

EFFECT OF PRIME-MOVER AND MUDDY WATER ON THE
LOW PRESSURE CENTRIFUGAL PUMP CHARACTERISTICS

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1. ABSTRACT:

The Nile irrigation follows the cannal irrigation system in which the water is distributed by scheme of shifts, logically, for low water level in the channel, the pureness of water is changed, in addition to plant restriction and seasonal clearing of channeletc. So, the Nile irrigation is continuously subjected to changes in its pureness specially during pump operation.

Therefore, the effect of water pureness on the pump performance and characteristics is considered major factor in service life of the irrigation pump. The service life of the system is an economical indicator which must be considered in the electrification of irrigation means.

This research aims at finding out the effect of water pureness, prime mover and type of suction pipe on the pump performance.

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2. INTRODUCTION:

The performance of the pump (discharge, manometric head and efficiency) depends on numerous factors that affect either positively or negatively the pump efficiency. Not only the type of pumped fluid (1), but also the pumping system and suction systems can decrease the pump efficiency due to the occurrence of cavitation phenomena.

In the case of centrifugal pumps the additional effects of the pumped fluid can render critical speed calculations meaningless (2).

The prime-mover type has a large effects on the pump characteristics and performance.

3. EXPERIMENTAL WORK AND PROCEDURE:

In order to have a clear picture of the effect of different parameters on the performance characteristics of centrifugal pump, an experimental station was designed and constructed in the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Shebin El-Kom, Menoufia University.

The experimental set up provides the facility of studying the effect of:

- i - Fluid property,
- ii - Suction conditions,
- iii- Type of prime-mover.

on the performance of the centrifugal pump.

The basic components of the experimental station are; pumping set, delivery tank, suction tank and measuring devices.

The pumping set consists of, pump, prime mover, suction pipe, delivery pipe, control valves and filters.

The pump used is a low head centrifugal pump of the following specifications; head 8 mt. water, R.P.M. 1450 and the capacity $250 \text{ m}^3/\text{hr}$.

Two types of prime-mover were used:

- i- An electric motor of the following specifications; speed 1450 r.p.m and out put power = 10 HP.
- ii- Diesel engine specifications are; speed 1450 r.p.m by using a conical pulleys system and power = 10 horse power.

The suction and delivery pipes have the same diameter (15 cm.) and same length (4.5 mt.).

Two different materials was used for suction pipe, rubber and steel, the suction pipe ends with a filter and non-return valve.

The valves used in the pumping see are:

- i- Non-return valve in the suction pipe, and two regulating valves, one in the delivery pipe to regulate the discharge and the other on the suction side to study the effects of manometric suction head.
- The suction tank dimensions are; width 1.8 mt, length 8 mt and dept 4 mt.
- The delivery tank dimensions are; height 2mt, length 1.76 mt, and width 1.76 mt.

3.1 Measuring Devices:

The suction and delivery manometric heads were measured by two calibrated pressure gauges of Bourden type.

The orifice up-stream and down-stream pressures were measured by two calibrated pressure gauages of the previous type.

The pump speeds was measured by a calibrated speed transducer PHILIPS type (PR 9373). The pump speed was changed using a system of pullies as shown in Fig. (1). To calculate the shaft horse-power of the pump, it is necessary to measure the torque on the shaft. A calibrated torque transducer PHILIPS type (PR 9380 R/50) was used.

3.2 Experimental Procedure:

1. Before runs were made the pumping station was checked thoroughly for leaks.
2. To draw the performance curves of the pump (H-Q, S.H.P -Q and η -Q), the following procedure was carried out at certain speed.
 - a- Suction valve was open while the delivery valve was closed.,
 - b- Start the pump,
 - c- Open gradually the delivery valve.
 - d- Record the following reading:

H_{m_s} = manometric suction head,
 H_{m_d} = manometric delivery head,
 H_1 = orifice up-stream pressure,
 H_2 = orifice down-stream pressure,
 N = r.p.m.,
 T = Torque.

To have another set of performance curves, change the speed by the pullies system and repeat the previous procedure.

For the performance of the pump using muddy water, the mud was added to the water in the ratio $\frac{1}{40} - \frac{1}{20}$ by weight.

To find out the effects of prime mover on the pump performance, the diesel engine replaces the electric motor and the previous steps was repeated.

The tests were repeated at variable r.p.m, namely at 1350, 1550, 2350, 2700 and 3000 r.p.m.

4. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

4.1 Pump Performance Using Drinkage Water and Electric Motor:

The relation between the capacity (Q) and the total head(H) at different speeds (1350, 1550, 2350, 2700 and 3300 r.p.m.) is presented graphically in figures (1_b & 2). It is clear from the

figure that the capacity (Q) decreases with the increase of total head and speed up to 1550. The capacity (Q) reached its maximum value when the pump operates at the main speed of 1550 r.p.m while the total head takes a small value compared with that at higher speeds. The total head increases with the increase of R.P.M. The capacity (Q) is considered to be the most important element in calculating the cost of irrigation per/ feddan (time required to irrigate one feddan depends on the capacity of the pump).

The effect of the capacity (Q) on the shaft horse power is illustrated in figures (3 and 4). It is clear from the figures that the shaft horse power increases with the increase of the capacity (Q). This increase in shaft horse power is due to the increase of the water delivered and consequently increasing the load on the impeller blades. The shaft horse power also increases with the increase in the R.P.M. The maximum shaft horse power occurs at the speed of 3300 R.P.M. The following table gives the values of the shaft horse power at different speeds and at average capacity of 150 mt³/hr.

Speed R.P.M.	1350	1550	2350	2700	3300
Shaft horse power-horse	6.2	9.8	18	25.5	30.2

The relation between the capacity (Q) and the pump efficiency (Z) at different speeds is shown in figures (5 and 6). From this figures it is clear that the efficiency increases with the increase of the capacity (Q) at the same speed while it decreases with the increase of the speed at the same capacity. The following table represents the efficiency at different speeds and at the average capacity of 150 mt³/hr.

Speed	1350	1550	2350	2700	3300
Efficiency % age	66	55	18	11	9

4.2. Pump Performance Using Diesel Motor:

The relation between the capacity (Q) and the total head (H) for different speeds using diesel motor and drinkage water is shown in the figures (7 and 8). The total head (H) decreases with the increase in the capacity (Q) while it increase with the increase in the speed at the same capacity. The total head reaches the largest value when the pump operates at 3300 r.p.m. The total head using electric motor has a values less than that obtained when using diesel motor. The following table gives the total head for different speeds at the average capacity 150 mt³/hr. when using electric and diesel motor.

Speed R.P.M.	1350	1550	2350	2700	3300
Prime-mover					
E.M.	8.08	9.06	10.04	11.08	12.10
D.M.	8.27	9.28	10.28	11.29	12.30

The relation between the capacity (Q) and the shaft horse power at different speeds is shown in figures (9 and 10). The shaft horse power increases with the increase of the capacity (Q) and the speed. The values of the shaft horse power obtained by the use of diesel motor is larger than that obtained using electric motor.

The following table represents the percentage increase in the shaft horse-power using diesel motor compared to electric motor.

Speeds	1350	1550	2350	2700	3300
% age increase in shaft horse-power.	0.20	0.16	0.20	0.30	0.10

Figures (11 & 12) show the relation between the capacity (Q) and efficiency (η) using diesel motor, drinkage water and running at different speeds. From this figures, it can be seen that, for the same capacity (Q), the efficiency (η) decreases with the increase of speed, and it is become very small at 3300 r.p.m.

The efficiency in case of diesel motor is smaller than the obtained in case of using electric mtoro. The following table represents the efficiency when using different types of prime movers (electric and diesel motor), different speeds and drinkage water.

Speed R.P.M.	1350	1550	2350	2700	3300
Prime mover					
E.M.	66	55	18	11	9
D.M.	52	47	15	8	6

4.3. Pump Performance Using Muddy Water:

i - Mud ratio $\frac{1}{40}$ by weight

Figures (13 & 14) illustrates the relation between the capacity and total head (H) using muddy water, electric motor and different speeds. From this figures, it is clear that, as the capacity (Q) increases the total head (H) decrease. Both the capacity (Q) and total head (H) takes a small values in this case compared with the results using drinkage water and the same prime mover. The mud in water affects largely the pump performance because the specific gravity of water become larger than the drinkage water and the dynamic effect of mud on the impeller blades.

The same behavior was noticed at different speeds, but the total head increases with the increase of the speed. This increase takes a different increasing ratios for the different speeds.

Figures (15 & 16) shows the relation between the capacity (Q) and shaft horse-power (S.HP). From this figures, It can be seen that as the capacity (Q) increases the shaft horse-power increases and as the speed increases for the same capacity (Q), the shaft horse-power increase, this increase takes a large value at a speed of 3300 r.p.m.

The following table represents the variation of the speed with the shaft horse-power ratio for muddy water and drinkage water.

R.P.M.	1350	1550	2350	2700	3300
ITEM					
S.HP muddy **					
S.HP d.w. **	1.09	1.05	1.01	1.04	1.10

* S.H.P_m = Shaft horse-power in case of muddy water,

**S.H.P_d = Shaft horse-power in case of drinkage water.

Figures (17 and 18) represents the relation between the capacity (Q) and the efficiency (η) using muddy water of mud ratio 1/40 by weight, electric motor and different speeds. From this figures, it is clear that as the capacity (Q) increases the efficiency (η) increases for different speeds. But the efficiency (η) decreases as the speed increase. The decrease in efficiency (η) is due to the increase in shaft horse power results from changing the mud ratio in water.

The following table represents the efficiency (η) of the pump under study using drinkage water, mud water 1/40, electric motor and different speeds.

R.P.M	1350	1550	2350	2700	3300
ITEMS					
drinkage W.	66%	55	18	11	9
Mud water $\frac{1}{40}$	52%	46	15	8	7

4.4. Pump Performance Using Muddy Water:

ii- Mud ratio $\frac{1}{20}$ by weight.

Figures (19 & 20) shows the relation between the capacity (Q) and total head (H) using mud water $\frac{1}{20}$, electric motor and different speeds. This figure shows that, As the capacity (Q) increases the total head (H) decrease, and for the same capacity (Q) and different speeds, As the R.P.M. increases the total head (H) increases. But the values of the total head (H) in this case has a small value compared with that of using drinkage water and the same elements. Generally, The same behaviour was noticed at different speeds, but the capacity (Q) decreases with the increase of R.P.M. and reaches to the smallest value at 3300 R.P.M. The total head increases as the R.P.M increase and takes a max. values at R.P.M 3300. It is also noticed that, both the capacity (Q) and total head values in this case takes a small values compared with that of using electric motor and the same elements according to the decreasing of water pureness and its effect on the pump performance.

4.5. A comparison of Pump Performance Using Different Prime-Movers and Drinkage Water:

Figures (2 to 20) shows the relation between the capacity (Q) and total head (H), using different prime-movers, different speeds and drinkage water. From these figures, it is clear that for the same capacity (Q) the total head increase using diesel motor.

From the relation between the discharge (Q) and shaft horse power at the previous figs. It is noticed that, the shaft horse-power increases when using diesel motor according to the increase of the inertia force of the system (fly wheel and engine). Thus the shaft horse-power increases with the increase of speed for diesel motor than the case of using electric motor.

4.6. Comparison of Pump Performance Using Different Types of Prime-Movers and Different Mud Ratios:

Figures (1, 2, 7, 8, 13, 14, 19, 20, 25, 26, 31 and 32) shows the relation between the capacity (Q) and total head (H) using different speeds, different prime-movers and different types of

water pureness. From this figures, it is noticed that, As the mud ratio increases the total head decreases for the same capacity (Q). The following table represent the total head (H) values for the mean capacity (Q) of the pump, different degree of water pureness and different speeds using electric motor:

R.P.M		1350	1550	2350	2700	3300
ITEM						
Drinkage water		8.060	9.06	10.04	11.08	12.10
Mud	$\frac{1}{40}$	8.075	8.085	9.015	9.15	11.08
Water	$\frac{1}{20}$	8.070	8.075	8.10	8.15	8.30

Generally, and from the table, the increase of mud ratio, decreases the total head while the increase of R.P.M. increases the total head (H) for the same capacity (Q).

Figures (3, 4, 9, 10,15,16,21,22,27,28,33 and 34) shows the relation between the capacity (Q) and the shaft horse-power for different water pureness, different speeds and different prime-movers. From this figures it is clear that, for the same capacity (Q):

- The increase of mud ratio in water increases the shaft horse--power, this increase had a different ratios.
- The increase of the speeds, increases the shaft horse-power by different ratios.
- When using diesel motor the shaft horse-power increases by different ratios for various speeds comparing with using electric motor mud diesel motor for different degree of water pureness.

The following table represents the (S.HP) values for various types of water pureness, different type of prime-movers, and different speeds at the average discharge (150 m³/hr.).

R.P.M.		1350	1550	2350	2700	3300
ITEMS						
E.M.	P.W.	6.50	9.40	17.20	24.10	29.20
	M.V. $\frac{1}{40}$	7.10	10.00	17.40	25.00	32.20
	M.W. $\frac{1}{20}$	7.50	10.70	18.20	25.80	34.70
D.M.	P.W.	8.90	9.80	18.20	25.00	30.80
	M.W. $\frac{1}{40}$	9.90	11.30	18.90	25.80	32.90
	M.W. $\frac{1}{20}$	10.90	12.20	19.90	26.60	35.60

Figures (5, 6, 11, 12, 17, 18, 23, 24, 29 and 30) shows the relation between the capacity (Q) and the efficiency (η) for different types of prime-movers, various degree of water pureness and different speeds. From this figure it is noticed that:

- As the capacity (Q) increases, the efficiency (η) increases for the different prime-movers, various degree of water pureness and different speeds.

- In case of using diesel motor, the efficiency of the pump decreases comparing with the case of using electric motor for the same water pureness and for different speeds.

- As the mud ratio increases, the efficiency (η) decreases for the same prime-mover and different speeds. But the efficiency has a small value when using diesel motor, and it has a smallest values when using mud ratio $\frac{1}{20}$ and diesel motor for different speed. The following table represent the efficiency values for different prime-movers, various degree of water pureness and for different speeds.

ITEM		R.P.M.	1350	1550	2350	2700	3300
E.M.	D.W.		66	55	18	11	9
	M.W. $\frac{1}{40}$		60	48	16	9	7
	M. $\frac{1}{20}$		55	43	14	7	5
D.M.	D.W.		52	47	15	8	6
	M. $\frac{1}{40}$		45	37	13	7	5
	M. $\frac{1}{20}$		37	30	11	4	3

4.7. CONCLUSION:

From the previous discussion, the following conclusion can be drawn:

- i - The pump efficiency (η) decreases as mud ratio increases.
- ii - Using a diesel engine instead of electric motor decreases of the pump efficiency (η).

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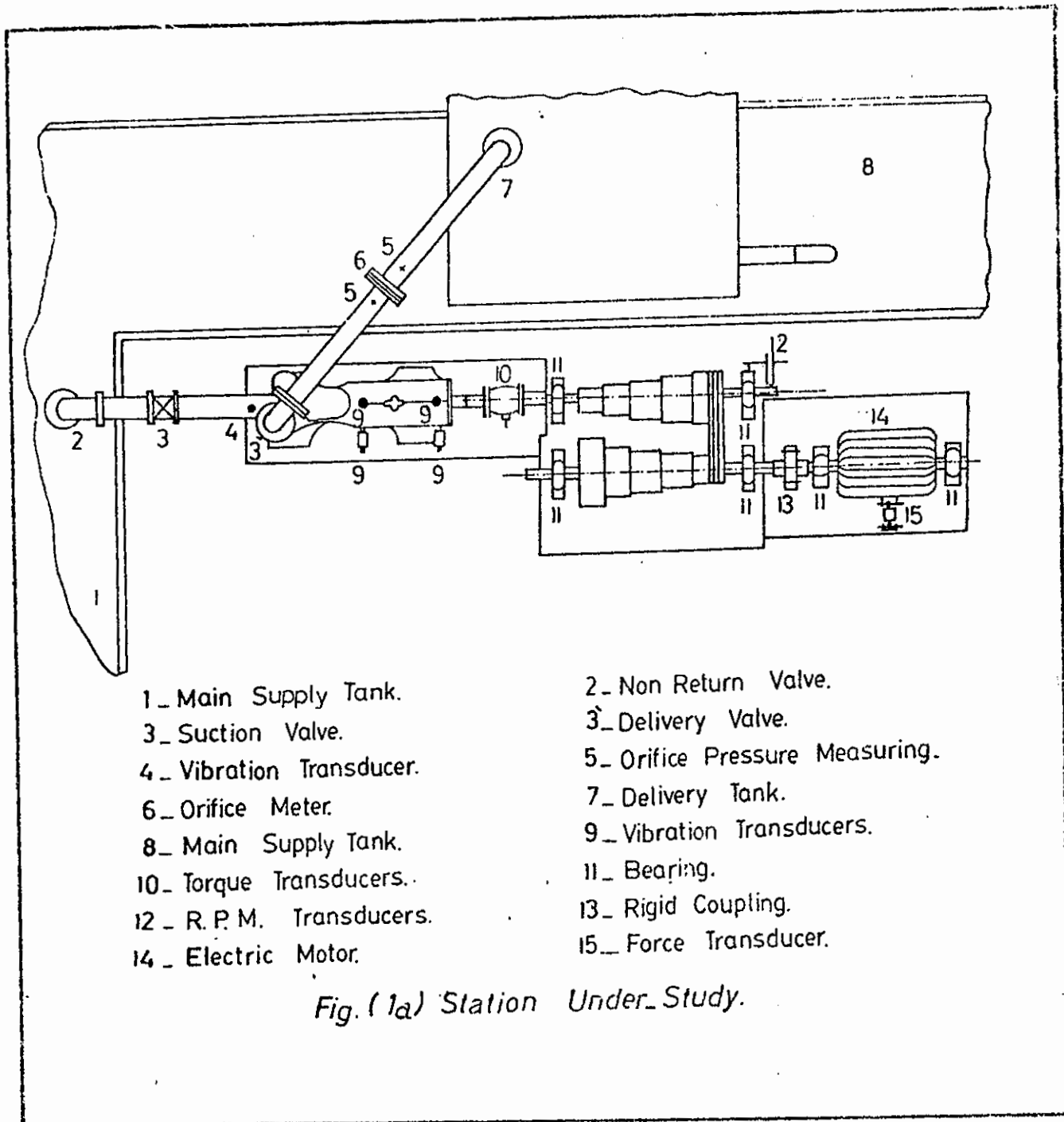


Fig. (1a) Station Under Study.

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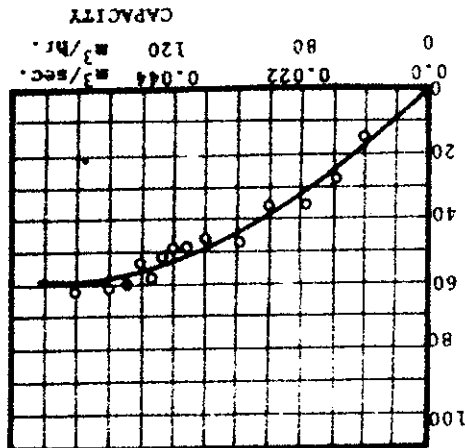


FIG. (5) (2-Q) RELATION FOR DRINKAGE WATER, ELECTRIC MOTOR AND R.P.M. 1550.

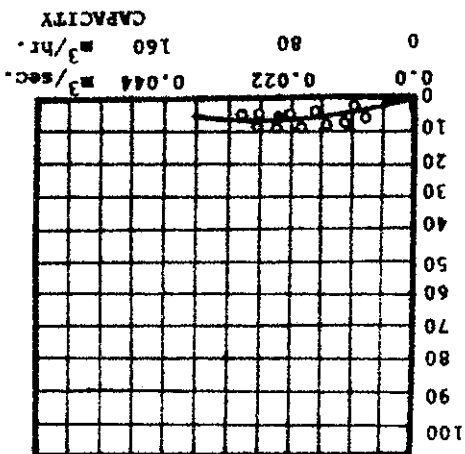


FIG. (6) (2-Q) RELATION FOR DRINKAGE WATER, ELECTRIC MOTOR AND R.P.M. 3300.

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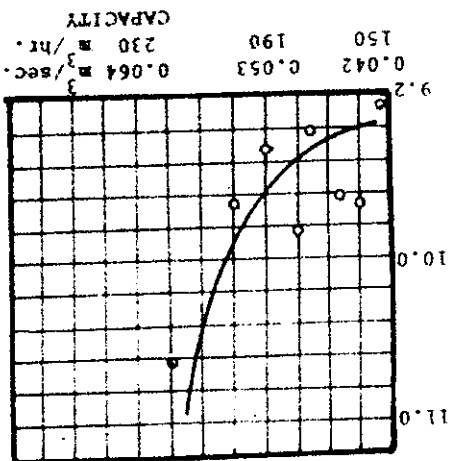


FIG. (3) (S.H.P-Q) RELATION FOR DRINKAGE WATER, ELECTRIC MOTOR AND R.P.M. 1550.

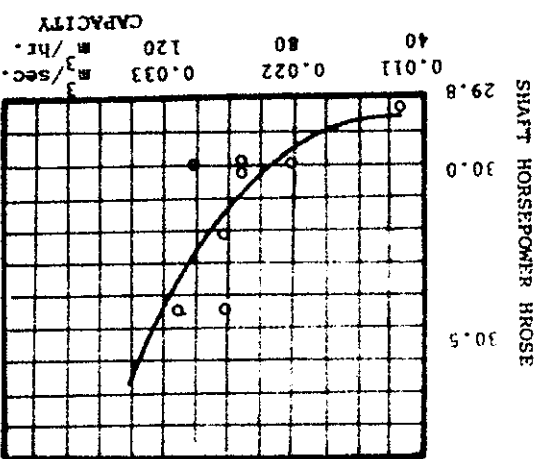


FIG. (4) (S.H.P-Q) RELATION FOR DRINKAGE WATER, ELECTRIC MOTOR AND R.P.M. 3300.

TOTAL HEAD (H) METER WATER

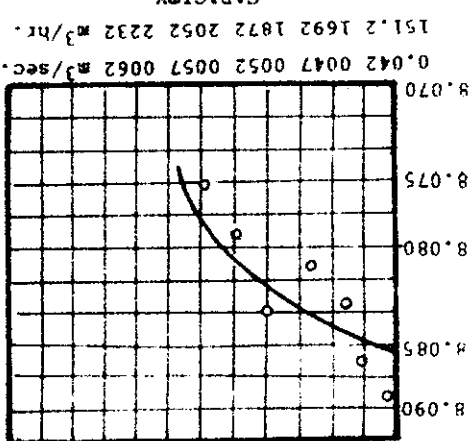


FIG. (1) (H-Q) RELATION FOR DRINKAGE WATER, ELECTRIC MOTOR AND R.P.M. 1550.

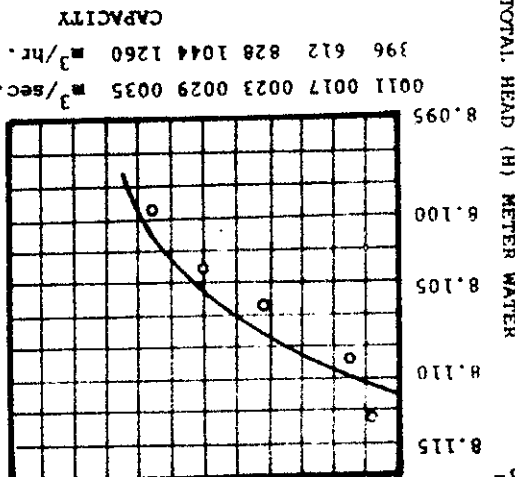


FIG. (2) (H-Q) RELATION FOR DRINKAGE WATER, ELECTRIC MOTOR AND R.P.M. 3300.

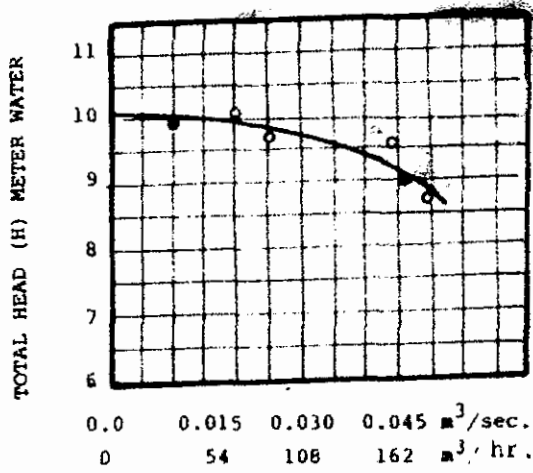


FIG. (7) (H-Q) RELATION FOR DRINKAGE WATER, DIESEL MOTOR AND R.P.M. 1550.

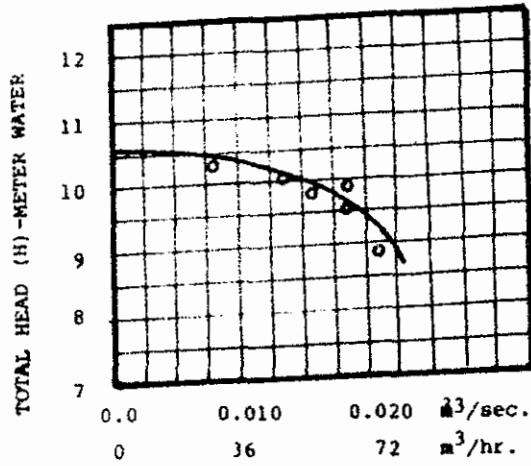


FIG. (8) (H-Q) RELATION FOR DRINKAGE WATER, DIESEL MOTOR AND R.P.M. 3300.

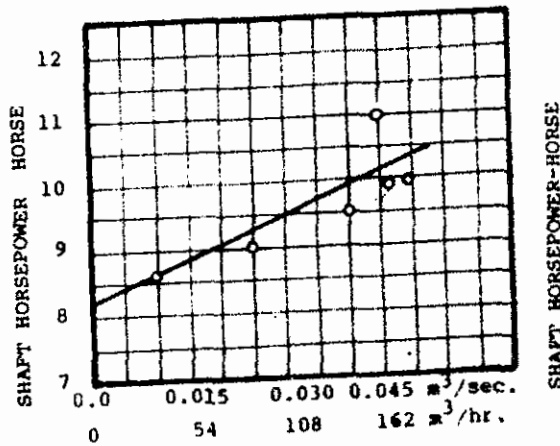


FIG. (9) (S.H.P.-Q) RELATION FOR DRINKAGE WATER, DIESEL MOTOR AND R.P.M. 1550.

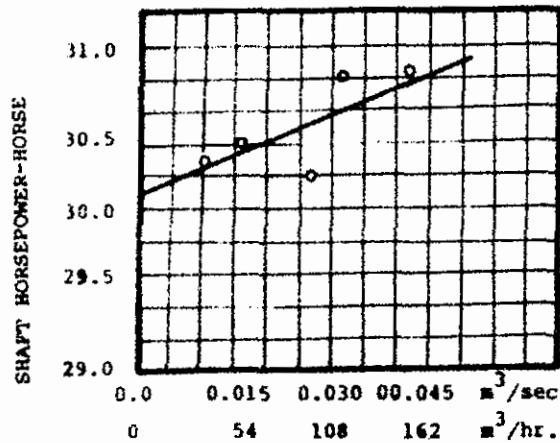


FIG. (10) (SHP-Q) RELATION FOR DRINKAGE WATER, DIESEL MOTOR AND R.P.M. 3300.

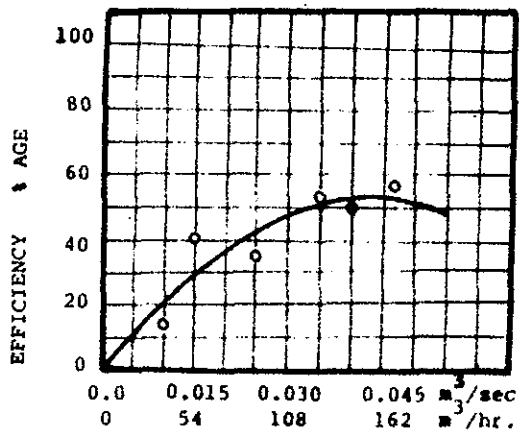


FIG. (11) (T-Q) RELATION FOR DRINKAGE WATER DIESEL MOTOR AND R.P.M 1550.

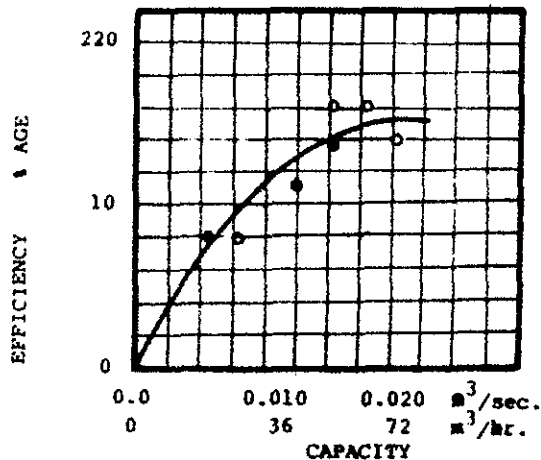


FIG. (12) (T-Q) RELATION FOR DRINKAGE WATER DIESEL MOTOR AND R.P.M. 3300.

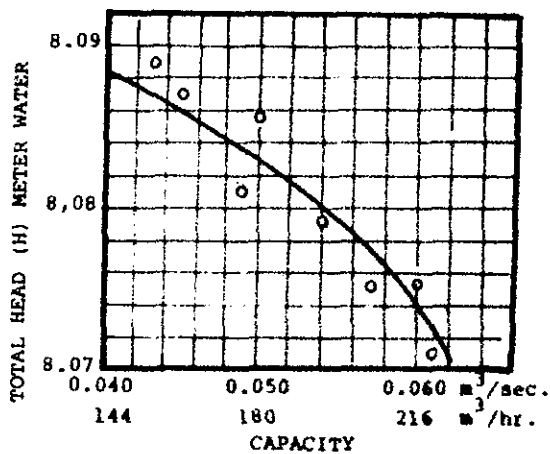


FIG. (13) (H-Q) RELATION FOR MUDDY WATER $\frac{1}{40}$ EL, ELECTRIC MOTOR AND R.P.M. 1550.

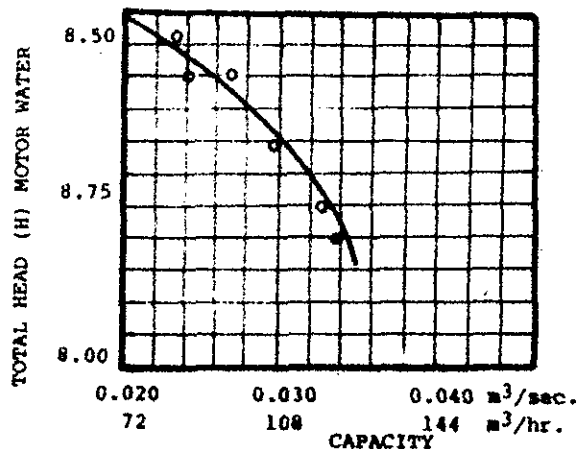


FIG. (14) (H-Q) RELATION FOR MUDDY WATER $\frac{1}{40}$, ELECTRIC MOTOR AND R.P.M 3300.

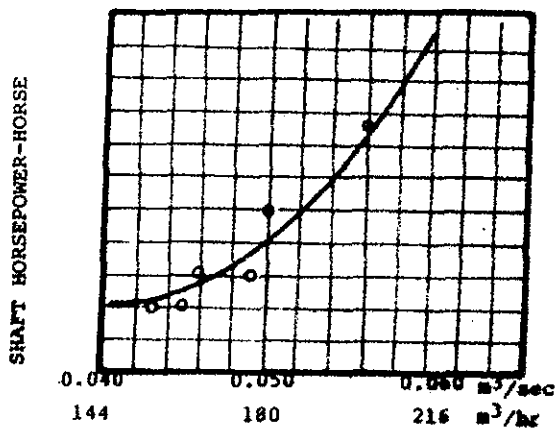


FIG. (15) (S.HP-Q) RELATION FOR MUDDY WATER $\frac{11}{40}$ ELECTRIC MOTOR AND R.P.M 1550.

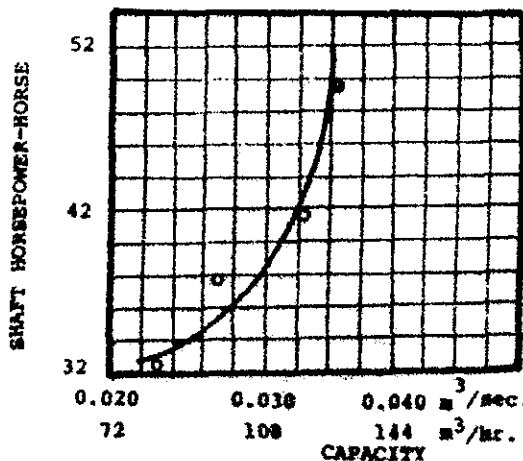


FIG. (16) (S.HP-Q) RELATION FOR MUDDY WATER $\frac{1}{18}$ ELECTRIC MOTOR AND R.P.M 3300.

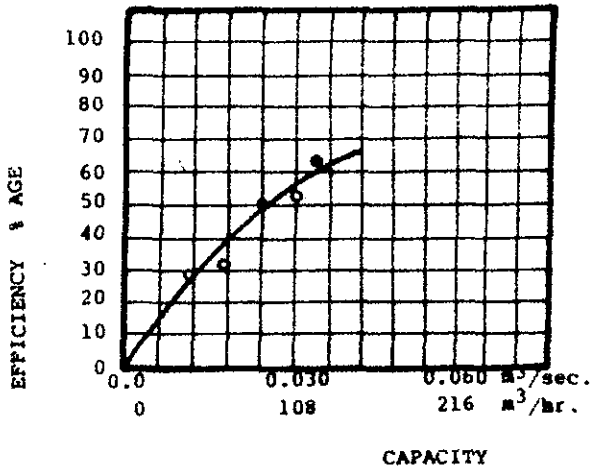


FIG. (17) (T-Q) RELATION FOR MUDDY WATER $\frac{1}{40}$ ELECTRIC MOTOR AND R.P.M. 1550.

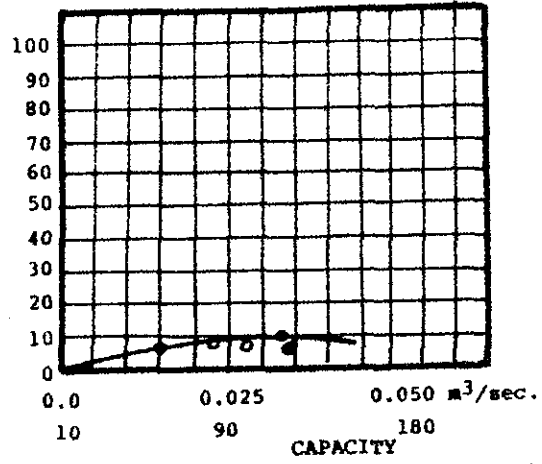


FIG. (18) (T-Q) RELATION FOR MUDDY WATER $\frac{1}{40}$ ELECTRIC MOTOR AND R.P.M. 3300.

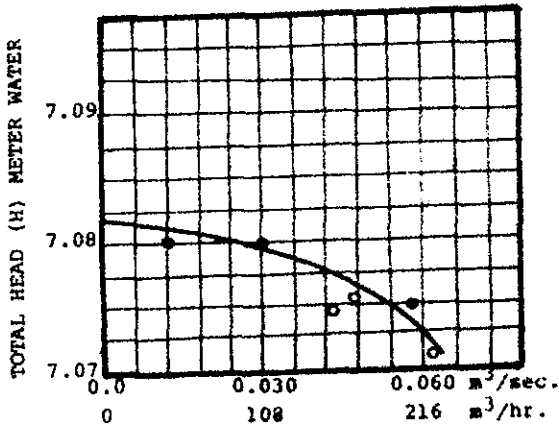


FIG. (19) (H-Q) RELATION FOR MUDDY WATER $\frac{1}{20}$ ELECTRIC MOTOR AND R.P.M. 1550.

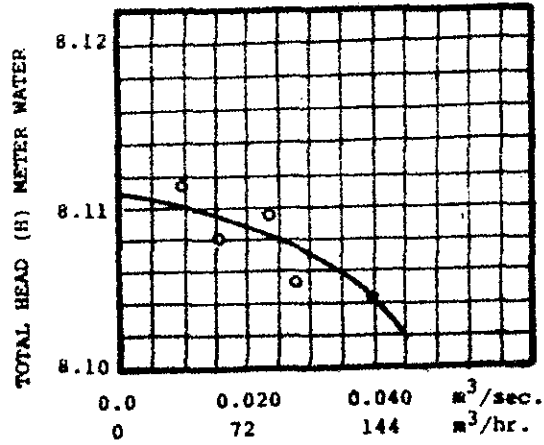


FIG. (20) (H-Q) RELATION FOR MUDDY WATER $\frac{1}{20}$ ELECTRIC MOTOR AND R.P.M. 3300.

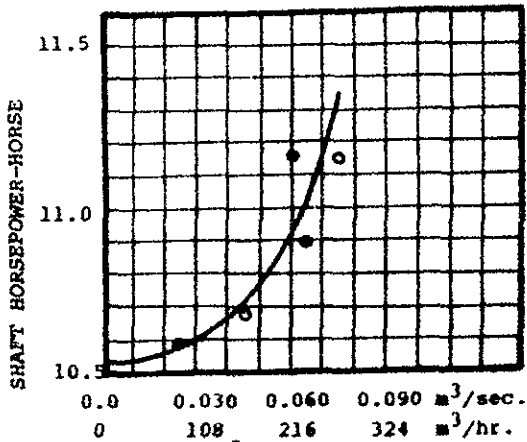


FIG. (21) (SHP-Q) RELATION FOR MUDDY WATER $\frac{1}{20}$ ELECTRIC AND R.P.M. 1550.

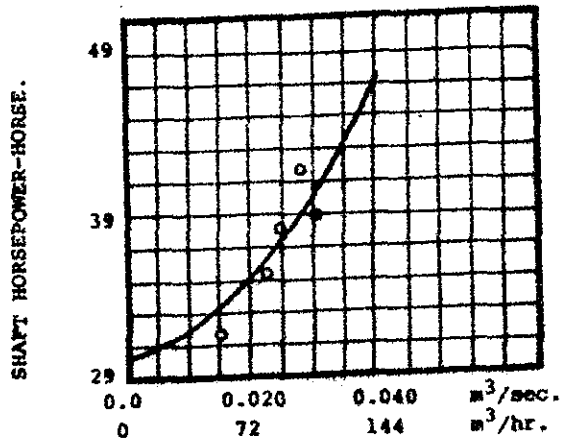


FIG. (22) (SHP-Q) RELATION FOR MUDDY WATER $\frac{1}{20}$ ELECTRIC MOTOR AND R.P.M. 3300.

EFFICIENCY % AGE

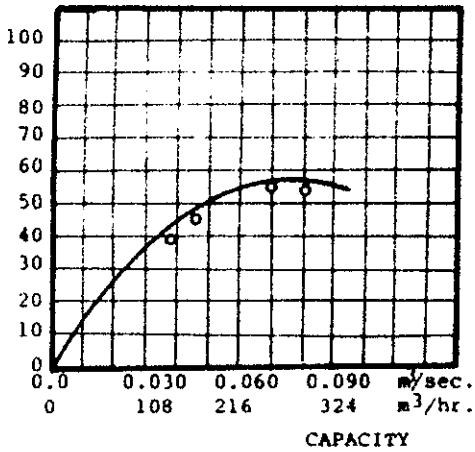


FIG. (23) ($\eta-Q$) RELATION FOR MUDDY WATER $\frac{1}{20}$ ELECTRIC MOTOR AND R.P.M. 1550.

EFFICIENCY % AGE

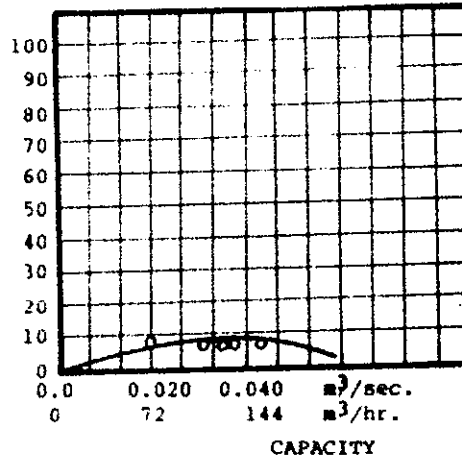


FIG. (24) ($\eta-Q$) RELATION FOR MUDDY WATER $\frac{1}{20}$ ELECTRIC MOTOR AND R.P.M. 3300.

TOTAL HEAD (H) METER WATER

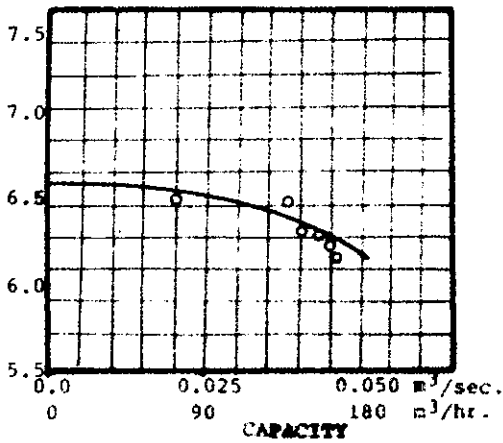


FIG. (25) (H-Q) RELATION FOR MUDDY WATER $\frac{1}{20}$ DIESEL MOTOR AND R.P.M. 1550.

TOTAL HEAD (H) METER WATER

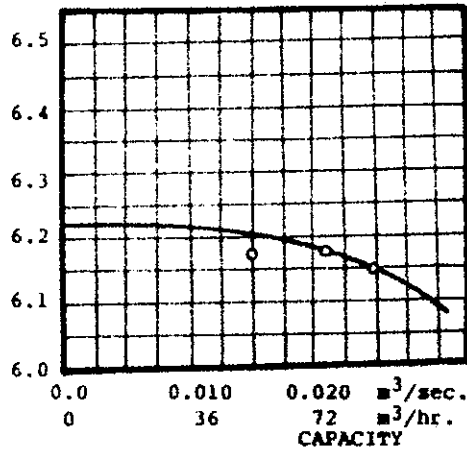


FIG. (26) (H-Q) RELATION FOR MUDDY WATER $\frac{1}{20}$ DIESEL MOTOR AND R.P.M. 3300.

SHAFT HORSEPOWER HORSE

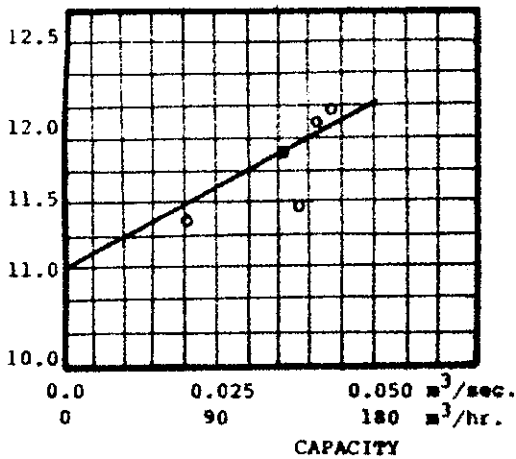


FIG. (27) (S.H.P.-Q) RELATION FOR MUDDY WATER $\frac{1}{20}$ DIESEL MOTOR AND R.P.M. 1550.

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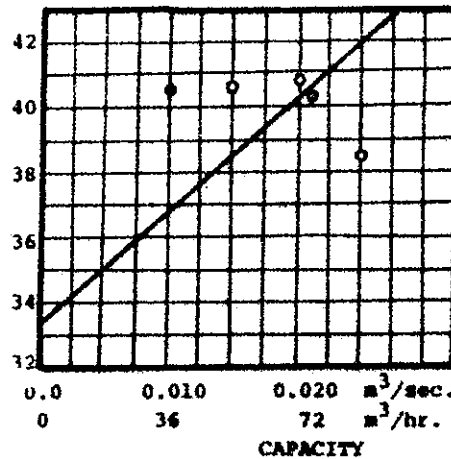


FIG. (28) S.H.P.-Q) RELATION FOR MUDDY WATER $\frac{1}{20}$ DIESEL MOTOR AND R.P.M. 3300.

Efficiency % age.

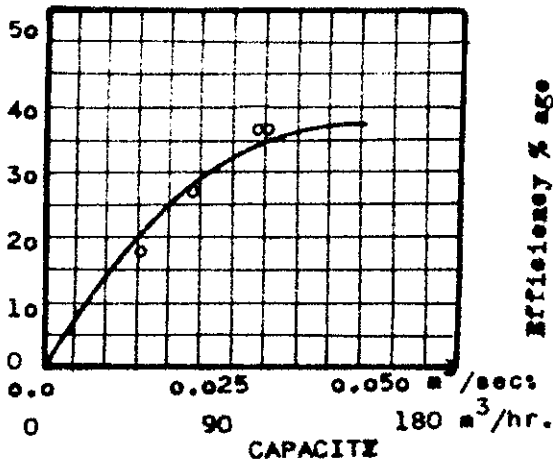


Fig. (29) (P-Q) Relation for Muddy water
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Efficiency % age

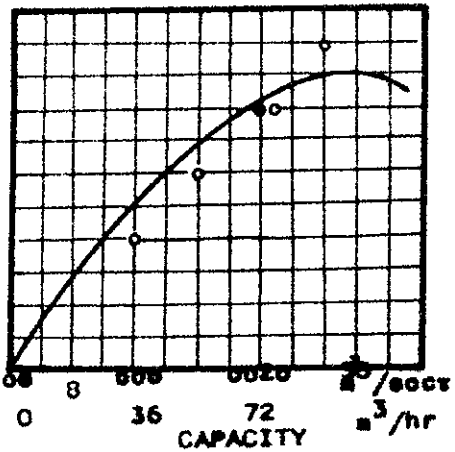


Fig. (30) (P-Q) Relation for water
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Total Head (H) Meter Water

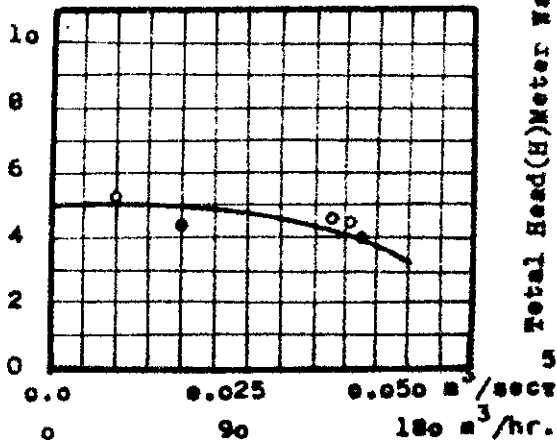


Fig. (31) (H-Q) Relation for Muddy Water
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Total Head (H) Meter Water

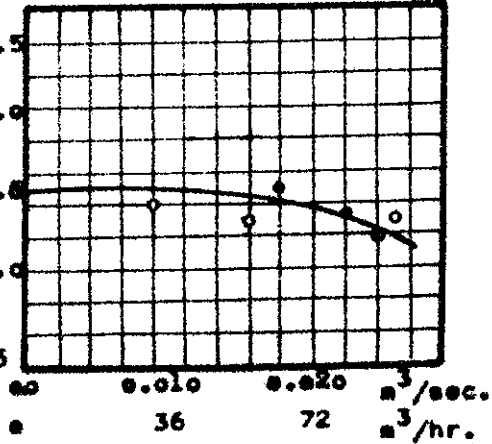


Fig. (32) (H-Q) Relation for muddy Water
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Shaft Horsepower Horse

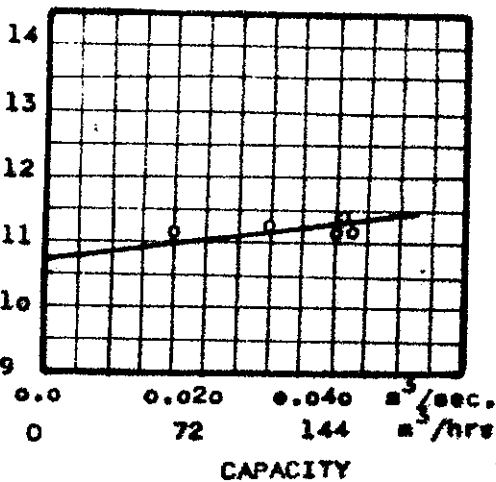


Fig. (33) (S.H.P.-Q) Relation for Muddy Water
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Shaft Horsepower Horse

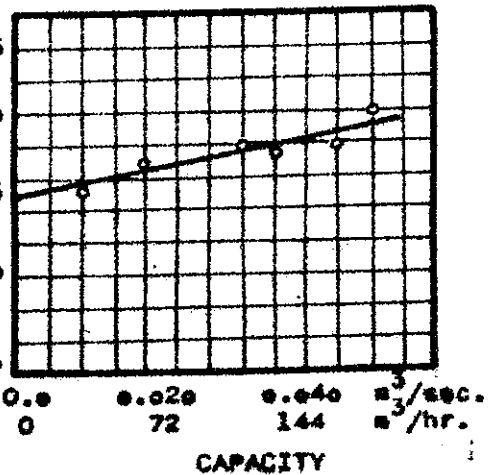


Fig. (34) (S.H.P.-Q) Relation For
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Efficiency % age:

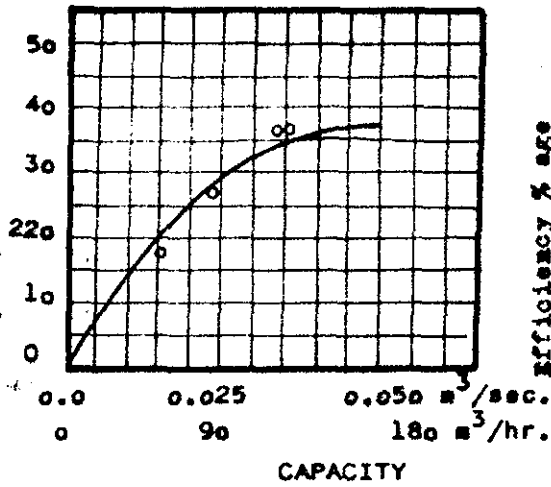


Fig. (35) $\eta-Q$ Relation for Muddy Water
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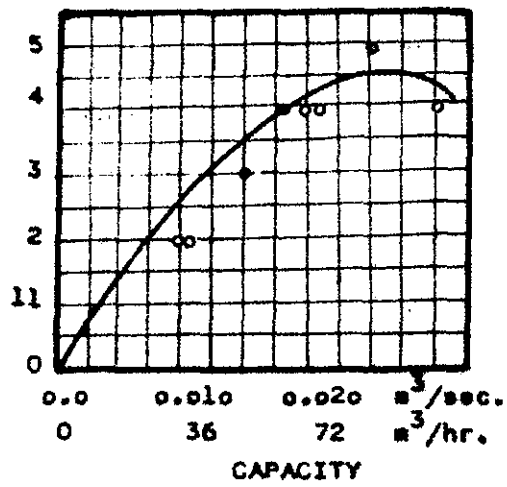


Fig. (36) $\eta-Q$ Relation for Muddy water
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Total Head (H) Meter water

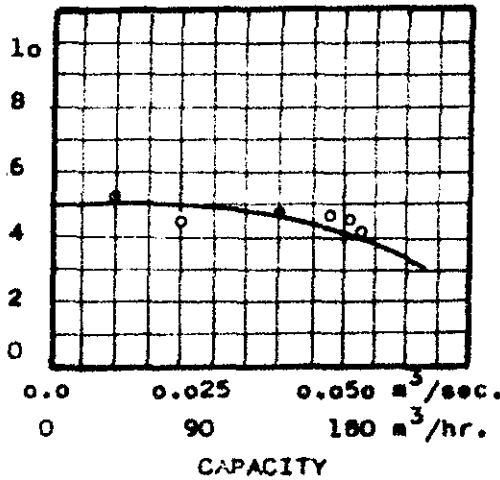


Fig. (37) $H-S-N$ Relation for Muddy water
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Total Head (H) Meter Water

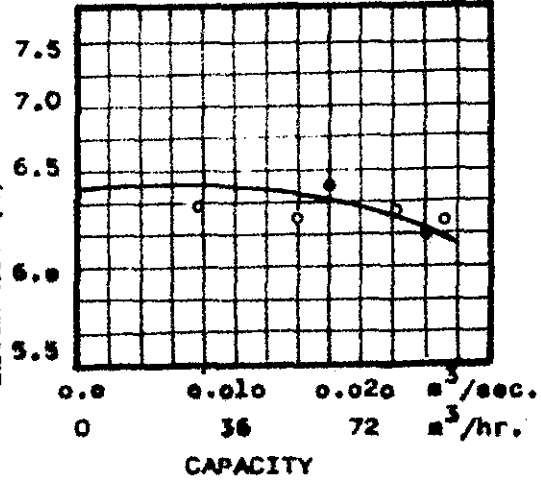


Fig. (38) $H-S-N$ Relation for Muddy Water
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Shaft Horsepower Horse

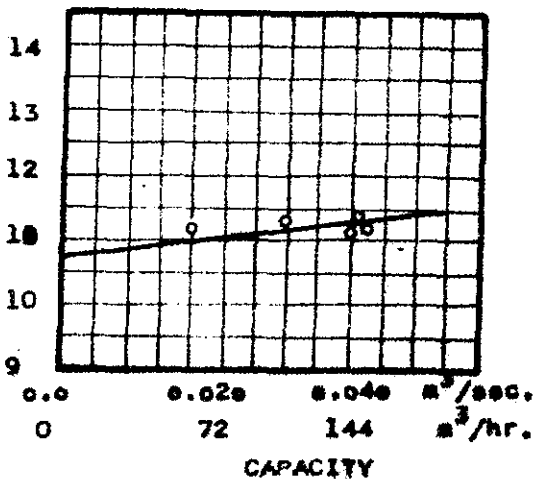


Fig. (39) $N-S-N$ Relation for Muddy Water
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Shaft Horsepower Horse

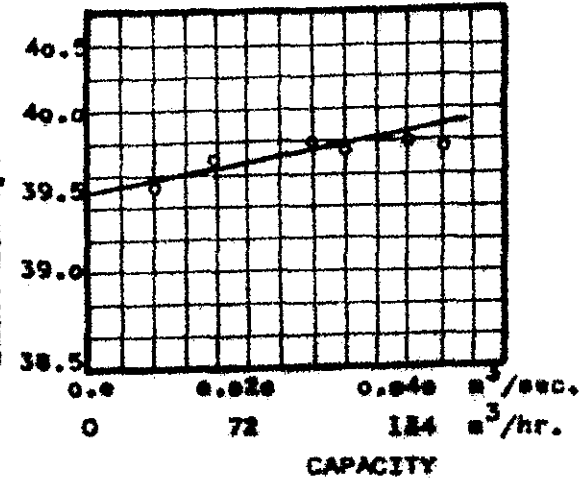


Fig. (40) $N-S-N$ Relation for Muddy Water
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تأثير نوع مصدر الطاقة ودرجة نقاء
الماء على اداء المضخة الطاردة
المركبة المنخفضة الضغط

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تم عمليات الري في مصر بنظام الدورات وهذا يؤدي بالتالي الى ارتفاع وانخفاض مستوى المياه في القنوات مما يؤدي الى تفقد نسبة العطين في مياه الري ولقد تم فسي هذه المقالة دراسة تأثير ذلك على اداء المضخة الطاردة المركبة ذات الضغط المنخفض - واه كان ذلك باستخدام موتور كهرباء او محرك ديزل مراعي ان عدد القاعات قدره مساهمة لكلا النوعين .

وتمتجارب عملية عديدة عن تأثير نسبة العطين في الماء او تفقد مصدر الطاقة على اداء المضخة - وقد استفرات النتائج عنما يلي :-

١ - تقل كفاءة المضخة الطاردة المركبة ذات الضغط المنخفض كلما زاد نسبة الطسوين في الماء

٢ - تفصل كفاءة المضخة باستخدام محرك الديزل بدلا من الموتور الكهربى .