

Voith Turbo TM **Tech Update: EcoStartTM Engine Start**

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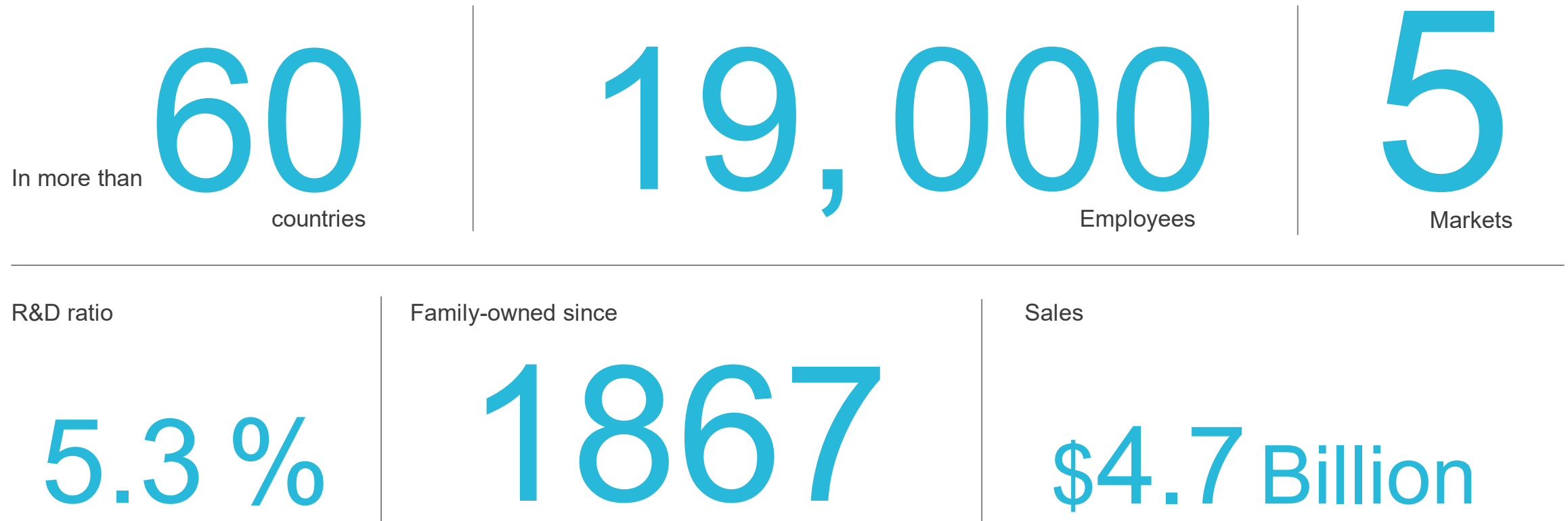
Tech Update Agenda

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- Introduction to Voith
 - Very Brief, I swear
- Concept History
- Concept Design
- Industry Issues and Solutions
- Conclusion

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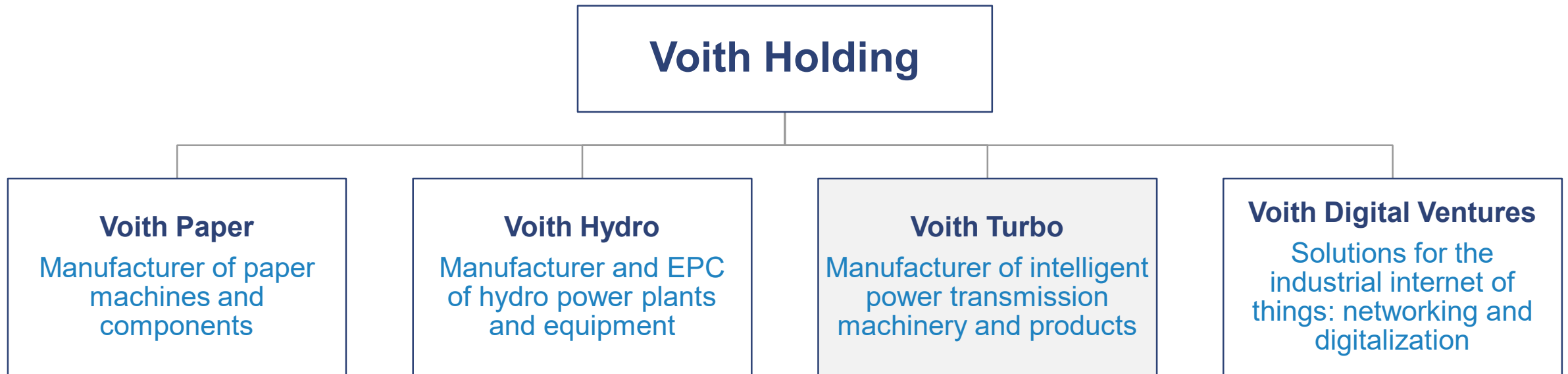


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Four Divisions

A Well-Positioned Company

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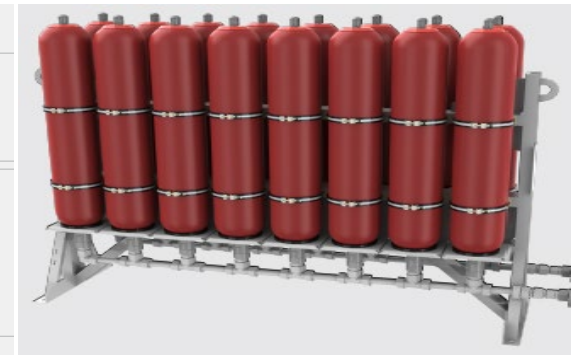
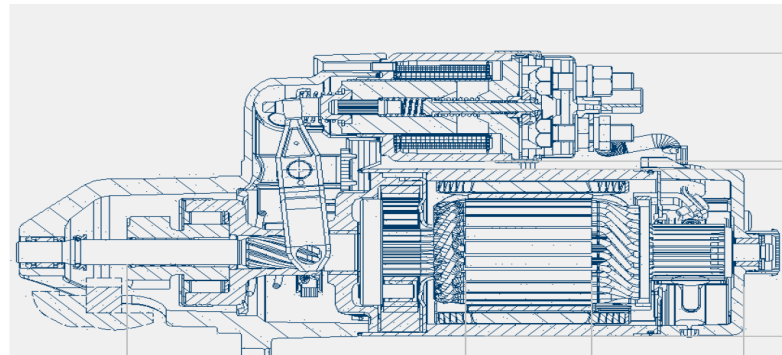
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Concept History

- Mar. 2015 - Voith begins discussion regarding hydraulic start systems based on feedback from industry contacts, concept is submitted to our Innovation Pipeline
- Nov. 2015 - Voith Turbo R&D team explore feasibility and approval is given to proceed with development as all components can be developed internally by Voith
- May 2016 - Approval for prototype testing achieved
- Nov 2016 – Testing of prototype begins, launch customer identified
- June 2017 – Launch customer begins procurement process for 1K HP Skid
- November 2017 – Second customer Issues PO for redundant 4K HP Skid
- December 2018 – FAT for EcoStart Skids Completed
- April 2019 – Ecostart Commissioning Completed
- Jan 2020 – Final Sign Off Completed

Improved performance compared to competitor technology:

- Gas starter systems – Vented Emissions, Safety
- Air starter systems – Vastly smaller footprint, O&M
- Electric starter systems – Impractical for large recipis
- Hydraulic starter systems – No comparable designs at present



Hydraulic Start System for Recip Engines 1000 – 9000 HP



System Design

- Single Skid can tie into multiple engines
- Hydraulic Accumulator and Nitrogen bottle pairs provide stored start energy
- Starter Engagement Motors use existing ring gear and mounting points
- Integrated Control System
- Indoor / Outdoor (ExProof/ NonEx)
- Simplex or Redundant Pump Motor Units

Issue No. 1: Emissions

- Increasingly stringent regulatory environment impacting all segments of Midstream Industry
 - Gas Start Systems largest source of vented emissions
- Commodity prices incentivize minimal product loss
 - What are lost product costs for each engine start attempt
 - Can ROI be quantified
- Electrical Consumption and Carbon Offsets
 - Will we impact the local grid conditions, especially at remote sites
- Noise pollution
 - Start attempts can produce >120 decibels

Solution: Emissions and Costs

- All Hydraulic Start system eliminates vented emissions during start up
- No Product Loss during start attempts
- 10 – 15 HP Motors for EcoStart Pump require 15 – 30 Amps (up to 50 if redundant)
 - Should not overload available power supplies
 - No supporting infrastructure for grid tie in required
 - Auxiliary drives reduces other consumers
 - Pump motor not always active
- Less than 85 decibels at three feet at all phases



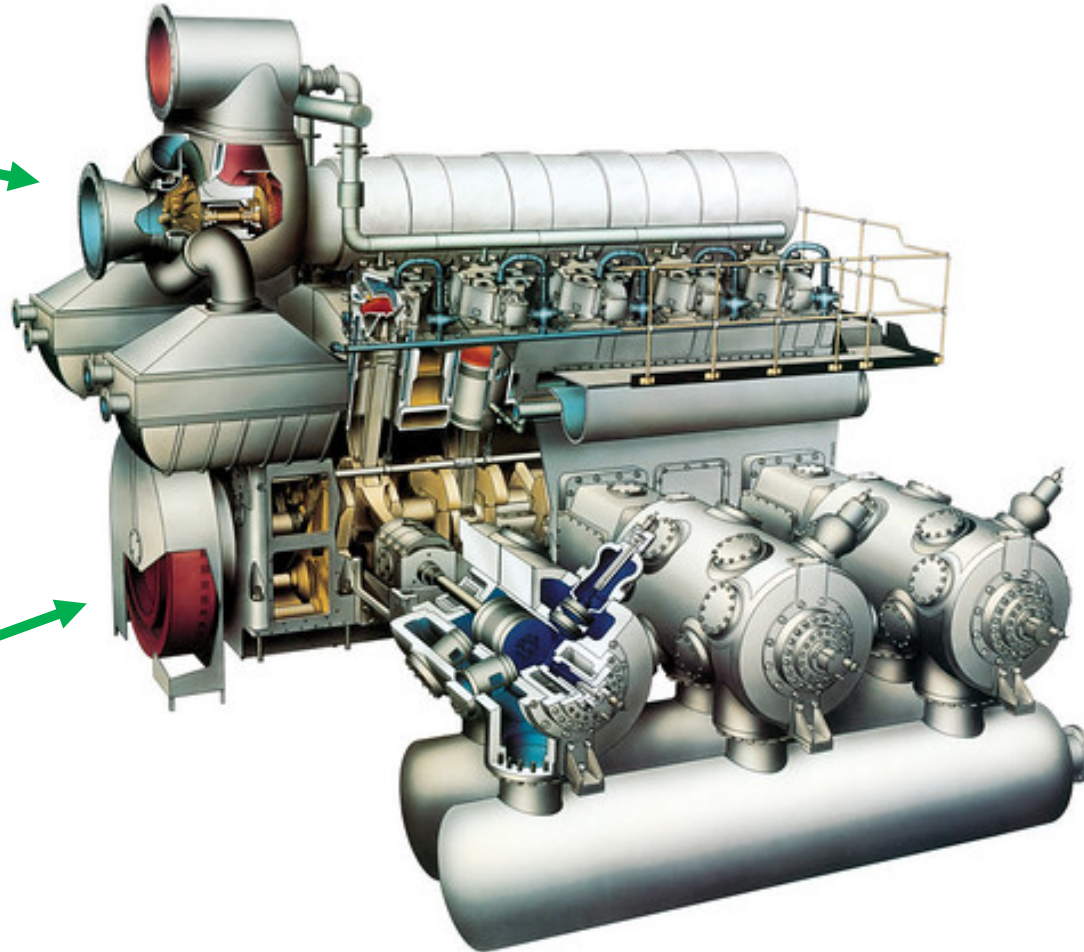
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Solution: Emissions

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Turbo Assist: Drive turbos for 30 minutes after Start

Pre / Post Lube Drive: Drive Pre and Post Lube Pumps from EcoStart skid

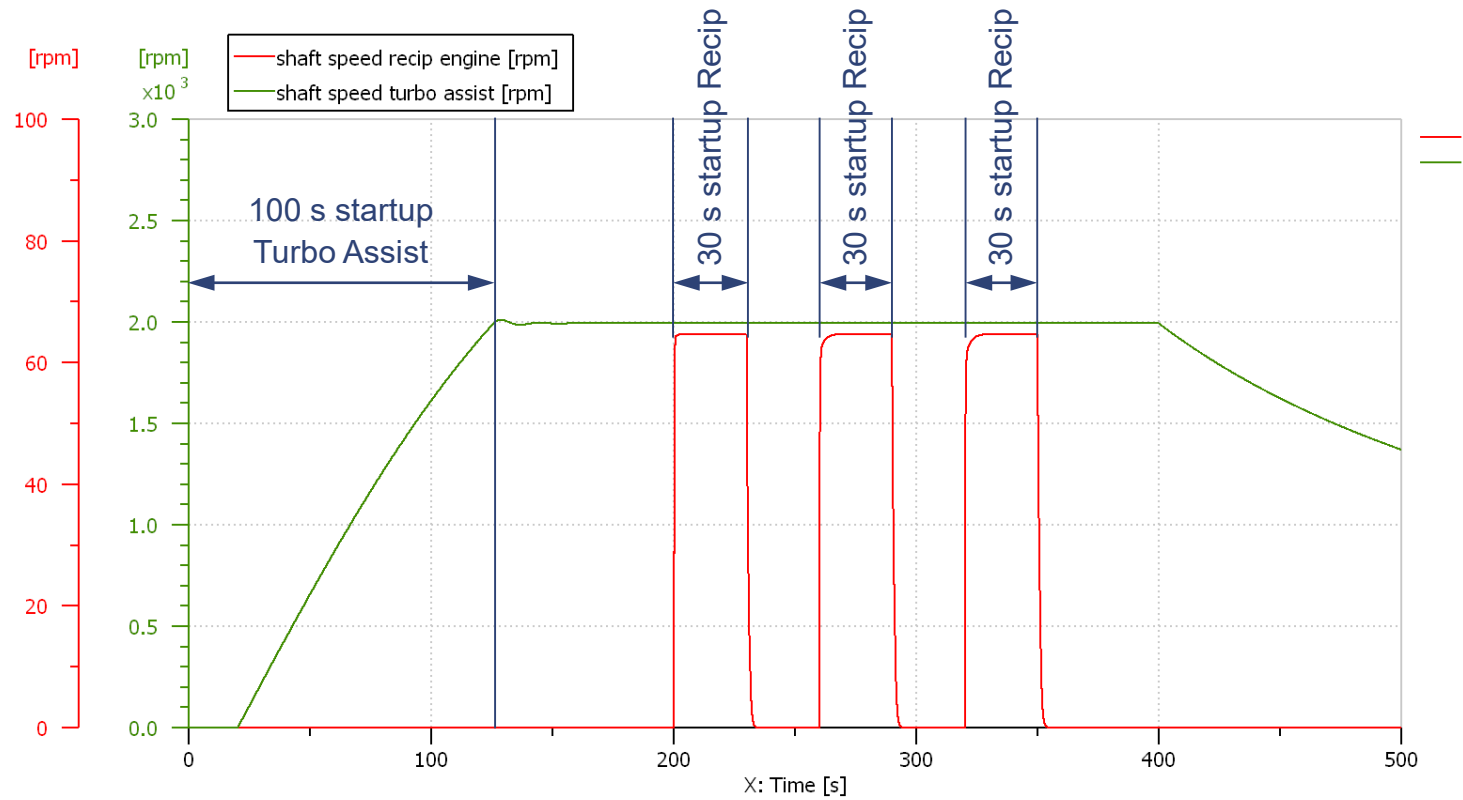


Issue No. 2: Start Reliability

- Gas Starters allow multiple start attempts
- Air Start technologies have several considerations that can be addressed
 - Limited Start Attempts
 - Recharge Times
- Reduce potential penalties for missed start calls
 - What are grid conditions at remote sites
 - Can we reduce electrical power consumption during start cycles

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Solution: Start Reliability

- Original Concept called for 3 x 30 Second Start Attempts per charge
 - Accumulator bank determines starting capability
 - System Recharge time varies, but less than 15 minutes from min to full prime
- Black Start capability as hydraulic charge is stored
- Multiple skids at site can be interconnected (theoretically)
- Starter Engagement Motor Design

Issue No. 3: Safety

- Greatest number of safety incidents occur during maintenance turns
 - Pneumatic jacking system most common means of turning driveshaft
 - Potential for back drive hazardous to personnel
 - Unintended motor start possible
- Can alternative systems be built to meet site requirements
 - New technology acceptable to site personnel
 - Area Classification

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Solution: Safety

- EcoStart uses precision control of hydraulic output to allow slow roll for maintenance turns
 - 1 ½ RPM for 4000 HP system
 - 6 RPM for 1000 HP system
- Maintenance function can be controlled by Engine Control Panel or remote control pendant
- One direction of rotation only
- No specialized training required



Issue No. 4: O&M and Service Support

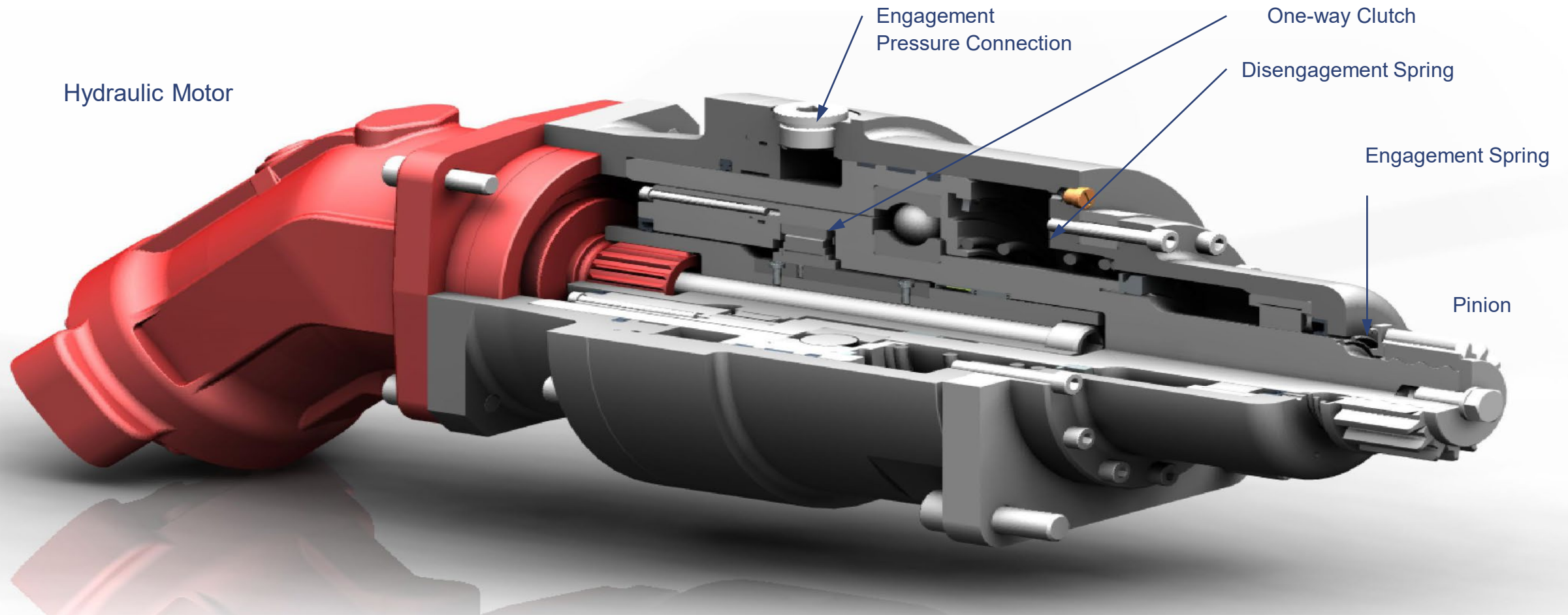
- Gas Start Systems very simple and low O&M requirements
- Air Start relatively simple, but design varies
 - Pneumatic piping
 - Head wear with Air to Start systems
- Is local support and parts availability an issue
- Current Starter Engagement Motor options
 - Some legacy models difficult to maintain
 - TBO varies between make and model
 - Ring Gear wear

Solution: O&M and Service Support

- We use 1" to 1 ½" inch piping hydraulic piping, 2 " for drain
- Hydraulic accumulators require annual nitrogen charging
- Service Reps based in nationwide locations
- 24/7 parts availability integral part of Service Plan
 - EcoStart assembled in the US
 - Most components are COTS, Controls platform is Allen Bradley
- Starter Motors designed for many starts
 - Over 2000 starts on Test Stand, no internal wear
 - Soft engagement greatly reduces ring gear wear

Starter Engagement Motor

Designed to Fit in Existing Motor Mount



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1000 HP Skid After FAT

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Key Facts:

- Size - 95" x 67" x 91"
- Weight - 5,000 lbs
- 5 x Hydraulic Accumulator and Nitrogen bottle pairs



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4000 HP Skid After FAT

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Key Facts:

- Size - 120" x 96" x 100"
- Weight - 8,000 lbs
- 25 x Hydraulic Accumulator and Nitrogen bottle pairs (20 for production units)
- Assembled in US
- Service Group based out of US facilities

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Current Status:

- Over 120 engine starts
 - 4 missed starts, not due to Voith
- Ongoing incorporation of field/ design notes
- Standardized Design finalization by Mar 20
- Assembly moved to US
- Service Plan development in final stage

Thank you!

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