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Introduction

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Centrifugal Pumps for Petroleum, Petrochemical, and Natural Gas Industries

1 Scope

This standard specifies requirements for centrifugal pumps, including pumps running in reverse as hydraulic power recovery turbines (HPRTs), for use in petroleum, petrochemical, and gas industry process services.

This standard is applicable to overhung pumps, between-bearings pumps, and vertically suspended pumps (see Table 1). Section 9 provides requirements applicable to specific types of pumps. All other sections of this standard are applicable to all pump types. Illustrations are provided of the various specific pump types and the designations assigned to each specific type.

Relevant industry operating experience suggests pumps produced to this standard are suitable for pumping liquids at conditions exceeding any one of the following:

- discharge pressure (gauge): 275 psi; 19.0 bar (1900 kPa);
- suction pressure (gauge): 75 psi; 5.0 bar (500 kPa);
- pumping temperature: 300 °F (150 °C);
- rotational speed: 3600 r/min;
- rated total head: 400 ft (120 m);
- impeller diameter, overhung pumps: 13 in. (330 mm).

NOTE For sealless pumps, reference can be made to API 685.

2 Normative References

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) at the time of quotation applies.

API Standard 5L, *Line Pipe*

API Standard 541, *Form-wound Squirrel Cage Induction Motors—375 kW (500 Horsepower) and Larger*

API Standard 547, *General Purpose Form-wound Squirrel Cage Induction Motors—185 kW (250 hp) through 2240 kW (3000 hp)*

API Standard 611, *General-purpose Steam Turbines for Petroleum, Chemical, and Gas Industry Services*

ANSI/AF Standard 614, *Lubrication, Shaft-sealing and Oil-control Systems and Auxiliaries*

API Standard 670, *Machinery Protection Systems*

API Standard 671, *Special-purpose Couplings for Petroleum, Chemical, and Gas Industry Services*

API Standard 677, *General-purpose Gear Units for Petroleum, Chemical and Gas Industry Services*

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