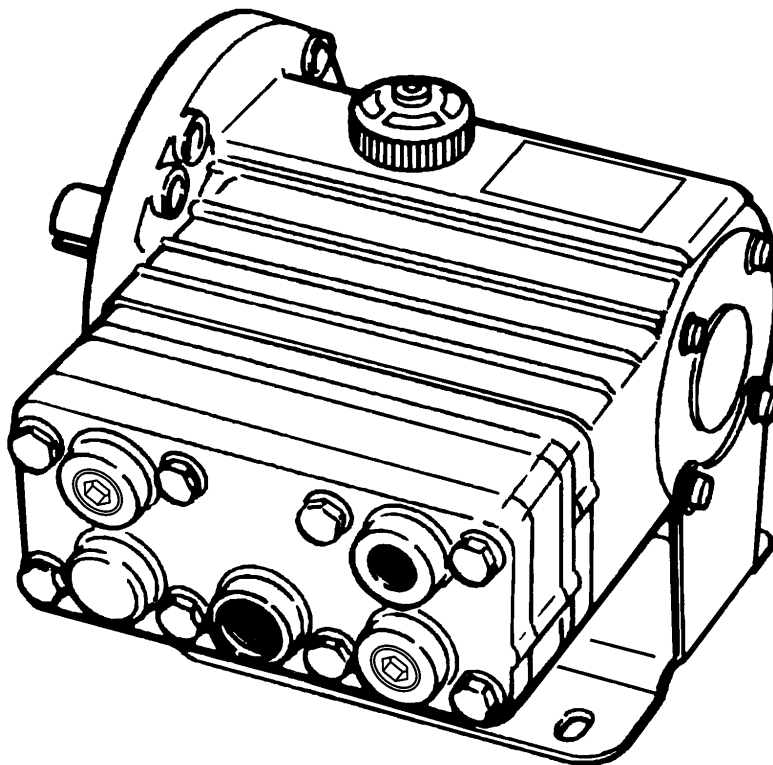


## Series MDA Multiplex Diaphragm Pump Operating Manual



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## MDA Specifications

<b>Maximum Capacity</b>			
	rpm	gpm	l/min
MDA1	1750	3.0	11.3
MDA2	1750	2.2	8.3
MDA3	1750	1.8	6.8
MDA4	1750	1.1	4.2
MDA5	1750	0.5	1.9
<b>Delivery @ max pressure*</b>			
	revs/gal	revs/liter	
MDA1	584	155	
MDA2	795	211	
MDA3	972	258	
MDA4	1591	417	
MDA5	3500	921	
<b>Max Inlet Pressure</b> 250 psi (17.3 bar)			
<b>Pressure Variable to*</b>			
Metallic Heads: MDA1: 1000 psi (69 bar); MDA2, 3, 4, 5: 1200 psi (83 bar)			
<b>Max Temperature</b>			
Metallic Heads: 250°F (121°C) – consult factory for temperatures above 160°F (71°C)			
Non-Metallic Heads: 140°F (60°C)			
<b>Inlet Port*</b> MDA: 1/2 inch NPT			
<b>Discharge Port*</b> MDA: 3/8 inch NPT			
<b>Shaft Diameter</b> MDA: 7/8 inch (15.88 mm);			
<b>Shaft Rotation</b> Bi-directional			
<b>Bearings</b> Ball bearings			
<b>Oil Capacity</b> 1 US quarts (0.95 liters)			
<b>Weight</b>			
Metallic Heads: 28 lbs (12.7 kg)			
Non-Metallic Heads: 19 lbs (8.6 kg)			

## Calculating Required Horsepower

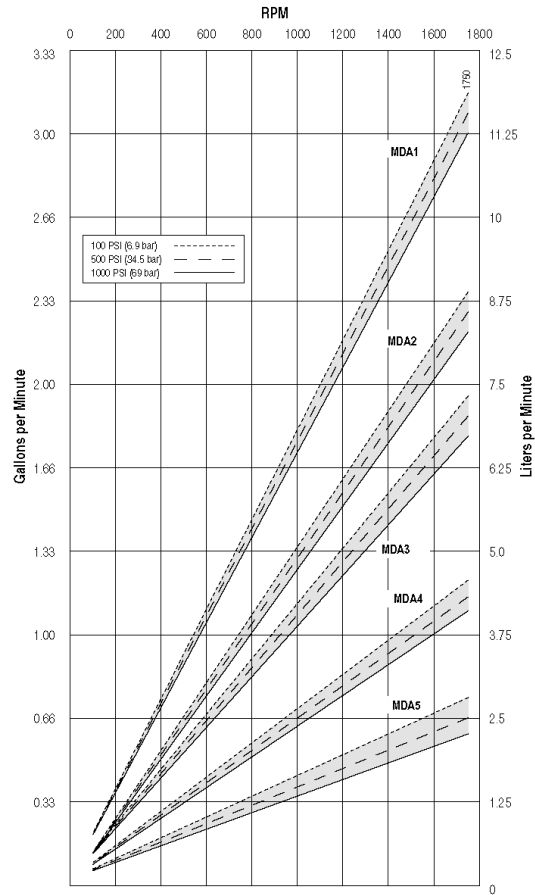
$$\frac{6 \times \text{rpm}}{63,000} + \frac{\text{gpm} \times \text{psi}}{1,460} = \text{electric motor HP}^*$$

$$\frac{6 \times \text{rpm}}{84,428} + \frac{\text{lpm} \times \text{bar}}{511} = \text{electric motor kW}^*$$

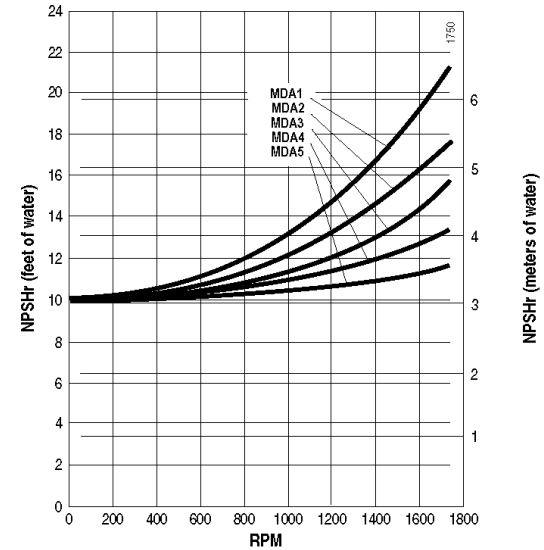
\* HP and kW required for electric motors; must be at rpm used in calculation. Consult engine manufacturer for gasoline or diesel power requirements.

## MDA Specifications

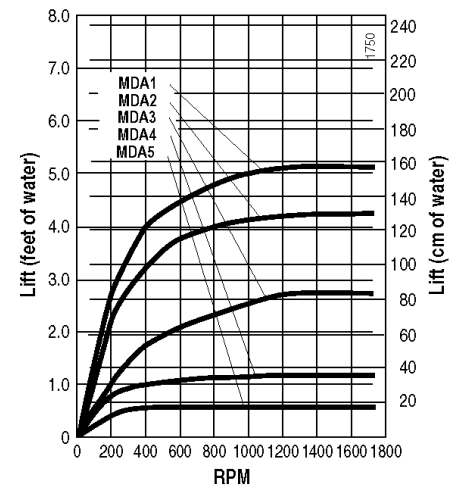
### Performance



### Net Positive Suction Head – NPSHr



### Dry Lift



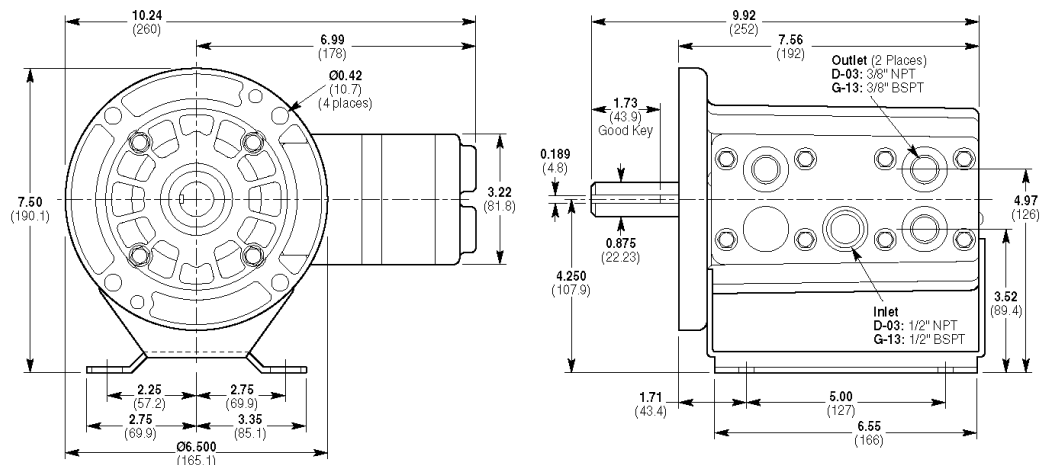
## MDA Dimensions

## MDA Models with Metallic Pumping Head

Brass

316 Stainless Steel

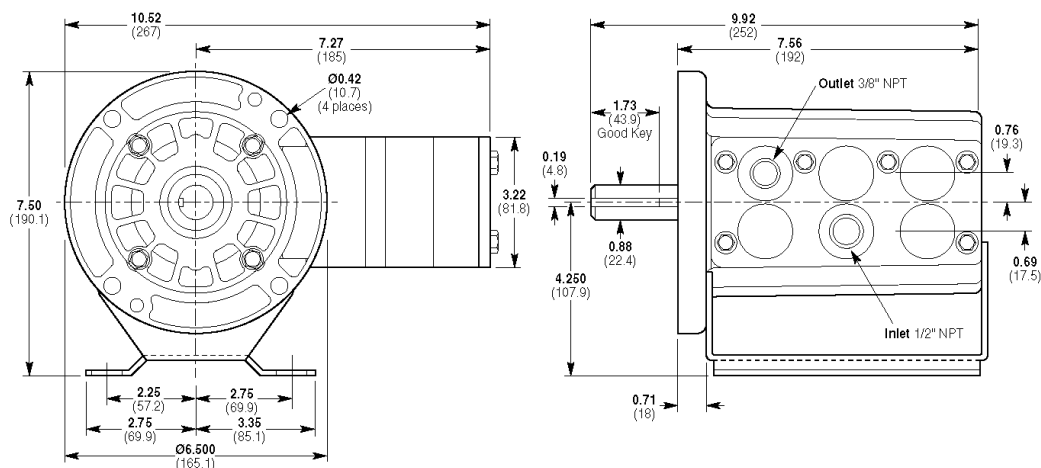
Nickel Alloy (C Series)



### MDA Models with Non-Metallic Pump Head

Kynar®

Polypropylene



## MDA Installation

**NOTE:** The numbers in parentheses are the Reference Numbers on the illustrations in the Parts Manual.

### Location

Locate the pump as close to the supply source as possible.

Install it in a lighted clean space where it will be easy to inspect and maintain. Allow room for checking the oil level, changing the oil, and removing the pump head (manifold, valve plate and related items).

### Mounting

The pump shaft can rotate in either direction. To prevent vibration, securely attach the pump to a rigid base.

On a belt-drive system, align the sheaves accurately; poor alignment wastes horsepower and shortens the belt and bearing life. Make sure the belts are properly tightened, as specified by the belt manufacturer.

On a direct-drive system, align the shafts accurately. Unless otherwise specified by the coupling manufacturer, maximum parallel misalignment should not exceed .015" and angular misalignment should be held to 1 degree maximum. Careful alignment extends life of the coupling, pump, shafts, and support bearings. Consult coupling manufacturer for exact alignment tolerances.

On a close-coupled system, coat the motor shaft liberally with anti-seize.

### Important Precautions

**Adequate Fluid Supply.** To avoid cavitation and premature pump failure, be sure that the pump will have an adequate fluid supply and that the inlet line will not be obstructed. See "Inlet Piping".

**Positive Displacement.** This is a positive-displacement pump. To avoid severe system damage if the discharge line ever becomes blocked, install a relief valve downstream from the pump. See "Discharge Piping".

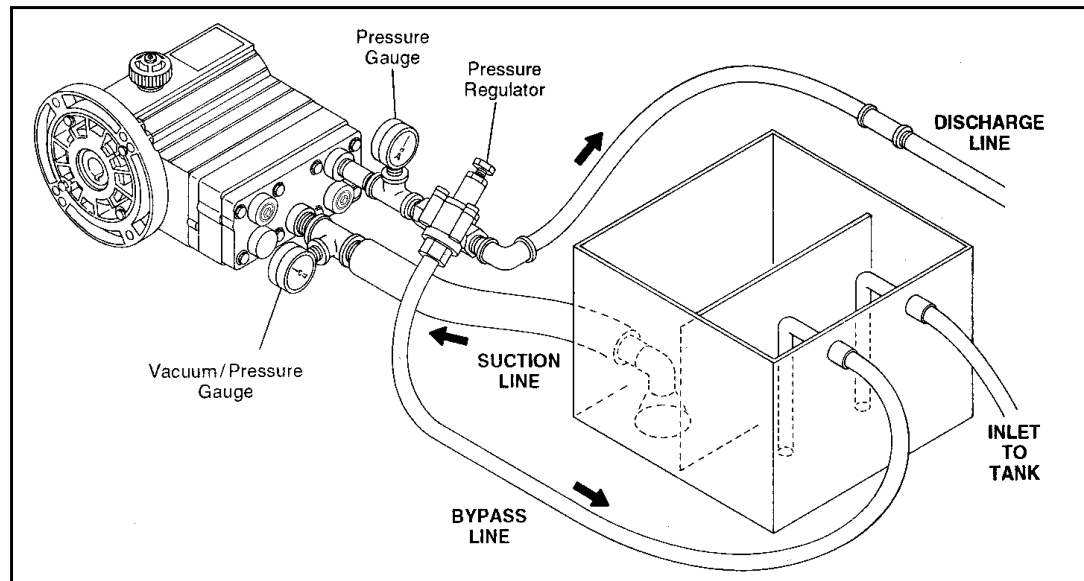
**Safety Guards.** Install adequate safety guards over all pulleys, belts, and couplings. Follow all codes and regulations regarding installation and operation of the pumping system.

**Shut-Off Valves.** Never install shut-off valves between the pump and discharge pressure regulator, or in the regulator bypass line.

**Freezing Conditions.** Protect the pump from freezing. See also the Maintenance Section.

Consult the Factory for the following situations:

- Extreme temperature applications (above 160° F or below 40° F)
- Pressure feeding of pumps
- Viscous or abrasive fluid applications
- Chemical compatibility problems
- Hot ambient temperatures (above 110° F)
- Conditions where pump oil may exceed 200° F because of a combination of hot ambient temperatures, hot fluid temperature, and full horsepower load — an oil cooler may be required



## MDA Installation

### Inlet Piping (Suction Feed)

**Caution: When pumping at temperatures above 160° F (71° C), use a pressure-feed system.**

Install draincocks at any low points of the suction line, to permit draining in freezing conditions.

Provide for permanent or temporary installation of a vacuum gauge to monitor the inlet suction. To maintain maximum flow, vacuum at the pump inlet should not exceed 7 in. Hg at 3 gpm and 70° F (180 mm Hg at 11.4 liters/min and 21° C). Do **not** supply more than one pump from the same inlet line. With Teflon diaphragms, the inlet must be flooded.

### Supply Tank

Use a supply tank that is large enough to provide time for any trapped air in the fluid to escape. The tank size should be at least twice the maximum pump flow rate.

Isolate the pump and motor stand from the supply tank, and support them separately.

Install a separate inlet line from the supply tank to each pump.

Install the inlet and bypass lines so they empty into the supply tank below the lowest water level, on the opposite side of the baffle from the pump suction line.

If a line strainer is used in the system, install it in the inlet line to the supply tank.

To reduce aeration and turbulence, install a completely submerged baffle plate to separate the incoming and outgoing liquids.

Install a vortex breaker in the supply tank, over the outlet port to the pump.

Place a cover over the supply tank, to prevent foreign objects from falling into it.

### Hose and Routing

Size the suction line at least one size larger than the pump inlet, and so that the velocity will not exceed 1-3 ft/sec (0.3 to 0.9 m/s):

For pipe in inches: Velocity (ft/sec) =  $0.408 \times \text{GPM} / \text{Pipe ID}^2$

For pipe in mm: Velocity (m/sec) =  $21.2 \times \text{LPM} / \text{Pipe ID}^2$

Keep the suction line as short and direct as possible.

Use flexible hose and/or expansion joints to absorb vibration, expansion, or contraction.

If possible, keep the suction line level. Do not have any high points to collect vapor unless these high points are vented.

To reduce turbulence and resistance, do not use 90° elbows. If turns are necessary in the suction line, use 45° elbows or arrange sweeping curves in the flexible inlet hose.

If a block valve is used, be sure it is fully opened so that the flow to the pump is not restricted. The opening should be at least the same diameter as the inlet plumbing ID.

Do not use a line strainer or filter in the suction line unless regular maintenance is assured. If used, it should have a free-flow area of at least three times the free-flow area of the inlet.

Install piping supports where necessary to relieve strain on the inlet line and to minimize vibration.

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### Inlet Piping (Pressure Feed)

Provide for permanent or temporary installation of a vacuum/pressure gauge to monitor the inlet vacuum or pressure. Pressure at the pump inlet should not exceed 250 psi (17.3 bar); if it could get higher, install an inlet pressure regulator. Do **not** supply more than one pump from the same inlet line.

## Inlet Calculations

### Acceleration Head

#### Calculating the Acceleration Head

Use the following formula to calculate acceleration head losses. Subtract this figure from the NPSHa, and compare the result to the NPSHr of the MDA pump.

$$H_a = (L \times V \times N \times C) \div (K \times G)$$

where:

$H_a$  = Acceleration head (ft of liquid)

$L$  = Actual length of suction line (ft) — not equivalent length

$V$  = Velocity of liquid in suction line (ft/sec) [ $V = \text{GPM} \times (0.408 \div \text{pipe ID}^2)$ ]

$N$  = RPM of crank shaft

$C$  = Constant determined by type of pump — use 0.066

$K$  = Constant to compensate for compressibility of the fluid — use: 1.4 for de-aerated or hot water; 1.5 for most liquids; 2.5 for hydrocarbons with high compressibility

$G$  = Gravitational constant (32.2 ft/sec<sup>2</sup>)

### Friction Losses

#### Calculating Friction Losses in Suction Piping

When following the above recommendations (under "inlet Piping") for minimum hose/pipe I.D. and maximum length, frictional losses in the suction piping are negligible (i.e.,  $H_f = 0$ ) if you are pumping a water-like fluid.

When pumping more-viscous fluids such as lubricating oils, sealants, adhesives, syrups, varnishes, etc., frictional losses in the suction piping may become significant. As  $H_f$  increases, the available NPSH (NPSHa) will decrease, and cavitation will occur.

In general, frictional losses increase with increasing viscosity, increasing suction-line length, increasing pump flowrate, and decreasing suction-line diameter. Changes in suction-line diameter have the greatest impact on frictional losses: a 25% increase in suction-line diameter cuts losses by more than two times, and a 50% increase cuts losses by a factor of five times.

Consult the factory before pumping viscous fluids.

#### Minimizing Acceleration Head and Frictional Losses

To minimize the acceleration head and frictional losses:

- Keep inlet lines less than 5 ft (1.5 m) long
- Use at least 5/8 in. (16 mm) I.D. inlet hose
- Use soft hose (low-pressure hose, noncollapsing) for the inlet lines
- Minimize fittings (elbows, valves, tees, etc.)
- **Use a suction stabilizer on the inlet.**

# MDA Installation

## Net Positive Suction Head

NPSHa must be equal to or greater than NPSHr. If not, the pressure in the pump inlet will be lower than the vapor pressure of the fluid—and cavitation will occur.

### Calculating the NPSHa

Use the following formula to calculate the NPSHa:

$$NPSHa = P_t + H_z - H_f - H_a - P_{vp}$$

where:

$P_t$  = Atmospheric pressure

$H_z$  = Vertical distance from surface liquid to pump centerline (if liquid is below pump centerline, the  $H_z$  is negative)

$H_f$  = Friction losses in suction piping

$H_a$  = Acceleration head at pump suction

$P_{vp}$  = Absolute vapor pressure of liquid at pumping temperature

NOTES:

- In good practice, NPSHa should be 2 ft greater than NPSHr
- All values must be expressed in feet of liquid

### Atmospheric Pressure at Various Altitudes

Altitude (ft)	Pressure (ft of H <sub>2</sub> O)	Altitude (ft)	Pressure (ft of H <sub>2</sub> O)
0	33.9	1500	32.1
500	33.3	2000	31.5
1000	32.8	5000	28.2

## Discharge Piping

**Note:** Consult the Factory before manifolding two or more pumps together.

### Hose and Routing

Use the shortest, most-direct route for the discharge line.

Select pipe or hose with a **working pressure** rating of at least 1.5 times the maximum system pressure. EXAMPLE: Select a 1500 psi (103 bar) W.P.-rated hose for systems to be operated at 1000 psi (69 bar) gauge pressure.

Use about 6 ft (1.8 m) of flexible hose between the pump and rigid piping to absorb vibration, expansion or contraction.

Support the pump and piping independently. Size the discharge line so that the velocity of the fluid will not exceed 7-10 ft/sec (2-3 m/sec):

$$\text{For pipe in inches: Velocity (ft/sec)} = 0.408 \times \text{GPM/Pipe ID}^2$$

$$\text{For pipe in mm: Velocity (m/sec)} = 21.2 \times \text{LPM/Pipe ID}^2$$

### Pressure Regulation

**Install a pressure regulator or unloader in the discharge line.** Bypass pressure must not exceed the pressure limit of the pump.

Size the regulator so that, when fully open, it will be large enough to relieve the full capacity of the pump without overpressurizing the system.

Locate the valve as close to the pump as possible and ahead of any other valves.

Adjust the pressure regulating valve to no more than 10% over the maximum working pressure of the system. Do not exceed the manufacturer's pressure rating for the pump or regulator.

Route the bypass line to the supply tank, or to the suction line as far as possible from the pump (to reduce the chance of turbulence).

If the pump will be operating for a long time with the discharge closed and fluid bypassing, install a thermal protector set to trip at 140° F in the bypass line (to prevent severe temperature buildup in the bypassed fluid).

**CAUTION: Never install shutoff valves in the bypass line or between the pump and pressure regulator or relief valve.**

Provide for permanent or temporary installation of a pressure gauge to monitor the discharge pressure at the pump.

For additional system protection, install a safety relief valve in the discharge line, downstream from the pressure regulator.

## Before Initial Start-Up

Before you start the pump, be sure that:

- All shut-off valves are open, and the pump has an adequate supply of fluid.
- All connections are tight.
- The oil level is 3/4 in. (20 mm) from the top of the fill port
- The relief valve on the outlet of the pump is adjusted so the pump starts under minimum pressure.
- All pulleys and belts are properly aligned, and belts are tensioned according to specification.
- All pulleys and belts have adequate safety guards.

## Initial Start-Up Procedure

1. Turn on power to the pump motor.
2. Check the inlet pressure or vacuum. To maintain maximum flow, inlet vacuum must not exceed 7 in. Hg at 70° F (180 mm Hg at 21° C). Inlet pressure must not exceed 250 psi (17.3 bar).
3. Listen for any erratic noise and look for unsteady flow.
4. If the system has an air lock and the pump fails to prime:
  - a. Turn off the power.
  - b. Open one outlet port.
  - c. Briefly restart the system and operate it until fluid comes out the outlet port.
  - d. Turn off the power and reinstall the outlet port plug.
5. Adjust the discharge pressure regulator to the desired operating and bypass pressures. Do not exceed the maximum pressure rating of the pump.
6. After the pressure regulator is adjusted, set the "pop-off" safety relief valve at 100 psi (6.9 bar) higher than the desired operating pressure.

## MDA Maintenance

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### Daily

Check the oil level and the condition of the oil. The oil level should be 3/4 in. (20 mm) from the top of the fill port.

Use the appropriate motor oil for the application (contact CheckPoint Systems if in doubt).

**Caution: If you are losing oil but don't see any external leakage, or if the oil becomes discolored and contaminated, one of the diaphragms (17) may be damaged. Refer to the Service Section. Do not operate the pump with a damaged diaphragm.**

**Caution: Do not leave contaminated oil in the pump housing or leave the housing empty. Remove contaminated oil as soon as discovered, and replace it with clean oil.**

### Periodically

Change the oil after the first 100 hours of operation, and every 1000 operating hours thereafter. When changing, remove the drain plug (60) at the bottom of the pump so all oil and accumulated sediment will drain out.

**Caution: Do not turn the drive shaft while the oil reservoir is empty.**

Check the inlet pressure or vacuum periodically with a gauge.

**Caution: Protect the pump from freezing. Refer also to the "Shutdown Procedure".**

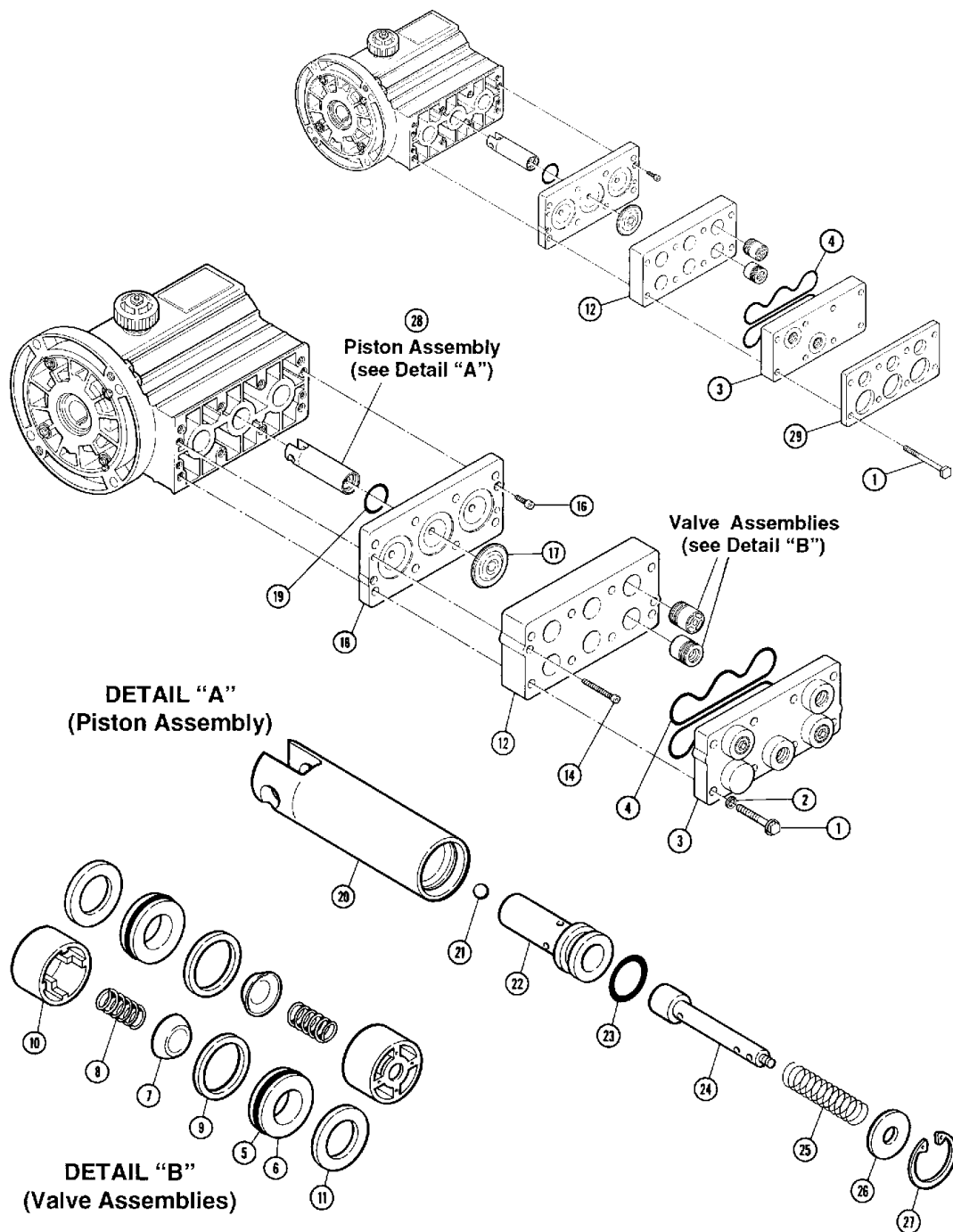
### Shutdown Procedure During Freezing Temperatures

Take all safety precautions to assure safe handling of the fluid being pumped. Provide adequate catch basins for fluid drainage and use appropriate plumbing from drain ports, etc. when flushing the pump and system with a compatible antifreeze.

1. Adjust the discharge pressure regulating valve so the pump runs under minimum pressure. Stop the pump.
2. Drain supply tank; open any draincocks in system piping and collect drainage; remove plugs from manifold and collect drainage.
3. Close draincocks in system piping and replace manifold plugs.
4. Fill supply tank with enough antifreeze to fill system piping and pump.  
Note: disconnect the system return line from the supply tank and connect it to a separate reservoir.
5. Start the pump and allow it to run until the system is filled with antifreeze. Note: if the system has an airlock and the pump fails to prime, follow step 4 of the Initial Start-up Procedure to clear the air.
6. When mostly antifreeze is flowing from the system return line stop the pump. Connect the system return line back to the supply tank and circulate the antifreeze for a short period.
7. It is also good practice to change the oil in the Hydraulic End before storage for an extended period. This will remove any accumulated condensation and sediment from the oil reservoir. Drain and refill the Hydraulic End with the appropriate oil and operate the pump for a short period to assure smooth performance.



## MDA Service (Fluid End)



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This section explains how to disassemble and inspect all easily-serviceable parts of the pump. Repair procedures for the hydraulic end (oil reservoir) of the pump are included in a later section of the manual.

**Caution:** Do not disassemble the hydraulic end unless you are a skilled mechanic. For assistance, contact CheckPoint Systems (Tel 800-847-7867 or Fax 504-348-0704) or the distributor in your area.

### 1. Remove Manifold (3), Valve Plate (12)

- a. Remove all eight bolts (1) around the manifold.
- b. Remove the manifold (3).
- c. Inspect the manifold for warping or wear around the inlet and outlet ports. If wear is excessive, replace the manifold.  
To check if the manifold is warped, remove the O-rings (4) and place a straightedge across it. A warped manifold should be replaced.
- d. Remove the two socket-head capscrews (14).
- e. Inspect the valve plate in the same manner as the manifold.

### 2. Inspect Valves (5-11)

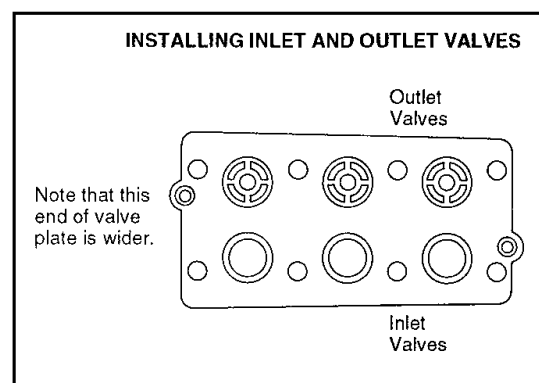
The three inlet and three outlet valve assemblies are identical (but face in opposite directions). Inspect each valve as follows:

- a. Check the spring retainer (10), and replace if worn.
- b. Check the valve spring (8). If it is shorter than a new spring, replace it (don't just stretch the old spring).
- c. Check the valve poppet (7). If worn excessively, replace it.
- d. Remove the valve seat (6). A seat remover is included in the MDA Tool Kit.  
Inspect the valve seat for wear, and replace it if necessary. A new O-ring (5) should be installed.
- e. Check the dampening washer (11), and replace if worn.
- f. Reinstall the valve assemblies:

- Clean the valve ports and shoulders with emery cloth, and lubricate them with lubricating gel or petroleum jelly.
- Install the O-ring (5) on the valve seat (6).

• **Inlet (3 lower valves in the illustration below).** Insert the spring retainer (10) into the valve plate, then insert the spring, valve, Tetra seal, valve seat, and dampening washer (8,7,9,6,11). A flat O-ring [Tetra seal] (5) goes between the retainer and seat.

• **Outlet (3 upper valves in the illustration).** Insert the dampening washer, valve seat, Tetra seal, valve, and spring, then the retainer. Install the flat O-ring between the retainer and seat.



## MDA Service (Fluid End)

### 3. Inspect and Replace Diaphragms (17)

- a. Lift a diaphragm by one edge, and turn the pump shaft until the diaphragm moves up to "top dead center". This will expose machined cross holes in the plunger shaft behind the diaphragm.

**Note:** If the pump has a hollow shaft, use the shaft rotator from the MDA Tool Kit.

- b. Insert a hex wrench through one of the machined cross holes, to hold the diaphragm up. The proper size tool is included in the MDA Tool Kit. (Don't remove the tool until the new diaphragm is installed in step "g" below.)
- c. Unscrew the diaphragm. Use a 5/16 in. (8 mm) open-end wrench, and turn counterclockwise.
- d. Inspect the diaphragm carefully. A ruptured diaphragm generally indicates a pumping system problem, and replacing only the diaphragm will not solve the larger problem. Inspect the diaphragm for the following:

- **Small puncture.** Usually caused by a sharp foreign object in the fluid, or by an ice particle.

- **Diaphragm pulled away** from the sides. Usually caused by fluid being frozen in the pump, or by overpressurization of the pump.

- **Diaphragm becoming stiff** and losing flexibility. Usually caused by pumping a fluid that is incompatible with the diaphragm material.

- **Diaphragm edge chewed away.** Usually caused by overpressurizing the system.

**Caution:** If a diaphragm has ruptured and foreign material or water has entered the oil reservoir, do not operate the pump. Check all diaphragms, then flush the reservoir completely (as outlined below) and refill it with fresh oil. Never let the pump stand with foreign material or water in the reservoir, or with the reservoir empty.

- e. Clean away any spilled oil. Apply Loctite #242 Threadlocker to the screw of the new diaphragm (or the old one, as appropriate).
- f. Install the diaphragm and tighten to 10 in.-lbs (110 N-cm).
- g. Repeat the above inspection procedure (and replacement, if necessary) with the other two diaphragms.

### 4. Flush Contaminant from Hydraulic End

(Only if a diaphragm has ruptured)

- a. With the valve plate and manifold still removed (see above), remove the oil drain cap (60) and allow all oil and contaminant to drain out.
- b. Fill the reservoir with kerosene or solvent, manually turn the pump shaft to circulate the kerosene, and drain.  
**Caution:** If you have EPDM diaphragms, or if food grade oil is in the reservoir, do not use kerosene or solvents. Instead, flush with the same lubricant that is in the reservoir. Pumps with EPDM diaphragms have an "E" as the 7th digit of the Model No.
- c. Repeat the flushing procedure (step "b" above).
- d. Fill the reservoir with fresh oil, manually turn the pump shaft to circulate the oil, and drain once again.
- e. Refill the reservoir. If the oil appears milky, there is still contaminant in the reservoir. Repeat the flushing procedure until the oil appears clean.

### 5. Prime the Hydraulic Cells

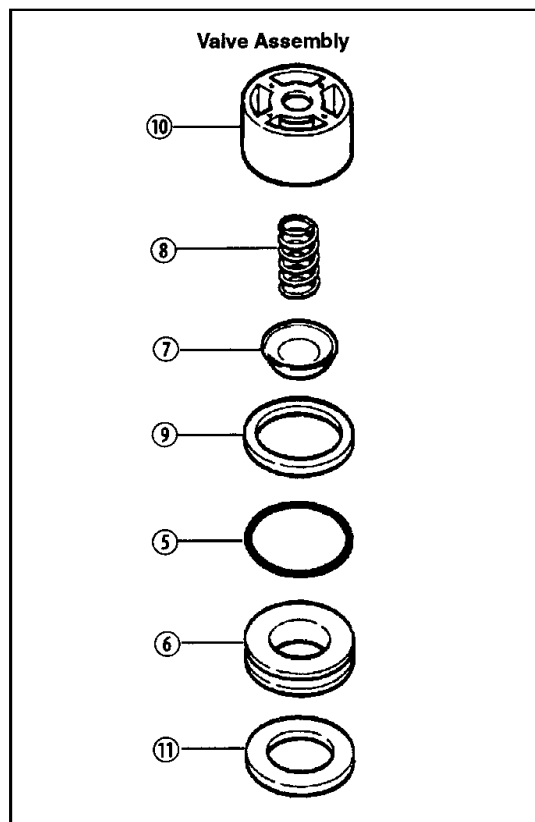
- a. With the pump horizontal, fill the reservoir with the appropriate oil for the application.
- b. All air in the oil within the hydraulic cell (behind the diaphragms) must be forced out by turning the shaft (and thus pumping the piston). A shaft rotator is included in the MDA Tool Kit.

Turn the shaft until a **bubble-free** flow of oil comes from behind all the diaphragms. Watch the oil level in the reservoir; if it gets too low during priming, air will be drawn into the pistons (inside the hydraulic end). This will cause the pump to run rough, and you will have to start over again with priming the hydraulic cells.

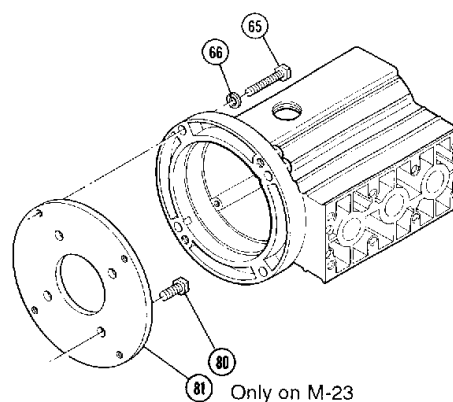
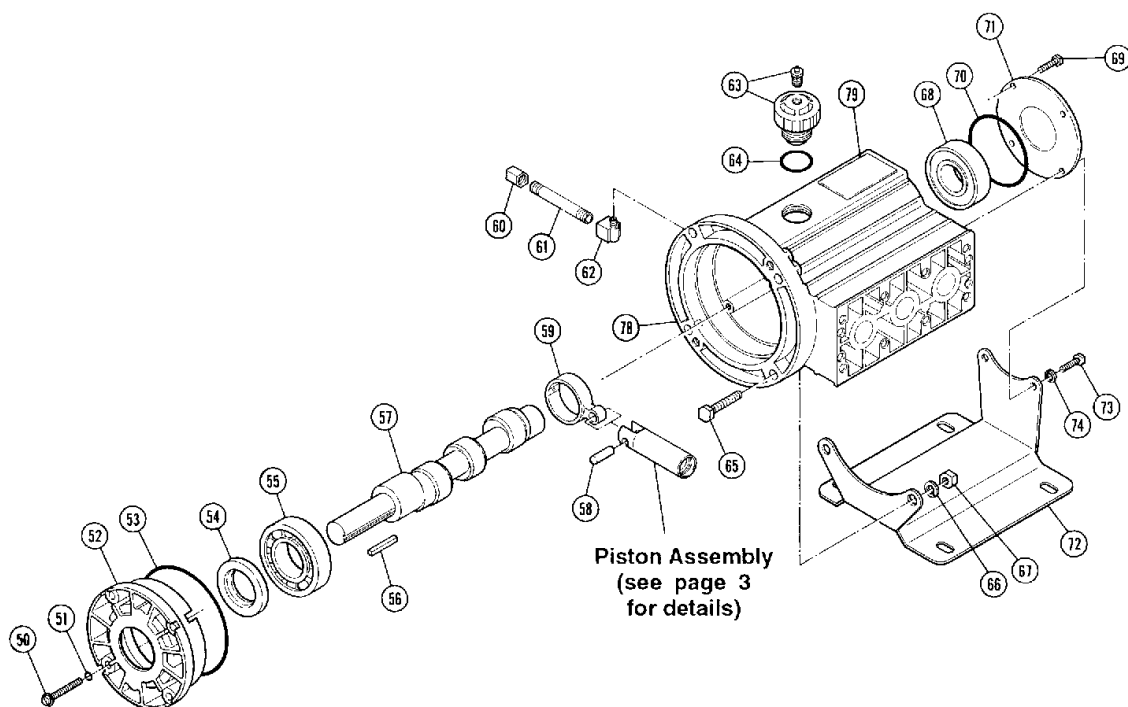
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### 6. Reinstall Valve Plate (12), Manifold (3)

- Reinstall the valve plate (12), with the valve assemblies installed as outlined above, onto the diaphragm plate (18).
- Reinstall the O-rings (4) on the rear side of the manifold. Use petroleum jelly or lubricating gel to hold them in place.
- Reinstall the manifold onto the valve plate.
- Insert all bolts (1), with washers (2), around the edge of the manifold, and alternately tighten opposite bolts until all are secure. Torque to 15 ft-lbs (20 N-m).
- Recheck all bolts for tightness.



## MDA Service (Hydraulic End)



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This section explains how to disassemble and inspect the hydraulic end (oil reservoir) of the pump.

Caution: Do not disassemble the hydraulic end unless you are a skilled mechanic. For assistance, contact CheckPoint Systems (Tel 800-847-7867 or Fax 504-348-0704) or the distributor in your area.

Depending on the repair you are attempting, you may or may not have to remove the motor from a direct-drive pump/motor unit.

Internal piston components (21 - 27) can be serviced without removing the motor or crankshaft. The motor and crankshaft must be removed to service the connecting rod (59), piston housing (20), crankshaft (57), front bearing (68), back bearing (55), or seal (54).

### *To Service Pistons Without Removing Motor or Crankshaft*

#### 1. Disassemble Pistons

With the manifold, valve plate, diaphragm plate, and diaphragm removed, and the oil drained from the pump (see the Fluid End Service Section):

- Remove the snap ring (27) from one of the pistons, using a standard snap-ring pliers.
- Pull out the valve plunger (24). This also removes the washer (26) and spring (25).
- Insert a hook through the center hole of the valve cylinder (22), and pull the cylinder out of the piston. Be careful not to damage the piston.
- Inspect all parts, and replace the O-ring and any other parts that are worn or may be damaged.
- Repeat steps "a" through "d" for the remaining pistons.

#### 2. Reassemble Pistons

- Tip the pump so the pistons are vertical.
- Drop a ball (21) into the opening in the bottom of the piston.
- Insert a valve plunger (24) into a valve cylinder (22). Slide a spring (25) over the plunger, inside the valve cylinder.
- Slide the assembled valve cylinder, plunger, and spring (22 - 25) into the piston (20).
- Insert a washer (26) over the plunger.
- Insert a snap ring (27) into the piston. Use the snap-ring pliers.
- Repeat the above procedure for the other two pistons.

### *To Remove Motor from Direct-Coupled Unit*

#### 1. Disassemble Motor from Pump

- Alternately turn the bolts clockwise until the pump and motor separate.

#### 2. Reassemble Motor to Pump

- Thoroughly clean the motor shaft and the hollow pump shaft. Remove the tape from the key and keyway.
- Apply a **liberal** amount of Loctite® Nickel Anti-Seize #77164 to the pump shaft.
- Install the shaft key (56) into the keyway.
- Slide the motor shaft into the hollow pump shaft.

**Caution: When assembling this pump to the direct-coupled motor, be careful that the shaft key remains in the motor shaft keyway and does not ride up the keyway and contact the shaft seals (which would cause premature seal failure). Incorrect key placement could also cause the hollow pump shaft to fail.**

**Use a screwdriver to move the shaft key back in the motor shaft keyway as the motor and pump are drawn together.**

- Reinstall the bolts and washers

## MDA Service (Hydraulic End)

### *To Service the Remainder of the Hydraulic End*

#### 1. Remove Pump Housing

- Remove the manifold, valve plate, and diaphragms, as outlined in the Fluid End Service Section.
- Drain the oil from the pump housing by removing the drain plug (60).
- Stand the pump on end, with the drive shaft up.
- Remove the bolts (50) that secure the back cover (52) to the housing (78). Use a 3/8 in. socket wrench. Save the O-rings (51).
- Remove the cover and the cover O-ring (53).
- Remove the crankshaft (57) by pulling it through the connecting rods (59).

#### 2. Remove and Replace Pistons

To remove the pistons (20), first remove the connecting rod (59) and pin (58) by pressing the pin through the connecting rod.

Reverse the process to reinstall the pistons.

Refer to Steps 5 and 6 below to replace the diaphragm and reassemble the pump.

#### 3. Replace Shaft Seal

**Note: Inspect the shaft seal (54) before continuing. If it looks damaged in any way, replace it.**

- Press the back bearing (55) and seal (54) out of the back cover (52). Discard the seal.
- Apply a coating of Loctite® High-Performance Pipe Sealant With Teflon®, or a comparable product, to the outer surface of a new seal and the inside surface of the opening in the back cover (52) where the seal will rest.
- Press the new seal into the back cover.
- Inspect the bearing (55). If pitted or damaged, replace it.
- Apply a coating of Loctite Rc/609 Retaining Compound or comparable product to the outer surface of the bearing. Press the bearing into the back cover until it rests on the shoulder. The shield on the bearing must face away from the back cover.

#### 4. Reassemble Housing and Back Cover

- Stand the pump on end.
- With the pistons and connecting rods in place, reinstall the crankshaft by threading it through the connecting rods.
- Reinstall the back cover, cover O-ring, and bolts (with their O-rings).

#### 5. Reinstall Diaphragms

- Screw the plunger puller (from the MDA Tool Kit or Repair Kit) into the valve plunger (24). Pull out to expose the cross holes in the plunger. Rotate the shaft until the piston is at top dead center.
- Insert a diaphragm hex wrench (from the MDA Tool Kit), or similar dowel-type object, through the plunger holes— to hold the plunger away from the diaphragm plate (18), and to keep the plunger from turning when the diaphragm is being installed.
- Apply a small amount of Loctite #242 to the threads of the diaphragm screw (be sure the threads are clean).
- Set the diaphragm (17) on the plunger (24), ridge-side out. Screw the diaphragm onto the plunger.
- Hold the diaphragm hex wrench, and tighten the diaphragm to 10 in.-lbs (110 N-cm) of torque.
- Repeat the above procedure for the plungers and diaphragms of the other two cylinders.
- Fill the reservoir with fresh oil and prime the pump, as outlined in the Fluid End Service Section.

#### 6. Reassemble Pump

Reassemble the pump as outlined in the Fluid-End Service Section.

# MDA Troubleshooting

## Cavitation

- Inadequate fluid supply because:
  - Inlet line collapsed or clogged
  - Clogged line strainer
  - Inlet line too small or too long
  - Air leak in inlet line
  - Worn or damaged inlet hose
  - Suction line too long
  - Too many valves and elbows in inlet line
- Fluid too hot for inlet suction piping system.
- Air entrained in fluid piping system.
- Aeration and turbulence in supply tank.
- Inlet vacuum too high (refer to "Inlet Calculations", page 6).

### Symptoms of Cavitation

- Excessive pump valve noise
- Premature failure of spring or retainer
- Volume or pressure drop
- Rough-running pump
- Premature failure of diaphragms

## Drop in Volume or Pressure

A drop in volume or pressure can be caused by one or more of the following:

- Air leak in suction piping
- Clogged suction line or suction strainer
- Suction line inlet above fluid level in tank
- Inadequate fluid supply
- Pump not operating at proper RPM
- Relief valve bypassing fluid
- Worn pump valve parts
- Foreign material in inlet or outlet valves
- Loss of oil prime in cells because of low oil level
- Ruptured diaphragm
- Cavitation
- Warped manifold from overpressurized system
- O-rings forced out of their grooves from overpressurization
- Air leak in suction line strainer or gasket
- Cracked suction hose.
- Empty supply tank
- Excessive aeration and turbulence in supply tank
- Cavitation
- Abrasives in the fluid
- Valve incompatible with corrosives in the fluid
- Pump running too fast
- Worn and slipping drive belt(s)
- Worn spray nozzle(s)

## Pump Runs Rough

- Worn pump valves
- Airlock in outlet system
- Oil level low
- Wrong weight of oil for cold operating temperatures (change to lighter weight)
- Cavitation
- Air in suction line
- Restriction in inlet/suction line
- Hydraulic cells not primed after changing diaphragm
- Foreign material in inlet or outlet valve
- Damaged diaphragm
- Fatigued or broken valve spring

## Premature Failure of Diaphragm

- Frozen pump
- Puncture by a foreign object
- Elastomer incompatible with fluid being pumped
- Pump running too fast
- Excess pressure
- Cavitation

## Water (or Process Fluid) in Oil Reservoir

- Condensation
- Ruptured diaphragm
- Hydraulic cell not properly primed after diaphragm replacement
- Frozen pump

## Strong Water (or Process Fluid) Pulsations

**NOTE: Small pulsations are normal in single-acting pumps with multiple pumping chambers.**

- Foreign object lodged in pump valve
- Loss of prime in hydraulic cell because of low oil level
- Air in suction line
- Valve spring (8) broken
- Cavitation
- Aeration or turbulence in supply tank



## **MDA Troubleshooting**

### **Valve Wear**

- Normal wear from high-speed operation
- Cavitation
- Abrasives in the fluid
- Valve incompatible with corrosives in the fluid
- Pump running too fast

### **Loss of Oil**

- External seepage
- Rupture of diaphragm
- Frozen pump
- Worn shaft seal
- Oil drain piping or fill cap loose.
- Valve plate and manifold bolts loose
- Pump housing porosity

### **Premature Failure of Valve Spring or Retainer**

- Cavitation
- Foreign object in the pump
- Pump running too fast
- Spring/retainer material incompatible with fluid being pumped
- Excessive inlet pressure.

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