### Introduction

This Care Manual was designed as a general guide to Berkeley centrifugal pumps and is not intended to be used as an Engineering Specifications Manual.

All subjects covered, whether written or illustrated, are suggestions by Berkeley Pumps to aid in the proper installation and operation of end suction centrifugal pumps and apply to no particular application.

Questions on specific application and/or installation procedures, maintenance, and repair, should be directed to the nearest Berkeley Professional Dealer.

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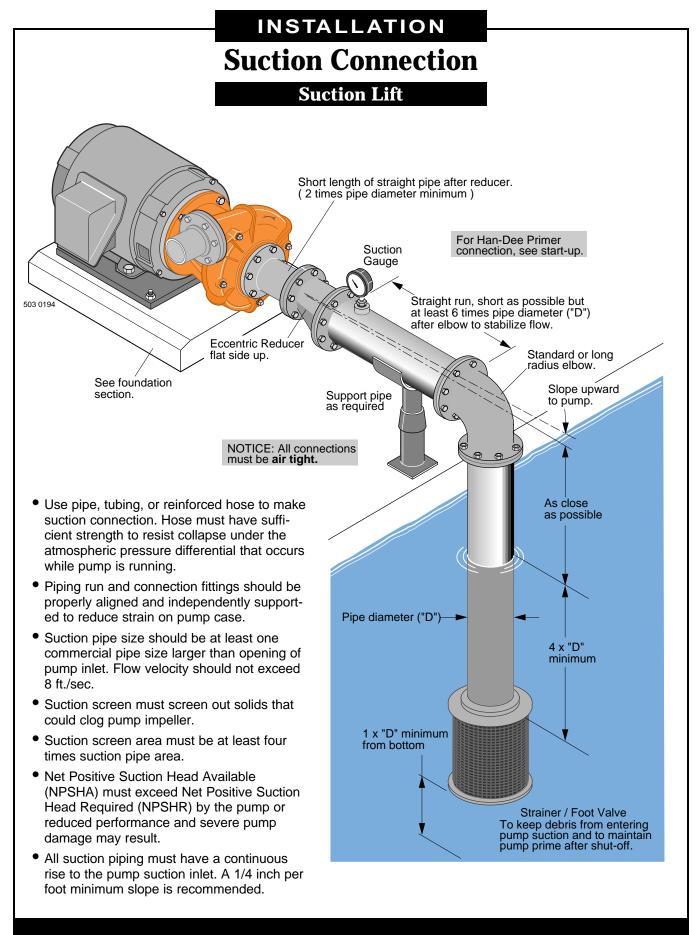
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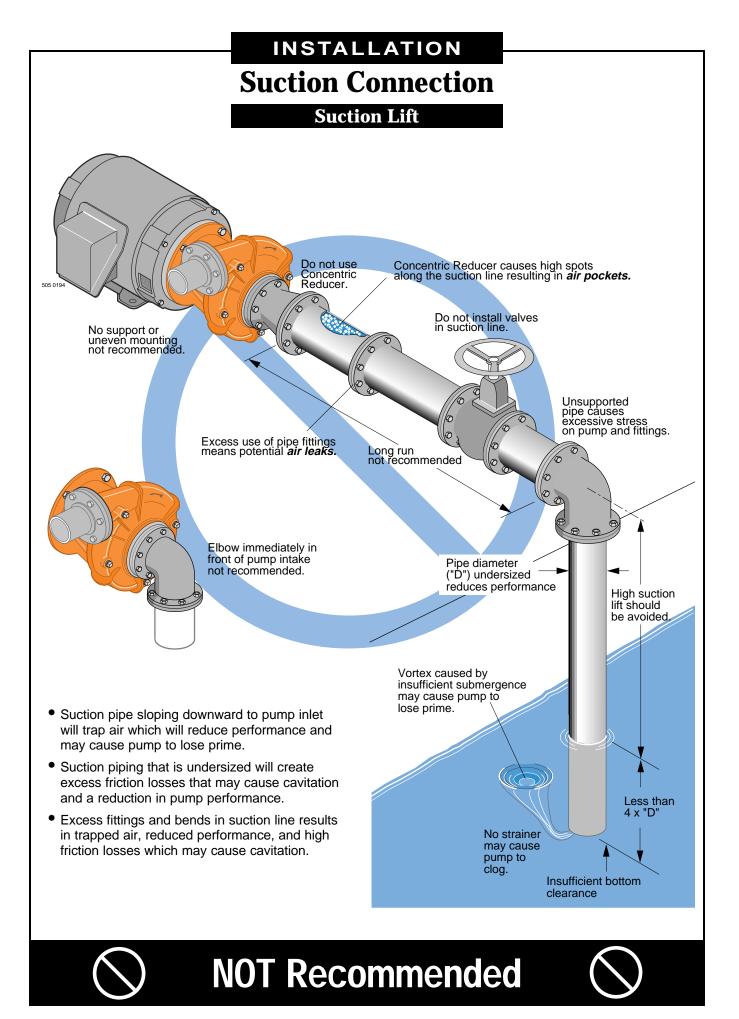
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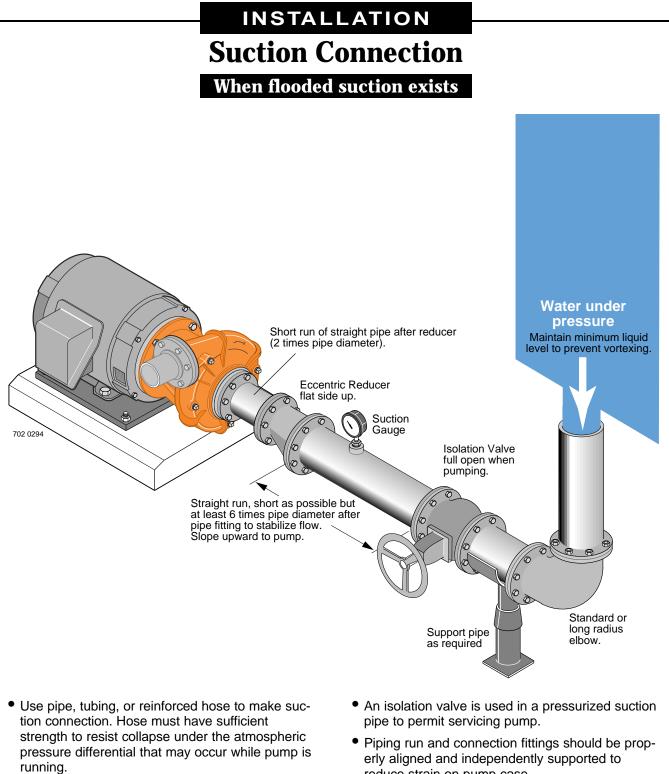
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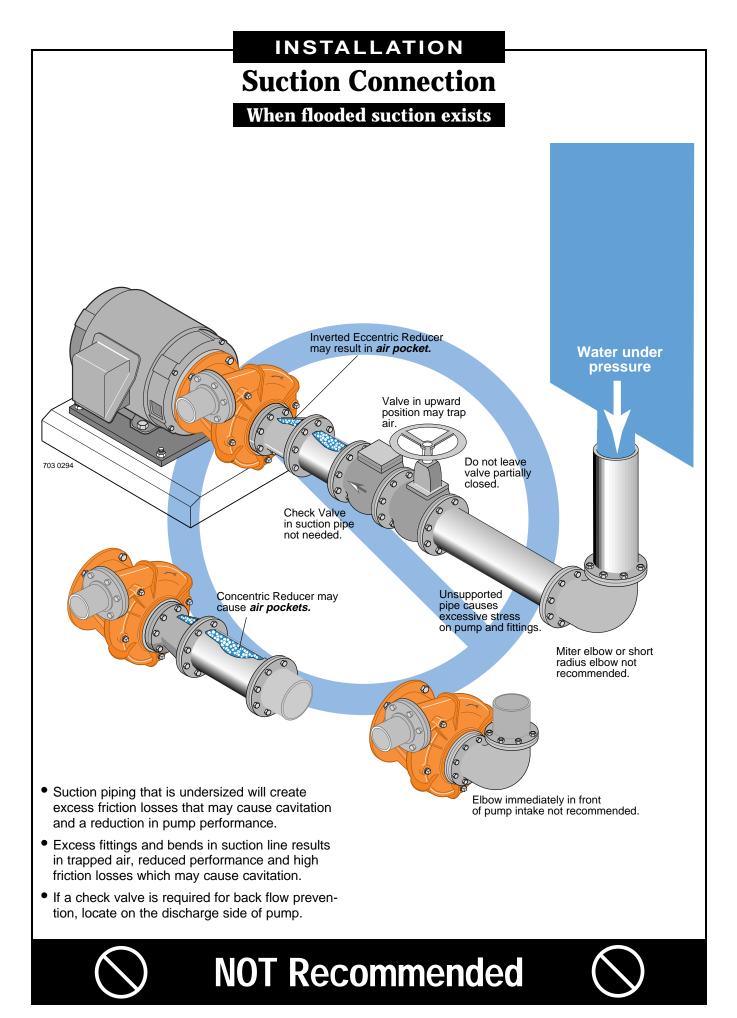


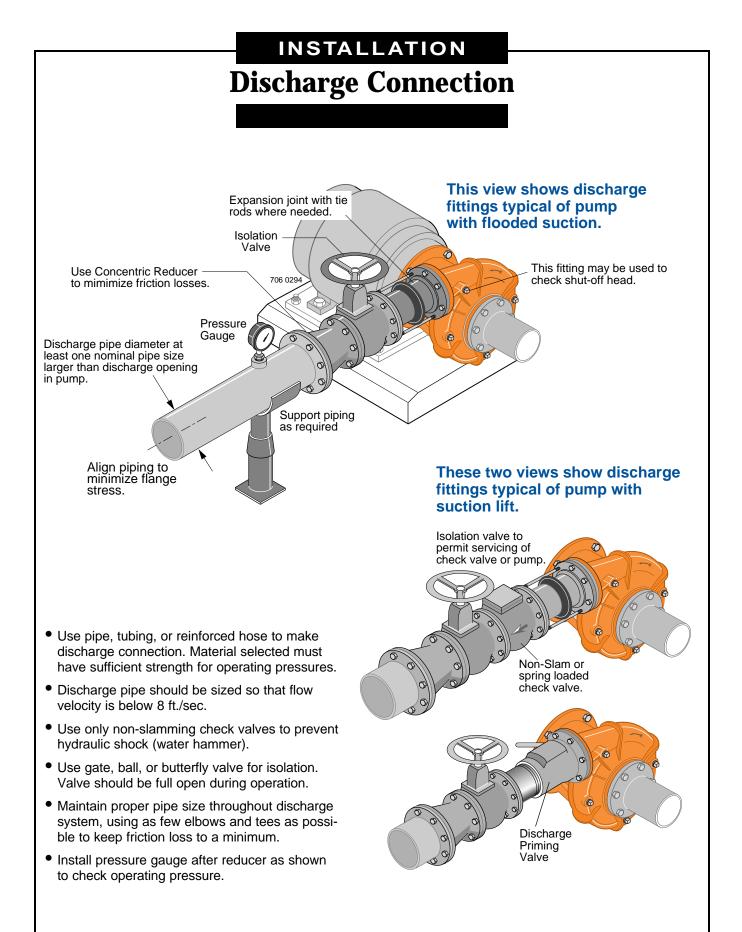
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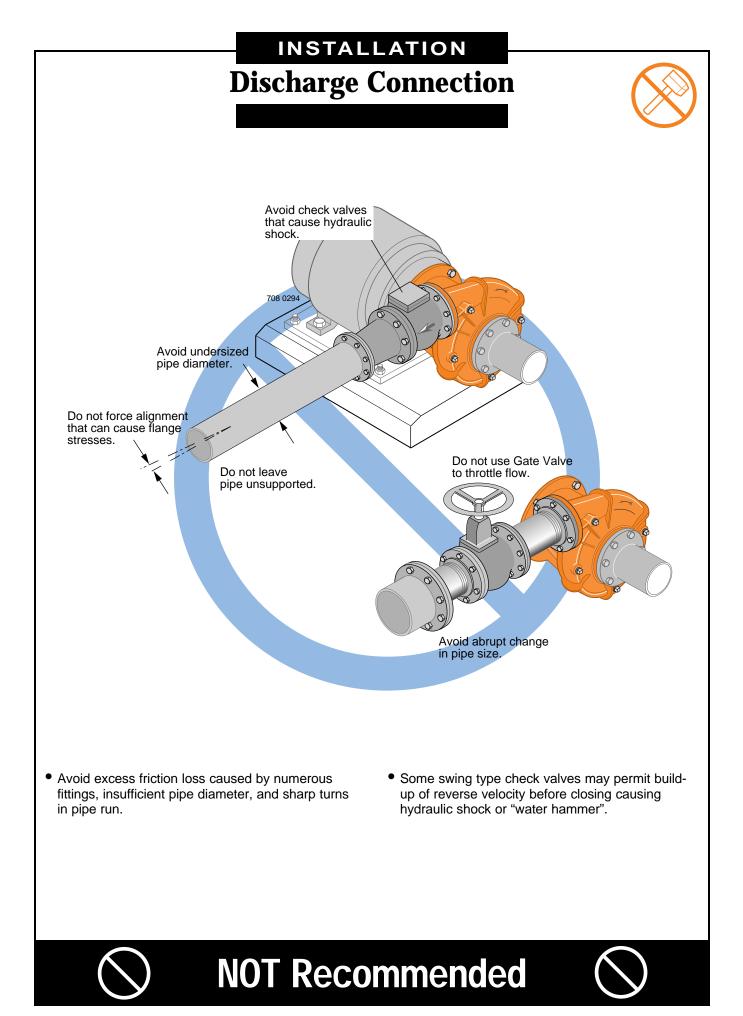
- It is important, even with a flooded suction condition, that proper pipe fittings are used so water is delivered to impeller eye with a smooth flow and constant velocity.
- Suction pipe size should be at least one commercial pipe size larger than opening of pump inlet. Flow velocity should not exceed 8 ft./sec.
- reduce strain on pump case.
- If solids are present, a strainer should be used to protect the pump.

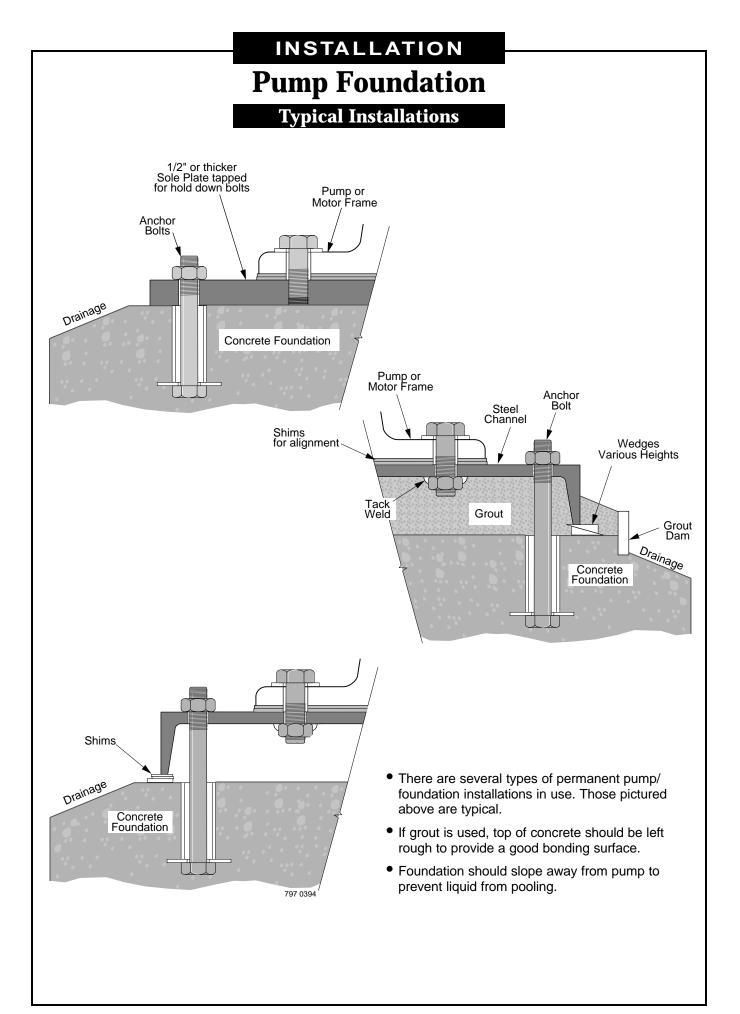
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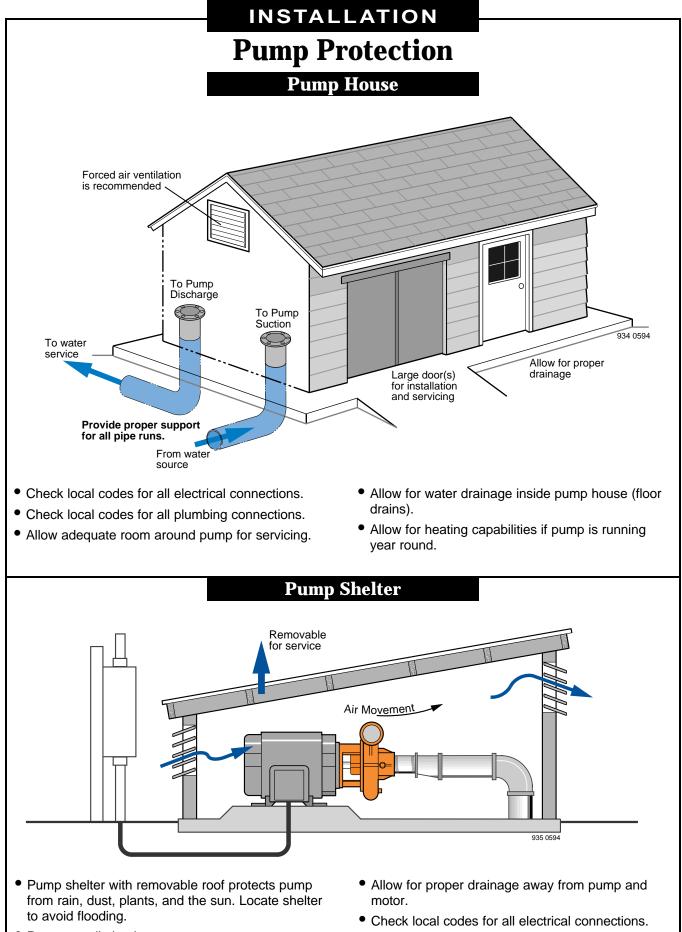




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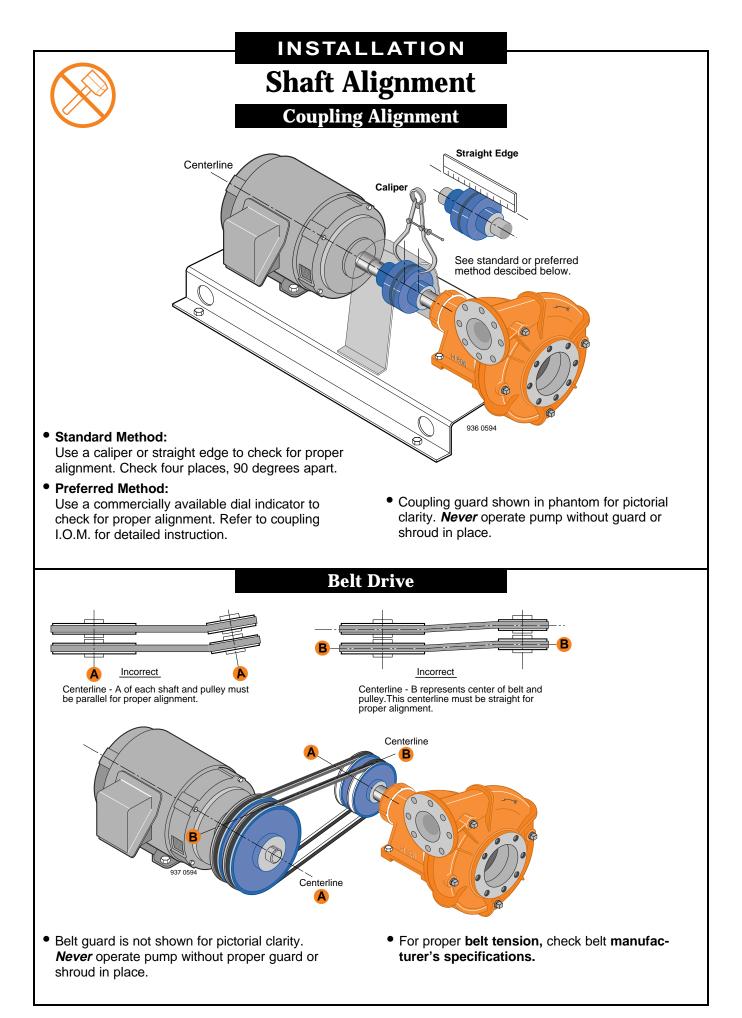


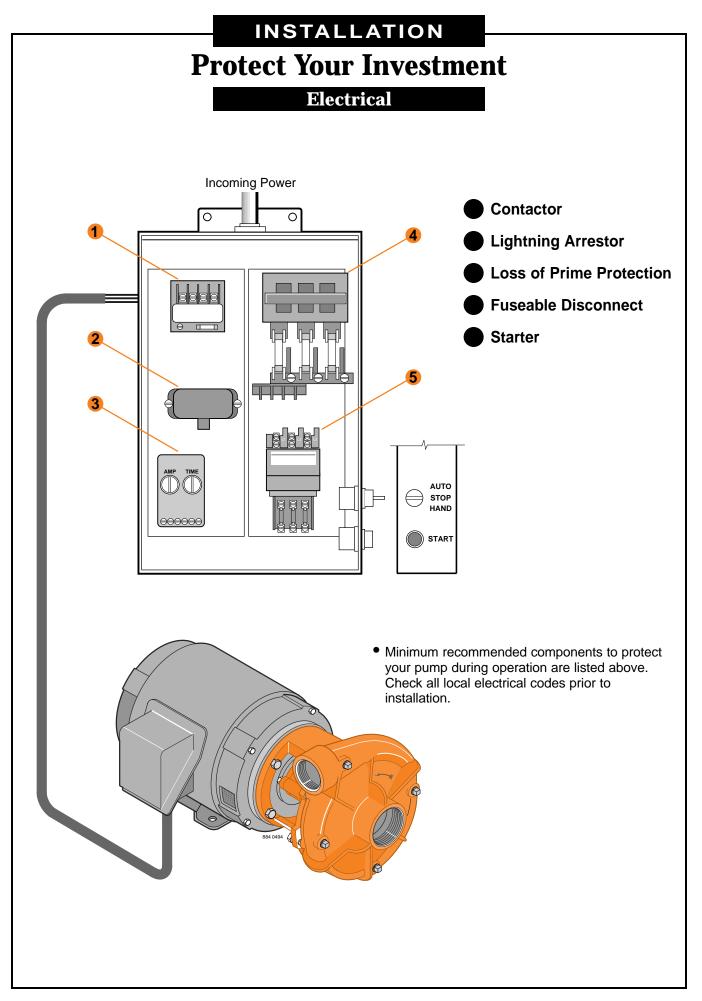




Proper ventilation is a must.

• Check local codes for all plumbing connections.

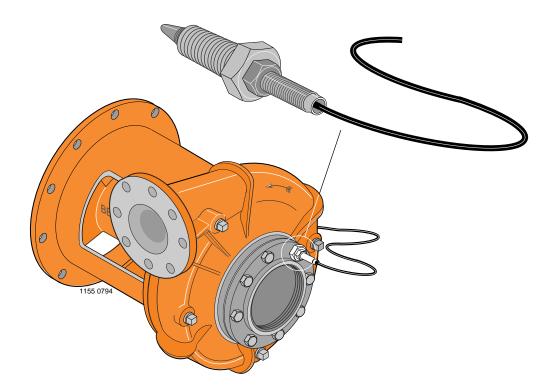




# Protect Your Investment

### **Typical Installation**

**Misalignment Sensing Probe and Switch for Centrifugal Pumps** 



• This probe is designed to minimize damage if thrust bearing wear or impeller separation threaten your pump. When installed and adjusted properly, the probe senses slight axial movement of the rotating impeller. Unsafe movement abrades the tip of the probe, completing a circuit to shut down the power source (diesel or gas engine, or electric motor).

This protective probe circuit can also be configured to include a visual or audible warning device.

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### START-UP **Pump Priming** Han-Dee Primer **Berkeley Discharge** Priming Valve or Butterfly Valve. Primer Isolation Valve P For Engine Exhaust Type Primer 80 Locate connection at least $\mathbf{O}$ one pipe diameter from pump case. $\bigcirc$ 787 0394 R Suction to Water Source Suction Lift with Engine **Suction Lift with Priming Pump Exhaust Primer** Close air tight valve on discharge.

- Han-Dee Primer operation:
  - 1. Open Han-Dee Primer isolation valve.
  - 2. Work handle of Han-Dee primer up and down to evacuate air from the suction line. (Refer to primer owner's manual for proper procedure).
  - 3. When water flows freely from primer, close Han-Dee Primer isolation valve. (Pump case should now be filled with water).
- Immediately start pump.
- Slowly open butterfly valve (if used) until desired flow is achieved. (Discharge Priming Valve will open automatically).

- Locate exhaust primer connection as shown above.
- For operation, refer to specific instructions included with exhaust primer.

### START-UP Pump Priming

#### Hydraulically Balanced Pumps

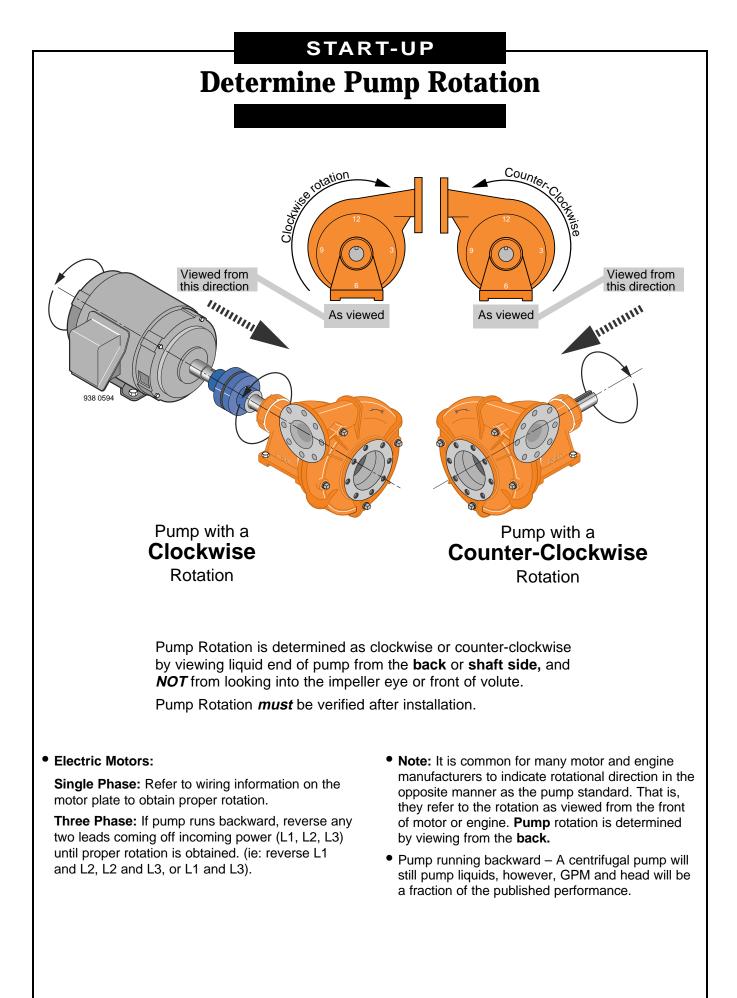
- Hydraulically balanced pumps operate with a very low positive pressure across the stuffing box, permitting a much looser fit of the packing rings around the shaft sleeve to control the loss of water from the pump through the stuffing box. Because of the looser fit of the packing rings, air can be more easily drawn into the pump through the stuffing box when priming the pump with an air evacuation type primer.
- A grease fitting, communicating through the side of the stuffing box to a lantern ring in the packing set, is provided to grease seal the stuffing box to prevent air leakage during priming.
- If pump cannot be primed due to air leakage through the stuffing box, **DO NOT** tighten packing. Instead, pump grease into fitting until back pressure occurs, forcing grease into lantern ring to seal the stuffing box. After priming, when unit is put into operation, the grease will be flushed out through the packing by water flowing outward through the stuffing box. Proceed with normal adjustment of the packing as described in pump owners manual. Note that the grease seal is used **only** for control of air leakage during priming, and that **only** the packing gland is used to control the flow of water through the stuffing box during normal operation.

#### Suction Lift with Foot Valve

- Close air tight valve on discharge.
- Remove pipe plug from highest opening in pump case.
- Completely fill pump and suction piping with water.
- Rotate shaft slowly to allow any air trapped in impeller to escape.
- When all air has been forced out of pump, replace pipe plug. Use pipe joint compound on plug threads and tighten as necessary to prevent leakage.

#### **Flooded Suction**

- Close air tight valve on discharge.
- Open air vent (or pipe plug) in the highest tapped opening in pump case.
- Open inlet isolation valve, allowing water to fill the pump completely and force all air out through vent.
- Rotate shaft slowly to allow any air trapped in impeller to escape.
- Close vent opening when water without air emerges.



Check List
Read and be familiar with the pump Installation, Operation and Maintenance Manual. Check to see that all aspects of these instructions have been complied with.
Pipe connections must be securely fastened and air tight. All piping must be clean and free of debris.
Is pump and all piping properly supported and are all supports securely fas- tened?
Are required screens in place?
Are all valves in the system in the proper open or close position for start-up?
Confirm power source voltage matches the motor nameplate.
Verify that belt or coupling alignment is properly adjusted if applicable, and that all safety guards are in place.
Does the impeller / shaft rotate freely?
Is pump primed?
Verify that rotational direction is correct for pump by <b>VERY</b> short "on-off" of power source.
Slowly open discharge valve to obtain desired flow rate of pumping system.
<b>WARNING</b> Do not start pump until above checks have been made and all start-up instructions in the pump I.O.M.

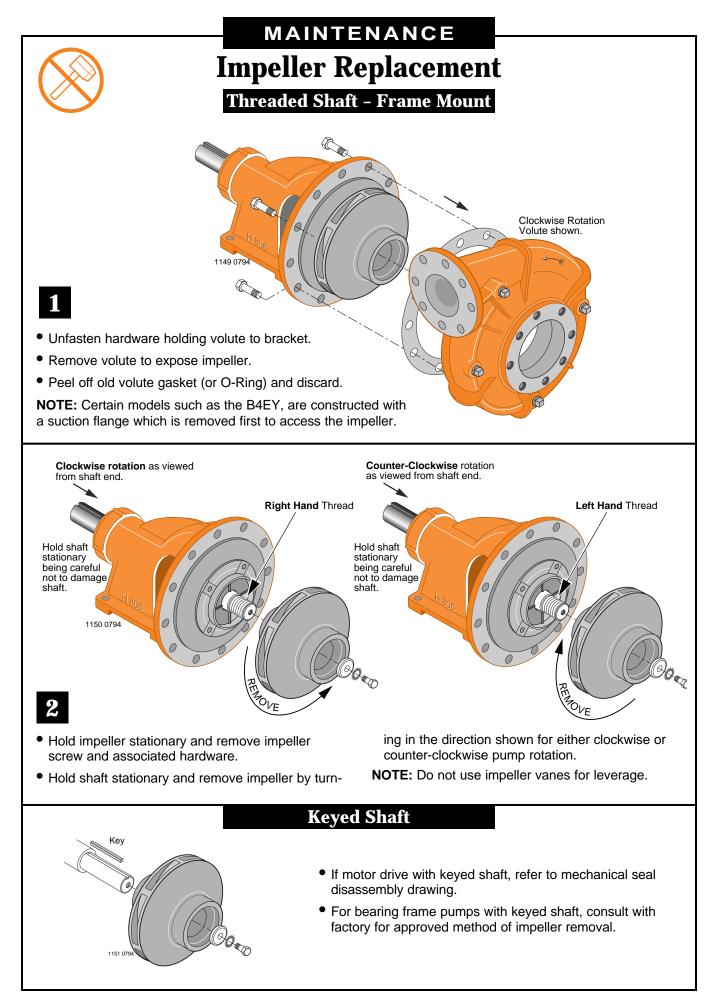
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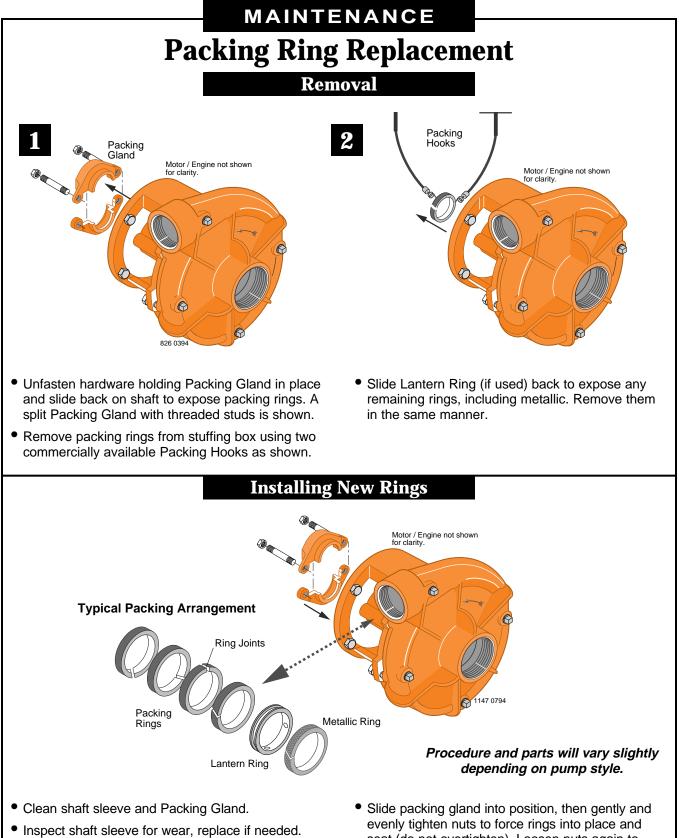
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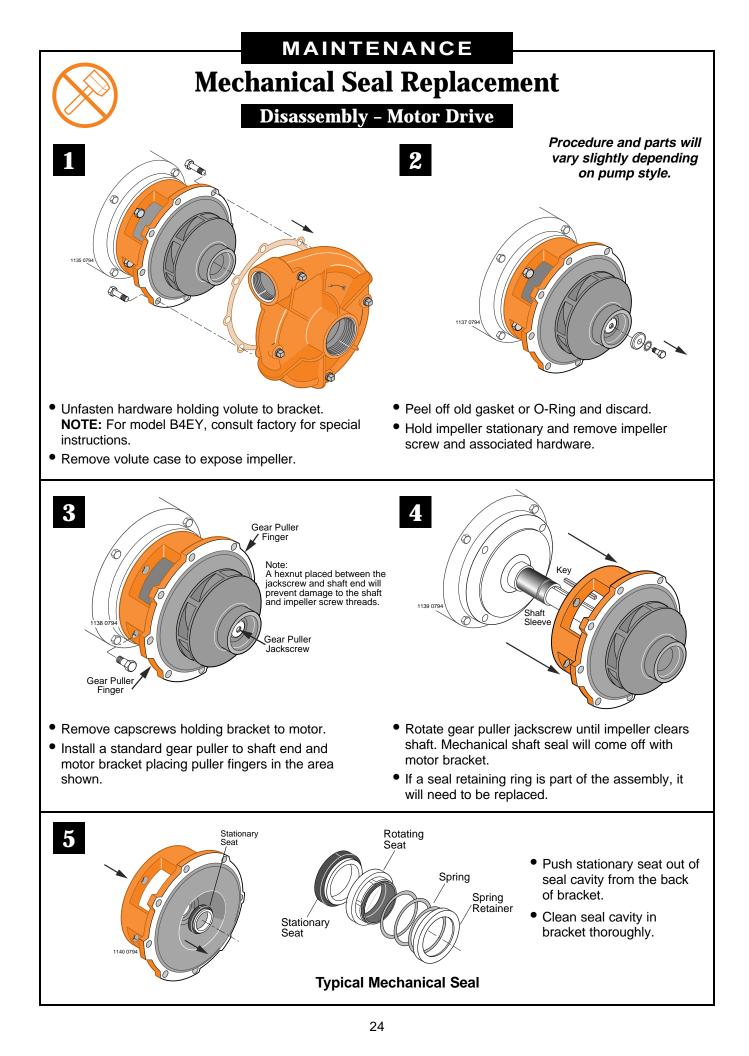
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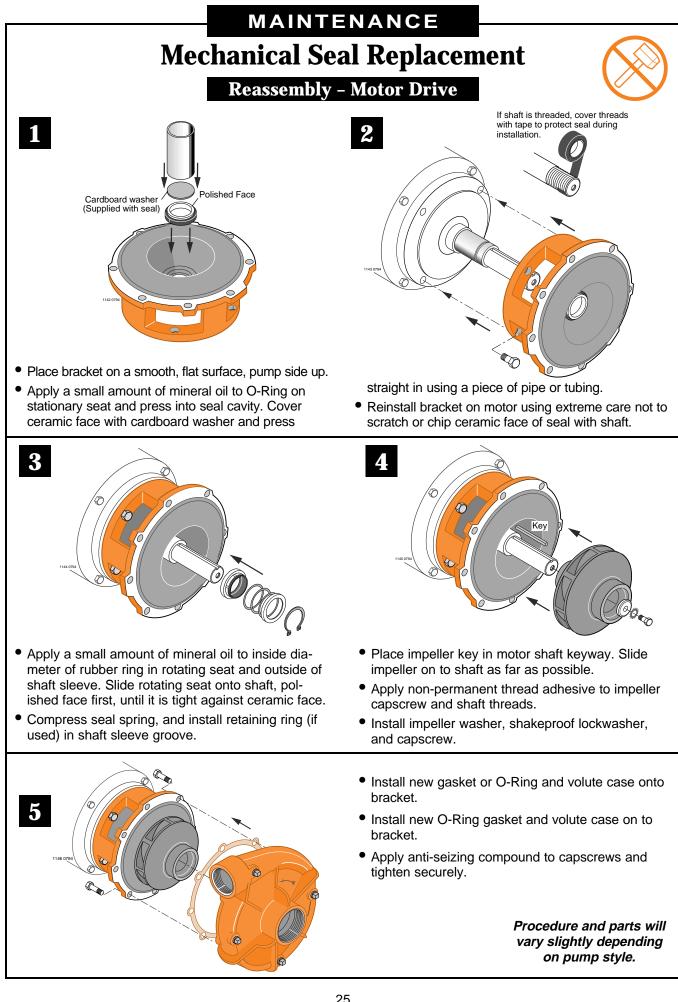
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- Install new packing rings in stuffing box by placing over shaft sleeve and pushing them in as far as they will go.
- Rotate ring joint 90 degrees when installing each ring as shown.
- seat (do not overtighten). Loosen nuts again to hand tight.
- Start primed pump and allow packing to leak liberally.
- Evenly tighten gland nuts one complete turn at a time until leakage is reduced to 40 to 60 drops per minute.





### MAINTENANCE

### **Routine Maintenance**

A well maintained pumping system will extend the life of the unit and require fewer repairs. This means less down-time which can be very critical when a constant delivery of liquid is required.

A routine maintenance and inspection schedule should be set up on a weekly, quarterly, and annual basis with records kept of these actions. (Refer to individual pump owner's manual for required maintenance and/or lubrication).

#### Weekly

Observe the following to verify that pump unit is operating properly.

- Vibration All rotating machines can be expected to produce some vibration. However, excessive vibration can reduce the life of the unit. If the vibration seems excessive, discontinue operation, determine cause, and correct.
- Noise When the unit is operating under load, listen closely for unusual sounds that might indicate that unit is in distress. Determine the cause and correct.
- **Operating Temperature** During operation, heat is dissipated from the pump bearings and the driver. After a short period of time, the surface of the pump bracket will be quite warm (as high as 150°F), which is normal. If the surface temperature of the pump bracket or driver is excessive, discontinue operation, determine cause of the temperature rise, and correct. Bearings will run hotter for a brief run-in period after packing which is normal. However, worn bearings will cause excessive temperatures and need to be replaced.

The pump unit is cooled by the water flowing through it, and will normally be at the temperature of the pumping liquid.

- Stuffing Box After a short period of operation, verify that the stuffing box area and gland are not hot. If heating is detected, loosen the gland nuts evenly until water is just running out of stuffing box in a DROPLET form. Water must not be streaming or spraying out. Verify cool operation periodically. Adjust gland nuts EVENLY as necessary for lubrication and cooling of the packing. If packing has been tightened to the limit of the packing gland travel, additional packing is necessary.
- Mechanical Seal Inspect seal for leakage. There should be no leakage at mechanical seal.
- Inspect suction line and/or screen for flow obstruction.

#### Quarterly

• Pump and Piping Connections – Inspect all system piping connections for leakage or possible misalignment. Misalignment of pipe connections to the pump will put excessive strain on the pump case and can cause damage to internal components of both the pump and motor. If stress on the pump case is suspected, adjust pipe supports to correct. For flange connections, misalignment can be checked by shutting down the pump, and removing the pipe flange bolts on the pump connections. If the mating flanges come apart or shift, there is pressure at the connection(s) and adjustments

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should be made to the piping supports until flanges mate without force. This procedure can be done throughout piping system.

- Check pump foundation for soundness and see that all hold-down bolts are secure.
- Complete any lubrication requirements as dictated by pump/driver owners manuals.
- Inspect packing or mechanical seal for possible replacement. Examine shaft sleeve, if present, for wear and replace it if necessary.
- Inspect pumping plant panel for signs of wear (ie: replace pitted contactors, etc., as needed).
- Check pump and/or motor bearings for signs of wear. Repack or replace as required.

#### Annual

- Inspect pump and entire pumping system for signs of wear.
- Inspect system valves, screens, etc.
- Check electric motor windings for degradation, rewind if necessary.
- Check pump impeller eye clearance.
- Inspect impeller, volute case, and seal chamber for signs of excessive wear or corrosion.

### MAINTENANCE Spares / Winterizing Recommended Spare Parts

The number and type of spare parts kept on hand at any pump site is dictated by the severity of the service in which the pump is used. That is, a pump servicing a golf course's sprinkling system should not be down because of a simple case gasket, or a subdivision out of water because of a failed mechanical seal.

It is recommended that the following spare parts be kept on-site as a minimum back-up to service pump and reduce down-time. Parts shown do not apply to all models. Check your model/style against parts breakdown drawing(s) when selecting spares.

- Mechanical Shaft Seal
- Packing set and packing hooks
- Shaft Sleeve(s)
- Impeller wear ring
- All gaskets and O-Rings required for one pump
- Retaining Rings

If having a pump non-operational has severe consequences, a back-up pump should be considered. Otherwise, a back-up impeller, volute case, bearings and shaft, would be prudent.

#### Winterizing

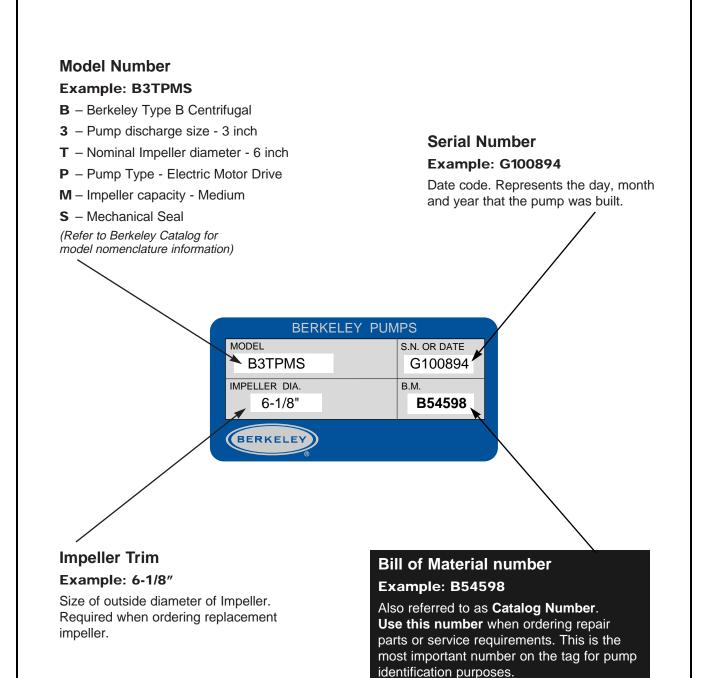
If pump is to be out of service for an extended period of time, such as the winter months, the following storage procedures should be followed.

- Remove exterior dirt and grime or any substance that may trap moisture. Exposed metal is subject to oxidation, prime and repaint if necessary.
- Flush suction and discharge lines. Check for leaks at this time and replace any worn gaskets.
- Remove lowest plug in pump and drain pump casing and suction and discharge lines.
- Lubricate bearings (refer to owners manual).
- If possible, keep unit clean and dry during storage period to guard against corrosion.
- Seal all open ports to keep out foreign objects such as insects, rodents, dust and dirt.
- Rotate driver shaft periodically to prevent freeze-up of internal components.
- Shelter pump from the elements when possible.

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