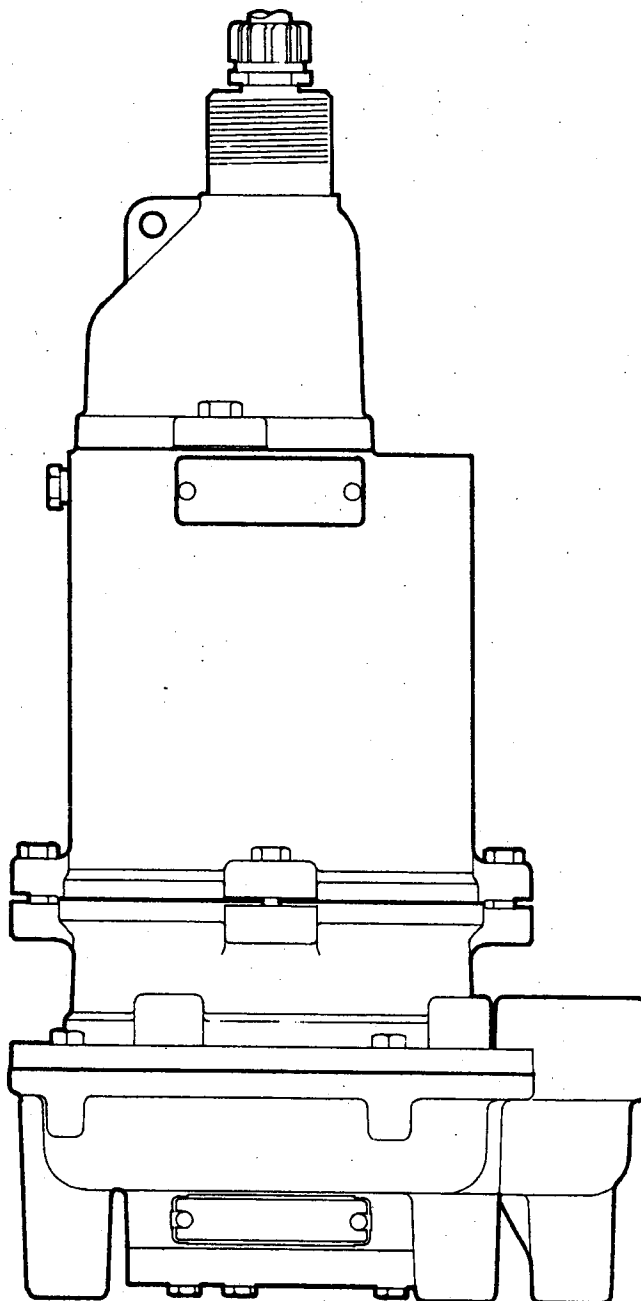


# Grinder Pumps

INSTALLATION AND  
SERVICING INSTRUCTIONS  
GRINDER PUMPS

MODEL:  
WGL20 SERIES



**MUST BE INSTALLED BY EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONALS ONLY**

**CAUTION: READ THESE SAFETY WARNINGS FIRST BEFORE INSTALLATION, SERVICING OR OPERATING ANY PUMP. THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE WRITTEN WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE INDIVIDUAL(S) HAVE EXPERIENCE IN BUILDING WET WELLS AND INSTALLING BASINS, GRINDER PUMPS AND PUMPING EQUIPMENT.**

**NOTE!**

MODELS WITH THIRD PARTY APPROVAL(S) ARE CLEARLY MARKED ON INDIVIDUAL PUMP NAMEPLATES.

**WARNING!**

RISK OF ELECTRICAL SHOCK. TO REDUCE RISK OF ELECTRICAL SHOCK, SEE INSTRUCTION MANUAL FOR INSTALLATION.

**DO NOT REMOVE CORD AND STRAIN RELIEF.**

ON THREE PHASE PUMPS ONLY "MOTOR PROTECTION" MUST BE PROVIDED BY THE INSTALLER. ALL THREE PHASE PUMPS MUST BE INSTALLED WITH MAGNETIC STARTERS HAVING THREE LEG OVERLOAD PROTECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE. FOR DUPLEX INSTALLATIONS, BOTH PUMP MOTORS MUST HAVE SEPARATE OVERLOAD PROTECTION.

**WARNING!**

**ONLY QUALIFIED PERSONS SHALL CONDUCT SERVICES AND INSTALLATIONS OF THIS PUMP. THE PUMP MUST BE WIRED BY A QUALIFIED ELECTRICIAN, USING AN APPROVED STARTER BOX AND SWITCHING DEVICE.**

PUMPS WITH SEAL LEAK DETECTORS, MUST BE CONNECTED TO THE PROPER CONTROL CIRCUITRY. SEE INSTRUCTIONS MANUAL.

**DANGER!**

**HAZARDOUS MOVING PARTS. TO REDUCE RISK OF INJURY DISCONNECT POWER BEFORE SERVICING. NEVER PUT FINGERS NEAR GRINDER IMPELLER OR IN PUMP INLET WHEN PUMP CORD IS CONNECTED OR PUMP IS OPERATING.**

FOR USE WITH MAXIMUM 140°F LIQUID. ACCEPTABLE FOR OUTDOOR USE.

**DANGER!**

**IN THE INITIAL INSTALLATION, BEFORE SEWAGE IS ADMITTED TO THE BASIN, THERE IS NO DANGER ON ENTERING THE BASIN, BUT AFTER SEWAGE HAS BEEN IN THE BASIN THERE IS DANGER. SEWAGE WATER GIVES**

**OFF METHANE AND HYDROGEN SULFIDE GASSES, BOTH OF WHICH ARE HIGHLY POISONOUS. A BREATHING DEVICE MAY BE REQUIRED. NEVER ENTER BASIN UNLESS COVER IS OPEN AND AN OUTSIDE BLOWER IS USED TO FORCE FRESH AIR INTO THE BASIN. ALSO, THE WORKER IN THE BASIN MUST WEAR A HARNESS ATTACHED TO THE SURFACE SO THAT HE CAN BE PULLED OUT IN CASE OF ASPHYXIATION. NEVER WORK ALONE!**

**WARNING!**

DO NOT EXCEED WORKING LOAD LIMIT OF LIFTING ROPE OR CHAIN. DO NOT USE LIFTING ROPE OR CHAIN WHERE FAILURE COULD RESULT IN LOSS OF LIFE.

EXAMINE ALL LIFTING DEVICES, ROPE OR CHAIN FOR DAMAGE BEFORE AND AFTER EACH LIFT.

DO NOT USE ANY LIFTING DEVICES THAT ARE NOT RATED FOR AND DESIGNED TO LIFT THE WEIGHTS INVOLVED WITH THESE PUMPS.

DO NOT INSTALL OR REMOVE PUMP WITH PERSON(S) IN BASIN.

**GENERAL:**

1. Most accidents can be avoided by using **COMMON SENSE.**
2. Read the operation and maintenance instructions manual supplied with the pump.
3. **DO NOT** wear loose clothing that can become entangled in the impeller or other moving parts.
4. This pump is designed to handle materials which could cause illness or disease through direct exposure.

Wear and use protective clothing when working on the pump or piping.

**ELECTRICAL:**

5. To reduce the risk of electrical shock, pump must be properly grounded in accordance with the National Electric Code and all applicable state and local codes and ordinances.
6. To reduce risk of electrical shock, disconnect the pump from the power source before handling or servicing.
7. Any wiring to be done on pumps should be done by a qualified electrician.
8. **NEVER** operate a pump with a power cord that has frayed or brittle insulation.
9. **NEVER** let cords or plugs lay in water.
10. **NEVER** handle connected power cords with wet hands.

**PUMPS:**

11. Pump builds up heat and pressure during operation, allow time for pump to cool before handling or servicing.
12. Only qualified personnel should install, operate or repair pump.
13. Keep clear of suction and discharge openings. **DO NOT** insert fingers in pump with power connected.
14. **DO NOT** pump hazardous material not recommended for pump (flammable, caustic, etc).
15. Make sure lifting devices are securely fastened each time before lifting pump.
16. **DO NOT** LIFT PUMP BY THE POWER CORD.
17. **DO NOT** exceed manufacturer's recommendation for maximum performance, as this could cause the motor to overheat.
18. Secure the pump in its operation position so it cannot tip over, fall or slide.
19. Keep hands and feet away from impeller when power is connected.
20. Submersible grinder pumps are not approved for use in swimming pools, recreational water installations, decorative fountains or any installation where human contact with the pumped fluid is common.
21. **DO NOT** pump without safety devices in place.
22. For hazardous locations, use pumps that are listed and classified for such locations.
23. **DO NOT** use non-explosion proof rated pumps in locations considered hazardous in accordance with the National Electric Code, ANSI/NFPA 70-1993.
24. Basin must be vented in accordance with the local plumbing codes.

**IMPORTANT!**

The F. E. Myers Company is not responsible for losses, injury or death resulting from failure to observe these safety precautions, misuse or abuse of pumps or equipment.

**Control Panels:**

All Myers control panels used on these grinders are UL listed and CSA certified. Control panels mounted directly to the basin used outdoors are UL listed and CSA certified waterproof.

If intrinsically safe controls used in hazardous locations are required, Myers can furnish an UL

listed or CSA certified panel. Otherwise the installer must obtain a source for the panel required.

**Level Sensing Controls:**

Intrinsically-safe type float controls are recommended for all applications and required for explosion proof service. An intrinsically safe control panel relay will limit the current and voltage to the level controls. A Myers control panel can be supplied with this type circuitry. The float level controls maintain the basin sewage water level by controlling pump turn-on and turn-off level.

1. The lower turn-off control should be set so that the pump stops at approximately the top of the pump.
2. The upper turn-on control should be set above the lower turn-off control. The exact height between the two controls is determined by the number of pump starts desired and the depth of the basin. A maximum of 10 starts per hour should not be exceeded.
3. The override control is set at a specified height above the upper turn-on control.
4. The alarm control is set about 6" to 12" above the override control.
5. No control should be set above the inlet invert.

**Junction Boxes:**

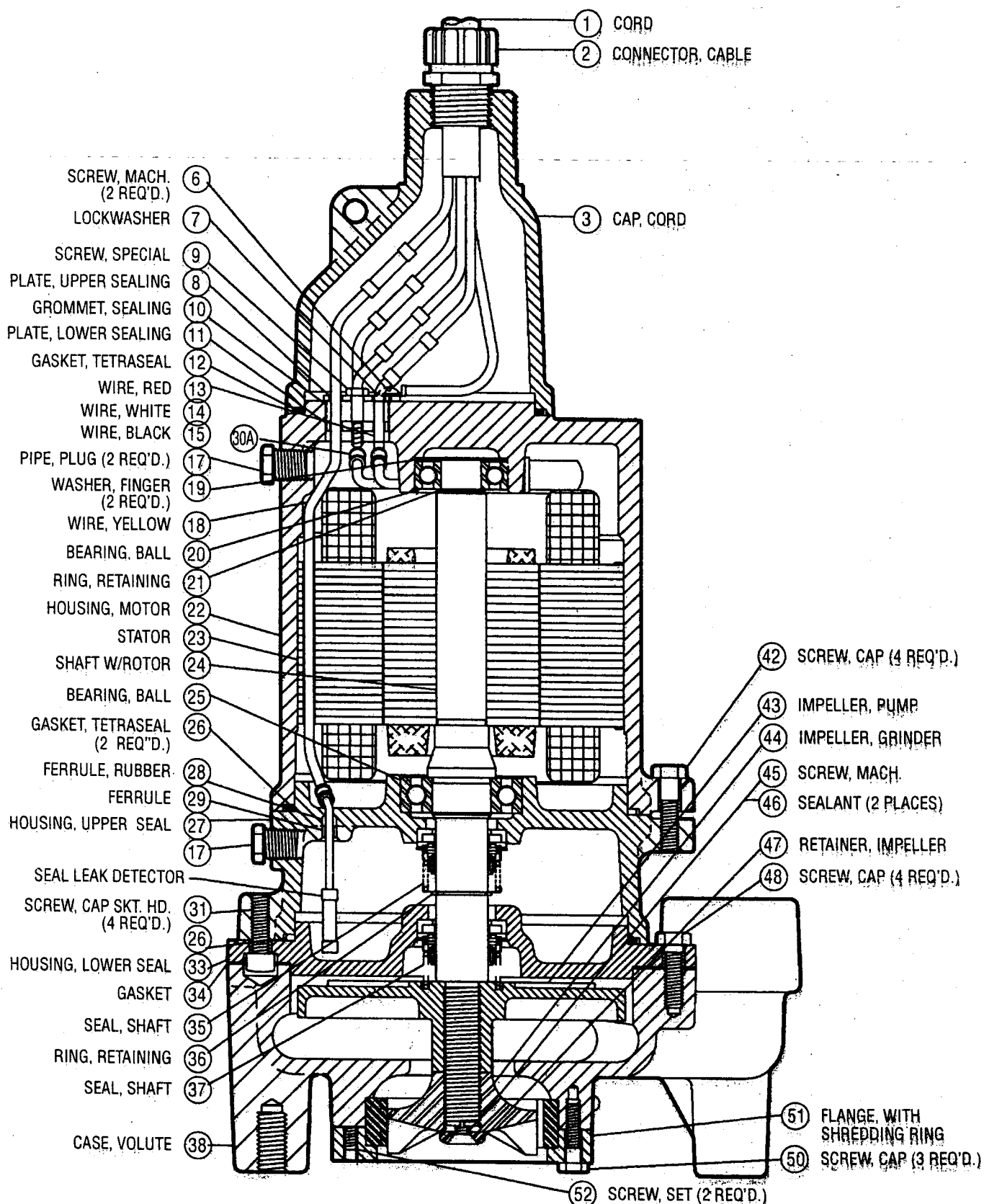
If a junction box is used in a hazardous location, it must be an explosion proof approved type with explosion proof cord connectors. Wires from the junction box must pass through an explosion proof seal connector.

**CAUTION** — No persons should be in the basin when pump is lowered into position! **DO NOT** lift pump in a manner where any failure could result in loss of life.

**Air Venting:**

Air tends to trap in the pump volute when water raises in the sump or when the pump is lowered into water after service. To vent off this air, a small hole is drilled into the pump volute. **Be sure this vent hole is clean after any service work on pump.**

**USAGE** — The WGL20 grinder pumps are for pumping domestic sewage and one pump can handle the sewage from a maximum of 2 homes. These pumps are not to be used for pumping commercial or industrial sewage such as from motels, schools, apartments, factories, etc.



**PUMP MODELS** — The WGL20 pumps are equipped with 200 and 230 volt single phase voltages and 200, 230 and 460 volt three phase voltages; and with seal leak detector and without seal leak detector. The pump model numbers are: 200 volt single phase with seal leak detector

MODEL WGL20-01

200 volt single phase without seal leak detector

MODEL WGL20-01 L/D

230 volt single phase with seal leak detector

MODEL WGL20-21

230 volt single phase without seal leak detector

MODEL WGL20-21 L/D

200 volt three phase without seal leak detector

MODEL WGL20-23

230 volt three phase without seal leak detector

MODEL WGL20-23 L/D

460 volt three phase with seal leak detector

MODEL WGL20-43

460 volt three phase without seal leak detector

MODEL WGL20-43 L/D

**PACKAGING** — Each pump is packaged with 10 feet of power cord in a carton that is marked with Model Number and Engineering Number. Longer cords are available — consult catalog.

**INSTRUCTIONS** — Instructions cover only the pump unit. Separate instructions for the electrical control panel and basin packaged system are included with these items. Complete disassembly instructions are furnished only to authorized service stations.

**CAUTION** — PUMP IS NOT TO BE DISASSEMBLED IN THE FIELD EXCEPT AT CERTIFIED SERVICE STATIONS OR AT MYERS FACTORY. WARRANTY IS VOID IF PUMP IS TAKEN APART FOR ANY REASON EXCEPT TO REPLACE GRINDER IMPELLER AND GRINDER RING WHICH IS COVERED IN THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

**DESCRIPTION OF PUMP** — Figure 1 shows cut-away of pump with parts called out. This pump is intended to grind and pump all normal sewage for home use. It will also handle reasonable quantities of disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, paper towels, rubber material, glass, wood, plastic, string, cigarette butts and other material not normally found in sewage.

Pump is of heavy duty construction, and submersible type for long life when pumping ground sewage. Motor is capacitor start, capacitor run for single phase. Capacitors and start relay are mounted in the electrical control box. All single

phase motors must have special electrical control box furnished by Myers.

**INSTALLING SINGLE PHASE MOTORS WITH CONTROLS OTHER THAN MYERS VOIDS WARRANTY.**

**INSPECTING PUMP** — Before making any piping or electrical connections check pump for any shipping damage and turn grinder impeller to be sure it is free. DO NOT TURN IMPELLER WITH FINGERS AS EDGES ARE SHARP, use socket wrench in the impeller screw.

**CAUTION** — After pump is installed NEVER WORK ON MOTOR OR GRINDER UNIT WITHOUT DISCONNECTING MOTOR LEAD WIRES FROM CONTROL PANEL. DON'T RELY ON OPENING CIRCUIT BREAKER ONLY.

Pump has two oil-filled chambers — 1) the motor and ball bearings and, 2) the seal chamber — for long life and best heat transfer.

The lower seal above the pump impeller acts as a buffer for upper seal that holds oil in the motor chamber. If lower seal leaks for any reason, water enters the seal chamber. If motor has the seal leak detector, the electrode will contact the water and close the circuit to the red seal light in the control panel indicating motor must be serviced before upper seal fails.

**MOTOR OVERLOAD PROTECTION** — The motor is provided with an on-winding overload switch. If motor overloads or overheats for any reason, the switch opens stopping motor. As soon as the motor cools to normal temperature the switch closes and restarts the motor.

**MOTOR POWER CORDS** — Pump models with the seal leak detector use a 5 conductor #14 gauge cord. The three power conductors are BLACK, WHITE, RED, the BROWN conductor connects to the seal leak probe and GREEN conductor connects to the ground screw inside the cord cap.

With 14/5 cords the BLACK and WHITE are main winding leads and the RED is for start winding.

**CORD SEAL** — The lines from the motor chamber are sealed with a rubber sealing grommet that prevents oil from leaking into the cord cap compartment. If necessary to replace power cord, the sealing grommet must not be loosened. This wire seal is removed only for complete motor repair that must be done at an authorized motor repair shop.

**IMPORTANT**— Ground wires must be connected in the control box to grounding bar, which is connected to a good outside ground. **MOTOR IS NOT SAFE UNLESS GROUNDED.**

**INSTALLING PUMP IN SUMP BASIN** — Complete installation and piping instructions are included with the sump basin package.

**SINGLE PHASE CONTROL BOX** — Single phase pumps must use the Myers control box. Warranty is void if other than Myers single phase control box is used.

**THREE PHASE CONTROL BOX** — Any suitable three phase control equipment can be used for simplex or duplex operation. These control boxes are also available from Myers. If other than Myers box is used, overload heaters must be selected in accordance with full load amp ratings given in these instructions.

#### MAXIMUM AMP & WINDING RESISTANCE VALUES

HP	SPEED	VOLTS	PHASE	WINDING RESISTANCE IN OHMS			MAX. AMPS
				BLACK TO WHITE	BLACK TO RED	RED TO WHITE	
2	3450	208	1	1.27	6.25	7.52	15.0
2	3450	230	1	1.56	7.84	9.40	12.0
2	2875	*380	3	12.6	12.6	12.6	5.1
2	3450	208	3	2.91	2.91	2.91	9.5
2	3450	230	3	3.15	3.15	3.15	8.4
2	3450	460	3	12.6	12.6	12.6	4.2

\* 50 Hz

If any amp readings are higher than listed, it indicates voltage may be higher or lower than normal, or that pump grinder may be clogged with trash causing extra load on motor.

#### CHECK LIST IF PUMP DOES NOT OPERATE PROPERLY

##### CHECKING FOR MOISTURE IN MOTOR —

Disconnect line leads from terminal strip. Use ohmmeter and set on highest scale. Readings on the large power cord between any of the conductors red, black, white to green or motor housing should be more than 500,000 ohms. Motor probably will run with a lower reading, but if pump is out of service and reading is below 500,000 ohms, the motor housing and stator should be removed and baked by an authorized service station.

**RESISTANCE OF WINDINGS** — Every motor winding has a fixed resistance and winding must check close to the values given in chart to operate properly. This winding resistance also shows if motor is connected for voltage being used. Use ohmmeter for this test and set on scale to read directly in ohms.

#### TROUBLE CHECK LIST

Troubles listed are generally caused by the pump. Other trouble can occur from faulty control box operation. These will be listed with the control box instructions.

CONDITION	PROBABLE CAUSE
Pump runs but does not pump liquid from basin.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pump impeller may be air locked, this occasionally occurs on a new installation. Start and stop pump several times to purge air.</li> <li>2. Run additional water into basin so that pump will be submerged deeper to clear air.</li> <li>3. If air does not clear, it may be necessary to lift pump out of sealing elbow and start motor to allow pump to pump for a few seconds. If discharge is piped in with union, slightly break union and start pump to clear air. Air vent hole is provided in pump case, so some water will flow from this hole when pump is operating. If vent hole gets clogged, clean out.</li> <li>4. If pump has been installed for some time and does not pump, it may be clogged at grinder inlet.</li> <li>5. Discharge gate valve may be closed.</li> <li>6. Discharge check valve may be clogged or have a broken clapper.</li> </ol>

CONDITION	PROBABLE CAUSE
Red light comes on at control box.	7. Discharge head may be too high. Check elevation. Maximum pump head at zero flow is 70 feet. See Pump Curve.
	8. If above checks do not locate trouble, motor rotor may be loose on shaft which allows motor to run but will not turn impeller or only at low RPM.
Overload trips and alarm buzzer or flashing red light comes on due to high water level in basin.	<p>1. This indicates some water has leaked past the lower seal and has entered the seal chamber and made contact with the electrode probe. Pump must be removed from basin within approximately two (2) weeks for replacement of lower seal. This preventative repair will save an expensive motor.</p> <p>1. Push in red reset button to reset overload. If overload trips again after short run, pump has some damage and must be removed from basin for checking.</p> <p>2. Trouble may be from clogged grinder causing motor to overload or could be from failed motor.</p> <p>3. Trouble may be from faulty component in control box. Always check control box before removing pump.</p>
Yellow run light stays on continuously.	<p>1. Indicates H-O-A switch be in the hand position.</p> <p>2. Level control switch may have failed causing pump to continue to operate when water is below lower float.</p> <p>3. Grinder assembly may be partially clogged causing pump to operate at very reduced capacity.</p> <p>4. Gate valve or check valve may be clogged causing low pump flow.</p> <p>5. Pump may be air logged.</p>
Circuit breaker trips.	<p>1. Reset breaker by pushing clear down on handle then back to on position. If breaker trips again in few seconds it indicates excessive load probably caused by a short in the motor or control box. Check out instructions given with control box before pulling pump.</p> <p>2. If this condition happens after an electrical storm, motor or control box may be damaged by lightning.</p> <p>3. Resistance reading of the motor with lead wires disconnected from the control box can determine if trouble is in motor or control box.</p>
Pump is noisy and pump rate is low.	<p>1. Grinder assembly may be partially clogged with some foreign objects causing noise and overload on the motor.</p> <p>2. Grinder impeller may be rubbing on grinder ring due to bent shaft or misalignment.</p>
Grease and solids have accumulated around pump and will no pump out of basin.	<p>1. Pump "ON" switch may be set too high.</p> <p>2. Run pump on hand operation for several minutes with small amount of water running into basin to clean out solids and grease. This allows pump to break suction and surge which will break up the solids.</p> <p>3. Trash may have accumulated around lower weight causing pump to turn off too soon. Clean trash from weight and suspension cable.</p>



Fig. 1

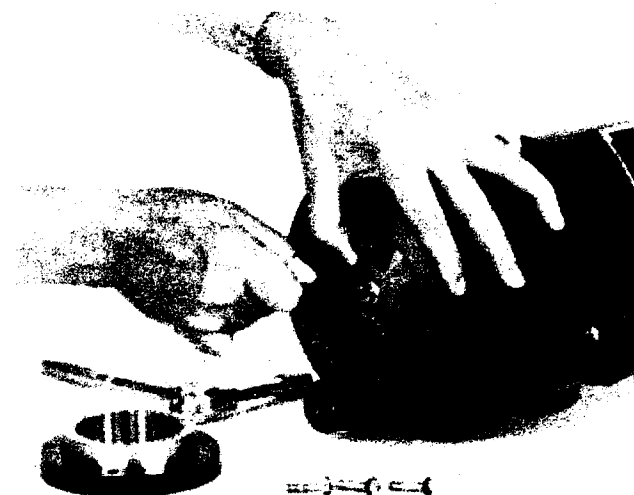


Fig. 2



Fig. 3

## REPLACING GRINDER IMPELLER AND GRINDER SHREDDING RING

This is the only disassembly operation allowed in the field. All other repair must be done at the factory or at an authorized service station.

### STANDARD TOOLS REQUIRED:

1. Allen head socket set.
2. Standard socket wrench set.
3. Set of open end wrenches.
4. Plastic hammer.
5. Vise grip pliers.
6. Large screwdriver with heavy handle
7. Wire brush.
8. Three-cornered file.

**IMPORTANT** — Pump should be thoroughly cleaned of trash and deposits before starting disassembly operations.

**CAUTION** — DISCONNECT ALL POWER AND CONTROL WIRES TO MOTOR AT CONTROL PANEL BEFORE STARTING DISASSEMBLY OPERATIONS. NEVER RELY ON OPENING CIRCUIT BREAKER ONLY.

### DISASSEMBLY OF SHREDDING RING AND GRINDER IMPELLER

1. Remove three screws from grinder ring flange. Grinder ring is pressed into flange for easy removal.
2. Thread two screws into tapped back-off holes in flange and evenly tighten screws to back grinding ring out of pump housing. See Fig. 2
3. Hold grinder impeller by prying against impeller cutting bar and remove cap screw from end of shaft. See Fig. 3
4. Use large screwdriver in slot in end of shaft and bump on cutter vane with plastic hammer. Bump in counterclockwise direction as thread is right hand. It may take several bumps to loosen impeller. See Fig. 5
5. If impeller comes off easily clean up and replace if worn.



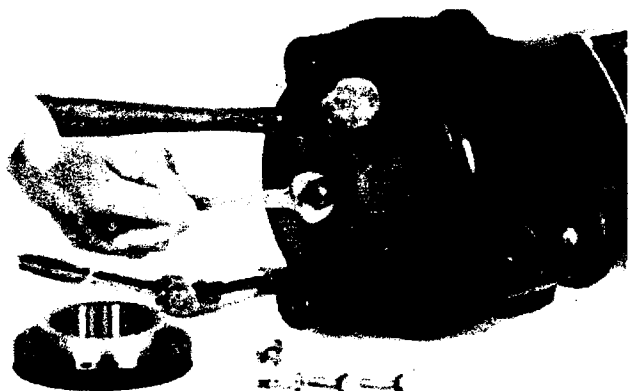


Fig. 4



Fig. 5



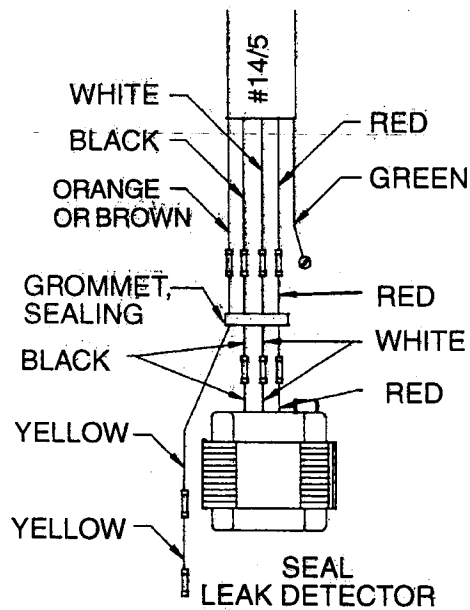
Fig. 6

6. Be sure pump impeller has not loosened when grinder impeller is removed. This can be checked on reassembly of grinder impeller and shredding ring. Tips of impeller cutter vanes should extend about 1/8" below bottom of shredding ring. If distance is more, it means the pump impeller has loosened, and if it is less, it means the shredding ring is not properly seated.

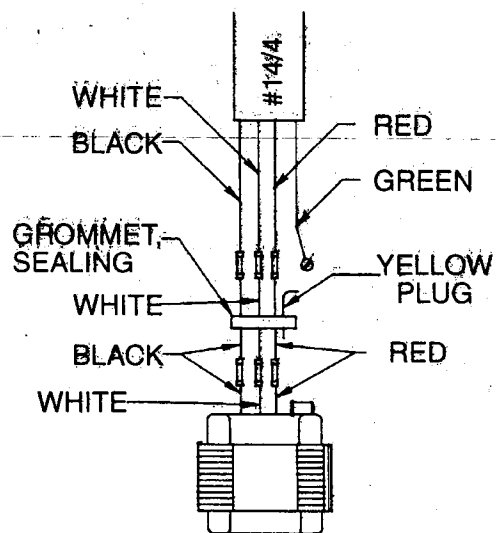
If the pump impeller has loosened, remove grinder impeller and shredding ring as described above and remove bolts from volute case and remove case. Plastic hammer can be used to bump on casing discharge to loosen. Place gasket in oil to prevent drying out. DO NOT loosen the pump impeller further – it is the seat for the lower seal spring.

7. After case is removed wrap emery paper around shaft and hold with vise grip pliers. Use cloth on impeller and screw up against shoulder. Now pump can be reassembled.
8. Clean all threads with wire brush and file smooth any threads that may be nicked.
9. Use Never-Seeze or other graphite compound on threads before replacing grinder impeller.
10. Be sure cap screw in bottom of shaft is tight. Hold impeller with screwdriver between cutter bar and teeth of shredding ring while tightening cap screw.
11. Be sure impeller turns free by hand after reassembly. Some drag will occur due to the seals, but there should be no binding or tight spots when turning the grinder impeller.
12. If impeller rubs or drags on shredding ring, loosen bolts in shredding ring plate and tap with plastic hammer to loosen, retighten screws. Be sure to pull screws down evenly, applying pressure on all three screws. DO NOT TIGHTEN ONE SCREW CLEAR DOWN BEFORE ADJUSTING OTHER SCREWS. See Figs. 6 and 7.
13. ALWAYS use a rag on the impeller when turning to prevent cutting hands on the sharp corners of shredding ring.

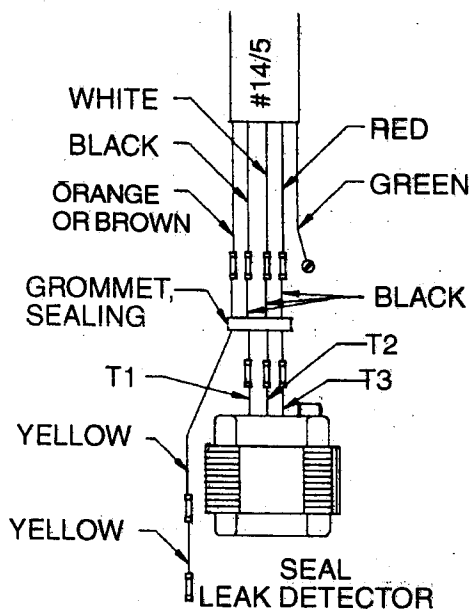
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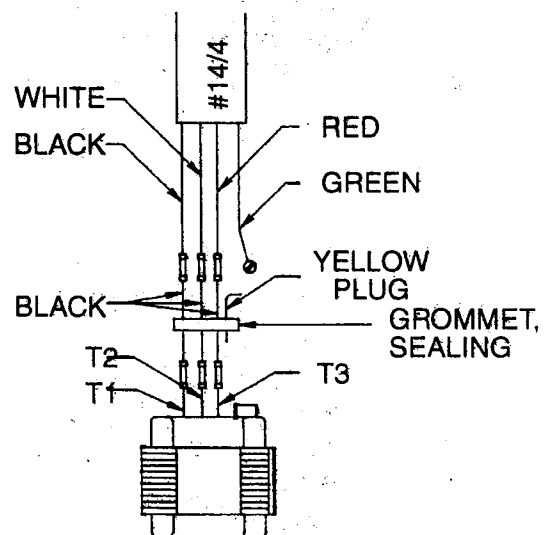
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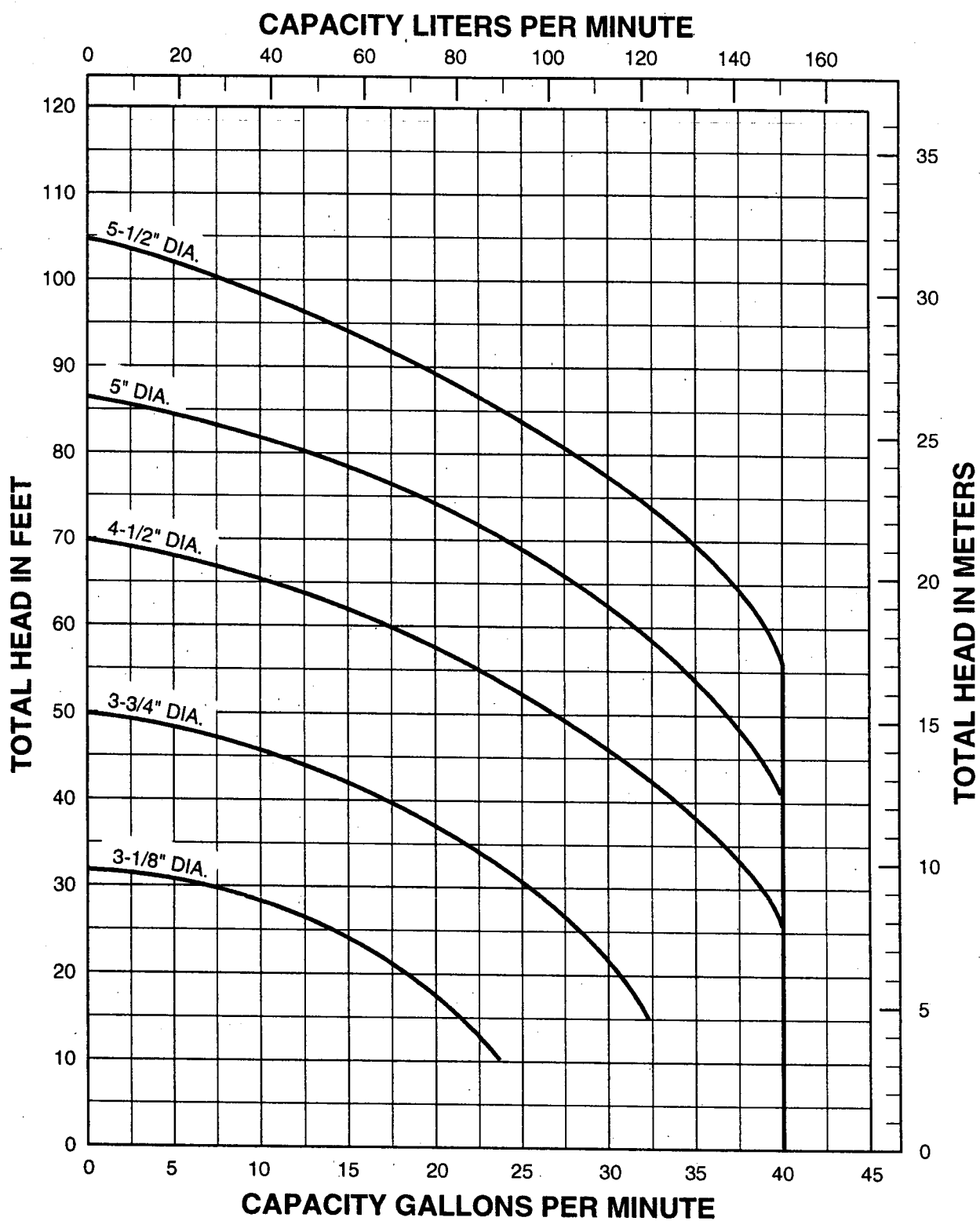


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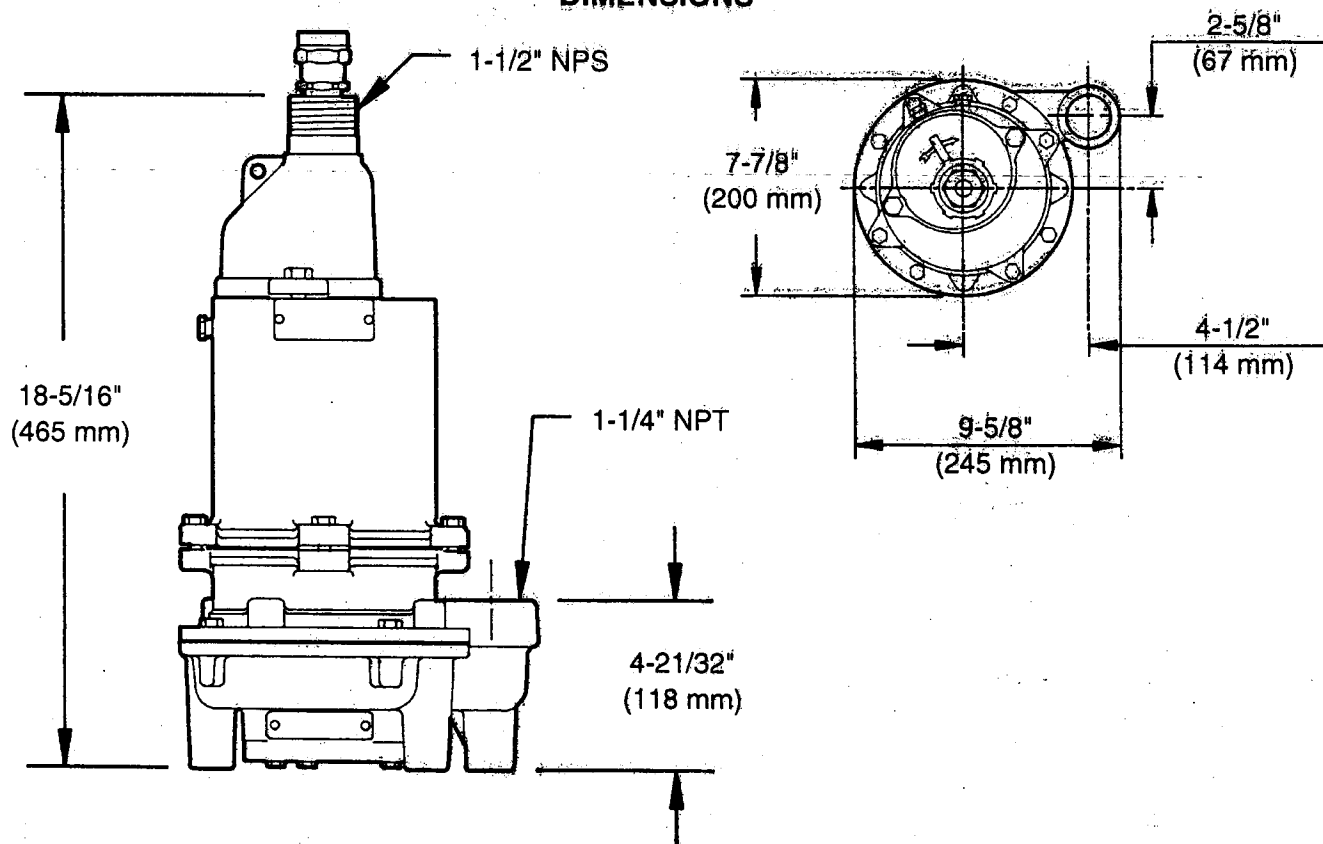


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## PERFORMANCE CURVE WGL20 GRINDER PUMP



## DIMENSIONS



## LIMITED WARRANTY

The F. E. Myers Co. warrants the grinder pump, electrical controls, and all system components to be free of defects in material and workmanship for one year from date of installation, providing it is within 18 months from date of manufacture.

The F. E. Myers Co. will repair or replace directly or through its agents defective parts free of charge within the warranty period.

Warranty does not cover labor to remove or replace the equipment and does not include freight, consequential or incidental damage.

Misuse or abuse of the equipment is not covered by the warranty.