

## 4. Flow sleeves

Grundfos offers a complete range of stainless-steel flow sleeves for both vertical and horizontal operation. We recommend flow sleeves for all applications in which motor cooling is insufficient. The result is a general extension of motor life. Flow sleeves are to be fitted in these cases:

- If the submersible pump is exposed to high thermal load such as current unbalance, dry running, overload, high ambient temperature and bad cooling conditions.
- If aggressive liquids are pumped, since corrosion is doubled for every 10 °C the temperature rises.
- If sedimentation or deposits occur around and/or on the motor.

### Maximum liquid temperature

The maximum liquid temperature allowed depends on the flow velocity of the liquid past the motor. See the table below.

Grundfos motor	Flow velocity past motor [m/s]	Maximum liquid temperature [°C]
MS 4"	0.15	40
MS 4" T60	0.15	60
MS 6000	0.15	40
MS 6000 T60	1.00	60
MMS 6" with PVC windings	0.15	25
	0.50	30
MMS 6" with PE/PA windings	0.15	45
	0.50	50
MMS 8", 10", 12" rewindable with PVC windings	0.15	25
	0.50	30
MMS 8", 10", 12" rewindable with PE/PA windings	0.15	40
	0.50	45

**Note:** For MMS 6", 37 kW, MMS 8", 110 kW, and MMS 10", 170 kW, the maximum liquid temperature is 5 °C lower than the values stated in the table above. For MMS 10", 190 kW, the temperature is 10 °C lower.

**Note:** More information about flow sleeves is available on request.

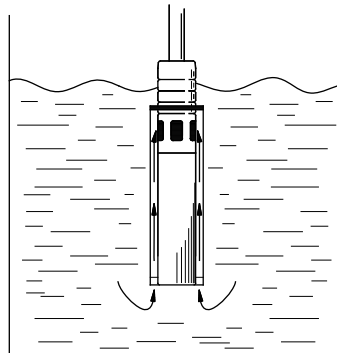


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Fig. 13 Flow sleeves

### Example of calculated flow sleeve

The flow sleeve is fitted to the submersible motor so that the liquid passes close by the motor on its way towards the pump suction interconnector, thus ensuring optimum cooling of the motor. See fig. 14.



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Fig. 14 Flow sleeve function

The flow sleeve is designed so that the flow velocity past the motor is minimum 0.5 m/s and maximum 3 m/s to ensure optimum pump operating conditions.

Use this formula to calculate flow velocity:

$$V = \frac{Q \times 353}{D^2 - d^2} \text{ [m/s]}$$

Q	m <sup>3</sup> /h	Flow rate
D	mm	Sleeve diameter
d	mm	Motor diameter

### Submersible motor diameter

Motor type	Diameter (d) [mm]
MS402	95
MS4000	95
MS6000	139.5
MMS6	144
MMS8000	192
MMS10000	237
MMS12000	286

### Over-sized motor

Flow sleeves for pumps with oversize motor and for pumps with non-standard motor are available on request.