

## **SEAL FACE TECHNOLOGIES**

FOR MECHANICAL SEAL FACES





The industry's most comprehensive family of seal face technologies on the market today





## **SERVICE BENEFITS**

- Reduced seal face friction
- > Improved seal face lubrication
- > Enhanced boundary layer
- Greater equipment asset optimization
- Increased reliability
- > Reduced operational costs
- Longer seal life



# Maximizing operational performance and reliability

Mechanical seal applications are limited by available seal face lubrication. Seal face materials, fluid properties, pressure and temperature have an enormous effect on seal life and equipment uptime. John Crane has developed a family of innovative engineered seal faces that have changed the sealing industry and dramatically improve the mean time between repair of mechanical shaft seals by improving and sustaining seal face lubrication. Seal faces operating with advanced micro machined

patterns and features match the required lubricating features to each unique mechanical seal application, delivering the right face technology for the right application. When seal faces operate completely dry with the benefit of nanocrystalline diamond surfacing, gas-lubricated seals, bidirectional gas-lubricated seal faces and John Crane's exclusive, game-changing seals that actually generate and sustain lubrication pressures that are unmatched in the sealing industry today.

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### John Crane family of face technology:

Committed to delivering the right seal face treatment to solve unique application challenges

The following information below describes these technologies and the incredible reliability that optimized seal face lubrication will provide to maximize the performance of rotating equipment in any process industry.



#### **HYDROPAD** What it Does

Enhance seal interface cooling, promoting lubrication in lowlubricity services

#### Where used

Turbo and non-turbo compressors, process pumps, general process pumps in HPI/CPI processing viscous fluids that have difficulty generating fluid film

#### Problem Solved

Poor lubrication causing higher heat generation and friction leading to increased seal wear

#### **Benefits**

Minimized frictional heat generation and wear. extended PV capability over standard plain face seal, improved seal life, higher operational limits



#### STANDARD SPIRAL **GROOVE FOR GAS**

#### What it does

Promotes hydrodynamic lift to minimize face generated heat and enhance lubricity in poor lubricity conditions

#### Where used

Compressors, pumps and equipment pumping supercritical fluids such as CO2, ethane, ethylene and mixtures of these. Turbo and non-turbo compressors, process pumps, general process pumps in HPI/CPI

#### **Problem Solved**

Friction caused by poor lubrication leads to premature seal wear causing a reduction in seal life

#### **Benefits**

Minimal power consumption. no heat generation. extended seal life



#### **BIDIRECTIONAL GROOVE FOR GAS**

#### What it does

Promotes hydrodynamic lift to minimize face generated heat and enhance lubricity in poor lubricity conditions

#### Where used

Turbo and non-turbo compressors, process pumps, general process pumps in HPI/CPI

#### **Problem Solved**

Friction caused by poor lubrication leads to premature seal wear causing a reduction in seal life

#### **Benefits**

Minimal power consumption, no heat generation, extended seal life, simplified support systems, tolerates CW and CCW rotation, plus simplified installation and minimized inventory for double ended pumps



#### **UPSTREAM PUMPING FOR LIQUIDS**

#### What it does

Delivers dualpressurized seal benefits without the support system complexity, isolating face lubrication and process fluid

#### Where used

Pulp and paper solids processing, highpressure water injection pumps, process pumps and general process pumps in HPI/CPI

#### **Problem Solved**

High heat generation, abrasion and barrier system complexities

#### **Benefits**

No wear, easy to install and simple support system, reliable simple barrier system



#### **LASERFACE**

#### What it does

Provides active control of the sealing interface, augmenting face lubrication while minimizing frictional heat generation and leakage

#### Where used

Applications with a high-pressure temp margin close to boiling point where cooling flow is limited, such as hydrocarbons methane, ethane, propane, NGLs and non-hydrocarbon applications

#### Problem Solved

Poor Jubrication leads to higher heat generation, causing increased friction in applications with volatile fluids or fluids close to their boiling point

#### **Benefits**

Reduced friction, allows operation of single seal close to Saturated Vapor Pressure (SVP)



#### **JOHN CRANE DIAMOND®**

#### What it does

Improves the reliability of rotating equipment through diamond seal face coating to address intermittent dry running conditions

#### Where used

Electrostatic discharge (EDS) — typically associated with boiler feed applications, slurries and combi treatment plants

#### **Problem Solved**

Intermittent dry running episodes, poor lubricating conditions and high abrasion rates leading to excessive leakage and water waste

#### **Benefits**

Reduced power consumption, reduced wear extended MTRF and reduced lifecycle/ operating costs



#### Y GROOVE

#### What it does

Enhances fluid film formation in high speed applications

#### Where used

Any compressors where spiral groove technology not used **Problem Solved** 

High-speed oil applications that experience high seal face leakage

#### **Benefits**

Low seal wear for longer life than conventional seal technology, lower barrier fluid consumption than standard plain face seal

## THE RIGHT **FACE TECHNOLOGY** FOR THE **RIGHT APPLICATION**

















Together, we will work with you to keep your mission-critical operations up and running, with support and guidance from our experienced team.



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