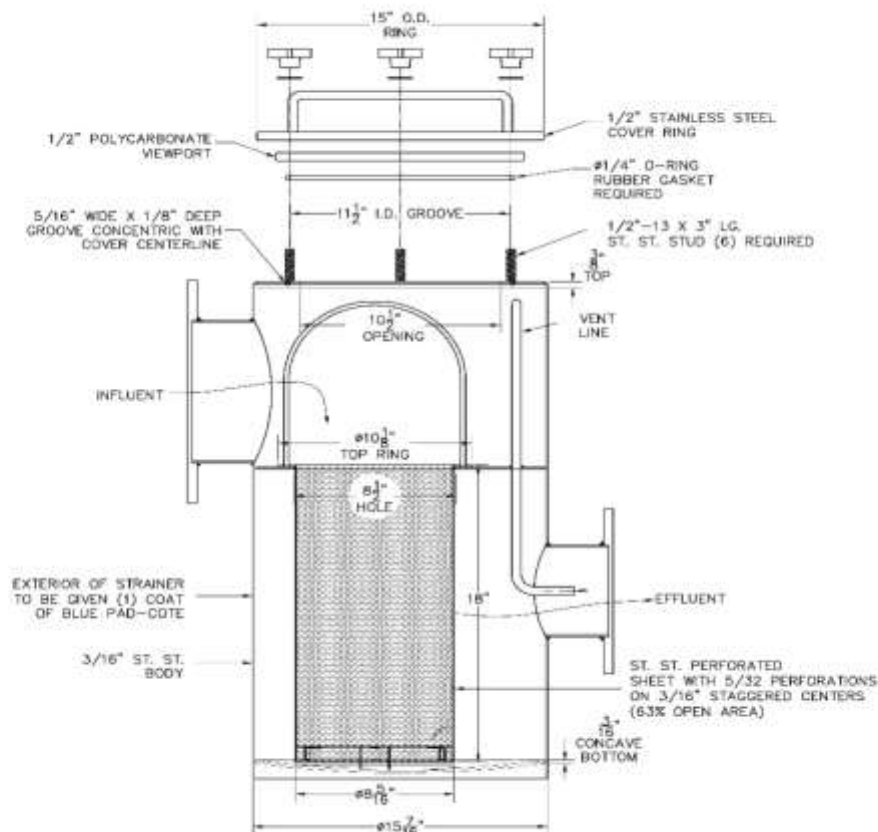


Paddock Industries Pump Strainer

Installation, Start-Up, Shut-Down

The Pump Strainer is a high-quality stainless-steel vessel incorporating a perforated stainless-steel basket designed to strain hair, lint, and other large particles from the fluid stream that might clog or damage the pump's impeller. A typical design is shown in the cross-sectional view below.



Installation

Support the strainer, pump, and plumbing independently using standard concrete pedestals to mount the pump and standard pipe supports for the plumbing. Typically, the strainer sits on the floor, but a pedestal can be constructed for it, if necessary. Attach the strainer flange to the pump flange using standard flange gaskets and hardware. Likewise, attach the influent plumbing to the strainer. Install an isolation valve in the influent line upstream of the strainer, and another in the effluent line downstream of the pump.

Start-Up

Close both isolation valves, remove the strainer lid, and fill the strainer and pump volute with water through the lid opening if pump is installed above water level. In a flooded-suction situation, crack open the influent isolation valve to allow the strainer and volute to fill with water, then close influent isolation valve. Re-install the strainer lid, making sure it is secured and sealed tightly. Open the influent isolation valve and start the pump. After about five seconds, slowly open the effluent isolation valve, taking 5-10 seconds to open the valve. This slow opening of the effluent isolation valve after pump is started eliminates the possibility of creating a water hammer (also known as hydraulic shock).

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Shut-Down....

Gradually close the effluent isolation valve, taking 5-10 seconds, before turning pump off. This slow closing of the effluent isolation valve prior to turning the pump off prevents water hammer. This “dead-heading” of the pump for a few seconds will in no way damage it. If the strainer is to be opened at this time for cleaning, close the influent isolation valve before removing the lid. Upon replacement of a clean basket, re-install the lid and secure it tightly, and open the influent isolation valve. Do not open the effluent isolation valve until after the pump is started so as to prevent water hammer.

A Word About Water Hammer....

Water hammer is a destructive pressure spike caused by the sudden deceleration of water flow. The pressure spike potential can be easily calculated by multiplying the water velocity at normal flow in feet per second by 65. This gives the pressure spike potential in pounds per square inch. For example, water flowing at 6 ft/s will cause a 390 psi water hammer if the water flow is suddenly stopped. This can occur upon starting a pump with air in the plumbing every time the water flow encounters an elbow or tee, or upon closing a valve suddenly, or even upon simply turning off a pump without first slowing the water flow down. **Failure to prevent water hammer constitutes abuse and will render any warranties void.**