

Laing Thermotech

ecocirc® D5 Solar Hot Water. Hot Savings.

The first DC spherical motor pump for direct connection to photovoltaic panels with automatic performance optimization using Maximum PowerPoint (MPP) tracking.



D5 ecocirc[®] Solar DC Pump

Application

The Ecocirc solar pump can be used for most circulation pump applications without connection to the power grid. Highly efficient, the Ecocirc solar can be connected directly to a photovoltaic panel and is characterized by its small size, high efficiency, extreme low power consumption and its Maximum Power Point (MPP) tracking. The shaftless spherical motor technology provides maintenance free and quiet service life. This pump is perfect for single family home thermal solar systems or any circulation pump application where conventional power is not available.

Design

The principle of the spherical motor, which was invented by Laing, is fundamentally different from conventional canned motor pumps. The only moving part in a spherical motor is a hemispherical rotor/impeller unit which sits on an ultra-hard, wear-resistant ceramic ball. There are no conventional shaft bearings or seals. This eliminates bearing noise and seal leaks. This pump is robust and has an estimated service life in excess of 50,000 hours. The self-realigning bearing is lubricated and cooled by the media. Maintenance is not necessary under normal conditions. Even after prolonged shutdown, the pump will start reliably. All parts exposed to the fluid are completely corrosion resistant.

Soft Start-up

The Ecocirc Solar pump has a soft start-up feature which reduces high in-rush current. When the photovoltaic panel provides sufficient power, the pump goes through the alignment phase by turning the rotor into the position required for start-up. The processor then waits until the capacitor is sufficiently charged. This enables a start-up with minimal power (less than one watt). Cycling due to unsuccessful attempts is minimized. Even after prolonged shutdown, the pump will start reliably.

Over-temperature Safety Device (Brass Pump Housing Only)

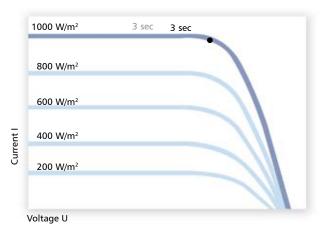
The Ecocirc Solar pump comes with an integrated over-temperature safety device which shuts off the pump electronics when reaching temperature over 230°F. When the temperature of the pumped fluid is below 203°F the pump will function normally. The temperature of the electronic components is influenced by the temperature of the pumped media as well as by the speed setting.

After reaching a critical temperature 203°F the pump will lower its speed automatically in order to avoid a total shutdown. However, if the temperature continues to rise (e.g. caused by too hot pumped media), the pump will eventually shut down completely. After cooling down, the pump will restart automatically.

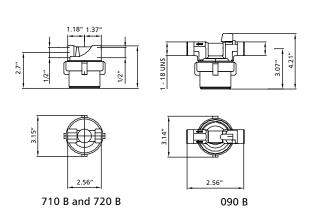
Automatic performance optimization - Maximum Power Point (MPP) tracking

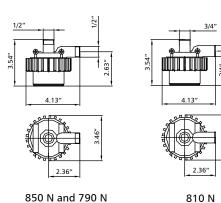
The Ecocirc Solar pumps are the first and only spherical motor pumps with self-optimizing performance to maximize use of available power of a solar PV panel. Every three seconds the processor will modify its operating point on the voltage-current curve of the PV panel to find the point of maximum performance. This is called the "Maximum Power Point" (MPP). At this point, the pump achieves the maximum rpm and therefore the maximum performance. There is no need for a separate performance device. The Ecocirc Solar pump will always find its best operating point under any given light and temperature conditions.

MPP - Maximum Power Point



Typical Current-Voltage-curve of a photovoltaic panel. By employing MPP tracking every three seconds, the Ecocirc DC pumps always automatically achieve maximum performance at any given insolation.

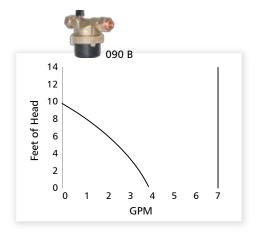


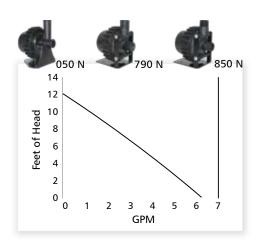


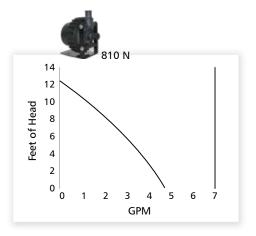
Model	Pump housing material	Max. system temperature	Housing design	Connection	Max. pressure
D5 solar 720 B D5 solar 710 B D5 solar 090 B	Brass	230° F	Inline Inline Inline / BV+CV+PV*	1/2" sweat connection 1/2" female pipe thread 1/2" union sweat	150 PSI
D5 solar 850 N D5 solar 810 N D5 solar 790 N	Noryl	140° F	Angled housing Angled housing Angled housing	1/2'' male thread 1/2'' hosebarb thread 3/4'' hosebarb thread	50 PSI

^{*} built-in ball check valve and purge valve









Technical Data

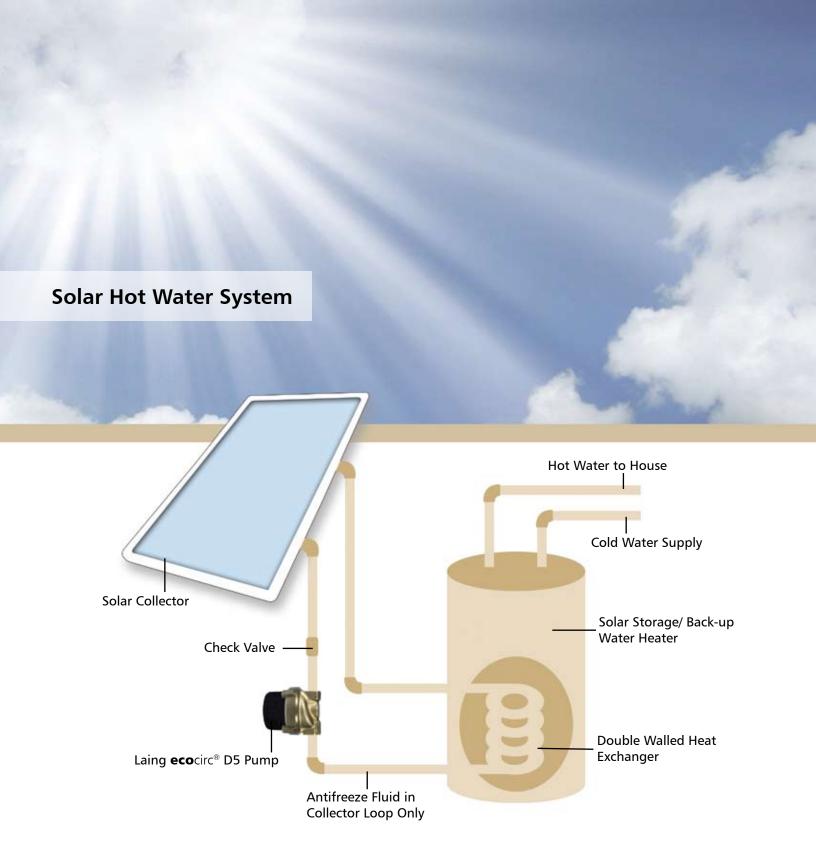
Electronically commutated spherical motor with permanent magnet rotor/impeller
12 - 24 Volt
Min. start-up power consumption less than 1 Watt, max. power consumption 22 Watts Voltage: Power Consumption*:

0.25 - 1.46 A domestic hot water, heating water, water/glycol mixtures, other media on request**. IP 42 Current Draw: Acceptable Media:

Pump Housing Material	Brass	Noryl
Max. System Pressure:	150 PSI	50 PSI
Max. System Temperature***:	14 to 230° F	32 to + 140° F



^{*} Power consumption and start may vary in different installations **please check pump performance with more than 20 % glycol *** non-freezing



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