

# FRUITLAND

## VACUUM PUMP

### OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

# MANUAL

**RCF 250\*370\*500\*800 AND 1200**  
**Models**



#### **ATTENTION**

Read owners manual fully before operating pump.  
Failure to do so can result in severe  
pump damage and may void warranty.



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This is the  
**SERIAL NUMBER of YOUR PUMP**

## **PREFACE**

This Manual is given with your pump to help operators and owners to understand the working and maintenance of your newly acquired unit.

Please familiarize yourself and any operator with the contents of this booklet, and keep a record of the serial number handy, should you need any parts or information in the future.

We at **FRUITLAND** are committed to quality, reliability and guaranteed performance.

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Certificate of guarantee and inspection  
Certificat de garantie et d'inspection

Model No. ....  
N° modele`  
Serial No. ....  
N° serie`  
Date Purchased .....  
Date d'achat

Our Product is guaranteed for 2 years in accordance with the warranty provisions described on the reverse side.

To put this guarantee into effect the card at the back of this manual must be filled out immediately and returned to:

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**NOTICE - WARRANTY CLAIM**

In the event of pump failure while pump is still under warranty, pumps are to be returned to factory without dismantling or other alterations for warranty assessment. Violation of this condition will void warranty. All shipping costs are the customer's responsibility.

Thank you for purchasing a Fruitland Rotary Vane Vacuum Pump. Our quality control program has been developed to ensure this vacuum pump and its components are free from defects in materials and workmanship. With proper maintenance and operation your Fruitland pump should give many years of trouble free use.

Please read owners manual completely before operating your new Fruitland pump.

### **WARRANTY**

If during the 2 year period from the purchase date and the return of the warranty card, the pump is found to be not operating properly, we will repair the pump free of charge, providing the pump is returned without dismantling or altering it in any way to our plant or to one of our authorized distributors and the problem is determined to have been caused by defect(s) in the pump materials or workmanship.

Rotary vane vacuum pumps are designed to pump air only! A properly designed vacuum system will have filters and shutoffs installed; and a maintenance program implemented to ensure that liquids, solids or dirt are not allowed to enter the pump. If foreign material enters the pump severe wear and damage will occur.

#### **This Warranty Does Not Cover**

- A) Repairs as a result of misuse, accident, lack of required maintenance, or improper operation.
- B) Normal wear (eg.) vanes.
- C) Repairs as a result of an improperly designed vacuum system, improper installation or foreign material entering pump.

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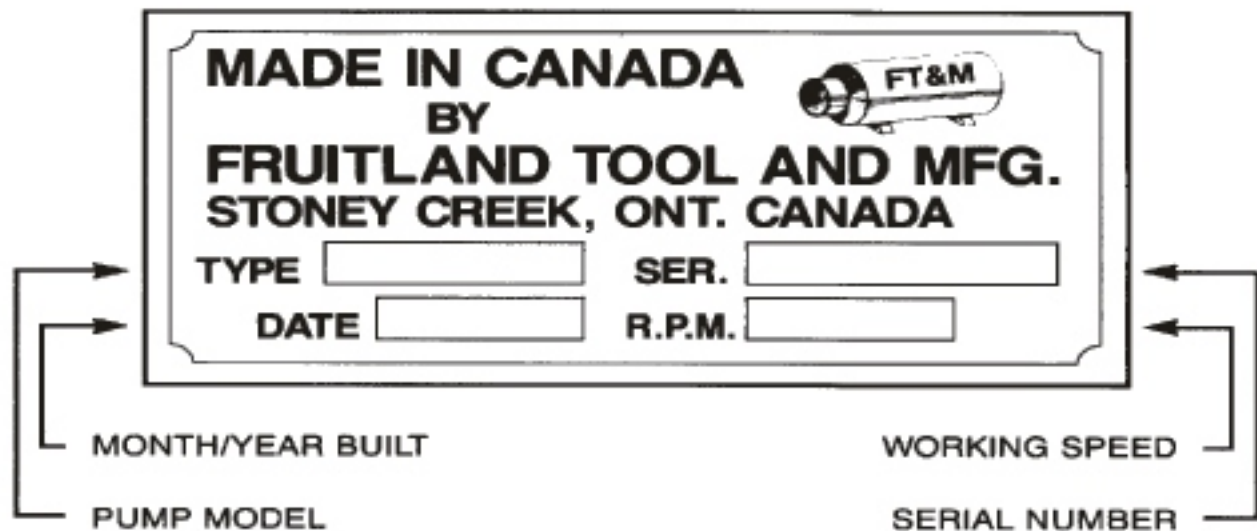
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### **INSTALLATION**

When installing a Fruitland vacuum pump that is to be driven by a hydraulic motor, or angle gear box - *special care must be given.*

The coupling between the pump and drive method should have sufficient clearance to allow the rotor in the pump to expand lengthwise due to heat. If sufficient clearance is not given, the rotor will not stay centered in the housing and severe pump damage may occur. Please consult your coupling manufacturer or Fruitland Tool for recommended clearances.

### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

**LIFTING:** Lift pump by eyebolts, if provided, or with slings around body of pump close to legs.

**MOUNTING:** Secure pump unit to flat sturdy surface with four bolts, washers and lockwashers, through holes in legs.

**LINE UP:** Be sure pump is lined up properly to prevent strain on belts or couplings.

#### **DRIVES:**

**BELTS:** Proper tension of belts is achieved by pushing centrally with your finger. Each belt can be depressed by 1/64" for every inch of span distance.

**CHAINS:** Same as belts (but usually not recommended).  
REASON: RPM and lubrication.

**DIRECT:** Flexible coupling.

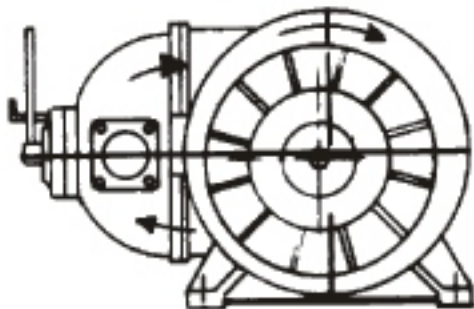
#### **RPM:**

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Hold within plus or minus 50 RPM set at 18" Hg.

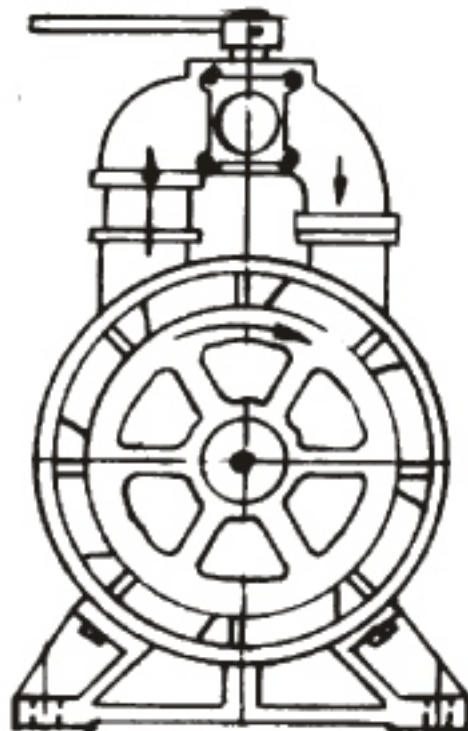


**DRIVE DIRECTION:**

Pulley or drive end view of the pump.



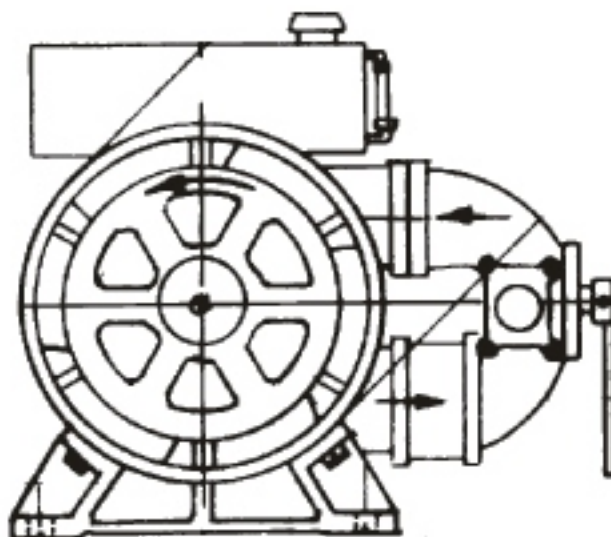
**RCF 370, RCF 500**  
side Valve Model Shown



**RCF 250, RCF 800**  
These pumps built  
Top Valve style only.



CLOCKWISE (or righthand)



**RCF 1200**  
(Side Valve shown)

COUNTERCLOCKWISE (or lefthand)



## MAINTENANCE:

### LUBRICATION:

In summer conditions a W40 non-detergent motor oil or an ISO 150 compressor oil can be used. **For winter** a W30 non-detergent motor oil or an ISO 100 compressor oil. In extremely hot climates a W50 motor oil or an ISO 200 compressor oil can be used.

**Always check oil level before starting unit, top up if necessary.**

**NEVER RUN PUMP DRY!!!**

### ALL PUMP Models:

Oil Tank: **IMPORTANT!**  
During freezing weather, drain possible condensation build-up in bottom of oil tank.

**Danger:** If water gets into oil pump, it could freeze and damage gears in pump.

*Drain and clean inside of oil tank with diesel fuel periodically.*



**OIL PUMP IN MODEL**  
**RCF 250**  
**RCF 370**  
**RCF 500**  
**RCF 800**

(Located inside Oil Tank)

### OIL CONSUMPTION (approximate)

	<u>RCF 250</u>	<u>RCF370</u>	<u>RCD 500</u>	<u>RCF 800</u>	<u>RCF 1200</u>
1 Litre Approx.	12 hr.	4.4 hr.	4.4 hr.	6.0 hr.	4.2 hr.
1 Imp. Gal. Approx.	55 hr.	20 hr.	20 hr.	27 hr.	19 hr.
1 U.S. Gal. Approx.	45 hr.	16.6 hr.	16.6hr.	22.4 hr.	15.8 hr.

### RCF 1200 Pump Models:

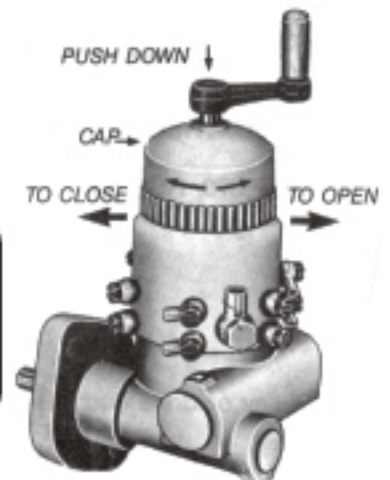
When pump has been inoperative for 48 hours or longer, push down and hold down the spring loaded crank on the oil pump, while rotating the handle about 20 - 30 turns either way, or until oil drops can be seen dripping in oil flow valve.

OIL PUMP (EXTERNAL) FOR MODEL RCF 1200

### **SERVICE NOTE!**

If you have any questions regarding the service of your pump, contact your local Fruitland Dealer or **1-800-663-9003**.

**IMPORTANT:** Order Spare parts from correct Parts Drawing, e.g. "Hydraulic Model", "Standard Model", and provide serial number of your vacuum pump. To ensure proper pump operation, USE GENUINE FRUITLAND PARTS ONLY.





**COOLING:** NO Vacuum pump should run for a prolonged period of time without air passing through it.  
(AT MAXIMUM VACUUM) Addition of vacuum relief valve is highly recommended. The outside of the pump housing and the fan blades should be kept clean to allow proper cooling airflow. Do not allow build-up of dirt pump shroud and housing.

### Accessories

**FILTERS:** The vacuum system should have at least one filter between the vacuum tank and the pump so that only clean air is allowed to pass through the pump. These filters can be in the primary and/or secondary shut-offs, in-line (between secondary and pump) or at the pump. Fruitland secondary shut-offs are equipped with filters.

**SHUT-OFF MOISTURE TRAPS:** All vacuum tanks should be equipped with an adequate primary and a secondary shut-off moisture trap to prevent liquids or semi-solids from being drawn into the pump. Liquids or solid materials drawn into the pump can seriously damage the pump. Moisture traps should be drained often and always before shutting unit down when temperature is below freezing.

**PRESSURE RELIEF VALVE(S):** A MUST. Test periodically to ensure proper setting is maintained. The Fruitland secondary is equipped with a pressure relief valve.

**VACUUM RELIEF VALVE:** If pump is run for long periods of time at high **vacuum**, a vacuum relief valve is recommended to protect against overheating.

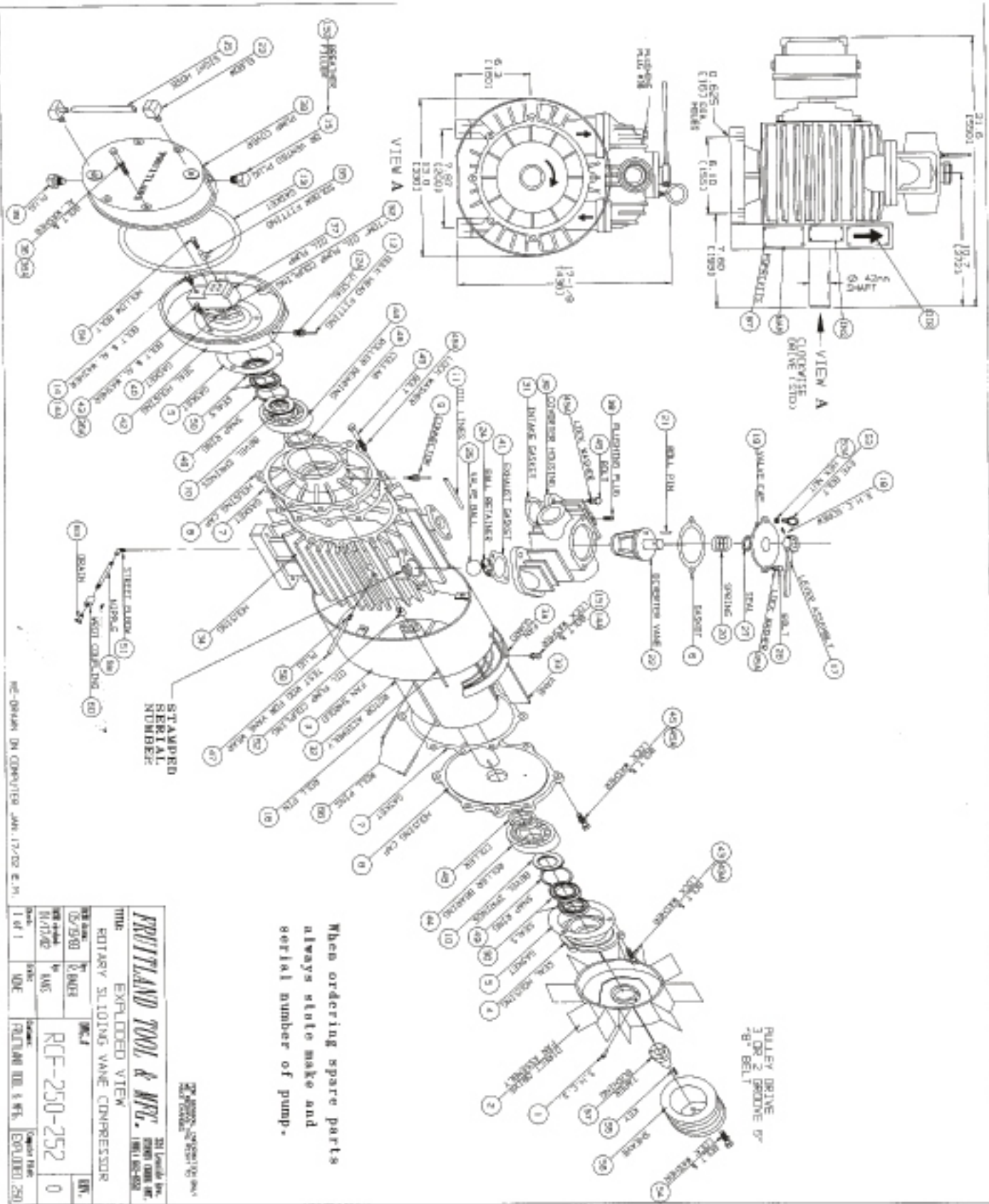
**PRESSURE VACUUM GAGE:** Recommended

**OIL TRAP MUFFLER:** Strongly recommended.(Noise Pollution)  
\*Available at Fruitland for all pumps

**INTAKE PIPING:** Pipes used must be free of corrosion or rust. Welding beads, slag or splatter must be removed.

**NON-RETURN VALVE:** (*Back-up valve*)  
A standard installation in all our models. Its function is to close automatically when the pump is stopped to prevent air back flow and reverse running of the pump.

# RCF 250



STAMPED SERIAL NUMBER

When ordering spare parts  
always state make and  
serial number of pump.

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MILWAUKEE, WIS. 53212 U.S.A.

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<b>ROTARY SLIDING VANE COMPRESSOR</b>			
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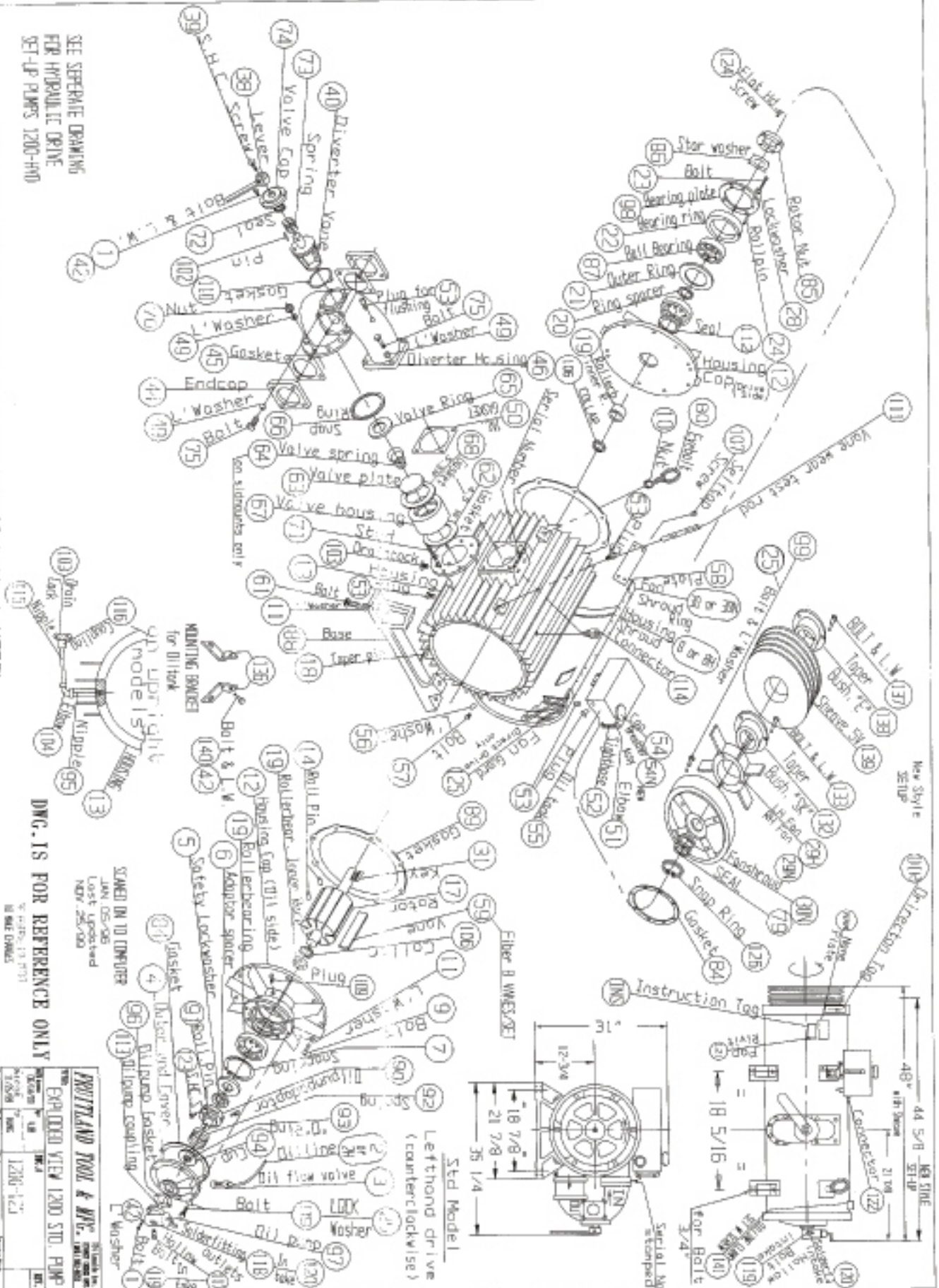




# RCF 1200

SEE SEPARATE DRAWING  
FOR HYDRAULIC DRIVE  
SET-UP PUMPS 1200-H10

WHEN ORDERING SPARE PARTS STATE SERIAL NO & MODEL



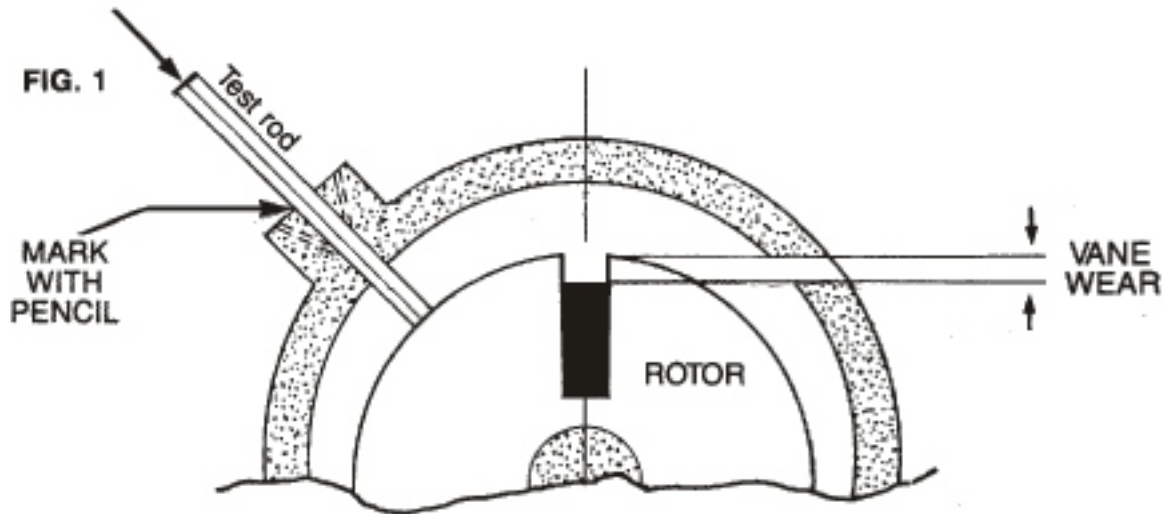
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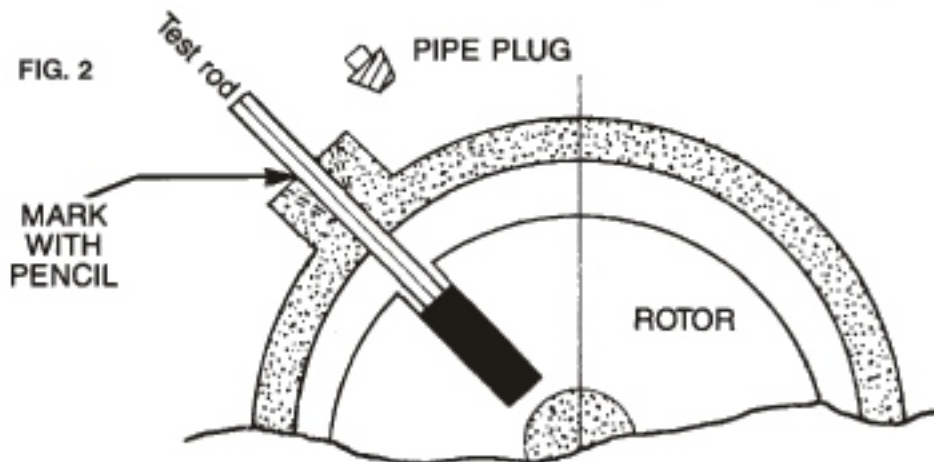
FRUITLAND TOOL & MFG. COMPANY	
EXPLODED VIEW 1200 STD. PUMP	
ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	Pin
2	Washer
3	Bit flow valve
4	Ball and socket
5	Safety Lockwasher
6	Roller spacer
7	Bolt
8	Washer
9	Ball pin
10	Washer
11	Collar
12	Housing (on left side)
13	Nipple
14	Ball Pin
15	Key
16	Rotor
17	Yoke
18	Yoke
19	Roller bearing
20	Ring spacer
21	Outer Ring
22	Ball Bearing
23	Bearing plate
24	Flat Hd. Screw
25	Bolt & L. Washer
26	Washer
27	Taper Bush
28	Roller
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## MEASURING VANE WEAR



*NOTE: Be extra careful not to bend the checking rod.*



Vane wear (see diagrams above) should not exceed  $3/8$ " in models RCF 800 and 1200, and  $1/4$ " in pump models 250, 370, and 500. Fruitland pumps have at least two orifices for checking vane wear, some models have four. These orifices are located on the housing at both ends of the vacuum pump, and are marked with red.  $3/16$ " diameter test rod is supplied with the pump. We recommend checking the vanes on both ends, as they sometimes wear in a tapered fashion because of excess heat or contamination.

To measure vane wear, remove the plug from the orifice and insert the test rod until the rod touches the rotor. Mark the rod with pencil as shown in diagram (fig.1). Turn the pump shaft until rod drops into the vane slot in the rotor. Mark with pencil again (fig. 2). Distance between the pencil marks is the amount of wear you have on the vane. If the vane is tapered from end to end, take the largest measurement as the amount the vane is worn.

Replace the complete set of vanes when worn to the maximum recommended amount for your pump model.

Failure to replace the vanes at the recommended time can result in pump failure. **Vane wear and subsequent damage are not covered under Warranty.** Instructions for replacing vanes are given on page 6 & 7.

**Recommended first check after approximately 10 hours of operation;** next check after 50 hours of operation; thereafter, check every 200 hours or once a month if no significant wear has been detected on the 2 initial checks (see first paragraph of page 6).

TYPE	RCF 250	RCF 370	RCF 500	RCF 800	RCF 1200
Aprox. Air flow	150 CFM	259 CFM	320 CFM	420 CFM	630 CFM
Maximum Vacuum	27" Hg	28.5" Hg	28.5" Hg	28.5" Hg	28.5" Hg
Power Required @ 27" Hg	7 BHP	11BHP	14 BHP	14 BHP	20 BHP
Pressures to	30 psi	35 psi	35 psi	35 psi	35 psi
Power required @ Max. Pressure	18 BHP	36 BHP	44 BHP	55 BHP	85 BHP
Power required @ 0" Hg	10 BHP	16 BHP	19 BHP	18 BHP	26 BHP
Size of Hoses	2"	3"	3"	4"	4"
Operating Speed	1400 RPM	1400 RPM	1400 RPM	1000 RPM	1000 RPM
Lubrication (oil pump)	automatic	automatic	automatic	automatic	automatic
Vanes	4(fibre)	8(fibre)	8(fibre)	8(fibre)	8(fibre)
Fan cooling continuous duty	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Approx. net Pump weight	255 lbs.	385 lbs.	450 lbs.	1100lbs.	1400 lbs.

\*Data and capacities not binding  
 \*We reserve the right to make changes

### Vanes (fiber)

Life expectancy of fiber vanes is hundreds of working hours. It greatly depends on the cleanliness of the intake air. Any contamination that enters your pump (e.g. sand, rust, or soil dust particles) will shorten their life expectancy. It is the owner's responsibility to keep contamination out of the pump. **Keep Your Filters Clean.**

### Vane Wear

Many factors can contribute to rapid or premature vane wear.

- 1 - Overheating of pump ( check overheating in trouble shooting on page 10)
- 2 - Contamination entering pump. - Abrasives, or anything that can affect the action of the oil. (eg) chemicals
- 3 - Running pump too fast (overspeeding) (creep up governor)
- 4 - Wrong oil, or no oil.
- 5 - Oil pump failure.
- 6 - Pump housing damage.
- 7 - Rotor slots worn - If contamination getting into pump has caused the rotor slots to wear unevenly on the vanes thrust side, extra force is required to return the vanes into the slots as the rotor turns. This extra load causes housing wear, vane wear and raises pump temperature.

*Since there are many factors that cause rapid vane wear, we do not warranty vanes or any related damage from vanes worn beyond the recommended amount, unless a defect in material or workmanship caused the vanes to wear prematurely.*

### VANE REPLACEMENT: All RCF 250, 370, and 500 models

- Disconnect drive source from pump.
- Drain oil from oil tank and remove oil tank cover by removing the four hex bolts and aluminum sealing washers.
- Disconnect all oil lines and remove oil pump. (held on by two bolts and lock washers).
- Do not lose the oil pump to Rotor coupling.**
- Remove the seal housing by removing three hex bolts and aluminum sealing washers.
- Remove the eight hex bolts and lock washers from the housing end cap and then slide the end cap off the rotor shaft. The rotor bearing and two bevel springs should be kept in the end cap. Please note their positioning if you remove them for replacement.
- Remove old vanes and replace with new vanes that have been dipped in oil.
- Inspect housing bore and bearings. We recommend replacing the seals and all related gaskets.
- Reassemble in reverse order.
- The eight housing end cap bolts should be tightened evenly to 20ft./lbs. torque.
- **NOTE:** Special attention is to be given that the oil pump coupling is engaging the roll pin in the rotor shaft. Turn rotor by hand. It should turn freely.
- Hook up drive source to pump, fill oil tank with correct oil.
- Resume operation.

### **VANE REPLACEMENT: RCF 800 Models**

Disengage drive source to pump.

- Drain oil from oil tank (plug #53). Remove six hex bolts #109/110 and oil tank cover #55.
- Disconnect all oil lines.
- Remove four hex bolts #57/56 and oil tank - seal housing #55B.
- Remove eight hex bolts #9/11 and slightly tap end cover LH #12 loose from housing #13 and slide it off the rotor shaft. The two taper pins #18 stay in the end cover #12.
- Remove the old vanes and replace with new ones that have been dipped in oil.
- Inspect housing bore, roller bearing #19, seals #79 and #76 while having the pump apart. Replace any torn gaskets.
- Reassemble in reverse order.
- Tighten bolts evenly.-75 ft./lbs. torque (on 8 hex bolts #g)

### **VANE REPLACEMENT: RCF 1200**

- Disengage drive source to pump.
- Slightly loosen supply oil line connector # 122 on oil tank, then remove the same line on the oil pump and swing the line up and secure to prevent draining of oil tank.
- Remove all other oil lines from oil pump.
- Remove oil pump, two bolts #1.
- Remove outer end cover #4, eight hex bolts #99.
- Remove housing cap - RH #12 by taking eight hex bolts #9/11 out and lightly tapping it loose from the housing #13. The two taper pins #18 stay in the housing cap #12.
- Remove old vanes and replace with new ones that have been dipped in oil.
- Inspect housing bore, roller bearing #19 and O-ring #93 in cup #94 while having pump apart. Replace any torque gaskets.
- Reassemble in reverse order.
- Tighten bolts evenly - 75ft./lbs. torque.(on 8 hexbolts #g)

**NOTE:** Special attention is to be given that the oil pump coupling #113 is engaged in the slot of the oil pump adapter #90 attached to the rotor shaft.

- Turn rotor by hand, it should turn freely.
- Crank handle of oil pump to prelubricate.
- Hook up drive source to pump.
- Resume operation.



### VANES CHECKED

Year	20	20	20	20	20
Jan.					
Feb.					
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Apr.					
May					
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Aug.					
Sept.					
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Nov.					
Dec.					

First 10 hrs check

50 hrs check

## **PUMP FLUSHING PROCEDURE**

### **RCF 250**

Mix one (1) quart of diesel fuel with 5 fl. oz. of oil.

Stop the pump.

Place the lever of the pump on vacuum mode.

Remove the plug #38 on Diverter Housing #30, pour half (1/2) of the diesel-oil mixture slowly into the hole.

Turn pump rotor by manually pulling belts to distribute liquid.

Run pump for 30 seconds on working speed.

Repeat with second half of diesel-oil mixture.

Run pump for one minute. Stop. Pour in one (1) pint of oil, drain liquid from muffler/oil trap.

Screw plug #38 back into place.

Resume operation.

### **RCF 370 and RCF 500 Models**

1. Pumps equipped with top mounted four way valve (uprights), mix one-half (1/2) gallon of diesel fuel with one-half (1/2) pint of oil.
2. Pumps equipped with side mounted four way valve (sidemounts), mix one (1) gallon of diesel fuel with one (1) pint of oil.

Stop the pump.

Place the #37 of the pump on vacuum mode.

Remove the plug #51 on Housing #130, pour half (1/2) of the diesel-oil mixture slowly into the hole.

Turn pump rotor manually pulling belts or turning coupling to distribute liquid.

Run pump for 30 seconds on working speed.

Repeat with second half of diesel-oil mixture.

Run pump for one minute. Stop. Pour in one (1) pint of oil, drain liquid from muffler/ oil trap.

Screw plug #51 back into place.

Resume operation.

### **RCF 800 & RCF 1200 Models**

Mix one gallon of diesel fuel with one pint of oil.

Stop the pump.

Place the lever of the pump on vacuum mode.

Remove the plug #53 on Diverter Housing #46, pour half (1/2) of the diesel-oil mixture slowly into the hole.

Turn pump rotor by manually pulling belts or turning coupling to distribute liquid.

Run pump for 30 seconds on working speed.

Repeat with second half of diesel-oil mixture.

Run pump for one minute. Stop. Pour in one (1) pint of oil, drain liquid from muffler/oil trap.

Screw plug #53 back into place.

Resume operation.

### **PUMP OUT OF USE FOR PROLONGED PERIOD(S):**

Should the pump not be operated for 2 months or more (before new installation or sitting idle), the above flushing procedure should be performed every 2 months.

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## TROUBLE SHOOTING

### LACK OF VACUUM IN TANK:

Tank not closed or leaking.

Collapsed Hose: Check where, and replace.

Stuck automatic floating shut-off: Put pump on

pressure for a moment. Pump running backward after stopping:

Stuck or broken non-return valve (*Back-up valve*)

### OVERHEATING:

Lack of oil.

Wrong type of oil. (*See: Lubrication - page 3*)

Cooling fins of casing plugged with dirt.

Pump run too long WITHOUT air passing through inside of pump. (*See: Cooling - page 4*)

RPM too high.

Broken oil pump.

Clogged oil line.

Collapsed hose.

Clogged filter or muffler.

### PUMP NOT TURNING:

Foreign material lodged in pump.

Pump frozen up (winter conditions).

Vane or housing broken.

Overheated.

### **On RFC 370, RFC 500, RFC 800, RFC 1200 only**

NOTE: A slight metallic noise at high vacuum (above) 23-24 Hg. is normal.

The expanded air is too weak to hold the non-return valve (back-up valve) completely open and consequently causes the closing disk to flutter.