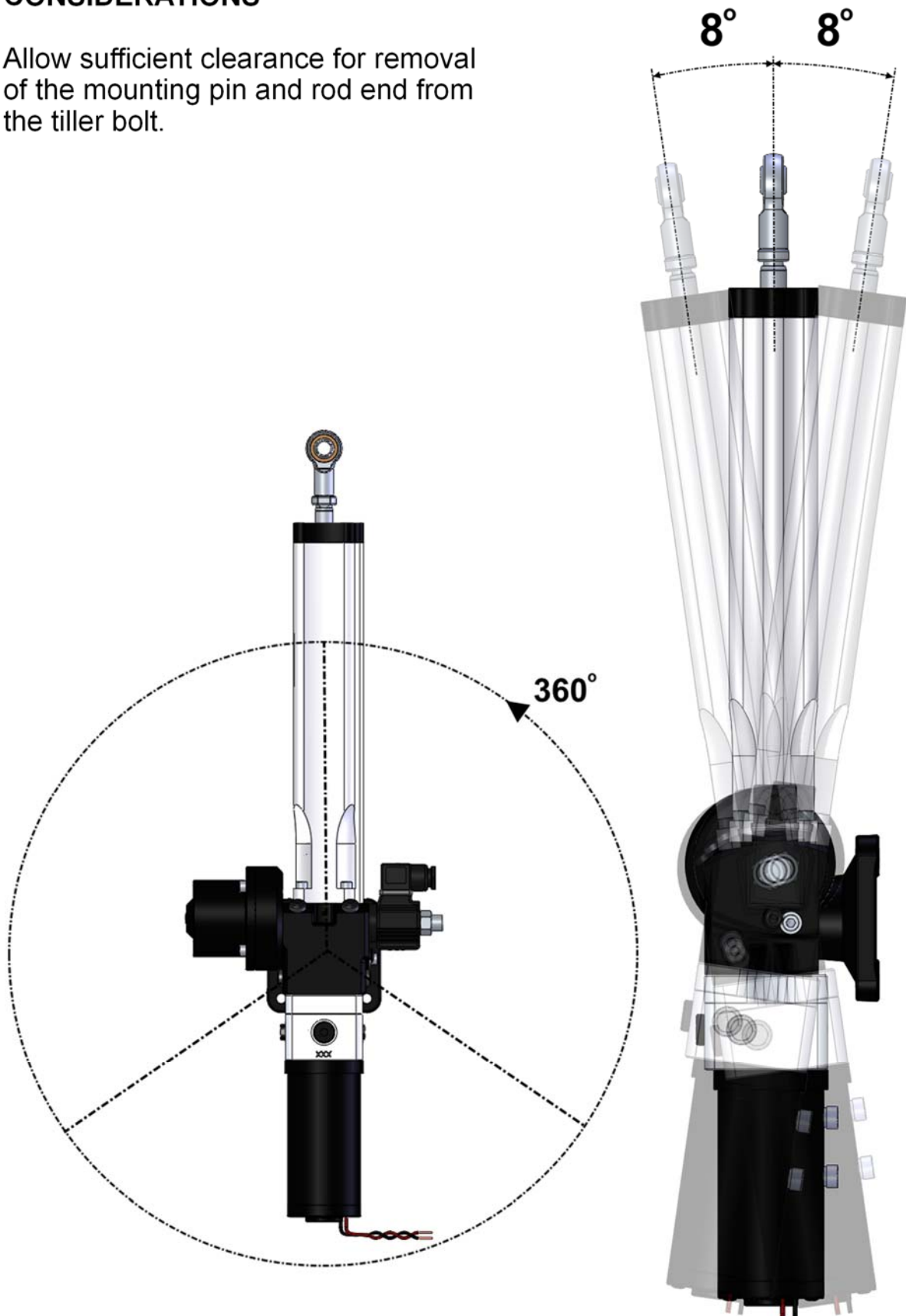
## **LOCATION**

The ML+40 Actuator is designed for under-deck installations only. When considering where to mount the actuator the following points should be taken in to account.

- : Keep cable runs short
- : Mount away from sources of heat
- : Install the actuator above areas liable to flooding.
- : Use a solid surface, capable of supporting the large thrusts generated by this unit.
- : Ensure that piston movement is limited by the rudder hard stops and not by the actuator end stops.
- : Allow sufficient clearance for removal of the mounting pin.
- : Check that no part of the actuator fouls the vessel or rudder quadrant throughout its full range of movement.
- : It may be mounted in any orientation providing the limits stated are not exceeded.
- : Ambient operating temperature -15 to +55 deg C.

## CONSIDERATIONS

Allow sufficient clearance for removal of the mounting pin and rod end from the tiller bolt.



## TECHNICAL DATA

Ram Stroke	Voltage	Stroke	Max	Max	Tiller arm	650Kg
Part Number	V DC/W	Sec	Thrust Kg	Torque Nm	70° mm	Amp
<b>200mm</b>						
ML+40 S 15 12	12/50	12	350	600	175	na
ML+40 S 10 12	12/100	10	703	1200	175	19.0
ML+40 S 10 24	24/100	10	703	1200	175	9.0
<b>250mm</b>						
ML+40 M 10 12	12/100	13	703	1470	213	19.0
ML+40 M 10 24	24/100	13	703	1470	213	9.0
ML+40 M 20 12	12/100	9	703	1470	213	25.0
ML+40 M 20 24	24/100	9	703	1470	213	12.0
<b>300mm</b>						
ML+40 L 20 12	12/100	11	703	1770	257	25.0
ML+40 L 20 24	24/100	11	703	1770	257	12.0
ML+40 L 25 12	12/100	9	703	1770	257	32.0
ML+40 L 25 24	24/100	9	703	1770	257	16.0

Ram Stroke	60Kg	Relief	Clutch	Weight	Feedback
Part Number	25% Duty Ah	set Bar	Watts	Kg	Resistance kΩ
<b>200mm</b>					
ML+40 S 15 12	1.3	62	12	7.5	1.2
ML+40 S 10 12	2.0	62	12	7.5	1.2
ML+40 S 10 24	1.0	62	12	7.5	1.2
<b>250mm</b>					
ML+40 M 10 12	2.0	62	12	8.0	1.2
ML+40 M 10 24	1.0	62	12	8.0	1.2
ML+40 M 20 12	2.5	62	12	8.0	1.2
ML+40 M 20 24	1.3	62	12	8.0	1.2
<b>300mm</b>					
ML+40 L 20 12	2.5	62	12	8.5	1.2
ML+40 L 20 24	1.3	62	12	8.5	1.2
ML+40 L 25 12	3.0	62	12	8.5	1.2
ML+40 L 25 24	1.6	62	12	8.5	1.2



## DISMOUNTING THE UNIT FROM ITS BASE

The ML+40 features a quick-dismount base.

To remove the base from the unit first take off the coil which is secured by a 17mm A/F nut. Next undo and remove the Allen screw 'A' and the retaining plate 'B'. Withdraw the mounting pin 'C' which will release the base.

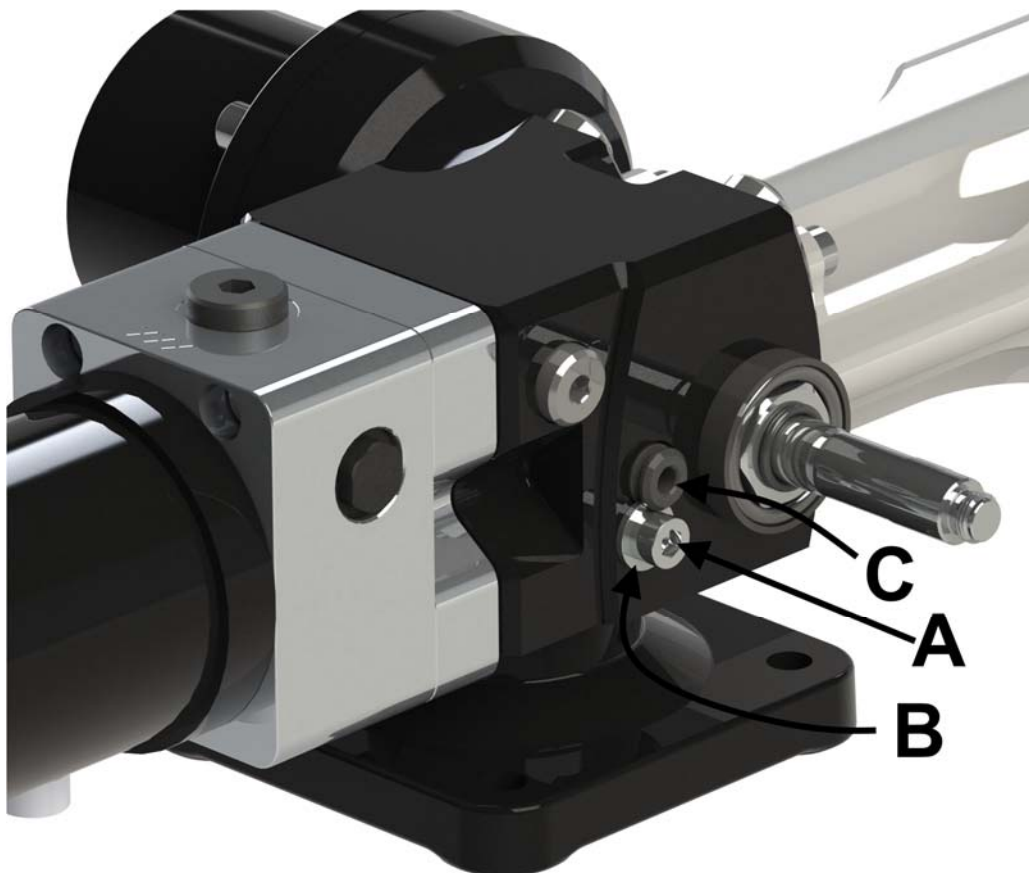
### NOTE!

The pin is a close engineered fit and if it proves difficult to remove insert screw 'A' into it. It will then be possible to withdraw the pin using a pair of pliers or grips.

### IMPORTANT!

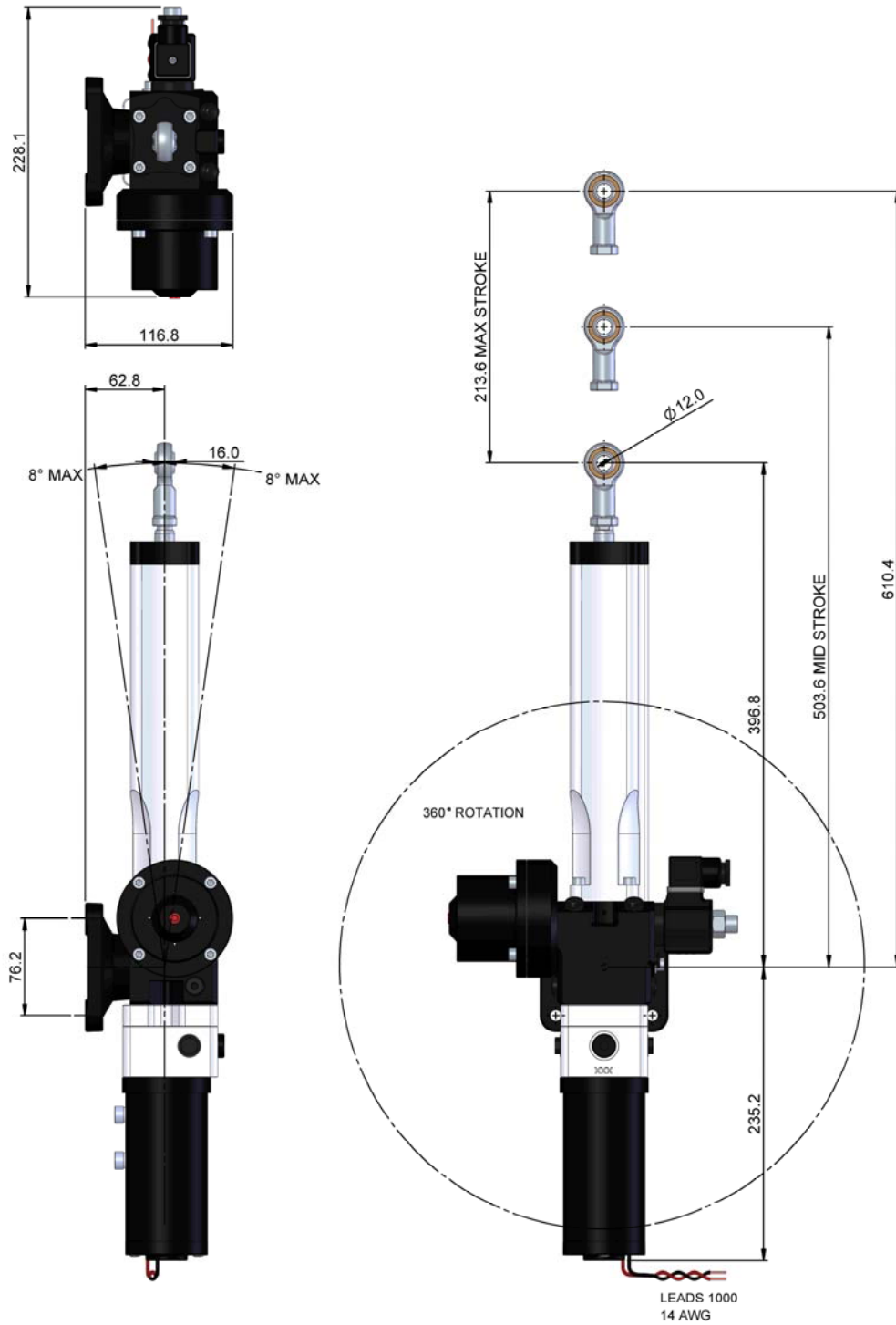
Avoid damage to the pin

Assembly is a reversal of the removal process.



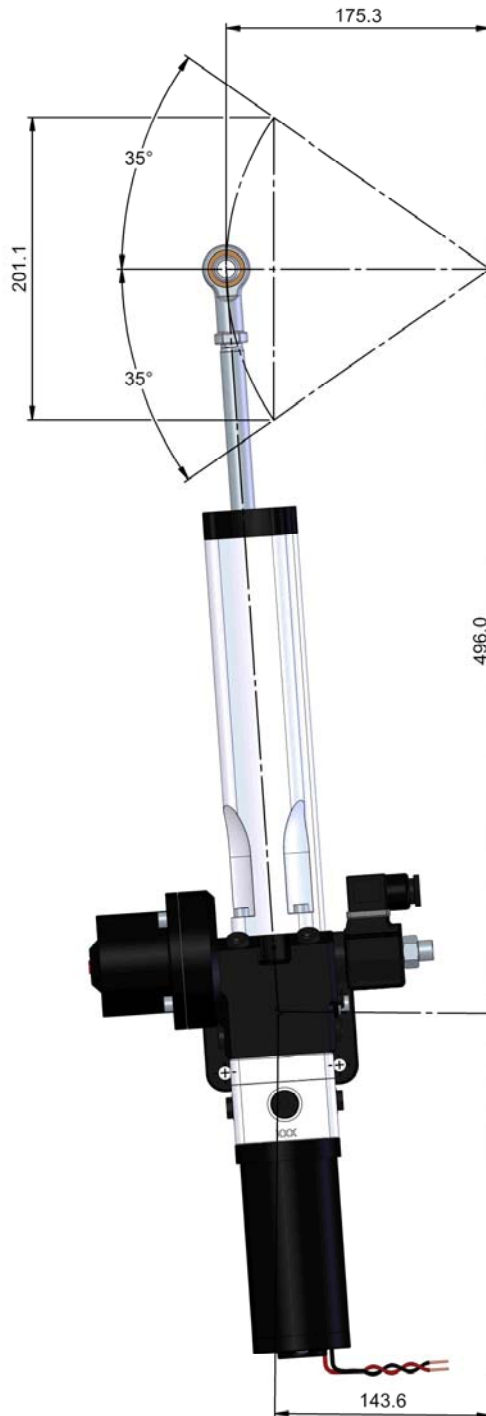
## INSTALLATION

ML+40 S 10 (200mm stroke)  
ML+40 S 15 (200mm stroke)



## QUADRANT

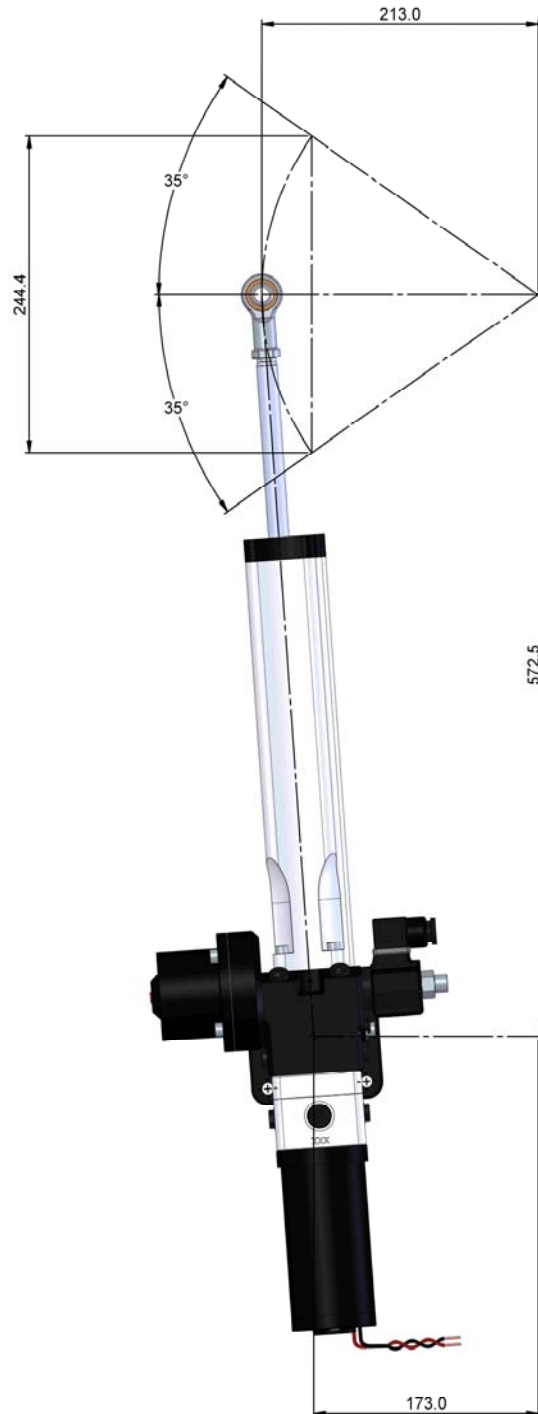
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rudder angle of 70deg.





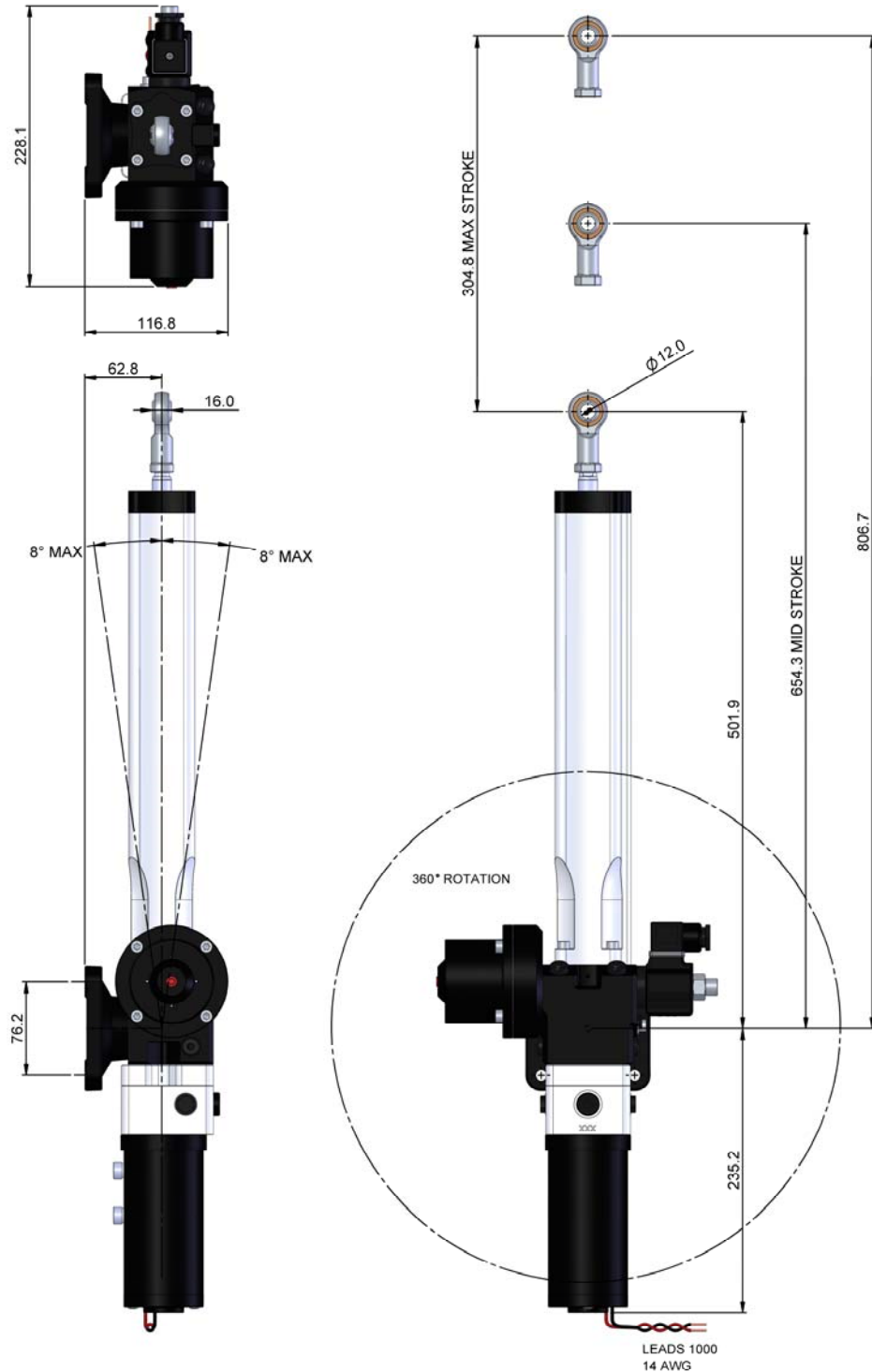
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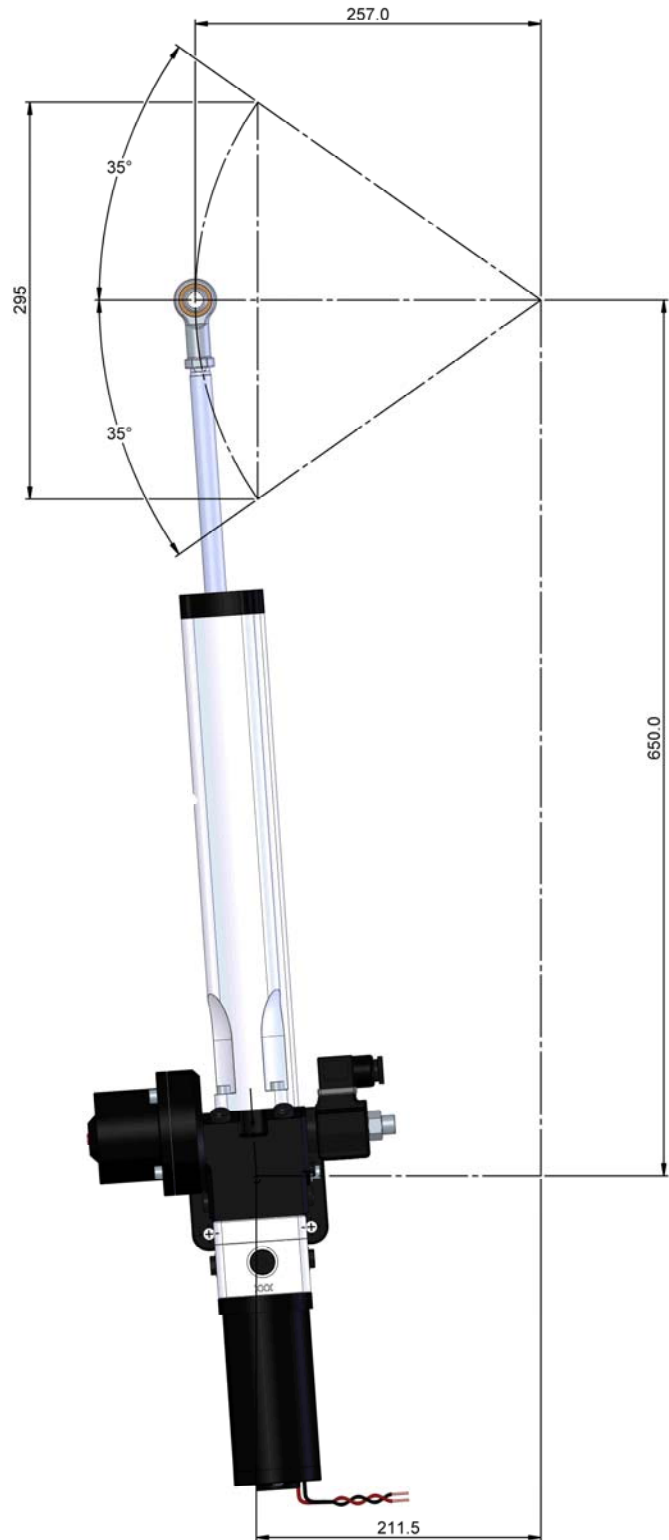
## INSTALLATION

ML+40 L 10 (300mm stroke)  
ML+40 L 20 (300mm stroke)



## QUADRANT

Typical installation for an  
6.9" (177mm) radius with total  
rudder angle of 70deg.



## TILLER BOLT

The tiller bolt supplied is suitable for a quadrant thickness of 12 to 16mm.

The tiller bolt mounting hole should be drilled  $\text{Ø}12.2$  to 12.3mm.

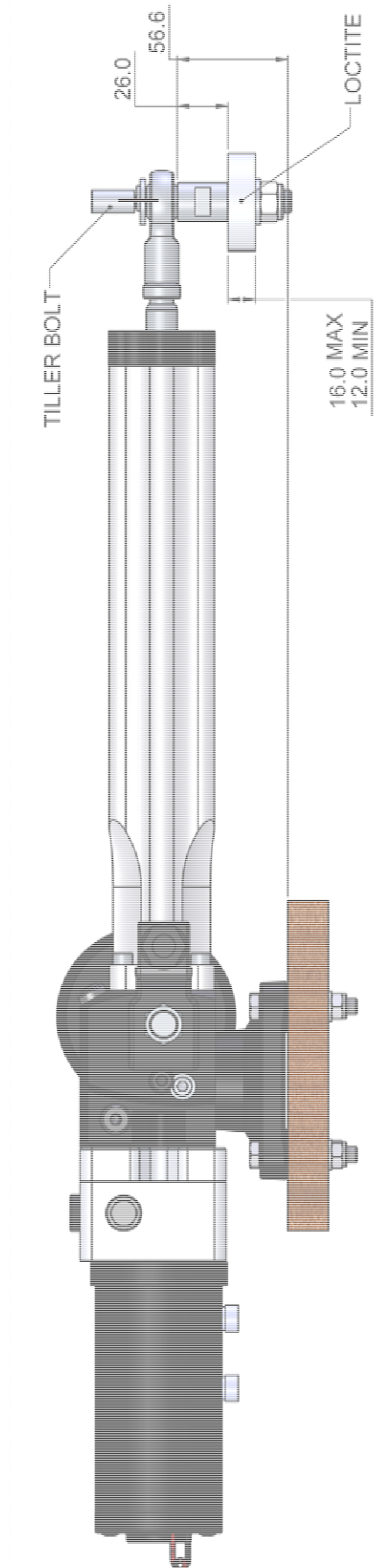
An application of Loctite 638 or equivalent where shown is recommended.

Tighten the M12 nut to 27Nm Torque

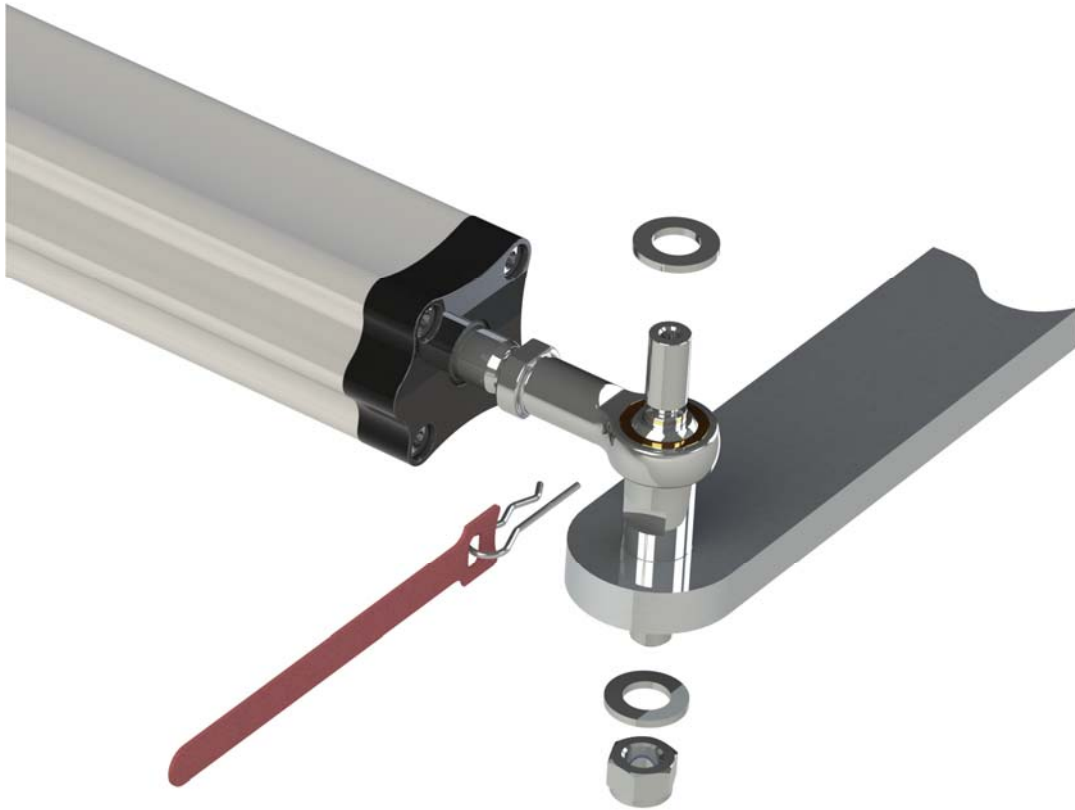
## MOUNTING FOOT

The four M8 nuts, bolts and washers supplied are suitable for mounting the actuator on a surface of between 12mm and 24mm thick

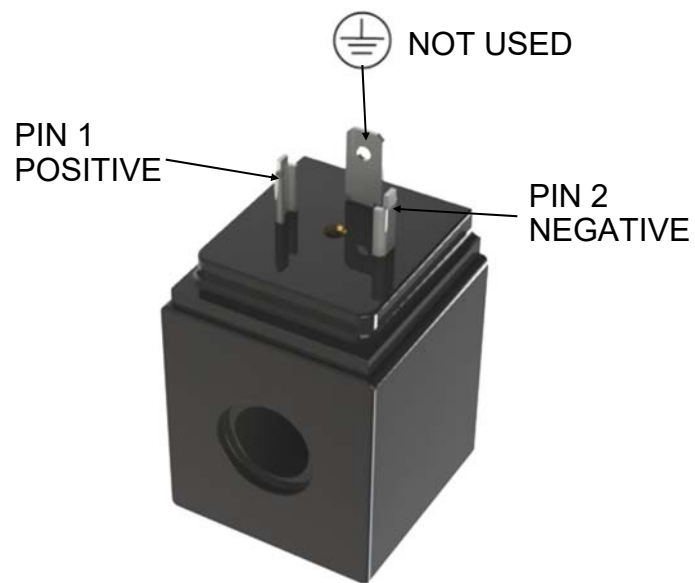
Tighten the four M8 nuts to 17Nm







**COIL CONNECTIONS**



## HYDRAULIC FLUID

Caution 

Do not use Brake fluid

Use ISO VG10 to VG40 hydraulic mineral fluid to ISO 6743-4 HV.  
The following commercial fluids are suitable:

Fuchs Renolin B 15 HV1

Seastar HA5430.


## COMMISSIONING

Caution 

Be aware of the danger of moving linkages and the risk of entrapment.

The unit is pre-filled and sealed from new. Do not disassemble the unit, this will allow air to enter and necessitate refilling and bleeding the unit Ref. page 19.

Use the primary steering to check the full range of movement before commissioning the Auto-Pilot

Caution  Check the unit for damage and leaks after installation.

## MAINTENANCE

The ML+40 is a sealed unit, quality precision engineering will ensure many years of trouble free service if the following points are adhered to.

: Keep the piston rod free from damage

: Avoid exposing the unit to salt water.

Perform the following checks regularly:

: Check the security of the mounting bolts and tiller pin.

: Examine electrical cables and connections for damage and corrosion.

: Lubricate the mounting pin and rod end with marine grade grease.

## SERVICING

The motor is a non-serviceable item and when it reaches End of Life should be replaced with a new motor and drive coupling Kit.

Part No.s:

ML+40 S 15 12:	R4510-sk 12 50 X
ML+40 S 10 12:	
ML+40 M 10 12:	
ML+40 M 20 12:	R4510-sk 12 100 X
ML+40 L 10 12:	
ML+40 L 20 12:	
ML+40 S 10 24:	
ML+40 M 10 24:	
ML+40 M 20 24:	R4510-sk 24 100 X
ML+40 L 10 24:	
ML+40 L 20 24:	

Please quote your units serial number when ordering.

In the unlikely event that new seals are required a kit is available:  
Hydraulic Projects Ltd Part No. ML+40sk.

Caution 

For filling and bleeding a special tool is required:  
Hydraulic Projects Ltd Part no. R4051.  
Failure to use this tool may result in damage to the actuator.

## **FAULT FINDING**

**Under no circumstances dismantle the unit unless it is certain that the fault is internal. Doing so will allow air into the cylinder, requiring the unit to be bled for which special tools are needed. Ref. page 19.**

Caution 

Any damage to the piston rod will damage its seals and allow air into the cylinder and oil leaks.

1) Motor does not run

- : check electrical connections.
- : check course computer output.

2) Motor runs, but erratic or no piston movement

- : check for solenoid operation.
- : check for air in the cylinder and external leaks.
- : check drive coupling.

3) Excessive noise

- : check the motor for damage.
- : check for air in the cylinder and external leaks.
- : check drive coupling.

4) Failure of clutch to engage or disengage

- : check solenoid operation.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Keep this manual in a safe place. Quote the model and serial numbers in all correspondence.

Model Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Purchase: \_\_\_\_\_

Dealer: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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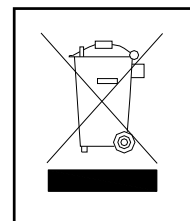
Email [sales@hypro.co.uk](mailto:sales@hypro.co.uk)

Web [www.hypro.co.uk](http://www.hypro.co.uk)

## END OF LIFE DISPOSAL

Please dispose of End of Life items responsibly.

In the event that you are unable to use your nearest local authority civic amenity sites to recycle, units can be returned to us at the address above.



## COMPLIANCE

### EU Declaration of Conformity of Watercraft Components with the Design and Construction requirements of Directive 2013/53/EU (Recreational Craft)

Name of watercraft component manufacturer: Hydraulic Projects Limited

Address: Dawlish Business Park

Town: Dawlish Post Code: EX7 0NH Country: UK

Name of authorised representative (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Module used for design and construction assessment:  B+C  B+D  B+E  B+F  G  H

Name of Notified Body for design and construction assessment (if applicable): HPI Verification Services (Ireland) Ltd

Address: HPI Verification Services (Ireland) Ltd

Town: Cloncross Post Code: A85 XN59 Country: Ireland ID Number: 2810

Notified Body certificate number: HPiVS-iR1247-002-I-01-00 Date: 19 / 12 / 2023

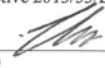
Other Community Directives applied: 2014/30/EU (Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive)

#### DESCRIPTION OF WATERCRAFT COMPONENTS:

Brand/Model of the watercraft components: ML+40 & HS+40 Hy-Pro Drive range of hydraulic marine steering equipment

Designation of Annex II component:	Applicable Essential Requirement	Harmonised standards applied
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ignition-protected equipment for petrol engine/tank spaces	Fire protection (5.6.1)	EN ISO 8846:2017 - Electrical devices - Protection against ignition of surrounding flammable gases
<input type="checkbox"/> Start-in-gear protection devices for outboard engines	Outboard engine starting (5.1.4)	EN ISO 11547:1995 - Start-in-gear protection
<input type="checkbox"/> Steering wheels	Steering system (5.4.1)	EN ISO 10592:2017- Small Craft – Hydraulic Steering Systems
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steering mechanisms/cable assemblies		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fuel tanks intended for fixed installations	Fuel tanks (5.2.2)	EN ISO 21487:2012 - Permanently installed petrol and diesel fuel tanks
<input type="checkbox"/> Fuel hoses	Fuel system (5.2.1)	EN ISO 7840:2013 - Fire-resistant fuel hoses, <i>or</i> EN ISO 8469:2013 – Non-fire-resistant fuel hoses ( <i>delete as appropriate</i> )
<input type="checkbox"/> Prefabricated hatches	Openings in hull, deck and superstructure (3.4)	EN ISO 12216:2002 - Windows, portlights, hatches, deadlights and doors - Strength and watertightness requirements
<input type="checkbox"/> Prefabricated port lights		

This declaration of conformity is issued under the sole responsibility of the manufacturer. I declare on behalf of the manufacturer that the watercraft component(s) mentioned above fulfils the requirements specified in Article 4 (1) and Annex I of Directive 2013/53/EU.

Name and function: Elaine Slater (Managing Director) Signature and title:   
(identification of the person empowered to sign on behalf of the manufacturer or his authorised representative) (or an equivalent marking)

Date and place of issue : 04 / 01 / 2024

Jan 2024

## UK Declaration of Conformity for Design and Construction for Watercraft Components - Schedule II - when placed on the UK market separately under the requirements of the Recreational Craft Regulations 2017 as amended.

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Address: Dawlish Business Park

Town: Dawlish Post Code: EX7 0NH Country: UK

Name of authorised representative (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Module used for **design and construction assessment**:  B+C  B+D  B+E  B+F  G  H

Name of Approved Body for **design and construction assessment**: HPI Verification Services Ltd

Address: The Manor House, Howbery Park

Town: Wallingford Post Code: OX10 8BA Country: UK ID Number: 1521

Approved Body certificate number: HPiUK-R1247-002-I-01-00 Date: 19 / 12 / 2023

Other Regulations applied: BS EN 60945:2002 (DC) (Electromagnetic Compatibility)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Start-in-gear protection devices for outboard engines                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefabricated hatches                       |
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Start-in-gear protection devices for outboard engines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Steering wheels, steering mechanisms and cable assemblies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	EN ISO 10592:2017 (Small Craft – Hydraulic Steering)
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<sup>1</sup> Such as non-harmonised standards, rules, regulations, guidelines, etc.

<sup>2</sup> Standards published on [gov.uk](http://gov.uk)



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Our in-house design and technical teams offer the expertise and support expected of an established world-class manufacturer.

Full technical details of our entire range are available to download from our website

[www.hypro.co.uk](http://www.hypro.co.uk)

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