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ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PUBLICATION

ASA	American Standards Association
avail	available
bhp	brake horsepower
ccw	counterclockwise
cplg	coupling
cw	clockwise
diam	diameter
diff	differential
disch	discharge
dwg	drawing
eff	efficiency
enc	enclosed
F	degrees Fahrenheit
FPT	Fahrenheit at pumping temperature
ft	feet
gpm	gallons per minute
guar	guaranteed
hp	horsepower
in.	inches
lb	pounds
max	maximum
mfr	manufacturer
min	minimum
min	minutes
No.	number
NPSH	net positive suction head above vapor pressure referred to the pump centerline in the case of horizontal pumps and to the eye of the first stage impeller in the case of vertical pumps
ped	pedestal
PO	purchase order
press	pressure
psi	pounds per square inch
psia	pounds per square inch, absolute
psig	pounds per square inch, gage
PT	pumping temperature
req'd	required
rpm	revolutions per minute
sp gr	specific gravity
std	standard
suct	suction
temp	temperature
vap pr	vapor pressure
vis Ssu	viscosity—Saybolt seconds universal

NOTE: The nomenclature and part definitions used in this specification are taken from the *Centrifugal Pump Section of the Standards of Hydraulic Institute*, 8th edn.

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SPECIFICATIONS FOR CENTRIFUGAL PUMPS FOR GENERAL REFINERY SERVICES

SECTION A—GENERAL

A-1 Scope

This specification is intended to cover the minimum requirements for centrifugal-type pumps for petroleum products, including single-case horizontal and single- and double-case vertical pumps. It is not intended that this specification be used for heavy-duty double-case horizontal pumps or for pumps of a highly specialized nature, such as those used for pumping chemicals, etc.

A-2 Alternate on Manufacturer's Standard Design

A vendor may offer an alternate pumping unit of a manufacturer's standard design, provided the

alternate design covers a construction which is equivalent to, guaranteed, and otherwise submitted in accordance with the requirements herein specified. All deviations in the manufacturer's standard design from the requirements specified herein shall be described fully in the proposal. The alternate design will receive full consideration.

A-3 Conflicting Requirements

Whenever the information included on the purchaser's data sheets, order sheets, or purchase orders conflicts with the provisions of this specification, the purchaser's data sheets, order sheets, and purchase orders shall govern.

