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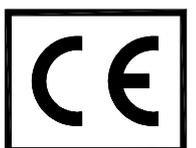


OPERATING MANUAL FOR CENTRIFUGAL PUMPS

AT - TB...

MC... - TC...

TMA



OPERATING MANUAL INSTALLATION, START-UP AND MAINTENANCE FOR CENTRIFUGAL AND SELF-PRIMING PUMPS

This manual applies to the listed below centrifugal pump series and/or affiliated series:

AT - TBH - TBA - TBK - TBAK

MC - MEC - TCK

TCH / MCU-CH

TCA - TCT - TCD

TMA

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NOTE: This manual is valid only for the listed pump series. This manual **IS NOT** for the total installation. Instruction and maintenance manual for the installation must be obtained from the engineer that designed the installation. Furthermore the installation manual will take precedence over the pump manual.

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1 - GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

This manual is intended to provide reference to:

- pump safe application and operation
- pump installation and maintenance instructions
- pump start-up, operation and stopping procedures.

The pump user must complete the section at the end of this manual where the design conditions for the pump are recorded. The manual must be filed in a safe place and be accessible to the operator and to the maintenance personnel. The qualified personnel responsible for the operation or maintenance of the pump should read **CAREFULLY** the whole manual before operating or working on the pump. Qualified personnel are those with experience, knowledge and have a good familiarity with the working safety regulations. They usually have a knowledge of basic first aid.



The pump is to be used only for the applications specified on the confirming order for which POMPETRAVAINI has selected the design, materials of construction and tested the pump to meet the order specifications. Therefore the pump **CANNOT** be used for applications other than those specified on the order confirmation.

In the event the pump is to be used for different applications, please contact the sales office or representative of the manufacturer. POMPETRAVAINI declines to assume any responsibility if the pump is used for different applications without prior written consent.

The user is responsible for the verification of the ambient conditions where the pump will be stored or installed. Extreme low or high temperatures may severely damage the pump unless proper precautions are taken.

POMPETRAVAINI does not guarantee repairs or alterations done by user or other unauthorised personnel. Special designs and constructions may vary from the information given in this manual. Please contact POMPETRAVAINI should you have any difficulty.

NOTE: Drawings appearing in this manual are only schematics and not to be used for construction. For more specific information contact the Engineering Department of POMPETRAVAINI or the authorised local representative.

2 - SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS



CAUTION: CAREFULLY READ FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS.

Strictly adhere to the instructions listed below to prevent personal injuries and/or equipment damage.

- **ALWAYS** apply the pump for the conditions outlined on the confirming order.
- Electrical connections on the motor or accessories must **ALWAYS** be carried out by authorised personnel and in accordance to the local codes.
- Any work on the pump should be carried out by at least 2 people.
- When approaching the pump **ALWAYS** be properly dressed (avoid use of clothes with wide sleeves, neckties, necklaces, etc.) and/or wear safety equipment (hard hat, safety glasses, safety shoes, etc.) adequate for the work to be done.
- Be **ALWAYS** informed on locations of first aid sites inside the company and carefully read safety and medical first aid prescriptions in force.
- **ALWAYS** stop the pump prior to touching it for whatever the reason.
- **ALWAYS** disconnect the power to the motor prior to working or removing the pump from the installation.
- **NEVER** work on the pump when it is hot.
- **DO NOT** attempt to remove the safety guards when the pump is operating.
- After completion of the work **ALWAYS** re-install the safety guards previously removed.
- **NEVER** touch pump or piping with temperatures higher than 80°C.
- **ALWAYS** be careful when handling pumps that convey acids or hazardous fluids.
- **ALWAYS** have a fire extinguisher in the vicinity of the pump installation.
- **DO NOT** operate the pump in the wrong direction of rotation.
- **NEVER** put hands or fingers in the pump openings or holes.
- **NEVER** step on pump and/or piping connected to the pump.
- Pump and piping connected to the pump must **NEVER** be under pressure when maintenance or repair is carried out.

TBA	Self-priming multistage centrifugal pumps with centrifugal pre-stage with very low NPSH requirements. Capacity to 35 m ³ /h, Max. pressure 31 bar - Flanges PN 40
TBAK	Magnetic drive self-priming multistage centrifugal pumps with centrifugal pre-stage with very low NPSH requirements. Capacity to 35 m ³ /h, Max. pressure 31 bar - Flanges PN 40
TMA	Multistage centrifugal pumps for clean liquids, medium and high pressures - Capacity to 45 m ³ /h, Max. pressure 40 bar - Flange inlet PN 16, flange outlet PN 40

4.1 - PUMP MODEL NUMBERS AND MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION TABLES

Pump nameplate affixed to each pump contains model number, serial number and year of manufacture. Interpretation of pump model number may be attained with the aid of the following table. The pump model is such that it gives information pertaining to the pump type and design.

For information regarding temperature and pressure **LIMITATIONS** applicable to the varying designs, types and materials of construction please contact POMPETRAVAINI or your closest authorised representative. The maximum operating pressure is normally the sum of the suction and discharge pressures.

Listed below are some examples of pump nomenclatures:

Pumps series MC... - TC... =		TCH 50 - 200 A / 1 - C / A3 - M - V / T	
TCH ⇒ Pump type		C ⇒ Shaft seal type	
50 ⇒ Diameter discharge flange		A3 ⇒ Materials of construction (see table)	
200 ⇒ Impeller nominal diameter		M ⇒ Monoblock design with flanged motor	
A ⇒ Hydraulic project modification		V ⇒ Vertical mounting	
1 ⇒ Constructive project number		T ⇒ Special design	

Pumps series AT - TB... =		TBH 315 / 1 - K - C / T - M - V / GH	
TBH ⇒ Pump type		C ⇒ Shaft seal type	
31x ⇒ Pump size		T ⇒ Special design	
xx5 ⇒ Number of stages		M ⇒ Monoblock design with flanged motor	
1 ⇒ Hydraulic project modification		V ⇒ Vertical mounting	
K ⇒ Type of bearing frame		GH ⇒ Materials of construction (see table)	

Pumps series TMA =		TMA 32 - 7 A / 1 - C / A3 - M / V - Z	
TMA ⇒ Pump type		C ⇒ Shaft seal type	
32 ⇒ Pump size		A3 ⇒ Materials of construction (see table)	
7 ⇒ Number of stages		M ⇒ Monoblock design with flanged motor	
A ⇒ Hydraulic project modification		V ⇒ Vertical mounting	
1 ⇒ Constructive project number		Z ⇒ Special design	

Generic materials for STANDARD CONSTRUCTION: pumps **MC... - TC...**

Description	GS	RA	A3	HC	DU
Casing	Ductile iron			Hastelloy C	ASTM-CN7M
Cover casing					
Impeller	Cast iron	Stainless steel AISI 316			
Shaft	Stain. steel AISI 420	ASTM-CF8M			Incoloy 825
Bearing frame	Cast iron				

Generic materials for STANDARD CONSTRUCTION: pumps **AT - TB...**

Description	GH	RA	A3	B2	GP
Casing	Ductile iron			Bronze	Ductile iron
Element	Cast iron				Cast iron
Impeller	Brass	Stainless steel AISI 316			Brass
Shaft	Stain. steel AISI 420	ASTM-CF8M			Stain. steel AISI 420
Bearing frame	Cast iron				

Generic materials for STANDARD CONSTRUCTION: pumps **TMA**

Description	F	RA	A3
Casing	Ductile iron		
Stage casing			
Impeller	Cast iron		
Shaft	Stainless steel AISI 420	Stainless steel AISI 316 - ASTM-CF8M	
Bearing frame	Cast iron		

For detailed information on materials of construction, (standard or special) for pumps TCD, TCK, MEC, TBK and TBAK please contact POMPETRAVAINI or your local representative.

5 - UNCRATING, LIFTING AND MOVING INSTRUCTIONS

Upon receipt verify that the material received is in exact compliance with that listed on the packing slip.

When uncrating follow the instructions listed below:

- Check that no visible damage exists on the crate that could have occurred during transport
- Carefully remove the packaging material
- Check that pump/or accessories such as tanks, piping, valves, etc. are free from visible markings such as dents, scratches and damage which may have occurred during transportation
- In the event of damage, report this immediately to the transport company and to POMPETRAVAINI's customer service department.

Discard through controlled disposals all packaging materials which may constitute personal injury (sharp objects, nails).

The pump must **ALWAYS** be moved and transported in the horizontal position. Prior to moving the unit find the following:

- total weight
- centre of gravity
- maximum outside dimensions
- lifting points location.



For a safe lifting it is recommended to use ropes, or belts properly positioned on the pump and/or lifting eyebolts with correct movements, to prevent material damages and/or personal injuries.

Lifting eyebolts fitted on single components of the assembly (pump or motor) should not be used to lift the total assembly.

The fig. 1 shows several additional examples of lifting.

Avoid lifts whereby the ropes or straps, form a triangle with the top angle over 90° (see fig. 2).

The fig. 3 shows several additional examples of lifting to be avoided.

Prior to moving the unit from an installation, always drain any pumped fluid from the pump, piping and accessories, rinse and plug all openings to prevent spillage.

For instructions to remove the unit from installation see chapter 17.

6 - STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS

After receipt and inspection the unit, if not immediately installed, the unit must be repackaged and stored in the best way.

For a proper storage proceed as follows:

- store the pump in a location which is closed, clean, dry and free of vibrations
- do not store in areas with less than 5°C temperature (for lower temperature it is necessary to completely drain the pump of any liquids which are subject to freezing)



FREEZING DANGER!

Where the ambient temperature is less than 5°C it is recommended to drain the pump, piping, separator, heat exchanger, etc. or add an anti-freeze solution to prevent damage to the equipment

- fill the pump with a rust-preventative liquid that is compatible with the pump gaskets and elastomers. Rotate the shaft by hand to impregnate all internal surfaces. Drain the excessive liquid from the pump and associated piping (see chapter 11).

Please note that the pumps with cast iron internal parts have been treated at the factory, prior to shipment, with a rust-preventative liquid: this liquid is capable of protecting the pump against rust for a period of 3 to 6 months.

A further solution, for long term storage, is to fill the pump with the rust inhibitor, rotate the pump shaft by hand to eliminate any air pockets (the liquid must be suitable with gasket, elastomers and pump materials).

- plug all openings that connect the pump internals to the atmosphere
- protect all machined external surfaces with an anti-rust material (grease, oils, etc.)
- cover the unit with plastic sheet or similar protective material
- rotate pump shaft at least every three months to avoid possible rust build-up or seizing
- any pump accessories should be subjected to similar procedure.

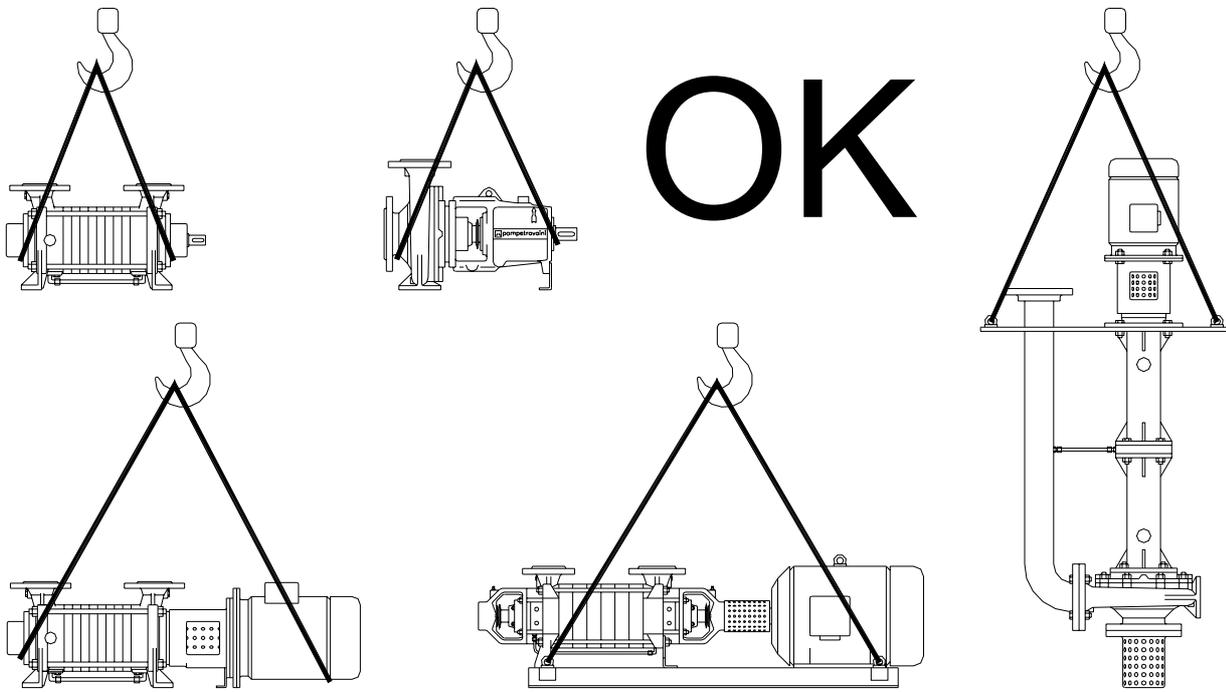


Fig. 1

Fig. 2

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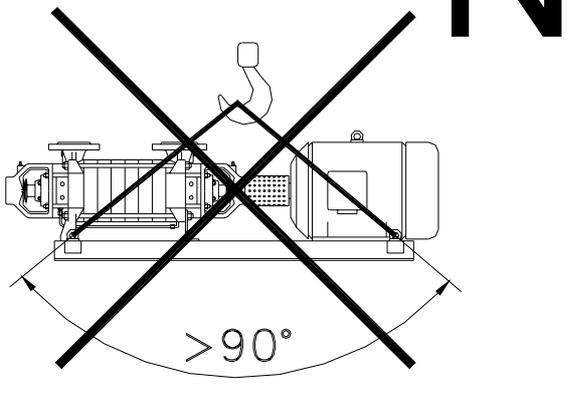
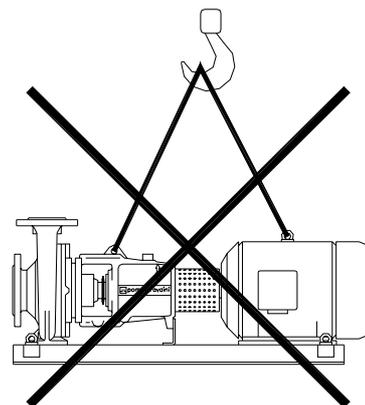
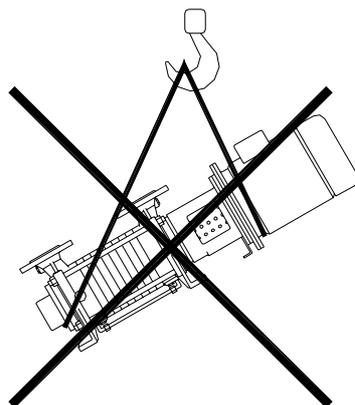
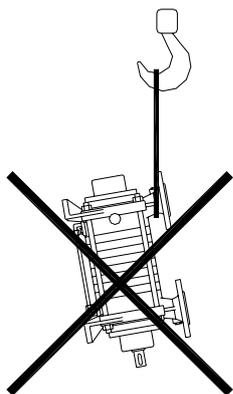
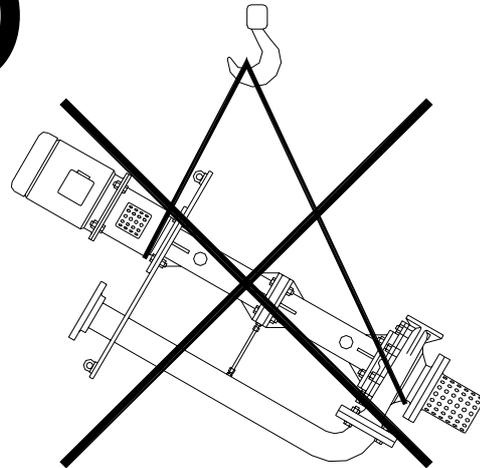


Fig. 3



7 - MOUNTING AND ALIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 - MONOBLOCK PUMP/MOTOR AND PUMP/MOTOR ASSEMBLY MOUNTED ON A BASEPLATE

If the pump has been furnished with bare shaft end (i. e. without motor) it is required to procure a proper baseplate on which to mount the pump/motor assembly. The baseplate must be properly designed for maximum rigidity to prevent vibrations and distortions. It is recommended the use of a fabricated baseplate manufactured with rigid "U" shaped channel (fig. 15 illustrates an example).

When the pump has been purchased without the electric motor, it is then required to select the proper motor before proceeding to the installation of the unit.

Selection of motor must consider the following data at running condition:

- maximum power absorbed by the pump over the total operating range
pump operating speed (RPM)
- available power (Hertz, voltage, poles, etc.)
- motor enclosure type (CVE, AD-PE, ODP, TEFC, EX.PR., etc.)
- motor mount (B3, B5, horizontal, vertical, C-flange, D-flange, etc.).

Flexible couplings are selected considering:

- nominal motor horse power
- motor operating speed
- coupling guard must meet safety standards as dictated by EN 294, OSHA, etc.

Flexible couplings must be properly aligned. Bad alignments will result in coupling failures and damage to pump and motor bearings.

Assembly instructions for MONOBLOCK design are listed on paragraph 7.3 steps 1, 2, 4, 5, 6.

Assembly instructions for PUMP-MOTOR ON BASEPLATE are listed on paragraph 7.3 steps 7, 1, 8, 5, 9, 10, 11.

For pump driven with V-BELT, please consult POMPETRAVAINI for eventual information.

7.2 - ALIGNMENT PROCEDURE FOR MONOBLOCK AND FOR PUMP/MOTOR ASSEMBLY ON BASEPLATE.

The pump/motor assembly is properly aligned by POMPETRAVAINI prior to shipment.

It is however required to verify the alignment prior to the start-up. Misalignment can occur during handling, transportation, grouting of assembly, etc.

For alignment procedures of MONOBLOCK DESIGN see paragraph 7.3 steps 3, 4, 5, 6.

For alignment procedure of BASEPLATE DESIGN see paragraph 7.3 steps 7, 5, 9, 10, 11.

PLEASE NOTE: Coupling sizes and permissible coupling tolerances listed in this manual are applicable to the particular coupling brand installed by POMPETRAVAINI as a standard. For sizes and tolerances of other type of couplings, follow the instructions given by their respective manufacturer.

7.3 - ALIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

NOTICE: Alignment should be done at ambient temperature, obviously with power to the motor disconnected and following the safety procedures to avoid accidental starting (see chapter 2).

Should the pump operate at high temperatures which could upset the coupling alignment, it is necessary to check the alignment to secure proper working operation at such operating temperatures.

It is recommended the use of proper hand protections such as gloves, when effecting the operations listed below (schematics for various assemblies are shown).

NOTE: The following points must be followed with the sequence stated above and depending upon the type of operation: alignment **assembly** or alignment **verification**.

- 1 - Thoroughly clean motor/pump shaft ends and shaft keys, place the shaft keys in the proper keyway slots and fit the coupling halves in line with the shaft ends. The use of a rubber hammer and even pre-heating of the metal half couplings may be required (see fig. 4). Lightly tighten the set screws. Verify that both pump and motor shafts rotate freely.

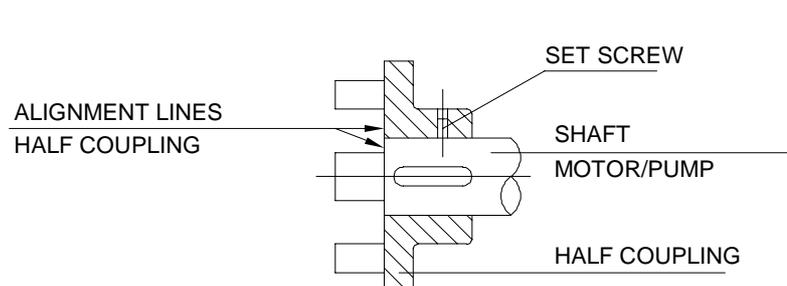


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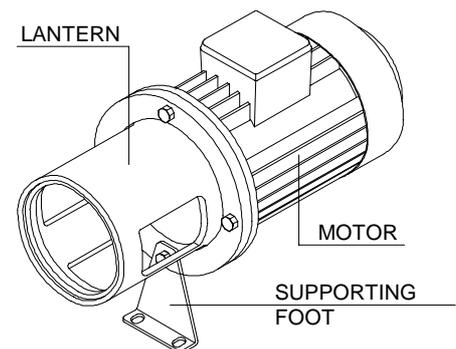


Fig. 5

- 2 - Insert the perforated metal sheet coupling guard inside the lantern so that the coupling is accessible from one of the lateral openings. Couple the electric motor to the pump lantern engaging the two coupling halves, hands may reach the coupling halves through the lateral opening (see fig. 6) tighten the assembly with bolts supplied with the unit and install the supporting foot, when applicable (see fig. 5).

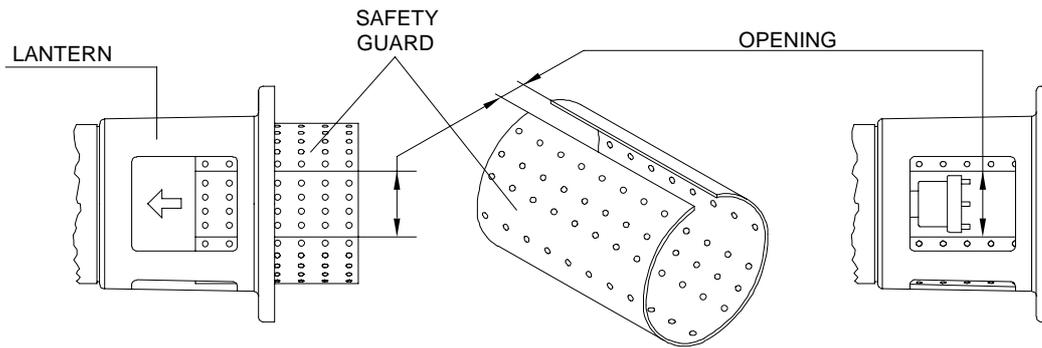


Fig. 6 - PREPARATION TO ASSEMBLY ON MONOBLOCK DESIGN

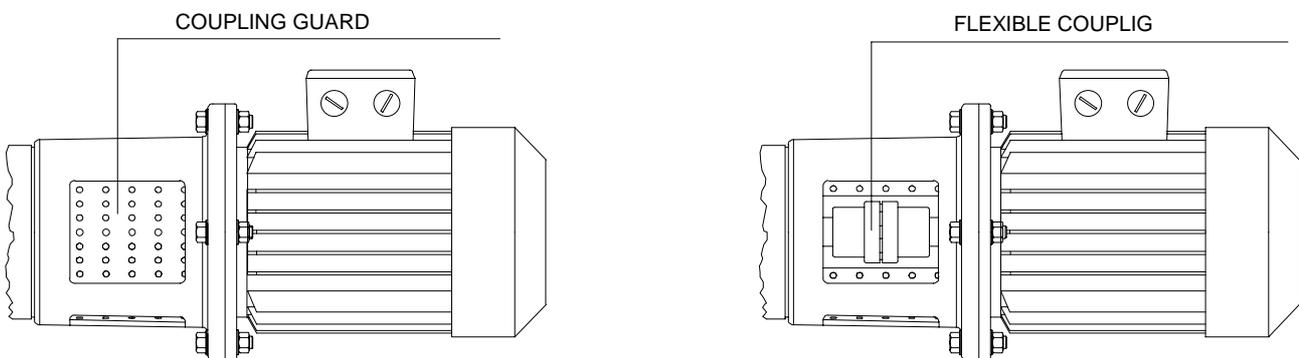


Fig. 7 - CHECKING ALIGNMENT ON MONOBLOCK DESIGN

- 3 - Applying slight hand pressure to the coupling guard, rotate it so that one opening of the lantern is accessible (see fig. 7).
 4 - Rotate by hand the coupling through the lateral opening of the lantern to make sure the pump is free.
 5 - With a proper spacer check the distance between the two coupling halves. The gap value "S" should be as listed on table 2 or as given by the coupling manufacturer. In the event an adjustment is necessary, loosen the set screws on the coupling half and with a screw driver move the coupling half to attain the gap "S" (see fig. 11). Then tighten the set screw and rotate the rotor by hand to make sure, once more, that there is no obstruction.
 6 - Rotate back the coupling guard by hand through the two openings of the lantern so that both openings are completely covered. This will complete the alignment verification of the MONOBLOCK design.
 7 - Remove the coupling guard and its extension (if there is one) attached to the pump, by removing the two locking screws (see fig. 8 and 9).

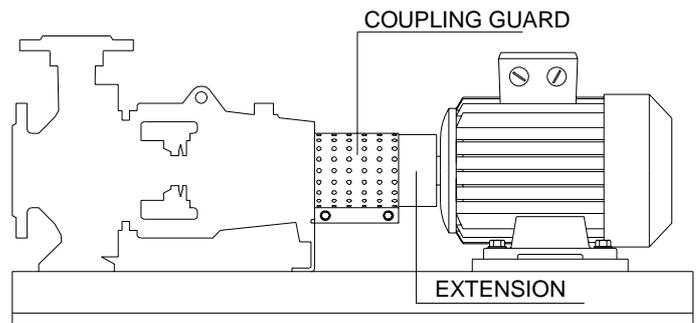


Fig. 8 - CHECKING ALIGNMENT ON BASE MOUNTED PUMP DESIGN

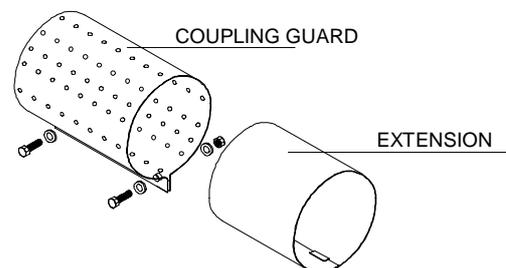
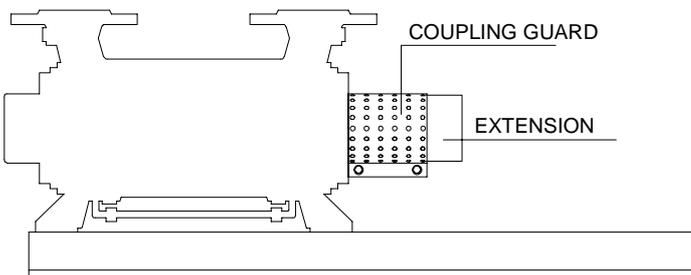


Fig. 9 - MOUNTING THE UNITS ON THE BASEPLATE

8 - Place the electric motor on the baseplate and bring the two coupling halves together with approx. 2 mm. gap between them keeping the motor axially aligned with the pump shaft. In the event the two shaft heights do not align, proper shimming under the pump or motor feet will be required. Mark the motor and/or pump anchoring bolt holes. Remove motor and/or pump, drill and tap the holes, clean and mount pump and/or motor in place and lightly tighten the bolts (see fig. 10).

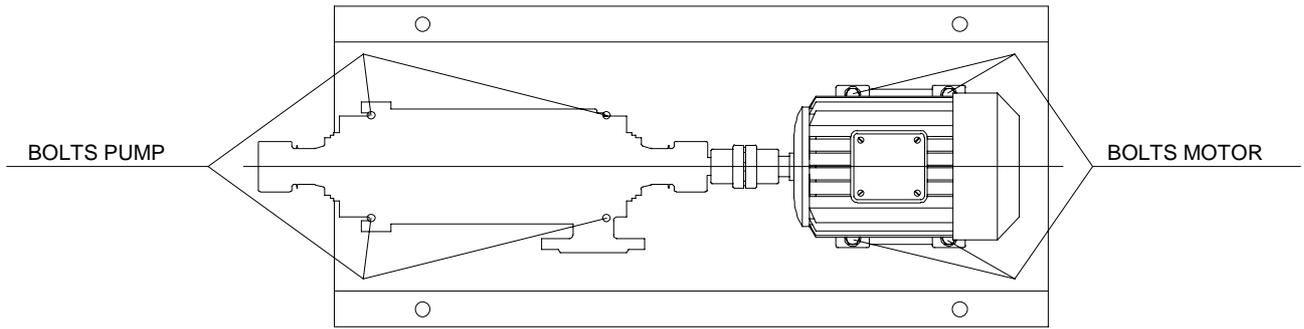


Fig. 10

9 - With a straight edge ruler check the parallelism of the two coupling halves at several points ,90° from each other (see fig. 12).

NOTE: Easier and more accurate readings can be attained with instruments such as Dial Indicators (if readily available).

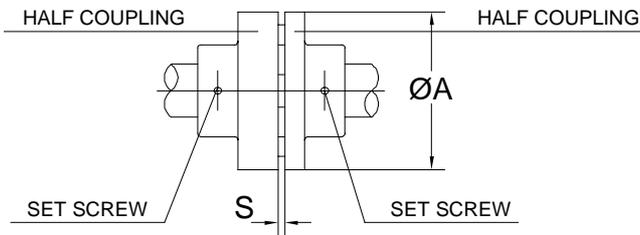


Fig. 11

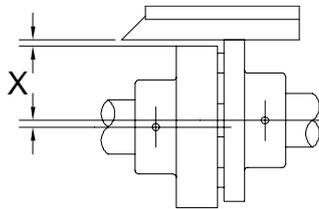


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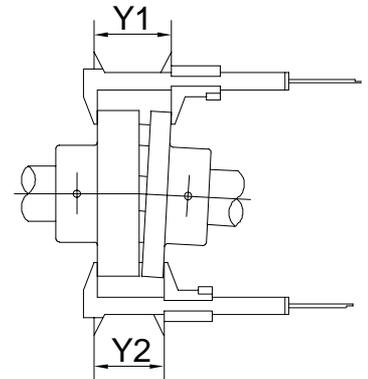


Fig. 13

If the maximum value of "X" is higher than that listed in the tab. 2 (for the given coupling size) it will be required to correct the alignment by using decimal shims under the pump or motor feet (NOTE: the optimal values have to be considered half of the reported data).

When the measured values fall within the tolerances the pump and motor anchoring bolts can be tightened.

10 - Angular misalignment can be measured with a Calliper. Measure the outside coupling dimension at several points (see fig. 13). Find the minimum and maximum width of the coupling, the difference between these two readings "Y" (Y1-Y2) should no exceed the value listed in tab. 2 for the given coupling size (NOTE: the optimal values have to be considered half of the reported data). Should this value be greater it will be necessary to correct the alignment by re-shimming the pump and/or motor.

Following this operation it is recommended to check once more the value "X" to make sure that both values are within the allowed tolerance (see point 9). Make sure that both set screws on the coupling halves are properly secured.

COUPLING "Ø A" mm.	GAP "S" mm.	PARALLEL "X" mm.	ANGULAR "Y" mm.
60	2 to 2.50	0.10	0.20
80			
100			
130	3 to 3.75	0.15	0.25
150			0.30
180			
200			

11 - Install the coupling guard and its extension (if applicable) on the pump, secure the two locking bolts. The gap between motor and guard should not be greater than 2 to 3 mm. (see fig. 14).

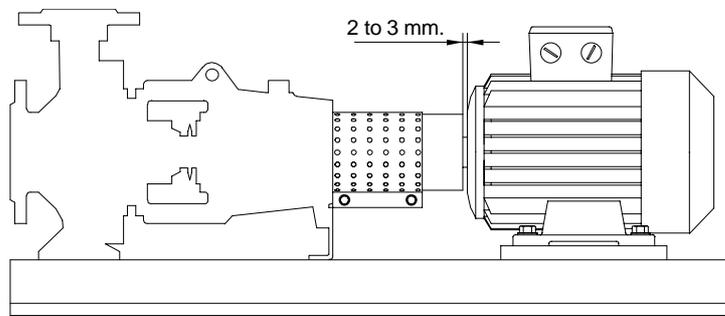


Fig. 14

7.4 - COUPLING PUMP SERIES “TCHM” AND “TCTM”

These pumps do not require a coupling between the pump and the motor shaft; they have been engineered with a supporting flange and shaft having bore and keyway ready to engage the motor shaft and key.

- Check the tolerances of pump shaft bore with its keyway and motor shaft with key. The motor shaft must engage the pump shaft perfectly without interference. In the event there is interference, even if minimal, it is required to rework the motor shaft because a forced fitting would be detrimental to the pump operation.
- Attach the electric motor to the pump flange making sure that the two shafts lineup and the key engages the keyway. Bolt the assembly with the supplied fasteners and install the supporting foot if it applies to the specific pump (see fig 14A).

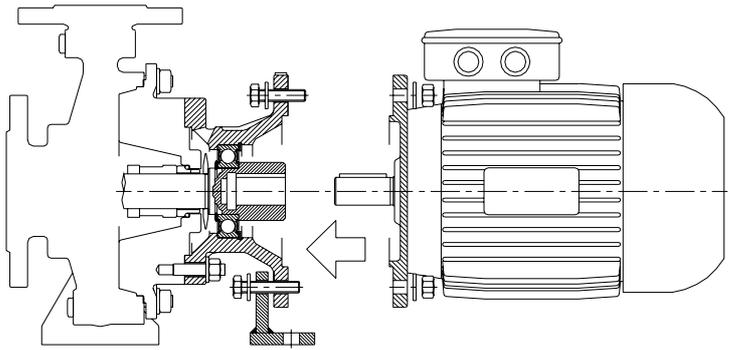


Fig. 14A

8 - ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS



Electrical connections must be made exclusively by qualified personnel in accordance with the instructions from the manufacturer of the motor or other electrical components and must adhere to the local National Electrical Code.



**FOLLOW ALL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AS LISTED IN CHAPTER 2.
BEFORE DOING ANY WORK TO THE INSTALLATION DISCONNECT ALL POWER SUPPLIES.**

It is recommended that electric motors and eventual connected accessories be protected against overloading by means of circuit breakers and/or fuses.

Circuit breakers and fuses must be sized in accordance with the full load amperage appearing on the motor nameplate. It is advisable to have an electrical switch near the pump for emergency situations. Prior to connecting the electrical wiring, turn the pump shaft by hand to make sure that it rotates freely. Connect the electrical wiring in accordance with local electrical codes and be sure to ground the motor.

Motor connection should be as indicated on the motor tag (frequency, voltage, poles and max consumption) and as discussed in the motor instruction manual.

It is recommended that motors over 7.5 kW be wired for Star-Delta start-up, to avoid electrical overloads to the motor and mechanical overloads to the pump.

Pump series TCK, TBK and TBAK (and all motors over 7,5 kW) should always be preferably wired for Star-Delta start or “soft-start”.

Be sure to replace all safety guards before switching on the electrical power.

If possible check the direction of rotation before the motor is coupled to the pump but protect the motor shaft to prevent any accidents. When this is not possible briefly jog the pump to check its direction of rotation (see arrow on pump for correct rotation). If the direction must be changed two of the three electrical wire leads must be alternated with each other (at the terminal box or at the motor starter).

Please be aware that rotation in the wrong direction and/or pump running dry may cause severe pump damage.

Electrical instrumentation such as solenoid valves, level switches, temperature switches, flow switches, etc. which are supplied with the pump or systems must be connected and handled in accordance with the instructions supplied by their respective manufacturers.

9 - INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Information to determine the piping sizes and floor space requirements can be obtained from dimension drawings and other engineering data. The information required is:

- size and location of suction and discharge flanges
- size and location of all connections for flushing, cooling, heating, draining, etc.
- location and size for mounting bolts for monoblock pump and/or baseplate and/or frame.

In the event additional accessories are required to complete the installation such as separators, piping, valves, etc. refer to following chapters 9.1 - 9.2 - 9.3.

Proper lifting devices should be available for installation and repair operations.

Pump assembly should be installed in an accessible location with adequate clear and clean space all around for maintenance, so that an efficient and proper installation can be made.

It is important to have proper room around the unit for ventilation of motor. Avoid installing the unit in hidden locations, dusty and lacking of ventilation.

Pump/motor assembly should not be installed in narrow areas, dusty, toxic and explosive ambient. In the event this is not possible it is recommended to ventilate the areas to help cooling the motor. All components used in the installation should comply with the safety codes.

Select a mounting pad that will minimise vibrations or torsion of the pump baseplate or frame. It is generally preferred to have a concrete base or sturdy steel beams.

It is important to provide adequate anchor bolting for the pump frame or baseplate to be firmly attached to the foundations (see fig. 15).

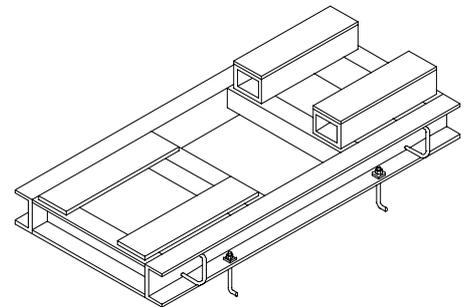
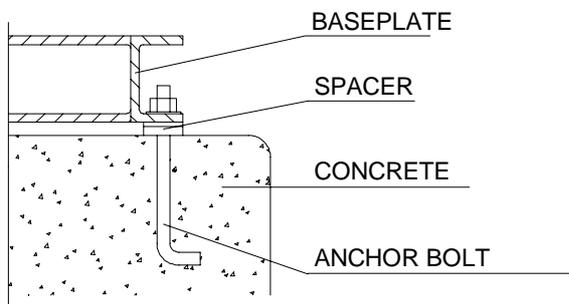


Fig. 15

Concrete pads and other concrete works must be aged, dry and clean before the pump assembly can be positioned in place. Complete all the work relating to the foundations and grouting of the pump assembly, before proceeding with the mechanical and electrical portion of the installation.

9.1 - INSTALLATION OF PUMP/MOTOR ASSEMBLY

Place the pump assembly on the foundation pad aligning the anchoring bolts.

If necessary use metal spacers to level the unit and check the flange connection for good horizontal and vertical planes. Tighten the foundation bolts.

Check again the level of the assembly and proceed with the pump/motor alignment verification as discussed in paragraph 7.2.

In cases where the pump is installed on a baseplate separated from that of the motor (due to expected piping forces, moments or as it often is in cases of large units) it is recommended to first install the pump and then proceed with the motor installation and alignment.

9.2 - SUCTION AND DISCHARGE PIPING (see fig. 16)

Identify first locations and dimensions of all connections required to interconnect the pump with the installation, then proceed with the actual piping: connect the pump suction and discharge flanges, the service liquid line and all other service connections.



BE SURE TO PIPE THE CORRECT CONNECTION FROM THE INSTALLATION TO THE RESPECTIVE PUMP CONNECTION !

To prevent foreign matters from entering the pump during installation, do not remove protection cap from flanges or cover from openings until the piping is ready for hook-up.

Inlet and discharge piping should be of same size as the pump flanges, where possible increase the pipe size but **NEVER** decrease the size.

In general the liquid velocity in the suction piping should not exceed 2 m/s and in the discharge piping should be less than 3 m/s. Higher liquid velocities will result in higher pressure drops which could create cavitation in the suction piping and excessive pressure losses in the discharge piping, which would negatively affect the system performance and the pump.

Where possible, avoid using piping turns and especially short radius elbows.

When using larger pipe sizes than the nominal, the reduction from a larger diameter to a small diameter should be gradual and with conical configuration, the length of the conical area should be 5 to 7 times the difference in size of the two diameters.

Piping should always be supported to neutralise any forces, moments, piping weights, thermal expansions, etc. which could create pump/motor misalignment, deflections and overloading to foundation bolts.

Pipe joints should be by means of flanges with flange gaskets of proper size and material.

Flange gaskets should be properly centred between the flange bolts so that there is no interference with the flow of the liquid.

There should not be any tensions, deformations or misalignment of the piping when loosening the bolts holding the flanges together.

Any thermal shocks and/or excessive vibrations should be controlled by means of expansion joints, flexibles, etc. having same size as the piping.

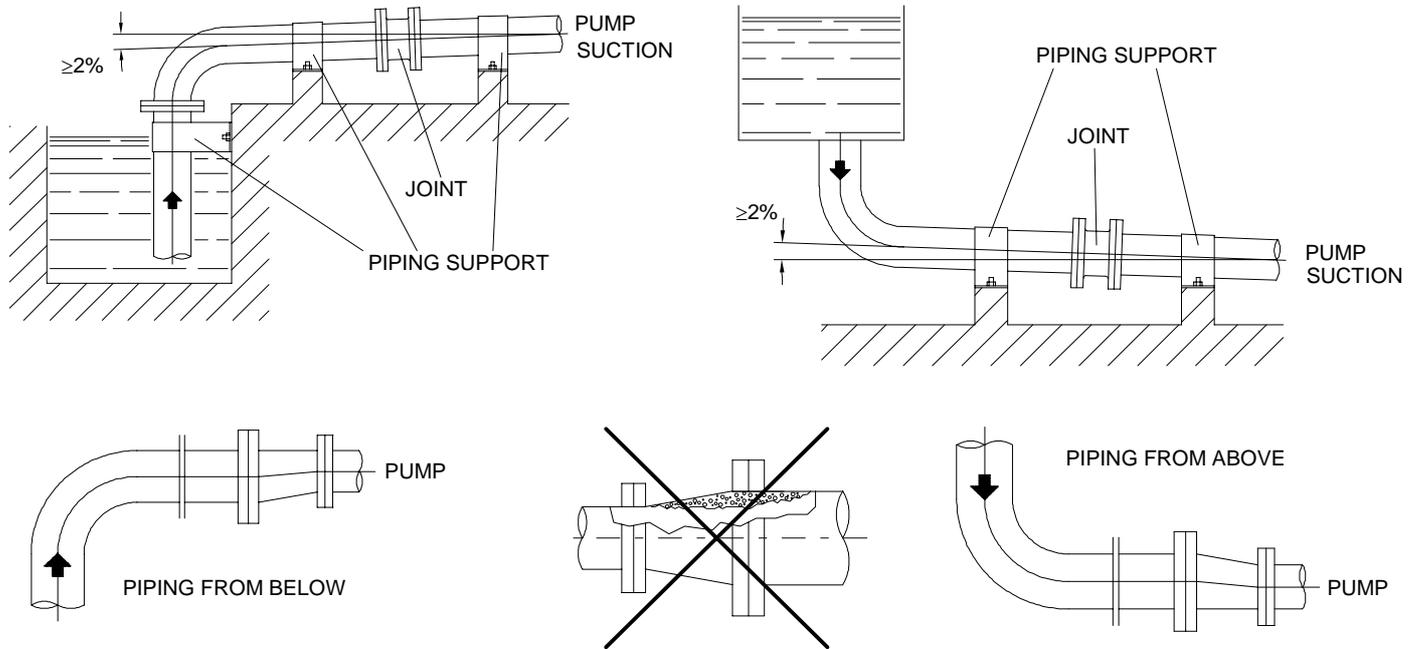


Fig. 16

9.2.1 - Suction piping (see fig. 17)

To prevent losing pump priming absolutely avoid formation of air pockets in the suction piping. This piping therefore should have a slope toward the reservoir in the case of suction lift installation, and toward the pump in the case of the flooded suction installation.

Isolating valve should only be on the fully open or fully closed positions and **NEVER** as a flow regulator. The valve should be installed with the stem in the horizontal position relative to the flow in the piping and at a distance from the pump suction flange of at least 10 times the pipe size.

Depending upon the application, a non return valve or a foot valve should be fitted in the suction piping, a strainer or filter will prevent solids from entering the pump and a pressure or vacuum gauge will enable reading the pump inlet pressure.

All components listed above will create pressure drops which must be taken into consideration in the design stage.

Where more than one pump is installed, every pump should have its own separate suction piping; if a stand-by pump is installed the two inlets can be connected to a common manifold with a single suction piping.

9.2.2 - Discharge piping (see fig. 17)

Right after the pump discharge flange install a non return valve will stop dangerous water hammer which could seriously damage the pump discharge casing, a flow regulating valve (Globe or Needle valve), a pressure gauge can be connected to the threaded connection under the pump discharge flange, a vent valve should be fitted in this piping to fill pump and piping for initial start-up.

9.2.3 - Piping cleaning

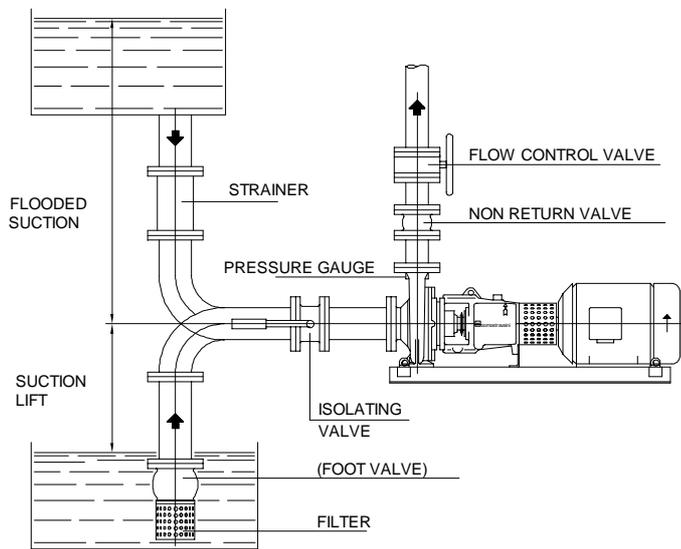
Before installation start-up clean piping and any reservoirs removing loose materials and foreign particles.

Particular attention for cleaning should be for installations where welding of piping and components has taken place.

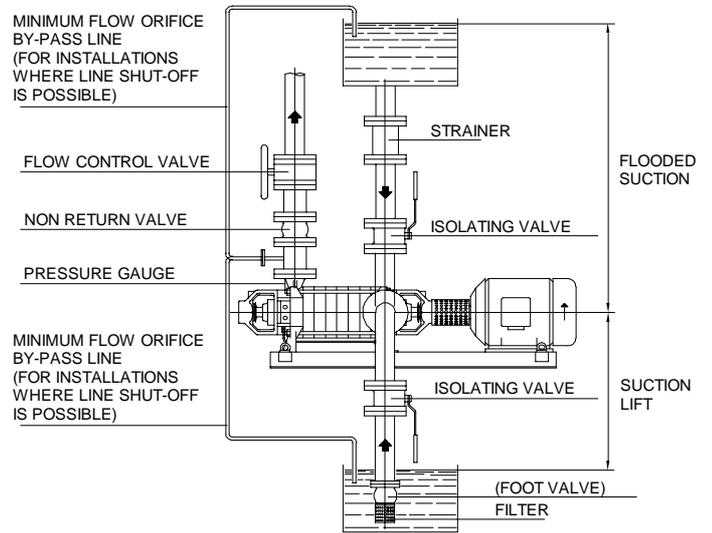
9.2.4 - Pressure testing

When the installation has been completed it is necessary to test the piping for both static pressure and vacuum.

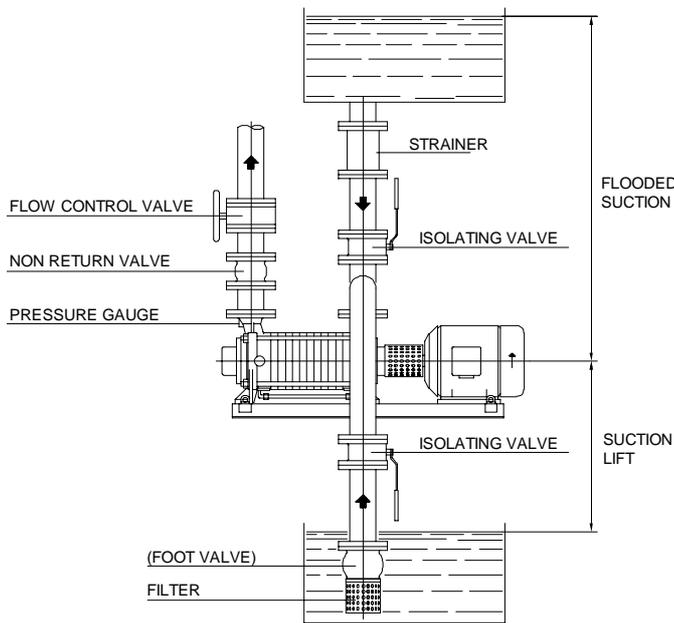
Testing should be carried out in accordance to the applicable standards for the piping function and the operating pressures.



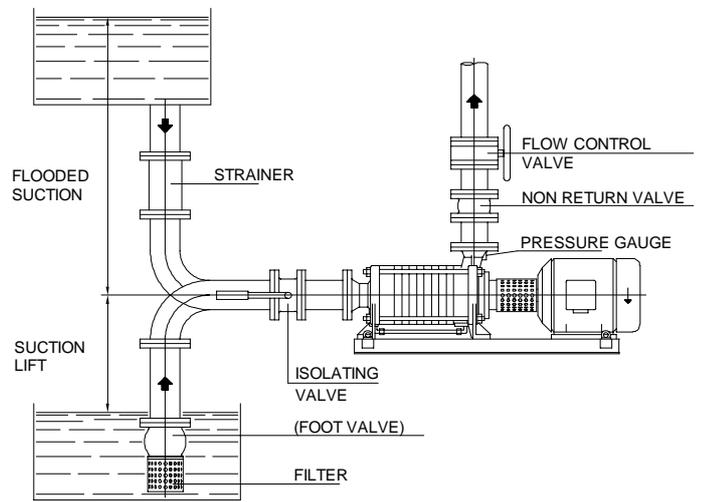
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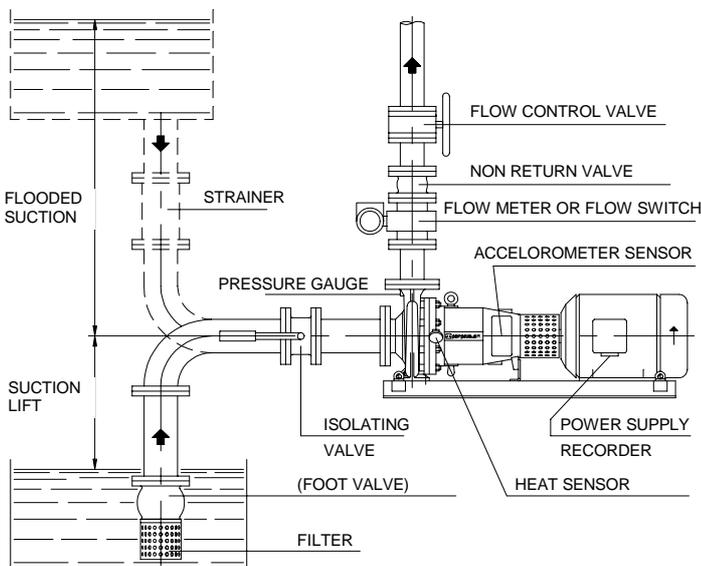
Pumps series TMA



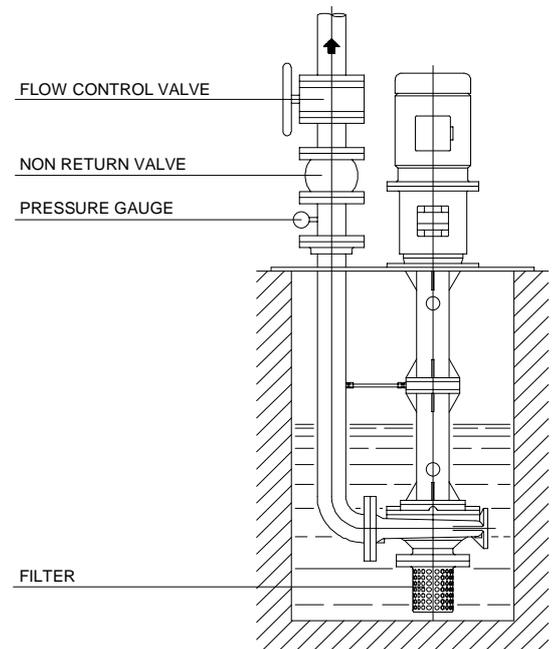
Pump series AT - AT - TBT - BT



Pump series TBA - BTA



Pump series TCK



Pump series MC... - TC... - VERTICAL construction

Fig. 17

9.3 - ACCESSORIES AND AUXILIARY CONNECTIONS

Depending on the application accessories may be installed to test the pump performance (instrumentation to measure pressure, temperature, capacity, etc.) and/or for necessary operations (cooling, heating, flushing of seals, etc.). When accessories are required the following should be considered:

a) Pressure and vacuum gauges must be properly anchored and connected at the measuring points located at pump flanges or near the flanges, using approx. 8 mm. diameter tubing with "pig tail" configuration to alleviate pressure fluctuations.

For safety purposes, isolating and vent valves should be fitted before these instruments (see fig. 18).

b) Temperature gauges should be installed with thermowells selected for the specific purpose and fitted in strategic locations where the reading is required (see fig. 19).

c) Every pump is fitted with draining connections at the pump casing. If required, pump drain and mechanical seals leakages can be piped to a container located nearby on the floor or (if available) to the drain catch basin for the total installation.

The pump draining piping should be fitted with an isolating valve and both should be suitable for the pumps maximum operating pressure.

d) Cooling, heating, flushing of mechanical seals and other piping must be connected only to the designated connections located on the pump (see fig. 20 and 21).

All tubing and connections must be a minimum of same size as the connection on the pump.

Insulation, if required, must be limited to the pump body, leaving all other components such as bearing frame and motor uncovered for heat dissipation.

e) Controlling the minimum capacity.

When the pump operates near the shut-off with almost no flow, almost all the motor power is transformed into thermal energy which is absorbed by the pumped liquid.

If the capacity is less than the minimum recommended (10-15% of pump capacity at its best efficiency point) not only will there be excessive load on the pump support and bearings but the liquid could evaporate resulting in damage to the impellers and wear rings with possibility of the pump seizing.

To prevent these problems it is recommended the installation of a minimum flow valve in the discharge piping, right after the pump but before the flow regulating valve.

In the event the flow regulating valve being excessively throttled or even completely closed, there will always be the required minimum liquid flow recirculated from the pump discharge to the suction piping of the pump.

The other device which may be fitted in this by-pass line (from pump discharge, before flow regulating valve, to pump suction) is a calibrated orifice sized for the minimum liquid flow required by the pump.

f) Pumps with magnetic drives (series TBK, TBAK, TCK), should be fitted with a temperature sensor to monitor and register the temperature in the area of the magnetic coupling. Pumps are fitted with a threaded connection for this purpose.

g) To prevent pumps running dry it is recommended to install, in the pump discharge line, a flow meter to check that there is a constant liquid circulation in the piping.

h) Fitting of a power meter will help analyzing the operation of the pumps. Knowing the minimum and maximum power absorbed by the operating pumps will help identifying problems that may be caused by dry running, siphoning, etc.

i) Accelerometers fitted on the bearing housing near the bearings, will help with the reading of the vibrations. An analysis of the vibration diagram, direct or indirect, would provide a diagnostic to prevent mechanical breakdowns, such as hydraulic cavitation.

l) It is recommended to start the magnetic pumps over 3 KW and all other pumps with more than 7.5 KW motor drive, with Soft-Starters or Delta-Star connections. Further information may be found in chapter 8 and in paragraph 19.1 of chapter 19.

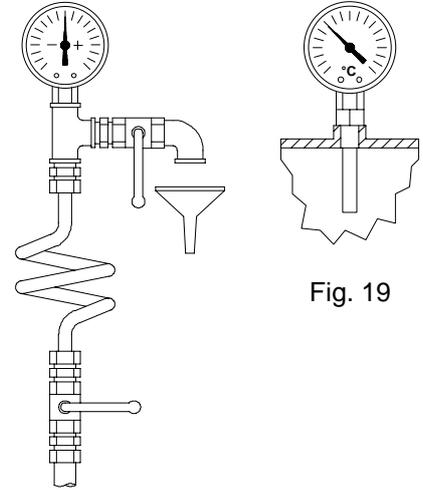


Fig. 19

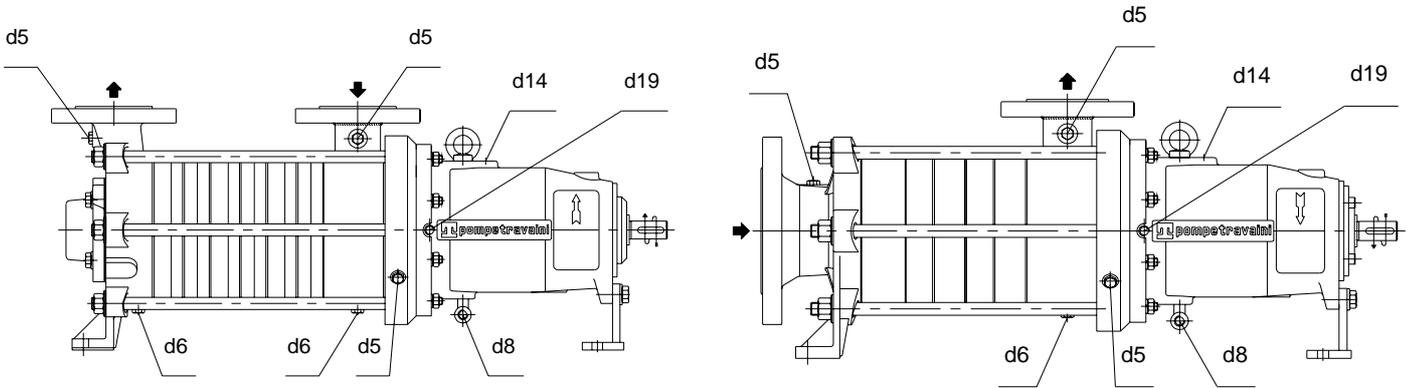
Fig. 18

LEGEND for figures 20 and 21

- d1.1 Threaded connection - “double tandem” mechanical seal flushing inlet from outside
- d1.2 Threaded connection - “double tandem” mechanical seal flushing outlet
- d2.1 Plugged connection - mechanical seal chamber cooling liquid inlet
- d2.2 Plugged connection - mechanical seal chamber cooling liquid outlet
- d3.1 Threaded connection - flushing liquid inlet from outside for “double back to back” mechanical seal or for single mechanical seal construction
- d3.2 Threaded connection - “double back to back” mechanical seal flushing liquid outlet
- d4.1 Threaded connection - casing heating chamber liquid inlet
- d4.2 Threaded connection - casing heating chamber liquid outlet
- d4.3 Plugged connection - casing heating chamber liquid drain
- d5 Plugged connection - for manometer
- d6 Plugged connection - for pump casing drain
- d7.1 Threaded connection - packing seal flushing liquid inlet from outside
- d7.2 Threaded connection - packing seal flushing liquid outlet from outside
- d8 Threaded connection - for seal leakages recovery
- d9 Plugged connection - bearings oil drain from housing
- d10 Plug with dipstick for bearings oil filling into housing
- d11 Constant level oil filler (on request only) or Oil level gauge (standard)
- d12 Threaded connection - mechanical seal flushing liquid inlet from outside
- d13 Grease nipple
- d14 Plugged connection - air-hole mechanical seal chamber
- d15 Plugged connection - sludge discharge from mechanical seal chamber
- d16 Plugged connection - tank liquid discharge (only for TCD/2-SP)
- d17 Threaded connection - for tank (only for TCD/2-SP)
- d18 Threaded connection - to check oil leaks from bearing
- d19 Threaded connection - thermometric probe
- d20 Plugged connection - filling

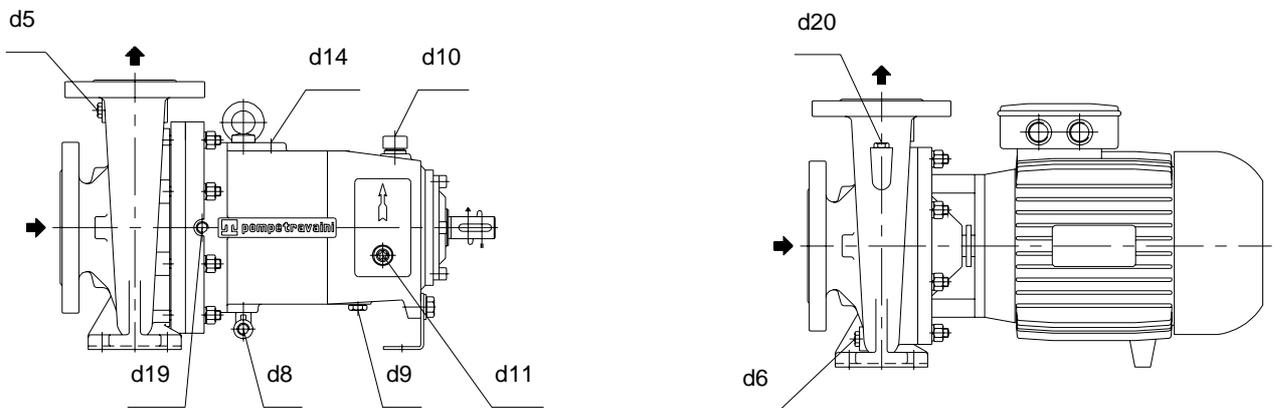
Plugged connection = Plug to be removed in case of use
 Threaded connection = Before connecting remove the plastic protection plug

Fig. 20 - CONNECTIONS AND HOOK-UPS FOR FLUSHING



Pump series TBK – Standard connections and hook-ups

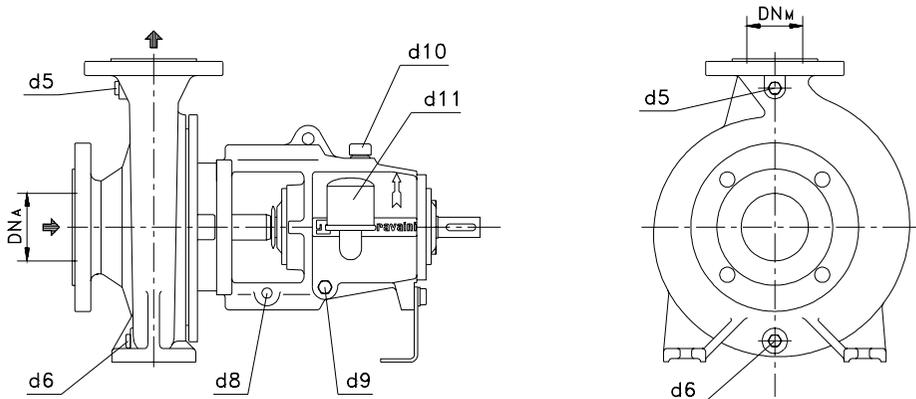
Pump series TBAK – Standard connections and hook-ups



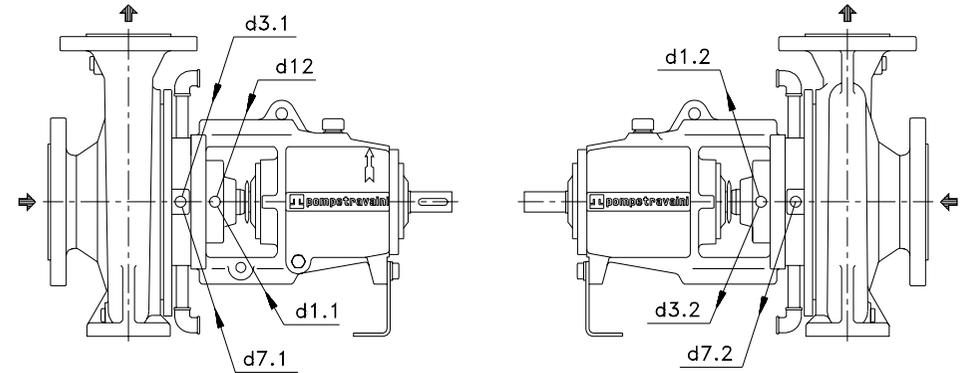
Pump series TCK – Standard connections and hook-ups
 NOTE: d19 = on both side for gr. 2

Pump series MCM – Standard connections and hook-ups

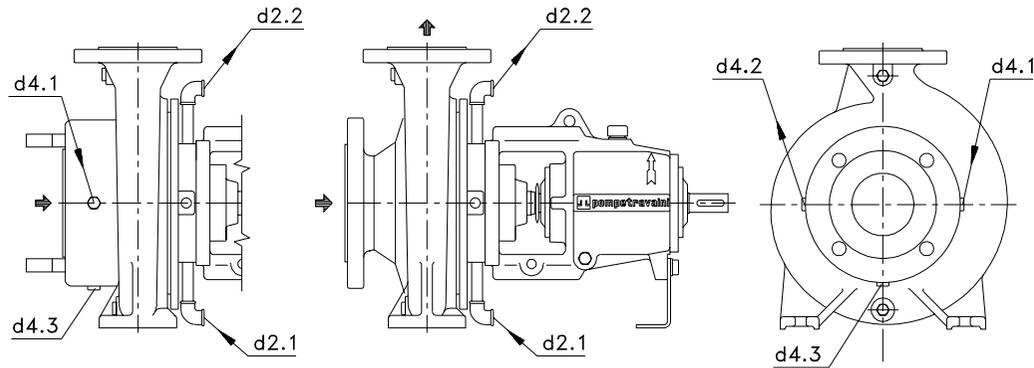
Fig. 21 - CONNECTIONS AND HOOK-UPS FOR FLUSHING



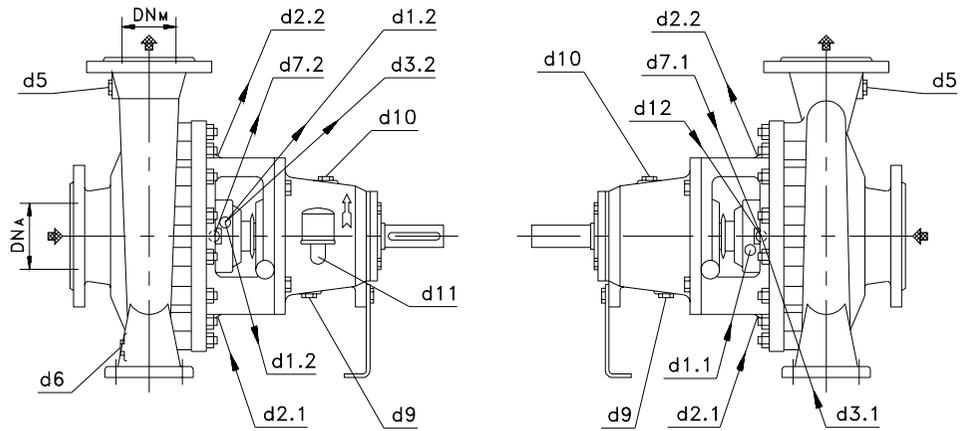
Pumps series MC... - TC... - Standard connections and hook-ups



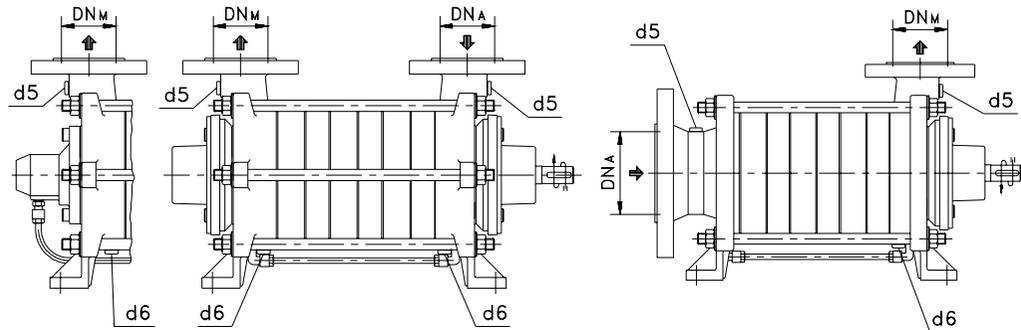
Pumps series MC... - TC... - Connections for designs /C /R /RR /R2 /B



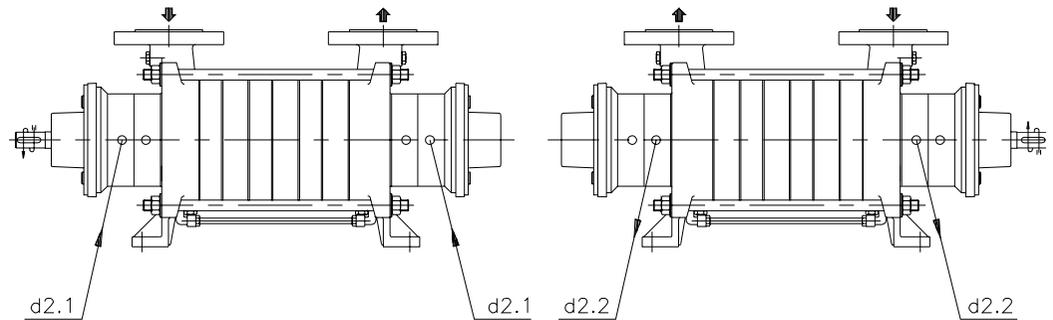
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Pumps series MCU-CH n.s. gr. 3 and 4 - Standard hook-ups and connections

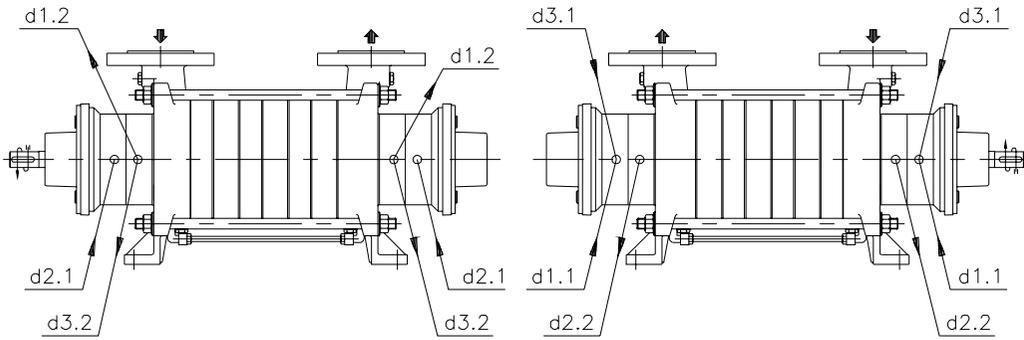


Pumps series TBH/C - TBH/KC - AT/KC - TBA/C - Standard hook-ups and connections

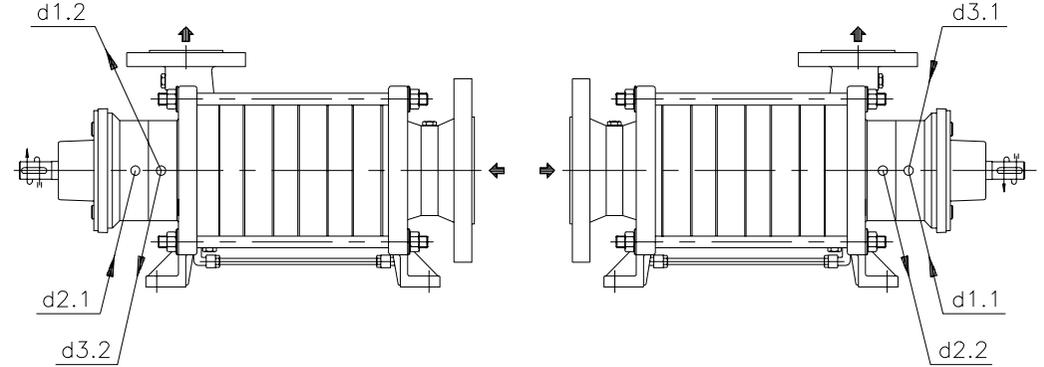


Pumps series TBH/CT - AT/CT - Connections for cooling or heating

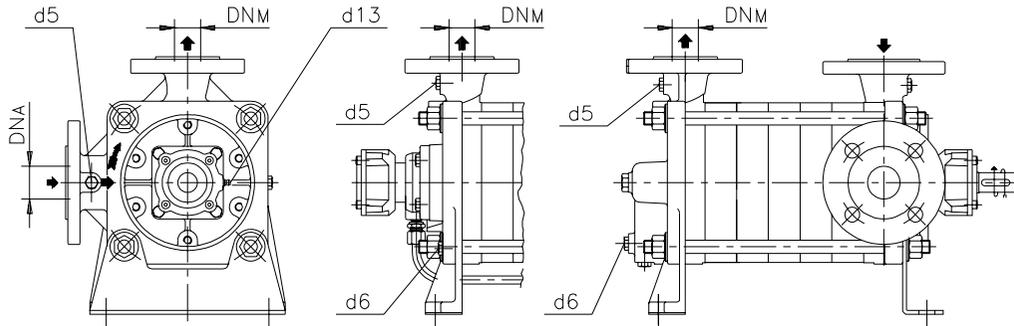
Fig. 22 - CONNECTIONS AND HOOK-UPS FOR FLUSHING



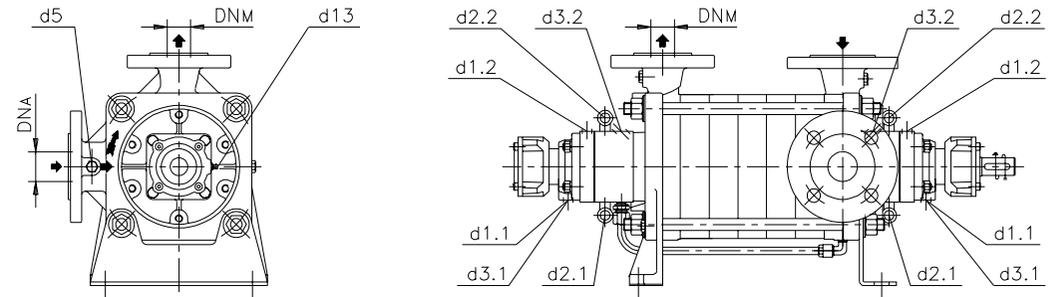
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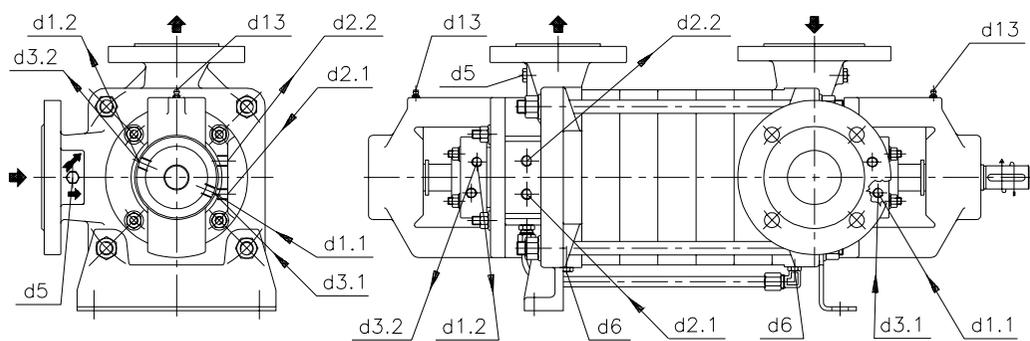
Pumps series TBA/C-2T - Connections for mechanical seals, cooling or heating



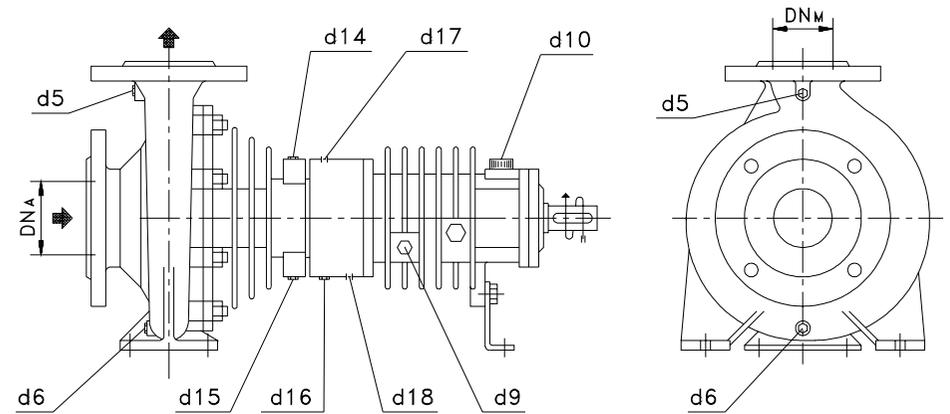
Pumps series TMA 31 and 32/C and /R - Standard hook-ups and connections



Pumps series TMA 31 and 32/T - Connections for cooling or heating



Pumps series TMA 40 and 50/B /R /RR /R2 - Standard hook-ups and connections



Pumps series TCD - Standard hook-ups and connections

10 - CHECK LIST PRIOR TO START-UP



All questions listed below must have **POSITIVE** answers prior to proceeding to the pump start-up. (The following list may not be complete for special installations which may require further precautions as the cases dictate).

- This manual has been completely read, including the following chapters, and has been fully understood?
- The piping system has been flushed of any foreign particles, welding impurities, etc.?
- Have all piping and pump obstruction been removed?
- All connections and piping are leak proof and there are no external forces or moments applied to the piping or pump flanges?
- Pump and motor are properly lubricated, if required?
- Pump/motor alignment has been checked?
- If mechanical seal requires flushing has this been connected?
- All valves in the installation are in the correct position?
- All safety guards are in place?
- Has this pump's direction of rotation been checked by jogging the motor?
- The pump Stop switch is clear and visible?
- Are pump and installation ready for start-up?

11 - STARTING, OPERATING AND STOPPING PROCEDURES

Upon receipt and/or completion of installation, before turning on the power to the electric motor, rotate the pump shaft by hand to make sure that the pump rotor is free. In the event the shaft does not turn, try to free it up by applying a torque to the pump coupling with a pipe wrench.

To free the rotor of a monoblock style pump (without coupling) introduce a bolt (or similar tool) at the motor shaft end that has a threaded connection and apply the torque by hand.

In the event the pump does not become free with the above procedures, fill up the pump with a suitable solvent or lubricating liquid, let it rest for several hours to allow softening of the rust build-up inside the pump, drain the pump and apply torque to the pump shaft as described above to finally free the rotor.

NOTE: The selected solvent or lubricating fluid must be compatible with the pump, seals and gasketing materials. New pumps from the factory and pumps coming from long term storage are likely impregnated with a rust preventative liquid; before the start-up, these pumps should be subjected to fresh water rinsing for approximately 15 minutes. The liquid mixture coming out of the pumps should be collected to safeguard the environment, this liquid should be sent for treatment as a special liquid.



CHECK PUMP-MOTOR COUPLING ALIGNMENT!

This must be done prior to the first start-up and before every start-up if pump or motor has been removed from the installation for maintenance or other reasons. See chapter 7.2.

11.1 - START-UP

Never run the pump when it is dry!

Before starting-up verify that all auxiliary supplies are in place, ready to be used and, where necessary, they have been correctly opened. (Example: seal or packing flushing, pressurising buffer liquid to "back to back" double mechanical seals, etc.). Make sure the pump and motor bearings have been properly lubricated and oil levels are correct.

If necessary oil topping should be done through the proper connections (see fig. 20 and 21) and with recommended lubricants (see chapter 13). If the liquid to be handled is at dangerous high temperatures it is required to insulate the pump and the piping to prevent direct contact, the pump should also be protected against thermal shocks by insulation, preheating, etc.

Prior to starting, the suction piping and the pump must be filled with the liquid to be lifted; for this purpose there are three types of installations to be identified:



WARNING!

During the following operations it is particularly important to avoid contact and/or inhale of eventual spilled liquid (vapour): therefore all safety precautions must be taken.

For this purpose there are three types of installations to be identified:

11.1.1 - Submersed pump (vertical design)

Pump filling is not applicable.

11.1.2 - Pump with flooded suction

Close the valve at pump discharge side, fully open the valve at pump suction side and the vent valve including any breather valve on the stuffing box.

NOTE: Pump series TCD are fitted with a vent cock (see fig. 21) which should be open to prevent forming air pockets in the mechanical seal chamber. Be sure to do this only when the spilled thermal oil is at ambient temperature! When the thermal fluid exits the air cock without any air or gas bubbles, even after turning the pump rotor it means that the whole pump is full of liquid, therefore close the air cock.

11.1.3 - Pump with suction lift (from well)

In this case the pump must be primed: fully open the isolating valve in suction piping.

If the pump is self-priming and it has been previously filled with liquid, there will be no problems, because the pump will be able to prime itself and lift the liquid as soon as it starts operating.

If the pump is not self-priming, but the suction piping is fitted with a foot valve, the suction piping and the pump can be filled with liquid by opening the valve at the discharge side (provided the discharge piping is full of liquid) or fill the pump body as well as suction piping, with the liquid to be pumped, through the vent valve.

For non self-priming pumps with the suction piping not having a foot valve, the suction piping and the pump can be filled with liquid by hooking-up the vent valve to a vacuum pump or vacuum source and keeping closed the valve at the discharge side of the pump, when the liquid exits the vent valve it means that the pump and suction piping are completely full of liquid.

At this point the vent valve should be closed and the vacuum pump (or source) can be turned off.

Check the position and/or control the opening of the minimum flow valve, flushing lines and/or auxiliary supply lines.

After the pump and its suction line is full of liquid the pump should be started. In this regard there are two possible cases:

11.1.4 - Starting a pump without back pressure at discharge side

For centrifugal pumps type MC... - TC... - TMA motor must be started with discharge valve closed.

When the motor has reached full speed, the discharge valve can be opened until the required differential pressure is reached (CAUTION: do not operate the pump with closed discharge piping for an extended period of time, to avoid overheating problems previously discussed).

For self-priming pumps type AT - TBH - TBA all valves in suction and discharge piping must be fully open before starting the motor. After the motor has been started the discharge valve can be throttled to build up the expected pressure.

(It is possible to start these pumps with the discharge valve at the closed position but, in this case, there will be maximum power consumption at start -up).

11.1.5 - Starting a pump with back pressure at discharge side

In this case a non-return valve must always be installed in the discharge piping.

The unit is started with the discharge valve partially open and after the pump pressure exceeds the back pressure in the discharge line then is time to adjust the discharge flow regulating valve to attain the operating pressure.

For the Starting Torque of the pump see chapter 19.1.

11.2 - OPERATION

After starting the pump the following should be checked:

- The differential pressure and the capacity are as expected (if required, adjust the flow regulating valve at the pump discharge side but **NEVER** throttle the valve at the suction side).
- The motor amperage does not exceed the value shown on the motor nameplate.
- The pump/motor assembly does not have unusual vibrations and noises.
- The seal arrangement works as it should:
 - if the sealing is by packing there should be continuous dripping from the stuffing box (see chapter 14).
 - if the sealing is by mechanical seal there should not be any leakage (see chapter 15).
- the bearing support temperature, at full operation, is less than approx. 85°C.



NEVER OPERATE THE PUMP DRY!

If at start-up there are suspicions of abnormal operation it is recommended to stop the unit and investigate the causes (see chapter 16).

11.3 - SHUT DOWN

The centrifugal pumps can be shut down by switching off the power to the motor, with open or closed flow regulating valve: however if there are no provisions against liquid hammer it is recommended to close the flow regulating valve at pump discharge prior to stopping the pump.

Avoid the use of instantaneous shut-off valves, such as solenoid valves. These can cause severe pump damage.

If the piping has not been fitted with non-return valves it is required to close the shut-off valves in sequence to prevent emptying the piping.

Close first the isolating valve at discharge and then at suction side.

If the non return valve is not fitted, or the isolating valve at the discharge side is not completely closed, it may happen that during the shut-down the pump shaft will rotate in the opposite direction than is normal: in such cases absolutely avoid restarting the pump until the pump shaft has stopped rotating.

Following pump shut down it is required to close any auxiliary lines such as flushing, heating, etc.

After the first start-stop and if necessary, check pump/motor alignment and make sure that no external forces or moment rest on pump or piping.

In the event the pump is shut down for an extended period of time it is recommended to completely drain the pump to prevent the possibility of freezing in the winter time and/or the possibility of corrosion due to stagnant liquid left in the pump (see chapter 6).

12 - OPERATING CHECK LIST

Periodically check the good working condition of the pump by reading the instruments such as gauges, amp meters, flow meters, etc., the pump should constantly be performing as the installation requires.

The operation of the pump should be without abnormal vibrations or noises, if any of these problems is noticed, the pump should be stopped immediately, search for the cause and make the necessary corrections.

It is good practice to check the pump/motor alignment, the running conditions of the bearings and of the mechanical seals (see chapters 13 - 14 - 15 - 16) at least once a year, even if no abnormalities have been noticed.

If there is a deterioration of the pump performance, which is not attributable to changes in system demands, the pump must be stopped and proceed with necessary repairs or replacement.

When the pump is fitted with auxiliary supply lines such as cooling, heating or flushing it is recommended to periodically check their flow, temperature and pressure.

If the magnetic driven pump is fitted with a temperature sensor, the temperature in the area of the magnetic coupling should be approximately 3 to 5°C above the temperature of the product being pumped in standard conditions (water at ambient temperature). Higher values could indicate operation at low flow, obstruction of internal flushing connections or mechanical damage of the magnetic coupling.

Please contact POMPETRAVAINI if there are doubts regarding abnormal temperature rises.

13 - LUBRICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Pumps often operate in severe conditions and the bearings are subject to relevant radial and axial forces.

For a good pump operation it is therefore very important to keep the pump bearings well lubricated and clean.

WARNING: The maintenance must be carried out with the pump turned off and the electrical power, or other driving mechanism, must be disconnected. The power should only be turned back on by the same person doing the maintenance. It is however recommended to have at least a team of two workers doing the maintenance and the supervisors should be fully aware of the work in progress.



CAREFULLY FOLLOW THE SAFETY PROCEDURES LISTED IN CHAPTER 2.

Bearings and lubricants must be free of any foreign particles such as dirt, dust, etc. which could cause the bearings to seize.

See "Disassembly and assembly instructions" for bearing sizes , quantity and type of lubricants.

13.1 - GREASE LUBRICATED BALL BEARINGS.

TMA pump series are fitted with regreaseable bearings and grease type "EP 3".

The grease applied at time of pump assembly is usually suitable for approx. 1500 to 2500 hours of operation.

It is important to remember not to overlubricate the bearings, excessive grease will lead to overheating of bearings.

It is preferred that every 1500 to 2500 hours of operation the bearings be cleaned of old grease and the bearing gage be refilled with new suitable grease.

AT - TBH - TBA - TCK - TBK - TBAK pump series are fitted with self lubricated ball bearings which do not require re-grease in normal operating conditions (series TCK, TBK e TBAK may also be fitted with oil lubrication as described in the paragraph listed below).

It is necessary to carry out the greasing and maintenance operations as per the above description for the pumps with roller bearing fitted on the drive end.

Bearing temperature should not exceed 85°C in normal conditions and ambient temperatures.

Overheating could be caused by excessive grease, coupling misalignment, excessive vibrations and /or bearing wear (see chapter 16).

13.2 - OIL LUBRICATED BALL BEARINGS.

Pump series TC... - MC... are fitted with oil lubricated ball bearings. The series TCK – TBK and TBAK can also be with grease lubricated bearings.

It is good practice to replace the lubricating oil used at time of testing.

Oil should also be changed after the first 50 to 100 hours of operation.

The lubricating oil, poured through the hole which is also the dipstick seat or vent plug located at the top of the bearing frame should, as a maximum, cover the bearing balls of the lower crown (the oil dipstick or the oil level gauge show the correct quantity, see fig. 24).

The installation of a constant level oil-filler (as option) consents a correct lubricating oil level in the avoiding recurrent fillings.

For the first filling proceed as follows:

- remove vent plug of the bearing frame
- upset the oil-cruet
- pour oil into the bearing frame through the hole of plug till you can see oil in the oil-filler elbow
- fill the oil-filler pouring oil directly into the oil-cruet and NOT into the elbow (see fig. 23)
- replace the cruet in normal position
- let oil flow into bearing frame
- repeat operation till the oil level in the cruet cease to decrease.

The following fillings should be done pouring oil directly into the cruet and NOT into the elbow of the oil-filler or bearing frame plug (see fig. 23).

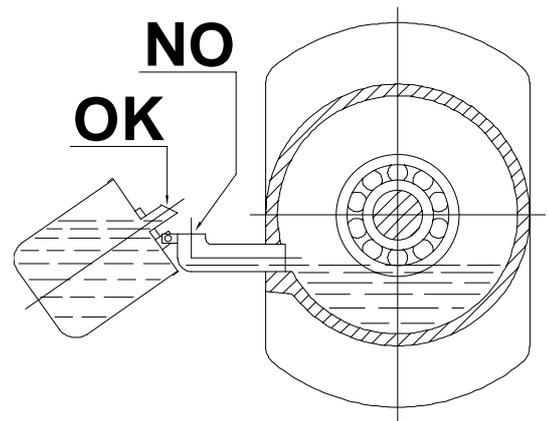


Fig. 23

If there are no particular dangers of oil contamination (dust, water) and the temperature in the bearing frame oil bath does not exceed 60°C, oil should be changed every 4000 to 6000 hours of service.

For higher operating temperatures and contaminated oil the frequency of oil changes should be increased.

Bearing temperature should not exceed 85°C in normal conditions of operations and ambient temperatures.

Overheating could be caused by too much oil, coupling misalignment, excessive vibrations and/or bearing wear.

It is recommended to periodically check the oil pH which will indicate the oil stability and the oxidation grade (consult the supplier for the acceptable values).

Satisfactory oils are those with a viscosity at 40°C between 46 and 100 centistokes.

Oils with high viscosity (100 centistokes) are recommended for applications with high operating temperatures.

Pumps of series TCD can use oils with viscosity up to 220 centistokes.

Some oil types are:

AGIP OTE 55 EP
CASTROL HY SPIN VG 46
ESSO TERESSO 68
SHELL TELLUS OIL T68

AGIP BLASIA 68
CASTROL HY SPIN AWS 68
ESSO NURAY 100
IP HIDRUS 68

NOTE: Avoid mixing different oil brands and with different characteristics.

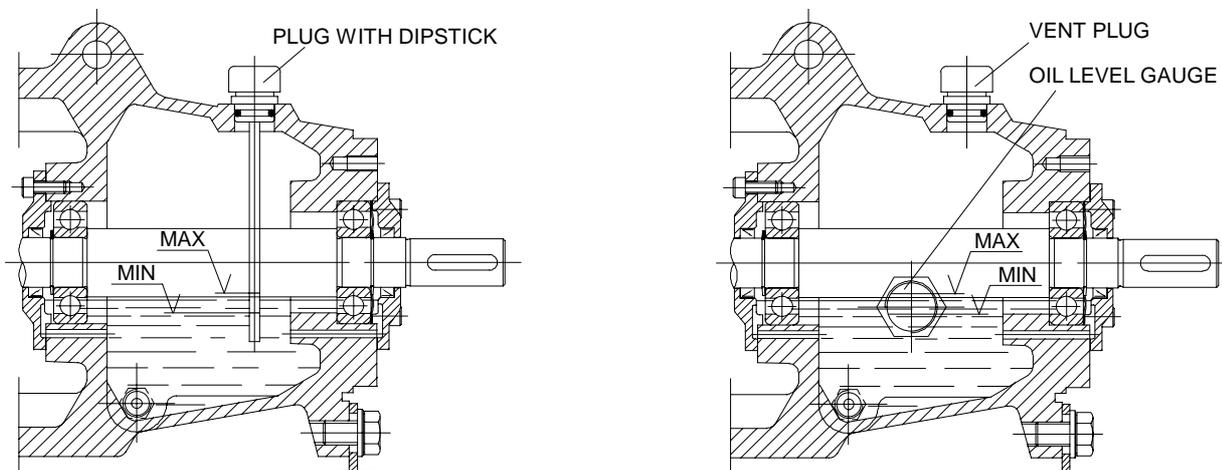


Fig. 24

14 - PACKED STUFFING BOXES

Pumps fitted with packed stuffing boxes require packing flushing either from an external source or directly from the pumped media through pump internal passages.

This liquid is necessary to remove the friction heat generated between the shaft and the packing.

The dripping quantity is a function of the pump size and of the pressure in the stuffing box housing.

In any event the liquid drops coming out of the stuffing box should not exceed a temperature of 60 - 70°C in relation to handling a liquid at ambient temperature.

14.1 - ADJUSTING THE PACKING.

All adjustment operations must be performed with the **PUMP NOT RUNNING** following the safety measures given in chapter 2. After completion of the work **ALWAYS** re-install the safety guards previously removed.

At first start up loosen the nuts of the packing gland allowing a steady flow of liquid to drain out (see fig. 25).

After obtaining a steady flow of leakage gradually tighten the gland nuts until attaining a steady dripping within the limit of the above recommended temperature.

A few hours time span may be required to establish a steady dripping at low temperatures.

Packing adjustment is required when the liquid leakage increases.

When adjustment is no longer possible, the packing material should be replaced with new one.

Follow the "Disassembly and Assembly Instructions" to replace the packing materials.

In the event the pump remains out of service for more than 2 months it is recommended to replace the packing rings, prior to start-up.

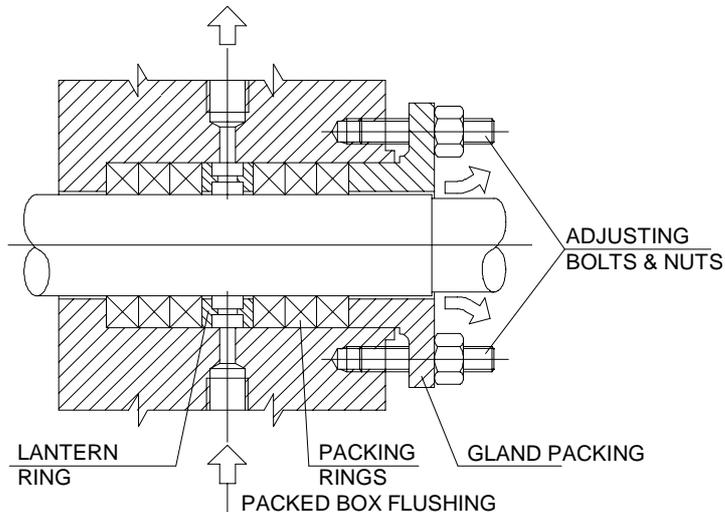


Fig. 25

Mechanical seals can be of different materials, designs and arrangements (see fig. 25).

The proper selection has been made by POMPETRAVAINI considering the liquid to be handled by the pump and the operating conditions.

If flushing from an external source is required, the proper set up must be provided for a good operation.

Figures 20-21-22 indicate the location of connections for proper seal flushing. For the proper flow and pressure of flushing liquid see tab. 3 and/or consult with POMPETRAVAINI and/or the seal manufacturer.

For the liquid flow required to seal chambers cooling see tab. 4.

The mechanical seals fitted in our standard pumps are to DIN 24960 and/or ISO 3069 standards.

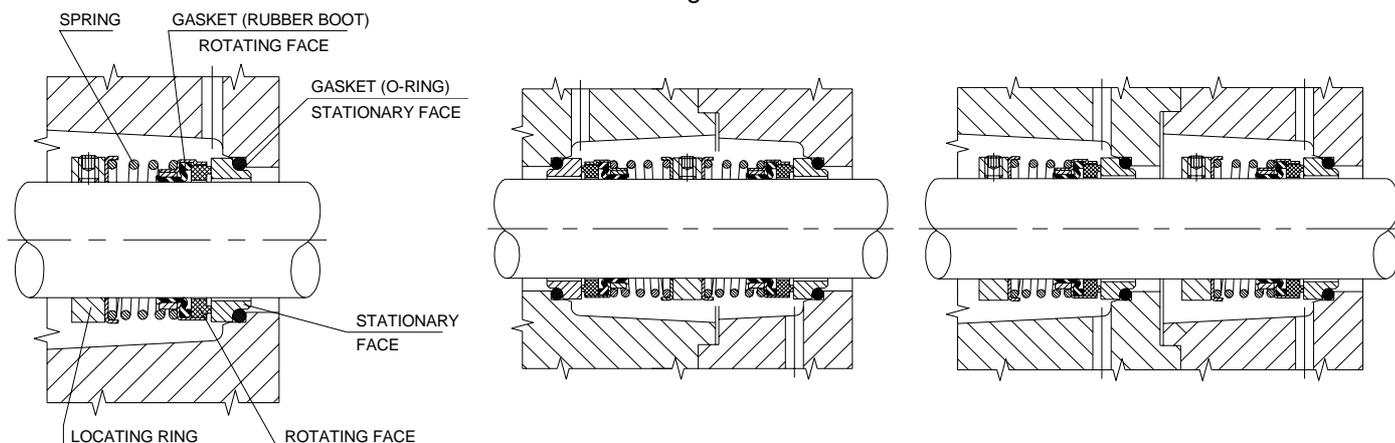
The main seal dimensions can be found in the pump "Disassembly and Assembly Instructions".

Usually mechanical seals do not require maintenance until leakage is visible, see "Disassembly and Assembly Instructions" for mechanical seals replacement.

Mechanical seals must **NEVER RUN DRY**, the absence or lack of flushing liquid will cause seal faces and elastomers damage greatly reducing their operating life.

It is suggested to check the conditions of the seal faces every 4000 hours of service.

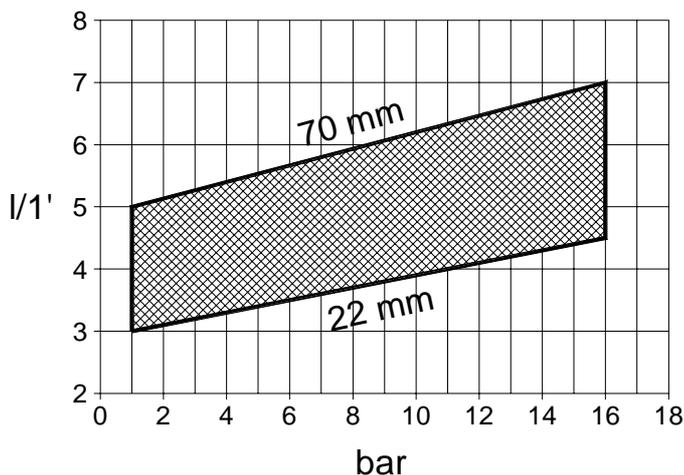
Fig. 26



Typical example of single mechanical seal

Typical example of double back to back mechanical seal

Typical example of double tandem mechanical seal



Tab. 3 - **LIQUID FLOW REQUIRED TO SINGLE MECHANICAL SEALS FLUSHING FROM OUTSIDE**

Where:
 mm = mechanical seal diameter
 bar = pumping pressure
 (NOTE: flushing liquid pressure must be higher than pumping pressure)
 l/h = liquid flow required
 (NOTE: for double mechanical seals double the quantity)

Tab. 4 - **LIQUID FLOW REQUIRED TO SEAL CHAMBERS COOLING**

PUMPS SERIES	MINIMUM QUANTITY l/h	MAXIMUM QUANTITY l/h
AT – TB... MC... group 1 & 2 TC... group 1 & 2 TMA	200	400
MC... group 3 & 4	400	700

16 - TROUBLE SHOOTING CHART - PROBLEMS, CAUSES AND SOLUTIONS

Consult the following table when problems are experienced, if solutions are not found in this chart (tab. 5) or should there be any doubts, do not hesitate to contact POMPETRAVAINI or your local representative.

Tab. 5 - LIST OF PROBLEMS

PROBLEM	LIST OF POSSIBLE CAUSES
Lack of, or no flow and/or pressure	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 - 11 - 12 - 13 - 14 - 17 - 25 - 40
Excessive flow and/or pressure	15 - 16 - 17 - 18
High power consumption	10 - 15 - 16 - 18 - 19 - 20 - 21 - 22 - 23
Excessive vibration and noise	8 - 18 - 19 - 20 - 23 - 24 - 25 - 26 - 27 - 28 - 36 - 37 - 40
Bearing overheating	19 - 20 - 28 - 29 - 30 - 36 - 38 - 39 - 42
Sealing malfunction	28 - 31 - 32 - 33 - 34 - 35 - 40 - 41

	CAUSES	SOLUTIONS
1	Pump is not primed	Repeat the priming procedure
2	Rotational speed is not adequate	Increase the motor speed in relation to the working conditions - Replace impeller with one having larger diameter.
3	Installation requires higher pressure than expected	Increase operating speed, if possible, (see point 2) or replace impeller with one of larger diameter - Change the pump or increase the number of stages in case of multistage pumps - Reduce the system pressure
4	Wrong direction of rotation	Change the motor direction of rotation
5	There are air pockets in the suction line	Modify the layout of suction piping
6	Air enters the suction line	Check the piping sealing areas
7	The pumped liquid is emulsified with air	Install a reservoir or tank before the pump to de-aerate the liquid
8	The suction lift or/and suction pressure is more than anticipated and therefore the pump cavitates	Reset the suction lift to the original value - Increase the piping diameter - Check the suction piping, the foot valve or non return valve, the filter - Open completely the isolating valve in the suction piping - Decrease the friction losses
9	The wear ring and/or impeller neck and/or the impeller and/or the diffusers are worn out or damaged	Overhaul the pump replacing and/or repairing the damaged components
10	Viscosity, density, or specific weight of liquid have higher values than expected	Re-establish the characteristics of the liquid as originally expected (if necessary contact POMPETRAVAINI)
11	Suction piping is not sufficiently submerged in the liquid, creating vortex	Increase the depth of piping or foot valve in the liquid
12	Impeller is plugged with scale deposit and/or foreign materials	Take out the impeller, clean it, free the vanes and cavities of any materials - Soften the pumped liquid
13	There is entrained air in the system	Adjust the packed stuffing box or repair/replace the mechanical seal
14	Piping is plugged	Clean piping and valves - clean the filters
15	Velocity is too high	If possible, decrease the pump rotational speed
16	The required pressure of system is lower than anticipated	Adjust the flow regulating valve in discharge piping - Decrease the impeller diameter (contact POMPETRAVAINI) - Decrease the number of stages in case of multistage pumps
17	Pump is not suitable for the application	Contact POMPETRAVAINI
18	Inlet pressure is too high	Reduce the pressure, but without adjusting the isolating valve at the suction side
19	Pump/motor coupling is misaligned	Realign the coupling
20	Bearings are defective or worn out	Replace bearings
21	The power supply voltage is wrong - Motor does not operate properly	Change the motor - Correct the power supply
22	The packing is too tight	Loosen the nuts of the packing gland
23	Pump seizing is experienced	Stop the pump and look for any rotor obstructions
24	The pump and/or piping are loose	Torque the bolts as required
25	Pump is worn out or damaged with excessive internal clearances	Overhaul the pump
26	The coupling rubber inserts are worn	Replace the coupling inserts
27	The impeller is out of balance due to wear, deposits and encrustation	Disassemble, clean, balance and/or replace the impeller - Soften the liquid
28	Forces, moments and piping misalignment are loading the pump	Realign and support the piping

29	Oil level in bearing frame is low, oil quality is inadequate or there is lack of grease	Replace oil or grease to the normal level using proper quality lubricants
30	The power absorbed is too high	Decrease the power consumption by identifying the cause
31	Pump is running dry	Reinstate the correct working conditions
32	Pumped liquid or the flushing liquid to the seals is dirty and/or not adequate	Install a filter in the flushing lines - Change flushing fluid
33	There are excessive shaft vibrations and deflections	Identify the causes and reinstate the correct working conditions (refer to more specific points in the table)
34	The pumped liquid is not adequate for the seals	Contact POMPETRAVAINI
35	The shaft sleeve is worn out	Replace the sleeve with a new one
36	The pumped flow is less than the minimum required	Increase the flow - Adjust the by-pass recirculating valve or line
37	Baseplate or pump foundation is not adequate	Change or reinforce the baseplate and/or foundation following the recommended procedures
38	Too much grease in the bearings	Remove excessive grease and check the bearings
39	There is water in the bearing frame	Change bearings and replace all the lubricant
40	Incorrect assembly after pump repair	Overhaul pump and assembly following correct procedures
41	The mechanical seals are damaged	Remove the mechanical seals, overhaul or change them
42	The axial forces are too strong	Check the impeller

17 - PUMP REPAIR AND REMOVAL FROM INSTALLATION

Should the pump require repairs it is recommended to be familiar with the procedures outlined in the “Disassembly and Assembly Instructions”.



RESPECT THE SAFETY PRECAUTION MEASURES OUTLINED IN CHAPTER 2.

In any case, before working on the pump it is important to:

- procure and wear the proper safety equipment (hard hat, safety glasses, gloves, safety shoes, etc.)
- disconnect the electrical power supply and, if required, disconnect the electrical cables from the motor
- close the pump inlet and outlet isolating valves
- let the pump cool down to ambient temperature if is pumping hot liquids
- adopt safety measures if the pump has been handling dangerous liquids
- drain the pump body of the pumped liquid, through the draining connections, if necessary rinse with neutral liquid.

To remove the pump and the motor from the installation proceed as follows:

- remove bolts from pump suction and discharge flanges
- remove the coupling guard
- remove the spacer of the coupling, if there is one
- if required, remove motor by removing the bolts on the baseplate, for base mounted assembly, or the bolts on the adapter flange in the case of monoblock design
- remove the pump anchor bolts on the baseplate
- remove the pump from installation without damaging other system components.

When the pump has been repaired, re-install following the steps from “Assembly and Alignment” procedures and after (see the applicable chapters starting from chapter 7).

18 - SPARE PARTS

When ordering the pump it is good practice to also order the necessary spare parts, especially when there are no stand-by pumps in the installation. This will minimise unnecessary down times in the event of pump failure or routine maintenance.

For better parts management, the VDMA 24296 standards suggest to stock the number of parts in function of the number of pumps being used by the plant (see following table).

Spare parts		Identical pumps number (stand-by pumps included)							
		2	3	4	5	6 and 7	8 and 9	10 and more	
Components		Number of spare parts							
Suction and discharge elements		1	1	$\frac{2}{1}$	2	2	3	30%	
Impellers				1					
Radial seal rings		2	2	2	3	3	4	50%	
Ball or roller bearings									
Shaft complete with keys, nuts, shoulder rings, etc.		1	1		2	2	2	3	30%
Bushes						2	2	3	3
Shaft protection sleeves		1	1		2			2	2
Neck rings				16		16	24	24	24
Packing rings									
Gaskets for pump casing (Set)		4	6	8	8	9	12	150%	
Other gaskets (Set)							10	100%	
Mechanical seals	Rotating part	2	3	4	5	6	7	90%	
	Stationary part								
	Rotating part gasket	6	8	8	10	150%			
	Stationary part gasket								
	Springs	1	1	1	1	2	2	20%	
Bearing housing groups complete with shaft, bearings, covers, seal rings, etc.		---	---	---	---	---	1	2	
Coupling inserts (Set)		2	3	4	5	6	7	75%	

On the pump nameplate there are printed pump model, year of manufacture and pump serial number.

When ordering spare parts always provide this information.

Pump type, parts item number (VDMA) and description per the pump sectional drawing and parts list is useful information which helps to supply correct spare parts for your pump.

We recommend the use of original spares: in case this is not respected, POMPETRAVAINI declines any responsibility for eventual damages and not correct running caused by not original spare parts.

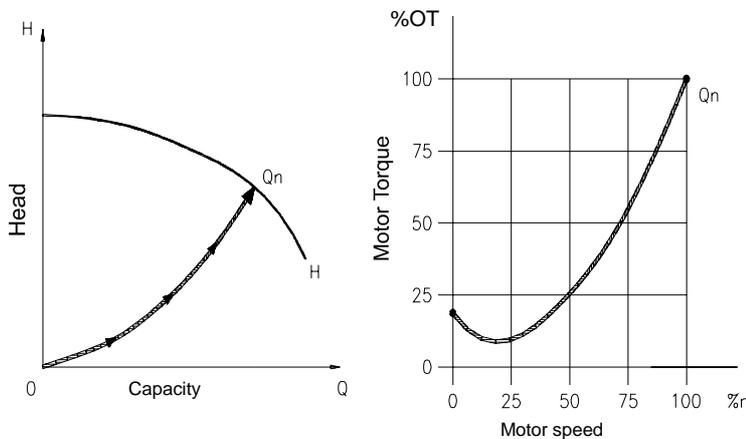
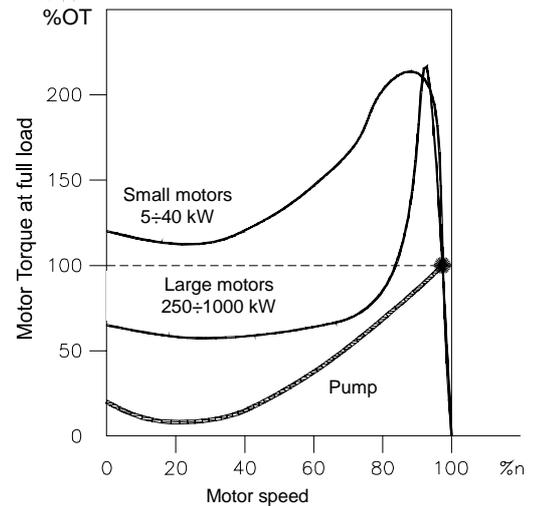
19.1 - STARTING TORQUE

Starting torque of a centrifugal pump is very low. Usually standard electric motors may be safely used to drive this pump. Pump operational speed (any speed) is reached only if motor torque is greater than pump operating torque. See side figure.

Operating Torque (**Nm**) is given by

$$\text{Operating Torque} = 9549 \times \text{kW (absorbed at operating speed)} / \text{RPM (nominal)}$$

According to the centrifugal pump starting, there could be three principal cases each with his characteristic curve of starting (see examples below).



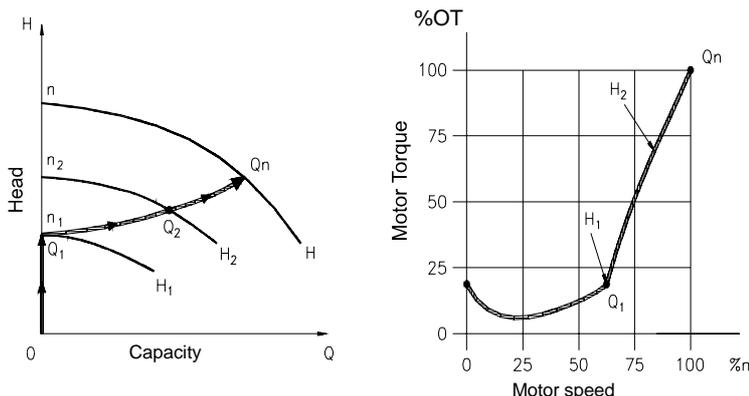
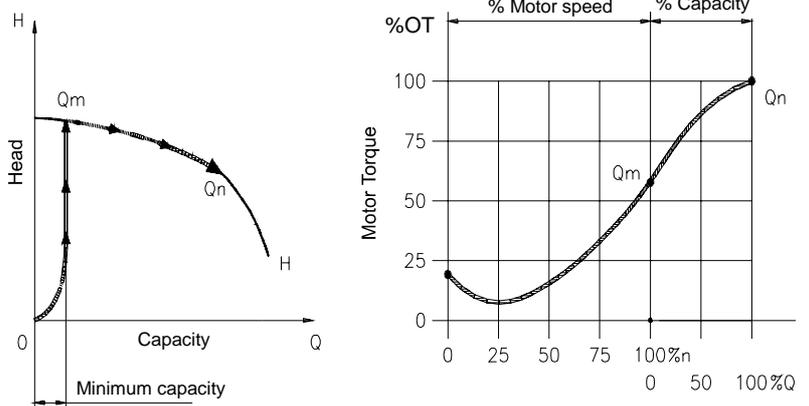
1) Starting with open valve on discharge

During this starting it can be assumed the curve of Operating Torque in function of the round number similar to a parable that starts from about the 20% of the value of Operating Torque to Q_n .

2) Starting with partially closed valve on discharge

This type of starting requires a particular observation: first the pump must reach a value of minimum capacity Q_m (correspondent to the partialized capacity of the valve) such to guarantee a correct operation without problems of liquid evaporation or excessive radial loads on the shaft; then the pump, by totally opening the valve, will reach the value of nominal capacity Q_n and therefore the value of maximum operating torque.

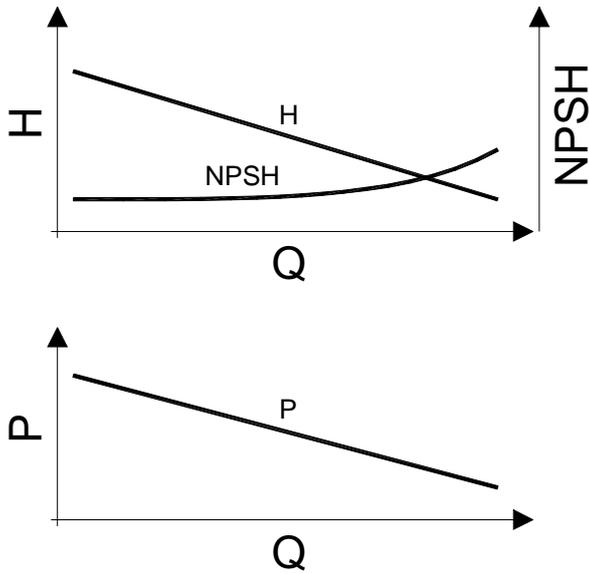
NOTE: In this case it is esteemed an absorbed power at the value of Q_m corresponding to about 60% of Q_n .



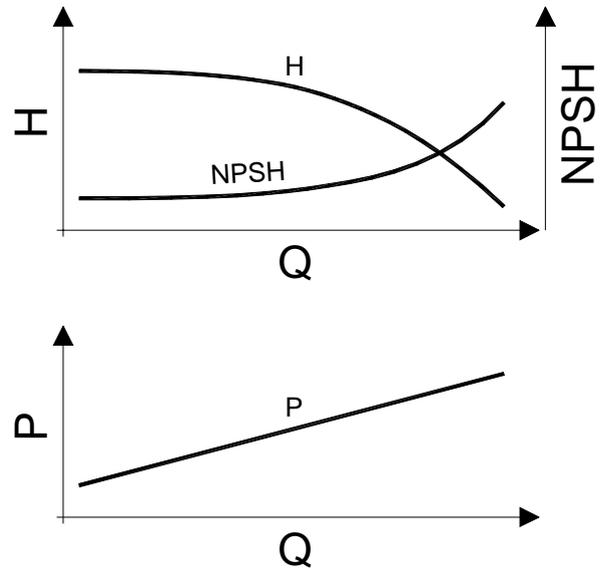
3) Starting with completely open valve and with non return valve on discharge

During the starting the non return valve will remain closed up to the attainment of the pressure value H_1 (correspondent to the pre-load pressure of the same valve) and therefore void capacity. This value is reached at speed n_1 (in this example esteemed about 60% of the nominal speed). The continuous motor acceleration will reach the attainment of Q_n after having passed through n_2, Q_2, H_2 .

19.2 - TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CURVES



Typical performance curves
for pumps series AT - TB...



Typical performance curves
for pumps series TC... - MC... - TMA

Where:

- H = Head
- NPSH = Net Positive Suction Head
- P = Absorbed power
- Q = Capacity

19.3 - UNITS CONVERSION TABLE

	<i>To convert</i>	<i>To obtain</i>	<i>Multiply by</i>	<i>To convert</i>	<i>To obtain</i>	<i>Multiply by</i>
Discharge and Delivery	Litres/sec	Litres/min	60	m ³ /h	Litres/sec	0.2778
	Litres/sec	m ³ /h	3.6	m ³ /h	Litres/min	16.67
	Litres/sec	C.F.M.	2.12	m ³ /h	C.F.M.	0.589
	Litres/min	Litres/sec	0.01667	C.F.M.	Litres/sec	0.4719
	Litres/min	m ³ /h	0.06	C.F.M.	Litres/min	28.32
	Litres/min	C.F.M.	0.0353	C.F.M.	m ³ /h	1.698

	<i>To convert</i>	<i>To obtain</i>	<i>Multiply by</i>	<i>To convert</i>	<i>To obtain</i>	<i>Multiply by</i>
Capacity	Litres	m ³	0.001	U.S. Gal	Litres	3.785
	Litres	Ft ³	0.0353	U.S. Gal	m ³	0.003785
	Litres	U.S. Gal	0.02641	U.S. Gal	Ft ³	0.0133
	Litres	Imp. Gal	0.219	U.S. Gal	Imp. Gal	0.0832
	m ³	Litres	0.001	Imp. Gal	Litres	4.545
	m ³	Ft ³	35.3	Imp. Gal	m ³	0.004545
	m ³	U.S. Gal	264.17	Imp. Gal	Ft ³	0.16
	m ³	Imp. Gal	219.96	Imp. Gal	U.S. Gal	1.2
	Ft ³	Litres	28.32			
	Ft ³	m ³	0.0283			
	Ft ³	U.S. Gal	7.48			
	Ft ³	Imp. Gal	6.228			

	<i>To convert</i>	<i>To obtain</i>	<i>Multiply by</i>	<i>To convert</i>	<i>To obtain</i>	<i>Multiply by</i>
Linear measure	cm	inches	0.3937	inches	cm	2.54
	cm	m	0.01	feet	m	0.3048
	m	feet	3.28084			
	m	cm	100			

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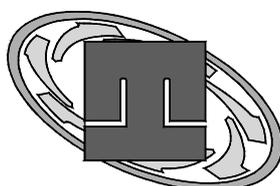
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