TECHNICAL SERVICE MANUAL: INSTALLATION, OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

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INTRODUCTION

The illustrations used in this manual are for identification purposes only and cannot be used for ordering parts. Obtain a parts list from your Viking Pump® representative. Always give a complete name of part, part number and material with the model number and serial number of pump when ordering repair parts. The unmounted pump or pump unit model number and serial number are on the nameplate. This manual only applies to the pump models specified in the "Model Number Chart" on page 1. Pump specifications and recommendations are listed in the Catalog Sections, which are available at vikingpump.com.

FIGURE 1: F SIZE

FIGURE 2: K SIZE

FIGURE 3: LQ SIZE

FIGURE 4: QS SIZE
SAFETY INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS

IMPROPER INSTALLATION, OPERATION OR MAINTENANCE OF PUMP MAY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH, AND/OR RESULT IN DAMAGE TO PUMP AND/OR OTHER EQUIPMENT. VIKING'S WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER FAILURE DUE TO IMPROPER INSTALLATION, OPERATION OR MAINTENANCE.

THE FOLLOWING SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE FOLLOWED AND ADHERED TO AT ALL TIMES.

⚠️ DANGER = FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE INDICATED INSTRUCTION MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

⚠️ DANGER

BEFORE opening any liquid chamber (pumping chamber, reservoir, relief valve adjusting cap fitting, etc.) be sure that:

• Any pressure in the chamber has been completely vented through the suction or discharge lines or other appropriate openings or connections.

• The pump drive system (motor, turbine, engine, etc.) has been "locked out" or otherwise been made non-operational, so that it cannot be started while work is being done on the pump.

• You know what material the pump has been handling, have obtained a material safety data sheet (MSDS) for the material, and understand and follow all precautions appropriate for the safe handling of the material.

⚠️ DANGER

BEFORE operating the pump, be sure all drive guards are in place.

⚠️ DANGER

DO NOT operate pump if the suction or discharge piping is not connected.

⚠️ DANGER

DO NOT place fingers into the pumping chamber, or its connection ports, or into any part of the drive train if there is any possibility of the pump shaft being rotated.

⚠️ WARNING

DO NOT exceed the pumps rated pressure, speed, and temperature, or change the system/duty parameters from those the pump was originally supplied, without confirming its suitability for the new service.

⚠️ WARNING

BEFORE operating the pump, be sure that:

• It is clean and free from debris.

• All valves in the suction and discharge pipelines are fully opened.

• All piping connected to the pump is fully supported and correctly aligned with the pump.

• Pump rotation is correct for the desired direction of flow.

⚠️ WARNING

THE PUMP must be provided with pressure protection. This may be provided through a relief valve mounted directly on the pump, an in-line pressure relief valve, a torque limiting device, or a rupture disk. If pump rotation may be reversed during operation, pressure protection must be provided on both sides of pump. Relief valve adjusting screw caps must always point towards suction side of the pump. If pump rotation is reversed, position of the relief valve must be changed. Pressure relief valves cannot be used to control pump flow or regulate discharge pressure. For additional information, refer to Appendix, General Installation Notes, item 5 on Pressure Protection or contact your Viking Pump® representative for Engineering Service Bulletin ESB-31.

⚠️ WARNING

THE PUMP must be installed in a manner that allows safe access for routine maintenance and for inspection during operation to check for leakage and monitor pump operation.
SPECIAL INFORMATION

ROTATION
Viking pumps can operate equally well in a clockwise or counter-clockwise rotation. Shaft rotation determines which port is suction and which is discharge. Suction port is where pumping elements (gear teeth) come out of mesh.

PRESSURE RELIEF VALVES (F, FH SIZES)
1. Viking pumps are positive displacement pumps and must be provided with some sort of pressure protection. This may be an inline pressure relief valve, a torque limiting device, a rupture disk, or other device. The F & FH size 4624B Series™ pumps do not offer pump-mounted internal pressure relief valves.
2. If pump rotation is reversed during operation, pressure protection must be provided on both sides of pump.
3. Pressure relief valves cannot be used to control pump flow or regulate discharge pressure.

PRESSURE RELIEF VALVES (H, HL, K, KK, L, LQ, LL, LS, Q, QS SIZES)
1. Viking pumps are positive displacement pumps and must be provided with some sort of pressure protection. This may be a relief valve mounted directly on the pump, an inline pressure relief valve, a torque limiting device or a rupture disk.
2. There are relief valve options available on those pump models designed to accept a relief valve. Options may include a jacketed relief valve or return to tank relief valve. Pumps equipped with a jacketed head plate are generally not available with a relief valve.
3. If pump rotation is reversed during operation, pressure protection must be provided on both sides of pump.
4. Relief valve adjusting screw cap must always point towards suction side of pump, see “Figure 5” on page 8.
5. Pressure relief valves cannot be used to control pump flow or regulate discharge pressure.

For additional information on pressure relief valves, refer to Appendix, General Installation Notes, item 5 on Pressure Protection or contact your Viking Pump® representative for Engineering Service Bulletin ESB-31.

MECHANICAL SEALS
Extra care should be taken in repair of pumps with mechanical seals. Be sure to read and follow all special instructions supplied with your pump.

MAINTENANCE

These pumps are designed for long, trouble-free service life under a wide variety of application conditions with minimum maintenance. The points listed below will help provide long service life.

LUBRICATION
External lubrication must be applied slowly with a hand gun to all lubrication fittings every 500 hours of operation with multi-purpose grease, NLGI # 2. Do not over-grease. Contact your Viking Pump® representative with specific lubrication questions or to obtain a copy of Engineering Service Bulletin ESB-515. Applications involving very high or low temperatures will require other types of lubrication.

END CLEARANCE ADJUSTMENT (F, FH SIZES)
After long-term operation it is sometimes possible to improve the performance of the pump, without major repair, through adjustment of the end clearance of the pump. Refer to instructions under “Pump Assembly (F, FH Sizes)” on page 8 for information regarding this procedure.

CLEANING PUMP
Keep pump as clean as possible. This will facilitate inspection, adjustment and repair work. It can also help prevent overlooking a dirt covered grease fitting.

STORAGE
If pump is to be stored, or not used for six months or more, pump must be drained and a light coat of non-detergent SAE 30 weight oil must be applied to all internal pump parts.

H, HL, K, KK, L, LQ, LL, LS, Q, QS sizes: Lubricate fittings and apply grease to pump shaft extension. Viking suggests rotating pump shaft by hand one complete revolution every 30 days to circulate the oil. Tighten all pump assembly bolts before putting pump in service after being stored.

SUGGESTED REPAIR TOOLS
The following tools must be available to properly repair these pumps. These tools are in addition to standard mechanics’ tools such as open-end wrenches, pliers, screwdrivers, etc. Most of the items can be obtained from an industrial supply house.

1. Soft headed hammer
2. Allen wrenches (some mechanical seals and set collars); F, FH pumps
3. Adjustable hook spanner wrench (2-810-043-375); F. FH pumps
4. Mechanical seal installation sleeve
   2-751-002-730 for 1.125 inch seal; H, HL pumps
   2-751-003-730 for 1.4375 inch seal; K, KK pumps
   2-751-005-630 for 2.4375 inch seal; Q, QS pumps
   No sleeve needed for L, LQ, LL, LS pumps
5. Bearing locknut spanner wrench
   Source: #471 J. H. Williams & Co. or equal; H-LL pumps
   Source: #472 J. H. Williams & Co. or equal; LS-QS pumps
6. Spanner wrench, adjustable pin type for use on double end caps and bearing housing
   Source: #482 J. H. Williams & Co. or equal; H-QS pumps
7. Brass or plastic bar; H-QS pumps
8. Arbor press
FIGURE 6: EXPLODED VIEW (F, FH SIZES)

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⚠️ DANGER !

Before opening any Viking pump liquid chamber (pumping chamber, reservoir, relief valve adjusting cap fitting, etc.) be sure:

1. That any pressure in the chamber has been completely vented through the suction or discharge lines, or other appropriate openings or connections.
2. That the driving means (motor, turbine, engine, etc.) has been “locked out” or made non-operational, so that it cannot be started while work is being done on pump.
3. That you know what liquid the pump has been handling and the precautions necessary to safely handle the liquid. Obtain a material safety data sheet (MSDS) for the liquid to be sure these precautions are understood.

Failure to follow above listed precautionary measures may result in serious injury or death.

PUMP DISASSEMBLY (F, FH SIZES)

See "Figure 6" on page 4 before proceeding with disassembly.

1. Remove Locknut and Lockwasher from the drive end of the shaft. Be sure to bend up the tab of the lockwasher before attempting to remove locknut.
2. Remove Packing Nut.
3. Remove the Capscrews and the Head from the pump.
   It may be necessary to tap the drive end of the shaft to loosen the head. **DO NOT PRY** the head from the casing as this may damage the gasket surface.
4. Slide the rotor and shaft from the casing. It may be necessary to tap lightly on the drive end of the shaft in order to slide the shaft through the ball bearing bore. The rotary member of the mechanical seal will stay with the Rotor & Shaft when removed.
5. Remove the ball bearing and bearing retainer washer from the casing bore.
6. Remove the rotary member of the mechanical seal from the rotor shaft. Carefully inspect the ceramic face for wear and the O-ring in I.D. of the rotary member for cuts or other signs of damage. Replace if necessary.
7. Remove the seal seat from the casing. Use a simple tool such as a wire or old screwdriver with a short hook bent on the end. Slide this hook into the crevice between the seal seat and casing bushing and pull the seat out the head end of the casing. Inspect face for wear. It is recommended that a new mechanical seal be used every time a pump is dissembled.
Contact your Authorized Viking Pump® stocking distributor for available seal and rebuild kits

**FIGURE 7: EXPLODED VIEW (H, HL, K, KK, L, LQ, LL SIZES)**

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2. That the driving means (motor, turbine, engine, etc.) has been “locked out” or made non-operational, so that it cannot be started while work is being done on pump.
3. That you know what liquid the pump has been handling and the precautions necessary to safely handle the liquid. Obtain a material safety data sheet (MSDS) for the liquid to be sure these precautions are understood.

Failure to follow above listed precautionary measures may result in serious injury or death.

**PUMP DISASSEMBLY (H, HL, K, KK, L, LQ, LL SIZES)**

1. Mark head and casing before disassembly to ensure proper reassembly. The idler pin, which is offset in pump head, must be positioned toward and equal distance between port connections to allow for proper flow of liquid through pump. Remove head from pump. Do not allow idler to fall from idler pin. Tilt top of head back when removing to prevent this. Avoid damaging head gasket. If pump is furnished with pressure relief valve, it need not be removed from head or disassembled at this point. Refer to "Pressure Relief Valve Instructions" on page 12.

   If pump has jacketed head plate, it will separate from head when it is removed. The gasket between head and jacket head plate must be totally removed. Use new gasket when assembling pump.

2. Remove idler and bushing assembly.

3. Insert brass or plastic bar through port opening between rotor teeth to keep shaft from turning. Bend up tang of lockwasher and with a spanner wrench remove locknut and lockwasher from shaft.

4. Loosen two setscrews in the face of the bearing housing and remove the bearing housing assembly from the Bracket. Refer to “Figure 7” on page 5 or “Figure 8” on page 6. Remove Pair of half round rings under the inner spacer collar from the shaft. There are no half round rings on the “H” and “HL” size pumps.
5. Tap shaft forward approximately 0.50 inch and remove pair of half round rings under inner bearing spacer collar. There is no pair of half round rings on H & HL size pumps.
6. Carefully remove rotor and shaft to avoid damaging bracket bushing.
7. Remove rotary member of seal from shaft and stationary seal seat from bracket.
8. Loosen two radial setscrews in flange of bearing housing and with a spanner wrench remove the outer end cap with closure and outer bearing spacer collar.
9. Remove the double row ball bearing, closure, and inner bearing spacer collar from the bearing housing.
10. Examine seal chamber lip seal and remove if it shows wear or damage. Lip seal must be removed if bracket bushing needs to be replaced.
11. Clean all parts thoroughly and examine for wear or damage. Check lip seals, ball bearing, bushing and idler pin and replace if necessary. It is often possible to reuse the idler pin rather than replace it. Note position of the worn area at least 0.33 turn from previous position. Check all other parts for nicks, burrs, excessive wear and replace if necessary. Wash bearings in clean solvent. Blow out bearings with compressed air. Do not allow bearings to spin; turn them slowly by hand. Spinning bearings will damage race and balls. Make sure bearings are clean, then lubricate with non-detergent SAE 30-weight oil and check for roughness. Roughness can be determined by turning outer race by hand. If bearings have roughness, replace bearings.

12. Casing can be checked for wear or damage while mounted on bracket.
13. Check flush line to be sure it is open. A long wire may be used to do this. Clean or replace if it is clogged.
1. Mark head and casing before disassembly to ensure proper reassembly. The idler pin, which is offset in pump head, must be positioned toward and equal distance between port connections to allow for proper flow of liquid through the pump. Remove head from pump. Do not allow idler to fall from idler pin. Tilt top of head back when removing to prevent this. Avoid damaging head gasket. If pump is furnished with pressure relief valve, it need not be removed from head or disassembled at this point. Refer to "Pressure Relief Valve Instructions" on page 12.

If pump has jacketed head plate, it will separate from head when it is removed. Reinstall the O-Ring when assembling pump.

2. Remove idler and bushing assembly.

3. Insert brass or plastic bar through port opening between rotor teeth or lock coupling end of shaft to keep shaft from turning. Bend up tang of lockwasher, and with a spanner wrench, remove locknut and lockwasher from shaft.

4. Loosen two setscrews in the face of the bearing housing and remove the bearing housing assembly from the bracket. Refer to "Figure 9" on page 6 or "Figure 10" on page 7.

5. Remove pair of half round rings under the inner spacer collar from the shaft; 
   **NOTE:** There are no half round rings on Q and QS size pumps.

6. Carefully remove rotor and shaft to avoid damaging bracket bushing. If damaged or worn, remove bushing.

7. Remove the double row ball bearing, (2 tapered roller bearings on Q and QS sizes), closure and inner bearing spacer collar from the bearing housing.

8. Remove bracket lip seal (Item 18).

9. Loosen two radial setscrews in flange of bearing housing and with a spanner wrench remove the outer end cap with closure and outer bearing spacer collar.

10. Remove the rotary member of the mechanical seal from the rotor shaft. Remove the seal seat from the bracket.

11. Clean all parts thoroughly and examine for wear and damage. Check lip seals, bearings, bushings, and idler pin and replace if necessary. Check all other parts for nicks, burrs, excessive wear and replace if necessary. Wash bearings in clean solvent. Blow out bearings with compressed air. Do not allow bearings to spin; turn them slowly by hand. Spinning bearings will damage bearing components. Make sure bearings are clean, then lubricate with light oil and check for roughness. Roughness can be determined by turning outer race by hand.

12. Casing can be checked for wear or damage while mounted on bracket.
PUMP ASSEMBLY (F, FH SIZES)

All parts should be examined for wear before the pump is put together. When making major repairs, such as replacing a rotor and shaft, it is advisable to install a new casing bushing.

INSTALLING CASING BUSHING: The casing bushing can be replaced in the following manner: Insert a bar approximately .9375" diameter and at least 3.5" long in the seal end of the casing and press the bushing out of the casing. When installing a new bushing, an arbor press should be used. Coat the bushing with light lube oil and press the bushing into the bore from the head end. The bushing should be positioned so that the face of the bushing is .0625" below the surface of the step machined for the seal seat; see "Figure 11" on page 8.

1. Clean all parts thoroughly.
2. Coat the complete seal seat with light oil and install it into the casing. Make sure that the pins on the backside of the seat go into the slots provided for them in the casing. (Putting a light pencil line in the bore of the seal seat in line with the pins will help keep the pins in proper alignment with the holes).
3. Coat the rotor shaft with light oil. Slide the mechanical seal wave spring onto the shaft. Coat the bore and lapped face of the rotary member of the mechanical seal with light oil and slide onto the rotor shaft. Position the drive pins in two holes in back of the rotor. Slide the rotor into the pump casing.
4. Place nine .002 inch (.018 inch total) gaskets on the head. Place the idler on the head and install into the pump casing. Install three capscrews (every other one), tighten finger tight then loosen one turn.
5. Slide bearing retainer washer onto the drive end of the rotor shaft and position against the shoulder on the shaft. Slide the ball bearing onto the shaft and into the bore of the casing as far as it will go easily. At this point slide a sleeve over the drive end of the shaft and up against the inner race of the bearing and press the bearing into place.
6. Install the lockwasher & locknut. Tighten the locknut to 15-20 ft.–lbs. Torque (F-FH). Tighten the nut securely and bend the tang of the lockwasher into the slot of the locknut. NOTE: Hold the rotor shaft from turning while tightening the locknut by fastening a wrench on the flat of the shaft.
7. Install the packing nut and tighten securely.
8. Tighten the three capscrews. Add or remove gaskets (using either .001 or .003) until the rotor drags slightly on the head; then add two .001 thick gaskets. End clearance is now set properly. Put in the remaining three capscrews and double check to be sure the rotor is free to turn. NOTE: If the capacity of the pump has decreased after long term operation, it is sometimes possible to increase the capacity again by removing (1) or more head gaskets. If this is done be sure to turn pump over by hand before starting.

DO NOT OPERATE PUMP “DRY”; make sure there is a supply of liquid in the suction line prior to start-up.

⚠️ DANGER ⚠️

Before starting pump, be sure all drive equipment guards are in place. Failure to properly mount guards may result in serious injury or death.
6. Place tapered installation sleeve on shaft. Refer to "Figure 14" on page 9. Sleeve is furnished with H, HL, K and KK size replacement mechanical seals and is not needed on L, LQ and LL sizes. Coat rotor shaft, tapered installation sleeve and inner diameter of mechanical seal rotary member with a generous amount of non-detergent SAE 30 weight oil. Petrolatum may be used but grease is not recommended.

**NOTE:** PTFE fitted seals come with installation sleeve inside the rotary member. **DO NOT** remove this sleeve. Coat shaft with oil and proceed with step 7.

7. Place seal spring on shaft against rotor hub. Refer to "Figure 15" on page 9.

8. Slide rotary member, lapped contact surface facing away from spring, over installation sleeve on shaft until it is against spring. Slot in the seal must line up with drive pin on the shaft.

**NOTE:** For PTFE seals the rotary member and installation sleeve go on together.

Do not compress spring.

Flush sealing faces of both rotary member and stationary member with non-detergent SAE 30 weight oil just before installing rotor and shaft.

9. Coat rotor shaft with non-detergent SAE 30 weight oil. Start end of shaft in bracket bushing and turn from right to left, slowly pushing until ends of rotor teeth are just below face of casing.

Leave rotor in this position. Withdrawal of the rotor and shaft, may displace seal rotating face and result in damage to seal.

10. Using a .010 to .015 inch head gasket, install head and idler assembly on pump. Pump head and casing were marked before disassembly to ensure proper reassembly. If not, be sure idler pin, which is offset in pump head, is positioned toward and equal distance between port connections to allow for proper flow of liquid through pump.

Tighten head capscrews evenly.

Remove tapered installation sleeve from the shaft.

11. If pump is equipped with jacketed head plate, install at this time along with new gasket.

If pump was equipped with a relief valve and was removed during disassembly, install on head with new gaskets. Relief valve adjusting screw cap must always point toward suction port. Refer to "Figure 2" on page 1 & "Figure 3" on page 1. For relief valve repair or adjustments, see "Pressure Relief Valve Instructions" on page 12.

12. Slide inner spacer collar over shaft with recessed end facing rotor. H and HL size bearing spacer collars are not recessed.

Place pair of half round rings on shaft and slide inner bearing spacer collar over half round rings to lock them in place. There is no pair of half round rings on H, HL, Q and M size pumps. Refer to "Figure 8" on page 6.

13. Install the lip seal (lip toward end of shaft) in the bearing housing and turn the bearing housing into the bracket.

14. Pack ball bearing with multi-purpose grease, NLGI #2. Place on shaft and push or gently drive in place in housing.

15. Install the Lipseal (with lip toward end of shaft) and the bearing spacer collar in the outer end cap and turn the end cap into the bearing housing until tight against the bearing. Lock in place with two set screws in the flange of the bearing housing.

16. Put lockwasher and locknut on shaft. Insert brass or plastic bar through port opening between rotor teeth to keep shaft from turning.

Tighten locknut to 50-70 ft.–lbs. Torque (H-HL) or 100-130 ft.–lbs. Torque (K-LL). Bend one tang of lockwasher into slot of locknut. If tang does not line up with slot, tighten locknut until it does. Failure to tighten locknut or engage lockwasher tang could result in early bearing failure and cause damage to rest of pump.

Remove brass or plastic bar from port opening.

17. Adjust pump end clearance. Refer to Thrust Bearing Adjustment.

18. Lubricate grease fitting over seal chamber with petroleum jelly, petrolatum (Vaseline) or other similar low melting point lubricant. Lubricate all other grease fittings with multi-purpose grease, NLGI #2.

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**DANGER!**

Before starting pump, be sure all drive equipment guards are in place.

Failure to properly mount guards may result in serious injury or death.
PUMP ASSEMBLY (LS, Q, QS SIZES)

The seal used in this pump is simple to install and good performance will result if care is taken during installation. Seal faces are made from silicon carbide, which is extremely hard and brittle. Do not drop these parts or otherwise mishandle, as the face can chip easily.

The principle of the mechanical seal is contact between the rotary and stationary members. These parts are lapped to a high surface finish and their sealing effectiveness depends on complete contact.

1. Install new bracket bushing, if replacement is needed. If bracket bushing has an inner lubrication groove, install bushing with groove at six o’clock position in bracket.

2. Clean rotor shaft and seal housing bore. Make sure they are free of dirt, grit, and scratches. Gently clean the radius leading edge of shaft diameter over which seal is to be placed. Never touch mechanical seal faces with anything except clean hands or clean cloth. Minute particles can scratch the seal faces and cause leakage.

3. Install seal seat in seal housing bore. Refer to “Figure 13” on page 9. Make sure drive pins are located in slots in bracket bushing.

4. Place tapered installation sleeve on the shaft. Refer to Figure 7. Coat the tapered sleeve and inside of the rotary member with a generous quantity of light oil. Grease is not recommended.

5. Place Seal Spring on shaft against rotor hub. Refer to “Figure 15” on page 9.

6. Slide rotary member, lapped contact surface facing away from spring, over installation sleeve on shaft until it is against spring. Slot in the seal must line up with drive pin shaft. Do not compress spring. Flush sealing faces of both rotary and stationary members with non-detergent SAE 30 weight oil just before installing rotor shaft assembly.

7. Coat shaft of rotor shaft assembly with light oil. Start end of shaft in bracket bushing turning from right to left, slowly pushing rotor in casing.

8. Coat idler pin with light oil and place idler and bushing on idler pin in head.

9. Using a .010 to .015 inch thick head gasket, install head and idler assembly on pump. Pump head and casing should have been marked before disassembly to ensure proper reassembly. If not, be sure idler pin, which is offset in pump head, is positioned toward the equal distance between port connections to allow for proper flow of liquid through pump. If pump is equipped with jacketed headplate, install at this time along with new gasket. Refer to “Figure 8” on page 6 & “Figure 10” on page 7 for bearing housing assembly.

10. Install bracket lip seal (Item 18).

11. Install lip seal (lip toward end of shaft) in bearing housing.

12. LS Size Pumps: Pack the ball bearing with grease and push or press the bearing into the bearing housing. Refer to “Figure 8” on page 6.

13. Install the lip seal in the end cap (with lip toward end of shaft). Thread the end cap into the bearing housing along with outer bearing spacer collar and tighten against the bearing.

14. Slide inner spacer collar over shaft with recessed end facing rotor. Q and QS bearing spacer collars are not recessed.

15. Install the lip seal in the end cap (with lip toward end of shaft). Thread the end cap into the bearing housing along with outer bearing spacer collar and tighten against the bearing.

16. Put lockwasher and locknut on shaft. Insert brass or plastic bar through port opening between rotor teeth to keep shaft from turning. Tighten locknut to 120-150 - ft.lbs. torque (LS) or 170-190 - ft.lbs. torque (Q and QS). If tang does not line up with slot, tighten locknut until it does. Failure to tighten locknut or engage lockwasher tang could result in early bearing failure and cause damage to rest of pump. Remove brass or plastic bar from port opening.

17. Adjust pump end clearance as in Thrust Bearing Adjustment.
**THRUST BEARING ADJUSTMENT (H, HL, K, KK, L, LQ, LL SIZES)**

1. Loosen setscrews over outer and inner end caps. Two for H and HL size pumps, four for all other sizes.
2. Turn inner end cap clockwise, viewed from shaft end, until it projects slightly from bracket exposing approximately three threads.
3. Turn outer end cap clockwise until rotor is tight against head and rotor shaft cannot be turned.
4. Make a reference mark on bracket end, opposite a notch on outer end cap. Back off outer end cap required number of notches. Refer to "Table 1" on page 11.
5. End clearances set per Step 4 are adequate for viscosities up to 750 SSU (SAE 20 lube oil at room temperature). Higher viscosity liquids require additional end clearances. As a general guideline, for viscosities between 750 and 7500 SSU (heavier lube oils) double the amount of end clearance indicated in Step 4; for viscosities between 7500 and 75,000 SSU (e.g., resins) triple the amount. For specific recommendations for end clearances for viscosity or for operating temperatures above 225°F, check with your Viking Pump® representative.
6. Tighten inner end cap with a spanner wrench. Tap spanner wrench lightly but **DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN** as it will only damage the threads.
7. Tighten all setscrews that hold inner and outer end caps to prevent their turning in bracket.
8. Rotor and shaft should turn smoothly by hand one complete revolution.

If rotor and shaft doesn’t turn smoothly, go back and repeat "Thrust Bearing Adjustment (H, HL, K, KK, L, LQ, LL SIZES)" on page 11 Steps 1 through 8.

**TABLE 1: END CLEARANCE CHART**

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**THRUST BEARING ADJUSTMENT (LS, Q, QS SIZES)**

1. Loosen the two set screws in the outer face of the bearing housing and turn this thrust bearing assembly clockwise until it can no longer be turned by hand. Back off counter-clockwise until the rotor shaft can be turned by hand with a slight noticeable drag.
2. For standard end clearance, back off the thrust bearing assembly the required length measured on the outside diameter of the bearing housing. See "Table 1" on page 11.
3. Tighten the two self-locking type "Allen" set screws, in the outboard face of the bearing housing, with equal force against the bracket. Your pump is now set with standard end clearances and locked.

**NOTE:** Be sure the shaft can rotate freely. If not, back off additional length on outside diameter and check again.

4. High viscosity liquids required additional end clearances. The amount of extra end clearance depends on the viscosity of the liquid pumped. For specific recommendations, consult your Viking Pump® representative. "Table 1" on page 11 shows the additional bearing housing adjustment required for .001" increase in end clearance.

**INSTALLATION OF TUNGSTEN CARBIDE IDLER BUSHINGS (H, HL, K, KK, L, LQ, LL, LS, Q, QS SIZES)**

If an industrial oven is not available at the facility where the pump is being repaired, it is recommended to purchase the complete idler and bushing assembly from a Viking representative.

1. Reference "Table 2" on page 11 to determine temperature required to install Tungsten Carbide idler bushings.
2. In an oven, heat the idler gear at the corresponding temperature from "Table 2" on page 11 for 1 hour per inch of thickness of the idler gear. Example: HL size idler gear is 1.5 inches thick; heat for 1.5 hours.
3. Once heated, install cool bushing into idler. Make sure bushing is straight and flush with top and bottom of the idler. A press should not be required to install bushing.
4. Once cool, idler and bushing assembly will be ready for use.
5. Consult your Viking Pump® representative with specific questions on high temperature applications or to obtain a copy of Engineering Service Bulletin ESB-3

**TABLE 2:**

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PRESSURE RELIEF VALVE
INSTRUCTIONS

DISASSEMBLY
Mark valve and head before disassembly to ensure proper reassembly.
1. Remove valve cap.
2. Measure and record length of extension of adjusting screw. Refer to “A” on “Figure 16” on page 12.
3. Loosen locknut and back out adjusting screw until spring pressure is released.
4. Remove bonnet, spring guide, spring and poppet from valve body. Clean and inspect all parts for wear or damage and replace if necessary.

ASSEMBLY
Reverse procedures outlined under Disassembly. If valve is removed for repairs be sure to replace in same position. Relief valve adjusting screw cap must always point towards suction side of pump. If pump rotation is reversed, remove relief valve and turn end for end.

PRESSURE ADJUSTMENT
If a new spring is installed or if pressure setting of pressure relief valve is to be changed from that which the factory has set, the following instructions must be carefully followed.
1. Carefully remove valve cap which covers adjusting screw. Loosen locknut which locks adjusting screw so pressure setting will not change during operation of pump.
2. Install a pressure gauge in discharge line for actual adjusting operation.
3. Turn adjusting screw CW (in) to increase pressure and CCW (out) to decrease pressure. For guidance dimensions, contact your Viking Pump® representative for Engineering Standard ES-37.
4. Close the discharge line at a point beyond the pressure gauge. Limit the amount of time the pump is being operated at this condition. The temperature inside the pump will rise rapidly. Gauge will show maximum pressure that valve will allow while pump is in operation.
5. Once pressure is set, tighten locknut and replace cap gasket and valve cap.

IMPORTANT ORDERING INFORMATION
In ordering parts for pressure relief valve, always give model number and serial number of pump as it appears on nameplate and name of part wanted. When ordering springs, be sure to give pressure setting desired.

⚠️ DANGER ⚠️
Before opening any Viking pump liquid chamber (pumping chamber, reservoir, relief valve adjusting cap fitting, etc.) be sure:
1. That any pressure in the chamber has been completely vented through the suction or discharge lines, or other appropriate openings or connections.
2. That the driving means (motor, turbine, engine, etc.) has been “locked out” or made non-operational, so that it cannot be started while work is being done on pump.
3. That you know what liquid the pump has been handling and the precautions necessary to safely handle the liquid. Obtain a material safety data sheet (MSDS) for the liquid to be sure these precautions are understood.

Failure to follow above listed precautionary measures may result in serious injury or death.
APPENDIX (FORMERLY TSM 000)

NOTE: This Appendix section is for reference only. Not all pump construction features apply to pumps within this Technical Service Manual.

GENERAL INSTALLATION NOTES

Before installation is started, a few items of a general nature should be considered.

1. **Location** - always locate the pump as close as possible to the supply of liquid to be pumped. Locate it below the liquid supply if at all practical. Viking pumps are self priming but the better the suction conditions the better the performance.

2. **Accessibility** - the pump should be located where it is accessible for inspection, maintenance, and repair. For large pumps, allow room to remove the rotor and shaft without removing the pump from the base.

3. **Port Arrangement** - since the pumps have different port arrangements depending on the model, port location should be checked before starting the installation. The ports may be upright, opposite or at right angles to each other, see Figure A1. The right angle ports are normally right-hand, see Figure A2; some models are available with left-hand arrangements; still other models are available with the right angle ports located in any one of eight positions including right-hand and left-hand.

4. **Suction/Discharge** - shaft rotation will determine which port is suction and which is discharge. A look at Figure A3 will show how rotation determines which port is which. As the pumping elements (gears) come out of mesh, point “A” on Figure A3, liquid is drawn into the suction port. Then at point “B” the gears come into mesh, and the liquid is forced out the discharge port. Reversing the rotation reverses the flow through the pump. When determining shaft rotation, always look from the shaft end of the pump. Unless otherwise specified, rotation is assumed to be clockwise (CW), which makes the suction port on the right side of the pump. The idler pin, which is offset in the pump head, should be properly positioned toward and an equal distance between the port connections. See Figure A3 for correct idler pin location in relation to pump ports.

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**Figure A1**

**Figure A2**

**Figure A3**

**Figure A4**:
CUTAWAY OF VIKING INTERNAL PRESSURE RELIEF VALVE

- **Valve Body (c)**
- **Spring (a)**
- **Poppet (b)**
- **Cap (Should Always Point Toward Suction Port)**
- **Liquid Outlet**
- **Liquid Inlet**
- **Point (e)**
- **Adjusting Screw (d)**

(Should Always Point Toward Suction Port)

**Figure A5-A**:
INTERNAL PRESSURE RELIEF VALVE

- **Discharge**
- **Pump Head**
- **Suction**
- **Relief Valve Adjusting Screw**
- **Cap (Should Always Point Toward Suction Port)**
Internal type relief valves mounted on Viking pumps should always have the cap or bonnet pointed toward the suction side of the pump. Return-to-tank type relief valves should always be mounted on the discharge side of the pump. If pump rotation is reversed, change the relief valve. Turn the internal type end for end; move the return-to-tank type to the other port. If on a particular installation rotation is reversed, e.g., using one pump to fill a tank, and then by use of a reversing switch or other means of changing the rotation to permit the same pump to circulate the liquid through a heater or to load out, pressure protection must be provided on both sides of the pump for both rotations. This may be a combination of relief valves, torque limiting devices or rupture disks.

**CAUTION!**

Pumps or systems without relief valves should have some form of pressure protection, e.g. torque limiting devices or rupture disks.

**5. Pressure Protection** - Viking pumps are positive displacement pumps. This means that when the pump is rotated, liquid will be delivered to the discharge side of the pump. If there is no place for this liquid to go, i.e. the discharge line is blocked or closed, pressure can build up until the motor stalls, the drive equipment fails, a pump part breaks or ruptures, or the piping bursts. Because of this, some form of pressure protection must be used with a positive displacement pump. This may be a relief valve mounted directly on the pump, an inline relief valve, a torque limiting device or a rupture disk.

The pressure relief valve mounted on most Viking pumps and most in-line valves are of the spring-loaded poppet design. See Figure A4. The spring (a) holds poppet (b) against the seat in the valve body (c) with a given force determined by the spring size and by how tightly it is compressed by the adjusting screw (d). The pump discharge pressure pushes against the underside of the poppet at point (e). When the force exerted by the liquid under the poppet exceeds that exerted by the spring, the poppet lifts and liquid starts to flow through the valve.

As the discharge pressure builds up, more and more of the liquid flows through until a pressure is reached at which all of the liquid being pumped is going through the valve. This pressure is the relief valve setting.

Viking pumps can be furnished with either an internal pressure relief valve - one which directs the flow from the valve back to the suction side of the pump - or a return-to-tank valve - which directs the flow through piping back to the supply tank. See Figure A5-A and Figure A5-B.

An inline relief valve mounted in the discharge piping also directs the flow back to the supply tank. This type of valve should be mounted close to the pump so that the pressure drop through the piping between the pump and the valve is at a minimum. Be sure there are no shut off valves between the pump and relief valve. Piping from a return-to-tank or an in-line valve to the supply tank should also be as short and as large as possible.

**NOTE:** On some models, the relief valve is mounted on the pump casing instead of the pump head.

The spring-loaded poppet-type valve is strictly a differential valve, sensing only those pressures on each side of the poppet. It should not be used as a pressure or flow control device. It is intended strictly as a relief valve.

The pressure at which either the return-to-tank or internal relief valve bypasses can be changed by turning the adjusting screw. Do not back the adjusting screw all the way out. Stop when spring tension is off the screw (the screw starts to turn easily). For details on maintenance of the relief valve, refer to the Technical Service Manual covering your model series.

**6. Motor** - follow local electrical codes when hooking up motors.

**FOUNDATION**

Every pump should have a solid foundation. It may be any structure sufficiently strong to hold the pump rigid and to absorb any strain or shock that may be encountered.

A certified print of the pumping unit should be used in preparing the foundation. If a separate foundation is provided, make it at least four inches wider and longer than the base of the unit.

When the unit is placed on the foundation, it should be leveled and checked for position against the piping layout and then fastened down.

**COMPONENT & UNIT LIFTING FEATURES**

Removable lifting features, such as threaded eye bolts and hoist rings, installed in components (pumps, reducers, motors, etc.) and baseplates should be left on the components. These features are used to safely lift and move the individual components. Following are general guidelines for lifting Viking Pump® units.
FIGURE A6: EXAMPLE OF PROPER LIFTING METHOD

NOTE: Units should be lifted by the base lifting features using two or more lifting slings.

FIGURE A7: EXAMPLES OF PROPER LIFTING METHOD

NOTE: Use two or more lifting slings around the pump and the motor when the base does not have lifting features. Make sure the slings are secure and the load is balanced before attempting to lift.

FIGURE A8: EXAMPLE OF IMPROPER LIFTING METHOD

NOTE: NEVER lift the unit with slings unsecured under the base. The slings can slide, allowing the unit to tip and/or fall. Improper lifts can result in personal injury and/or damage to the unit.

FIGURE A9: EXAMPLE OF IMPROPER LIFTING METHOD

NOTE: NEVER lift the unit with slings connected to the component lifting features. The lifting features are designed for the individual component and are not rated to lift the entire unit. Improper lifts can result in personal injury and/or damage to the unit.

FIGURE A10-A

Use a straightedge. These surfaces must be parallel.

FIGURE A10-B

Check width between these surfaces with inside calipers to be certain the faces are equal distance apart and parallel.

When sheaves are properly aligned, all points A, B, C, D will touch string or straightedge.
ALIGNMENT

CHECK ALIGNMENT AFTER MOUNTING
For detailed coupling alignment procedures see coupling manufacturers’ recommendations.

The pump, drive, and motor were properly aligned at the time they were assembled. During shipping and mounting the alignment is often disturbed. BE SURE TO RECHECK ALIGNMENT AFTER THE PUMP UNIT IS INSTALLED!

1. Check pump ports to be sure they are square and in the proper position; shim or move the pump as required. Do not force piping to line up with the ports.
2. If the pump is driven by a flexible coupling(s) either directly connected to the motor or through a reducer, remove any coupling guards or covers and check alignment of the coupling halves. At a minimum, a straightedge (such as a piece of key stock) across the coupling must rest evenly on both rims at the top, bottom, and sides. See Figure A10-A.
3. If the pump is driven by V-belts, check the alignment by using a long straightedge or tightly drawn string across the face of the sheaves. See Figure A10-B.
4. Make a final check on alignment after piping is hooked up. Refer to item 13 in Piping section.
5. For high temperature applications (those above 300°F) allow the pump to reach operating temperature, then recheck alignment.

FIGURE A11: DIRECT DRIVE

FIGURE A12: REDUCER DRIVE

PIPING

The cause of many pumping problems can be traced to suction piping. It should always be as large and short as practical. For help in selecting the proper size suction and discharge piping, refer to Viking General Catalog Section 510.

Before starting the layout and installation of your piping system, consider the following points:

1. Never use piping smaller than the pump port connections.
2. Be sure the inside of the pipe is clean before hooking it to the pump.
3. FOOT VALVE - When pumping a light liquid with a suction lift, a foot valve at the end of the suction piping or a check valve in the first horizontal run will hold the liquid in the line and make it easier for the pump to prime. Be sure the foot or check valve is big enough so that it doesn’t cause excessive line loss.
4. When approaching an obstacle in the suction or discharge line, go around the obstacle instead of over it. Going over it creates an air pocket. See Figure A13.
5. Where practical, slope the piping so no air or liquid pockets will be formed. Air pockets in the suction line make it hard for the pump to prime.
6. For a suction line with a long horizontal run, keep the horizontal portion below the liquid level if possible. This keeps the pipe full of liquid and reduces the amount of air the pump must evacuate at startup. This is most helpful when there is no foot valve. See Figure A14.
7. When piping a hot or cold system (liquid being handled is at a temperature different from the air surrounding the pump), be sure allowance is made for expansion and contraction of the piping. Loops, expansion joints, or unsecured (this does not mean unsupported) runs should be used so the pump casing is not distorted.
8. STRAINER - It is always good practice to consider a strainer on the suction side of a positive displacement pump. The strainer will keep foreign objects from going into the pump. Without a strainer objects can lock the pump, and damage the internals and drive. The strainer basket mesh or perforation size should be big enough so that it does not cause excessive pressure drop, but it should be fine enough to protect the pump. When in doubt as to the proper size, check with the manufacturer, giving pipe size, flow rate, and viscosity involved. Provision should be made for cleaning the strainer. If the pump operates continuously, a bypass should be built around the strainer, or two strainers should be put in parallel with proper valving so they can be isolated for cleaning. Use of a strainer is particularly important at start up to help clean the system of weld beads, pipe scale, and other foreign objects. For additional information, refer to TSM 640.
9. If the pump is not equipped with a relief valve, consideration should be given to mounting one in the discharge line. Refer to discussion on pressure protection under item 5 in General Installation Notes section.
10. The pump should not be used to support the piping. The weight of the piping should be carried by hangers, supports, stands, etc.
11. When fastening the piping to the pump it should not be necessary to impose any strain on the pump casing. “Springing” or “drawing” the piping up to the pump will
cause distortion, possible misalignment, and probable rapid wear of the pump. Do not use the pump to correct errors in piping layout or assembly.

12. All joints of the piping system should be tight; pipe sealer will help assure leak-free threaded joints. Leaks in the suction line permitting air to be drawn in may cause a noisy pump or a reduction in capacity. It is not recommended to use PTFE tape on NPT ports as a pipe sealer. This action can result in cracks in the pump.

13. ALIGNMENT - Check the alignment of the drive after the piping is hooked up. As a final check on pump alignment, remove the head of the pump and with a feeler gauge determine if there is clearance all the way around between the rotor and casing. Because of manufacturing tolerances, bushing clearances, etc., the rotor may not be centered in the casing, but it should not drag; dragging would indicate unit misalignment or casing distortion from piping strain. Making this check is most desirable on installations involving Q, M and N size general purpose pumps.

14. The auxiliary piping hooked to jackets, glands, etc. for heating, cooling, quenching, or for other purposes should receive the same attention as the piping handling the pumped liquid.

15. Provide a pressure relief device in any part of a pump and piping system that can be valved off and, thus, completely isolated. This is particularly important:
   a. When handling a cold liquid such as refrigeration ammonia that can warm up to ambient temperatures when the pump is shut off.
   b. When handling a liquid such as asphalt or molasses that has to be heated before it can be pumped.

The rise in temperature causes the liquid to expand; if there is no provision for pressure relief in the closed off section, there is a chance that the pump or piping will rupture.
If the pump still does not deliver flow, the cause may be one or more of the following:

1. Suction line air leaks. Vacuum gauge reading should help determine if this is the problem.
2. End of suction pipe not submerged deep enough in liquid.
3. Suction lift is too great or the suction piping is too small.
4. Liquid is vaporizing in the suction line before it gets to the pump.

If after consideration of these points it still does not pump, review again all points under **START UP**. Read through **Troubleshooting** in this manual and try again. If it still does not pump, contact your Viking Pump® representative.

### TROUBLESHOOTING

A Viking pump that is properly installed and maintained will give long and satisfactory performance.

**NOTE:** Before making any pump adjustment or opening the pump liquid chamber in any manner, make sure that:

1. Any pressure in the pumping chamber has been vented through the suction or discharge lines or other openings provided for this purpose.
2. The driver has been "locked out" so that it cannot inadvertently be started while work is being done on the pump.
3. The pump has been allowed to cool down to the point where there is no chance of anyone being burned.

If trouble does develop, one of the first steps toward finding the difficulty is to install a vacuum gauge in the suction port and a pressure gauge in the discharge port. Readings on these gauges often will give a clue as to where to start looking for the trouble.

### VACUUM GAUGE - SUCTION PORT

1. **High reading would indicate:**
   a. Suction line is blocked by a stuck foot valve, stuck gate valve, or plugged strainer.
   b. Liquid is too viscous to flow through the piping.
   c. Lift is too high.
   d. Line is too small.
2. **Low reading would indicate:**
   a. Air leak in suction line.
   b. End of pipe is not in liquid.
   c. Pump is worn.
   d. Pump is dry - should be primed.
3. **Fluttering, jumping, or erratic reading:**
   a. Liquid is vaporizing.
   b. Liquid is coming to pump in slugs, possibly an air leak, insufficient liquid above the end of the suction pipe.
   c. Vibrating from cavitation, misalignment, or damaged parts.

### PRESSURE GAUGE - DISCHARGE PORT

1. **High reading would indicate:**
   a. High viscosity, small diameter discharge line or long discharge line.
   b. Gate valve is partially closed.
   c. Filter is plugged.
   d. Vertical head did not consider a high specific gravity liquid.
   e. Line is partially plugged from build up on inside of pipe.
   f. Liquid in the pipe is not up to temperature.
   g. Liquid in the pipe has undergone a chemical reaction and has solidified.
   h. Relief valve is set too high.
2. **Low reading would indicate:**
   a. Relief valve is set too low.
   b. Relief valve poppet is not seating properly.
   c. Bypass around the pump is partially open.
   d. Too much extra clearance.
   e. Pump is worn.
3. **Fluttering, jumping, or erratic reading:**
   a. Cavitation.
   b. Liquid is coming to the pump in slugs.
   c. Air leak is in the suction line.
   d. Vibrating from misalignment or mechanical problems.

Some of the following may also help pinpoint the problem:

**A. Pump does not pump.**

1. Pump has lost its prime due to air leak, low level in tank, foot valve stuck.
2. Suction lift is too high.
3. Rotating in wrong direction.
4. Motor does not come up to speed.
5. Suction and discharge valves not open.
6. Strainer is clogged.
8. Pump is worn out.
9. Any changes in the liquid system or operation that would help explain the trouble, e.g. new source of supply, added more lines, inexperienced operators, etc.
10. Too much end clearance.
11. Head position is incorrect. See Figure A3.
12. Temperature changes either in the liquid or environment.
13. **Mag Drive pumps ONLY:** The magnetic coupling is decoupling. Changes in application (temperature, pressure, viscosity, etc.) may require torque beyond coupling capabilities.

**B. Pump starts, then loses its prime.**

1. Supply tank is empty.
2. Liquid is vaporizing in the suction line.
3. Air leaks or air pockets in the suction line; leaking air through packing or mechanical seal.
4. Pump is worn out.
C. Pump is noisy.
1. Pump is being starved (heavy liquid cannot get to pump fast enough). Increase suction pipe size or reduce length.
2. Pump is cavitating (liquid vaporizing in the suction line). Increase suction pipe size or reduce length. If pump is above the liquid, raise the liquid level closer to the pump. If the liquid is above the pump, increase the head of liquid.
3. Check alignment.
4. May have a bent shaft or rotor tooth. Straighten or replace.
5. Relief valve chatter. Increase pressure setting.
6. May have to anchor base or piping to eliminate or reduce vibration.
7. May be a foreign object trying to get into the pump through the suction port.
8. Mag Drive pumps ONLY: The magnetic coupling has decoupled. Shut off and let cool, then restart.

D. Pump not up to capacity.
1. Starving or cavitating. Increase suction pipe size or reduce length.
2. Strainer partially clogged.
3. Air leak in suction piping or along pump shaft.
4. Running too slowly. Check the motor is running at the correct speed and that it is wired correctly.
5. Bypass line around pump partially open.
6. Relief valve set too low or stuck open.
7. Pump is worn out.
8. Too much end clearance.
9. Head position incorrect. See Figure A3.

E. Pump takes too much power.
1. Running too fast. Verify the motor speed, reducer ratio, sheave size, and other drive components are correct for the application?
2. The liquid is too viscous for the size of the unit. Heat the liquid to reduce viscosity, increase the pipe size, slow down the pump, or use a larger motor.
3. Discharge pressure higher than calculated. Verify with a pressure gauge. Increase size or reduce length of pipe, reduce speed (capacity), or get bigger motor.
4. Packing gland drawn down too tight.
5. Pump misaligned.
6. Extra clearance on pumping elements may not be sufficient for operating conditions. Check parts for evidence of drag or contact in pump and increase clearance where necessary.
7. System pressure relief valve is set too high.
8. Bushings have locked to shaft or pin, or the liquid has set up in the pump.

F. Rapid Wear.
On most applications the pump will operate for many months or years before it gradually loses its ability to deliver capacity or pressure. Examination of such a pump would show a smooth wear pattern on all parts. Rapid wear occurring in a few minutes, hours or days, shows up as heavy grooving, galling, twisting, breaking or similar severe signs of trouble. See Rapid Wear Table.

### Rapid Wear Table

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<td>Abrasives</td>
<td>Gouges or marks made by large, hard particles; a rapid wearing away of bushings from very small abrasives; or anything in between.</td>
<td>Flush the system with the pump removed. Install strainer in suction line. Most abrasive objects and particulate is removed after a few cycles (or days) of flushing.</td>
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<td>Corrosion</td>
<td>Rust, pitting or metal appears to be “eaten” away.</td>
<td>Check the Viking General Catalog Liquid List for materials of construction recommendation. Consider whether all of the materials used in pump construction were attacked; consider other materials used in the system to determine how they resisted the liquid. Check to see whether or not the liquid has been contaminated to make it more corrosive than anticipated.</td>
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<td>Exceeding operating limits</td>
<td>Noisy operation, broken bushings, twisted shaft, parts show evidence of high heat (discoloration).</td>
<td>Review General Catalog for operating limits on particular model involved.</td>
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<td>Insufficient clearance</td>
<td>Pump may stall. Evidence of heavy contact between end of rotor teeth and head or other parts.</td>
<td>Increase end clearance and/or contact your Viking Pump representative with details of the application, so that information regarding proper extra clearance may be provided.</td>
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<td>Lack of lubrication</td>
<td>Noisy bearings, localized heating at bearings or lip seal, smoke, rapid bushing wear.</td>
<td>Be sure all grease fittings are greased before starting, and instructions for lubrication of drive equipment are followed; consider use of auxiliary lubricating equipment.</td>
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<td>Misalignment</td>
<td>Wear on only one part of a surface, e.g., one side of the casing, only a portion of the packing gland.</td>
<td>Double check alignment of drive equipment and piping. Check the alignment under conditions as close to operating conditions as possible.</td>
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<td>Run dry</td>
<td>Pump stalls because parts have uneven expansion caused by frictional heat; galling between surfaces having relative motion; seal seats and idler pins changing color because of high heat.</td>
<td>Be sure there is liquid in the system at the time of start up. Provide some kind of automatic alarm or shut-off if supply tank runs dry.</td>
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PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

Performing a few preventative maintenance procedures will extend the life of your pump and reduce the overall cost of ownership.

A. Lubrication - Grease all grease fittings after every 2000 hours of operation. If service is severe, grease more often. Do it gently with a hand gun until the grease exiting the lip seal or relief plug is similar in consistency and color to the new grease. Use a NLGI #2 polyurea grease for normal applications. For hot or cold applications, use appropriate grease.

B. Packing Adjustment - Occasional packing adjustment may be required to keep leakage to a slight weep. If impossible to reduce leakage by gentle tightening, replace packing or use different type. Refer to Technical Service Manual on particular model series for details on repacking.

C. End Clearance Adjustment - After long service, the running clearance between the end of the rotor teeth and the head may have increased through wear. This wear may cause a loss of capacity or pressure. Resetting end clearance will normally improve pump performance. Refer to TSM on particular model series for procedure on adjusting end clearance for pump involved.

D. Examine Internal Parts - Periodically remove the head, examine idler and bushing and head and pin for wear. Replacing a relatively inexpensive idler bushing and idler pin after only moderate wear will eliminate the need to replace more expensive parts at a later date. Refer to TSM on particular model series for procedure in removing head of the pump. Be sure idler does not slide off the idler pin as the head is removed. If it does slide off the idler can cause personal injury or damage the part.

E. Cleaning the Pump - A clean pump is easier to inspect, lubricate, adjust, and runs cooler.

F. Storage - If pump is to be stored or not used for six months or more, pump must be drained, and a light coat of non-detergent SAE 30 weight oil must be applied to all internal pump parts. Lubricate fittings and apply grease to pump shaft extension. Viking suggests rotating pump shaft by hand one complete revolution every 30 days to circulate the oil. Retighten all gasketed joints before using the pump.

DO’S & DON’TS

Do’s and Don’ts for installation, operation, and maintenance of Viking pumps to assure safe, long, trouble-free operation.

INSTALLATION

1. DO install pump as close to supply tank as possible.
2. DO leave working space around the pumping unit.
3. DO use large, short, and straight suction piping.
4. DO install a strainer in the suction line.
5. DO double check alignment after the unit is mounted and piping is hooked up.
6. DO provide a pressure relief valve for the discharge side of the pump.
7. DO cut out the center of gaskets used as port covers on flanged port pumps.
8. DO record pump model number and serial number and file for future reference.

OPERATION

1. DON’T run pump at speeds faster than shown in the catalog for your model.
2. DON’T require pump to develop pressures higher than those shown in the catalog for your model.
3. DON’T operate pumps at temperatures above or below limits shown in the catalog for your pump.
4. DON’T operate pumps without all guards being in place.
5. DON’T operate pump without a relief valve on the pump or in the discharge piping. Be sure valve is mounted and set correctly.
6. DON’T exceed catalog limits for temperature and pressures of fluids in jacketed areas of pump.
7. DON’T use the pump in a system which includes a steam, air, or vapor blow or purge without provision for over-speed shutdown, in case the pump starts to act as a turbine and over-speeds the drive.
8. DON’T operate the pump with all of the liquid bypassing through a pump mounted internal type relief valve, or without any flow of liquid going through the pump for more than a couple of minutes. Operation under either of these conditions may result in a heat build-up in the pump, which could cause hazardous conditions of happenings.
MAINTENANCE

1. **DO** make sure any pump that has residual system pressure in it, or that has handled high vapor pressure liquids, such as LP-gas, ammonia, Freons, etc., has been vented through the suction or discharge lines or other openings provided for this purpose.

2. **DO** make sure that if the pump is still hooked to the driver while maintenance is being performed that the driver has been “locked out”, so that it cannot be inadvertently started while work is being done on the pump.

3. **DO** make sure any pump that has handled a corrosive, flammable, hot, or toxic liquid has been drained, flushed, vented and/or cooled before it is disassembled.

4. **DO** remember that a few simple preventative maintenance procedures such as periodic lubrication, adjustment of end clearance, examination of internal parts, etc., will extend the service life of your pump.

5. **DO** obtain, read and keep maintenance instructions furnished with your pump.

6. **DO** have spare parts, pumps or standby units available, particularly if the pump is an essential part of a key operation or process.

7. **DON’T** drop parts during disassembly, e.g., idler can slip from the pin as the head is removed from the pump. It may cause personal injury or damage the part.

8. **DON’T** stick fingers in the ports of a pump. Serious injury may result.

9. **DON’T** spin the idler on the idler pin. Fingers may be jammed between teeth and crescent.

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