

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

It is the responsibility of the user to read and understand all instructions, important safeguards, and safety precautions before operating or servicing any pump. Failure to do so may result in property damage, personal injury or death.



General Safety Information and Symbols

Pay special attention to the following signal words, safety alert symbols and statements:

- ⚠ DANGER** indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
- ⚠ WARNING** indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
- ⚠ CAUTION** indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury or property damage.
- NOTICE** indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in property damage.
- ⚠** indicates a potential personal injury hazard. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.

⚠ DANGER

A. FLAMMABLE OR EXPLOSIVE LIQUID HAZARD

Do not operate pump with flammable or explosive liquids unless extraordinary safety precautions are observed. Leaks of flammable or explosive liquids, if exposed to elevated temperatures, static electricity, sparks or other hazards, will result in flame or possible explosion, causing serious personal injury, death or property damage.

1. Before operating pump with flammable or explosive liquids, ensure proper maintenance has been performed.
2. Do not operate pump with flammable or explosive liquids if leaks are detected.
3. Only pump flammable or explosive liquids that are compatible with pump component materials.
4. Do not operate pump with flammable or explosive liquids without safeguards or safety systems to detect leaks, elevated temperatures, spark prevention or any other hazards defined by the NFPA systems.
5. Do not remove Flammable Liquids Product Suitability Hang Tag to assure proper safety.
6. Follow ATEX guidelines for potentially explosive atmospheres.

⚠ WARNING

A. ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD

Do not service pump or electrical equipment while energized. Electricity can cause personal injury, death or property damage.

1. Adhere to "Lock Out" and "Tag Out" procedures for electrical equipment.
2. Before commencing pump service, turn power supply off.
3. Keep water away from electrical outlets and electrical devices.
4. Electrical components must be installed by a qualified electrician to avoid risk of electrocution.

B. ROTATING PARTS HAZARD

Do not service pump while energized. Moving, rotating or reciprocating parts can crush and cut, causing personal injury, death or property damage.

1. Adhere to "Lock Out" and "Tag Out" procedures for electrical equipment.
2. Before commencing pump service, turn power supply off, turn water supply off, squeeze trigger on gun to relieve system pressure.
3. For mobile equipment, be sure engines and hydraulics are turned off and secured to avoid accidental start.
4. Do not operate with safety guards removed.
5. Always use safety guards on all belt drives, couplings and shafts.

C. HOT SURFACE HAZARD

Do not touch pump, accessories or drive system while operating and until cool down is complete. Touching hot surface areas of the pump, accessories or drive system can cause severe burns or personal injury.

D. SKIN PUNCTURE HAZARD

Do not allow spray to contact any part of the body or animals. Pumped liquids under high pressure can pierce skin and underlying tissue or can deflect debris leading to serious personal injury or death.

1. Relieve all line pressure in the inlet line to the pump and discharge line from the pump before performing any maintenance on the pump.
2. When high pressure gun is not in use, set safety trigger lock (safety latch) to avoid accidental high pressure operation and personal injury or property damage.
3. Do not check for leaks with hand. Use a piece of cardboard to check for leaks.
4. Review cleaning procedures to minimize heavy back blasting.
5. Wear adequate safety equipment and clothing when operating high pressure sprayer. Never use high pressure spray with bare feet or exposed skin, and always wear safety glasses.

E. PUMPING LIQUIDS HAZARD

Do not operate pump with hot water, chemicals, or other hazardous liquids unless extraordinary safety precautions are observed. Pumping hot water, chemicals, or other hazardous liquids can expose personnel to serious injury.

1. Provide guards or shields around equipment to protect personnel.
2. Wear mask, goggles or eye protection while operating high pressure equipment.
3. Obtain a Safety Data Sheet (SDS) and take appropriate safety measures for the liquid being handled.

F. OVER PRESSURIZATION HAZARD

Do not operate high pressure pumping system unless extraordinary safety precautions are observed. A high pressure pumping system can deadhead or over pressurize causing serious personal injury and property damage.

1. All high pressure systems require a primary pressure regulating device (i.e., regulator or unloader) and a secondary pressure safety relief device (i.e., pop-off valve, safety valve, rupture disc) to assure proper pressure setting and overpressure protection.
2. All high pressure systems require a pressure gauge to monitor pressure settings and avoid overpressure of equipment or personal harm.
3. Install primary pressure relief device on the discharge side of the pump.
4. Install secondary pressure relief device between the primary device and pump.
5. Install pressure gauge onto the discharge manifold or in the discharge line near the manifold.
6. Open all valves on discharge side of plumbing before operation.

G. OXYGEN HAZARD

Do not charge pulsation dampeners with oxygen. Oxygen may cause an explosion causing personal injury, death or property damage.

1. Use nitrogen only when charging pulsation dampeners, DO NOT USE OXYGEN.
2. Use proper charging tools to charge pulsation dampeners.
3. Charge pulsation dampener within specifications stated on data sheet to assure proper pulsation dampening and prevent failure of bladder.

H. FALL HAZARD

Do not operate pressure washer while standing on slippery or unstable surface unless extraordinary safety precautions are observed. Pressure washing may create slippery surface on which a person may slip and fall causing personal injury or death.

1. Wear suitable footwear to maintain a good grip on wet surfaces.
2. Do not stand on ladders or scaffolding.
3. Do not over reach or stand on unstable supports.
4. Keep good footing and balance and hold gun with both hands to control kick back.

CAUTION

A. IMPROPER USE OF FITTINGS HAZARD

Do not operate the pump with improperly connected, sized, worn or loose fittings, pipes or hoses. Operating the pump under these conditions could result in personal injury and property damage.

1. Ensure all fittings, pipes and hoses are properly rated for the maximum pressure rating and flow of the pump.
2. Check all fittings and pipes for cracks or damaged threads.
3. Check all hoses for cuts, wear, leaks, kinks or collapse before each use.
4. Ensure all connections are tight and secure.
5. Use PTFE thread tape or pipe thread sealant (sparingly) to reconnect plumbing. Do not wrap tape beyond the last thread, this will prevent tape from becoming lodged in the pump or accessories.
6. Apply proper sealants to assure secure fit or easy disassembly when servicing.

B. FROZEN LIQUID HAZARD

Do not operate the pump with frozen liquid. Operating the pump under this condition could over pressurize and jettison the manifold from the crankcase causing personal injury and property damage.

1. Store pump or pumping system in an environmentally controlled room protected from freezing temperatures.
2. Follow procedures in TECH BULLETIN 083 to winterize pump.

C. CLEANING PUMP HAZARD

Do not use solvents that are flammable and toxic to clean or degrease equipment. Use of these solvents could result in personal injury and property damage.

1. Follow safety instructions as found in SDS or on packaging of each liquid.
2. Clean equipment in a well ventilated area.
3. Disposal of solvents to be in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

D. OPERATING BEYOND SPECIFICATIONS HAZARD

Do not operate the pump outside the specifications of individual pump data sheet or service manual. Operating the pump under these conditions could result in personal injury and property damage.

1. Do not operate the pump faster than the maximum recommended RPM.
2. Do not operate the pump at pressures higher than the maximum recommended pressure.
3. Do not operate the pump at temperatures higher than the maximum recommended temperatures.
4. Do not use accessories that are not compatible or rated for the pump.

E. LIFTING DEVICE HAZARD

Do not lift pump with unsuitable lifting devices. Use of unsuitable lifting devices may cause pump to fall resulting in personal injury, damage to pump and/or pump with drive/base plate.

1. Lifting eyes installed on the pump must be used only to lift the pump.
2. Special lifting eyes should be installed on the base for lifting the pumping system (i.e. base, drive and accessories)
3. If slings or chains are used for lifting, they must be safely and securely attached to properly balance the weight of the unit.
4. Inspect slings and chains prior to use and replace worn and damaged slings and chains.

NOTICE

A. OIL HAZARD

Use only genuine Cat Pumps custom-blend, premium grade, petroleum-based hydraulic oil. Use of other oil may not provide proper lubrication of drive-end components and may result in damage to the crankcase of the pump.

1. Cat Pumps custom-blend oil is available worldwide in 21 oz. bottles, cases, or 5-gallon twin packs. Use of other oils may void the warranty.
2. Fill pump crankcase to specific capacity indicated on data sheet or service manual prior to startup.

B. ROTATION OF PUMP HAZARD

Do not rotate pump crankshaft in reverse direction. Rotation of pump crankshaft in reverse direction may not provide proper lubrication and may result in damage to the drive-end components.

1. Forward rotation is the top of the crankshaft turning towards the manifold head of the pump.
2. Ensure oil is filled to the center red dot on sight gauge for forward rotation.
3. Ensure oil is filled to slightly above center red dot on sight gauge for reverse rotation.

C. BELT TENSION HAZARD

Do not operate pump with excessive belt tension. Excessive belt tension may damage the pumps bearings or reduce horsepower.

1. Rotate pump crankshaft before starting to ensure shaft and bearings are moving freely.
2. Ensure pulleys are properly sized.
3. Periodically replace belts to assure full horsepower transmission.
4. Ensure center distance dimensions between pulleys is correct.

D. BY-PASS OPERATION HAZARD

Do not operate the pump in by-pass for extended lengths of time. Operating the pump under this condition can quickly cause heat build-up resulting in damage to the pump.

1. Route by-pass line to supply reservoir to dissipate heated by-pass liquid into a large reservoir of cool water to reduce excessive temperature build-up.
2. Route by-pass line to inlet of pump using a thermo valve in the by-pass line or auto shut-off assembly that will sense temperature rise and either by-pass or shut down system before damage occurs.

E. DRY OPERATION HAZARD

Do not operate the pump without water or liquid. Operating pump under these conditions could result in damage to the pump.

1. Open all valves on inlet side of pump before starting operation to prevent starving the pump.
2. Do not exceed inlet suction pressure limit specified in pump data sheet.
3. Ensure inlet feed exceeds the maximum flow being delivered by the pump.
4. Ensure all fittings, pipes and hoses are properly sized for the pump to avoid restricted flow.
5. Review and implement all other recommendations appropriate for your system from the Inlet Condition Check-List.



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