## SPHERE PUMPS \& SIZING RINGS

TYPE SP-101 SPHERE PUMP

- Quick disconnect tool and hose
- All steel construction including resevoir
- Precision machined pump cylinder
- Easy to use



## SIZING RINGS

- Custom made to your exact requirements
- 24 hour shipment
- Precision laser cut from $1 / 4$ " Micarta (advise pipe size, schedule and percent oversize required)



## CLEANING PIGS

BI-DIRECTIONAL FOAM PIG WITH PULL LOOP

- Clean meter prover
- Water draw preparation


Lightweight Sphere Handler
Model LSH

## PRESSURE PUMPS FOR PIPELINE AND PROVER SPHERES

The pressure pump that is required to facilitate the filling and sizing of pipeline and prover spheres is a single acting, positive displacement, hand operated pump. The effective volume of the pressure pump should be approximately four cubic inches per stroke. The suction and discharge sides of a pump should be equipped with check valves,
and a manual pressure relief valve on the discharge side. The suction side of the pump should be piped with standard $1 / 4$ inch IPS threads and a removable filling reservoir. The complete pump unit will include a pump, reservoir, filling hose with coupling, and a coupling adapter that will fit the sphere filling adapters.

The following filling and sizing recommendations are to be used as a guide only. For efficient operation, spheres must be filled with liquid and sized to proper line diameter.

## Sphere filling recommendations:

- Remove valve cap with valve wrench.
- Remove valve body with valve wrench.
- Hand tighten filling adapter to sphere valve.
- Use a filling spout or a small funnel to fill the sphere completely with the desired liquid filler. During this step, it may be necessary to tap the sphere in order to remove trapped air.
- Disconnect filler hose from sphere.
- Replace valve body and cap with valve wrench. Do not over-tighten.


## Sphere sizing

## recommendations:

## Sizing instructions:

- Remove quick coupling from pressure hose end and thread it into filling adapter.
- Fill reservoir on pump with suggested liquid and operate pump until all air is removed from the pump and the hose before connecting filling adapter to sphere.
- Connect hose filling adapter and proceed to size sphere to proper diameter.
- After reaching proper size, pressure may be relieved from filler hose with small hand valve.
- Remove filling adapter from sphere valve.
- Firmly replace valve cap.
- Precautions necessary when sizing spheres:
- Insure all air is evacuated from the sphere during filling and sizing.
- Tighten all valve and valve caps firmly, but do not force threads.
- If valve leakage occurs, replace entire sphere valve assembly if necessary.


## Tools \& accessories for filling and sizing of spheres:

Pressure pump, Filling adapter, Valve wrench, Filling spout, Core extractor

## Optional tools, parts

and accessories for the maintenance, filling and sizing of spheres:

- Replacement valve cores.
- Replacement vale s for inflatable spheres (complete with valve body, core, cap).

Actual operational experience with the spheres will allow more accurate sizing for any given pipeline or meter power.

- Urethane - $1 \%$ larger than pipe ID.
- All other compounds - $2 \%$ larger than pipe ID.

- Replacement caps.

Sizing rings.
Suggested liquid fillers for pipeline and meter prover spheres

| Temperature range | Liquid filler |
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| Below $32^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | $50 \%$ Ethylene |
| $32^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ to $150^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | glycol \& water |
| Above $150^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | Water <br> Glycerol |
| CAUTION Do not use hydrocarbon |  |
| filling liquids |  |

## SUGGESTED SERVICE APPLICATIONS

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sphere Material | Suggested Operating Temperature |  | Suggested Application |
|  | Minimum | Maximum |  |
| NATURAL | $30^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | $250^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | Water. Alcohols. Low temperatures. Refrigerated propane @ $40^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ to water $50^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ / (maximum exposure of 6 hours). Not recommended for exposure to hydrocarbons. |
| NEOPRENE | $20^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | $280^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | General purpose. Pipeline. Hydrocarbon and chemical service. |
| POLYURETHANE <br> (softer durometers) | $20^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | $170^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ (in oil) $140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ (in water) | Meter prover service, low temperature distillate removal service. |
| POLYURETHANE <br> (firmer durometers) | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | $170^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ (in oil) <br> $140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ (in water) | Gas distillate removal at greater than 600 PSI , long line distillate removal service where temperatures are $60^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ or greater. |

