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5 Sealless rotodynamic pumps

5.1 Types and nomenclature

5.1.0 Disclaimer

The term *sealless* is a generic, industrial word used for pumps not employing dynamic seals such as mechanical shaft seals, centrifugal seals, or packing as the primary method of sealing liquid or vapor from the atmosphere. *Hermetic* would accurately describe the construction of these types of pumps. It is understood that static seals may be used in pumps that are designated sealless.

Use of the term *sealless* herein should not be construed as any type of warranty or guarantee against pump leaks.

5.1.1 Scope

This standard covers types and nomenclature, definitions, design and application, installation, operation and maintenance, and test of sealless rotodynamic pumps driven by canned motors or magnetic couplings.

Not included are submersible wastewater pumps that do not have external shaft seals and are therefore not susceptible to external shaft leakage. Deep well submersible pumps and circulator pumps are also excluded.

5.1.1.1 Objective

To clearly outline the information necessary to define and describe the construction and use of sealless pumps.

5.1.1.2 Introduction

The sealless pump is used when there is a need to contain toxic, dangerous, high suction pressure, and/or valuable fluids or where dynamic seals are undesirable due to utility (seal flush/buffer) requirements or due to high system reliability standards. Application may be dictated by space, noise, environment, or safety regulations. This section outlines types, nomenclatures, and components of sealless rotodynamic type pumps.

Sealless pump design is founded on eliminating the dynamic shaft seal between the liquid end of a rotodynamic (centrifugal) pump and the atmosphere. This is achieved by enclosing the pump and its rotor assembly inside a pressure vessel with the pumped fluid. The pressure vessel or “primary containment” is sealed by static seals, such as gaskets or O-rings. The inner rotor assembly is driven by a rotating magnetic or electromagnetic field that is transmitted through a containment barrier.

The two primary sealless pump designs are the canned motor pump (CMP) and magnetic drive pump (MDP). See Figure 5.1.1.2 for a diagrammatic breakdown of the types of sealless rotodynamic pumps.

5.1.2 Canned motor pump (CMP)

The CMP combines a rotodynamic (centrifugal) pump and induction motor into one hermetically sealed unit. The impeller is mounted directly on the rotor assembly, which is driven by the rotating electromagnetic field of the stator. The rotor is typically supported by hydrodynamic bearings at each end of the motor. The motor components are protected from the process liquid by a nonmagnetic stator liner that is placed between the stator and rotor.

During operation, the motor section and bearings are cooled and lubricated by the process liquid. This fluid is either a flush introduced from an external source or, more commonly, taken from the pump discharge.

Below are typical examples of canned motor pumps, but additional variations and circulation plans can be found in Appendix A.