



**ATTENTION:** Industrial machinery not intended for use by non-professional operators. These instructions are intended for qualified personnel.

## MECHANICAL DIAPHRAGM METERING PUMPS BLACK LINE 2.0 SPRING RETURN MECHANISM

PUMP TYPE

**M**

**HM**

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## 1 CE MARKING

### 1.1 PLATE POSITION ON THE MACHINE

Each pump carries a nameplate for identification. Below is a representation of an example and its position:



**Note 1: NEVER exceed this pressure value, even when opening (exhaust) the external safety valve!**

1 = Pump identifying code	2 = Max. flow rate (l/h with adjustment at 100%)
3 = Maximum operating pressure (bar)	4 = Maximum allowed pressure (bar) (see Note 1)
5 = OBL Job Number (Order Confirmation)	6 = Pump serial number
7 = Year of manufacture	8 = Item (where applicable)

Ensure that the machinery data plate, warning and service stickers are always present, legible, and in good conditions. If not, replace them.



**Removal of the data plate or alteration of data contained therein is NOT permitted for any reason.**

## 1.2 PUMP IDENTIFYING CODE

**M series mechanical diaphragm metering pumps with spring mechanism** are identified by initials composed as follows:

**... M 236 PP SV FA G M...**

									<b>Number of pump heads:</b>
									Present ONLY for multiple pumps. The symbol “-” appears with various heads.
									<b>Pump type:</b>
									M, HM
									<b>Maximum flow rate in litres/hour</b>
									<b>Pump head operation:</b>
									...A... for heads in SS316L
									...PP... for heads in PP
									...S... for heads in PVDF
									...MOCA... for heads according to EC 1935/2004
									<b>Number of valves:</b>
									...SV... for single valve
									...DV... for double valve
									<b>Connection type:</b>
									... for BSPf threaded connections
									...N... for NPT threaded connections
									...F... for UNI-DIN flanged connections
									...FA... for ANSI flanged connections
									...RE... for DIN-11851 feeding connections
									<b>Adjustment type:</b>
									"..." for adjustment with knob and vernier (standard, code not required)
									...G... for adjustment with gravitational clock
									...Z... for adjustment with electric actuator
									...PRO... for version with electronics on board
									<b>Information on the motor:</b>
									... for standard motors supplied by OBL assembled at the pump
									...MXXXXX... for special motors supplied by OBL assembled at the pump
									...MC for motors owned by the client, received from OBL for installation on the pump
									...M0 for pump supplies to clients WITHOUT a motor.

Manufacturing variations may differ from those described in special operation machines.

## 2 DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

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(in accordance with Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC and subsequent amendments, Annex II/A)

The Company



**OBL s.r.l. - Via Kennedy, 12  
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Declares under sole responsibility that the machine

### **MECHANICAL DIAPHRAGM METERING PUMPS**

**BLACKLINE 2.0 SPRING RETURN MECHANISM**

**MODELS**

PUMP TYPE	M	HM
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Description: Controlled volume alternative displacement pumps.

Name and address of the authorized person to constitute the technical construction file:

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The machine complies with the relevant provisions of Directive 2006/42/EC and subsequent amendments and additions, implemented in Italy by Legislative Decree 17/2010 - Machinery Directive.

It furthermore complies with the following directives:

- ☐ EU Directive 2014/30/EU on electromagnetic compatibility
- ☐ EU Directive 2014/35/EU on low-voltage electrical equipment
- ☐ EN 12100:2010 Safety of machinery - General principles for design - Risk assessment and risk reduction.

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### 3 INTRODUCTION

The machines covered by the following "instructions" are intended for operation in industrial areas and therefore cannot be treated as products for retail (consumer).



**This document therefore contains information to be used by qualified personnel only.**

They must also be integrated by laws and technical regulations in force and do not replace any plant regulation provisions or any additional requirements, either legislative or non, which have been issued for safety purposes.

The technical information contained in this instruction manual is equally appropriate and applicable (except where expressly stated) for any pump whose code start with the letter "M" or "HM" under the heading "pump identifying code" (§1.2).

OBL reserves the right to modify the characteristics of its products at any time to apply the latest technological innovations. The information contained in this document is therefore subject to change without notice.

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**Attention!** The contents of this manual are intended to supplement current safety regulations and the common sense of the operator. Read the instructions in this manual carefully before using the machine. Keep these instructions for future use.

### 4 REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

The information in Annex I of Legislative Decree. N. 17 of 27/01/2010, implemented in Directive 2006/42/EC, has been referred to for preparation of this manual.

A number of technical standards have been used as a reference to comply with current safety standards in the workplace in the design, construction and implementation of the machine.

### 5 DESCRIPTION

**M series metering pumps** are all with mechanical diaphragm head and spring return mechanism and fall within the family of controlled volume alternative displacement pumps.

They are characterised by a diaphragm called "mechanical" as its alternating movement is generated directly by the mechanical action of the pump crank, without the aid of hydraulic oil or a plunger. The mechanical diaphragm acts like a piston, however performing the dual role of displacement transmission and of separator between the fluid to be pumped and the crank mechanism.

M series pumps offer two advantages:

- water tightness of the fluid pumped;
- no seal pack and subsequent problems of wear.

The eccentric mechanism is driven by a constant speed electric motor (1500 rpm) and the number of diaphragm cycles is determined by the internal worm reduction gear - helical gear in an oil bath.

#### 5.1 INSPECTION AND GUARANTEE

##### 5.1.1 Inspection

All OBL metering pumps are reliable, quality products which have been subject to careful end inspection to ensure proper operation and to ascertain compliance with specified performance. The results of these end inspections are registered in special forms and made available to the Client, if required by contract. A machine which has passed inspection is given a green label, applied to the finished product by the inspection supervisor.

### 5.1.2 Guarantee

Metering pumps, as with all other OBL products, are ensured for a period of twelve (12) months of operation but in any case, no longer than twenty-four (24) months from the delivery date on the DDT.

The guarantee covers the replacement, free of charge and ex-factory in Segrate (MILANO) ITALY, of any component found to be defective in material or processing by the OBL technical office.

The guarantee IS NOT VALID in the following cases:

- components subject to normal wear (i.e. rings);
- whenever installation or use do not comply with the technical conditions of sale and instructions;
- whenever the pump has been tampered with or dismantled;
- whenever the pump has been sold to a third party.



**ATTENTION: Always avoid dismantling or attempted repair of products still under guarantee, as doing so will void the guarantee. Always contact OBL customer support for information.**

In the case of a guarantee claim, the pump must be sent postage paid to the OBL Segrate (MILANO) ITALY factory, accompanied by a description of the alleged anomaly.

**For safety reasons, BEFORE shipping, the sender MUST ALWAYS** contact OBL customer support (Tel. +39-02-26919.1) and operate as indicated in point "Provisions for returning goods to OBL".

### 5.2 RECEIVING INSPECTION

All material relative to supply is delivered to the shipper in perfect condition after thorough final testing and packaging (where applicable). Inspect goods immediately upon receipt and check that:

- the goods received correspond to the order made
- packaging (where applicable) has not undergone damage due to transport or has not been tampered with

If the packaging is damaged or tampered with, immediately check (quantity, quality and form):

- actual conditions of goods
- presence of all accessories or spare parts



**ATTENTION: Should anomalies or damage be found IMMEDIATELY ISSUE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COURIER and inform OBL as well. We suggest contacting OBL customer support before commissioning.**

### 5.3 SUPPLY CONDITIONS

All M series pumps are supplied as follows:

- ready to be installed as specified in the job order
- pre-tested in accordance with internal specifications
- painted by cataphoresis to guarantee high protection against corrosion
- complete with lubricating oil (unless specifically requested)

#### 5.3.1 Overall and sectional drawings

Overall and sectional drawings are not considered part of this instruction manual. Unless otherwise agreed, they are therefore manually attached (latest edition).

### 5.4 PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR MACHINE OPERATION

Personnel must be professionally employed in the sector and suitably trained and must have read and understood the instructions in this manual.

The employer must instruct all staff on the risks of accidents and on devices and clothing to be used for individual safety, on the risks arising from noise emission and on general provisions laid down by European Directives and legislation in the country of machine installation.



### 5.4.1 "Operator" personnel

The term "Operator" is intended as personnel that carries out the following tasks on the machine:

- operates regulation and operation controls
- performs any cleaning and daily inspection operations
- reports machine defects or malfunctions



**The operator must work on the machine with the safety devices engaged**

### 5.4.2 "Mechanical Maintenance" personnel

Intended as personnel that operates on the machine in all operating conditions and at all protection levels. Performs all types of repairs or mechanical adjustments but does not work on electrical installations.

### 5.4.3 "Electrical Maintenance" personnel

Intended as personnel that operates on the machine in all operating conditions and at all protection levels. Performs all types of repairs or mechanical adjustments, even in the presence of voltage.

## 6 TECHNICAL DATA

### 6.1 GENERAL DATA

#### 6.1.1 Noise

The average noise values emitted by the M series pumps, used in compliance with the limits of use and installed according to the indications contained in this instruction manual, are less than 75 dB(A).

The employer must implement, in the working environment, the appropriate technical measures to reduce to a minimum the risks deriving from the daily noise exposure and what is necessary to guarantee and safeguard the health of the personnel.

#### 6.1.2 Vibrations

M series pumps do not fall within the category of direct human contact machines. Vibrations produced are not significant when installed in accordance with these instructions. They are therefore less than 2.5 m/s<sup>2</sup> of acceleration and are not such as to cause hazardous situations. If these situations should arise, stop the machine immediately and call the maintenance supervisor.

### 6.2 ELECTRIC MOTOR AND POWER

The **M series pump** family installed standard motors with the following features:

Motor	Sz.	Shape	Sz.	Shape	Sz.	Shape	Pole
	71	B14	80	B14	90	B14	4

#### 6.2.1 Powering the electric motor with an inverter



The pumps must have been expressly ordered for powering via inverter. Otherwise, before their use, the user must contact OBL to define new limits of use (Hz, pressure and flow) that will be guaranteed only after new fitting of pump data plates.

The above specified limits must not be overcome during the use of the pumps.

It must also comply with any additional instructions provided the inverter manufacturer. Solutions for meeting system electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) requirements are the responsibility of the installer.

### 6.3 TECHNICAL DATA BY PUMP TYPE

#### PUMP TYPE M

50 Hz						60 Hz																			
PUMP			STROKES PER MIN.	CAPACITY L/H	PUMP			STROKES PER MIN.	CAPACITY L/H	MAX PRESSURE (BAR)		MAX WORKING PRESSURE (BAR)		CONNECTIONS						POWER MOTOR					
														THREADED			FLANGED								
VALVES					VALVES					3PH	1PH	3PH	1PH	A	PP	S562	A	PP	S562	3PH	1PH				
M 7			25	7	M 9			30	9	14	14	12	12	3/8" BSPf			-			DN 15 or 1/2" ANSI 150 RF			-		
M 11			36	11	M 14			43	14	14	14	12	12												
M 16			50	16	M 19			60	19	14	14	12	12												
M 23			70	23	M 28			84	28	14	14	12	12												
M 31			95	31	M 36			114	36	14	14	12	12												
M 37			115	37	M 45			138	45	14	14	12	12												
M 50			155	50	-			-	-	14	14	12	12												
CM 7	VP 7				CM 7	VP 7															0,25 kW	0,37 kW			
M 35			36	35	M 27			30	27	12	12	10	10	3/8" BSPf or 1/2" NPTf			1/2" BSPf or 1/2" NPTf			DN 15 or 1/2" ANSI 150 RF					
M 49			50	49	M 42			43	42	12	12	10	10												
M 75			70	75	M 58			60	58	12	12	10	10												
M 101			95	101	M 90			84	90	12	12	10	10												
M 120			115	120	M 118			114	118	12	12	10	10												
M 155			155	155	M 145			138	145	12	12	10	10												
CM 8	VP 8,5	VS8,5			CM 8	VP 8,5	VS8,5																		
M 102			36	100	-			-	-	8	8	7	7	3/4"BSPf or 3/4"NPTf			DN 20 or 3/4" ANSI 150 RF								
M 131			50	132	M 119			43	120	8	8	7	7												
M 201			75	197	M 158			60	158	7	7	6	6												
M 261			95	260	M 236			84	236	7	7	6	6												
M 321			115	320	M 312			114	312	6	6	5	5												
M 421			155	420	M 384			138	384	6	6	5	5												
CM 13,5	VP 13,5	VS13,5			CM 13,5	VP 13,5	VS13,5														0,37 kW				
M 150			26	150	-			-	-	5	5	4,5	4,5	1"BSPf or 1"NPTf			DN 25 or 1" ANSI 150 RF								
M 190			50	200	M 180			43	165	5	5	4,5	4,5												
M 301			70	300	M 228			60	228	5	5	4,5	4,5												
M 431			95	435	M 360			84	350	5	5	4,5	4,5												
M 521			115	520	M 519			114	515	5	4	4,5	3,5												
M 660			155	660	M 620			138	620	4	4	3,5	3												
VM 18	VP 17	VS17			VM 18	VP 17	VS17														0,55 kW				
M 800			155	800	-			-	-	3,5	-	3	-	1" 1/2 BSPf or 1" 1/2 NPTf			-			DN 40 or 1" 1/2 ANSI 150 RF					
VM 18	VP 17	VS17			-			-	-																
M 810			70	810	M 960			84	960	5	5	5	5												
M 1070			95	1070	M 1140			114	1140	5	5	5	5												
M 1260			115	1260	M 1350			138	1350	5	5	5	5												
M 1500			155	1500	-			-	-	5	5	-	-												
-			-	-	M 1640			186	1640	-	-	4	4												
-	VP 24	-			-	VP 24	-														0,75 kW				
																					1, 1 kW				

## PUMP TYPE HM

50 Hz						
PUMP	STROKES PER MIN.	CAPACITY L/H	MAX PRESSURE (BAR)	MAX WORKING PRESSURE (BAR)	CONNECTIONS	POWER MOTOR
					THREADED	
VALVES			3PH	3PH	PP	3PH
HM 73			70	73	12	10
VP 11						
HM 100	95	100	12	10	3/4" BSPm	
VP 13,5						

### 6.4 ENVIRONMENTAL AND DESIGN TEMPERATURE

The ambient design temperature "Ta" for all M series pump types is:

$$-10^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_a \leq +60^{\circ}\text{C}$$

For ambient temperature higher than 40°C please specify this datum to OBL during bid phase.  
The maximum admissible temperature value of the process fluid is 60°C for all series M pumps.



**Always check that temperatures respect limits during periodic inspections!**

## 7 TRANSPORT - STORAGE

### 7.1 TRANSPORT, LIFTING AND HANDLING



**Unless otherwise agreed, the pumps are packaged in vertical packing. If horizontal containers are used, make sure that they cannot accidentally tip over during transport or handling and that they stand firmly on a flat surface.**

Verify that the device used (trans pallets, forklift, hoist, etc.) is appropriate for the size and weight of the package/machinery and that any lifting rings on the machine are screwed down.

### 7.2 STORAGE CONDITIONS

If not used immediately, the pumps should be stored with suitable covers in a temperate, dry, clean, vibration-free and weatherproof environment. Protect from soil moisture by placing the unit on shelves or wooden pallets. Make sure that the temperature of the environment in which the product is stored is not lower than -20 °C.

If not specifically highlighted on the package, do not stack packaging, to prevent damage to the machine and to avoid tipping over or falling that can create accidents. Ensure that access of unauthorised persons is not allowed in the storage location and that the floor or shelf can support the weight of the machinery or equipment stored.

Take additional safety measures in the case of storage in extreme conditions, i.e. in sub-tropical or desert climates.



**Report special storage conditions in advance in order to provide for adequate packaging.**



**Check the dimensions and overall gross weight of the package before handling or lifting it.**

## 8 COMMISSIONING

### 8.1 PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS

Because check valves work by gravity, the valve axis must be perfectly vertical for proper pump operation (also to prevent abnormal wear).

Provide also for installation of the following equipment:

- a **pressure gauge** near the pump. It must be installed before any accessory installed on the discharge pipe. Allows control of actual pump operating pressure (see "Discharge pipes - Pressure gauge")
- an **external safety valve** immediately after the discharge connection and, in any case, before the SHUT-OFF valve. Protects the pump and system from accidents caused by excessive pressure (see "Discharge pipes - External safety valve")
- a **magneto thermal device suitable for the motor**. Protects the motor from overloading and/or electrical short circuits



The operating pressure must **NEVER** exceed the maximum allowed pressure indicated on the data plate, even when opening (exhaust) the external safety valve.



Protect the pump from system product leaks and/or corrosion. Avoid rolling pipes or installing accessories directly above it. Avoid installation in a closed, corrosive or stagnant location.



For outdoor installations, provide for proper pump protection from direct weathering (rain, wind, dust, humidity). These protections significantly raise the level of efficiency and safety of the entire pump.

Please install the pump considering the adequate free space around the entire pump in order to allow checks and/or dismantling. In particular, from the pump head side, in correspondence of the adjustment system and from the motor side (see figure 3).

**Moreover, for PLASTIC material heads, provide for:**

- an appropriate guard from direct sunlight to avoid thermal deformation of the head
- controls and/or periodic adjustments of head fastening bolt tightening
- periodic temperature checks of the dosed liquid
- periodic verification of absence of product leaks from pump connections or system pipes

### 8.1.1 Blocking the pump and pipes

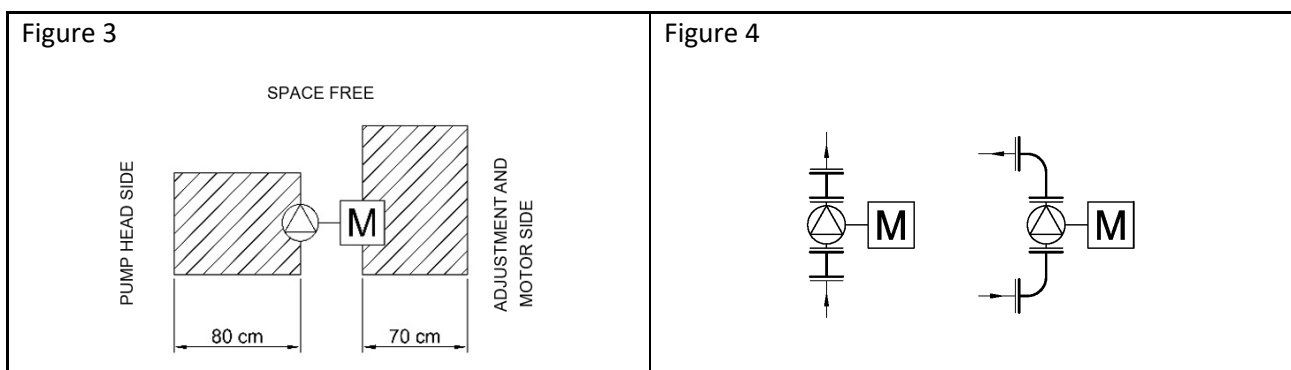
Do not install the pump directly on a concrete base. Use a steel base, ensuring that it is stable and level. Fasten the pump securely to the base using bolts with washers to ensure proper load distribution. The pipes must be supported independently, and their weight must not burden or create tension on the pump head.

Therefore, in addition to the base, the pump requires a support structure of its suction and discharge pipes.

### 8.1.2 Connection of the system pipes

To facilitate dismantling of the pump from the system, provide for adequate drainage near the pump head on the discharge pipe.

Provide for fitting nozzles to facilitate dismantling of flanged connections (see figure 4).



After discharge connection of the pump, we recommend the use of a cross connection, both to facilitate pump dismantling and to allow for (at a later time if necessary) installation of a pressure gauge, safety valve, pulsation dampener (dampener).



**Always verify complete sealing of fittings and pipe flanges, particularly on the suction side.**



**The entry of suctioned air prevents pump priming.**



**The process fluid must be free of impurities and any unwanted solids (welding residue, soil, or other). Therefore, flush the system piping before connecting it to the pump connections.**

### 8.1.3 Connecting the motor to the mains

The metering pumps are supplied with use and maintenance instructions of the electric motor installed. In addition, ATEX pumps are also supplied with safety instructions and ATEX certification and declaration of conformity.



**Before carrying out electrical connections, ensure that power mains voltage corresponds to the information contained on the motor data plate. Consult motor instructions and comply with relative provisions.**

When a cable entry is made via cable gland, the gland must be correctly chosen in relation to the type of system and type of cable used.

The cable gland should be tightened so that seal rings keep the necessary pressure:

- to prevent transmission of mechanical stress on the motor terminals;
- to ensure mechanical protection (IP degree) of the terminal box



**Always make the ground connection using the appropriate terminal in the terminal box.**

## 8.2 HOW TO CREATE SUCTION PIPES

It is essential to set up the suction pipe properly to ensure proper pump operation.

In the case of installations of the positive suction head, the internal diameter of the suction pipe must be chosen based on pump flow rate. Please refers to the column connections in the table at chapter 6.3 for the internal diameter values.



**As rule of thumb, we suggest to install the pump in flooded suction configuration and to pay particular attention to suction piping sizing and development.**

### 8.2.1 Suction pipe path

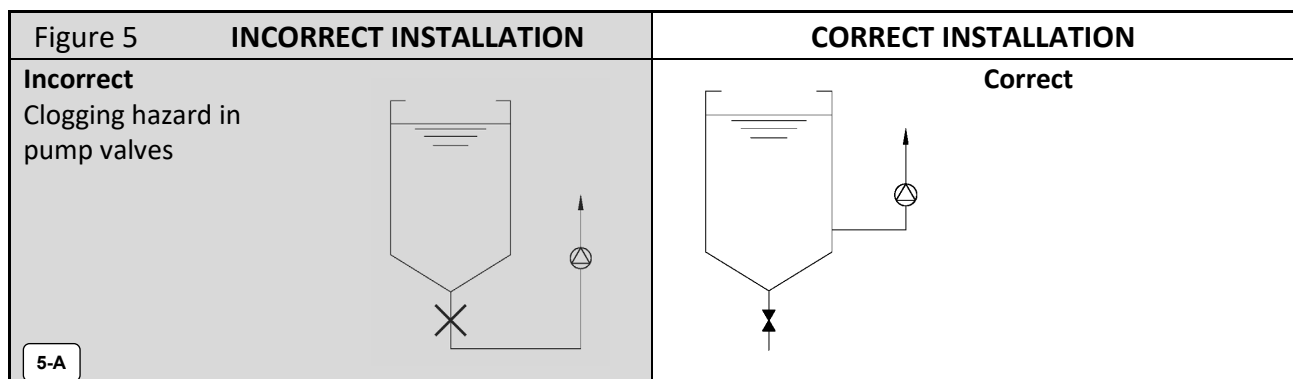
The length of the suction pipe must be as short as possible.

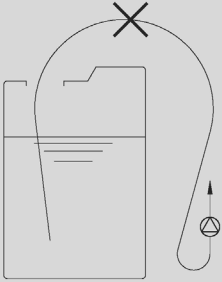
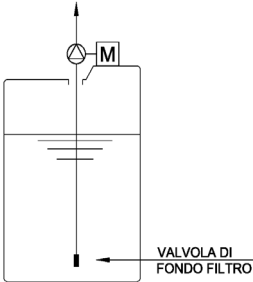
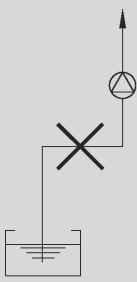
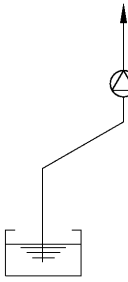

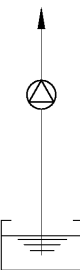
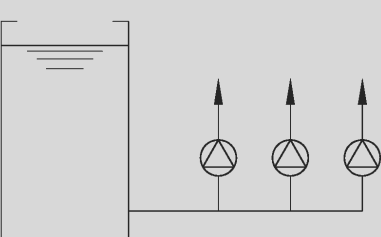
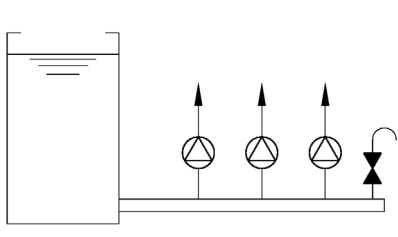
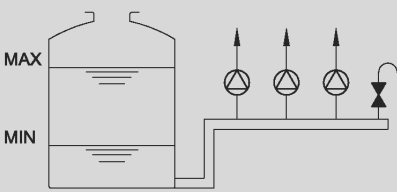
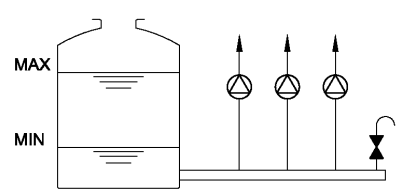
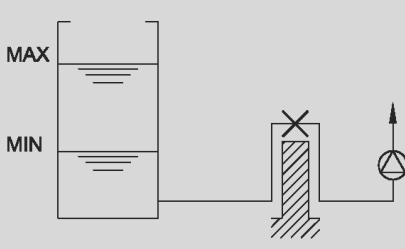
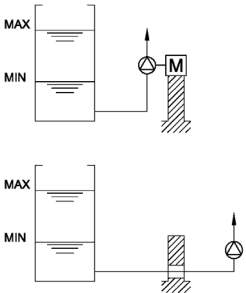


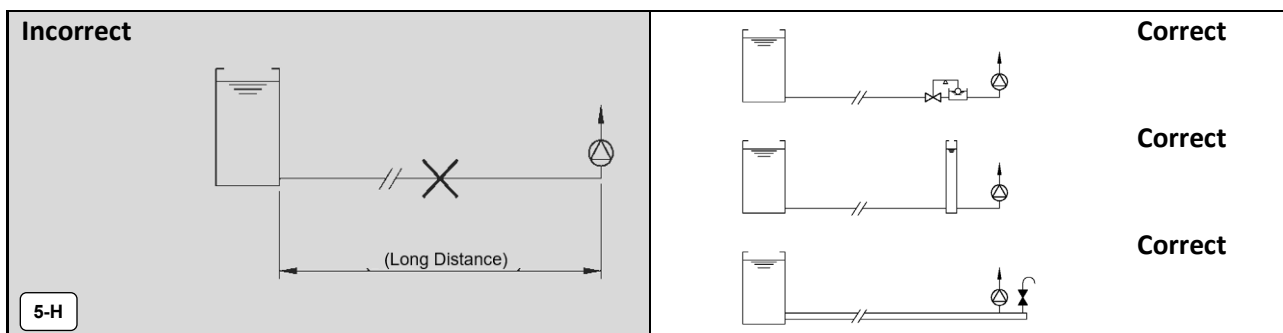
**For positive suction head installation, do not exceed the following lengths**

- **Vertical path 1.5 meters**
- **Summation of vertical and horizontal paths maximum length 2.5 meters**

See indications illustrated in figure 5 for the suction pipe path.



<p><b>Incorrect</b> The fluid vein breaks at the <b>highest</b> side of the pipe</p>  <p>5-B</p>	<p><b>Correct</b></p>  <p>VALVOLA DI FONDO FILTRO</p>
<p><b>Incorrect</b> The fluid vein breaks, and air remain trapped in the <b>horizontal</b> part of the pipe</p>  <p>5-C</p>	<p><b>Correct</b> Suction pipe always upward</p> 
<p><b>Incorrect</b> Internal diameter of suction pipe inadequate</p>  <p>5-D</p>	<p><b>Correct</b> Internal diameter of suction pipe proportioned</p> 
<p><b>Incorrect</b></p>  <p>5-E</p>	<p><b>Correct</b></p> 
<p><b>Incorrect</b></p>  <p>5-F</p>	<p><b>Correct</b></p> 
<p><b>Incorrect</b></p>  <p>5-G</p>	<p><b>Correct</b></p>  <p><b>Correct</b></p>



The right pump choice implies the definition of the available NPSH by the customer.

### 8.3 SUCTION FILTER

It is important that the product dosed is liquid, homogeneous and clean to ensure proper pump operation. **The use of the filter should not affect the suction capacity of pump.** Carefully evaluate the real benefit of using the filter according to the nature and characteristics of the fluid. If it is best to use it, properly choose the size of its mesh filter.

The pump can also move suspended solids (insoluble) but these are always a source of disturbance as they can cause:

- check valve blockage
- accumulations and/or solidification in the head
- with diaphragm pumps, cutting or rupture of the same



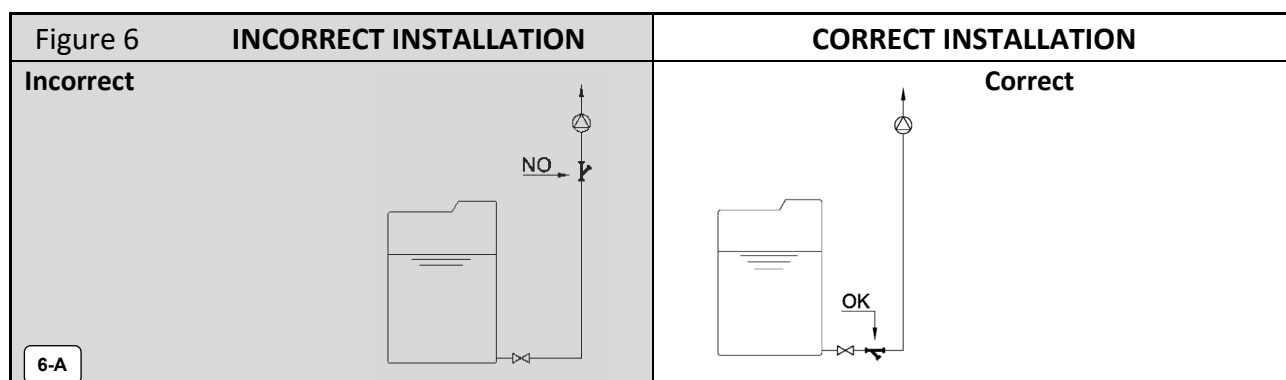
**Use Y filters with sizes larger than the diameter of the suction pump connection.**

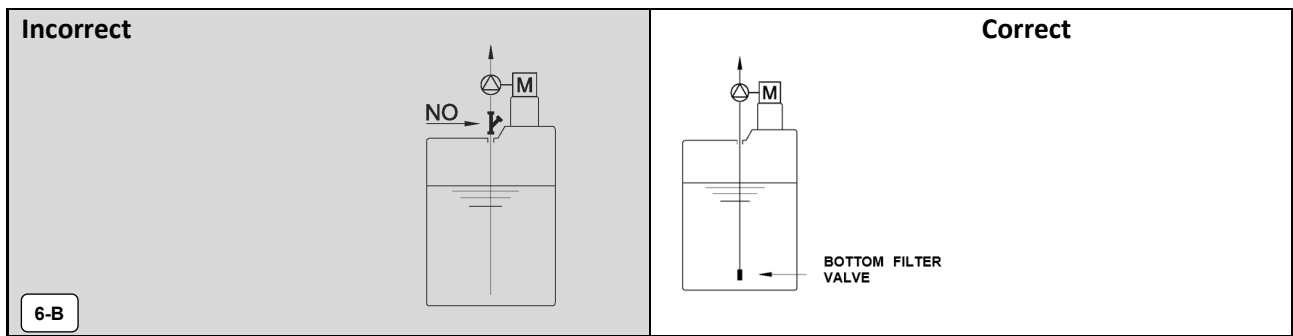
Mesh filter characteristics are linked to the nature of the liquid and the pump flow rate. See the table below for liquids with viscosities up to 200 cps.

Maximum pump flow rate (Q <sub>max</sub> )	Filter mesh (US standard)	Mesh opening (mm)
Q <sub>max</sub> < 15 l/h	100	0,152
15 l/h < Q <sub>max</sub> < 50 l/h	60	0,251
50 l/h < Q <sub>max</sub> < 100 l/h	50	0,353
100 l/h < Q <sub>max</sub> < 300 l/h	40	0,422
Q <sub>max</sub> > 300 l/h	30	0,599

To avoid suctioning of impurities, especially in dosing liquids with suspensions, do not suction from the bottom of the tank but lift the suction point 10 cm from the bottom (see previous figure 5-A).

Figure 6 illustrates some installation examples of the suction filter.





### 8.3.1 Calibration pot

Assesses valves conditions and verifies the actual operating flow rate of the pump under actual operating conditions and especially during normal operation of the plant, without interrupting the dosing process.

Is installed on the suction pipe between the tank and the metering pump (see figure 10).

It is not a required accessory, but it can be very useful especially in the following cases: dosing of dangerous fluids, no pulsation dampener installed on the discharge, difficulty in verifying the actual flow rate of the pump operating on the discharge pipe.

### 8.4 DISCHARGE PIPE

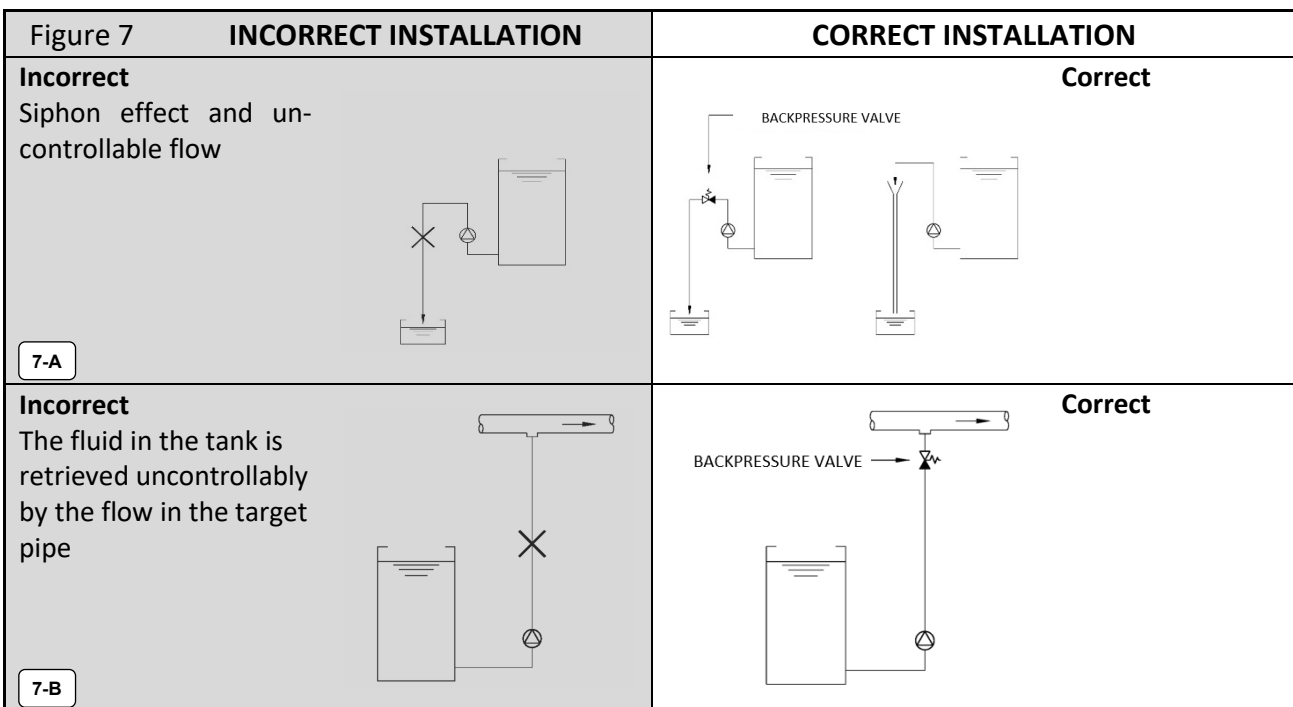


**Avoid setting up the discharge pipe or, worse, installing equipment directly above the pump.**

If the water surface of the suction tank is higher than that of the target tank, siphoning may be triggered (see figure 8). The fluid transfers spontaneously and uncontrolled from the suction tank to the target tank, **going through the pump without it being able to control the flow rate in any way.**

To prevent this from happening, install a backpressure valve on the discharge pipe, or else raise the pipe and break the fluid lead. Discharge pressure must be higher than suction pressure by at least 0.3 bar (0.5 bar for small flow rates).

See indications illustrated in figure 7 for the discharge pipe path.





### 8.4.1 External safety valve



The **EXTERNAL** safety valve on the discharge pipe is essential when system pressure can rise quickly, unexpectedly and uncontrollably, regardless of pump operation.



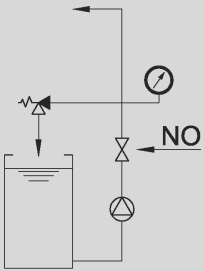
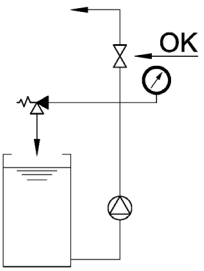
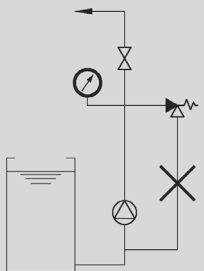
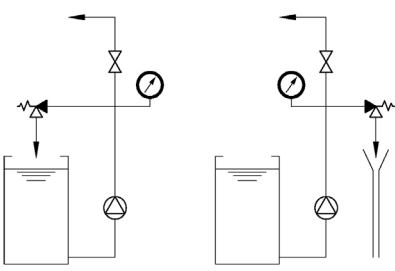
The operating pressure must **NEVER** exceed the maximum allowed pressure indicated on the data plate, even when opening (exhaust) the external safety valve.

The external safety valve must be installed immediately after pump discharge connection and, in any case, before the SHUT-OFF valve (see figure 8). The exhaust must be visible, inspectable and aimed into a suction or drainage tank. Avoid connecting the discharge to the pump suction pipe (recirculation), **especially on small flow rate pumps**.

Consider use of an external safety valve in "free discharge" dosing as well.

Doing so prevents accident caused by the following risks:

- freezing or solidification of fluid in the pipe
- blockage or accidental crushing of flexible pipes
- variation of fluid viscosity as a function of temperature
- spraying of fluid through the nozzles
- other unforeseen risks which can cause quick, uncontrolled rises in pressure

Figure 8 <b>INCORRECT INSTALLATION</b>	<b>CORRECT INSTALLATION</b>
<p><b>Incorrect</b> The safety valve must be installed <b>BEFORE</b> the shut-off valve</p>  <p>8-A</p>	<p><b>Correct</b></p> 
<p><b>Incorrect</b> Suction pipe recirculation can compromise pump suction capacity</p>  <p>8-B</p>	<p><b>Correct</b></p> 

### 8.4.2 Pulsation dampener

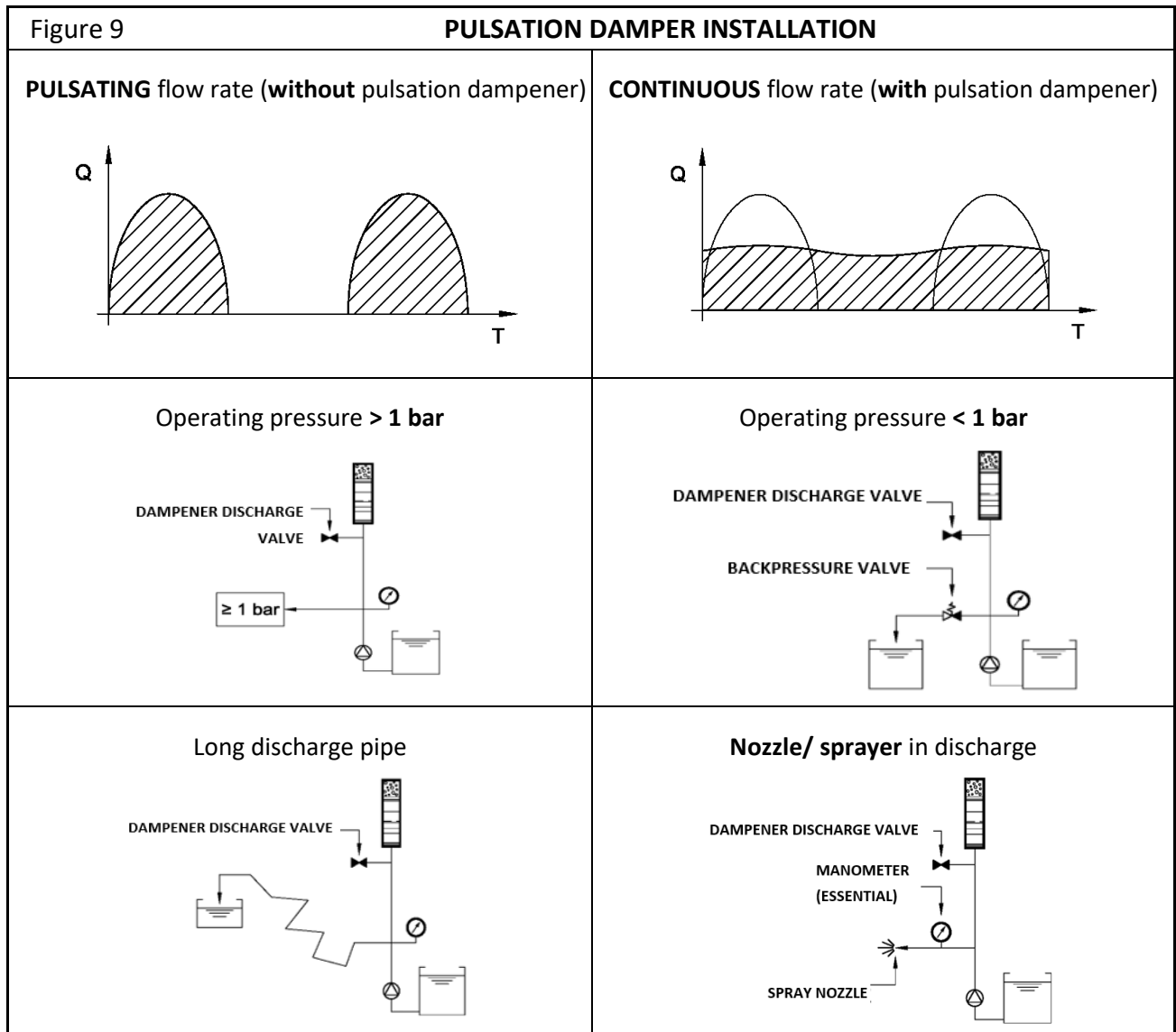
The dampener is particularly important for improving the dosing process and pump operation.

There are various benefits obtained with its installation:

- protection of pump from peaks in pressure (pressure surges), increasing life expectancy
- flow rate becomes continuous with a linear flow, increasing reliability in the dosing process
- slight reduction of vibrations transmitted on the discharge pipe
- help in reducing noise of the pump



**If a continuous flow is essential to the process, install a pulsation dampener.**



### 8.4.3 Pressure gauge

Always install a pressure gauge on the discharge pipe; near the pump, upstream from friction losses and before any other accessory (see previous figure 10).  
 Know and control actual pump operating pressure.



**Knowing the actual operating conditions of the pump can prevent equipment damage and, especially, can prevent serious risk to persons or property in the system!**

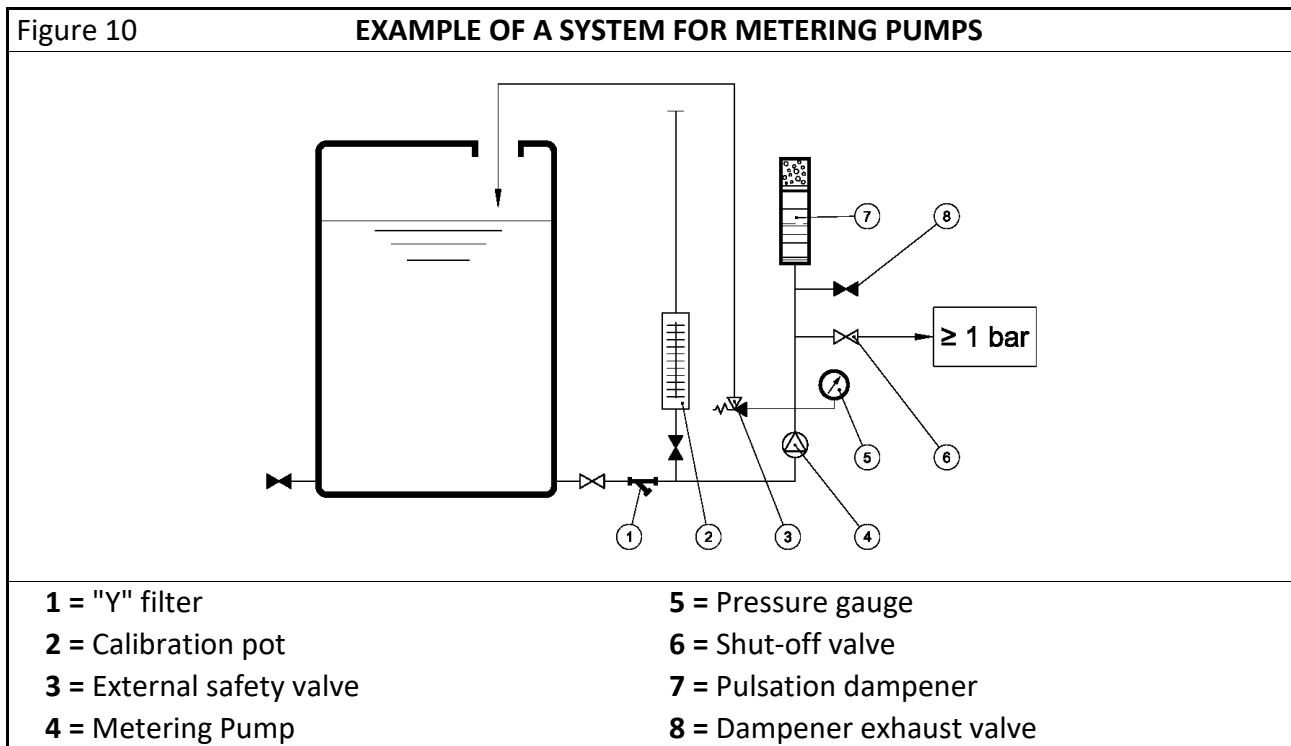
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## 8.5 EXAMPLE OF A SYSTEM FOR METERING PUMPS

All instructions for proper installation of metering pumps are grouped in figure 10.



## 8.6 ELECTRIC MOTOR INSTALLATION

Unless otherwise agreed, the pumps are always supplied complete with an electric motor.

Technical requirements to be met are defined during negotiations for those pumps ordered explicitly without a motor (code ending in "M0").



**NON ATEX pumps supplied without a motor (codes ending in "M0"), it is the responsibility of the user to install a motor with power, rotational speed and coupling type that meet the technical requirements.**



**ATEX pumps supplied without a motor (codes ending in "M0"), in addition to the above, it is the responsibility of the user to verify and install a suitable motor for the area classification and characteristics of flammable substances present in the system.**



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The motor (UNEL-MEC compliant) is coupled on the shaft on which the worm reduction gear of the pump is installed. Clean the end of the shaft, lubricate it with oil and then proceed with aligning it without banging and with caution on the worm reduction gear. **Imprecise alignment can cause vibrations with damage to bearings or breakage to the shaft end.**

At first start-up of the pump, the direction of rotation of the motor should be checked by authorised, experienced and qualified personnel. An arrow on the motor indicates the correct direction of rotation (**counter clockwise fan side**).



**To reverse the direction of rotation of the motor, invert the two motor power phase cables. Recheck the direction of rotation after this activity.**

## 8.7 CHECK PROJECT DATA

Make sure that the pump is suitable for operation in the actual operating conditions by checking the following.

### 8.7.1 Environmental conditions

- a) environmental temperature: verify that the actual room temperature is consistent with pump characteristics
- b) altitude: pump suction capacity can be influenced by atmospheric pressure. Verify the actual NPSH (A) characteristics in the system in relation to the NPSH(R) value of the pump.

### 8.7.2 Installation conditions

- a) Pump installation and operation should only be carried out under the conditions described in the order.
- b) For ATEX pumps: pump classification (group and category) and the temperature class must be suitable for the installation area classification.



**Operating conditions differing from normal conditions must always be defined when placing an order, to prevent that the pump work in conditions which may affect the proper functioning and safe operation.**

## 8.8 START-UP

Pumps are ALWAYS supplied COMPLETE with lubricating oil (unless explicitly requested)

A temporary oil filler cap (without vent) is assembled together with a working cap (with vent) with a band to prevent oil leaks during transport (see figure 11).



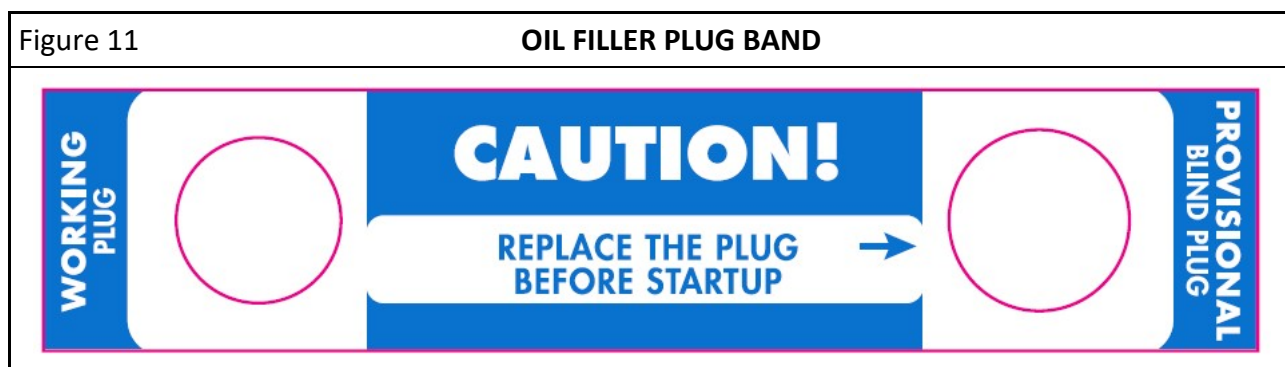
**Replace the temporary cap with the working cap before start-up!**

Perform first start-up with adjustment at 20% and the lowest discharge pressure possible. Maintain this condition for at least 5 minutes. Gradually increase adjustment up to 100%, then position it in the conditions requested by the process.



**In case of applications in contact with food according to EU 1935/2004, we remind you that for the first use of the machine, it is recommended to foresee a series of test cycles out of production, with an adequate amount of product to be discarded, in order to eliminate any metallic traces or oily residues of lubricants used during mechanical processing.**

During this first phase, check the actual operating pressure of the pump with a pressure gauge (see "Discharge pipe: Pressure gauge"). This value (max fluctuation of the pointer) must not exceed maximum pressure indicated on the pump data plate.



### 8.8.1 Checks before start-up

Check the following before starting up the pump:

- a) the presence of lubricating oil, by means of the oil level indicator, see "Checking lubricating oil";
- b) that there are no product leaks from pump connections or system pipes, especially on the discharge side;
- c) direction of rotation of the motor and that the motor is protected as provided for by regulations, see "Electric motor installation";
- d) in the case of power via inverter, that it has been purchased for said use and complies with the range of frequency allowed and defined by OBL;
- e) installation of all accessories and their proper operation;
- f) that SHUT-OFF valves on discharge and suction pipes are open or closed depending on their function;
- g) the liquid to be dosed has not solidified or frozen in pipes;
- h) that it is protected from agents such as: sand, corrosive substances, dust and/or fibre, water, mechanical stress and vibrations;
- i) that it is protected mechanically: indoor installation or outdoor installation considering the damaging effects of weathering, the combined influence of temperature, humidity and condensation.

### 8.8.2 Checks during operation

Once the pump has been started, make sure that operating conditions remain without prescribed limits, by checking the following:

- a) pump operating pressure;
- b) motor absorption current;
- c) temperature of pumped fluid, if different from room temperature;
- d) maximum surface temperature of the entire pump (max 40 °C on the pump reduction gear body and max 80 °C on the motor).

Check that pump suitability is maintained whenever changes in operating conditions occur, such as:

- modification of one or more process variables (i.e. operating pressure and/or pump flow adjustment);
- moving of the pump to a different environment (i.e. from indoors to outdoors);
- dosing of a fluid different from the initial fluid (change of pump use);
- moving of the pump from a low temperature environment to a higher temperature environment;
- changes in season or major climate changes;
- malfunction of any external safety valve installed on the discharge pipe.

### 8.8.3 Abnormal conditions



**The pump must be used exclusively for operating conditions determined in the order. In the case of abnormal operating conditions (high motor absorption, excessive surface temperature, high noise and/or vibrations) promptly notify the maintenance personnel.**



**OBL IS NOT LIABLE FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY DEGENERATION BY MALFUNCTIONS NOT IMMEDIATELY RESOLVED OR REPORTED TO OBL.**

### 8.8.4 Prolonged stops

If a prolonged period of pump stop is foreseen, take the following measures to preserve pump integrity: Cleaning of chemicals, protection from weathering, etc. (see also "General and surface cleaning").

## 9 CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MACHINE

### 9.1 SPARE PARTS

Standard components (screws, nuts, bearings, etc.) are also available directly from specialised dealers.

**Replace all other components with original OBL spare parts.**

#### 9.1.1 Instructions for requesting spare parts

Procure and study the sectional drawing of the pump in use, requesting a copy from OBL if necessary. Analyse the conditions and identify the damaged components. Using the nomenclature of the sectional drawing, make a list of those components (cite the number of the sectional drawing and the position of the component) and send to the OBL Sales Office, always specifying:

- the type of metering pump (complete code)
- pump serial number
- OBL job number (in place of the serial number)



**This information is contained on the metering pump data plate.**

#### 9.1.2 Changes and manufacturing of spare parts without approval

OBL does not allow any changes. Original OBL spare parts and accessories are essential in maintaining compliance with safety regulations. The use of other parts will void the guarantee and any liability for consequences resulting from this action.

#### 9.1.3 Suggested spare parts

Please find the genuine spare part list on the website [www.oblpumps.it](http://www.oblpumps.it) section "genuine parts" inserting the model of the pump in the dedicated section.

### 9.2 FULL RANGE OF APPLICATIONS FOR WHICH THE EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN CREATED

M series pumps are destined for dosing non-flammable liquid fluids (acids, alkaline, solvents, etc.) at room temperature or warmed (see "Environmental and design temperature"), suitable for continuous service (12/24 hours of operation).

They can be used for the following applications:

- pharmaceutical, food and agribusiness industries;
- treatment plants/sewage treatment;
- in paper mills, paper production lines;
- in the production of detergents, CIP plants, water treatment plants.



**Any other use is considered "IMPROPER USE" and is not allowed. OBL declines all responsibility for any damage to persons or property and any kind of machine guarantee shall be considered void.**

All pumps are supplied in compliance with requirements established under technical/sales negotiation and defined in the order.



**It is the responsibility of the client (user and/or installer) to check that the machine is suitable for application/use on the system before installation and subsequent start-up.**



**For ATEX pumps, it is the responsibility of the client/user to determine the effectiveness of the pump to be used in a system, after having analysed the characteristics of danger existing in the installation location and in compliance with current laws and those issued for safety purposes.**

### 9.3 PROHIBITED USES OF THE MACHINE

It is improper to use the M series pumps as follows:

- without an external safety valve immediately after a discharge connection and therefore before any accessory

- for dosing products differing from those established during technical/sales negotiation and defined in the order
- in a corrosive and stagnant environment, closed in a poorly ventilated location
- pressure dosing without a pressure gauge installed on the discharge pipe
- powered by means of an inverter or other electronic drives unless explicitly ordered for this
- with a motor faster than the original one (different polarity)
- in potentially explosive areas unless explicitly ordered for this



**It is the responsibility of the client to check that the pump is suitable for application/use before installation and start-up. If in doubt, do not improvise but contact OBL customer support.**

OBL is not able to monitor compliance with and enforcement of the provisions contained herein or the actual conditions and methods of installation, operation, use and maintenance of machinery and accessories. Installation which has been performed incorrectly or misuse may cause serious damage and may pose a danger to persons or property.

Any anomalies must be reported to the maintenance supervisor. The user is not authorised to tamper with the machine for any reason.



**Attempts to disassemble, modify or tamper in general by unauthorised personnel will void the guarantee and will release OBL from any liability for damage to persons or property resulting from such actions.**

OBL is considered released from any liability in the following cases:

- improper installation;
- improper use of the machine by non-professional or inadequately trained operators;
- use not in compliance with regulations in the Country of use;
- lack of maintenance or improperly performed maintenance;
- use of non-original spare parts or parts which are not correct for the model in question;
- total or partial failure to observe instructions;
- exceptional environmental events.

### **9.3.1 Environments in which use is prohibited**

Use of the M series pumps as follows is prohibited:

- in mining plants (underground);
- under water (as submersible pumps).



**Use of pumps without the protective covers or with safety devices altered or damaged IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**

### **9.3.2 Instructions for use in potentially explosive areas**



**Pumps for hazardous areas must be especially ordered for said use ! Only ATEX operating pumps with a flame-proof motor can be used in potentially explosive atmospheres!**

All **ATEX operating pumps** differ from **NON ATEX** (or standard operating) pumps in that they are fitted with an identification plate with specific indication of the data required by the Directive.

## **9.4 INSTRUCTIONS ON VIBRATIONS, RADIATIONS, DUST, GAS, AND VAPOURS EMITTED**

Work equipment during normal use/operation does not involve these risk factors.

## **9.5 DOCUMENTS ATTESTING THE CONFORMITY OF EQUIPMENT TO REGULATIONS**

See chapter 2 for the declaration of conformity.

### 9.5.1 Electromagnetic compatibility

If installed properly and with direct power supply from the mains, M series pumps comply with emission limits set by regulations relating to electromagnetic compatibility (EMC - General requirements for industrial environments).

### 9.5.2 Additional note for ATEX pumps

Only M Series pumps **in ATEX version** comply with regulations concerning equipment and protective systems for use in potentially explosive atmospheres in accordance with the European Directive ATEX.



**ATTENTION: M pumps in ATEX operation are not suitable for use in zone 0/20!**



**In the case of M pumps in ATEX operation, warnings contained in "Metering pump safety instructions for potentially explosive environments" (addendum to this operating manual) must be followed in addition to these instructions.**

## 10 OPERATION

### 10.1 OPERATING PRINCIPLE

M series mechanical diaphragm pumps are all with a spring return mechanism, coupled to a pump head in chemically material (plastic or metal) that is compatible with the fluid to be dosed. The mechanism body incorporates a transmission reduction gear, a mechanical diaphragm thrust system and a flow rate adjustment system.

They are normally powered by an electric motor through a worm-type reduction gear with helical gear joined to a duct mechanism. The latter is composed of a fixed eccentric and a spring which determines the alternative axial movement of the crosshead to which the mechanical diaphragm is attached. Both mechanisms are in an oil bath.

In the discharge phase, the eccentric compresses the spring and, at the same time, forces the crosshead to move forward, mechanically causing deformation of the diaphragm and, subsequently, the fluid in the head moves to the discharge pipe. In the suction phase, it is the extension of the spring to push the crosshead back, which deforms the mechanical diaphragm again and provokes entrance of fluid in the head.

The check valve on the pump controls input and output of fluid from the head, determining flow direction. The adjustment system of the flow controls the pumped fluid volume, varying crosshead return and, as a result, of the mechanical diaphragm. Standard adjustment is manual by means of a knob and linear vernier. Alternatively (upon request), an automatic adjustment system can be applied (see "Flow rate adjustment system").

M series pumps fall within the family of alternative displacement pumps characterised by adjustable displacement.

Mechanical diaphragm pumps are displacement pumps that always require a safety valve externally on the discharge line (see "External safety valve") to protect against any excessive pressure. The operating pressure must NEVER exceed the maximum allowed pressure indicated on the data plate, even when opening (exhaust) the external safety valve.

The construction material of external components ensures high impact protection. With the exception of the head, external pump surfaces are treated to ensure high protection against corrosion. Metal parts are assembled to ensure their grounding.

Multiple pumps are obtained by assembling several pump bodies aligned horizontally using independent reduction gears as much as pump heads. The eccentric shafts, one for each reduction gear, are fitted together with a joint. The frequency of strokes per minute is independent for every single pump head.

### 10.2 FLOW RATE

M series pump flow rate is not continuous but pulsating, generated by the alternating movement of the crosshead (which deforms the mechanical diaphragm to which it is attached) and the action of the check valve on the head which determine flow direction (see figure 12). Pump flow rate is adjustable and increases or decreases in direct proportion to the variation of the crosshead stroke.



The theoretical flow rate corresponds exactly to the volume described by the movement of the plunger. The graphic representation of its behavior is a straight line whose course is proportional to the adjustment system setting (figure 13-A).

The actual flow rate is inevitably lower than the theoretical rate, due to the volumetric efficiency of the pump. It varies depending on the type and size of the pump, the nature and viscosity of the liquid to be pumped, operating pressure, etc. (figure 13-B).

Figure 12

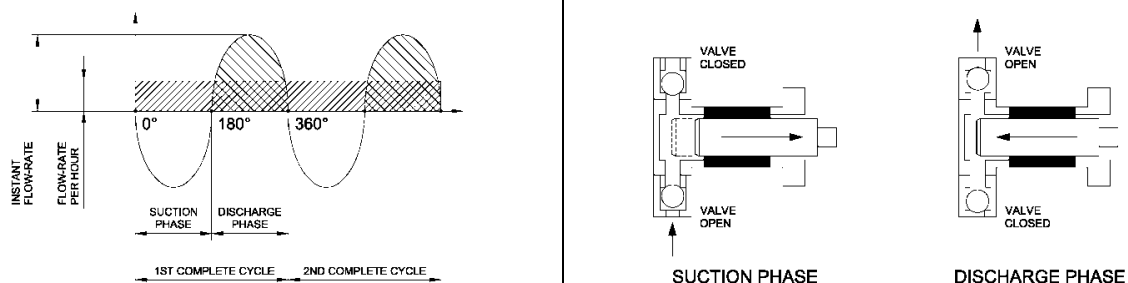
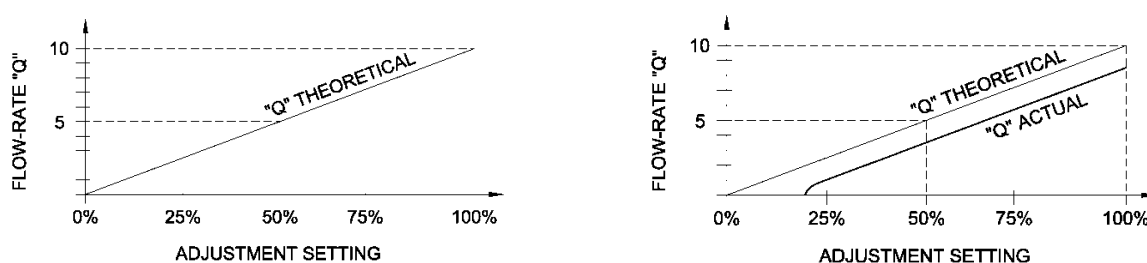


Figure 13-A



Thanks to its special structure (patent-pending), the mechanical diaphragm supports the entire thrust of the pumped fluid by itself, undergoing controlled deformation.

Figure 13-B



### 10.2.1 Flow rate adjustment system

Flow rate adjustment is continuous and regular and can be carried out both with the pump stopped and in movement. Activation with the pump running is, however, easier, especially for large diameter diaphragm pumps.

#### 10.2.1.1 Manual adjustment with knob and linear vernier

The standard model is provided when no particular adjustment system is specifically requested.

The graduated knob, turning on a fixed vernier, is sub-divided from 0 to 10. The linear vernier is a reference index for setting the adjustment system to a desired flow rate percentage value. Each full turn of the knob corresponds to a variation in adjustment from 0% to 100%.



The adjustment foresees a side handwheel that can partially block the adjustment. Rotate the handwheel to block the manual knob.



**It is recommended to pay attention during the operations on the handwheel. An excessive stress could affect the right functioning the block.**



#### 10.2.1.2 Manual adjustment with a gravitational clock

An alternative manual model to the "basic" model.

Easy and quick manual activation combined with precise, clear and immediate reading. The quadrant has a percentage scale (from 0 to 100) equipped with a pointer. Each full turn of the pointer corresponds to a variation in adjustment from 1% to 100%.



**Adjustment with the gravitational indicator can lose the right calibration during transporter handling due to sudden accelerations, shock or capsizing.**



Proceed as follows to reset the right calibration on adjustment:

- Loosen the 3 fastening set screws and remove the gravitational clock from the handwheel with the use of a screwdriver;
- Have the pump suction clean water, leaving the discharge connection DISCONNECTED; wait for water to leak out;
- Turn the handwheel counterclockwise until the liquid in the discharge connection remains STOPPED;
- Turn the clock hands, bringing the pointers to 0%, then reposition the handwheel.

#### 10.2.1.3 Automatic adjustment by means of electric actuator

The adjustment system can be automated (upon request) via the application of an electric or pneumatic actuator. For information on actuator operation, consult its operating manual.

### 10.3 SOLUTIONS FOR COMMON PROBLEMS

They only contain possible causes and suggested solutions relative to the most common and recurring faults.

#### 10.3.1 Flow lower than expected

POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTION
- Air is entering from the suction pipe junctions	- Check pipe and junction tightening
- Air trapped in the pump head	- Bring pump flow to an adjustment of 100% and maintain there for a short time
- Excessive suction height	- Reduce suction height
- Elevated vapour tension	- Increase suction head
- Elevated pumping temperature	- Increase suction head
- Elevated liquid viscosity	- Replace suction pipe with one of a larger diameter - Increase suction head
- Suction tank sealed and/or non-vented	- Make a hole on top of the tank
- Suction pipe clogged or closed by valves	- Check suction pipe
- Suction filter clogged	- Check filter cleaning
- Pump valves dirty, worn or assembled improperly	- Check the cleaning, wear and proper direction of assembly of pump valves

- Safety valve pressure set too low	- Check if the safety valve is intervening or not
- Wrong flow adjustment setting	- Check and correct settings if necessary

### 10.3.2 Flow irregular or higher than expected

POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTION
- Suction pressure higher than discharge pressure	- Increase discharge pressure by at least 0.3-0.5 bar (3-5 m) with respect to the suction pressure
- Backpressure valve blocked at entry by impurities or set to too low a pressure	- Check backpressure valve conditions
- Pump valves blocked in an open position	- Check pump valves, dismantle and clean thoroughly

### 10.3.3 The pump body and/or motor are overheating

POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTION
- Incorrect electrical connections	- Check electrical connections and motor absorption
- Actual pump operating pressure exceeding the maximum allowed	- Install a pressure gauge on the discharge pipe to verify and reduce actual pump operating pressure
- Discharge pipes undergoing section reductions which are drastically increasing operating pressure	- Reduce operating pressure or install a dampener to stabilise pressure (mitigate peaks)
- Pipes transit stress on pump connections	- Check and correct pipe connections on the pump
- Discharge pipe clogged or closed by valves	- Check discharge pipe
- Backpressure valve set to a pressure exceeding the maximum allowed	- Check backpressure valve
- Lubricating oil low or chemically contaminated	- Check and change lubricating oil if necessary

## 10.4 INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT THAT MUST BE USED

Any operation on the machine must be undertaken in compliance with safety regulations and safety warnings.

The safety supervisor must ensure compliance with applicable laws and safety regulations enacted for safety and monitor that all personnel are equipped and always use appropriate personal protective equipment.



**Appropriate personal safety devices must always be used to ensure and safeguard the personal safety of personnel, who must also be properly trained and professionally qualified.**

In general, the personal protective equipment to be used include:

- Mechanical/shear resistant gloves;
- Protective clothing;
- Safety shoes.

All personal protective equipment (PPE) used by operators must have CE marking.

## 11 MAINTENANCE

### 11.1 ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

Each pump is a reliable, quality product, subjected to a thorough final inspection. In case of malfunction even though the pump has been installed and operated according to the instructions, do not act on your own but contact OBL customer service.



**To perform such works, specialised technical knowledge is required and operations are to be performed by qualified personnel.**



**Interventions on electrical circuits or equipment must only be performed by qualified electricians or, under supervision, by appropriately trained personnel and in accordance with applicable electrical codes.**



**In the case of ATEX pumps, be extremely careful that pump characteristics fitting the classification of the area where the system is installed are not altered.**

#### 11.1.1 Operating precautions

All operations must be performed by qualified personnel.

Work on the pump must be authorised by the safety supervisor, after having determined that:

- a) the power line is disconnected and there is nothing being powered, including any auxiliaries;
- b) any risk of accidental restart has been excluded;
- c) pumped fluid present in the pump head and pipes is not under pressure or chemically hazardous;
- d) with the **pump off**, that the shut-off valves on the suction and discharge pipe are closed;
- e) the pump has been adequately cleaned, when operating in environments exposed to harsh chemicals.

Since the machine to be supplied is a product designed for use in industrial areas, **additional safety measures must be adopted and ensured by the person responsible for the installation, if conditions require more restrictive protection.**



**All works at the pump should be performed with the machine stopped and disconnected from the power mains (including auxiliary circuits). Maintaining original characteristics over time must be ensured by an efficient maintenance and inspection plan, developed and managed by qualified technicians, taking into account the service and the actual environmental conditions in which it operates.**



**Wait and make sure it has completely cooled down before performing any operations.**

#### 11.1.2 Consulting technical documentation

Before starting work, consult this use and maintenance manual, identify the exact sectional drawing of the pump in use and obtain all the tools and equipment necessary for performing works.

When the pump has been disassembled, waiting to be reassembled, it is necessary to protect the various components (particularly those inside the mechanism) paying special attention to working surfaces of ring seals) to prevent damage caused by oxidation or accidental impact.



**Improper assembly of the sealing components or bearings can advance deterioration and result in malfunction and/or overheating.**

#### 11.1.3 Valve checks/replacement

The most common fault is caused by the directional valve of a dirty, clogged, worn or, worse, incorrectly mounted head.

- ⚠ In the case of dosing faults, check actual conditions of directional valves **BEFORE** dismantling the pump head (see "Valve checks and/or replacement").
- ⚠ Entrust maintenance, repairs and overhauls to experienced and qualified personnel who will restore original equipment conditions. Contact OBL customer support for information.

### 11.1.3.1 Disconnecting electrical connections

Disconnect all electrical connections before dismantling the pump. Make sure the machine cannot be accidentally restarted.

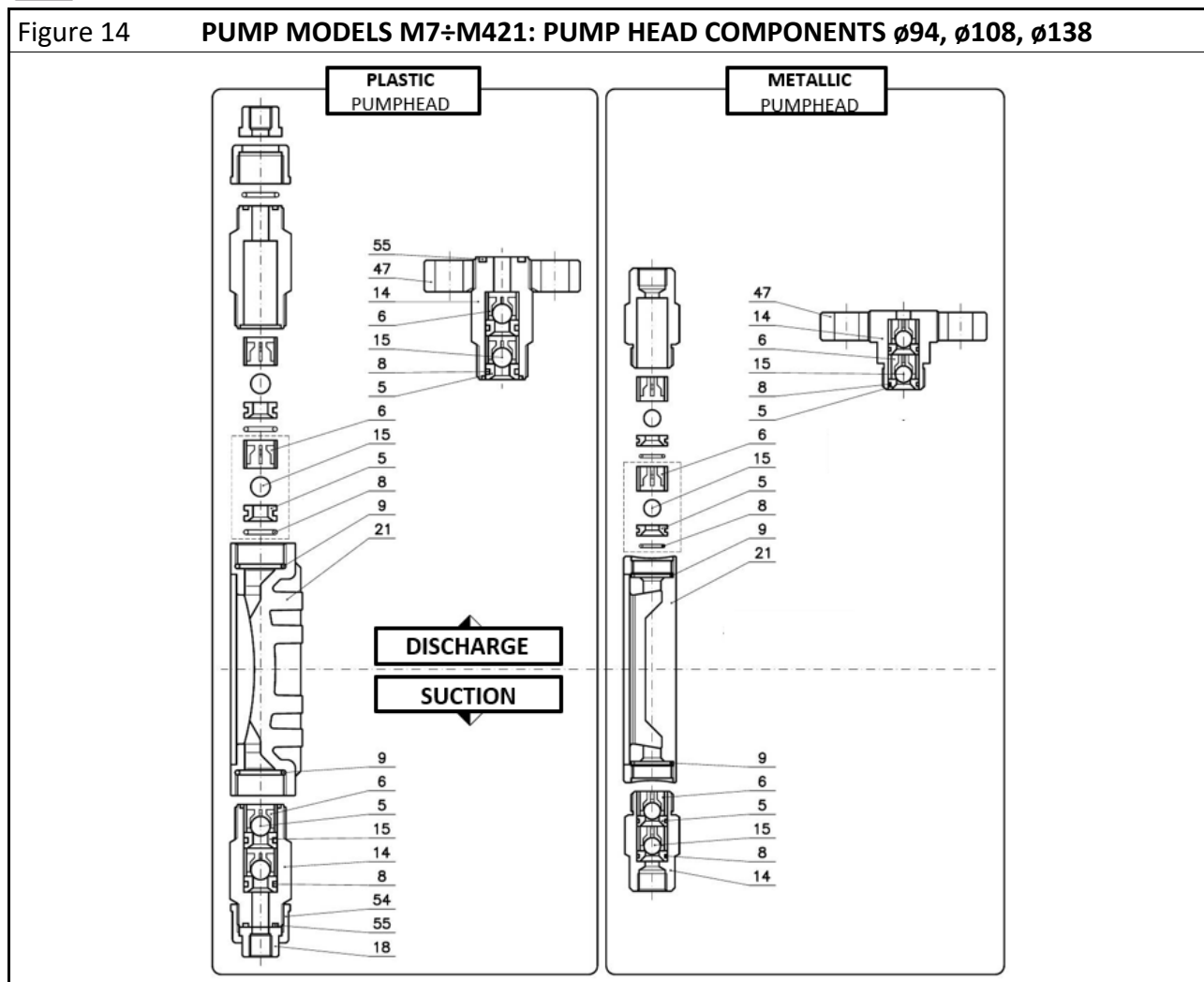
### 11.1.3.2 Procedure for PUMPS M7÷M421 (diaphragm ø94, ø108, ø138)

- ⚠ **BEFORE** dismantling, verify there is no pressure or high temperature in the pipes!

Operate with pump OFF. Proceed as follows to check conditions and/or replace valves (see figure 14):

- free the pump from the suction and discharge pipe and perform suitable cleaning;
- remove the valve containers **one at a time** (pos.14);
- carefully remove the components without damaging them (use a plastic tool);
- carefully observe and check the direction of assembly of individual components;
- check the cleaning, wear and proper direction of assembly of components;
- the ball (pos.15) **MUST** be SMOOTH and not have dents or corrosion;
- the valve seat (pos.5) must have a smooth, continuous seal that is free of dents;
- the seal O-rings (pos.8, 9 or 55) must be whole;
- replace components where necessary;
- reassemble everything exactly as shown in figure 14.

- ⚠ The ball (pos.15) **MUST** rest on its seat (pos.5) on the surface **OPPOSITE** to the smooth side.



### 11.1.3.3 Procedure for PUMPS M150-M800 (diaphragm $\varnothing 165$ )



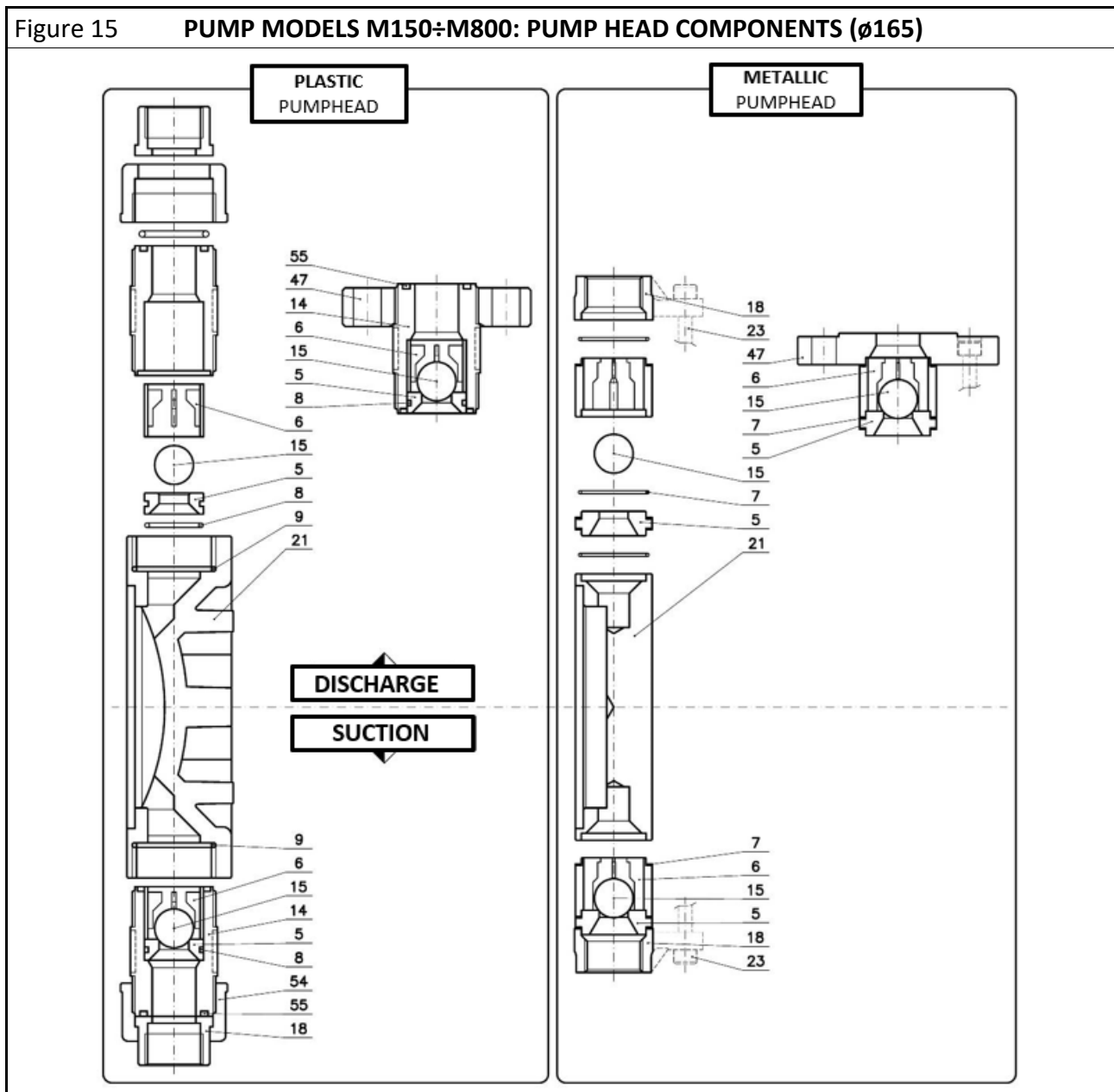
**BEFORE dismantling, verify there is no pressure or high temperature in the pipes!**

Operate with pump OFF. Proceed as follows to check conditions and/or replace valves (see figure 15):

- free the pump from the suction and discharge pipe and perform suitable cleaning;
- PLASTIC head remove the valve containers **one at a time** (pos.14);
- METAL material head: dismantle **one valve unit at a time**, unscrewing the valve tensioners (pos.23);
- carefully remove the components without damaging them (use a plastic tool);
- carefully observe and check the direction of assembly of individual components;
- check the cleaning, wear and proper direction of assembly of components;
- the ball (pos.15) MUST be SMOOTH and not have dents or corrosion;
- the valve seat (pos.5) must have a smooth, continuous seal that is free of dents;
- the seal O-rings (pos.7, 8, 9 or 55) must be whole;
- replace components where necessary;
- reassemble everything exactly as shown in figure 15.



**The ball (pos.15) MUST rest on its seat (pos.5) on the surface OPPOSITE to the smooth side.**



#### 11.1.3.4 Procedure for PUMPS M810-M1500 (diaphragm $\varnothing 178$ )



**BEFORE dismantling, verify there is no pressure or high temperature in the pipes!**

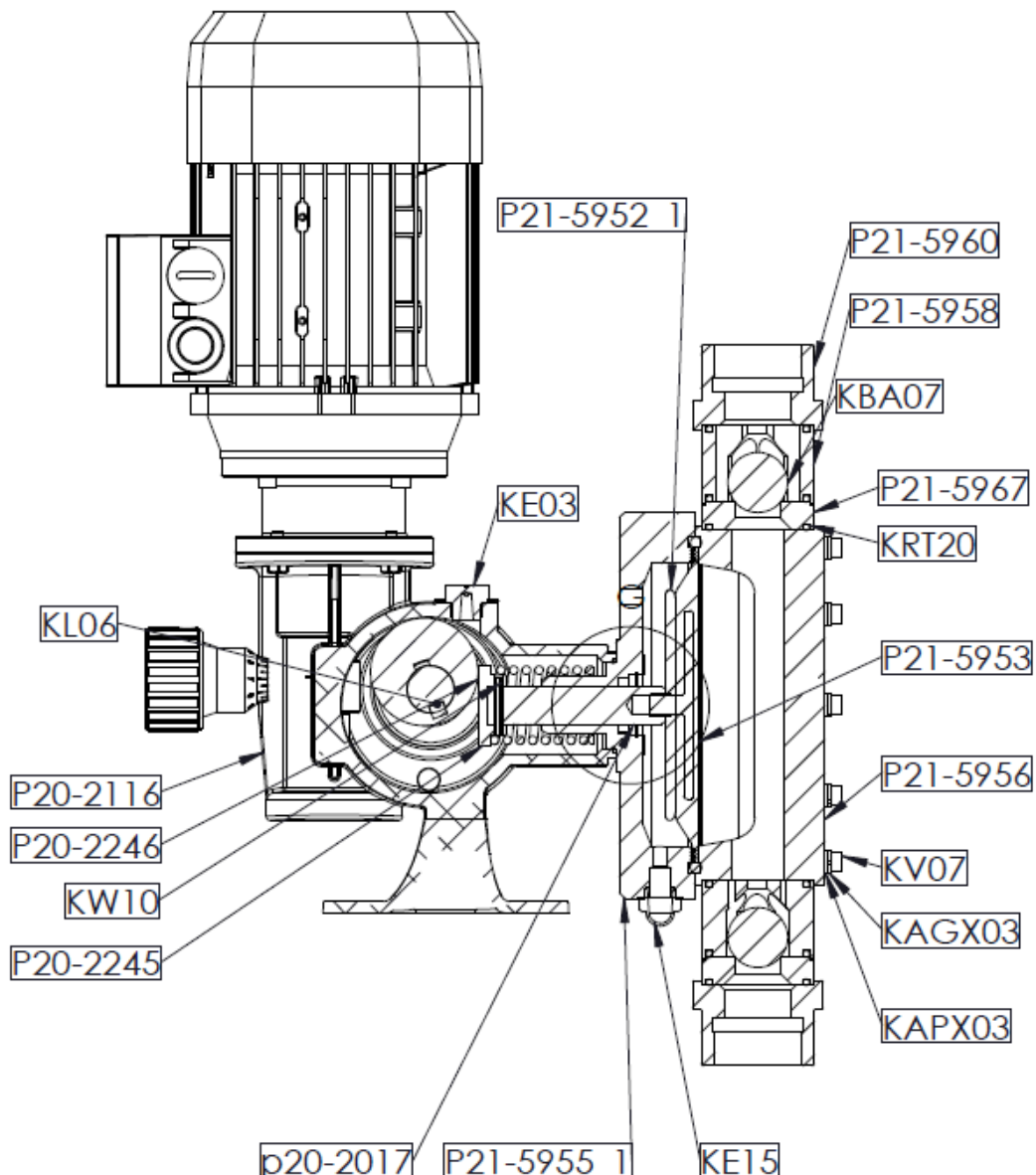
Operate with pump OFF. Proceed as follows to check conditions and/or replace valves (see figure 16):

- free the pump from the suction and discharge pipe and perform suitable cleaning;
- unscrew the 4 screws to remove the nozzles (P21-5960);
- carefully remove the components without damaging them;
- carefully observe and check the direction of assembly of individual components;
- check the cleaning, wear and proper direction of assembly of components;
- the ball (KBA07) MUST be SMOOTH and not have dents or corrosion;
- the valve seat (P21-5967) must have a smooth, continuous seal that is free of dents;
- the seal O-rings (KRT20) must be whole;
- replace components where necessary;
- reassemble everything exactly as shown in figure 16.



**The ball (KBA07) MUST rest on its seat (P21-5967) on the surface OPPOSITE to the smooth side.**

Figure 16 **PUMP MODELS M810÷M1500: PUMP HEAD COMPONENTS ( $\varnothing 178$ )**





### 11.1.3.5 Procedure for PUMPS HM73÷HM100 (diaphragm ø108)



**BEFORE dismantling, verify there is no pressure or high temperature in the pipes!**

Operate with pump OFF. Proceed as follows to check conditions and/or replace valves (see figure 17):

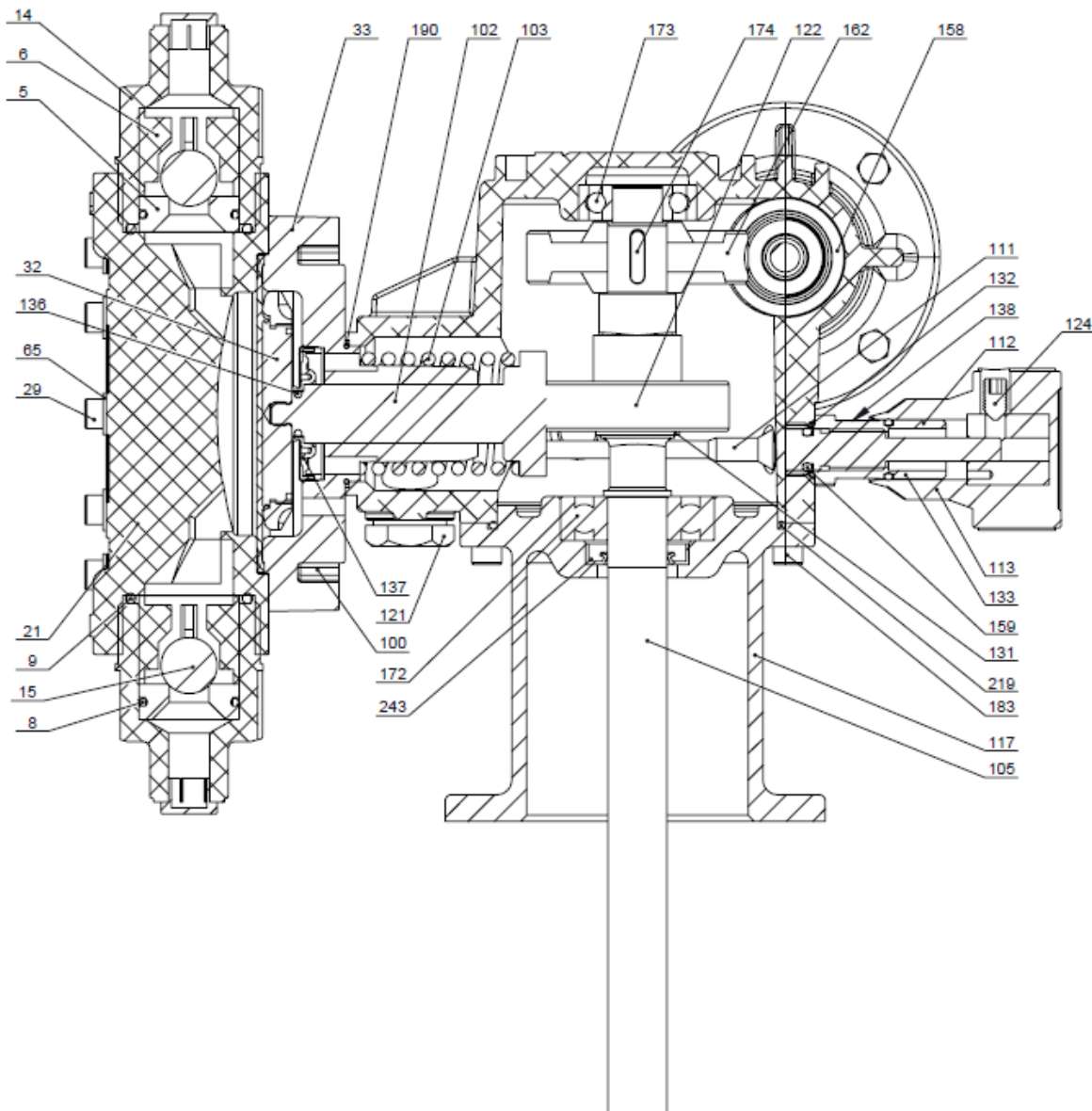
- free the pump from the suction and discharge pipe and perform suitable cleaning;
- remove the valve containers **one at a time** (pos.14);
- carefully remove the components without damaging them (use a plastic tool);
- carefully observe and check the direction of assembly of individual components;
- check the cleaning, wear and proper direction of assembly of components;
- the ball (pos.15) **MUST** be SMOOTH and not have dents or corrosion;
- the valve seat (pos.5) must have a smooth, continuous seal that is free of dents;
- the seal O-rings (pos.8, 9 or 55) must be whole;
- replace components where necessary;
- reassemble everything exactly as shown in figure 17.



**The ball (pos.15) MUST rest on its seat (pos.5) on the surface OPPOSITE to the smooth side.**

Figure 17

**PUMP MODELS HM73÷HM100: PUMP HEAD COMPONENTS (ø108)**





### 11.1.4 Periodic control and maintenance operations

As a general rule, after first start-up, close initial monitoring is recommended to practically define the maintenance plan and determine the frequency of general inspections and planned maintenance.

If an abnormality occurs, it is the user's responsibility to consider whether to carry out maintenance earlier.



**Any defect or irregularity detected during inspections should be promptly removed!**

#### Example of a Control and Maintenance Plan

WHEN?	INSPECTION	MAINTENANCE ACTION
Every week	Check condition and quantity of lubricating oil in the gear reducer.	Replace lubricating oil if in poor condition (viscosity <b>ISO VG 320</b> ).
Every week	Check there are no product leakages from pump connections or from the plant pipelines.	Verify: - The screws, nuts and bolts, flanges, are firmly tightened. - The sealing components are efficient and in perfect condition.
Every week	Check that the pump is running smoothly, without abnormal noise or vibration.	Verify the correct tightening of the screws to the baseplate
Every month	Verify the external cleaning and the general conditions.	Remove presences of: - Corrosive product or incrustations. - Rusty (re-paint or apply a grease layer).
Every month	Make sure motor ventilation is not obstructed.	Remove any dust or fiber deposits from the fins and fan cover
Every month	Check, also based on the process importance and danger, the hydraulic seal and any pumphead deformations (combined action of pressure and temperature).	Verify: - The pumphead locking screws tightening, if necessary, adjust the tightening torque (see §11.2.3).
Every month	Check if the pumped product temperature is <b>lower than 60°C (140°F)</b> both for metallic and plastic pumpheads.	Verify the condition: - Atmospherics of the plant, the storage of the pumped product. - The pumphead and the diaphragm.
Every 3 months	Check the lubricating oil temperature is <b>lower than 95°C (203°F)</b> .	Verify: - The last oil change date and the possible oil contamination. - The actual pump operating conditions.
Every 6 months	Verify (on the pump): - The flowrate conformity. - The valves and diaphragm conditions.	Evaluate the revision of: - The pumphead components. - The complete pump.
Every 6 months	Verify (on the plant) the effectiveness of: - The pulsation dampener. - The back pressure valve. - The external safety valve.	Evaluate the revision of: - The pulsation dampener. - The back pressure valve. - The external safety valve.
After the first 2,000 hours		Replace lubricating oil (viscosity <b>ISO VG 320</b> ).
Every 2 years or 15,000 hours		Replace lubricating oil (viscosity <b>ISO VG 320</b> ). Replace both the valve units and the diaphragm.
Every 3 years or 20,000 hours		Replace the ball bearing.
At each end of cycle or stop	If the pump works in a batch dosing system, and the handled fluid tends to coagulate, solidify or crystallize easily.	Wash the pumphead to prevent the pumped product from solidifying in the valves or in the pumphead.
At each end of cycle or stop	Check power, control, and ground wires for deterioration	Evaluate replacement of deteriorated cables

### 11.1.5 Lubricating oil changes

M and HM series pumps are always supplied complete with lubricating oil (unless specifically requested) and ready for operation.



Each pump body in multiple pumps has its own lubrication, independent from the others. Operate individually on each pump body to change all multiple pump lubricating oil.



Make the **FIRST** lubricating oil change after 2,000 hours of operation. Replace oil after every 15,000 operating hours in standard pump models and every 10,000 hours for ATEX pumps. Replace no later than every 5 years.



Chemically contaminated lubricants can cause seal wear, corrosion and leakage. Preferably, always change all oil rather than simply topping up.

The oil filler cap (pos.119), the oil level cap (pos.120) and the oil drain plug (pos.121) are found on the reduction gear body.

The following images allow easy identification of the different caps.



The following table shows the quantities and types of lubricating oil suggested:

OIL BRAND	OIL TYPE
SHELL	OMALA S2 G320
MOBIL	MOBILGEAR 600 XP 320
IP	MELLANA 320
ENI	BLASIA 320
VANGUARD	GEARING EP 320 *
MOLYGUARD	GEAR SINT F 320 **

PUMP TYPE	QUANTITY (litrese)
M	0,45
HM	0,45

\* M7 through M800 and HM models: Oil used for first fill at the factory.

\*\* Models M810 through M1640: High-temperature oil used for first fill at factory.



The use of different lubricating oil other than that suggested is permitted only if characteristics are compatible/equivalent. Use mineral oil for gears with viscosity index ISO VG 320 (320 cSt at 40 °C or 23 °E at 50 °C).

## 11.2 SPECIAL MAINTENANCE

The following guidelines cover the most common "special" maintenance features that only a maintenance expert can perform. Avoid impromptu operations or attempts, contact OBL customer service for specific information.



**To perform such works, specialised technical knowledge is required and operations are to be performed by qualified personnel.**



**In the case of dosing faults, check actual conditions of directional valves BEFORE dismantling the pump head (see "Valve checks and/or replacement").**



**Appropriate personal safety devices must always be used to ensure and safeguard the personal safety of personnel, who must also be properly trained and professionally qualified.**

### 11.2.1 Technical documentation

Contact OBL customer service regarding "special maintenance": (Tel. +39-0226919.1, [oblinfo@idexcorp.com](mailto:oblinfo@idexcorp.com)) to receive:

- targeted and detailed information;
- a copy of any specific instructions;
- an updated copy of the sectional drawing.

### 11.2.2 Diaphragm checks and/or replacement

Mechanical diaphragm life depends on the working conditions of the pump and overcomes 20.000 operating hours of non-continuous service (12/24 hours). This value is an estimation and may differ depending on the pump operating conditions.

The operations to disassemble the head and replace the diaphragm are the same for any type of pump. However, we suggest consulting figure 18 during the execution.



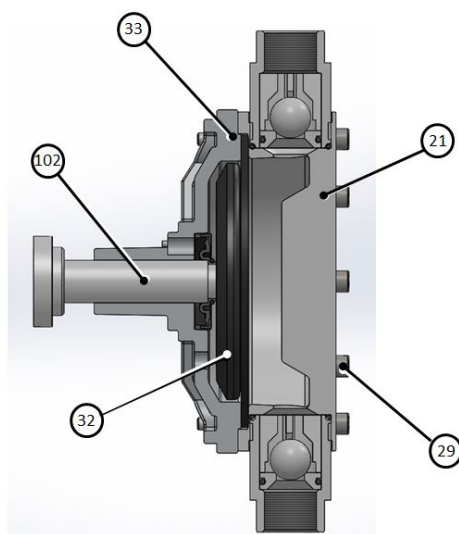
**BEFORE dismantling, verify there is no pressure or high temperature in the pipes!**

Operate with pump OFF.

Proceed as follows:

- Free the pump from the suction and discharge pipe and perform suitable cleaning;
- Dismantle both valve units from the head;
- Unscrew all head locking screws (pos.29);
- remove the pump head (pos.21);
- Unscrew the mechanical diaphragm (pos.32), rotating it in the counterclockwise direction;
- Clean the inside of the diaphragm chamber (pos.33) and of the head body (pos.21), above all along diaphragm crimping;
- Before screwing on the new diaphragm, grease the diaphragm anchoring screw (threaded end of crosshead pos.102);
- Tighten the new diaphragm (pos.32) and make sure that it reaches the end stop on the crosshead (pos.102);
- Reassemble the head (pos.21) following the above instructions in the reverse order and referencing the figures relative to the type of pump;
- Fasten the head with clamping screws (pos.29), see "Pump head tightening torque".

Figure 18

**M SERIES PUMP: PUMP HEAD****11.2.3 Pump head tightening torque**

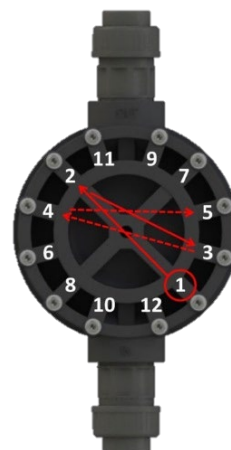
The table below shows the coupling torque for locking the pump head and how to perform correct diaphragm crimping. The values are purely indicative and refer to temperatures as indicated in "Environmental and design temperature". Proceed as follows to assemble the head: Move the head body toward the diaphragm chamber and manually tighten the screws.



**DO NOT USE BULLNOSE PLIERS - DO NOT TEFLON COAT THE THREAD THESE OPERATIONS COMPROMISE THE MECHANICAL RESISTANCE OF THE HEAD**

Follow the "cross-tightening" diagram, tightening each screw to the torque value specified in the table as shown in the figure opposite.

Proceed in the clockwise direction, re-tightening each screw (at least once) until clamping is uniform.



Pump Type	METAL head SS316L	PLASTIC head			
		PVC(P)	PVDF (S)	PTFE(T)	PP (PP)
M-HM ø94/108/138/165	7,5 Nm	-	7 Nm	-	7 Nm
M ø178	-	-	7 Nm	-	7 Nm

**11.2.3.1 Pumps with plastic heads: Recommendations**

Plastic head pumps, compared to metal head pumps, require a higher level of attention because of the mechanical characteristics of the head material and the nature and/or hazard of the chemical being pumped.

Define the most appropriate pump head tightening torque value, considering the following factors:

- if the pump is directly exposed to sunlight, to extreme changes in temperature or works near heat sources;
- if the temperature of the pumped product can cause deformities or the pump head;
- at what actual pressure the pump works and if there is a pulsation dampener installed on the discharge.

Define an appropriate frequency of the following checks on the basis of the importance and hazard of the process:

- in the case of diaphragm pumps, check the water seal on the head (if necessary, adjust the tightening torque);
- checks of any head deformations due to the combined action of temperature and pressure.



**Any defect or irregularity detected during inspections should be promptly removed!**

#### **11.2.4 Replacing bearings**

Replace bearings in relation to actual pump working conditions:

- **every 10,000 operating hours** for continuous operation at maximum performance;
- **every 20,000 operating hours** for discontinuous operation under less severe conditions.

To replace the bearings, some specialized centers are available on the site [www.oblpumps.it](http://www.oblpumps.it) in the contact section.

It is advisable to use a proper sleeve exerting pressure on the coupling ring to assemble the new bearings. In the case of coupling on the shaft, support the sleeve on the internal bearing ring. For coupling on the hole, put pressure instead on the outer ring. The surfaces of the relative seats should be lightly oiled.

##### **11.2.4.1 Reassembly**

Before reassembly, carefully clean the internal parts and components, ensuring above all that the work surfaces of the fittings have not been damaged. Assemble oil containment fittings, taking care to preserve the conditions of the seal lips. Reassemble after a layer of grease has been restored on the strokes.



**Before restarting work, see the motor fan to verify free rotation of the pump crank and confirm correct reassembly.**

### **11.3 EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**

#### **11.3.1 Type of fire-fighting equipment to used**

Use a dry carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)/powder fire extinguisher to put out fires on equipment.

#### **11.3.2 Warnings on possible emissions/leakage of harmful substances**

The only leakage of harmful substances are fumes and gases produced in case of fire.

## **12 DECOMMISSIONING**

### **12.1 DISCONNECTING THE PLANT**

BEFORE shipping, always contact OBL customer service and operate as indicated in "Provisions for goods returned to OBL".

#### **12.1.1 Provisions for returning goods to OBL (pumps under warranty)**



**OBL reserves the right to reject any goods received without notice!**

**In the interest of the client/user, we kindly ask the SENDER to ALWAYS contact OBL customer service (Tel. +39-02-26919.1) to agree on the advantages and disadvantages of sending/repair.**

These provisions are applicable for ANY reason for returning goods to OBL.

Example:

- Overhaul, maintenance, conversion;
- Operational/performance verification, Guarantee applicability assessment;
- NEW material returns and requests of a credit notes for the wrong orders;
- Other...

### 12.1.2 Required sender procedure

- **BEFORE** shipping, **ALWAYS** contact OBL customer service (Tel. +39-02-26919.1) to receive your **RA (Authorised Return)** number, information regarding goods returns and **related paperwork**;
- **DIAPHRAGM pumps**: **Only remove the valve units from the pump head. Do NOT remove the head body**;
- **In general**: **ALWAYS** remove any product residue from ALL equipment. To safeguard the safety and security of the recipient, disassemble and clean each wet component and attach in a separate package.



**ATTENTION: Parts considered "chemically hazardous" will be replaced and counted as a new spare part**

- **Insert in packaging** (the courier often keeps them): a copy of the transport document for each piece of equipment, copy of the completely filled in declaration of conformity and the pumped/treated product Safety Data Sheet;
- Suitably package the merchandise to avoid damage from transport and indicate the **RA** number on the package;
- Ship goods **DAP Segrate** (DDP Segrate for goods coming from countries outside the EU) always with the relative transport document carrying the **RA** number to: OBL S.r.l. Via Kennedy 12, - 20054 Segrate (MILANO) ITALY.



**The sender is aware of the criminal penalties for false or misleading and falsifying statements. He is also responsible for damage to persons or property arising from such actions.**

### 12.1.3 Sender return rejected

If goods should arrive in OBL:

- Not adequately cleaned (and/or without a completed declaration of conformity);
- PUMPS: With pump head inadequately cleaned and/or removed;
- WITHOUT RA number (Authorised Return) on the transport document and/or the package itself;
- With chemicals in the package.



**These goods will NOT be accepted (and NO work will be done on them) and they will be returned to the sender FREIGHT UNPAID!**

### 12.1.4 Provisions for returning goods to OBL service centre (pumps not under warranty)

In the interest of the client/user, we kindly ask the **SENDER** to **ALWAYS** contact OBL (Tel. +39-02-26919.1) to agree on the advantages and disadvantages of sending/repair.

Otherwise, you can find the specialized centers available at [www.oblpumps.it](http://www.oblpumps.it) in the contact section.

## 12.2 STORAGE FOR LONG PERIODS

For long term storage (more than 6 months), observe the following precautions in addition to those described in "Storage conditions":

- Before storage: protect unpainted surfaces with long-term anti-corrosion products;
- Check conditions about every 6 months. At the first sign of corrosion clean and re-apply anti-corrosion products.



**Report special storage conditions in advance in order to provide for adequate packaging.**

## 12.3 DISPOSAL AND DEMOLITION

This product falls under the scope of Directive 2012/19/EU on the management of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE).

The device should not be disposed of with household waste as it is composed of different materials that can be recycled at appropriate facilities. Enquire through the municipal authority about the location of the ecological platforms suitable to receive the product for disposal and its subsequent proper recycling.



Please also note that if you purchase an equivalent appliance, the distributor is obliged to take back the product to be disposed of free of charge.

The product is not potentially dangerous for human health and the environment, as it does not contain harmful substances as per Directive 2011/65/EU (RoHS), but if abandoned in the environment it has a negative impact on the ecosystem.

Please read the instructions carefully before using the device for the first time. Do not use the product for any purpose other than that for which it was intended, as there is a risk of electric shock if used improperly.



**The crossed-out wheeled bin symbol on the label attached to the product indicates compliance of this product with the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment legislation. The abandonment of the equipment in the environment or its disposal is punished by law.**

## 13 SAFE PUMP USE

### 13.1 WARNINGS



**METERING PUMPS ARE INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY NOT INTENDED FOR USE BY NON-PROFESSIONAL OPERATORS. THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE INTENDED FOR QUALIFIED PERSONNEL.**



**FULLY AND CAREFULLY study these instructions before installing and starting the pump. Failure to respect safety recommendations can damage the machine or compromise its operation.**

Comply with this information for proper management and maintenance. It is of key importance that these are read by the installer and the maintenance supervisor. This document should be stored near the machine in a safe, dry place, and in any case made easily and readily available for future reference.

**Keep instructions relating directly to the equipment in good and readable condition (replace as necessary):**

- Machine data plate;
- Arrow indicating the motor direction of rotation;
- Warning and service information adhesives.

#### 13.1.1 SYMBOLS AND SUGGESTIONS IN THESE INSTRUCTIONS



This symbol indicates important information for preventing faults and/or damage to equipment or personnel.



This symbol indicates danger due to the presence of electricity.



This symbol indicates a danger that may cause an explosion.



This symbol represents the metering pump schematically.

#### 13.1.2 HAZARD

Metering pumps are machines with dangerous parts. Therefore:

- **improper use or tampering;**
- **removal of guards** or disconnection of protective devices;
- **inadequate inspection or maintenance** can cause serious damage to persons or property.

**In particular, personnel must be informed of hazards deriving from:**



**live parts;**



**rotating or moving parts;**



**fluid pumped under pressure and/or corrosive fluid;**



**hot surfaces.**

The safety supervisor must ensure and guarantee that the machine is handled, installed, commissioned, inspected, maintained and repaired by qualified personnel only, who therefore possesses:

- specific technical training and experience;
- knowledge of technical regulations and applicable laws;
- knowledge of general, national, local and plant safety requirements;
- an ability to recognise and avoid all possible hazards.

Failure to follow these guidelines, negligence or an incorrect or improper use of the machine by unauthorised and unqualified personnel may cause risk to persons or property, resulting in cancellation of the guarantee by OBL.



**The safety of these machines can be compromised if they are used improperly or tampered with.**

Metering pumps must be used only if they are in perfect technical condition, also considering safety aspects and danger. The smooth operation of these machines, their durability and operating efficiency depend on the observance of these details. We disclaim all responsibility for bodily injury or property damage caused by improper use of our equipment.