Haldex Traction Systems

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Haldex Limited Slip Coupling
Intelligence for AWD

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Haldex commissioned to develop software architecture for next generation AWD vehicles

Haldex Traction Systems, a division in the Haldex group, has been commissioned by a European car manufacturer to jointly develop the software architecture in next generation’s AWD vehicles. The objective for the joint development project is to integrate and expand the communication and cooperation between the vehicle’s different electronically controlled systems, with the aim to further enhance performance and safety in future vehicles.

The vehicle industry is in the midst of an electronics revolution with no signs of stagnation. In order to better exploit potential synergies between various electronically controlled systems and to optimize the software structure in the vehicle, Haldex has been chosen as a partner to a European car manufacturer to jointly develop the software strategy for next generation’s AWD vehicles. The project is expected to result in improvements in the area of vehicle dynamics and motion control.

In connection with the development of the Haldex AWD system, a significant body of know-how has been built up regarding vehicle dynamics and software. The present assignment also confirms that the electronically controlled AWD system has a key role in the complex task of coordinating software and subsystems within the area of vehicle dynamics.

Concept cars will be built during the year to test and calibrate various functions.

The Haldex group (www.haldex.com), with headquarters in Stockholm, Sweden, is an innovator in vehicle technology with emphasis on vehicle dynamics and supplies proprietary systems and products for trucks, cars and industrial vehicles on a global basis. Haldex is listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange and has annual sales of approximately 7 billion Swedish Krona with 4,150 employees.

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Haldex nominated by Saab Automobile AB to supply AWD system for new vehicle models

2002-01-07
Haldex signs a Letter of Intent regarding development of an electronically controlled differential - a complement to Haldex AWD system

2001-09-19
Haldex AWD-system i SAAB 9X konceptbil

2001-06-14
Haldex AWD system introduced on Volvo S60 AWD

2001-05-31
Haldex Traction introduces the latest Quality Assurance System

2001-04-04
Haldex AWD system makes breakthrough on the U.S. market

2000-09-29
Haldex AWD-system presented by Fiat at Paris Motor Show

2000-09-28
Volvo Car Corporation presents Haldex AWD-system at Paris Motor Show 2000

2000-08-25
Haldex wins new AWD business

2000-04-19
Haldex AWD system introduced on additional VW platform

2000-04-05
Haldex to deliver AWD system to new concept car

2000-03-08
A new one billion SEK order - Haldex signs agreement with European car manufacturer for serial deliveries of AWD systems

2000-01-03
First prototype order for Haldex AWD system in Japan

1999-11-02
Haldex receives another prototype order for its AWD system

1999-08-26
Haldex Traction increases production capacity

1999-08-05
Haldex AWD system takes a first step towards the US market - receives a prototype order

1999-01-19
Haldex signs two new Letter of Intent regarding 4WD systems

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VW selects Haldex 4WD-system
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Six Dimensions

Fully integrated into the control management system of the vehicle, Haldex LSC offers advanced and attractive features to the new generation of All-Wheel-Drive (AWD) vehicles:

Enhanced Vehicle Traction
- Torque transfer up to 2,400 Nm on prop shaft.
- Built-in torque transfer limitation.
- Full function in reverse.
- Instant activation on differential speed.

Enhanced Vehicle Dynamics
- Improved vehicle dynamics control during acceleration and deceleration.
- Rapid activation and deactivation.
- Fully controllable torque transfer characteristics.

Enhanced Safety
- Full integration with brake systems (like ABS) and stability systems (like ESP). On demand, the system can be deactivated in less than 60 ms.
- Limited/full AWD function with Run-flat-tyres.

Enhanced Vehicle System Compatibility
- Fully compatible with ABS, ESP and TCS without freewheel or additional clutch.
- On-line communication with the CAN system.
- No extra sensors needed. All required information obtained from the CAN system.

Enhanced Vehicle Driving Comfort and Transparency
- No wind-up during tight cornering and parking.
- Optimal traction during acceleration.
- No functional problems with tyres having uneven wear, pressure or size (mini spare).
- No functional problems when towing with one axle lifted.
- Transparent actuation.

Enhanced Optimisation of Weight and Fuel Consumption
- The built in overload protection valve, in combination with the fully controllable torque transfer characteristics, decreases the design requirements of the complete AWD drive line, resulting in reduced weight and reduced fuel consumption.
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Main Qualities

Full Controllability - Rapid Activation - Rapid Deactivation
An important pre-requisite of the AWD systems as part of the vehicle's active safety system is compatibility with other systems for active safety, such as ABS (Brake control), TCS (Traction control) and ESP (Stability control) in all possible driving situations.

Full compatibility puts two main demands on the AWD systems: they should be controllable and react rapidly on activation and deactivation.

Haldex LSC is superior in meeting these requirements
In a full acceleration from start, the Haldex LSC distributes all available torque between the axles for best performance - automatically.

Cruising smoothly, the car feels and acts stable. The Haldex LSC has reduced the torque transfer to minimum - automatically.

In tricky and dangerous driving conditions (snow, ice), the Haldex LSC activates/deactivates rapidly and automatically to ensure maximum safety.

Haldex LSC is:
- a compact stand-alone component for advanced torque transfer between two axles;
- a mechanical/hydraulic unit with integrated electronic control unit.
In Control, Regardless the Driving Situation

Controllability of the vehicle is an important promotional factor for All-Wheel-Drive. AWD provides enhanced road handling and is safer in all driving conditions.

Meeting these requirements, the Haldex LSC offers fully controllable torque transfer characteristics and extremely rapid activation and deactivation - automatically.

Maximum performance and safety is achieved in all driving situations, as shown here:

Parking
Low or zero torque transfer enables easy and comfortable manoeuvring in parking situations.

Acceleration
High torque transfer for maximum traction, instantly, on all four wheels.

Driving on slippery/wet roads
Swift activation of the coupling for maximum traction and safety depending on the slip of the wheels. The coupling communicates on-line with other safety systems in the vehicle.

Different tyre wear and pressure conditions
An algorithm in the ECU detects differences in the diameters of the tyres and compensates the characteristics accordingly.

Braking/ABS
ABS braking overrules the coupling to ensure full function of the ABS system.

Brake testing
Coupling is not activated until a preset engine speed is exceeded. This means that the coupling is not activated, even if the ignition is on.
**Towing**
Coupling is not activated until a preset engine speed is exceeded. The ignition can be on for lights etc. Towing with one axle lifted is not a problem.

**ESP**
Immediate deactivation on ESP signal to ensure full function of the ESP system. An alternative is to communicate with the ESP system to add the control possibility of the Haldex LSC to the ESP system.

**Run-flat-tyre**
Maintained traction capability and secured against damage.

**Off-road**
Instant activation with high torque transfer for maximum traction. Alternative, separate off-road mode (switch) to lock the coupling.
The design of the Haldex LSC is based on a Swedish patent acquired by the Haldex Group.

The unique design of the Haldex LSC comprises three functional parts:
- The hydraulic pump driven by the slip between the axles/wheels.
- The wet multi-plate clutch
- The controllable throttle valve with its electronics.

The unit can be viewed as a hydraulic pump in which the housing and an annular piston are connected to one shaft and a piston actuator is connected to the other.

The two shafts are connected via the wet multi-plate clutch pack, normally unloaded and thus transferring no torque between the shafts.

When both shafts are rotating at the same speed, there is no pumping action. When a speed difference occurs, the pumping starts immediately to generate oil flow. It is a piston pump, so there is a virtually instant reaction with no low-speed pumping loss.

The oil flows to a clutch piston, compressing the clutch pack and braking the speed difference between the axles. The oil returns to the reservoir via a controllable valve, which adjusts the oil pressure and the force on the clutch package.

In traction/high slip conditions, a high pressure is delivered: in tight curves (i.e. parking), or at high speeds - a much lower pressure is provided.
Mechanical - Hydraulic layout
The input shaft (on the right in the figure), has a flange in which rollers are positioned. The rollers operate between a cam curve at the end of the output shaft (on the left in the figure), and the annular pistons positioned in the housing.

Haldex LSC is equipped with three hydraulic pumping pistons. Pistons #1 and #2 are activated by differential speed between the input and output shafts. They start pumping oil to piston #3, which compresses the clutch package. The pumping is generated by rollers, and the pumping sequence is designed to create constant flow.

The oil flow is proportional to the speed difference. The higher the differential speed, the higher the oil flow. Actuation of the clutch package reduces the differential speed until it reaches equilibrium. The slip and the torque can be controlled by the integrated pressure sensor. The system is a closed loop.

Haldex LSC has a built-in over-load protection valve in parallel to the controllable throttle valve. The over-load protection valve protects the entire drive-train from excessive peak load and is preset to the customer’s specification.

To ensure the function and minimum activation time, the annular pistons are constantly in contact with the rollers via a low pressure, maintained by a small electric pump in the coupling. The pump works only when the vehicle’s engine is running. The coupling is deactivated when the engine is off, making it possible to tow the vehicle with one axle lifted.

Dimensions
Haldex LSC can be adapted to the available packaging space in the vehicle. Installation dimensions for two models are shown as examples.
Haldex LSC connects to the vehicle’s electrical system and to the data communication bus (i.e. the CAN-system), transmitting information on the driver’s actions, the engine, the transmission, the brakes and other on board systems.

Haldex LSC uses this information entirely for its control without the need for additional sensors. The available signals are received by the coupling’s processor and interpreted by the software. Continuous analysis of these data adjusts the characteristics of the coupling according to actual demand, without any active intervention by the driver.

The function of the coupling is automatically adjusted to prevailing conditions. When starting in sand for example, the shafts are coupled together as firmly as possible to obtain the best traction. When close cornering, i.e. parking, the shafts are uncoupled to allow easy manoeuvring.

The controllability of the Haldex LSC also makes it possible to use differently worn tyres, to tow the vehicle with one axle raised, and to maintain function when using Run-flat-tyres or Mini-Spare.

Haldex LSC can use any suitable signal available on CAN. Signals from the ABS and ESP systems and the engine control are vital for performance. For enhanced performance, signals from a steering wheel sensor, yaw sensor, lateral acceleration sensor can be used if available.
The Electronic Control Unit (ECU), integrated into the housing of the Haldex LSC, has been developed and designed by Haldex and Siemens VDO Automotive. The ECU is designed and produced to endure the rough environments to which the drive-train is constantly subjected, including vibrations and thermal variations.

**ECU Data**
- Infineon C167CS
- 16 bit RISC Controller
- CPU clock 20 MHz
- 256 kB flash memory

The ECU controls a valve which directs the torque transfer characteristics, ranging from fully open to fully closed.

The open position is used during ABS operation and when Stability Control Systems are activated. The valve opens in less the 60 ms. The closed position is used when accelerating and driving on soft ground.

The software program determines the control of the coupling. It comprises two main parts: base software and application software.

The base software controls the internal functions of the Haldex LSC. One example is compensating for the variations in the viscosity of the oil, within the operating temperature.

The application software communicates with other active systems in the vehicle via a data bus. It determines the vehicle state with the help of the read signals. Examples of received signals are: engine torque, engine revs and wheel speeds. From this estimated vehicle state, the optimum torque distribution is determined in each condition.

If the input signals are lost due to a failure in another ECU, the Haldex LSC enters a limp home mode, maintaining AWD. Every vehicle has its own requirement specification profile. This specification leads to different calibrations of the Haldex LSC. A multiple set of parameters are available in the software itself. Online, the application software will determine which set to use in the actual vehicle, e.g. estate or sports saloon.
Haldex LSC is installed in the drive-train of the vehicle to distribute the torque between the front and rear axles.

In a basically front wheel driven vehicle, Haldex LSC will transfer the torque to the rear axle, and vice versa for a rear wheel driven vehicle.

Examples of test and serial installation of the HLSC
Haldex Limited Slip Coupling:
State-of-the-art technology

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Coupling Lay-out
Haldex LSC is fast! With instant activation on differential speed, Haldex LSC provides high torque transfer within less than 15° wheel rotation.

The Haldex LSC needs very low difference rpm to maintain high torque transfer.

Haldex LSC is activated regardless of whether the input shaft is rotating faster or slower than the output shaft. This is a major advantage for the dynamic stability of the vehicle in acceleration or deceleration in combination with cornering or manoeuvring.

The torque transfer characteristics are controlled by the ECU, using the vehicle management information to adjust oil pressure via the throttle valve. With the controllable torque transfer characteristics of Haldex LSC, the vehicle performance does not need to be a compromise between traction, demanding high torque transfer, and manoeuvrability, demanding low torque transfer. The torque transfer is optimised for each driving situation - ensuring maximum safety and performance.

Torque transfer characteristics of the Haldex LSC. In normal driving conditions, the torque over the unit is controlled by the ECU. When a wheel start to spin, the coupling automatically and instantly stops the spinning. The maximum torque is set by the overload protection valve according to the vehicle manufacturer’s specification.
**Activation**
Due to the design with piston pumps, the reaction at start is instant. The diagram shows a max. acceleration from still stand - after 150 ms the slip on the driving wheels is completely stopped.

**Deactivation on ABS signal**
The diagram shows the pressure drop in the coupling when the ABS system is activated. The pressure, and thus the torque, decreases within 60 ms.
- **Green curve:** Brake activation
- **Yellow curve:** ABS activation
- **Purple curve:** Coupling pressure (base pressure is 4 bar).

**Driving in snow**
When driving in snow or other difficult conditions, the coupling is almost in Lock-Up. The differential speed is only 1-2 rpm between the driving axle and the secondarily driven axle.

**Activation of Over-load protection valve function**
The diagram shows the torque transfer in a coupling where the torque limitation is set to 1000 Nm. When max. torque is reached, the over-load protection valve opens and the torque is maintained at the pre-set value.
Haldex LSC has passed the toughest real-life tests
The design of the Haldex LSC has been adapted during years of development to meet the high demands on safety and performance required by the automotive industry. Haldex LSC has been subject to tough and intensive long-term tests on rally-cross competition tracks and in standard vehicles during conditions ranging from desert heat to arctic cold.

Haldex LSC has been tested over several years in extremely demanding conditions in the European Rally-Cross competition.

An extensive laboratory test program has been performed for verification of the design and performance of the Haldex LSC.

Temperature test  Vibration test
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**Haldex Traction Systems**

Within the Haldex Group, Haldex Traction AB is responsible for the manufacture and worldwide marketing of the advanced and flexible AWD-system designed and developed by Haldex.

Haldex Traction AB is located in the city of Landskrona, in the very south of Sweden. The Haldex Traction Division has 200 employees for product development, production and marketing. In Detroit, MI, Haldex has an office with engineers for support to US customers.

The Volkswagen Group (VW, Audi, Seat and Skoda), is the first major manufacturer to integrate the Haldex AWD-system.

Currently the Haldex AWD-system is introduced on the following vehicle models:
- Volkswagen Golf 4motion
- Volkswagen Bora 4motion
- Volkswagen Beetle Rsi
- Volkswagen Sharan
- Audi A3/S3 Quattro
- Audi TT Quattro
- Skoda Octavia 4x4
- Seat León
- Seat Alhambra
- Volvo S60 AWD
- Volvo V70 AWD
- Volvo XC 70
- Volvo XC 90
- Volvo S60R AWD
- Volvo V70R AWD

**Vision**

Haldex Traction shall be the No 1 supplier of AWD-systems.

**Business Idea**

To supply intelligent AWD-systems with premium vehicle dynamic performance.

**Policy**

Quality and Environment are integrated and obvious parts of all activities based on our three philosophies:
- Customer first
- Respect for the individual
- Elimination of waste

This means that all employees are responsible for:
- Customer satisfaction
- Continuous improvement
- Elimination of waste
- Prevention of pollution
- Creation of recyclable products
- Reduce health and safety risks in the workplace

We shall actively pursue the quality and environmental process by:
- Informing and educating our employees
- Create and follow up our quality and environmental goals and action plans
- Complying with requirements from customers, authority and in legislation
Haldex is an innovator in vehicle technology - supplying proprietary systems and components for trucks, cars and industrial vehicles worldwide. The Group encompasses four technology/product areas, with emphasis on vehicle dynamics - a future growth area.

**BRAKE SYSTEMS** - develops and markets a broad range of products and sub systems for air-brakes and suspensions in heavy commercial vehicles.

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With 4,100 employees and yearly sales exceeding 6 billion Swedish Kronor, Haldex is listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange (www.haldex.com).
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**Job Opportunities**

Haldex Traction har utvecklat ett system för 4-hjulsdrift som idag serielevereras till ett flertal bilmodeller inom Volkswagen-koncernen. Sedan juni 2001 serielevererar vi 4-hjulsdrift till Volvo.

Datorkomponent i Haldex LSC (Limited Slip Coupling) kommunicerar med bilens säkerhetssystem för låsningsfria bromsar (ABS), stabiliteitskontroll (ESP) och traktionsstyrning (TCS) och anpassar 4-hjulsdriften till varje körsituation. Detta ger bilen helt unika köregenskaper som ej kunnat åstadkommas med tidigare system.

Haldex Traction har tack vare dessa unika egenskaper uppnått en position som världens ledande leverantör av system för avancerad 4-hjulsdrift.

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**Utvecklingsingenjör - Mjukvara**

Vi söker Dig som kommer att vara med och utveckla mjukvaran till vårt realtidssystem. Du får delta i hela utvecklingskedjan, från specifikation via design och programmering till testning och provköring med kund.

**Du är:**
- Civil- eller högskoleingenjör med kunskaper i C-programmering av inbyggda system.

Du kommer bland annat att ansvara för mjukvaran i kundprojekt, varvid vi ser att Du har erfarenhet av projektstyrning och kundrelation. Kunskaper om RTOS och objektorienterad programmering är meriterande.

I tjänsten ingår omfattande kontakter med världens biltillverkare, varför Du måste behärska engelska i både tal och skrift samt gärna ytterligare något språk.

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