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## **ME Series**

**Stainless Steel Multistage Centrifugal Pump**

# **Installation & Operating Manual**



**Congratulations on Your Choice in Purchasing this Webtrol Pump!**

Its Quality is unsurpassed in material and workmanship and has been factory tested.  
If properly installed, it will give many years of trouble free service.

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## Introduction

This manual was prepared to assist the installer and/or operator in understanding the proper method of installing, operating and maintaining the ME Series Multistage Centrifugal Pump. We recommend that you thoroughly understand the proper installation and start-up procedures, prior to starting the pump. If these procedures are followed, you will have years of trouble-free service.

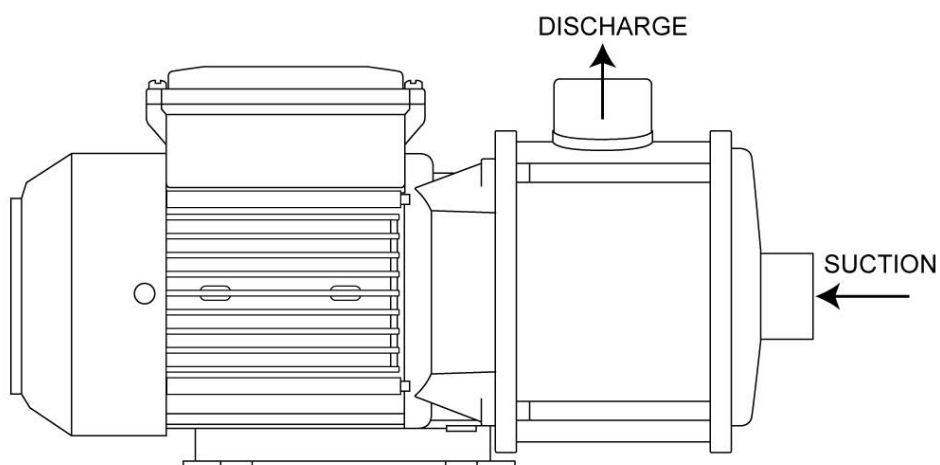
## WARNING

### Rules for Safe Installation and Operation

1. Read these rules and instructions carefully. Failure to follow them could cause serious bodily injury and/or property damage.
2. Check your local codes before installing. You must comply with their rules.
3. For maximum safety, this product should be connected to a grounded circuit equipped with a ground fault interrupter device.
4. Before installing this product, have the electrical circuit checked by an electrician to make sure it is properly grounded.
5. Before installing or servicing your pump, BE CERTAIN pump power source is disconnected.
6. Make sure the line voltage and frequency of the electrical current supply agrees with the motor wiring. If motor is dual voltage type, BE SURE it is wired correctly for your power supply.
7. Complete pump and piping system MUST be protected against below freezing temperature. Failure to do so could cause severe damage and void the Warranty.
8. Avoid system pressures that may exceed one and a half times the operating point selected from the pump performance curve.
9. Do not run your pump dry. If it is, there will be damage to the pump seal.
10. Do not operate the pump in flammable and / or explosive atmosphere.

## General Description

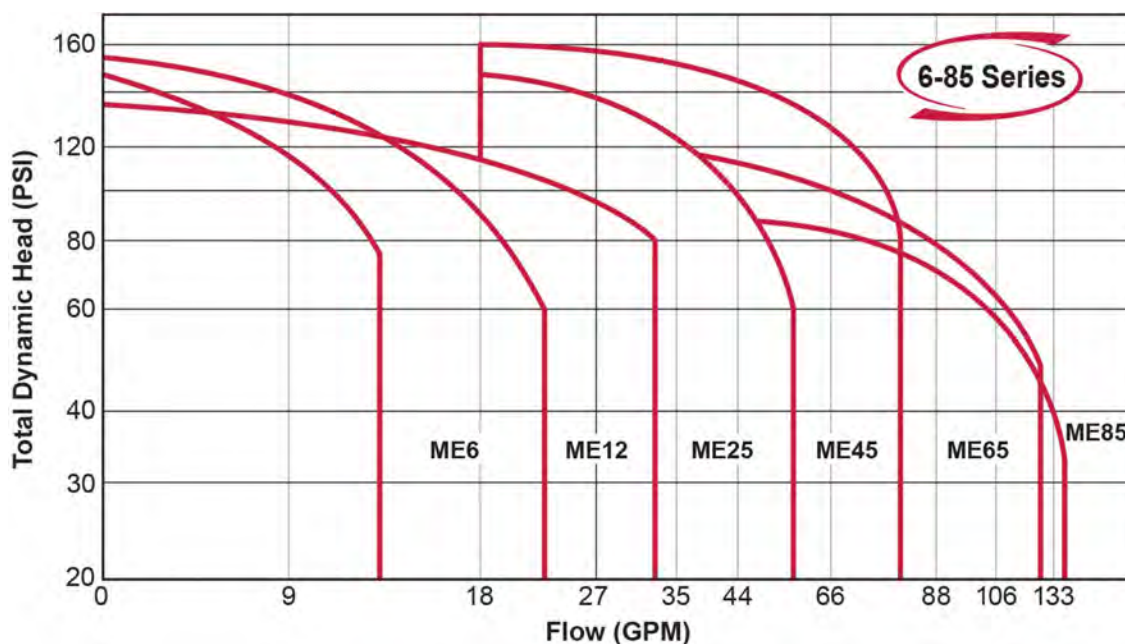
The ME Series Multistage Centrifugal Pump may be used for the pumping of clean water and other fluids compatible with 316 stainless steel. These pumps are not to be used for handling dirty water or water with suspended solids, water containing acids, or corrosive liquids, and flammable or dangerous liquids. Please see pump specifications for fluid temperature ranges. These pumps are not designed to run without water.



## Curves And Specifications

# CENTRIFUGAL PUMP

## STAINLESS STEEL MULTISTAGE



	Suction	Discharge
<b>Size:</b>		
ME6	1"	1"
ME12	1"	1"
ME25	1-1/4"	1"
ME45	1-1/2"	1-1/2"
ME65	2"	2"
ME85	2"	2"

**Liquid Handled:** Type of liquid . . . . .Clean Water  
 Temperature of Liquid . 212 Degrees (F) Max.  
 Working Pressure . . . .160 PSI Max.

**Materials:** Casing . . . . .316 Stainless Steel  
 Impeller . . . . .316 Stainless Steel  
 Shaft . . . . .316 Stainless Steel  
 Bracket.. . . . Aluminum or Cast Iron  
 Mechanical Seal . . . .Carbon/Ceramic/Viton

**Motor:** Type . . . . .IP55  
 Speed . . . . .3450 RPM (2 pole)  
 Phase / Voltage . . . .3 Phase 230/460V 1 Phase 115V 230V  
 Rotation . . . . .Clockwise when viewed from motor end

## Pump Inspection And Handling

When receiving your pump, check to see if the shipment has been damaged in any way or if any parts seem to be missing. If so, note the damage or shortage on the bill of lading and the freight bill. Make any claims to the transportation company immediately. Keep all packaging materials until the claim is resolved.

The Webtrol ME Series Stainless Steel Multistage Centrifugal pump should remain in the shipping carton until it is ready to be installed.

Do not drop or mishandle the pump prior to installation.

## Instructions And Operation

### Package Contents

1. Be sure all parts have been furnished and that nothing has been damaged in shipment.
2. The catalog lists all parts included with package.
3. Open packages and make this check before going to the job site.

**Piping** - Pipes must line up and not be forced into position by unions. Piping should be independently supported near the pump so that no strain will be placed on the pump casing. Where any noise is objectionable, pump should be insulated from the piping with rubber connections. Always keep pipe size as large as possible and use a minimum number of fittings to reduce friction losses.

**Suction Piping** - Suction pipe should be direct and as short as possible. It should be at least one size larger than suction inlet tapping and should have a minimum number of elbows and fittings (5 to 6 pipe diameters of straight pipe before inlet is recommended). The piping should be laid out so that it slopes upward to pump without dips or high points so that air pockets are eliminated. The highest point in the suction piping should be the pump inlet except where liquid flows to the pump inlet under pressure.

The suction pipe must be tight and free of air leaks or pump will not operate properly.

**Discharge Piping** - Discharge piping should never be smaller than pump tapping and should preferably be one size larger. A valve should always be installed in discharge line for throttling if capacity is not correct. To protect the pump from water hammer and to prevent backflow, a check valve should be installed in the discharge line between the pump and gate valve.

**Electrical Connections** - Be sure motor wiring is connected for voltage being used. Unit should be connected to a separate circuit. A fused disconnect switch or circuit breaker must be used in this circuit. Wire of sufficient size should be used to keep voltage drop to a maximum of 5%. See Fig. 1 for wiring diagrams.

**Priming** - The pump must be primed before starting. The pump casing and suction piping must be filled with water before starting motor. Remove vent plug in top of casing while pouring in priming water. A hand pump or injector can be used for priming when desired. When water is poured into pump to prime, remove all air before starting motor.

**Starting** - When the pump is up to operating speed, open the discharge valve to obtain desired capacity or pressure. Do not allow the pump to run for long periods 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.

**Rotation** - All single phase motors are single rotation and leave factory with proper rotation. Three phase motors should be checked to ensure proper rotation.

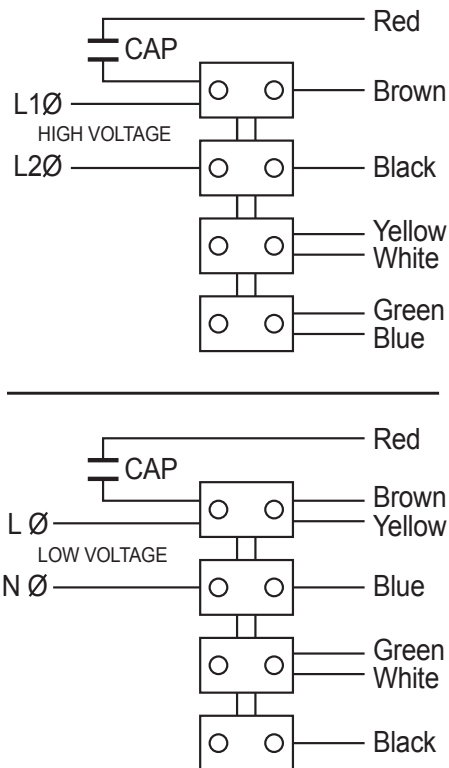
**Freezing** - Care should be taken to prevent the pump from freezing during cold weather. It may be necessary, when there is any possibility of this, to drain the pump casing when not in operation. Drain by removing the pipe plug in the bottom of the casing.

**Rotary Seal** - These stainless steel pumps are fitted only with a rotary seal. This seal is recommended for liquids free from abrasives.

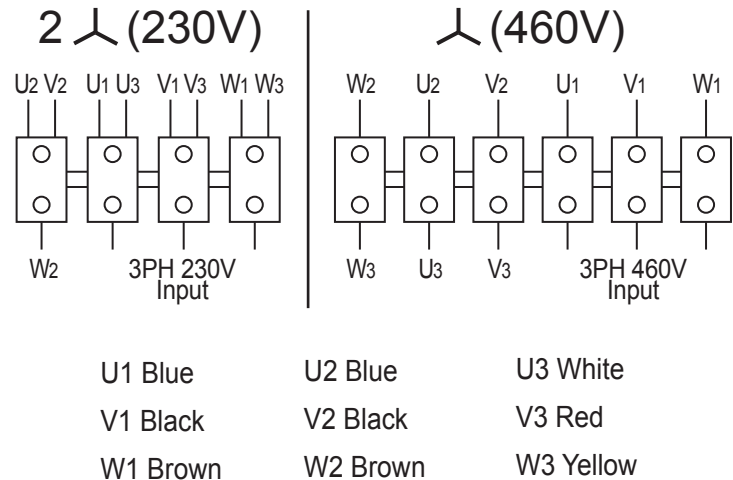
**Location Of Unit** - The pump should be installed as near to the liquid source as is practical so that the static suction head (vertical distance from the center line of the pump to water level) is maximized, and so that a short, direct suction pipe may be used. The capacity of a centrifugal pump is reduced when the unit is operated under a high suction lift. The piping should be as free from turns and bends as possible because elbows and fittings increase friction losses. Place the unit so that it is readily accessible for service and maintenance and on a solid foundation which provides a rigid and vibration-free support. Protect the pump against flooding and excess moisture.

**Fig. 1**

### Single Phase Wiring Diagram



### 3 Phase Wiring Diagram



## Mounting Instructions

### Mounting The Assembly

Do not operate the pump unless it is securely and properly mounted.

Misalignment of the pump or not having it reasonably level may cause pump vibration, noisy operation, fluid leaks, or air leaks and air locks in the suction pipe.

1. Place the pump in its intended operating position.
2. Level the pump through the centerline of the suction inlet.

## Mounting Instructions

### WARNING: INITIAL OPERATION

Make certain the motor is not connected to a power source until the motor is properly assembled and mounted. Serious personal injury or damage to the motor/pump assembly could occur if the motor is activated improperly.

Only a certified electrician should make electrical connections.

1. Prime the pump by adding fluid to the volute case through the top plug. To properly prime the pump, venting may be required.
2. Check the nameplate on the motor to determine the correct wiring procedure for your intended power source and if the motor is single or three phase. Connect the motor to a power source by following the wiring procedure on the motor's nameplate.

### Note:

- a. Check the nameplate and follow the proper wiring procedure for the voltage you are using. Improperly wiring the motor could result in damage to the motor.
  - b. Three phase motors require a motor starter. Install overload protection to help prevent motor damage.
  - c. On three phase motors, proper rotation of the motor shaft is clockwise when viewed from the end opposite the suction inlet. If the rotation is counter - clockwise exchange the electrical connections on two motor terminals.
- Always follow correct operating procedures.
  - Always disconnect the motor from all power sources before servicing the pump or motor.
  - Periodically check all power connections, bolts, and the motor's mounting.
  - Failure to properly follow assembly and operating instructions could result in damage to the pump and motor.

## Maintenance

### Service

Keep ventilation openings clear of extraneous objects which may hinder the flow of air thru the motor. Motor bearing are lubricated during manufacture. Additional lubrication is not required during their normal lifetime.

### CAUTION

**Draining** - The pump and piping should always be protected from freezing temperatures. If there is any danger of freezing, the unit should be drained. To drain the pump, remove the drain plug at the bottom of the volute, and remove the priming plug to vent the pump. Drain all piping.

The pump does not require special maintenance.

The following rules must be observed for safe operation:

- If the pump is not going to be used for a long period, the pump should be drained of water and flushed with clean water.
- Where the pump is exposed to freezing temperatures, it should always be left drained when not in use.

Pump Does Not Run	
Possible Cause Of Trouble	Corrective Action
Motor wired for incorrect voltage.	Check motor wiring diagram for proper voltage connection.
Wrong wiring of control circuit.	Correct control circuit.
Bound shaft	Remove cause of obstruction.
Mechanical seal faces stuck together	Release seal by turning shaft.
Faulty motor	Replace motor.
Damage to bearing	Replace any damaged bearing.
Grounded Motor	Replace motor.

Pump Does Not Pump Water. Inadequate Quantity.	
Possible Cause Of Trouble	Corrective Action
Considerable voltage drop.	Check wire size from main switch to motor. Verify that the motor voltage matches the power supply voltage.
Incorrect shaft rotation on three phase motor.	Interchange any two incoming leads to the motor.
Lack of priming.	Re-prime the pump & review the suction conditions.
High discharge head.	Re-examine the plan.
Diameter of suction/discharge pipe is too small	Size of inlet pipe to be at least one size larger than suction inlet tapping. Minimum discharge piping to be equal to pump tapping.
Clogged foot valve.	Remove obstruction from foot valve.
Leakage from suction piping.	Re-install as per instructions.
Suction lift too high	Reduce suction lift.

Overcurrent	
Possible Cause Of Trouble	Corrective Action
Considerable fluctuation of power supply voltage.	Contact power company.
Considerable voltage drop.	Check for correct wire size.
Low head and overflow rate.	Throttle flow rate on the discharge line.
Damaged pump.	Replace damaged pump.

Pump Vibrates, Excessive Operating Noise	
Possible Cause Of Trouble	Corrective Action
Cavitation (Noise like gravel in the pump)	Increase the size of inlet line, or reduce flow rate (GPM)
Pump not secured to firm foundation	Bolt down to firm foundation.
Improper piping	Secure piping again.
Foreign matter clogging cooling fan.	Remove foreign matter.
Insufficient supply voltage	Check incoming voltage/contact power company.

Pressurizing Application. Pump Starts And Soon Stops.	
Possible Cause Of Trouble	Corrective Action
Too limited pressure switch setting.	Replace pressure switch to wider range.
	Check and repair leaks.

Pump Does Not Stop	
Possible Cause Of Trouble	Corrective Action
Leakage in system.	Repair leak.
Too high pressure setting.	Reduce max pressure setting on the pressure switch.



## Chemical Compatibility Chart

Item No.	Pumpage Type	Conc. %	Temp. °F	Code Level
1	Acetic acid	10	68	A
2	Ammonium bicarbonate	10	68	B
3	Ammonium carbonate		68	C
4	Ammonium chloride	10	68	A
5	Ammonium hydroxide	20	72	A
6	Ammonium nitrate	5		A
7	Beer			A
8	Benzilic acid	10	212	B
9	Benzilic acid		212	B
10	Boric acid	5	140	A
11	Boric acid	5	200	A
12	Brine			A
13	Butyric acid	Wat. Sol.		B
14	Calcium chloride		68	A
15	Calcium nitrate	10		B
16	Calcium phosphate	10	212	A
17	Citric acid	5	150	B
18	Coffee			A
19	Copper sulfate	5	140	A
20	Ethylene glycol			A
21	Fluosilicic acid	20	68	A
22	Fruit juices			A
23	Hydrocyanic acid		68	A
24	Hydrogen peroxide		68	A
25	Lactic acid	10	140	A
26	Magnesium chloride		70	A
27	Magnesium sulfate	100	200	AB
28	Maleic acid	50	122	A
29	Milk			A
30	Nitric acid	50	86	B
31	Oleic acid		68	A
32	Oxalic acid	1	68	A
33	Phosphoric acid	20	68	A
34	Phthalic acid	Wat. Sol.		A
35	Potassium bicarbonate	30	68	A
36	Potassium carbonate	40	68	A
37	Potassium chloride	10	68	A
38	Potassium hydroxide	100	70	A
39	Potassium permanganate		68	B
40	Potassium phosphate	100	70	C
41	Potassium sulfate			A

Item No.	Pumpage Type	Conc. %	Temp. °F	Code Level
42	Propionic acid	100	212	A
43	Propylene glycol	60	68	A
44	Salicyclic acid		68	AB
45	Sodium bicarbonate	10	68	A
46	Sodium carbonate		140	A
47	Sodium chloride			A
48	Sodium hydroxide	10	140	B
49	Sodium nitrate	10		A
50	Sodium phosphate		70	A
51	Sodium sulfate	10	140	A
52	Sulfuric acid	10	68	B
53	Sulfurous acid	Sat.	68	C
54	Sulfurous acid	10	68	B
55	Tannic acid	10	68	A
56	Tartaric acid	10	68	A
57	Tea			A
58	Vinegar		140	A
59	Water		230	A
60	Water, condensation		70	A
61	Water, de-cationized			A
62	Water, demineralized			A
63	Water, distilled			A
64	Water, mine			A
65	Water, sea		70	A
66	Water, thermal			A
67	Wine-Whiskey			A

### Code Key:

**A = Good   B = Fair   C = Poor**

**NR = Not Recommended**

**Important:** Pumpages coded C "poor" may result in reduced or unsatisfactory service life.

Where hot and aggressive liquids are to be pumped, in addition to checking the chemical compatibility, bear in mind that any deviations in temperature, density, and viscosity from the reference data would bring about variations in terms of power input, hydraulic performance, and suction capacity. Make sure in all cases that the power input is not higher than the rated power.

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## **Thank You for Purchasing an ME Series Multistage Centrifugal Pump**

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