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In HPLC, UHPLC, and chromatography pumps, no other seal can match the superior low friction performance and chemical compatibility of the Bal Seal[®]. Here's why:

Bal Seal [®] feature	Why is it relevant?	What's the benefit?
Seal Geometry	 Low friction Small diameter	 Minimizes heat generation that can reduce pump life Increases time between PM Fits in small space Reduces contact stress and friction Retrofit-ready to meet hardware requirements Protects motor from media ingress
PTFE & UHMWPE Seal Jacket Materials	Low frictionChemically compatibleNo foreign particulates	 Reduces seal wear & optimizes equipment life FDA compliant & compatible materials for use in food, pharmaceutical, other sensitive testing Chemically compatible with aggressive solvents & buffers
Spring Energizer	BiocompatibleCorrosion resistantConsistent force	 Biocompatible material suitable for aggressive media Compact design to meet any retrofit requirements Consistent friction with targeted seal force to enhance life
Backup Ring	 Reduces misalignment High pressure resistance and reduced seal extrusion Resistance to thermal cycling 	 Supports seal at high pressures, minimizing extrusion and shaft-to-bore misalignment (STBM) Designed for galvanic compatibility with gland for consistent support over millions of cycles

Factors Impacting UHPLC Pump Design

FRICTION

- Heat generation in a sensitive temperature environment can damage a sample
- Influenced by temperature, pressure, and hardware surface finish
- Impacts motor's power efficiency

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

- Applications in laboratory demanding accuracy, consistency, and precision with no room for failure or inconsistent performance
- Exposure to highly aggressive solvents and buffers at all ranges of pH requiring millions of cycles
- Massive pressure ranges from >18 kpsi to vacuum environment in a short time, at medium reciprocating speeds

and testing.

Key UHPLC Pump Seal Design Considerations

- Low friction (minimizes damage to the sample and less impact on motor)
- Sealing efficacy (prevents contamination and inaccurate results)
- Chemical Compatibility (biocompatible solutions)
- Seal service life (achieves consistent life cycle requirements)

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