Active RCD (Rotating Control Device)

The RCD is the core of any MPD system and must perform consistently and reliably without compromising key drilling parameters. HMH's Active RCD combines the benefits of both active and rotating systems, overcoming the operational limitations that currently affect the drilling industry.

Product Description

HMH's Active RCD (ARCD) is unique in its ability to selectively engage the sealing element while also rotating with the drill pipe. This eliminates unnecessary wear, maximizes seal longevity, and delivers superior performance; establishing a new benchmark in MPD.

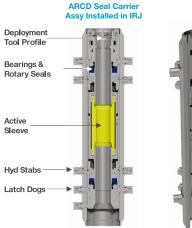


While all RCD/ACD designs offer certain benefits, trade-offs in existing systems have limited the broader adoption of MPD.

- Passive + Rotating: Simple, interference-type seal and the ability to rotate with drill pipe, reduces rotational loads but sealing elements are always engaged.
- Active + Non-Rotating: More complex 'active' seal and simpler non-rotating design allow for selective use, but the static seal is limited by rotational wear.
- Active + Rotating: HMH's ARCD combines both systems' strengths and reduces drawbacks, raising the bar for performance in all phases of drilling.

| Trade-Off | Description | Passive + Rotating | Active + Non-Rotating | Active + Rotating |
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| Simplicity | Sealing Mechanism | > | 8 | 8 |
| | Rotary Mechanism | * | ② | 8 |
| Performance | Stripping | \otimes | Ø | ⊘ |
| | Rotation | \bigcirc | 8 | ② |

The appeal of MPD is performance at the expense of cost. HMH's Active RCD makes MPD both practical and efficient, ultimately reducing the total cost of ownership for drillers and operators.





Key Features

HIGH-INTEGRITY WELLBORE SEAL | Synergy between proven Hydril® elastomer technology and marine-grade polyurethane expertise.

ROBUST BEARING SYSTEM | High performance bearings and rotary seals, engineered to withstand severe axial and radial loads.

RIGOROUSLY TESTED | Comprehensive testing program replicating real-world operations, ensuring successful performance ahead of deployment.

Technical Specifications

| Active RCD (Rotating Control Device) | | | |
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| Туре | Active + Rotating | | |
| Drill Pipe Size | 6-5% in | | |
| Static Pressure | 2 000 psi / 13 800 kPa | | |
| Dynamic Pressure | 1 500 psi @ 200 RPM / 10 350 kPa @ 200 RPM | | |
| Stripping Pressure | 1 000 psi @ 3 600 ft/hr / 6 900 kPa @ 1 100 m/h | | |
| Hydraulic Pressure | 3 000 psi / 20 700 kPa | | |
| Temperature | 30-150° F / 1-65°C (polyurethane) | | |
| Outer Diameter | < 18-¾ in | | |
| Drift w/ Open Sleeve | 8-% in | | |
| Field Serviceable | Yes | | |

