



Summary



Industry:	Defence
Application:	Pneumatic Cylinder application
Actual Saving:	£15,000
Payback Period:	immediate



Pneumatics Know-How Increases Reliability

In-house application knowledge increases efficiency and reduces premature failures

ISSUE

A large defence company were experiencing frequent failures - 1 unit every 3 months - on a Festo feed separator cylinder, which was originally designed as the OEM product for this application.

With 12 machines on the plant this failure rate is unacceptable. The rear of the cylinder has a circlip and the rear of this cylinder simply explodes out of the circlip breaking off the thin housing, meaning that a repair is not possible.

ERIKS contacted the manufacturer who simply suggested using the next size up which was physically bigger and would not fit onto the application.

SOLUTION

After investigating the problem and looking at the dimensions and requirements, the Fluid Power technical specialist knew that the SMC version of this cylinder had a model that was stroke adjusted which was of a far superior design, and the dimensions were very similar to the Festo unit.

ERIKS supplied a sample version to site to prove this cylinder on the application; it has just completed 12 months trouble free service. The customer has now reviewed this and are now fitting this model onto the other 12 machines.

OTHER BENEFITS

- In-house technical knowledge
- Product neutral approach
- Improved reliability and efficiency

FURTHER COMMENTS...

This unit has now been added to the plants critical spares stocks.

MORE INFORMATION

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