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Abstract (en)

A piston-rack rotary fluid pressure actuator includes a housing [10] enclosing cylinder [11] in which is disposed a pair of pistons [12, 13] biased by springs [14 and 15] towards the centre of the cylinder. Each piston has a rack portion [16, 17] engaged with a pinion [19] on output shaft [18], and elements of low friction material [20, 21] are incorporated into the outer surface of the rack portions [16, 17] to take up forces tending to displace the rack-bearing portions towards the cylinder. Annuli [30, 31] of incompressible material keyed to the shaft [18] make rolling contact with runways [32, 33] on the rack-bearing portions and have diameters equal to that of the pitch circle diameter of the teeth of pinion [19]. By this means contact is maintained between the low-friction elements [20, 21] and the cylinder and over-meshing between the teeth of pinion [19] and racks [16, 17] is prevented.

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