

# \*\*\*WARNING! \*\*\* DANGER! \*\*\* READ BEFORE STARTING PUMP!

- 1. Read and understand tags and installation and operating instructions.
- 2. Know the operating instructions.
- 3. Open all lines before starting pump.
- 4. Install and properly set relief valve in discharge line. Pumps are not provided with a relief valve.
- 5. Install proper guard(s). Never operate pump without guard(s) in place.
- 6. Always use caution near rotating parts.
- 7. Do not operate this equipment in excess of its rated capacity, pressure, speed and temperature or other than in accordance with instructions contained in the installation and operating instructions.
- 8. Do not run the pump dry. Do not start pump until it's filled with liquid to be pumped.

#### PRE-START UP CHECKS

- 1. Make sure the pump and the driver are in proper alignment.
  - a. Preparation of foundation for base mounted pumps.
  - b. Aligning driver and pump.
  - c. Installation of pipes.
- 2. Make sure that the driver will rotate the pump in the direction of the pump.
- 3. Fill the pump with the liquid to be pumped. Rotate the driveshaft of the pump four or five rotations.
- 4. Make sure the inlet and discharge lines are open.
- 5. Start the unit.
- 6. Check to see if the pump is delivering liquid. If it is not, refer to the section on checking pump performance.
- 7. Check for any vibration, excessive heat generation or excessive packing leakage.



#### CHECKING PUMP PERFORMANCE

A summary of possible causes of improper performance of Progressing Cavity Pumps

#### No liquid delivered

- 1. Pump rotating in the wrong direction
- 2. Suction lift too high
- 3. Clogged suction line
- 4. Air pockets or vapor lock
- 5. Air leaks in suction line
- 6. Faulty relief valve in system
- 7. Pump not properly primed
- 8. Suction line not submerged in product
- 9. Worn pump

## **Pump Takes Too Much Power**

- 1. Speed too high
- 2. Liquid more viscous than anticipated
- 3. Operating pressure is higher than specified. Check this with gauge at the pump outlet
- 4. Outlet line obstructed
- 5. Mechanical defects, such as bent shaft, tight packing gland, or misalignment of piping
- 6. Relief valve in system not operating properly

## **Insufficient Liquid Delivered**

- 1. Air leaks in suction line
- 2. Air leaks in through packing
- 3. Speed too low
- 4. Suction lift too high
- 5. Partial air pockets or vapor lock
- 6. Restricted suction line
- 7. Faulty relief valve in system
- 8. Worn pump

#### **Excessive Noise**

- 1. Starved pump, liquid not getting into pump
- 2. Air leaks in suction line
- 3. Air or gases in liquid
- 4. Pump speed is too high
- 5. Improper mounting, check alignment thoroughly
- 6. Excessive discharge pressure

### **Rapid Wear of Stator**

- 1. Pump ran dry
- 2. Grit or dirt in liquid
- 3. Pumps running too fast
- 4. Excessive pressure
- 5. Corrosion

# Loss of Suction after Start-up

- 1. Pump not properly primed
- 2. Suction piping not submerged
- 3. Suction piping too small
- 4. Air leaks in suction
- 5. Insufficient liquid supply