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## Foreword (Not part of Standard)

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## 10 Air-operated pumps

### 10.0 Introduction

#### 10.0.1 Purpose

The purpose of this standard is to define common terminology, provide education, and prevent misunderstandings between manufacturers, purchasers, and users of air-operated pumps. The standard can assist purchasers in the selection and acquisition of an appropriate pump for their needs. The standard can also assist pump users to operate their pumps in an efficient and trouble-free manner and avoid common mistakes.

#### 10.0.2 Scope

This standard applies to air-operated diaphragm and bellows pumps. An air-operated pump is a positive-displacement reciprocating pump used for general liquid transfer. It is driven by means of a compressed gas (usually air) from an outside source. Where “air” is used throughout this document, it should be taken to mean any compressed gas, but usually air.

Air-operated rotodynamic and rotary pumps are not included in this standard.

### 10.1 Types and nomenclature

#### 10.1.1 Types of air-operated pumps

Air-operated pumps fall into the basic types shown in Figure 10.1.1.

##### 10.1.1.1 Air-operated diaphragm pump

An air-operated diaphragm pump contains a single diaphragm or double diaphragms connected to a connecting rod in which one side of the diaphragm is in contact with the liquid being pumped and the other side is in contact with the compressed air. A typical air-operated double diaphragm (AODD) pump configuration is shown in Figure 10.1.1.1.

##### 10.1.1.2 Air-operated bellows pump

An air-operated bellows pump contains two bellows connected to a connecting rod in which one side of the bellows is in contact with the liquid being pumped and the other side is in contact with the compressed air. A typical configuration is shown in Figure 10.1.1.2.

### 10.1.2 Configuration of pumping devices

#### 10.1.2.1 Simplex, single-acting

Contains one diaphragm or bellows and the working fluid (air or gas) acts or exerts pressure on one side of the diaphragm.

#### 10.1.2.2 Duplex, single-acting

Contains two diaphragms or bellows and the working fluid (air or gas) acts or exerts pressure on one side of the diaphragm.

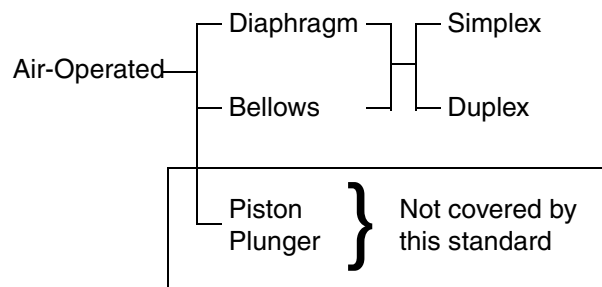


Figure 10.1.1 — Types of air-operated pumps