



# SERIES 'TM-T' POLYPROPYLENE & PVDF TURBINE PUMPS

OPERATION AND  
SERVICE GUIDE  
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To obtain optimum performance from your SERFILCO TM-T pump, please review these instructions carefully. Failure to follow these recommendations may result in severe pump damage and premature failure, along with voiding your factory warranty.

## INSTALLATION

**!** **NOTE:** The vast majority of pumping problems occur as a result of poor suction conditions. This section in particular should be reviewed carefully.

1. Locate the pump as close to the liquid supply source as possible.
2. The pump inlet should be well below the supply tank liquid level to avoid vortexing.
3. The suction line should be rigid (vacuum service), and as straight and short as possible.
4. Long radius elbows are preferred and increased size is recommended.
5. The suction line should never be a smaller ID than the pump suction port.
6. The suction line should continuously decline to the pump to avoid air pockets.

**!** **NOTE:** Reducers on the suction should be of the eccentric type.

7. A motor starter is recommended to:
  - Prevent accidental re-start after a power failure
  - Provide a safe, moisture-proof switch enclosure
  - Protect the motor with a correctly sized overload
  - Withstand high starting current and prevent arcing & contact wear

## START-UP AND RUNNING

1. Check that the suction side valve is open and liquid supply is sufficient.  
**NOTE:** If pump is started before opening the valve it may become air-locked and run dry.
2. Bump start the motor to check that rotation is counter-clockwise facing the pump (CW facing motor fan).
3. Discharge valve should be fully opened as well.

## ESSENTIAL RUNNING PRECAUTIONS

1. **DO NOT RUN DRY**  
Mag-drive pumps are cooled and lubricated with product.
2. Avoid pumping liquids containing abrasive particles.  
**NOTE:** SERFILCO TM-T pumps are suitable for filter feed of plating solutions containing small solids. Consult SERFILCO for guidance.
3. A 40-80 mesh suction strainer is recommended if solids are likely.
4. To reduce flow partially close the discharge valve (suction valve is always fully open).
5. If the fluid being pumped tends to crystallize, the pump should be flushed prior to extended shut down.

## OPERATING LIMITS

1. **FLOW:** Pumps may be operated at any point along the related published performance curves of the particular impeller diameter being used. The minimum flow required is indicated by the end of the curve to the left, and maximum flow by the end of the curve to the right.
2. **OPERATING PRESSURE:** Non-metallic Pumps - 110 psi maximum internal pressure
3. **TEMPERATURE:** Polypropylene Pumps - 160°F continuous, 180°F intermittent PVDF Pumps - 190°F continuous, 220°F intermittent

SERFILCO TM-T pumps are intended for use with liquids up to 45 cPs viscosity and 1.8 S.G. For services beyond these limits contact SERFILCO'S applications engineering department.

## MAINTENANCE

In General, SERFILCO TM-T pumps require no routine or regular maintenance. Depending on the nature of the process fluid, a periodic check of the impeller thrust and sleeve bearings is advised. Excessive wear may result in misalignment of the impeller magnet and if left unchecked, interference with the rear casing.

## DISASSEMBLY

1. Isolate the pump from the rest of the system by closing related valves.
2. Remove pump from motor.
3. Drain the pump and adjacent piping.
4. Remove pump case bolts.
5. Carefully separate pump head and attached rotating assembly the bracket and rear casing.
6. Remove impeller-magnet-rear ring-shaft assembly from the pump head. Rear ring is clearance fit, but snug.
7. Examine shaft and sleeve bearings for excessive radial play. Examine impeller for abrasive wear.

## RE-ASSEMBLY

1. Replace worn components.
2. Insert impeller-magnet-rear ring-shaft assembly into pump head, making sure the alignment pin on the rear ring lines up with the hole in the pump head. The rear ring can be rotated if inserted squarely into the seat; the proper alignment corresponds with unobstructed suction/discharge ports (verified by looking down them. Place rear casing with O-ring onto pump assembly, completing the liquid end.
3. Carefully place pump liquid end into bracket and secure with (7) fasteners.  
**DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN**
4. Set assembly on to motor flange (tap into place with rubber mallet if necessary).
5. Secure four motor adapter bolts. Again, do not over tighten.

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### PUMP ASSEMBLY TO MOTOR

#### DO NOT DISASSEMBLE PUMP END

1. Remove white cardboard packing from inside the pump/motor adapter housing.
2. Remove external magnet from pump assembly.  
Note: the external magnet is held in place with magnetic attraction to internal magnet so there will be some resistance.
3. Place external magnet (Item 11) on to motor shaft, locating magnet so set screws will tighten into motor key way (no key on magnet). Use rubber mallet if necessary.
4. Locate proper setting of magnet per "External Magnet Location" drawing (see back).
5. Stand motor on end.
6. Holding it tightly (the magnets will attract during assembly) carefully place the entire assembly onto motor.
7. Locate housing bolt holes on adapter with tapped motor bolt holes and thread in screws by hand several threads. Be certain to place discharge in desired position. Typically this is facing up, but can also be mounted to either side.
8. Use rubber mallet to snug down motor adapter flush to motor.  
**DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SNUG TIGHT WITH BOLTS AS THIS COULD DISTORT THE PUMP MOTOR ADAPTER AND CAUSE MISALIGNMENT.**
9. Secure adapter bolts to motor. **DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN**  
The unit is now ready for installation. **DO NOT RUN DRY**



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