Five ways to cut pump maintenance
Bredel is the world’s largest manufacturer of hose pumps. With over 50 years’ experience in the manufacture of hose pumps, there are over 100,000 Bredel pumps working worldwide to improve customer processes, while reducing operating costs.

New APEX™ range: five models to cut pump maintenance

1. Seal-less, valve-less design lowers total cost of ownership
2. Increased process uptime with precision machined hose elements
3. Long service intervals
4. Direct-coupled drive and maximum flexibility
5. Lower maintenance costs through more flow per revolution

APEX™ hose pumps are ideal for aggressive and abrasive applications up to 8 bar (116psi)

The APEX pump from Bredel has set the standard for lowering acquisition, operating and maintenance costs for low to medium pressure applications. APEX is designed for dosing, metering and transfer duties from 0.012 GPM (2.8 L/hr) to 27.3 GPM (6,200 L/hr) at pressures up to 116psi (8 bar).

The higher flow per revolution means APEX pumps can be run at lower speeds, increasing hose life and reducing wear. With no costly wear components such as seals, valves, membranes or rotors to maintain, APEX is ideal for handling abrasive slurries and aggressive chemicals.

The precision machined hose element and optimized hose compression ensures accurate and repeatable performance. A choice of hose materials ensures compatibility with a wide range of fluids including aggressive chemicals, abrasive slurries and fluids with high solids content.

Compared with other pump types, APEX uptime periods are significantly longer. Maintenance consists of replacing a single hose element, a task that can be performed in minutes.

A robust direct-coupled design fully protects the gearbox; competitively priced against lower-cost, less robust close-coupled hose pumps.
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1. Seal-less, valve-less design
   - Affordable, accurate and reliable
   - Engineered for a more competitive price/performance
   - Reduced cost of ownership compared to other PD pumps

2. Increased process uptime
   - Precision machined hose elements for accurate, repeatable performance
   - Visual verification of correct hose loading
   - Optimized hose compression for unmatched flow stability

3. Long service intervals
   - The hose element is the only component to wear
   - Hose element can be replaced in-situ quickly and easily in minutes

4. Direct-coupled drive and maximum flexibility
   - No separate couplings to align or maintain
   - Ultra compact design with flexibility to mount standard gear motors
   - Rotor supported by own bearings to maximize gearbox life

5. Lower maintenance costs
   - More flow per revolution and long lasting hose elements
   - Single component change means fewer spare parts inventory
   - Shorter maintenance times compared to other pump types

APEX10, APEX15, APEX20
- Easy conversion between three different size hose elements
- Triple the flow without investing in a new pump
- Future-proofing for rising production volumes

APEX28, APEX35
- New connector design without hose clamps enables hose change in minutes
- Now just 8 bolts to change a hose element

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Construction
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Paper and pulp
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Performance curves

APEX10
Max flow (intermittent): 1.72 GPM (390 L/h)
Max flow (continuous): 1.23 GPM (280 L/h)
Capacity: 0.012 G/rev (0.046 L/rev)
Inner diameter pump element: 0.3” (10mm)
Lubricant required: 0.264 G (1L)

APEX15
Max flow (intermittent): 3.39 GPM (770 L/h)
Max flow (continuous): 2.42 GPM (550 L/h)
Capacity: 0.024 USG/rev (0.091 L/rev)
Inner diameter pump element: 0.59” (15mm)
Lubricant required: 0.264 G (1L)

APEX20
Max flow (intermittent): 5.28 GPM (1200 L/h)
Max flow (continuous): 3.83 GPM (870 L/h)
Capacity: 0.038 G/rev (0.145 L/rev)
Inner diameter pump element: 0.79” (20mm)
Lubricant required: 0.264 G (1L)

APEX28
Max flow (intermittent): 15.2 GPM (3,450 L/h)
Max flow (continuous): 13.3 GPM (3,020 L/h)
Capacity: 0.095 G/rev (0.36 L/rev)
Inner diameter pump element: 1.10” (28mm)
Lubricant required: 0.528 G (2L)

APEX35
Max flow (intermittent): 27.3 GPM (6,200 L/h)
Max flow (continuous): 23.4 GPM (5,310 L/h)
Capacity: 0.195 G/rev (0.74 L/rev)
Inner diameter pump element: 1.38” (35mm)
Lubricant required: 1.06 G (4L)

How to use the curves
1. Flow required indicates pump speed
2. Calculated discharge pressure
3. Net motor power required
4. Product temperature
5. Calculated discharge pressure
6. Maximum recommended pump speed

Technical specifications

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The essential component of high-performance hose pumps is a hose that is constructed of layers of rubber reinforced by winding several layers of nylon cords. The inner and outer layers are extruded. The inner layer is available in a range of rubber compounds. After the hose is constructed, it is then machined. Machining is the final step in hose manufacture and is critical to ensure that exact tolerances are held.

**Hose options**

- **NATURAL RUBBER (NR)**
  - Outstanding abrasion resistance. Generally resistant to diluted acids and alcohols.
  - Max. fluid temp: 176F (80C)
  - Min. fluid temp: -4F (-20C)

- **BUNA N (NBR)**
  - Resistant to oils, greases, alkanes and detergents.
  - Max. fluid temp: 176F (80C)
  - Min. fluid temp: 14F (-10C)

- **EPDM**
  - Excellent chemical resistance, especially to ketones, alcohols and concentrated acids.
  - Max. fluid temp: 194F (90C)
  - Min. fluid temp: 14F (-10C)

- **CSM**
  - Outstanding chemical resistance to highly concentrated acids and bases.
  - Max. fluid temp: 176F (80C)
  - Min. fluid temp: 14F (-10C)

**Accessories**

1. **High level float switch**
   - When connected to a motor controller, the high level sensor can trigger a pump shutdown in the event of a hose element failure.

2. **Variable Frequency Drive**
   - Variable Frequency Drives are used to reduce energy consumption and for improved process control/ flexibility. They can be used for local control or by 4-20 mA / 0-10 V remote control.

3. **Revolution counter**
   - A sensor for precise monitoring of the pump speed allowing to schedule maintenance and to achieve additional process data.

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