8K Series Stainless Steel Vertical Multistage Pumps
Installation, Operational and Repair Manual

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Section 1 – General Information and Warnings

1.1 The user must comply with all local and national regulations that apply to the installation and operation of electric pumps. Operation of the 8K Series pumps must be compatible with the construction of the pump as shown in the SPECIFICATION section of these instructions.

⚠️ WARNING
Before any work is performed on the 8K Series pump, care should be taken to ensure that electric power is disconnected to the motor to prevent electric shock or premature starting which could cause damage to persons, things or the pump. Before starting the 8K Series pump, make sure that all cables, electrical connections and controls are in perfect working order and properly grounded. Improper installation can result in serious or even mortal accidents to persons.

Any electrical work should be performed by a licensed electrician.

1.2 8K Series Pumps with motor installed tend to be top heavy, care should be taken in handling and transporting to prevent damage or injury caused by the pump falling over.

Section 2 – Specifications

⚠️ CAUTION
Be careful not to exceed the given specifications in the use of your products.

2.1 See individual data sheet for specifications for each pump.

Section 3 – Pump Checks and Installation

3.1 Always check to make sure pump was not damaged in shipment before accepting delivery. If damage is evident, a claim should be filed with the carrier at that time.

3.2 Always check the pump label against the requirement to make sure you are installing the proper pump specified for the job.

3.3 Make sure that the pump suction, marked by a sticker, is connected to the liquid source and that the discharge, similarly marked, is connected to the discharge line.

⚠️ CAUTION
On three phase motor installations, always check for proper motor rotation prior to starting by jogging the motor. Shaft rotation must turn clockwise when viewed from the top of the motor.

Make sure the motor is correctly wired, refer to instructions on motor name plate.

3.4 Make sure that the pump base is firmly secured to a solid flat surface and that the suction and discharge lines are aligned and properly supported to prevent pipe strain on the pump.

3.5 Ensure that the suction and discharge gaskets are properly installed to prevent leaks and that they do not restrict the flow to or from the pump.

Standard ANSI mating flanges should be used to connect the pump to the piping. Suction and discharge piping should be no smaller than the respective pump port sizes.

3.6 Isolation valves should be installed on both the suction and discharge side of the pump in the event service of the pump is required.

3.7 Provide adequate space and ventilation around the pump for service and motor cooling.

⚠️ WARNING
Use standard plumbing practices to ensure unnecessary line losses, cavitation and prevent air lock.

3.8 If the installation of the motor is necessary, refer to section 5 for instructions.

⚠️ CAUTION
Extreme Caution should be used if priming the pump in this manner in a hot water application.

3.9 Priming the Pump
Completely prime the pump by removing the vent plug (920).

Using a funnel, fill the pump body with water until it overflows and replace plug.

Alternatively for installations with positive suction heads, close the discharge valve and remove the vent plug.

Open the suction valve until liquid flows out of the vent plug opening and then replace the vent plug securely and open discharge valve.

3.10 It is recommended that a bleed valve be installed in discharge line or in a line from the vent port to the reservoir. This will allow the pressure in the pump to be relieved for service.

⚠️ CAUTION
Installing a bleed valve is especially necessary in hot water applications to prevent injury.

3.11 Pipe, valves and fittings must have a pressure rating equal to or greater than the maximum system pressure.

3.12 A bypass or pressure relief valve should be installed in the discharge line if there is any possibility the pump may operate against a closed valve in the discharge line.

Minimum flow is required for proper cooling and lubrication of the pump without which, damage and premature failure will occur.

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# Instructions and Operation

## Section 4 – Operation

4.1 Make sure that the system is properly installed and primed as instructed in section 3.

4.2 Starting - When the pump is up to operating speed, open the discharge valve to obtain desired capacity or pressure.

⚠️ **WARNING**

Do not allow the pump to run with the discharge valve tightly closed. If the pump runs for an extended period of time without liquid being discharged, the liquid in the pump case can get extremely hot causing severe damage to the pump and possibly cause injury to people.

4.3 Check to make sure all electric connections are correct.

4.4 Apply power to the motor. Check motor rotation. Rotation should be clockwise when viewed from the top. Check that the noise, vibration, pressure, voltage and amps are at normal levels.

⚠️ **WARNING**

8K Series Pumps are designed for continuous and normal off/on operation. Rapid cycling can cause high heat and loading that can cause damage to the pump or motor.

4.5 Please refer to the motor manufacturer specifications for starts per hour.

## Section 5 – Motor Installation on bare Pump

⚠️ **WARNING**

When lifting the pump/motor, use appropriate crane (or hoist), check position and tightness of lift system so that weight of the pump is not UNBALANCED.

Failure to observe this precaution can result in serious accidents.

5A Procedure for mounting motors for the following models:

- 8K3 2 – 8K3 12, 8K10 2 – 8K10 3
- 8K5 2 – 8K5 6, 8K18 2
- 8K32 1

1. Follow general safety and electrical instructions on the motor name plate.
2. Remove coupling guard from the pump end.
3. Carefully loosen the screws on the coupling.
4. Position the motor vertically over the pump with the keyways lined up on the motor and the pump then lower motor into place. If necessary rotate the motor so that the mounting bolt holes line up with the corresponding holes in the pump bracket.
5. Insert the mounting bolts and tighten firmly using a crisscrossing pattern.
6. Using two screwdrivers, lever between the motor bracket and the coupling raise the pump shaft until it touches the motor shaft. Now tighten the coupling screws to secure the motor and pump shaft into position.
7. Rotate the coupling to assure that the pump turns freely. If rubbing occurs loosen the coupling screws on the motor side and repeat step (5).
8. Be sure to reinstall the coupling guards.

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### Maintenance and Service

For maintenance and service for each specific 8K model, please refer to the section as indicated in the table below.

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5B Procedures for mounting motors for the following models:
8K3 13 – 8K3 18, 8K32 All Sizes (Except 8K32 1)
8K5 7 – 8K5 17, 8K45 All sizes
8K10 4 – 8K10 16, 8K64 All Sizes
8K18 3 – 8K18 11

(1) Follow general safety and electrical instructions on the motor name plate.
(2) Attach a strong sling or chains to the motor lifting lugs or eyebolts to ensure that the motor is balanced when lifted vertically.
(3) Position the motor, shaft down, above the pump assembly.
(4) Apply a thin coat of anti-seize to the motor shaft and to the inside of the coupling.
(5) Ensure that the motor key has been placed firmly into the motor shaft keyway.
(6) Align the motor key and keyway with the coupling keyway and slowly lower the motor into position ensuring that the key slides into the coupling keyway.
(7) Prior to lowering the motor completely, rotate the motor so that the mounting holes are aligned with the holes in the motor support.
(8) Insert the four motor bolts into the proper holes and tighten evenly using an alternating crossing pattern to ensure proper alignment.

Section 6 – Removing Motor from Complete Pump

WARNING
For any removal or installation procedures, always disconnect the power first.

Failure to observe this precaution can result in serious accidents.

CAUTION
Extreme caution should be exercised in this operation since the pump may be under system pressure at this point. Before proceeding with the removal of the motor be sure to relieve the system pressure in the pump.

Use a pressure bleed valve in hot water applications where water temperature could cause physical injury.

6A Removing the motor from models:
8K3 2 – 8K3 12, 8K10 2 – 8K10 3
8K5 2 – 8K5 6, 8K18 2
8K32 1

(1) Following general safety and electrical instructions, disconnect the power to the motor and remove power cords.
(2) Loosen and remove the four motor bolts.
(3) Attach a strong sling or chains to the motor lifting lugs or eyebolts to ensure that the motor is balanced when lifted vertically.
(4) Slowly lift the motor off the pump assembly being careful to retain the shaft key. If the motor does not slide easily out of the coupling do not raise the pump into the air, dropping the pump end can cause damage. Fix the pump base to the floor or bench and lift motor again.

6B removing the motor from models:
8K3 13 - 8K3 18, 8K32 All Sizes (Except 8K32 1)
8K5 7 – 8K5 17, 8K45 All sizes
8K10 4 – 8K10 16, 8K64 All Sizes
8K18 3 – 8K18 11

(1) Following general safety and electrical instructions, disconnect the power to the motor and remove power cords.
(2) Loosen and remove the four motor bolts.
(3) Attach a strong sling or chains to the motor lifting lugs or eyebolts to ensure that the motor is balanced when lifted vertically.
(4) Slowly lift the motor off the pump assembly being careful to retain the shaft key. If the motor does not slide easily out of the coupling do not raise the pump into the air, dropping the pump end can cause damage. Fix the pump base to the floor or bench and lift motor again.

Section 7 – General Pump Maintenance and Disassembly Instructions

Disassembly Tips

• Before beginning, it is recommended that tape or some other method of marking be used to make markings on the outer “can” assembly to indicate orientation, such as “top” and “bottom”.
• Next, make corresponding alignment markings that indicate where the bottom of the can and lower casing assembly meet. Also make another marking to indicate where the top of the can and lower portion of the cast iron motor support meet.
• Always inspect for damage of other components and clean any debris that you may find during maintenance procedures.

7A Replacing the Mechanical Seal
8K3 2 – 8K3 12, 8K10 2 – 8K10 3
8K5 2 – 8K5 6, 8K18 2
8K32 1

(1) Isolate the pump by closing isolation valves on the suction and discharge lines.

BEFORE PROCEEDING TO STEP 2, PLEASE READ THE CAUTION BLOCK BELOW.

CAUTION
Extreme caution should be exercised in this operation since the pump is under system pressure at this point.

Relieve pressure before performing work on the pump.

Use a pressure bleed valve in hot water applications where water temperature could cause physical injury.

(2) Carefully relieve the pressure in the pump by opening the vent or drain plugs.
(3) Remove the motor as detailed in Section 6A.
(4) Remove the pump coupling bolts (908) and remove the coupling.
(5) Remove shaft pin (923).
(6) Remove the 4 socket head screws (909) from the stationary mechanical seal seat (910). Remove the seal seat and stationary seal. Press the old stationary seal assembly out of the stationary seal housing (910). The stationary seal is rubber O-ring mounted.
7B – Replacement of Pump Hydraulic Assembly

8K3 2 – 8K3 12, 8K10 2 – 8K10 3
8K5 2 – 8K5 6, 8K18 2
8K32 1

(1) Remove the old mechanical seal assembly and the outer casing as detailed in Section 7A, steps 1-10.
(2) Remove the old hydraulic assembly.
(3) Ensure that the proper replacement hydraulic (stack) assembly has been selected and provided for the pump.
(4) Lift the replacement hydraulic (stack) assembly and place it onto the bottom casing (929) ensuring that it is seated properly. The bottom impeller should slip into the casing wear ring.
(5) Using a new outer casing o-ring (927) apply a light film of lubricant such as Dow Corning #4 or similar to the o-ring and place it in the lower o-ring groove in the outer casing (926). Ensure that it is seated smoothly and evenly in the groove.
(6) Place the outer casing (926) over the entire assembly and install into the bottom casing (929). The outer casing may not seem to seat at this time, but the tie rods will be tightened in a later step, which will complete the seating of the outer casing (926).
(7) Using a new outer casing o-ring (927), apply a light film of lubricant such as Dow Corning #4, or similar, to the o-ring and place it into the o-ring groove on the upper pump body (926) ensuring that it is seated smoothly into the o-ring groove.
(8) Ensure that the rotating mechanical seal assembly is installed as detailed in Section 7A, steps 11 and 12.
(9) Carefully place the motor bracket (919) over the pump shaft and the tie rods and onto the outer casing.
(10) Replace the tie rod washers and nuts onto the tie rods finger tight.
(11) Commence staggered tightening of the tie rod nuts to ensure even distribution of pressure and proper seating of the motor bracket onto the pump casing (926). Tighten all nuts to fit snugly.

See torque specifications on back page.
(12) Slide the stationary seal seat assembly (910) over the shaft and into place. Secure the assembly by installing and tightening the 4 socket head screws.
(13) Re-install the shaft pin (923).
(14) Re-install the coupling by sliding one half and then the other over the shaft pin. Install the bolts in the lower half of the coupling tightening only until the shaft pin is secured in place and the coupling will not fall down the shaft. Final tightening of the coupling bolts will occur upon motor installation.
(15) For reinstallation of the motor, see Section 5A.

7C – Replacing the Mechanical Seal

8K3 13 – 8K3 18, 8K32 2-2 – 8K32 3-2
8K5 7 – 8K5 16, 8K45 1-1 – 8K45 1
8K10 4 – 8K10 16, 8K64 1-1
8K18 3 – 8K18 11

(1) For instructions on removing the motor from the pump see section 6B.
(2) Remove the coupling guards from each side of the pump motor support.
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(3) Remove the two socket head bolts that hold the shaft coupling together. Remove the front half of the shaft coupling exposing the shaft pin.

(4) Using pliers, carefully grasp the shaft pin (923) and remove it from the coupling and pump shaft. This will release the pump shaft from the fixed half of the coupling assembly.

(5) Remove the motor adapter assembly (905) that houses the upper bearing and the fixed portion of the coupling assembly. Insert two screwdrivers or small pry bars into the groove between the motor adapter (905) and the motor bracket (919) to separate them. Take care as not to damage or crack these parts.

(6) Remove the four small socket head bolts that secure the stationary seal seat. After removing these bolts, remove the stationary seal assembly (910). Slide the stationary seal seat over the pump shaft to remove.

Note: 8K models 32, 45 and 64 listed in section 7C are equipped with a cartridge type mechanical seal. You will be removing both the stationary and rotating pieces of the mechanical seal in this step. After removal of the seal go to step 19.

(7) Remove the tie rod nuts and washers. The motor bracket support (919) can now be removed.

(8) Remove the old rotating seal assembly by lifting vertically off the pump shaft. The rotating assembly is rubber boot mounted.

Do not remove the shaft sleeve that is below the rotating assembly.

(9) Remove the outer casing (926), remove the o-rings (927) from the top and bottom of the outer casing.

(10) Slide the new rotating seal assembly onto the shaft taking care not to scratch or touch the seal face. Apply a small amount of non-petroleum based lubricant on the inside of the rotating assembly. (i.e., dish soap, or Dow Corning #4 lubricant or similar) If touching the seal face is necessary, gently wipe with a clean soft tissue.

(11) Push the rotating seal assembly into place on the shaft, seating the rubber boot snugly.

(12) Carefully, press the stationary seal assembly into the stationary seal housing (910). Be sure that the stationary seal is evenly seated.

(13) Using a new outer casing o-ring (927) apply a light film of lubricant such as Dow Corning #4 or similar to the o-ring and place it in the lower o-ring groove in the outer casing (926). Ensure that it is seated smoothly and evenly in the groove.

(14) Place the outer casing (926) over the entire assembly and install into the bottom casing (929). The outer casing may not seem to seat at this time, but the tie rods will be tightened in a later step, which will complete the seating of the outer casing (926).

(15) Using a new outer casing o-ring (927), apply a light film of lubricant such as Dow Corning #4, or similar, to the o-ring and place it into the upper o-ring groove on the outer casing (926) ensuring that it is seated smoothly into the o-ring groove.

(16) Carefully place the motor bracket (919) over the pump shaft and the tie rods and onto the outer casing.

(17) Replace the tie rod washers and nuts onto the tie rods finger tight.

(18) Commence staggered tightening of the tie rod nuts to ensure even distribution of pressure and proper seating of the motor bracket onto the pump casing (926). Tighten all nuts to fit snugly.

See torque specifications on back page.

(19) Slide the stationary seal seat assembly (910) (or cartridge seal assembly if equipped) over the shaft and into place. Secure the assembly by installing and tightening the 4 socket head screws (909).

Note: 8K models 32, 45 and 64 After securing the seal in place as instructed above, tighten the three setscrews in the locking collar.

(20) With the hole in the end of the pump shaft visible through the side opening of the motor bracket (919), reinstall the upper motor adapter (905) and bearing assembly into the motor bracket. Be sure that the motor mounting holes are aligned correctly and the hole in the end of the pump shaft is lined up with the hole in the back of the motor coupling behind the pump shaft.

(21) Next, reinstall the shaft pin (923) into the hole in the pump shaft making sure that it seats inside the hole in the back of the coupling also. Reattach the other coupling half and tighten the two coupling bolts with an allen wrench. See torque specifications on back page.

(22) Refer to Section 58 for motor installation instructions.

7D – Replacing the Mechanical Seal and Hydraulic Assembly

8K3 13 – 8K3 18, 8K32 2-2 – 8K32 3-2
8K5 7 – 8K5 16, 8K45 1-1 – 8K45 1
8K10 4 – 8K10 16, 8K64 1-1
8K18 3 – 8K18 11

(1) Remove the old mechanical seal assembly and the outer casing as detailed in Section 7C.

(2) Remove the old hydraulic assembly.

(3) Ensure that the proper replacement hydraulic (stack) assembly has been selected and provided for the pump.

(4) Lift the replacement hydraulic (stack) assembly and place it onto the bottom casing (929) ensuring that it is seated properly. The bottom impeller should slip into the casing wear ring.

(5) Using a new outer casing o-ring (927) apply a light film of lubricant such as Dow Corning #4 or similar to the o-ring and place it in the lower o-ring groove in the outer casing (926). Ensure that it is seated smoothly and evenly in the groove.

(6) Place the outer casing (927) over the entire assembly and install it into the bottom casing (929). The outer casing may not seem to seat at this time, but the tie rods will be tightened in a later step, which will complete the seating of the outer casing (926).

(7) Using a new outer casing o-ring (927), apply a light film of lubricant such as Dow Corning #4, or similar, to the o-ring and place it into the upper o-ring groove on the outer casing (926) ensuring that it is seated smoothly into the o-ring groove.

(8) Ensure that the rotating mechanical seal assembly is installed as detailed in Section 7C, steps 10 and 11.

Note: 8K models 32, 45 and 64 listed in section 7D are equipped with a cartridge type mechanical seal; this step can be skipped. The cartridge seal will be installed at step 12. Proceed to step 9.

(9) Carefully place the motor bracket (919) over the pump shaft and the tie rods and onto the outer casing.

(10) Replace the tie rod washers and nuts onto the tie rods finger tight.
(8) Reinstall the shaft pin (923) through the hole in the pump shaft making sure that it seats in the blind hole in the back of the spacer coupling. This will disengage the pump shaft from the coupling.

(9) Firmly tighten the four hex head bolts (906A) that secure the spacer coupling to the upper coupling and bearing assembly above being sure that the drive key is positioned correctly so that these parts are properly engaged with each other. The working length of the seal is set by completion of this step. There is no other adjustment that needs to be made to the seal.

(10) Reattach the coupling guards to each side of the pump and then reinstall the motor to complete.

(11) See Section 5B for motor installation.

7F – Replacing the Mechanical Seal and Hydraulic Assembly

8K32 3 – 8K32 10-1
8K45 2-1 – 8K45 7-2
8K64 1 – 8K64 4

(1) Complete step 1- step 5 from section 7E.

(2) Remove the tie rod nuts and washers. The cast iron motor stool (919) and upper bearing assembly can now be removed.

(3) Remove the outer casing (926). remove the o-rings (927) from the top and bottom of the outer casing.

(4) Lift the replacement hydraulic assembly and place it onto the pump casing (929) ensuring that it is seated properly. The bottom impeller should slip into the casing wear ring.

(5) Using a new outer casing o-ring (927) apply a light film of lubricant such as Dow Corning #4 or similar to the o-ring and place it in the lower o-ring groove in the outer casing (926). Ensure that it is seated smoothly and evenly in the groove.

(6) Place the outer casing (926) over the entire assembly and install it into the bottom casing (929). The outer casing (926) may not seem to seat at this time, but the tie rods will be tightened in a later step, which will complete the seating of the outer casing (926).

(7) Using a new outer casing o-ring (927), apply a light film of lubricant such as Dow Corning #4, or similar, to the o-ring and place it into the o-ring groove on the upper pump body (926) ensuring that it is seated smoothly into the o-ring groove.

(8) Carefully place the motor stool (919) over the pump shaft and the tie rods and onto the outer casing.

(9) Replace the tie rod washers and nuts onto the tie rods finger tight.

(10) Commence staggered tightening of the tie rod nuts to ensure even distribution of pressure and proper seating of the motor bracket onto the pump casing (926). Tighten all nuts to fit snugly. See torque specifications on back page.

(11) Carefully install the new cartridge seal over the pump shaft and into the top of the pump being sure that it is firmly seated. Re-install the four retaining bolts that secure the cartridge seal to the pump and tighten the three setscrews in the locking collar.

(12) Reinstall the spacer coupling. Thread the hex head bolts (906A) back through the top of the spacer coupling loosely so it is supported but do not fully tighten. Be sure that the cross key is aligned with the keyway in the bearing assembly above. Spin the spacer coupling so that hole in the pump shaft is aligned with hole in the rear of the spacer coupling.

(1) Complete step 1- step 5 from section 7E.

(2) Remove the tie rod nuts and washers. The cast iron motor stool (919) and upper bearing assembly can now be removed.

(3) Remove the outer casing (926). remove the o-rings (927) from the top and bottom of the outer casing.

(4) Lift the replacement hydraulic assembly and place it onto the pump casing (929) ensuring that it is seated properly. The bottom impeller should slip into the casing wear ring.

(5) Using a new outer casing o-ring (927) apply a light film of lubricant such as Dow Corning #4 or similar to the o-ring and place it in the lower o-ring groove in the outer casing (926). Ensure that it is seated smoothly and evenly in the groove.

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(9) Replace the tie rod washers and nuts onto the tie rods finger tight.

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(13) Reinstall the shaft pin (923) through the hole in the pump shaft making sure that it seats in the blind hole in the back of the spacer coupling. Once the shaft pin has been installed and the pump shaft and spacer coupling are engaged via the shaft pin, install the front half of the spacer coupling and install the two socket head bolts (908) that secure it.

(14) Firmly tighten the four hex head bolts (906A) that secure the entire spacer coupling to the upper coupling and bearing assembly above being sure that the drive key is positioned correctly so that these parts are properly engaged with each other.

The working length of the seal is set by completion of this step. There is no other adjustment that needs to be made to the seal.

(15) Reattach the coupling guards to each side of the pump and then reinstall the motor to complete.

(16) Refer to section 5B for motor installation instructions.

### Torque Specifications

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