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Drilling & Service was the first company to successfully diamond core an oil well. That was way back in 1945, but since that time TRUCO BRAND diamond coring and drilling equipment (manufactured, sold and serviced by Drilling & Service, Inc. of Dallas, Texas) has become a standard in the industry.

Continuous research in diamond selection, diamond arrangement, bit hydraulics, etc., has made the use of TRUCO diamond products economical in areas where diamond use has not been thought to be practical. To keep pace with the increasing use of TRUCO products in the oil industry, we have prepared this small booklet entitled Diamond Coring and Diamond Drilling.

It is our hope that this booklet will, in some way, help you to, get more hole, and more core recovery for your money.

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#### INTRODUCTION

#### DIAMOND COST.

One of the first things a person sees when he purchases a diamond bit is the original price. What he usually doesn't see is the diamond salvage credit received in his accounting department. Many bits salvage out better than 40 per cent, so the bit cost is really not as high as it appears.

Bit cost is important but it is only one factor to be considered in determining whether a bit run is economical. Some of the direct costs to be considered are: the rig operating cost, the trip time saved, and the number of rock bits replaced. Among the intangibles (but all of which add up in the profit and loss sheet) are: possible lost circulation due to pressure surges when making trips, stuck pipe and increased mud bills due to lost circulation, well kicking due to swabbing when pulling bits, reduction in the number of necessary drill collars and even the reduction in drilling line costs. Another factor that would easily offset the cost of diamond equipment is that properly stabilized diamond bits usually provide a larger effective hole diameter in which to run your liner or casing.

The value received from a diamond bit is what is important and not the original cost of the bit. TRUCO diamond drill bits are specialized drilling tools, proven by field experience, and worthy of an economic analysis. This analysis may be made easily and quickly by the use of the following well known formula:

$$Cost Per Foot = \frac{\left(\begin{array}{c} Operating Cost \\ Per Hour \end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{c} Trip Hours + \\ Rotating Hours \end{array}\right) + Net Bit}{Bit Footage}$$

# DIAMOND CORING AND DIAMOND DRILLING

extra trips to clean the hole: period, and if the following suggestions are observed the coring point will be reached with a clean hole, eliminating the cost of not difficult to keep a hole clean during the rock bit drilling vulnerable to loose junk iron. Therefore, every precaution should be exercised to insure a clean hole before diamond coring is started and to keep it clean during the operation. Normally, it is possible damage to the diamond bit. Diamonds are particularly diamond coring, to insure maximum core recovery and prevent for every method of coring. It is even more important when The importance of a clean hole is recognized and stressed

barrel or reducing core recovery. embedded in the walls or stored in cavities. They may then fall to bottom during coring, damaging the diamond bit and core A. If the rock bit cones are lost, fish out the cones and all the bearings at that time; otherwise, the bearings will become

Keep tong dies securely keyed in place.

of the hole. An old wiper may be used when going in the hole. C. Keep a wiper on the pipe when going in or coming out

doubt whether or not the hole is clean, it may be advisable to use a magnetic tool or whatever method meets the operator's or three rock bits. This procedure has proven very effective in insuring a clean hole ready for diamonds; however, if there is D. Use a junk basket sub or a similar tool with the last two

#### 2. DRILL COLLARS.

drill collars are the only top stabilization. Under these conditions. and diamond drilling, particularly for diamond drilling and for pipe in tension. The same practice is desirable in diamond coring exceed the weight applied to the bit in order to hold the drill first core. After the core barrel has been buried, if the rat hole use the drill collars that were in use with the rock bits for the the first core when rat-holing ahead in open hole, because the It is a good drilling practice to use sufficient drill collars to

> may be replaced with drill collars of a suitable diameter or to be continued is too small for the regular drill collars, they eliminated entirely at the discretion of the operator. When a full hole diamond bit is being used, regular sized drill collars should

the open hole, use the regular string of drill collars. which always keeps the top of the core barrel and drill collars in When rat hole coring in open hole and reaming after each core

drill collars are a definite aid to diamond coring and use them hole, (3) the related hazards involved. Simply remember that use should be influenced by: (1) the hole conditions, (2) size of ever, the use of drill collars is not always feasible and their when possible. conducive to peak performance by the diamond equipment. How-"snakes" about in the hole and often induces vibrations not Drill pipe in compression, when used for drilling weight,

an undersize core too small for the core catcher to sieze. Further, size stabilizer will often allow the bit to walk around, cutting ribs ground in a lathe concentric with the bore. Otherwise, the bit may be damaged and/or a wavy core cut, which will when it wears to about % under the bit diameter, it should be replaced or rebuilt to .015" under the bit diameter and the above the bit. This stabilizer should be closely watched and with ribs about 12 inches long is recommended to be run directly core barrel, spaced about eight feet apart, with an outside diameter of about .010" less than the bit diameter. But there core barrel is perfectly stabilized in the center of the hole. 3. CORE BARREL STABILIZERS.

Theoretically, a diamond bit will perform best when the when the bit is allowed to walk around, the bit footage will be of the core runs, thereby causing extra rig trips. Also an underwedge in the inner barrel, reducing the core recovery or the length further amplification and for this reason only one stabilizer Such stabilization requires a series of stabilizers built on the it increases the hazard of sticking it. This objection needs no is a serious objection to a perfectly stabilized core barrel because

to control the wear by the walls of the hole. These ribs have with a center sub, the sub is usually equipped with protective ribs When core barrels of more than one section are connected

the appearance of a stabilizer; however, they are well under the hole diameter and do not stabilize the core barrel. When these ribs wear down to the body of the sub they should be replaced or rebuilt to prevent wear and subsequent failure of the sub or core barrel. Core barrels without center subs are often equipped with bands of hard metal near the center joint to prevent wear.

In areas of difficult coring problems, due to the nature of the formation to be cored or the bit and core barrel size relationship, it might be helpful to increase the diameter of the protective ribs and let them act as a stabilizer.

## 4. SELECTING BIT SIZE AND REAMING:

A diamond bit will not always follow a rock bit of the same size unless the hole drilled by the rock bit was fast and easy drilling, leaving a straight full gauge hole. Reaming a rock bit cut hole can be a slow, costly and dangerous operation. The OD of the diamond bit can be damaged and worn, and would greatly reduce the diamond bit life. Selecting the diamond bit of an OD size that will not require reaming of the rock bit cut hole is most important. Reaming should be eliminated when at all possible.

The amount of gauge loss by the rock bits may be the most common measure of the necessary diamond bit OD reduction under rock bit size to avoid reaming. However, the loss in effective hole size or drift diameter may be the most prevalent problem. This loss in effective hole size is a common result from the rock bit drilling a spiral or helix shaped hole due to the action of the unstable drill collar string. Subsequent rock bits, by the design of their cutting cones, can roll through these spirals, whereas the diamond bit with its solid OD gauge section must ream such sections. In cases of the stabilized core bits the possibility of having to ream is greater due to the increased OD area and increased length of the OD area in contact with the hole wall.

The drift diameter or effective hole diameter of a bore hole cut with rock bits is influenced by the following factors:

- 1. Relation of drill collar OD and bit size.
- 2. Number, size and location of drill collar stabilizers.
- 3. Weight applied to the bit.
- 4. Rotary speed.
- Penetration rate.

Any increase in stabilization of the bottom hole assembly will increase the drift diameter of the hole drilled. A hole drilled with near perfect stabilization of the bottom hole assembly will have a drift diameter that approaches the rock bit size, and a diamond bit of a similar size could be run. As the stabilization of the bottom hole assembly is reduced the drift diameter of the hole drilled is reduced.

In rock bit drilled holes, drilled with moderate stabilization of the bottom hole assembly the diamond bit diameter may safely come within 1/16" of the rock bit size. In holes drilled with no stabilization of the drill collar string, and with a difference of 1" to 1½" between rock bit size and drill collar OD, the diameter of the diamond bit may have to be ½" under rock bit size to prevent reaming of the rock bit cut hole.

In extreme cases where the rock bits have lost gauge and the hole was drilled with poor stabilization of the bottom hole assembly it may be necessary to reduce the diamond bit diameter 1/4," or more below rock bit size in order to prevent reaming.

Reaming a rock bit hole is a slow and costly operation because the diamond bit must be fed at a constant slow rate; if it is not, and the bit is dropped into tight places, it will bind. The diamonds on the outside of the bit often shear for this reason, causing the bit to lose its gauge and cut an undergauge hole. This necessitates reaming with the next bit. Also, dropping a diamond bit in a tight undergauge hole is inviting a stuck drill string and perhaps a costly fishing job.

In some of the harder formations, a diamond bit, under continuous use, will often lose a few thousandths of an inch of the OD gauge before the bit is worn out. This means following bits will have to ream to bottom. Such costly reaming may be avoided by estimating the minimum number of bits that will be required to do the job and alternating them, i.e., change bits for each core. Usually this procedure will insure a full gauge hole and if additional bits are needed above the first estimate, they have a chance of going to bottom without reaming. Also, when reaming or tough formations are anticipated, the diamond bit may be set with an increased diamond concentration on the OD in order to insure as full gauge hole as possible for subsequent bits.

the rock bit hole with little effort to resume diamond coring or point. The diamond bit should then go back to bottom through the diamond cut hole to rock bit drill to the next diamond coring ing or drilling a 1/16" to 1/8" larger rock bit can be run through ditions, it is common practice to alternate a diamond bit with a rock bit 1/16" to 1/8" larger in diameter, i.e., after diamond corto rock bit drill the soft intermediate sections. Under these con-When full hole diamond coring, it is often more economical

# 5. WEIGHT ON BIT, ROTARY SPEED VS CIRCULATION RATE:

characteristics of the formation, (2) size and shape of the diamond ting elements over the formation being drilled. Therefore, for diamond bits to drill, sufficient weight must be applied to cause the cutting points of the diamonds to penetrate the formation. is similar to that of a "drag" bit. The mechanical factors of required. The action of a diamond bit, when properly employed Many factors influence the best combination of weight and RPM tion of weight and rotary RPM to use in different formations. point and, (3) the applied unit weight. Weight causes the penetra-The degree of penetration depends on: (1) the hardness and "making hole" deal with weight and repetition of moving the cutremoves the formation. tion and the rotation gives movement to the diamonds which It is impossible to predetermine the most efficient combina-

efficient means, of keeping the diamonds clean and cool so that new formation may be cut with each rotation, thus, increasing the affect the drilling rate in direct relation to the efficiency with which these mechanical factors are applied. Hydraulically speakcient fluid velocity across its face to satisfactorily clean and cool effectiveness and efficiency of the mechanical factors. Therefore, ing, the "jet principal" as applied to the diamond bit is the only velocity are also known. Therefore, for best performance, a diaother factors that may dictate a necessary change in this idea the diamond points. The ideal fluid velocity is known, and usually the "jet action" to be effective on a diamond bit, requires suffirelated to the drilling rate. And, the provided hydraulic factors waterways that will give proper fluid distribution at the ideal mond bit must be designed to meet the hole conditions and with The mechanical factors of weight and rotary speed are directly

> the rig or by the fluid capacity of the diamond core barrel in use fluid may be limited by the capacity of the pump or pumps on velocity, based on the fluid available to the bit. The available

# 6. FLUID CAPACITY OF DIAMOND CORE BARRELS:

and loss of core. tube to rotate with the outer tube, causing frequent core wedging friction developed between the tubes tends to cause the inner excess of twenty-five feet per second in this annulus, the fluid the circulation rate is sufficient to result in a fluid velocity in between the ID of the outer tube and OD of the inner tube. When Circulation through a diamond core barrel is in the annulus

#### FLUID CAPACITY CHART TRUCO CORE BARRELS

		J.	and 25-50 T.	*Formerly called 25-50	**Formerly
700*	23.30	17	10.013	6/8"	6/8WL
600	7.65	1%"	13.401	53/4	274WL
350	4.66	11/4"	8.835	41/2"	4½WL
275	3.54	11/4"	8.247	41/4"	4.4WL
660	8.50	47/8"	11.192	15/8"	10/8
700*	8.95	31/2"	11.155	6/8"	6/8 IJ
340	4.31	43%"	11.155	6/8"	6/8
350	4.48	31/2"	18.46	6/8	6%CD1-40
230	2.94	23/4"	13.40	53/4	5% CD1-40
450*	4.35		7.68	27.6	7
275	3.53		7.68	51/2	16
230	2.95	23/4"	7.069	5	10
210	2.65	23/8"	5.584	41/2"	41/2-50
150	1.95	21%"	2.945	4"	-
125	1.58	21/8"	3.1294	31/2"	31/2
90	1.14	11/4"	3.522	ųψ	<u>υ</u>
GPM	Sq. In.	Size	Area Sq. In.	Tube	No.
Capacity	Area	Core	Sectional	Outer	Barrel
Fluid	Annulus		Cross		Core
			Outer Tube		
			OD		
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\*Fluid capacity based on average annulus area. The fluid capacity shown in the above table is based on maximum fluid velocity of twenty-five (25) feet per second in the annulus between the outer and inner tubes.

## 7. FLUID CAPACITY OF DIAMOND BITS:

hand is shown in the following example: A simple rule that can be followed to determine the volume rate that should be circulated through a diamond bit already on

Measure the waterways in the bit, width and depth, and count the number of waterways. The waterways will not be square but with a rounded bottom, the depth should be measured to the bottom and the waterways assumed to have 90 degree angles.

Example Bit: Total number of waterways 16

Waterway Size 7/32" x 1%" Calculations:  $16 \times 7/32 \times 1\% = 56/128$  Sq. In.

To produce a fluid velocity of 164 feet per second across the bit face, requires 4 U.S. gallons per minute per 1/128 square inches of waterway area:

Fluid Capacity: 56 x 4 = 224 GPM

To insure dissipation of the cuttings and prevent burning of the diamond points, the fluid velocity across the diamond bit face must be as high as possible without seriously fluid cutting the matrix. There are three factors which affect fluid erosion of the bit matrix. These factors are:

- 1. Fluid velocity across the bit
- 2. Length of time the bit is in operation
- 3. The abrasiveness of the drilling fluid

The unknown and uncontrollable factor is the abrasiveness of the drilling fluid, although similar mud types tend to have approximately the same abrasive action.

The "gallons per minute per 1/128 square inches of waterway area" is known as the "FLUID FACTOR." The Fluid Factor is varied to compensate for the abrasiveness of the different types of drilling mud. The following table will assist in selection of the "FLUID FACTOR" most suitable for the type mud being used:

MUD TYPE	FACTOR	VELOCITY FT/SECOND
<ol> <li>Water Base Mud (2% sand or less)</li> </ol>	4	164
Lime Base Starch Mu	4.5	184
Water	4.5	184
Water Base Emulsion Muc	5.0	205
Lime Base Oil	5.5	225
Water in Oil Emulsion	6.0	246
Water (Nothing /	to	328
Crude Oil	ð	328
9. Oil Base Mud	6 to 8	328

The preceding hypothetical example shows how to compute the fluid capacity of bits on hand. When ordering a bit, the type mud and available circulation rate should be given and we will custom design the bit for the job.

# 8. OBTAINING A BALANCE OF THE MECHANICAL AND HYDRAULIC FACTORS:

When going to bottom with a diamond core or drill bit, stop the bit at least two feet off bottom and regulate the pump strokes to deliver the volume rate at the fluid capacity of the diamond bit in use. Lower the bit to bottom without rotating, if possible, so as to pump any junk iron or pieces of formation off bottom. Apply 5-8,000 pounds to make sure the bit is setting on bottom and not in cavings. After this operation, pick up two to three feet off bottom and rotate slowly (40 to 50 RPM) and then lower to bottom and apply weight (5,000 pounds). Then gradually increase the drilling weight until the best penetration rate is obtained.

After the bit is seated and the core is entering the inner barrel, recheck the pump for the desired number of strokes. The pump pressure with this number of strokes should have increased approximately 200 to 275 PSI. This pressure increase is actually the pressure drop across the diamond bit. By increasing the rotary speed gradually until the best penetration rate is obtained, the most efficient combination of weight and rotary speed will be balanced with the fluid energy delivered to the bit.

This second and final pressure, established after the bit has started drilling, is the important pressure that must be kept in mind constantly throughout the operation. If this final pump pressure increases or decreases, it is a definite indication that something abnormal is occurring and the cause should be determined and corrected. Otherwise, the diamond bit may be damaged, core recovery reduced, or costly rig time needlessly consumed.

The following paragraphs will discuss the possible cause of pump pressure changes:

pump pressure changes:

A. Pressure increase or decrease may be due to a change in the pump volume. When the pressure changes, check the pump strokes first.

B. If the pressure increases and the pump volume is correct, it is possible that the bit has failed. As a rule, a ring of diamonds will have been destroyed, which will allow the formation to wear into the matrix, restricting the waterways and causing a pressure

increase. If this is the trouble, the pressure will drop when the bit is picked off bottom. And, when set back on bottom the pressure will immediately increase to the reading before being picked up. When these symptoms are definite, pull the bit to save further diamond damage and costly rig time.

C. Pressure increase may be due to a plugged circulatory system from debris in the mud, such as pieces of piston swabs, valve rubber, pipe protectors, soft rope, etc. If this is the trouble the pressure will remain unchanged when the bit is picked off bottom. The coring might be continued if the trouble is definitely established as a plugged circulatory system; but it would be a rather blind and hazardous operation and the best practice is to come out of the hole to correct the trouble.

**D.** Increasing or decreasing pressure may be due to spotty, unbalanced mud. However, this mud condition is usually known and continued circulation will usually correct the situation. Meantime, with everything else normal, an allowance may be made for the pressure variations to compensate for the mud conditions until corrected.

E. Pressure decrease may be due to a wedged core holding the bit off bottom, such a decrease being accompanied by loss of torque and slow drilling time. This usually occurs when coring the harder fractured formations and it is a waste of time to try to force the bit to cut. Come out of the hole.

F. Fluctuating pump pressures usually occur when coring the softer fractured formations. When the fractures cause the core to wedge, the bit will quickly cut itself free, transferring the drilling weight to the core. At this point, the penetration rate will slow up noticeably until the weight crushes the soft core in the bit area. As the soft crushed core washes out through the small waterways, the pressure will increase 50 PSI or more. As soon as the crushed core washes out through the small waterways, the pressure will return to normal and at the same time the penetration rate will speed up. When the pump pressure fluctuates and drilling time is erratic in a formation that is known to be soft and fractured, the core barrel should be pulled to avoid core loss.

### 9. MAKING CONNECTIONS:

Stop the rotary table but maintain circulation. Pick the core barrel off bottom slowly, watching the weight indicator closely.

Most cores break off readily; however, in some formations the cores are tough to break. In such a case, pull at least 22,000 to 30,000 pounds above the drill string weight, then set the brake and slowly rock into the core with the rotary until the core breaks.

When the core breaks, pick up at least 20 feet off bottom and then slowly lower back to within 18 inches of bottom, feeling for any core that may have been lost out of the barrel. If the core is felt in the hole it is usually a comparatively simple operation to work over it.

### 10. PICKING UP LOST CORE:

Feel for the top of the core slowly and when the top of the core takes approximately 500 pounds, agitate with the rotary or slowly rotate. If the formation is not fractured and long cores have been cut the core barrel should readily go over the core. If it does not, this usually indicates that a short piece of core has turned sideways in the hole, necessitating redrilling. When redrilling over a piece of core, use a very light, steady weight or the bit may be damaged. When available, it is advisable to use an old bit of doubtful further footage for lost core pickup.

# 11. SUMMARY OF CORING INSTRUCTIONS:

- Let the hole conditions dictate the mud to be used
- . Be sure the hole is clean.
- Make trips in the same manner as with rock bits.
- Regulate the pump to deliver the correct volume constantly.
- Keep close watch for pressure changes.
- \* F. Find the weight that gives the best penetration rate. Apply the weight smoothly and continuously so that bottom is crowded at all times.
- G. Experiment with the rotary speed to find the RPM that gives best results.
- H. Keep the stabilizer directly above the bit within 1/16" of the bit diameter.
- I. Use drill collars when possible.
- J. Do not exceed the fluid capacity of the diamond bit or diamond core barrel for long periods.
- K. Keep the outer and inner tubes straight.

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR ASSEMBLING AND MAINTAINING TRUCO CORE BARRELS

Diamond Core Barrel care is a continuous job. It starts before the core barrel is ever used and never stops until the core barrel is finally retired. The following suggestions on care of the diamond core barrel are offered to help operators get maximum service from their core barrels at minimum cost.

### 1. LUBRICATION THREADED JOINTS:

A. The old adage: "cleanliness is next to Godliness" applies aptly to the threaded joints of the diamond core barrel. Make sure both pin and box threads are perfectly clean and well lubricated with a clean lubricant and swab before making up the threaded joints.

# 2. MAKE UP TORQUE OF THREADED JOINTS:

- A. The threaded joints should be "hand tonged" in and out. That is the spinning rope or chain or rotary should never be used to spin the threads in or out.
- B. Final torque on make up of the joints is important. Overtorquing will impose excessive stress on the threads. And insufficient torque can permit a joint to rock to cause wear and premature failure.
- C. Tonging a joint with the derrick tongs too high above the slips or rotary can easily spring or bend the tubes. Keep the joint and tongs close to the rotary.
- D. Outer Tubes: Use derrick tongs and make up joints with approximately the same torque as used on the tool joints in the drill string.
- E. Inner Tubes: The cross sectional area of the inner tube threads is small as compared to that of tool joints, therefore, caution should be taken when making up these joints. The final torque on make up of the center inner tube threads should be with the derrick tongs and jerkline, using two raps on the cat head and a series of relatively hard jerks. The inner tube clamp may be placed around the box thread which will prevent "belling" of the box if by accident the final torque on make up is too great.

F. Inner tube head and core catcher sleeve must be made up with the wrenches provided by hitting the handles with a sledge hammer.

## 3. REPAIRING DIAMOND CORE BARRELS:

During the life of a core barrel it may become necessary to shop it to recut the threads and/or to straighten the tubes. When recutting threads, the correct length relation between the inner and outer tubes must be maintained to insure the correct critical dimension. The following suggestions will insure that the proper tube length relations are maintained:

A. Outer Tubes: When an outer tube is cut off and rethreaded, the exact same amount must be cut off the matching inner tube.

**B.** Inner Tube: When it is necessary to replace inner tube threads, it is best to cut the damaged end off, rethread and install a threaded repair sub the same length as the portion cut off. 12" inner tube repair subs are normally carried in stock and any other length can be furnished.

#### 4. STABILIZERS:

TRUCO core barrels are equipped with a stabilizer directly above the diamond bit, which is the minimum stabilization recommended for diamond core barrels. The purpose of this stabilizer is to prevent the cutting of a spiral or wavy core which, when excessive will cause core blocking and core loss. The stabilizers are furnished from 0" to .015" under the diamond bit size and when it wears to 1/16" under the bit size it should be rebuilt to the correct diameter or replaced.

**A.** When rebuilding the stabilizer ribs: build up with tungsten carbide using an acetylene torch. Then grind to size in a lathe to insure the OD of the ribs being concentric with the bore.

The inner tubes are stabilized at only one point with four stabilizer lugs inside of the lower stabilizer sub. These lugs should be kept in repair. The original clearance is 1/16" between the ID of the stabilizer lugs and the OD of the core catcher sleeve.

# 5. KEEPING THE OUTER AND INNER TUBES STRAIGHT:

The inner tubes are suspended from ball bearings to insure nonrotation. This feature, which is most essential to satisfactory core barrel operation, will be eliminated if either the outer or inner tube becomes bent. Bent tubes will increase the forces acting to

cause the inner tube to rotate with the outer tube. To detect bent tubes, hang the assembled core barrel in the derrick, and before installing the diamond bit, swell the fist inside the inner tube and turn it. If the inner tube does not turn freely, indications are that some of the tubes are bent and should be straightened. When assembled, it is often difficult to determine whether it is the inner or outer tube that is bent. When in doubt hang the inner tube in the derrick, assembled to the bearing assembly, and spin by hand. If the inner barrels are bent it will be apparent:

A sure test for tube straightness is to lay them in a set of rollers, roll them on a pipe rack, or take them to a shop.

#### 6. SAFETY JOINT:

The safety joint must be kept clean and well lubricated with both '0" rings in good condition and in place.

#### 7. BEARING ASSEMBLY:

- .. Three types of bearing assemblies are available:
- Standard 3 bearings enclosed in lubricant.
- Jar 6 bearings enclosed in lubricant.
- Open flat seat thrust bearing mud lubricated.
- **B.** The enclosed types must be well lubricated at all times. After each trip pump housing full of grease until it comes out freely and clean around the shaft at the grease seal.
- 1. The standard, three bearing type, has a diaphragm above the bearings to equalize the pressure inside the bearing housing with the hydrostatic pressure in the hole. If grease should come out the small holes above the bearings it is an indication that the diaphragm is ruptured and in need of replacement.
- 2. The jar type employs a sliding grease seal at the bottom of the assembly to equalize the pressure inside the bearing housing with the hydrostatic pressure in the hole. Otherwise, the maintenance is the same for both types of enclosed bearings.
- The open bearing assembly requires very little maintenance other than to closely observe its wear and replace parts as needed.
   The life expectancy of this bearing is somewhat less than the enclosed grease lubricated bearings.

### TRUCO CORE BARRELS

Successful coring operations depend greatly on the core barrel performance. Regardless of how perfect the core bit may be, it CANNOT perform effectively unless the core quickly passes into the core barrel, away from the core bit area. To accomplish this, a core barrel should be designed to include the following features:

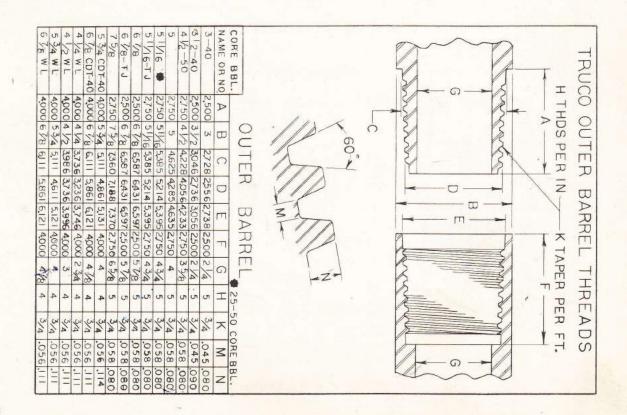
- A non-rotating inner tube. If the inner tube rotates, torque will be applied to the core being cut causing fractured cores and wedging. To insure a non-rotating inner tube, the tube must be streamlined inside and outside and suspended on well lubricated anti-fricton bearings.
- An inner tube having a smooth bore to aid in prevention of core wedging by minimizing core friction.
- Protection of the core being cut from the circulating fluid.The core should be exposed to the fluid only enough to flush away the cuttings before the core enters the inner tube.
- 4. A core catcher that will allow the core to pass with a minimum of disturbance. Otherwise, the core will be scrambled and will usually wedge in the inner barrel.
- 5. Allowance for full fluid circulation.

DRILLING & SERVICE, INC. has incorporated all of the above of features in their TRUCO core barrels. In addition to these necessary design features the core barrel must be rugged enough to withstand normal oil field use and streamlined enough to give you the maximum hydraulic advantage. The following table was designed to give you a quick reference to the available TRUCO core barrel sizes, their strength and their hydraulic characteristics.

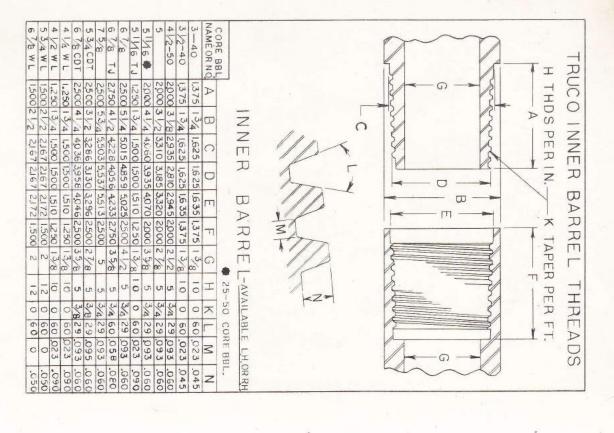
#### CORE BARREL SPECIFICATIONS

Core Barrel Name or Number	Top Connect.	Outer Tube OD In.	Outer Tube ID In.	Outer Tube Cross Sect. Area In. <sup>2</sup>	Inner Tube OD In.	Inner Tube ID In.	Annulus Area Outer and Inner In.2	Fluid Capacity GPM*	Core Size In.	Core Bit OD Range	Section Modulus In.3
3½	2¾ Reg. 2¾ Reg.	3½ 4	2½ 3½	3.12 2.94	2½ 3½	2½ 2½ 2½	1.58 1.95	125 150	2½ 2½ 211/16	3¾ - 4¼ 4¼ - 49/16	2.29 2.64
3-40	2% Reg. 3½ Reg. 3½ Reg. 3½ Reg. 4½ Reg. 5½ Reg. 5½ Reg. 5½ Reg. 5½ Reg. 5½ FH 5½ IF 2% IF 4½ FH 5½ Reg.	3 3½ 4½ 5 51½ 6½ 6½ 7½ 6½ 4½ 4½ 5¾ 6½	2½8 2½8 35% 4 4¾4 4¾4 5¾4 5¾4 65% 4 4 ½8 2¾4 3 4 ½8	3.52 6.07 5.58 7.07 7.68 11.15 11.19 13.40 18.46 8.24 8.83 13.40 18.46	134 134 316 317 414 317 514 414 534 317 414 134 217 217	13/4 13/4 21/2 21/6 35/4 21/6 35/4 35/6 5 23/6 13/4 13/4 2 2	1.14 1.14 2.65 2.95 3.53 4.35 4.31 8.95 8.50 2.94 4.48 3.54 4.66 7.65	90 90 210 230 275 450 340 700 660 230 350 275 350 600 700	1¼ 1¼ 2¾ 2¾ 3¼ 2¾ 4¾ 3½ 4¼ 3½ 1¼ 1¼ 1¼	3½- 4½ 3½- 4¾ 4¾- 5¾ 5½- 6½ 6½- 7¾ 6½- 7¾ 7½- 9 7½- 9 8½-10½ 6½- 8¾ 7½- 9 4½- 5¾ 4¾- 5¾ 6½- 8¾	2.0 3.65 5.18 7.31 8.75 16.16 16.16 18.83 14.39 23.9 6.88 7.17 14.39 23.9

TJ-Tool Joint WL-Wire Line

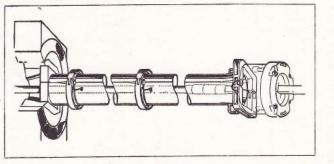


<sup>\*</sup> Based on an annular velocity between the inner and outer tube of 25 feet per second.



## TRUCO'S KELLY EXTENSION DRIVE

PATENT # 3,038,547



The TRUCO KELLY EXTENSION DRIVE is a simple mechanical means of supplying torque to the Kelly bushing, while the bushing is above the rotary table.

The KELLY EXTENSION DRIVE can be used for the following operations:

- Diamond Coring Eliminates making connections.
- Washover Pulling off of the fish to make connection is eliminated.
- Spudding in well when the weight of an extra drill collar is required.
- Drilling back through a keyseat or tight hole.
- Drilling under pressure Rotates round pipe in pack off.

The KELLY EXTENSION DRIVE is 20 feet long and weighs 1750 pounds.

## PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING KELLY EXTENSION DRIVE

- 1. Check drill pipe measurements before reaching bottom to determine whether a pup joint will be needed to give a minimum of 50 feet of Kelly and drill pipe above the rotary to avoid making a connection when cutting a 50 foot core.
- 2. The maximum drill pipe that can be above the rotary is: 16 feet
- 3. If a "pup joint" is to be used, add it to the drill string prior to picking up the last regular joint of drill pipe. The "pup joint" will permit washing the hole to bottom; then a "rat hole" connection can be made to add the last joint of pipe between the Kelly and "pup joint" without setting the bit on bottom.

# 4. INSTALLING KELLY EXTENSION DRIVE:

- A. Pull Drive into V-door with cat-line and chain sling with longer chains hooked in the two eyes at top of Drive.
- B. Remove all lock pins except the bottom one.
- C. Set Drive in vertical position on or near rotary with opening split toward draw-works and remove remaining bottom lock pin.
- D. Open drive, pick up with cat-line and place in position around Kelly.
- E. Replace all lock pins and lower Kelly bushing into top of Drive, ready to proceed with coring.
- F. Core until a minimum of 5' of Kelly is above Kelly bushing. Otherwise, it will make it difficult to raise the Kelly bushing out of the Drive preparatory to laying it down.

# 5. LAYING THE KELLY EXTENSION DRIVE DOWN:

- A. Stop the rotary with lock pins toward the draw works and remove all of them.
- B. Hook the two short chains of the chain sling to the Kelly bushing and the two long chains in the eyes on the Drive. The cat-line will then pick up the Kelly bushing and Drive simultaneously.

- C. Remove Drive, set on rotary on the driller's side and install ottom lock pin.
- D. Pick Drive up with catline and start lower end toward V-door, allowing sufficient slack for Kelly bushing to slide down Kelly into its regular position in the rotary table and unhook chains.
- E. Proceed out V-door with Drive.
- 6. Two catlines on a rig will greatly facilitate laying down the Drive, because one can be used to handle the Kelly bushing while the other is used to handle the Drive independently. Often a second cat-line can be easily installed on some rigs for the purpose.

### 7. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

- A. The Kelly Drive is heavy. Therefore, the cat-line must be in good condition. Examine it closely for weak points and it should be  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " rope.
- B. Avoid holding weight of Drive on cat-line for long periods. Plan ahead and handle in minimum of time.
- C. If cat-head and line develop excessive heat, cool with water.
- D. Close Drive and insert a lock pin before attempting to lay down. Otherwise, it may snap shut with terrific force, endangering the workmen.
- E. Keep hands and arms clear of split when installing or removing Drive.

# 8. RIG REQUIREMENTS FOR HANDLING KELLY EXTENSION DRIVE:

- A. Two cat-lines; one of which should be 11/2" will easily install and remove the Kelly Extension Drive.
- B. When only one cat-line is available, a 20' ladder attached to a V-slot in the Drive, provides access to all the lock ring pins and lifting chains.

# TRUCO'S EXPANDABLE DRILL REAMER

PATENT # 3,051,255

The TRUCO Expandable Drill Reamer is a positive, mechanically actuated, expandable drill reamer which may also be used as an under-reamer. The reamer sub and blades comprise an integral part of the drill string, operating immediately above the bit, for the purpose of reaming and/or under-reaming simultaneously with the drilling of the hole; therefore, extra trips and rig time are eliminated when reaming or under-reaming.

Mechanical operation of the tool is very simple; when going in the hole, a Shear Pin arrangement maintains the Reamer Blades in a retracted position by holding the grease enclosed splined mandrel in an "up" position. When the drill bit reaches bottom, weight is applied — usually about 10,000 pounds — the pin shears allowing the mandrel to move downward and in the same motion expand the reamer blades outward (see Fig. 2). As long as weight is on the drill bit, reaming is certain.

For under-reaming below pipe, 18" of open hole is required below the pipe to allow the blades to expand into formation rather than pipe.

When removing the drill string from the hole, the tapered mandrel travels upward to retracted position, allowing the blades to also retract so the reamer can be pulled from the hole.

Expandable drill reamers are available in three sizes shown in the table and may be used with either diamond or rock bits.

Reamer No.	Threads API Reg.	OD of Body	Maximum Expansion
21/8	21/8	41%	1,5%
31/2	31/2	51/4	3/4 //
41/2	41/2	71/4	3/4 "

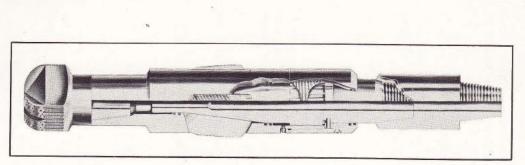


Fig. 1



### DIAMOND BIT SPECIFICATIONS

A reprint from API Std. 7, March 1963, Sect. 8

8.1 Diamond Bit Tolerances. Diamond drilling and diamond coring bits shall be subject to the OD tolerances shown in Table, 8.1

DIAMOND DRILLING AND DIAMOND CORING BIT TOLERANCES TABLE 8.1

634 and smaller From 634 to and including 9 Larger than 9	Nominal Bit Size, OD, inches	1
+0, —0.015 +0, —0.020 +0, —0.030	OD Tolerance, inches	2

in Table 8.2. All connection threads shall be right hand. shall be furnished with the size and style pin connection shown 8.2 Diamond Drilling Bit Connections. Diamond drilling bits

DIAMOND DRILLING BIT CONNECTIONS TABLE 8.2

1	2
Size of Bit, inches	Size and Style of Rotary Connection
31% to 41% incl.	
4% to 5 incl.	1/8
51/2 to 73/2 incl.	31/2 REG
7% to 91/2 incl.	1/2
9% and larger	

following dimensions and practice are recommended: 8.3 Diamond Bit Gaging. In field gaging diamond bits the

a. Gage Specification. "Go" and "No Go" gages should be fabricated as shown in Fig. 8.1 and as described below:
1. "Go" and "No Go" gages should be a ring fabricated

from 1 in. steel with an OD equal to nominal bit size

in. clearance with a tolerance of +0.003, "Go" gage ID should equal nominal bit size plus 0.002

nal less maximum negative tolerance) minus 0.002 in. interference with a tolerance of  $\pm 0$ , —0.003. b. Gaging Practice. The "Go" and "No Go" gages should be "No Go" gage ID should equal minimum bit size (nomi-

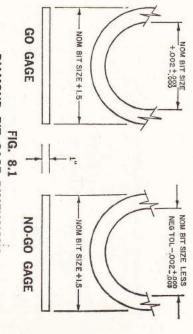
used as follows:

1. If acceptable, the product bit should enter the "Go"

gage (Product not too large).

2. If acceptable, the product bit should not enter the "No Go" gage (Product not too small).

3. Both the "Go" and "No Go" gages should be within for accurate measurement. 20° F of the same temperature as the bit or corehead



### DIAMOND BIT GAGE DIMENSIONS

(All Dimensions in Inches)

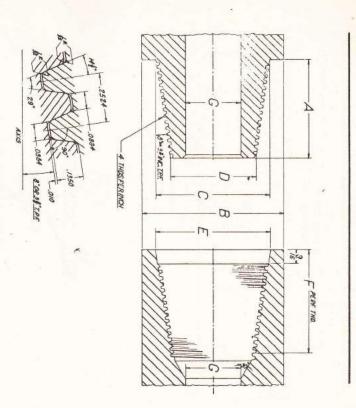
manufacturer's name or identification mark, the API monogram, 8.4 Marking. Diamond bits shall be die stamped with the

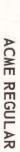
and the size and style of connection. Example: A bit with  $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. regular rotary connection shall be stamped as follows:

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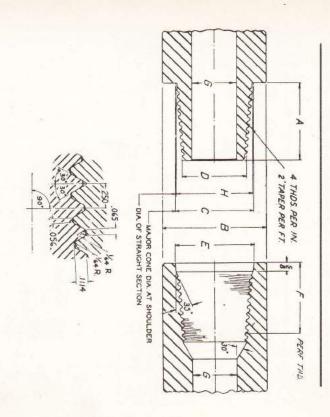
41/2 REG

manufacturers only. NOTE: The API monogram may be applied by authorized





65% 5	51/2 41/2	4 1/2 4	31/2 31/2		23/8 3	SIZE A
73/4	63/4	51/2	47	33%	31/8	B
627/4	54/64	4 39/64	317/32	263/64	219/32	C
51/4	43%	331/64	217/32	2	13/4	D
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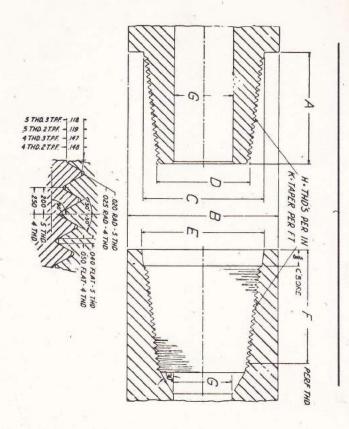


### HUGHES XTRA HOLE

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" 41/2" API-IF AND 51/2" REED DOUBLE STREAMLINE



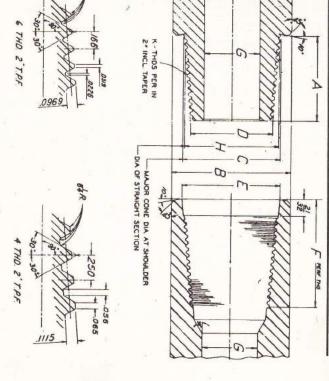
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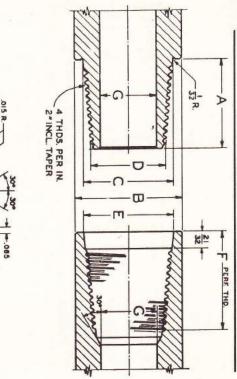
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- ① THREADED PORTIONS ARE SAME AS 31/2 FH REED EXTERNAL FLUSH.
- 31/2 HUGHES XTRA HOLE.
- \* STRAIGHT COUNTERBORE
- @ SAME AS 2 % HOMCO-LITTLE INCH





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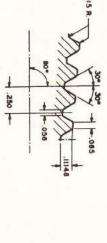
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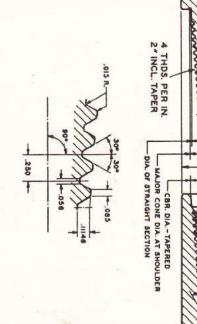
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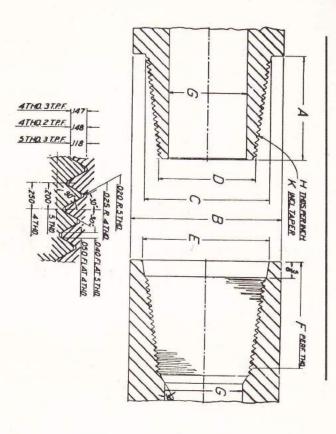
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### HUGHES DOUBLE STREAMLINE

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① THREADED PORTION SAME AS 2 7/8" HUGHES XTRA HOLE AND 3 1/2" REED DOUBLE STREAMLINE
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A. P. I. FULL HOLE

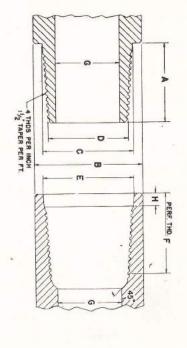
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THREADED PORTION SAME AS 41/2" REED DOUBLE STREAMLINE

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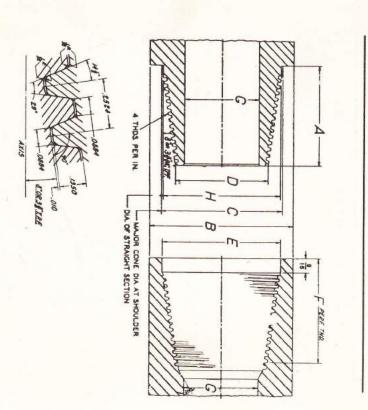
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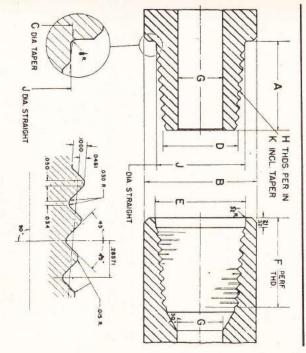
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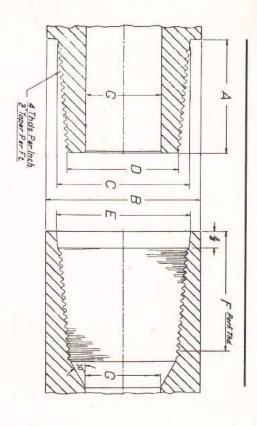
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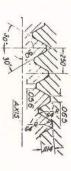
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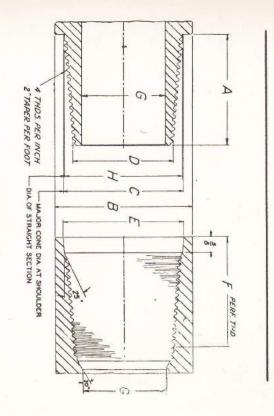


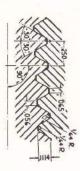
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72%	625/4	5 4	453/4	4/64	325/64	21/8	C
65/8	5 1/2	41/2	45/64	31/32	213/6	2.3%	D
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OTHREADED PORTION SAME AS 4½ HUGHES XTRA HOLE & 5 DBL. STREAMLINE.

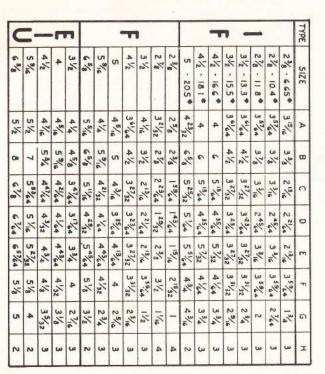
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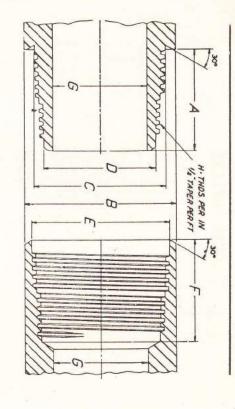




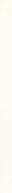
### REED DOUBLE STREAMLINE

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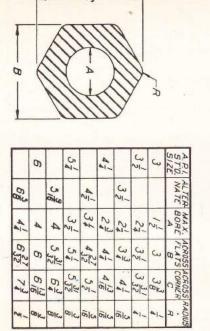




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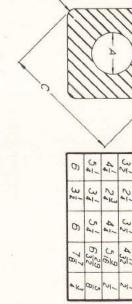


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NOM. BORE FLATS

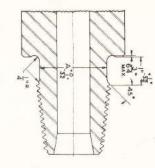


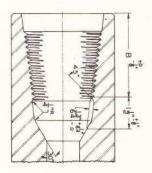
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\* The 21/6 l.F. connection is not provided with a stress-relief groove because of insufficient metal.

t When two bores are given for one O.D., the first bore listed is standard and the second is optional.

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 64% REG.	6% REG.	6% REG.	6% REG.	5½ REG.	4½ l.F.	4 I.F.	41/2 L.F.	4 l.F.	4 I.F.	4 l.F.	4 I.F.	4 LF.	4½ F.H.	4½ F.H.	4 F.H.	3½ F.H.	27, L.F.	23, I.F.	OF CONNECTION
527/64	527/4	527/4	537/4	487/	4%	421/64	43%	421/64	421/2	421/64	421/6	421/64	422/4	411/4	325/22	327/44	2 47/4	*	NCHES
45/3	48%	48%	4*/	43/	41%	41/4	41%	41/2	41/	41%	41/4	41/	ಬ್ಯ	3%	4%	3%	31/	*	INCHES
30 and 42	30 and 42	30 and 42	30 and 42	30 and 42	30 and 42	30 and 42	30 and 42	30 and 42	30 and 42	30 and 42	30 and 42	30 and 42	30 and 42	30	30	30	30	30	LENGTH OVERALL





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#### Duplex Pump Capacity — Gallons Per Stroke — 100% Efficiency

1 Stroke = 1 Complete Round Trip of Each Piston For Triplex Pumps Multiply Table Values by 1.5

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LENGTH	41/2"	5''	51/4"	51/2"	53/4"	6"	61/4"	61/2"	63/4"	7''	71/4"	71/2"	73/4'
10"	2.41	3.06	3.40	3.78	4.12	4.64	4.98	5.39	5.85	6.31	6.94	7.30	7.93
12"	2.89	3.67	4.20	4.53	5.10	5.46	5.96	6.48	7.02	7.58	8.25	8.59	8.83
14"	3.39	4.28	4.85	5.28	5.85	6.38	6.95	7.57	8.19	8.85	9.63	10.22	10.81
15"	3.61	4.59	5.20	5.67	6.18	6.96	7.47	8.03	8.77	9.46	10.41	10.95	11.89
16"	3.86	4.89	5.56	6.03	6.70	7.28	7.95	8.65	9.36	10.11	11.00	11.69	12.63
18"	4.34	5.50	6.00	6.79	7.36	8.19	8.94	9.72	10.53	11.35	12.20	13.15	14.00
20"	4 82	6.11	6.94	7.55	8.38	9.10	9.93	10.80	11.70	12.60	13.36	14.61	15.40

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