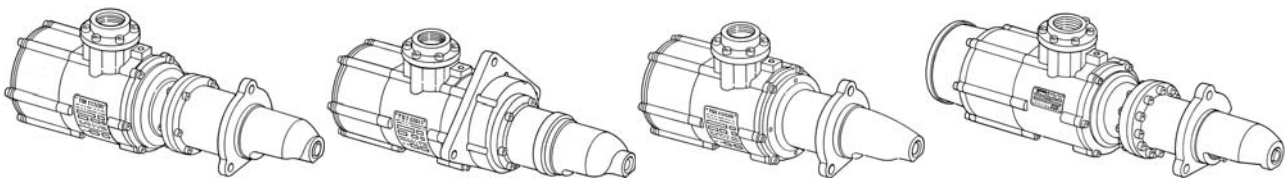


# INSTALLATION AND OPERATING MANUAL



MODELS: T100-B, T100-D, T100-F, T100-P

## **TURBOTWIN** Engine Air Starters



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### 1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

This manual provides instructions for the installation and operation of the TDI T100 *TURBOTWIN* Starters (Series: B,D,F,P). If there are questions not answered in this manual, please contact your TDI *TURBOTWIN* distributor or dealer for assistance.

The T100 *TURBOTWIN* models are turbine driven starters with an inertially engaged starter drive. Depending on the starter model and engine installation, the *TURBOTWIN* starters have applications ranging from 1200 CID (20 Liters) on diesel engines and up to 15000 CID (250 Liters) on gas engines. The *TURBOTWIN* models are suited to operate within a wide range of inlet pressures and ambient temperatures. The engine size and parasitic loading will determine the exact minimum pressure that will assure reliable starting.

The T100 *TURBOTWIN* starters are designed for operation with compressed air or natural gas; materials used are compatible with "sour" natural gas and marine environments. Small amounts of foreign matter or liquid in the air stream will not adversely affect *TURBOTWIN* starters. As with all other TDI starters, no lubrication is required in the air supply.

Please review the rest of this manual before installing the T100 *TURBOTWIN* series air starter.

#### WARNINGS, CAUTIONS, & NOTES

Certain types of information are highlighted in this manual for your attention:

**WARNING** - used where injury to personnel or damage to the equipment is likely.

**CAUTION** - used where there is the possibility of damage to the equipment.

**NOTE**- used to point out special interest information.

#### NOTE

Throughout this manual, the term "air" is used to designate the starter drive medium. Unless otherwise stated, air " means either compressed air or natural gas.

### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

All models feature three basic subassemblies: a unique two stage turbine motor section, a planetary gearbox section and an inertia drive assembly.

The two stage motor section features greater stall torque than a single stage turbine plus aerodynamic speed control. This aerodynamic speed control helps protect the *TURBOTWIN* starter from damage caused by starter motor over speed.

The T100 *TURBOTWIN*s are configured with a 7.5:1, 9.0:1, or 11.4:1 ratio planetary gearbox. This low gear ratio allows the turbine motor to spin at low speeds for long bearing life. At a typical 3000 rpm pinion speed, the turbine is cruising at a low 22500 rpm (7.5:1 ratio). Reliability and part commonality are designed into all *TURBOTWIN*s.

A simple and reliable inertia drive delivers the torque to the pinion. The pinion is thrown out to engage the engine's ring gear by the turbine motor's acceleration. Lighter weight rotating parts used in the *TURBOTWIN* provide low inertia and even "softer" engagement. In the event of over-pressure, the friction clutch used in every *TURBOTWIN* protects ring gear teeth from static torque overloads. In addition, an inertia engaged starter eliminates the need for complex pre-engagement control plumbing...and is easier to install and maintain than pre-engaged type starters.

Compressed air or natural gas is used to power T100 *TURBOTWIN* air starters through the inlet port. The air or gas is expanded through the first nozzle or stators. The high velocity gas impinges on the first stage rotor to yield torque to the gearbox. The gas is further expanded through the second stage stators, which impart additional torque to the second stage rotor.

### 1.2 PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

The starter nameplate which is attached to the turbine housing contains the following information: model number, serial number, part number, direction of rotation and the maximum rated operating pressure.

The directions of rotation are either right hand or left hand rotation as shown in Figure 1. Right Hand rotation is defined as clockwise rotation as viewed from the pinion end of the starter, and Left Hand rotation is counter clockwise rotation viewed from the pinion end of the starter.

The maximum operating pressure is also stamped on the nameplate. This pressure is measured at the check port on the starter inlet with the starter in operation.

#### CAUTION

Exceeding the maximum pressure shown on the nameplate may result in drive failure, damage to the starter, or damage to the engine.

The housing proof pressure is 600 psig and is also shown on the nameplate. This means the turbine housing will not burst when subjected to a static pressure of 600 psig.

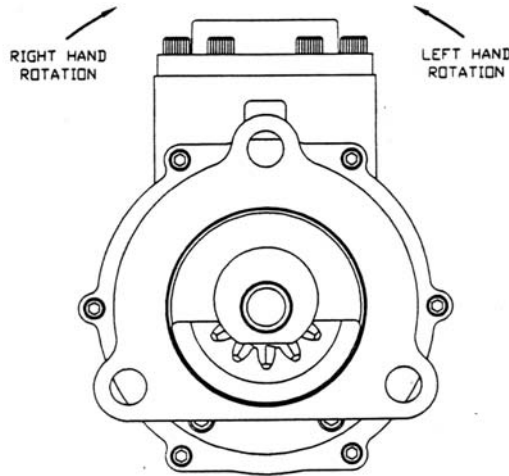


Figure 1. Direction of Rotation viewed from Pinion End.

## 1.3 PERFORMANCE

Graphs of the performance curves feature pinion torque versus pinion speed (rpm) at constant drive air pressures and shaft horsepower versus pinion speed at constant drive air pressures. Pinion speed is shown on the horizontal axis. The pinion torque is shown along the left edge vertical axis. The shaft horsepower is shown along the right edge vertical axis. Air consumption rates are given for the various drive pressure lines. These performance curves feature air as the drive gas and have open exhaust (standard exhaust guard) which have no back pressure.

## 2.0 ORIENTATION OF THE STARTER

### 2.1 GENERAL

If the factory orientation of the starter's pinion housing assembly in relation to the inlet port does not fit your engine installation, these components can easily be re-oriented.

All **TURBOTWINS** have the capability to rotate the inlet port relative to the drive opening for the optimum inlet port location. The number of different positions is 6 to 12 depending on model.

### 3.0 INSTALLING THE STARTER

A turbine air starter does not require lubrication in the supply air. Therefore, if a vane type starter motor is being replaced, TDI recommends that all lubrication devices and lines removed to minimize flow restrictions.

#### WARNING

If a fuel (pulse) lubricator has previously been installed in the system, disconnect and plug the line to eliminate spraying diesel fuel on the engine.

The starter should be installed with the inlet in a position between horizontal and straight down. Any condensation will be restricted to the air lines and not in the starter.

#### WARNING

Do not operate this starter unless it is properly connected to an engine.

### 3.1 SUPPLY LINE INSTALLATION

#### WARNING

Be sure to either bleed the pressurized air reservoir and/or safety the system such as closing all valves prior to installing starter supply line.

The *T100 TURBOTWIN series* air starters come standard with a 2" NPT female pipe thread for the inlet connection port. The supply line consists of the line from the air source, a pressure regulator (when necessary), a manual or relay valve, and the connection to the starter inlet. Hard piping may be used, but a section of flexible tubing should be installed at the starter to prevent leaks due to engine vibration.

Care must be taken to ensure that all inlet supply line piping is no less than 1.5" and all components used are capable of passing the required air flow.

#### NOTE

Valves with a Cv of 40 or higher are recommended.

If the supply line must be longer than 20 feet, the inlet supply line piping should be increased to 2" in diameter to ensure proper performance by your **TURBOTWIN**.

Because turbine starters such as the *T100 TURBOTWIN series* are sensitive to flow restrictions, care must be taken to use uniform hose or tubing and fittings for connection of the supply line. Tees, elbows and line length must be kept to a minimum. TDI recommends that hose or flex couplings are installed to eliminate possible leakage caused by strain on the supply line.

Normally, an air strainer is not required. However, in dirty

environments use of a #40 mesh Y-strainer is recommended. The **T100 TURBOTWIN** series is highly tolerant of dirt in the air line, however, starter life can be increased with the use of an air strainer.

A pressure regulator is required when the air supply pressure is great enough to exceed the starter operating pressure (at the inlet port) and/or the maximum torque.

A manual ball valve may be used to admit drive air/gas to the starter. The manual valve should be located in a safe position away from the engine.

A preferred valve is pilot-operated, which can be pneumatically or electrically actuated. The valve should be located close to or even on the starter inlet for best performance. Pneumatic or electrical control lines may be routed virtually anywhere for the customer's preferred operating station. This type of valve actuates from a fully closed to a fully open position very rapidly. TDI offers a variety of relay valves such as P/N RLVA-25683-001-2-01, which is a 1-1/2" port, pneumatically actuated valve.

The supply line should be dry-fitted for proper alignment /location prior to final assembly. All pipe threaded joints should be sealed with Loctite Pipe Thread Sealant (TDI P/N 9-94085) or equivalent for leak tight joints prior to final assembly. Be sure to tighten all joints to proper torque after final assembly.

### CAUTION

In cold weather climates, care should be taken while designing your installation to prevent condensation from developing in the starter system. In systems with a regulator valve or relay valve, there is the possibility of freeze-ups.

A tee connection with a quick disconnect can be added to the inlet. This will allow an external air source to be used to accomplish a "blow start" if the system freezes. Once the engine has been started, the other system components may be thawed.

### CAUTION

On new installations, it is strongly recommended to blow out the supply line with air to remove possible dirt and welding slag prior to final connection to the **TURBOTWIN** starter. Be sure to secure the free end of the supply line prior to blowing out the line.

## 3.2 INLET PRESSURE PORT

A 1/4" NPT port is located on the air inlet. This port may be used to check the supply pressure at the starter when the

starter is operating. Remove the 1/4" NPT pipe plug and save for later use. Install a 1/4" minimum size tubing to the port. Route the tubing away from the starter to a safe location away from the engine. Install a pressure gauge on the tubing. This pressure monitoring line/gauge may be permanently installed. Use Loctite Pipe Thread Sealant or equivalent. Alternately, a pressure transducer may be installed at the pressure check port and electrical lines routed to a digital display at the operator's station. This pressure port is invaluable in diagnosing air starter and/or installation problems.

## 3.3 EXHAUST PIPING

The turbine exhaust may be plumbed away from the starter area. All starters using natural gas must be piped according to industry codes and local regulations.

The performance of a turbine starter will be decreased because of back pressure when smaller than recommended exhaust piping is installed. If back pressure hampers starter performance, compensation can be made by increasing the supply pressure. Consult your TDI distributor for advice.

Exhaust piping should be routed downward to help prevent any accumulation of condensation in the starter motor.

If the overhung section of the starter is not otherwise supported, TDI recommends supporting the exhaust piping with a suitable bracket(s).

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## 3.4 NATURAL GAS INSTALLATION

The installation of the starter using natural gas is similar to the air installation except all fittings, piping, valves and regulators must be compatible with natural gas.

Proper control of natural gas is a major consideration when used in the starter system. All starters using natural gas must pipe the exhaust according to industry codes and local regulations.

There is a natural gas vent port in the turbine housing that is plugged for compressed air use. This vent is used to remove any natural gas that could leak past the primary turbine shaft seal. Remove this 3/8"NPT plug and install a line to carry gas away from the starter area.

### WARNING

Do not connect the turbine housing vent line to the turbine exhaust line. Exhaust gas can pressurize the housing.

## 3.5 PIPING SYSTEM

Only type approved metallic hose assemblies are approved in permanently pressurized compressed air lines of starters.

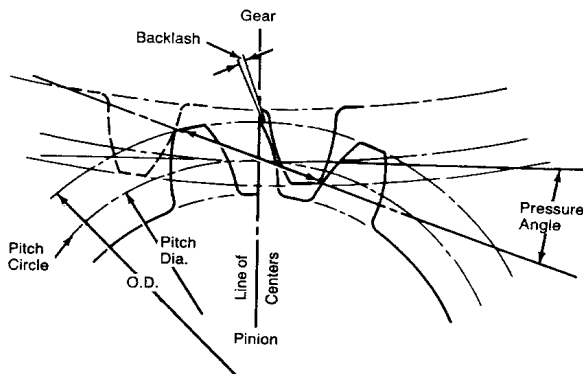
Non-metallic hose assemblies are allowed only in case the piping system will be emptied after the starting procedure. Pipe unions must be type approved by GL. Downstream of the pressure regulator a pressure relief valve is to be provided.

## 3.6 BACKLASH

Backlash is the "free play" between the mesh of two gears. Figure 15 shows the backlash between two gears. Maintaining the proper gear backlash setting allows the gears to mesh smoothly. Proper backlash and alignment allows smooth engagement/disengagement of the pinion gear and loads the tooth face surfaces evenly producing longer gear life. The correct backlash setting for 6/8 diametral pitch gearing used on larger engines is as follows:

Minimum backlash .015 inch  
Maximum backlash .025 inch

To check the backlash, the pinion will need to be rolled out onto the end of the drive prior to starter installation. This can be accomplished by using a hex drive wrench to rotate the turbine end of the starter while holding the pinion from rotating. The pinion will simply walk to the end of the shaft. An access hole to reach the turbine screw is provided in the turbine exhaust guard. The starter must then be installed on the engine. Checking backlash can be accomplished using



a dial indicator or a simple blade-type feeler gauge. Because ring gears are not usually perfectly round, it is necessary to

Figure 2. Checking Backlash

check backlash at several (six or more) points around the circumference of the ring gear. Average the highs and lows

to allow a setting that is in the range cited above.

Setting the correct backlash may involve "shimming" and/or moving the starter bracket(s). An adjustable starter bracket design will simplify this procedure. Always re-check the backlash after a ring gear replacement.

Liberal grease the starter's drive teeth with chassis lube and then mount the **TURBOTWIN** starter on the engine. Tighten all mounting hardware as appropriate. Make sure to use Loctite Threadlocker #290 or equivalent on the starter mounting bolts. Torque the three 5/8" screws to 100 lb-ft.

## 3.7 BEST INSTALLATION PRACTICES

- Wear protective gloves and steel toe shoes when installing air starter.
- Follow engine manufacturer's torque requirements for all starter attachment screws.
- For new installations or where new piping or receiver tanks are installed, always purge the starter supply line of debris before installing or operating the air starter.
- Install and maintain a 40-mesh (400 micron) Y-strainer in the starter supply line to reduce the level of contamination entering air starter.
- To insure maximum performance and starter life, use the recommended starter inlet and exhaust piping sizes.
- Limit the number of elbows installed in starting system supply/exhaust lines and minimize to the extent possible, the length of these lines to prevent excessive flow losses and/or back pressure.
- Use a quick-opening starter relay valve to operate air starter, and install within 10 feet of the air starter inlet.
- To properly control the starter, use a control valve configured with 3 ports (IN, OUT, VENT). Use a 3-way valve only. Never use a 2-way or manual ball valve to operate a pre-engaged starter model or within the pre-engagement controls piping.)
- When a pressure regulator is required, locate this at a minimum distance of 10 feet away from the starter relay valve.
- Utilize pressure regulator(s) with flow characteristics that meet or exceed the selected air starter's flow requirements (Cu factor).



- Regulators located far from the starter may require sensing downstream pressure closer to the starter inlet to deliver the desired dynamic pressure to the starter while operating.
- Do not use any mist or injection type lubricators/devices in supply line to a TDI air starter.

Where used in sub-freezing ambient temperatures, install air starter with inlet and exhaust in 6 o'clock position to allow drainage preventing freezing of trapped moisture in the starter inlet.

### 4.0 STARTER OPERATION

Prior to operation, check that all connections are tight and free from leaks. Check the 1/4" NPT pipe plug or a pressure gauge/transducer that may be connected to the pressure port on the starter inlet.

#### **WARNING**

Do not operate the TDI *TURBOTWIN* starter with air pressure greater than the pressure rating on the nameplate. This pressure is measured at the starter inlet while the starter is running.

The maximum operating pressure limit is the inlet pressure measured at the starter's inlet pressure check port. In order to check the starter, a 1/4"NPT pipe tap connection is provided in the inlet housing to attach a pressure gauge/transducer). The maximum pressure assumes an open exhaust (standard turbine exhaust guard). The standard exhaust guard causes no back pressure.

The static non-flowing supply pressure will always be higher than the operating (dynamic) pressure. The maximum pressure limit (proof pressure) that the TDI *TURBOTWIN* starter housings may be subjected to is 600 PSIG (42 BAR). System pressure that exceeds the maximum operating limit must use a pressure reducing device to ensure that the operating pressure limit to the TDI *TURBOTWIN* starter is maintained.

System static pressure that exceeds the 600 PSIG (42 BAR) limit must, in addition to pressure reducer devices incorporate a pressure relief valve set below 600 PSIG (42 BAR) in the supply air line.

#### **NOTE**

For maximum life of the starter pinion and for the protection of the engine ring gear, limit the operating pressure to that necessary to start the engine at its most difficult starting conditions.

All appropriate local pressure codes and pressure limitations on other system components must be adhered to and supersede the guidelines given in this manual.

Consult your TDI distributor if you have exhaust plumbing that creates back pressure and reduces starter performance. You may be able to increase the supply pressure to restore the lost power.

Follow the engine manufacturer's instructions for starting the engine.

### 4.1 BASIC OPERATION

The basic operation of the starter is as follows:

Pressurized air or natural is admitted to the starter by opening of the manual or relay valve. The air expands through the turbine, which produces shaft rotation and torque. The acceleration of the drive assembly causes the pinion to advance and engage the ring gear of the engine.

The starter motor torque causes the engine to accelerate. This acceleration causes the pinion to be disengaged from the ring gear. The fuel and ignition systems now fire the engine. Closing the relay valve stops the starter.

The operator may decrease starter life by the continual operation of the starter after the engine has started. Upon a successful engine start, turn the air off to the starter immediately. Minimizing the time the starter is operating unloaded (i.e. the engine is running) will maximize starter life. If a start is aborted, a restart may be attempted after the engine and the starter has come to rest.

#### **CAUTION**

Do not engage the starter while the engine is running.

The drive air pressure is the primary starter control parameter. It is important, especially on new installations, to measure this pressure during several engine starts. The secondary parameter is the starter pinion speed. This speed is usually measured by knowledge of the engine starting speed and the starter cranking ratio. The cranking ratio is the number of ring gear teeth divided by the number of pinion teeth. The starter pinion speed is then found by multiplying the engine speed by the cranking ratio. The pinion speed is usually 2000-3500 rpm at typical engine starting speed.

### 4.2 AUTOMATED START PANEL

The starter drive pressure measured at the starter inlet must

be set. As noted above, for maximum life of the starter pinion and for the protection of the engine ring gear, limit the operating pressure to that necessary to start the engine at its most difficult starting conditions.

The speed control parameter will then need to be set. Engine starting speed along with the cranking ratio number can be used to determine starter pinion speed. The pinion speed is usually 2000-3500 rpm for a typical engine starting speed. Once the start sequence has begun, the air is admitted to the starter. The starter begins to accelerate the engine. Once the firing speed of the engine is reached, the automated start panel may deliver fuel to the engine. The engine will begin to accelerate under its own power. The starter should be dropped out of the sequence at a rpm higher than the firing speed, but less than the engine idle speed.

The automated start panel should monitor engine speed to determine air on and air off. Do not simply use time as a control parameter. Avoiding excessive operation of the starter after the engine is firing will maximize the starter life.

### 4.3 BEST OPERATING PRACTICES

- To extend starter life, apply only the minimum pressure required, to successfully crank & start the engine.

### 5.0 WARRANTY

Tech Development (TDI) warrants to the original user of the TDI *TURBOTWIN*<sup>™</sup> air starters to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of one year from the date of installation. The warranty period shall not extend beyond two years from the date the unit was manufactured. (i.e.: a unit with a manufactured date of July 1999 (SN: 9907-0101) will not be covered under warranty after July 2001). The conditions of this warranty are: **a)** TDI is notified within this period by return of such product to TDI or its authorized distributor/dealer, transportation prepaid by user; **b)** the starter has been installed according to TDI's specifications; **c)** the starter has not been misused, abused, or improperly maintained by user; **d)** the defect is not the result of normal wear and tear; **e)** the starter has been repaired with parts manufactured or authorized by TDI; and **f)** TDI installation and repair procedures as outlined in the appropriate manual were properly followed.

Tech Development will repair, or at its option, replace the unit during the warranty period at no charge to the customer, provided it is returned to TDI with the proper return procedures.

Tech Development makes no other warranty, and implied warranties including any warranty or merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose are hereby disclaimed.

This warranty constitutes the entire obligation of Tech Development relating to the sale and use of such product, and TDI's maximum liability is limited to the purchase price of such product at the date of purchase. In no event shall TDI be liable for incidental, indirect, consequential, or special damages of any nature arising from the sale or use of such engine starter product.

- Never exceed starter maximum operating pressure identified on starter nameplate. This pressure can be best measured dynamically while starter is running.
- For longer starter life, operate (or design controls) to shut off supply pressure to the air starter immediately after a successful engine start.
- If engine fails to start or stalls, wait at least 15 seconds before attempting to re-start to allow the starter to coast to a complete stop.
- Never re-engage pinion into ring gear when starter is coasting down as this may damage the starter pinion gear and engine ring gear.
- Never engage starter while engine is operating as this may damage the starter, the pinion gear, and engine ring gear



## 6.0 TROUBLESHOOTING CHART

TROUBLE	PROBABLE CAUSE	SOLUTION
1. Starter does not run; small air flow from exhaust.	A. Relay valve not fully open.	A. Repair or replace relay valve.
	B. Nozzle blockage.	B. Remove blockage or obstruction from nozzles.
2. Starter does not run; normal air flow from exhaust.	A. Broken turbine rotor.	A. Replace all damaged parts.
	B. Broken gear train.	B. Repair or replace geartrain.
	C. Damaged starter drive.	C. Repair or replace starter drive.
3. Reduced Starter output power.	A. Inlet air pressure too low.	A. Increase air pressure in 10 PSIG (0.6 BAR) increments; DO NOT EXCEED OPERATING LIMIT.
	B. Inlet supply piping too small.	B. Supply piping must be a minimum of 1.5" diameter.
	C. Pressure regulator orifice too small.	C. Increase orifice size or replace pressure regulator
	D. Inlet supply line valve (ball, gate, relay, plug) too small.	D. Install larger valve.
	E. In line lubricator installed in supply line.	E. Remove lubricator.
	F. Y-Strainer in supply line clogged.	F. Clean strainer.
	G. Excessive back pressure; exhaust restricted.	G. Clean exhaust piping or increase size to at least the minimum diameter recommended.
	H. Damaged turbine nozzle.	H. Replace turbine nozzle.
	I. Broken started drive.	I. Repair or replace starter drive.
	J. Wrong rotation starter.	J. Replace with starter or proper rotation.
	K. Wrong size starter.	K. Check the Application Guide for the correct starter.
4. Engine cranks too quickly.	A. Inlet air pressure too high.	A. Decrease air pressure in 10 PSIG (0.6 BAR) increments. OR If there is a manual shut-off valve in the supply line, partially close it. OR Install a restriction orifice in the inlet supply line.
	B. Wrong size starter.	B. Check the Application Guide for the correct starter.

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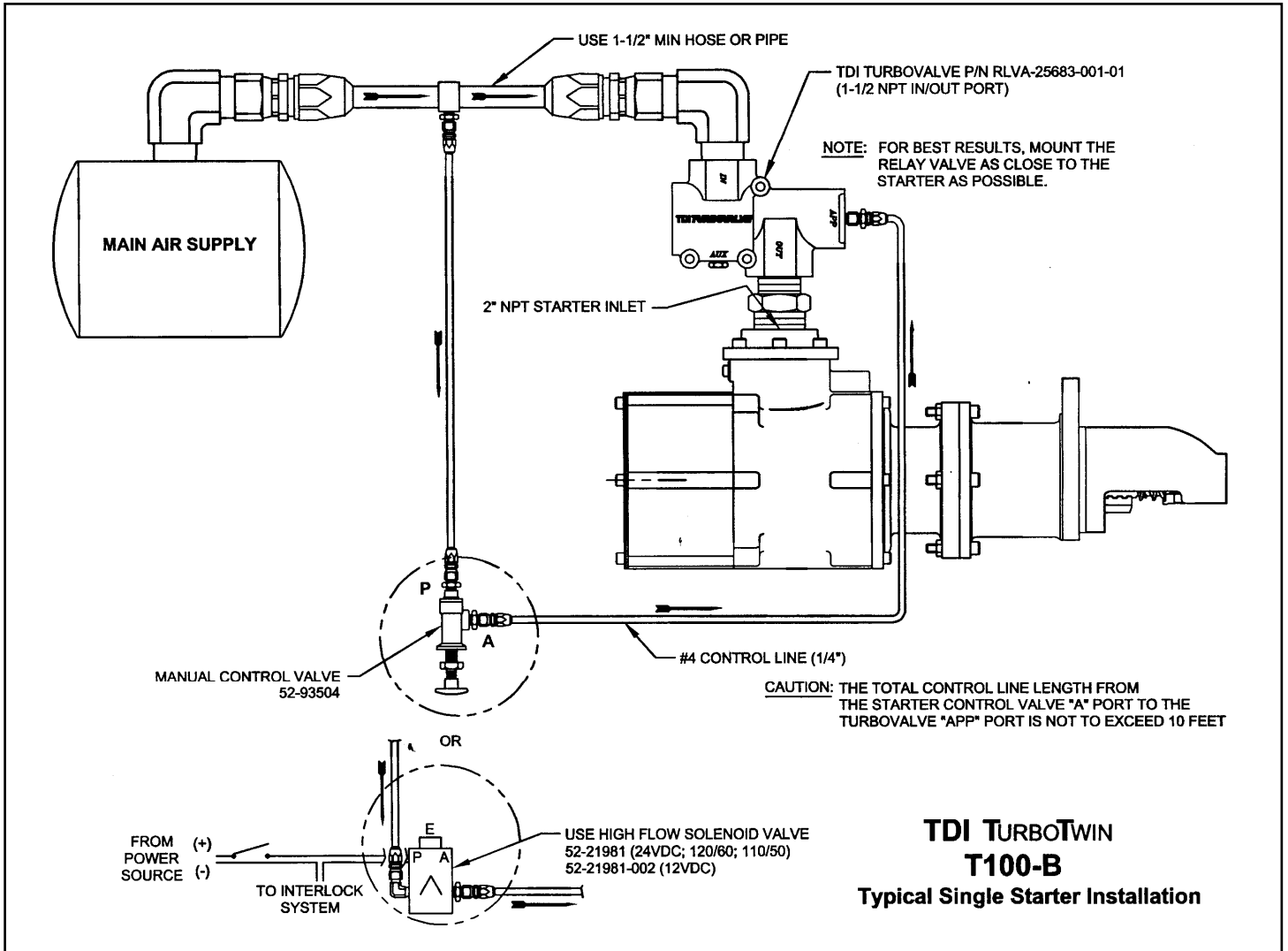
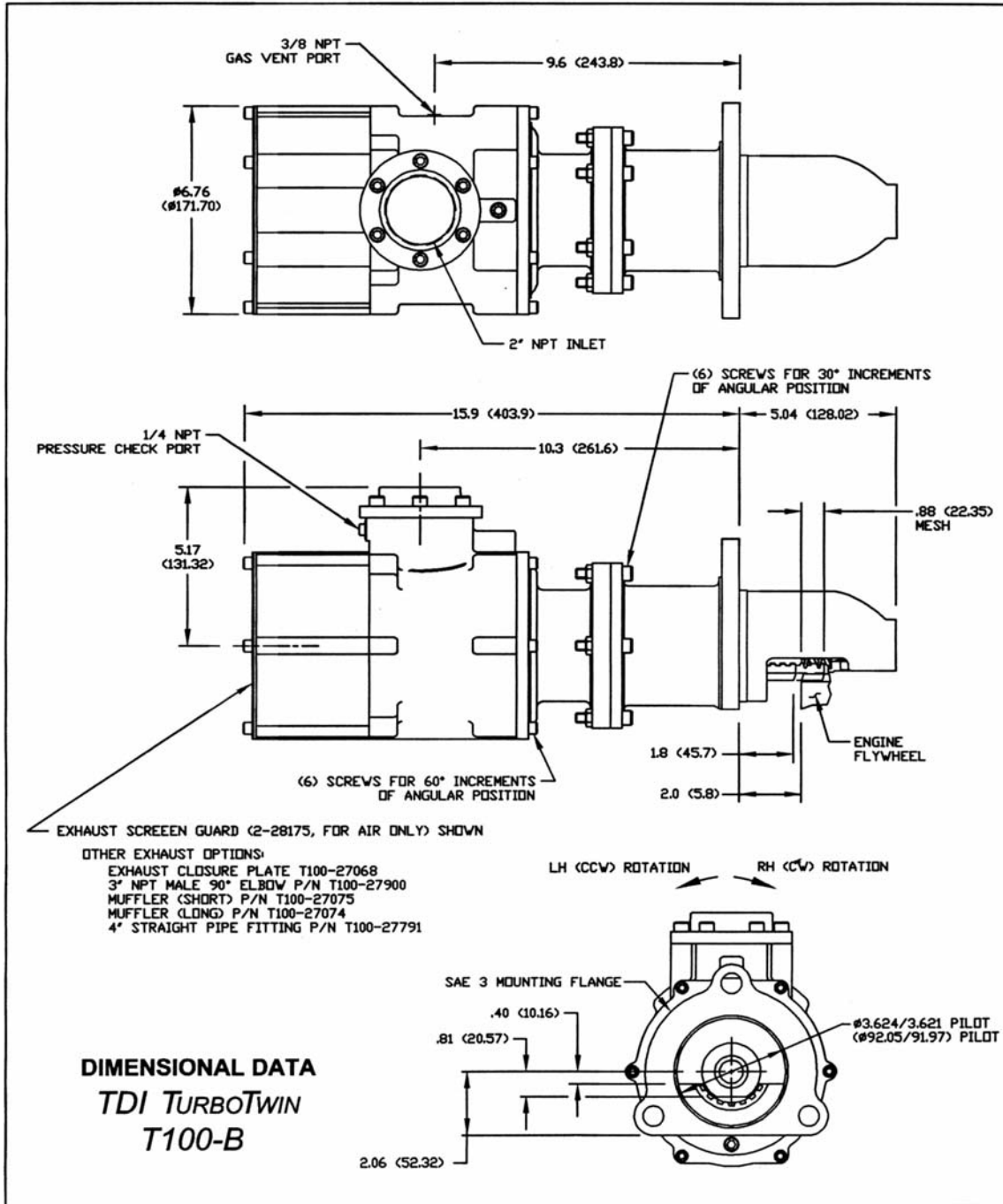


Figure 3. T-100B TURBOTWIN Air Starter Installation Drawing

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Figure 4. T100-B **TURBOTWIN** Air Starter Envelope Drawing

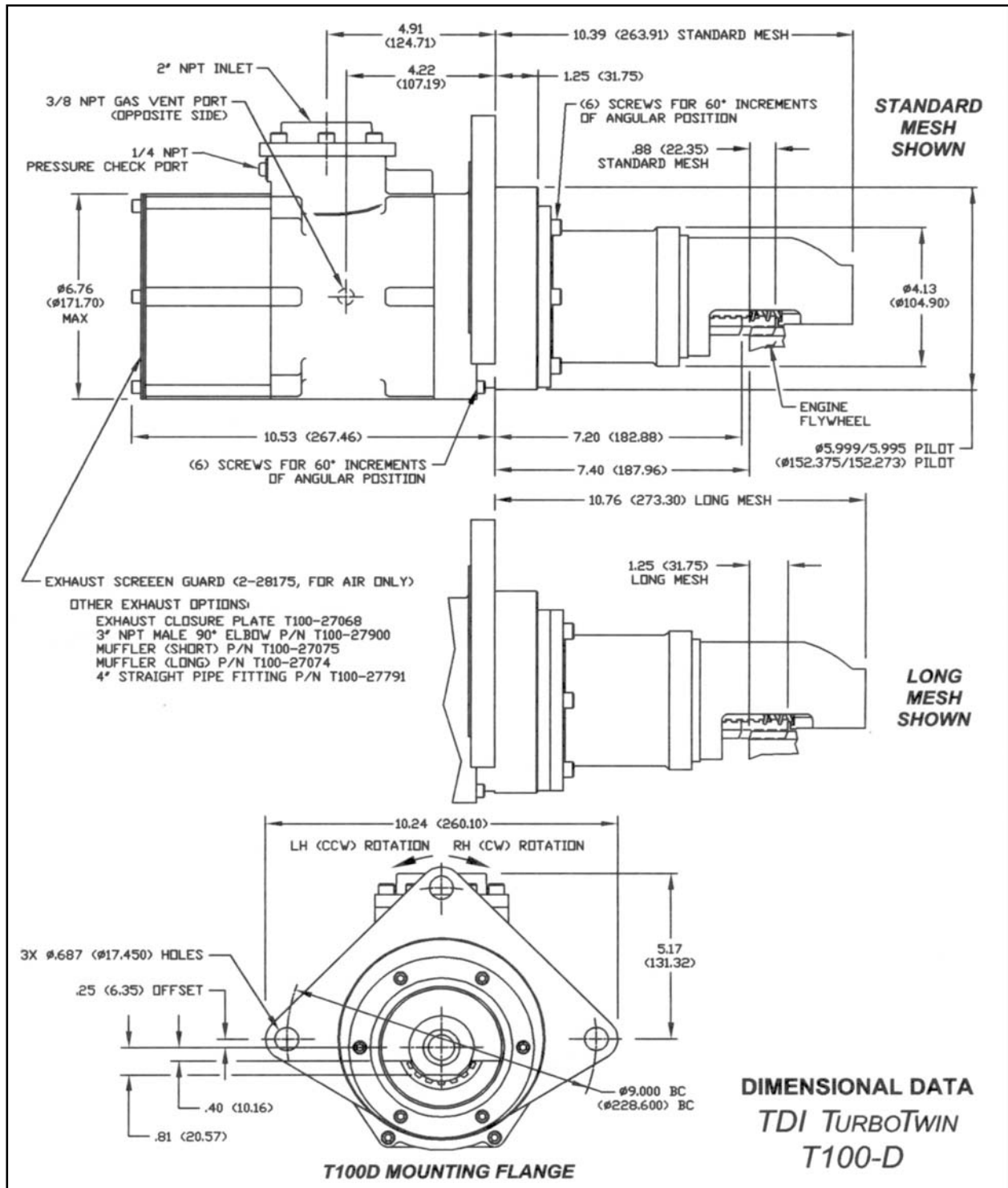


Figure 5. T100-D TURBOTWIN Air Starter Envelope Drawing

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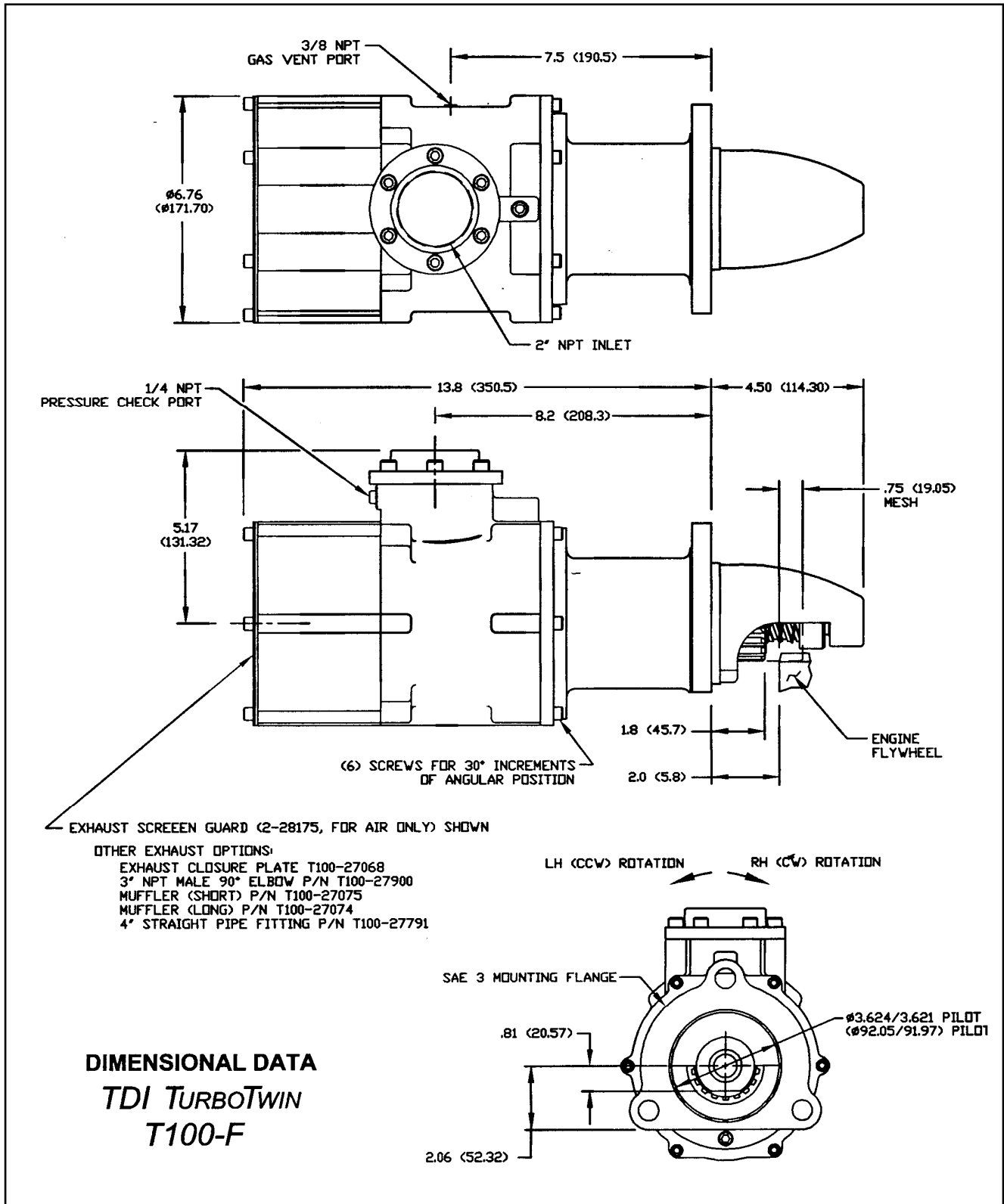


Figure 6. T100-F **TURBOTWIN** Air Starter Envelope Drawing



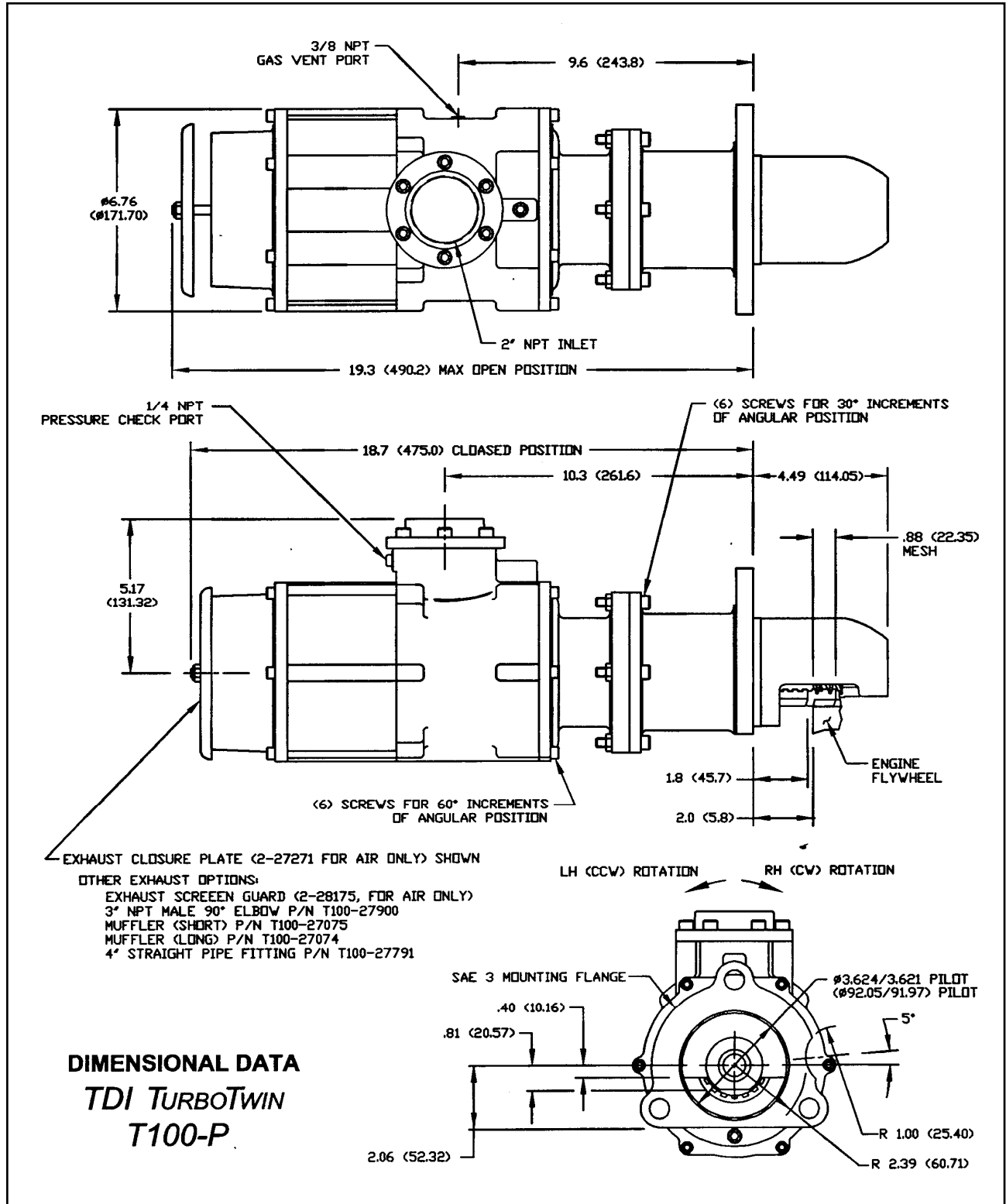
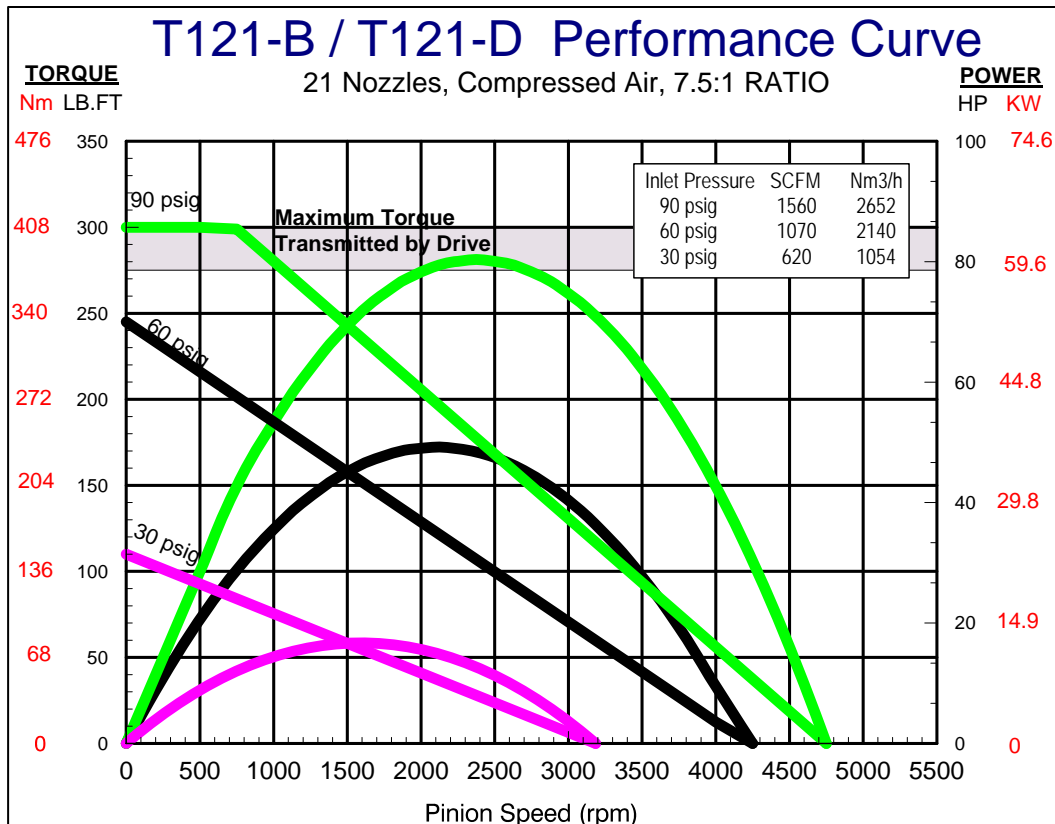
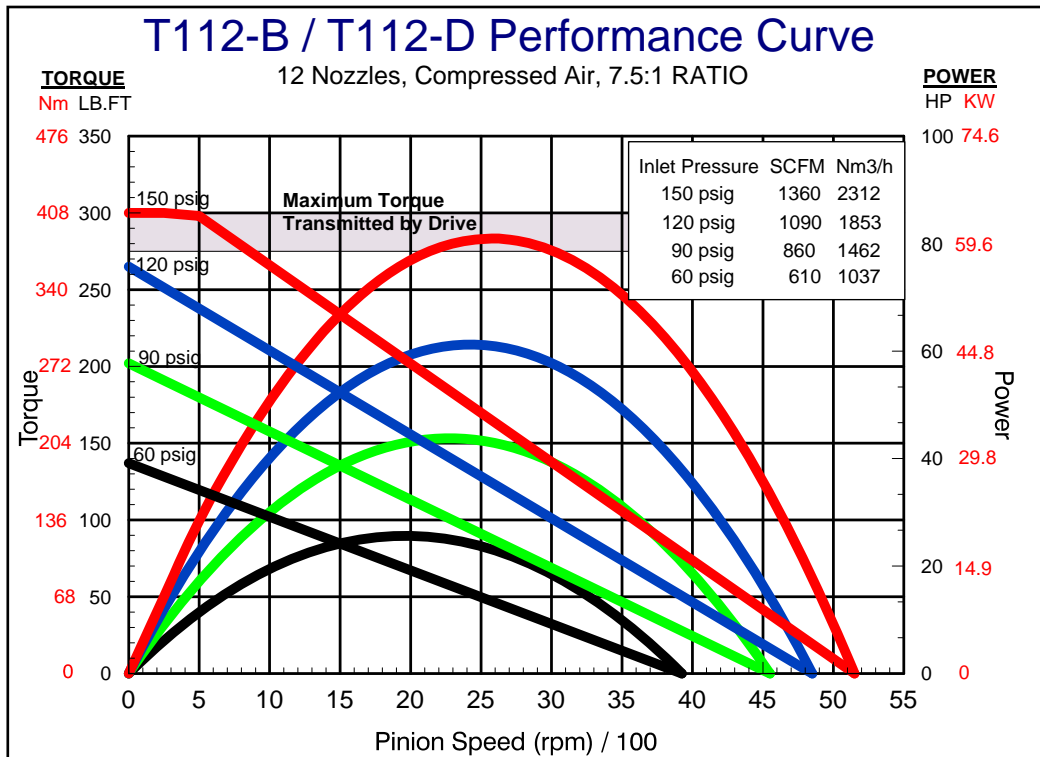
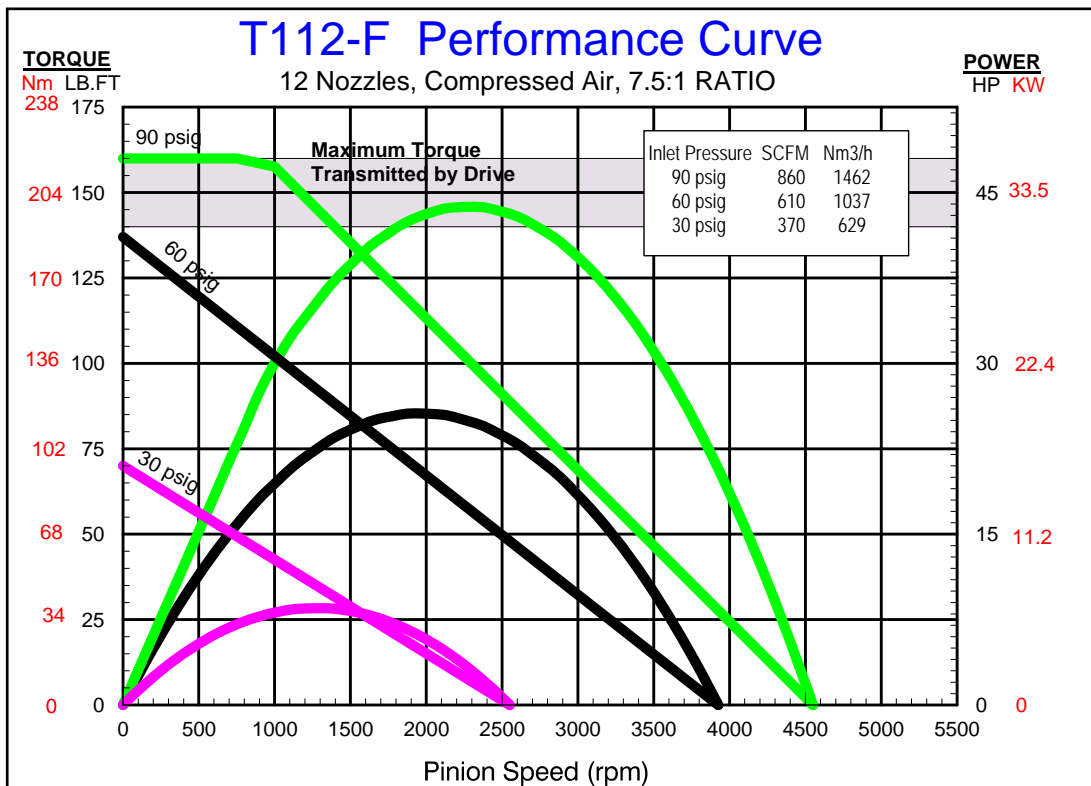
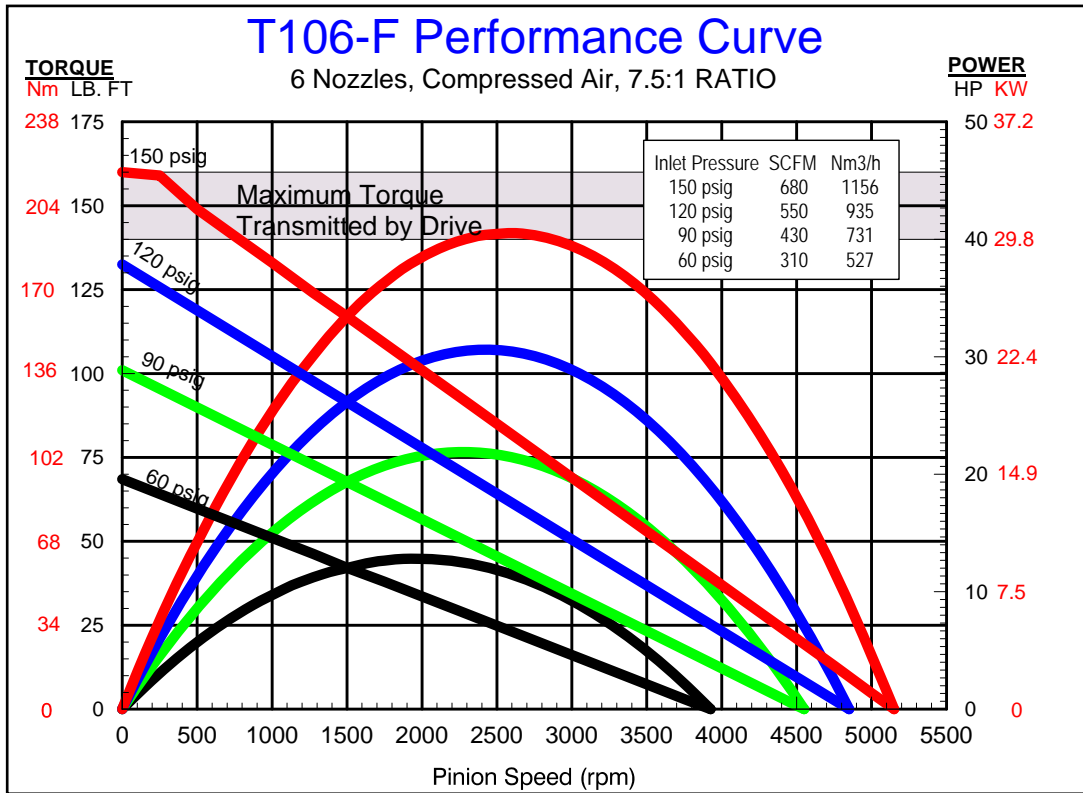


Figure 7. T100-P **TURBOTWIN** Air Starter Envelope Drawing





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