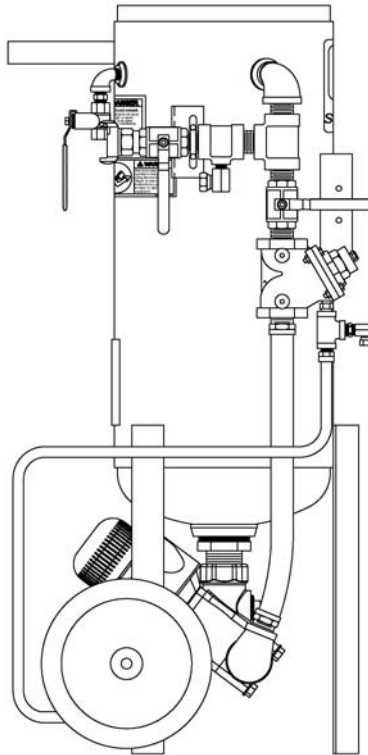


Mini Abrasive Blasters 0.5 – 0.9 cu. Ft (TVII)

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL

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WARNING

- 1. Any person intending to operate this equipment or any person intending to be in the vicinity during its operation must receive proper training from his/her supervisor, employer and/or supplier. If this equipment is to be leased or rented, the supplier must assure that the lessee or renter has received proper training before the lessee or renter takes possession of the equipment. Consult Axxiom Manufacturing, Inc.**
- 2. Any person authorized to operate this equipment or any person intending to be in the vicinity during its operation and who is not capable of reading and understanding this manual must be fully trained regarding the *Rules for Safer Operation* and all operating procedures, and must be made aware of all the Dangers, Warnings, and Cautions identified herein. Consult Axxiom Manufacturing, Inc.**
- 3. Do Not operate any abrasive blaster or blast equipment before reading and completely understanding all the warnings, operating procedures and instructions, and the *Rules for Safer Operation* contained in this manual.**
- 4. Do Not operate any abrasive blaster or blast equipment without following the *Rules for Safer Operation* and all the operating procedures and instructions. Failure to properly use blast equipment could result in serious injury or death.**
- 5. Do Not perform any maintenance on any abrasive blaster or blast equipment while it is pressurized. Always depressurize the abrasive blaster vessel before loading abrasive or performing any maintenance.**
- 6. Do Not use abrasives containing free silica. Silica can cause silicosis or other related respiratory damage. All operators must wear personal protective equipment for all abrasive blasting operations. Observe all applicable local, state and federal safety regulations in conjunction with airline filters and respiratory protection. Reference OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134.**
- 7. Do Not enter areas during abrasive blasting operations without breathing protection. All personnel in the vicinity of abrasive blasting operations should wear NIOSH approved air fed respirators, hoods or helmets.**
- 8. Do Not modify or alter any abrasive blaster, blast equipment or controls thereof without written consent from Axxiom Manufacturing, Inc.**
- 9. Do Not use bleeder type deadman valves on any Schmidt® abrasive blaster. The use of A-BEC, Clemco or a similar bleeder type deadman valve can cause unintentional start-up without warning, which can result in serious personal injury.**
- 10. Do Not sell, rent, or operate abrasive blasters without remote controls. OSHA regulations require remote controls on all blast machines. Failure to use remote controls can cause serious injury or death to the operator(s) or other personnel in the blasting area. Reference OSHA 29 CFR 1910.244(b).**
- 11. Do Not repair or replace any portion of Schmidt® equipment using components that are not Schmidt® original factory replacement parts. Use of replacement components that are not Schmidt® original factory replacement parts may result in equipment failure which can result in serious personal injury and in addition will void all warranties.**

Instructions for use of manual sections

This manual contains information needed to operate and maintain a Schmidt® Abrasive Blaster. Read this entire operations and maintenance manual before using the abrasive blaster. Pay close attention to the *Rules for Safer Operation* (Section 1.0), and the Dangers, Warnings, and Cautions identified.

The purpose of safety symbols and explanations are to alert operators of the possible hazards and explain how to avoid them. The safety symbols and explanations do not by themselves eliminate any danger. However, following the instructions given and taking proper accident prevention measures will greatly lower the risk of injury to personnel. Below are the three hazard levels as used in this manual.



WHITE LETTERS with RED BACKGROUND

DANGER: Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. This signal word is limited to the most extreme situations.



BLACK LETTERS with ORANGE BACKGROUND

WARNING: Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



BLACK LETTERS with YELLOW BACKGROUND

CAUTION: Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices that may cause property damage.

This manual contains terms that may be specific to the abrasive blast industry. Understanding these terms will help operators understand the procedures and instructions given in this manual. All operators must be familiar with the following terms and refer to them as needed while reading this manual.

Term	Definition
Pressure Vessel	A fabricated tank (or reservoir) that is part of the abrasive blaster which is filled with compressed air and abrasive. (Also referred to as “blast vessel” or “vessel”.)
Pressurize	To manually or automatically fill the abrasive blast vessel with compressed air.
Depressurize	To manually or automatically release all the compressed air from inside the abrasive blast vessel. (Also referred to as “blowdown”.)
Depressurized System	An abrasive blaster that is pressurized only when the deadman activates the blast operation. The blaster automatically depressurizes when the deadman is released.
Pressurized System	An abrasive blaster that is automatically pressurized when the air inlet ball valve is opened. The blaster remains pressurized when the deadman is released.
Blowdown	To manually or automatically release all the compressed air from inside the abrasive blast vessel. (Also referred to as “depressurize”.)
Deadman	A manually operated valve or switch that allows remote starting and stopping of the blast operation. [Also referred to as “deadman valve” (pneumatic blast controls) or “deadman switch” (electric blast controls.)]
Popup	An air pressure operated valve that seals the abrasive inlet at the top of the pressure vessel. Its operation may be manual or automatic.
Abrasive	A granular substance used in an air blast operation that is the means for blasting the surface of an object. (Also referred to as abrasive blasting media.)
Silica	The crystalline chemical compound silicon dioxide (SiO ₂) which can be found in many natural abrasives and other substances. Breathing silica dust can cause respiratory diseases such as silicosis. (Also referred to as crystalline silica)

0.0 Warning Decal Identification and Location

Listed below are the warning decals and the corresponding hazards related to this equipment. Refer to Figure 0.1(a) and 0.1(b) for images of the warning decals. Refer to Figure 0.2(a) and 0.2(b) for the locations of these warning decals on the abrasive blaster.

No.	Qty.	Part no.	Description	Hazard
1.	1	7031-001	Medium “Schmidt”	Not Applicable
2.	1	7031-054	“Warning” Airborne particle and loud noise hazard.	Airborne particles and loud noise from blast nozzle and blowdown can cause injury and loss of hearing. Wear approved eye and ear protection. See Section 1.0 and 3.10.
3.	1	7031-007A	“Danger” Pressurized vessel.	Propelled objects will cause serious injury or death. Depressurize vessel prior to performing any maintenance. See Section 6.2.
4.	1	7031-057	“Warning” Read manual before using this machine.	Read and understand operator’s manual before using this machine. Failure to follow operating instructions could result in injury or damage to equipment. See Section 1.0.
5.	1	7031-077	“Warning” Pinch point hazard.	Vessel pressurization will close popup. Closing popup can pinch and crush. Keep hands and fingers away from popup.
6.	1	7034-001	Welded “Warning” plate General hazard and advisory notes.	Steel “Warning” plate welded to pressure vessel which is a general list of required actions to take before and during the operation of this equipment. See Section 1.0.



1) 7031-001



2) 7031-054



3) 7031-007A

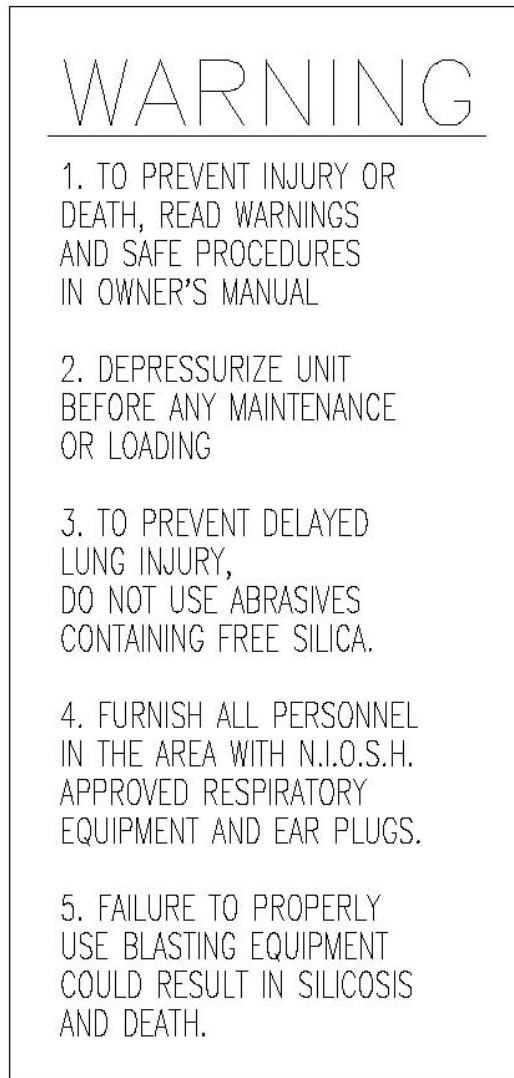


4) 7031-057

Figure 0.1(a) – Warning decal summary



5) 7031-077



6) 7034-001

Figure 0.1(b) – Warning decal summary (continued)

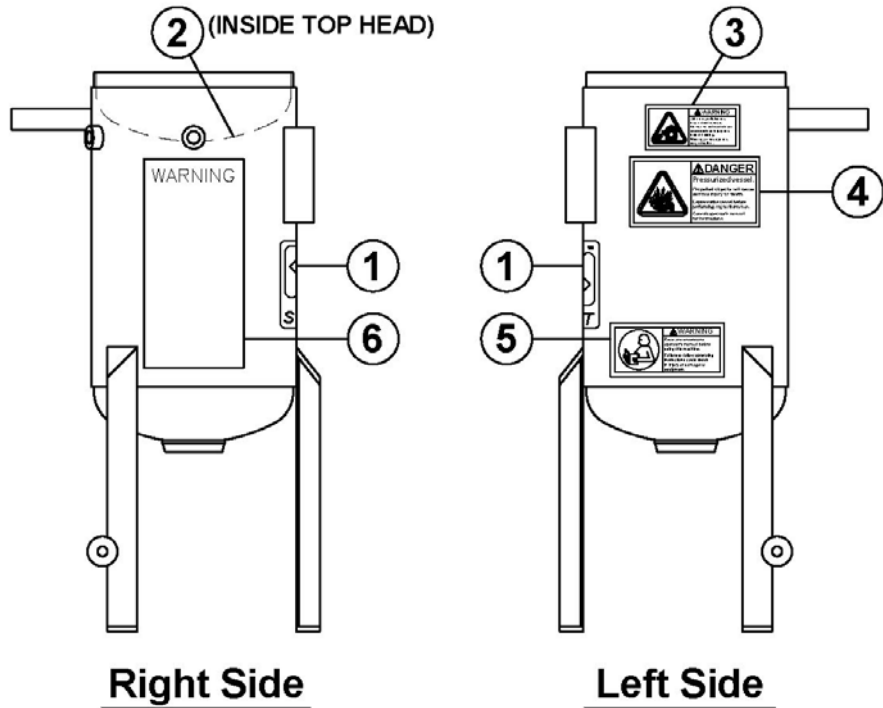


Figure 0.2(a) - Warning decal placement (Mini Blaster .5)

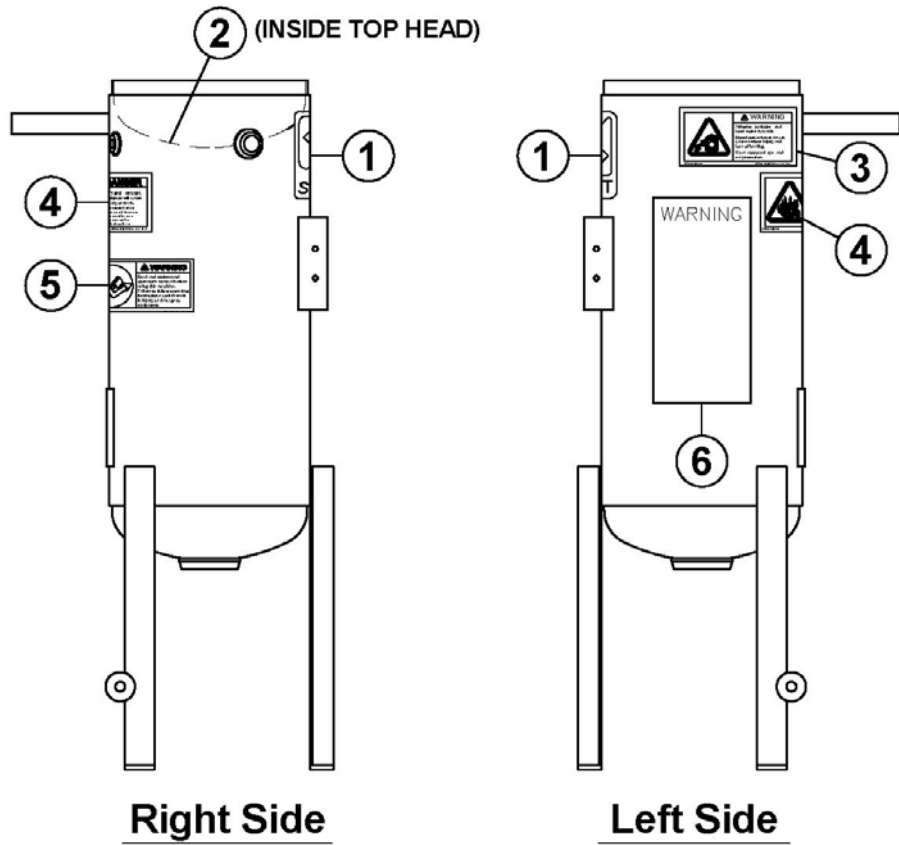


Figure 0.2(b) - Warning decal placement (Mini Blaster .9)

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1.0 Rules for Safer Operation

1.1. GENERAL RULE FOR SAFER OPERATION.

SCHMIDT® ABRASIVE BLASTERS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO BE SAFE WHEN USED IN THE PROPER MANNER. ALL ABRASIVE BLASTERS ARE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS IF ALL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS ARE NOT RIGOROUSLY FOLLOWED. PROPER TRAINING IS REQUIRED BEFORE OPERATION. PROPER PROCEDURES MUST BE FOLLOWED. THE ABRASIVE BLASTER AND ALL COMPONENTS MUST BE PROPERLY MAINTAINED. FAILURE TO OPERATE, SERVICE AND MAINTAIN THE ABRASIVE BLASTER AS SET FORTH IN THIS MANUAL MAY CAUSE INJURY OR EVEN DEATH TO ANY PERSON USING, SERVICING OR IN THE VICINITY OF THE ABRASIVE BLASTER.

THIS MANUAL IDENTIFIES POTENTIAL HAZARDS BY DANGER, WARNING, AND CAUTION SYMBOLS. HOWEVER, ALL THE RULES, PROCEDURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS MUST BE FOLLOWED. FAILURE TO OPERATE PROPERLY IS VERY LIKELY TO PLACE PERSONS AND PROPERTY AT HIGH RISK OF DAMAGE, INJURY OR EVEN DEATH.



ABRASIVE BLASTERS AND THE ABRASIVE BLAST OPERATION ARE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS IF ALL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS ARE NOT FOLLOWED. FAILURE TO OPERATE THE ABRASIVE BLASTER WITHOUT FOLLOWING ALL THE *RULES FOR SAFER OPERATION* MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO OPERATING PERSONNEL OR PERSONS IN THE OPERATING VICINITY.

1.2. KNOW YOUR EQUIPMENT.

Do Not operate this equipment in a manner other than its intended application (see Section 4.0). Do Not operate this equipment or any other Schmidt® equipment without following the *Rules for Safer Operation* and all the operating procedures and instructions. Learn the applications and limitations as well as the specific potential hazards related to this machine. Failure to do so could result in serious injury or death.

1.3. RECEIVE PROPER TRAINING.

Do Not operate this equipment unless you have received operational and maintenance training. Begin by thoroughly reading and understanding this operation and maintenance manual and all included information. Consult an authorized Schmidt distributor or Axxiom manufacturing, Inc.

1.4. PROTECT YOUR FEET.

Do Not operate this equipment without wearing OSHA approved foot protection. Observe all applicable local, state and federal regulations. See Section 3.10 and OSHA 29 CFR 1910.136.



Heavy objects can shift while being blasted and may fall on operators. All operators and personnel in the vicinity must wear OSHA approved foot protection during the operation of this equipment. See Section 3.10 and OSHA 29 CFR 1910.136.

1.5. PROTECT YOUR EYES.

Do Not operate this equipment without wearing OSHA approved safety glasses. Observe all applicable local, state and federal safety regulations. See Section 3.10 and OSHA 29 CFR 1910.133.



When filling the blast vessel and during the blast operation, abrasive can be blown in the face and eyes of operators. All operators and personnel in the vicinity must wear OSHA approved safety glasses during the operation of this equipment. See Section 3.10 and OSHA 29 CFR 1910.133.

1.6. PROTECT YOUR LUNGS.

Do Not operate this equipment without wearing OSHA approved respiratory protection. Abrasive blasting produces dust contaminated with toxic substances from the abrasive used, the coating being removed, and the object being blasted. This dust may contain silica which can cause severe and permanent lung damage, cancer, and other serious diseases. Do Not breathe the dust. Do Not rely on your sight or smell to determine if dust is in the air. Silica and other toxic substances may be in the air without a visible dust cloud. If air-monitoring equipment for silica is not provided at the worksite, then all personnel **MUST** wear appropriate respiratory protection when using or servicing this equipment. Breathing air supplied to respirators must be of acceptable quality. Consult your employer and OSHA regarding the appropriate respiratory protection and breathing air quality. See Sections 3.9, 3.10, and OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134.



Abrasive blasting produces dust which may contain silica and other toxic substances that can cause severe and permanent lung damage, cancer, and other serious diseases if inhaled. All operators and personnel in the vicinity must wear OSHA approved respiratory protection during the operation of this equipment See Sections 3.9, 3.10, and OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134.

1.7. BREATHING AIR QUALITY.

Do Not use breathing air that does not meet OSHA Class D standards. Use extreme caution when selecting a source of breathing air. Breathing air provided by an oil-lubricated air compressor can contain carbon monoxide; therefore, a carbon monoxide detector is required (See Section 3.10). Carbon monoxide can be in the compressed air produced by an oil-lubricated air compressor when it is operated at extremely high temperature; therefore a high temperature alarm is required to alert the operators when this condition exists. See Section 3.9 and reference OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134(i).

Extreme caution must be taken when connecting to factory air sources. Factories can have sources of compressed gases such as nitrogen which is fatal if used as a breathing air source. Verify that the air source is breathable air.



Breathing air must meet OSHA Class D standards. Use of breathing air sources that do not meet Class D standards can cause asphyxiation and result in death. Verify that all air sources are breathable quality and use a high-temperature alarm and a carbon monoxide monitor when required. See Sections 3.9, 3.10 and OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134(i).

Enclosed blast areas must be ventilated to reduce airborne dust to an acceptable level as required by OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1000.

1.8. PROTECT YOUR HEARING.

Do Not operate this equipment without wearing OSHA approved hearing protection. Observe all applicable local, state and federal safety regulations. See Section 3.10 and refer to OSHA 29 CFR 1910.95.



Loud noise is produced by the blast nozzle and the blowdown operation of this equipment. All operators and personnel in the vicinity must wear OSHA approved hearing protection during the operation of this equipment. See Section 3.10 and refer to OSHA 29 CFR 1910.95.

1.9. PROTECT YOUR PERSON

Abrasive blasting produces dust contaminated with toxic substances from the abrasive used, the coating being removed, and the object being blasted. All blast operators and other personnel involved in the blast operation or in the vicinity of the blast operation should wear protective clothing. The protective clothing should be disposable or washable work clothes that should be removed at the worksite so that contaminated dust is not transferred into automobiles or homes. See Section 3.10 and refer to OSHA 29 CFR 1910.94 and 1910.134.

1.10. ADHERE TO ALL REGULATIONS.

Do Not operate this equipment without observing all local, state, and federal safety regulations including, but not limited to, OSHA (Occupational Health and Safety Administration).

1.11. STAY ALERT.

Do Not operate this equipment when you are tired or fatigued. Use caution and common sense while operating and/or performing maintenance on this equipment.

1.12. DO NOT USE DRUGS, ALCOHOL, or MEDICATION.

Do Not operate this equipment while under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or any medication.

1.13. PROTECT BYSTANDERS.

Do Not allow blast equipment operators and other personnel to enter the vicinity of the blast operation without providing respiratory protective equipment that meets OSHA regulations. If dust concentration levels exceed the limitations set in OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1000 then respirators are required.

1.14. KEEP CHILDREN AND VISITORS AWAY.

Do Not allow children or other non-operating personnel to contact this equipment or the connecting hoses and cords. Keep children and non-operating personnel away from work area.

1.15. AVOID DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENTS.

Do Not operate this equipment without familiarizing yourself with the surrounding environment. The blast operation creates high level of noise which may prevent the operator from hearing other possible dangers (i.e. traffic or moving equipment). In such situations a stand-by watch person may be necessary to protect against injury to personnel.

1.16. AVOID DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENTS.

Do Not use this equipment in areas cluttered with debris. Debris in the work area can create tripping hazards which can cause the operator to loose control of the blast hose and result in injury to operating personnel. Keep work area clean and well lit. When working at an elevated location, pay attention to articles and persons below.

1.17. AVOID DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENTS.

Do Not operate this equipment in elevated areas without using fall protection equipment. Certain applications of this equipment may require the use of scaffolding. Use of scaffolding creates hazardous situations such as tripping and fall hazards which can result in serious injury or death to operating personnel. Consult OSHA 29 CFR 1910 Subpart D.

1.18. AVOID DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENTS.

Do Not blast objects that are not properly secured. The blast operation can cause the blasted object to shift or move. Extremely large objects to be blasted can create a crush hazard to operating personnel which can result in serious injury or death. Properly secure the object to be blasted.

1.19. AVOID DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENTS.

Do Not blast objects used to store flammable materials. The blast operation can cause sparks which can ignite fumes or residual flammable materials inside enclosed containers which can explode resulting in serious injury or death to operating personnel.

1.20. ELECTRICALLY GROUND EQUIPMENT.

Static electricity is generated by the abrasive flow through the blast hose. To minimize chance of static electrical shock to operating personnel only use static dissipating blast hose and install a grounding strap on the abrasive blaster. See Section 5.9.

1.21. MAINTAIN VESSEL INTEGRITY.

Do Not operate this equipment with the pressure vessel damaged, or with any part of it worn or damaged. Do Not operate this equipment in a condition that may cause failure of the pressure vessel. See sections 1.22 through 1.32 below.



An abrasive blaster is a Pressurized Vessel. Alterations, damage, or misuse of the pressure vessel can result in rupturing. Damaged or incorrect components used on the abrasive blaster can result in rupturing. The compressed air inside a pressurized vessel contains a dangerously high level of energy which can propel objects and cause serious injury or death.

1.22. NEVER OPERATE OVER MAXIMUM WORKING PRESSURE.

Do Not operate this equipment above maximum allowable working pressure (MAWP) at maximum operating temperature (°F) shown on the ASME nameplate attached to the vessel. See Section 2.2 and 8.1.

1.23. INSTALL PRESSURE RELIEF DEVICE.

Do Not operate this equipment without a pressure relief device in place. The ASME Code requires that all vessels be equipped with pressure relief devices prior to installation. The pressure relief device must be set at the maximum allowable working pressure of the abrasive blaster. See the ASME nameplate attached to the vessel typically located above the handway. See Section 3.11 for information regarding the pressure relief valve.

1.24. NEVER OPERATE BEYOND ALLOWABLE TEMPERATURE RANGE.

Do Not operate this equipment above the maximum allowable temperature at the allowable pressure or below the minimum design metal temperature (MDMT) shown on the pressure vessel nameplate. The characteristics of the pressure vessel metal are weakened when the temperature is outside the operating range. Operating the pressure vessel outside of allowable temperature range can result in rupturing and cause serious injury or death.

1.25. ASME NAMEPLATE REQUIRED.

Do Not operate this equipment if the ASME pressure vessel nameplate is missing. Contact Axxiom Manufacturing, Inc. for technical support.

1.26. DO NOT MODIFY VESSEL.

Do Not modify or alter any abrasive blaster, blast equipment, or controls thereof without written consent from Axxiom Manufacturing, Inc. Do Not weld, grind, or sand the pressure vessel. *It will not be safe to operate.* Non-authorized modifications could lead to serious injury or death. Non-authorized modifications will void the warranty and may void the ASME/NB integrity.

1.27. DO NOT HAMMER ON VESSEL.

Do Not hammer on or strike any part of the pressure vessel. Hammering on the pressure vessel can create cracks and cause rupturing.

1.28. FIRE DAMAGE NOTICE.

Do Not operate if the pressure vessel has been damaged by fire. If damaged, take out of service immediately and have it inspected and/or repaired by a qualified facility. Contact Axxiom Manufacturing, Inc. for technical support.

1.29. INSPECT VESSEL REGULARLY.

Do Not operate this equipment with damage to the pressure vessel. *It is not safe.* Inspect outside and inside of the pressure vessel regularly for corrosion or damage (i.e. dents, gouges or bulges). If damaged, take out of service immediately and have it inspected and/or repaired by a qualified facility. Contact Axxiom Manufacturing, Inc. for technical support. See Section 8.0.

1.30. CHECK FOR LEAKS IN VESSEL.

Do Not operate this equipment if there is a leak in the pressure vessel. If leaking, take out of service immediately and have it inspected and/or repaired by a qualified facility. Contact Axxiom Manufacturing, Inc. for technical support.

1.31. NEVER MODIFY BLOWDOWN.

Do Not connect the blowdown on this equipment onto a common header with any other unit of any description, or any other source of compressed air, without first making sure a check valve is used between the header and this unit. Do Not install this equipment sharing piping with another unit of higher discharge pressure and capacity. A safety hazard could occur in the form of a back-flow condition.

1.32. DEPRESSURIZE VESSEL BEFORE PERFORMING MAINTENANCE.

Do Not remove, repair, or replace any item on this equipment while it is pressurized. Do Not attempt to perform maintenance or load abrasive while this equipment is pressurized or is even capable of being pressurized. This means the inlet ball valve should be closed and the air supply should be shut off or disconnected. Anytime the manual blowdown valve is closed it should be assumed that the abrasive blast vessel is pressurized.



An abrasive blaster is a Pressurized Vessel. The compressed air inside a pressurized vessel contains a dangerously high level of energy which can propel objects and cause serious injury or death. Depressurize vessel before performing any maintenance. See Section 6.2.

1.33. ALWAYS USE REMOTE CONTROLS.

Do Not sell, rent, or operate abrasive blasters without remote controls. OSHA regulations require remote controls on all abrasive blasters. All abrasive blasters must be equipped with automatic (deadman) type remote controls (either pneumatic or electric). Failure to use remote controls can cause serious injury or death to the operator(s) or other personnel in the blasting area. Reference OSHA 29 CFR 1910.244(b).

1.34. NEVER USE BLEEDER TYPE DEADMAN VALVES.

Do Not use bleeder type deadman valves on any Schmidt® abrasive blaster. The use of A-BEC, Clemco, or a similar bleeder type deadman valve can, without warning, cause unintentional start-up which can result in serious personal injury. A particle of dirt from the air hose can plug the bleed hole in the deadman valve and cause the blast outlet to turn on.

1.35. CHECK FOR DAMAGED PARTS.

Do Not use this equipment with damaged components. Damaged components can fail during operation and result in serious injury or death to operating personnel. Periodically check all valves, hoses, and fittings to see that they are in good condition. Repair any component that shows any sign of wear or leakage. See Section 8.0.

1.36. ALWAYS USE SAFETY PINS ON HOSE COUPLING CONNECTIONS.

Do Not use this equipment without hose coupling safety pins in place and hose whip checks installed on all air and blast hoses. All blast hose couplings and air hose couplings have pin holes that must be safety pinned to protect against accidental disconnections. Accidental hose disconnection can cause serious injury or death. See Sections 5.11 and 8.7.

1.37. ALWAYS USE CORRECT REPLACEMENT PARTS AND ACCESSORIES.

Do Not use replacement parts or accessories that are not rated for pressures equal to or higher than the abrasive blaster's operating pressure. Improper hoses and/or fittings used on, or connected to the abrasive blaster can rupture and cause serious injury or death.

Do Not use replacement parts that are not Schmidt® original factory replacement parts. Non-original parts may not fit properly and can cause equipment damage and/or failure which can result in serious injury to operating personnel. Consult Axxiom Manufacturing, Inc.



Use of replacement components that are not Schmidt® original factory replacement parts may result in equipment failure which can result in serious injury to operating personnel.

1.38. ALWAYS USE CORRECT PRESSURE RATED ACCESSORIES.

Do Not use air reservoirs or moisture separator tanks that are not rated for use in compressed air applications. Air reservoirs and moisture separator tanks larger than 6 inches inside diameter must have an ASME code stamp.



An air reservoir or moisture separator tank is a Pressurized Vessel. The compressed air inside a pressurized vessel contains a dangerously high level of energy which can explode propelling objects and result in serious injury or death to operating personnel. Air reservoirs and moisture separator tanks must be ASME coded tanks.

- 1.39. NEVER AIM BLAST NOZZLE TOWARDS ANY PERSON.**
Do Not aim the blast nozzle towards yourself or any person. System malfunction can cause accidental start up and result in injury to personnel.
- 1.40. NEVER USE ABRASIVE NOT INTENDED FOR BLAST EQUIPMENT.**
Do Not use abrasive blast media containing free silica. Silica can cause silicosis or other related respiratory damage. Verify that the abrasive is intended for use in blasting equipment. Personal protective equipment, including airline filters and respirators, must be used for all abrasive blasting operations. Observe all applicable local, state and federal safety regulations. See Section 3.8, 3.10, and reference OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134.
- 1.41. CHECK ABRASIVE FOR DEBRIS.**
Do Not use blast abrasive that contains trash or other debris. Trash or debris can create a blockage and cause equipment malfunction. Screen recycled abrasive to remove trash.
- 1.42. STOP OPERATION IMMEDIATELY IF ANY ABNORMALITY IS DETECTED.**
Do Not operate this equipment if anything abnormal is seen during operation. Stop operation immediately for inspection. See Section 8.0.
- 1.43. DO NOT OVERLOAD THE LIFT EYES.**
Do Not load the lifting eyes above the rated capacity. Do Not lift the blast vessel by any point other than the lifting eyes or designated lift points. Do Not lift the blast vessel while it is pressurized. See Section 2.6.
- 1.44. DO NOT TRANSPORT BLAST EQUIPMENT LOADED WITH ABRASIVE.**
Do Not attempt to roll portable blasters with abrasive inside. The additional weight of the abrasive can cause loss of control of the blaster while moving which can result in injury to operating personnel.
- 1.45. MAINTAIN WARNING DECALS.**
Do Not remove, cover, obstruct, or paint over any warnings, cautions, or instructional material attached. Warning decals must be installed, maintained, and located to be visible and with enough light for legibility. See Section 0.0 and 8.12.
- 1.46. SAVE THIS OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL.**
Refer to this operation and maintenance manual as needed as well as any additional information included from other manufacturers. Never permit anyone to operate this equipment without having him/her first read this manual and receive proper training. Make this manual readily available to all operating and maintenance personnel. If the manual becomes lost or illegible replace it immediately. This operation and maintenance manual should be read periodically to maintain the highest skill level; it may prevent a serious accident.
- 1.47. SAFETY REFERENCES**
See Section 12.4 for safety information sources and contact information. Use these sources to obtain additional information regarding all aspects of blast operation safety.

2.0 Specifications and General Information

2.1 Notes to Distributors and Owners

- 2.1.1. Verify that the deadman, twinline (or cords), and the operation and maintenance manual are included with the abrasive blaster when it is received. Verify that the deadman, twinline (or cords), and the operation and maintenance manual are included with the abrasive blaster when it is delivered to the purchaser.
- 2.1.2. This equipment is intended for knowledgeable and experienced users. No person or persons should be allowed to operate this equipment without first receiving proper training in abrasive blasting operation and use of this equipment.
- 2.1.3. Immediately notify Axxiom Manufacturing, Inc. of any instances of use of this equipment in any manner other than the intended application. See Section 4.0.
- 2.1.4. Only qualified personnel should load and unload this equipment for shipping. Slings or other lifting devices must only be attached to the designated lifting points. See the lifting diagrams shown in Section 2.6.
- 2.1.5. For further information on options and accessories available for Schmidt® abrasive blasters visit the Axxiom website or contact us:

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2.2 Abrasive Blaster Operational Specifications

Maximum Working Pressure	125 or 150 psig @ 250°F (see ASME nameplate)
Maximum External Pressure	Not designed for external pressure
Minimum Metal Temperature	-20°F @ 125 or 150 psig (see ASME nameplate)
Air Consumption	See Section 13.0 table 1
Abrasive Consumption	See Section 13.0 table 2
Blast Hose Size	See Section 13.0 table 3
Electrical requirements	See Section 3.7
Abrasive Capacity	0.5 & 0.9 cu. ft

2.3 Important Reference Numbers

Fill in the Abrasive Blaster model number, serial number, and other information in the blank spaces below. This information will be needed for reference when service, maintenance, or technical support is required.

Blaster Model Number _____

Blaster Serial Number _____ National Board Number _____

Blaster Piping Size _____

2.4 Vessel Information

- 2.4.1. All pressure vessels used in Schmidt® Abrasive Blasters are manufactured in strict accordance with the provisions of the ASME Code Section VIII, Div. 1.
- 2.4.2. In order to maintain the high level of quality and quality control used in the manufacture of this vessel, it is required that any and all welded repairs to this vessel be performed by a reputable shop holding a National Board “R” Stamp and/or an ASME “U” stamp, depending on state or city law. Welding on the vessel performed by welders not properly qualified per the ASME Code may void the ASME/NB integrity of the vessel.

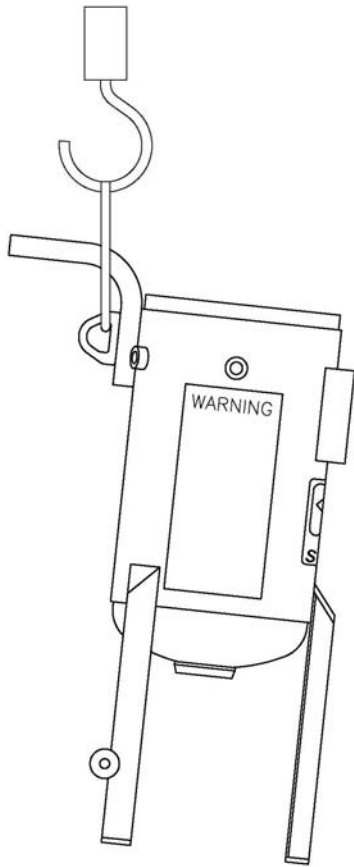
2.5 Notes

2.6 Mini Abrasive Blaster Lifting Diagrams and Dimensional Specifications



A Mini Abrasive Blaster is a Pressurized Vessel. The compressed air inside a pressurized vessel contains a dangerously high level of energy which can propel objects and cause serious injury or death. Depressurize vessel and empty of abrasive before lifting, moving, or transporting.

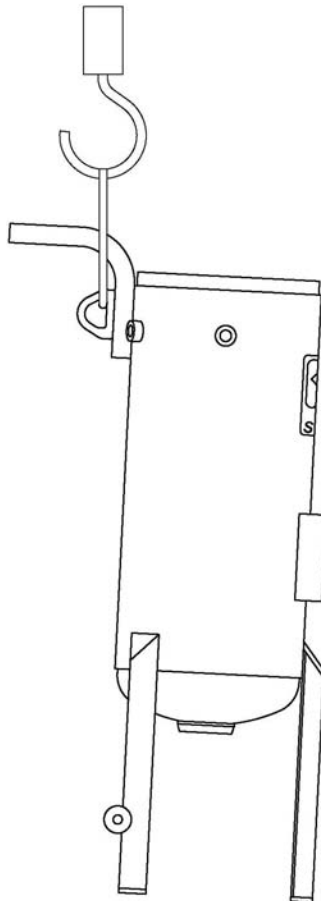
Model	Part Number	Height in (mm)	Width in (mm)	Length in (mm)	Weight lbs (kg)
0.5 Cu. Ft	8020-005	30 (762)	18 (457)	17 (432)	92 (42)
0.9 Cu. Ft	8020-010	36 (914)	18 (457)	17 (432)	100 (46)



Mini Blaster

LIFT LUG FOR LIFTING
(MAXIMUM LOAD 193 LBS.)
EMPTY WEIGHT = 92 LBS.

***CRITICAL: THIS DRAWING IS FOR REFERENCE ONLY. ALL LIFTING MUST BE PERFORMED BY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALL APPLICABLE SAFETY CODES.**



Mini Blaster

LIFT LUG FOR LIFTING
(MAXIMUM LOAD 203 LBS.)
EMPTY WEIGHT = 100 LBS.

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Figure 2.6– Mini Abrasive Blaster Lifting Diagram

3.0 Installation Requirements and Personnel Protective Equipment

Carefully read and follow all the recommendations regarding the abrasive blast system installation requirements. Improper installation can result in equipment malfunction and significant lost time expenses. Consult an authorized Schmidt® distributor or Axxiom Manufacturing, Inc.

3.1 Abrasive Blast System Installation Location

- i. *Portable units:* Units equipped with handles and wheels are portable and can be rolled to locations where blast jobs are performed. Locate the unit to allow accessibility to the handway and for ease of abrasive filling. Pay close attention to objects that may be in the path of the pressure vessel exhaust air (depressurization). See Section 5.4 for system depressurization.
- ii. *Stationary units:* Units that will be installed in permanent locations require careful consideration. Stationary units can be installed below an abrasive hopper with a support structure that can limit access to the abrasive blast system. Install stationary blast systems in a position that will allow access to the handway and the blaster piping. These areas must be accessible to perform required maintenance. Pay close attention to objects that may be in the path of the pressure vessel exhaust air (depressurization). See Section 5.4 for system depressurization. An exhaust hose assembly can be installed on TVII Blast Systems to direct the exhaust air into the blast room. **Note:** A long blowdown exhaust hose can lengthen the blowdown time and also presents the possibility of blockage.
- iii. Abrasive blasters 3.5cf and larger are provided with mounting holes in the bottom legs. These holes can be used for securing the blaster to the floor or mounting structure.

3.2 Compressed Air Requirements (blast nozzle)

The blast nozzle size and blast pressure determine the compressed air requirements. Available air flow capacity and/or air compressor size must be considered before selecting the blast nozzle size. An air source dedicated to the abrasive blast system is preferred to reduce system pressure drops and back flow of air. If an existing air compressor will be used or a limited air supply is available, then the blast nozzle must be selected based on these conditions. Be aware that as the blast nozzle wears the air demand will increase. See Table 1 in Section 13.0 for air consumption by nozzle size at various pressures. **Note:** 10cf and 20cf units can be upgraded to two blast outlets and therefore, this option should be considered when determining compressed air requirements.

3.3 Air Compressor Size

Air compressor size is crucial to the operation of the abrasive blast system. Blast nozzle selection and desired productivity must be evaluated to determine the air flow requirements prior to selecting the air compressor size. Sufficient air supply capacity is necessary to maintain the system air pressure. Insufficient air flow capacity will result in reduced blast nozzle pressure and lost productivity. The air compressor must be large enough to supply:

- i. The sum of blast air requirements for each nozzle at the highest pressure that will be used (see Section 13.0, Table 1).
- ii. The 12 CFM breathing air supplied to each blast operator respirator. **Note:** Reference OSHA regulations regarding requirements for breathing air, especially when an oil-lubricated air compressor is used.

3.4 Blast System Air Supply Line

The air supply hose and fittings must be rated at a minimum of 150 psi operating pressure. The air supply hose from the air compressor to the blast unit should be at least the same diameter as the air inlet piping (see Section 9.0). This size hose will be large enough to supply the required airflow to operate the blast unit controls and each blast nozzle. See Sections 5.11 for further information on air hose connection.

Note: If the abrasive blast system will be installed in a permanent location, the inlet connection can be hard piped. Do Not install hard piping that is smaller than the piping size of the blast system. Smaller piping size will reduce the air flow capacity. If other equipment will be using the same source of air as the abrasive blaster, install a check valve at the air inlet. This will protect against back flow of air pressure that can carry abrasive into the blast controls.

Hard piping connected to the abrasive blaster must be structurally supported so not to apply any loading on the pressure vessel at the points of connection. Unsupported piping can create bending loads at the connections on the pressure vessel and cause failure. Hard piping connections to the pressure vessel must be designed and installed by qualified personnel experienced with piping systems and the applicable codes pertaining to them.



External loading at piping connection can cause failure of the pressure vessel. Hard piping connected to the pressure vessel must include supports to eliminate the possibility of applying a load on the pressure vessel.

3.5 Blast System Air Pressure

The maximum allowable working pressure (MAWP) for the blast unit is stamped on the ASME nameplate attached to the vessel. For most abrasive blast systems the MAWP is 150psig. Do Not exceed the MAWP. An air pressure regulator can be installed to reduce air supply pressure that is higher than the MAWP. To prevent air pressure backflow only use a non-relieving air regulator. Air pressure backflow will carry abrasive from the blast vessel and contaminate the blast control system. **CRITICAL: Any inlet air valve or air pressure regulator added to the system must have sufficient air flow capacity for proper operation of the blast system. Insufficient air flow capacity will cause pressure drop in the blast system resulting in equipment malfunction, abrasive backflow, and reduced blast productivity. Select a valve that will operate with little or no pressure drop (5psi max.) at the required cfm air flow.**

Installing an air pressure regulator allows the option of blasting at low pressure. When blasting at low pressure the air supply to the deadman blast control system must be at least 80psig (see Figure 5.4 and 5.5). The valves in the abrasive blast system are “spring closed” and therefore require at least 80psig to operate properly. If the air pressure regulator is set below 80psig the air supply to the blast controls must be taken upstream of the regulator.

3.6 Blast System Air Quality

Air quality is crucial to the operation of an abrasive blaster. Moisture and contaminants can cause components to malfunction. Moisture condensation in a blast system causes abrasive flow problems. Condensation occurs when the hot vapor-filled compressed air cools as it reaches the abrasive blaster. Water droplets formed during condensation can be absorbed by the abrasive in the blast vessel which can cause erratic flow to the abrasive valve. Therefore, a moisture removal device installed for the blast system air supply is recommended (i.e. coalescing moisture separator, air-cooled aftercooler or deliquescent dryer). Contact a local authorized Schmidt® distributor or Axxiom Manufacturing, Inc. to locate one near you.

3.7 Electrical Requirements

On units equipped with electric blast controls the supply voltage is 12Vdc or 24Vac. The maximum power required is:

1-outlet:	7 watts	1-outlet with abrasive cutoff:	14 watts
2-outlet:	14 watts	2-outlet with abrasive cutoff:	28 watts

Note: Insufficient electric power output will result in malfunctioning of the electric blast control system. A power transformer or power supply can be used if the above voltages are not readily available.

3.8 Abrasive Selection

Abrasive selection is likely the most difficult decision related to the blast operation. Choice of abrasive is based on factors such as blast application type, desired finish and coating requirements, characteristics of object to be blasted, cost and ability to recycle, available equipment, safety, and environmental constraints.

There are many abrasives available that are either natural, manufactured, or processing by-products. Abrasives are available in varying sizes, shapes, and hardness. These characteristics determine the resulting effect on the surface to be blasted and limitations of its use. The effects on the blasted surface are measured by its degree of cleanliness and the surface profile. Standards and required levels of these measurements are established by organizations such as Steel Structures Painting Council (SSPC), National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE) and coating manufacturers. See Section 12.5 for contact information of these organizations. Use these sources to obtain information regarding all aspects of surface preparation and abrasive selection guidelines.

Schmidt® abrasive blasters are designed for high production open abrasive blasting with a wide range of abrasives. It is the responsibility of the employer and operators to select the proper abrasive. It is the responsibility of the employer to make certain that the abrasive selected is safe to use for abrasive blasting.

Critical: Always obtain the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for the abrasive to be used. The MSDS provides the chemical makeup of the abrasive. Do Not use abrasives containing toxic materials. Refer to OSHA 29 CFR for acceptable limits of various toxic substances and additional measures to be taken to protect operating personnel. Always use abrasives containing less than 1% of crystalline silica. Always use a NIOSH approved respirator when handling, loading and cleaning up abrasives. Organic substances which are combustible may only be used in automated blast systems with ventilation that meets OSHA 29 CFR 1910.94.

3.9 Breathing Air Quality

All blast operators must be supplied with and required to use NIOSH approved air-fed respirators. Breathing air supplied to these respirators must meet Grade D air quality standards as specified by OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134(i) and the Compressed Gas Association Specifications ANSI/CGA G-7.1. Consult these specifications when selecting a source of breathing air.

Breathing air must be clean, dry, contaminant-free, and provided at a pressure and volume specified by NIOSH. Use NIOSH approved air filters on all sources of breathing air. See Section 3.10.

DANGER

Breathing air filters do not remove carbon monoxide or any other toxic gases. Use a carbon monoxide monitor to detect unacceptable levels. Consult OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134(i).

Many sources of breathing air are available such as air cylinders, free-air pumps, oil-less air compressors, and oil lubricated air compressors. The most commonly used is the same air compressor that is used for the blast air which most often is oil lubricated. Breathing air provided by an oil-lubricated air compressor can contain carbon monoxide and therefore requires the use of a carbon monoxide detector (See Section 3.10). Carbon monoxide can be in the compressed air produced by an oil-lubricated air compressor when it is operated at extremely high temperature; therefore, a high temperature alarm is required to alert the operators when this condition exists.

DANGER

Oil lubricated air compressors can produce carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide can cause asphyxiation and result in death. Use a high-temperature alarm and a carbon monoxide monitor when an oil lubricated air compressor is used to supply breathing air. Consult OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134(i).

3.10 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Abrasive blasting has many hazards that may cause injuries to operators. To protect operators from injury each must be supplied with, and required to use Personal Protective Equipment. The Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) requires the employer to assess the workplace to determine what PPE is necessary and supplied to each operator (Reference 29 CFR 1910 Subpart I). OSHA requires that this equipment meet or be equivalent to standards developed by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Figure 3.10 below identifies the minimum personal protective equipment required for each abrasive blast operator. Also identified are the OSHA references for each and the ANSI standard each PPE item must meet. All PPE clothing and equipment should be selected for safe design and quality of construction. Select each for proper fit and for comfort which will encourage operator use.



Safety Glasses

Reference OSHA 29 CFR 1910.133
Must meet ANSI Z87.1 - 1989



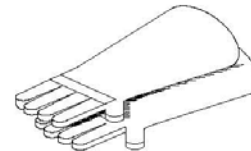
Safety Boots

Reference OSHA 29 CFR 1910.136
Must meet ANSI Z41.1 - 1991



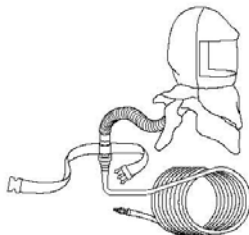
Ear Plugs

Reference OSHA 29 CFR 1926.101
Must meet ANSI S3.19
(Also see OSHA 29 CFR 1910.95)



Gloves

Reference OSHA 29 CFR 1910.138
No Applicable ANSI Standard



Respirator

Reference OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134
Must be NIOSH approved



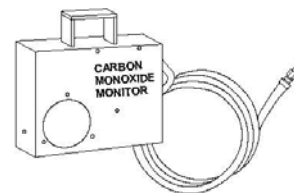
Protective Clothing

Reference OSHA 29 CFR 1910.138
No Applicable ANSI Standard



Airline Filter

Reference OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134
Must be NIOSH approved



Carbon Monoxide Monitor

Figure 3.10 - Personal Protective Equipment

3.11 Pressure Relief Valve Installation

Do Not operate this equipment without a pressure relief device installed to protect the blaster pressure vessel from over-pressurization. The ASME Code requires that all vessels be operated with pressure relief devices in place.

If the compressed air system does not provide for the installation of a pressure relief valve one can be installed on the blowdown port on the pressure vessel. Refer to Figure 3.11 for an alternate location of the air pressure relief valve.

Local regulations set the specifications for pressure relief valves; therefore, it is the responsibility of the owner of the abrasive blaster to install a pressure relief valve that meets *all* applicable regulations. The pressure relief device must be set at the maximum allowable working pressure of the abrasive blaster pressure vessel See the ASME/CE vessel nameplates attached to the pressure vessel.

⚠ DANGER

Rupture Hazard. Operating the pressure vessel above the maximum allowable working pressure can result in rupturing the pressure vessel. Install an air pressure relief valve to protect against over pressurization of the blast vessel.

⚠ WARNING

Airborne particles and loud noise hazards from relief valve exhaust air can cause serious injury and loss of hearing. Wear approved eye and ear protection. Stay clear of exhaust air path. DO NOT place hands or other body parts in the exhaust air path. Make sure no personnel are in the exhaust air path. Direct the relief valve exhaust away from work area.

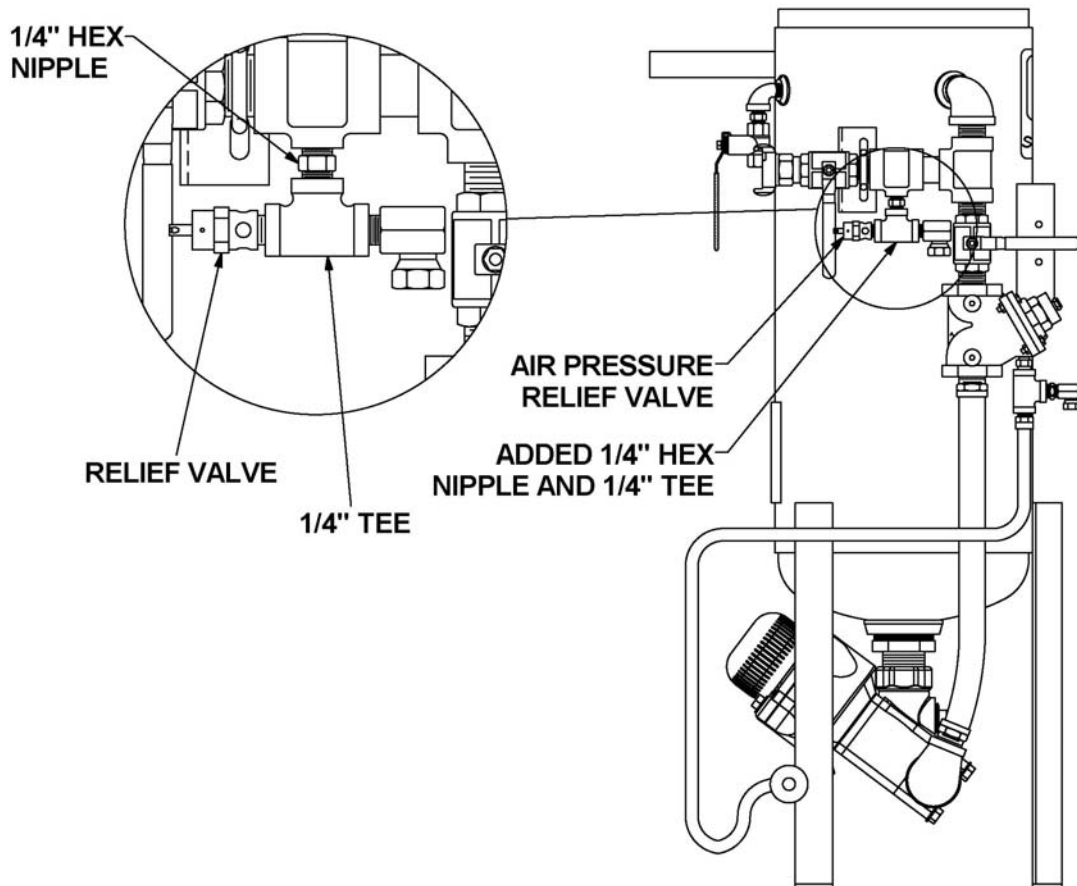


Figure 3.11 – Suggested location for air pressure relief valve

3.12 INSTALLATION CHECKLIST (Photocopy this page to use as an installation worksheet.)

- Deadman/Twinline (or cords):** confirm delivery with the abrasive blaster.
- Blast accessories:** confirm receipt as purchased with the blaster.
- Inspect blaster:** check for possible damage during shipment. See Section 8.0 for inspection instructions.
- Popup alignment:** remove popup dust cover from top head and check popup alignment. Shifting of popup is possible during shipment. See Section 8.4 for inspection & alignment instructions.
- Clean blaster:** remove handway cover and check for debris inside. Trapped debris can vibrate loose during shipment and later block abrasive flow. If necessary vacuum the bottom of tank. Replace handway cover per instructions in Section 6.3.
- Accessible location:** Install stationary blasters so that handway is accessible for maintenance. See Section 3.1 for additional information.
- CFM available:** determine available air supply (cfm) and record here. _____
See Sections 3.2, 3.3, and 3.5 for information on determining air requirements.
- Air supply connection:** install air supply piping or connect an air supply hose that is the same size as the blaster piping size or larger. See Section 3.4 for details.
- Air quality:** install moisture separator or AirPrep System to remove moisture from blast air supply to protect against abrasive flow problems. See Section 3.6.
- Electric power:** provide power source for electric deadman controls. See Section 3.7.
- Blast abrasive:** select abrasive suited for application. See Section 3.8.
- Breathing air:** provide Grade D air source for blast operators. See Section 3.9.
- PPE:** provide all the necessary personal protective equipment. See Section 3.10.
- Pressure relief valve:** install relief valve if not provided on air compressor. See Section 3.11 for information on pressure relief valve installation.
- Blast nozzle:** select size based on available cfm noted above. See Section 5.10.
- Blast hose:** select size three times the nozzle size to be used. See Section 5.9.
- Adjust media spider:** adjust height per drawing in Section 9.10 (spider is optional).
- Operator training:** all operators must completely read and understand the operation and maintenance manual and be properly trained in equipment and blast operations.
- Abrasive Blaster Setup:** Follow procedures in Section 6.1.

4.0 Abrasive Blast System General Operation

The function of the Schmidt® abrasive blaster is to provide a mixture of dry abrasive and compressed air to a blast nozzle. The abrasive blast stream through the blast nozzle is used for removing rust, paint, or other unwanted surface defects. After abrasive blasting, the surface is ready for new paint or coating.

An abrasive blaster is one of a group of components used in an abrasive blasting job. The typical components are an air compressor, moisture removal device, an abrasive blaster, blast hose, a blast nozzle, operator personal protective equipment, and blast abrasive. See Figure 4.1.

The blast abrasive is loaded into the abrasive blaster through the abrasive inlet at the top of the blaster. All the compressed air must be removed from inside the abrasive blaster before it can be filled with abrasive. The abrasive can be bag loaded, or loaded from a Schmidt storage hopper. To begin blasting, the abrasive inlet is closed and the abrasive blaster is filled with compressed air from the air compressor. Since moisture creates problems in the blast operation, it is common for the compressed air to be fed through a moisture removal device, such as a Schmidt AirPrep System. The air pressure in the abrasive blast vessel is equal to the air pressure in the blast hose where it connects at the metering valve. This equal pressure is needed to allow the blast abrasive to flow downward by gravity. The abrasive flow is controlled by the metering valve at the bottom of the blaster. From the metering valve the blast abrasive flows into the blast air stream and through the blast hose. The speed of blast air and abrasive mixture is greatly increased by the blast nozzle onto the work surface. The high speed of the air and abrasive is what gives it the energy to blast rust and paint off of surfaces. The abrasive blast stream and the dust it creates are harmful; therefore, all blast operators must use personal protective equipment during the blast operation.

All the components required for the blast operation (except for the air compressor) are available from Axxiom Manufacturing, Inc. Call Axxiom to locate a distributor.

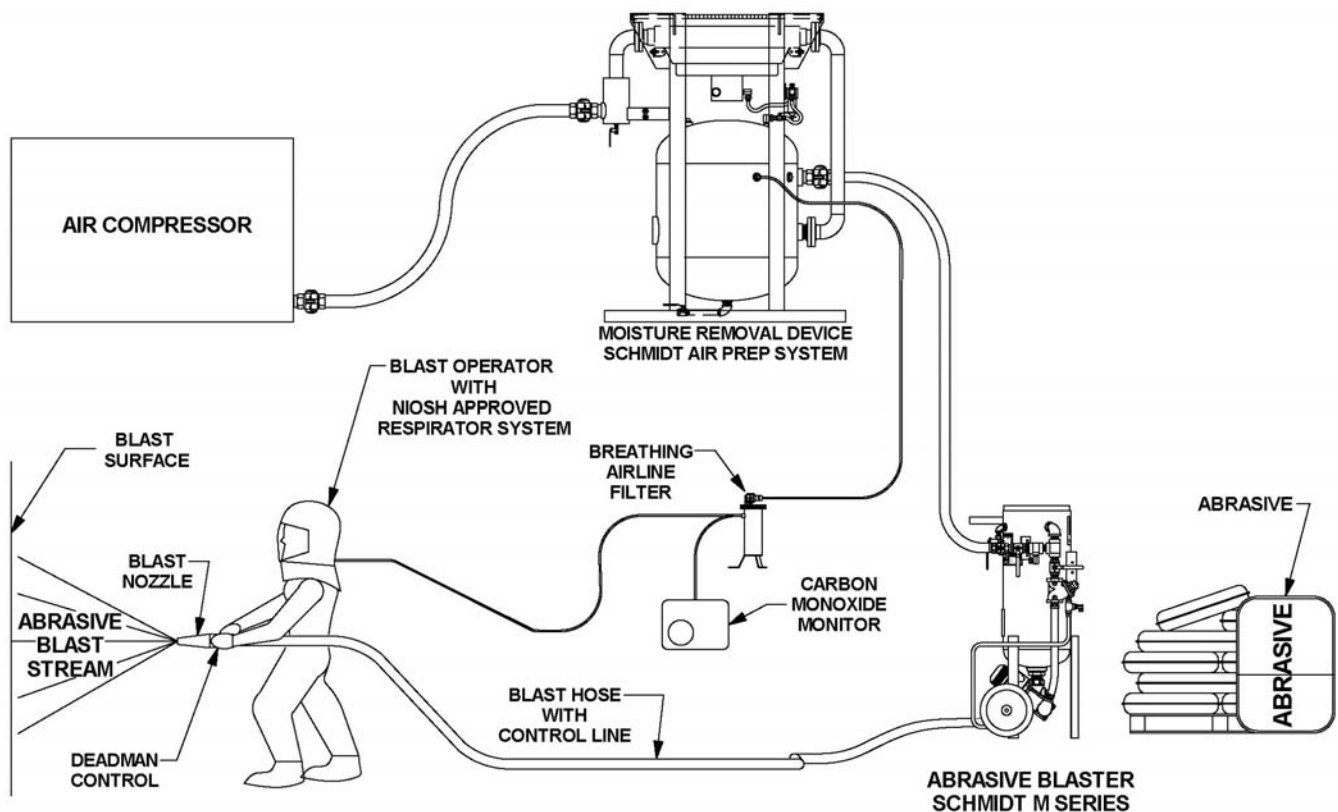


Figure 4.1 – Typical Abrasive Blast System

5.0 Mini Abrasive Blaster General Operation

See Figure 5.1 below to help understand the general operation of a Mini abrasive blaster. Do not attempt to operate the Mini abrasive blaster before reading all sections of this manual and following all setup procedures. Read sections 5.1 through 5.11 for a detailed explanation of all components of the Mini abrasive blaster.

Mini abrasive blaster is a *pressurized* system; meaning that the blaster remains pressurized when the deadman valve (#12) is released.

The Mini abrasive blaster (#1) will pressurize when the blowdown ball valve (#4) is closed and the air inlet ball valve (#3) is opened. The compressed air enters and is branched off to the blast outlet and to pressurize the Mini Abrasive Blaster vessel (#1). The air flow into the blast vessel internal piping will push the pop-up (#5) against the popup gasket (#6). This will seal the abrasive inlet which allows the air flow to fill and pressurize the abrasive blast vessel (#1).

Blasting starts when the deadman lever (#12) is pressed down. The deadman sends an air signal that opens both the automatic air valve (#9) and the Thompson Valve® (#14). Compressed air will pressurize the blast hose (#10) when the automatic air valve (#9) is opened. At the same time, the Thompson Valve (#14) will open allowing abrasive to fall through and into the blast air stream. The abrasive flow can be increased or decreased by turning the knob on top of the Thompson Valve.

Blasting stops when the deadman lever (#12) is released. Releasing the deadman will vent the air signal which will close the automatic air valve (#9) and the Thompson Valve (#14). When the signal air vents, both valves spring return into their “normally closed” position. The Mini abrasive blaster (#1) remains pressurized when the automatic air valve and Thompson Valve are closed.

The abrasive blaster (#1) is depressurized by closing the air inlet ball valve (#3) and then opening the blowdown ball valve (#4) to completely vent the compressed air.

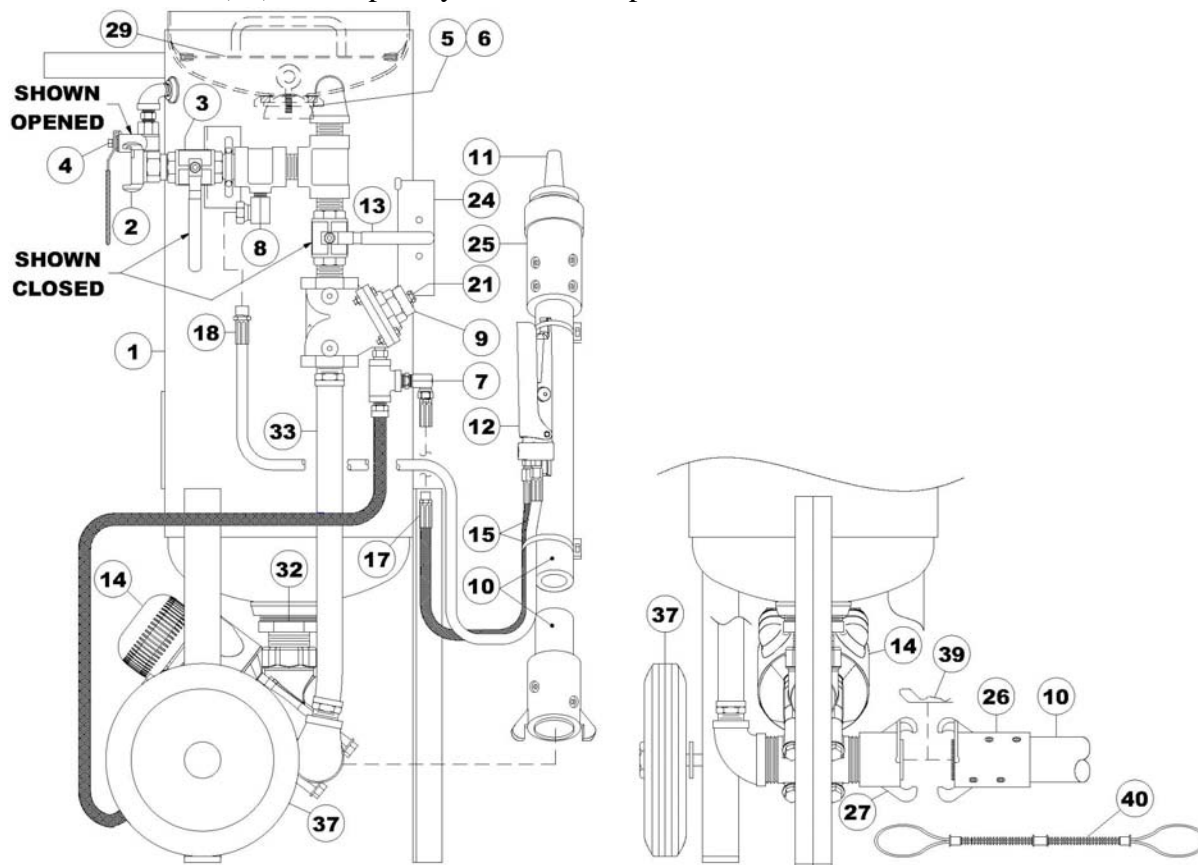


Figure 5.1 –Mini Abrasive Blaster with pneumatic blast controls

5.1 Popup with Eyebolt (abrasive inlet)

The blaster is filled with abrasive through the abrasive inlet at the top of the pressure vessel. This opening is sealed by the popup head (#5) when it is pulled up against the gasket (#6) and the blaster is pressurized. When the air inlet ball valve (#3) is opened, air will flow into the blast vessel and the air pressure will compress and hold the popup against the gasket. See Figure 5.2.

⚠ WARNING

Pinch point hazard. Vessel pressurization will close the popup. Keep fingers clear of the popup opening. Disconnect air supply prior to performing popup maintenance.

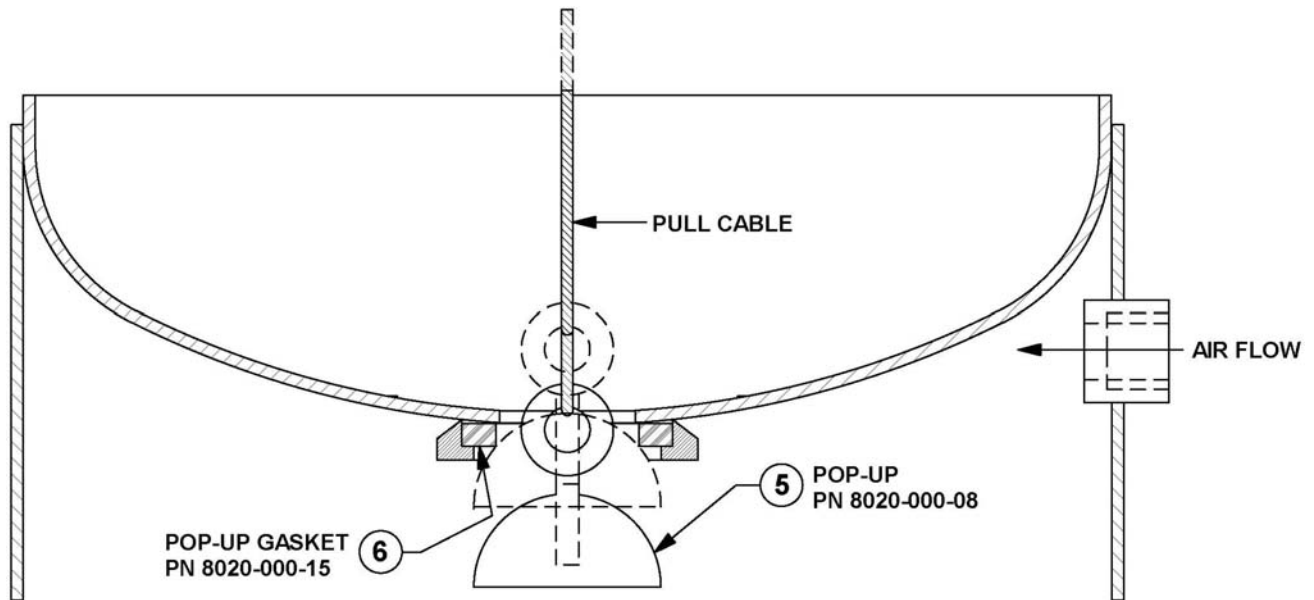


Figure 5.2 – Standard Popup Assembly & Internal Piping

5.2 Air Supply Connection

Air is supplied to the abrasive blaster through a hose connection at the air inlet crowfoot (#2). The air supply hose connected to the abrasive blaster must be same diameter as the air supply piping and rated at a minimum of 150psi operating pressure. See the drawings and parts lists in Section 9.0 and refer to Sections 3.4 and 5.11.

5.3 Air Inlet Ball Valve (pressurize)

The air inlet ball valve (#3) is used to turn on and turn off the air flow to the abrasive blaster. When the inlet ball valve is opened air flow will pressurize the Mini abrasive blaster (see Figure 5.2). The blowdown ball valve (#4) must be closed and the popup must be pulled up and held against the popup gasket before opening the air inlet ball valve (see Section 5.4).

Note: The Mini blaster will automatically pressurize when the air inlet ball valve (#3) is opened. The blaster must be manually depressurized thereafter. See Section 5.4 and 6.2.

⚠ DANGER

The Mini abrasive blaster is a pressurized vessel. Propelled objects will cause serious injury or death. Read and follow all pre-operation and operating procedures prior to pressurizing the abrasive blaster. See Section 6.0 and 7.0.

5.4 Blowdown Ball Valve (depressurize)

The blowdown ball valve (#4) is used to release all the compressed air (depressurize) from inside the abrasive blaster. The abrasive blaster must be depressurized before filling with abrasive or before performing any maintenance. The air inlet ball valve (#3) must be closed before depressurizing the abrasive blaster.

Note: The Mini blaster will automatically pressurize when the air inlet ball valve (#1) is opened. The blaster must be manually depressurized thereafter. See Section 5.3 and 6.2.

WARNING

Airborne particles and loud noise hazards from blowdown exhaust air can cause serious injury and loss of hearing. Wear approved eye and ear protection. Stay clear of blowdown air path. DO NOT place hands or other body parts in the blowdown air path. Make sure no personnel are in the blowdown air path.

5.5 Choke Valve

The choke valve (#13) is used to clear any trash that may get into the blast vessel and block the Thompson Valve[®] orifice. Whenever trash (paint chips, cigarette butts, etc.) blocks the Thompson Valve orifice the procedure is to fully open the Thompson Valve by backing out the knob, then press down the deadman lever (#12) to begin blasting. While blasting, have an assistant close the choke valve completely for about one second. This creates differential pressure at the Thompson Valve (high pressure above; low pressure below). The higher pressure from the blast vessel should be enough to force the trash through the Thompson Valve orifice. Keep the choke valve fully open at all other times while blasting to minimize excess Thompson Valve wear.

WARNING

Do not aim blast nozzle towards yourself or any person. System malfunction can cause accidental start up and result in injury to personnel.

A secondary purpose of the choke valve is as a manual shut off valve for the blast air supply. When the choke valve (#13) is closed it will shut off the blast air supply to the blast outlet.

5.6 Automatic Air Valve (blast air valve)

The automatic air valve (#9) is a normally closed valve that opens to supply blast air to the blast hose (#10) and blast nozzle (#11). The automatic air valve (#9) opens when it receives air to its signal port. This happens when the deadman lever (#12) is pressed down which sends an air signal to the automatic air valve. When the deadman lever is released, the air signal in the control line vents and the automatic air valve spring closes to stop blast air flow to the blast hose and nozzle. See Section 9.3.

Note: An optional automatic air valve is the High Flow model which offers increased air flow capacity for larger blast nozzles. Consult Axxiom Manufacturing or an authorized distributor.

5.7 Thompson Valve® II (abrasive metering valve)

The Thompson Valve (#14) is a normally closed valve that opens to supply abrasive into the blast air stream. The Thompson Valve opens when it receives air to its signal port (see Section 9.2(a) and 9.2(b)). This happens when the deadman lever (#12) is pressed down which sends an air signal to the Thompson Valve. When the deadman lever is released the air signal from the blast control valve vents and Thompson Valve spring closes to stop abrasive flow to the blast hose (#10) and nozzle (#11).

The Thompson Valve® also controls (meters) abrasive flow by use of an adjustable orifice. The amount this orifice opens is controlled by turning the knob at the top of the Thompson Valve. The knob sets the stopping point of the plunger (See Section 9.2(a) and 9.2(b)). Turning the knob clockwise reduces the orifice size which decreases abrasive flow. Turning the knob counter-clockwise increases the orifice size which will increase the abrasive flow to the blast nozzle. The Thompson Valve II spring retainer has lines on the side to use as reference as to the amount the orifice is open. Adjustments to the abrasive flow should be made by turning the knob a little at a time. Test the adjustment by starting the blast for a short period to determine if further adjustment is needed. See Section 9.2.

The Thompson Valve II has a cleanout port where a ball valve can be installed and used to purge trash that blocks abrasive flow. This is done by opening the clean out valve and pressing down the deadman lever (#12). The blast air flow purges trash through the clean out valve.

▲ WARNING

Airborne particles and loud noise hazards from purge air can cause serious injury and loss of hearing. Wear approved eye and ear protection. Stay clear of purge air path. DO NOT place hands or other body parts in the purge air path. Make sure no personnel are in purge air path.

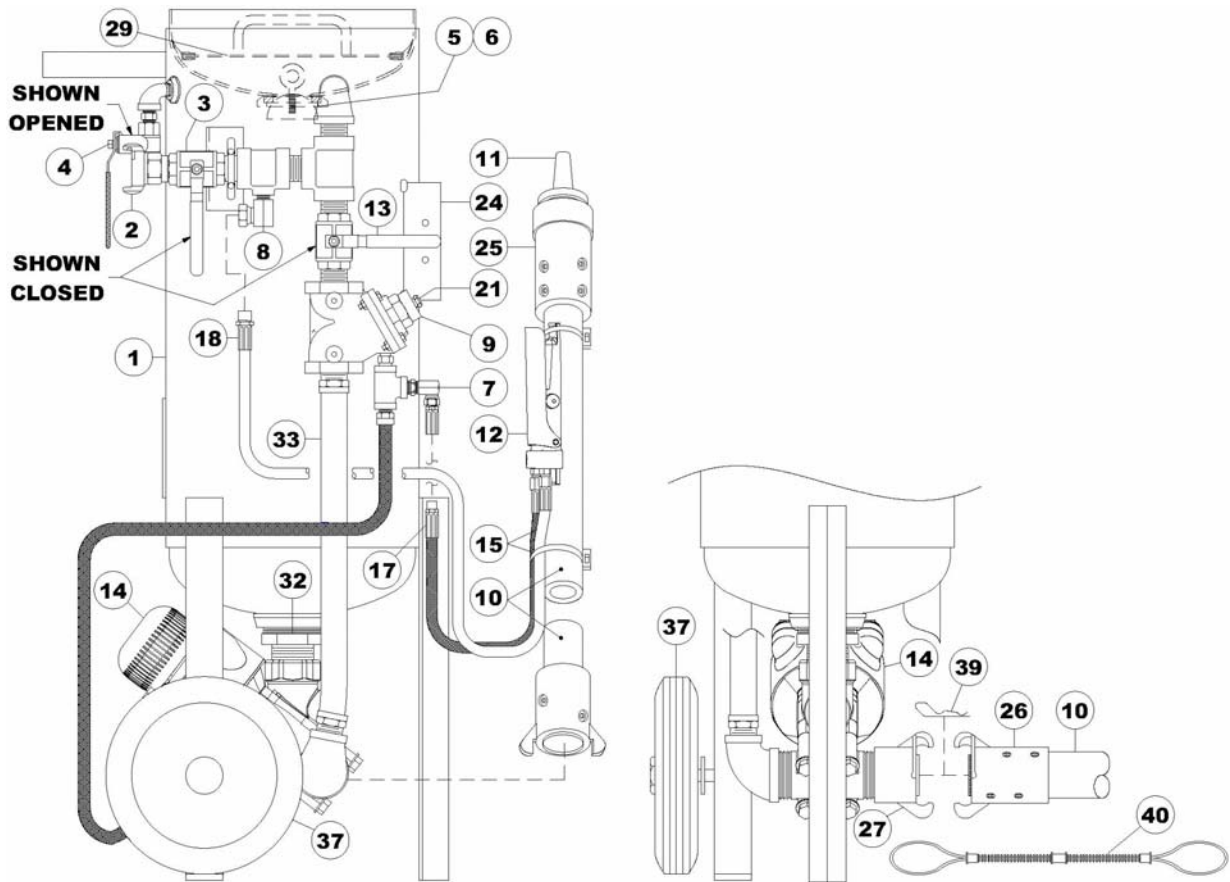


Figure 5.3 – Mini Abrasive Blaster with pneumatic deadman controls

5.8 Deadman Valve/Switch (blast control)

The deadman valve/switch is part of a system that controls the blast operation. The deadman valve/switch (#12) allows the operator to remotely start and stop the blast operation. The deadman is mounted at the end of the blast hose assembly (#10) close to the blast nozzle (#11) to give the operator easy control of the blast operation.

When the deadman lever is pressed down, air supply from the orange hose of the twinline hose (#15) flows into the black hose. Air flows through the black hose to send air signals to the Auto air valve (#9) and the Thompson Valve® II (#14). When the deadman lever is released, the air signal is cut off and the remaining air in the twinline vents through the deadman. See Figure 5.4 and the drawings in Section 9.0.

5.8.1. Pneumatic Deadman System: When the pneumatic deadman lever is pressed down, air supply from the orange hose of the twinline hose (#15) flows into the black hose. Air flows through the black hose to send air signals to the auto air valve (#9) and the Thompson Valve (#14). When the deadman lever is released the air signal is cut off and the remaining air vents from the breather (#35). See Figure 5.4 and the drawing in Section 9.1.

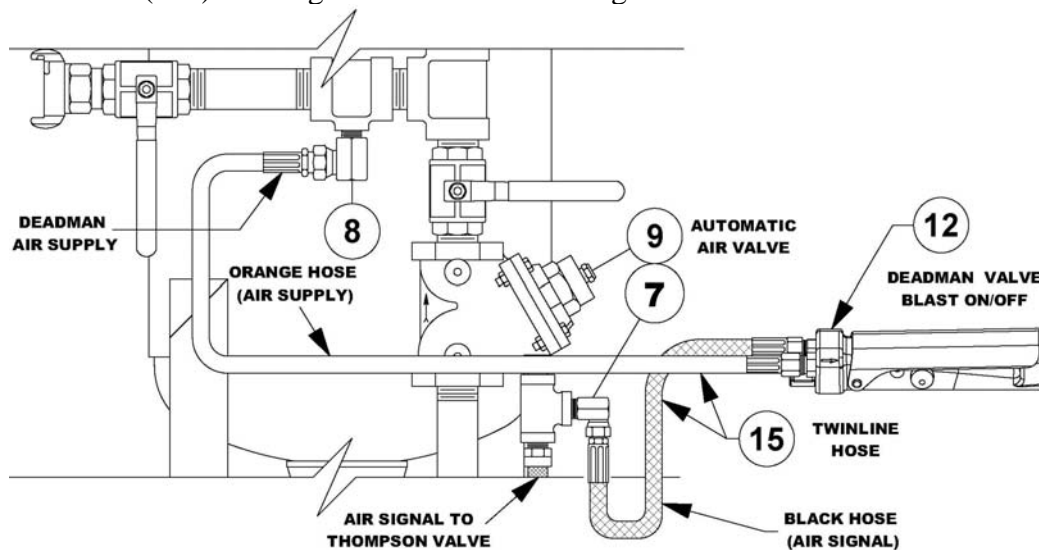


Figure 5.4 – Thompson Valve Pneumatic Blast Control System

5.9 Blast Hose

The blast air and abrasive mixture flows from the Thompson Valve® (#14) to the blast nozzle (#11) through the blast hose assembly (#10). The typical length of the blast hose is 50ft; however blast hose extensions can be added to increase length. For higher efficiency keep the blast hose as short as possible. Increased blast hose length causes pressure drop at the blast nozzle which reduces the blast efficiency. For higher efficiency use a blast hose with an inside diameter that is approximately three times the nozzle throat diameter. Keep blast hose as straight as possible. Sharp bends create high wear points. Static electricity is generated by the abrasive flow through the blast hose. To minimize the chance of static electrical shock to operating personnel only use static dissipating blast hose and install a grounding strap on the abrasive blaster.

CAUTION

Static electric shock hazard. To minimize the chance of static electric shock install a grounding strap on the abrasive blaster and only use static dissipating blast hose.

WARNING

Longer blast hoses require longer time to dissipate the blast stream when the deadman is released to end the blast operation. This extended dissipation time increases the risk of injury should there be an accidental loss of control of the blast hose

Note: To reduce operator fatigue a blast whip hose can be used along with the blast hose. A whip hose is thinner wall and lighter weight hose. Consult an Authorized Schmidt® distributor.

5.10 Blast Nozzle

The blast nozzle (#11) is an important part of the blast operation since the size of it determines the air flow and abrasive requirement. The amount of air flow and abrasive determine how quick blasting can be done. The larger the nozzle, the more air and abrasive will be needed. The larger the nozzle size the greater the blast productivity. However, for a fixed amount of air supply, increasing the nozzle size will reduce the blast pressure. For best performance the blast pressure must be maintained as high as possible. Therefore, select the nozzle size based on the amount of air available and then adjust the abrasive flow at the Thompson Valve as needed.

The nozzle size is indicated by a small number on the outside. This number represents the nozzle throat diameter in sixteenths of an inch; for example, a #5 nozzle has a throat diameter of 5/16". See the tables in Section 13.0 for approximate air and abrasive consumption for each nozzle. **Note:** For the best possible mixture of air to abrasive, the blast hose and piping must be at least three times the size of the blast nozzle.

5.11 Hose Connection

All air hose, blast hose, and threaded couplings have pin holes that align when connected. To protect against accidental hose disconnections safety pins must be installed through these holes. As a secondary safety measure each hose connection should also include a hose whip check that will hold the hose if there is an accidental disconnection. Connect one loop to each side of the connection and stretch out as shown in Figure 5.6 below. All air hose, blast hose, and threaded couplings have a gasket that seals the connection and should be replaced when air is leaking.

▲ WARNING

Failure to install safety pins on all air and blast hose couplings can result in hose disconnects and could result in serious injury or death.

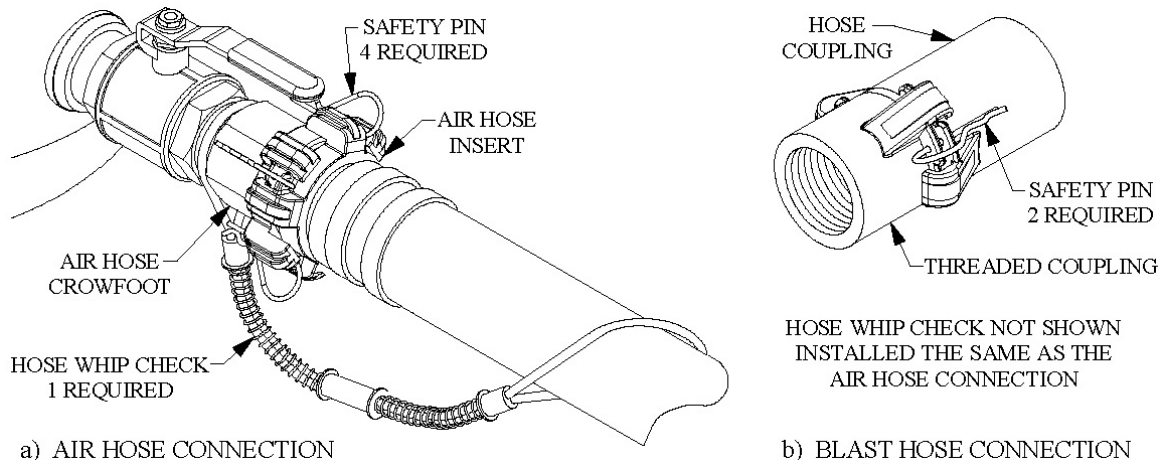


Figure 5.6 – Hose Connection Disconnect Protection

6.0 Pre-operation Procedures

DANGER

Failure to follow the procedures below could result in serious injury or death. In addition to these procedures completely read and understand all sections of this *Abrasive Blaster Operation and Maintenance Manual*.

DANGER

The Abrasive Blaster is a pressurized vessel. Propelled objects will cause serious injury or death. Depressurize vessel before performing any maintenance. See Section 6.2.

6.1 Abrasive Blaster Setup Procedure (see Figure 6.2)

- 6.1.1. Static electricity is generated by the abrasive flow through the blast hose. To minimize the chance of static electric shock to operating personnel only use static dissipating blast hose and install a grounding strap on the abrasive blaster.

CAUTION

Static electric shock hazard. To minimize the chance of static electric shock install a grounding strap on the abrasive blaster and only use static dissipating blast hose.

- 6.1.2. Do Not operate this equipment without a pressure relief device in place. The ASME Code requires that all vessels be provided with pressure relief devices. See Section 3.11.

DANGER

Rupture Hazard. Operating the pressure vessel above the maximum allowable working pressure can result in rupturing the pressure vessel. Install an air pressure relief valve to protect against over pressurization of the blast vessel. See Section 3.11.

- 6.1.3. Make certain that the abrasive blaster is not pressurized. Follow the depressurizing procedure given in Section 6.2.

WARNING

Airborne particles and loud noise hazards from blowdown exhaust air can cause serious injury and loss of hearing. Wear approved eye and ear protection. Stay clear of blowdown air path. DO NOT place hands or other body parts in the blowdown air path. Make sure no personnel are in the blowdown air path.

- 6.1.4. Verify that all required personal protective equipment is available for each operator and in good operating condition (safety glasses, safety shoes, ear plugs, gloves, airline filter, respirator, & carbon monoxide monitor). *Critical: Adhere to all local, state, and federal regulations including, but not limited to, OSHA (Occupational Health and Safety Administration). Pay close attention to requirements regarding breathing air quality. When an oil-lubricated air compressor is used, additional requirements for a high temperature alarm and/or a carbon monoxide monitor become necessary. See Sections 3.9 and 3.10.*

WARNING

Failure to use personal protective equipment could result in serious injury or death.

- 6.1.5. Hose clamp the deadman (#12) to the blast hose assembly in a comfortable position behind the nozzle holder (#25).

- 6.1.6. Wire tie the twinline hose (#15) or electric deadman extension cords to the blast hose assembly (#10).
- 6.1.7. Screw nozzle (#11) into the nozzle holder (#25) at end of the blast hose assembly (#10).
- 6.1.8. Connect the blast hose coupling (#26) to the threaded coupling (#27) on the abrasive metering valve (#14). Then install safety pins (#39) and a hose whip check (#40) to protect against accidental disconnections during operation. See Sections 5.11, and 8.7.

⚠ WARNING

Failure to install safety pins on all blast hose couplings can result in hose disconnects and could result in serious injury or death. See Sections 5.11 and 8.7.

- 6.1.9. Connect the twinline hose quick disconnects (#18 & #19) or the electric deadman extension cord to the mating disconnects on the abrasive blaster piping (#16 & #17).

⚠ WARNING

On multi-outlet blasters confirm connection will operate the corresponding blast outlet.

- 6.1.10. Connect a 150 psi rated (minimum) air supply hose to the air inlet crowfoot (#2) and install safety pins (#39) and a hose whip check (#40) to protect against accidental disconnections during operation. See Section 5.11 and 8.7.

⚠ WARNING

Failure to install safety pins on all air hose couplings can result in hose disconnects and could result in serious injury or death. See Section 5.11 and 8.7.

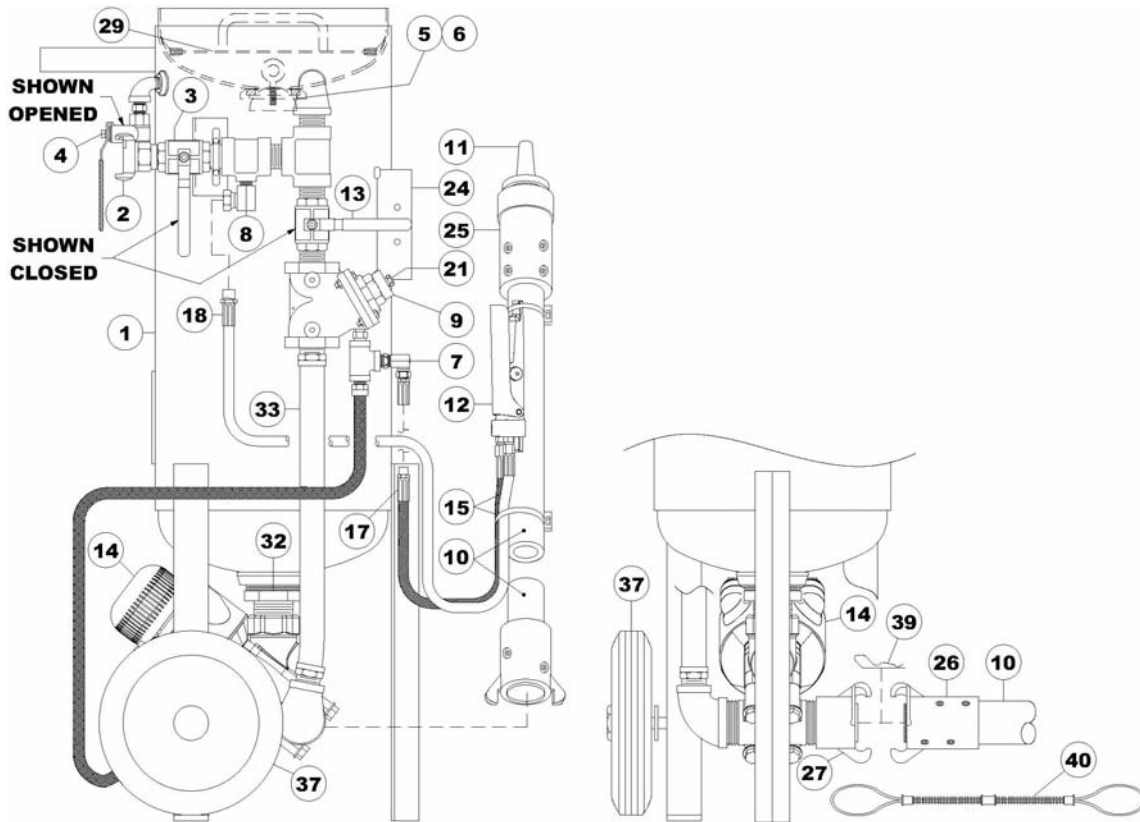


Figure 6.2 – Mini Abrasive Blaster with pneumatic blast controls

6.2 Mini Abrasive Blaster Depressurizing Procedure (Blowdown)



Do not leave the abrasive blaster pressurized during long periods of no usage. Undetected air leaks can cause costly wear damage to the pressure vessel (i.e. at abrasive inlet and handways).

6.2.1. Mini Abrasive Blast System (See Figure 6.2)

A Mini abrasive blaster is a *pressurized system*; meaning that the blaster remains pressurized when the deadman valve (#12) is released. The Mini abrasive blaster must be manually depressurized as shown below.

- 6.2.1.1. Close the air inlet ball valve (#3). The ball valve is closed when the handle is fully turned to the position shown in Figure 6.2(a) (handle perpendicular to body). The handle tab will bottom against the ball valve body in the closed position.
- 6.2.1.2. Slowly open the blowdown ball valve (#4). As the blowdown ball valve (#4) is opened air pressure inside will exhaust and depressurize the blast vessel (#1).



Airborne particles and loud noise hazards from blowdown exhaust air can cause serious injury and loss of hearing. Wear approved eye and ear protection. Stay clear of blowdown air path. DO NOT place hands or other body parts in the blowdown air path. Make sure no personnel are in the blowdown air path.

- 6.2.1.3. The Mini Abrasive blast vessel (#1) is completely depressurized when the air inlet ball valve (#3) is closed and the blowdown ball valve (#4) is open with no airflow from it. The popup head (#5) will fall open when the blast vessel is completely depressurized.



When the popup valve opens after depressurizing, abrasive can be blown out of the blast vessel and into the face and eyes of the operator. Wear OSHA approved safety glasses. See Section 3.10.

7.0 Operating Instructions

7.1 Filling the Abrasive Blaster with Abrasive

7.1.1. The Mini Abrasive blaster must be completely depressurized before filling with abrasive. Follow the depressurizing procedure in Section 6.2. Disable the blaster by closing the air inlet ball valve (#3).

⚠ WARNING

Airborne particles and loud noise hazards from blowdown exhaust air can cause serious injury and loss of hearing. Wear approved eye and ear protection. Stay clear of blowdown air path. **DO NOT** place hands or other body parts in the blowdown air path. Make sure no personnel are in the blowdown air path.

7.1.2. Remove the screen (#29) to check that the popup (#5) has dropped open. The open popup indicates that the blast vessel is depressurized. See Figure 7.1.

7.1.3. Fill the blaster with dry abrasive through the abrasive inlet (#6). Pass recycled abrasive through the screen (#29) to remove trash. Do not over-fill the blast vessel. An excessive amount of abrasive piled above the popup (#5) after the blast vessel is full may prevent the popup from sealing properly.

⚠ WARNING

Pinch point hazard. Vessel pressurization will close the popup. Keep hands and fingers away from popup. Disconnect air supply prior to performing popup maintenance.

7.1.4. After completing all the pre-operation procedures in Section 6.0 and 7.1 pressurize the abrasive blast vessel per Section 7.2, and then check the popup for leaks. Periodically check the popup for leaks thereafter.

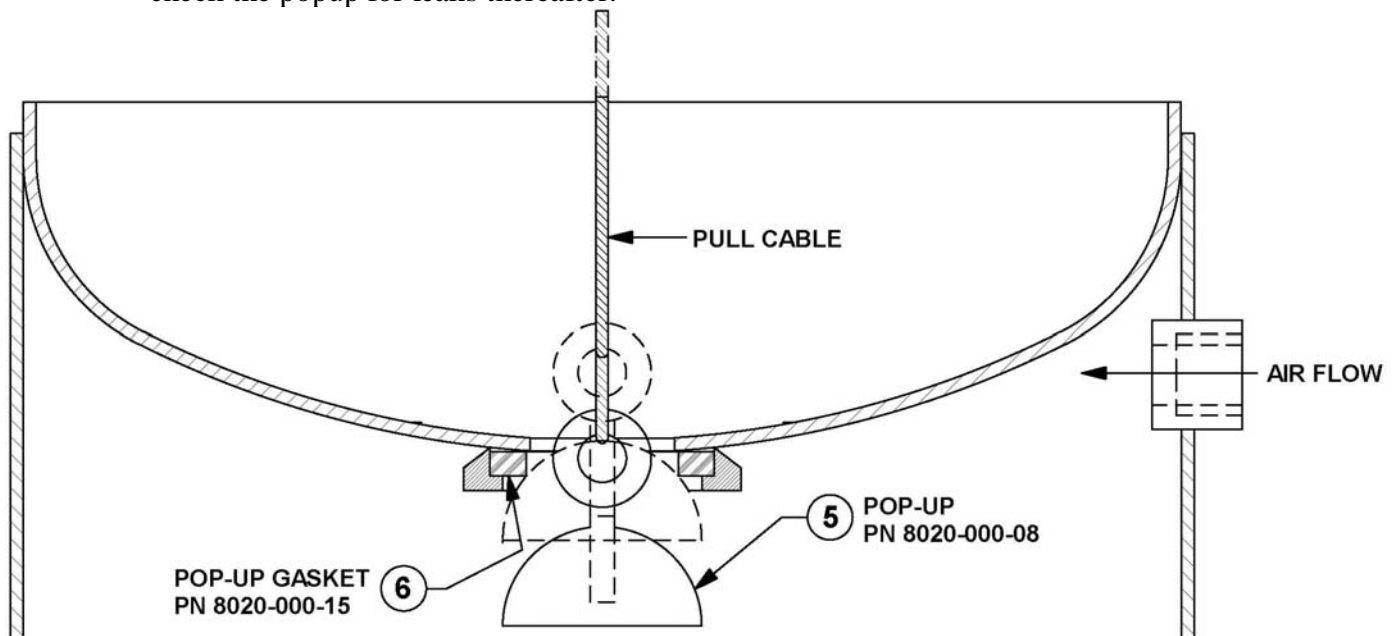


Figure 7.1 – Mini Abrasive Blaster with pneumatic blast controls

7.2 Beginning the Blasting Operation (See Figure 7.2)

- 7.2.1. The Mini Abrasive Blaster must be properly setup and all operating personnel must be thoroughly trained before beginning the blast operation. All operators must completely read and understand all sections of this manual before beginning the blast operation. See the pre-operation setup procedures given in Section 6.0.
- 7.2.2. Perform the required inspections and maintenance before beginning the blast operation. See the instructions given in Section 8.0.



The Mini Abrasive Blaster is a Pressurized Vessel. Propelled objects will cause serious injury or death. Depressurize vessel before performing any maintenance. See Section 6.2.

- 7.2.3. Open the choke valve (#13). Leave the choke valve completely open at all times while blasting. Close the choke valve only for the “choke” procedure (see Section 11.3.2.). Do Not blast for long periods with the choke valve partially closed since this will cause excessive wear in the Thompson Valve (#14).
- 7.2.4. For initial startup the Thompson Valve® (#14) should only be partially open. Turn the valve knob clockwise to completely close, then turn counterclockwise about four turns to partially open. The best setting for the valve varies depending on abrasive type, blast pressure, and nozzle size; therefore, it may take more than one adjustment to achieve the desired air/abrasive mixture. Further adjustment can be made later as needed.
- 7.2.5. Close the blowdown ball valve (#4). The ball valve is closed when the handle is perpendicular to the body (See Figure 7.2).
- 7.2.6. Pull the popup head (#5) up against the gasket (#6) and securely hold the popup in position by maintaining a tight pull on the cable. See Figure 7.1
- 7.2.7. Slowly open the inlet ball valve (#3). This will pressurize the abrasive blaster and supply air to the deadman controls (#12 & #15).
- 7.2.8. Check the popup, handway, hoses, and piping for leaks while the blaster is pressurized. Periodically check for leaks thereafter.
- 7.2.9. The following steps are for abrasive flow setting which may require several adjustments and testing of the blast flow. It is recommended that testing of the blast be made on a test piece so not to damage anything of value.
- 7.2.10. With one hand grip the blast hose assembly (#10) and with the other hand press in the deadman safety button. To begin blasting, aim the blast nozzle at the object to be blasted, then firmly press down the deadman lever (#12). Air and blast abrasive will flow into the blast hose and out of the blast nozzle (#11).



Do not aim blast nozzle towards yourself or any person. System malfunction can cause accidental start up and result in injury to personnel.

- 7.2.11. Observe the blast stream and the coating removal rate. A bluish color in the blast stream indicates a good abrasive to air mixture. Release the deadman lever to stop blasting.
- 7.2.12. If necessary adjust the abrasive flow with the knob on the Thompson Valve® (#14). Turn clockwise for less abrasive flow, or turn counter-clockwise for more abrasive. Due to the length of the blast hose there will be a slight delay in control of the abrasive flow at the nozzle, therefore allow a few seconds before adjusting further.
- 7.2.13. Note the markings on the side of the Thompson Valve II spring retainer to view the knob position relative to the abrasive flow. The markings relative to the knob can be used as reference when changing nozzle size or abrasive for different applications.
- 7.2.14. Re-test the blast air and abrasive mixture again on a test piece to determine if further adjustment is needed. Release the deadman lever to stop blasting. Replace screen (#29) to prevent debris from entering blaster vessel.

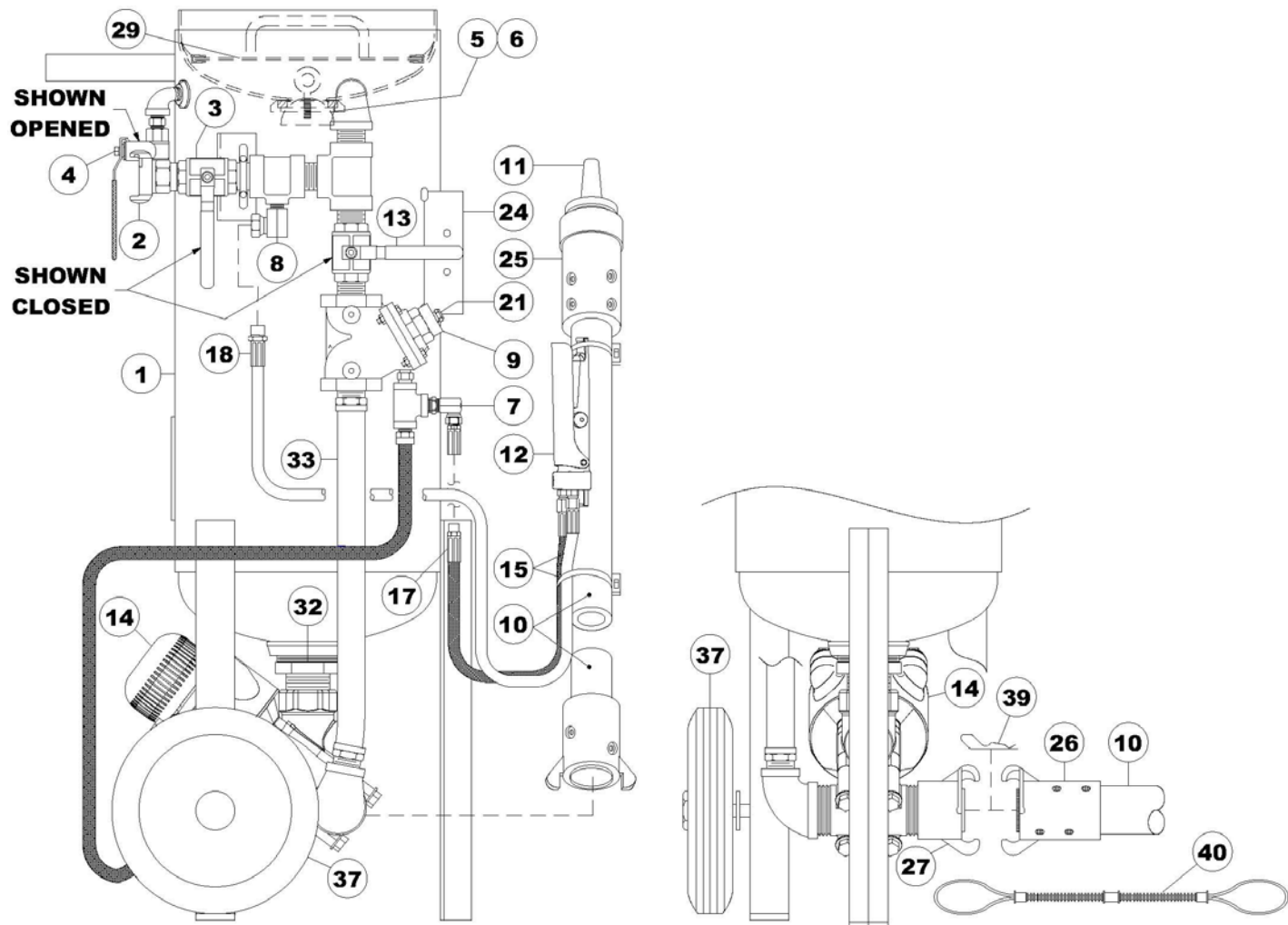


Figure 7.2 – Mini Abrasive Blaster with pneumatic deadman controls

7.3 Ending the Blast Operation (See Figure 7.3)

CAUTION

Do not leave the abrasive blaster pressurized during long periods of no usage. Undetected air leaks can cause costly wear damage to the pressure vessel (i.e. at abrasive inlet and handways).

- 7.3.1. Close the air inlet ball valve (#3). The ball valve is closed when the handle is fully turned to the position shown in Figure 7.3 (handle perpendicular to body). The handle tab will bottom against the ball valve body in the closed position.

CAUTION

Do not turn off the air compressor and allow the abrasive blaster air pressure to back flow through the air supply system. Back flow will carry abrasive into the moisture trap (#7) and contaminate the controls.

- 7.3.2. Completely depressurize the abrasive blast vessel (#1) by slowly opening the blowdown ball valve (#4). See Section 6.2 for blowdown procedure.

WARNING

Airborne particles and loud noise hazard from the blowdown exhaust air can cause serious injury and loss of hearing. Wear approved eye and ear protection. Stay clear of blowdown air path. DO NOT place hands or other body parts in the blowdown air path. Make sure no personnel are in the blowdown air path.

- 7.3.3. For long periods of non-usage remove remaining blast abrasive from blast vessel to minimize moisture contamination. Replace lid (#29) to prevent debris from entering blast vessel (#1).

CAUTION

Removal of abrasive is more critical when using steel abrasive since moisture can cause it to solidify in the pressure vessel.

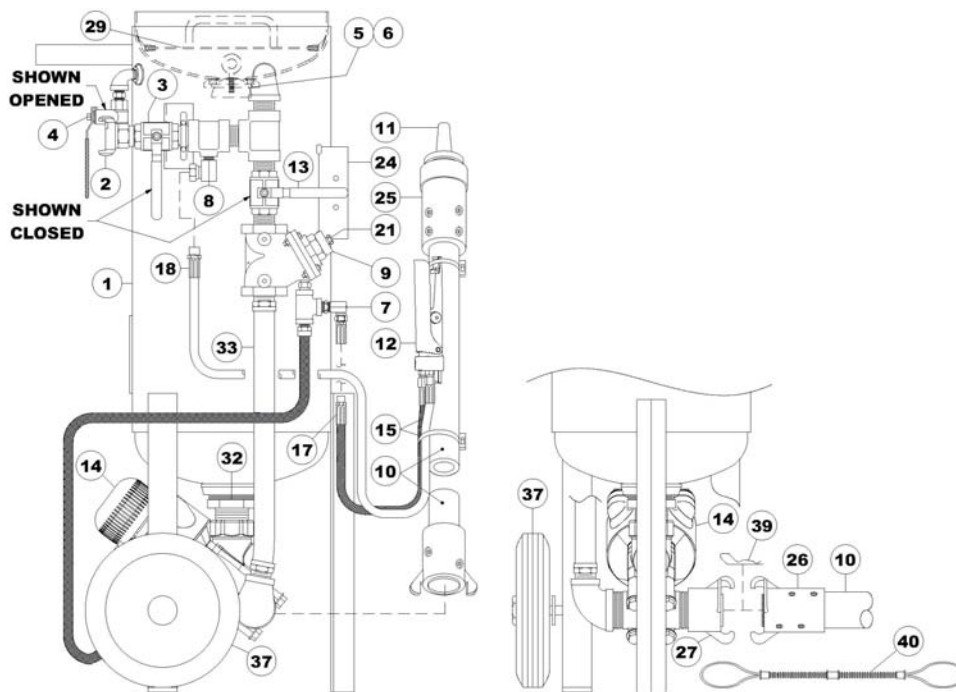


Figure 7.3 – Mini Abrasive Blaster with pneumatic blast controls

8.0 Maintenance and Inspection Instructions

DANGER

The abrasive blaster is a Pressurized Vessel. Propelled objects will cause serious injury or death. Depressurize vessel before performing any maintenance. See Section 6.2.

WARNING

For proper operation, maintenance should be performed with the assistance of a qualified serviceman.

- 8.1. **Blaster Pressure Vessel:** The ASME Code is a standard covering materials, design, fabrication, and installation. Vessel integrity subsequent to purchase is the responsibility of the owner and/or user. At intervals required by state law and/or local authorities, the vessel should be subjected to a hydrostatic test as described in the ASME Code, Section VIII, Division 1. Do Not subject the abrasive blaster pressure vessel to a pneumatic proof test exceeding the maximum allowable working pressure. In no case should the hydrostatic test pressure exceed 1.3 times the maximum allowable working pressure (MAWP) shown on the pressure vessel nameplate (#24). Thoroughly clean and dry the vessel before re-assembly. Moisture or debris left in vessel can cause equipment malfunction.
- 8.2. **Blaster Pressure Vessel:** Any damage to an abrasive blaster can make it unsafe. Inspect the exterior of the abrasive blast vessel daily for corrosion, pitting, or other damage (i.e. dents, gouges or bulges). If damaged, take out of service immediately and have it inspected and/or repaired by a qualified facility. Contact Axxiom Manufacturing, Inc. for technical support.
- 8.3. **Blaster Pressure Vessel:** The interior condition of the abrasive blast vessel (#1) should be inspected quarterly. Pitting caused by corrosion will reduce the wall thickness of the vessel. If excessive corrosion is found, have the abrasive blast vessel inspected by a qualified facility. Contact Axxiom Manufacturing, Inc. for technical support. Refer to the ASME Data Report for the vessel minimum thickness.
Check the pressure vessel internal piping for corrosion, cracks, and holes. See Figure 8.1.
- 8.4. Air leaks at the abrasive inlet will cause the air pressure in the blast vessel to drop. Pressure drop in the blast vessel can cause abrasive flow problems. Prior to initial use and periodically thereafter, the popup and popup gasket should be checked. Inspect the popup as follows:
 - a) Depressurize the Mini abrasive blaster per Section 6.2.
 - b) Disconnect air supply hose from the crowfoot (#2).
 - c) Inspect the popup gasket (#6) and popup head (#5) sealing surfaces for wear or deformations. Replace either if necessary.
 - d) Check the gasket alignment in the retaining ring. Proper gasket fit is necessary for the popup to seal the opening.
 - e) Pull the popup against the gasket and check for proper seating as shown in Figure 8.1.
 - f) After checking the alignment and gap, the blast vessel can be re-pressurized and the popup is then checked for leaks. If a leak is present, repeat the above steps to isolate the problem.
 - g) If the popup must be replaced it can be removed from the blast vessel through the abrasive outlet at the bottom of the vessel. Remove the Thompson Valve® II (#10) and the outlet bushing (#39). See Figure 7.3.

WARNING

Pinch point hazard. Vessel pressurization will close the popup. Keep hands and fingers away from popup. Disconnect air supply prior to performing popup maintenance.

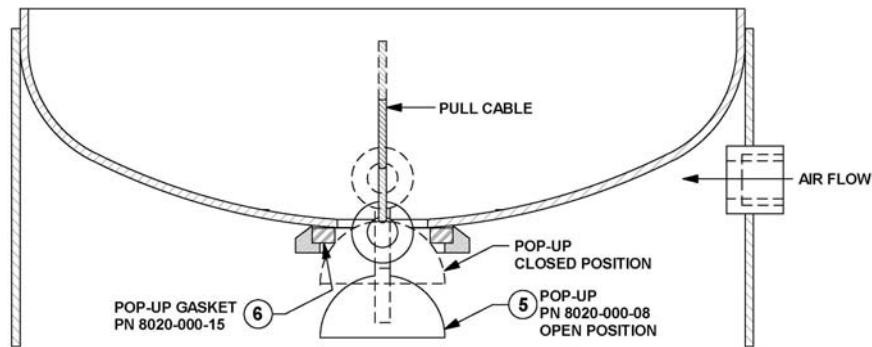


Figure 8.1 – Standard Pop-up Assembly and Internal Piping

- 8.6. **Blast and Air Hoses:** All air hoses, blast hoses, control hoses, and wires should be inspected daily for wear, dry rotting, cracking or leakage. Repair or replace any hoses or wires that show any signs of wear, leakage or other damage. Damaged wires and/or hoses can cause system malfunctions and can result in serious injury or death to operating personnel.

Blast hoses are a high wear component of the abrasive blast system. Sharp bends in the blast hose create high wear points resulting in soft spots that can rupture while blasting. Check the full length of the blast hose assembly for soft spots caused by wear. To protect against serious injury to personnel replace blast hoses with soft spots. **Note:** Static electricity is generated by the abrasive flow through the blast hose. To minimize chance of electric shock to operators only use static dissipating blast hose and install a grounding strap on the abrasive blaster.

⚠ WARNING

Worn blast hose assemblies can rupture while blasting and the resulting abrasive blast stream can cause serious personal injury.

⚠ CAUTION

Static electric shock hazard. To minimize the chance of static electric shock install a grounding strap on the abrasive blaster and only use static dissipating blast hose.

⚠ WARNING

Longer blast hoses require longer time to dissipate the blast stream when the deadman is released to end the blast operation. This extended dissipation time increases the risk of injury should there be an accidental loss of control of the blast hose.

- 8.7. **Blast and Air Hoses:** All air hose, blast hose, and threaded couplings have pin holes that align when connected. To protect against accidental hose disconnections safety pins must be installed through these holes. Each hose connection must also include a hose whip check that will hold the hose if there is an accidental disconnection. Connect one loop to each side of the connection and stretch out as shown in Figure 8.2 below. Check hose connections daily and replace missing or damaged pins and whip checks.

⚠ WARNING

Failure to install safety pins on all air and blast hose couplings can result in hose disconnects and could result in serious injury or death.

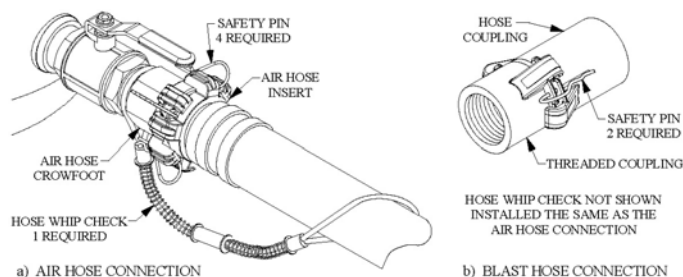


Figure 8.2 – Hose Connection Disconnect Protection

- 8.8. **Blast and Air Hoses:** All air hose, blast hose, and threaded couplings have gaskets that seal the connection. To reduce loss of air pressure and/or premature abrasive wear replace these gaskets when leaks are found. Inspect the couplings daily for leaks and wear. Replace gaskets when visible wear or leaks are found. When installing or replacing hose couplings cut the hose end square for secure fit (see Figure 8.3). To insure proper coupling connection always use fittings that are the same brand. See the drawings and part lists in Section 9.0.

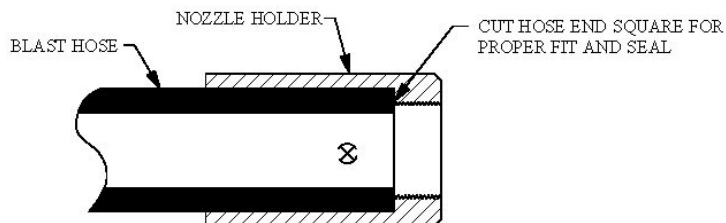


Figure 8.3 – Hose End Fit up

- 8.9. **Blast Nozzle(s):** Remove the blast nozzle daily and check the jacket and thread condition. Check nozzle throat diameter. An over-sized throat diameter reduces blast efficiency. Replace the blast nozzle if worn or damaged.
- 8.10. **Valve(s):** Thompson Valve®, automatic air valves, control valves, and deadman valves should be disassembled and inspected quarterly, or more frequently if heavily used. The Thompson Valve cylinder should be cleaned and lubricated with an anti-seize compound. Replace parts as needed with Schmidt® original factory replacement parts furnished by an authorized Schmidt distributor. Periodically check if air is leaking from end of blast nozzle when the blast operation is off. A worn Thompson Valve seat usually causes this. It is replaced by removing the four bolts in the base of the valve to allow disassembly. Refer to valve drawings in Sections 9.0.

⚠ DANGER

Depressurize vessel before performing any maintenance. See Section 6.2. Removing the Thompson valve bolts with the abrasive blaster pressurized will result in serious injury or death.

⚠ WARNING

Use of replacement components that are not Schmidt original factory replacement parts may result in equipment failure which can result in serious personal injury.

- 8.11. **PPE:** Check daily to verify that all personal protective equipment is available for each blast operator. Check daily to verify that all personal protective equipment is in good operating condition. Consult the operating and maintenance instructions provided by the manufacturer of each PPE item. See Section 3.10 and reference OSHA 29 CFR 1910 Subpart I.

⚠ WARNING

Failure to use personal protective equipment could result in serious injury or death.

- 8.12. **Warning Decals:** Check monthly to verify that all the warning decals are in position and legible. See Section 0.0 for full descriptions and locations.

⚠ DANGER

Failure to maintain warning decals risks the possibility of not alerting the abrasive blaster operator to potential dangers which can result in serious injury or death. See Section 0.0.

8.15. Maintenance Schedule Quick Reference Chart

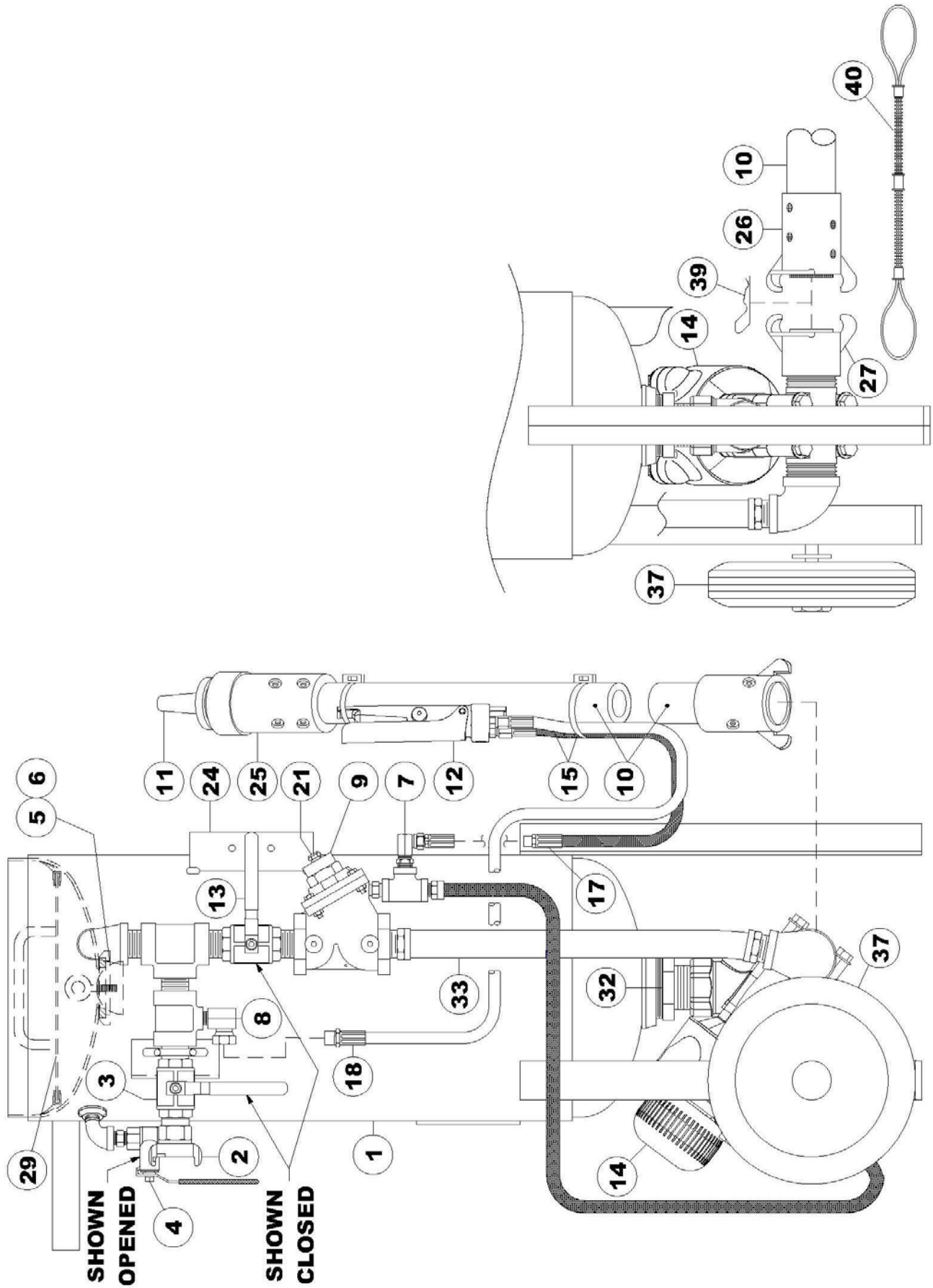
SMALL POT ABRASIVE BLASTER MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE					
ITEM	MAINTENANCE REQUIRED	DAILY	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY
Blaster Vessel	Hydrostatic Test See Section 8.1	As required by state law and/or local authorities			
Blaster Vessel	Check for exterior damage (corrosion, dents, bulges). See Section 8.2	X			
Blaster Vessel	Check for interior damage (corrosion / pitting). See Section 8.3				X
Popup	Check sealing surfaces, alignment and gasket to popup gap. See Section 8.4		X		
Blast & Air Hoses	Check hoses for soft spots, wear, cracks, or air leaks See Section 8.6	X			
Remote Control Hoses	Check hoses for soft spots, wear, cracks, or air leaks See Section 8.6	X			
Remote Control Wires	Check wiring for bare spots, fraying, or cracks See Section 8.6	X			
Blast & Air Hose Couplings	Check for safety pins and whip checks See Section 8.7	X			
Hose Coupling Gaskets	Check for leaky air and blast hose coupling gaskets See Section 8.8	X			
Blast Nozzle	Check blast nozzle threads and jacket and for air leaks See Section 8.9	X			
Valves	Disassemble, inspect, and lubricate. See Section 8.10				X
Personal Protective Equipment	Check condition of all personal protective equipment See Section 3.10 and 8.11	X			
Warning Decals	Check the condition of warning decals. See Sections 0.0 and 8.12			X	

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9.0 Drawings and Parts Lists

The following pages contain drawings representing typical blast control systems and components. Determine the type of control system the abrasive blast system is equipped with (pneumatic or electric controls) then reference the appropriate drawing and parts list to determine the required parts. To insure the proper operation of the blast system, only use Schmidt® original factory replacement parts furnished by an authorized Schmidt distributor. See Section 1.37 and Section 12.2.12.

9.1(a) Mini Abrasive Blaster w/ Pneumatic Control System



9.1(b) Pneumatic Control System Parts List (3.5 - 20 cu. ft.)

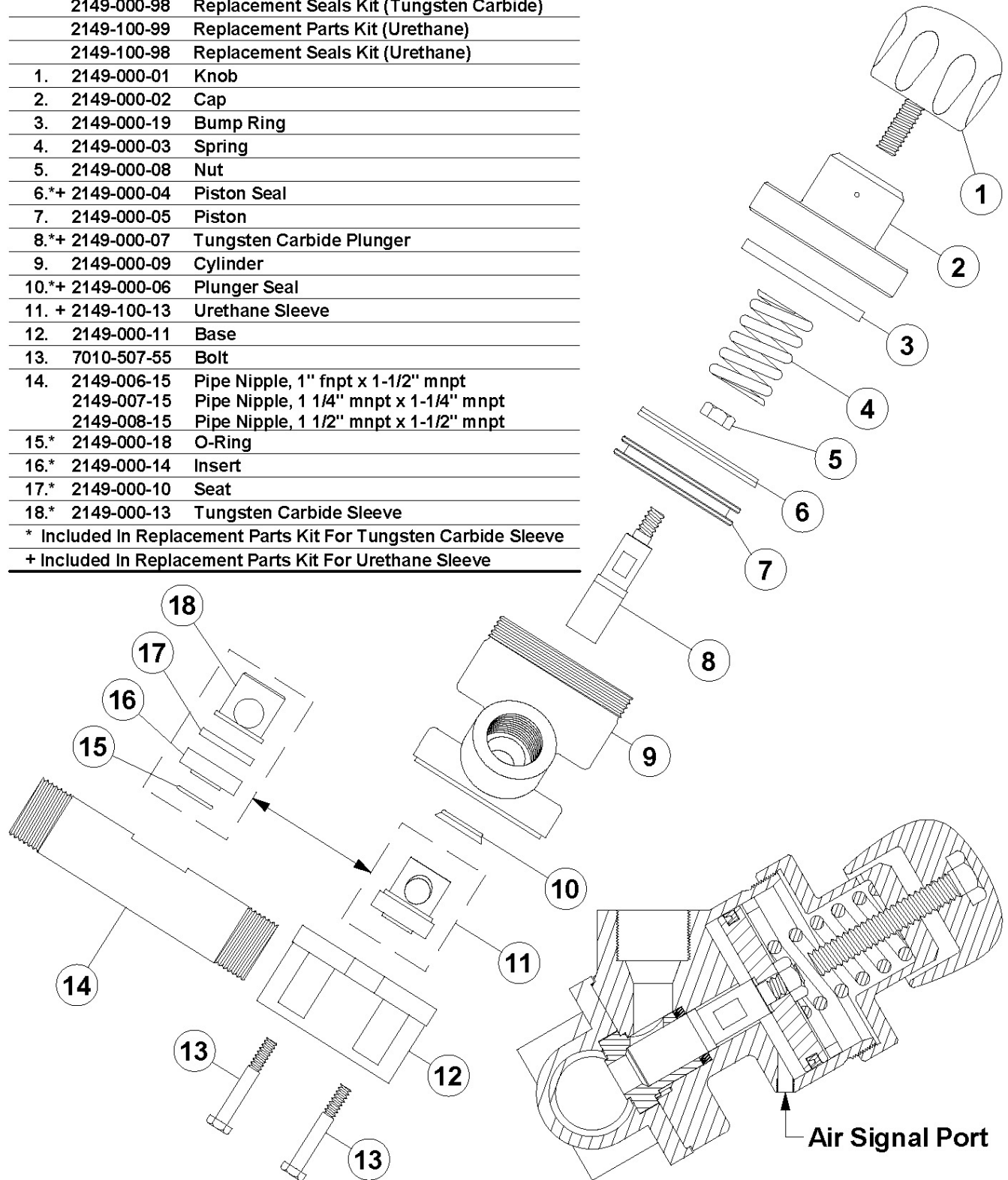
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	8020-010-02	Blast Pot, 0.9 CF	22		
2	4208-105	Crowfoot, 3/4"	23		
3	2401-505	Air Inlet Ball valve, 3/4"	24	---	Pressure Vessel Nameplate
4	2401-502	Blowdown Ball Valve	25	4234-007	Nozzle Holder, Ceramic 3/4"
5	8020-000-08	Popup Head w/ Eyebolt	26	4213-405	Blast hose Coupling
6	8020-000-15	Popup Gasket	27	4214-108-01	Threaded Coupling, 1-1/2" NPS
7	4203-500-00	Swivel 90° 1/8"		4214-999	Coupling Gasket
8	4203-502-02	Swivel 90° 1/4"	28		
9	2123-105	Automatic Air Valve	29	5011-012	Screen, 12" (3/32")
10	4104-305	Blast hose Assembly, 3/4" x 25'	30		
11	5002-004	#4 Blast nozzle, Ceramic 1/8"	31		
12	2263-002	G2 Pneumatic Deadman	32	3026-009-007	Bushing, 2" x 1 1/4"
13	2401-505	Choke Ball valve, 3/4"	33	4101-005	Push On Hose, 3/4"
14	2512-107	Thompson valve II, 1-1/4" Urethane	34		
15	4100-301	Twinline Hose Assembly, 3/16" x 27.5'	35		
16			36		
17	4201-301-00	Twinline Hose Male Fitting, 1/8"	37	8710-17024	Wheel
18	4201-301-02	Twinline Hose Male Fitting, 1/4"	38		
19			39	7119-002	Safety Pin, Air/Blast Hose Coupling
20			40	8710-98778	Hose Whip Check (Safety Cable)

9.2(a) Thompson Valve®

2149-006	1" Valve With Tungsten Carbide Sleeve
2149-106	1" Valve With Urethane Sleeve
2149-007	1 1/4" Valve With Tungsten Carbide Sleeve
2149-107	1 1/4" Valve With Urethane Sleeve
2149-008	1 1/2" Valve With Tungsten Carbide Sleeve
2149-108	1 1/2" Valve With Urethane Sleeve

No.	Part No.	Description
	2149-000-99	Replacement Parts Kit (Tungsten Carbide)
	2149-000-98	Replacement Seals Kit (Tungsten Carbide)
	2149-100-99	Replacement Parts Kit (Urethane)
	2149-100-98	Replacement Seals Kit (Urethane)
1.	2149-000-01	Knob
2.	2149-000-02	Cap
3.	2149-000-19	Bump Ring
4.	2149-000-03	Spring
5.	2149-000-08	Nut
6.*+	2149-000-04	Piston Seal
7.	2149-000-05	Piston
8.*+	2149-000-07	Tungsten Carbide Plunger
9.	2149-000-09	Cylinder
10.*+	2149-000-06	Plunger Seal
11. +	2149-100-13	Urethane Sleeve
12.	2149-000-11	Base
13.	7010-507-55	Bolt
14.	2149-006-15	Pipe Nipple, 1" fnpt x 1-1/2" mnpt
	2149-007-15	Pipe Nipple, 1 1/4" mnpt x 1-1/4" mnpt
	2149-008-15	Pipe Nipple, 1 1/2" mnpt x 1-1/2" mnpt
15.*	2149-000-18	O-Ring
16.*	2149-000-14	Insert
17.*	2149-000-10	Seat
18.*	2149-000-13	Tungsten Carbide Sleeve

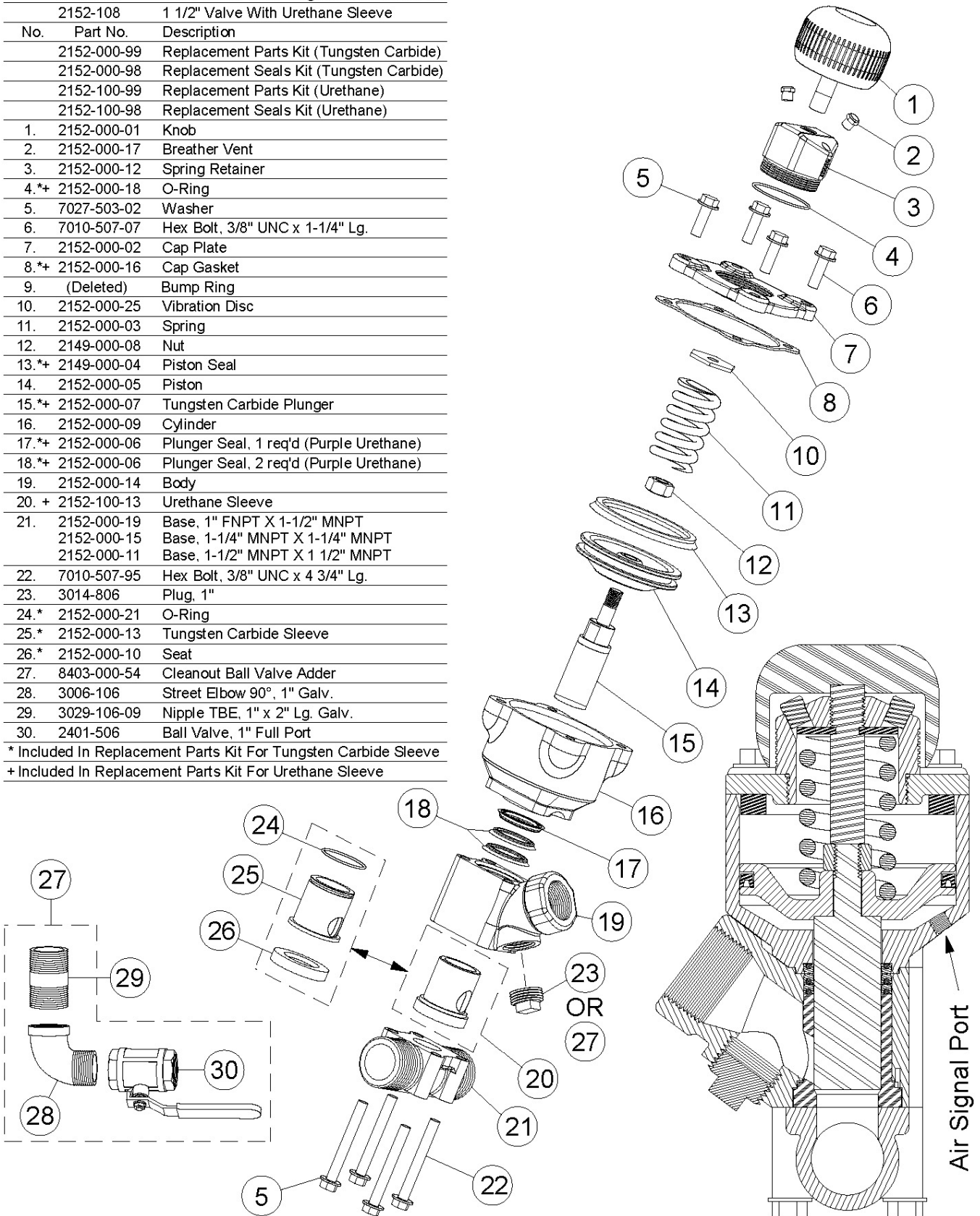
* Included In Replacement Parts Kit For Tungsten Carbide Sleeve
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9.2(b) Thompson Valve® II

	2152-006	1" Valve With Tungsten Carbide Sleeve
	2152-106	1" Valve With Urethane Sleeve
	2152-007	1 1/4" Valve With Tungsten Carbide Sleeve
	2152-107	1 1/4" Valve With Urethane Sleeve
	2152-008	1 1/2" Valve With Tungsten Carbide Sleeve
	2152-108	1 1/2" Valve With Urethane Sleeve
No.	Part No.	Description
	2152-000-99	Replacement Parts Kit (Tungsten Carbide)
	2152-000-98	Replacement Seals Kit (Tungsten Carbide)
	2152-100-99	Replacement Parts Kit (Urethane)
	2152-100-98	Replacement Seals Kit (Urethane)
1.	2152-000-01	Knob
2.	2152-000-17	Breather Vent
3.	2152-000-12	Spring Retainer
4.*	2152-000-18	O-Ring
5.	7027-503-02	Washer
6.	7010-507-07	Hex Bolt, 3/8" UNC x 1-1/4" Lg.
7.	2152-000-02	Cap Plate
8.*	2152-000-16	Cap Gasket
9.	(Deleted)	Bump Ring
10.	2152-000-25	Vibration Disc
11.	2152-000-03	Spring
12.	2149-000-08	Nut
13.*	2149-000-04	Piston Seal
14.	2152-000-05	Piston
15.*	2152-000-07	Tungsten Carbide Plunger
16.	2152-000-09	Cylinder
17.*	2152-000-06	Plunger Seal, 1 req'd (Purple Urethane)
18.*	2152-000-06	Plunger Seal, 2 req'd (Purple Urethane)
19.	2152-000-14	Body
20. +	2152-100-13	Urethane Sleeve
21.	2152-000-19	Base, 1" FNPT X 1-1/2" MNPT
	2152-000-15	Base, 1-1/4" MNPT X 1-1/4" MNPT
	2152-000-11	Base, 1-1/2" MNPT X 1 1/2" MNPT
22.	7010-507-95	Hex Bolt, 3/8" UNC x 4 3/4" Lg.
23.	3014-806	Plug, 1"
24.*	2152-000-21	O-Ring
25.*	2152-000-13	Tungsten Carbide Sleeve
26.*	2152-000-10	Seat
27.	8403-000-54	Cleanout Ball Valve Adder
28.	3006-106	Street Elbow 90°, 1" Galv.
29.	3029-106-09	Nipple TBE, 1" x 2" Lg. Galv.
30.	2401-506	Ball Valve, 1" Full Port

* Included In Replacement Parts Kit For Tungsten Carbide Sleeve
 + Included In Replacement Parts Kit For Urethane Sleeve



9.3 Automatic Air Valve

No.	Part No.	Description
2123-106 1" Valve		
2123-006-99 Replacement Parts Kit		
1.*	2123-006-01	Gasket
2.*	2123-006-02	Diaphragm
3.*	2123-006-03	O-ring
4.	2123-006-04	Retainer Bushing
5.*	2123-006-05	O-ring
6.	2123-006-06	Disk Retainer
7.*	2123-006-07	O-ring
8.	2123-006-08	Seat
9.	2123-006-09	Disc Plate
10.	"Deleted"	Lock Washer, Internal
11.*	2123-006-11	Lock Nut
12.	2123-106-12	Cap
13.*	2123-006-13	Hex Nut (w/thread lock)
14.	2123-006-14	Cap Screw
15.	2123-006-15	Diaphragm Plate
17.	2123-006-17	Lock Nut
18.	2123-006-18	Body, 1"
19.	2123-006-19	Shaft
20.*	2123-006-20	Gasket
21.*	2123-006-21	Disc
22.	2123-106-22	O-ring
23.	2123-106-23	Spring Retainer
24.	2123-106-24	Spring
25.	2014-300	Vent, 1/8"

* Included In Replacement Parts Kit

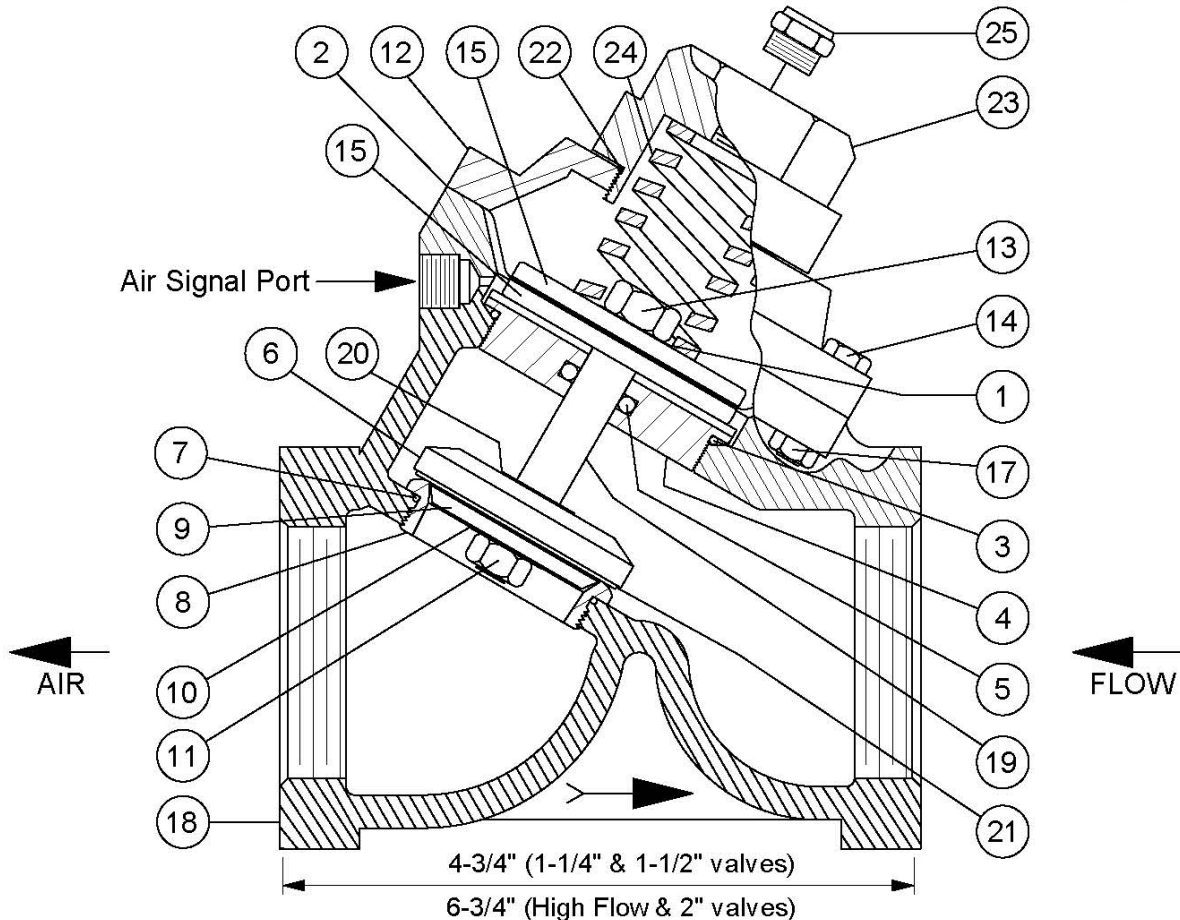
No.	Part No.	Description
2123-107 1 1/4" Valve		
2123-108 1 1/2" Valve		
2123-007-99 Replacement Parts Kit		
1.*	2123-007-01	Gasket
2.*	2123-007-02	Diaphragm
3.*	2123-007-03	O-ring
4.	2123-007-04	Retainer Bushing
5.*	2123-007-05	O-ring
6.	2123-007-06	Disk Retainer
7.*	2123-007-07	O-ring
8.	2123-007-08	Seat
9.	2123-007-09	Disc Plate
10.	"Deleted"	Lock Washer, Internal
11.*	2123-007-11	Lock Nut
12.	2123-107-12	Cap
13.*	2123-007-13	Hex Nut (w/thread lock)
14.	2123-007-14	Cap Screw
15.	2123-007-15	Diaphragm Plate
17.	2123-007-17	Lock Nut
18.	2123-007-18	Body, 1 1/4"
	2123-008-18	Body, 1 1/2"
19.	2123-007-19	Shaft
20.*	2123-007-20	Gasket
21.*	2123-007-21	Disc
22.	2123-107-22	O-ring
23.	2123-107-23	Spring Retainer
24.	2123-107-24	Spring
25.	2014-300	Vent, 1/8"

* Included In Replacement Parts Kit

No.	Part No.	Description
** 2123-108L 1-1/2" High Flow Valve		
2123-109 2" Valve		
2123-009-99 Replacement Parts Kit		
1.*	2123-009-01	Gasket
2.*	2123-009-02	Diaphragm
3.*	2123-009-03	O-ring
4.	2123-009-04	Retainer Bushing
5.*	2123-009-05	O-ring
6.	2123-009-06	Disk Retainer
7.*	2123-009-07	O-ring
8.	2123-009-08	Seat
9.	2123-009-09	Disc Plate
10.	"Deleted"	Lock Washer, Internal
11.*	2123-009-11	Lock Nut
12.	2123-109-12	Cap
13.*	2123-009-13	Hex Nut (w/thread lock)
14.	2123-009-14	Cap Screw
15.	2123-009-15	Diaphragm Plate
17.	2123-009-17	Hex Nut (w/thread lock)
18.	2123-009-27	Body, 1-1/2" high flow
	2123-009-18	Body, 2"
19.	2123-009-19	Shaft
20.*	2123-009-20	Gasket
21.*	2123-009-21	Disc
22.		Not Needed
23.	2123-109-23	Spring Retainer
24.	2123-109-24	Spring
25.	2014-300	Vent, 1/8"

* Included In Replacement Parts Kit

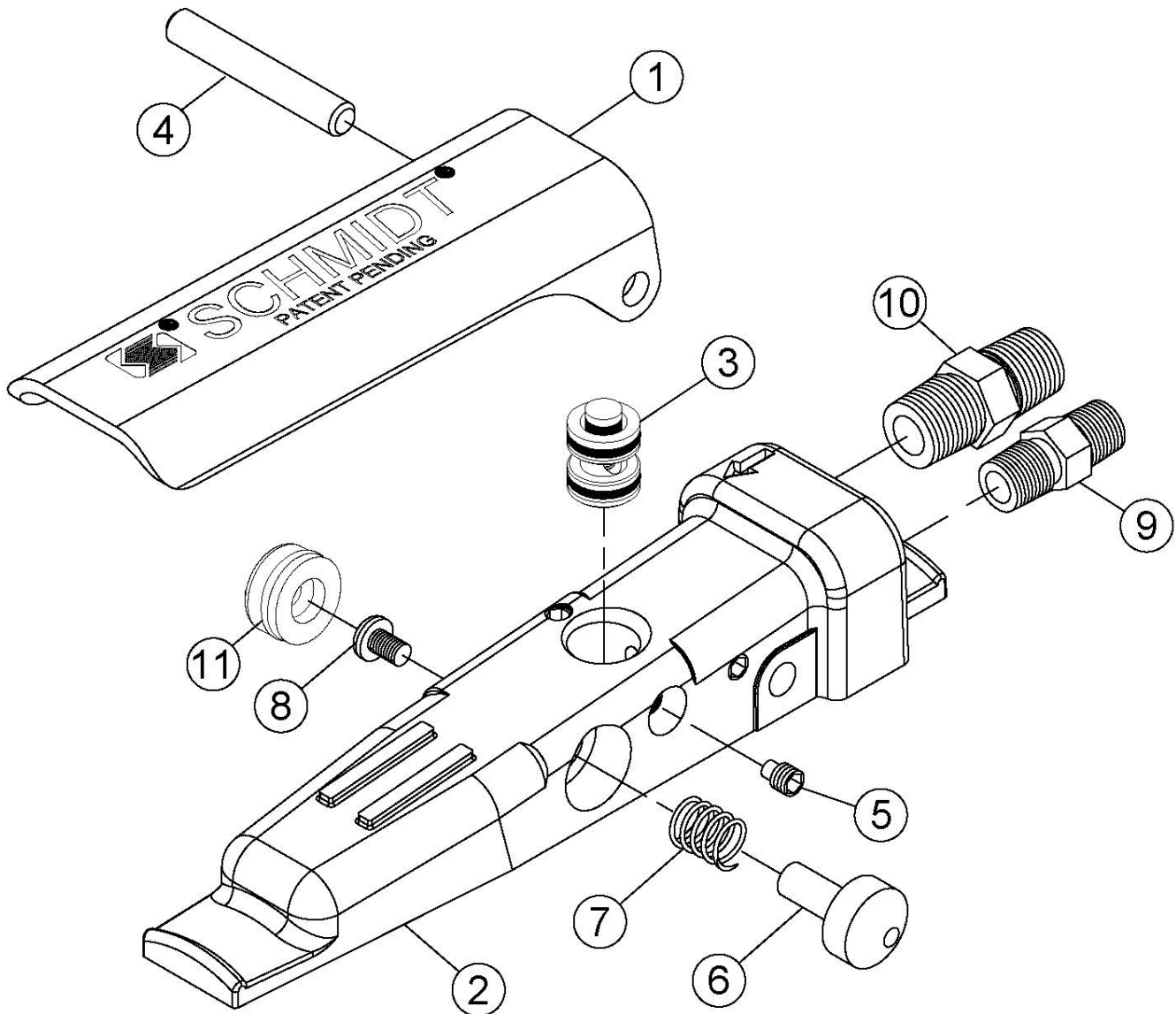
** 1-1/2" High Flow Valve is Optional On Units Manufactured After July 1, 2008



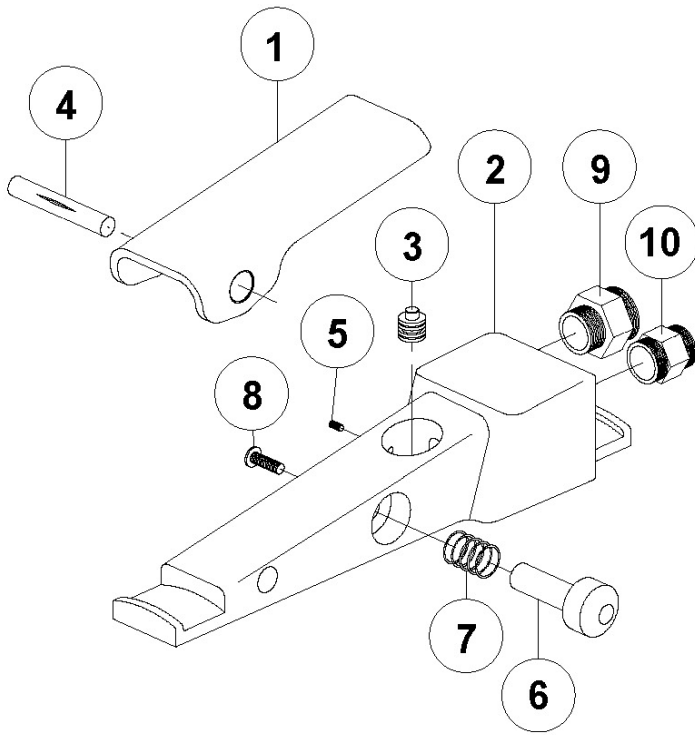
NOTE: With spring closed valve air flow is in opposite direction from arrow on valve body.

9.4(a) G2 Pneumatic Deadman

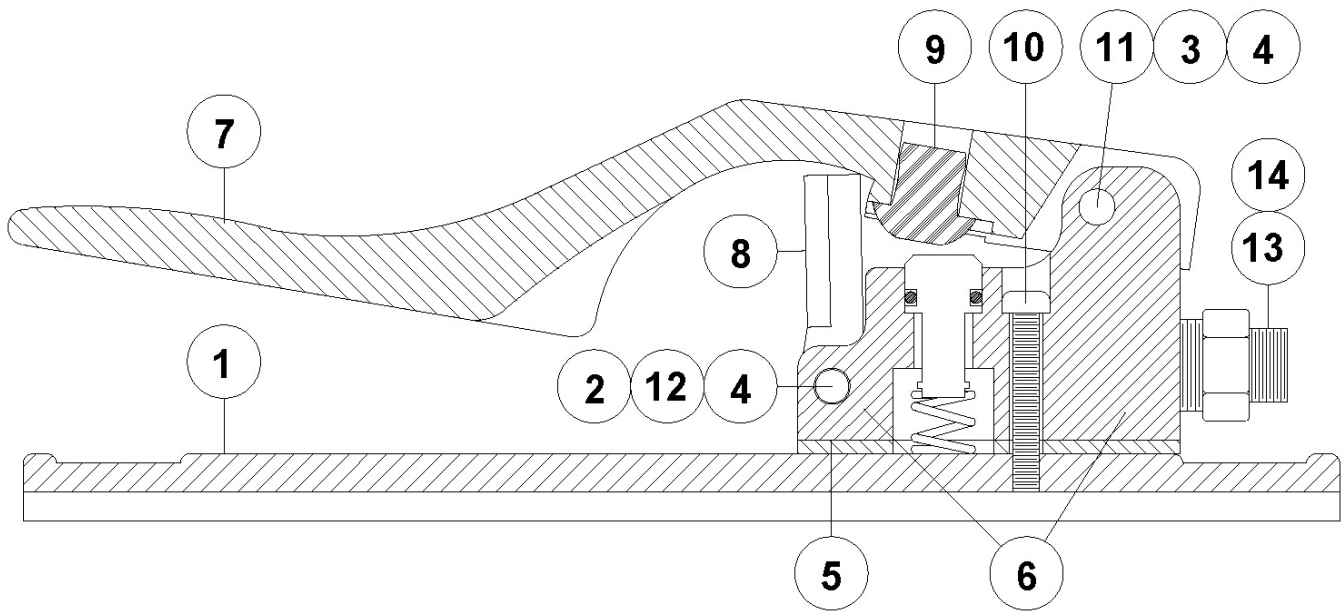
Item	Part No.	Description
	2263-002	G2 Pneumatic Deadman
	2263-002-99	G2 Replacement Parts Kit
1.	2263-002-01	G2 Deadman Lever
2.	2263-002-02	G2 Deadman Body
* 3.	2263-002-03	G2 Deadman Cartridge Assembly
4.	2263-002-04	G2 Deadman Hinge Pin
* 5.	2263-002-05	G2 Deadman Cartridge Set Screw
6.	2263-002-06	G2 Deadman Button
* 7.	2263-002-07	Deadman Spring
* 8.	2263-000-08	Deadman Screw For Button
9.	3031-300-00	Hex Nipple, 1/8" x 1/8" With Ball Seat
10.	3031-302-02	Hex Nipple, 1/4" x 1/4" With Ball Seat
* 11.	2263-002-10	G2 Deadman Dust Plug
* Items included in Replacement Kit		



9.4(b) Deadman Valves (Pneumatic)



No.	Part No.	Description
	2263-000	Pneumatic Deadman
	2263-000-99	Replacement Parts Kit
1.	2263-000-01	Lever
2.	2263-000-02	Body
*3.	2263-000-03	Cartridge
4.	2263-000-04	Hinge Pin
*5.	2263-000-05	Set Screw
6.	2263-000-06	Safety Button
*7.	2263-000-07	Spring
*8.	2263-000-08	Screw for Button
9.	3031-302-00	Hex Nipple, 1/8" x 1/4"
10.	3031-300-00	Hex Nipple, 1/8" x 1/8"
* Included in replacement parts kit		



2263-001			Pneumatic Deadman II		
No.	Part No.	Description	No.	Part No.	Description
	2263-001-99	Replacement Parts Kit Level I	8. +	2263-001-08	Safety Flap
	2263-001-98	Replacement Parts Kit Level II	9.**	2263-001-09	Plunger Plug
1.	2263-001-01	Base	10.	2263-001-10	Body Mounting Screw
2. +	2263-001-02	Safety Flap Spring	11.	2263-001-11	Lever Spring
3. +	2263-001-03	Lever Hinge Screw	12. +	2263-001-12	Flap Hinge Screw
4.	2263-001-04	Hinge Pin Nut	13.	3031-302-00	Hex Nipple, 1/8" x 1/4"
5.**	2263-001-05	Body Gasket	14.	3031-300-00	Hex Nipple, 1/8" x 1/8"
6.**	2263-001-06	Valve Body Assembly	* Included in replacement parts kit, Level I		
7.	2263-001-07	Lever	+ Included in replacement parts kit, Level II		

10.0 Recommended Spare Replacement Parts Lists

Mini Abrasive Blaster Recommended Spare Parts [see Section 9.1(a)]			
Item No.	Qty.	Part No.	Description
9	1	2123-006-02	Auto Air Valve Diaphragm, 3/4"
9	1	2123-006-99	Auto Air Valve Replacement Part Kit, 3/4"
9	1	2123-105	Auto Air Valve, 3/4"
9	1	2123-106-24	Auto Air Valve Spring, 3/4"
9	1	2014-300	Breather Vent, 1/8"
14	1	2152-000-03	Thompson Valve® II Spring
14	1	2152-XXX-99	Thompson Valve II Replacement Part Kit (specify type)
14	1	2152-XXX	Thompson Valve II Assembly (specify type)
4	1	2401-502	Blowdown Ball Valve, 1/4"
3, 13	2	2401-505	Air Inlet / Choke Ball Valve, 3/4"
-	1	2024-001	Petcock Valve, 1/4"
2	1	4208-105	Air Inlet Crowfoot, 3/4"
2	10	4209-999	Crowfoot Gasket, 2-Lug
27	10	4214-999	Coupling Gasket
-	2	2010-010-01	Pressure Gauge, 0-160 psi/bar
5	1	8020-000-08	Popup with eye bolt
6	1	8020-000-15	Popup Gasket
39	10	7119-002	Safety Pin, Air/Blast Hose Coupling
-	1	2003-005-99	Air Regulator Replacement Part Kit
-	1	2302-204-99	Air Filter Replacement Parts Seals Kit
-	1	2302-204-96	Air Filter Replacement Parts Element Kit
-	1	2302-204-98	Air Filter Replacement Parts Sight Glass Kit
-	1	2302-204-95	Air Filter Replacement Parts Drain Kit
-	1	8710-98758	Water line Strainer, 1/4" (140 micron)
-	5	4227-305-99	Garden Hose Gasket, 3/4"
12	1	2263-002	G2 Pneumatic Deadman Valve
12	1	2263-002-99	G2 Pneumatic Deadman Valve Replacement Part Kit
15	1	4100-301	Twinline Hose, 27.5 ft.
33	30ft	4101-002	Push-on Hose, 1/4"
33	5ft	4101-005	Push-on Hose, 3/4"

NOTE: Determine the type of blast controls on the abrasive blaster (either electric or pneumatic). Then, the required list of spare parts is List "A" plus either List "B" or "C". For blasters with special options refer to supplemental drawing(s) included with this operation and maintenance manual.

11.0 Troubleshooting

This section lists probable causes of problems that may occur during operation of the abrasive blaster. Not all of the “probable causes” may apply to your particular abrasive blaster. The probable cause may not apply because of the control type and accessories on the abrasive blaster. Refer to Figure 11.1 and the drawings in Section 9.0.

DANGER

Abrasive blasters are Pressurized Vessels. Propelled objects will cause serious injury or death. Depressurize vessel before performing any maintenance. See Section 6.2.

11.1 Malfunction With Deadman Lever In The “Off” Position

11.1.1. Blast air stops but abrasive will not shut off (Thompson Valve blasters only)

- (1) Trash stuck between plunger and seat in Thompson Valve® (#14) prevents closing.
- (2) Defective valve plunger in Thompson Valve (worn by abrasive or broken).
- (3) Defective sleeve in Thompson Valve (worn by abrasive).
- (4) Blocked air hose to Thompson Valve (trash blockage or pinched hose).
- (5) Defective or broken spring in Thompson Valve (check length of spring).
- (6) Thompson Valve cap (or spring retainer) not screwed all the way down (hand tighten only).

11.1.2. Abrasive stops but blast air will not shut off (Thompson Valve blasters only)

- (1) Defective or broken spring in automatic air valve (#9).
- (2) Defective seat in automatic air valve.
- (3) Blocked signal air hose to automatic air valve.
- (4) Defective o-ring in automatic air valve (around shaft).

11.1.3. Both blast air and abrasive will not shut off

- (1) Twinline hoses to deadman valve (#12) are crossed.
- (2) Non-Schmidt deadman (#12) has been installed.
- (3) Control valve (#20) stuck in the “ON” position. (Thompson Valve blasters only)
- (4) Blocked twinline hose.
- (5) Defective deadman valve (#12). Pneumatic deadman cartridge plunger stuck in the “ON” position (down). Cartridge plunger is visible below deadman handle.
- (6) Defective or broken Combo Valve (#4) spring. (Thompson/Combo blasters only)
- (7) Defective Combo Valve (#4) lower rod guide seal. (Thompson/Combo blasters only)

11.1.4. Blast outlet turns on accidentally

- (1) The deadman lever (#12) is worn out.
- (2) The safety button on the deadman is missing. See drawings in Section 9.2 and 9.5.
- (3) A bleeder type deadman valve has been installed. A bleeder type deadman valve *is not safe* because a particle of dirt from the air hose can plug the bleed hole and cause the blast outlet to turn on. See *Warnings* and *Rules for Safer Operation* in Section 1.0.
- (4) Defective electric deadman switch or electric wiring (check for an electric short).
- (5) Defective Combo Valve (#4) lower rod guide seal.

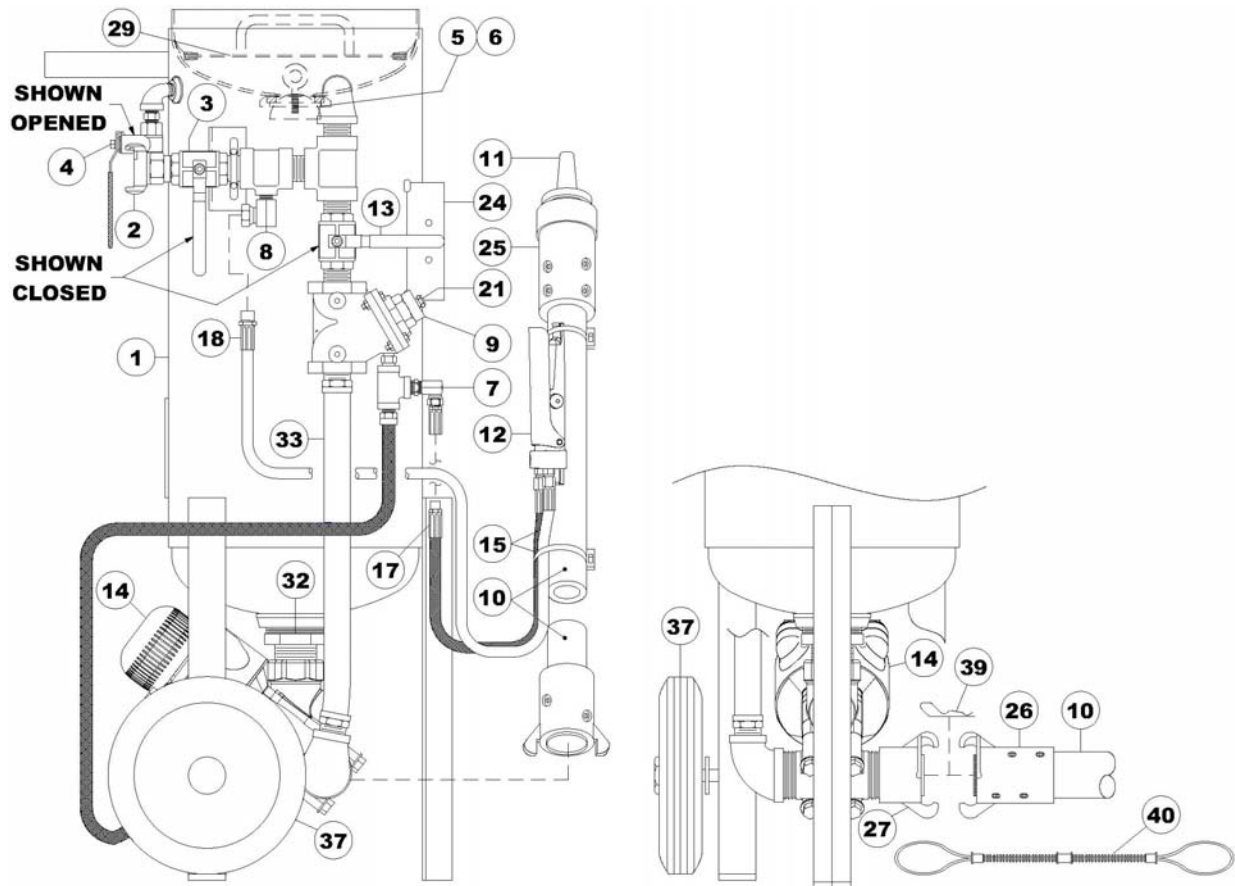


Figure 11.1 – Mini Abrasive Blaster with pneumatic blast controls

11.2 Malfunction With Deadman Lever In The “On” Position

11.2.1. Air blasts with no abrasive

- (1) Check abrasive level in blast vessel (even if optional second outlet blasts normally).
- (2) Blocked control air hose to Thompson Valve® (#14) prevents opening.
- (3) Thompson Valve (#14) plunger stuck in closed position.
- (4) Trash plugging opening from tank to Thompson Valve (#14). See Section 11.3.
- (5) Insufficient air pressure to open Thompson Valve (fully open requires 80 psig).
- (6) Abrasive flow problems. See Section 11.3.
- (7) Defective Thompson Valve piston seal (air will leak from breather).
- (8) Blast vessel leak (popup or handway) reduces pressure slowing abrasive flow.

11.2.2. Abrasive choking out of blast hose with low blast air pressure

- (1) Thompson Valve (#14) abrasive adjustment knob is open too far.
- (2) Control air hose to automatic air valve (#9) blocked, pinched, or leaking prevents opening.
- (3) Choke valve (#13) is partially closed causes differential pressure increases abrasive flow.
- (4) Low air compressor output cfm (unit may cycle on and off). See Section 3.0.
- (5) Blocked automatic air valve (#9) breather vent (#21) prevents full opening.

11.2.3. Reduced Pressure At The Nozzle (with or without abrasive flow)

- (1) Low air compressor output CFM. See Section 3.0 to determine air requirements.
- (2) Air supply hose to blaster is too small. See Section 3.0.
- (3) Thompson Valve abrasive adjustment knob (#14) is open too far.
- (4) Check for leaks in blast vessel (popup or handway) or control piping.
- (5) Choke valve (#13) is partially closed.
- (6) Trash may be partially plugging the nozzle orifice (#11).
- (7) Blocked automatic air valve (#9) breather vent (#21) prevents full opening.

11.2.4. Blast is slow to turn on or will not turn on when deadman lever is pressed down.

- (1) Check quick couplings (#16 & #17) on control hoses to see if they are connected properly.
- (2) Control valve (#20) stuck in exhaust position or midway (air will leak from breather #21).
- (3) 1/4" strainer (#23) blocked; restricts air flow to deadman.
- (4) Twinline control hoses are blocked.
- (5) Cartridge in deadman valve (#12) is blocked.
- (6) Low air compressor output CFM (unit may cycle on and off). See Section 3.0.
- (7) Air leaks in twinline hose from the deadman valve (#12) to control valve (#20).
- (8) Trash blocking the blast nozzle orifice (#11).
- (9) Blocked automatic air valve (#9) breather vent (#21) prevents full opening.

11.3 Notes on Abrasive Flow Problems

11.3.1. Thompson Valve® operation

If abrasive flow is a problem, remember; the Thompson Valve only opens and closes. The total travel to full open is approximately 3/4 of an inch. This can be quickly checked with the adjustment knob on the abrasive valve.

For this procedure manually close the choke valve (#13) and the media shut-off valve to stop blast flow. This test is to verify that the Thompson Valve is opening.

With the deadman off, screw the Thompson Valve knob down until it stops. Notice that the knob turns easily when the deadman is off. Next, back the knob out 3/4 of an inch or slightly less, then press the deadman lever down to open the Thompson Valve. The knob should get tight or more difficult to turn because the valve has opened against the adjustment. This guarantees that the valve is fully open. If the material will not flow with the valve fully open, you have an abrasive flow problem, not a problem with the Thompson Valve. The abrasive may be wet, or there may be trash blocking the opening. Try choking the blast outlet to clear the opening. Proceed to step 11.3.2. If the knob does not get tighter during this test troubleshoot the controls and the Thompson Valve piston seal.



Do Not hammer on any part of the pressure vessel to improve abrasive flow. This can cause cracks that may lead to pressure vessel rupture.

11.3.2. Choking the blast outlet

The choke valve (#13) is used to clear any trash that may get into the blast vessel and block the Thompson abrasive valve orifice. Whenever trash (paint chip, cigarette butt, etc.) blocks the abrasive valve orifice, the procedure is to fully open the valve by turning the knob counterclockwise, then press down the deadman lever (#12) to begin blasting. While blasting, have an assistant close the choke valve completely for about one second. This creates differential pressure at the abrasive valve (high pressure above; low pressure below). The higher pressure from the blast vessel should be enough to loosen the trash blocking the abrasive valve orifice and blast it through the blast nozzle (#11). To minimize excess wear of the Thompson Valve keep the choke valve fully open during normal blasting. If the blaster is equipped with the abrasive cutoff feature set the valve (or switch) to the on-position for the choke procedure (Thompson Valve blasters only).

Note: The Thompson Valve II has a cleanout port to use for this procedure. See the valve drawings in Section 9.0 (Item 27).

11.3.3. Blast control hoses

Remember, the blaster controls and valves are normally closed. Therefore, the control hoses are depressurized to turn the blast off and pressurized to turn the blast on. If a needle gauge is available, it is the quickest way to check to see if there is pressure or not. If no needle gauge is available, disconnect each control hose fitting one at a time until the problem is located.

12.0 Warranty and Reference Information

12.1 Warranty

This following section is to be used as a guide in determining warranty policies and procedures for SCHMIDT® products. It is to be used in determining whether a warranty is justified and as a procedural guide in completing a SCHMIDT warranty claim.

12.2 Warranty Policy

1. All SCHMIDT products are guaranteed to be free of defects in material and workmanship at time of shipment. Axxiom Manufacturing, Inc. warrants its products against defects in material and workmanship under normal and proper use for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of delivery. Such warranty is extended only to the buyer who purchases the equipment directly from Axxiom Manufacturing, Inc. or its authorized distributors. This warranty does not include expendable parts such as, but not limited to, hoses, nozzles, and seals.
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3. This warranty does not apply to failure occurring due to abuse, misuse, negligence, corrosion, erosion, normal wear and tear, alterations or modifications made to the machine without express written consent of Axxiom Manufacturing, Inc.
4. Warranty requests must be submitted in writing within thirty (30) days after failure.
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12.4 Safety Information Sources

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Website: www.schmidtabrasiveblasting.com

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Fresno, Texas 77459

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Phone: 1-800-321-6742

Website: www.osha.gov

U.S. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
200 Constitution Avenue
Washington D.C. 20210

National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is a federal agency responsible for conducting research and recommendations for the prevention of work related injuries and sickness.

Phone: 1-800-356-4674

Website: www.cdc.gov/niosh

National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
Hubert H. Humphrey Bldg.
200 Independence Avenue, SW
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American National Standards Institute (ANSI) coordinates the development and use of voluntary consensus standards including safety standards.

Phone: 1-202-293-8020

Website: www.ansi.org

American National Standards Institute
1819 L Street, NW
6th Floor
Washington, DC 20036

12.5 Surface Preparation Information Sources

The Society for Protective Coatings (SSPC) consists of research and testing committees, conducts seminars and establishes industry standards on surface preparation methods, abrasive and coatings.

Phone: 1-412-281-2331

Website: www.sspc.org

The Society for Protective Coatings
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12.6 Table of Blast Abrasive Characteristics

Abrasive Type	Hardness (Mohs)	Grain Shape	Density Lbs/ft ³	Color	Free Silica Content	No. of Recycles	Initial Cost	Typical Use
Corn Cobs	2	angular	35-45	tan	none	4-5	low	stripping paint from delicate substrates
Sodium Bicarbonate	2.8	crystal	60	white	none	4-5	medium	cleaning and stripping paint from delicate substrates
Walnut Shell	3	angular	45	lt. brown	none	4.5	low	stripping paint from delicate substrates
Plastic	3.2	angular	45-60	white	none	8-10	medium	Paint stripping, deburring, and cleaning
Glass Beads	4.5	spherical	90	crystal	none	8-10	low	cleaning finishing
Starblast XL	6.5	spherical	128	lt. brown	<1%	4-5	medium	outdoor blasting
Coal Slag	7	angular	85	black	none	1-2	medium	outdoor blasting
Copper Slag	7	angular	112	black	none	1-2	medium	outdoor blasting
Garnet	7	angular	147	pink	<2%	4-5	medium	outdoor blasting
Steel Shot	8	spherical	280	steel grey	none	200	low	cleaning and peening
Steel Grit	8	angular	280	steel grey	none	200	medium	removing heavy scale
Aluminum Oxide	9	angular	120	brown	<1%	6-8	medium	cleaning and finishing, deburring and etching

NOTES

13.0 Blasting Data

13.1 Table 1 Approximate Air Consumption (CFM) Per Blast Nozzle

NOZZLE SIZE	NOZZLE PRESSURE						
	60 psi	70 psi	80 psi	90 psi	100 psi	120 psi	140 psi
No.2 1/8"	14	16	18	20	22	26	30
No.3 3/16"	32	36	41	45	49	58	66
No.4 1/4"	57	65	72	80	90	105	121
No.5 5/16"	90	101	113	125	140	160	185
No.6 3/8"	126	145	163	182	200	235	270
No.7 7/16"	170	193	215	240	270	315	360
No.8 1/2"	230	260	290	320	350	410	470
No.10 5/8"	360	406	454	500	550	640	740
No.12 3/4"	518	585	652	720	790	925	1060

13.2 Table 2 Abrasive Consumption (lbs. per hour) Per Blast Nozzle

NOZZLE SIZE	NOZZLE PRESSURE						
	60 psi	70 psi	80 psi	90 psi	100 psi	120 psi	140 psi
No.2 1/8"	90	105	115	130	140	165	190
No.3 3/16"	205	230	260	290	320	375	430
No.4 1/4"	365	420	460	500	560	660	760
No.5 5/16"	575	650	725	825	900	1050	1200
No.6 3/8"	840	945	1050	1155	1260	1475	1700
No.7 7/16"	1150	1300	1450	1600	1750	2050	2350
No.8 1/2"	1460	1660	1850	2000	2250	2650	3000
No.10 5/8"	2290	2600	2900	3125	3520	4100	4750
No.12 3/4"	3300	3750	4180	4500	5060	5950	6800

13.3 Table 3 Hose Selection Guide (blasting @ 100 Psi)

NOZZLE SIZE	No.4 1/4"	No.5 5/16"	No.6 3/8"	No.7 7/16"	No.8 1/2"
CFM @ 100psi	90	140	200	270	350
AIR HOSE	1 1/4"	1 1/4"	1 1/2"	1 1/2"	2"
BLAST HOSE	1"	1 1/4"	1 1/4"	1 1/2"	1 1/2"
ABRASIVE (lbs per hr)	560	900	1260	1750	2250

13.4 Additional Information on Blasting Productivity

Air volume and pressure are very important. The blasting production rate will increase with higher blasting pressures and decrease with lower blasting pressures. The National Association of Corrosion Engineers' data suggests that for each 1 psi reduction in nozzle pressure, there is a 1.5% production loss. Pressure drop through a Schmidt® blast unit is normally less than 1 psi, while blast units manufactured by some of our competitors have pressure losses as high as 12 psi resulting in an 18% loss of production. Air pressure loss can also be avoided by using the shortest possible hose of adequate size. The inside diameter of both the blast hose (other than whip hose) and the air hose should be approximately three times the diameter of the orifice in the blast nozzle.

Standard Schmidt blast units are rated for a maximum pressure of 125 psi or 150 psi. Refer to the pressure vessel nameplate for maximum operating pressure.