millMAX™ Pumps
The original suction side sealing pump
Proprietary design
the wear ring advantage

Our millMAX™ pump has a unique proprietary design developed specifically for severe duty applications such as mill discharge duties and other severe abrasive slurries.

Key benefits
- Even and predictable wear life for wet end parts
- Significant energy savings
- Constant hydraulic performance
- Long-lasting bearings that cannot be over-greased
- Increased tonnage throughput
Problems faced by conventional slurry pumps
Prior to the millMAX, slurry pumps experienced two major problems: mechanical grinding of solids between the suction liner and impeller, and flow recirculating back to the impeller eye on the suction side. Both of these problems decrease pump life and increase power consumption. Conventional slurry pumps can only solve one of these issues through impeller and liner adjustment – but not both.

Problems are magnified as the pump wears and the gap between the impeller and the suction liner opens. Slurry recirculates rather than exiting the pump through the discharge causing the flow and head generated by the pump to drop. To keep up with production, the speed of the pump is increased. Increasing the speed of the pump causes the rate of wear of all pump components to increase exponentially. To compensate for the loss in production from wear, the speed is further increased, which inevitably leads to the destruction of the pump.

The millMAX difference
The millMAX product family features a proprietary suction-side sealing system, the wear ring, that eliminates both major problems faced by conventional pumps. The wear ring closes the suction side gap while the pump is running restoring performance WITHOUT speeding up the pump. This feature makes the millMAX the ONLY pump line that can effectively eliminate both the inefficient recirculation and the grinding of slurry.
The millMAX™ advantage

The key advantages of our slurry pump design are lower power requirements (up to 25% less); long, even wear life; and less pump downtime – all of which result in lower cost-per-ton pumped, along with better cyclone separation.

**Grind in the mill, not in your pump**
To stop recirculation, pumps without a wear ring must adjust their impeller and suction liner close together. This can be effective when pumping fluids with no solids; with slurries, however, the solids become caught between the rotating impeller and static suction liner, and are crushed.

**Lower your operating costs**
Grinding these solids consumes power and wears out the impeller and liner. Additionally, in industries such as the diamond and potash mining, grinding of solids is not acceptable because it degrades the value of the product. The millMAX wear ring stops stop recirculation, and allows for a large gap between the impeller and suction liner – eliminating solids grinding. This advantage has been proven worldwide to reduce power costs, reduce maintenance costs, and eliminate particle degradation when compared to conventional pumps.
The millMAX™ payoff
Because millMAX pumps maintain a constant operating speed and do not grind particles, they naturally last longer and consume less power. This means less plant downtime and lost production, with less money spent on pump maintenance and power. millMAX pumps are the latest and most advanced slurry pumping technology on the market today.

See the difference for yourself
If you’d like to see for yourself, millMAX pump wet ends can easily adapt to competitor power frames for a head-to-head comparison. We do recommend complete pump replacements, when possible, as the millMAX bearing assembly design (shown on page 6) has the potential to eliminate common bearing failure caused by over-greasing.

Other competitors pump impeller eye is enlarged and deformed, indicating suction-side recirculation.
millMAX pump impeller eye is protected from recirculation wear by the wear ring.
millMAX™

features

Our unique millMAX™ pumps treat the causes of pump wear and efficiency loss, whereas competitive pumps only treat the symptoms through materials or costly upgrades.

The millMAX™ pump design includes the following:

Casing
Designed for minimum slurry turbulence and even wear. Includes integral wear ring, wear ring carrier and adjustment screws for online adjustment and elimination of suction-side recirculation.

Wear ring
Adjustable wear ring assembly to permit closing of suction-side impeller clearance during operation.

Impeller
Designed for high slurry efficiency and hydraulic performance. Machined surface at the eye for wear ring adjustment and high expelling vanes.

Suction liner
With integral wear ring, matching full impeller diameter and profile for close operating clearance.

Power frame
Heavy-duty cast iron pedestal with external bearing assembly adjustment mechanism.

Flanges
Multiple flange options drilled to suit various pipe requirements.

Reverse-taper roller bearings
- Increase the effective load span to improve life
- Pumping action of taper rollers discharges grease to the outside, preventing ingress of slurry and eliminating possibility of failure due to over-greasing

Narrow clearance between impeller and backliner
- Reduces pressure at gland to assist centrifugal dry-gland seal

Optimized expelling vane design
- Clears large solids
- Prevents crushing of solids
- Reduces casing slurry pressure at impeller eye

External wear ring adjustment bolts
- Allow simple and safe wear-ring adjustment while pump is operating

Wide clearance between impeller and suction liner
- Dramatically reduces crushing of solids
- Increases wear life
- Reduces power consumption
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Reverse-taper roller bearings
High radial vanes design
Narrow clearance
Wide clearance
External wear ring adjustment screws

Maximum expected flow rate into a water flush seal at 10 psig (68.9 kPa) above pump discharge pressure

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millMAX™ pumps

We offer a wide range of pump designs, pump selections and application knowledge — and can provide you with the highest quality and lowest total cost-of-ownership solution for any slurry pump application.

**millMAX high-pressure pump**

Our millMAX high-pressure (millMAX HP) product line includes a tie-bolt design for high-pressure, multi-stage applications. They have the same superior internal hydraulic design as our standard-pressure millMAX pumps. millMAX tie-bolt-design pumps have the same superior internal hydraulic design as our standard-pressure millMAX pumps, yet can handle operating pressures of greater than 500 psi (35 bar).

High-pressure applications produce extreme forces on the pump suction liners, making full-face adjustment of traditional designs nearly impossible, as well as unsafe. The millMAX wear ring has a small cross-sectional area, and has proven to be easily adjustable in the highest-pressure applications.

The result? Our millMAX HP will easily maintain suction-side sealing throughout the life of the pump, leading to higher pumping efficiency and constant operating speeds for a given discharge head. These factors increase the wear life of the wet-end components over our competition.

The tie-bolt design of the millMAX HP also allows for ultrasonic casing thickness measurements. By measuring casing thicknesses all around the pump, operators can predict and schedule maintenance shutdowns before any failures occur — an action that is not possible with split-casing pumps.

**millMAX high-head pump**

Our millMAX high-head (millMAX HH) pump was designed for applications that have high total dynamic head requirements. The pump's primary feature is the concentric casing that creates a uniform clearance between the casing and impeller. Standard volute slurry pumps experience radial thrust on their impellers due to differential pressure zones with the pump casing when they operate far away from their best efficiency point (BEP). This radial thrust causes shaft deflection and premature bearing and gland-sealing failures. The millMAX HH concentric casing design creates an even velocity and pressure around the casing, regardless of where the pump is in relation to its BEP.

millMAX HH pump casings have higher pressure ratings to account for high-speed and multi-stage applications. A filter-press feed is one application that is ideally suited for the millMAX HH design, as it includes duty requirements that range from low head and high flow, to high head and low flow. But the millMAX HH is suited for any application where high heads are required in one- or two-stage pumping systems.
Casing pressure distribution operating far left of BEP

millMAX standard volute design

Low pressure zone
Radial thrust on impeller causing shaft deflection
High pressure zone

millMAX HH concentric volute design

Creates equal pressure around the concentric casing
Quick selection guide

FLOW (CUBIC METERS/HOUR)

FLOW (GALLONS/MINUTE)

HEAD (FEET)

HEAD (METERS)

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