Technical Data Sheet TI-F50
Locking Units series KFH

For a detailed functional description refer to “Technical Information TI-F10”. Further important practical advice is given in “Operating Manual BA-F50”.

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Rod diameter 18 mm – 50 mm

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4. Hydraulic operating volume
5. Proximity switch holders are provided for standard inductive proximity switches (M12 x 1 nominal switching distance 2 mm, flush mountable, NO (normally open), except KFH 18 and KFH 25: M8 x 1 with a nominal switching distance of 1.5 mm).

For easier service, the proximity switch holders have a depth stop and are pre-adjusted when delivered from the factory.

The switches only need to be inserted to the stop and then clamped.

The proximity switches are not supplied in the standard scope of delivery, but are available as accessories.

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Due to tolerances, ports 1, 2 and T can be displaced up to +/-5° relative to drawn position as well as the threaded holes G2 to pressure ports L/LL and ports T.

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Rod diameter 36 mm – 50 mm

![Dimensions Locking Unit KFH (CAD-files download at www.sitema.com)](image)

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Hydraulic operating volume

Proximity switch holders are provided for standard inductive proximity switches (M12 x 1 nominal switching distance 2 mm, flush mountable, NO (normally open)).

For easier service, the proximity switch holders have a depth stop and are pre-adjusted when delivered from the factory. The switches only need to be inserted to the stop and then clamped.

The proximity switches are not supplied in the standard scope of delivery, but are available as accessories.

Internal volume changes during switching are compensated at ports T. An air filter is fitted to one of the ports for “breathing”. The other port is closed by a plug screw. In a dry and clean factory environment, this offers sufficient protection against dust etc.

If, however, moisture or aggressive media are present, a pressure-less hose instead of the filter must be installed to connect the Locking Unit KFH with clean atmosphere (e.g. a clean pressureless container). The other port T must be sealed with a plug screw.

Lock plates keep the Locking Unit released and need to be removed after installation.

The surface of the housing parts is ZnNi coated.
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Internal volume changes during switching are compensated at ports T. An air filter is fitted to one of the ports T for "breathing". The other port T is closed by a plug screw. In a dry and clean factory environment, this offers sufficient protection against dust etc.

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Lock plates keep the Locking Unit released and need to be removed after installation.

The surface of the housing parts is ZnNi coated.
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Locking Units series KFH

For a detailed functional description refer to “Technical Information TI-F10”. Further important practical advice is given in “Operating Manual BA-F51”.

Rod diameter 70 mm - 140 mm

The nominal holding force F is the minimum holding force for dry or hydraulic-oil wetted rods.

The pressure p is required to release the clamping. The admissible operating pressure is 160 bar.

As supplied, pressure port LL is plugged by a plug screw. It may be used alternatively to pressure port L and is useful for filling / air-bleeding. We recommend connecting auto-bleeders to the ports which are not in use (not supplied in scope of delivery; available as option - see “Technical Information TI-Z10”).

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The surface of the housing parts is ZnNi coated.

Due to tolerances, ports 1, 2 and T can be displaced up to +/-5 relative to drawn position.

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Purpose
The Locking Unit KFH is used as an infinitely variable lock on piston rods for cylinders or other clamping rods. The Locking Unit KFH absorbs axial forces in both load directions.

Axial play
The load is held free from axial play in load direction 1.
In standard designs, the load is also free from axial play in load direction 2 as long as the load does not exceed 80% of the nominal holding force (F). In the case of exceeding, the axial play in load direction 2 is about 0.1 - 0.3 mm.

Operating conditions
The Locking Unit KFH is designed to operate in normal clean and dry workshop atmosphere.
Operation in other environmental conditions is possible if at least port T is connected to a clean and dry atmosphere (e.g. tank). In case of heavy soiling conditions (grinding dust, chips, other liquids, etc.), please contact SITEMA.
Viscous lubricants and grease may reduce the holding force.
The permitted surface temperature is -20°C to +60°C.

Required risk assessment
It must be ensured that the dimensions and arrangement of a Locking Unit KFH used in safety-relevant applications meet the requirements of the risk evaluation EN ISO 12100:2010 and also comply with any further standards and regulations applicable for the intended use. The Locking Unit KFH alone principally cannot form a complete safety solution. It is however suitable to be part of such a solution. Furthermore, all attachments and fixations have to be dimensioned correspondingly. This is generally the duty of the system manufacturer and the user.

Choosing the right type
The table shows the nominal holding force F of the various types. The value of F must be higher than the maximum axial load acting on the rod.
In case vertically moving masses shall be held or stopped or in case other dynamic impact forces occur, an appropriate safety factor must be applied. This factor has to be defined by the user depending on the requirements, but should not be less than 1.5.

Design and attachment of the rod
The Locking Unit KFH will operate correctly only if the rod has a suitable surface:
- ISO tolerance field f7 or h6
- induction hardened min. HRC 56, surface hardening depth:
  - ø up to 30 mm: min. 1.5 mm
  - ø over 30 mm: min. 1.5 mm
- surface roughness: Rz = 1 to 4 μm (Ra 0.15 - 0.3 μm)
- protection against corrosion, e.g. hard chromium plating: 20 ±10 μm, 800 – 1 000 HV
- lead-in chamfer, rounded:
  - ø 18 mm up to ø 80 mm: min. 4 x 30 °
  - ø over 80 mm up to ø 180 mm: min. 5 x 30 °
  - ø over 180 mm up to ø 380 mm: min. 7 x 30 °

Often, the following standard rods fulfill the above mentioned requirements and can then be used:
- piston rods (ISO tolerance field f7), hard chrome plated
- rods for linear ball bearings (ISO tolerance field h6)
The rod must not be lubricated with grease.

The actual holding force of the Locking Unit KFH is higher than the nominal holding force (F) indicated in the data sheets and drawings but will not be higher than twice this value. Therefore, all fixation elements carrying the load (rod, its attachment, etc.) have to be dimensioned for at least 2 x F. Please note that at dynamic loads, the full holding force (2 x F) can occur.
In case of overload, the rod will slip. This does normally not cause any damage to the rod or the clamping unit.
Generally, the basic rod material needs to have sufficient yield strength. In the case of compression-loaded rods, sufficient buckling resistance must be assured.

Mounting information KFH 18 to KFH 60
As supplied, the Locking Unit KFH (rod diameter 18 mm to 60 mm) is blocked in its released state and can be slid over and fixed to the clamping rod easily. After mounting, the transportation spacers must be removed. Please refer to the operating manual for further information.

Pressure fluid
Hydraulic oil (HLP) in accordance with DIN 51524-2:2017 must be used as pressure fluid. Please consult SITEMA before using any other fluids.
Control

In most applications, an actuation as suggested in the drawing below is used.

During every operational cycle, the 3/2-way valve is actuated electrically and releases the Locking Unit KFH. In all other operational conditions including power failure, emergency stop etc., the Locking Unit KFH engages and holds the rod or brakes the load. Likewise, the load is secured when the pressure line breaks.

To prevent possible problems, the rod shall not be driven unless proximity switch 2 indicates the signal "clamping released".

Regular performance tests

The Locking Unit KFH must be functionally checked at regular intervals. Regular checking is the only way to ensure that the Locking Unit KFH will operate safely in the long run.

Please see the operating manual for further details.

Maintenance

The maintenance is limited to the regular performance tests. Should the Locking Units KFH cease to comply with the required characteristics, the safety for working with the machine or system may no longer be given. In this case the Locking Units KFH must be immediately and professionally repaired by SITEMA.

The Locking Units KFH are safety components. Any repair or refurbishing must be carried out by SITEMA. SITEMA cannot take any responsibility for repairs by another party.

Fig. 5: Schematic diagram of hydraulic circuit

* In case impact noises due to excess pressure are audible when pressurizing the Locking Unit KFH, these can be suppressed by means of a flow control valve in the p-line.

** In case the pressure is not sufficiently constant (e.g. pressure drop at the beginning of a downward stroke), we recommend a check valve in the p-connection of the valve.

⚠️ WARNING!

Risk due to slowed discharge of pressure medium!

Slowed discharge of the pressure medium may cause a dangerous situation. The clamping then only locks with a time delay.

- Make sure that the discharge of the pressure medium from pressure port L is not impaired by any additional components.

- Route all connection lines without any kinks.

- If there is any danger of kinking, take appropriate precautions (protective tube, thicker hose, etc.).

If a particular quick response time of the Locking Unit KFH is required, the following preconditions must be met:

- short line distances
- fast valve response times
- appropriate control
- large valve and line cross-sections