

Bear the Wear

Optimizing ESP efficiency and run life with technical ceramic bearing systems

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Topics

- CoorsTek Overview
- ESP Wells and Wear
- Pump Bearing Systems & Materials



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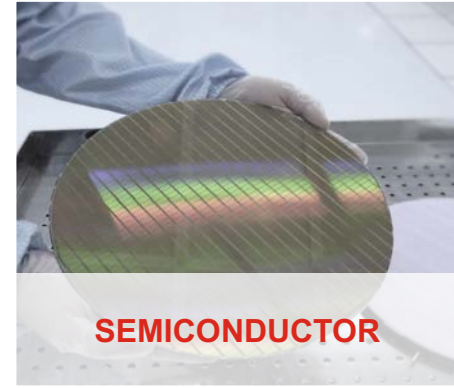
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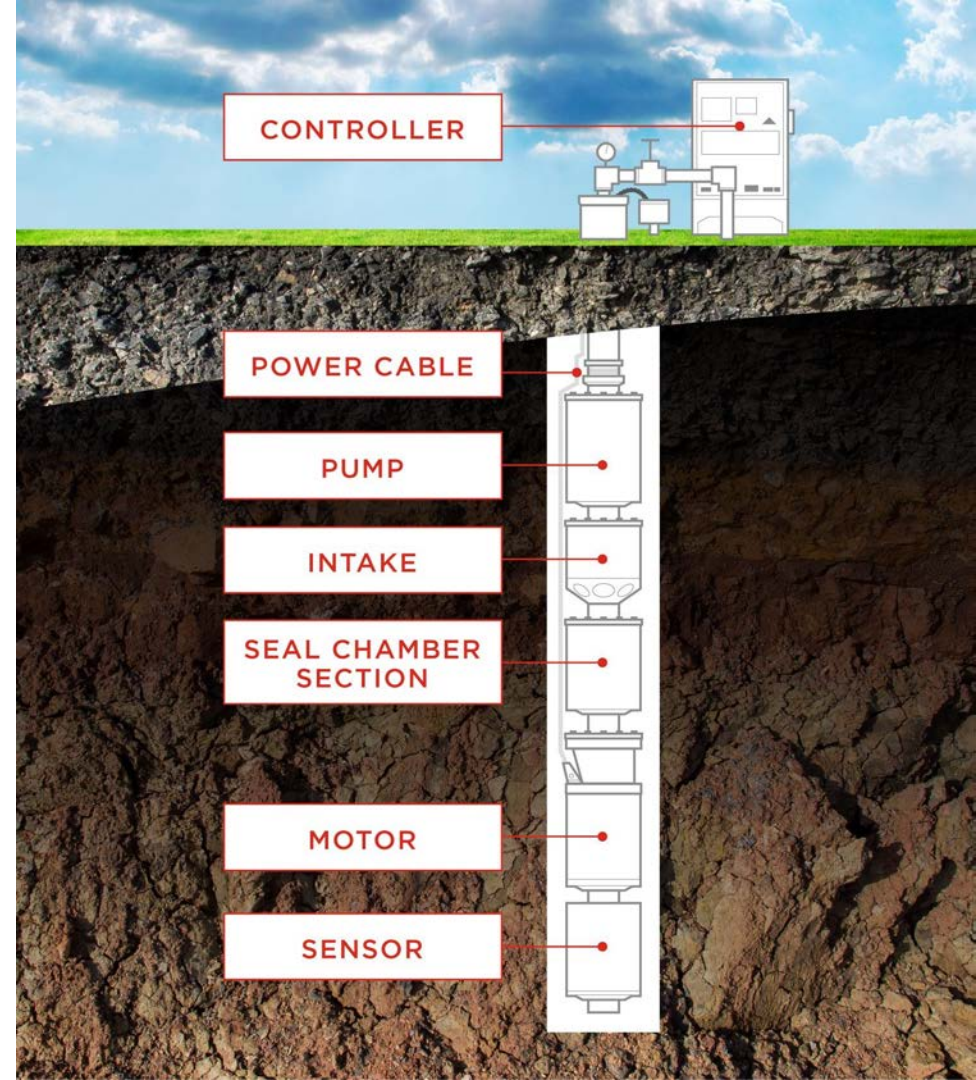


ESP Wells and Wear

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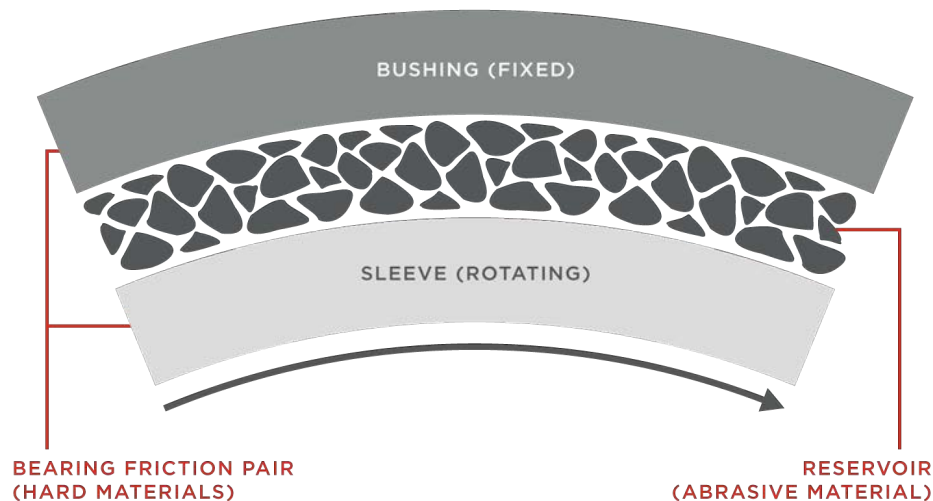
ESP Systems

- The first pump made in Bartlesville was installed in 1927 near Russell Kansas
- Today's systems have a small environmental footprint that are optimized for power utilization, high reliability, and minimal stoppages and waste streams
- Intake and Pump internal components directly exposed to well fluids
- Bearings in multistage centrifugal Pump are critical to run-life



ESP Wells and Wear

- Mature/Shale oil wells have challenges
- Abrasive solids cause three body wear (Wilson, 1990) to:
 - Pump's radial bearings
 - Impeller-Diffuser seal areas
 - Thrust bearings (Beck, et.al. 2019)
- Increased clearance causes shaft instability
- Shaft instability compromises mechanical seal in Seal Chamber Section
- Seal failure allows well fluids to enter Motor causing an electrical failure



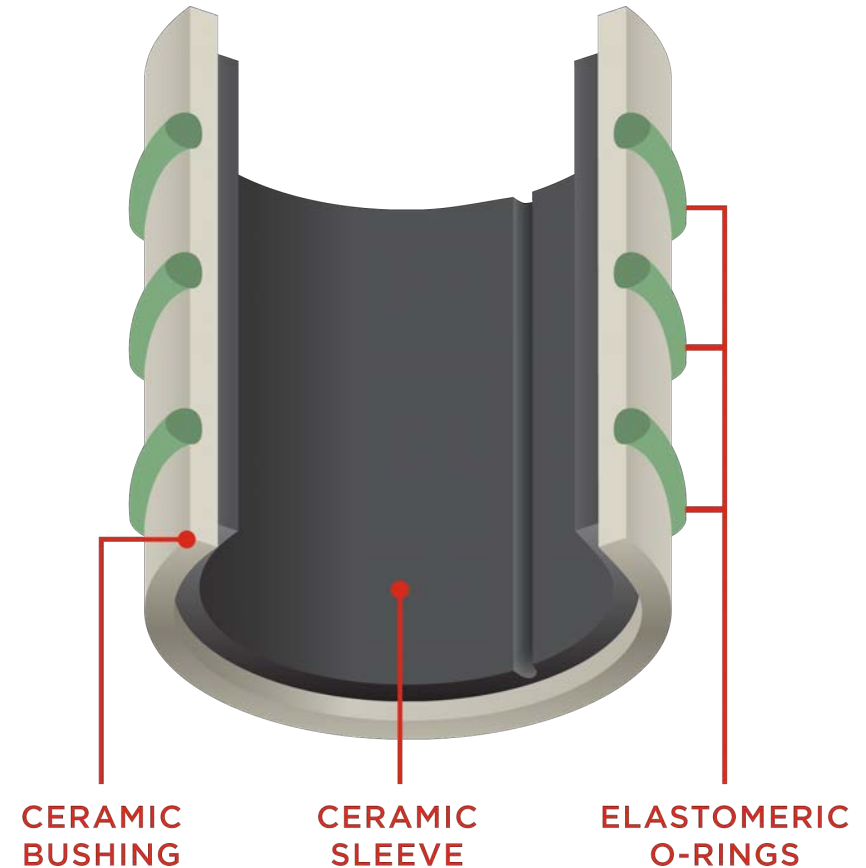
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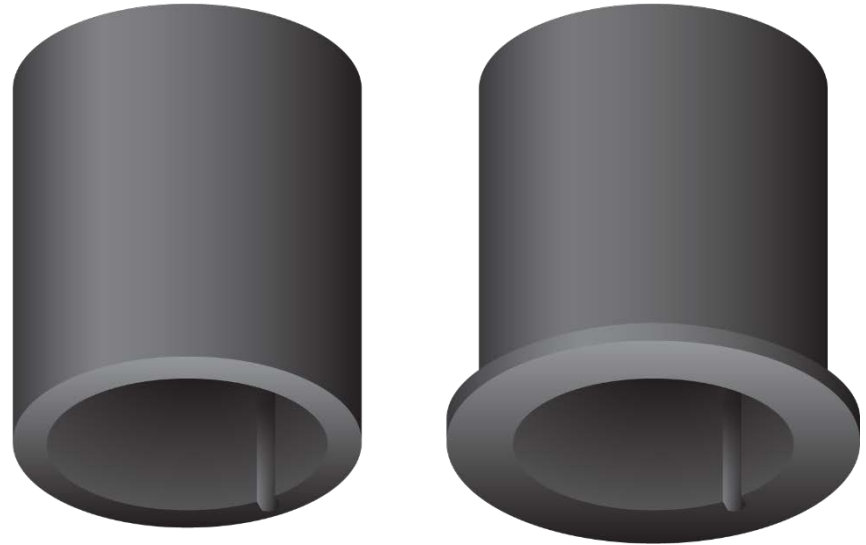
Radial Bearings

- Sleeve – keyed to rotating shaft
- Bushing – held inside Housing or Diffuser, with two styles
 - Compliant (shown here on right)
 - Usually has retention means
 - O-rings minimize vibration, compensate for thermal expansion, and enhance alignment (Pastre et al., 2017)
 - Interference fit
 - Press fit or thermal heat shrink
 - Bushing can migrate out of Diffuser (Nowitzki et al., 2018)



Sleeves

- Two Designs
 - Keyed – two styles (shown here on right)
 - Simple cylinder with ID keyway, shaft has free axial movement
 - Flanged – in compression pumps, imparts Impeller's axial loads to Thrust Bearing in Seal Chamber Section
 - Keyless – eliminates keyway stress concentration in keyed design Sleeve (Pastre et al., 2017)
- Bearing Material Combinations
- Bearings per Pump Configuration (Pastre et al., 2017)



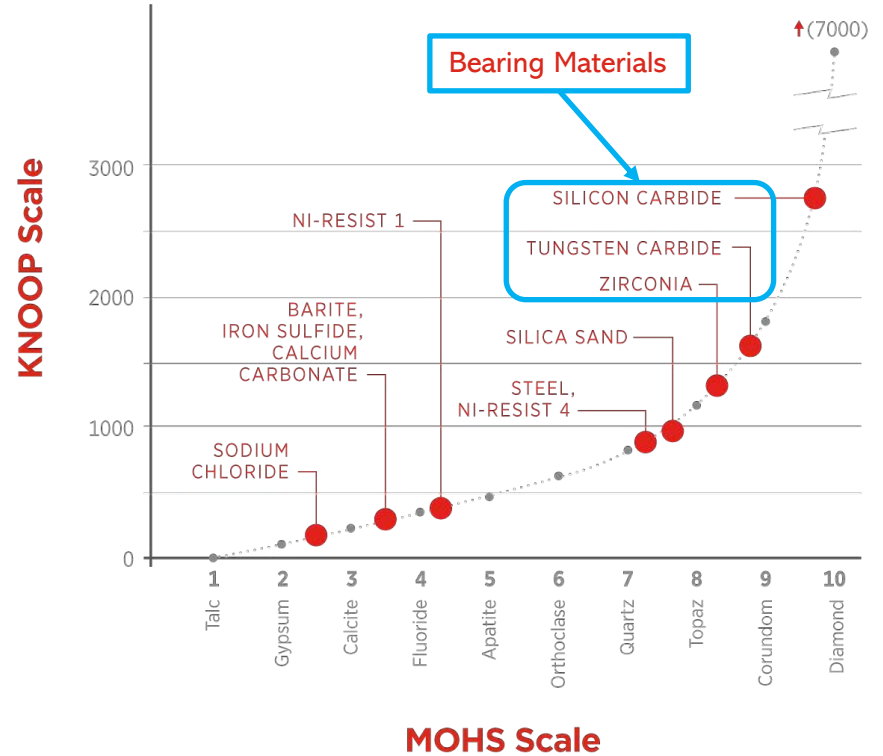
Bearing Materials







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Hardness and Wear





- Mohs' scale shows hardness of minerals compared with the Knoop scale
- The chart shows all bearing materials are harder than oil well solids
- In most cases, softer materials do not wear a harder material
- ESP Bearing systems experience more complex grinding abrasion
- Hardness, surface ductility, size, shape, and toughness influence rate of material removal (Wilson, 1990)







Material Properties

Properties	Units	Magnesia Partially Stabilized Zirconia	Tungsten Carbide YG6X grade	Direct Sintered Silicon Carbide	Steel
Hardness	kg/mm ²	1200 (Knoop 1000 gm)	1740 (HV30)	2800 (Knoop 100 gm)	650-900 (Knoop 1000 gm)
Fracture Toughness K(I c)	Mpa m ^{1/2}	11	6	4	50-80
Maximum Use Temperature	°C	500	-	1600	800
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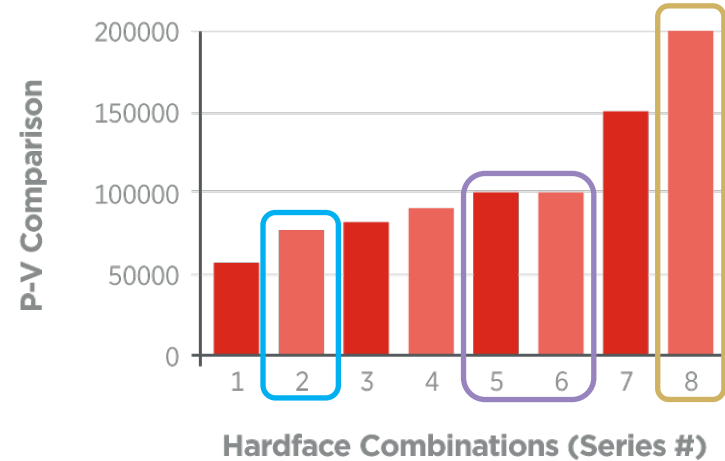
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Wear Rate Tests

- P-V test is a sliding contact test for engineered surfaces
- Rotating ring on washer (flat-on-flat) and all conditions controlled except varying rotational speeds and applied loads (ASTM D3702-94)
- Values predict wear and service life
- Charted materials and surface finishes (shown on right) provide relative wear indexes

P-V for Hardface Materials



Legend for Hardface Material Combinations

Series 1—Alumina vs. Alumina

Series 2—TC vs. TC

Series 3—SiC1 vs. SiC1

Series 4—SiC2 vs. SiC2

Series 5—Polish vs. Matte

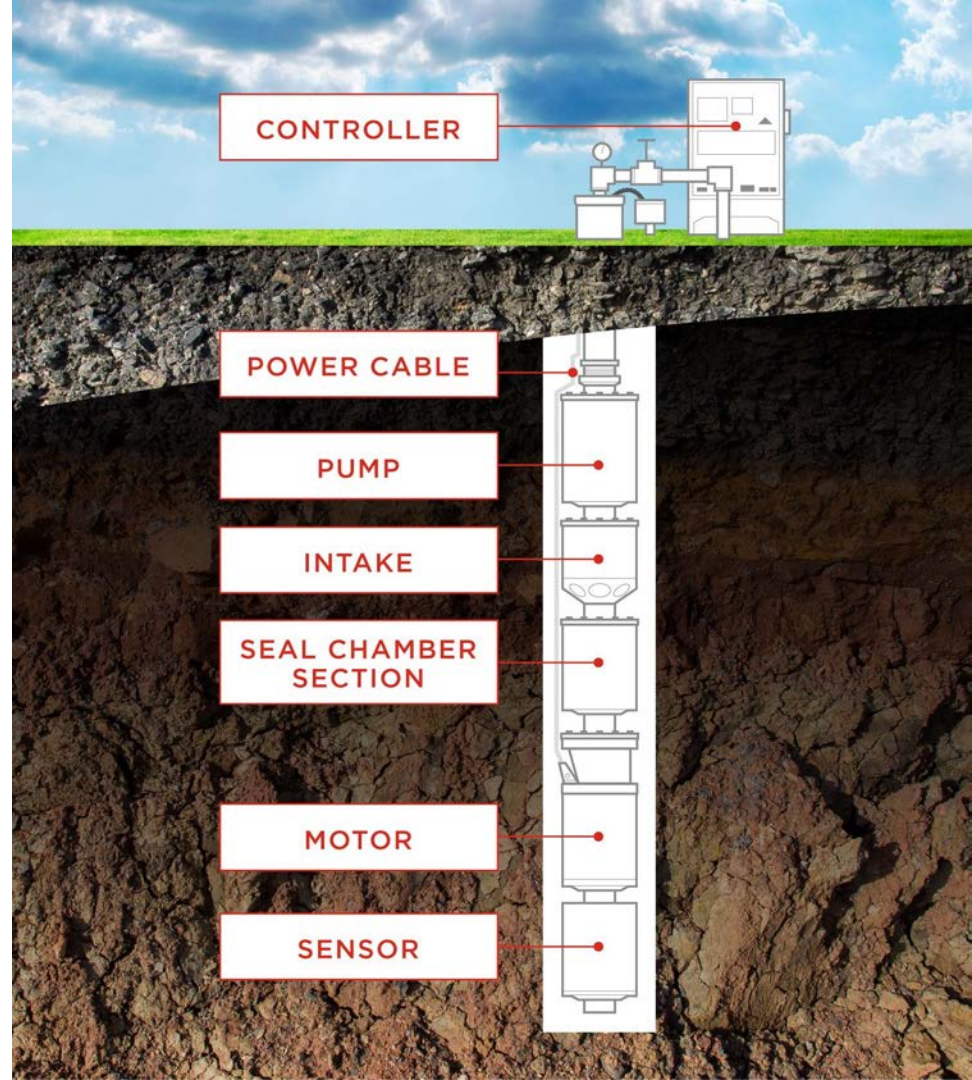
Series 6—Matte vs. Matte

Series 7—SiC3 vs. SiC4

Series 8—SiC3 vs SiC3

Rotating Applications for Technical Ceramics

- Pump and Intake: Radial Bearings (discussed in detail previously)
- Seal Chamber Section: Mechanical Seal and Thrust Pad and Runner
- Motor: Thrust and Rotor Bearings



Closing Remarks



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