Operation of 3-Position Original Line® Cylinders

The purpose of this bulletin is to help distributors and customers properly plumb a 3-Position Original Line® cylinder. The best way to accomplish this is to hook up a 4-way, 3-position valve with an open center to the rod end and center ports. The rear port is operated by a 3-way valve.

The cylinder starts its first position at zero. Air is supplied to port 1 and the cylinder will extend to stroke length A. Air is supplied to port 2 and the cylinder will extend stroke length B (final position). To retract cylinder, supply air pressure to port 3.

![Diagram of 3-position cylinder operation]

Possible Mead valve part numbers to achieve this function:

- C2-6RDCD (4 way, 3 position with open exhaust)
- MB25-3CSC (3 way, normally closed)

For other valve circuit options, please contact Bimba

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