

## OPERATION OF THE SUCKER ROD PUMP DURING THE PUMPING CYCLE

#### Pumping System Provides Power to Lift Fluid by Compressing Fluid







#### **Basic Mechanism**

- Valve opens when pressure below valve greater than pressure above valve.
- Valve closes by flow.
- Pressure in barrel is a function of plunger travel and compressibility of fluid in barrel.
- Discharge pressure is pressure at bottom of tubing (PDP)
- Intake pressure is controlled by casing pressure and fluid column in annulus (PIP)

#### **Compression/Expansion of Oil at Constant Temperature**

When barrel is full of oil, piston travels down or up by 0.1 inch and pressure changes by 600 psi





UT Laboratory Instrumented Sucker-rod Pump



## "Sucker Rod Acoustics" in the Lab

#### 15 SPM Pumped-Off (BV)



## **Start of Upstroke – SV Closed**



## **Upstroke – SV Opens**



## Middle of Upstroke – SV Open



## **Top of Upstroke – SV Closed**



Plunger at top at 23.7 inch from bottom

#### **Start of Downstroke – TV closed**



## **Downstroke – TV Opening**



## Middle of Downstroke – TV Open

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### **End of Downstroke – TV Closing**



#### **Bottom of Downstroke – TV Closed**

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	Pump Intake 4-20	1.35E+1	psia	Num of Images	
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#### **Beginning of Next Upstroke – TV Closed**



## **Pump Filled With Liquid**



#### **Compression of Gas at Constant Temperature**

Plunger moves 1/2 the distance to bottom of the barrel and pressure only doubles



## **Gas Compression**

**Constant temperature, ideal gas** 

$$P_1 * V_1 = P_2 * V_2$$

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![](_page_23_Figure_0.jpeg)

#### Downstroke

![](_page_24_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### Downstroke

![](_page_25_Figure_1.jpeg)

Plunger Falling and at 11.8 inch from bottom

![](_page_25_Picture_3.jpeg)

#### Downstroke

![](_page_26_Figure_1.jpeg)

Plunger Falling and at 10.8 inch from bottom

![](_page_26_Picture_3.jpeg)

## **TV Beginning to Open**

![](_page_27_Figure_1.jpeg)

Plunger Falling and at 10.6 inch from bottom

### **Gas Starts Flowing Through TV**

![](_page_28_Figure_1.jpeg)

Plunger | Falling | and at | 10.1 | inch | from |

## **Gas Flow then Liquid Flow**

![](_page_29_Figure_1.jpeg)

Plunger Falling and at 2.8 inch from bottom

![](_page_29_Picture_3.jpeg)

## **Bottom of Downstroke**

![](_page_30_Figure_1.jpeg)

## **Pump Partially Filled With Gas**

![](_page_31_Figure_1.jpeg)

# Summary

- Rod loading from pump is controlled by difference in pressure above and below traveling valve.
- Pressure in barrel is a function of plunger travel and compressibility of fluid in barrel.
- Discharge pressure is pressure at bottom of tubing.
- Intake pressure is determined by casing pressure, fluid column in annulus and pump submergence
- Fluid column in annulus depends on well inflow performance.
- Partial liquid fillage has three possible causes: gas interference, well pump-off and choked pump.

#### TABLE OF CASING/TUBING/PUMP SIZE

Casing Size	Tubing	Sucker Rod	RW	RH Insert	TH Tubing	Oversize
	Size, Max	Size, Max	Insert	Pump,	Pump,	Tubing
			Pump,	Max	Max	Pump,
			Max			Max
2-7/8",	1-1/2" Reg.	5/8", Slim	1-1/4"		1-1/2"	2"
6.5#		Hole Cplgs				
3-1/2",	2-1/16"	3/4", Slim	1-1/4"		1-1/2"	2"
7.7-10.2#	Integral Jnt	Hole Cplgs				
4",	2-3/8"	7/8" Slim	1-1/2"	1-1/4"	1-3/4"	2-1/4"
9.5-14.0#		Hole Cplgs				
4-1/2",	2-7/8" Spec	1", Slim	2"	1-3/4"	2-1/4"	2-3/4"
9.5-12.6#	Clear Cplg	Hole Cplgs				
5",	2-7/8"	1" Slim	2"	1-3/4"	2-1/4"	2-3/4"
11.5-20.3#		Hole Cplgs				
5-1/2",	3-1/2"	1-1/8"	2-1/2"	2-1/4"	2-3/4"	3-3/4"
14-20#	Flush Joint					
6-5/8",	3-1/2"	1-1/8"	2-1/2"	2-1/4"	2-3/4"	3-3/4"
20-28#						
7",	4-1/2"	1-1/8"	3-1/4"	2-3/4"	3-3/4"	4-3/4"
17-29#						
7-5/8" and	4-1/2"	1-1/8"	3-1/4"	2-3/4"	3-3/4"	5-3/4"
Larger						

Note: <u>These are maximum sizes</u>. Smaller tubing, sucker rods or pumps can be used than those shown for any particular row of maximum size choices.

#### PUMP DESIGNATION

The basic types of pumps and letter designation covered by this specification are as follows: Letter Designation

	Metal Plun	ger Pumps	Soft-packed Plunger Pumps	
Type of Pump	Heavy-Wall Barrel	Thin-Wall Barrel	Heavy-Wall Barrel	Thin-Wall Barrel
Rod Pumps Stationary Barrel, Top Anchor	RHA	RWA		RSA
Stationary Barrel, Bottom Anchor Traveling Barrel, Bottom Anchor	RHT	RWT	TP	RST

Complete pump designations include: (1) nominal tubing size, (2) basic bore diameter, (3) type of pump, including type of barrel and location and type of seating assembly, (4) barrel length, (5) plunger length, and (6) total length of extensions when used, as follows:

![](_page_34_Figure_4.jpeg)

Example: A l¼ in. (31.8 mm) bore rod type pump with a 10 ft. (3.048 m) heavy wall barrel and 2 ft. (0.610 m) of extensions, a 4 ft. (1.219 m) plunger, and a bottom cup type seating assembly for operation in 2-3/8 in (60.3 mm) tubing, would be designated as follows: API Rod Pump Designation

20-125 RHBC 10-4-2 2-3/8 Tubing 1-1/4 Bore Rod Heavy Bottom Cup 10 ft long barrel 4 ft plunger 2 ft extension

## **Questions**?

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