FIRE PUMPS









NFPA 20 standard defines the installation requirements of the fixed pumps for fire protection. This standard is the most common and the most detailed standard in the world used for fire protection services.

The scope of NFPA 20 document include the selection of fire pumps, installation, acceptance tests and operation.

Standart Pompa, being a member of NFPA, follows all studies and publications related within the fire protection area.

Most of the consultant companies related with fire protection system design are making their designes according to NFPA standards. Besides, insurance companies are not taking risk and reducing the policy costs, if the fire system is not designed according to NFPA standards and the fire pumps are not selected according to NFPA 20.

STANDART Fire Fighting Pump Features

STANDART fire pumps are used to pressurize and keep the pressure of fire fighting systems such as; •Sprinkler •Fire Cabinets •Hydrants

Different type of pumps may be used in fire fighting systems;

End suction pumps

•Vertical in-line pumps

- •Double suction split-case pumps
- •Multistage pumps •Multistage multioutlet

STANDART Fire pumps and groups conform the requirements of NFPA 20

- •Seperate controller for each pump.
- •Max. flow velocity in suction pipe is below 3 m/s at rated capacity
- Pressure at zero flow is less than 1.4 times rated pressure
- Pressure at 1.5 x rated capacity is not less than 0.65 x rated pressure
- Service factor shall not exceed 1.15
- Materials;
 - Casing : Cast iron Impeller : Bronze
 - : Stainless steel
- •Shaft sealing: Soft packing or mechanical seal
- •Bearings: L-10 rating of not less than 5000 hours at maximum load.
- •Flanges according to EN 1092-2 PN 16.

Suggested accesories on the pump

- Automatic air release valve
- Circulation relief valve

Shaft

- Increaser and reducer piping elements
- Pressure gauges at suction and discharge
- Flexible coupling

Fire Pump Performance Characteristics Conform to NFPA 20



Fire Pump Capacities Conform to NFPA 20

As per NFPA 20

The capacities of a fire pump cannot be different than the ones below

(GPM)	(l/min)	(m³/h)
25	95	5.7
50	189	11.4
100	379	22.7
150	568	34.1
200	757	45.4
250	946	56.8
300	1136	68.1
400	1514	91
450	1703	102
500	1892	114
750	2893	170
1000	3785	227
1250	4731	284
1500	5677	341
2000	7570	454
2500	9462	568
3000	11355	681
3500	13247	795
4000	15140	908
4500	17032	1022
5000	18925	1136

STANDART Fire Pump Types

ECO SNT End Suction





SKM Multistage



SKM Multistage - Multioutlet



Horizontal, radially split volute casing type, single stage, end suction centrifugal pump with closed impeller.

rated c	apacitie	s (GPM)	rated pressures (m)
25	400	2000	40
50	450	2500	50
100	500	3000	60
150	750	3500	70
200	1000	4000	80
250	1250	4500	90
300	1500	5000	100

Horizontal, single stage, axially split volute casing pumps with double suction radial impellers.

rated capacities	(GPM)	rated pressures (m)	
400	2000	50	
450	2500	60	
500	3000	70	
750	3500	80	
1000	4000	90	
1250	4500	100	
1500	5000	110	
		120	
		140	

Horizontal ring section multistage centrifugal pumps with closed impellers and diffusers.

rated capacities (GPM)			(GPM)	rated pressures (m)
	25	300	1000	60 120
	50	400	1250	70 130
	100	450	1500	80 140
	150	500	2000	90 150
	200	750	2500	100 160
	250			110 170

Multioutlet design horizontal ring section multistage centrifugal pumps with closed impellers and diffusers.

rated capacities (GPM)			rated pressures (m)
25	300	1000	60 120
50	400	1250	70 130
100	450	1500	80 140
150	500	2000	90 150
200	750	2500	100 160
250			110 170

Fire Pump with Electric Motor



Fire Pump with Diesel Engine

Generally 100 % redundancy is obtained by diesel engine-driven pumps. The requirements of diesel engine-driven pumps are defined in NFPA 20.



Jockey Pump

Jockey pumps should be selected at a capacity at which to increase the system pressure to the required value in 10 minutes after sensing the leakage in fire fighting system.

Generally a pump with % 3 of rated capacity (min 1 GPM), $\ \%$ 110 of rated pressure.



What is Required from Fire Pumps in the Fire Regulations

The requirements regarding fire pumps in Article 93 of the REGULATION ON FIRE PROTECTION OF BUILDINGS dated 15.03.2018 - numbered 30361 are stated below.

•Fire pumps; These are pumps that provide pressurized water to water extinguishing systems, expressed in nominal flow rate and nominal pressure value. The closed valve (zero flow) head of the pumps must be at most 140% of the nominal head, and the head at 150% flow must not be less than 65% of the nominal head. Such pumps can be used for system demands with a capacity of 130% of the rated flow rate, provided that they meet the desired pressure value.

•If a pump is used in the system, there must be a spare pump of the same capacity. In case there is more than one pump, a sufficient number of spare pumps are used, provided that at least 50% of the total capacity is backed up.

•The rotation of the pump can be done by internal combustion engines or turbines as well as an electric motor.

•If a backup diesel engine driven pump is not used, the energy supply of the fire pumps is provided from a reliable source and independently of the general electrical system of the building.

•Fire pumps must have auxiliary elements such as automatic air release valve and circulation relief valve.

•Each pump must have a separate control panel and the panel must be locked. The electrical control panel must be equipped with information lights for phase error, phase sequence error and control phase error. The panel main input circuit breaker must not be accessible without unlocking the panel.

•Each pump must have a separate control pressure switch. Pressure switches; It must be located inside the control panel, sense the water pressure through a pipe connection, be protected against water hammer, have lower and upper values adjusted separately and independently, and be locked after adjustment.

•Pump control is pressure controlled; It can be fully or semi-automatic.

•Appropriate equipment is provided in the pump room or pump station to ensure a continuous temperature above +4 °C for electric motor driven pumps and +10 °C for diesel engine driven pumps.

•In the pump station, it is essential to provide emergency lighting around the working area of devices requiring service, inspection and adjustment.

•The ground is prepared with a slope for adequate drainage, thus removing water from critical devices such as the pump, driver and control panel.

Fire Pump Group Operation Algorithm

Automatic Control



Manual Electric Control

The manually operated switch (push button) can be used to run the motor manually. In this case operation can not be affected by the pressure-actuated switch.

Mechanical Control

Emergency run handle on the controller can be used to operate pumps by mechanically closing the motor-circuit switching mechanism.

If the pressure drops below the set value (PJSET), jockey pump starts running with the signal coming from the pressure switch and continues to run until the system pressure reaches the set value (PSYSTEM). If the pressure continues to drop, (P1SET) first the main pump starts to run. If the system pressure (PSYSTEM) can not supplied and pressure continues to drop (P2SET), standby pump starts running.

After the operation of pumps, if automatic stop is needed; then electric pump runs 10 minutes while diesel pump runs for 30 munites. Then automatically the pumps stop with the signal coming from min run timer.

P&I Diagram for Fire Fighting Groups Conform to NFPA20







Control Panels

- •Individual control panels are used for electric pump, diesel pump and jockey pump
- •Lock mechanism are used on panels
- Continuous grounding
- •Pumps can run by manual control and emergency-run mechanical control on controller
- •No thermic protection on controller (except jockey pump controller)
- •One batteries for diesel engine
- •Two batteries for diesel engine (if required)
- Battery charger

For Electric Motor (Type B)



For Diesel Engine (Type B)



The pictures are representative.

•Alarm signals on electric pump controller

•DRY contacts on electric pump controller

- 1. pump running
- 2. pump failure

general alarm
weekly test started

3. pump runing

- 3. phase reversal (if required)
- 4. loss of phase (if required)
- 5. power suitable (if required)
- 6. lamp test (if required)
- 7. audible and visible (can not be switched off) alarms

•Additive alarm signals for diesel driven pumps

- 1. high motor temperature (if available in diesel engine)
- 2. low oil pressure
- 3. over speed
- 4. control is in automatic mode
- 5. failure of 1st battery
- 6. failure of 2nd battery (if required)
- 7. starting failure
- 8. engine running
- 9. audible and visible(can not be switched off) alarms

•DRY contacts on diesel engine controller

- 1. control is in automatic mode
- 2. pump runing
- 3. general alarm

STANDART fire pump groups can communicate with building automation systems. But to operate and stop fire pump groups from the control room is not suggested because of safety reasons.

Pressure switches are very important, because they generate "run command". There shall be at least one pressure switch for each pump and at least two for the system.

After the adjustments pressure switches should be locked at the factory. They should be in control panel and not effected from vibrations. Min and max set levels sould be adjusted individually.

Fire pumps should operate automatically by pressure switches and also should operate manually by pressing an electric push button or pressing a mechanical handle.

Control Panels According to NFPA 20

The control panels has many requirements that are required in NFPA 20. Like a voltage surge arrester, isolation switch emergency run mechanical control, overspeed...

•Individual control panels are used for electric pump, diesel pump and jockey pump

Lock mechanism are used on panels

Continuous grounding

•Pumps can run by manual control and emergency-run mechanical control on controller

•In the electric motor pumps, by the help of Locked Rotor Protection (LRP), in case of locking rotor main switch is automatically shut down.

•In the diesel engine pumps, the diesel is stopped in case of overspeed

- •No thermic protection on controller (except jockey pump controller)
- •Two batteries for diesel engine
- Battery chargers

For Electric Motor (Type C)

For Diesel Engine (Type C)





The pictures are representative.

•Alarm signals on electric pump controller (except

- jockey pump)
- 1. pump running
- 2. pump failure
- 3. minimum water level(if required)
- 4. phase reversal
- 5. loss of phase
- 6. power suitable
- 7. Lamp test (if required)

8. audible(can be switched off) and visible(can not

be switched off) alarms

9. LRP

•DRY contacts on electric pump controller

- 1. general alarm
- 2. start failer
- 3. weekly test started
- 4. pump status
- 5. phase loss
- 6. phase opposite
- 7. power suitable

•Additive alarm signals for diesel driven pumps

- 1. high motor temperature
- 2. low oil pressure
- 3. over speed
- 4. control is in automatic mode
- 5. charger lamp
- 6. failure of 1st battery
- 7. failure of 2nd battery
- 8. starting failure
- 9. failure of battery charger
- 10. engine running
- 11. lamp test button (optional)
- 12. audible(can be switched off) and visible(can not be switched off) alarms
- •DRY contacts on diesel engine controller
- 1. selector switch is at wrong position
- 2. pump runing
- 3. general alarm

Weekly Automatic Test

The timer which is preset at a certain time of the week, opens the selonoid valve. System pressure decreases due to discharge water and selonoid valve is closed after motor starts running. Pump runs for a period which is already programmed and then stops.

During weekly tests the fire security person is supposed to be at the test area (It is not easy to recognise mechanical failures during automatic test).

Minimum run time is 10 minutes for electric motor driven pumps and 30 minutes for diesel engine driven pumps. Diesel engine controller should generate an alarm signal in case of failure which is 15 seconds of cranking and 15 seconds of rest, in six consecutive cycles.

Weekly Manual Test

After completion of automatic weekly tests, manual-electrical (by pressing a button on controller) and manual-mechanical (by pressing a handle on controller) tests are done for a short period of time.

Mountly and Annual Test

These tests are for the purpose of protective maintanence and defined in NFPA -25 Standart Pompa technical team is ready to help on this matter if required.

Factory Test

Each fire pump is hydrostatically tested 1.5 times of shut off pressure (not less than 17 bars) for a minimum 5 minutes period. Each fire pump is factory tested as per NFPA-20 requirement.

Fire pump groups and fire booster sets are functionally tested at factory.

Optional Accessories of Fire Pump Group (*)

Standart fire pump groups include all the required elements per NFPA-20.

Optional elements are shown below :

suction valve position monitoring switch

suction valve lock

waste cone

discharge valve position monitoring switch

discharge valve lock

flowmeter at the flow rate 1.75 times of rated flow

(*) Fire Pump Group : Main pump, stand-by pump, jockey pump, electric control panels, collectors, valves etc. all on common base plate.

For Electric Pump



For Diesel Pump

