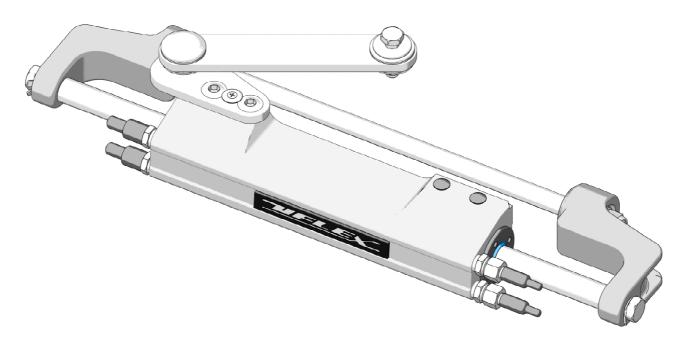
# **Installation and Maintenance Manual**

# HYDRAULIC CYLINDER FOR OUTBOARD ENGINES UC 130



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The additional documents "Application Guide" and "Spare Parts List" are attached to this manual.



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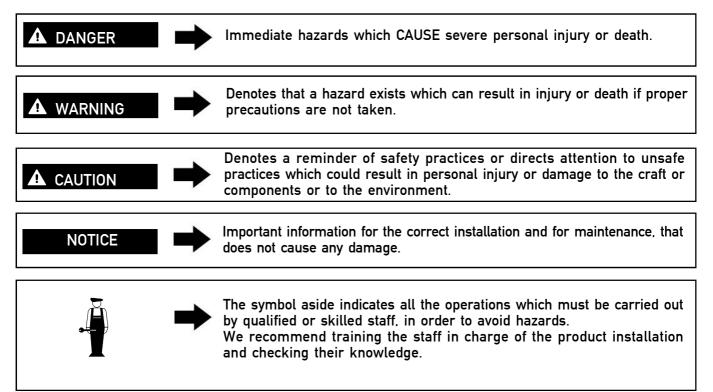


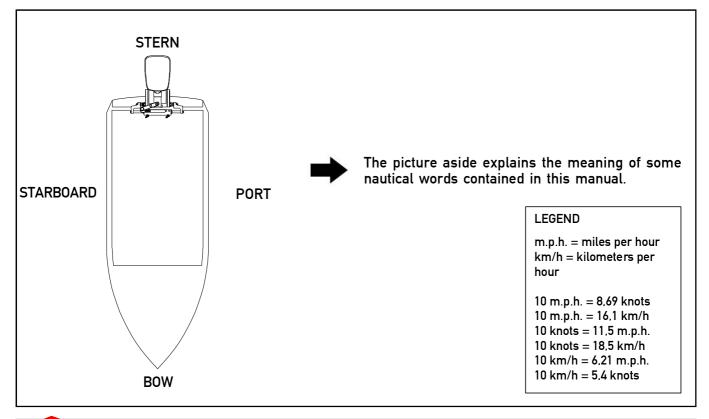
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THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL is the document accompanying the product from its sale to its replacement and discharge. The manual is an important part of the product itself.

It is necessary to read carefully the manual, before ANY ACTIVITY involving the product, handling and unloading included.

In this manual the following symbols are used to ensure the user safety and to guarantee the correct operation of the product:











# INTRODUCTION

This installation and maintenance manual represents an important part of the product and must be available to the people in charge of its use and maintenance.

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Our products are not intended for use in racing applications.

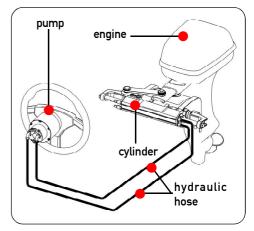


# **1 PRODUCT DESCRIPTION**

# **1.1 Hydraulic steering system operation**

All **UFLEX** hydraulic steering systems are designed in conformity with UNI-EN-ISO 10592 and A.B.Y.C. P21 regulations. All **UFLEX** steering systems can operate at temperatures between -18°C (0°F) and +77°C (+170°F). All the components are made for the marine environment, using materials and working processes which offer long life and safety under the most extreme conditions. A hydraulic steering system consists of a

steering pump, a cylinder tied to the rudder or to the outboard or sterndrive engine and the connecting hoses (see picture). Under normal operating conditions, a turn of the steering wheel will pump the oil, which flows in through the hoses to the cylinder, according to the turn direction. With the consequent cylinder movement the oil will flow to the pump through the hoses and at the same time moves the engine or the helm which are connected to the cylinder. The pumps are equipped with a valve, which prevents outgoing fluid from returning along the same hose. It also allows the operation of the steering systems with two or more steering stations. The cylinders are double acting and may be balanced or unbalanced. In the unbalanced cylinders the two chambers have different volumes and so they need a different number of turns of the steering wheel and a different rotation effort. The balanced cylinders have same number of steering wheel turns in order to move the helm from the



center to the end stroke in the two opposite directions. A well balanced steering system needs a correct choice of the pump for the cylinder. **UFLEX** produces different pump models, which have different capacity (cm<sup>3</sup> of oil moved each steering wheel turn) and for each type of installation. While choosing the pump it is important to consider the cylinder volume. The number of starboard and port turns is determined by the ratio between the cylinder volume and the pump capacity.

**Example**: if the pump has a capacity of 28 cm<sup>3</sup>[1,7cu.in.] and the cylinder has a volume of 120 cm<sup>3</sup>[7,3cu.in.], the formula looks like this: 120/28=4,2. Accordingly, the steering wheel will turn 4.2 times before the cylinder will completely turn from one side to the other. In case of installations with double cylinders connected in parallel the cylinder volume must be added. Applications with less than 4 turns are not recommended, as they need a higher effort, also applications with more than 8 turns are also not recommended, as the response of the boat to steer is slowly. The maximum operating pressure is 7,0MPa (70 bar) (1000 PSI).

# 1.2 Warnings for the product correct use

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Before beginning the installation, check the mounting compatibility of the UC130 cylinder to the engine by consulting the attached document "Application Guide" contained in the packaging.

### **DANGER**

Do not modify the steering cylinder in any way to fit it to your engine application, otherwise the cylinder will no longer operate in safety and it will endanger the boat and the occupants.

# WARNING

All **UFLEX** steering systems must not be installed on boats equipped with engines whose maximum horsepower is higher than the horsepower rating approved by boat manufacturer.

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**UFLEX** hydraulic steering systems should not be used in racing applications.

### **DANGER**

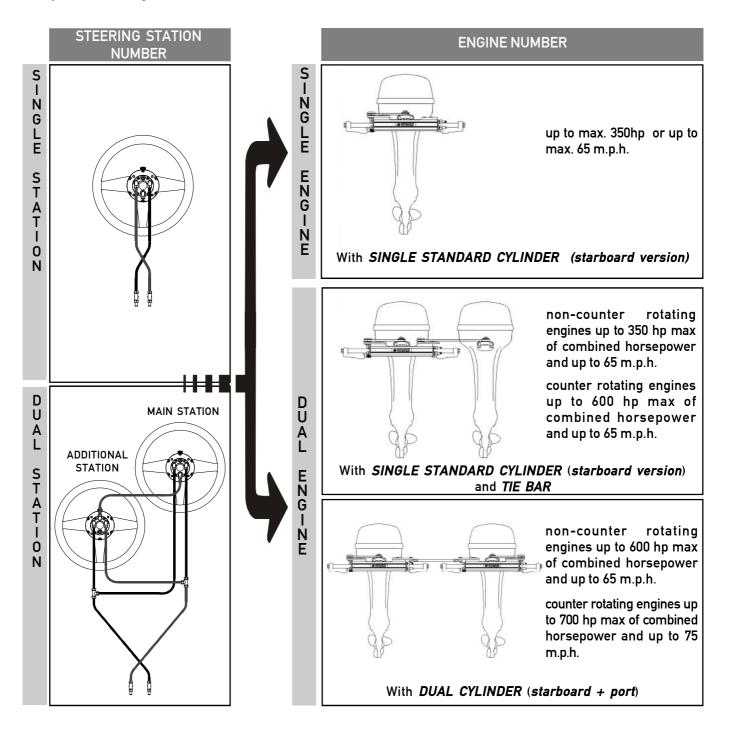
To avoid product damage, do not disassemble pre-assembled components.

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# **1.3 Configurations**

The hydraulic cylinder for outboard engine UC130 model can be installed with different configurations according to the number and the type of engines used with a single or dual engine steering system. The possible configurations are:



#### NOTICE

On request, triple outboard engine applications are available. For detailed information, please contact **UFLEX** Assistance Service.

#### **DANGER**

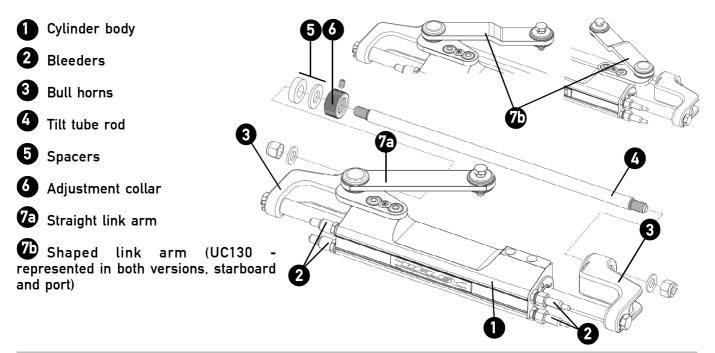
Dual engine installations require the use of a tie bar.



# 1.4 UC130 cylinder description

UC130 is a hydraulic outboard front mount cylinder which has been designed and manufactured to be used as a component in the hydraulic steering systems, as described in the previous paragraph.

The cylinder is installed to the tilt tube rod of the available engines on the market as shown in the attached document "Application guide". It is possible to meet all the different cylinder applications due to the three different link arms and a proper spacer kit. For the dual engine application, the single cylinder must be mounted with a tie bar (see par. 1.3) or two cylinders (standard + port) connected by a tie bar can be used. In the standard version the link arm is mounted on the starboard side, while in the port version it is mounted on the port side (see picture in par. 1.5). The following picture shows the main cylinder components:



# **1.5 Technical features**

SPECIFICATIONS	UC 130	
Volume	130 cm³	
Output force*	7.39kN @105bar (1500PSI)	
Inside diameter	Ø36mm	
Stroke	185 mm	
Oil	OL150 Ultraflex	545 mm
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STANDARD VERSION (STARBOARD)		PORT VERSION

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\*The cylinder output force is a theoretical force with a system pressure of 105 bar. This force does not correspond to the one normally used by the system but it represents the limiting conditions of use.



# **2 TRANSPORT**

# **2.1 General warnings**

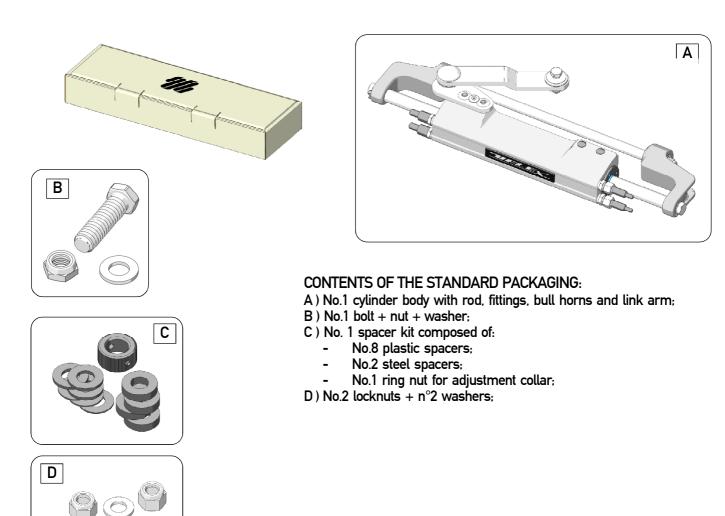
The product weight with its packaging is 8kg (18 pounds) and so it can be handled manually.

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The staff in charge of handling must operate with protective gloves and safety shoes.

# **2.2 Packaging contents**

Before using the equipment check that the product has not been damaged during transport. Also make sure that all the standard components are in the packaging (see list). In case of damage, notify the claim to the forwarder and inform the supplier.



# **CAUTION**

The packaging must be disposed of according to the existing laws.

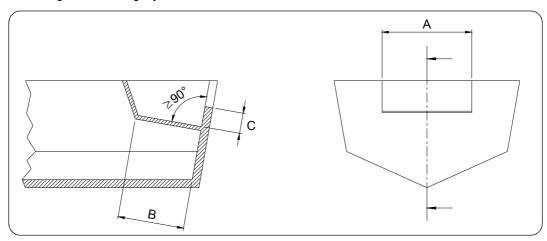




# **3 INSTALLATION**

# **3.1 Minimum transom requirements**

The following picture shows the minimum splash well dimensions. These dimensions must be respected in order to prevent the cylinder from being damaged when the outboard engine is completely tilted upwards. The picture shows also the minimum transom dimensions, needed for the installation and the correct operation of the engine steering cylinder.



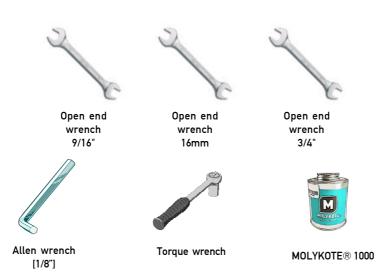
MINIMUM SPLASH WELL DIMENSION REQUIREMENTS			
Engine No.	А	В	C
1	560 mm - 21.25"	152 mm - 5.98"	152 mm - 5.98"
2	1110 mm - 43.70"	152 mm - 5.98"	152 mm - 5.98"

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#### ENGINE JACK PLATE APPLICATION TO THE TRANSOM.

A jack plate installation will change all the application clearances. A new clearance check must be completed with the tilting of the engine in conjunction with the vertical movement of the jack plate in all the possible positions. If the steering cylinder comes into contact with the splash well, transom and/or jack plate, **stop the installation immediately!** Use the jack plate manufacturer's instructions to limit the upper or lower direction in which the interference occurs. If this is not possible please contact specialized staff.

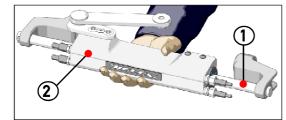
# **3.2 Necessary tools**





# 3.3 Standard (starboard) cylinder installation •

1 After removing the protective caps of the fittings, manually center the rod (1) on the cylinder body (2).

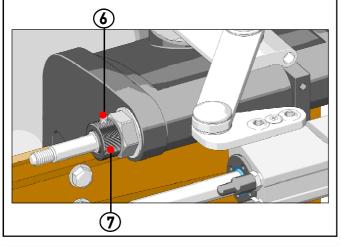


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During this phase an oil leak from the fittings can occur. This oil must not be discharged into the sea in any case.

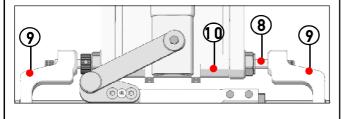
2 Position the engine straight so that its arm is perpendicular to the transom.

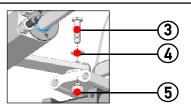
4 Fit the set screw (6) on the adjustment collar (7) and screw it to the right side of the tilt tube until it comes into contact with the tilt tube stop nut, even in case of port applications.



6 Grease the tilt tube rod (8). by using marine grease.

7 Insert the tilt tube rod (8) through the right and left bull horns (9) and the tilt tube (10) as shown in the picture.





3 With reference to the application instructions contained in the Application Guide, position screw (3) and washer (4), connect the link arm to the tiller arm. tighten screw (3) by using a 14mm wrench with a torque of 54[Nm] (40 [lb[ff]). Tighten the self-locking nut (5) by using a 9/16" wrench with a torque of 27[Nm] (20 [lb[ff]). After tightening locknut (5), check for the right torque 54[Nm] (40 [lb[ff]) of screw (3).

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In order to tighten screw (3) and the self-locking nut (5) on the tiller arm, ask your mechanic the maximum allowed torque. If it is lower than that shown in this manual, always use the torque indicated by your mechanic.

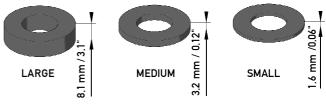
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If the self-locking nut (5) is disassembled, replace it. (Contact our technical assistance service, see page 6).

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It is important to check periodically, at least every 3 months (or every month for professional uses), the right torque of this screw (3) and of the locknut (5).

5 With reference to the' "Application Guide" choose the spacers for the tilt tube rod.

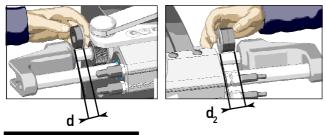


### NOTICE

In this phase ensure that the cylinder body is centered on the rod and that the engine is perpendicular to the transom.

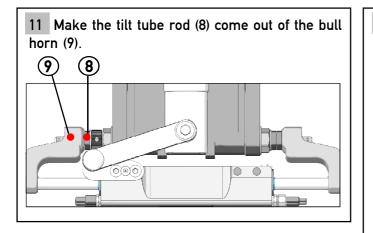
The number and position of the spacers shown in the Application guide are indicative only.

8 Choose and check the spacers to fill the gap between ring nut and bullhorn d and d<sub>2</sub> between tilt tube and bull horn considering the thickness of the stainless washer.



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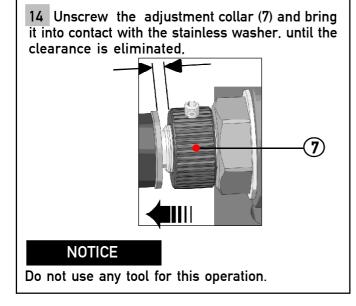
Always leave a minimum clearance between spacers and bull horn in order to allow the rod tilting in the tilt tube.



13 Make sure the engine can tilt.

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If while tilting the engine is blocked, reduce the overall dimensions of the spacers.



9 Once the correct spacers have been chosen, remove the tilt tube rod.

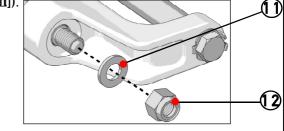
10 Insert the tilt tube rod through a bull horn, then position the spacers chosen between the bull horn and the tilt tube.

Insert the tilt tube rod by making it come out on the opposite side of the tilt tube and position the spacers.

#### NOTICE

Both the stainless steel spacers must be positioned towards the tilt tube on the opposite side of the bull horns to avoid their wear during engine lifting and lowering.

12 Insert the washers (11) on the two ends of the tilt tube rod, grease the locknut thread (12) with some anti-seize grease type MOLYKOTE® 1000 or a similar one. Then screw them by using a 3/4" wrench and tighten them with a torque of 70[Nm] (52[lb[ft]).



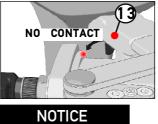
# CAUTION

If the locknuts are disassembled, replace them. (Contact our assistance service, see page 6).

15 Check the correct cylinder installation by moving manually the engine on the right and on the left.

#### NOTICE

The rotation must be as symmetric as possible between port and starboard so that the steering angle is the same on both sides.



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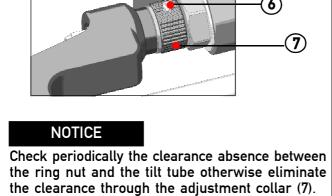
The engine must stop through the cylinder end stroke without coming into contact with the mechanical stop (13) on the engine.

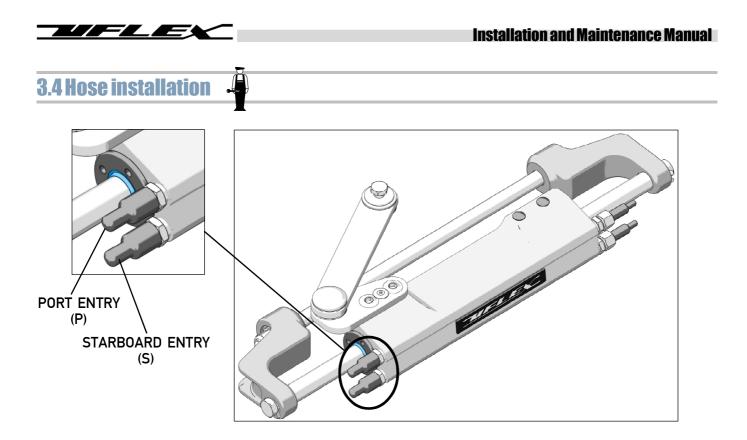
Otherwise it is necessary to modify the installation, by changing the thickness of the spacers and by repeating the procedure from point 9.

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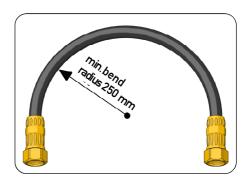
18 Tighten the set screw (6) on the adjustment collar (7) by using an 1/8" wrench with a torque of 3[Nm] (2 [lb[f]]).





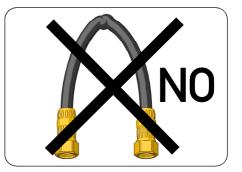
Screw the hoses on the cylinder fittings with a torque of 20[Nm] (15[lb[ff]) according to the following instructions:

- minimum hose bend radius 250 mm;
- no interference during engine tilting;
- no interference with the transom;



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An excessive hose bend could result in its internal breaking which will cause a bad operation of the system. In this case it is necessary to replace the damaged hose.



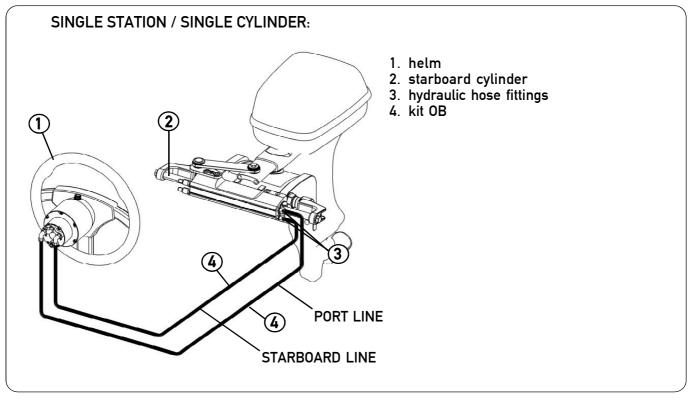


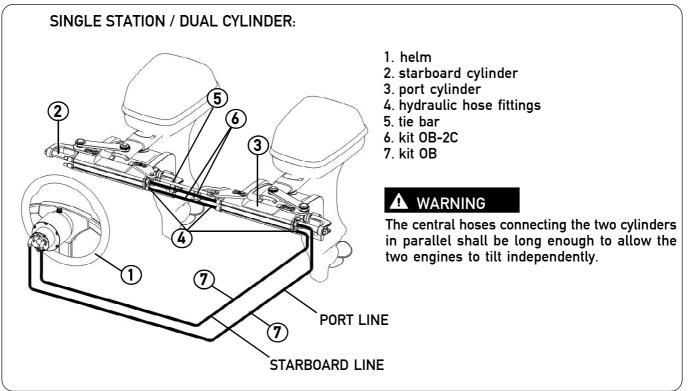
# **3.5 Type of installation**

The UC130 hydraulic cylinder for outboard engines can be installed with different configurations according to the number and the type of engines used with a single or dual steering system. The possible configurations are:

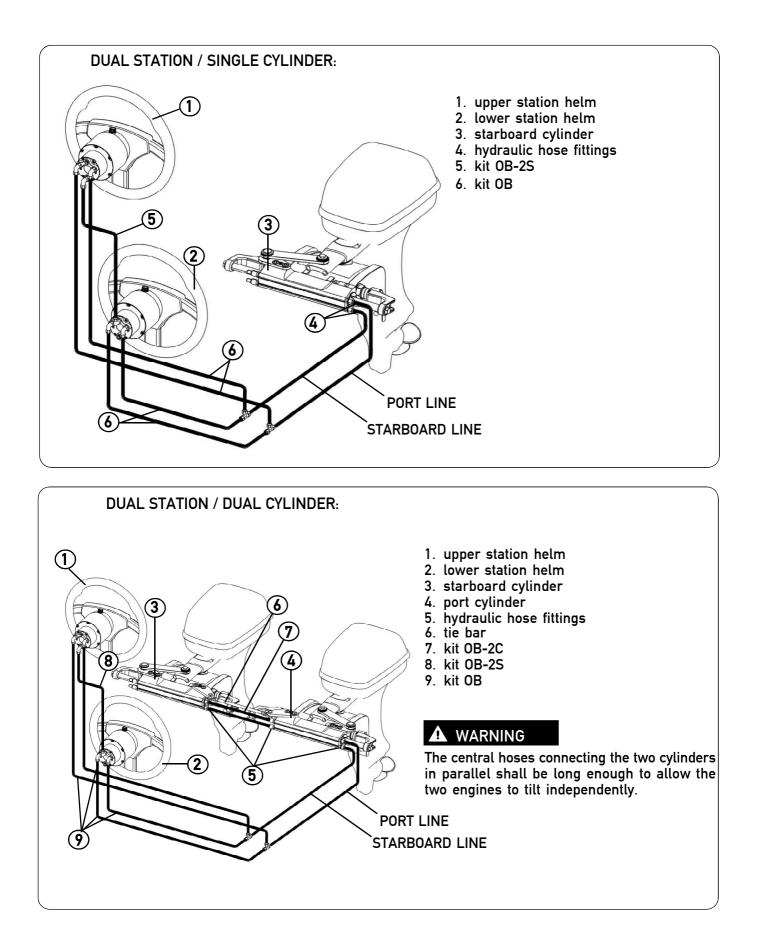
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Connect hoses as shown in the following pictures:









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### 3.6 Filling and purging

After the first installation and after maintenance operations it is necessary to fill the system with hydraulic oil. This operation must avoid the air in the system, to ensure the good system operation. The hydraulic system must be filled from the highest point of the system, which means from the upper steering station.

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To avoid air bubbles in the oil, it is necessary to fill the tank slowly.

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The filling and bleeding operations must be carried out at least by two operators

#### NOTICE

The filling and purging operations can be facilitated by using the automatic purging equipment BUBBLE BUSTER (supplied separately).

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Use **UFLEX** oil or other compatible oils.

Hydraulic oil OIL15 has been specifically formulated for **UFLEX** to ensure high quality performance level of **UFLEX** products throughout time.

The special mix of anti-wear and stabilizing components of OIL15 allow ensuring great results as far as the product duration and performances are concerned in several environmental conditions. **UFLEX** is not to be held responsible for any damages or performance deterioration if oils different from OIL15 are used.

### **DANGER**

Do NOT use ATF Dexron II transmission oils or brake oils which could cause the steering system seizing.

Oils which are compatible with OIL15 **UFLEX** are:

- Shell Tellus T15 and Shell Tellus T22
- Mobil DTE 11M

#### NOTICE

**UFLEX** will not be able to ensure the compatibility of the above mentioned oils with OIL15 if the oil manufacturers vary their formulation. Under no circumstances **UFLEX** is to be held responsible for any damages or performance deterioration.

In the days after the filling, check the oil level; if necessary top off the system.

At the beginning the oil level can lower, as small amounts of air can be released in a homogeneous way. According to the types of installation, it is necessary to carry out the different bleeding procedures, as it follows.



# **3.6.1 Positioning of the oil bottle**

To carry out this operation, it is necessary to use the oil filling kit (1 needle, 1 transparent pipe, 1 pipe connection and 1 spout for the oil bottle). This kit is NOT supplied.

- Remove the pump cap and insert the fittings.
- Attach the spout to a new bottle of hydraulic oil and connect the hose to the fittings and the bottle spout.
- Turn the bottle upside down and pierce it with the pin, as shown in the picture, to ease the oil passage towards the pump. Fill the pump until no air bubbles are visible in the hose.

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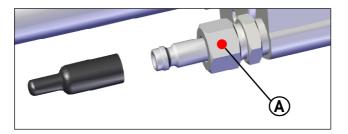
While replacing the oil bottle, during the filling process, close all the bleed valves of the cylinder/s. To bleed the system, check that oil is always present in the filling hose. If some air is in the system during the bleeding process, the whole bleeding process must be started again.

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Replace the bottle before it empties and use recovered oil only after 24 hours.

# 3.6.2 Single steering station/ single cylinder

- Unscrew the two bleed valve protections and loosen 1.5 turns max. the nuts "A" of the two bleed valves.



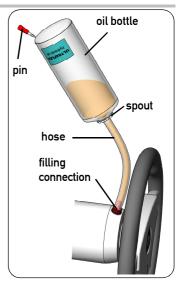
- Unscrew the two bleed valves and manually push the cylinder body to one side until it stops as shown in picture 1.
- Position the oil bottle as explained in paragraph 3.6.1.
- Close the bleed valve on the cylinder end stroke side and put a purged oil tank near the other bleed valve (as shown in picture 2).
- Turn the steering wheel slowly (as shown in picture 2) so that the oil can come out of hoses,

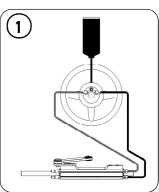
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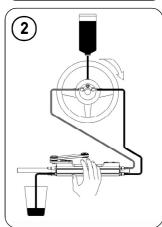
Hold the cylinder body with the hand to prevent movements caused by the air present in the cylinder chamber (picture 2).

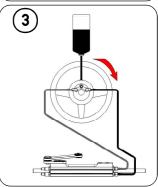
- When the oil comes out of the bleed valve (without air bubbles), close the bleed valve and continue to turn the steering wheel in the same direction to fill the cylinder chamber (picture 3).

During this phase the cylinder body will move to the opposite direction up to the end stroke.











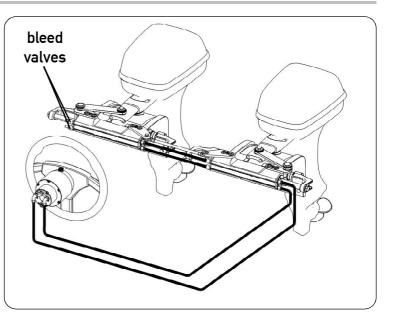
- Open the other bleed valve and move purged oil tank to the other side. Holding the cylinder body in this position, turn the steering wheel as shown in picture 4, until oil without air bubbles comes out of the bleed valve. Then close the bleed valve.
- Repeat the entire procedure to ensure the absence of air in the system.

#### NOTICE

The described procedure is the same even in case of single station, dual engine, single cylinder and tie bar.

# 3.6.3 Single steering station/ dual cylinder

- Manually unscrew the two bleed valves on the hydraulic hose fittings and push the cylinders to one side up to the end stroke.
- Position the oil bottle as described in paragraph 3.6.1.
- Follow the same bleeding procedure described for the single steering station / single cylinder (paragraph 3.6.2). While turning the steering wheel be careful because both cylinders move.
- Repeat the entire procedure several times to ensure the air absence in the system.



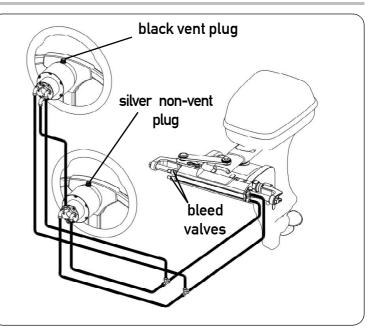
# 3.6.4 Dual steering station/ single cylinder

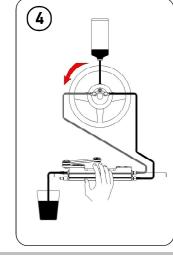
- Manually unscrew the two bleed valves on the hydraulic hose fittings and push the cylinder to one side up to the end stroke.
- Position the oil bottle near the main steering station (upper) according to what is described in paragraph 3.6.1.

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Wait until the oil reaches the lower tank and both tanks are filled.

- Follow the same bleeding procedure described in paragraph 3.6.2 starting from the lower station and repeat it for the upper station.







For the additional steering station (lower) tank use only the silver non-vent plug (supplied with the "kit OB-2S"). For the main steering station (upper) tank use only the black vent plug.

- Repeat the procedure at least 3 times to ensure the absence of air in the system.

#### NOTICE

The purging procedure is the same for dual station, dual motor, single cylinder and tie bar.

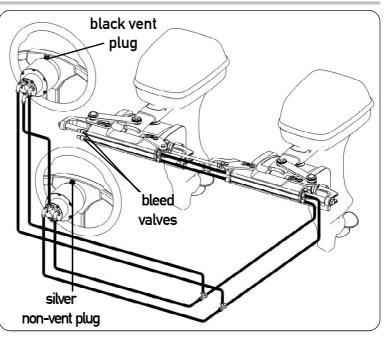
# 3.6.5 Dual steering station/dual cylinder

- Manually unscrew the two bleed valves on the hydraulic hose fittings and push the cylinders to one side up to the end stroke.
- Position the oil bottle near the main steering station (upper) according to what is described in paragraph 3.6.1.

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Wait until the oil reaches the lower tank and both tanks are filled.

- Follow the same purging procedure described in paragraph 3.6.2 starting from the lower station and repeat it for the upper station.



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For the additional steering station (lower) tank use only the silver non-vent plug (supplied with the "kit OB-2S"). For the main steering station (upper) tank use only the black vent plug.

- Repeat the entire procedure at least 4 times to ensure the absence of air in the system.

# **3.7 General recommendation**

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It is very important to check the absence of air in the system before using the boat! We recommend trying to manually move the engine towards port and starboard, making sure that there is no movement of the cylinder body on the main cylinder shaft.

If the cylinder body moves more than 1/6 inches (15mm), there is still air in the system. The air presence in the system can cause bad responses to the controls and so it can cause damage, injuries or death.

# **4 SAFETY WARNINGS**

This section shows the safety rules which must be followed for the correct equipment operation. We recommend reading carefully this section and also the other manuals supplied with the steering system components.

# 4.1 Safety warnings during use and installation

**RESPECT STRICTLY** the following safety rules:

**UFLEX** declines all responsibility in case the user does not follow these rules and it is not responsible for negligence during the use of the system.

# DANGER

- DO NOT PUT HANDS BETWEEN THE MOVING PARTS.
- Do not disable the safety devices.
- Do not modify or add devices to the system, without **UFLEX** written authorization or technical intervention which will prove the modification.
- Do not use the equipment for a purpose different from the one it has been designed for, which is specified in the installation and maintenance manual.
- Do not let non-specialized staff perform the installation.
- Do not disassemble the hydraulic connections before bleeding the oil in the system completely. The hoses can contain high pressure oil.

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- Do not put the feet on the cylinder.
- Check the system after the installation and the purging but before operating the vessel. Turn the steering wheel until the cylinder/s reaches/reach the end stroke.

Turn the steering wheel to the opposite direction. Repeat on each installed helm to verify the correct installation and the system operation.

- Carefully use sealing fluid (such as Loctite). If it reaches the hydraulic system, it may cause damage and mechanical failure.
- Do not use teflon tape or adhesive tape to seal the fittings, as this material may be ingested, by causing the system fail.
- During the system installation, prevent foreign matters from entering the system. Even a little object may cause lasting damage that are not detected immediately.
- Avoid too narrow bend radius of hoses.
- Avoid the hose contact with edges or sharp corners.
- Avoid the hose contact with heat sources.

# 4.2 Clothing

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During installation, inspection or maintenance,

IT IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN to wear necklaces, bracelets or clothes which could get caught in the moving parts.



# **5 MAINTENANCE**

# **5.1 Ordinary maintenance**

# WARNING

Poor installation and maintenance may result in loss of steering and cause property damage and/or personal injury. Maintenance requirements change according to climate, frequency and the use. Inspections are necessary at least every year and must be carried out by specialized marine mechanics. Check the cylinder fittings and the seals and the helm gaskets to prevent leaks. Replace them if necessary. To keep a suitable oil level in the tank, fill and bleed the system as described in this manual in paragraph 3.6. Check the hose and the entire system wear, the nut and bolt tightening every six months and make sure that they are not damaged. Clean the system using water and non-abrasive soap.

# WARNING

Use only compatible hydraulic oils, indicated in the paragraph "technical features" and "filling and bleeding ". Do not use brake oils or automatic transmission fluid (ATF) in any case.

# WARNING

After the first 10 hours of use and then periodically check the connection integrity and tightening.

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If the self-locking nuts are disassembled, replace them. (Contact our assistance service, see page 6).

# **5.2 Head replacement**

If, after some time, oil leakages due to normal wear or poor maintenance are detected from head gaskets, replace them.

### WARNING

If worn heads are not replaced, the cylinder cannot work properly, thus jeopardizing the safety of the user.

**UFLEX** supplies a proper kit containing the components to be used for replacement.

#### NOTICE

The kit is supplied with the replacement instructions.





# **5.3 Troubleshooting**

# WARNING

Whenever the following checks need the removal and/or disassembly of the steering system components, such work must be carried by specialized staff. **UFLEX** offers general information only and is not responsible for any consequences resulting from incorrect disassembly.

PROBLEM	CAUSE	SOLUTION
During the filling, the steering system becomes completely jammed.	<ul> <li>Blockage in the hoses between steering system and cylinder.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Replace hoses.</li> <li>WARNING</li> <li>The damaged hose must be replaced, otherwise it may cause loss of steering and severe personal injury or property damage.</li> </ul>
The system is very difficult to fill. Air keeps bubbling at the top of the steering system tank even after filling the	• Air in the system.	<ul> <li>Repeat the filling and the bleeding procedure of the system.</li> <li>Install horizontally the hoses and in any case with a maximum inclination of 3cm each meter.</li> </ul>
system completely.	<ul> <li>Leaks from the cylinder bleeder.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tighten the bleeder on the cylinder.</li> </ul>
	• Coiled hose.	<ul> <li>Uncoil and straighten the hose.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Helm has been mounted upside down.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mount the helm with the filling hole in up position.</li> </ul>
The steering system is stiff and hard to turn, even	• Restrictions in hoses or fittings.	<ul> <li>Look for and remove the restriction.</li> </ul>
when the boat is not moving.	• Air in oil	<ul> <li>Repeat the filling and the bleeding procedure of the system.</li> </ul>
The steering system is stiff and hard to turn, even when the boat is not moving.	• Wrong oil has been used.	<ul> <li>Drain the filling and bleeding system.</li> <li>WARNING</li> <li>UFLEX is not responsible for damage caused by fluids that are not recommended in this manual and so the warranty is cancelled.</li> </ul>
The steering system is stiff and hard to turn, even when the boat is not moving, if unbalanced cylinders are used.	• Dirt in the valve.	A WARNING Do not use the boat and contact a specialized technician for the valve cleaning.

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The steering system is easy to turn at the dock but becomes hard to turn when the boat is in motion.	<ul> <li>The steering wheel is too small.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Replace the steering wheel with a bigger one.</li> <li>WARNING</li> <li>Only within the maximum dimensions allowed by the helm.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Incorrect setting of the torque tab.</li> </ul>	• Adjust the torque tab.
	• Air in oil.	<ul> <li>Check the oil level and repeat the bleeding procedure as explained in this manual.</li> </ul>
When the steering wheel is turned, the rod	• Air in the system.	<ul> <li>Repeat the filling and bleeding procedure of the system.</li> </ul>
(movable rod cylinders) or the body (fixed cylinder rod) of the	• Oil leak.	<ul> <li>Look for the leak and contact specialized staff.</li> </ul>
cylinder do not move.	• Helm mounted upside down.	<ul> <li>Mount the helm with the filling hole in up position.</li> </ul>
Leaks from steering system fittings.	<ul> <li>Bad tightening or low torque of the fittings.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tighten the fittings with a maximum torque of 20Nm (15 in.lbs).</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Lack of fitting sealant.</li> <li>WARNING</li> <li>Never use teflon tape or adhesive tape on any fitting.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Drain and disassemble the steering system. Remove the fittings and remove the oil from threads. Put the sealant on the fittings and tighten them, install the helm.</li> <li>WARNING</li> </ul>
	······································	After this operation it is necessary to carry out another bleeding.
Leaks from the tank plug.	• Bad tightening of the plug.	Tighten the plug.
	<ul> <li>The vent plug (black) on the additional helm is in the lower position.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Replace the vent plug (black) with the plug for the additional helm kit (silver).</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Worn and damaged seal.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Replace the plug.</li> </ul>
	• Too high oil level.	<ul> <li>Follow the procedure to maintain the suitable oil level, which is described in the pump manual.</li> </ul>





# **6 DISMANTLING**

# **6.1 Dismantling**

When for any reason, the steering system is put out of service, it is necessary to follow some rules in order to respect the environment.

Sheaths, pipelines, plastic or non-metallic components must be disassembled and disposed of separately.

The steering system CONTAINS POLLUTING OILS which must be disposed of according to the rules in force in the country.









# **Installation instructions**

# HEAD REPLACEMENT KIT UC 130 CYLINDER











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- constantly test the products to verify their conformity with the 2013/53/EU.



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# INTRODUCTION

This installation and maintenance manual represents an important part of the product and must be available to the people in charge of its use and maintenance.

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To ensure the correct product and component operation, the product must be installed by qualified staff. In case of part damage or malfunction, please contact the qualified staff or our Technical Assistance Service.

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- 2. Exclusions. This limited warranty does not cover and does not extend to any of the following:

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# **Return policy**

Any product that is presumed defective should be reported to UFLEX USA within 48 hours of receipt or discovery in the field. Upon notification UFLEX USA will attempt to troubleshoot the problem with our customer over the phone. If we are unable to resolve the problem UFLEX will issue a Return Goods Authorization number and we require that the product in question be returned to UFLEX with all its parts in its original packaging. The product should be returned freight prepaid to:

UFLEX USA RGA Department - RGA # 6442 Parkland Drive Sarasota, Florida 34243

Upon receipt UFLEX will examine the product to determine the cause of the defect. If the product is determined to have a defect in workmanship or material, it will be repaired at our discretion.

Our warranty does not cover labor, towing or other expenses. Further, it does not cover products that have been improperly installed, damaged in installation, misapplied, or misused.

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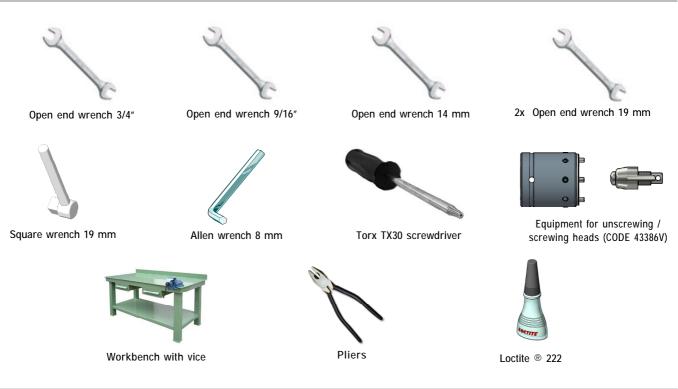


This kit must be used with hydraulic cylinders for outboard engines UC 130 only.

### **CAUTION**

During each disassembly phase, put the cylinder in a suitable position to prevent Loctite ® residues from falling into it.

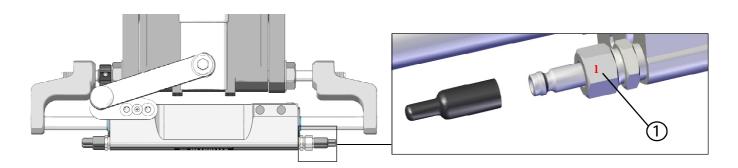
# NECESSARY TOOLS



# SYSTEM DRAINING

Before removing the cylinder from the tilt tube, it is necessary to completely drain the oil from the system. This operation must be carried out by skilled staff.

1 Unscrew the two bleed valve protections "1".



2 While turning the steering wheel, push the cylinder body to one side until it stops as shown in picture A on the following page.

3 Open bleed valve "1" and put a tank to collect oil (refer to picture B on the following page).

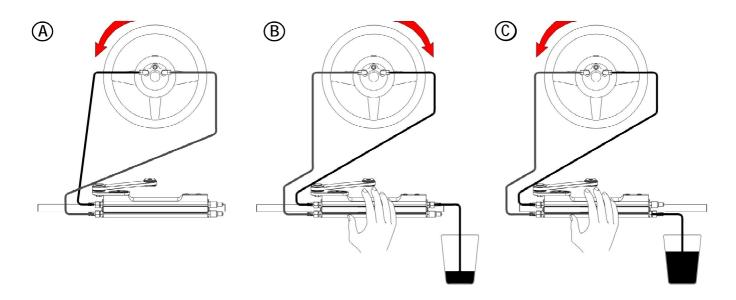
Turn the steering wheel slowly (as shown in the picture) so that the oil can come out through the hoses and the bleed valve.

#### **NOTE**

Hold the cylinder body with the hand to prevent movements.

4 Close bleed valve "1", open the other valve and move the purged oil tank to the other side. Holding the cylinder body in this position, turn the steering wheel slowly as shown in the picture, until the oil contained in the whole circuit is completely drained through the bleed valve.

Then close the bleed valve.



Repeat the entire procedure to ensure the absence of oil in the system.



Never pour the oil into the sea.

Now proceed with the head disassembly.



# **CYLINDER REMOVAL**

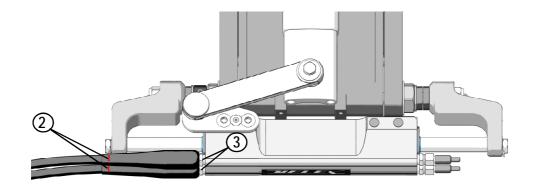
# **CAUTION**

Before replacing heads, remove the cylinder from the engine then carry out the necessary operations on a workbench.

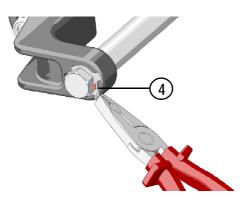
# **CAUTION**

During removal, any worn and unusable component must be replaced. Undamaged components or parts in good conditions can be reused.

5 Remove hoses "2" from fittings "3" on the cylinder and put the caps supplied with the kit (2 on the cylinder and 2 on the hoses).



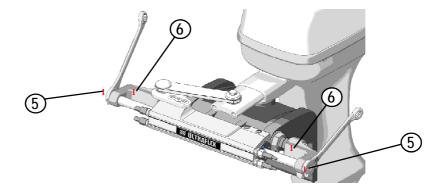
6 Open lock washers "4".



7 By using a 18mm wrench, loosen screws "5" fastening bullhorns "6" to the rod.

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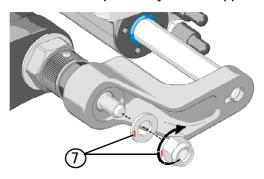
In case it is necessary to replace only one head, remove just a bullhorn from the rod.



8 By using a 3/4" wrench, remove nuts and their washers "7" on the two ends of the tilt tube rod.

#### **NOTE**

Eliminate the nuts and washers which will be replaced by those supplied with the kit.



# **HEAD REPLACEMENT**

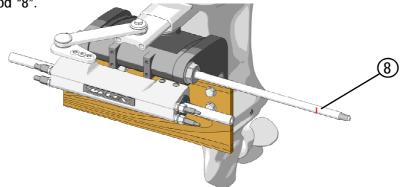
#### NOTE

Heads must be replaced on a workbench provided with suitable vice.

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Replace one head at a time to prevent the piston from coming out of its seat and subsequently from damaging its gasket irreparably.

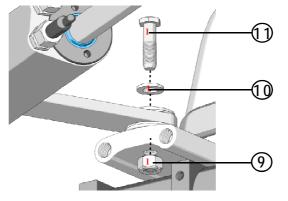
9 Remove tilt tube rod "8".



10 By means of a 9/16" wrench, remove nut "9" connecting the arm to the engine, then remove washer "10" and screw "11" with a 16mm wrench.

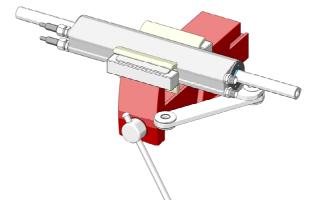
### **NOTE**

Hold the cylinder to prevent its falling.





11 Fasten the cylinder to the vice protecting its body conveniently (for example, by using plastic parts).



12 Move piston "12" to one head side until it stops.

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This will allow the removal of the head on the opposite side only.

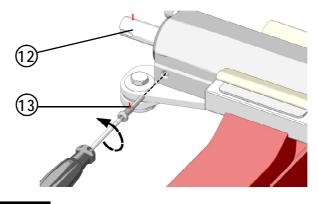
Remove the safety screw "13" by using a TORX TX30 screwdriver.

### **NOTE**

Eliminate the safety screw that will be replaced by the one supplied with the kit.

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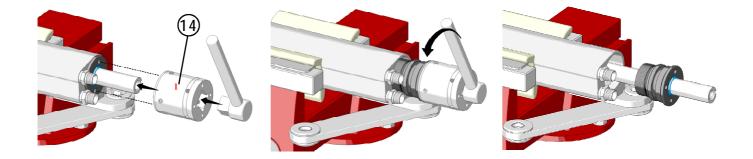
When removing the safety screw, make sure that Loctite ® residues do not fall into the cylinder.



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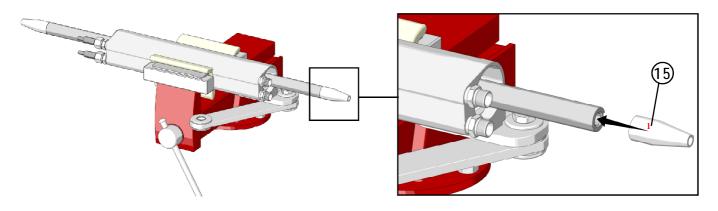
In order to remove the head and install the new one, only use kit Ultraflex code no. 43386V, which is <u>NOT</u> <u>SUPPLIED WITH THE "HEAD REPLACEMENT KIT"</u>.

13 Place the proper tool "14", taking care to insert the 4 pivots of the head into the front holes. By means of a 19 mm square wrench, unscrew the head to be replaced.





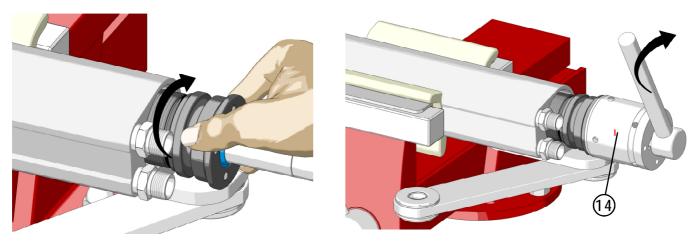
14 Put the cone-shaped tool "15" on the end of the rod. The aim is avoiding the gaskets to be damaged while inserting the head.



15 Apply marine grease in the internal part of the new head by using a brush.

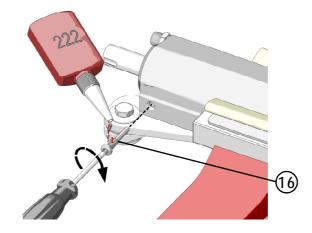


16 Tighten the head manually, then tighten it with a torque of 90 [Nm] (66,38 [lb ft]), by means of the proper tool "14".





17 Pour a drop of Loctite ® 222 on the new safety screw "16" supplied with the kit and tighten it in its seat by using a TORX TX30 screwdriver with a torque of 4-5 [Nm] (3.7 [lb ft]).



### ▲ NOTE

Remove the special tool for the head insertion from the rod.

18 Move the piston to the other side until it stops and repeat the operations described from point 9 to point 15 to replace the second head.

19 Install the cylinder following the instructions provided in paragraph 3.3 of the UC 130 manual.

20 Carry out the system filling and draining procedure as described in pargraph 3.6 of the UC 130 manual.