

# **LINEAR MOTION CONTROL**

Technical Data Sheet

## Static Rod Locks **RLSS Series**

Nexen's new generation of linear holding/locking devices take rod locking technology to the next level. With superior performance, these springengaged, air-released units supplement air cylinders and guide rods for holding in poweroff/e-stop situations. High clamping forces ensure positive holding with minimal air required for release. Choose from our standard products, or we will work with you to meet your unique application specifications.





## Precision Operation Maintains Accurate Positioning

The RLSS series of Rod Locks guarantees accurate positioning and provides precision holding while other operations are performed. The Rod Lock engages without causing any rod displacement, and also features extremely low backlash during operation, making them ideal for precision applications.

#### Large Clamping Surface Ensures Consistent Performance

The RLSS line is designed with a large clamping surface that provides uniform force to the rod contact area on every engagement. The clamping mechanism utilizes numerous ball bearing to reduce friction.

### Spring-engaged Units Engage in Power-off Situations

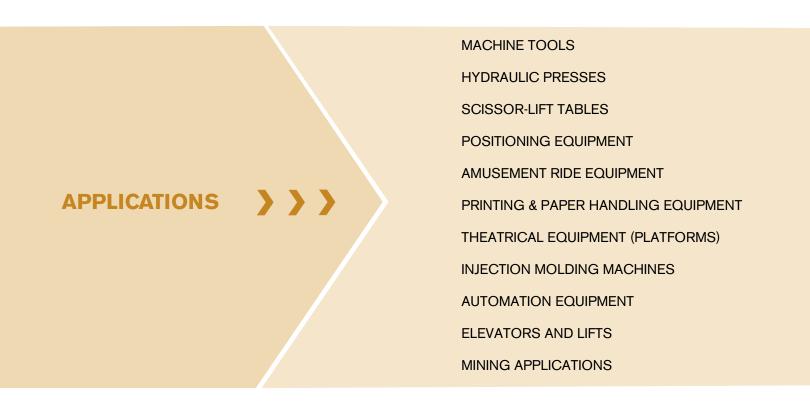
Nexen's Rod Locks are spring-engaged, so they operate even in power-off situations to promote safety for operators and machinery. The fast response time of these spring-engaged products also increases positioning accuracy.

#### Sealed to Withstand Harsh Environments

Every RLSS Rod Lock is sealed to protect internal components. These seals are designed to withstand even harsh wash-down environments and are IP67 rated (anodized models exceed NEMA 4X rating). Rod Locks are available in natural brushed aluminum or with a blue anodized coating.

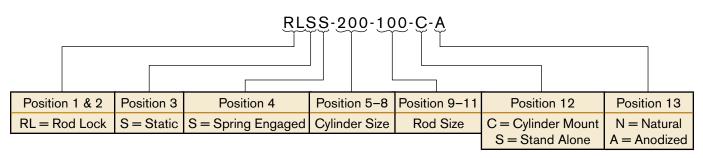
NEXEN'S STATIC ROD LOCKS deliver precision holding with virtually no backlash, providing high accuracy in demanding applications. These spring-engaged, air-released units come in both ISO and NFPA sizes and will accept standard accessories.

The Rod Lock's large clamping surface ensures high clamping/holding force and Nexen offers models for use on a pneumatic cylinder or as a stand-alone unit on a guide rod. Customers can further increase holding forces by stacking multiple Rod Locks together. The patent pending design is sealed and features a natural brushed aluminum finish or a corrosion-resistant, anodized finish suitable for food/washdown applications. Whatever your application, precision operation with hassle-free performance come standard with each compact unit.

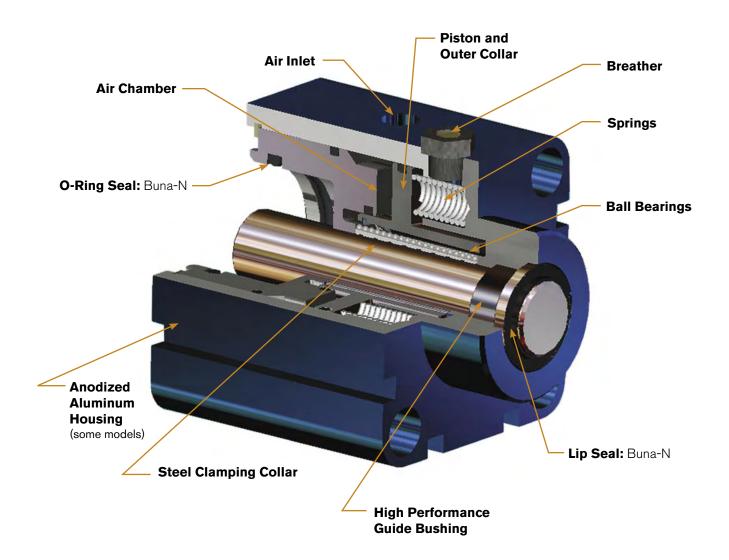


#### UNDERSTANDING ROD LOCK NOMENCLATURE

The diagram below explains the components of a Rod Lock model number. In this example, the Nexen Rod Lock listed is a cylinder mounted, spring-engaged, blue anodized, static rod lock for a two inch cylinder with a one inch rod.

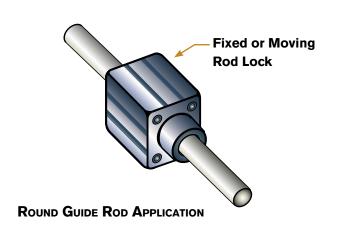


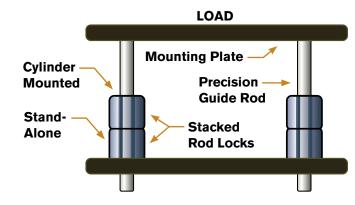
# **ROD LOCK CUTAWAY**



| FEATURES                          |                                       |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                   | BENEFITS                              |
|                                   |                                       |
| No Rod Displacement on Engagement | Maintains Accurate Positioning        |
| Large Clamping Surface            | Consistent Clamping Force             |
| IP67 Rated [exceeds NEMA 4X]      | Suitable for Wash-Down Areas          |
| Fast Response Time                | High Cycle Rates, Accuracy            |
| Extremely Low Backlash            | Precision Holding                     |
| Spring-Engaged Units              | Holds Load During Power/Pressure Loss |
| Profile Matches Cylinder          | Compact Unit, Easy Integration        |
| 4 bar [60 psi] Release Pressure   | Broad Application                     |

# STAND-ALONE ROD LOCKS FOR GUIDE ROD APPLICATIONS





VERTICAL HOLDING APPLICATION

### STAND-ALONE ROD LOCK SPECIFICATIONS

#### **Inch Rod Locks**

| Rod<br>Diameter | Model          | Holding<br>Force | Anodized<br>P/N | Natural<br>Finish P/N |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 0.625 in        | RLSS 150-063-S | 180 lbs          | 966100          | 966300                |
| 0.625 in        | RLSS 200-063-S | 314 lbs          | 966110          | 966310                |
| 0.625 in        | RLSS 250-063-S | 491 lbs          | 966120          | 966320                |
| 1.000 in        | RLSS 200-100-S | 325 lbs          | 966112          | 966312                |
| 1.000 in        | RLSS 325-100-S | 830 lbs          | 966130          | 966330                |
| 1.000 in        | RLSS 400-100-S | 1300 lbs         | 966140          | 966340                |
| 1.000 in        | RLSS 500-100-S | 2000 lbs         | 966150          | 966350                |
| 1.375 in        | RLSS 600-138-S | 2850 lbs         | 966160          | 966360                |

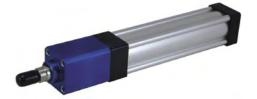
#### **Metric Rod Locks**

| Rod<br>Diameter | Model          | Holding<br>Force | Anodized<br>P/N | Natural<br>Finish P/N |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 16 mm           | RLSS 040-016-S | 890 N            | 966008          | 966208                |
| 20 mm           | RLSS 050-020-S | 1400 N           | 966002          | 966202                |
| 20 mm           | RLSS 063-020-S | 2225 N           | 966004          | 966204                |
| 25 mm           | RLSS 080-025-S | 3560 N           | 966006          | 966206                |
| 25 mm           | RLSS 100-025-S | 5500 N           | 966012          | 966212                |
| 32 mm           | RLSS 125-032-S | 8560 N           | 966010          | 966210                |

# CYLINDER MOUNTED ROD LOCKS

## CYLINDER REQUIREMENTS

- Longer cylinder rod
   Extra length = rod lock length cylinder pilot length
- Hardened rod (preferred) or hard chrome plating: See Requirements for Optimal Performance for specifications.
- · Longer tie rods on NFPA cylinders
- Mounting bolts included with ISO cylinders



Nexen's cylinder mounted RLSS Rod Locks match the cylinder profiles for easy, compact integration.

#### CYLINDER MOUNTED ROD LOCK SPECIFICATIONS

#### NFPA Rod Locks, 'FM' Mounts

|                 |              | ,                |                |                 |                       |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Rod<br>Diameter | Bore<br>Size | Holding<br>Force | Rod Lock Model | Anodized<br>P/N | Natural<br>Finish P/N |
| 0.625 in        | 1.500 in     | 180 lbs          | RLSS 150-063-C | 966101          | 966301                |
| 0.625 in        | 2.000 in     | 314 lbs          | RLSS 200-063-C | 966111          | 966311                |
| 0.625 in        | 2.500 in     | 491 lbs          | RLSS 250-063-C | 966121          | 966321                |
| 1.000 in        | 2.000 in     | 325 lbs          | RLSS 200-100-C | 966113          | 966313                |
| 1.000 in        | 3.250 in     | 830 lbs          | RLSS 325-100-C | 966131          | 966331                |
| 1.000 in        | 4.000 in     | 1300 lbs         | RLSS 400-100-C | 966141          | 966341                |
| 1.375 in        | 4.000 in     | 1300 lbs         | RLSS 400-138-C | 966343          | -                     |
| 1.000 in        | 5.000 in     | 2000 lbs         | RLSS 500-100-C | 966151          | 966351                |
| 1.375 in        | 6.000 in     | 2850 lbs         | RLSS 600-138-C | 966161          | 966361                |

#### **ISO Rod Locks**

| Rod<br>Diameter | Bore<br>Size | Holding<br>Force | Rod Lock Model | Anodized<br>P/N | Natural<br>Finish P/N |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 16 mm           | 40 mm        | 890 N            | RLSS 040-016-C | 966009          | 966209                |
| 20 mm           | 50 mm        | 1400 N           | RLSS 050-020-C | 966003          | 966203                |
| 20 mm           | 63 mm        | 2225 N           | RLSS 063-020-C | 966005          | 966205                |
| 25 mm           | 80 mm        | 3560 N           | RLSS 080-025-C | 966007          | 966207                |
| 25 mm           | 100 mm       | 5500 N           | RLSS 100-025-C | 966013          | 966213                |
| 32 mm           | 125 mm       | 8560 N           | RLSS 125-032-C | 966011          | 966211                |

## **ROD LOCK OPERATION SPECIFICATIONS**

- All of Nexen's Rod Locks will operate in both directions, engaging with the same holding force.
- Rod Locks can be mounted in any position.
- > Rod rotation is not allowed when a Rod Lock is engaged (not intended for torsional braking).
- Nexen's Rod Lock complies with ISO 6431 standards.
- > Release pressures can range from 4-8 bar [60-120 psi].
- > The Buna-N seals used are rated to 100°C [212°F].
- Allowable operating temperatures range from 0.5°C-66°C [33°F-150°F]. Units are capable of intermittent use at temperatures up to 100°C [212°F].

### ROD LOCK AIR CHAMBER VOLUME & ENGAGEMENT TIME

#### **NFPA Rod Locks**

| Model        | Air Chamber Volume                            | <b>Engagement Time</b> |
|--------------|---|------------------------|
| RLSS 150-063 | 5.0 cm <sup>3</sup> [0.30 in <sup>3</sup> ]   | 0.030 seconds          |
| RLSS 200-063 | 13.3 cm <sup>3</sup> [0.81 in <sup>3</sup> ]  | 0.040 seconds          |
| RLSS 250-063 | 20.7 cm <sup>3</sup> [1.26 in <sup>3</sup> ]  | 0.040 seconds          |
| RLSS 200-100 | 13.3 cm <sup>3</sup> [0.81 in <sup>3</sup> ]  | 0.045 seconds          |
| RLSS 325-100 | 43.0 cm <sup>3</sup> [2.63 in <sup>3</sup> ]  | 0.060 seconds          |
| RLSS 400-100 | 61.7 cm <sup>3</sup> [3.77 in <sup>3</sup> ]  | 0.070 seconds          |
| RLSS 400-138 | 61.7 cm <sup>3</sup> [3.77 in <sup>3</sup> ]  | 0.070 seconds          |
| RLSS 500-100 | 97.3 cm <sup>3</sup> [5.64 in <sup>3</sup> ]  | 0.95 seconds           |
| RLSS 600-138 | 129.6 cm <sup>3</sup> [7.91 in <sup>3</sup> ] | 0.115 seconds          |

#### **ISO Rod Locks**

| Model        | Air Chamber Volume                            | <b>Engagement Time</b> |
|--------------|---|------------------------|
| RLSS 040-016 | 4.6 cm <sup>3</sup> [0.28 in <sup>3</sup> ]   | 0.035 seconds          |
| RLSS 050-020 | 7.3 cm <sup>3</sup> [0.45 in <sup>3</sup> ]   | 0.040 seconds          |
| RLSS 063-020 | 17.1 cm <sup>3</sup> [1.04 in <sup>3</sup> ]  | 0.045 seconds          |
| RLSS 080-025 | 24.2 cm <sup>3</sup> [1.48 in <sup>3</sup> ]  | 0.060 seconds          |
| RLSS 100-025 | 60.5 cm <sup>3</sup> [3.69 in <sup>3</sup> ]  | 0.070 seconds          |
| RLSS 125-032 | 163.2 cm <sup>3</sup> [3.96 in <sup>3</sup> ] | 0.085 seconds          |

### REQUIREMENTS FOR OPTIMAL PERFORMANCE

Nexen's series of Static Rod Locks must be used in an application that meets the following specifications:

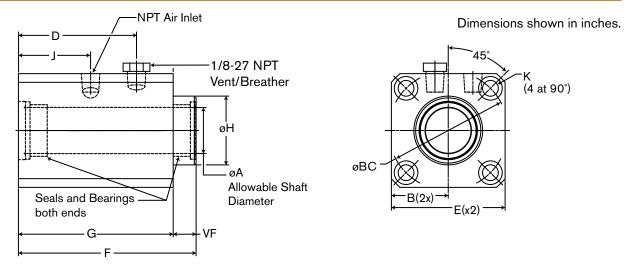
- Nexen's Static Rod Lock is suitable for infrequent dynamic braking (emergency stops) when
  used with hardened shaft material. Because the RLSS line is designed for static applications,
  repeated dynamic stops will cause rod and/or collar wear and reduce holding forces.
- If personnel safety is required, an unrelated, redundant safety system is recommended.
- Nexen's Rod Lock must mount to a shaft hardened to a minimum of HRC60 or hard-chrome plated to a minimum thickness of 20 microns [0.0008 in] or damage to the shaft may result.
- Nexen recommends a surface roughness Rmax of 1.6 microns [63 micro inch] or better.
- The Rod Lock requires clean, dry, pressure regulated air. Lubrication is not required.
- The rated holding force corresponds to static load conditions. If the rated value is exceeded, slipping may occur.
- The rod must be kept clean and dry to maintain optimum holding forces.
- Cylinder pilot must properly mate with rod lock seal for IP67 rating.
- The rod diameter must be in the h8 tolerance range. Refer to: USAS B4.1-1967(1974)

ISO 286-1-1988

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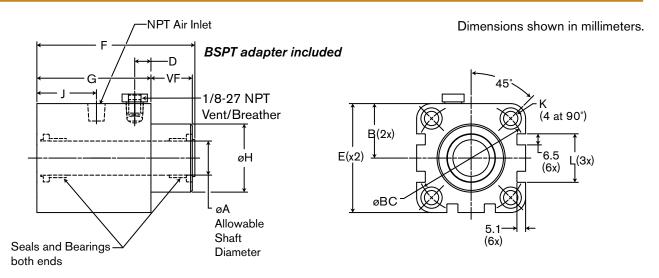


## Stand-alone Rod Locks for Inch Guide Rods, Approximate Dimensions



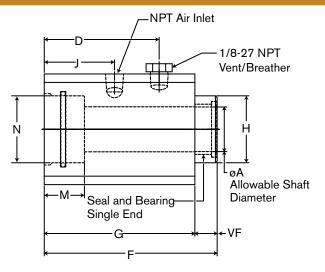
| RLSS Model | Product  | ~^ +.000 | В    | øBC   | Е    | D    | G     | F    | VF    | øH001   |      |       | K     |                   | NPT Air |
|------------|----------|----------|------|-------|------|------|-------|------|-------|---------|------|-------|-------|-------------------|---------|
| KLSS Model | Number   | øA002    | Ь    | ØBC   |      | U    | G     | Г    | VF    | 003 الم | J    | Ø     | Ш     | $\overline{\bot}$ | Inlet   |
| 150-063-S  |          | 0.625    | 1.00 | 2.022 | 2.00 | 1.95 | 2.397 | 2.77 | 0.375 | 1.125   | 0.91 | 0.281 | 0.438 | 0.91              | 1/8-27  |
| 200-063-S  |          | 0.625    | 1.25 | 2.602 | 2.50 | 2.08 | 2.422 | 2.80 | 0.375 | 1.125   | 1.02 | 0.344 | 0.516 | 1.03              | 1/8-27  |
| 250-063-S  | See page | 0.625    | 1.50 | 3.097 | 3.00 | 2.13 | 2.540 | 2.91 | 0.375 | 1.125   | 1.02 | 0.344 | 0.516 | 1.03              | 1/8-27  |
| 200-100-S  | 4 for    | 1.000    | 1.25 | 2.602 | 2.50 | 2.58 | 3.375 | 3.88 | 0.500 | 1.500   | 1.58 | 0.344 | 0.516 | 1.03              | 1/8-27  |
| 325-100-S  | product  | 1.000    | 1.88 | 3.903 | 3.75 | 2.99 | 3.976 | 4.48 | 0.500 | 1.500   | 1.56 | 0.406 | 0.719 | 1.28              | 1/4-18  |
| 400-100-S  | numbers. | 1.000    | 2.25 | 4.695 | 4.50 | 2.99 | 3.976 | 4.48 | 0.500 | 1.500   | 1.56 | 0.406 | 0.719 | 1.28              | 1/4-18  |
| 500-100-S  |          | 1.000    | 2.75 | 5.798 | 5.50 | 2.99 | 4.189 | 4.69 | 0.500 | 1.500   | 1.56 | 0.531 | 0.844 | 1.50              | 1/4-18  |
| 600-138-S  |          | 1.375    | 3.25 | 6.901 | 6.50 | 3.54 | 4.740 | 5.36 | 0.625 | 2.000   | 1.68 | 0.531 | 0.844 | 1.50              | 1/4-18  |

# Stand-alone Rod Locks for Metric Guide Rods, Approximate Dimensions

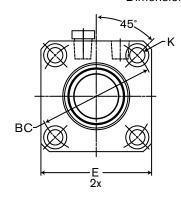


| RLSS      | Product       | ØA .   | В    | øBC    | F     | D    | G        | F     | VF                                    | øH (g5)  |       |       | K     |      |      | NPT Air |
|-----------|---------------|--------|------|--------|-------|------|----------|-------|---------------------------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|---------|
| Model     | Number        | ···.05 |      | 850    |       |      | <u> </u> |       | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , | 511 (go) | ,     | Ø     | ш     | T    | _    | Inlet   |
| 040-016-S |               | 16.00  | 27.0 | 53.74  | 54.0  | 5.2  | 53.00    | 75.5  | 21.50                                 | 35.00    | 29.00 | 6.35  | 10.00 | 24.0 | 23.5 | 1/8-27  |
| 050-020-S |               | 20.00  | 32.0 | 65.76  | 64.0  | 9.5  | 67.00    | 92.8  | 24.30                                 | 40.00    | 35.00 | 8.40  | 13.00 | 26.5 | 28.5 | 1/8-27  |
| 063-020-S | page<br>4 for | 20 .00 | 37.5 | 79.90  | 75.0  | 10.2 | 76.00    | 97.5  | 20.00                                 | 45.00    | 38.10 | 8.40  | 13.00 | 26.5 | 37.5 | 1/8-27  |
| 080-025-S | product       | 25.00  | 46.5 | 101.82 | 93.0  | 15.2 | 95.00    | 118.5 | 20.50                                 | 45.00    | 45.00 | 10.50 | 15.9  | 44.6 | 39.7 | 1/4-18  |
| 100-025-S | numbers.      | 25.00  | 55.0 | 125.87 | 110.0 | 15.0 | 98.00    | 121.5 | 20.50                                 | 55.00    | 42.00 | 10.50 | 15.9  | 44.6 | 46.5 | 1/4-18  |
| 125-032-S |               | 32.00  | 67.0 | 155.56 | 134.0 | 15.9 | 125.00   | 155.5 | 27.50                                 | 60.00    | 65.00 | 12.50 | 19.25 | 56.4 | 60.5 | 1/4-18  |

## Rod Locks for NFPA Cylinders, Approximate Dimensions



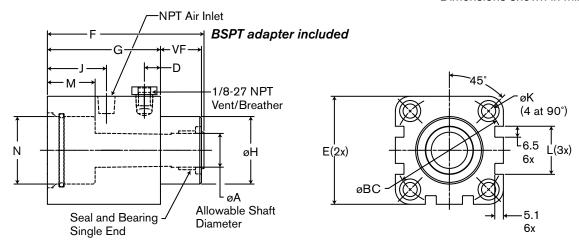
Dimensions shown in inches.



| RLSS<br>Model | Product<br>Number | øA <sup>+.000</sup> <sub>002</sub> | øBC   | Е    | D    | G      | F    | VF    | øH <sup>001</sup> | J    | Ø     | K<br>L | T    | М    | N <sup>+.003</sup> <sub>+.001</sub> | NPT Air<br>Inlet |
|---------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------|------|------|--------|------|-------|-------------------|------|-------|--------|------|------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| 150-063-C     |                   | 0.625                              | 2.022 | 2.00 | 1.95 | 2.39 7 | 2.77 | 0.375 | 1.125             | 0.91 | 0.281 | 0.438  | 1.25 | 0.63 | 1.125                               | 1/8-27           |
| 200-063-C     |                   | 0.625                              | 2.602 | 2.50 | 2.08 | 2.422  | 2.80 | 0.375 | 1.125             | 1.02 | 0.344 | 0.516  | 1.03 | 0.67 | 1.125                               | 1/8-27           |
| 250-063-C     | See               | 0.625                              | 3.097 | 3.00 | 2.13 | 2.540  | 2.91 | 0.375 | 1.125             | 1.02 | 0.344 | 0.516  | 1.03 | 0.67 | 1.125                               | 1/8-27           |
| 200-100-C     | page              | 1.000                              | 2.602 | 2.50 | 2.58 | 3.375  | 3.88 | 0.500 | 1.500             | 1.58 | 0.344 | 0.516  | 1.03 | 0.90 | 1.500                               | 1/8-27           |
| 325-100-C     |                   | 1.000                              | 3.903 | 3.75 | 2.99 | 3.976  | 4.48 | 0.500 | 1.500             | 1.56 | 0.406 | 0.719  | 1.28 | 0.91 | 1.500                               | 1/4-18           |
| 400-100-C     | product           | 1.000                              | 4.695 | 4.50 | 2.99 | 3.976  | 4.48 | 0.500 | 1.500             | 1.56 | 0.406 | 0.719  | 1.28 | 0.87 | 1.500                               | 1/4-18           |
| 400-138-C     | numbers.          | 1.375                              | 4.695 | 4.50 | 3.16 | 4.165  | 4.92 | 0.750 | 2.000             | 1.76 | 0.406 | 0.719  | 1.28 | 1.07 | 2.000                               | 1/4-18           |
| 500-100-C     |                   | 1.000                              | 5.798 | 5.50 | 2.99 | 4.189  | 4.69 | 0.500 | 1.500             | 1.56 | 0.531 | 0.844  | 1.50 | 0.87 | 1.500                               | 1/4-18           |
| 600-138-C     |                   | 1.375                              | 6.901 | 6.50 | 3.54 | 4.740  | 5.36 | 0.625 | 2.000             | 1.68 | 0.531 | 0.844  | 1.50 | 1.00 | 2.015                               | 1/4-18           |

# Rod Locks for ISO Cylinders, Approximate Dimensions

Dimensions shown in millimeters.



| RLSS      | Product       | α <b>Λ</b> +.00 | øBC    | Е     | П    | G      | Е     | VH    | øΗ    |       |       | K     |      |      | М    | N     | NPT Air |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------|--------|-------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|-------|---------|
| Model     | Number        | øA +.00         | ØBC    |       |      | G      | I     | VΠ    | (g5)  | ,     | Ø     | Ш     | T    |      | IVI  | (H12) | Inlet   |
| 040-016-C |               | 16.00           | 53.74  | 54.0  | 5.2  | 54.00  | 76.5  | 21.50 | 35.00 | 29.00 | 6.35  | 10.00 | 24.0 | 23.5 | 22.5 | 35.00 | 1/8-27  |
| 050-020-C |               | 20.00           | 65.76  | 64.0  | 9.5  | 68.00  | 93.8  | 24.30 | 40.00 | 35.00 | 8.40  | 13.00 | 26.5 | 28.5 | 29.5 | 40.00 | 1/8-27  |
| 063-020-C | page<br>4 for | 20.00           | 79.90  | 75.0  | 10.2 | 76.00  | 97.5  | 20.00 | 45.00 | 38.10 | 8.40  | 13.00 | 26.5 | 37.5 | 28.9 | 45.00 | 1/8-27  |
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| 125-032-C |               | 32.00           | 155.56 | 134.0 | 15.9 | 127.00 | 157.2 | 27.50 | 60.00 | 65.00 | 12.50 | 19.25 | 56.4 | 56.4 | 50.5 | 60.00 | 1/4-18  |

## AIR CONTROLS AND PROGRAMMING

Minimum release pressure = 4 bar [60 psi] Maximum pressure = 8 bar [120 psi]

#### **CYLINDER MOUNTING**

**NOTE:** Avoid repeated overlapping conditions when programming the Rod Lock into your system. (i.e.: forced motion during engagement or disengagement of the Rod Lock.) Shaft and/or collar wear will result. Design the control system to use the Rod Lock in static conditions.

Cylinder functioning is regulated by a 5/3 (5 ported, 4-way, 3 [center] position) valve (use cylinder manufacturers' recommended Cv valves), center open on the central port and supplied by exhaust ports.

**NOTE:** Do not use a valve with a closed center. This will cause imbalance in the piston if any of the circuits leak.

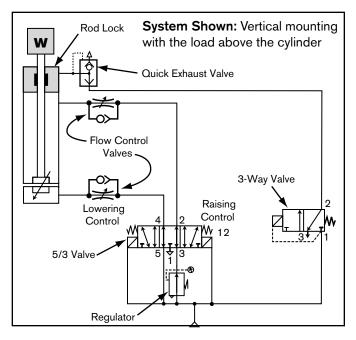
One-directional flow reducers can be used to control the speed of the cylinder rod. To ensure fast braking of the rod, a quick exhaust valve can be installed on or near the rod lock.

A normally closed (NC) 3-way solenoid valve directs air supply to the rod lock, keeping it disengaged until the electrical signal is interrupted.

**Vertical Mounting**: The force on the piston must not exceed its locking capacity when it is combined with the force of the load.

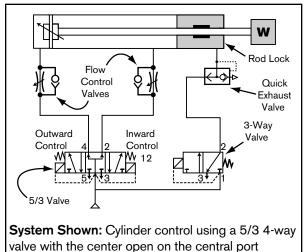
Use of a 5/3 (5 ported, 4-way, 3 [center] position) valve provides a braking effect and maintains accurate rod positioning. Stopping precision is determined by the rate of speed of the rod and loads in motion.

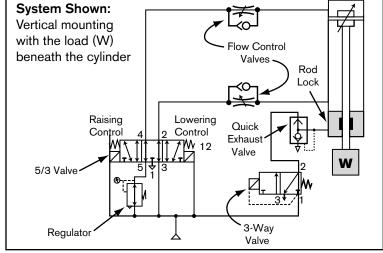
| Air Control Products     |       | Part Number |
|--------------------------|-------|-------------|
| Quick Exhaust Valve      |       | 170048      |
| 3-way Solenoid Valve, NC | 24 V  | 964650      |
| 3-way Solenoid Valve, NC | 115 V | 948804      |



**Horizontal Mounting**: Pressure is maintained on both sides of the cylinder piston, keeping it balanced and preventing rod dis-placement upon release. Use exhaust ports 3 and 5 (see below).

## **STAND-ALONE MOUNTING:** Specifications match those of the cylinder models listed above.





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