Intelligent Variable Speed pumps

SOLUTION OUTLINE

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rmstrong Design Envelope pumps are a complete solution for heating, cooling and plumbing systems. The integration of a perfectly matched pump, motor and intelligent variable speed controller creates the highest value pumping solution.

Whether driven by social, environmental or fiscal responsibility, forward-thinking organizations must embrace energy-saving technologies and practices.

Through design advances, Armstrong has eliminated the cost trade-offs that are frequently attached to sustainable choices. Design Envelope offers the lowest installed cost and the lowest life cost of any pumping solution today.
Design Envelope solutions reduce pumping costs through variable speed, demand-based operation — consuming only the energy required, based on current system demand.

Design Envelope pumps use a combination of optimized impeller size and speed control for energy efficient operation within a given performance envelope. The performance envelopes are selected for the best pump efficiency where variable flow systems operate most often. This ensures a building’s pumping system consumes as little energy as possible. It also ensures that the installation meets or exceeds ASHRAE 90.1 guidelines requiring 70% energy savings at 50% of peak load.
**Evolution of Pumping & Installed Costs**

**Design Envelope Tango/Dualarm**

- Managed redundancy and parallel operation replaces duty/standby
- Reporting and proactive management
- Smaller units are easier to handle
- Two rotating devices sharing one casing
- Optimized lifetime performance

**Design Envelope Vertical In-Line**

- Integrated, sensorless variable speed controller
- Eliminates wiring from vfd to pump and shaft grounding
- Supports smaller motor selections
- No feedback sensor or wiring required
- Internal harmonic filter
- No requirement for wall space
- One-touch auto-flow balancing
- Onboard Web services and connectivity

**Constant Speed Pump**

- 3-way valve

**Variable Speed Pump**

- Wall-mounted controller/2-way valve

**Vertical In-Line with Variable Speed Control**

- Wall/rack mounted vfd
- System feedback sensor
- Partially reduces energy costs

**Vertical In-Line Split-Coupling**

- Eliminates the need for: housekeeping pads, inertia base, flex connections, grouting and alignment
- Reduced installation labor costs
- Smaller mechanical room footprint (50–75%)

**Base-Mounted End Suction**

- Legacy design
- Base case for comparison
- Time intensive seal change

**Average 15% Energy Savings**

- Saves an additional $2000 on average
- Saves over $5000 for an 8" pump
- 15 minute seal change: saves up to $700

- Constant speed operation
- Base case for pump energy usage
- Pump runs at design point, controlled by throttling

- Constant reduced speed
- Reduce motor speed in lieu of throttling flow
Armstrong Design Envelope variable speed technology fundamentally changes the operation of a pump within the larger HVAC system. The variable speed intelligence embedded in the Armstrong Design Envelope controller adjusts the pump operation to meet the immediate demand. The pump responds instantaneously and draws only the power required to meet that demand.
In a chilled water system, a building’s temperature controls influence the local flow of control valves that modulate the flow to the cooling coils (load). As the control valves open for more chilled water flow, the differential pressure across the valve decreases. The controller reacts to this change by increasing the pump speed. If the control valves close to reduce the chilled water flow, the differential pressure across the valve increases and the controller reduces the pump speed.

Equipped with Sensorless technology, Design Envelope solutions do not require an external sensor to monitor and control the HVAC load.
Equipped with Sensorless technology, a Design Envelope pump’s performance characteristic curve (power draw and RPM) and operating curve are pre-programmed into the controller. During operation, the controller monitors the power and speed of the pump and establishes the hydraulic performance and position of the pump’s head-flow condition relative to the system requirements. As the building’s control valves open or close to regulate flow to the cooling coils and maintain building occupant comfort, the Sensorless controller automatically adjusts the pump speed to match the required system pressure and flow.
Pump Manager is a performance management service to help operators maintain optimized long-term efficiency.

- Early detection of changes in pump condition
- Notification of changes in equipment settings
- Insight into pump status, performance and efficiency
- Extended lifespan and optimum performance with Tango and dualArm configurations

Parallel Sensorless Pump Control (pSPC) is a technology that minimizes the energy costs of multi-pump installations using best efficiency staging.

Most multi-pump control systems stage pumps on the basis of capacity. The pSPC control logic draws on detailed mapping of pump efficiency curves to determine the best possible combination of pumps and operating speeds for any flow requirement.

When the pSPC calculates that a pump array would operate more efficiently with one more pump added to the current set of operating pumps, the control logic turns on one more pump and coordinates the operating speeds of all the operating pumps to share the load.
Armstrong has re-invented and redesigned pumping solutions to include connectivity and performance management services. Design Envelope pumps deliver optimal lifetime efficiency through:

Flow meter functionality delivers accuracy of +/- 5%, optimizing the performance of the entire HVAC system for improved efficiency and reduced operating costs

Expanded performance range and options

One-touch auto-flow balancing

Pump speed modulation based on an adjustable quadratic control curve for best part-load efficiency

On-board data and diagnostics to provide performance information and notifications

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### CONNECTIVITY

Built-in Wi-Fi capability supports remote control, real-time monitoring and management for lowest operating costs

Local and remote access from any smart device

Adaptive browser-compatible software and intuitive user interface
Extended intelligence: integrated controller provides on-board diagnostics, trending, alerts, automatic flow-balancing and optional Parallel Sensorless pump control.

Advanced controls: colour touchpad with intuitive HMI and access to real-time performance and pump conditions.

Real-time connectivity: options include BACnet, BACnet IP, and Modbus. Built-in Wi-Fi and wired connectivity supports web-based control or local control from a handheld unit.

Armstrong intelligent motors: with integrated controls deliver IE5 levels of energy efficiency (on select models) and lowest energy consumption.

Design Envelope technology offers advanced HVAC performance management, the simplest and fastest commissioning and optimized lifetime performance through real-time insight and action.

CAPABILITIES

VALUE

BUILDING OWNERS

- Lowest operating costs over the life of the pumps
- Additional capacity provides future proofing against changing building loads
- Unmatched space savings, efficiency and redundancy with Tango and dualArm multi-pump configurations

DESIGN ENGINEERS

- Broad range of performance leads to reduced iterations of pump selection and reduced performance risk
- UL STD 778 and CSA STD C22.2 No.108 certified

CONTRACTORS

- Easy installation and commissioning
- Express models available for quick delivery
- Single source accountability for all aspects of an integrated pumping solution
## DESIGN ENVELOPE

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* Single phase available to 7½ hp / 5½ kW

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### OUTDOOR APPLICATIONS

- Rated for UL type 4X with TEFC motor standard.
- Epoxy coated controller electronics protect against condensation.
- Stainless steel backplate prevents corrosion between the backplate and the heat sink.
- Stainless steel overhead weather shield protects the keypad from UV rays, prevents overheating due to sun exposure, and prevents accumulation of ice on sensitive areas.
0.33 hp

450 hp

**SELECT & CONFIGURE**

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