# INSTALLATION, OPERATION & MAINTENANCE GUIDE



# STYLE 85/85M SPLIT CARTRIDGE SEAL



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#### **OVERVIEW**

This guide outlines the installation, operation and maintenance of the Flexaseal Style 85 and Style 85M Split Cartridge Seal. The Style 85M is a highly engineered heavy duty split cartridge seal designed specifically to meet the challenges of mixers and agitators. This guide, in addition to the manuals provided by the pump manufacturer and the manufacturer of any auxiliary equipment, should be read in its entirety prior to installation.

#### **NOTICE**

Flexaseal does not assume responsibility for misuse, or any damages incurred as a result of the misuse of the supplied sealing system. Contact a Flexaseal representative before making any changes to the provided system or design.

#### **SAFETY**

- 1. Read all instructions thoroughly prior to beginning installation. Review engineering prints for special notes and/or instructions.
- 2. Removal, installation, operation, and maintenance must only be carried out by qualified personnel who have thoroughly read all instructions.
- 3. The seal must only be used for its intended application. Flexaseal cannot be held liable for use outside the scope of the recommended application.
- 4. Inspect the replacement seal prior to removal of the old seal or installation of the new seal using the technical information provided in this document. Contact a Flexaseal representative if there are any questions.
- **5**. Follow plant safety regulations and procedures throughout the disassembly/installation process including, but not limited to, the following:

- Lockout/tagout procedures
- SDS consultation for any hazardous materials involved
- Use of proper personal protective equipment
- Relief of any system pressure and mechanical energy
- 6. The following symbols have been used throughout the document to highlight important information:



Instructions intended to prevent damage to the seal or equipment.



Mandatory instructions intended to prevent personal injury or extensive damage to equipment.

**NOTE:** Information to note while installing, or for later use.

Style 85/85M Split Cartridge Seal Maximum Operating Conditions

Style 85				Style 85M			
Shaft Size	Temperature	Speed	Pressure	Shaft Size	Temperature	Speed	Pressure
1.750–3.000 in.	350°F	3600 RPM	250 psi	1.500–3.000 in.	350°F	3600 RPM	450 psi
3.125–3.750 in.	350°F	1800 RPM	200 psi	3.125–4.750 in.	350°F	1800 RPM	450 psi
3.875–4.750 in.	350°F	1800 RPM	150 psi	4.875–9.000 in.	350°F	875 RPM	450 psi
≥ 5.000 in.	350°F	875 RPM	100 psi	-	-	-	-

NOTE:

Maximum temperature, pressure, and speed indicate operating extremes independently and do not imply the seal will function at these extremes at the same time. Contact Flexaseal if in doubt.



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#### **PREPARATION**



Verify that equipment has been properly shut off and rendered inoperative according to plant safety protocol (e.g. lockout/tagout procedures).

1. Disassemble the pump seal chamber, in accordance with the pump OEM instructions, to expose the existing seal.

**NOTE:** Document how the seal chamber is disassembled for re-assembly.

2. Carefully remove the existing sealing device, taking care not to damage the shaft.

3. Clean the shaft, shaft sleeve (if present), and seal chamber face of rust, burrs, grit, sharp edges, and set screw damage using fine emery cloth. Wipe clean.

ATTENTION

Avoid making flat spots or reducing the shaft diameter.

- **4.** If the pump is equipped with a shaft sleeve, verify the condition of its O-ring or gasket and ensure that it is properly located (fully engaged against step/hook/snap ring).
- Sealing surfaces and the shaft or shaft sleeve must have at least a 63 Ra-μin surface finish as seen in Figure 1.

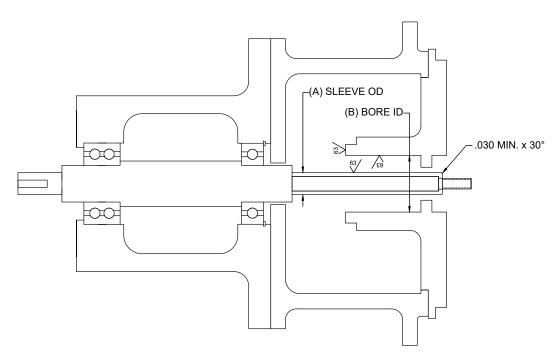


Figure 1: Surface finish and chamfer locations. Fully assembled pump without seal.



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#### **VERIFICATION**

Successful operation of a Style 85/85M Split Cartridge Seal is contingent on conforming equipment dimensions and alignment. Verify the following prior to continuing:

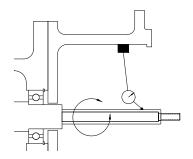


Figure 2: Shaft Runout

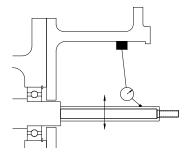


Figure 3: Bearing Fit

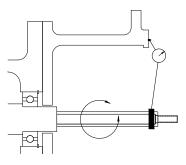


Figure 4: Bearing Frame Perpendicularity

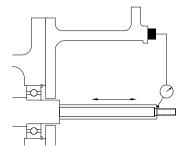


Figure 5: Axial Shaft Movement

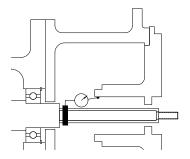


Figure 6: Seal Chamber Bore Concentricity

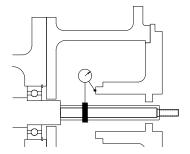


Figure 7: Seal Chamber Face Squareness

#### **Maximum Alignment Variation (TIR)**

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		Style 85	Style 85M *
Fig. 2	Radial shaft movement (shaft runout)	0.0015–0.003 in.	0.060 in.
Fig. 3	Radial bearing fit	0.002–0.003 in.	0.002–0.003 in.
Fig. 4	Bearing frame perpendicularity	0.0005 in./in.	0.0005 in./in.
Fig. 5	Axial shaft movement (end play)	0.003 in.	0.120 in.
Fig. 6	Seal chamber bore concentricity	0.005 in.	0.005 in.
Fig. 7	Seal chamber face squareness	0.0005 in./in.	0.0005 in./in.

For proper function and satisfactory operation of the seal it is imperative that connections, dimensions, finishes, and alignments are all acceptable based on the specified design. If measured values exceed the values given above, adjust the equipment to meet the specifications before installing the seal. These values are general quidelines and the pump OEM should be used to verify acceptable values whenever possible.

<sup>\*</sup>The Style 85M is a special engineered split cartridge seal typically designed for specific applications with larger runouts than traditional installations. The maximum runout values indicated are highly dependent on the proposed installation and application data. Contact Flexaseal with any questions on allowable values for specific applications.



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#### SEAL INSTALLATION

The advantage of a Style 85/85M Split Cartridge Seal over a typical cartridge seal is seen in the ease of installation and setup for service. When removing packing from an existing pump, a split seal does not require that the pump be taken apart. Ensure alignment verification of equipment has been completed prior to starting the installation procedure. Review engineering prints for special notes and/or instructions.

NOTE: It is essential to use a suitable lubricant when installing a seal, as different lubricants will work better with different elastomers.

 Remove the seal from its packaging and inspect for damage to any components and seal faces.

NOTE: Split cartridge seals are shipped from Flexaseal as two complete halves and should not be disassembled further without cause. If a seal appears damaged prior to installation, contact a Flexaseal representative.



Grease, scratches, or nicks on the seal faces may cause leakage.

- 2. Ensure the shaft and seal housing have been properly cleaned as described in the preparation section.
- 3. Lightly lubricate the sleeve O-rings with a suitable and compatible lubricant. Do not get

- any lubricant on the end of the O-rings where they are split.
- 4. Hold the bottom half of the split cartridge up against the shaft. Carefully align the top half using the locating pins. Make sure to never release pressure from the bottom half. Start the large shoulder screws in the gland holes and the small shoulder screws in the sleeve holes until they are all finger tight.
- 5. Tighten all shoulder screws alternately and evenly so that the two halves come together parallel. Recommended torque values for the shoulder bolts are listed in the table below:

Recommended Torque
50 in-lbs
50 in-lbs
80 in-lbs
100 in-lbs

 Move the seal forward until it contacts the stuffing box face. Lubricate the gland bolts/studs/nuts and tighten them using the Legacy Method (Star Pattern) until 80–100 in-lbs of torque is achieved.



Do not over tighten gland bolts as this can distort the gland and internal components resulting in seal leakage.

- Alternately tighten the provided set screws to the specified torque value according to the table below.
- **8**. Remove the setting clips from the seal. Save these for future use in seal removal.

#### **Cup Point Set Screw Torque Specifications**

Screw Size	Alloy Steel	Stainless	Screw Size	Alloy Steel	Stainless
#10	36 inlbs.	26 inlbs.	M4	2.0 N-m	1.5 N-m
1/4	87 inlbs.	70 inlbs.	M6	7.9 N-m	6.1 N-m
5/16	165 inlbs.	130 inlbs.	M8	19.6 N-m	15.4 N-m
3/8	290 inlbs.	230 inlbs.	M10	37.0 N-m	29.5 N-m
1/2	620 inlbs.	500 inlbs.	M12	60.3 N-m	48.3 N-m

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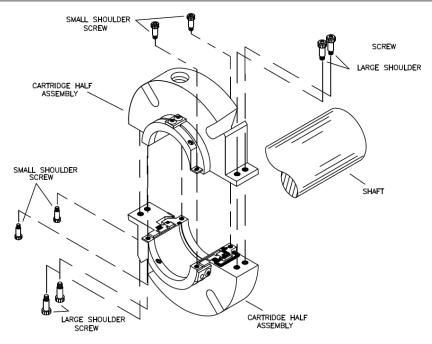


Figure 8: Exploded view of split cartridge

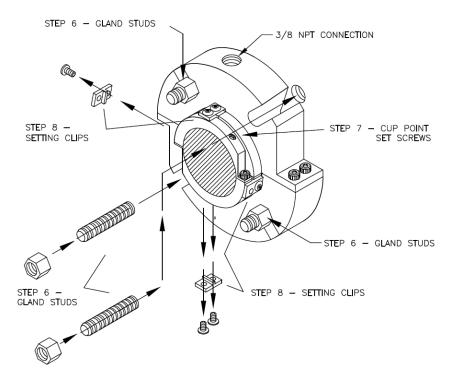


Figure 9: Installation of split cartridge



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#### BEFORE STARTING THE EQUIPMENT

- 1. Ensure the pump shaft is properly aligned at the coupling with the motor.
- 2. Check that all gland plate bolts and all screws are securely fastened.
- **3**. Once the pump is reassembled, turn the shaft by hand if possible to check for free rotation, if not, recheck installation.
- Verify that all plumbing and piping plans for the seal are connected and configured according to best practice.
- 5. Flood the pump, vent all air from the seal chamber, and check the seal for leakage.

6. Ensure all plumbing and venting are free of obstruction and that the chamber is filled with liquid. Check that all alarms connected to auxiliary systems are properly functioning to alert personnel if any issues arise.

ATTENTION

Dry-running is a major cause for leakage and/or failure of mechanical seals. It is imperative that the seal chamber be completely vented prior to startup and that adequate lubrication is supplied to the seal.

Start the pump per the pump manufacturer's recommendations, observe for proper operation, and check for excessive heat at the seal gland.



Check periodically during operation to ensure that the seal is not overheating.

#### **OPERATION & MAINTENANCE**

If leakage is detected, it should be addressed as soon as possible to prevent hazards and protect personnel. Leakage could come from a number of leak paths in the seal, or be caused by changes in the pump operation or condition. Although seals should be inspected regularly for signs of leakage, a properly selected and functioning mechanical seal will run for extended durations without need for extra attention and should not be disturbed unnecessarily (i.e. shut down and disassembled without cause). Below is an inexhaustive list of possible causes of leakage.

**Primary Causes** 

- Worn seal faces
- Damaged O-rings
- Damaged springs

**Secondary Causes** 

- Change in duty conditions
- Dry-running
- Worn bearings
- Increased vibration

It is important to periodically inspect and maintain flush systems, shaft alignment, and consistent duty parameters to ensure the seal performs as designed. Often, there is a case of cause & effect with machinery and processing issues upstream that can cause a seal to leak. Check for the root cause of leakage when disassembling equipment for inspection or service.

#### **DECOMMISSIONING EQUIPMENT**

When decommissioning equipment it is important to ensure that the pump has been fully isolated from the process and power sources for personnel safety. Pressure and fluid should be fully released before disassembly of the equipment is to begin.



If the equipment has been used with toxic or hazardous fluids, ensure that it is decontaminated and neutralized before decommission begins. There is often residual fluid remaining from the draining process so consult the pump OEM for special cases.



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#### REMOVING THE SEAL



Before opening the pump to remove the seal the warning stated above regarding toxins and hazardous products must be reiterated. Make note of all fluids contained in the pump, drain and decontaminate before opening the housing for seal service.

- 1. Ensure all fluid has been drained and vented. Equipment should be shut down and locked/tagged out according to OEM and plant specifications.
- 2. Dismantle equipment sufficiently so that the gland plate and seal housing are exposed and accessible for service.
- 3. Reset the setting clips that were saved from installation.
- 4. Back-out the cup point set screws.
- 5. Remove the gland bolts/nuts in an even manner.
- **6**. While supporting the bottom half of the cartridge to ensure that it does not drop, remove the shoulder bolts holding the two halves together.
- 7. Carefully separate the halves and remove them from the pump.

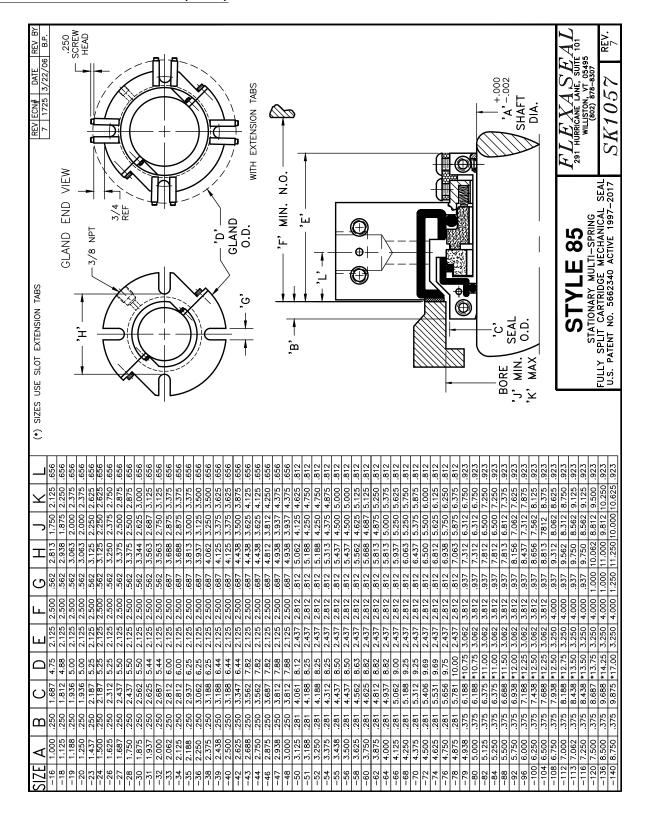


If a part is going to be returned for service or to any third party, all shipments should have appropriate safe-handling instructions securely attached to the package.



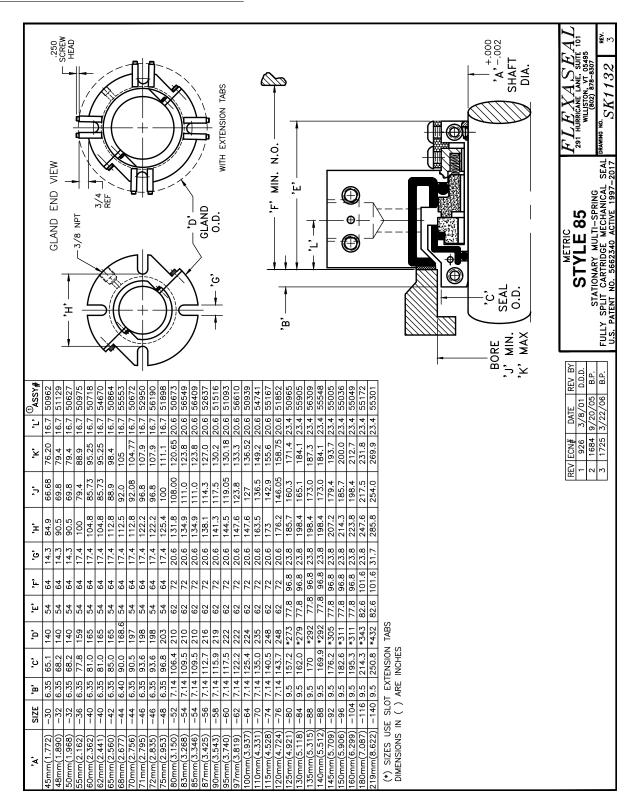
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#### STYLE 85 DIMENSIONAL DATA (INCH)



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#### STYLE 85 DIMENSIONAL DATA (METRIC)





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