Materials of Construction:

Impeller/Upper Cutter/Cutter Bar/External Cutter: Cast Alloy Steel, heat treated to minimum Rockwell C 60.
Mechanical Seal: Cartridge type, with silicon carbide (or tungsten carbide) faces and stainless steel sleeve.
Thrust Bearings: Back-to-back angular contact ball type or tapered roller type
Flange: ANSI Class 125.
Valve Assembly: Carbon steel with stainless steel disc.
Paint: Epoxy.

SEE THE S-SERIES SUBMERSIBLE PUMP SPECIFICATION FOR PUMP DIMENSIONS.
SPECIFICATIONS: 5-SERIES 8" SUBMERSIBLE RECIRCULATOR CHOPPER PUMP

The submersible recirculator chopper pump shall be specifically designed to mix and pump waste solids at heavy concentrations without plugging or dewatering of the solids. Materials shall be chopped/macerated and conditioned by the pump as an integral part of the pumping action. The pump must have demonstrated the ability to chop through and pump high concentrations of solids such as plastics, heavy rags, grease and hair balls, wood, paper products and stringy materials without plugging, both in tests and field applications. Pump shall be manufactured by Vaughn Co., Inc.

DETAILS OF CONSTRUCTION

A. Casing, Back Plate and Wear Plate: The pump casing shall be of volute design, spiraling outward to the Class 125 flanged centerline discharge. Casing and back plate shall be ductile cast iron with all water passages to be smooth, and free of blowholes and imperfections for good flow characteristics. Backplate will include a replaceable Rockwell C 60 alloy steel wear plate with back cutter set for 0.030 - 0.050" clearance to cut against the rotating impeller pumpout vanes for removing fiber and debris.

B. Impeller: Shall be semi-open type with pump out vanes to reduce seal area pressure. Chopping/maceration of materials shall be accomplished by the action of the cupped and sharpened leading edges of the impeller blades moving across the cutter bar at the intake openings, with a set clearance between the impeller and cutter bar of 0.015-0.025". Impeller shall be cast alloy steel heat treated to minimum Rockwell C60 and dynamically balanced. The impeller shall be keyed to the shaft and shall have no axial adjustments and no set screws.

C. Cutter Bar Plate: Shall be recessed into the pump casing and shall contain at least 2 shear bars extending diametrically across the intake opening to within 0.025" - 0.050" of the rotating external cutter tooth for the purpose of preventing intake opening blockage and wrapping of debris at the shaft area. Chopper pump utilizing individually mounted shear bars shall not be acceptable. Cutter bar shall be alloy steel heat-treated to minimum Rockwell C 60.

D. Upper Cutter: Shall be threaded into the wear plate behind the impeller, designed to cut against the pump-out vanes and the impeller hub, removing stringy materials from the mechanical seal area. Upper cutter shall be cast alloy steel heat treated to minimum Rockwell C 60. The upper cutter teeth are positioned as closely as possible to the center of shaft rotation to minimize cutting torque and nuisance motor tripping. The ratio of upper cutter cutting diameter to shaft diameter in the upper cutter area of the pump shall be 3.6 or less.

E. External Cutter: The external cutter shall be used to eliminate binding or build-up of stringy materials at the pump inlet. The external cutter shall consist of opposing cutter wings which shear against the outside surface of the shear bars and the anvil, an integral cast tooth which shears against the adjacent surface of the shear bars, and a hex head sufficiently sized for ease of removal. The external cutter shall be cast alloy steel and heat treated to a minimum Rockwell C 60.

F. Pump Shafting: Shafting shall be heat treated alloy steel.

G. Recirculation Nozzle Assembly: The pump shall be fitted with a recirculation nozzle assembly to permit recirculation/conditioning of the pump out solids prior to discharge. The recirculation nozzle shall be adjustable minimum 180° horizontally and 35° vertically. A valve assembly shall be connected to the pump discharge to adjust pump flow either to the nozzle or the pump discharge flange. Valve shall be cast steel, with 316 SS valve disk. The operating levers shall be located above at a mounting plate for easy access.

H. Optional Automatic Valve Actuator: An electrically operated valve actuator shall position the valve for pump out or mixed operation. A ball screw linear actuator shall be used to provide valve positioning. Unit shall operate on 110V or 220V AC, single-phase power with 25% duty cycle, and shall be capable of producing 500 pounds of actuation force, with a freewheeling feature to prevent over travel at the end of stroke. A capacitor for single phase-motor starting shall be included in the design. All components shall be housed in an enclosure suitable for outdoor operation. Includes a limit switch for indicating valve recirculation or discharge positions. External controls, housed in a separate control unit (by others), are required to indicate valve position.

I. Bearing Housing: Shall be ductile cast iron, and machined with piloted bearing fits for concentricity of all components. Piloted motor mount shall firmly align motor on top of bearing housing.

J. Thrust Bearings: Shaft thrust in both directions shall be taken up by two back-to-back mounted single-row angular contact ball bearings or a matched set of face to face tapered roller bearings with a minimum L-10 life rated 100,000 hours. A pump mechanical seal shall be provided to isolate the bearings from the pumped media. The pump seal, as well as the thrust bearings shall be oil bath lubricated in the bearing housing by ISO Grade 46 or 68

K. Pump Mechanical Seal: The mechanical seal shall be located immediately behind the impeller hub to maximize the flushing available from the impeller pumpout vanes. The seal shall be a screw in, cartridge-type mechanical seal with Viton O-rings and silicon carbide (or tungsten carbide) faces. This cartridge seal shall be pre-assembled and pre-tested so that no seal settings or adjustments are required from the installer. Any springs used to push the seal faces together must be shielded from the fluid to be pumped. The cartridge shall also include a 17-4PH, heat-treated seal sleeve and a ductile cast iron seal gland.

L. Automatic Oil Level Monitor: An oil level switch shall be mounted at the top of the wet well, with a hose feeding down to the side of the bearing housing to monitor oil level and shut off the motor in event of low oil level. A relay shall be included for mounting in the motor control panel.

M. Shaft Coupling: The submersible motor shall be close coupled directly to the pump shaft using a solid sleeve coupling, which is keyed to both the pump and motor shafts.

N. Stainless Steel Nameplate: Shall be attached to the pump giving the manufacturer’s model and serial number, rated capacity, head, speed and all pertinent data.

O. Submersible Motor: The submersible motor shall be U/L or FM listed and suitable for Class I, Group C & D, Division I hazardous locations, rated at HP, RPM, Volts, 60 Hertz and 3 phase. 1.15 service factor (1.0 for Continuous In-Air) with Class F insulation and shall have been tested in accordance with the respective mechanical seal sleeve and a ductile cast iron seal gland.

P. Guide Rail System: Provide a guide rail system consisting of two galvanized or stainless steel guide rails (by others), cast ductile iron discharge elbow with mounting feet and Class 125 flanges, a 316 SS upper guide rail mounting bracket and 316 SS intermediate guide rail stiffener brackets every 10 feet.

Q. Optional Spark Proof Guide Rail System: Provide a non-sparking guide rail system consisting of two galvanized or stainless steel guide rails (by others), cast bronze pump guide bracket, cast ductile iron discharge elbow with mounting feet and Class 125 flanges, 316 SS upper guide rail mounting bracket, and 316 SS intermediate guide rail stiffener brackets every 10 feet. System design shall prevent spark ignition of explosive gases during pump installation and removal.

R. Surface Preparation: Solvent wash and coated with 5-8 MDFT epoxy (except motor).

S. OPTIONAL Surface Preparation: SSPC-SP6 commercial sandblast (except motor), primed with 5-8 MDFT epoxy primer and finish coated with 5-8 MDFT epoxy (except motor).

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