

Title (en)

Electromagnetic actuator with two return springs

Title (de)

Elektromagnetischer Antrieb mit zwei Rückstellfedern

Title (fr)

Actionneur électromagnétique muni de deux ressorts de rappel

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Abstract (en)

[origin: EP1085532A1] The actuator's magnetic circuit comprises a hollow case (20), closed at one end by a fixed core (22) and at the other by a sleeve (24), extending part way into the case. A mobile core (14), carrying the actuating plunger (36), slides with minimal air-gap within the sleeve. The fixed core is bored for the plunger, which extends (38) further to the operated mechanism. Two springs, separated by a washer (42), are passed over the plunger between the two cores. A short stiff spring (44) is seated against a shoulder (39) in the mobile core, while a longer, weaker spring (40) fits into a central chamber (25) in the fixed core, beyond a wider chamber (26) able to receive the washer (42). Two windings on an insulating former (34) are inserted in the annular space between case and cores. An AC voltage is applied by an operating switch or contactor, directly to the maintaining winding (32) and after rectification to the DC actuating winding (30). The resulting plunger movement is opposed, effectively, only by the weaker spring (40), till the washer (42) is halted by meeting the end of the fixed core's outer chamber (26). An auxiliary contact opens the rectifier circuit, but kinetic energy, and increased effort due to reduced air-gap, continue the operating stroke against the stiffer spring till the cores meet. On resetting, the spring adequately overcomes remanence effects.

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