Hytec’s workholding devices include many types of hydraulic clamps that will handle most clamping applications. All of our hydraulic clamps are ideal for applications where it is necessary for the clamping actuator to be moved away from the workpiece. They perform the same function as clamping cylinders, but their ability to swing or retract out of the way of cutters, plus the advantage of quick and easy part loading or unloading, makes them the perfect choice for the jobs with special workholding needs.

Swing/Pull Clamps
Both the swinging and clamping functions are performed by a single actuator: as the clamp’s cylinder is retracted, the rod rotates, causing the clamping arm to swing into position. Clamping then takes place as the cylinder continues to retract, pulling the arm against the workpiece.

Hytec features a family of “live roller” swing clamps. With this design, the swing mechanism uses a wide roller that follows a cam throughout the clamp’s stroke to provide the rotation. The heat-treated roller and cam provide increased service life in the toughest applications. Swings of 0° (straight pull) and 90° (both right and left hand) are available. 30°, 45° and 60° rotations are available in some sizes.

Hytec offers a wide range of mounting and plumbing options. Body styles include: threaded body, cartridge and manifold mount. With the threaded body, double-acting options, choose from top and bottom ports or both ports at the top in the 2,400 lb. capacity clamps.

Single-acting and double-acting versions are available. In double-acting, there is a choice of clamping stroke lengths in some sizes.

Arms clamp securely to the piston rod to minimize deflection. Choose from a standard length arm or an easily modified long arm to best fit your application.

Rotation is specified by looking “down” at the piston rod end of the clamp. Clockwise rotation is designated as right hand rotation and counter-clockwise, left hand.

Swing Clamps
Two separate actuators are used to perform the clamping function. First, a cylinder is used to swing the clamping arm 90° into position over the workpiece. Then a second cylinder is sequenced to pivot the clamping arm into contact with the workpiece and hold it in place.

An internal sequence valve controls and coordinates both the swinging and clamping actions. When hydraulic pressure is applied to the advance port, a piston causes the clamping arm to swing into the clamped position. As pressure goes above 450 psi the sequence valve opens, causing the clamping piston to extend, which in turn causes the clamping arm to pivot and clamp the workpiece.

When pressure is released, the single-acting clamping cylinder’s return spring retracts the clamping cylinder. At the same time, a return spring in the swing mechanism moves the clamping arm back to its unclamped position. The swing mechanism is single- or double-acting, and can be assisted with hydraulic or shop air pressure to return the clamping arm.

Retract Clamps
Very similar in operation to the swing clamps, with the exception of having the clamping arm move out toward the workpiece in a straight line rather than rotating 90°, making them ideal for applications where the shape of the fixture or part does not allow room for the clamp to swing.

An internal sequence valve controls and coordinates the retracting and clamping actions. When hydraulic pressure is applied to the advance port, a piston causes the clamping arm to extend into the clamped position. As pressure increases above 450 psi the sequence valve opens, causing the clamping piston to extend, which in turn causes the clamping arm to pivot and clamp the workpiece.

When pressure is released, the single-acting clamping cylinder’s return spring retracts the clamping cylinder. At the same time, a return spring moves the clamping arm back to its un-clamped position. The retract mechanism is single- or double-acting and can be assisted with hydraulic or shop air pressure to return the clamping arm.

Edge Clamp
Hytec’s edge clamp performs three functions: locating the workpiece, clamping horizontally against secondary locators and clamping vertically against the primary locating surface. This combined horizontal and vertical clamping force can locate and secure many parts with no other clamps being needed.

Die Clamp
Originally designed for die clamping, this clamp’s unique mounting arrangement allows it to be used in a variety of workholding applications too. Just use a riser block the same thickness as the workpiece.
Hytect’s Live-Roller Swing Clamp Design

- Low profile, button head cap screw allows easier assembly and disassembly.
- Arm clamps to piston rod, minimizes deflection.
- Recessed wiper seal resists contamination.
- Drain channels channel contaminants away from seal.
- Top port design simplifies plumbing and venting.

- Unique "live-roller" design absorbs load over entire length.
- Multiple rotation options add design versatility.
- Heat treated cam increases strength.
- 100% corrosion resistant increases uptime.

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Hytec swing clamps are available in numerous mounting and porting configurations. Here are just a few examples of ways to include these clamps into your fixture designs.