Hydra-Cell[®] Principles of Operation - Wobble Plate API 674 option available



Reliable, Efficient Pumping Action

The drive shaft (1) is rigidly held in the pump housing by a large tapered roller bearing (2) at the rear of the shaft and a smaller bearing at the front of the shaft. Set between another pair of large bearings is a fixed-angle cam or Wobble Plate (3).

As the drive shaft turns, the swash plate moves, oscillating forward and back (converting axial motion into linear motion). The complete pumping mechanism is submerged in a lubricating oil bath.

The hydraulic cell (4) is moved sequentially by the Wobble plate and filled with oil on their rearward stroke. A ball check valve in the bottom of the piston ensures that the cell remains full of oil on its forward stroke.

The oil held in the Hydra-Cell balances the back side of the diaphragms (5) and causes the diaphragms to flex forward and back as the Wobble plate moves. This provides the pumping action.

To provide long trouble-free diaphragm life, Hydra-Cell hydraulically balances the diaphragm over the complete

pressure range of the pump. The diaphragm faces only a 0.21 bar pressure differential regardless of the pressure at which liquid is being delivered - up to 172 bar on standard Hydra-Cell models and Hydra-Cell metering pumps.

Hydra-Cell Wobble plate pumps can have up to five diaphragms, and each diaphragm has its own pumping chamber that contains an inlet and discharge self-aligning spring loaded check valve assembly (6). As the diaphragms move back, liquid enters the pump through a common inlet and passes through one of the inlet check valves. On the forward stroke, the diaphragm forces the liquid out the discharge check valve (7) and through the manifold common outlet. Equally spaced from one another, the diaphragms operate sequentially to provide consistent, low-pulse flow.

A Hydra-Cell C62 pressure regulating valve (8) is typically installed on the discharge side of the pump to regulate the pressure of downstream process or equipment.