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1.3 Design and application

The purpose of this standard is to provide a guide for the design and application of rotodynamic centrifugal pumps for various services. This is not an attempt to cover all phases of rotodynamic pump design and application but an endeavor has been made to recognize and identify the application requirements of the most common industry segments. Principal features of pumps and the necessary precautions for proper use are pointed out.

Rotodynamic pumps are kinetic machines in which energy is continuously imparted to the pumped fluid by means of a rotating impeller, propeller, or rotor. The most common types of rotodynamic pumps are centrifugal (radial), mixed flow, and axial flow pumps.

Centrifugal pumps use bladed impellers with essentially radial outlet to transfer rotational mechanical energy to the fluid primarily by increasing the fluid kinetic energy (angular momentum) and also increasing potential energy (static pressure). Kinetic energy is then converted into usable pressure energy in the discharge collector.

It can be considered that a rotodynamic pump (centrifugal pump) thereby converts liquid that is at a low pressure to a higher pressure by the use of a rotating shaft that spins a specially designed disk(s) within the boundaries of an enclosed vessel. This transaction converts rotating mechanical energy into hydraulic energy by increasing the fluid kinetic energy (angular momentum).

In the pump industry, the vessel described above is referred to as the *casing*. It has an inlet or suction port for the low-pressure liquid to enter the vessel and a discharge port for the high-pressure liquid to exit. There is a seal (or seals) to control the leakage of liquid where the shaft penetrates the casing. A motor, turbine, or engine is used to drive the rotating shaft. The special disk attached to the shaft is called the *impeller*. There are semiradial integral passageways enclosed within or exposed on the impeller. The liquid enters at the lower diameter of these passageways. The mechanical energy of the rotating shaft is transferred to the impeller. The impeller then increases the liquid kinetic energy as it moves through the impeller passageway to the outer diameter. As the liquid exits the outer diameter of the impeller it enters a discharge collector within the stationary casing. The collector converts kinetic energy into pressure energy through a diffusion process.

Both the impeller vane passage area and the discharge collector inlet area (cutwater or throat area) are controlled in size to regulate the rate of fluid pumped (capacity) and to define a certain rate of flow typically known as the *pump best efficiency point* (BEP). The pumped fluid exits the casing via the pump discharge port or outlet.

1.3.1 Scope

This standard is for rotodynamic centrifugal, regenerative turbine, and Pitot tube pumps of all industrial/commercial types except vertical single and multistage diffuser pump types. It includes design and application.

Included rotodynamic centrifugal pump types are as shown in Figure 1.3.1.

1.3.2 Introduction to pump classifications

Rotodynamic pumps may be classified by such methods as impeller or casing configuration, end application, specific speed, or mechanical configuration. The method used within this standard (as indicated in Appendix A, Figures A.1, A.2, and A.3) is based primarily on commonly distinctive mechanical configurations. Commonly used pump types are classified as overhung (type OH), between-bearings (type BB), or vertically suspended (type VS).

ANSI/HI Standards (for Design and Application) have historically been subdivided into *rotodynamic centrifugal pumps* (ANSI/HI 1.3) and *rotodynamic vertical pumps* (ANSI/HI 2.3), with a demarcation between the two categories being determined by the arrangement of the hydraulic configuration (impeller, casing, bowl, or diffuser). Within these lines of demarcation there are pump types that can be clearly identified to fit into each of the defined categories.

There are, however, several pump types or arrangements that are not so clearly defined.