FreFlow
Self-priming centrifugal pumps
SPX Process Equipment has many years experience in designing, manufacturing and maintaining self-priming centrifugal pumps for contaminated liquids. On the basis of this experience, the FreFlow pumps were developed to cover a broad field of applications. High priority has been given to the design ensuring easy operation and amazing reliability.

FreFlow pumps are self-priming centrifugal pumps suitable for handling contaminated and low-viscosity liquids. Its innovative design, eliminating the need for a non-return valve, results in less maintenance. The self-priming ability prevents the pump from running dry and ensures smooth and easy operation.

The basic pump is available in cast iron, bronze or stainless steel.

Thanks to its high-quality material, the stainless steel version is excellent for handling aggressive, corrosive and environmentally harmful liquids.

Typical industries are: chemical, petro-chemical and pharmaceutical industry, oil, gas and electricity generation, paper, plastic, paint and metal finishing industry and shipbuilding.

The combination of its easy maintenance and operation, make the FreFlow a suitable pumping solution for a large number of applications.

**Typical characteristics**
- Excellent self-priming ability
- No non-return valve required in inlet
- Oil bath for the mechanical seal
- Ideal for handling contaminated liquids
- Outstanding qualities for liquids containing gas or air
- Easy maintenance (back pull-out)
- Easy operation
- Mechanical seals to DIN 24960
The FreFlow has been designed to meet the customer's needs for handling contaminated liquids as well as liquids containing air or gas. The compact design makes the FreFlow easy to handle, whilst its robust design ensures a life-long durability.

The FreFlow is frequently used on sumps or gullies where its high level of performance and self-priming ability ensure outstanding reliability in operation. Thanks to its excellent self-priming characteristics, the FreFlow is a typical marine pump for example bilge and ballast pumping as well as for fire fighting. The FreFlow is the sensible alternative to submersible pumps.
Features and Benefits

No non-return valve required in the inlet
- Easy operation
- Less maintenance

Excellent self-priming abilities
- Ability to handle liquids containing air or gas
- A separate vacuum pump nor any other equipment is required

Modular design
- 4 bearing bracket groups
- Fewer parts thanks to high interchangeability of parts within the range
- Rugged construction

Different drive possibilities
- Flexible operation
- Adaptable to your systems

Inspection and cleaning cover
- Easy maintenance and cleaning
Various seal options
- Including double mechanical seals
- Suitable for a variety of applications

Wear plate
- Easily replaceable
- Simple and inexpensive maintenance
- Extend pump life at maximum performance

Back-Pull-Out system
- Easy maintenance
- No need to remove from pipework

Oil chamber
- An oil chamber located behind the mechanical seal lubricates the seal faces when priming – thus preventing the seal from running dry
- No crystallization between the seal faces
- Longer seal life
- Less risk of process downtime

Heavy duty bearings
- Dust tight
- Grease lubricated
- The FreFlow can be used in a dusty and dirty environment
- Longer mean-time between failure
**Technical data**

The FreFlow range consists of 20 pumps with connections from 32 mm to 150 mm, with a capacity of up to 300 m³/h and a delivery head of up to 70 meters. The self-priming ability is 7 meters. The maximum system pressure is 9 bar and the pumps can transport liquids with a viscosity of max 150 mPa.s. The pumps in the FreFlow programme offer flexible operation thanks to the different drive possibilities.

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**Performance overview**

![Graph showing performance data for FreFlow pumps.](image-url)

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Operating principle

The self-priming operation of the FreFlow is based on the injection principle.

On start-up the air in the suction pipe is drawn into the pump, with the air and liquid mixture being compressed in the pump. This mixture flows to the top of the pump casing where the air separates from the liquid and is removed through the discharge pipe. The liquid recirculates in the pump casing until all air is evacuated from the suction pipe. The pump functions thereafter as a conventional centrifugal pump.

Before first start-up, the pump casing must be filled once with liquid. The special design prevents the pump emptying after it has stopped pumping. In that way there is enough liquid in the pump for the next start-up.

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