



# PANTHER DC

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**USE AND  
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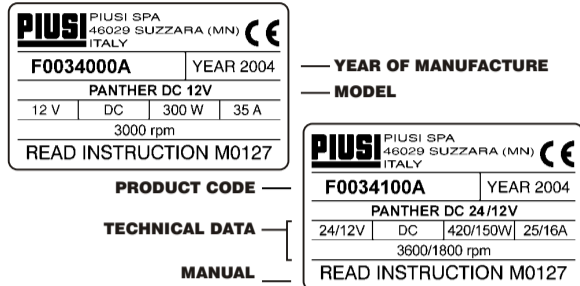
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### B MACHINE AND MANUFACTURER IDENTIFICATION

Available Models: PANTHER DC 12V • PANTHER DC 24/12V  
 MANUFACTURER: PIUSI SPA - VIA PACINOTTI - Z.I. RANGAVINO 46029 SUZZARA (MN)

IDENTIFICATION PLATE (EXAMPLE WITH THE FIELDS IDENTIFIED):



**ATTENTION**  
 Always check that the revision level of this manual coincides with what is shown on the identification plate.

### C DECLARATION OF INCORPORATION OF PARTLY-COMPLETED MACHINERY

The undersigned: PIUSI S.p.A. - Via Pacinotti c.m. - z.i.Rangavino 46029 Suzzara (Mantova) - Italy  
**HEREBY STATES** under its own responsibility, that the partly-completed machinery:  
 Description: **Machine designed for the transfer of diesel fuel**  
 Model: **PANTHER DC**  
 Serial number: **refer to Lot Number shown on CE plate affixed to product**  
 Year of manufacture: **refer to the year of production shown on the CE plate affixed to the product**

is intended to be incorporated in a machine (or to be with other machines) so as to create a machine to which applies Machine Directive 2006/42/EC, may not be brought into service before the machine into which it is to be incorporated has been declared in conformity with the provisions of the directive 2006/42/EC.

is in conformity with the legal provisions indicated in the directives:  
 - Machine Directive 2006/42/EC  
 - Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive 2004/108/EC  
 To which the essential safety requirements have been applied and compiled with what indicated on annex I of the machine directive applicable to the product and shown below: 1.1.3 - 1.1.5 - 1.3.1 - 1.3.2 - 1.3.3 - 1.3.4 - 1.3.8 - 1.4.1 - 1.4.2.1 - 1.5.1 - 1.5.2 - 1.5.4 - 1.5.5 - 1.5.8 - 1.5.11 - 1.6.1 - 1.6.3 - 1.6.4 - 1.7.1 - 1.7.2 - 1.7.3 - 1.7.4.

The documentation is at the disposal of the competent authority following motivated request at Piusi S.p.A. or following request sent to the email address: doc\_tec@piusi.com. The person authorised to compile the technical file and draw up the declaration is Otto Varini as legal representative.

Suzzara, 29/12/2009  
  
 the legal representative

### D MACHINE DESCRIPTION

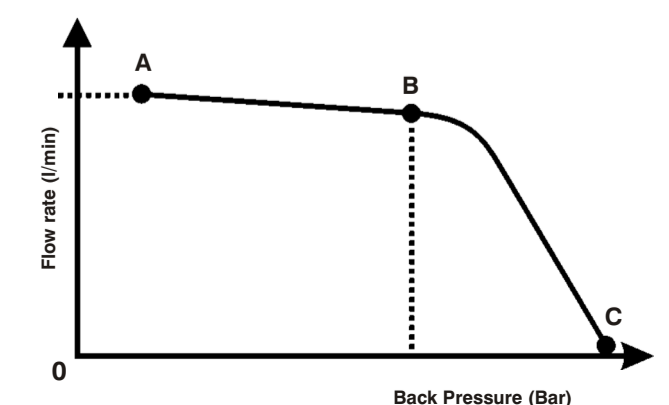
- PUMP:** Self-Priming, volumetric, rotating vane electropump, equipped with by-pass valve.
- MOTOR:** Brush motor, DC, low tension with intermittent cycle, closed type in protection class IP55 according to CEI-EN 60034-5, directly flanged to the pump body.
- FILTER:** Checkable suction filter.

### E TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

#### E1 PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS

The performance diagram shows flow rate as a function of back pressure.

Model	Flow Rate (l/min)	Voltage (V)	Absorption (A)	Back Pressure (Bar)	Typical Delivery Configuration			
					4 meters of 3/4" tube	K33 Manual dispensing nozzle Self 2000	Automatic dispensing nozzle PA60	
<b>A</b> (Maximum Flow Rate)	24V / 12V	12	35	12	8	0,5	•	•
	12V	12	60	12	16	0,6	•	•
<b>B</b> (Rated Conditions)	24V / 12V	12	33	12	11	1	•	•
	12V	12	66	12	19	1,2	•	•
<b>C</b> (By Pass)	24V / 12V	12	0	12	23	1,1	•	•
	12V	12	0	12	35	2,5	•	•



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### ATTENTION

The curve refers to the following operating conditions:  
**Fluid:** Diesel Fuel  
**Temperature:** 20°C  
**Suction Conditions:** The tube and the pump position relative to the fluid level is such that a pressure of 0.3 bar is generated at the nominal flow rate.

Under different suction conditions higher pressure values can be created that reduce the flow rate compared to the same back pressure values.  
 To obtain the best performance, it is very important to reduce loss of suction pressure as much as possible by following these instructions:  
 • Shorten the suction tube as much as possible  
 • Avoid useless elbows or throttling in the tubes  
 • Keep the suction filter clean  
 • Use a tube with a diameter equal to, or greater than, indicated (see Installation)

The burst pressure of the pump is of 20 bar.

### E2 ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

PUMP MODEL	FUSES	ELECTRICAL POWER		
		Current	Voltage (V)	Maximum (*) (Amp)
PANTHER DC 12V	40 A	DC	12	35
PANTHER DC 24/12V	30 A	DC	24 / 12	25 / 16

(\*) refers to functioning with maximum back pressure

### F OPERATING CONDITIONS

#### F1 ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

**TEMPERATURE:** min. -20°C / max +60°C  
**RELATIVE HUMIDITY:** max. 90%

**ATTENTION**  
 The temperature limits shown apply to the pump components and must be respected to avoid possible damage or malfunction.

#### F2 ELECTRICAL POWER SUPPLY

Depending on the model, the pump must be supplied by a single-phase alternating current line whose nominal values are shown in the table in Paragraph E2 - ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS.

The maximum acceptable variations from the electrical parameters are:  
**Voltage:** +/- 5% of the nominal value

### ATTENTION

Power from lines with values outside the indicated limits can damage the electrical components.

#### F3 WORKING CYCLE

The pumps are designed for intermittent use with a working cycle of 30 minutes under maximum back pressure conditions.

### ATTENTION

Functioning under by-pass conditions is only allowed for brief periods of time (2-3 minutes maximum).

#### F4 FLUIDS PERMITTED / FLUIDS NOT PERMITTED

**PERMITTED:**  
 • DIESEL FUEL at a VISCOSITY from 2 to 5.35 cSt (at a temperature of 37.8°C) Minimum Flash Point (PM): 55°C

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>NOT PERMITTED:</b>                 | <b>RELATED DANGERS:</b>     |
| • GASOLINE                            | • FIRE - EXPLOSION          |
| • INFLAMMABLE LIQUIDS with PM < 55° C | • FIRE - EXPLOSION          |
| • LIQUIDS WITH VISCOSITY > 20 Cst     | • MOTOR OVERLOAD            |
| • WATER                               | • PUMP OXIDATION            |
| • FOOD LIQUIDS                        | • CONTAMINATION OF THE SAME |
| • CORROSIVE CHEMICAL PRODUCTS         | • PUMP CORROSION            |
|                                       | • INJURY TO PERSONS         |
|                                       | • FIRE - EXPLOSION          |
|                                       | • DAMAGE TO GASKET SEALS    |

### G MOVING AND TRANSPORT

Given the limited weight and size of the pumps (see overall dimensions), moving the pumps does not require the use of lifting devices.  
 The pumps were carefully packed before shipment.  
 Check the packing material on delivery and store in a dry place.

### H INSTALLATION

#### H1 DISPOSING OF THE PACKING MATERIAL

The packing material does not require special precautions for its disposal, not being in any way dangerous or polluting.  
 Refer to local regulations for its disposal.

#### H2 PRELIMINARY INSPECTION

- Check that the machine has not suffered any damage during transport or storage.
- Clean the inlet and outlet openings, removing any dust or residual packing material.
- Should the pump be without power cables, set the reeds in the terminal strip box to the desired voltage.
- Should the pump be with power cables, check that the electrical specifications correspond to those shown on the identification plate.

#### H3 POSITIONING THE PUMP

- The pump can be installed in any position (pump axis vertical or horizontal)
- Attach the pump using screws of adequate diameter for the attachment holes provided in the base of the pump (see the section "OVERALL DIMENSIONS" for their position and dimension).

### ATTENTION

THE MOTORS ARE NOT OF AN ANTI-EXPLOSIVE TYPE. Do not install them where inflammable vapours can be present.

#### H4 CONNECTING THE TUBING

- Before connection, make sure that the tubing and the suction tank are free of dirt and thread residue that could damage the pump and its accessories.
- Before connecting the delivery tube, partially fill the pump body with diesel fuel to facilitate priming.
- Do not use conical threaded joints that could damage the threaded pump openings if excessively tightened.

**SUCTION TUBING:**  
 - Minimum recommended nominal diameter: 1"  
 - Nominal recommended pressure: 10 bar  
 - Use tubing suitable for functioning under suction pressure

**DELIVERY TUBING:**  
 - Minimum recommended nominal diameter: 3/4"  
 - Nominal recommended pressure: 10 bar

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### ATTENTION

It is the installer's responsibility to use tubing with adequate characteristics.  
 The use of tubing unsuitable for use with diesel fuel can damage the pump, injure persons and cause pollution.  
 Loosening of the connections (threaded connections, flanging, gasket seals) can cause serious ecological and safety problems.  
 Check all the connections after the initial installation and on a daily basis after that. Tighten the connections, if necessary.

### H5 CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING DELIVERY AND SUCTION LINES

#### DELIVERY

The choice of pump model must be made keeping the characteristics of the system in mind.

The combination of the length of the tubing, the diameter of the tubing, the flow rate of the diesel fuel and the line accessories installed can create back pressure greater than the maximums anticipated such as to cause the

(partial) opening of the pump by-pass with the consequent noticeable reduction of the flow rate supplied.

In such cases, to allow correct functioning of the pump, it is necessary to reduce system resistance, using shorter tubing and/or of wider diameter and line accessories with less resistance (e.g. an automatic dispensing nozzle for greater flow rates).

#### SUCTION

PANTHER DC models are equipped with a self-priming pump with a good suction capacity.

During the start-up phase, with an empty suction tube and the pump wetted with fluid, the electric pump unit is capable of suctioning the liquid with a maximum difference in height of 2 meters. It is important to point out that the priming time can be as long as one minute and the presence of an automatic dispensing nozzle on the delivery line prevents the evacuation of air from the installation, and, therefore, prevents proper priming.

As we have said up to this point, it is important to guarantee low suction pressure by using short tubing of a diameter equal to or larger than recommended, reducing curves to a minimum and using suction filters of wide cross-section and foot valves with the lowest possible resistance.

It is very important to keep the suction filters clean because, once clogged, they increase system resistance.

The difference in height between the pump and the fluid level must be kept as small as possible and, at any rate, within the 2 meters anticipated for the priming phase.

If this height is exceeded, it will always be necessary to install a foot valve to allow for the filling of the suction tube and provide tubing of wider diameter. It is recommended that the pump not be installed at a difference in height greater than 3 meters.

When the system is functioning, the pump

### ATTENTION

In the case that the suction tank is higher than the pump, it is advisable to install an anti-siphon valve to prevent accidental diesel fuel leaks. Dimension the installation in order to control the back pressures due to water hammering.

### H6 LINE ACCESSORIES

The pumps are furnished without line accessories. Following is a list of the most common

line accessories whose use is compatible with the proper functioning of the pumps.

#### DELIVERY

- Automatic dispensing nozzle
- Manual dispensing nozzle
- Meter
- Flexible tubing

#### SUCTION

- Foot valve with filter
- Rigid and flexible tubing

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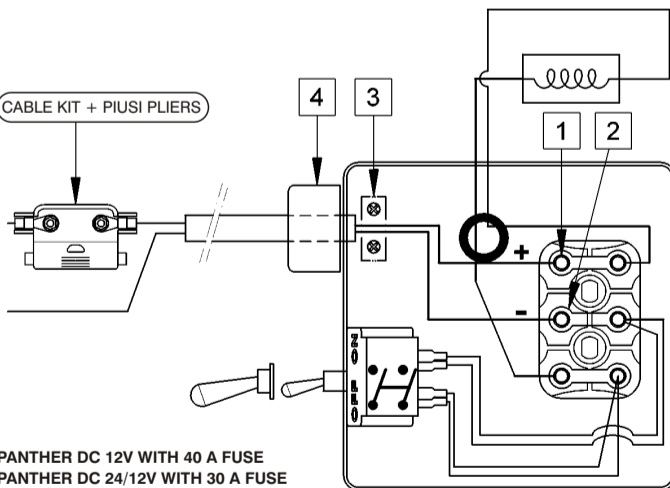
It is the installer's responsibility to provide the line accessories necessary for the safe and proper functioning of the pump. The use of accessories unsuitable for use with diesel fuel can damage the pump, injure persons and cause pollution.

### H7 ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

The electrical box of Panther DC comes with a terminal board for the power cord connection (optional).

In case of connection of the cable kit with pliers (Piusi optional), proceed as follows:

- loosen the cable ring nut with rubber (4) and insert the cable.
- open the cable U-bolt (3) which is located inside the electrical box.
- fix the eyelet (for screw M4) of the positive cable (blue) to the terminal, in position 1 (see reference in the diagram).
- fix the eyelet (for screw M4) of the negative cable (brown) to the terminal, in position 2 (see reference in the diagram).
- tighten the U-bolt (3).
- screw the ring nut (4)



PANTHER DC 12V WITH 40 A FUSE  
 PANTHER DC 24/12V WITH 30 A FUSE

In the event of power connection with cable not supplied by Piusi, it is necessary to observe the following characteristics:

- for Panther DC 12 V - use a bipolar cable with minimum section of 6 mm<sup>2</sup>
- for Panther DC 24/12 V - use a bipolar cable with minimum section of 4 mm<sup>2</sup>

It is important to use a 40A fuse for the 12V version and a 30A fuse for the 24/12 V version, to prevent the pump motor from being damaged in the event of a short circuit.

### ATTENTION

IT IS THE INSTALLER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PERFORM THE ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS WITH RESPECT FOR THE APPLICABLE REGULATIONS.

Respect the following (not exhaustive) instructions to ensure a proper electrical installation:

- During installation and maintenance, make sure that the electric supply lines are not live.
- Use cables characterized by the minimum cross-sections, nominal voltages and wiring-type adequate to the electrical characteristics shown in Paragraph E2 - ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS and the installation environment.
- Always close the cover of the strip box before supplying electrical power.

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### I INITIAL START-UP

- Check that the quantity of diesel fuel in the suction tank is greater than the amount you wish to transfer.
- Make sure that the residual capacity of the delivery tank is greater than the quantity you wish to transfer.
- Do not run the pump dry. This can cause serious damage to its components.
- Make sure that the tubing and line accessories are in good condition. Diesel fuel leaks can damage objects and injure persons.
- Never start or stop the pump by connecting or cutting out the power supply.
- Do not operate switches with wet hands.
- Prolonged contact with diesel fuel can damage the skin. The use of glasses and gloves is recommended.

### ATTENTION

Extreme operating conditions can raise the motor temperature. Turn off the pump and wait for it to cool before resuming it.

In the priming phase the pump must blow the air initially present in the entire installation out of the delivery line.

Therefore it is necessary to keep the outlet open to permit the evacuation of the air.

### ATTENTION

If an automatic type dispensing nozzle is installed at the end of the delivery line, the evacuation of the air will be difficult because of the automatic stopping device that keeps the valve closed when the line pressure is too low. It is recommended that the automatic dispensing nozzle be temporarily disconnected during the initial start-up phase.

The priming phase can last from several seconds to a few minutes, as a function of the characteristics of the system. If this phase is prolonged, stop the pump and verify:

- That the pump is not running completely dry;
- That the suction tubing is not allowing air to seep in;
- That the suction filter is not clogged;
- That the suction height does not exceed 2 m. (if the height exceeds 2 m, fill the suction hose with fluid);
- That the delivery tube is allowing the evacuation of the air;
- check the exact rotation direction of the motor: it must be in a counter-clockwise mode considering the motor from pos. 1 of the exploded diagram.

When priming has occurred, verify that the pump is operating within the anticipated range, in particular:

- That under conditions of maximum back pressure, the power absorption of the motor stays within the values shown on the identification plate;
- That the suction pressure is not greater than 0.5 bar;
- That the back pressure in the delivery line is not greater than the maximum back pressure foreseen for the pump.

### L DAILY USE

- a. If using flexible tubing, attach the ends of the tubing to the tanks. In the absence of an appropriate slot, solidly grasp the delivery tube before beginning dispensing.
- b. Before starting the pump make sure that the delivery valve is closed (dispensing nozzle or line valve).
- c. Turn the ON/OFF switch on. The by-pass valve allows functioning with delivery closed only for brief periods.
- d. Open the delivery valve, solidly grasping the end of the tubing.
- e. Close the delivery valve to stop dispensing.
- f. When dispensing is finished, turn off the pump.

### ATTENTION

Functioning with the delivery closed is only allowed for brief periods (2/3 minutes maximum). Functioning in nominal conditions is limited to a working cycle of 30 min. If this time is exceeded, turn off the pump and wait for it to cool. After use, make sure the pump is turned off.

### M PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION
THE MOTOR IS NOT TURNING	Lack of electric power	Check the electrical connections
	Rotor jammed	Check for possible damage or obstruction of the rotating components
	Motor problems Burnt out fuse	Contact the Service Department Replace the fuse
THE MOTOR TURNS SLOWLY WHEN STARTING	Low voltage in the electric power line	Bring the voltage back within the anticipated limits
	Low level in the suction tank	Refill the tank
	Foot valve blocked	Clean and/or replace the valve
	Filter clogged	Clean the filter
	Excessive suction pressure	Lower the pump with respect to the level of the tank or increase the cross-section of the tubing
	High loss of head in the delivery circuit (working with the by-pass open)	Use shorter tubing or of greater diameter
LOW OR NO FLOW RATE	By-pass valve blocked	Dismantle the valve, clean and/or replace it
	Air entering the pump or the suction tubing	Check the seals of the connections
	A narrowing in the suction tubing	Use tubing suitable for working under suction pressure
	Low rotation speed	Check the voltage at the pump. Adjust the voltage and/or use cables of greater cross-section
	The suction tubing is resting on the bottom of the tank	Raise the tubing
INCREASED PUMP NOISE	Cavitation occurring	Reduce suction pressure
	Irregular functioning of the by-pass Air present in the diesel fuel	Dispense fuel until the air is purged from the by-pass system Verify the suction connections
LEAKAGE FROM THE PUMP BODY	Seal damaged	Check and replace the seal

### N MAINTENANCE

PANTHER DC are designed and constructed to require a minimum of maintenance. In any case always bear in mind the following basic recommendations for a good functioning of the pump:

- On a weekly basis, check that the tubing joints have not loosened, to avoid any leakage.
- On a monthly basis, check the pump body and keep it clean of any impurities.
- On a weekly basis, check and keep clean the line suction filter.
- On a monthly basis, check that the electric power supply cables are in good condition.

### O NOISE LEVEL

Under normal working conditions the noise emission from all models does not exceed the value of 70 db at a distance of 1 meter from the electric pump.

### P DISPOSING OF CONTAMINATED MATERIALS

In the event of maintenance or demolition of the machine, do not disperse contaminated parts into the environment.  
 Refer to local regulations for their proper disposal.

