



GUIDE TO PUMPS, AND RELATED
HYDRAULICS TECHNICAL REFERENCE
MANUAL
A “MUST READ” FOR ANY IRRIGATION
PROFESSIONAL

By Robert Beausoleil

11 LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU

1120 Goffle Road
Hawthorne NJ 07506
973-423-0222

1000 Airport Road
Lakewood, NJ 08701
732-363-5034

314 West Basin Road
New Castle DE 19720
302-328-3326

8207B Rear Clover Leaf Drive
Millersville MD 21108
410-761-9455

4910 Quality Drive
Fredericksburg VA 22408
540-891-8100

64 S. Jefferson Road
Whippany NJ 07981
973-386-9076

852 E. Main Street
Norristown PA 19401
610-277-9764

223 Blackwood/Barnsboro Rd
Sewell NJ 08080
856-228-6070

4120 Pepsi Place
Chantilly VA 20151
703-263-1272

38373 Sussex Highway, Suite 1
Delmar DE 19940
302-846-3118

131 Lloyd Street
Allentown, PA 18109
610-231-2009

INDEX

Pump Types and Must Know Formula	pg. 3
Sizing a Pump For Sucking Out of a Pond.....	pg. 4
Recommended Suction Pump Installation.....	pg. 5-6
Booster Pump Installation	pg. 7-8
Well Test to Determine How Much Water Is Produced from an Existing Pumping System...	pg. 9-10
General Purpose Centrifugal Pump Curve	pg. 11
Self Priming Centrifugal Pump Curve	pg.12-13
Self Priming Centrifugal Multi-stage Pump	pg. 14
Centrifugal Multi-stage Pump Curve	pg. 15
Submersible Pump Curve.....	pg. 16
Simer Booster Pump Data Sheet.....	pg. 17
Mascontrol Data Sheet	pg. 18

SIZING A PUMP FOR THE PURPOSE OF RUNNING AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM SUCKING OUT OF A POND USING A SELF PRIMING CENTRIFUGAL PUMP

1. Design your irrigation system using a piping grid with proper velocities around 5 FPS (feet per second) and minimal pressure loss through the piping grid.
2. Determine friction loss through your system.
EXAMPLE: 18 GPM (assumption: there are no elevation changes at this property)
 1. Distance from pond to pump is 20' = loss in 1.5" poly pipe = (no need to calculate, very small)
 2. Distance from pump to farthest valve is 700' = loss in 1.5" poly pipe = 1.01 per 100 feet * 7 = 7.07 PSI lost.
 3. Loss through 100DV 1" = 5 PSI lost.
 4. Distance to first head 100' with 1.25" poly = 2.13 PSI lost.
 5. Heads are 3 GPM spaced 40' apart.
 - a. Loss to second head at 15 GPM with 1.25" poly = $2.13 \times .4 = .852$ PSI lost.
 - b. Loss to third head at 12 GPM with 1" poly = $3.82 \times .4 = 1.52$ PSI lost.
 - c. Loss to fourth head at 9 GPM with 1" poly = $2.24 \times .4 = .896$ PSI lost.
(If you stay with 1" poly you do not have to do any more calculations)
3. Add up all your friction loss calculations: $7.07 + 5 + 2.13 + .852 + 1.52 + .896 = 17.468$ pounds per square inch will be lost through our system design.
4. Now let's change our loss to feet of head: $17.468 / .433 = 40.34$ feet of head.
5. Remember: we assumed that there were no elevation changes within our piping grid. If there were we would have to calculate head (elevation) at .433 per foot of elevation and add this to our total desired pump output. But for realistic sake we must make the pump higher than the pond to stay dry. So we will say the pump is 16 feet above the pond.
6. For the sprinkler heads to operate we need at least 35 PSI at the sprinkler
7. Now let's add up our minimum total requirements in terms of head needed at 18 GPM to operate this system: 40.34 (pipe grid) + 16 (elevation above pond) + 80.83 (PSI to run heads $35 / .433 = 137.17$ feet of head or 59.39 PSI ($137.17 \times .433$))
8. Time to look at pump charts.
 - A. How about Aeromotor SPCA series on Page 13?
 - B. Maximum feet of head out of a 2HP @ 20 GPM is 120, so this pump will not work.
 - C. How about the 2 stage centrifugal DMC series Page 14?
 - D. The DMC2-150 will give us around 140 feet of head and it is only a 1.5HP pump. This one will work for your needs.

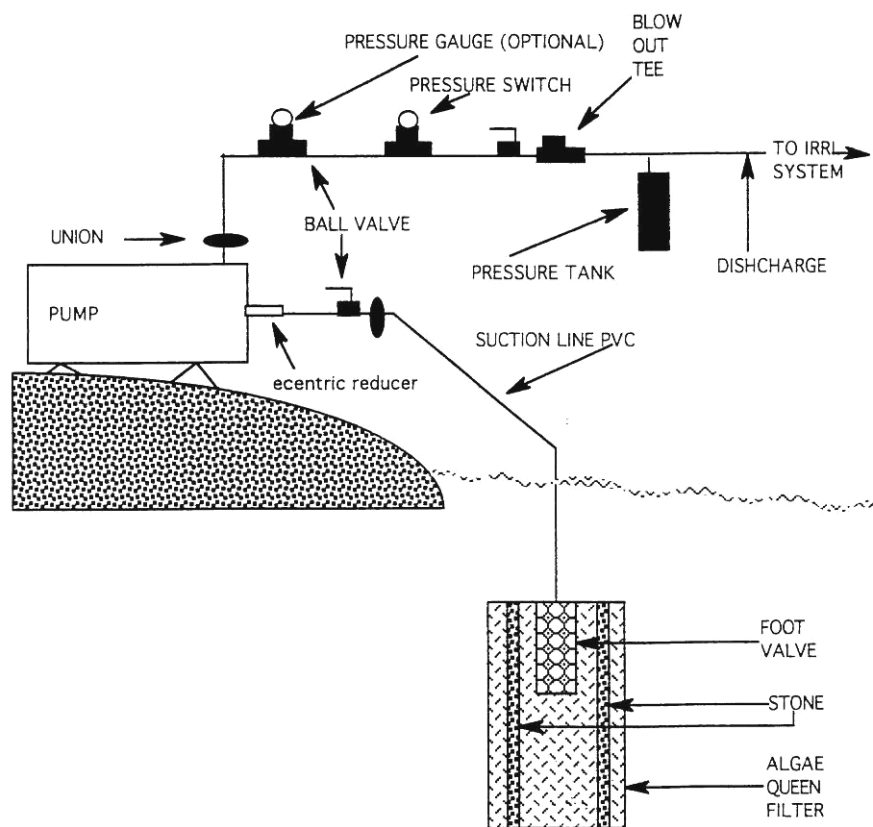
* Typically we sell way too many high horsepower pumps to get the desired pressure when all that is needed are lower horsepower dual stage higher pressure, "center of curve pumps".

AQUARIUS RECOMMENDED SUCTION PUMP INSTALLATION PROCEDURE

Note: Only a self priming pump should be used.

1. Design your irrigation system and choose the proper pump to do the job.
2. Buy a cheap dog house or build an enclosure so the pump will stay dry and it will be accessible for repair and winterization.
3. Find an old car tire and rim that holds air. Buy an “Algae Queen” from Aquarius so you can bolt it to the rim through the lug nut holes. Assemble the Algae Queen with a foot valve (check valve with a screen) in the center and pea gravel around the outer and inner screens.
4. Attach a suction line to the unit and float it in the pond and secure the float to the bottom with an anchor or secure it to the shore. A suction line should always rise to a pump, air must travel out. Under no circumstances should a suction line ever undulate up and down, trapping air in the high spots.
5. The suction line should be removed after blowing out the lines.
6. Install the sprinkler system main to the discharge side of the pump and your plumbing hookup is done. Remember to install a blow-out valve for winterization.
7. Your pump is high voltage so it will need to be powered by household current and started by a pump relay which will be activated by the irrigation controller. We recommend that you have a licensed electrician hook up all the electrical service to the pump. Include this cost in your job.
8. All that is left is to wire up the pump start relay and run your system.
9. As an option a Mascontrol pump controller should be used as a quality option. Benefits include: Always pressurized main, no pump start relay, no long wire run for the relay, no burnt-out pumps and melted suction lines from a pump that was run dry from a loss of prime. THIS IS THE BEST KEPT SECRET IN OUR INDUSTRY.

TYPICAL PUMP OUT OF POND



BOOSTER PUMP INSTALLATION USING A GENERAL PURPOSE CENTRIFUGAL PUMP

Note: Just because you are installing a pump you can not get any more water than the water service will give you. All you are going to do is increase the pressure.

The first thing you must do is determine how much water is available from the city service line. If a given home has a static pressure of 30 PSI and has 6 GPM available at 20 PSI and 12 GPM at 12 PSI, you might as well draw, or should I say accept the maximum gallons available without extremely high velocities.

Now design your irrigation system around the available gallons and calculate all friction loss within your piping grid. Then choose what operating pressure you desire for your system. EXAMPLE: 12 PSI will be lost to friction loss and you need 40 PSI to operate your system.

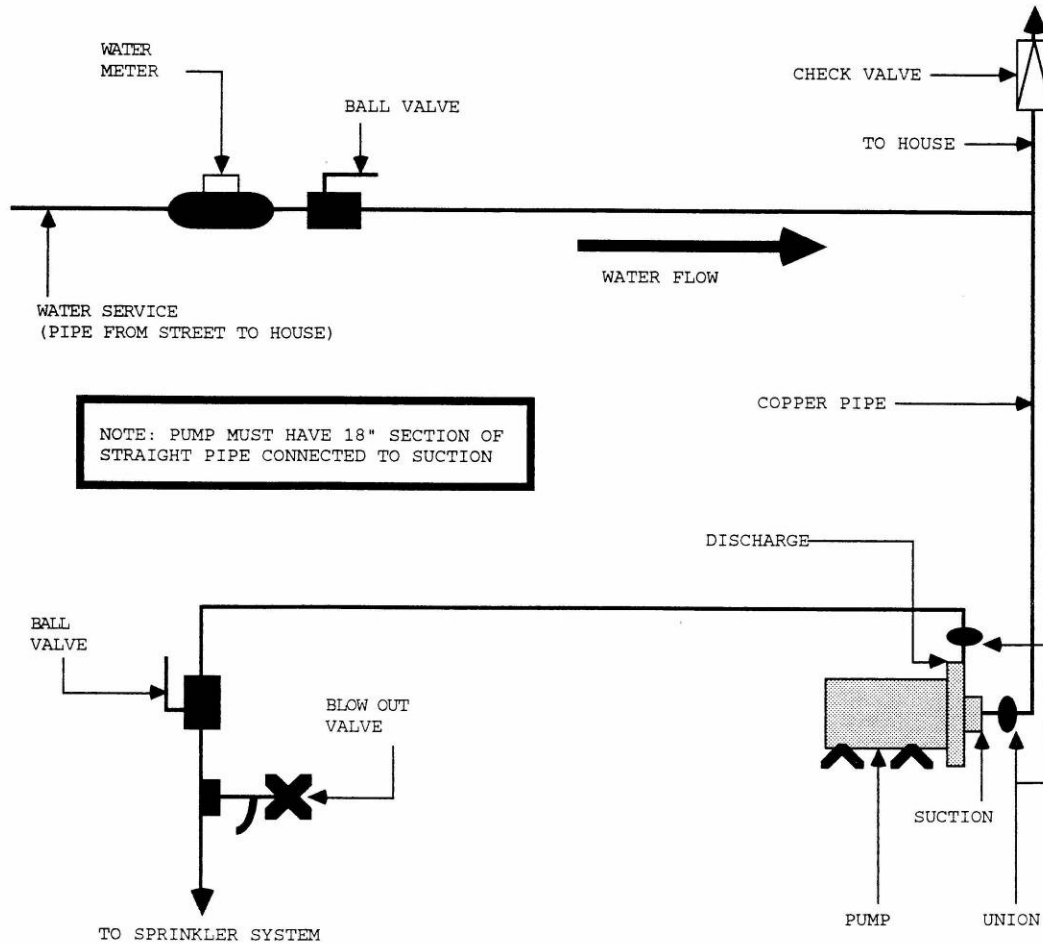
The next step is to determine what pump you are going to use. First you must determine what pressure you are looking for and at what gallonage. In this example we had already determined that we can get 12 GPM from our service line. Most people do not take into consideration the inlet pressure as contributing to our total desired pressure. In this example we determined that at 12 GPM we need 52 PSI to operate the system. But the pump only needs to produce 40 PSI ($52(\text{desired pressure}) - 12 (\text{inlet pressure}) = 40 \text{ PSI}$).

We have now determined that our pump must produce 40 PSI at 12 GPM. Our pump curves are in feet of head so we must convert PSI to feet of head. $40 / .433 = 92.37$ feet of head. Now look at your pump charts.

On page (11) is an example of a pump chart. As you can see when you look at the chart if you follow the 12 GPM up and the 92.37 feet of head they intersect at the $\frac{3}{4}$ HP pump.

For a very easy “turn key” installation of a booster pump for the entire house, look at the Simmer pump on page 17. If this does not produce enough pressure consider any pump using a mascontrol unit. This technology has been a real benefit to our industry.

BOOSTER PUMP INSTALLATION WITH RELAY



THE ONLY REAL WAY TO DETERMINE HOW MUCH WATER IS PRODUCED BY A PUMPING SYSTEM THAT YOU DID NOT DESIGN

Thought process: you come upon an existing pumping system typically a deep well pump installation where the home does not have city water. Many factors determine what this system will produce such as the depth of the well, static water level of the well, water line size and others. So the fact is you must run this test to negate all variables and get a true reading.

If at all possible, contact the well installer and ask them what the recovery rate of the well is. This is how fast the well refills itself. It is possible to suck more water from the well than the well will produce. It is however a rare occurrence an installer will install a pump that can be burnt out if it runs out of water.

NOTE: A pump will last significantly longer when it does not cycle. That is go on and off every minute or so. Pumps want to run constantly when they are in demand. This way they do not burn out their relay and capacitor starter. This simple fact is one important reason to perform this test and extract as much water as possible to prolong the life of the pump as well as give you as much water as possible to work with.

DEFINITION: PRESSURE SWITCH a Pressure Switch is the device that turns on and off a pump. It is nothing more than an electrical switch (Contactor) that turns on at a low pressure setting and turns off at a high pressure setting. Typically they have a 20 PSI pressure differential between the on setting and the off setting. Typical switches are 20/40, 40/60 and 60/80. The pressure switch is a little gray box with wires going in it. If you take off the gray cover typically the pressure settings of the switch are written inside. If the switch is in the low end 20/40 you will most likely have to change it out with a 40/60. But first you will have to determine if the pump is capable of producing 60 PSI so it will actually reach the high pressure limit and actually turn off. This is explained below.

NOW THE BIG TEST WE WERE TALKING ABOUT:

1. Run your plumbing from the pressure tank outside the foundation of the residence and leave it as a pipe stub. This will enable you to have a place to actually calculate how much water is available. Other outlets if not restrictive can be used.
2. Take off the top of the pressure switch and read what model it is (20/40, 40/60 etc). If you have a 40/60 or higher you are in good shape. If you have a lower model you will want to press the contacts in the switch into the on position **WITH A NON METALLIC ITEM SUCH AS A WOODEN STICK**. Watch the pressure climb on the tank and make sure it goes at least 10 pounds above the high setting on the new switch you are going to have to install. You can still do the test without installing the new switch.
3. Determine how many pounds of pressure you will want at your tank to run your system. **EXAMPLE:** I always run my heads at 35 PSI and usually lose 10 PSI to friction loss so I need 45 PSI at my tank. If you currently have a 20/40 switch you can turn down the big nut and usually get an additional 10 pounds out of the switch 30/50.

4. Open up your ball valve to your pipe stub outside the foundation and watch the pressure switch turn on. At this point slowly throttle back the ball valve so it restricts the flow and you will slowly see the pressure in the tank increase. Throttle back to the point where the pressure gauge reads 45 PSI. Observe the gauge for a few minutes to make sure the system has stabilized at 45 PSI. At this point the pump is running constantly at 45 PSI and a given amount of water is making a pond in the back yard.

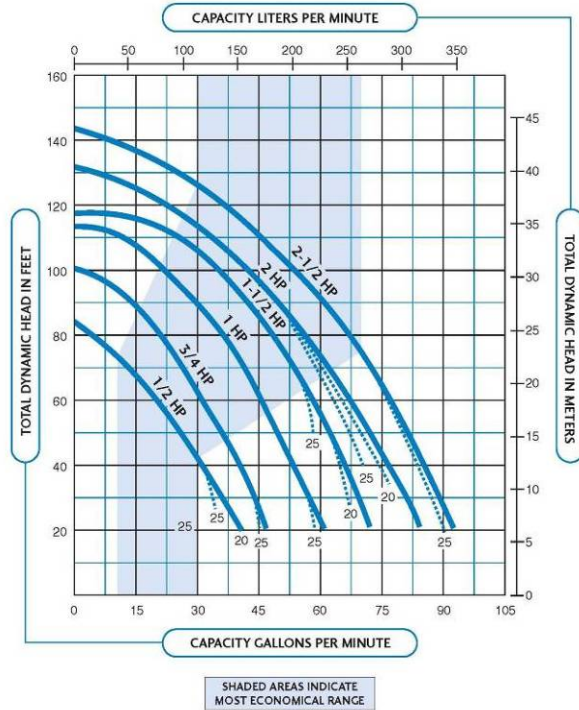
5. Go outside with a stop watch and a 5 gallon bucket, and time how long it takes to fill up the bucket. $60 \text{ seconds} / \text{time to fill bucket} \times 5 \text{ gallons} = \text{GPM}$. You have now determined how much water is available from your system and the pump is happy because it is running constantly and you have maximized your flow.

6. The last step is to design your irrigation system so all zones are as close as possible to the gallonage your derived

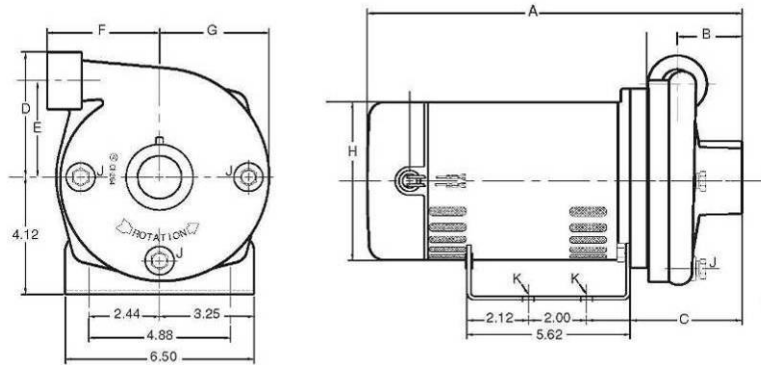
Note: You are pretty much using up all the water in the house which is good for the pump but a problem if a shower is needed. So in this case scheduling the system before any other water is needed is a good idea.

CT35/CT45 series – general purpose centrifugal pumps

CT35 HIGH HEAD pump performance



outline dimensions

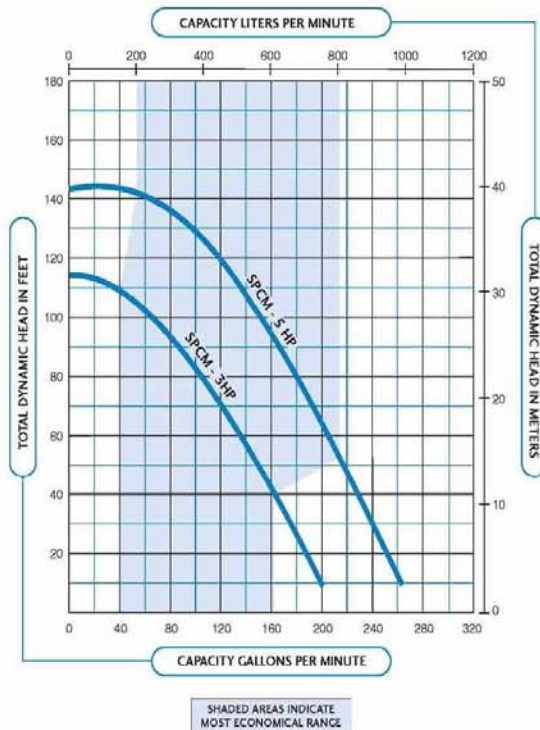


Dimensions (in inches) are for estimating purposes only.

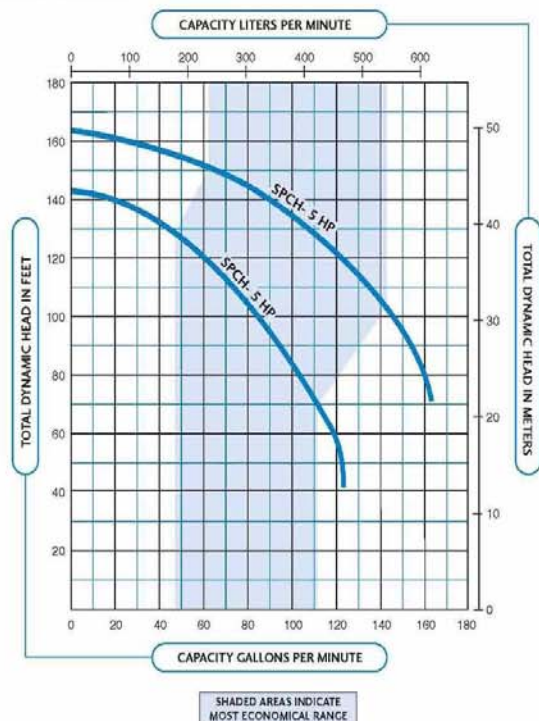
dimensional data

HP	NPT Suct.	NPT Disch.	ECII (1 Phase)	A (3 Phase)	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	NPT J	K
CT35 – HIGH HEAD													
1/2	1-1/4	1	11-21/32	13-3/8	2-1/16	5-9/16	4-1/2	3-7/16	3-7/8	3-15/16	5-5/8	1/4	3/8 Dia.
3/4	1-1/4	1	11-25/32	13-3/8	2-1/16	5-9/16	4-1/2	3-7/16	3-7/8	3-15/16	5-5/8	1/4	3/8 Dia.
1	1-1/4	1	12-25/32	13-7/8	2-1/16	5-9/16	4-1/2	3-7/16	3-7/8	3-15/16	5-5/8	1/4	3/8 Dia.
1-1/2	1-1/4	1	13-39/64	14-3/8	2-1/16	5-9/16	4-1/2	3-7/16	3-7/8	3-15/16	5-5/8	1/4	3/8 Dia.
2	1-1/2	1-1/4	16-3/4	16-15/16	2-13/16	6-5/16	4-27/32	3-13/32	4-5/8	4	6-7/16	1/4	3/8 Dia.
2-1/2	2	1-1/2	17-3/4	17-1/4	2-13/16	6-5/16	4-27/32	3-13/32	4-5/8	4	6-7/16	1/4	3/8 Dia.
CT45 – MEDIUM HEAD													
1/3	1-1/4	1	12-9/16	12-15/16	1-7/16	5-1/8	4-7/16	3-1/4	2-1/4	3-1/4	5-5/8	1/4	3/8 Dia.
1/2	1-1/4	1	11-7/32	12-15/16	1-7/16	5-1/8	4-7/16	3-1/4	2-1/4	3-1/4	5-5/8	1/4	3/8 Dia.
3/4	1-1/4	1	11-31/32	12-15/16	1-7/16	5-1/8	4-7/16	3-1/4	2-1/4	3-1/4	5-5/8	1/4	3/8 Dia.
1	1-1/2	1-1/4	12-11/32	13-7/16	1-7/16	5-1/8	4-7/16	3-1/4	2-1/4	3-1/4	5-5/8	1/4	3/8 Dia.
1-1/2	1-1/2	1-1/4	13-25/32	14-9/16	2	5-3/4	4-13/16	3-1/2	4-1/4	3-15/16	5-5/8	1/4	3/8 Dia.

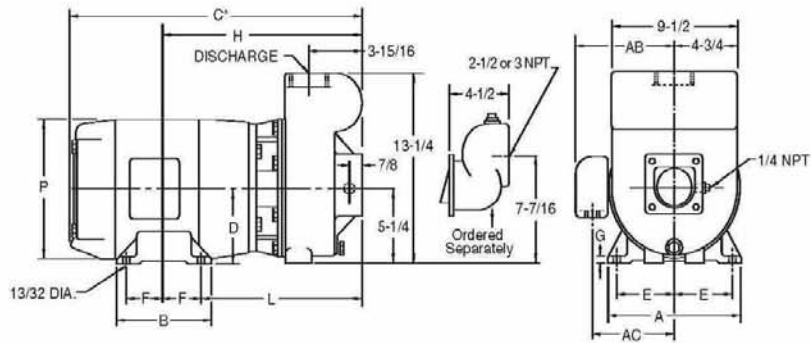
SPCM pump performance



SPCH pump performance



outline dimensions



Dimensions (in inches) are for estimating purposes only.

dimensional data

Catalog Number	HP	A	B	C*	D	E	F	G	H	L	P	AB	AC
SPCM	3	9	6	20-3/4	4-1/2	3-3/4	2-1/4	1/2	15	12-3/4	9-3/4	8-1/8	6-1/2
	5	9	7	21-3/4	4-1/2	3-3/4	2-3/4	1/2	15-1/2	12-3/4	9-3/4	9	7
SPCH	3	9	6	20-3/4	4-1/2	3-3/4	2-1/4	1/2	15	12-3/4	9-3/4	8-1/8	6-1/2
	5	9	7	21-3/4	4-1/2	3-3/4	2-3/4	1/2	15-1/2	12-3/4	9-3/4	9	7

*Overall length (C) is shown for single-phase motors. Three-phase motors are slightly smaller.

AERMOTOR™

pump performance



Technical drawing of a 1/2 HP single phase vertical pump assembly. The drawing includes side and front views with the following labels and dimensions:

- SINGLE PHASE ONLY**: Label for the pump type.
- 1/2-14 NPS**: Label for the pump inlet thread.
- C NPT DISCHARGE**: Label for the pump outlet thread.
- B NPT SUCTION**: Label for the pump suction thread.
- 1/4 NPT DRAIN**: Label for the pump drain thread.
- 3/8 DIA. (4) HOLES**: Label for the base mounting holes.
- Dimensions**:
 - A"**: Total height of the pump assembly.
 - J**: Total width of the pump assembly.
 - K**: Width of the pump body.
 - H**: Height of the pump body.
 - E**: Height of the pump base.
 - F**: Height of the pump base.
 - G**: Height of the pump base.
 - O**: Distance from the center of the pump body to the center of the base mounting holes.
 - 6**: Distance from the center of the pump body to the center of the base mounting holes.
 - 8**: Distance from the center of the pump body to the center of the base mounting holes.
 - 3-3/8**: Distance from the center of the pump body to the center of the base mounting holes.
 - 7-1/2**: Distance from the center of the pump body to the center of the base mounting holes.
 - 1/8**: Thickness of the pump base.

Dimensions (in inches) are for estimating purposes only.

Catalog Number	HP	A*	B Suction	C Discharge	D	E	F	G	H	J	K
SPCA-100	1	16-5/8	2	1-1/2	3-7/8	11-1/8	5-7/8	3-1/8	12-5/8	10	5
SPCA-150	1-1/2	17-1/2	2	1-1/2	3-7/8	11-1/8	5-7/8	3-1/8	12-5/8	10	5
SPCA-200	2	18-7/8	2	2	4-1/4	12-11/16	6-7/16	3-5/8	14-3/16	11	5-1/2

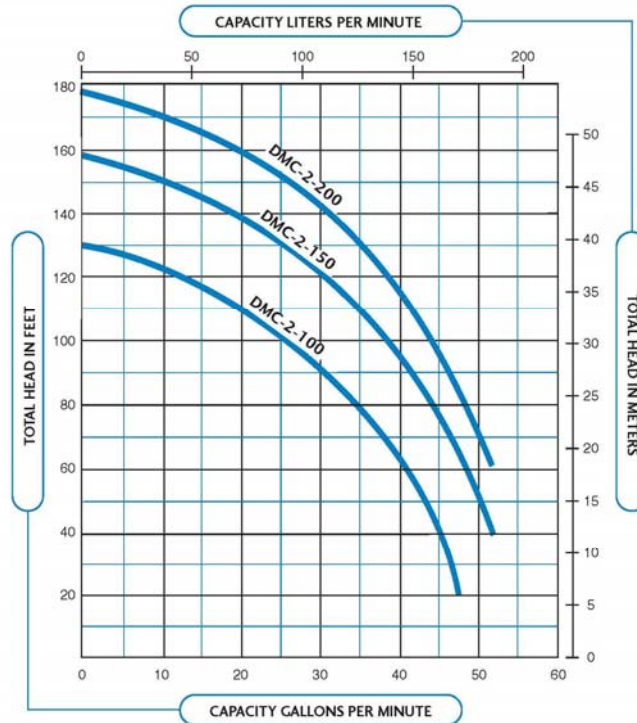
*Overall length (A) shown for single phase motors. Three phase motors are slightly smaller.

CENTRIFUGAL PUMPS

AERMOTOR

DMC series – multi-stage centrifugal pumps

pump performance



ordering information

Catalog Number	HP	Suction	Pump/Motor Unit			Shallow Well Adapter		
			Discharge	Order Number	Length	Approx. Wt. Lbs.	Order Number	Approx. Wt. Lbs.
SINGLE PHASE – 115/230V*								
DMC-2-100	1	1-1/4"	1"	07052	19-1/4"	54	66661	3
DMC-2-150	1-1/2	1-1/4"	1"	07053	20-1/2"	61	07656	3
DMC-2-200	2*	1-1/4"	1"	07054	20-7/8"	63	07657	3
DMC SWITCH KIT – SK75 (APPLIES TO ALL MODELS)								
Catalog Number				Approx. Wt. Lbs.				
66632				2				

*2 HP available 230V only.

self-priming multi-stage pump

PRO-STORM™
DSS4HG SERIES



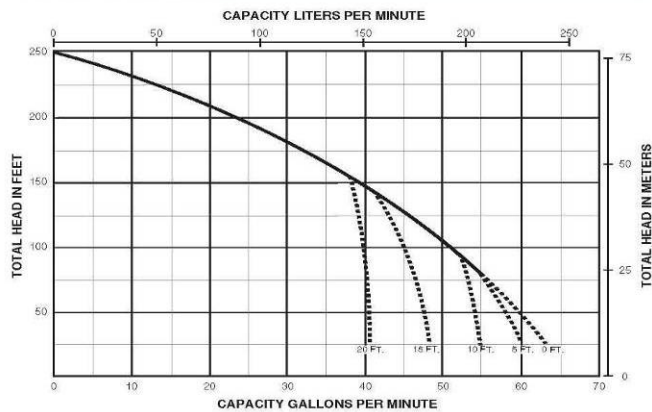
The new PRO-Storm™ multi-stage series of sprinkler pumps delivers high-performance without priming problems and delays.

The new PRO-Storm multi-stage series is designed for minimal electrical consumption and quiet operation from the professional grade A.O. Smith motor. The new PRO-Storm multi-stage series offers 1st-in-class priming lift capabilities of up to 20 foot lifts!

APPLICATIONS

- Residential and commercial turf irrigation
- Residential water systems
- Shower and washing systems
- Water transfer
- Heating and air conditioning systems
- Water features and fountains

PUMP PERFORMANCE



NOTE: Dotted lines indicate performance reduction at high suction lift.

PUMP PERFORMANCE (Capacity in Gallons Per Minute)

Catalog Number	HP	Discharge Pressure		Suction Lift in Feet			
		PSI	Feet Head	5'	10'	15'	20'
DSS4HG	2	20	46	57	54	47	40
		30	69	56	53	46	39
		40	92	52	50	44	39
		50	115	47	46	43	38
		60	138	43	42	41	37

outline dimensions

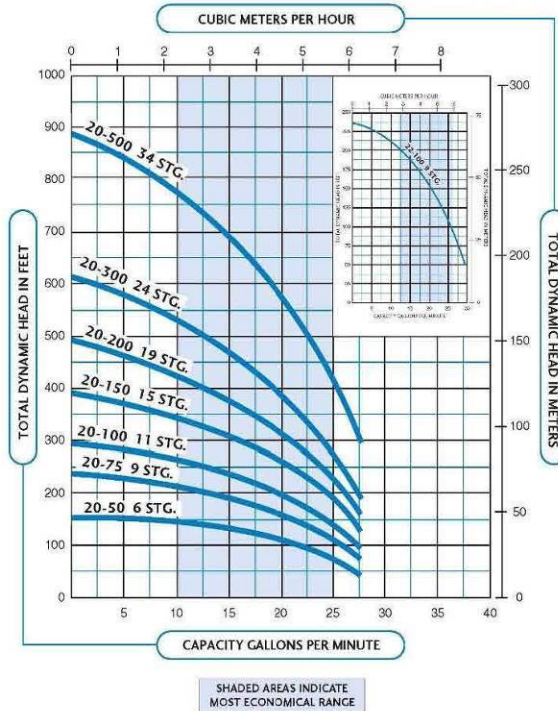
Discharge	
5 GPM	1-1/4" NPT
8 GPM	1-1/4" NPT
12 GPM	1-1/4" NPT
16 GPM	1-1/4" NPT
20 GPM	1-1/4" NPT
22 GPM	1-1/4" NPT
25 GPM	1-1/4" NPT

For lengths, refer to Ordering Information Tables.



Dimensions (in inches) are for estimating purposes only.

20 and 22 GPM pump performance



The Simer logo is displayed in white text on a black background.

Booster Pump

ACE IN THE HOLE SERIES

Model 3075SS

NEW

3/4 HP
3 year Warranty

*Made in
Italy*

- Total home water pressure booster system
- Maximum pumping capacity to 26 gallons per minute
- Maximum additional pressure 40 PSI
- Up to 5 times more pressure – Enjoy better showers, cleaning sprinkling and more
- Fully automatic system increases and maintains household water pressure
- Quiet heavy-duty motor; safe, maintenance free operation
- Assembled, ready to install; includes 6' 115-volt power cord
- Easy plug in, no hard wiring required
- Controller with adjustable starting pressure dial
- 1" Female NPT intake and 1" Male NPT discharge pipes
- Stainless steel pump housing on a stable mounting base

NEED MORE WATER PRESSURE? Install your Ace-In-The-Hole® total water pressure booster system!



Performance

PSI Without Water Pressure Booster system	10	20	30	40
PSI With Water Pressure Booster system	50	60	70	80

Mascontrol®

An intelligent system

Mascontrol is the newest product innovation providing optimum control for electric pumps used in residential and commercial plumbing and irrigation systems. An intelligent mix of hydraulic and electronic engineering, Mascontrol monitors both pressure and flow, and automatically controls pump operations. Mascontrol eliminates the use of expansion tanks needed with traditional systems. No plenum chambers to recharge, and no irritating variations in pressure and flow at the point of use. No risk of the pump running dry. No adjustment or maintenance is required. Much more compact than traditional tank systems, Mascontrol is absolutely dependable, durable and simple to install. Over one million units currently in use across Europe.



Mascontrol is the most advanced economical solution for controlling electric pumps.

Features of operation

- Eliminates pressure tank and switch
- Built-in run-dry sensor
- Simple installation saves time and space
- Maintains constant pressure and flow
- Dual voltage 115 V or 230 V
- No adjustment or maintenance required
- Built-in check valve
- Absorbs water hammer
- Can be used with surface or submersible pumps

Features of construction

Mascontrol includes a hydraulic section and electronic control box.

The hydraulic section comprises:

- a molded housing in reinforced plastic.
- a diaphragm and spring responsive to variations in pressure.
- a valve responsive to variations in flow.
- a check valve
- safety valve preventing any water leakage in case of diaphragm break down

The electronic section comprises:

- a NEMA 12 electronic box molded in self-extinguishing plastic.
- an individually-tested electronic circuit board protected by insulating film.
- a relay with special contacts and an electrical life of over 300,000 cycles or approximately 10 years (continuous rating).
- a varistor protecting against voltage peaks.

Materials

Housing	Glass fiber reinforced polyamide PA 6 FV 30%
Diaphragm	EPDM
Spring	Steel C 72 UNI 3545
Flow valve	Stainless steel AISI 304
Check valve	Glass fiber reinforced polyamide PA 6 FV 30%
Control box	Self extinguishing thermoplastic resin 94 - 5 VA
Printed circuit	Vetronite



Listed by Underwriters
Laboratories Inc. to U.S.
and Canadian safety
standards



Fully in compliance with
current EEC directives