

33.40 A pump transports 3 million gallons per day of oil with specific gravity 0.88 and generates 700ft of head. The pump turns at 1750rpm and is driven by 1000ft·lb_f of torque. What is the efficiency of the pump?

- A. 90%
- B. 93%
- C. 97%
- D. 99%

Convert the flow rate into *gpm*.

$$Q = 3 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{day}} \left(\frac{1\text{day}}{24\text{hrs}} \right) \left(\frac{1\text{hr}}{60\text{min}} \right) = 2083\text{gpm}$$

Determine the hydraulic horsepower using the **Water Horsepower** that includes the specific gravity to account for the fluid being oil rather than water. The flow rate must be in *gpm* and the head must be in *ft*.

$$\begin{aligned} whp &= \frac{Q\Delta h \cdot SG}{3960} \\ whp &= \frac{(2083)(700)(0.88)}{3960} = 324hp \end{aligned}$$

The **Torque of a Motor** is related to the horsepower and speed in *rpm* according to the equation shown, which takes into account all unit conversions for convenience, provided torque is in *ft·lb_f*. Rearrange to solve for *bhp*.

$$\begin{aligned} T_{[\text{ft}\cdot\text{lb}_f]} &= 5250 \times \frac{bhp}{rpm} \\ bhp &= \frac{T_{[\text{ft}\cdot\text{lb}_f]} \times rpm}{5250} = \frac{(1000)(1750)}{5250} = 333hp \end{aligned}$$

Calculate the pump efficiency.

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{\text{pump}} &= \frac{whp}{bhp} \\ \eta_{\text{pump}} &= \frac{324hp}{333hp} = 97.2\% \end{aligned}$$

Answer C