



Flowserve Mechanical seal seminar

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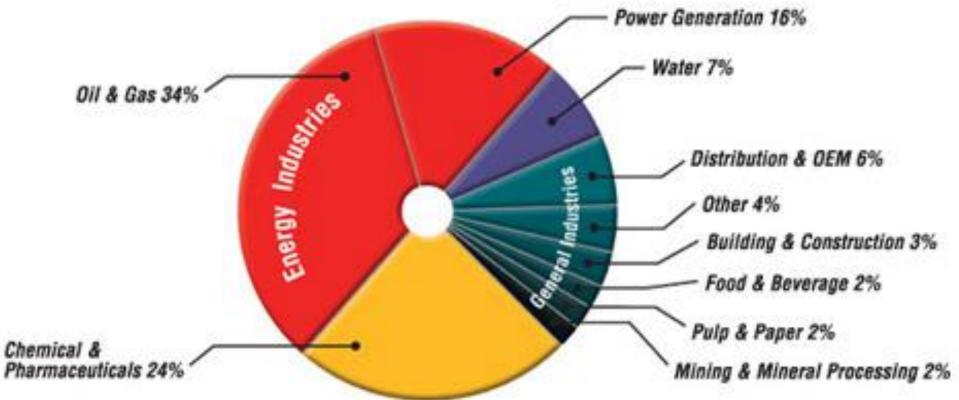
Flowserve at a glance

- •Founded: In 1997 with the merger of two leading fluid motion and control companies BW/IP and Durco International
- •Stock symbol: FLS (NYSE)
- Total sales in fiscal year 2003:US \$2.4 billion
- •Core Business: Manufacture engineered and industrial pumps, industrial valves, control valves, nuclear valves, valve actuators and controls and precision mechanical seals, and provides a range of related flow management services, primarily for the process industry.
- •More than 14,000 employees in 56 countries
- Customers in more than 70 countries
 - World Headquarters
 - Sales Offices
 - Service Centers and Quick Response Centers
 - Manufacturing Plants and Regional Operations Centers

















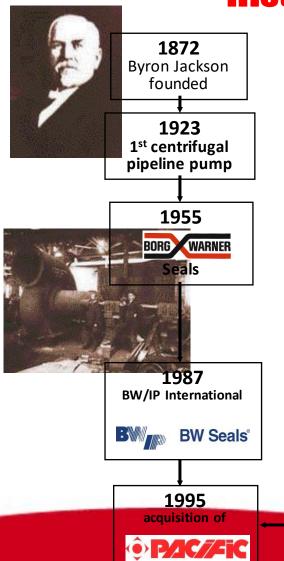


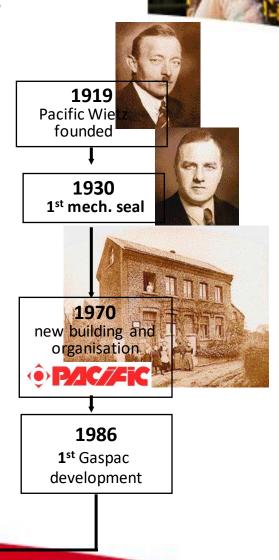




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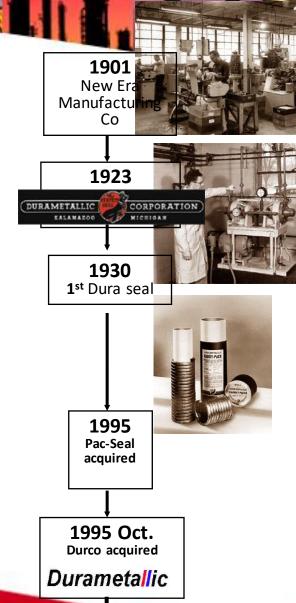
History





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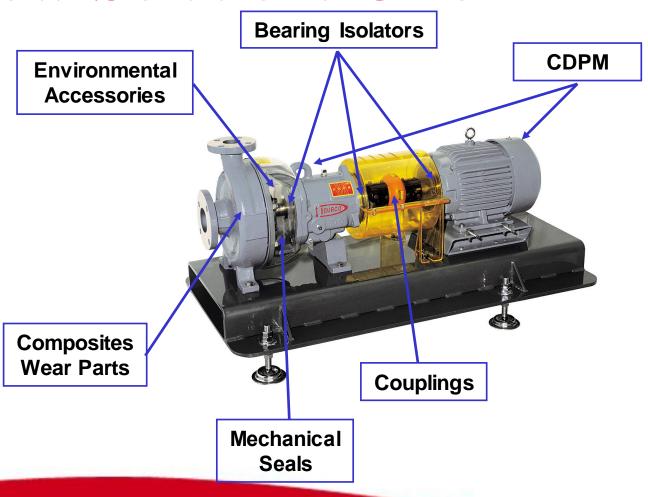
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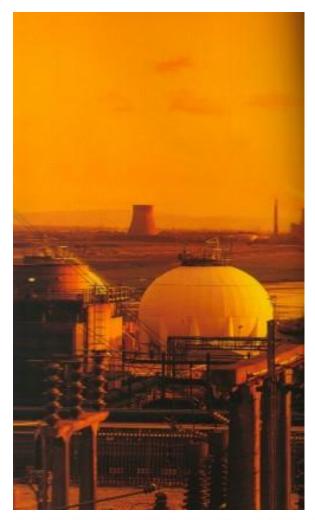
Experience In Motion



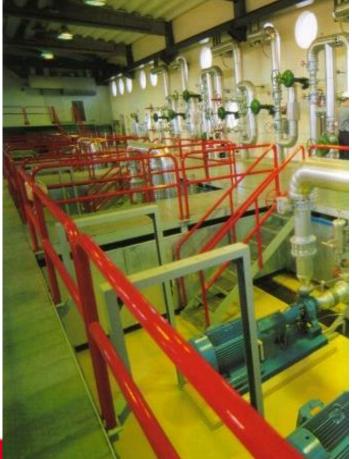
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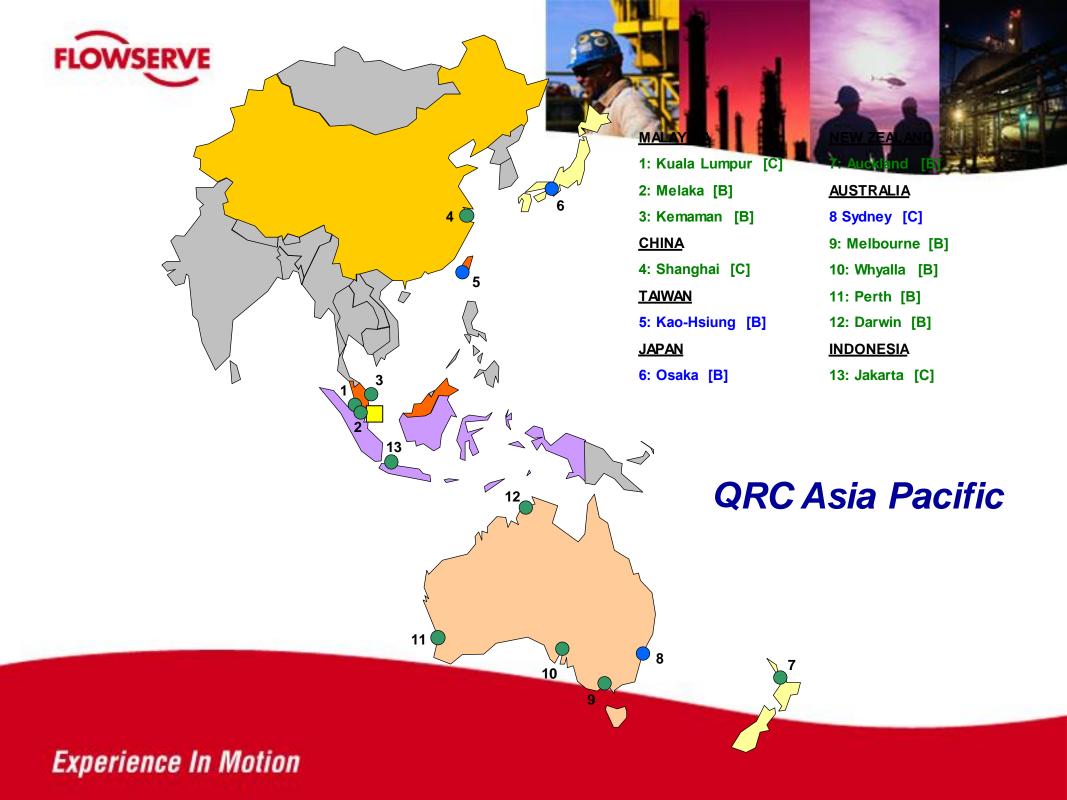


Leader of Industries



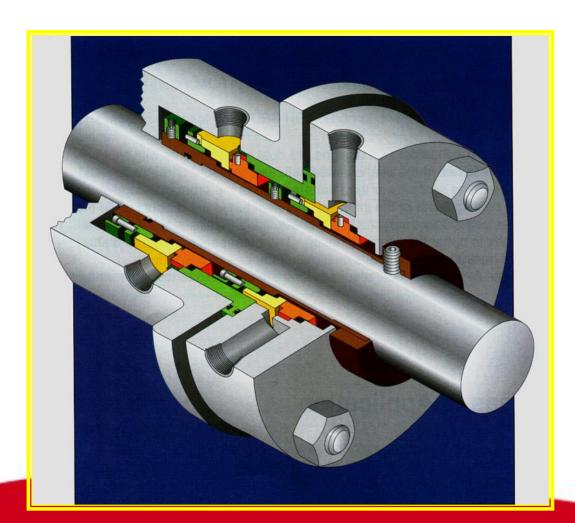








Mechanical Seals





1. Introduction

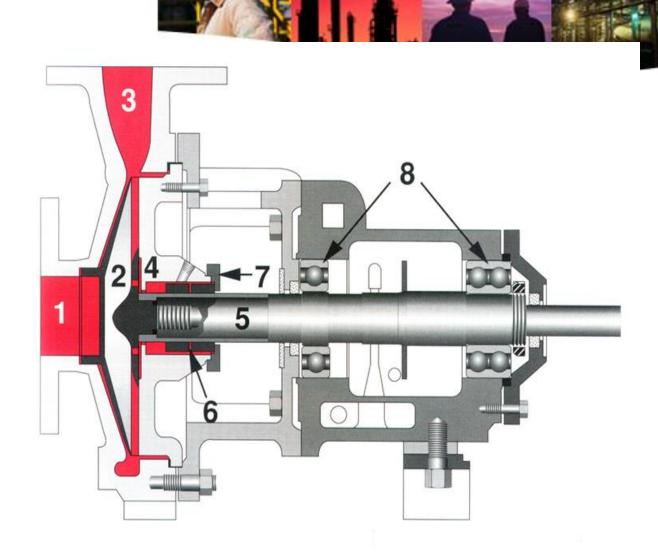
To allow a rotating shaft to emerge from a high pressure cavity to a low pressure cavity without significant leakage, a mechanical seal is required.

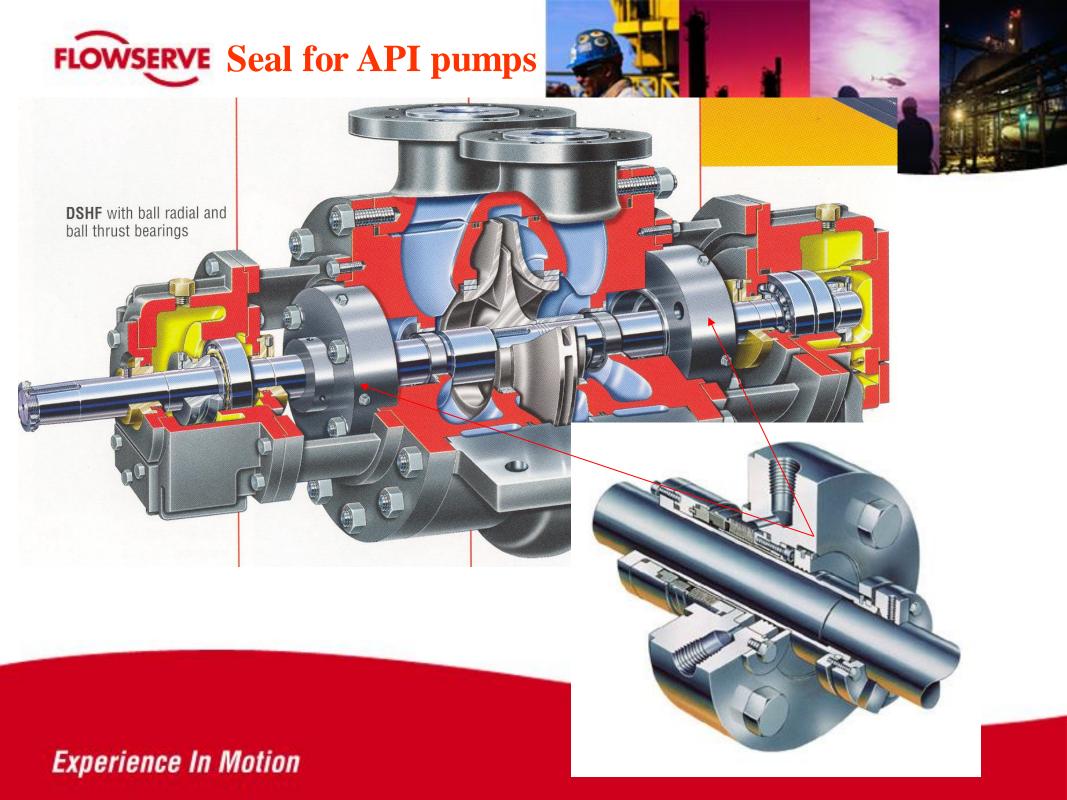






The purpose of a mechanical seal is to stop the liquid in the pump (red) from leaking between the rotating shaft (5) and the stationary casing (4)



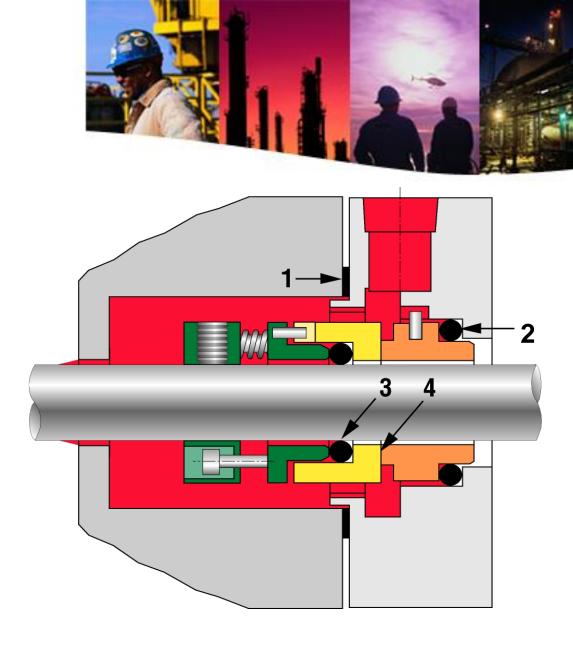




Potential Leak Paths

- Path 1 Between seal flange and pump face
- Path 2 Behind stationary seal face
- Path 3 Under rotating seal face
- Path 4 Between mating seal faces

For dual seal design, paths 1, 2, 3 & 4 are duplicated.







What is necessary for a seal to work?

1. Face Contact

-Seal's flexible member must be free to wobble axially to compensate for misalignment and to move axially down the sleeve to make up for face wear.

2. Flatness

-Seal faces have flatness of 2 to 3 helium light bands. (1 LB equals 0.0000116" or 11.6 millionths of an inch).





3. Face Lubrication

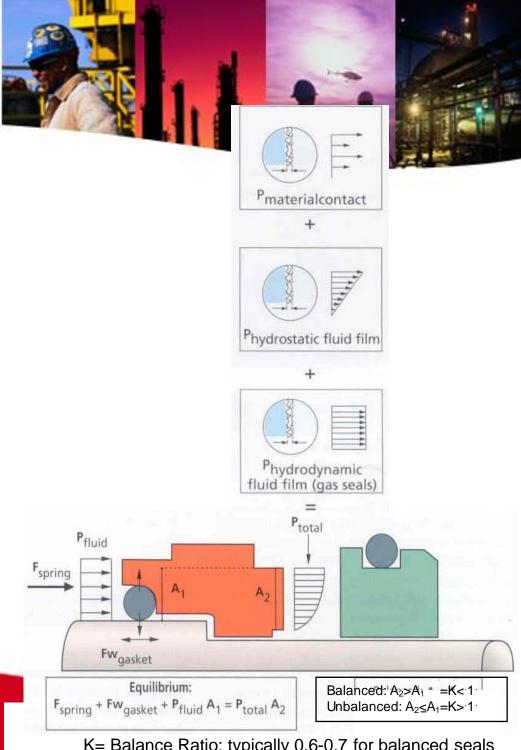
- A stable lubricating film must be maintained between the faces at all times.
- –Typical film thickness: $0.5\mu m(20\mu in)$, must be thick enough to prevent mechanical contact, thin enough to prevent high leakage. (Related to physical properties of the liquid: viscosity and specific gravity at pumping temperature)
- -Boundary layer of liquid in the seal chamber fills pores and imperfections of the seal faces.
- -Dry running of a seal for only a few seconds may destroy it and result is premature seal failure.



From the sketch; figure 13 the red coloured ring is called *the dynamic or spring loaded face*. It can be seen as *a free floating piston*, where a number of forces are in balance:

- Hydrostatic pressures (closing and opening forces).
- Material contact at the contact zone of the two faces, the rotating and the stationary one (minimal during normal operation).
- Hydrodynamic pressure (minimal for a liquid seal, essential as aerodynamic pressure for a gas seal).
- Spring force
- Gasket friction force (O-ring drag)

Flowserve engineers have tuned all designs such that the axially moving, spring loaded face is *in perfect equilibrium* over the entire range of operating conditions. One method is changing the "balance ratio" "k" by changing the hydrostatic closing force, used for seals at higher pressures.

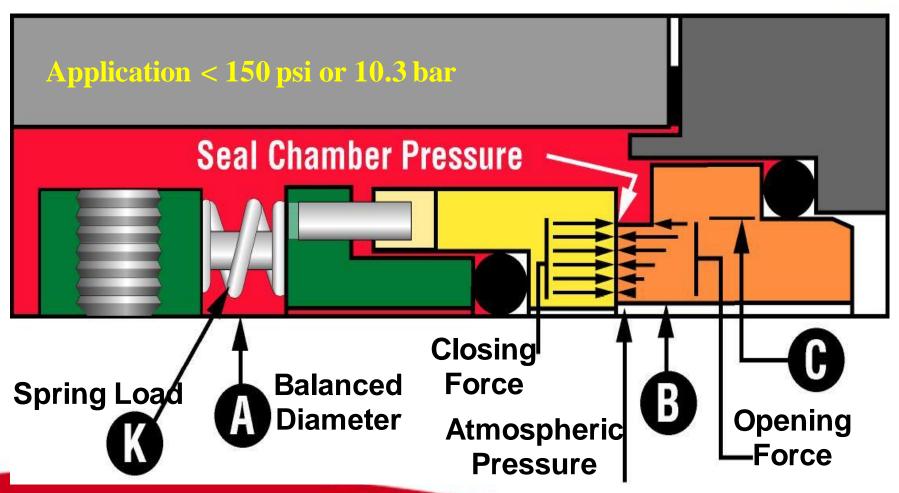


K= Balance Ratio; typically 0.6-0.7 for balanced seals Figure **13** Equilibrium sketch



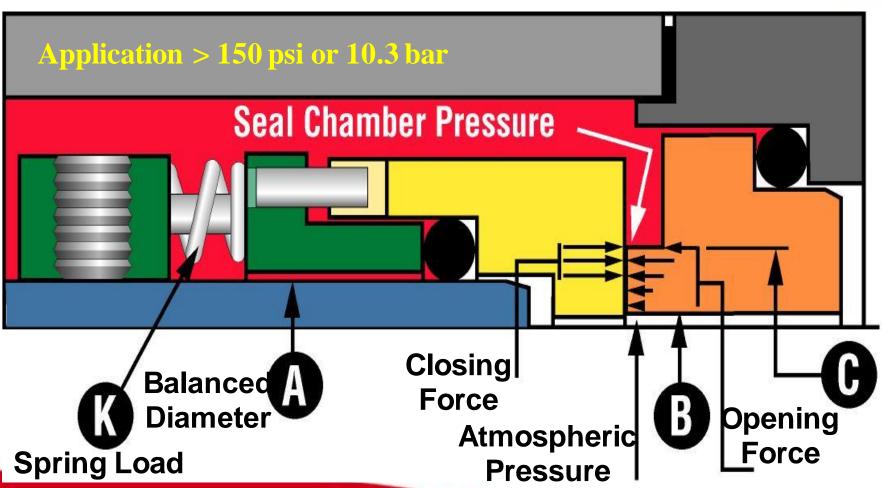
Unbalanced Seal

$$F_{\text{spring}} + F_{\text{closing}} - F_{\text{opening}} = F_{\text{net}}$$



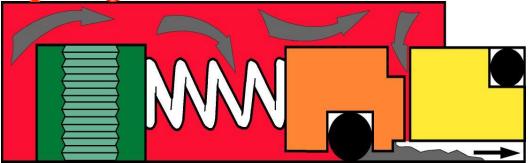






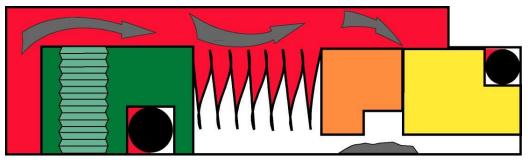


Spring Pusher Seal



Dynamic O-ring moves axially as seal faces wear, prone to hang-up.

Bellows Seal

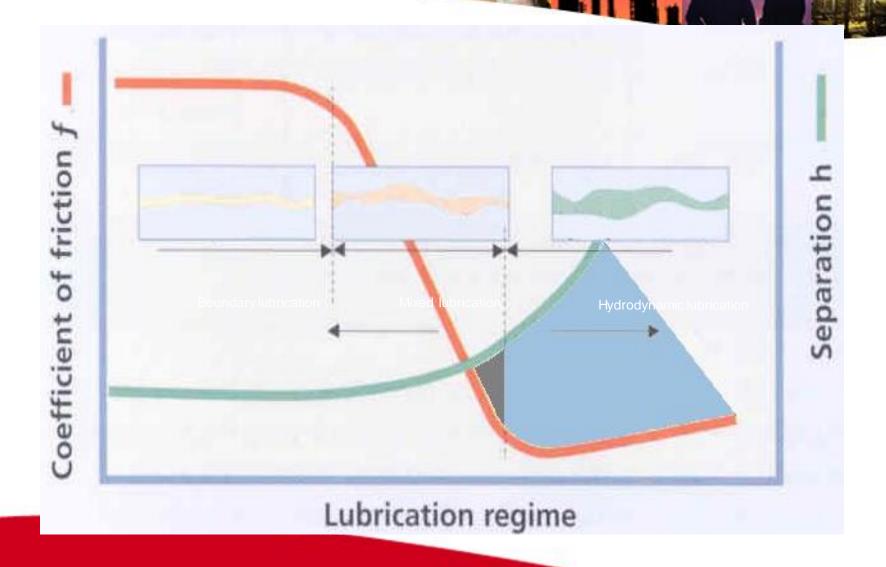


O-ring does not have to move axially when faces wear, eliminates hang-up.

Experience In Motion



Lubrication Regimes



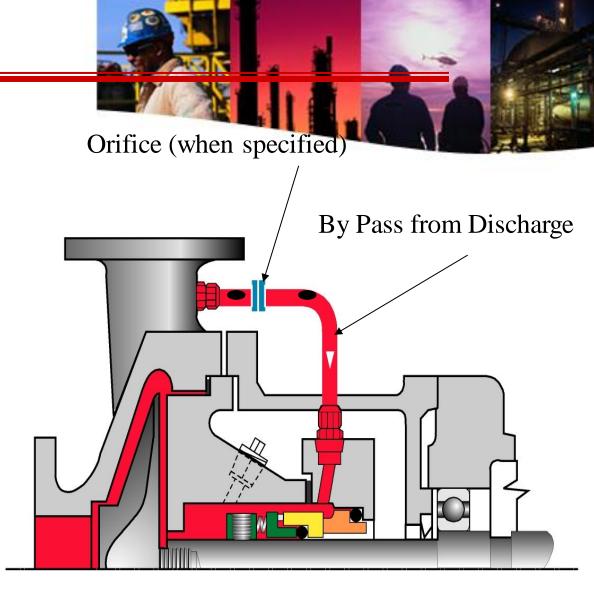


Picture 14



By Pass from Discharge

- Cools the seal and stuffing box
- Helps keep the seal chamber clean
- vaporization by adding a close clearance bushing in the box causing the chamber pressure to increase.
- Keeps the chamber flooded and seal lubricated
- Normally use 1/8 or 3/16" orifice

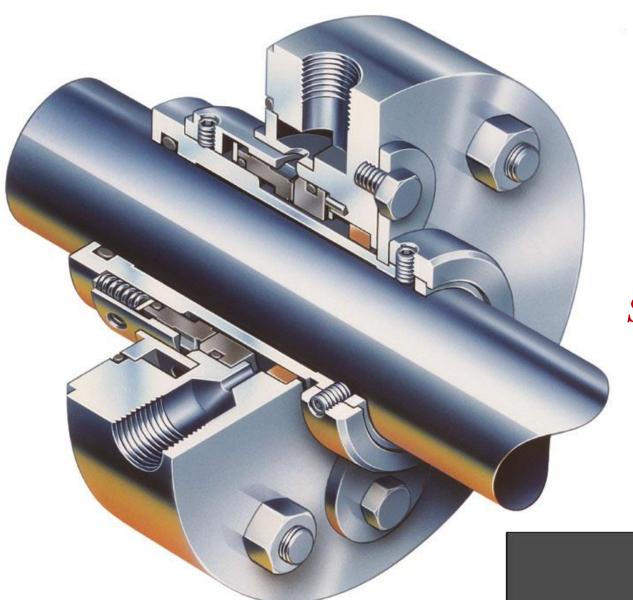


API Plan 11



A Cool Seal is A Happy Seal

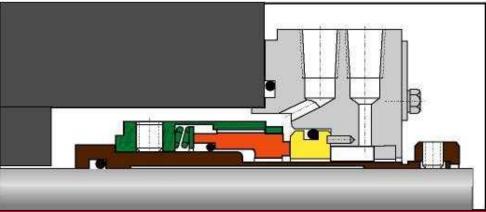






Single Cartridge Seal

- Balanced Pusher Desig



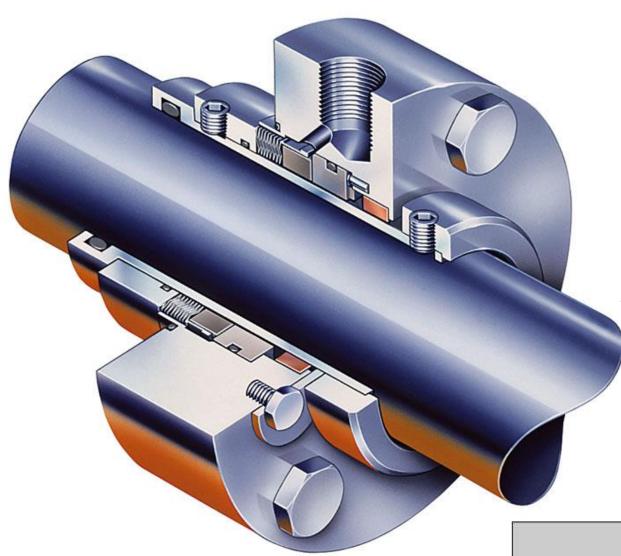


- Spring Pusher vs Bellows
- Balanced vs Unbalanced
- Component, Hook Sleeve

& Cartridge Design



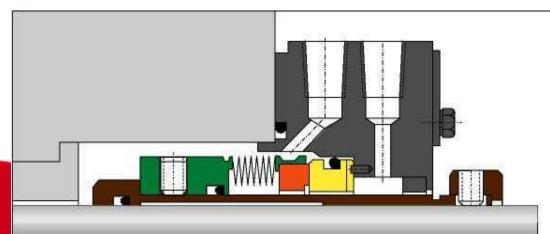
All Mechanical Seals fall into either of the above types. Neither design is inherently better than the other, but an understanding of the differences between them is necessary for selecting and maintaining it for it's specific purpose and application.





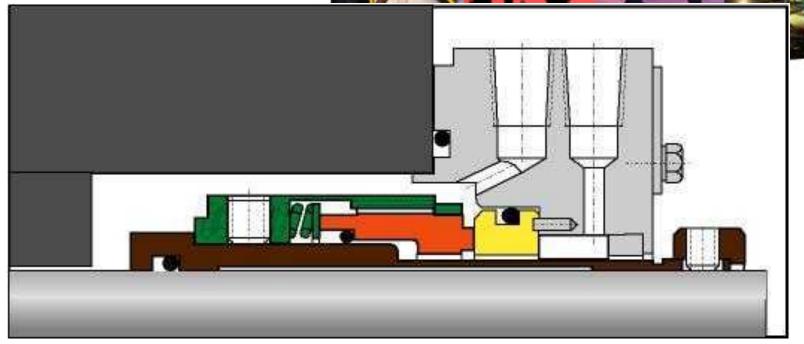
Single Cartridge Seal

- Balanced Non-Pusher

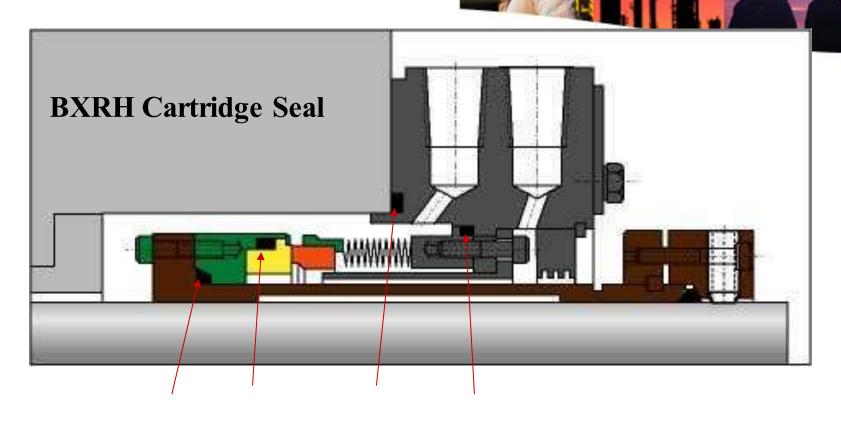


Single Seals

Pusher

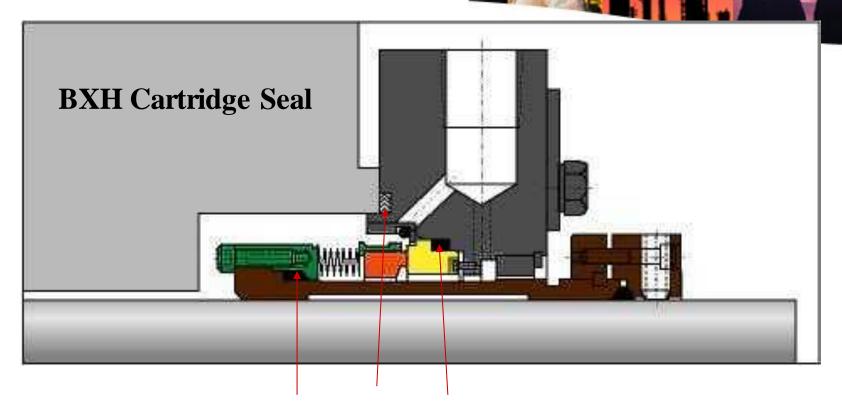


- Single seals are the most common type of seal and the most economical to operate and maintain.
- Seal Faces are lubricated by the process fluid.
- Working envelope from vacuum to over 1000 psi and Temperatures from -40 to 550 F
- Typically less expensive compared to Tand/Dbl seals.
- Generally limited to temperatues below 500 F
- Has potential for Dynamic oring handup in dirty services.



O'rings are now replaced with Hi-Temp. Grafoil gaskets.

High Temperature Single Cartridge Seal

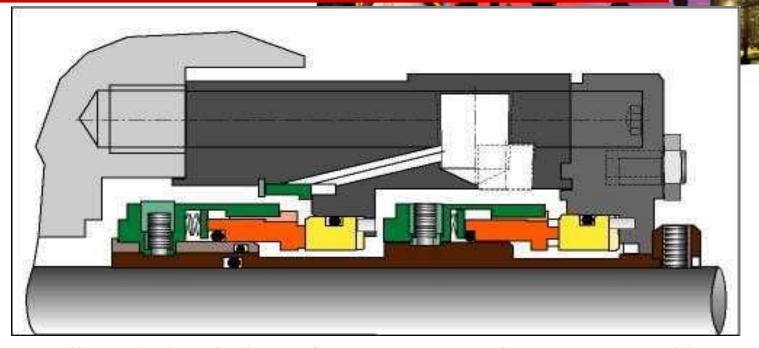


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High Temperature Single Cartridge Seal

Tandem Seals

Non-pressurized

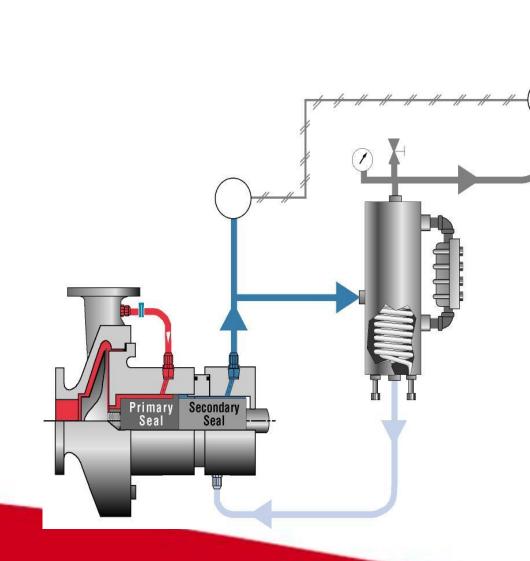


- Tandem seals generally used where leakage of process to atmosphere is unacceptable.
- Two seals work independent of each other.
- Primary seal in Process fluid and secondary seal operates in the buffer fluid.
- Dual seal will require an auxillary support system. Eg. Reservoir.
- Typically more expensive than single seals.
- Requires higher level of monitoring

FLOWSERVE API Plan 52

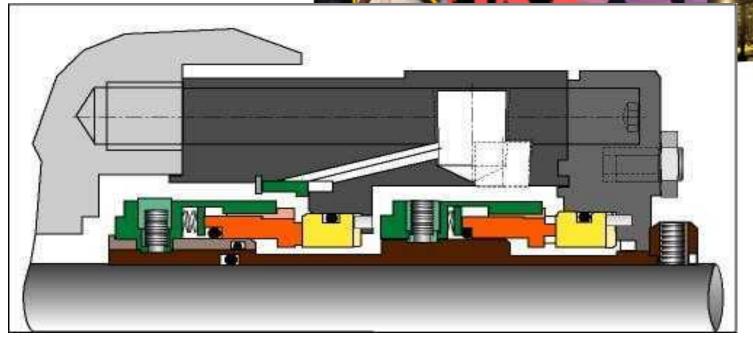
Internal Buffer Fluid Circulation (UnPressurized)

- To Provide a protective buffer media between product and atmosphere to prevent environmental contact in the event of a primary seal failure
- Normally the reservoir is vented to a flare or low pressure point to dispose of vapors that have leaked across the primary seal.



Double Seals

Pressurized

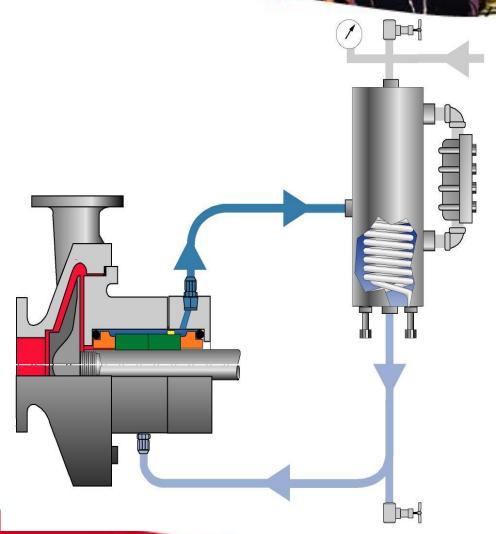


- Double seals are used when zero leakage to atmosphere can be tolerated.
- Used in toxic, lethal, carcinogenic, dirty, viscous, abrasive fluids. Pump cavitation??
- Barrier Fluid is now at higher pressure than process. Generally recommend 25 psi differential
- Barrier must be compatible with process and the environment.
- Requires auxillary support system and reliable Nitrogen pressure
- Requires higher level of monitoring and detailed startup and shut down procedures.

FLOWSERVE API Plan 53

Internal Barrier Fluid Circulation (Pressurized)

- Circulates barrier liquid through the seal chamber.
- Requires a circulation device (flow inducer, pumping ring)
- Pressurize barrier fluid 15 to 25 psig above seal chamber pressure
- Never let the barrier fluid level go below the return line to the supply tank. Flow will be lost, the seal will over heat and nitrogen will be released from the barrier fluid causing gas to migrate to the seal faces

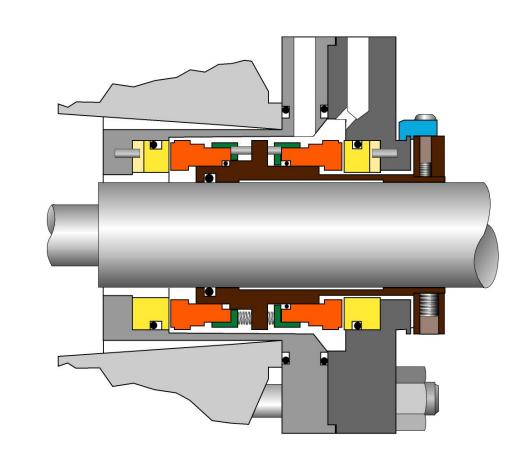


FAVE INPlan 53



Gas Seals

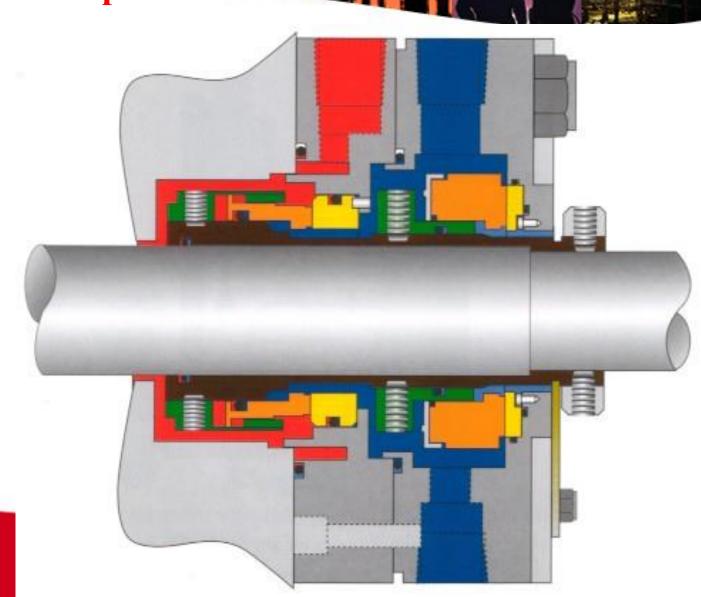
- Two sets of seal faces, inner (process side) and outer (atmospheric side).
- Gas (nitrogen, instrument air, mixed gas) is pressurized between the two sets of seal faces at a higher pressure than is acting on the stuffing box.
- A small amount goes to process and atmosphere (usually between .05 and 3 SCFH (standard cubic feet per hour).
 This is measured on the flow meter in the gas barrier control panel
- Never turn off the gas while the pump is in service. Gas can be turned off if the pump has been cleared and suction and discharge valves have been closed.





Dry Gas Back-Up Seal

- Conventional primary seal
- Dry gas seal at outboard
- No seal pot
- Use with vapor recovery system
- Good for flashing application, LPG

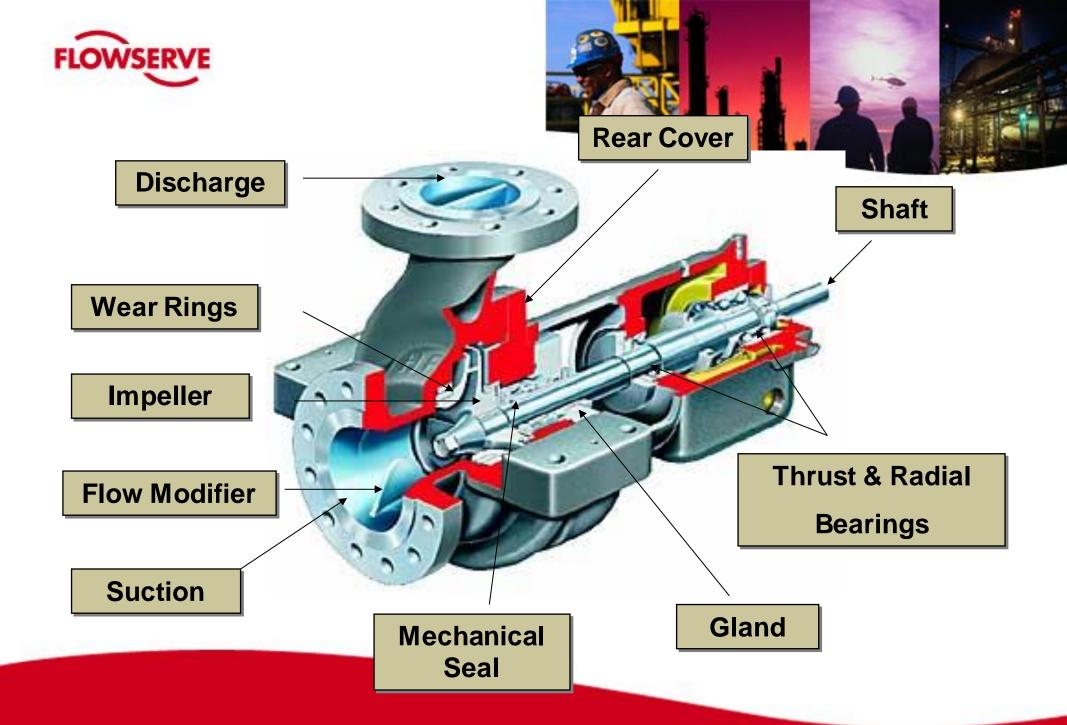






All the efforts put into designing, constructing and maintaining for high reliability can be negated in an instant by improper operation of the equipment.

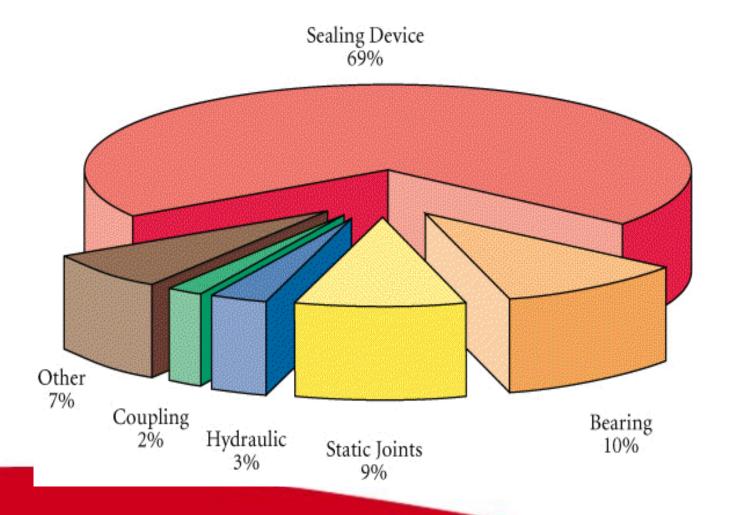
In order for any Mechanical seal to be successful, we must first have a reliable pump. We cannot solve a pump problem by simply changing the mechanical seal.





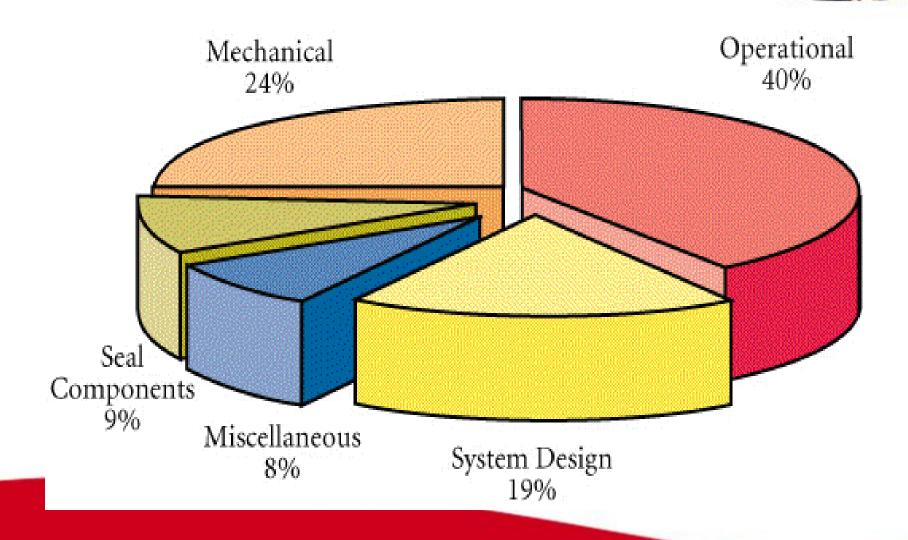
Reliability

Causes of Rotating Equipment Faitures







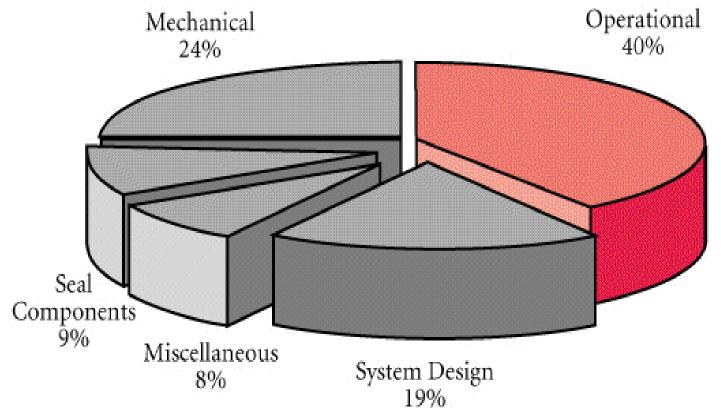




FLOWSERVE Reliability



Causes of Mechanical Seal Failure- OPERATIONA



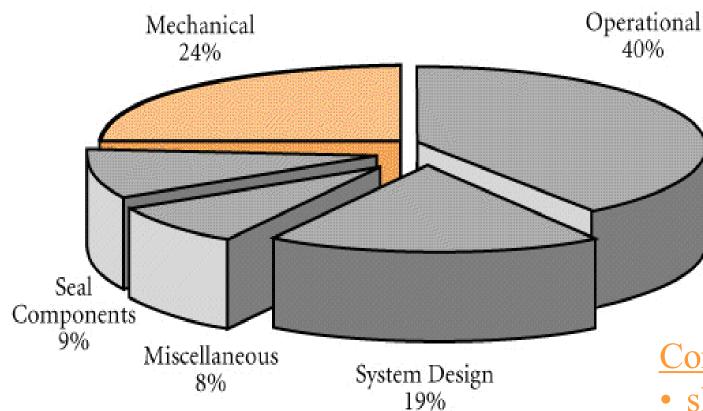
Common causes:

- not at BEP
- insufficient NPSH
- operating deadheaded
- dry-running
- improper venting
- etc.



FLOWSERVE Reliability

Causes of Mechanical Seal Failure- MECHANI



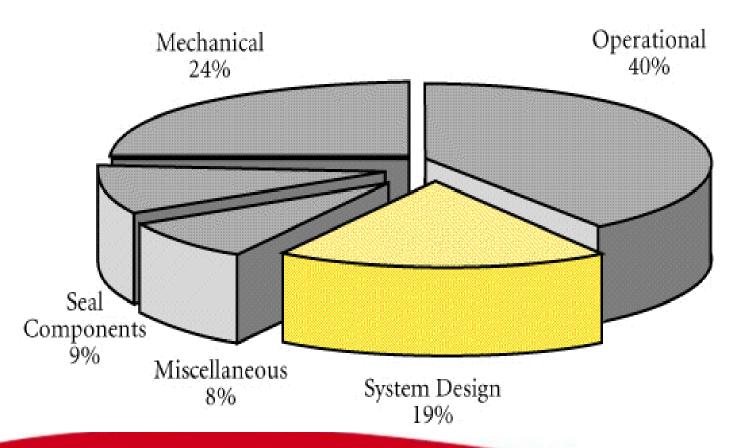
Common causes:

- shaft alignment
- coupling balance
- pipe strain
- etc.





Causes of Mechanical Seal Failure-SYSTEM DESIGN



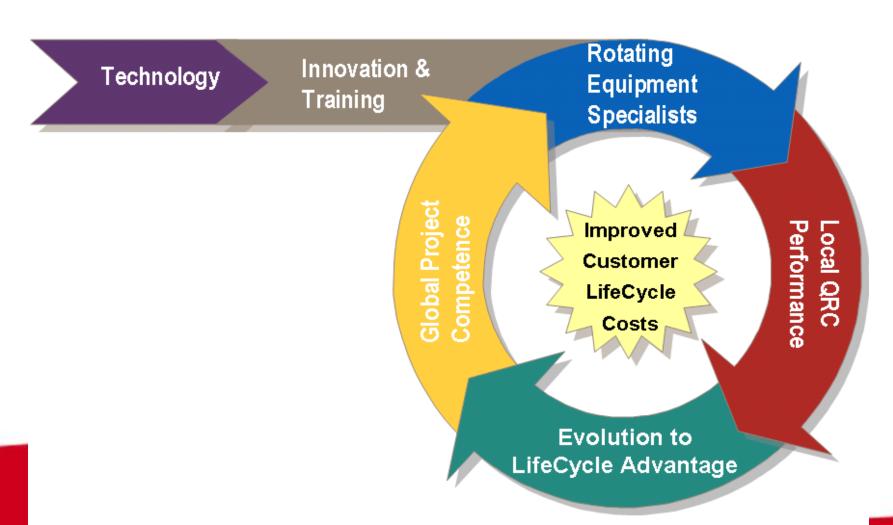
Common causes:

- flush arrangement
- insufficient cooling
- dual seal auxiliaries
- etc.





Flow Solutions Core Value







Advance Face Technology





Laser Machining







Laser Face Technolgy

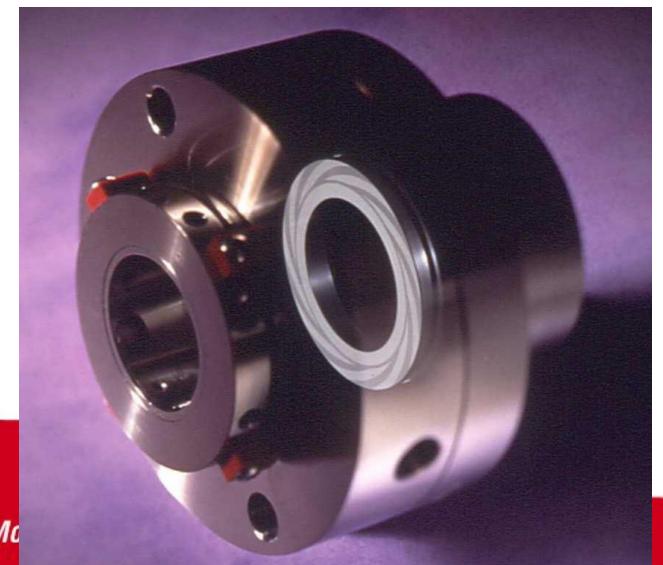


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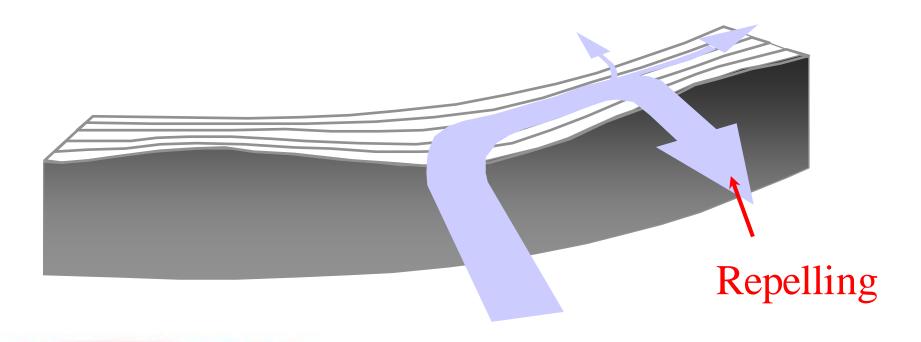
Gas Barrier Seal

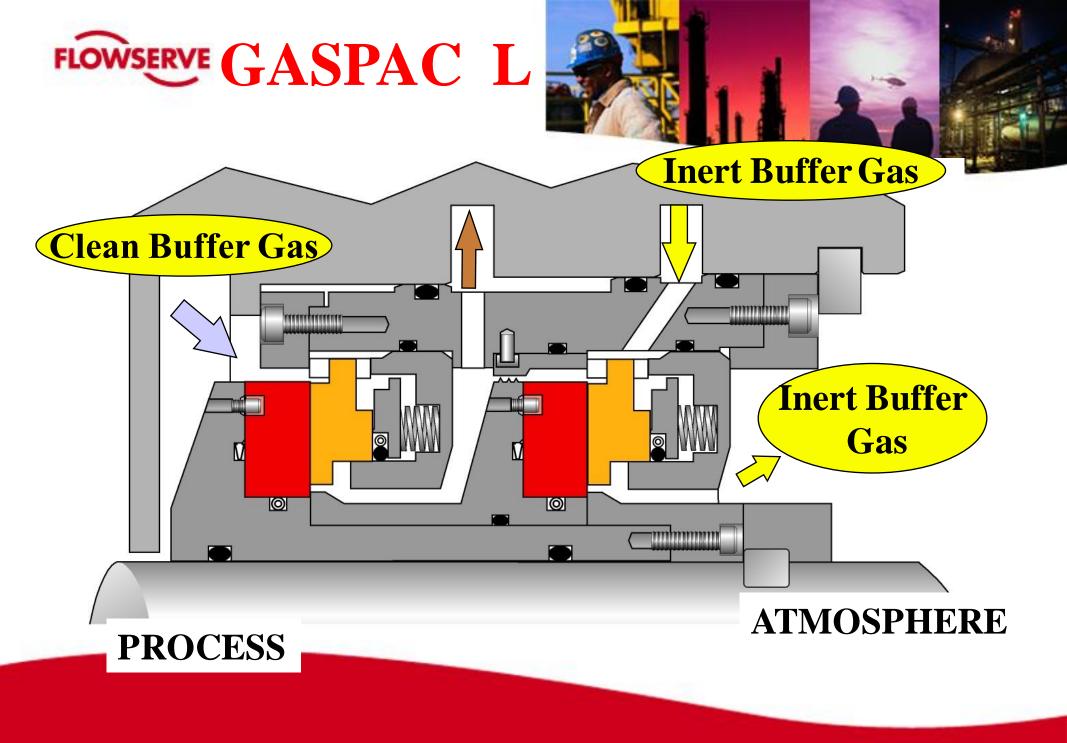




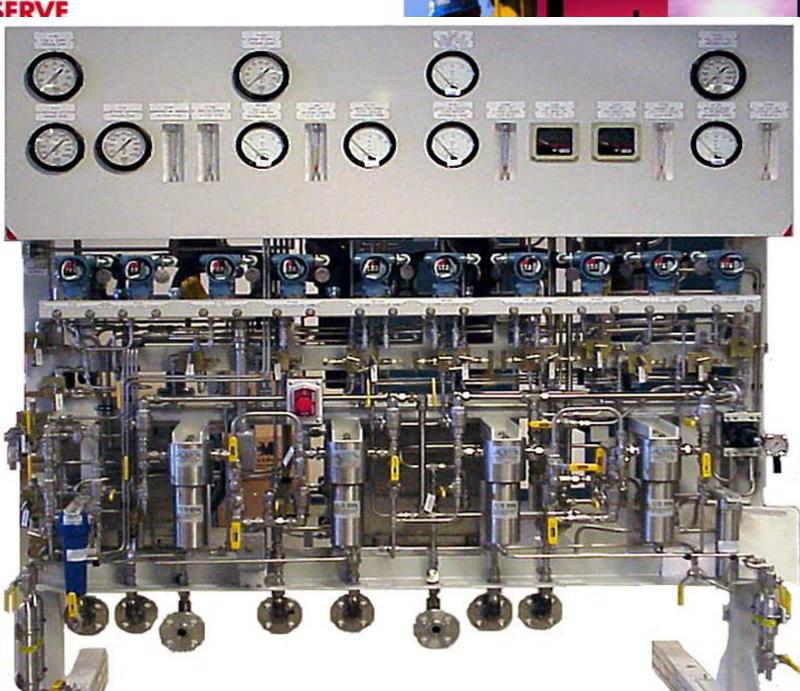


Circulation Effect of Waves

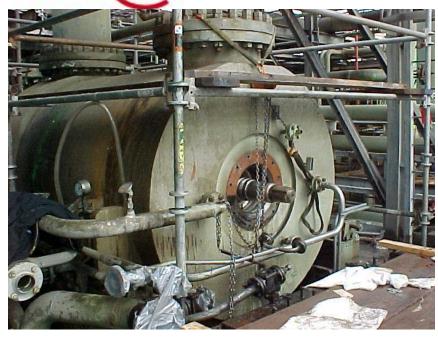














On Site Compressor Service







Indoor Gas Seal Tester 0-86 bar; 6000-34000 rpm

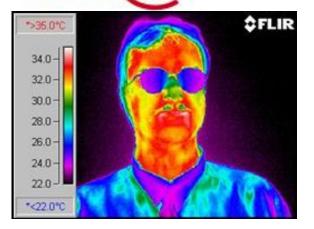


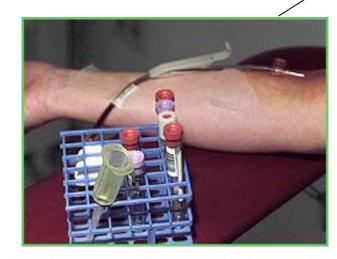




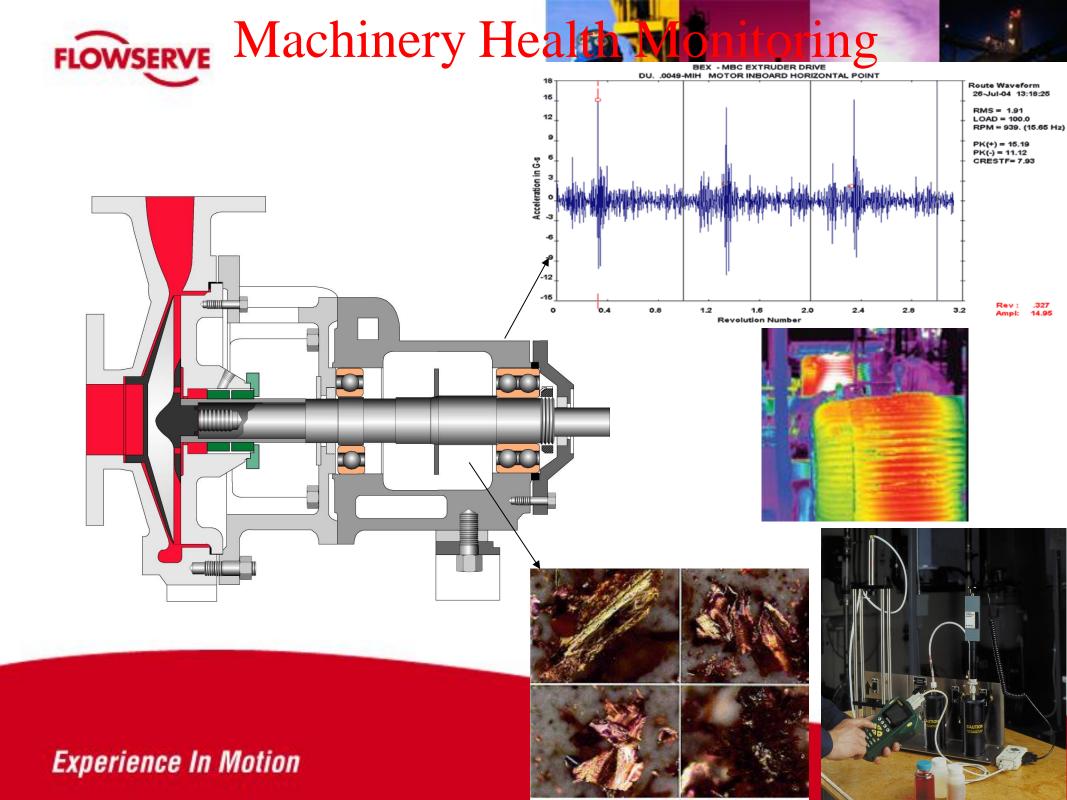
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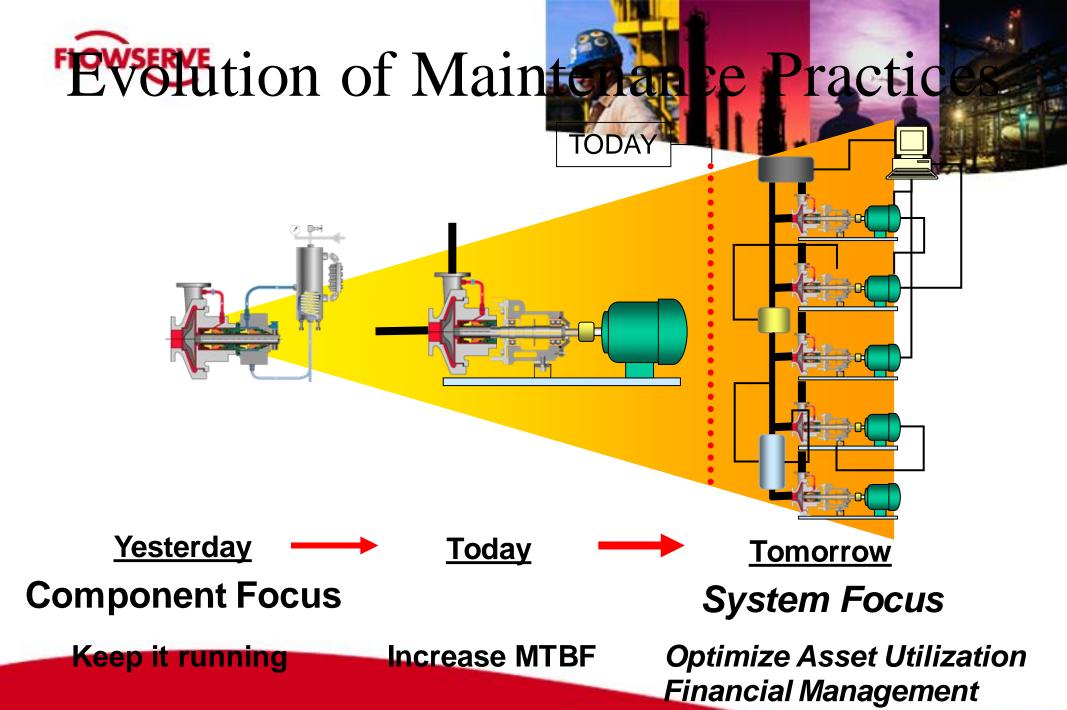
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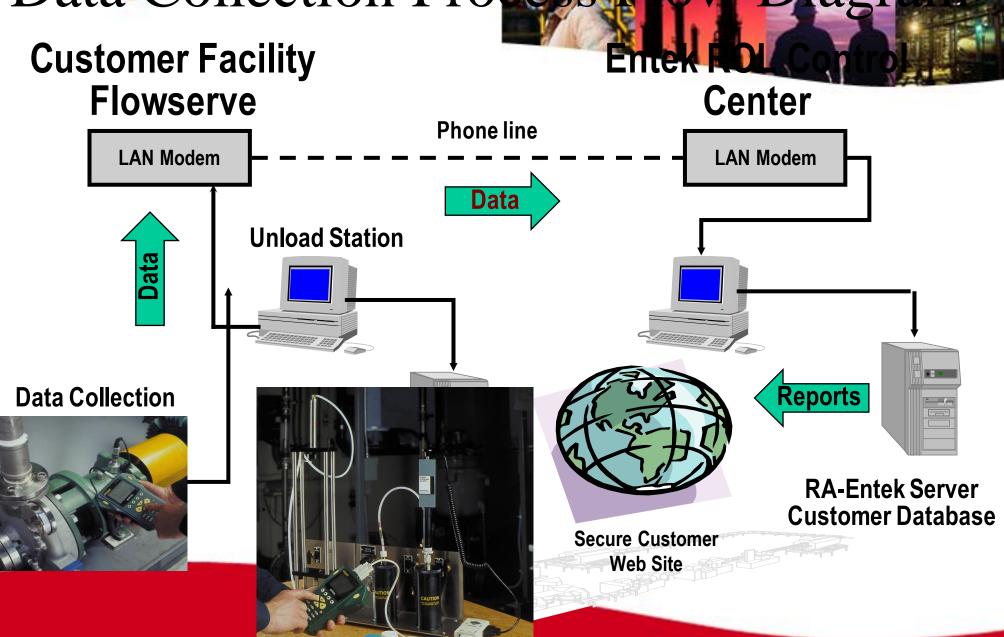


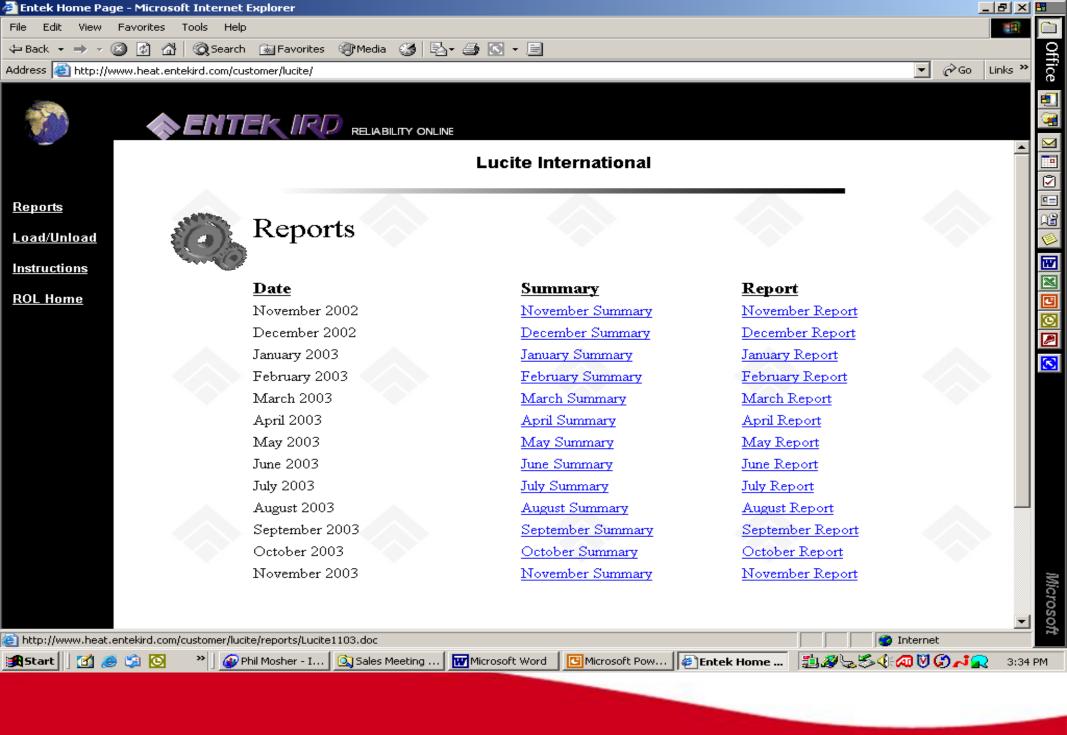


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Data Collection Procession Diagram

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Alliance (Partnership)



Global Alliance Leader

- ✓ Started in mid 1980's
- ✓ 280 alliance sites globally
- ✓ Documented results
- ✓ Customer references



































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Benefits of an Alliance

- Business Alignment Mutually compatible goals between Flowserve and client
- Creates a long term <u>performance</u>
 oriented relationship between <u>companies</u>
- Delivers long term <u>sustainable</u> results for both companies





Maintenance & Engineering

- **Ease of Maintaining Production (Flow)**
- **Improved Response Times**
- **Improved Resource Productivity**
- **Minimized Maintenance Cost**
- **Ensures Equipment MTBR Is** Maximized
- **Root Cause Analysis**
- **Mitigates Loss of Intellectual Capital** (Retirement)

Operations

- Ensures Regulatory and Environmental **Compliance**
- Increases Asset Utilization & **Manufacturing Productivity**
- **Assures Equipment Availability**
- **Improves Safety and Reliability**
- Mitigates Risk of "Downtime" Losses

Supply Chain Management

- Leveraged Savings Across Multiple BU's
- **Minimized Maintenance Cost**
- Leverages Standardization Programs
- Reduction of Inventory & Associated Costs
- Quantifies Sustainable Cost Savings
- Single set of T's and C's

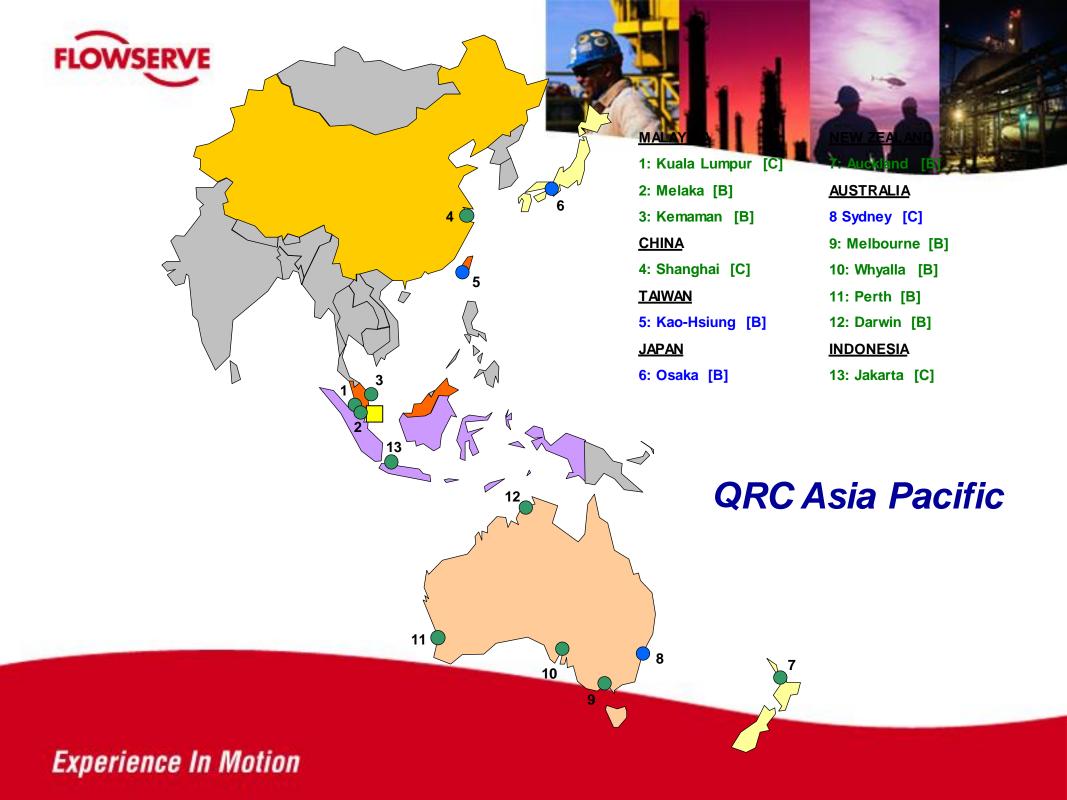
Senior Management

- **Improves Revenue and Operating** Income
- Mitigates Risk of "Downtime" Losses
- **Improved RONA**
- Improved Revenue/employee
- Leveraged Savings Across Multiple BU's





Quick response centre





Inspection



Bellow Leakage Tester & Parallel Hydraulic Press



Spring Load Tester & Monochromatic Light **Experience In Motion**



Bellow Spring Load Tester & 'O'-ring Gauge



Cartridge Seal Tester



Inventory



Inventory Store





Water Jet Blasting Machine & Solvent Cleaner





Downdraft Table For Seal Dis-assembly Work



Induction Heater For Bellow Seal Face Replacement



FLOWSERVE Quality Manufacturing



CNC High Tolerance Machining



Cell Manufacturing

FLOWSERVE Quality Control



Bellow QC



Surface Visual Check





Leader in man

- Only company that offers Pumps, Mechanical Seals and Valve.
- Number 1 in Global alliance with 280 + sites –
 World class plants trust us in after sale service.
- Number 1 mechanical seal used in refinery application in Asia Pacific with population of 20,000 + pumps.
- Number 1 Quick Repair Centre strategically support customer in the region of 13 sites.

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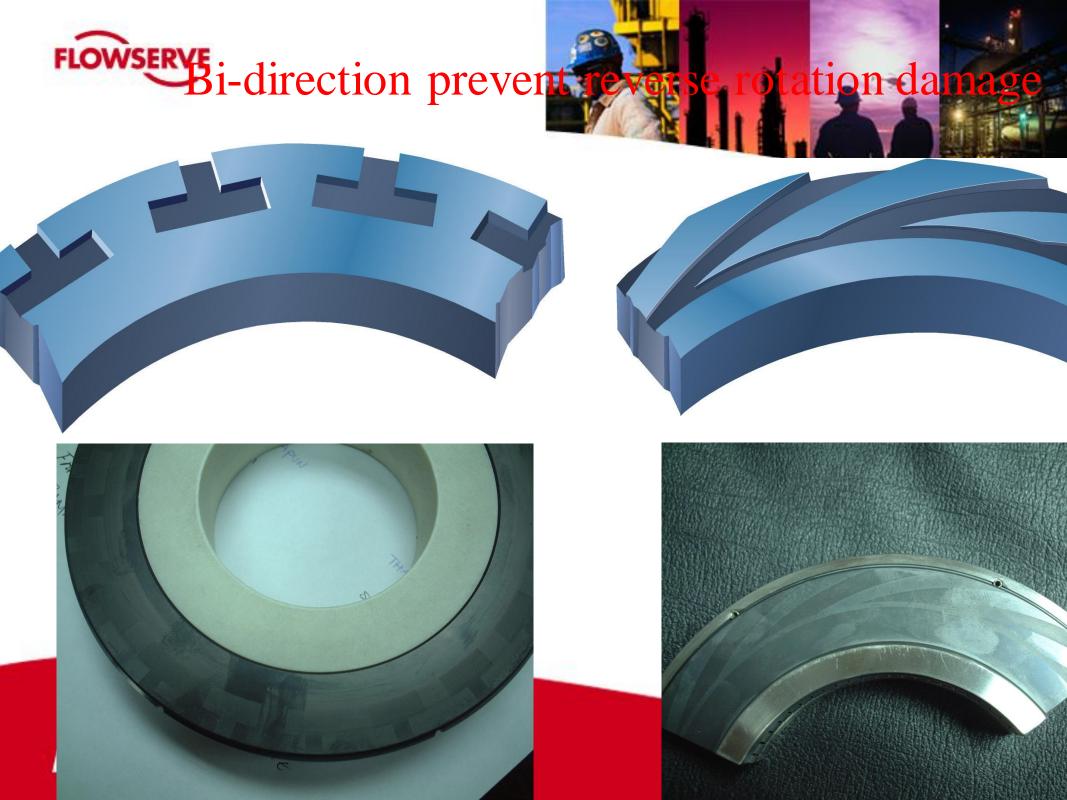




Leader in Prod

- For compressor, high pressure bi-directional gas seal (T groove bi-directional gas seal)
- For bellow seal, API 682 bellow seal with 6 or 8 mils of diaphragm thickness for corrosion and vibration resistance.
- For pusher seal, API 682 pusher seal that achieve strict emission control of less than 500 ppm with single seal (QBQ)

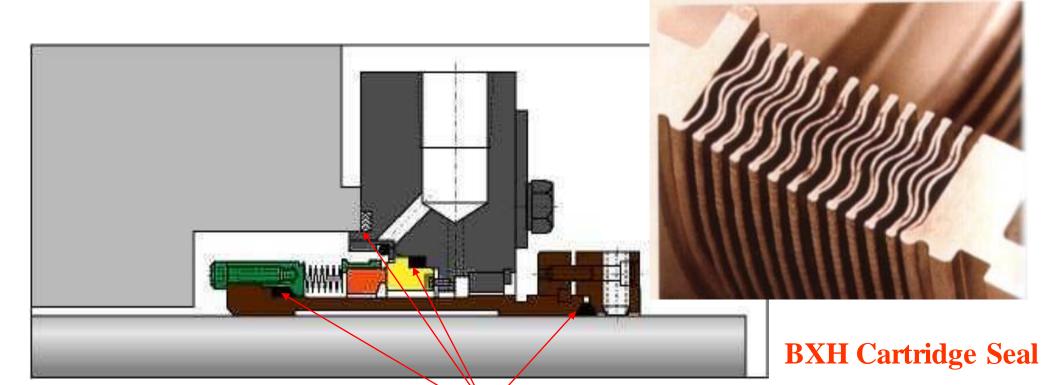






Bellows Seal





High Temperature Graphite gaskets are used here.