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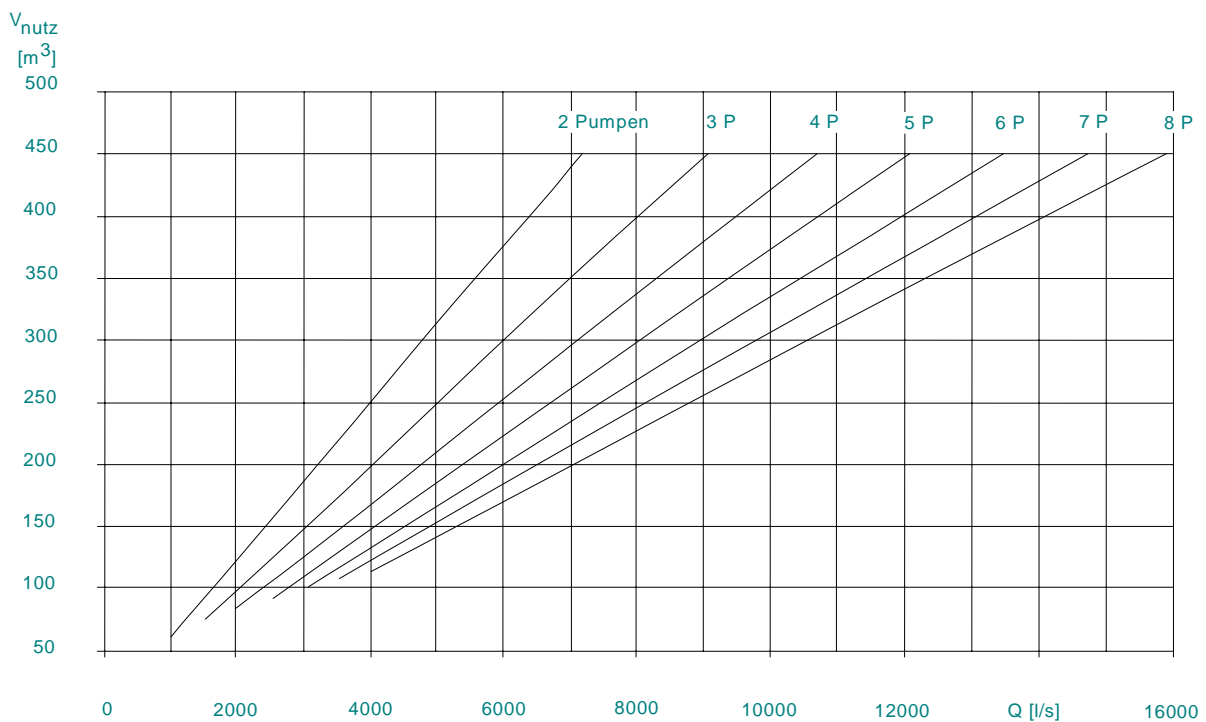
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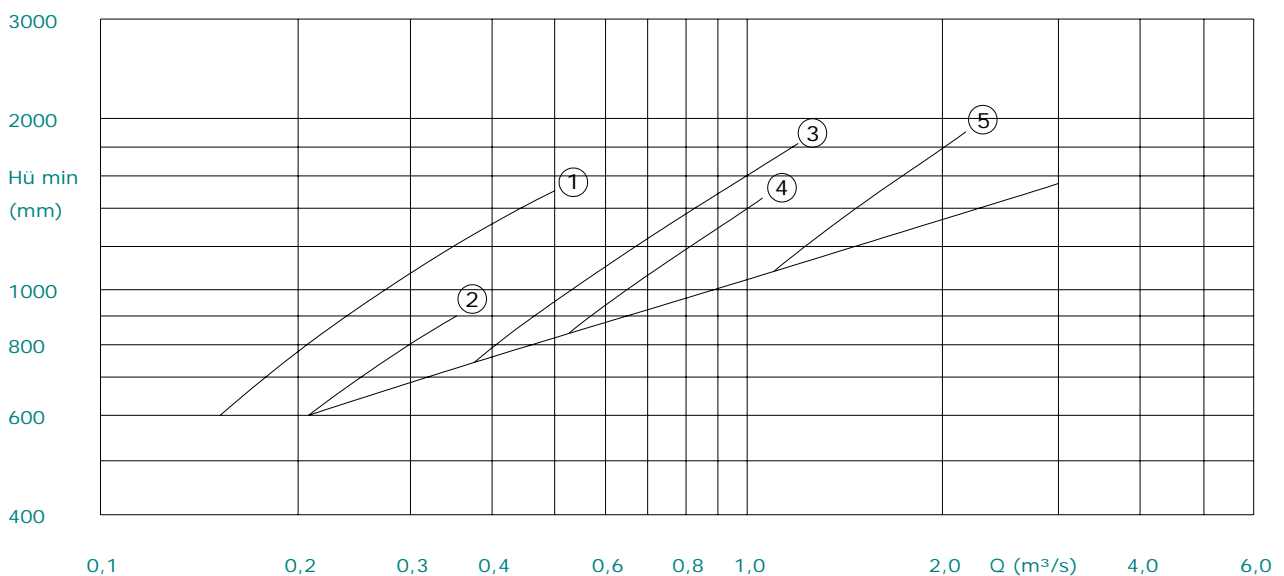


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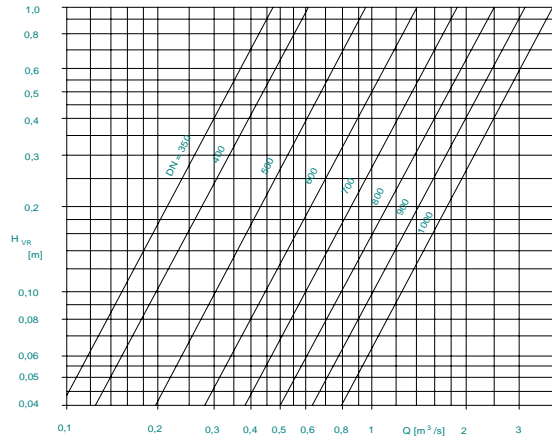
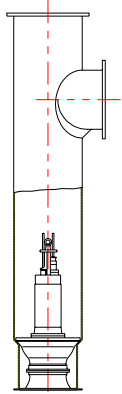
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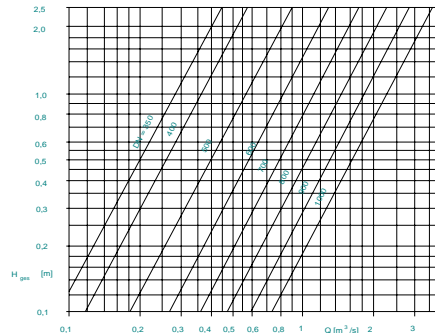
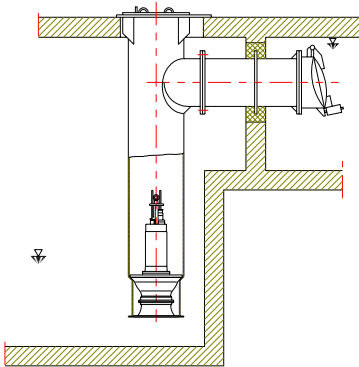


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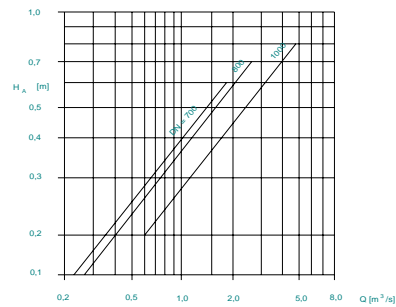
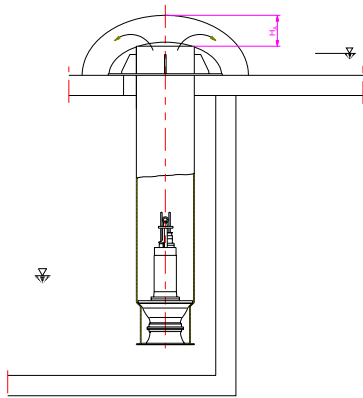
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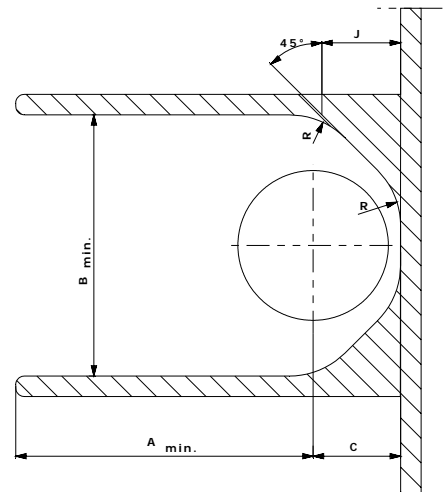
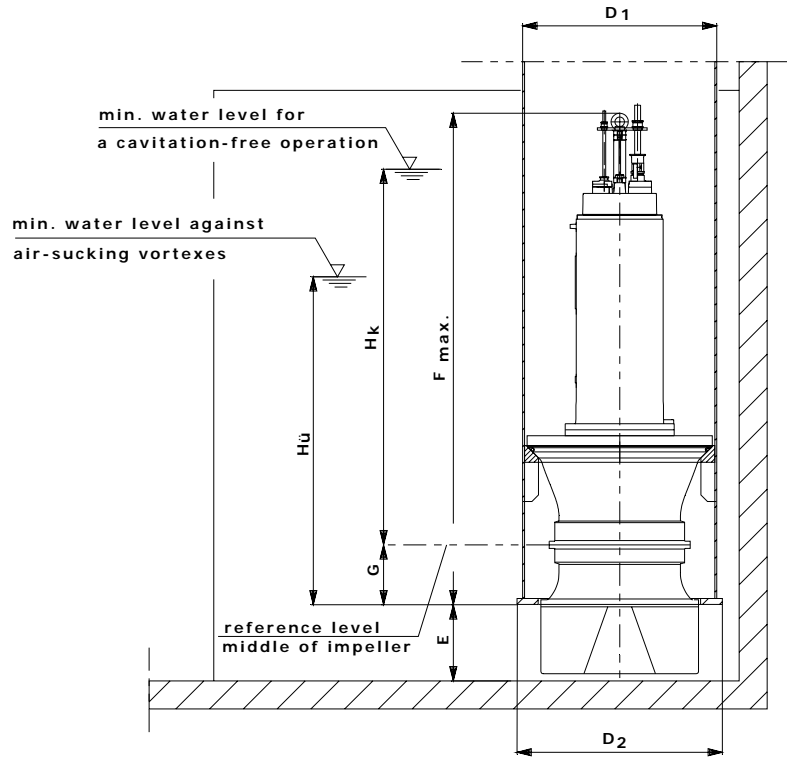
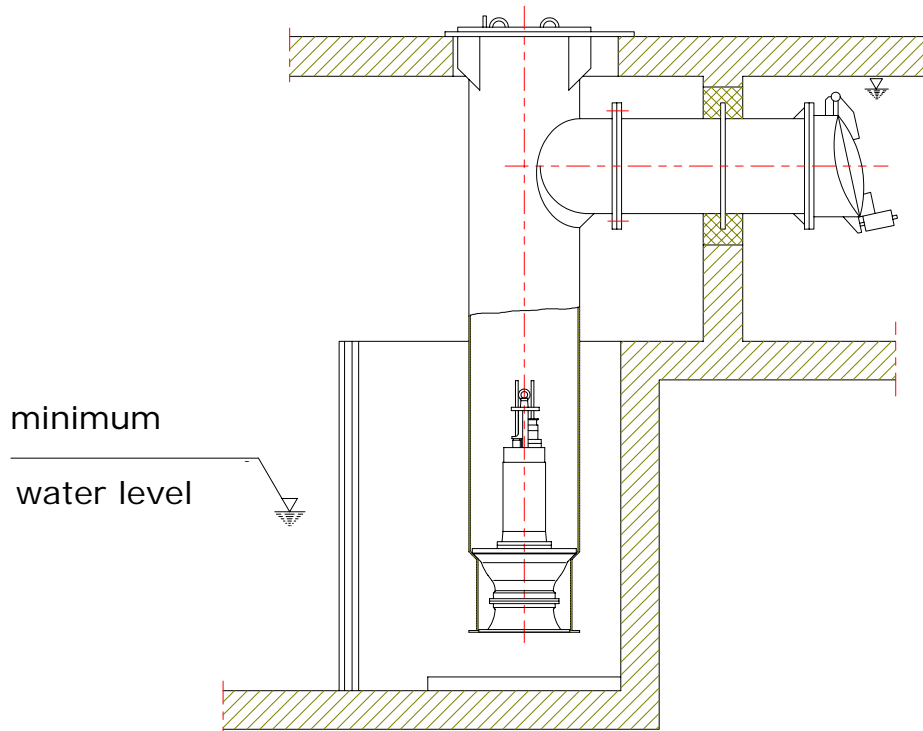


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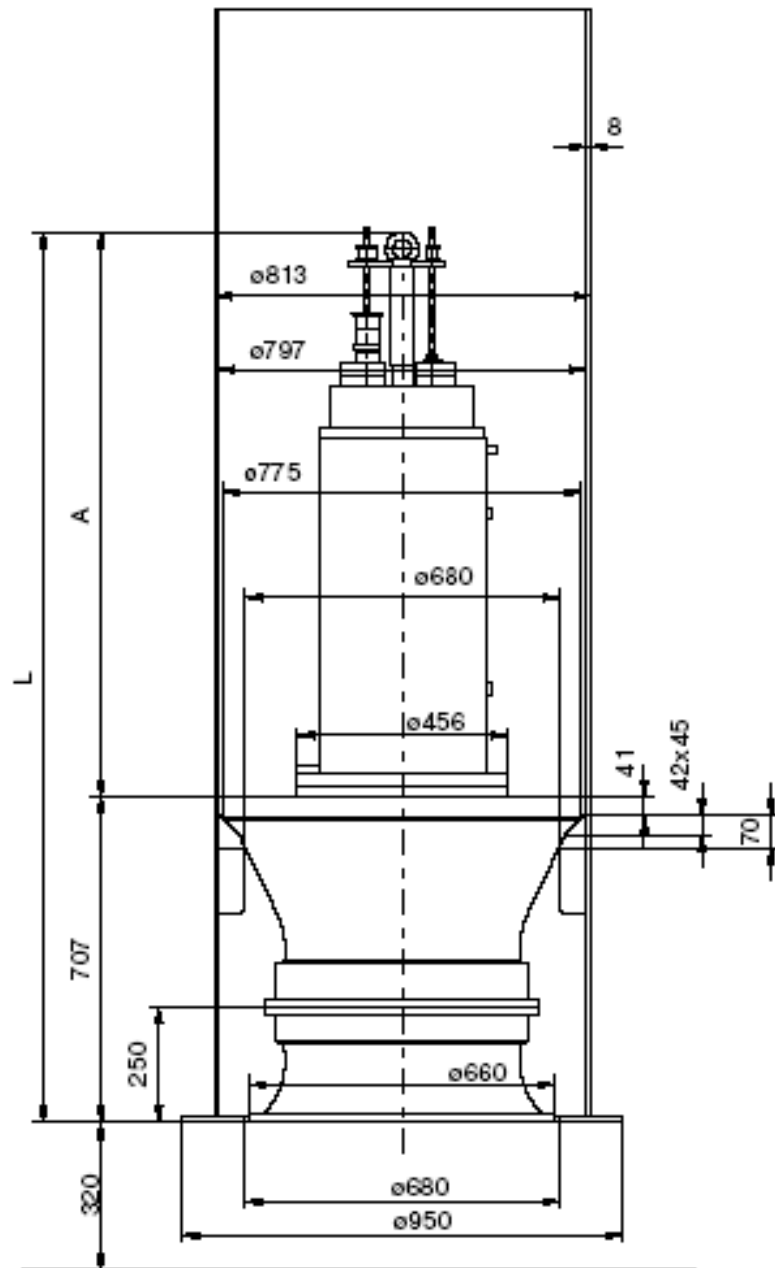
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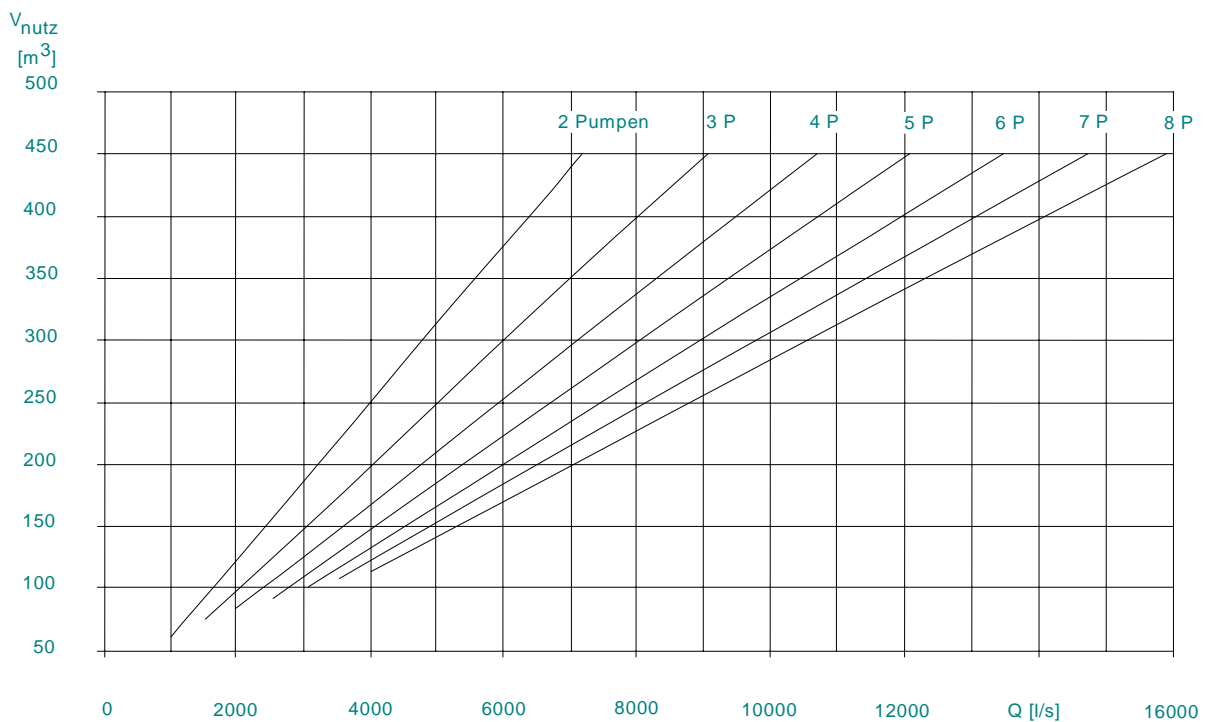
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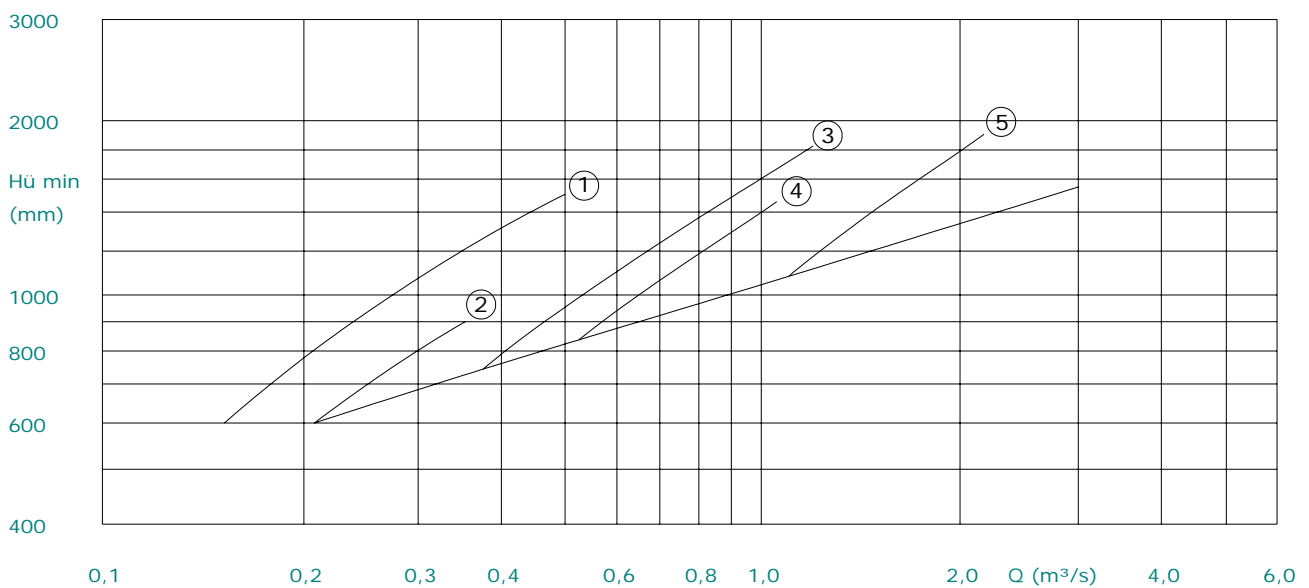


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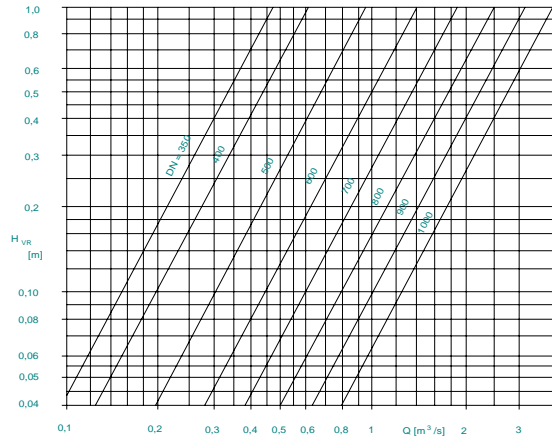
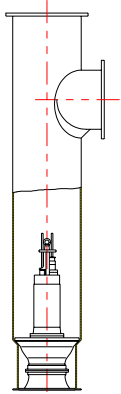
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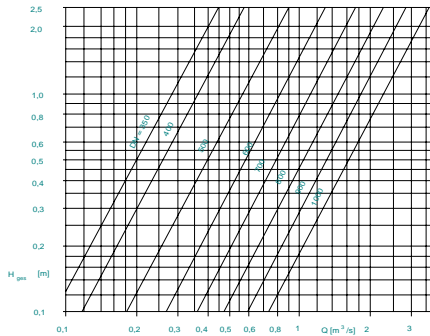
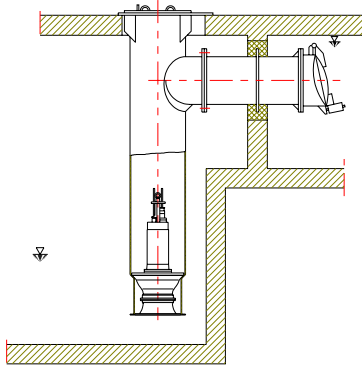


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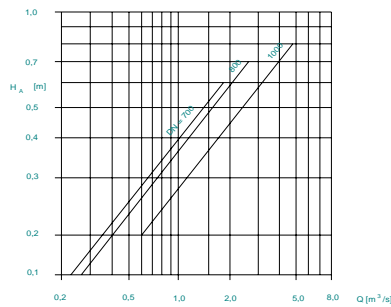
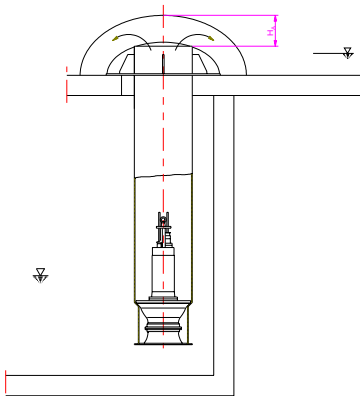
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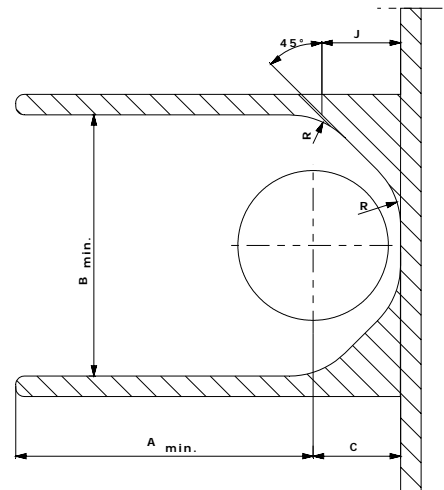
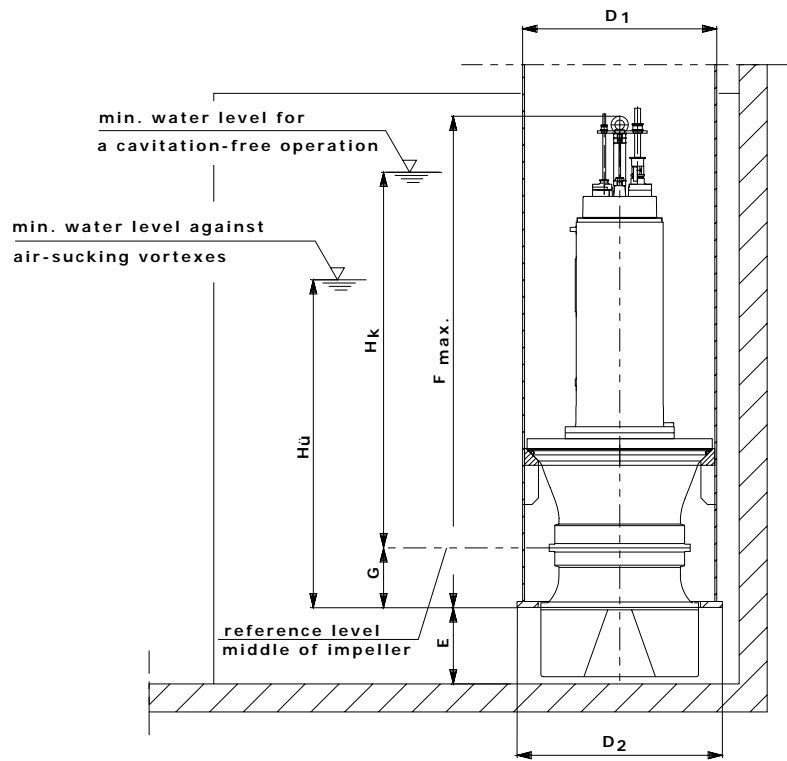
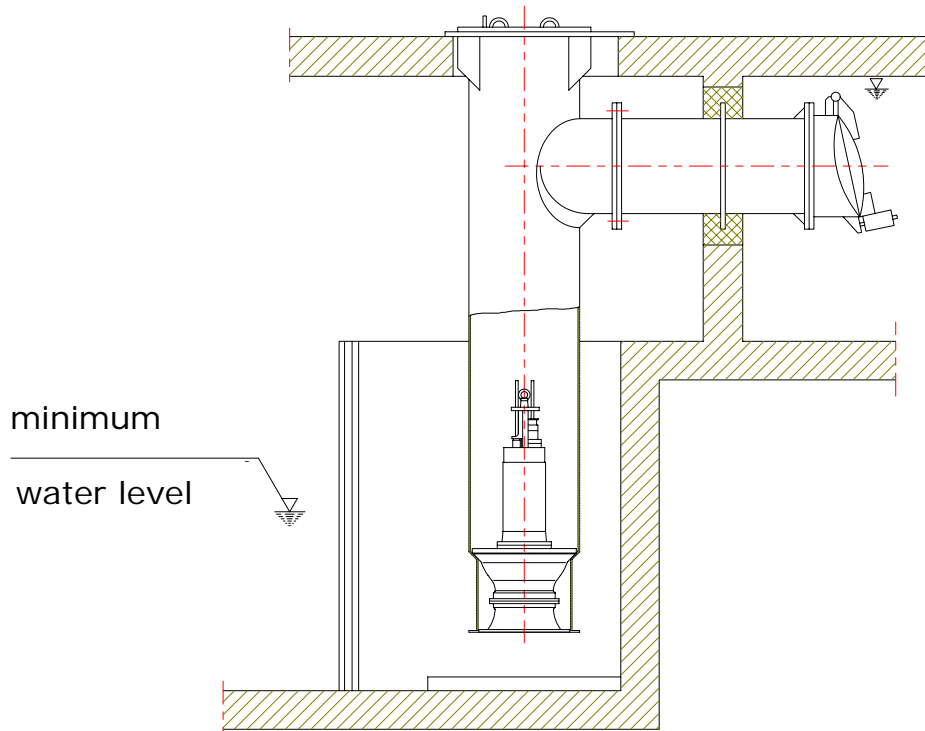


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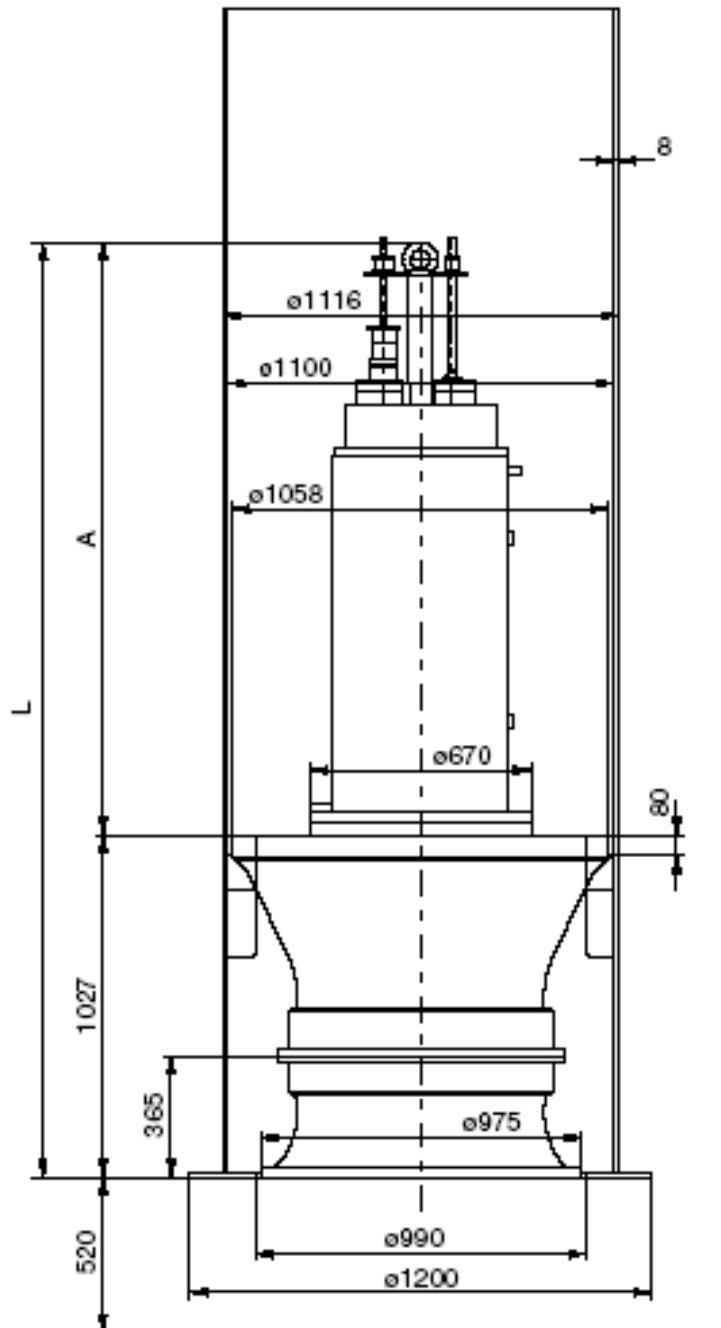
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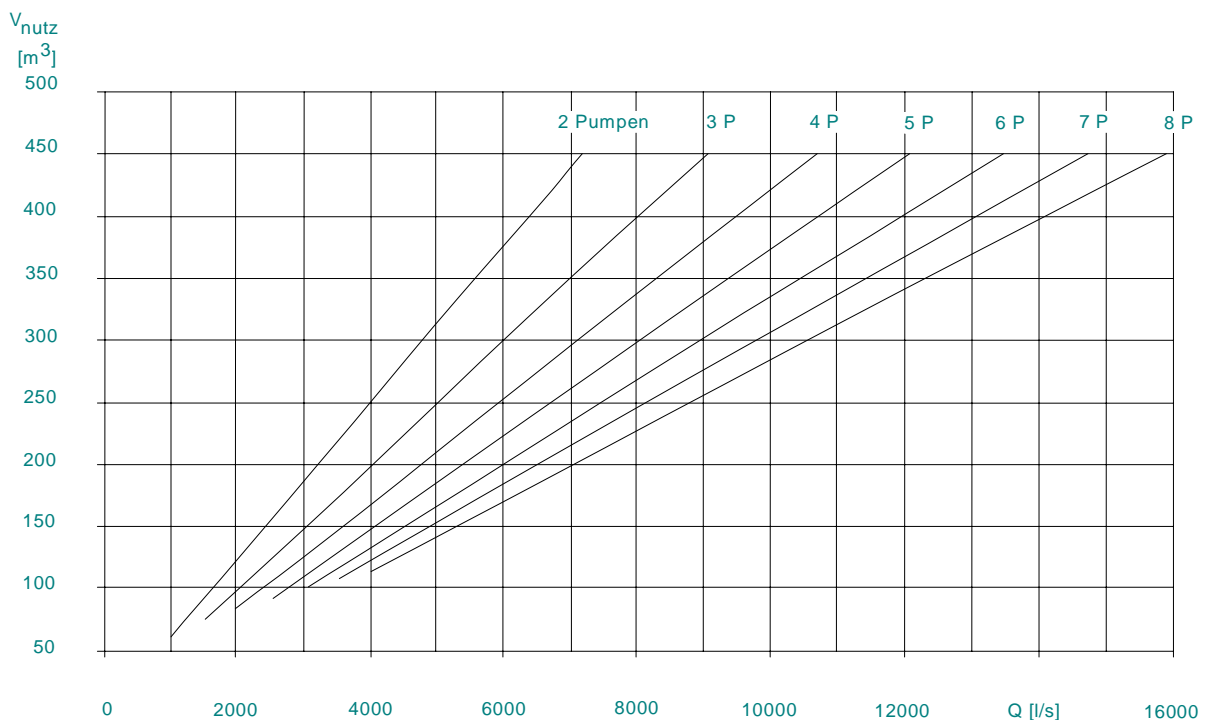
Since, however, axial pumps are sensitive to disturbances in the intake area, corresponding precautions must be taken, such as:

- separate intake chamber for each pump
- constant velocity profile development
- no twists
- minimal ground vortexes
- sufficient min. water level to avoid hollow vortexes and cavitation
- intake velocity as constant as possible

Generally it is advisable to pump the intake capacity by several pumps. All installed pumps together must be able to pump at least the specified capacity. For reasons of maintenance and storage of spare parts the pumps should be of one and the same type . In order to guarantee an especially high safety of the pumping station a spare pump should be installed.

## Diagram1:

Effective volume for axial pumps at 10 starts per hour:

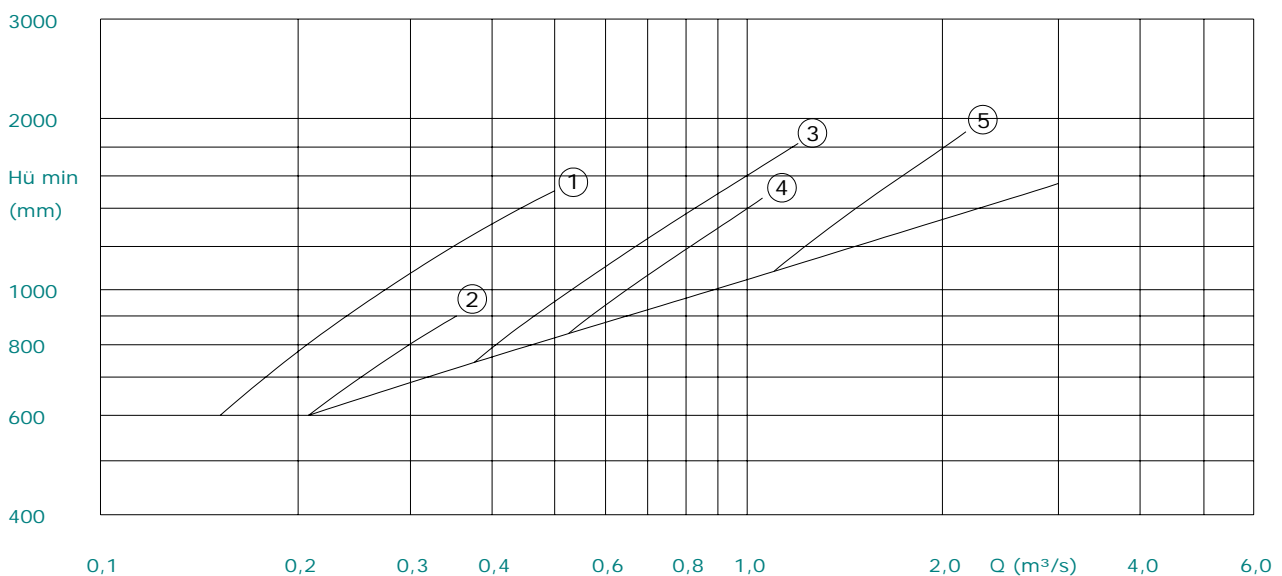


To guarantee a trouble-free operation of the machine (e.g. in continuous operation) it is absolutely necessary not to fall below the min. water level above the impeller. A further lowering would lead to hollow vortices and cavitation and consequently cause a damaging of the pump.

The diagrams show the min. water level at the most favourable duty points of the respective pump type. For the dimensioning of the station a special test by means of the pump diagram (NPSH<sub>required</sub>) is absolutely required.

## Diagram2:

Min. water level to avoid hollow vortices:



- 1 KPR 340 / n = 1450 min<sup>-1</sup>
- 2 KPR 340 / n = 950 min<sup>-1</sup>
- 3 KPR 500 / n = 950 min<sup>-1</sup>
- 4 KPR 500 / n = 740 min<sup>-1</sup>
- 5 KPR 760 / n = 585 min<sup>-1</sup>

Diagram 3  
Head loss  $H_{VR}$ , steel pipe sump with lateral discharge piece

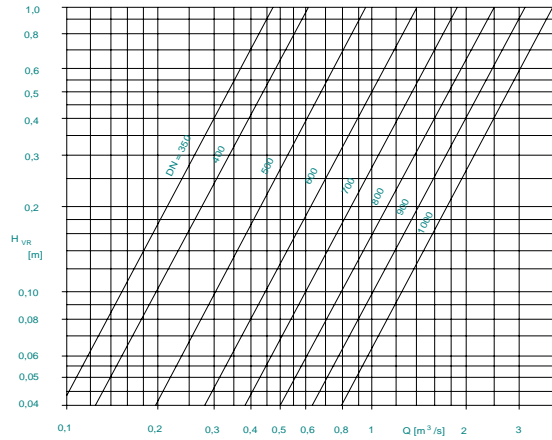
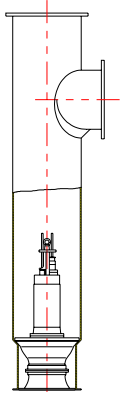


Diagram 4  
Head loss  $H_{Vtot}$ , steel pipe sump with short discharge pipe line and check valve

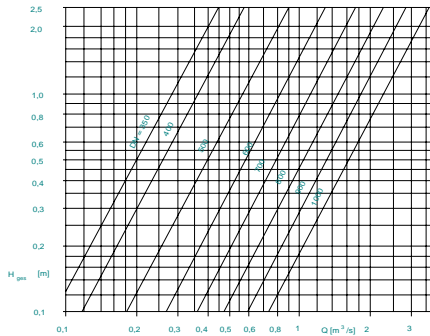
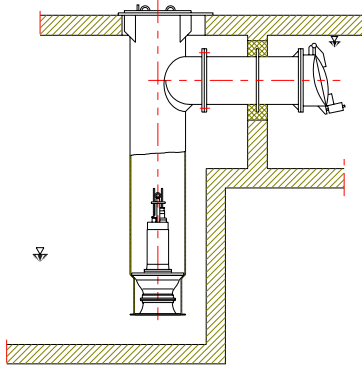
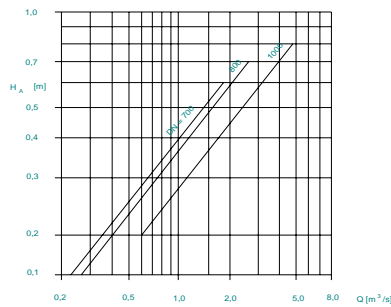
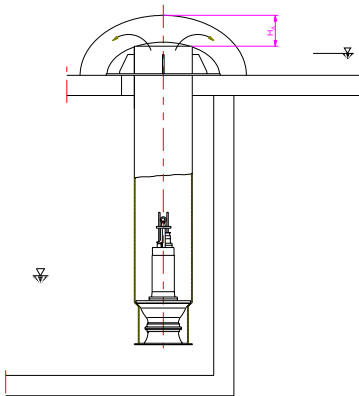


Diagram 5  
Discharge head  $H_a$ , vertical pipe discharge



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Required useful volume for one pump

$$V_N = 0,9 \times Q / Z \quad \begin{matrix} V_N [\text{m}^3] \\ Q [\text{l/s}] \end{matrix}$$

Reference values for the number of starts/hr 'Z':

Motor power up to 12 kW : Z = 20 /h

13 up to 150 kW : Z = 15 /h

above 150 kW : Z ≤ 10 /h

This equation is valid for the following operation type:

With rising water level the pumps switch on consecutively and then switch off again in the same way.

However, the usual operation type is:

With rising water level the pumps switch on consecutively and then switch off all together at min. water level. In this case the partial volumes must be multiplied by a factor.

Table 1:

Calculation of the partial volumes:

Number of pumps installed	Calculation of the proportional useful volumes
1	$V_1 = Q_1 \times 0,9 / Z$
2	$V_2 = 0,392 \times Q_2 \times 0,9 / Z$
3	$V_3 = 0,264 \times Q_3 \times 0,9 / Z$
4	$V_4 = 0,216 \times Q_4 \times 0,9 / Z$
5	$V_5 = 0,188 \times Q_5 \times 0,9 / Z$
6	$V_6 = 0,167 \times Q_6 \times 0,9 / Z$
7	$V_7 = 0,152 \times Q_7 \times 0,9 / Z$
8	$V_8 = 0,140 \times Q_8 \times 0,9 / Z$

The total useful volume (no installations, baffles, etc.) is the sum of the partial volumes.

In case of a different number of starts/hr the values read must be multiplied by a correction factor , in fact with:

$$Z = 8 /h \times 1,25$$

$$Z = 12/h \times 0,83$$

$$Z = 15/h \times 0,66$$

$$H_{man} = H_{geod} + H_V + \frac{V^2}{2g} \quad \text{The discharge losses should be absolutely taken into consideration.}$$

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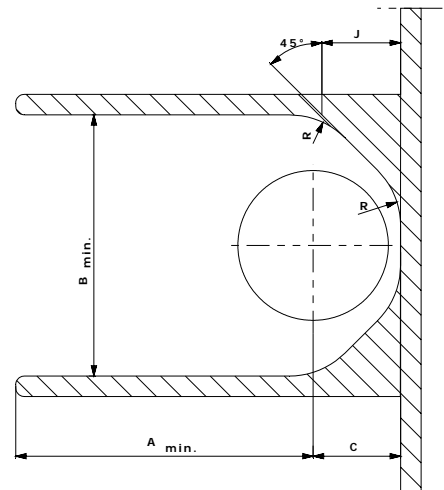
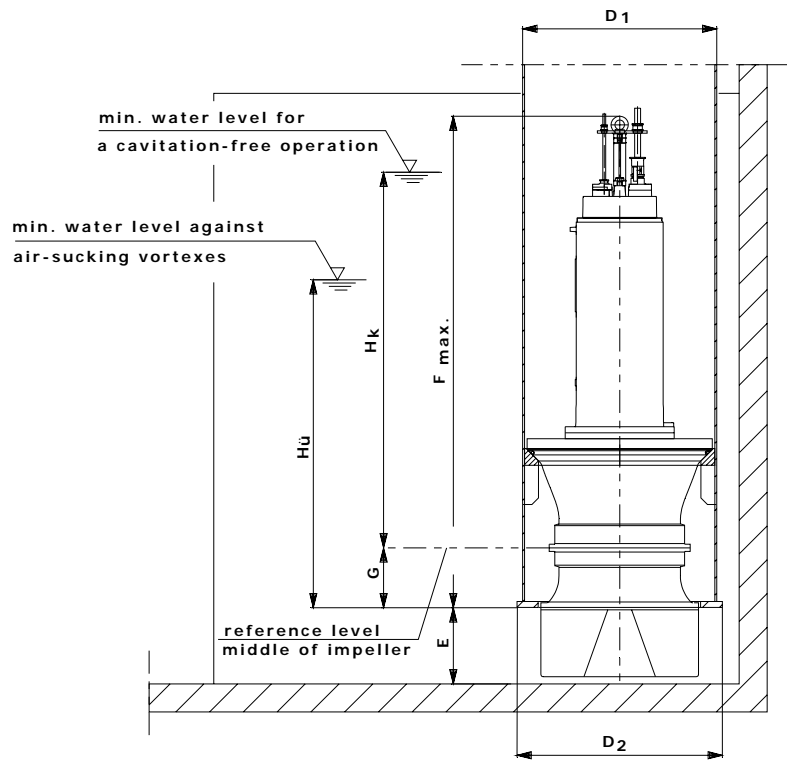
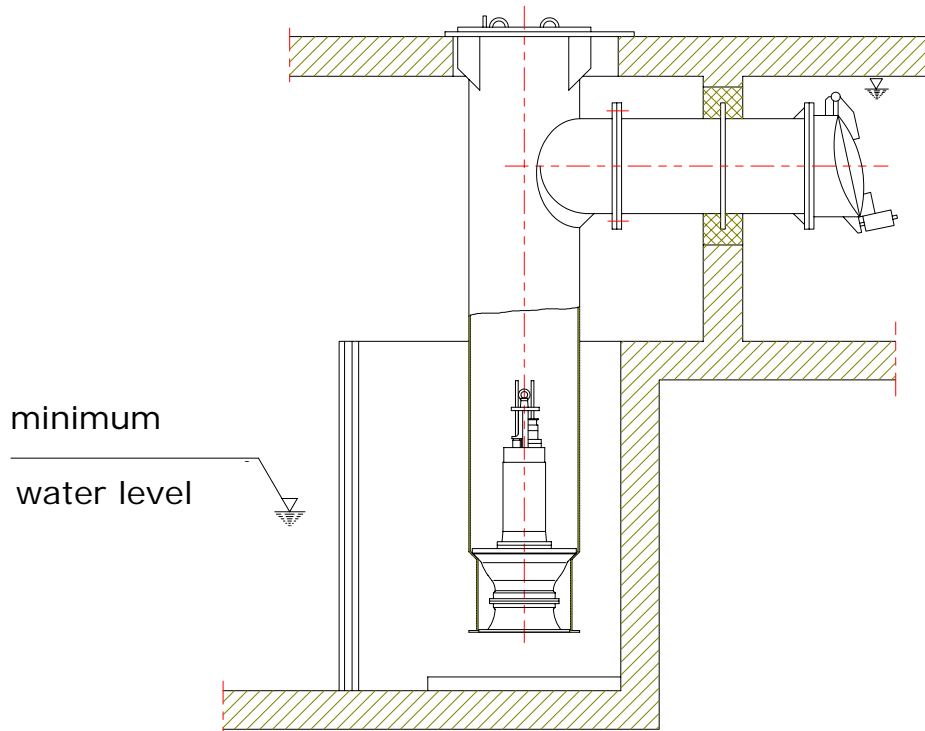


Table 2: [Maße in mm]

Pump type	n min-1	Impeller free ball passage	A min	B min	C	D1	D2	E	F max	G	H <sub>u</sub> min	H <sub>k</sub> min	J	R
KPR 340	1450	50	1100	900	440	720	760	270	1531	190	see diagram	min. water level f cavitation-free operation H <sub>kmin</sub> →H <sub>u</sub> -G→NPSH requ.	250	250
	950		1100	900										
KPR 500	950	70	1700	1500	500	813	860	320	2033	270	see diagram	min. water level f cavitation-free operation H <sub>kmin</sub> →H <sub>u</sub> -G→NPSH requ.	450	450
	740		1600	1400										
KPR 760	585	80	2500	2000	600	1020	1060	520	2760	380	see diagram	min. water level f cavitation-free operation H <sub>kmin</sub> →H <sub>u</sub> -G→NPSH requ.	600	600

Calculation example:



Given:	flow rate:	$Q=2000 \text{ l/s}$
	tot.man.head:	$H_{\text{geo}}=3.2\text{m}$
	no. of starts/hr:	$Z=15/\text{h}$
Chosen:	no. of pumps:	2
	flow rate per pump:	$\frac{2000 \text{ l/s}}{2} = 1000 \text{ l/s}$
	approx. pump selection:	KPR ... with 950 r.p.m.
	sump pipe:	DN 800

From diagram 1:

Useful volume for total flow rate:	$Q_{\text{tot}}=2000 \text{ l/s}$
Bei $Z=10/\text{h}$ :	$V_{\text{use}}=126.5 \text{ m}^3$
Bei $Z=15/\text{h}$ :	$V_{\text{use}}=126.5 \text{ m}^3 \times 0.66=83.5 \text{ m}^3$

From table 1:

Partial volume:  $V_1=(0.9 \times 1000)/15=60 \text{ m}^3$   
 Consequently the switch-on/off levels for the two pumps can be defined.

From table 2:

Now one can take the required dimensions, such as e.g.:

Length of the intake chamber - baffle	$A_{\text{min}}=1700 \text{ mm}$
Width of the intake chamber - baffle	$B_{\text{min}}=1500 \text{ mm}$

etc.

From diagram 2:

The min. water level  $H_{\bar{u}} = 1600$  mm is read.

Due to the NPSH-value of the pump taken from the curve sheet = 9,5 m the min. water level must not be increased; consequently the following condition is met:

$$H_{kmin} \geq H_{\bar{u}} - G \geq NPSH_{pump}$$

Now the sump dimensions are specified:

Chosen: sump width: = 3,4 m  
 sump length: = 8,5 m  
 corresponding base area:  $A = 28,9 \text{ m}^2$   
 true specific volume of pumps and concrete structures:  $V_{install} = 2,8 \text{ m}^3$

Max. water level difference:

$$\Delta H = \frac{V_{use} + V_{install}}{A_s}$$

$$\Delta H = \frac{83,5 \text{ m}^3 + 2,8 \text{ m}^3}{28,9 \text{ m}^2} = 2,98 \text{ m}$$

Now the switch-on/off levels of the pumps are calculated from top to bottom.

Pump 1: partial volume:  $V_1 = 60 \text{ m}^3$   
 percentage of the installations:  $\frac{60 \text{ m}^3}{83,5 \text{ m}^3} \times 2,8 \text{ m}^3 = 2,01 \text{ m}^3$

Consequently:

$$\Delta H_1 = \frac{60 \text{ m}^3 + 2,01 \text{ m}^3}{28,9 \text{ m}^2} = 2,14 \text{ m}$$

Pump 2: partial volume:  $V_2 = 23,5 \text{ m}^3$   
 percentage of the installations:  $\frac{23,5 \text{ m}^3}{83,5 \text{ m}^3} \times 2,8 \text{ m}^3 = 0,79 \text{ m}^3$

Consequently:

$$\Delta H_2 = \frac{23,5 \text{ m}^3 + 0,79 \text{ m}^3}{28,9 \text{ m}^2} = 0,84 \text{ m}$$

And total:  $\Delta H = \Delta H_1 + \Delta H_2 = 2,14 \text{ m} + 0,84 \text{ m} = 2,98 \text{ m}$



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The switch-on point of both pumps (2,98 m from top) is the min. water level  $H_{\bar{u}}$

From diagram 3:

For a pump flow rate of 1000 l/s and discharge piece DN 700 (economical flow velocity in the discharge piece max. 3 m/s) the total loss of the station is:

$$Hv_{tot} = 0,78m$$

Consequently the total head is:

$$H_{tot} = H_{geo} + Hv_{tot} = 3,2m + 0,78m = 3,98m$$

Now the suitable curve can be selected from the respective overview chart.

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