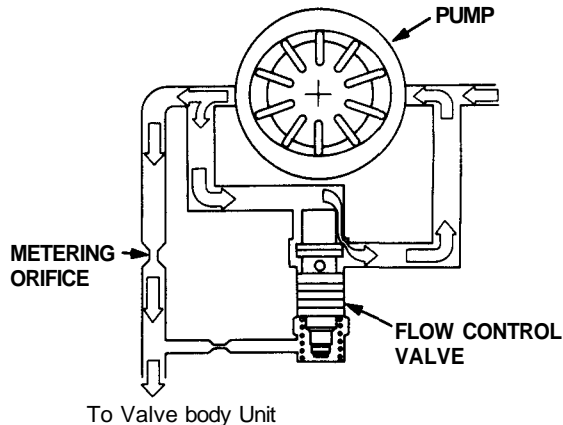


System Description

Steering Pump (cont'd)

Flow Control

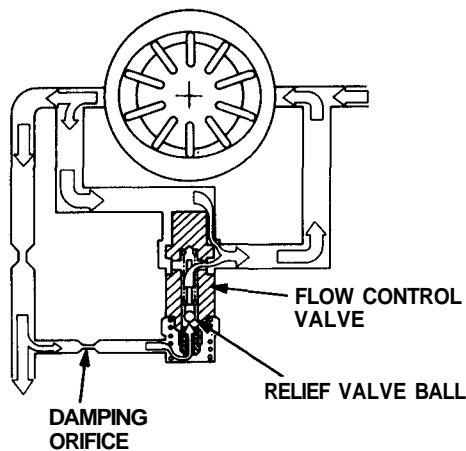
Fluid from the pump runs through a metering orifice to the valve body unit. This creates a pressure difference between the pump and valve body unit sides of the orifice. When pressure in the pump side is higher than the force of the spring holding the flow control valve closed, it pushes the valve down (open), and excess fluid returns to the pump inlet. The combined effect of the metering orifice and the flow control valve provides a relatively constant flow of fluid to the valve body unit.



Pressure Relief

As pressure on the valve body unit side builds up, it pushes the relief valve ball (inside the flow control valve) up against its spring, and excess fluid returns to the pump inlet. As the pressure under the flow control valve drops, the relief valve ball is closed by its spring, and the flow control valve is forced down again, allowing excess fluid from the pump side to return to the inlet. This flow control valve-relief valve cylinder keeps pump output pressure between 8,000—9,000 kPa (80 — 90 kg/cm², 1,138 — 1,280 psi).

RELIEF VALVE OPEN



Fluid Reservoir/Filter

A one-piece reservoir and filter is attached to the fender apron on the left side of the engine compartment. The fluid and the filter/reservoir should be replaced if the system is opened for repairs, or if the fluid gets water or dirt in it.

CAUTION: Use only Honda Power steering Fluid-V. The use of other fluid such as A.T.F., or other manufacturer's power steering fluid, will cause damage to the system.

