

- 1 **Q. Was the interference fit of the new bronze lower stationary seal the same or greater**
2 **than the previous stainless steel seal?**
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- 4 A. Due to differences in design, the requested comparison cannot be made.
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- 6 The original stainless steel seal was kept in place by means of an interference fit provided
7 by a rubber O-ring installed between the outside diameter of the seal ring and the inside
8 diameter of the bottom cover. The new design provides for the bronze lower stationary
9 seal to be kept in place by means of a full interference fit (friction fit) between the seal
10 ring and the bottom cover. The new design, which is the current industry standard,
11 provides for a more effective fit between the two components.