
Basic Pneumatic Circuitry

For control and automation



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Introduction

- This module shows the methods of application of pneumatic valves and components for control and automation
 - The methods of pure pneumatic sequential control are confined to simple examples
 - The majority of modern systems are controlled electronically and is the subject of electro-pneumatic modules
- A message to pneumatic circuit designers:
 - Use proven and reliable design techniques
 - Produce circuits and documentation that are clear to read
 - Design for safety
 - Do not try to be too clever, the circuit will be difficult for others to read and maintain



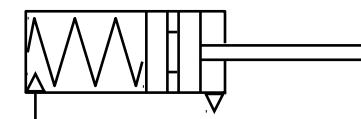
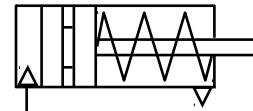
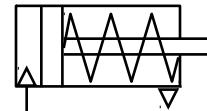
Symbols

- The standard for fluid power symbols is ISO 1219-1. This is a set of basic shapes and rules for the construction of fluid power symbols
- Cylinders can be drawn to show their extreme or intermediate positions of stroke and any length above their width
- Valves show all states in the one symbol. The prevailing state is shown with the port connections
- Other components are single state symbols



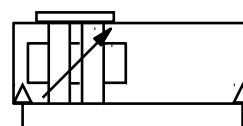
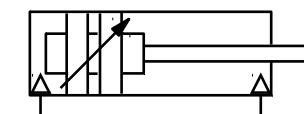
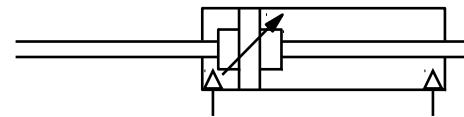
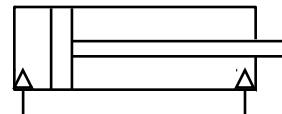
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- Single acting, sprung outstroked
- Single acting, sprung instroked, magnetic
- Single acting, sprung outstroked, magnetic



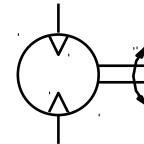
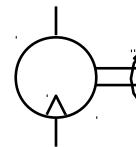
Symbols double acting actuators

- Double acting, non-cushioned
- Double acting, adjustable cushions
- Double acting, through rod, adjustable cushions
- Double acting, magnetic, adjustable cushions
- Double acting, rodless, magnetic, adjustable cushions



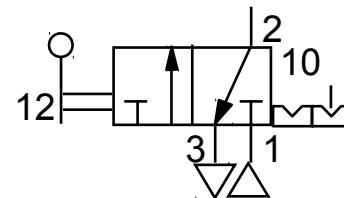
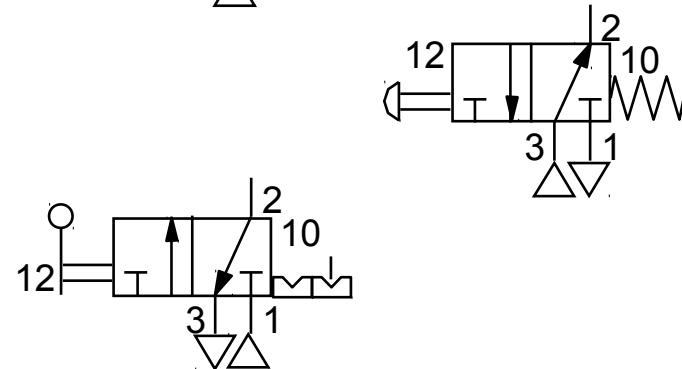
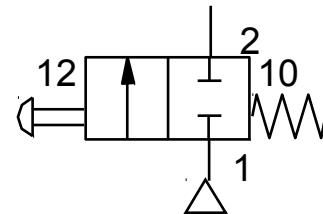
Symbols rotary actuators

- Semi-rotary double acting
- Rotary motor single direction of rotation
- Rotary motor bi-directional



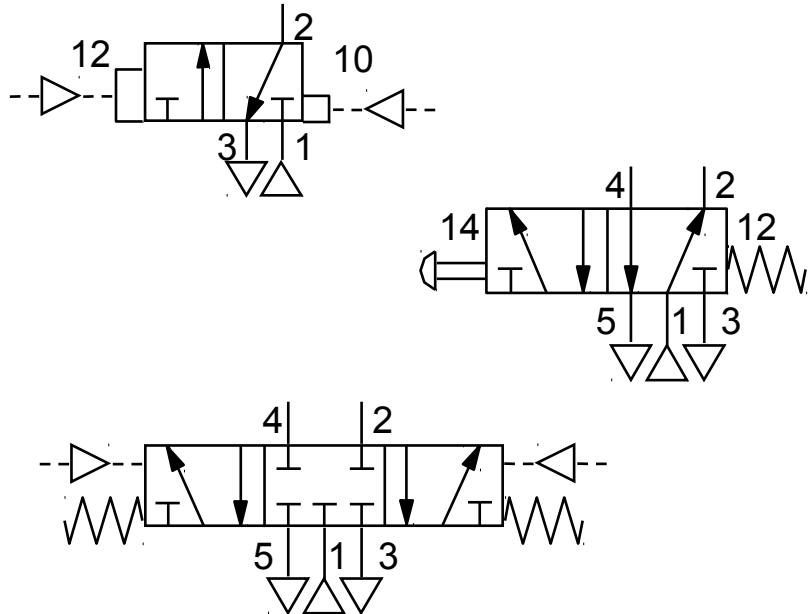
Symbols valves

- **2/2 Valve push button / spring**
- **3/2 Valve push button / spring**
- **3/2 Valve detented lever operated**



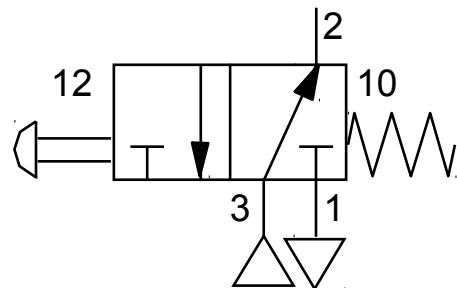
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- **3/2 Valve differential pressure operated**
- **5/2 Valve push button / spring**
- **5/3 Valve double pressure operated spring centre**



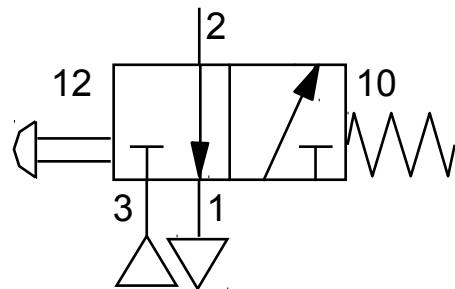
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- The valve symbol shows both of the states
- Port numbering is to CETOP RP68P and shows:
 - when the valve is operated at the 12 end port 1 is connected to port 2
 - when reset to the normal state at the 10 end port 1 is connected to nothing (0)



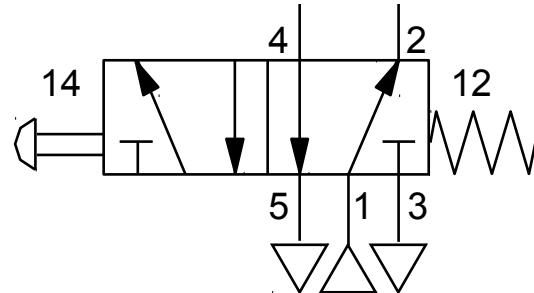
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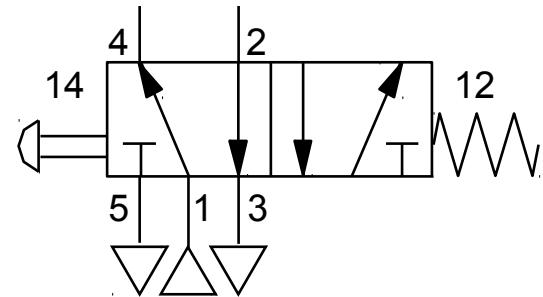
Symbols valves

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- When reset to the normal state at the 12 end port 1 is connected to port 2 (also port 4 is connected to port 5)



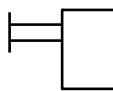
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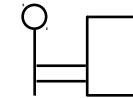


Symbols operators manual

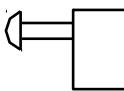
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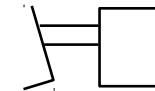
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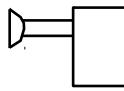
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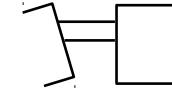
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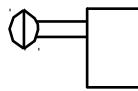
Pull button



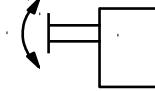
Treadle



Push/pull button

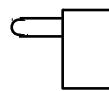


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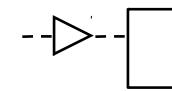


Symbols operators mechanical

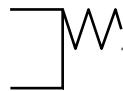
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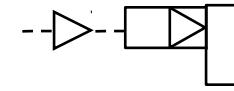
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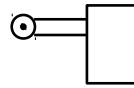
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as a return



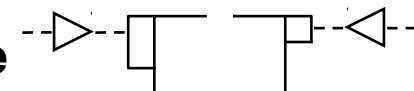
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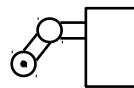
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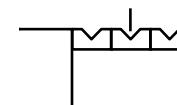
Differential pressure



Uni-direction
or one way trip

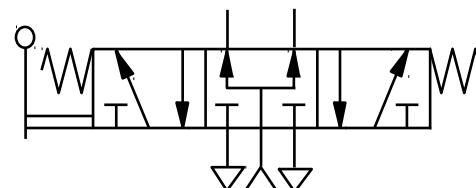
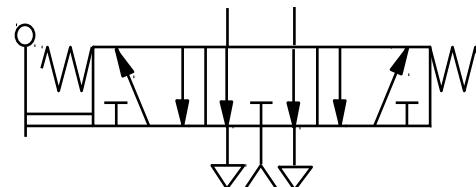
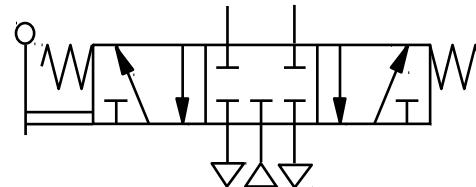


Detent in 3 positions



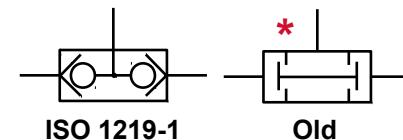
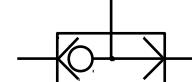
Symbols 5/3 valves

- All valves types shown in the **normal position**
- Type 1. All ports blocked
- Type 2. Outlets to exhaust
- Type 3. Supply to outlets



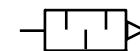
Symbols function components

- Non-return valve
- Flow regulator uni-directional
- Flow regulator bi-directional
- Two pressure 'AND'
- Shuttle valve 'OR'
- Silencer
- Quick exhaust valve with silencer
- Pressure to electric switch adjustable



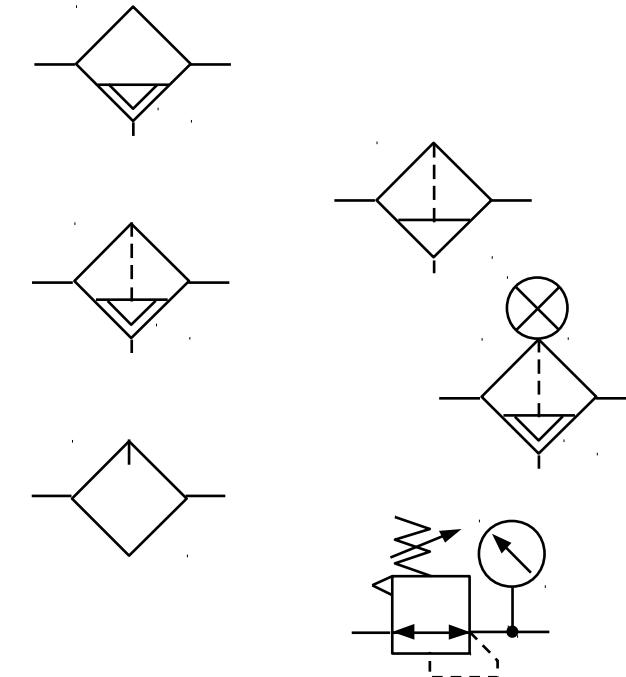
ISO 1219-1

Old



Symbols air line equipment

- Water separator with automatic drain
- Filter with manual drain
- Filter with automatic drain
- Filter with automatic drain and service indicator
- Lubricator
- Pressure regulator with gauge
- F.R.L. filter, regulator, lubricator simplified symbol



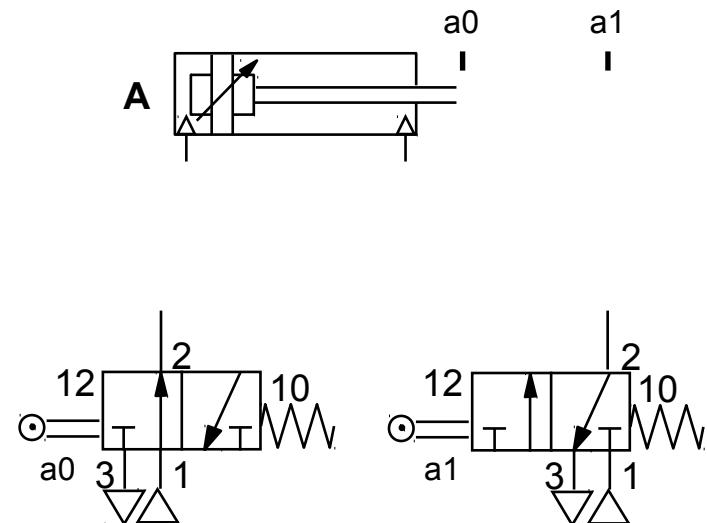
Circuit layout

- The standard for circuit diagrams is ISO 1219-2
- A4 format or A3 folded to A4 height for inclusion in a manual with other A4 documentation
- To be on several sheets if necessary with line identification code
- Minimum crossing lines
- Limit valves position of operation by actuators shown by a marker with reference code to symbol
- Circuits should be drawn with all actuators at the top of the page in order of sequential operation
- Other components to be drawn in sequential order from the bottom up and from left to right
- Circuit should show the system with pressure applied and ready to start

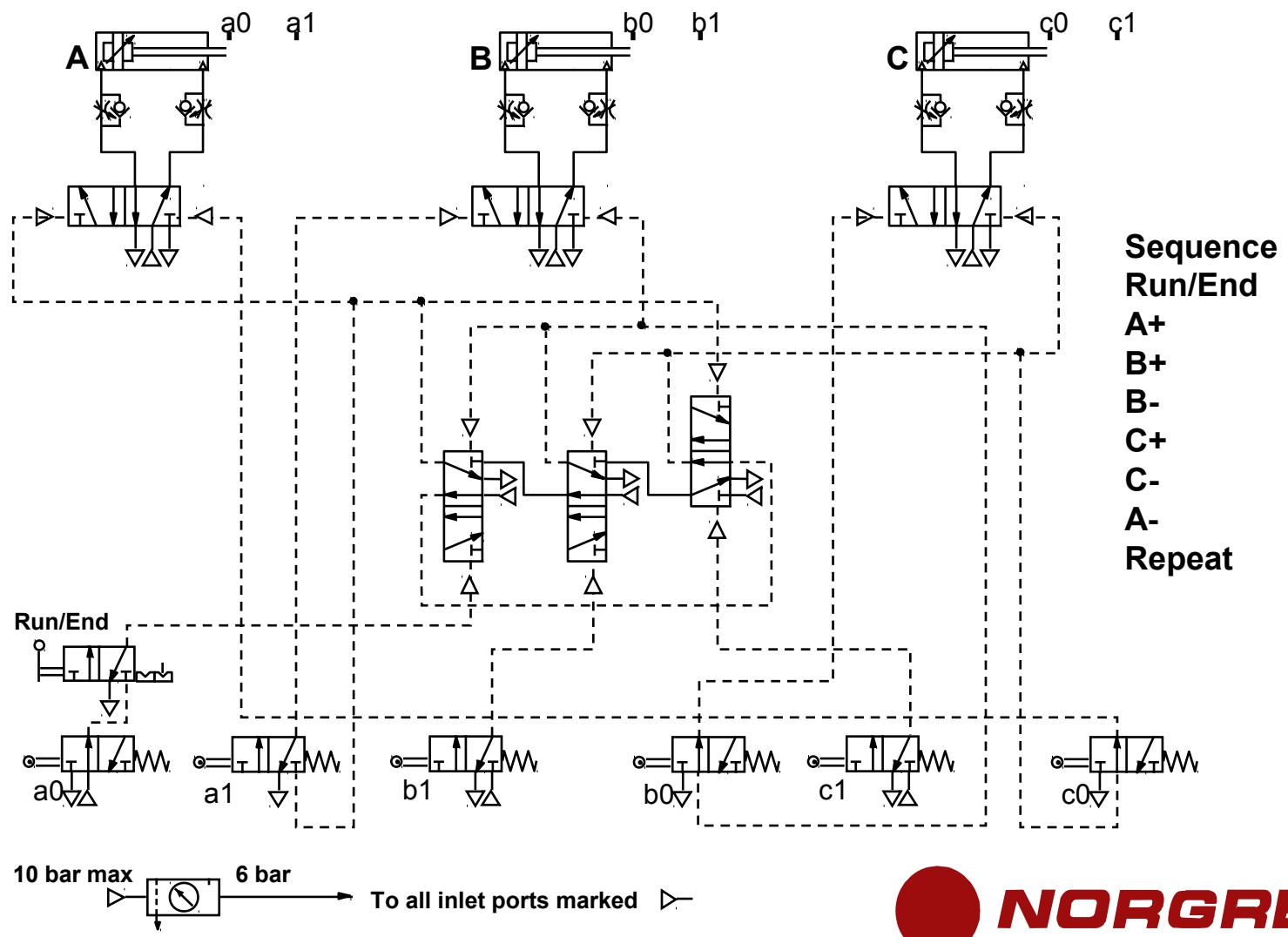


Component identification

- The ISO suggested component numbering system is suited for large circuits and those drawn on several pages
- For this presentation a simple code is used
- For cylinders: A,B,C etc.
- For associated feedback valves: alpha-numeric code 'a0' for proof of instroke, 'a1' for proof of outstroke
- For cylinder B: b0 and b1
- Note: the a0 valve symbol is drawn in the operated position because the actuator A is instroked



Example circuit

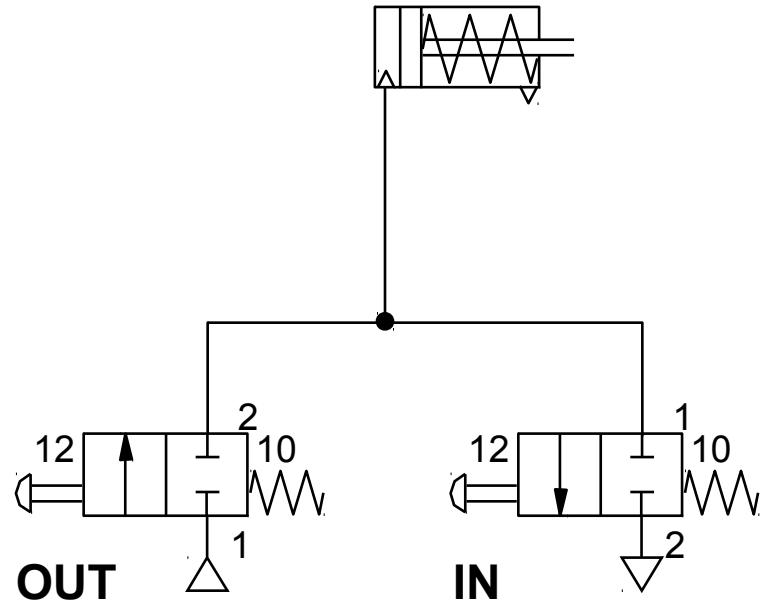


Actuator control 2/2 valve



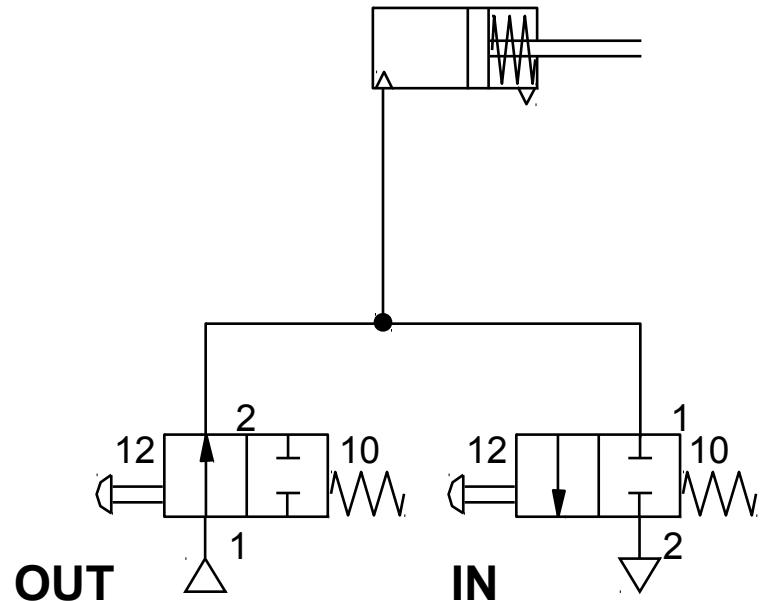
2/2 Valve actuator control

- A pair of the most basic of all valve types the 2/2 can be used to control a single acting cylinder
- The normally closed position of the valve is produced by the spring
- The operated position is produced by the push button
- One valve admits air the other valve exhausts it



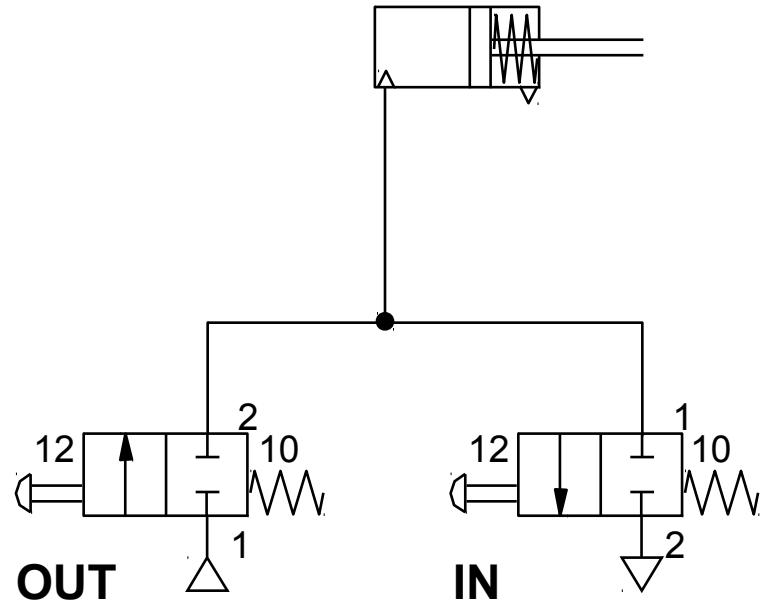
2/2 Valve actuator control

- The button marked OUT is pushed to operate the valve
- Air is connected to the cylinder and it outstrokes
- Air cannot escape to atmosphere through the valve marked IN as this is closed
- The air at atmospheric pressure in the front of the cylinder vents through the breather port



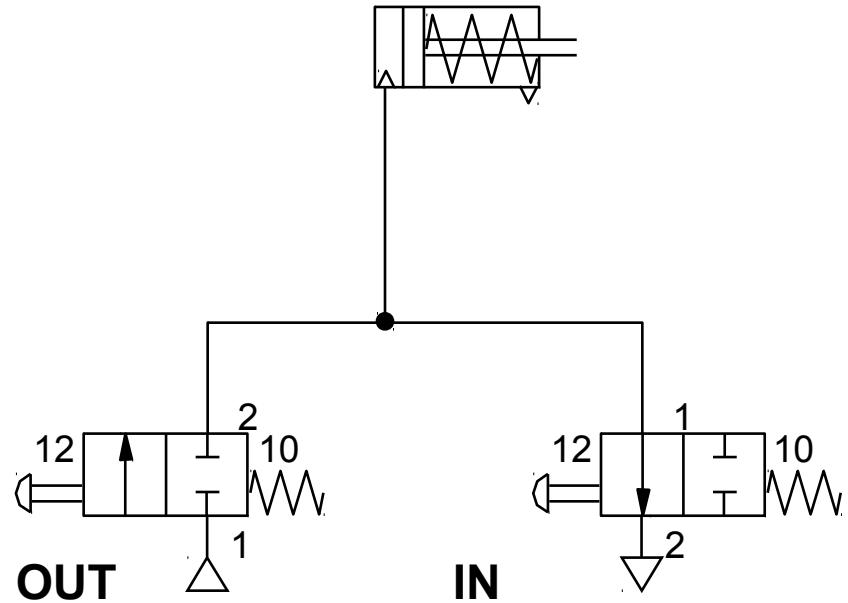
2/2 Valve actuator control

- The push button of the valve marked OUT is released and it returns to a normal closed position
- Air is now trapped in the system and provided there are no leaks the piston rod will stay in the outstroked position
- If the load increases beyond the force exerted by the air the piston rod will start to move in



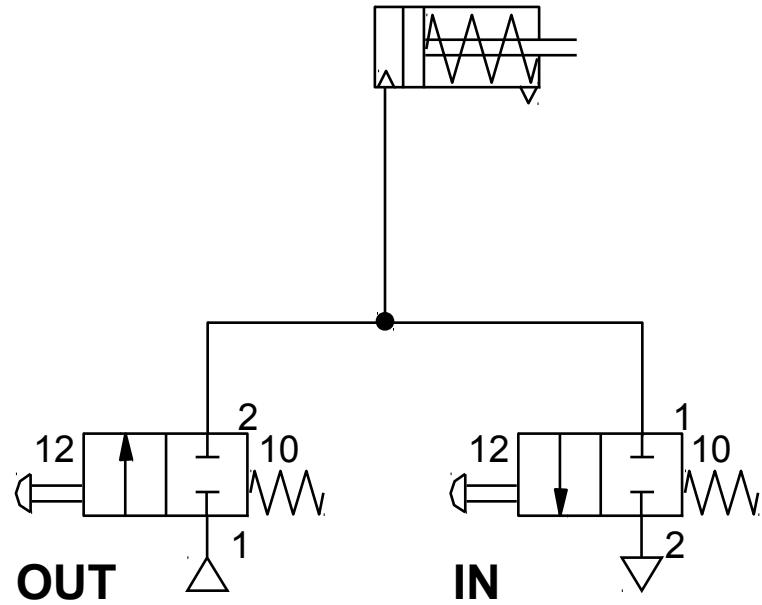
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- The button marked IN is pushed to operate the valve
- Air escapes and the piston rod moves to the instroked position
- The push button must be held operated until the piston rod is fully in
- Atmospheric air will be drawn in to the front of the cylinder through the vent port



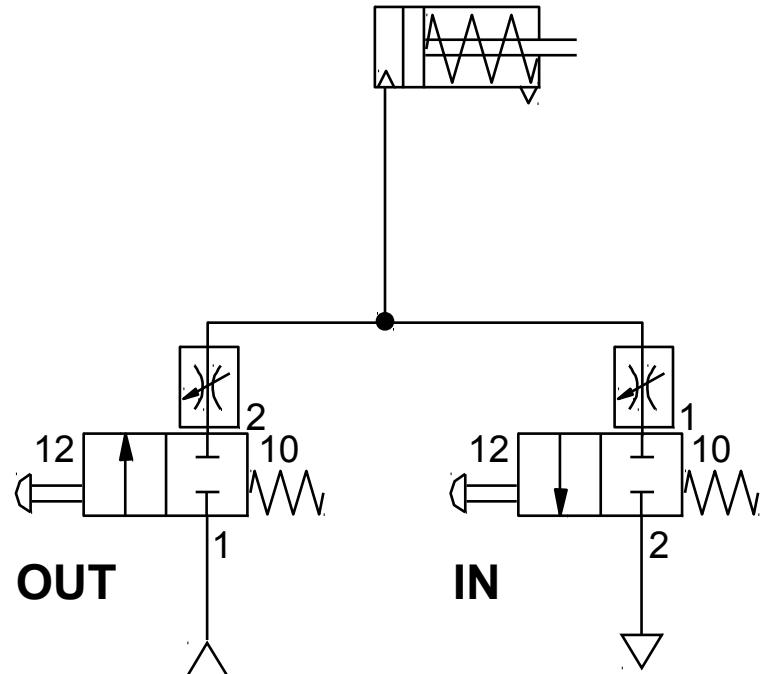
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- If the button marked IN is released the piston rod will remain in the instroked position
- Any leaks in the installation can cause the piston rod to creep



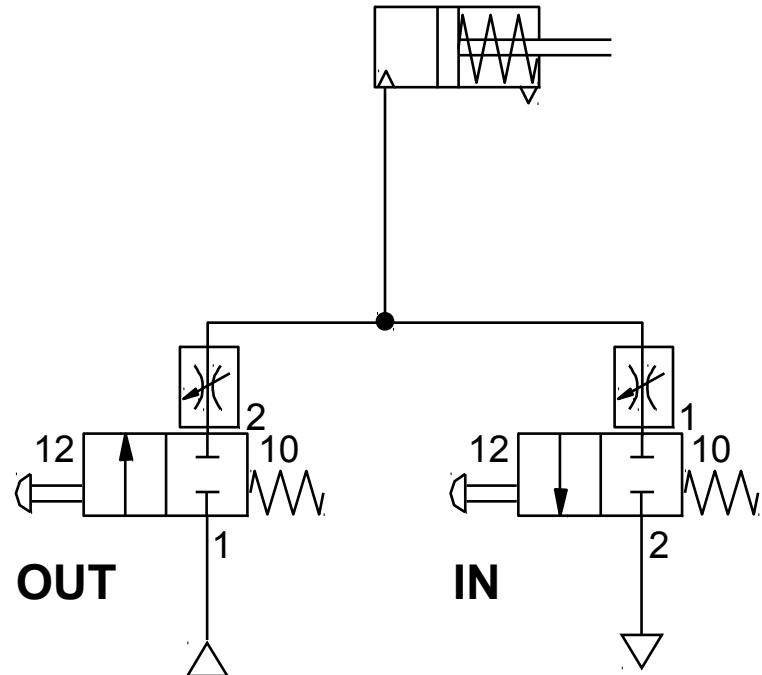
2/2 Valve actuator control

- To control the speed of the piston rod, flow restrictors are placed in the pipes close to each of the valves.
- Adjustment of the restrictors will slow down the flow rate thereby giving independent outstroke and instroke speed control



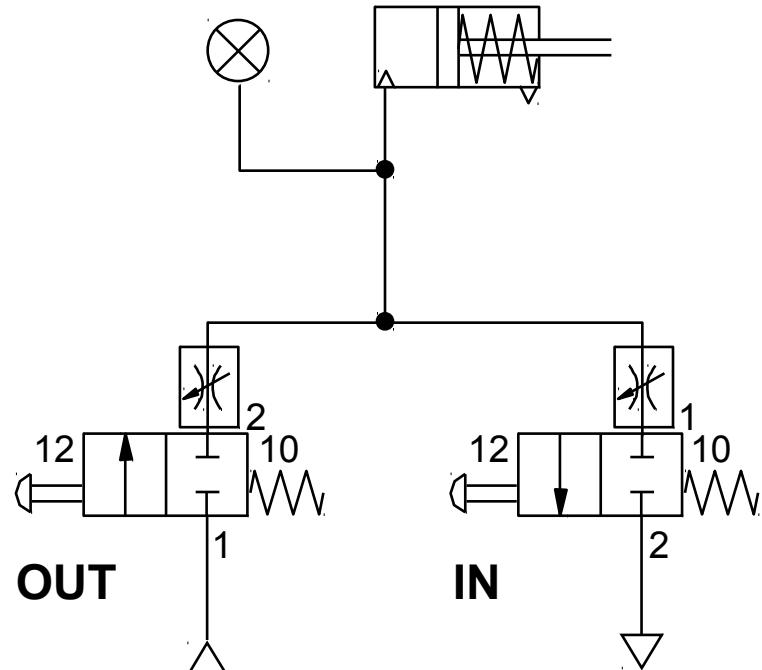
2/2 Valve actuator control

- By repeated operation of either button during movement the piston rod can be moved in small steps for approximate positioning
- This will only be successful under slow speeds



2/2 Valve actuator control

- With any compressed air system that intentionally traps air, the potential hazard of this must be recognised
- Unintended release or application of pressure can give rise to unexpected movement of the piston rod
- A pressure indicator or gauge must be fitted to warn of the presence of pressure

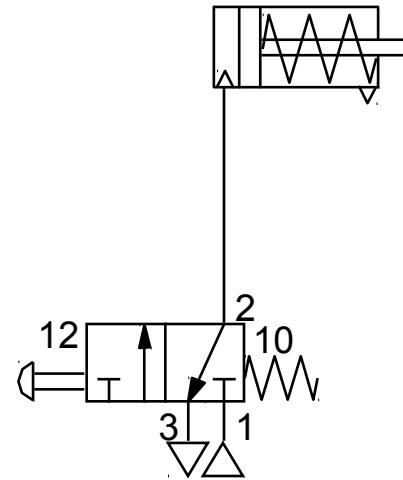


Actuator control 3/2 valve



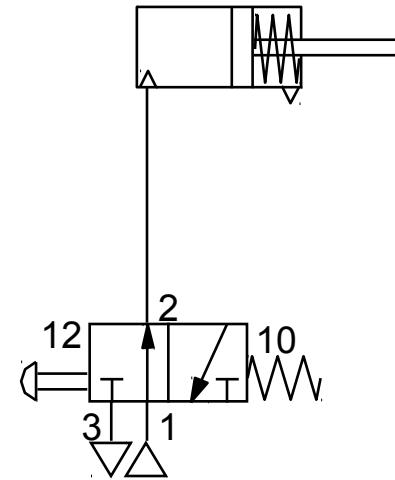
3/2 valve actuator control

- A 3 port valve provides the inlet and exhaust path and is the normal choice for the control of a single acting cylinder
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- The push button must be held down for as long as the cylinder is outstroked



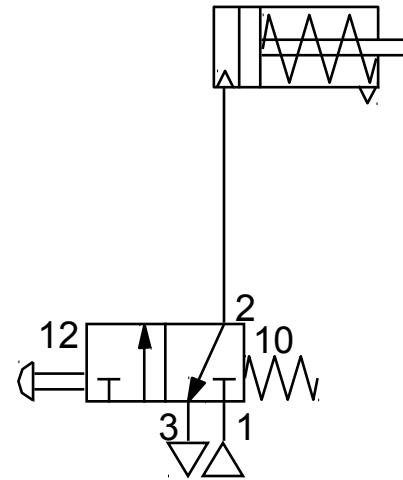
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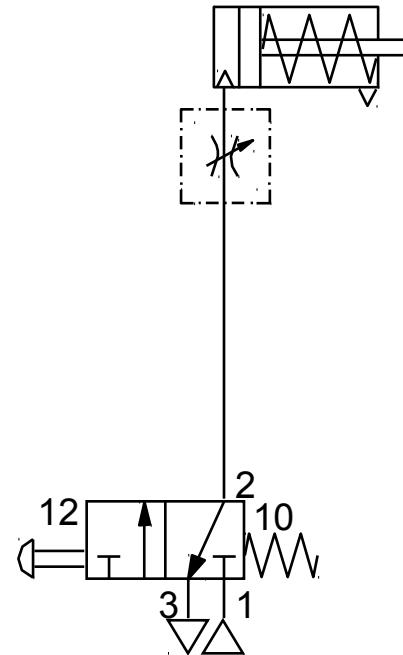
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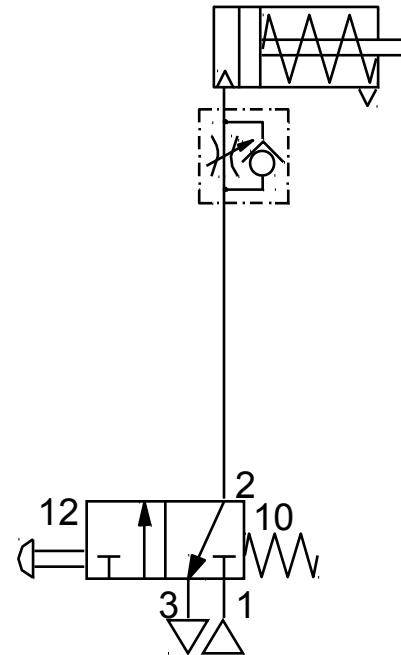
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- To generally slow the cylinder speed an adjustable bi-directional flow regulator or fixed restrictor can be used
- The flow regulator setting will be a compromise as the ideal outstroke speed may not produce the desired results for the instroke speed



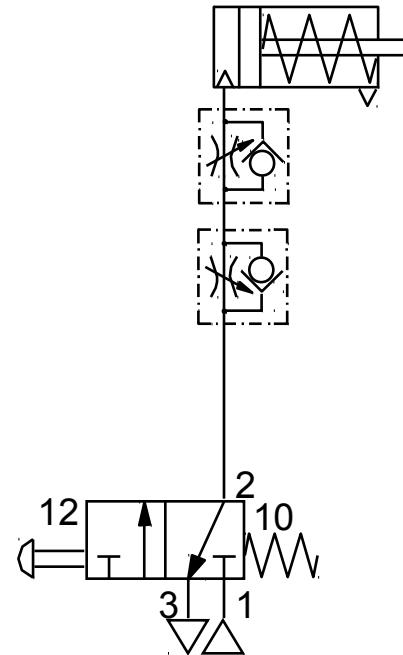
3/2 valve actuator control

- To control the outstroke speed of a single acting cylinder without controlling the instroke speed, a uni-directional flow regulator is used
- The flow into the cylinder closes the non return valve and can only pass through the adjustable restrictor
- By adjusting the restrictor the outstroke speed of the cylinder can be set



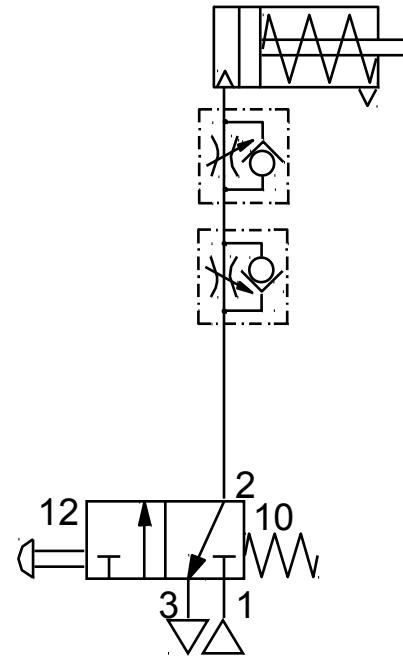
3/2 valve actuator control

- For independent speed control in each direction two flow regulators are required
- Installed in opposite directions to each other
- Upper regulator controls the outstroke speed
- Lower regulator controls the instroking speed



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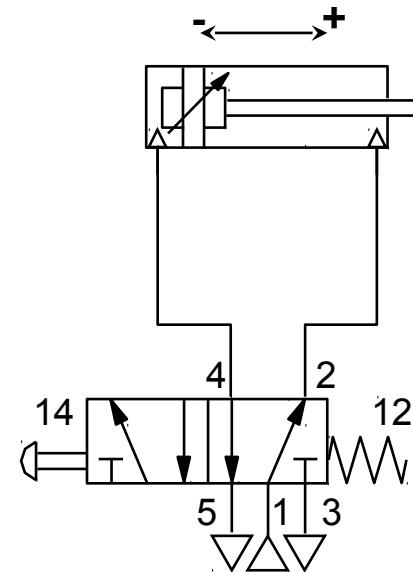


Actuator control 5/2 valve



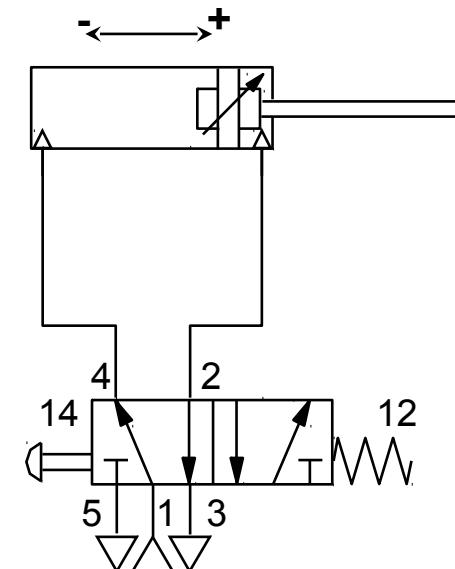
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- For a double acting cylinder the power and exhaust paths are switched simultaneously
- When the button is pushed the supply at port 1 is connected to port 4 and the outlet port 2 connected to exhaust port 3. The cylinder moves plus
- When the button is released port 1 is connected to port 2 and port 4 connected to port 5. Cylinder minus



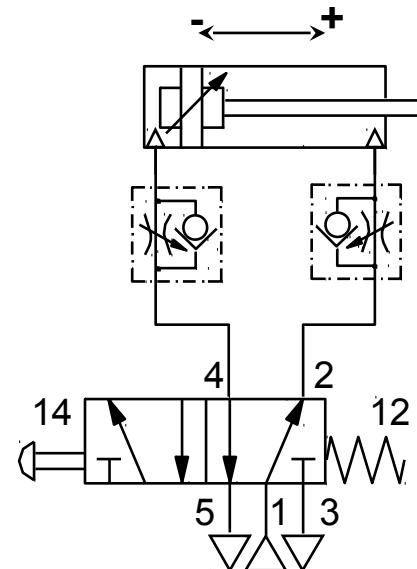
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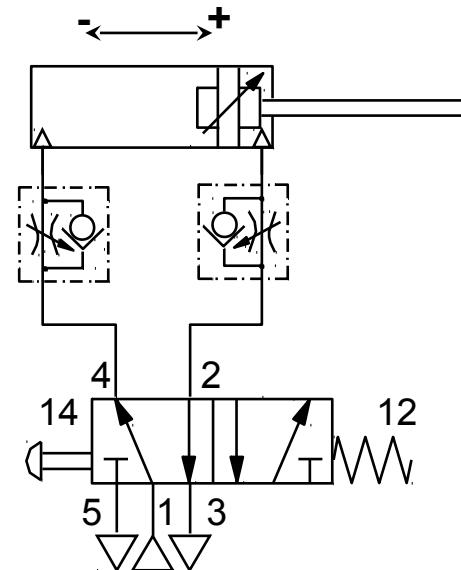
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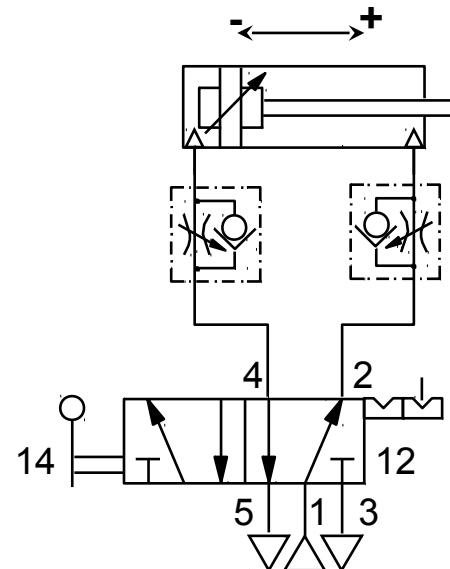
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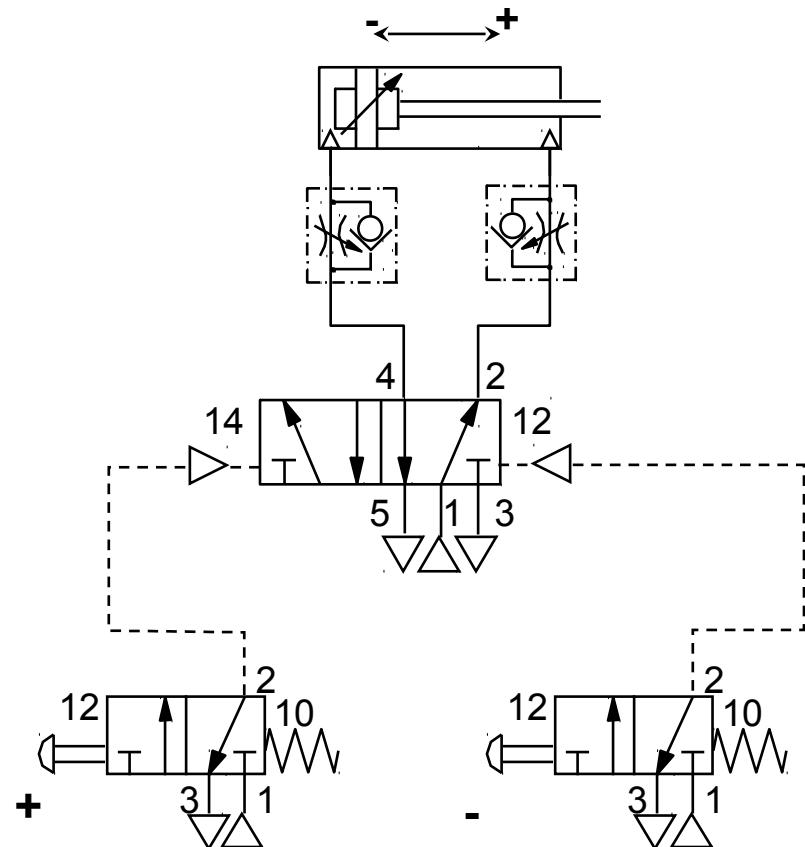
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- Valves with a spring return are mono-stable and need the operator to be held all the time that the cylinder is required in the plus position
- Bi-stable valves will stay in the position they were last set
- The lever valve example illustrated indicates a detent mechanism. The lever need not be held once the new position has been established



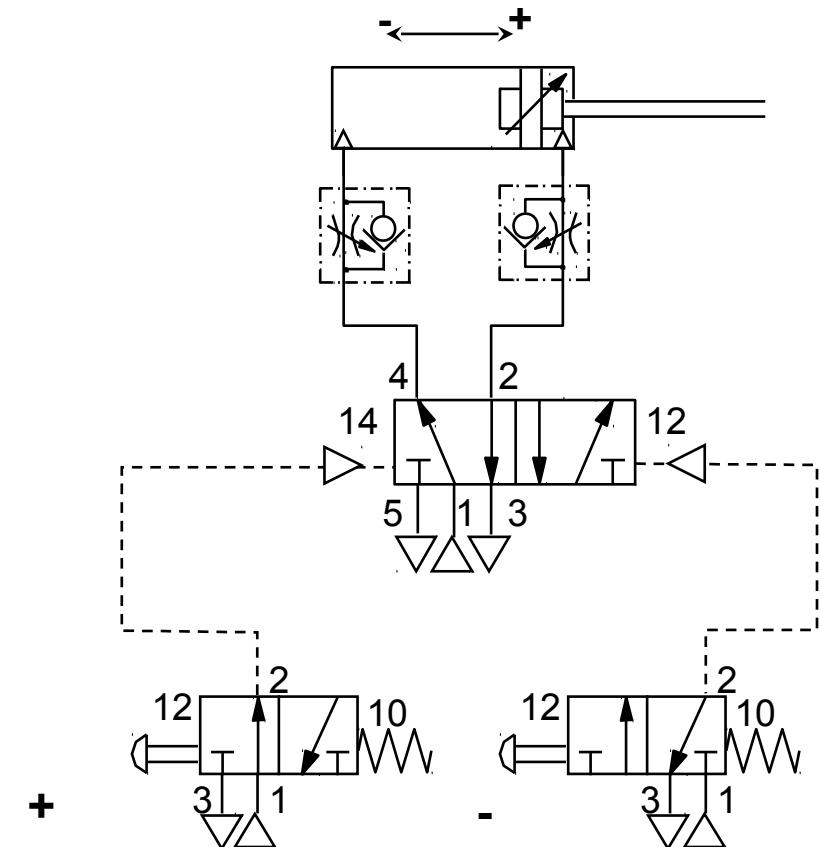
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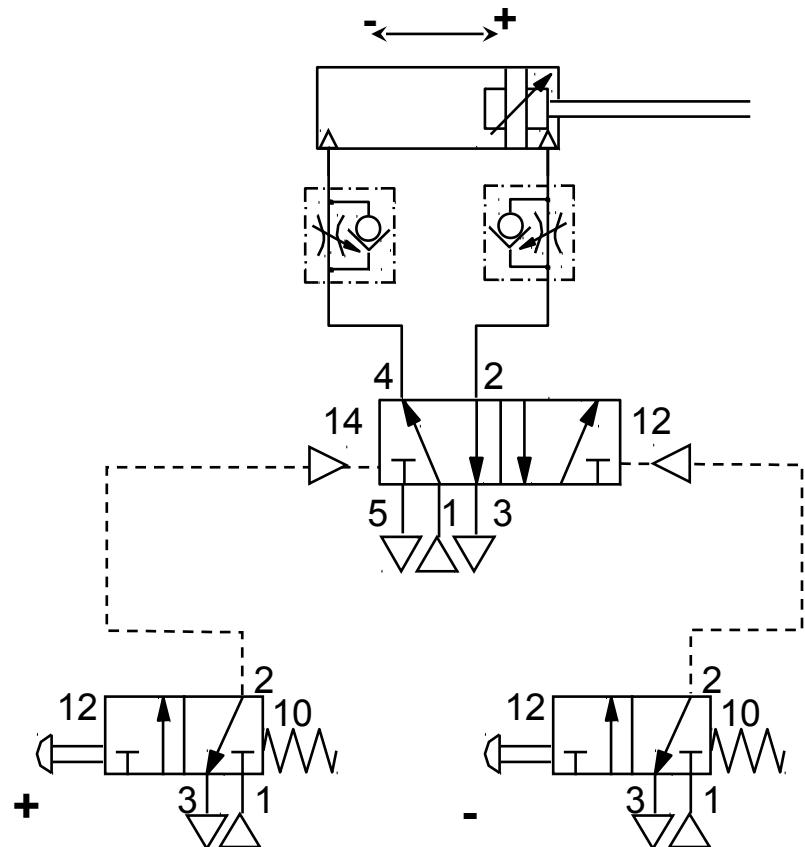
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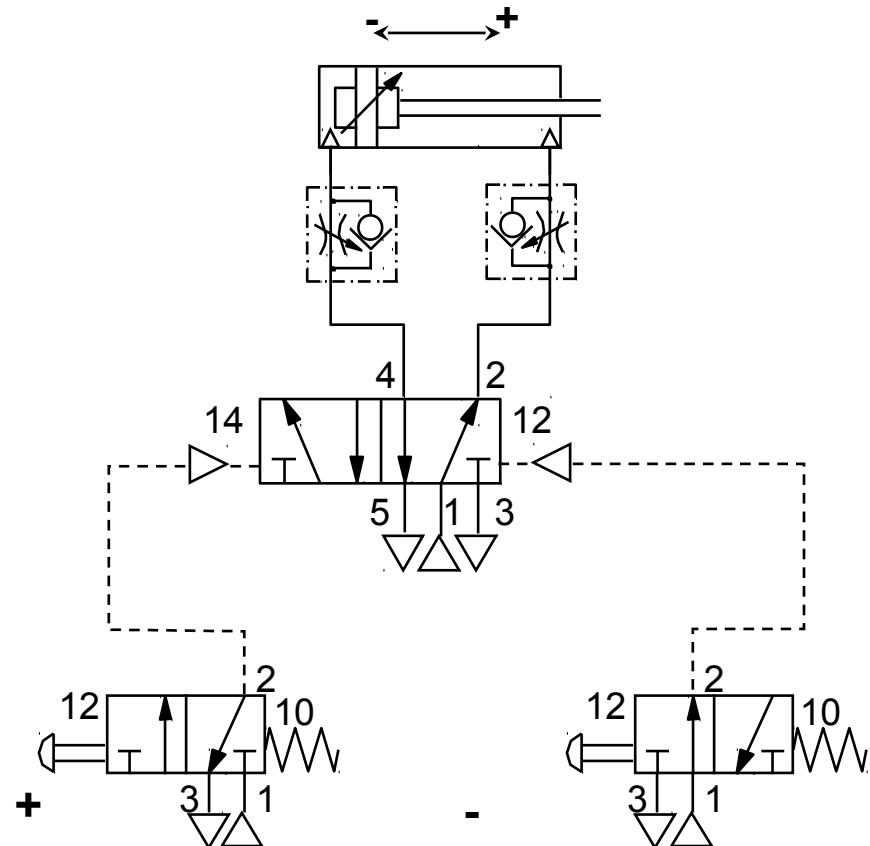
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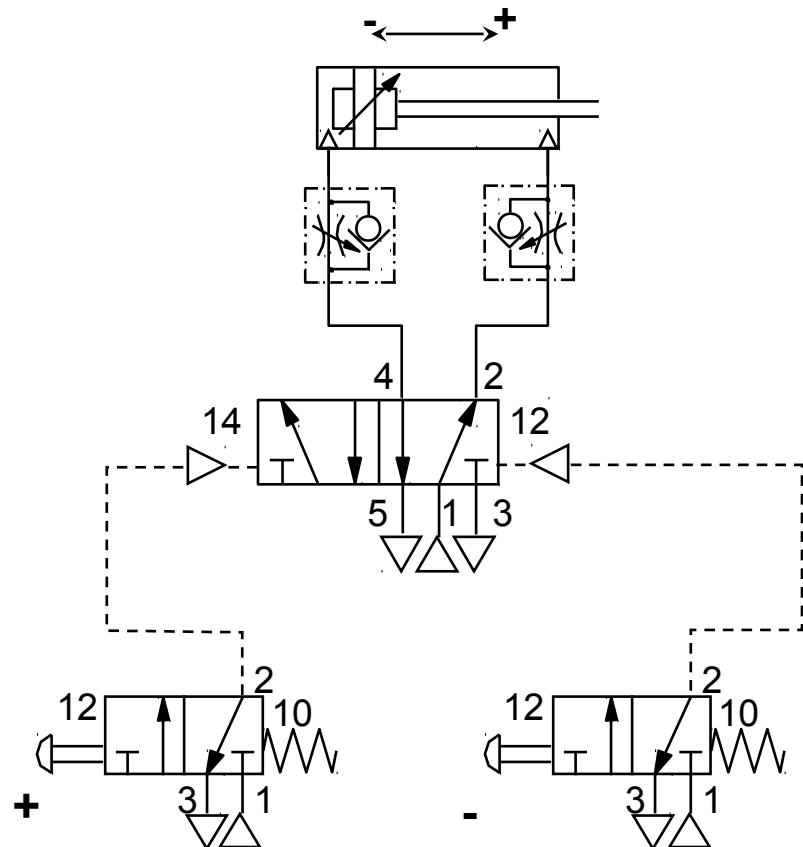
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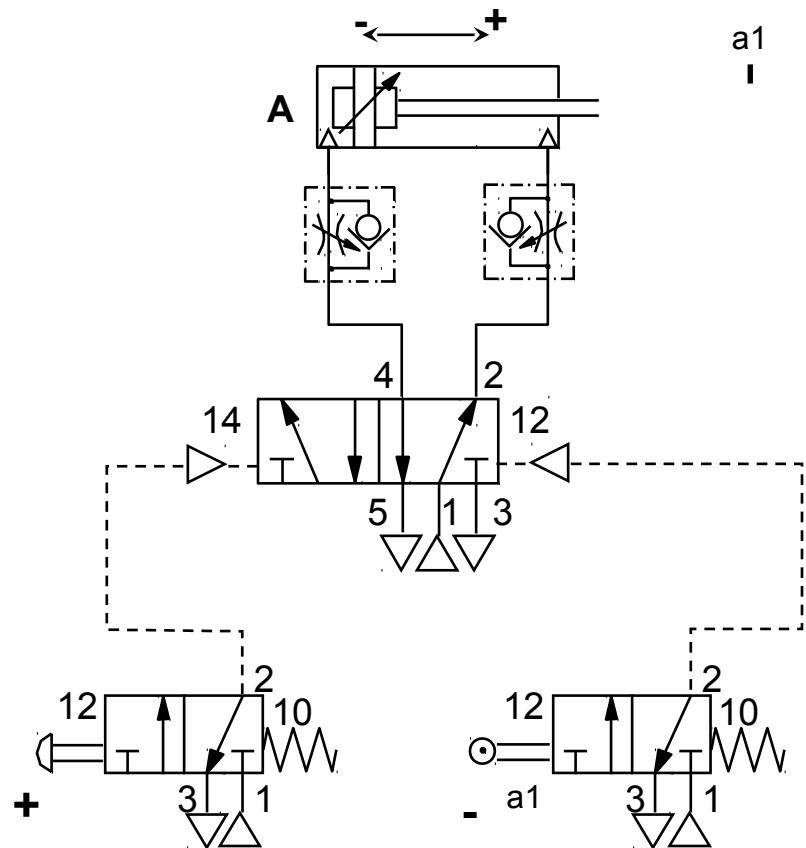
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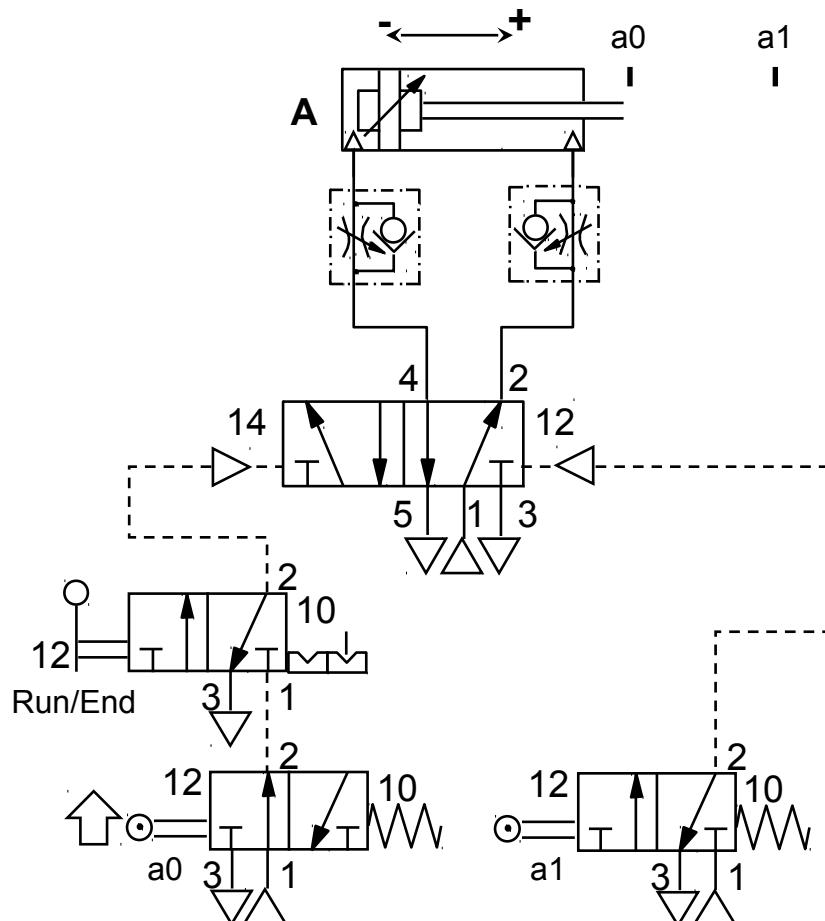


Semi-automatic control

- Manual remote start of a double acting cylinder with automatic return
- Cylinder identified as “A”
- Trip valve operated at the completion of the plus stroke identified as “a1”



Fully-automatic control

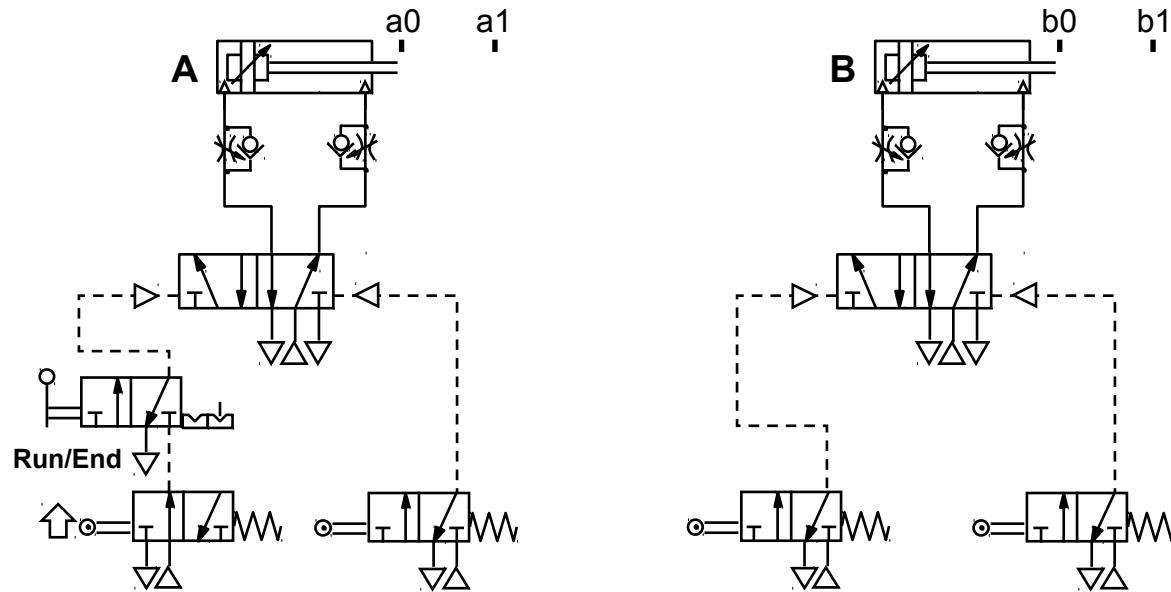


- Continuous automatic cycling from roller operated trip valves
- Manual Run and End of the automatic cycling
- Cylinder will come to rest in the instroked position regardless of when the valve is put to End
- Tags for the roller feedback valves a0 and a1 show their relative positions

Sequential control



Circuit building blocks



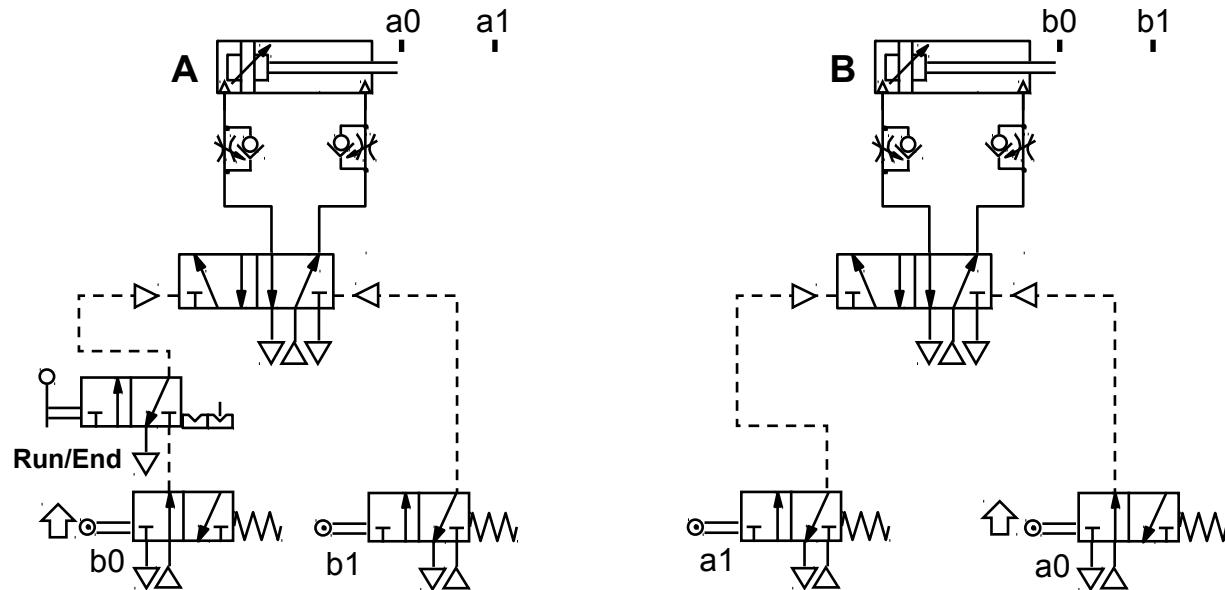
- These circuits can be considered as building blocks for larger sequential circuits consisting of two or more cylinders
- Each actuator will have a power valve and two associated feedback valves. The first actuator to move also has a Run/End valve

Repeat pattern sequence

- A repeat pattern sequence is one where the order of the movements in the first half of the sequence is repeated in the second half
- Each actuator may have one Out and In stroke only in the sequence
- There may be any number of actuators in the sequence
- The signal starting the first movement must pass through the Run/End valve
- Needs only the basic building blocks to solve
- Examples of repeat pattern sequences:
 - A+ B+ C+ D+ A- B- C- D-
 - A- B+ C- A+ B- C+
 - C+ A+ B- C- A- B+

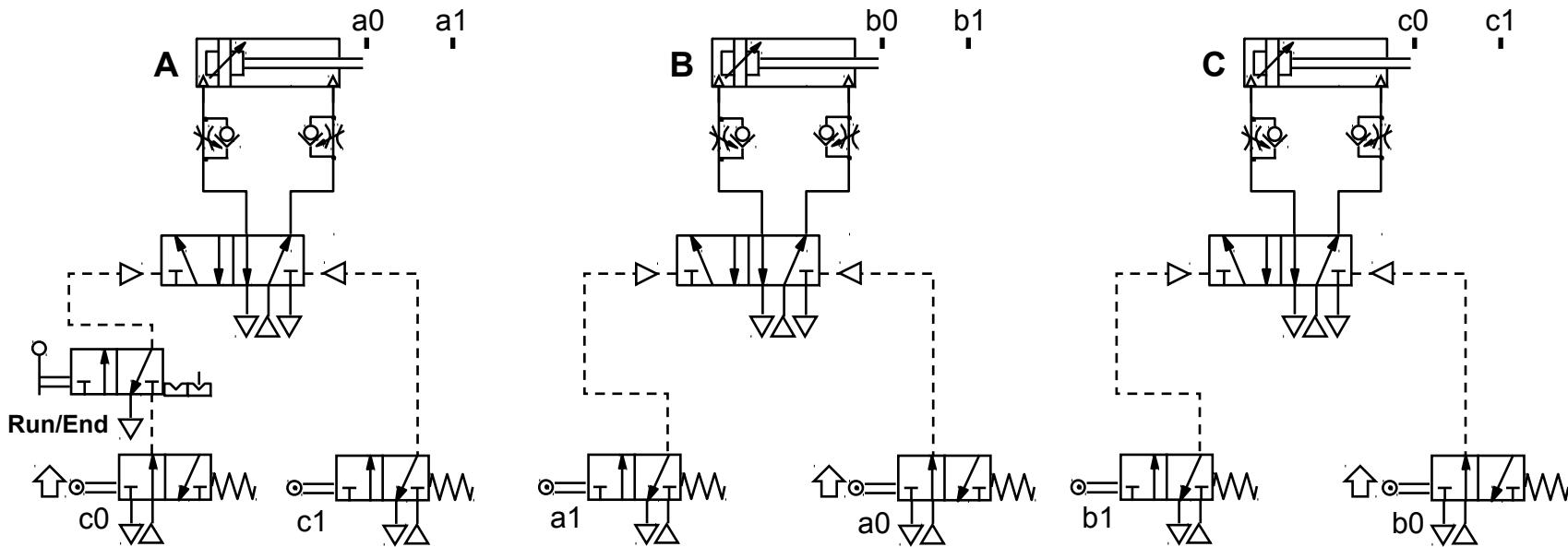


Repeat pattern sequence



- The two cylinders A and B are to perform a simple repeat pattern sequence as follows: A+ B+ A- B-
- Apply the rule “The signal given by the completion of each movement will initiate the next movement”
- In this way the roller valves can be identified and labelled

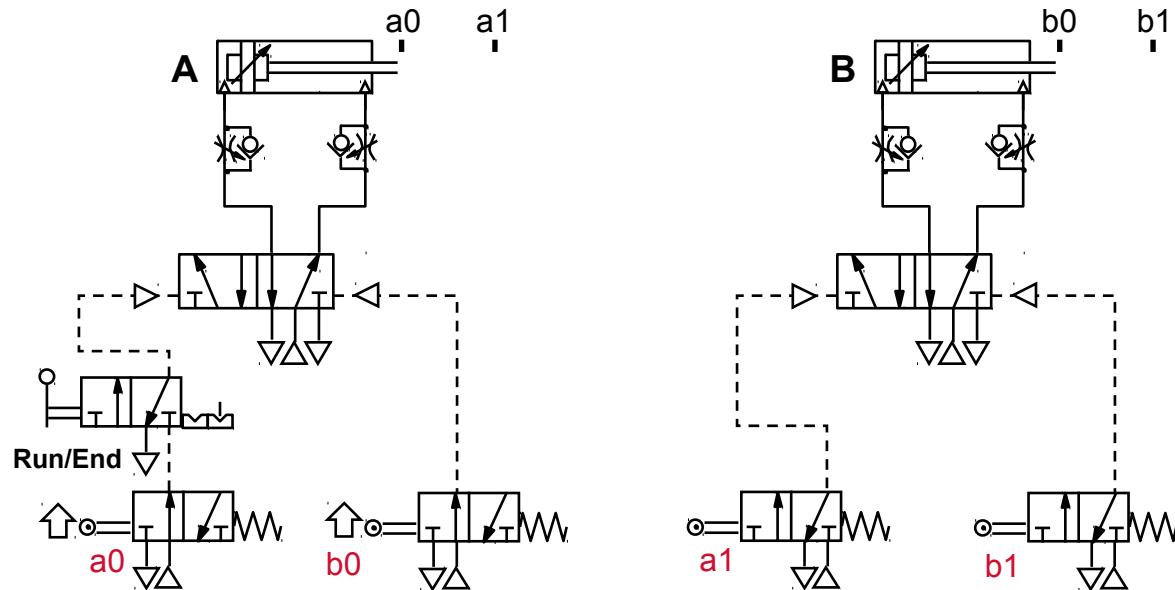
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- For three cylinders A, B and C also to perform a simple repeat pattern sequence as follows: A+ B+ C+ A- B- C-
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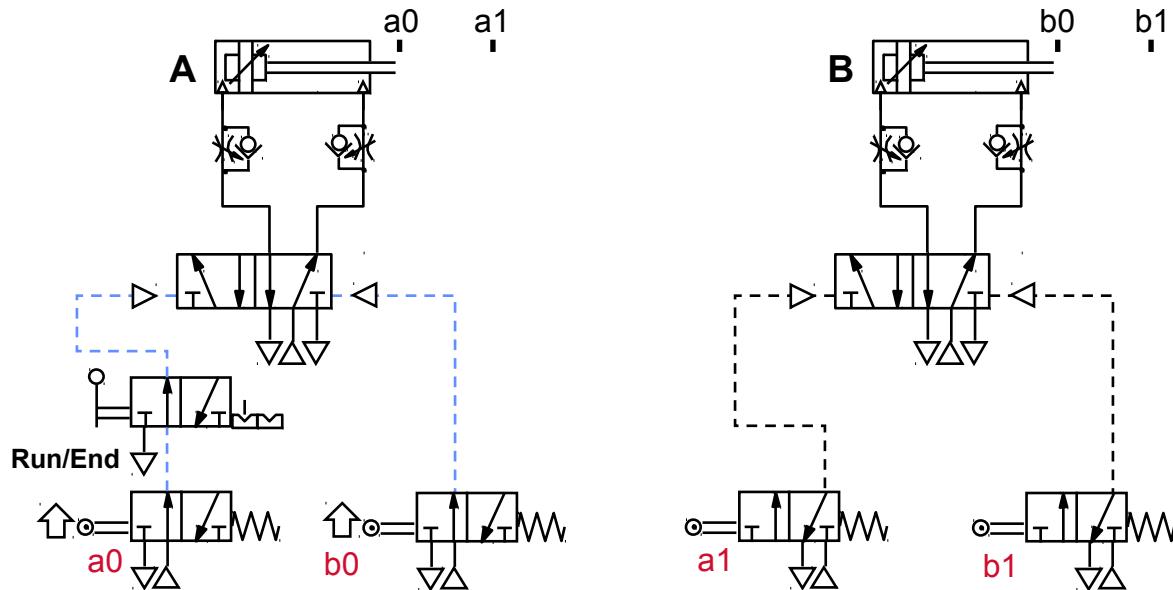


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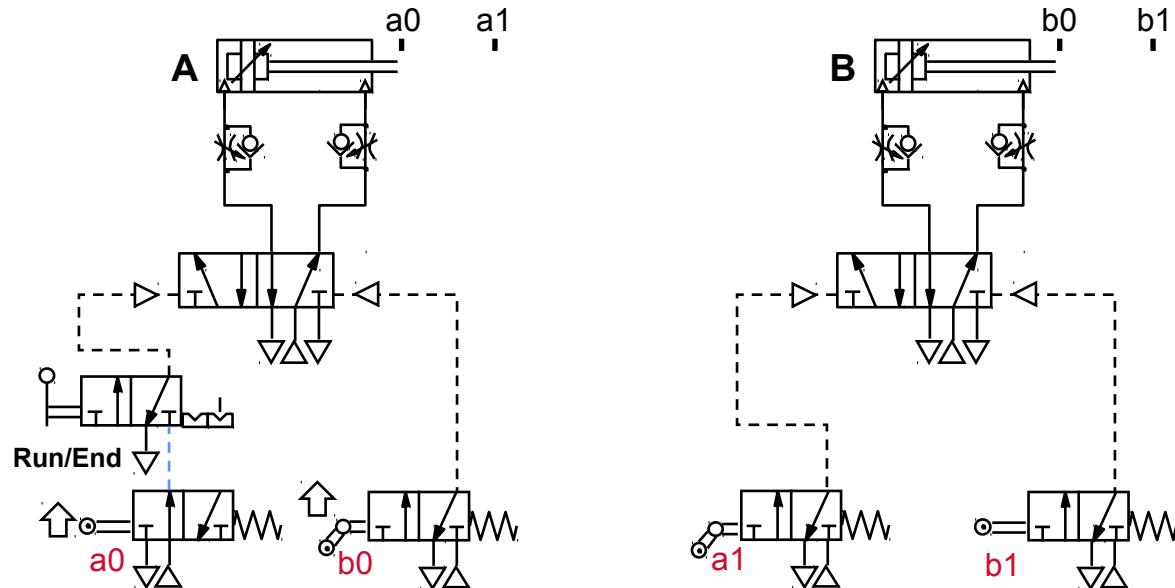
- If the rule applied to a repeat pattern sequence is applied to any other sequence there will be opposed signals on one or more of the 5/2 valves preventing operation
- This circuit demonstrates the problem
- The sequence is A+ B+ B- A-

Opposed signals



- When the valve is set to Run, cylinder A will not move because the 5/2 valve has an opposed signal, it is still being signalled to hold position by the feedback valve b0
- If A was able to move + a similar problem will occur for the 5/2 valve of B once it was +
- The sequence is A+ B+ B- A-

Mechanical solution



- The problem was caused by valves **b0** and **a1** being operated at the time the new opposing instruction is given
- If these two valves were “one way trip” types and over tripped at the last movement of stroke, only a pulse would be obtained instead of a continuous signal



Sequence solution methods

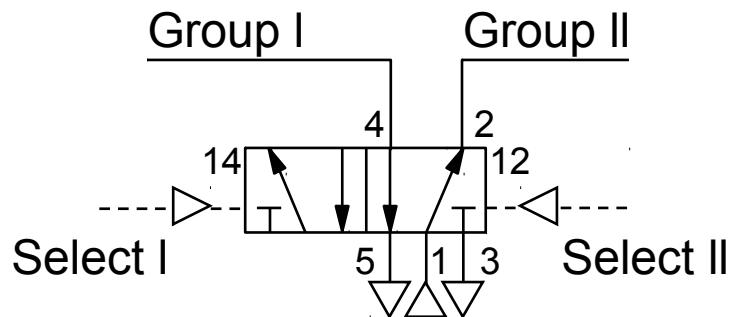
- The main solutions to solving sequences are:
 - Cascade (pneumatic)
 - Shift register (pneumatic)
 - Electro-pneumatic
 - PLC (Programmable logic controller)
- Cascade circuits provide a standard method of solving any sequence. It uses a minimum of additional logic hardware (one logic valve per group of sequential steps)
- Shift register circuits are similar to cascade but use one logic valve for every step
- Electro-pneumatic circuits use solenoid valves and electro-mechanical relays
- PLC. The standard solution for medium to complex sequential systems (except where electrical equipment cannot be used)



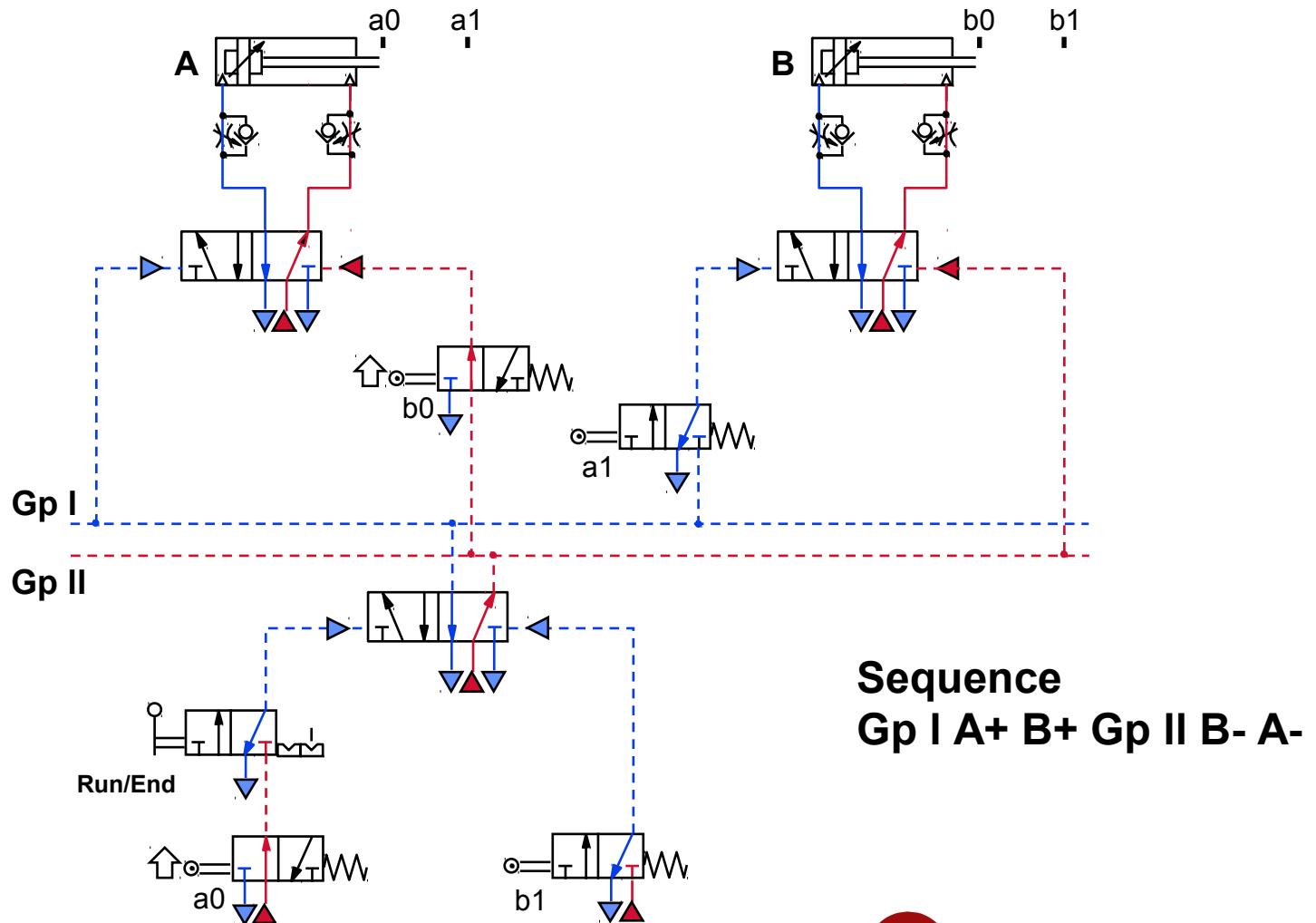
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Cascade two group

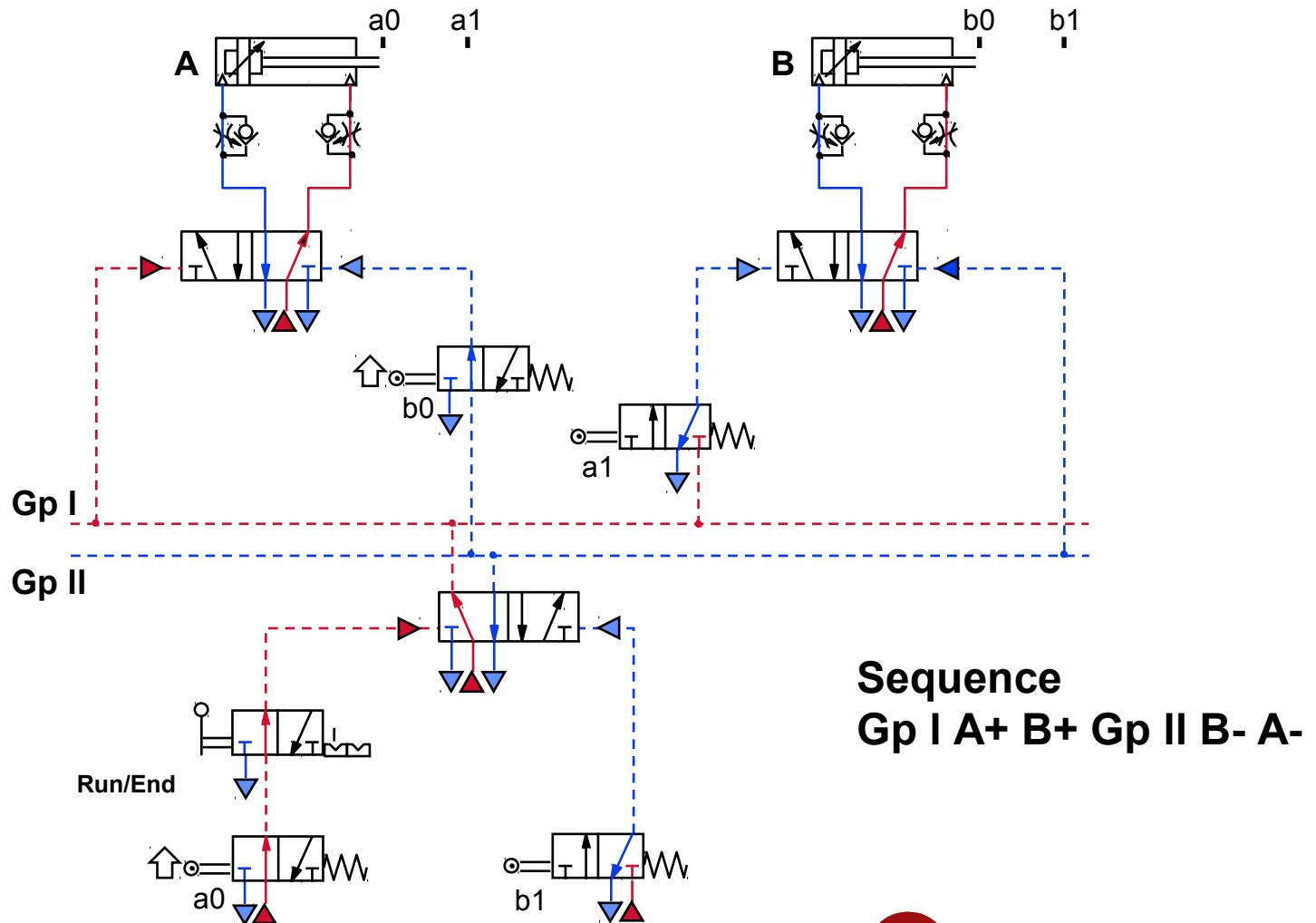
- The A+ B+ B- A- circuit is solved by the two group cascade method
- The sequence is divided at the point where B immediately returns
- The two parts are allocated groups I and II
- Gp I A+ B+ / Gp II B- A-
- Two signal supplies are provided from a 5/2 valve one is available only in group I the other is available only in group II
- Because only one group output is available at a time it is not possible to have opposed signals
- A standard 5/2 double pressure operated valve is the cascade valve



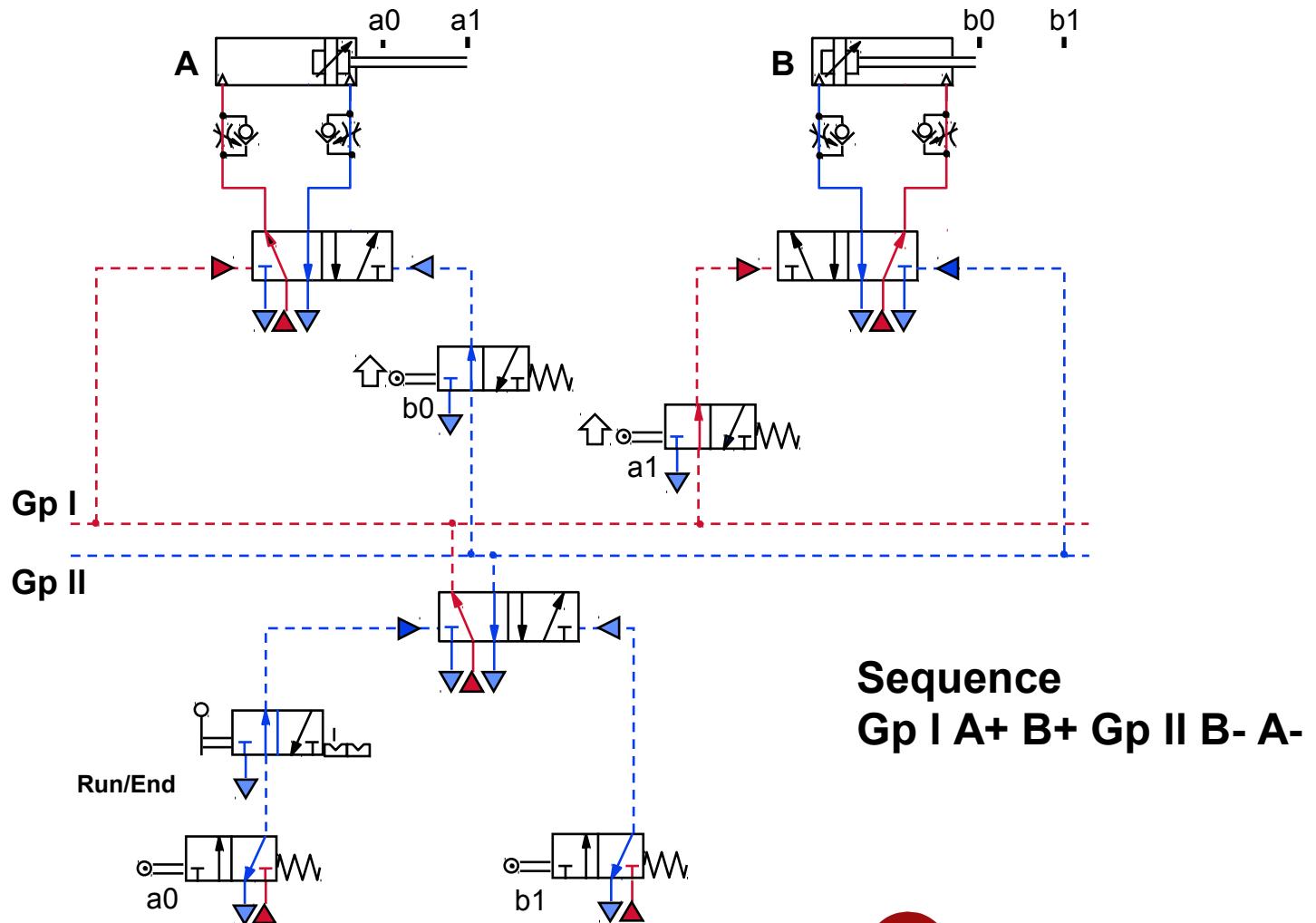
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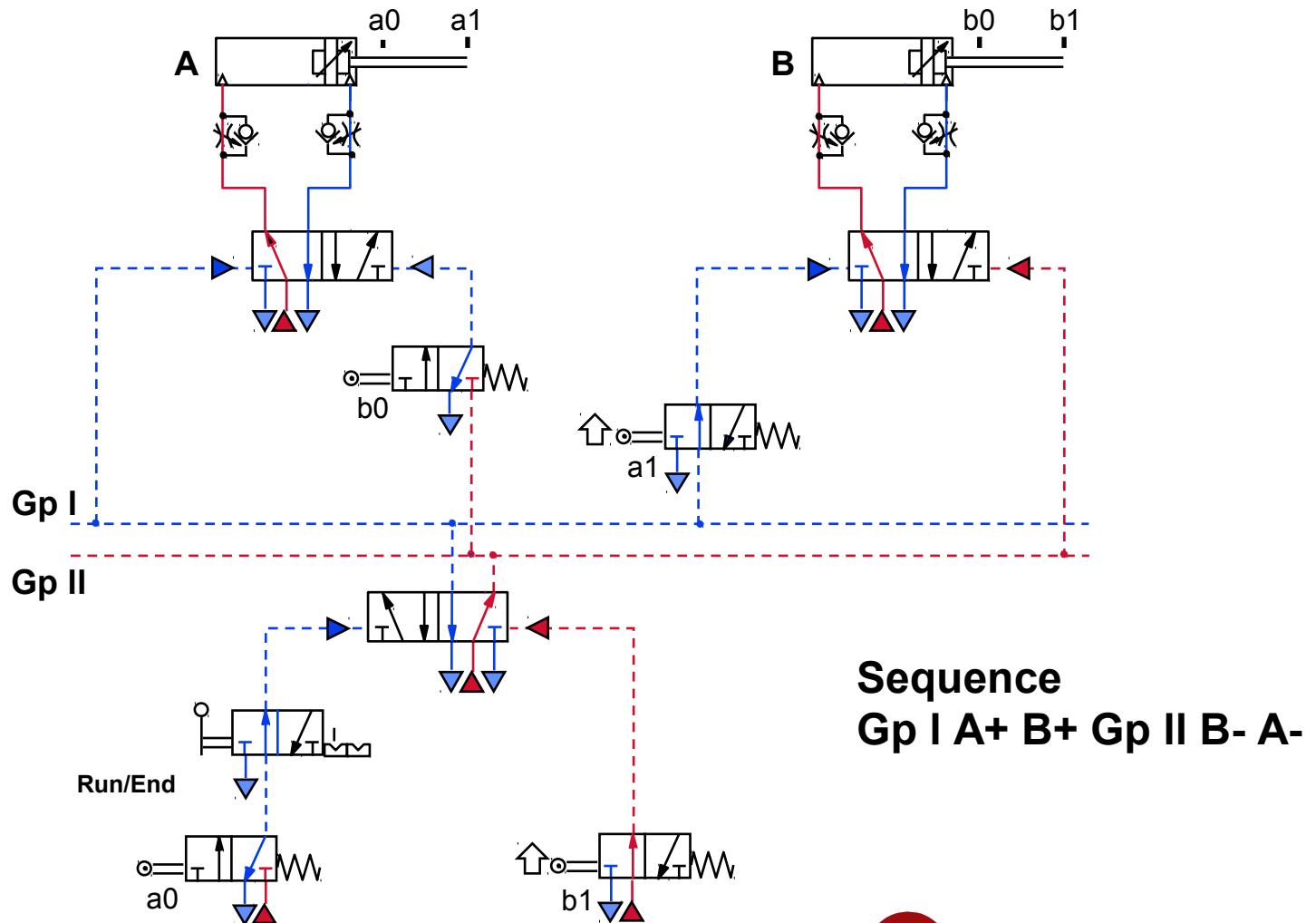
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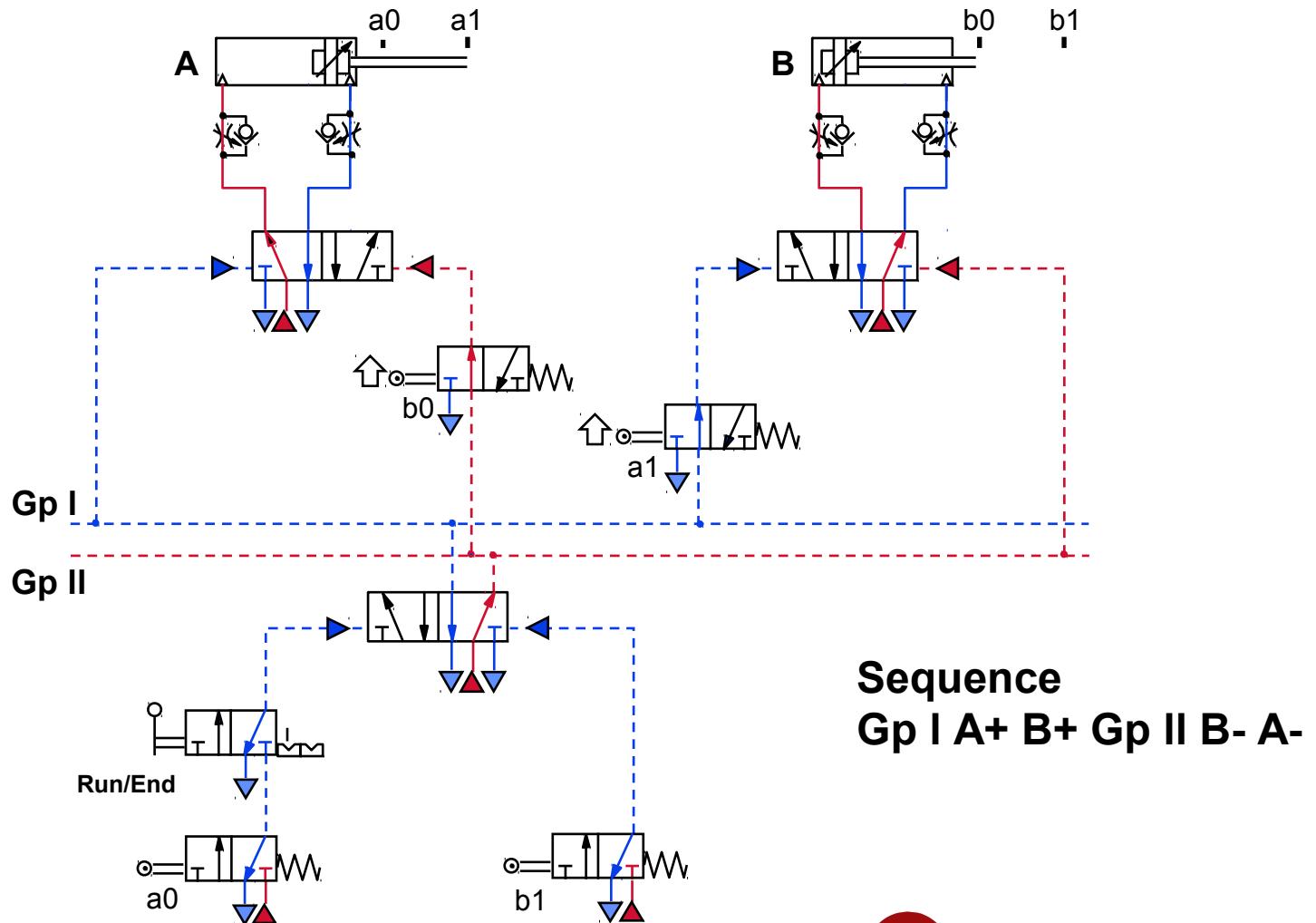
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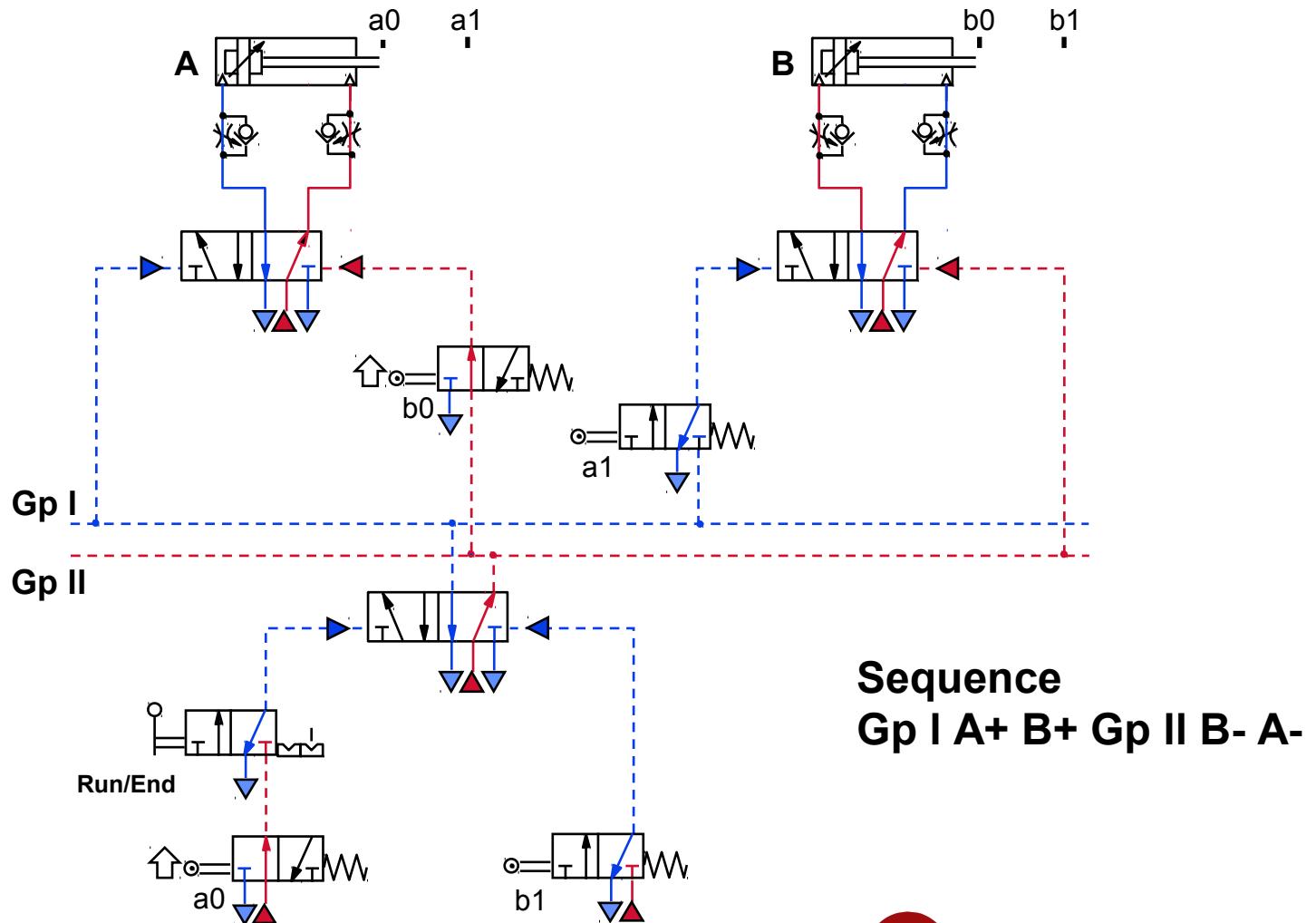
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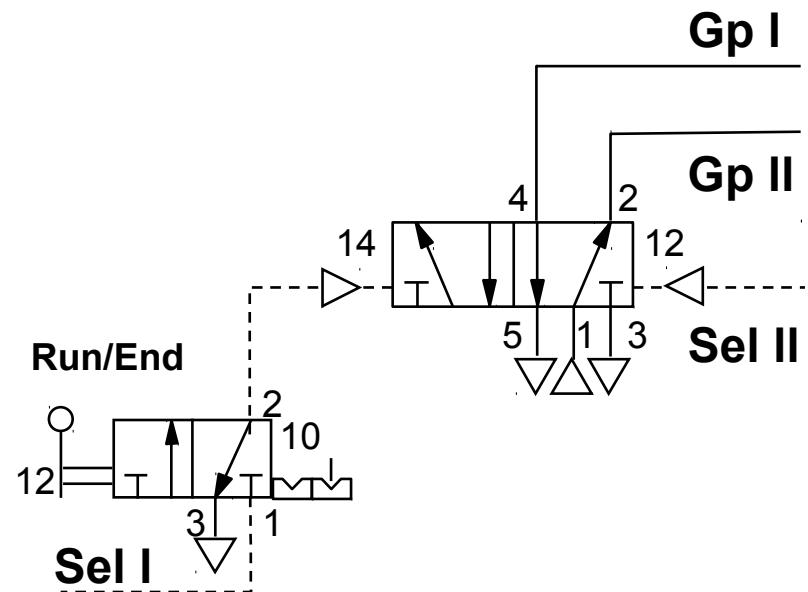


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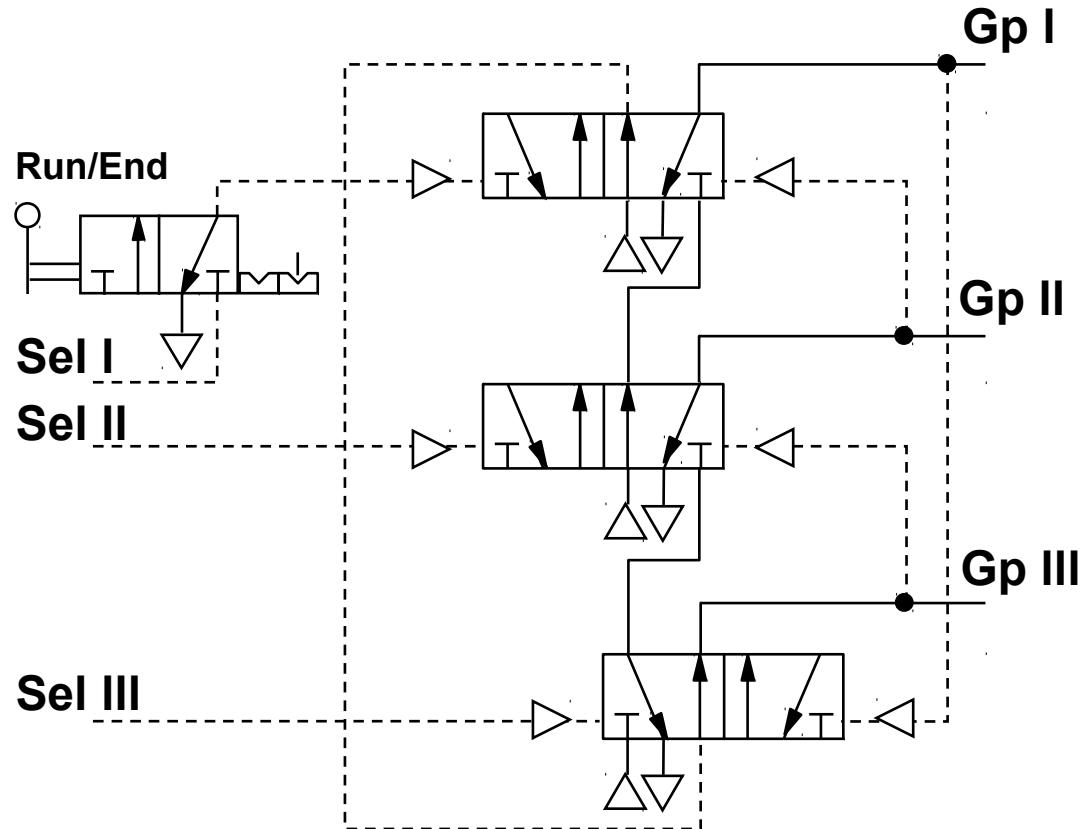
Cascade building blocks

- A two group building block consists of a lever valve to run and end the sequence plus the 5/2 double pilot operated cascade valve
- For a two group system consisting of any number of cylinders this building block and the cylinder building blocks are all that is required to solve the sequence



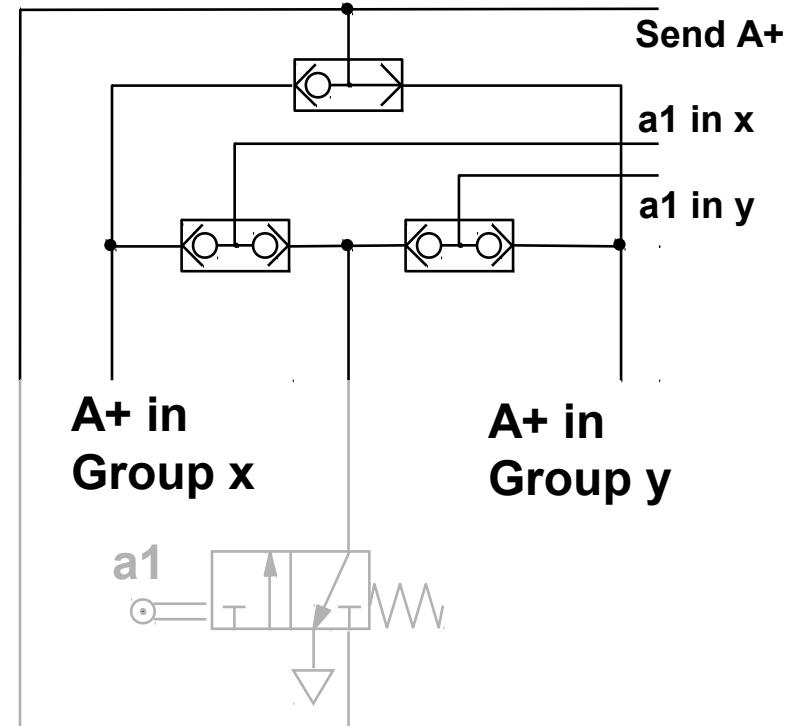
Cascade building blocks

- This three group building block establishes an interconnecting pattern that can be extended to any number of groups



Dual trip building blocks

- When a sequence has a cylinder operating twice in one overall sequence a dual trip building block may be required for each of the two feedback valves
- The supply will be from different groups and the output go to different destinations
- Example is for feedback valve a1 of cylinder A when A is sent + both in Group x and Group y



Note: can often be rationalised to less than these three components

Cascade rules

- Establish the correct sequence
 - Divide the sequence in to groups. Always start a sequence with the Run/End valve selecting group | e.g.
R/E | A+ B+ | B- C+ | C- A-
 - Select the cylinder building blocks
 - Select the cascade building block
 - Select dual trip building blocks if required
- Interconnect the blocks as follows:
 - The first function in each group is signalled directly by that group supply
 - The last trip valve operated in each group is supplied with main supply air and selects the next group
 - The remaining trip valves are supplied with air from their respective groups and initiate the next function
 - The “run/end” valve will control the signal from the last trip valve to be operated



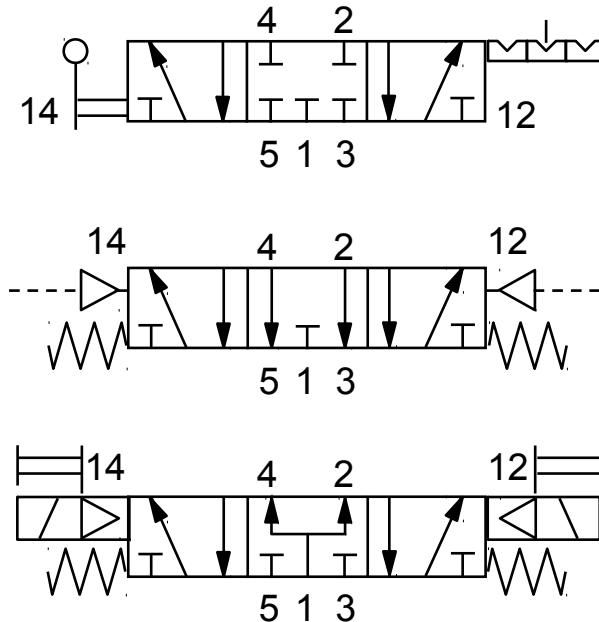
Three position valves



5/3 Valve

- 5/3 valves have a third mid position
- The valve can be tri-stable e.g. a detented lever operator or mono-stable e.g. a double air or double solenoid with spring centre
- There are three common configurations for the mid position:
 - All ports blocked
 - Centre open exhaust
 - Centre open pressure

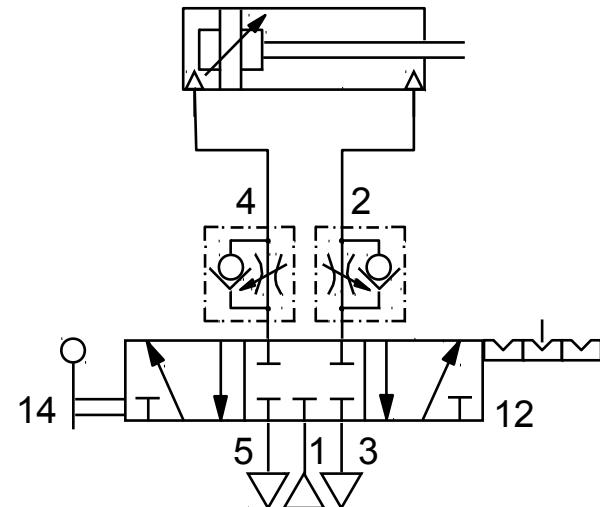
- The majority of applications are actuator positioning and safety



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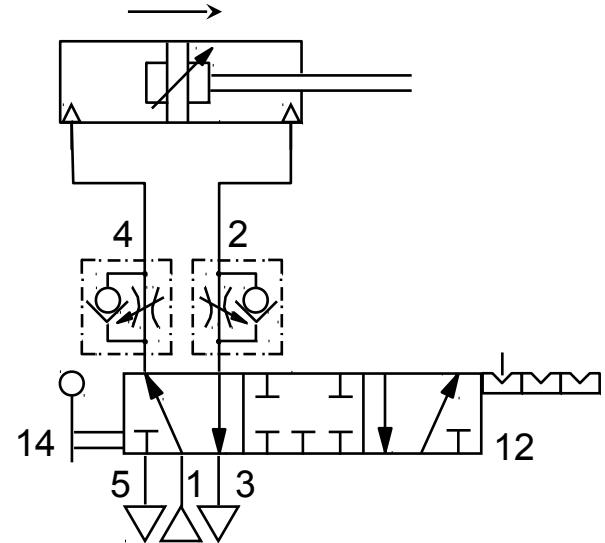
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- The valve illustrated has “all ports blocked” in the mid position
- Whenever the mid position is selected the pressure conditions in the cylinder will be frozen
- This can be used to stop the piston at part stroke in some positioning applications
- Flow regulators mounted close to the cylinder to minimise creep



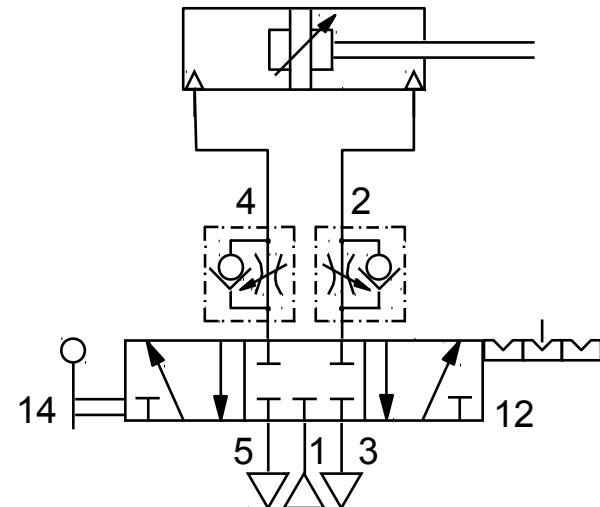
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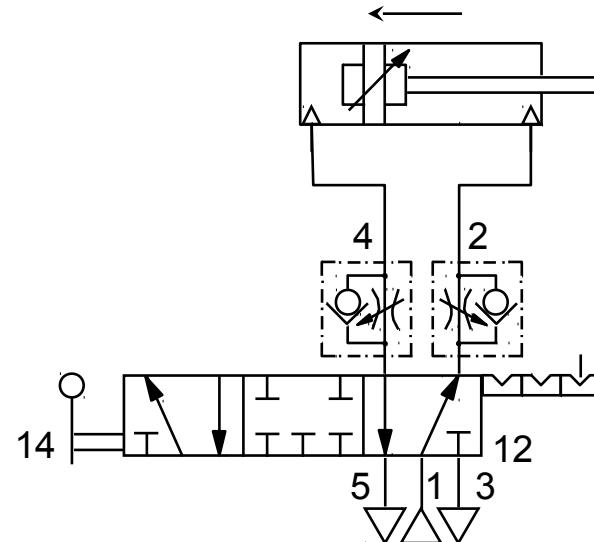
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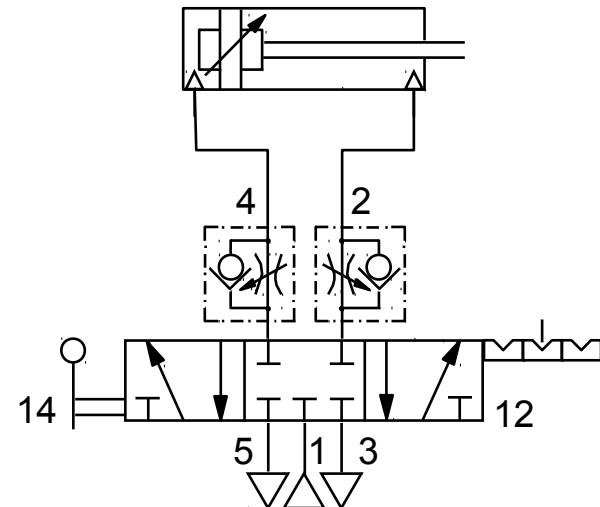
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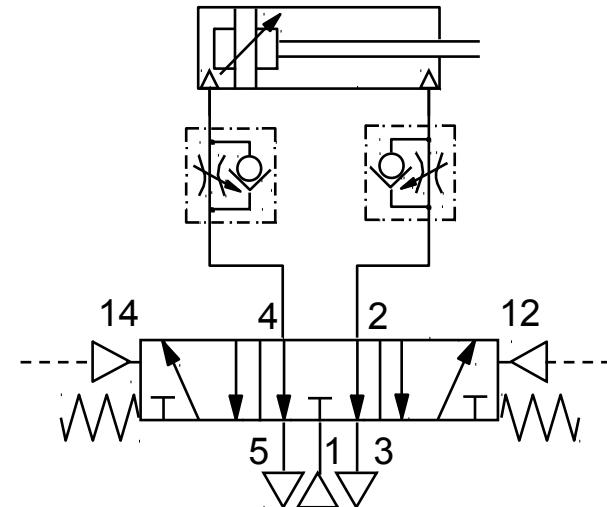
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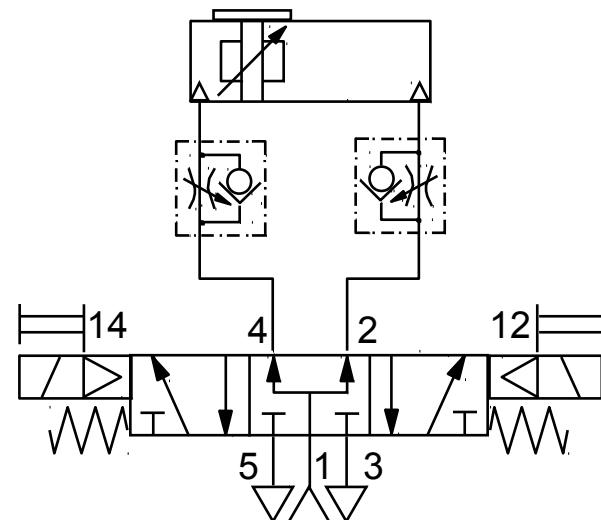
5/3 Valve actuator control

- This version of a 5/3 valve is “centre open exhaust”
- The supply at port 1 is isolated and the cylinder has power exhausted when this centre position is selected
- The version illustrated shows a mono-stable version double pilot operated spring centre
- The cylinder will be pre-exhausted when changing from the mid position



5/3 Valve actuator control

- This version of a 5/3 valve is “centre open pressure”
- The supply at port 1 is connected to both sides of the cylinder and the exhaust ports isolated when this centre position is selected
- Can be used to balance pressures in positioning applications
- The version illustrated is mono-stable, double solenoid, spring centre

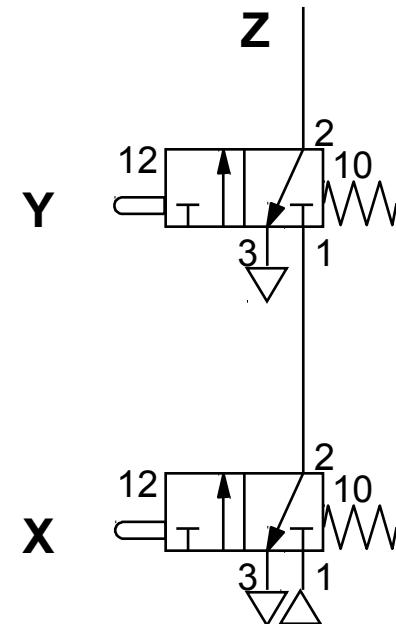


Logic functions for poppet and spool valves



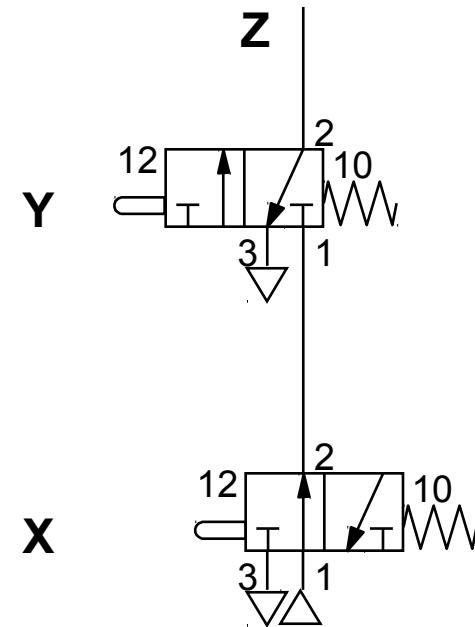
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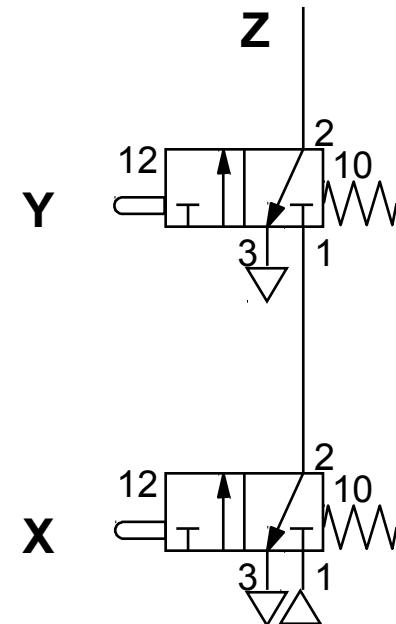
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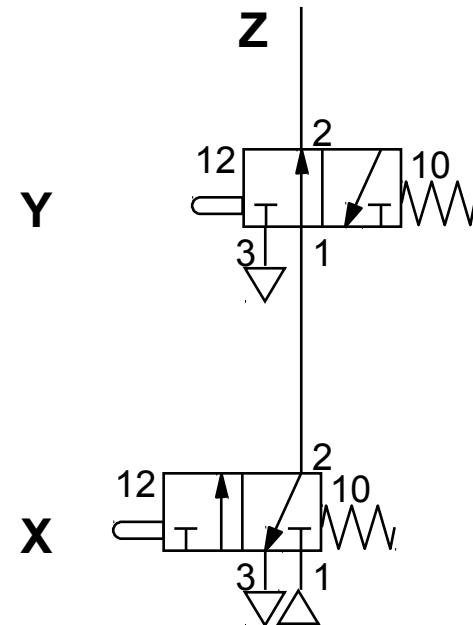
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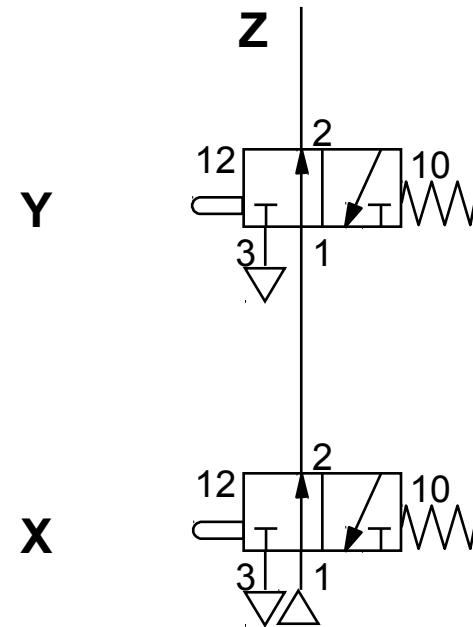
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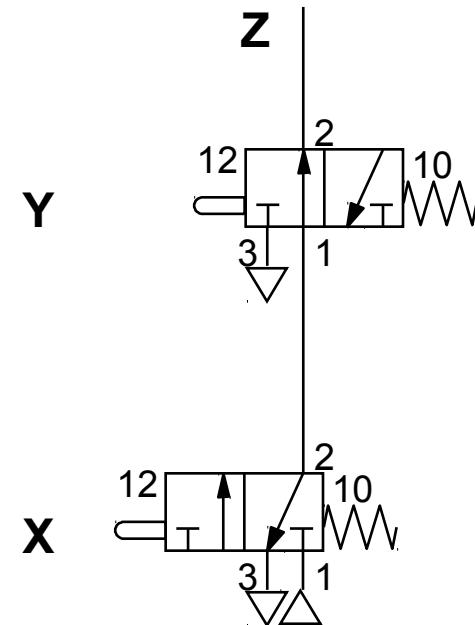
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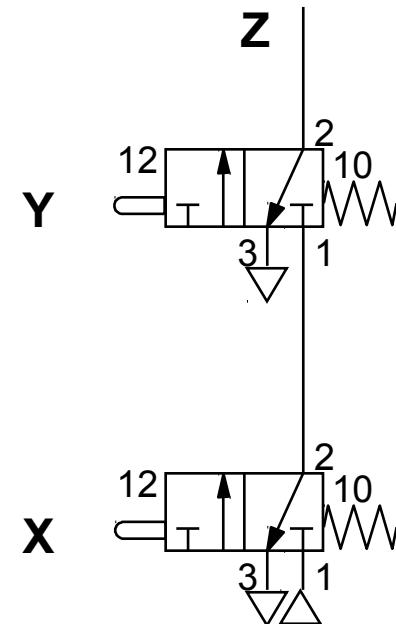
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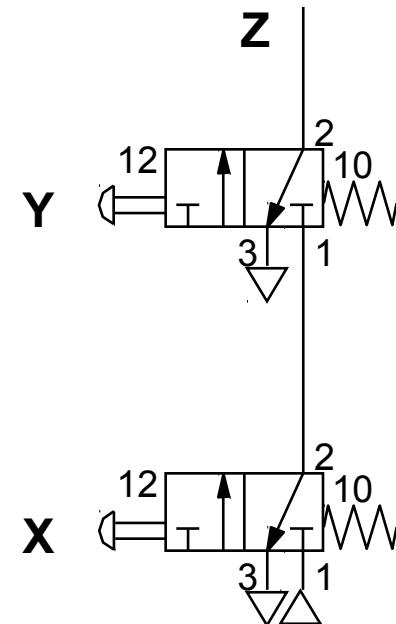
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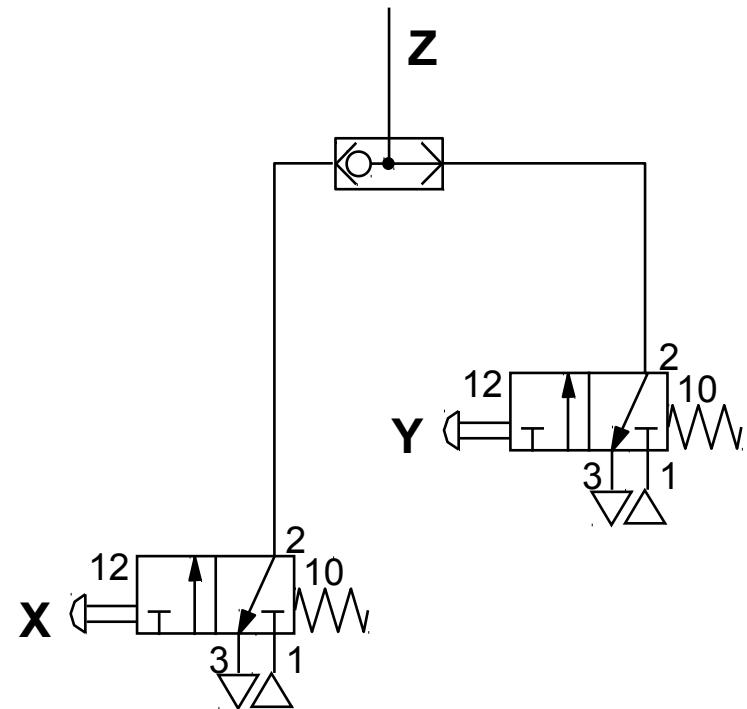
Logic AND

- This method **must not** be used as a two handed safety control
- It is too easy to abuse.
e.g. one of the buttons could be permanently fixed down and the system operated from the other button only
- Use the purpose designed two handed safety control unit



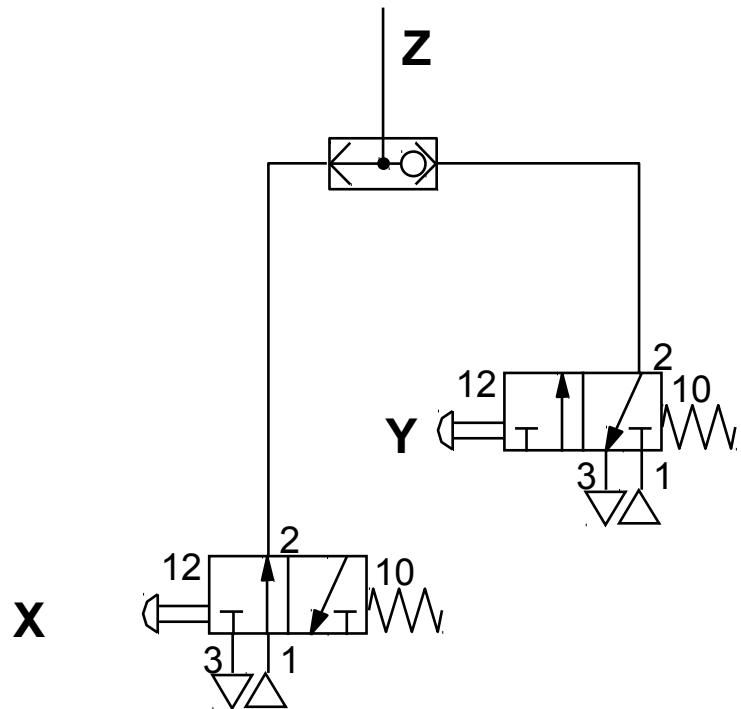
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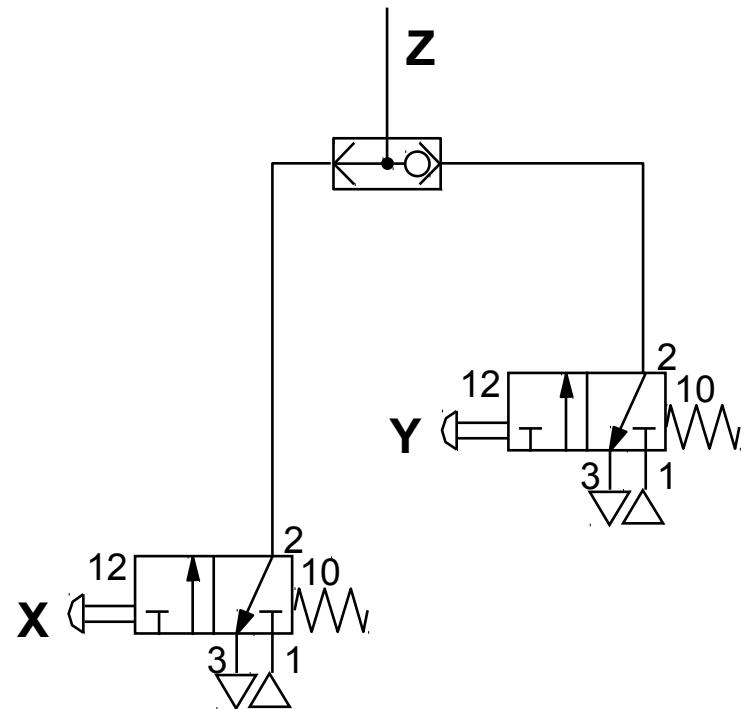
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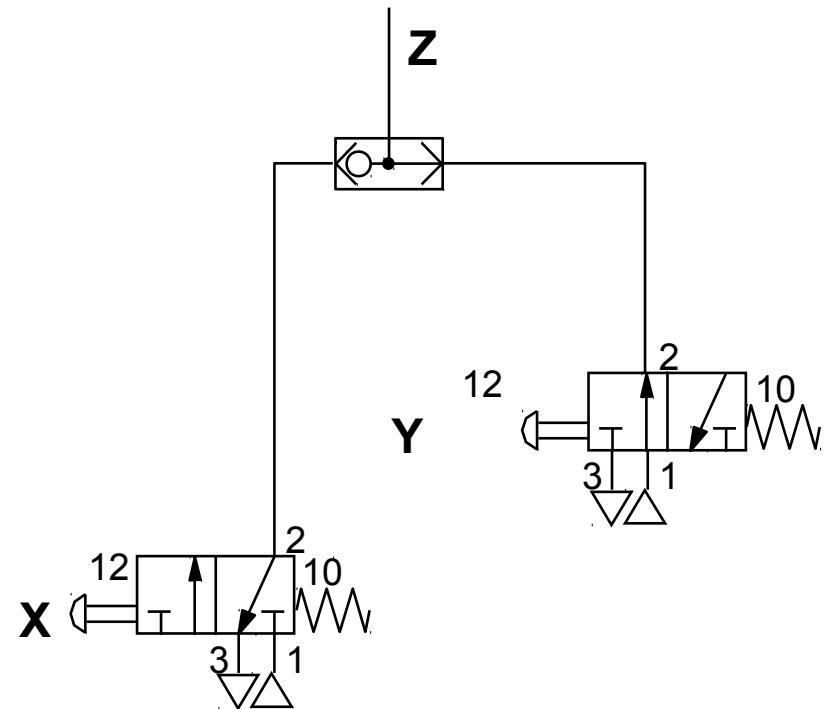
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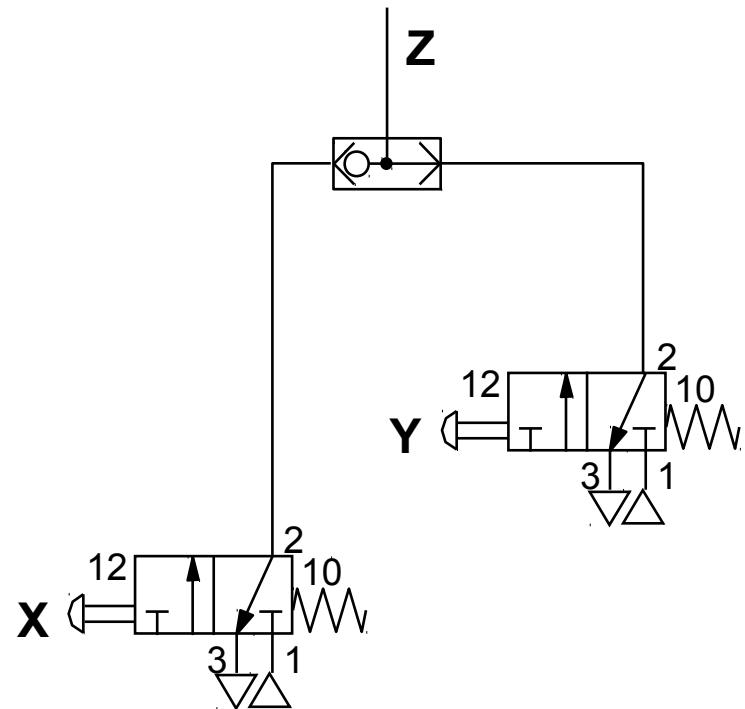
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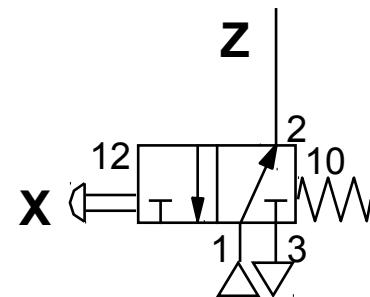
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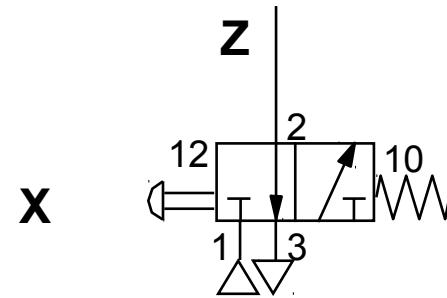
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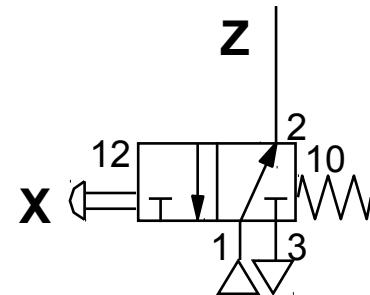
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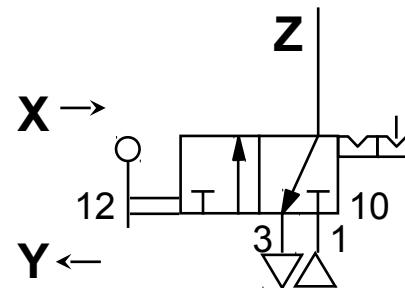
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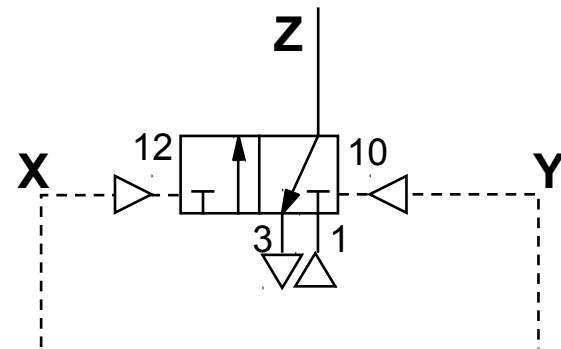
Logic MEMORY

- A logic **MEMORY** allows the output signal state (ON or OFF) to be maintained after the input signal has been removed
- Any bi-stable valve is a logic **MEMORY**
- With this lever detented valve, once the lever has been moved X direction or Y direction it can be released and will stay in that position



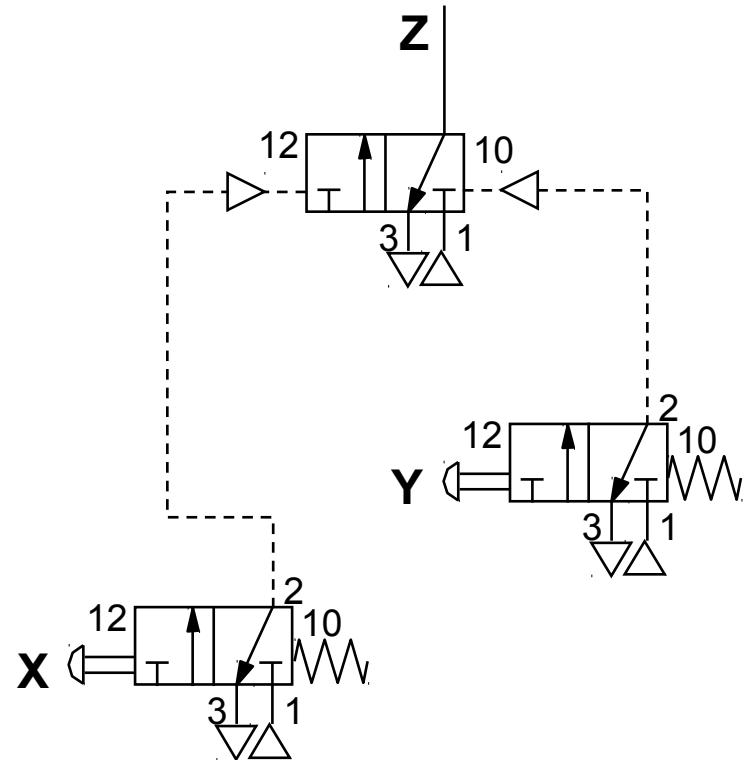
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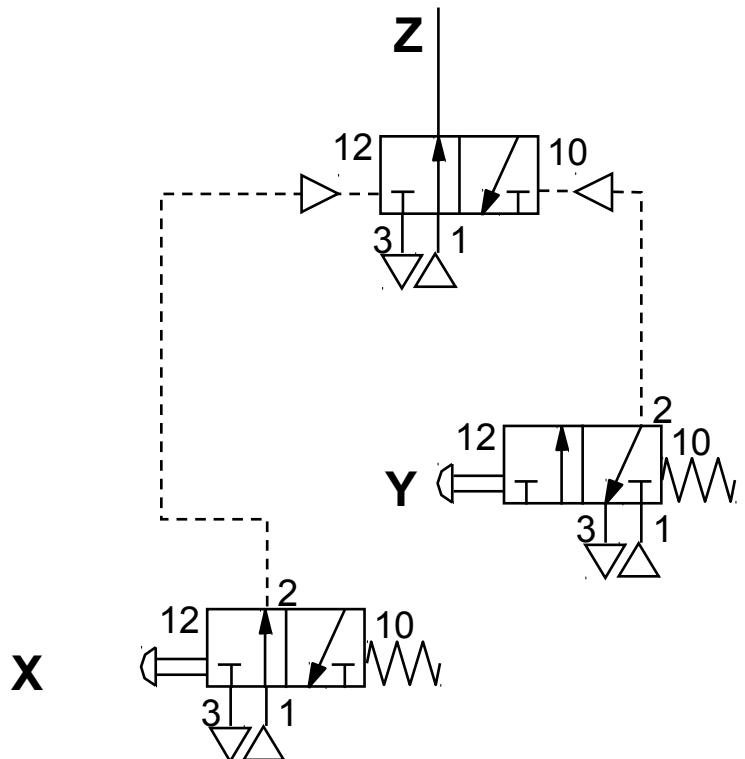
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- A bi-stable double pilot valve can be set or reset simply by a pulse (push and release) on buttons X or Y



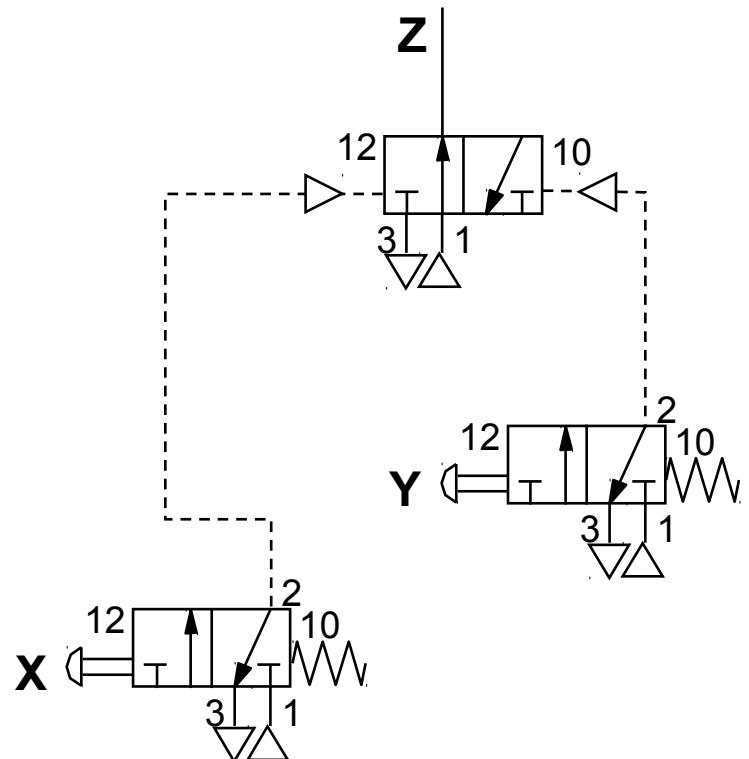
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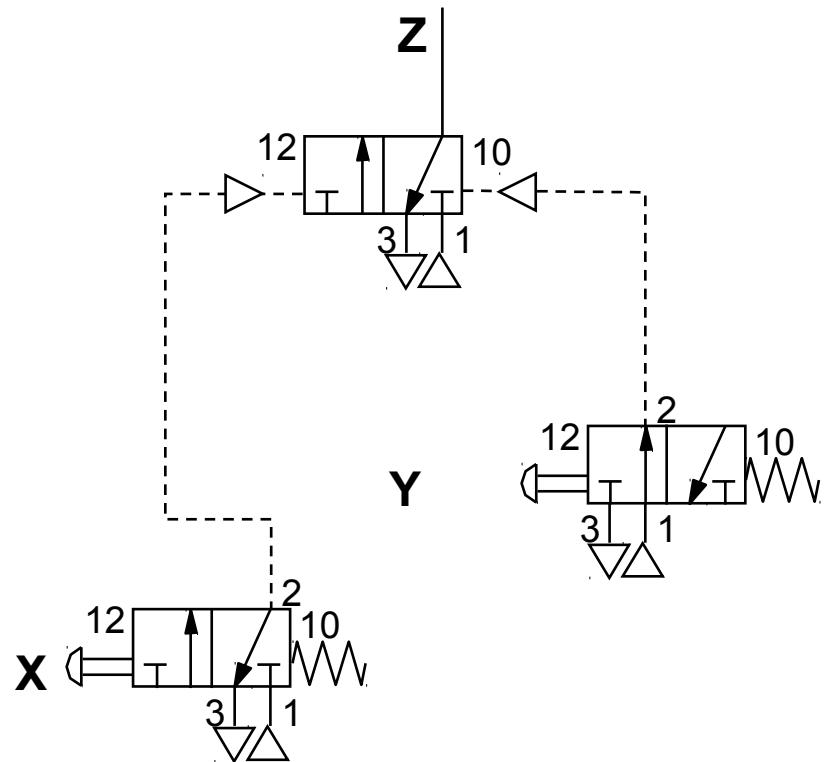
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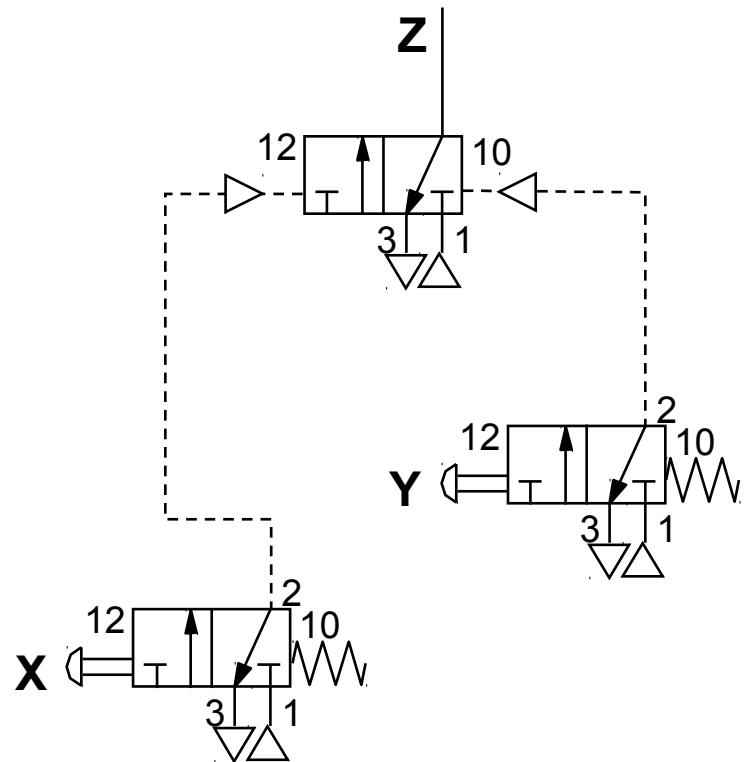
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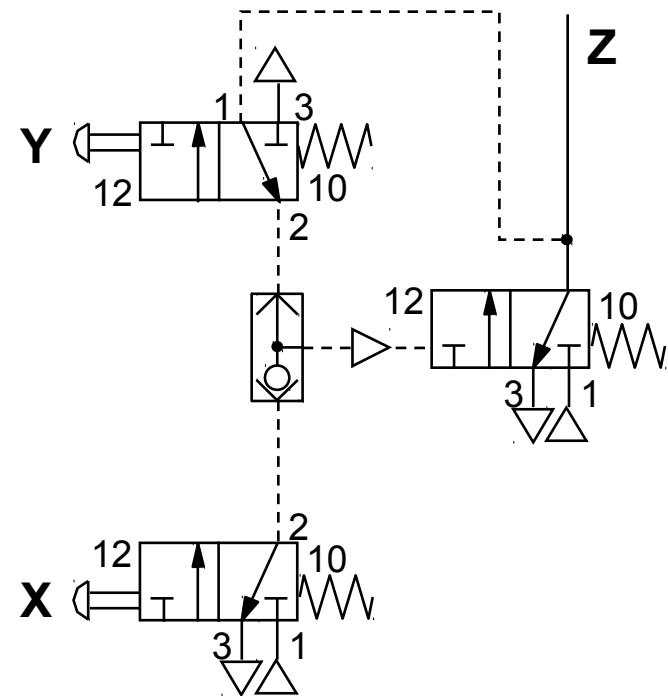
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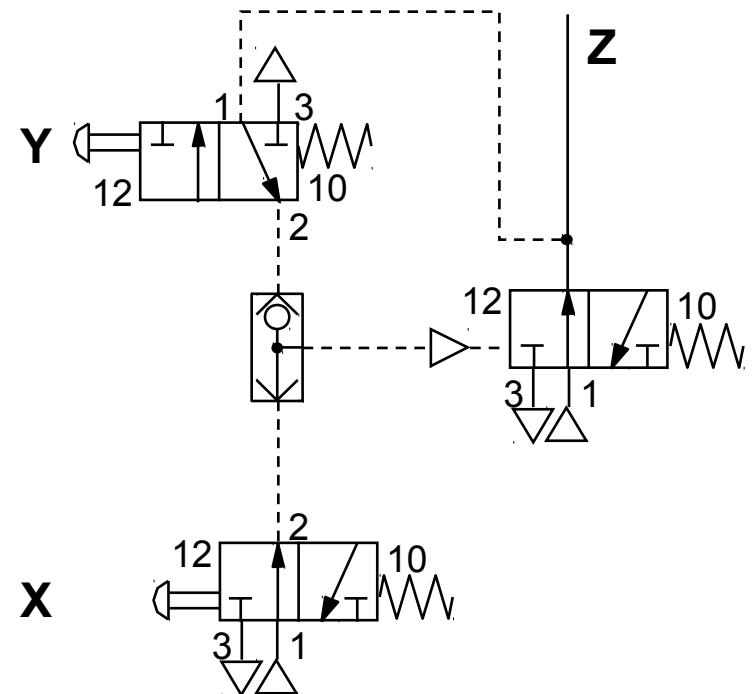
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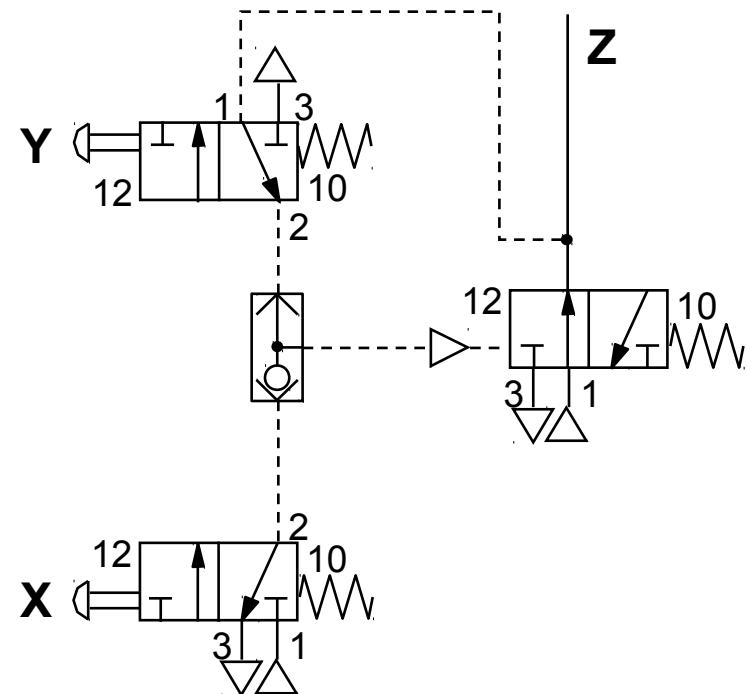
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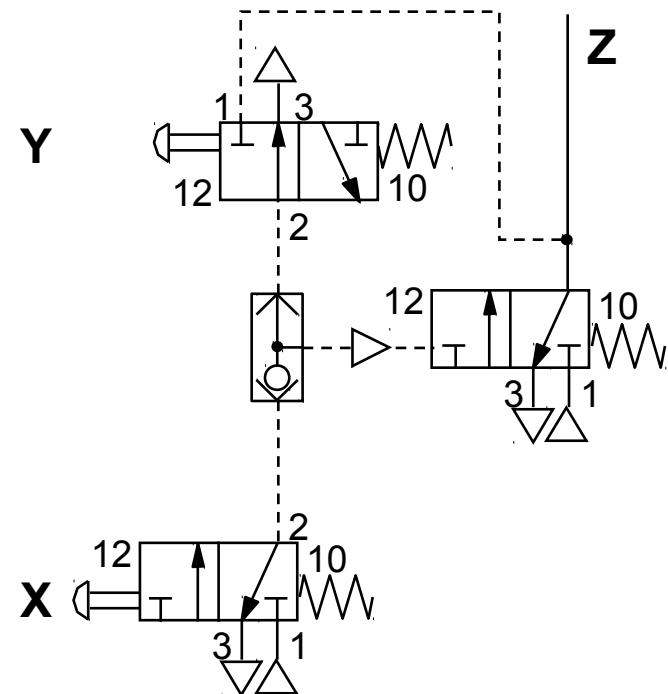
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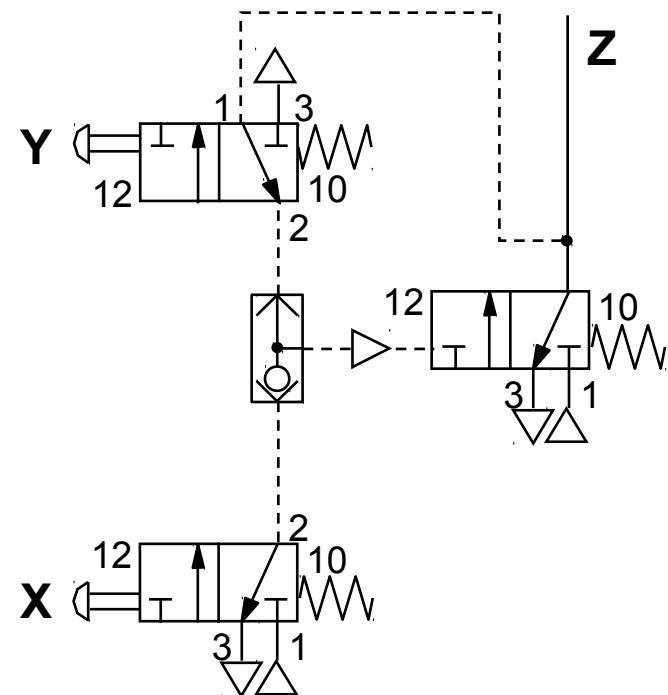
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Logic arrangements for fully balanced spool valves



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- Single pulse maker
- Slow pressure build
- Pre-select
- 5/2 OR
- Single pulse control
- Air conservation
- Double flow
- Counting

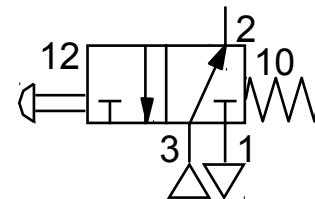
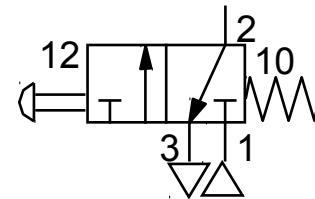


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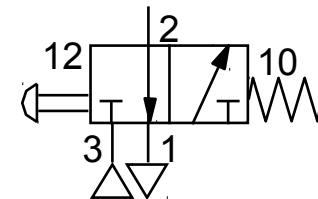
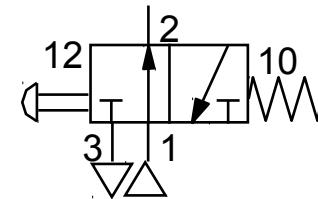
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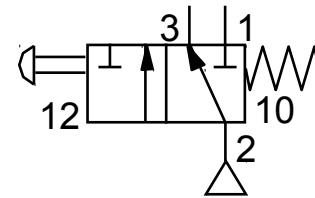
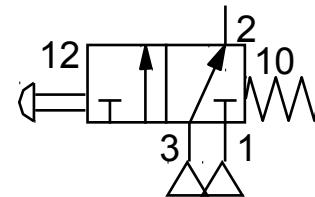
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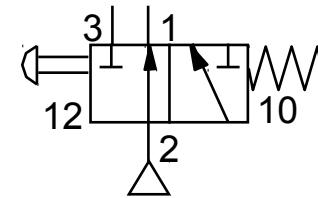
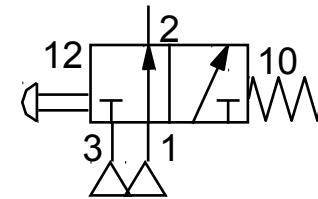
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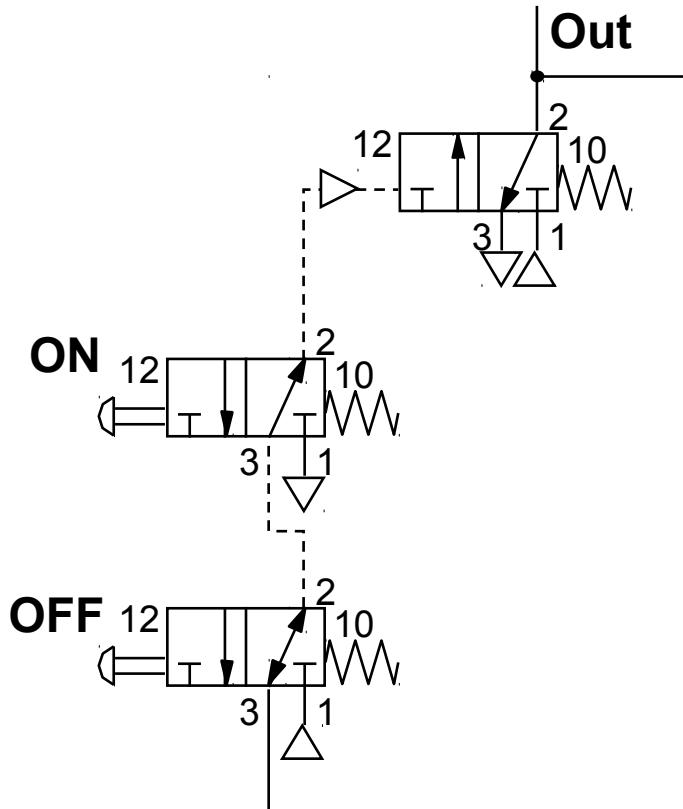
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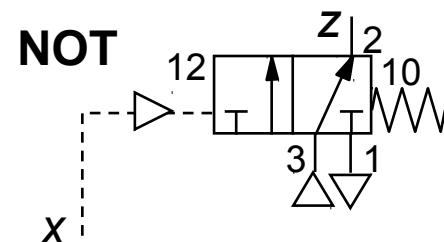
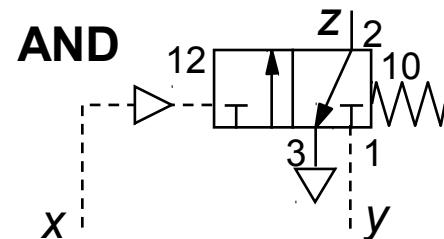
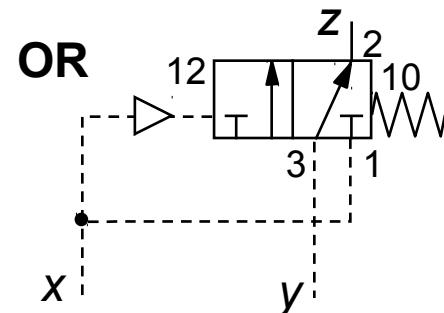
Latch with controls

- In this version of a latch the push button valves are connected to perform ‘OR’ and ‘NOT’ functions
- The ‘OFF’ valve must be placed last in the signal chain so that if both valves are operated together the ‘OFF’ command will dominate over the ‘ON’ command



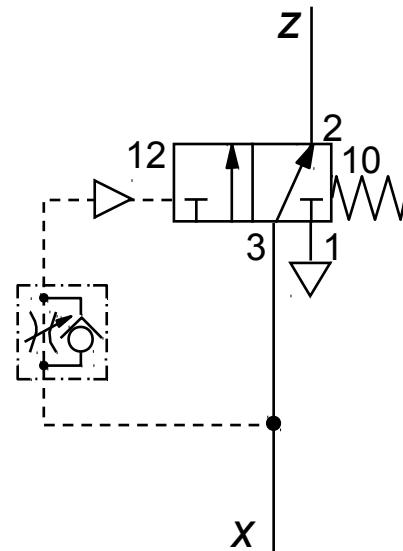
OR, AND, NOT

- A single 3/2 pilot operated spring return valve can be used for any of these logic functions
- $x \text{ OR } y$ gives output z
- $x \text{ AND } y$ gives output z
- x gives **NOT** z



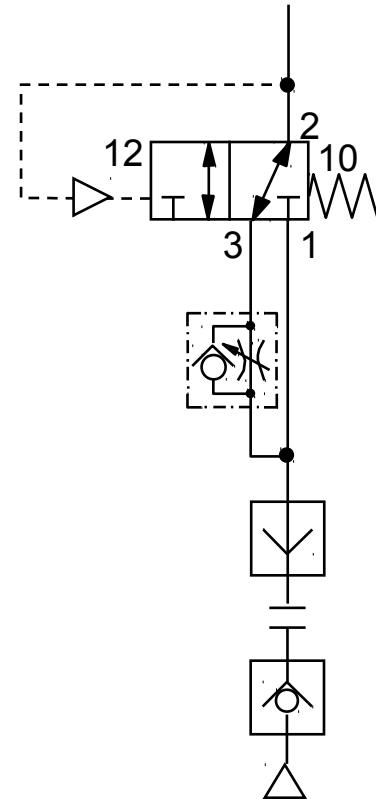
Single pulse maker

- Converts a prolonged signal x into a single pulse z
- Signal z must be removed to allow the valve to reset then x can be applied again
- The duration of the pulse can be adjusted with the flow regulator



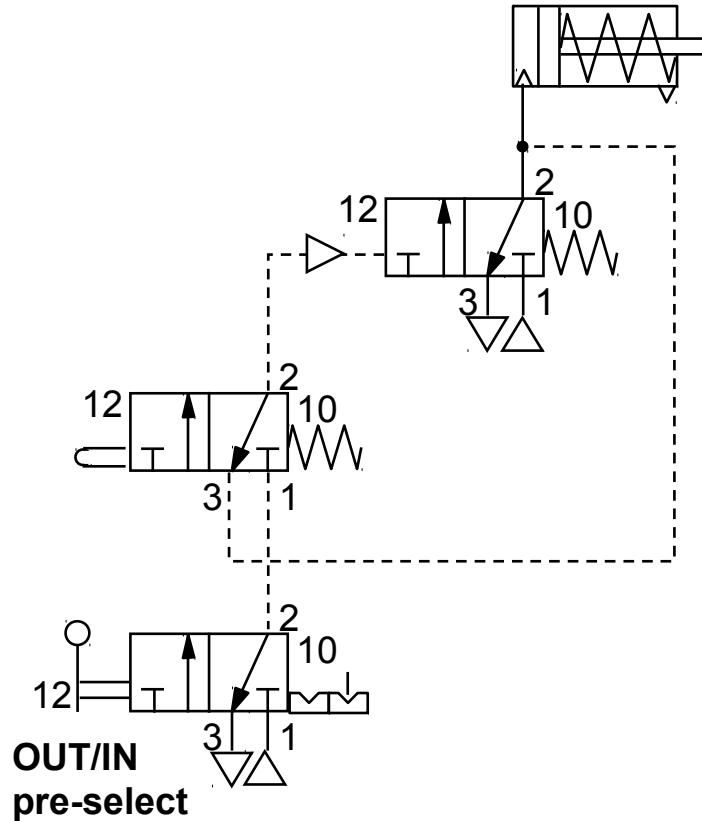
Slow initial pressure build up

- Choose a 3/2 pilot spring valve with a relatively high operating force e.g. 3 to 4 bar
- When the quick connect coupling is made, the output at port 2 is controlled at the rate of the flow regulator setting
- When the pressure is high enough to operate the valve full flow will take over



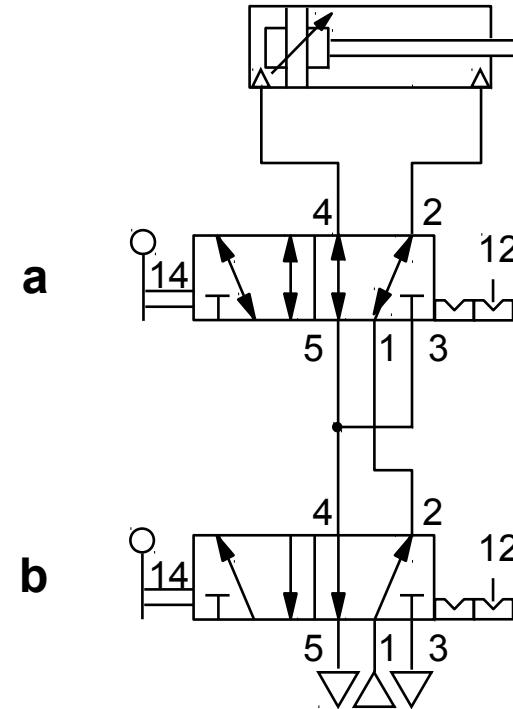
Pre-select

- The lever valve can pre-select the movement of the cylinder OUT or IN
- The movement will occur the next time the plunger valve is operated
- The plunger valve can be released immediately and subsequently operated and released any number of times



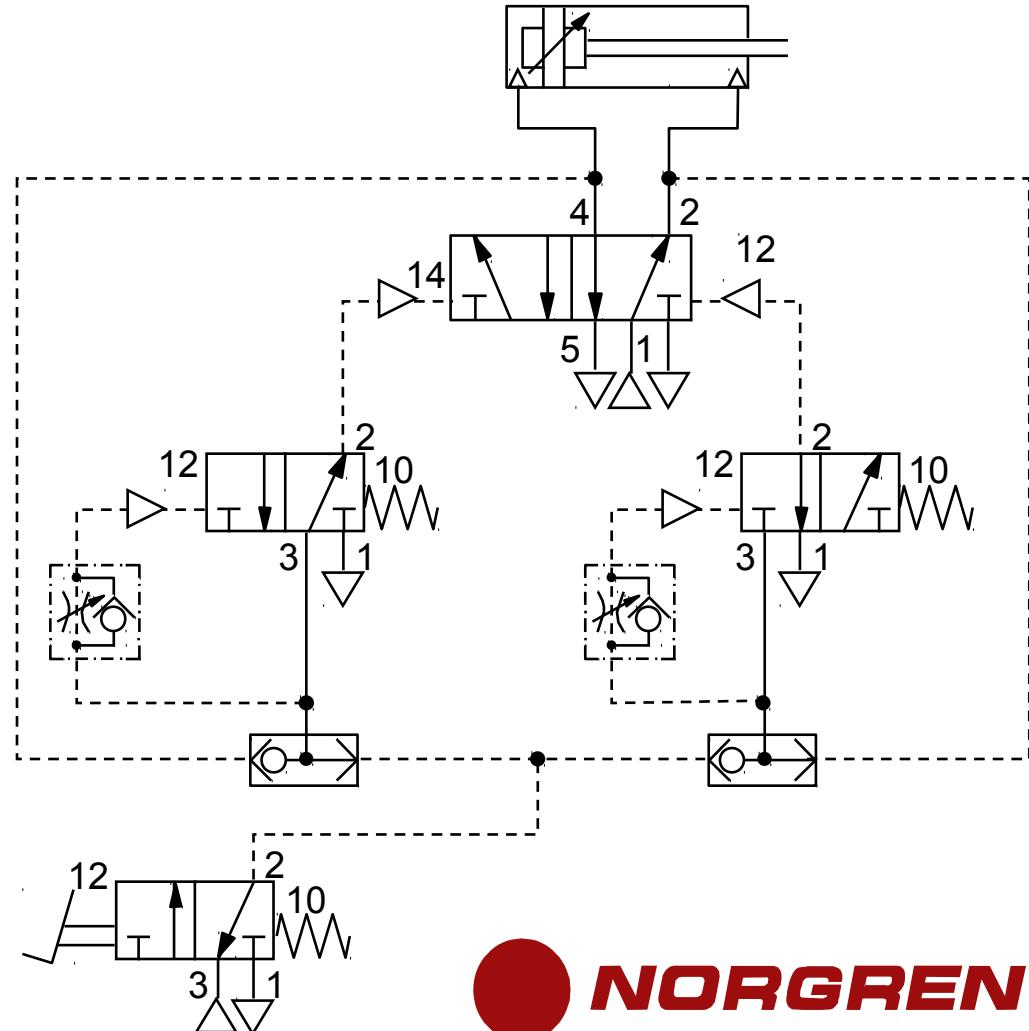
5/2 OR function

- The valve at position ‘a’ is reversed connected and supplied from the valve conventionally connected at position ‘b’
- The cylinder can be controlled from either position ‘a’ ‘OR’ position ‘b’



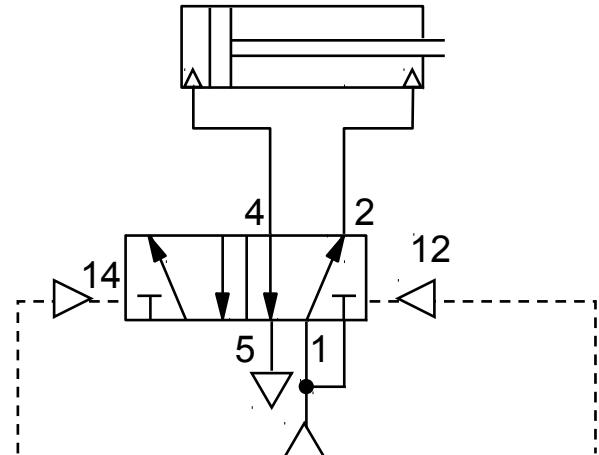
Single pulse control

- Each time the foot operated valve is pressed the cylinder will single stroke + and - alternately
- First foot operation the cylinder moves out
- Second foot operation the cylinder moves in
- Third..... out and so on



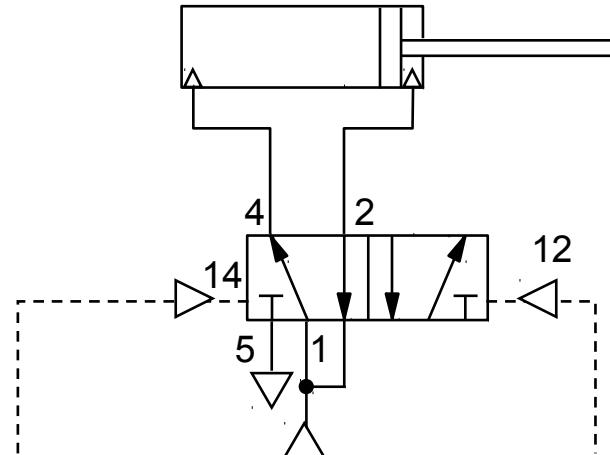
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- Power stroke in the instroke direction only
- Differential area of the piston gives an outstroke force when the pressure is balanced
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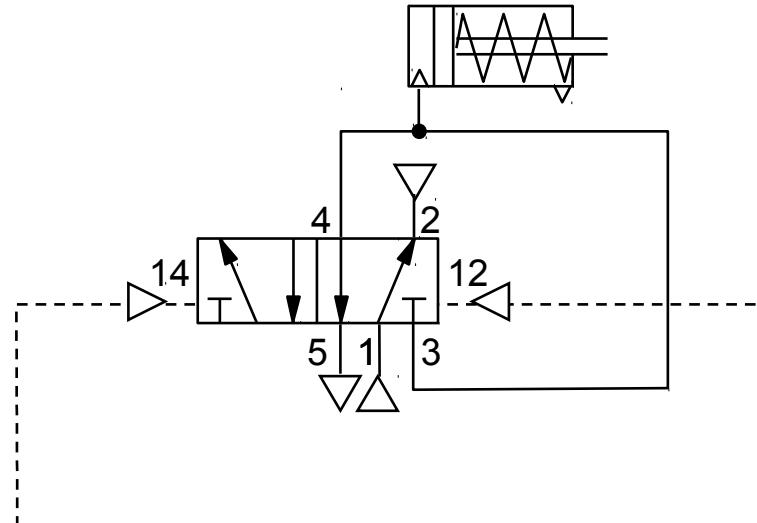
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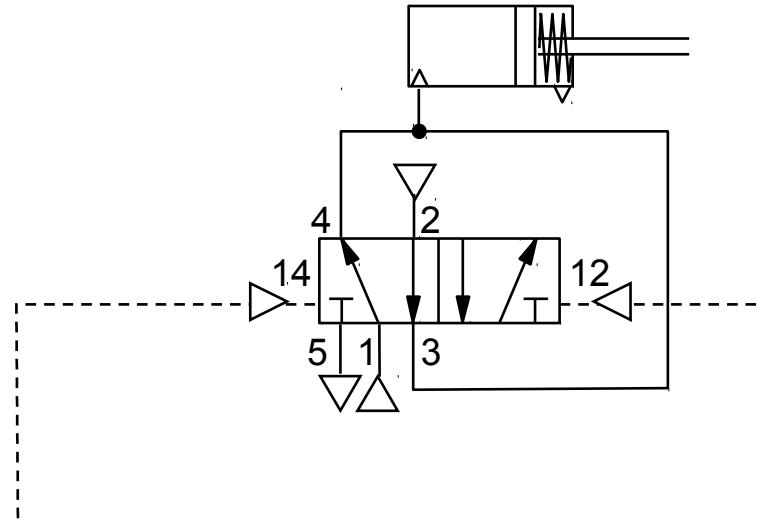
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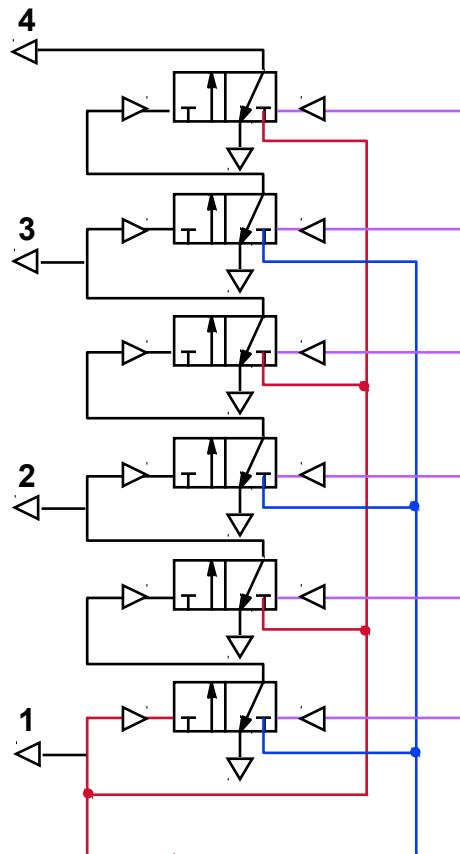
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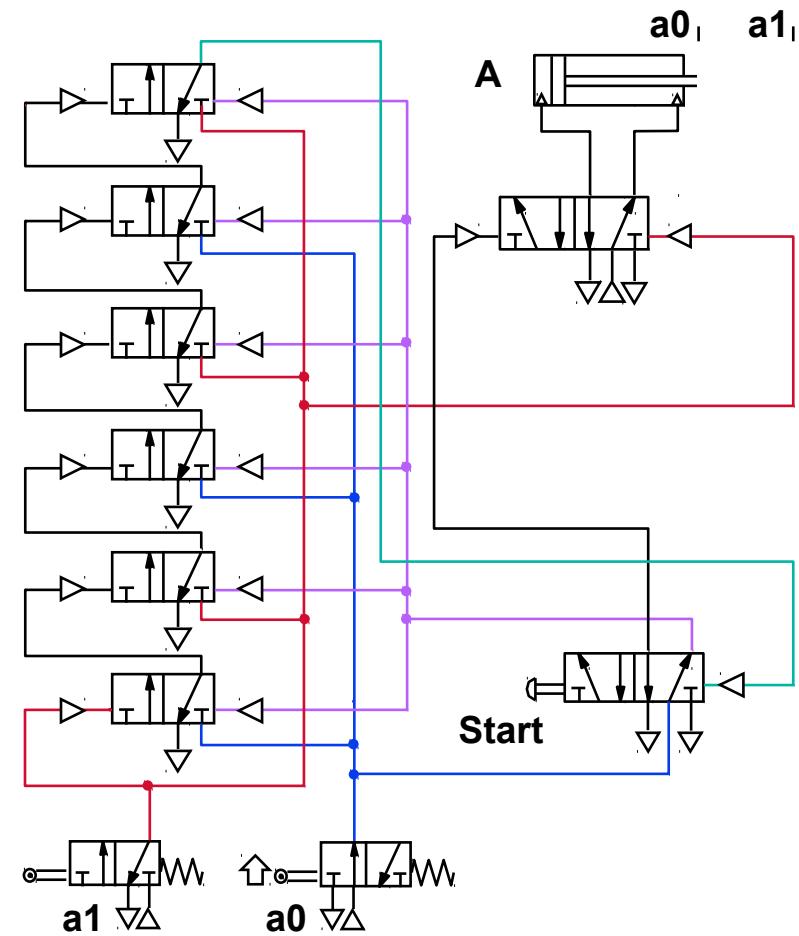
Counting

- Counting applications are best achieved with electro-mechanical or programmable electronic counters
- Pneumatic counting circuits use large numbers of logic valves and can be slow
- The counting chain shown will count to 4
- Red and blue are non-overlapping alternate pulses, purple is the reset line



Counting application

- The counting circuit is applied to count 4 strokes of a cylinder
- At rest all counting valves are held reset by the start valve
- Start outstrokes ‘A’
- Alternate signals from ‘a1’ and ‘a0’ progresses operation of the counting valves up the chain
- On the 4th operation of ‘a1’ the green signal resets the start valve to stop the cylinder

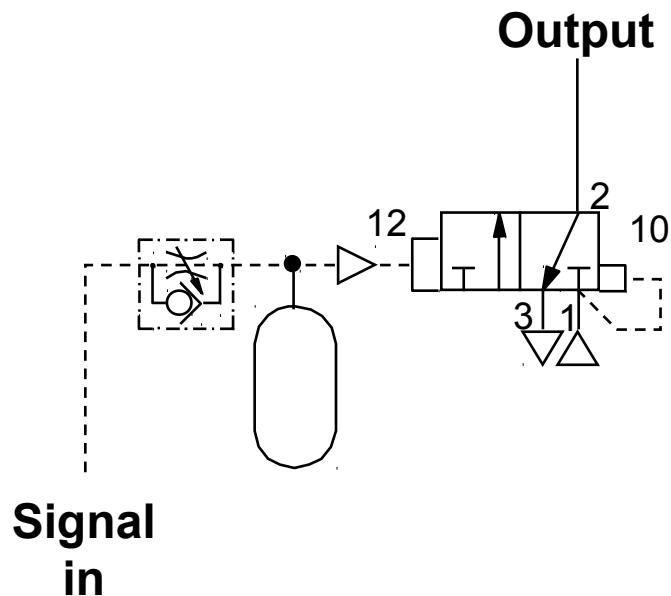


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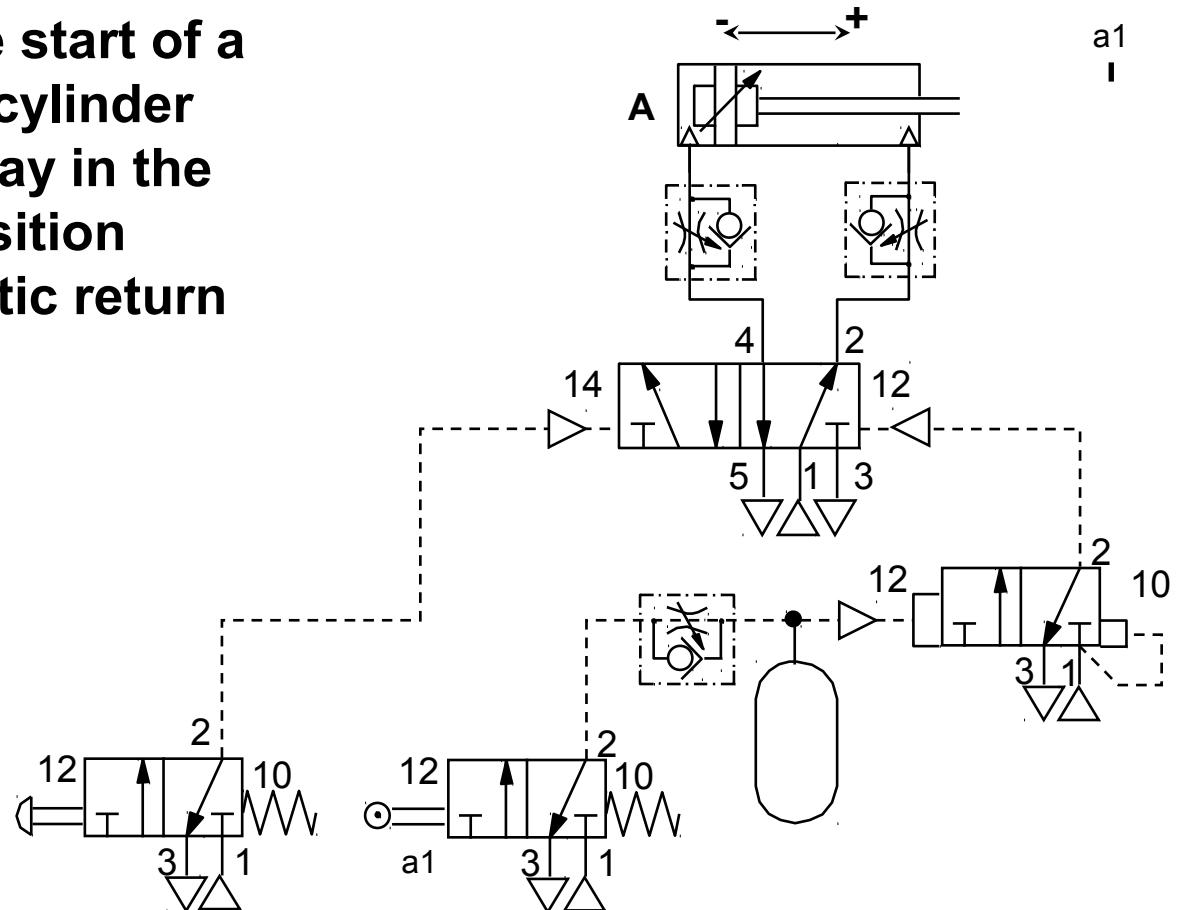
Time delay

- A signal is restricted to slow the rate of pressure build up on a pressure switch (3/2 differential pressure operated valve)
- When the pressure switch operates a strong unrestricted output is given
- A reservoir provides capacitance to allow less fine and sensitive settings on the flow regulator making it easy to adjust



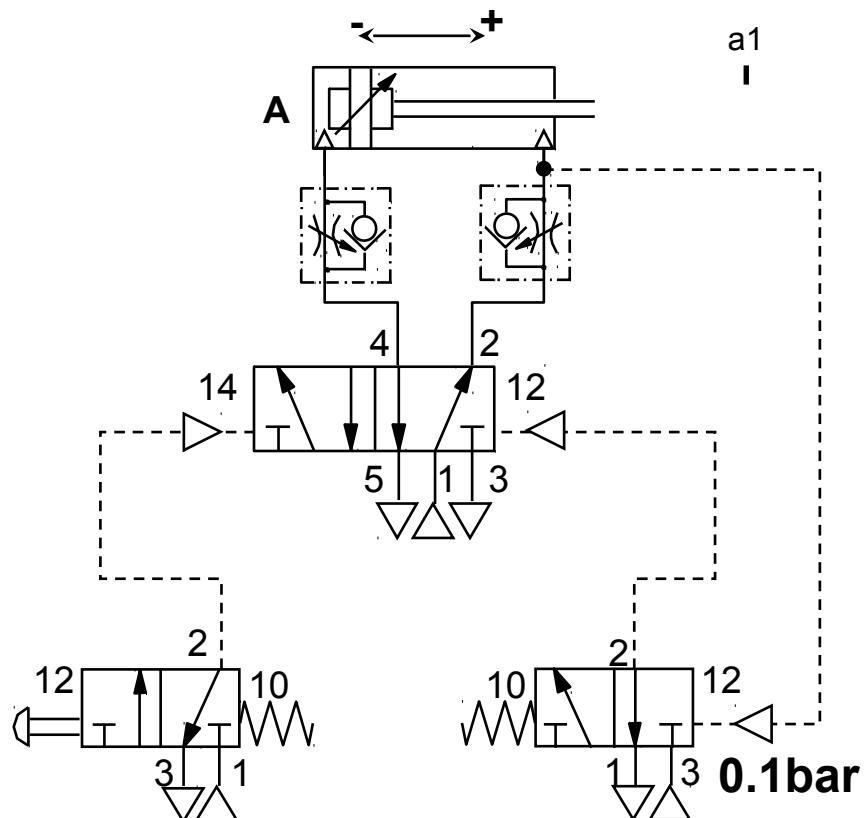
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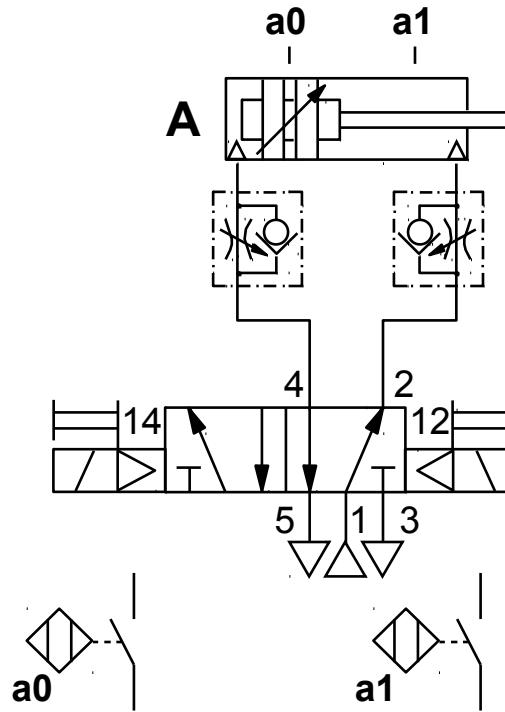
Pressure decay

- Manual remote start of a double acting cylinder
- Uses a low pressure operated valve connected normally open
- When the back pressure in the front of the cylinder falls below 0.1 bar the return signal is given
- Connection taken between the cylinder and flow regulator
- Useful for pressing work pieces of variable size



Electro-pneumatic

- The majority of systems use electrical/electronic control due to the high degree of sophistication and flexibility
- Solenoid valves are used to control cylinders
- Feedback signals are from reed switches, sensors and electrical limit switches
- Logic is hard wired or programmed in to a PLC (programmable logic controller)
- Circuit building block for each cylinder



End

