

- Use pipe, tubing, or reinforced hose to make suction connection. Hose must have sufficient strength to resist collapse under the atmospheric pressure differential that may occur while pump is running.
- It is important, even with a flooded suction condition, that proper pipe fittings are used so water is delivered to impeller eye with a smooth flow and consistent velocity.
- Suction pipe size should be at least one commercial pipe size larger than opening of pipe inlet. Flow velocity should not exceed 8 ft./sec.

- An isolation valve is used in a pressurized suction pipe to permit servicing pump.
- Piping run and connection fittings should be properly aligned and independently supported to reduce strain on pump case.
- If solids are present, a strainer should be used to protect the pump.

Recommended