Fluid
To insure maximum motor performance and life, use a premium grade hydraulic or engine oil. Fluids with a minimum .125% zinc (or equivalent) anti-wear package should be used. A mineral or synthetic based 10W40 engine oil or hydraulic oil (200 SUS) is recommended. Nichols motor seals come standard in nitrile rubber. If a fluid that is not compatible with nitrile is to be used, flouroelastomer seal material can be specified.

- Minimum fluid viscosity - 50 SUS
- Recommended fluid operating temperature is -28°C to 82°C (-20°F to 180°F)
- Minimum recommended fluid filtration 25 micron with a beta ratio of 2.

Pressure
Operating the motor in its intermittent pressure range will shorten the life of the motor and should generally be restricted to 10% or less per minute. The reduced life resulting from continuous operation in the intermittent range may be acceptable in some applications. Consult the factory for details.

Case Drain
A check ball system drains the shaft seal to the outlet port regardless of direction of rotation of the shaft. This maintains low pressure on the shaft seal, reducing heat and friction for long seal life. If high pressure exists in the outlet port due to series operation, meter-out circuitry or other causes, the shaft seal can be externally drained to tank for low seal pressure. For continuous operation with outlet pressure above 1000 psi use of the external case drain is recommended for extended seal life.

Shaft Loading
The use of 1 inch and 25mm diameter shafts are not recommended when torque loads exceed 3500 lb-in. For 7/8 inch diameter shafts, torque should be limited to 1250 lb-in. Maximum thrust load on the shaft should not exceed 1000 lbs inward or outward.

Stainless Steel Shafts
Torque, speed, axial, and radial load ratings are reduced by 20% when operating with the stainless steel shaft that is optional on some series of motors. Maximum speed to be limited to 600 RPM.

Thru-Shafts
Shaft torque should not exceed 3000 lb-in.

Performance Data
Performance data shown in this catalog is the result of testing performed using petroleum based fluid at 120°F, 180 SUS. Actual performance will vary with fluid conditions. Lower viscosity will produce lower performance.

Run-In
For optimum performance and life, a 15 minute run-in period at no load and mid-flow conditions is recommended. Do not subject the system to full load until air has been bled from the hydraulic system and all contaminate particles have been filtered out.

Inlet Conditions
Positive pressure *must* be available at the motor inlet while it is operating. If an overrunning load causes the motor to rotate faster than the pump can fill it, cavitation will occur. Consult the factory for inlet pressure requirements and speed limitations.

Other Operating Conditions
Consult factory before operating at conditions exceeding any ratings or recommendations in this catalog.

Installation Recommendations
- To avoid contamination do not remove plastic port plugs until fittings are to be installed.
- Motor mounting flange must make full contact with equipment mount; do not use the mounting bolts to force the motor pilot into the pilot hole to align the motor.
- Pulleys, sprockets, wheels, or couplings should be properly aligned on the shaft to avoid excessive radial or thrust loads.
- To avoid damaging the thrust system, do not hammer on the motor or shaft to install or remove couplings, pulleys, sprockets, etc.