

SF PLUNGER PUMP SERVICE MANUAL



2SF, 2SFX, CEE, SEEL MODELS:

2SF10, 2SF20, 2SF22,
2SF25, 2SF29, 2SF30, 2SF35
2SF05, 10, 15, 25, 29, 35SEEL

4SF MODELS:

4SF32ELS, 4SF40ELS, 4SF45ELS, 4SF50ELS,
4SF30GS1, 4SF35GS1, 4SF40GS1, 4SF45GS1,
4SF45GS118, 4SF50GS1

INSTALLATION AND START-UP INFORMATION

Optimum performance of the pump is dependent upon the entire liquid system and will be obtained only with the proper selection, installation of plumbing, and operation of the pump and accessories.

SPECIFICATIONS: Maximum specifications refer to individual attributes. It is **not** implied that **all maximums** can be performed **simultaneously**. If more than one maximum is considered, check with your CAT PUMPS supplier to confirm the proper performance and pump selection. Refer to individual pump Data Sheet for complete specifications, parts list and exploded view.

LUBRICATION: Fill crankcase with special CAT PUMP oil per pump specifications [2SF, 2SFX: prior 3/03-11.83 oz., after 3/03-10.15 oz., 4SF: 23.66 oz.]. DO NOT RUN PUMP WITHOUT OIL IN CRANKCASE. Change initial fill after 50 hours running period. Thereafter, change oil every **3 months or 500 hour intervals**.

MOTOR SELECTION: Identify the pump shaft size. (2SF) "ES" and "ELS" models have 5/8" electric shaft; "GES" models have 3/4" electric shaft; "GS" and "GZ" models have 3/4" gas shaft. (4SF) "ELS" models have 1-1/8" electric shaft; "GS" models have a 1" gas shaft. The motor or engine driving the pump must be of adequate horsepower to maintain full RPM when the pump is under load. Select the electric motor from the Horsepower Requirement Chart according to required pump discharge flow and maximum **pressure at the pump!** Consult the manufacturer of gas or diesel engine for selection of the proper engine.

MOUNTING: All 2SF and 4SF are direct drive and do not need to be mounted to another surface. Only the solid shaft 2SF22SLS with attachment brackets needs to be mounted to a rigid, horizontal surface. An uneven mounting surface will cause extensive damage to the pump base. Use the correct belt; make sure pulleys are aligned. Excessive belt tension may be harmful to the bearings. To minimize piping stress, **use appropriate flexible hose to inlet and discharge ports**. Before mounting pump to motor or gas engine, apply PN 6106 anti-seize lubricant to pump shaft. Refer to Tech Bulletin 055 for instructions on removing pump from gas engine or electric motor.

LOCATION: If the pump is used in extremely dirty or humid conditions, it is recommended pump be enclosed. Do not store or operate in excessively high temperature areas or without proper ventilation.

INLET CONDITIONS: Refer to complete **Inlet Condition Check-List** in this manual before starting system. DO NOT STARVE THE PUMP OR RUN DRY. Temperatures above 130°F are permissible. Add 1/2 PSI inlet pressure per each degree F over 130°F. Elastomer or RPM changes may be required. See Tech Bulletin 002 or call CAT PUMPS for recommendations.

DISCHARGE CONDITIONS: OPEN ALL VALVES BEFORE STARTING SYSTEM to avoid deadhead overpressure condition and severe damage to the pump or system.

A **reliable Pressure Gauge** should be installed near the discharge outlet of the high pressure manifold. This is extremely important for adjusting pressure regulating devices and also for proper sizing of the nozzle or restricting orifice. The pump is rated for a maximum pressure; this is the **pressure** which would be **read at the discharge manifold of the pump**, NOT AT THE GUN OR NOZZLE.

Use PTFE thread tape or pipe thread sealant (sparingly) to connect accessories or plumbing. Exercise caution not to wrap tape beyond the last thread to avoid tape from becoming lodged in the pump or accessories. This condition will cause a malfunction of the pump or system.

All 2SF and 4SF Pumps come complete with a Pressure Regulating Unloader. NOTE: Except "CEE" and "SEEL" Models.

PRESSURE REGULATION: All systems require both a primary pressure regulating device (i.e., regulator, unloader) and a secondary pressure safety relief device (i.e., pop-off valve, safety valve). The primary pressure device must be installed on the discharge side of the pump. The function of the primary pressure regulating device is to protect the pump from over pressurization, which can be caused by a plugged or closed off discharge line. Over pressurization can severely damage the pump, other system components and can cause bodily harm. The secondary safety relief device must be installed between the primary device and pump. This will ensure pressure relief of the system if the primary regulating device fails. Failure to install such a safety device will void the warranty on the pump.

When the high pressure system is left running with the trigger gun off, the by-pass liquid can be routed to drain or to the pump inlet. If routed to the pump inlet, the **by-pass liquid can quickly develop excessive heat and result in damage to the pump**. A THERMO VALVE installed in the by-pass line is recommended to protect the pump. An AUTO SHUT-OFF ASSEMBLY may also be used.

NOZZLES: A worn nozzle will result in loss of pressure. Do not adjust pressure regulating device to compensate. Replace nozzle and reset regulating device to system pressure.

PUMPED LIQUIDS: Some liquids may require a **flush between operations or before storing**. For pumping liquids other than water, contact your CAT PUMPS supplier.

STORING: For extended storing or between use in cold climates, drain all pumped liquids from pump and **flush with antifreeze solution to prevent freezing and damage** to the pump. DO NOT RUN PUMP WITH FROZEN LIQUID (refer to Tech Bulletin 083).

WARNING

All systems require both a primary pressure regulating device (i.e., regulator, unloader) and a secondary pressure safety relief device (i.e., pop-off valve, safety valve). Failure to install such relief devices could result in personal injury or damage to the pump or to system components. CAT PUMPS does not assume any liability or responsibility for the operation of a customer's high pressure system.

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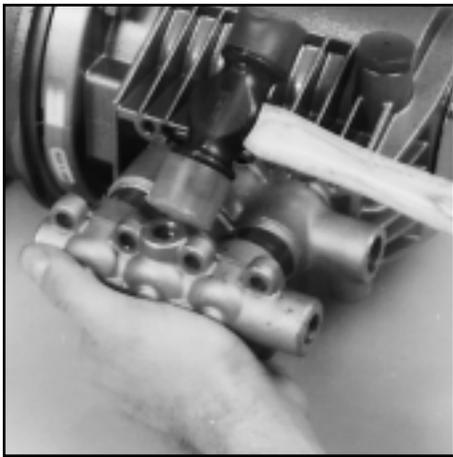
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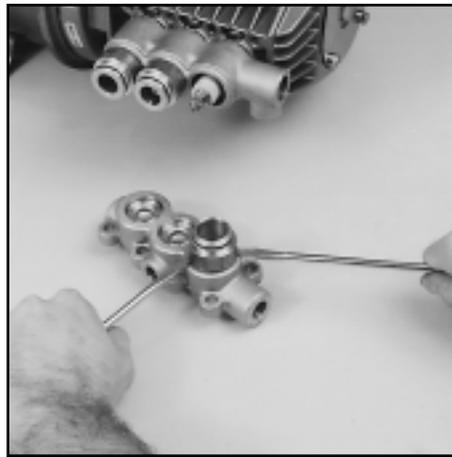
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Removal of Discharge Manifold



Removal of Adapter from Discharge Manifold



Removal of Adapter from Inlet Manifold

SERVICING THE VALVES

Disassembly of the Discharge Valve Assembly

1. Disconnect all plumbing and remove unloader for ease in servicing.

NOTE: CEE and SEEL models do not come with standard unloader.

2. Inspect oil for proper level, presence of water or discoloration and replace as needed.
3. Using a standard M6 allen wrench remove the six (6) (2SF) or eight (8) (4SF) Socket Head Screws from the manifold. Remove the outer screws first, then the center screws.
4. Using a soft mallet tap the back side of the Discharge Manifold from alternate sides to maintain alignment and avoid damage to the plungers.
5. Grasp the Discharge Manifold from the underside and gradually lift manifold while you pull away from the Crankcase.
6. The Adapter Spacers may stay with either the Discharge or Inlet Manifold. By inserting two opposing

screwdrivers between Spacer and manifold you can easily pry them out of the Discharge Manifold. If they stay in the Inlet Manifold, gently work them up and down as you pull away from the Inlet Manifold.

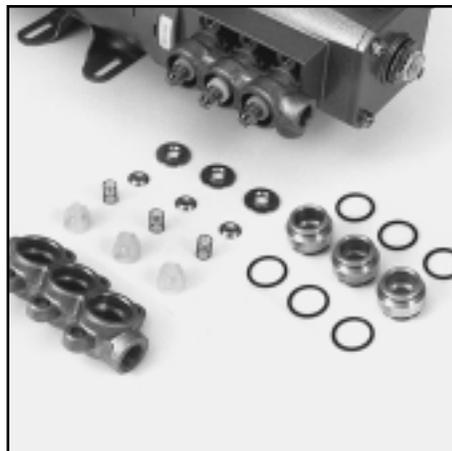
7. The valve assemblies are in the Discharge Manifold ports and will fall out when manifold is turned over. A complete valve assembly includes: Retainer, Spring, Valve and Seat.

NOTE: On "X" models the Adapter and Seat are one-piece.

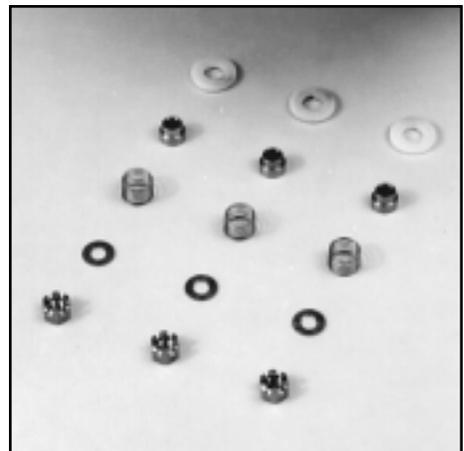
NOTE: The "GZ" models use the standard "SF" Valve Kit.



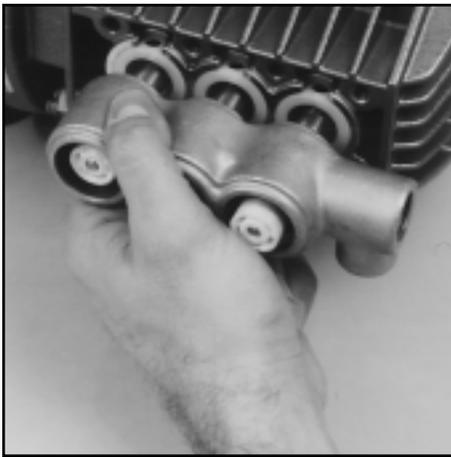
Discharge Valve Assembly (4SF)



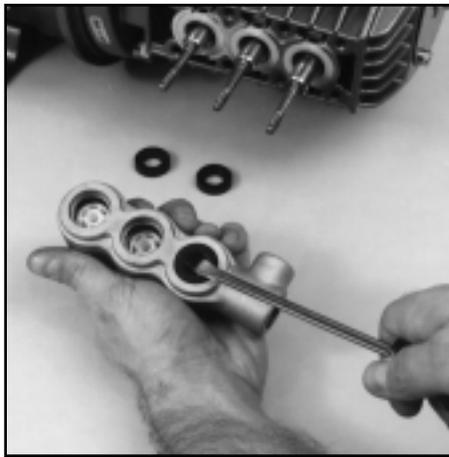
Adapter and Discharge Valve Assembly (2SF)



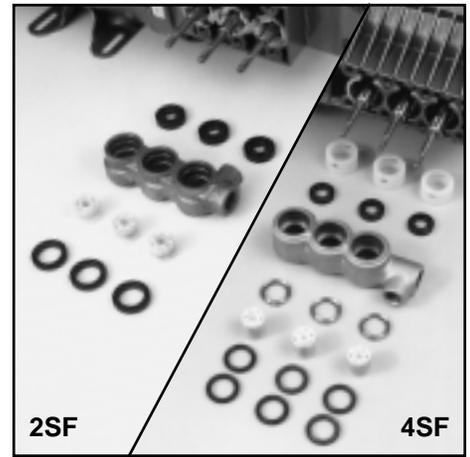
Inlet Valve Assembly



Removal of Inlet Manifold



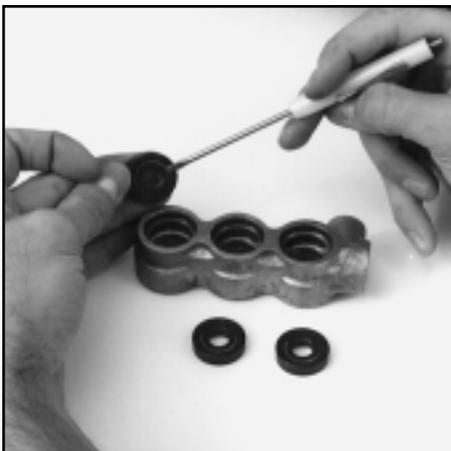
Removal of Lo-Pressure Seal



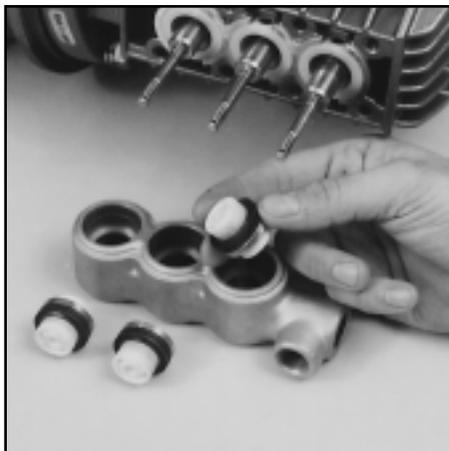
Plunger, Seals and V-Packing Arrangement

Reassembly of the Discharge Valve Assembly

1. Examine Adapter Spacer O-Rings and replace if worn. Lubricate and install O-Rings and Back-up-Rings **on both front and rear of the Adapter Spacer**.
 2. Examine the Valve Retainers for scale buildup or wear and install into each Discharge Manifold port with tab down into the manifold chamber.
 3. Replace worn or damaged Springs and place into Retainers.
 4. Examine Valve and Seats for pitting, grooves or wear and replace as needed.
 5. Place Valves over Springs with **concave side down**.
 6. Place Valve Seats on Valves with **concave side down**.
- NOTE: On "X" Models, the Adapter and Seat are one-piece.**
7. Lubricate O.D. of Adapter Spacer and insert **smaller I.D. into Discharge Manifold ports**. Snap into position. Exercise caution not to cut or pinch o-rings.
 8. Carefully guide Discharge Manifold with Spacers over Plunger Rod ends and press into Inlet Manifold.
 9. Replace Socket Head Screws and torque per chart. Use torque sequence chart.
 10. If oil was not changed, be certain oil is to mark on Oil Gauge before resuming operation.



Installation of Lo-Pressure Seals



V-Packing Positioning



Installation of V-Packings

SERVICING THE SEALS

Disassembly of the Seal Assembly

1. Remove the Inlet Valve Assembly from the exposed plunger rod ends, including Cotterpin, Nut, Washer, Spring, Spacer and Inlet Valve.
2. Grasp the Inlet Manifold from the front and underside and pull to remove from Plunger Rods.
3. Carefully examine back side of Lo-Pressure Seal before removing from the Inlet Manifold as it will be damaged during removal. If worn, insert screwdriver into I. D. of seal and pry out from the backside of the I.M. Exercise caution to avoid damage to the Inlet Manifold.
4. Press ceramic Plunger with thumb or soft tool from **back side of Inlet Manifold**.

On the Model 2SF the Hi-Pressure Seal may stay with the plungers or remain in the Inlet Manifold. If on the plungers, slide off by hand. If in the manifold, use a reverse pliers to remove.

On the Model 4SF the V-Packing and Female Adapters may stay with the plungers or remain in Inlet Manifold. If on the plungers, slide off by hand. If in the manifold, use a reverse pliers to remove.

5. Remove Seal Retainers from Crankcase by grasping tab with pliers and pulling out.
6. Examine Crankcase Oil Seal to determine if Crankcase servicing is needed.
7. Examine Ceramic Plunger, Lo-Pressure Seals, V-Packings for scoring, cracks and wear and replace.

NOTE: The "S" versions of the 4SF pumps have a replaceable Sleeve.

8. Examine the Sleeve for grooves for scale buildup and replace as needed. Grasp the Sleeve by hand and pull from the Plunger Rod.
9. Examine the O-Ring and Back-up-Ring under the Sleeve for cuts or wear and replace.
10. Examine the Barrier Slinger for wear and replace as needed. Install the Barrier Slinger with the concave side facing away from the Crankcase.

Reassembly of Seal Assembly

1. With Inlet and Discharge Manifold removed, examine Seal Retainers and replace if worn or damaged. Install on Plunger Rod and press into Crankcase **with tab out**.
2. Place Inlet Manifold on work surface with **Crankcase side up**.
3. Lubricate new Lo-Pressure Seals and press into position with **garter spring down**. Be certain the seal is seated squarely on the shoulder in the inlet manifold chamber.
4. Place Inlet Manifold on work surface with **Crankcase side down** (larger I.D. ports up).
5. On the Model 4SF place new Female Adapter into Inlet Manifold chamber with **v-groove facing up**.
6. Carefully examine the Plungers for scoring or cracks and replace if worn.
7. On the Model 2SF lubricate Ceramic Plungers and new Hi-Pressure Seals. Press the plunger into the seal and position seal in middle of plunger.

NOTE: Place the deeper recessed end of the plunger into the seal from the metal back side.

NOTE: The "Hi-Temp" 2SF models use a special Hi-Pressure Seal and Hi-Temp Seal Kit.

On the Model 4SF lubricate Ceramic Plungers and new V-Packings. Press Plunger into the V-Packings and position in the middle of plunger.

NOTE: The deeper recessed end of the plunger should face the same direction as the v-groove on the V-Packing.

8. On the Model 4SF lubricate the Plunger Rod O-Ring to avoid cutting during installation. Install the Back-up-Ring first then the O-Ring into the groove on the Plunger Rod.
9. Install the Sleeve with the tapered end facing out. Gently press towards the Plunger Rod shoulder until flush with the Barrier Slinger.
10. Carefully install Inlet Manifold over Plunger Rod ends and slowly press into Crankcase.
11. Install the Plungers onto the plunger rods. Press into position using the **larger I.D. end of Valve Spacer**.

SERVICING THE CRANKCASE SECTION

12. Examine Inlet Valve and replace if worn. **Inlet valves cannot be reversed if worn.** The S.S. Inlet Valves may be lapped if not badly worn. Install the S.S. Inlet valves with **square edges towards the plungers** (round edges towards the discharge). Install the Nylon Inlet Valve with **ridged side towards the discharge**.

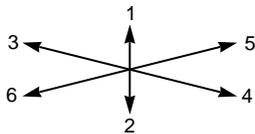
NOTE: The “Hi-Temp” 2SF models use a Nylon Inlet Valve (order individual parts, not standard Inlet Valve Kit).

13. Examine Spacers for wear and replace as needed. Install Spacer on each Plunger Rod with **smaller O.D. towards inlet valve**.
 14. Examine Springs for damage or fatigue and replace as needed. Place on Plunger Rods.
 15. Install Washers next with **concave side towards Inlet Manifold**.
 16. Install Nuts and torque per chart.
 17. On 2SF and 4SF models **always install new Cotterpins** and turn ends to secure in position.
- NOTE: “X” and S.S. Models do not use Cotterpins.**
18. Refer to steps 7-10 under Servicing Valves-Reassembly to replace the Discharge Manifold.

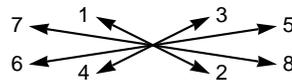
1. While Inlet Manifold, Plungers and Seal Retainers are removed, examine Crankcase Seals for wear.
2. Check oil level and for evidence of water in oil.
3. Rotate Crankshaft by hand to feel for smooth bearing movement.
4. Examine Crankshaft Oil Seal externally for drying, cracking or leaking.
5. Consult CAT PUMPS or your local distributor if Crankcase service is required.

See section VIII of the Plunger Pump Service Video for additional information.

2SF Torque Sequence



4SF Torque Sequence



Torque diagonally in order shown. The outer four (4) screws then center screws all hand tight. Then repeat series to specifications in torque chart.

PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE CHECK-LIST

Check	Daily	Weekly	50 hrs.	500 hrs.*	1500 hrs.**	3000 hrs.**
Clean Filters	x					
Oil Level/Quality	x					
Oil Leaks	x					
Water Leaks	x					
Belts, Pulley		x				
Plumbing		x				
Initial Oil Change			x			
Oil Change				x		
Seal Change					x	
Valve Change						x
Accessories					x	

* If other than CAT PUMPS special multi-viscosity ISO68 oil is used, change cycle should be every 300 hours.

** Each system's maintenance cycle will be exclusive. If system performance decreases, check immediately. If no wear at 1500 hours, check again at 2000 hours and each 500 hours until wear is observed. Valves typically require changing every other seal change.

Duty cycle, temperature, quality of pumped liquid and inlet feed conditions all effect the life of pump wear parts and service cycle.

** Remember to service the regulator/unloader at each seal servicing and check all system accessories and connections before resuming operation. Refer to video for additional assistance.

TORQUE CHART

Pump Item	Thread	Tool Size [Part No.]	Torque in. lbs. ft. lbs. Nm		
Outer Bearing Case Screw	M6	M10 Hex/Phil. [25082]	50	4.0	6
Inner Bearing Case Screw	M6	M10 Hex/Phil. [25082]	50	4.0	6
Manifold Screw	M8	M6 Allen [30941]	115	9.4	13
Plunger Rod Nut	M6	M10 Hex [25082]	55	4.4	6
Bubble Oil Gauge	M28	Oil Gauge Tool [44050]	45	3.6	5
Mounting 2SF					
Adapter Plate to Gas Engine	5/16-24	1/2" Hex	90	7.2	10
Pump to Adapter Plate	3/8-16	9/16" Hex	110	9.0	12
Pump to Electric Motor	3/8-16	9/16" Hex	110	9.0	12
Mounting 4SF					
Adapter Plate to Gas Engine	3/8-16	9/16" Hex	110	9.0	12
Pump to Adapter Plate	1/2-13	3/4" Hex	150	12.5	17
Pump to Electric Motor	1/2-13	3/4" Hex	150	12.5	17

TECHNICAL BULLETIN REFERENCE CHART

No.	Subject	Models
002	Inlet Pressure VS Liquid Temperature	All Models
024	Lubrication of Lo-Pressure Seals	All Models
043	LPS and HPS Servicing	All Plunger Models
055	Removing Pumps from Gas Engine or Electric Motor	2SF, 2SFX, 2DX, 4SF, 5DX, 6DX
057	Set Screw and Hardened Key	4SF
064	By-Pass Hose Sizing	All Unloaders/Regulators
065	Higher Performance Ratings	2SF and 4SF
070	Maximum Performance	2SF and 4SF
073	Hi-Temp HPS	3PFR, 5PFR, 2SF
074	Torque Chart	Piston and Plunger Pumps
075	Sleeved Plunger Rod	4SF"S"
083	Winterizing a Pump	All Models
091	2SF Inlet Valve	2SF Models
092	Crankcase Changes	All 2SF-2SFX

INLET CONDITION CHECK-LIST

Review Before Start-Up

Inadequate inlet conditions can cause serious malfunctions in the best designed pump. Surprisingly, the simplest of things can cause the most severe problems or go unnoticed to the unfamiliar or untrained eye. REVIEW THIS CHECK-LIST BEFORE OPERATION OF ANY SYSTEM. Remember, no two systems are alike, so there can be no **ONE** best way to set-up a system. All factors must be carefully considered.

INLET SUPPLY should be adequate to accommodate the maximum flow being delivered by the pump.

- Open inlet shut-off valve and turn on water supply to avoid cavitating pump. **DO NOT RUN PUMP DRY.**
- Temperatures above 130°F are permissible. Add 1/2 PSI inlet pressure per each degree F over 130°F. Elastomer or RPM changes may be required. See Tech Bulletin 002 or call CAT PUMPS for recommendations.
- Avoid closed loop systems without a Thermo Valve high temperature protection.
- Avoid low vapor pressure and high viscosity liquids.
- Higher temperature liquids tend to vaporize and require positive heads.
- When using an inlet supply reservoir, size it to provide adequate liquid to accommodate the maximum output of the pump, generally a minimum of 6-10 times the GPM (however, a combination of system factors can change this requirement); provide adequate baffling in the tank to eliminate air bubbles and turbulence; install diffusers on all return lines to the tank.

INLET LINE SIZE should be adequate to avoid starving the pump.

- Line size must be a minimum of one size larger than the pump inlet fitting. Avoid thick walled fittings, tees, 90 degree elbows or valves in the inlet line of the pump to reduce the risk of flow restriction and cavitation.
- The line **MUST** be a FLEXIBLE hose, NOT a rigid pipe, and reinforced on SUCTION systems to avoid collapsing.
- The simpler the inlet plumbing the less the potential for problems. Keep the length to a minimum, the number of elbows and joints to a minimum (ideally no elbows) and the inlet accessories to a minimum.
- Use pipe sealant to assure air-tight, positive sealing pipe joints.

INLET PRESSURE should fall within the specifications of the pump.

- Optimum pump performance is obtained with +20 PSI (1.4 BAR) inlet pressure. With adequate inlet plumbing, most pumps will perform with flooded suction. Maximum inlet pressure is 75 PSI (5.25 BAR).
- After prolonged storage, pump should be purged of air to facilitate priming. Disconnect any discharge port and allow liquid to pass through pump.

INLET ACCESSORIES are designed to protect against over pressurization, control inlet flow, contamination or temperature and provide ease of servicing.

- A shut-off valve is recommended to facilitate maintenance.
- A stand pipe can be used in some applications to help maintain a positive head in the inlet line.
- Inspect and clean inlet filters on a regular schedule.
- A pressure gauge is recommended to monitor the inlet pressure and should be mounted AS CLOSE TO THE PUMP INLET as possible. **Short term,intermittent cavitation will not register on a standard gauge.**
- All accessories should be sized to avoid restricting the inlet flow.
- All accessories should be compatible with the solution being pumped to prevent premature failure or malfunction.

BY-PASS TO INLET Care should be exercised when deciding the method of by-pass from control valves.

- It is recommended the by-pass be directed to a baffled reservoir tank, with at least one baffle between the by-pass line and the inlet line to the pump.
- The 2SF and 4SF come standard with a Regulating Unloader to handle by-pass liquid directed to the inlet line of the pump. If other than standard valve is used, exercise caution to use proper flexible hose and adequate diameter. A PRESSURE REDUCING VALVE may be needed on the inlet line (**BETWEEN THE BY-PASS CONNECTION AND THE INLET TO THE PUMP**) to avoid excessive pressure to the inlet of the pump. It may also be necessary to use a THERMO VALVE in the by-pass line to monitor the temperature build-up in the by-pass loop to avoid premature seal failure.
- A low-pressure, **FLEXIBLE CLOTH BRAID** (not metal braid) hose should be used from the by-pass connection to the inlet of the pump.
- If standard unloader valve is not used, check the pressure in the by-pass line to avoid over pressurizing the inlet.

HOSE FRICTION LOSS

Water* Flow Gal/Min	PRESSURE DROP IN PSI PER 100 FT OF HOSE WITH TYPICAL WATER FLOW RATES Hose Inside Diameters, Inches						
	1/4	5/16	3/8	1/2	5/8	3/4	1"
0.5	16	5	2				
1	54	20	7	2			
2	180	60	25	6	2		
3	380	120	50	13	4	2	
4		220	90	24	7	3	
5		320	130	34	10	4	
6			220	52	16	7	1
8			300	80	25	10	2
10			450	120	38	14	3
15			900	250	80	30	7
20			1600	400	121	50	12
25				650	200	76	19
30					250	96	24
40					410	162	42
50					600	235	62
60						370	93

*At a fixed flow rate with a given size hose, the pressure drop across a given hose length will be directly proportional. A 50 ft. hose will exhibit one-half the pressure drop of a 100 ft. hose. Above values shown are valid at all pressure levels.

WATER LINE PRESSURE LOSS PRESSURE DROP IN PSI PER 100 FEET

Water GPM	Steel Pipe—Nominal Dia.						Brass Pipe—Nominal Dia.						Copper Tubing O.D. Type L						
	1/4	3/8	1/2	3/4	1	1 1/2	1/4	3/8	1/2	3/4	1	1 1/4	1 1/2	1/4	3/8	1/2	5/8	3/4	7/8
1	8.5	1.9					6.0	1.6						120	13	2.9	1.0		
2	30	7.0	2.1				20	5.6	1.8					400	45	10	3.4	1.3	
3	60	14	4.5	1.1			40	11	3.6					94	20	6.7	2.6		
5	150	36	12	2.8			100	28	9.0	2.2				230	50	17	6.1	3.0	
8	330	86	28	6.7	1.9		220	62	21	5.2	1.6			500	120	40	15	6.5	
10	520	130	43	10	3.0		320	90	30	7.8	2.4			180	56	22	10		
15	270	90	21	6.2	1.6		190	62	16	5.0	1.5			120	44	20			
25	670	240	56	16	4.2	2.0	470	150	40	12	3.8	1.7		330	110	50			
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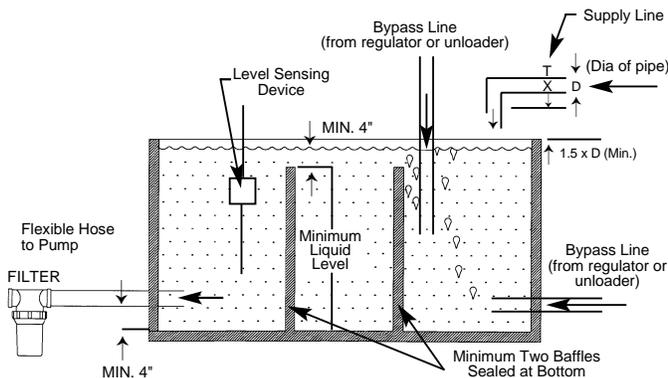
RESISTANCE OF VALVES AND FITTINGS

Nominal Pipe Size Inches	Inside Diameter Inches	Equivalent Length of Standard Pipe in Feet							
		Gate Valve	Globe Valve	Angle Valve	45° Elbow	90° Elbow	180° Close Ret	Tee Thru Run	Tee Thru Branch
1/2	0.622	0.41	18.5	9.3	0.78	1.67	3.71	0.93	3.33
3/4	0.824	0.54	24.5	12.3	1.03	2.21	4.90	1.23	4.41
1	1.049	0.69	31.2	15.6	1.31	2.81	6.25	1.56	5.62
1 1/4	1.380	0.90	41.0	20.5	1.73	3.70	8.22	2.06	7.40
1 1/2	1.610	1.05	48.0	24.0	2.15	4.31	9.59	2.40	8.63
2	2.067	1.35	61.5	30.8	2.59	5.55	12.30	3.08	11.60
2 1/2	2.469	1.62	73.5	36.8	3.09	6.61	14.70	3.68	13.20
3	3.068	2.01	91.5	45.8	3.84	8.23	18.20	4.57	16.40
4	4.026	2.64	120.0	60.0	5.03	10.80	23.90	6.00	21.60

Arriving at a total line pressure loss, consideration should then be given to pressure loss created by valves, fittings and elevation of lines.

If a sufficient number of valves and fittings are incorporated in the system to materially affect the total line loss, add to the total line length, the equivalent length of line of each valve or fitting.

TYPICAL RESERVOIR TANK RECOMMENDED 6 TO 10 TIMES SYSTEM CAPACITY



Handy Formulas to Help You

Q. How can I find the RPM needed to get specific GPM (Gallons Per Minute) I want?

$$A. \text{Desired RPM} = \text{Desired GPM} \times \frac{\text{Rated RPM}}{\text{Rated GPM}}$$

Q. I have to run my pump at a certain RPM. How do I figure the GPM I'll get?

$$A. \text{Desired GPM} = \text{Desired RPM} \times \frac{\text{Rated GPM}}{\text{Rated RPM}}$$

Q. Is there a simple way to find the approximate horsepower I'll need to run the pump?

$$A. \text{Electric Brake Horsepower Required} = \frac{\text{GPM} \times \text{PSI}}{1460} \quad (\text{Standard 85\% Mech. Efficiency})$$

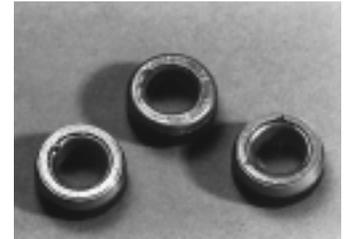
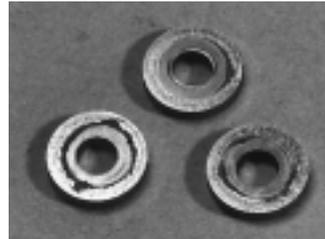
Q. What size motor pulley should I use?

$$A. \text{Pump Pulley (Outer Diameter)} \times \frac{\text{Pump RPM}}{\text{Motor/Engine RPM}} \quad (\text{Consult Engine Mfr.})$$

Q. How do I calculate the torque for my hydraulic drive system?

$$A. \text{Torque (ft. lbs.)} = 3.6 \left(\frac{\text{GPM} \times \text{PSI}}{\text{RPM}} \right)$$

Avoid Cavitation Damage



One or several of the conditions shown in the chart below may contribute to cavitation in a system resulting in premature wear, system downtime and unnecessary operating costs.

CONDITION	SOLUTION
Inadequate inlet line size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase line size to the inlet port or one size larger
Water hammering liquid acceleration/deacceleration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install C.A.T. Tube • Move pump closer to liquid supply
Rigid Inlet Plumbing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use flexible wire reinforced hose to absorb pulsation and pressure spikes
Excessive Elbows in Inlet Plumbing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep elbows to a minimum and less than 90°
Excessive Liquid Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Thermo Valve in bypass line • Do not exceed pump temperature specifications • Substitute closed loop with baffled holding tank • Adequately size tank for frequent or high volume bypass • Pressure feed high temperature liquids • Properly ventilate cabinets and rooms
Air Leaks in Plumbing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check all connections • Use PTFE thread tape or pipe thread sealant
Agitation in Supply Tank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size tank according to pump output — Minimum 6-10 times system GPM • Baffle tank to purge air from liquid and separate inlet from discharge
High Viscosity Liquids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify viscosity against pump specifications before operation • Elevate liquid temperature enough to reduce viscosity • Lower RPM of pump • Pressure feed pump • Increase inlet line size
Clogged Filters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform regular maintenance or use clean filters to monitor buildup • Use adequate mesh size for liquid and pump specifications

DIAGNOSIS AND MAINTENANCE

One of the most important steps in a high pressure system is to establish a regular maintenance program. This will vary slightly with each system and is determined by various elements such as the duty cycle, the liquid being pumped, the actual specifications vs rated specifications of the pump, the ambient conditions, the inlet conditions and the accessories in the system. A careful review of the necessary inlet conditions and protection devices required before the system is installed will eliminate many potential problems.

CAT PUMPS are very easy pumps to service and require far less frequent service than most pumps. Typically, only common tools are required, making in-field service convenient, however, there are a few custom tools, special to certain models, that do simplify the process. This service manual is designed to assist you with the disassembly and reassembly of your pump. The following guide will assist in determining the cause and remedy to various operating conditions. You can also review our **FAQ** or **SERVICE** sections on our **WEB SITE** for more facts or contact CAT PUMPS directly.

PROBLEM	PROBABLE CAUSE	SOLUTION
Low pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Worn nozzle. •Belt slippage. •Air leak in inlet plumbing. •Pressure gauge inoperative or not registering accurately. •Relief valve stuck, partially plugged or improperly adjusted. •Inlet suction strainer (filter) clogged or improperly sized. •Abrasives in pumped liquid. •Leaky discharge hose. •Inadequate liquid supply. •Severe cavitation. •Worn seals. •Worn or dirty inlet/discharge valves. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Replace with properly sized nozzle. •Tighten belt(s) or install new belt(s). •Tighten fittings and hoses. Use PTFE liquid or tape. •Check with new gauge. Replace worn or damaged gauge. •Clean/adjust relief valve. Replace worn seats/valves and o-rings. •Clean filter. Use adequate size filter. Check more frequently. •Install proper filter. •Replace discharge hose with proper rating for system. •Pressurize inlet and install C.A.T. •Check inlet conditions. •Install new seal kit. Increase frequency of service. •Clean inlet/discharge valves or install new valve kit.
Pulsation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Faulty Pulsation Dampener. •Foreign material trapped in inlet/discharge valves. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Check precharge. If low, recharge, or install a new dampener. •Clean inlet/discharge valves or install new valve kit.
Water leak		
•Under the manifold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Worn V-Packings, Hi-Pressure or Lo-Pressure Seals. •Worn adapter spacer o-rings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Install new seal kit. Increase frequency of service. •Install new o-rings.
•Into the crankcase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Humid air condensing into water inside the crankcase. •Excessive wear to seals and V-Packings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Install oil cap protector. Change oil every 3 months or 500 hours. •Install new seal kit. Increase frequency of service.
Knocking noise		
•Inlet supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Inadequate inlet liquid supply. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Check liquid supply. Increase line size, pressurize or install C.A.T.
•Bearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Broken or worn bearing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Replace bearing.
•Pulley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Loose pulley on crankshaft 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Check key and tighten set screw.
Oil leak		
•Crankcase oil seals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Worn crankcase oil seals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Replace crankcase oil seals.
•Crankshaft oil seals and o-rings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Worn crankshaft oil seals or o-rings on bearing cover. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Remove bearing cover and replace o-rings and/or oil seals.
•Drain plug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Loose drain plug or worn drain plug o-ring. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tighten drain plug or replace o-ring.
•Bubble gauge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Loose bubble gauge or worn bubble gauge gasket. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tighten bubble gauge or replace gasket.
•Rear cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Loose rear cover or worn rear cover o-ring. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tighten rear cover or replace o-ring.
•Filler cap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Loose filler cap or excessive oil in crankcase. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tighten filler cap. Fill crankcase to specified capacity.
Pump runs extremely rough		
•Inlet conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Restricted inlet or air entering the inlet plumbing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Correct inlet size plumbing. Check for air tight seal.
•Pump valves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Stuck inlet/discharge valves. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Clean out foreign material or install new valve kit.
•Pump seals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Leaking V-Packings, Hi-Pressure or Lo-Pressure seals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Install new seal kit. Increase frequency of service.
Premature seal failure		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Scored plungers. •Over pressure to inlet manifold. •Abrasive material in the liquid being pumped. •Excessive pressure and/or temperature of pumped liquid. •Running pump dry. •Starving pump of adequate liquid. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Replace plungers. •Reduce inlet pressure per specifications. •Install proper filtration at pump inlet and clean regularly. •Check pressure and inlet liquid temperature. •DO NOT RUN PUMP WITHOUT LIQUID. •Increase hose one size larger than inlet port size. Pressurize and install C.A.T.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Eroded manifold. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Replace manifold. Check liquid compatibility.