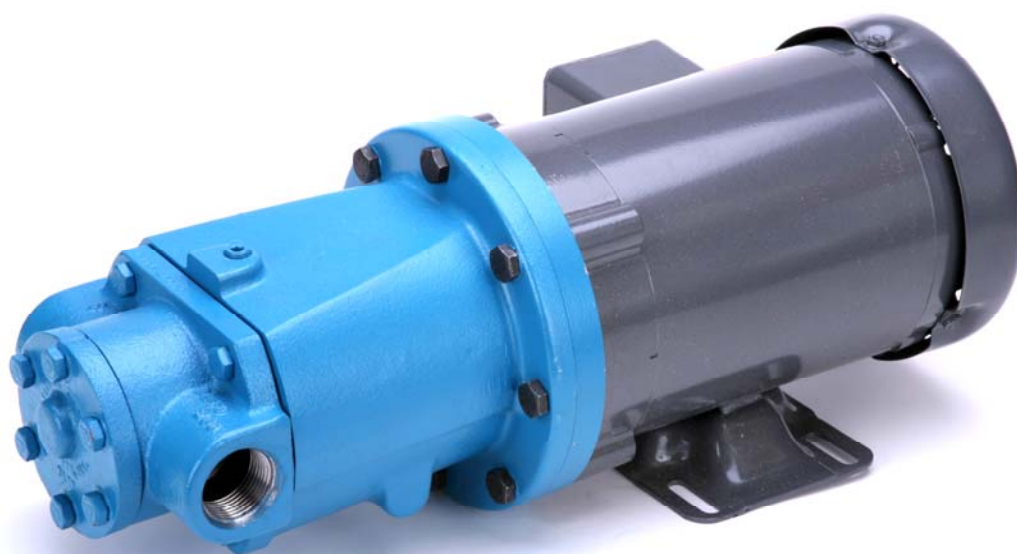


# INSTALLATION AND SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS MAGNETICALLY COUPLED ML & MC SERIES PUMPS



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## WARNING

**Read Manual before operating or working on a Tuthill Mag-Drive pump.**

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## WARNING

The magnets in magnetically coupled pumps create very strong magnetic fields. Special care must be taken with the following:

**Pacemakers** - Magnets can upset the timing of pacemakers. These magnets should be kept away from all pacemakers. Because of the health risks involved the importance of this cannot be overstated.

**Credit Cards** - Magnets can scramble the information on a credit card's magnetic tape.

**Computers, Computer Tapes and Computer Disks** - Magnets can scramble the information on the memory device.

**Watches** - Magnets can affect the workings of traditional mechanical spring driven watches as well as chip and electronically controlled designs.

**Electronic Instruments** - Sensitive electronic instruments and devices may change calibration or be damaged by a powerful magnetic field.

**Explosive Atmosphere** - Rare earth magnets and magnetic materials may create sparks through contact in handling. Never handle rare earth magnets in explosive atmospheres because sparking may ignite the atmosphere.



## WARNING

Magnetically coupled pumps (**SEALLESS** - as defined by the Hydraulic Institute) do not contain any dynamic seals. The possibility of leakage is therefore greatly reduced.

However, all materials are subject to wear and stress which can eventually lead to a failure, resulting in leakage. Without proper safeguards, leakage of hazardous fluids is potentially dangerous and can cause serious injury or death, or create an environmental hazard.

Users must understand and deal with this potential danger regardless which manufacturer's pump is used. If the fluid being pumped is hazardous, appropriate monitoring must be employed to provide early warning of any leakage. If you are unsure of the methods available to monitor your application, you should contact capable engineering firms for design guidance.

Magnetically coupled pumps may decouple and must be stopped to re-engage. Operation of a decoupled unit may destroy the magnets and will result in a serious danger of explosion when handling fluids with a low flash point because of very rapid heat buildup.

Magnetically coupled pumps are not designed to be run dry.

## General Description

The Tuthill ML & MC Series pumps are magnetically coupled versions of the Tuthill L & C Series pumps. These pumps operate on the internal gear pumping principle described on the next page. These pumps do not contain any dynamic seals, thus the possibility of leakage is greatly reduced. Service Manual # 67 for the Mag-Drive Series pumps is available at [www.tuthillpump.com](http://www.tuthillpump.com). See table below for available models.



## WARNING

Failure to follow these instructions could result in serious bodily injury or death.

Do not attempt to work on any Tuthill pump installation before completing the steps below.

Disconnect the drive so that it cannot be started while work is being performed.

Review the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) applicable to the liquid being pumped to determine its characteristics and the precautions necessary to ensure safe handling.

Vent all pressure within the pump through the suction or discharge lines.

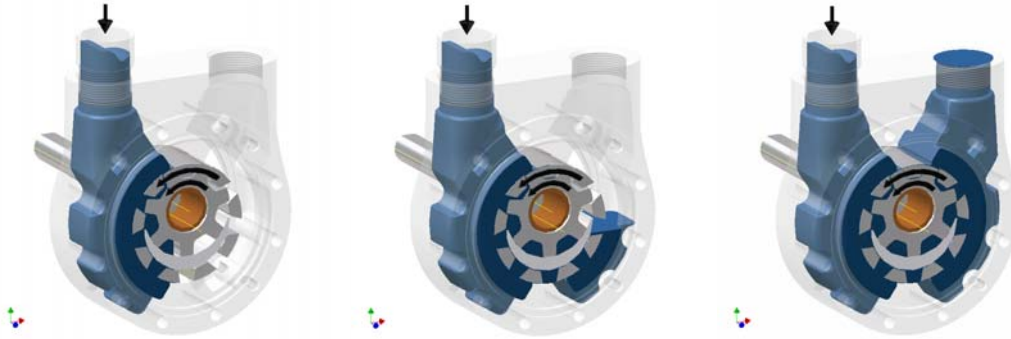
All Tuthill pumps contain residual hydraulic oil from the factory production test.

Determine if this is compatible with the fluid you are pumping. If the fluid is incompatible, then the pump must be fully flushed prior to use.

Materials of Construction	Pump Size	Std. Port Size	Max. Capacity		Max. Speed	Max. Differential Pressure		Max. Pressure	
		INCH	USGPM	LPM		PSID	BAR	PSI	BAR
Cast Iron	ML0I	1/2 NPT	1.7	6	1800	500	34.5	500	34.5
	ML1I	1/2 NPT	3	11	1800	500	34.5	500	34.5
	ML2I	1/2 NPT	5.5	21	1800	500	34.5	500	34.5

Cast Iron	MC2I	1 NPT	9	34	1800	150	10.3	300	20.6
	MC3I	1 1/4 NPT	18	68	1800	150	10.3	300	20.6
	MC4I	1 1/2 NPT	37	140	1800	150	10.3	300	20.6
	MC5I	1 1/2 NPT	62	235	1800	150	10.3	300	20.6
	MC6I	2 NPT	84	318	1800	150	10.3	300	20.6

## The Pumping Principle



Tuthill ML & MC Series pumps employ the internal gear pumping principle. There are only two moving parts. Pumping action is based on a rotor, idler gear and crescent-shaped partition cast integral with the cover.

Torque applied to the rotor is transmitted to the idler gear with which it meshes. The space between the outside diameter of the idler and the inside diameter of the rotor is sealed by the crescent.

As the pump starts, the teeth come out of mesh, increasing the volume. This creates a partial vacuum, drawing the liquid into the pump through the suction port.

The liquid fills the spaces between the teeth of the idler and the rotor and is carried past the crescent partition through the pressure side of the pump.

When the teeth mesh on the pressure side, the liquid is forced from the spaces and out through the discharge port.

## Proper Installation

Unsatisfactory pump installations are usually characterized by poor suction conditions for the specific liquid being handled. Suction conditions should be minimized to prevent vaporization of the liquid. If vacuum conditions force the liquid to vaporize, cavitation will occur, resulting in loss of capacity, premature wear and noisy operation.

For optimum pump performance, the suction line must be at least as large as the corresponding pump port. It should be as short as possible in order to avoid excessive pressure drops and must be airtight. The placement of a strainer on the suction side of the pump will restrict any solids or abrasives from entering the pump, which could cause internal damage.

**Note:** Pipeline friction increases at a rapid rate with an increase in viscosity. For a given pump and motor, larger pipelines are necessary to maintain the same pump pressure when changing from a thin fluid to a thick one.

When handling high viscosity liquids, the speed of the pump must be reduced and the size of the lines increased to prevent cavitation.

Under no conditions should the pump be used to support external piping loads. Piping and other equipment should be independently supported.

The discharge line must be designed with the maximum pressure rating of the pump in mind. Excessive pressure could cause damage to your motor and/or pump. If a pressure relief valve has not been supplied with the pump, some other means of pressure protection must be utilized. This could include in-line safety valves, pressure shutdown switches or other similar devices.

Every pump installation should have a good foundation. Its structure should be sufficiently strong to hold the pump rigid and to absorb any strain or shock that may be encountered. The installation should be leveled, checked for proper piping alignment, and then fastened securely.

Pumps should be filled with fluid at installation and should never be allowed to run dry.

ML & MC Series pumps have internal venting which makes them directional. The direction of rotation is specified from the shaft end of the pump. Unless otherwise specified, rotation is assumed to be clockwise (CW), which places the suction port on the right side of the pump when viewed from the shaft end. Operation of the pump in a direction other than specified can cause damage to both the pump and magnets.

Consult Tuthill personnel whenever unusual conditions of speed, pressure, vacuum or viscosity are encountered.

The Tuthill pump is a positive displacement pump. As the pump rotates, liquid is positively delivered to the discharge side of the pump. If the discharge line is closed off, pressure will increase until the magnets de-couple, the drive equipment stalls and/or fails, the pump breaks or ruptures, or the piping bursts. This could result in serious bodily injury or death. To prevent this from happening, the use of a pressure relief valve is required. A relief valve that directs the flow back to the supply tank is recommended.

MC Series pumps shipped from the factory with relief valves are assembled for clockwise or counterclockwise rotation as originally specified. The adjusting screw must always point toward the suction line. If you want to change rotation, the relief valve assembly must be removed and turned 180°, and the bracket must be rotated 180°.

## Pressure Limitations

Standard models have pressure ratings as shown in page 4. Standard canisters are designed to withstand the maximum rated discharge pressure of the pump. The internal venting arrangement will normally result in a pressure in the canister that is less than the discharge pressure.



## WARNING

Exceeding the maximum canister pressure may cause a canister failure resulting in the release of the fluid being pumped. Refer to the Optional Equipment section for options available for safely addressing this concern.

Consult the factory regarding any applications where the canister pressure is in question.

## Magnet Temperature Limitations

Standard pumps are supplied with magnets constructed of Samarium-Cobalt. These magnets cannot exceed a maximum temperature of 500° F (260° C). Operation above the maximum temperature will result in a permanent reduction in magnet strength. Generally, all magnets subjected to temperatures above their maximum rating will lose a portion or all of their magnetic strength.

## Method of Drive

Direct drive through close coupling of the unit is done on ML & MC units. This eliminates the need for checking coupling alignment and using guards to cover up shaft couplings.

Pipe strain can force the pump and motor shaft out of alignment. Therefore, all piping to the pump must be properly supported. Do not allow the pump to act as a pipe support. Provide for proper expansion of pipes when handling hot liquids.

## Pump Location

The pump should be located as close to the source of supply as conditions permit and if possible, below the level of the liquid in the reservoir. When necessary to locate the pump in a pit, provisions should be made to safeguard against flooding. Care must be taken to properly support the suction and discharge piping so that no strain is put on the pump due to either weight or expansion. Piping strain can result in misalignment, hot bearings, worn couplings, and vibration. It is important that the piping used be clean and free of chips or scales.

## Strainer Protection

Strainers are used to remove contaminated particles from the fluid system and extend pump life. Every pump should be protected from these particles by a strainer in the suction line.

Strainer size and mesh of screen is determined by rate of flow and viscosity of fluid. Consult strainer manufacturer for recommendations.

Never use a strainer with built-in automatic by-pass on the suction line set to open under 30 inch (750 mm) Hg. vacuum.

Install strainer according to the designated direction of flow.

Have strainer accessible for servicing.

Use a duplex type strainer when shutdown during service is not permitted.

Provide a vacuum gauge in the suction line for determining when the strainer requires cleaning.

Make certain strainer baskets are properly reinforced so as not to collapse under 30 inch (750 mm) Hg. vacuum.



## WARNING

Follow all precautions outlined in the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) applicable to the liquid being pumped to ensure safe handling.

All Tuthill pumps contain residual test oil (Mesamol) from the factory production test. Determine if this is compatible with the fluid you are pumping. If the fluid is incompatible, consult the factory.

## Startup

### Prior to starting the pump double check the following:

1. Pressure and vacuum gauges should be installed as close as possible to the pump.
2. Rotate pump shaft to ensure it turns freely without binding.
3. Recheck alignment and ensure all guards are in place.
4. Make sure piping is independently supported and no strain is being transmitted to the pump.
5. Make sure the safety relief valve is installed correctly.
6. Open suction and discharge gate valves.
7. Check for any leaks once gate valves are open.
8. Check pump rotation.

After completing these checks the pump can be started.



## WARNING

The pump should not be run dry. If after approximately 60 seconds there is no discharge of liquid, stop the pump and investigate the possible cause. Failure to comply with this could cause severe damage to magnets, bushings and/or metal parts.

## Pump Disassembly Procedure for ML Series Pumps

Although some minor disassembly is possible with the complete pump/motor assembly still in place, it is recommended that the pump/motor unit be disconnected and moved to a maintenance area.



## WARNING

Residual pumped fluid will be present in the pump. Follow all precautions outlined in the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) applicable to the liquid being pumped to ensure safe handling.

1. Remove piping from the ports.
2. Mark cover and housing before disassembly to ensure proper reassembly.
3. Remove the cover screws, cover and idler.
4. Inspect the following parts carefully for deep grooves, scratches or other damage:
  - The end face of the rotor
  - The O.D. of the idler
  - The I.D. of the idler.
  - Both faces of the idler.
  - The O.D. of the idler pin.
  - The inside surfaces of the cover including the crescent.
5. Check for signs of wear. A decrease in capacity is generally caused by the abrasive action of foreign materials in the liquid, resulting in excessive end clearances.





## WARNING

The pump must be separated from the magnet coupling if further disassembly is required. Follow the instructions below.

**DO NOT PLACE HAND OR FINGERS BETWEEN THE HOUSING AND ADAPTER.** The magnets are extremely strong and will attract all metallic objects and can be the source of pinch points. Do not wear watches or other metallic jewelry when working with magnets. See warning on Page 3.

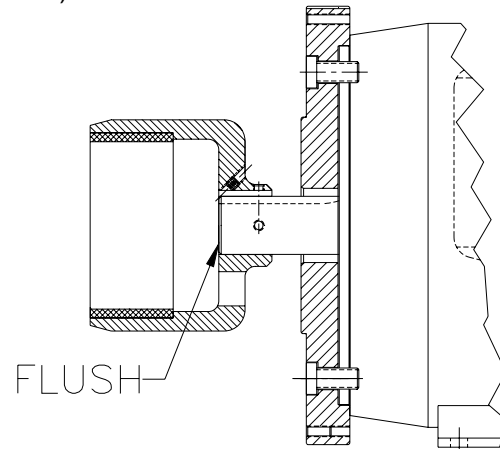
Failure to follow proper procedures or use appropriate tools could result in injury to you or damage to either personal property or the pump.

6. Remove the housing screws.
7. Remove the pump head assembly from the adapter, making sure to pull it straight off.
8. Remove the canister from the housing. The canister will probably contain pumping residue. Use care when removing, making sure to pull the canister straight off. Inspect the canister I.D. and O.D. for evidence of contact or wear.
9. Set the housing, rotor and inner magnet assembly face-down. Remove the retaining ring, inner magnet and key.
10. Set the magnet down on a clean, non-magnetic surface. Inspect the magnet sleeve for evidence of damage or excessive wear and cover with a cloth to prevent contamination.
11. Check the shaft O.D. for any burrs and remove to prevent damage to the housing bushing.
12. Inspect the following parts carefully for deep grooves, scratches or other damage:
  - The I.D. surface of the housing.
  - The back face of the rotor.
  - The back face of the housing bushing.
  - The O.D. of the rotor.
13. Inspect the bushings in the housing for wear.
14. Do not remove the o-ring from the housing unless it is worn or damaged and needs replacement.

### Pump Assembly Procedure for ML Series Pumps

1. Clean all parts thoroughly.
2. Install rotor in housing.
3. Position O-ring in housing.
4. Apply idler to cover and position in housing register. Align matching marks for proper location.
5. Install cover screws.
6. Once cover is installed, rotate the shaft to ensure smooth operation before proceeding.
7. Place pump on flat surface with the shaft facing upward. Check the condition of the o-ring in the groove on the bracket. Install new o-ring if required.
8. Place key into shaft keyway.
9. Lower inner magnet onto shaft until it bottoms onto shaft shoulder. Place retaining ring into upper retaining ring groove on shaft.
10. Place canister over inner magnet until the face of the canister flange bottoms onto the bracket. To insure easy assembly of canister over o-ring, place a small amount of lubricating oil on canister I.D. before assembly.
11. Position adapter securely on flat surface with the pump register end facing upward. Carefully lower the pump/inner magnet sub-assembly into the adapter register.
12. Once the pump/inner magnet sub-assembly is in place, fasten it to the adapter with screws.
13. Place the adapter plate on the motor register.
14. Place the motor on a flat surface with the shaft facing upward.

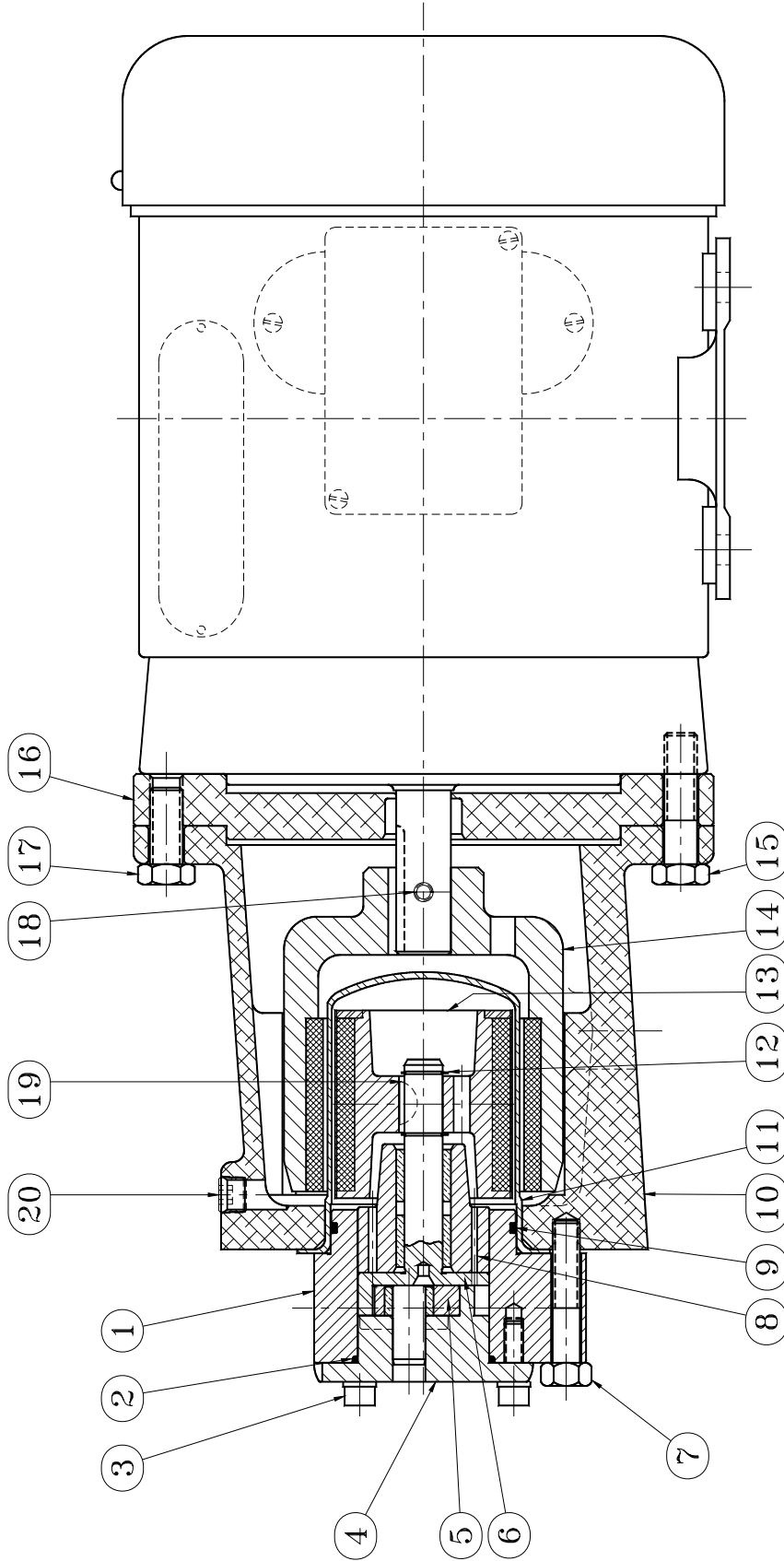
15. Place the key into motor shaft keyway.
16. Carefully lower outer magnet onto shaft until inside face of outer magnet is flush with the shaft. (See Figure 1).



**Figure 1 - Outer Magnet Position**

17. Lock outer magnet onto shaft with set screws, installing the cone-pointed set screw first.
18. Install screws to fasten pump/adaptor sub-assembly to motor.

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BILL OF MATERIAL		
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ITEM DESCRIPTION
1	HOUSING	11 CANISTER
2	O-RING	12 RETAINING RING
3	COVER BOLTS	13 INNER MAGNET
4	COVER & PIN ASS'Y	14 OUTER MAGNET
5	IDLER GEAR ASS'Y	15 3/8-16 X 1.5 LG. BOLTS
6	ROTOR	16 ADAPTER PLATE
7	PUMP MTC. BOLTS	17 3/8-16 UNC X .875 LG. BOLTS
8	HOUSING BUSHING	18 SET SCREW
9	O-RING	19 WOODRUFF KEY
10	ADAPTER	20 PIPE PLUG

Typical ML Series Pump

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### WARNING

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1. Remove piping from the ports.
2. Mark cover, housing and bracket before disassembly to ensure proper reassembly.
3. Remove the cover screws, cover, housing and idler.
4. Inspect the following parts carefully for deep grooves, scratches or other damage:
  - The I.D. of the housing.
  - The end face of the rotor.
  - The O.D. of the rotor.
  - The O.D. of the idler.
  - The I.D. of the idler.
  - Both faces of the idler.
  - The O.D. of the idler pin.
  - The inside surfaces of the cover including the crescent.
5. Check for signs of wear. A decrease in capacity is generally caused by the abrasive action of foreign materials in the liquid, resulting in excessive end clearances. End clearance can be reduced by changing to a thinner cover gasket. To adjust the end clearance, see assembly procedure.



### WARNING

The pump must be separated from the magnet coupling if further disassembly is required. Follow the instructions below.

**DO NOT PLACE HAND OR FINGERS BETWEEN THE HOUSING AND ADAPTER.** The magnets are extremely strong and will attract all metallic objects and can be the source of pinch points. Do not wear watches or other metallic jewelry when working with magnets. See warning on Page XX.

Failure to follow proper procedures or use appropriate tools could result in injury to you or damage to either personal property or the pump.

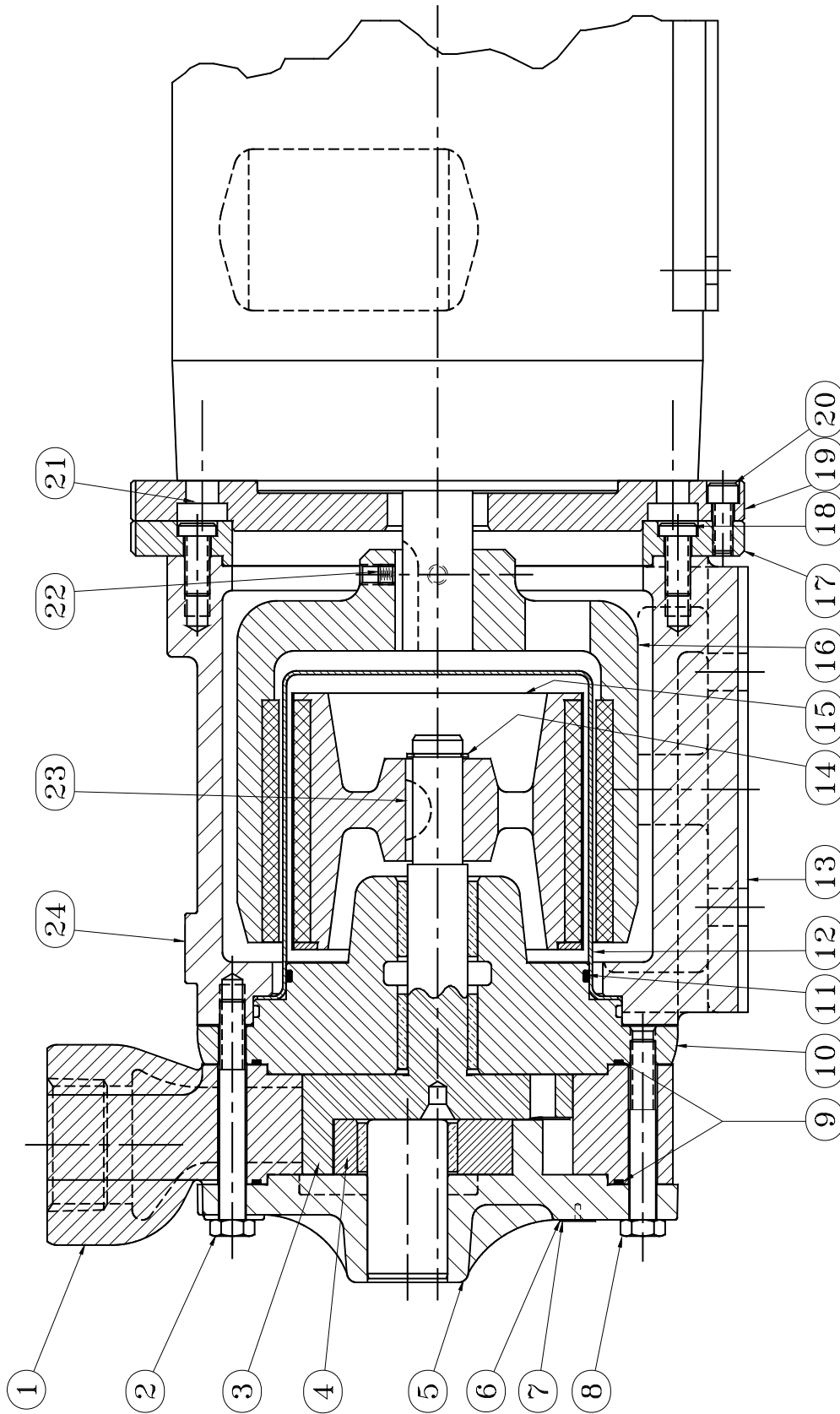
6. Remove the screws that attach the bearing housing / outer magnet sub-assembly to the adapter.
7. Use jack screws to separate the inner and outer magnets:
  - a. Place (3) guide studs into adapter at screw locations and hand tighten.
  - b. Place (1) threaded stud into bearing housing and slowly turn the threaded stud to jack the bearing housing / outer magnet sub-assembly out.
  - c. Continue turning the threaded stud until separation of the inner and outer magnet is complete.
8. Remove pump bracket, rotor and canister sub-assembly from adapter.

9. Remove the canister from the bracket. The canister will probably contain residual pumping fluid. Use care when removing, making sure to pull the canister straight off.
10. Remove the back retaining ring and remove the inner magnet.
11. Set magnet down on a clean, non-magnetic surface, inspect the magnet sleeve for evidence of damage or excessive wear and cover with a cloth to prevent contamination.
12. Remove the front retaining ring (if equipped). Check the shaft O.D. for any burrs and remove to prevent damage to the bracket bushings.
13. Remove the rotor from the bracket.
14. The back face of the rotor and the bracket face should be inspected for any deep scratches or wear. Inspect the bushing in the bracket for wear.
15. Do not remove the o-ring from the bracket unless it is worn or damaged and needs replacement.

### **Pump Assembly Procedure for MC Series Pumps**

1. Clean all parts thoroughly.
2. Install rotor in bracket. Place bracket O-ring in groove.
3. Assemble housing over rotor head positioned on bracket register.
4. Place housing O-ring in groove. Apply idler to cover and position in housing register. Align matching marks for proper location.
5. Install cover screws.
6. Once cover is installed, rotate the shaft to ensure smooth operation before proceeding.
7. Place pump on flat surface with the shaft facing upward. Check condition of o-ring in the groove on the bracket. Install new o-ring if required.
8. If equipped, place retaining ring into lower retaining ring groove on shaft.
9. Place key into shaft keyway.
10. Lower inner magnet onto shaft until it bottoms onto retaining ring or shaft shoulder. Place retaining ring into retaining ring groove on shaft.
11. Place canister over inner magnet until the face of the canister flange bottoms onto the bracket. To insure easy assembly of canister over o-ring, place a small amount of lubricating oil on canister I.D. before assembly.
12. Position adapter securely on flat surface with the pump register end facing upward. Carefully lower the pump/inner magnet sub-assembly into the adapter register.
13. Once the pump/inner magnet sub-assembly is in place, fasten it to the adapter with screws from the cover end.
14. Place the adapter plate on the motor register.
15. Place the motor on a flat surface with the shaft facing upward.
16. Place the key into motor shaft keyway.
17. Carefully lower outer magnet onto shaft until inside face of outer magnet is flush with the shaft. (See Figure 1).
18. Lock outer magnet onto shaft with set screws, installing the cone-pointed set screw first.

# **See Next Page For Pump View**



BILL OF MATERIAL		
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION
1	HOUSING	13 ADAPTER
2	PUMP MTG BOLTS	14 RETAINING RING
3	ROTOR	15 INNER MAGNET
4	IDLER ASSEMBLY	16 OUTER MAGNET
5	COVER & PIN ASS'Y	17 PUMP ADAPTER PLATE
6	ESCUTCHEON PIN	18 PUMP ADAPTER PLATE BOLTS
7	TAG	19 MOTOR ADAPTER PLATE
8	COVER BOLTS	20 MOTOR ADAPTER PLATE BOLTS
9	O-RING	21 MOTOR MTG BOLTS
10	BRACKET	22 SET SCREW
11	O-RING	23 WOODRUFF KEY
12	CANISTER	24 PIPE PLUG

Typical MC Series Pump

## Troubleshooting

### 1. Problem: No fluid is delivered.

- a. Power is not on.
- b. Net positive suction head available (NPSHa) is lower than required for the vapor pressure of the liquid pumped. You should calculate NPSHa and redesign piping, if necessary.
- c. Leaks in suction line or port passages. These can be detected by submerging pressure line from discharge side of pump into a pail of liquid where the air will be seen in the form of bubbles.
- d. Direction of shaft rotation is incorrect.
- e. Magnetic coupling has decoupled. Check for excessive pressure/speed problems.
- f. Relief valve setting is too low. Liquid is discharging through the by-pass port.

### 2. Problem: Capacity is too low.

- a. Air leaks in suction line.
- b. Suction losses are too high. The suction lift is too great or the suction line is too small or too long. This can be detected by installing a vacuum gauge directly at the pump suction. The maximum vacuum at the pump suction should never exceed 15" of mercury. Vaporization caused by higher vacuums will generally result in capacity drop off. Redesign suction conditions.
- c. Pump speed is too slow.
- d. Strainer too small or obstructed.
- e. Suction pipe or port not immersed in liquid deep enough
- f. Piping improperly installed permitting air pocket to form in the pump.
- g. Increased clearances or wear in the pump will sometimes cause the pump to deliver an insufficient supply of liquid. This may be corrected by ordering replacement parts.

### 3. Problem: Pump works spasmodically.

- a. Leaky suction lines.
- b. Suction conditions vary.
- c. Air or vapor in liquid.

### 4. Problem: Excessive power draw.

- a. Pressure too high.
- b. Liquid more viscous than originally expected.
- c. Suction or discharge lines obstructed.
- d. Insufficient horsepower.
- e. Mechanical defects:
  - i. Drive shaft and pump are misaligned.
  - ii. Pump is binding due to insufficient end clearance.
  - iii. Pump shaft is bent.
  - iv. Misalignment within pump due to bad piping or poor installation, causing strain or distortion.

### 5. Problem: Pump is noisy.

- a. Pump is cavitating due to inadequate suction conditions.
- b. Misalignment of coupling.
- c. Coupling set too close to pump.
- d. Vibration of pump due to worn or bent shaft.
- e. Air leaks on suction side of pump or air entrainment in fluid.

**6. Problem: Pump leaks.**

- a. Bolts need tightening, allowing gaskets or o-rings to leak.
- b. O-rings are damaged.
- c. Damage has occurred to the canister.

<b>Material Returns</b>
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If it becomes necessary to return a pump to the factory, a Return Goods Authorization (RGA) must be obtained from either your local Authorized Distributor or our Alsip plant. No RGA can be issued until a completed Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) has been forwarded to our Alsip plant and return of the pump approved.

- Tuthill pumps are precision built and must be handled with care.
- Pumps must be drained of all fluid and the ports plugged to prevent foreign material from getting into the pump.
- Pumps must be packaged securely to prevent damage while in transit.