# SPONGE-JET® 170-SJ Feed Unit 470-SJ Feed Unit USER MANUAL



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**IMPORTANT NOTE:** While parts, systems, components, operational procedures may be the same between equipment models, the images provided in this manual may vary from model to model.

This manual represents the following models and their approximate working capacity:

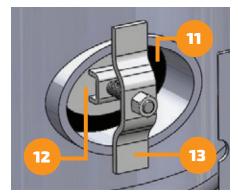
Model: 170-SJ Model: 470-SJ Working Capacity: 170 liters Working Capacity: 470 liters

English Language is Original Instructions. Translated from Original Instructions.

# **BASIC COMPONENTS**

- 1 Certified Lifting Point (4x)
- 2 Hopper Lid (optional)
- 3 Supply Line Connection
- 4 Hopper
- 5 Twinline Quick Connect Fittings
- 6 Main Air Ball Valve
- 7 Pressure Vessel
- 8 Secondary Water Separator
- 9 Blast Hose Connection
- 10 Air Motor
- 11 Gasket
- 12 Handhole Cover
- 13 Crab Assembly

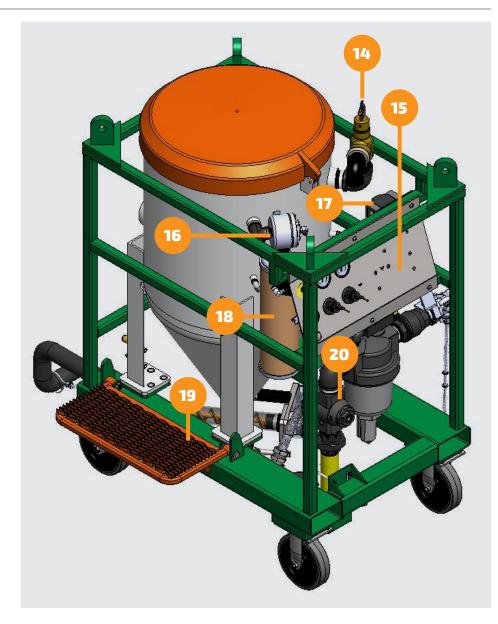


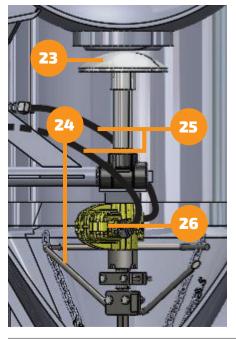




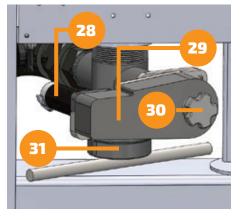
- 14 Safety Valve
- 15 Control Panel
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- 17 Control Panel Moisture Separator
- 18 Exhaust Muffler
- 19 Utility Step
- 20 **On/Off Blast Pressure Regulator**
- 21 Air Motor Moisture Separator
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- 23 **Pop-up**
- 24 Actuator Tree and Chain
- 25 Actuator Control Line
- 26 Media Actuator
- 27 Choke Valve
- 28 Air Motor
- 29 Auger Chain Guard
- 30 Manual Rotation Knob
- 31 Clean Out Trap



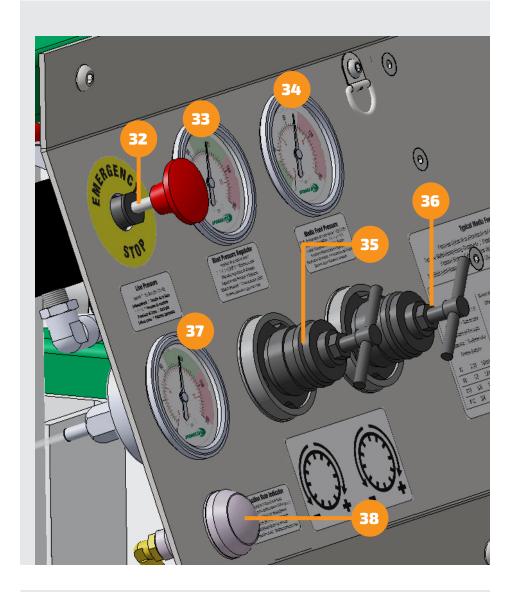








- 32 Emergency Stop Button
- 33 Blast Pressure Gauge
- 34 Media Feed Gauge
- 35 Blast Pressure Adjustment
- 36 Media Feed Adjustment
- 37 Line Pressure Gauge
- 38 Actuation Rate Indicator Eye
- 39 Blast Hose
- 40 Nozzle Holder
- 41 Nozzle
- 42 Twinline
- 43 Twinline Connection
- 44 Deadman Handle









# SAFETY CHECKLIST

## The safety of you and others is extremely important.

There are important safety messages in this manual and on your product. Always read and obey safety messages.



This is a safety alert symbol. This symbol alerts to hazards that can injure or kill you and/

or others. The safety alert symbol and words like "Caution" and "Danger" precede all safety messages. These words mean:

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

**CAUTION:** Indicates a hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury. Survey environment for hazards; read manual and instructions before operating and follow ALL safety practices in accordance with ALL applicable local regulations.

#### ENSURE CAPACITY OF THE CUSTOMER-INSTALLED OVER-PRESSURE RELIEF VALVE EQUALS OR EXCEEDS CAPACITY OF THE COMPRESSED AIR SUPPLY.

FACTORY-SUPPLIED OVERPRESSURE RELIEF VALVE IS RATED ≤ 45M<sup>3</sup>/MIN (1600 SCFM). CONFIRM IN-STALLED OVERPRESSURE RELIEF VALVE ON UNIT IS SUITABLE FOR THE RATING OF THE COMPRESSED AIR SUPPLY.



Location and usage of Emergency Stop Button should be understood before operation. Pushing in the Emergency Stop Button stops operation;

Pulling it out allows for operation. DO NOT pull Emergency Stop Button and press Deadman until ALL operators are fully prepared to blast and nozzle(s) are under operator control.

This Unit is a pressurized system. Only trained operators should adjust, maintain and repair it. Visit www.spongejet.com for information on training.

**Inbound pressure should never exceed the listed Maximum Working Pressure on the data plate.** To prevent electrostatic buildup and possible electric discharge, the unit and work piece must be properly grounded/bonded.



#### WARNING

Secure ALL safety restraints. Whip-check, safety pins, wire, grounding straps and hose couplings must be properly secured before operating. Failure to do so may result in serious injury or death.



#### WARNING

Eye, hearing and respiratory personal protective equipment required for operators and others in close proximity to blasting. Failure to do so may result in serious injury.



#### WARNING

Sudden media discharge and loud noise. Keep hands and face free from area. ALWAYS use proper respiratory, hearing and eye protection equipment.

The operator and anyone within 1m (3ft) of the nozzle can be exposed to sound emission in excess of 120 dB(A).

Never point Blast Nozzle towards yourself or others.



#### WARNING

ONLY use Sponge-Jet approved positive-feed Deadman control handles. DO NOT reverse twinlines. Failure to comply will override safety controls, cause unintentional start-up and unreliable shutdown—which may lead to serious injury or death.

#### Inspect ALL equipment prior to each shift.

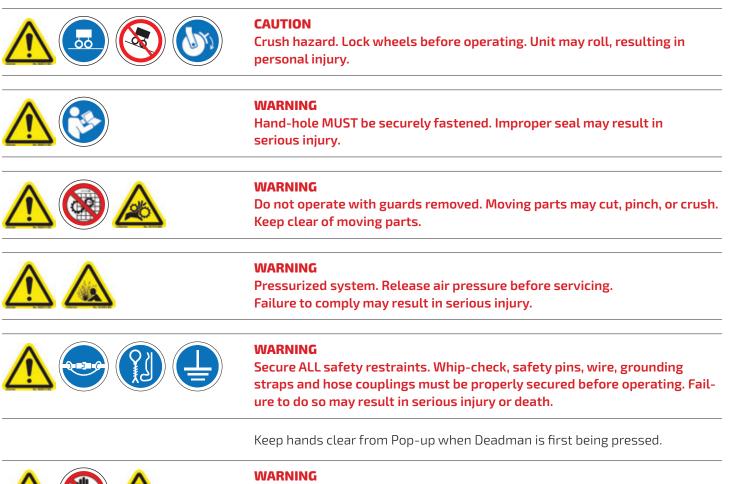
**Never** operate Unit with any worn or malfunctioning components.

All pneumatic lines should be inspected for holes, wear and proper fit.

Safety pins (wire) and whip-checks should be fitted at all Air Supply Hose and **Blast Hose** couplings to prevent accidental disconnection.

**Never** weld or make modifications to pressure vessel, as this will void certifications.

Do not operate without Auger Chain Guard in place.



Pinch point. Moving unit may cut, pinch or cause dismemberment; keep clear of moving parts.

# REQUIREMENTS

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## Air Supply/Compressor

Clean, dry, compressed air must be supplied in adequate volume and pressure to accommodate nozzle size at the desired blast pressure.

#### Highest rated pressure for models in this manual is 10.3bar (150psi).

\*Always check vessel rating located on Unit's data-plate.

**NOTE:** High-humidity environments require additional moisture separators.



#### (METRIC) M3/MIN REQUIREMENTS

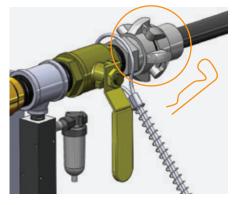
Nozzle Size		4.1bar	4.8bar	5.5bar	6.2bar	6.9bar	8.3bar	9.7bar
No. 6	Nozzle	3.6	4.0	4.6	4.9	5.5	6.2	7.1
9.5mm	Feed Unit	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
	Reserve	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.6
	Total	5.6	6.2	6.8	7.2	8.0	8.8	9.8
No. 7	Nozzle	4.8	5.5	6.1	6.8	7.2	8.5	9.8
11mm	Feed Unit	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
	Reserve	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.9	2.2
	Total	7.1	7.9	8.7	9.5	10.0	11.5	13.1
No. 8	Nozzle	6.3	7.1	7.9	8.7	9.6	11.1	12.7
12.5mm	Feed Unit	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
	Reserve	1.5	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.4	2.8
	Total	9.0	9.9	10.9	11.9	12.8	14.7	16.6
No. 10	Nozzle	10.1	11.4	12.8	14.3	15.5	17.3	19.8
15mm	Feed Unit	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
	Reserve	2.2	2.5	2.8	3.1	3.3	3.7	4.2
	Total	13.4	15.1	16.7	18.5	20.0	22.1	25.1
No. 12	Nozzle	14.2	16.3	18.4	19.8	22.6	28.6	32.8
18mm	Feed Unit	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
	Reserve	3.1	3.5	3.9	4.2	4.8	5.9	6.8
	Total	18.3	20.9	23.4	25.1	28.5	35.7	40.7

Nozzle Size		60psi	70psi	80psi	90psi	100psi	120psi	140psi
No. 6	Nozzle	126	143	161	173	196	220	253
3/8in	Feed Unit	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
	Reserve	33	37	40	43	47	52	59
	Total	199	220	241	256	283	312	352
No. 7	Nozzle	170	194	217	240	254	300	344
7/16in	Feed Unit	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
	Reserve	42	47	51	56	59	68	77
	Total	252	281	308	336	353	408	461
No. 8	Nozzle	224	252	280	309	338	392	450
1/2in	Feed Unit	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
	Reserve	53	58	64	70	76	86	98
	Total	317	350	384	419	454	518	588
No. 10	Nozzle	356	404	452	504	548	611	701
5/8in	Feed Unit	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
	Reserve	79	89	98	109	118	130	148
	Total	475	533	590	653	706	781	889
No. 12	Nozzle	500	575	650	700	800	1,010	1,159
3/4in	Feed Unit	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
	Reserve	108	123	138	148	168	210	240
	Total	648	738	828	888	1,008	1,260	1,439

## **Air Supply Requirements**

This Unit uses a 50mm (2in) standard pipe typically fit with a 50mm (2in) universal 4-lug coupling.

Larger hoses decrease pressure loss.



Nozzle	Orifice	Recommended Air Line I.D.
#6	9.5mm (3/8in)	50mm (2in)
#7	11mm (7/16in)	50mm (2in)
#8	12.5mm (1/2in)	76mm (3in)
#10	16mm (5/8in)	76mm (3in)
#12	19mm (3/4in)	76mm (3in)

#### **Blast Hoses**

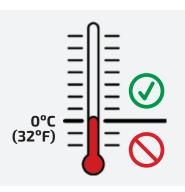
Extensions up to 30m (100ft) should have minimum 38mm (1.5in) I.D.

Extensions over 30m (100ft) should have minimum 50mm (2.0in) I.D. Blast Hose Extension. Larger hoses decrease pressure loss.

## **Operating Temperature**

Operating temperature range is  $0^{\circ}c$  (32°f) to 50°c (120°f).

**NOTE:** Ice build-up from moisture may require thawing prior to operation.



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#### Containment

Sponge-Jet Sponge Media<sup>™</sup> must be contained to be efficiently recycled. Use plastic sheeting or mesh. Projects involving hazardous materials, high wind load or other challenging conditions may require more complex containment and negative air dust collection.

**NOTE:** Pre-cleaning the blast area can minimize dust and debris which can also cause equipment malfunctions.

Always follow local, state and federal guidelines concerning proper containment, ventilation and monitoring procedures.



#### WARNING

Eye, hearing and respiratory personal protective equipment required for operators and others in close proximity to blasting. Failure to do so may result in serious injury.

# **OPERATION**

This equipment is designed to be operated in a manner consistent only with instructions contained in this manual.

## **Before Feed Unit Pressurization and Operation**

Verify the **Emergency Stop Button** is pressed.

	<b>CAUTION</b> Crush hazard. Lock wheels before operating. Unit may roll, resulting in personal injury.
	All pneumatic lines should be inspected for holes, wear and proper fit.
	Safety pins (wire) and whip-checks should be fitted at all Air Supply Hose and <b>Blast Hose</b> couplings to prevent accidental disconnection.
	<b>WARNING</b> Hand-hole MUST be securely fastened. Improper seal may result in serious injury.
	Do not operate without <b>Auger Chain Guard</b> in place.
	<b>WARNING</b> Do not operate with guards removed. Moving parts may cut, pinch, or crush Keep clear of moving parts.
$\land$	<b>WARNING</b> Pressurized system. Release air pressure before servicing. Failure to comply may result in serious injury.
	WARNING Secure ALL safety restraints. Whip-check, safety pins, wire, grounding straps and hose couplings must be properly secured before operating. Failure to do so may result in serious injury or death.
	Keep hands clear from Pop-up when Deadman is first being pressed.
	<b>WARNING</b> Pinch point. Moving unit may cut, pinch or cause dismemberment, keep clear of moving parts.
	<b>WARNING</b> Eye, hearing and respiratory personal protective equipment required for operators and others in close proximity to blasting. Failure to do so may

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## **Operation of Feed Unit**

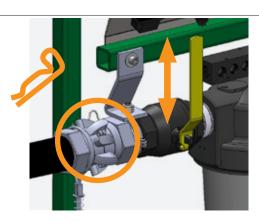
Inspect all **Blast Hose** and connections. Repair or replace worn or damaged components. Ensure all couplings are equipped with coupling gaskets, safety pins and whip-checks. Confirm all are properly installed.



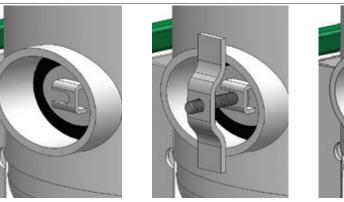
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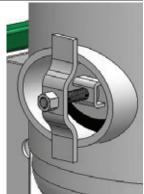
Secure ALL safety restraints. Whip-check, safety wire, grounding straps and hose couplings must be properly secured before operating. Failure to do so may result in serious injury or death.

Connect compressor to **Supply Line Connection** and
secure safety pins and whip-check.

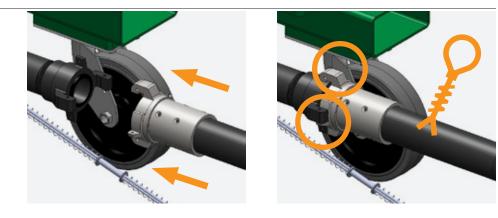


Attach **Handhole Cover** with gasket.

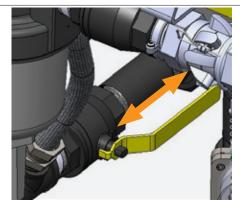




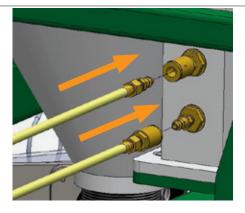
Connect **Blast Hose** and secure with twisted wire.

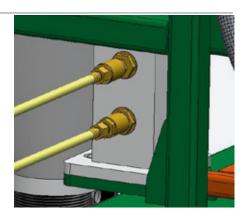


#### Confirm **Choke Valve** is open.



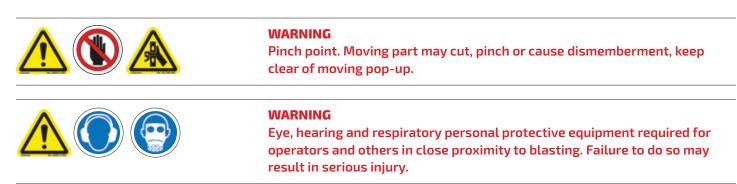
Connect Return and Supply
Twinline Quick Connect Fittings.



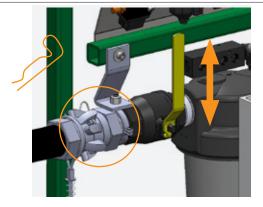


Fill Feed Unit through **Hopper.** 

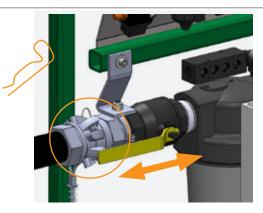




## Check **Main Air Ball Valve** is closed, then charge supply line.



Open Main Air Ball Valve.



Pull out Emergency Stop Button.



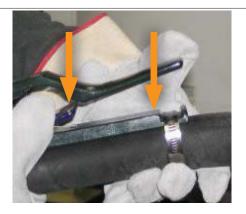


To begin blasting, unlock **Deadman Handle** by pressing down safety flap.



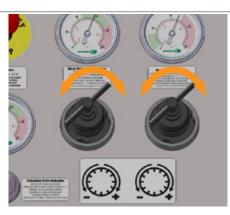


#### Press **Deadman Handle** down and wait 5 to 10 seconds for Sponge Media to flow.

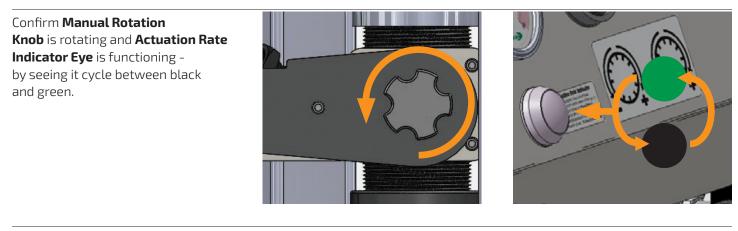




Adjust **Blast Pressure** and **Media Feed Pressure** to desired levels.



Typical Media Feed Pressures	Nozzle Size	Sponge Media Recycles	Working Mix
		1-3 4-6	7-12
		bar psi bar psi	bar psi
	#7 10mm (7/16in)	2.0 30 1.5 20	0.7 10
	#8 12mm (1/2in)	2.8 40 2.0 30	1.5 20
	#10 15mm (5/8in)	3.4 50 2.8 40	2.0 30
	#12 18mm (3/4in)	4.1 60 3.4 50	2.8 40



Prepare surface to desired condition.

## (Non-Maintenance) Shutdown of Unit

For normal shutdown during operation.

Release **Deadman Handle**.

OR

Push in **Emergency Stop Button**.





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# (Maintenance/Long-Term) Shutdown of Unit

For shutdowns to conduct inspection, maintenance or for extended non-use.

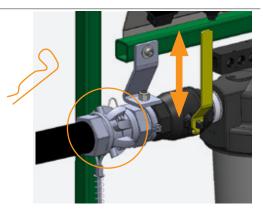
Release Deadman Handle, then push in **Emergency Stop Button**.

Shut off inbound supply of air from its source.

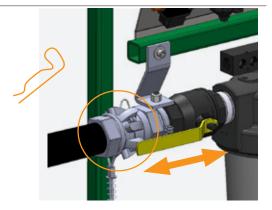




Shut off Main Air Ball Valve.



Open Main Air Ball Valve.



Point **Blast Nozzle** at working substrate (away from people); press safety flap and then press **Deadman Handle** down.

Keep **Deadman Handle** pressed down until all remaining air is vented.







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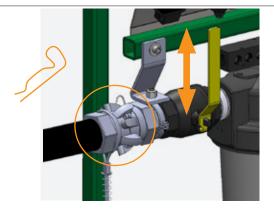
Pressurized system. Release air pressure before servicing. Failure to comply may result in serious injury.

Once all **Control Panel** gauges read "0" bar (psi), confirm supply line to Unit is depressurized.





Close Main Air Ball Valve.



## MAINTENANCE

Routine maintenance is required to provide long and reliable equipment life. This Unit must be shut down and fully depressurized prior to any maintenance.

#### WARNING

Pressurized system. Release air pressure before servicing. Failure to comply may result in serious injury.

#### Prior to each use

Inspect **Blast Nozzle** for wear. Once nozzle throat has worn 1.5mm (1/16in) beyond its original intended diameter, it should be replaced.

Thoroughly inspect **Blast Hose** components and connections. Replace as needed. Ensure all couplings are properly equipped with coupling gaskets, wire and whip-checks.



# Confirm adequate pneumatic tool oil is present in Air Motor Lubricator.

USE SAE 5W (ISO 32) NON-DETERGENT OIL ONLY.





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### Performed monthly (or as needed)

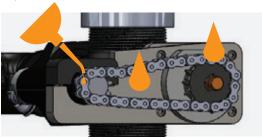
Inspect and clean Exhaust Muffler. Replace when exhaust is slow. Remove any accumulated media in Exhaust Muffler and reinstall. WARNING: Do no operate equipment without Exhaust muffler in place.



Remove Auger Chain Guard and inspect Auger Drive Chain.

Apply lightweight lubricating oil as necessary.

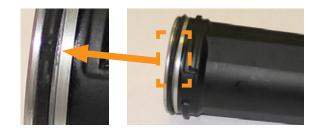
Replace Auger Chain Guard.



### Performed bi-monthly (or as needed)

Remove lower portion of **Secondary Water Separator**, **Control Panel Moisture Separator** and **Air Motor Moisture Separator**; inspect each interior and O-Ring.

Remove contaminants; replace O-Ring if needed and reinstall.

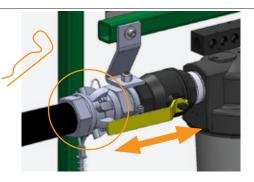


# TROUBLESHOOTING

## Unit does not operate when Deadman Handle is depressed

Check Main Air Ball Valve is open.

Check **Emergency Stop Button** is pulled out.





Check all **Twinline Quick Connect Fittings** are connected and secure.





Check for damage to **Twinline.** 



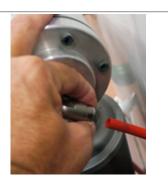
Check **Line Pressure** is adequate for operation using Section 3.1.





#### Unit does not operate when Deadman Handle is pressed continued.

Remove red air line from **Exhaust Valve**; cover with thumb, then press **Deadman Handle** (down).



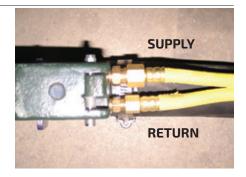




IF no air is felt exiting red air line, trace air flow operation through Twinline and Deadman Handle checking for obstructions or leaks.

**IF air** is felt exiting red air line, place thumb on opening of red air line and press **Deadman Handle** (down).

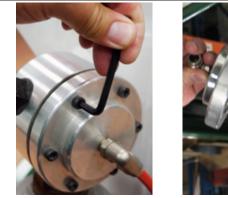








IF unit starts (air exits nozzle) depressurize unit and replace Exhaust Valve Diaphragm.







# Air will not stop exiting nozzle when Deadman Handle is released

Push in **Emergency Stop Button**.



**If unit stops**, likely problems are:

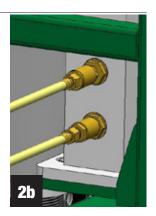
1. Incorrect **Deadman**. Replace with Sponge-Jet **Deadman**.

2. Twinline air lines from unit to Deadman have been reversed.

3. **Deadman** is broken; replace with Sponge-Jet **Deadman**.

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**If Unit does not stop**, likely problem is:

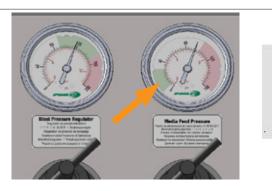
**On/Off Blast Pressure Regulator** is malfunctioning. Contact a Sponge-Jet representive

## Auger will not begin rotating

Check **Emergency Stop Button** is pulled out.



Confirm **Media Feed Pressure** Gauge reads consistently with **Typical Media Feed Pressure** label on Unit or in chart below.



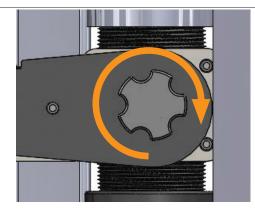


Nozzle Size	Sponge Me	Working Mix		
	1-3	4-6	7-12	
	bar psi	bar psi	bar psi	
#7 10mm (7/16in)	2.0 30	1.5 20	0.7 10	
#8 12mm (1/2in)	2.8 40	2.0 30	1.5 20	
#10 15mm (5/8in)	3.4 50	2.8 40	2.0 30	
#12 18mm (3/4in)	4.1 60	3.4 50	2.8 40	

#### Turn Manual Rotation Knob

clockwise to confirm free rotation.

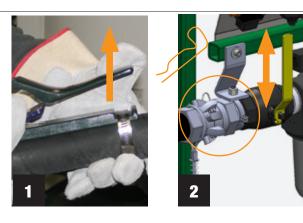
If excessive force is required, clear obstruction (see next section).



### Auger stops rotating during normal operation

**1.** Release **Deadman Handle** and depressurize unit.

- 2. Close Main Air Ball Valve.
- 3. Push in Emergency Stop Button.



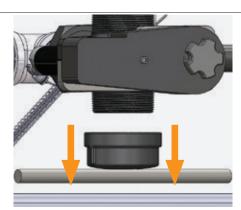


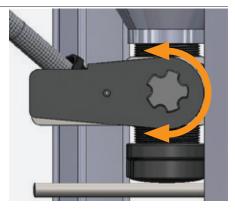
Remove **Clean Out Trap.** 

Rotate **Manual Rotation Knob** clockwise and counter-clockwise until obstruction falls out.

Auger should move smoothly.

Replace Clean Out Trap.

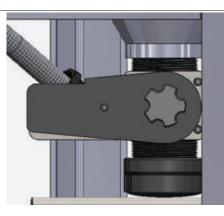


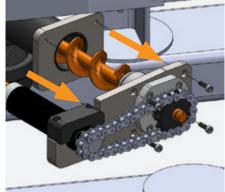


If obstruction cannot be cleared through **Clean Out Trap**:

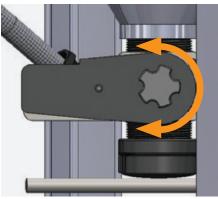
Remove **Auger Chain Guard**. Remove (4) outside screws, pull **Auger** from unit and remove obstruction.

Reassemble **Auger**; replace (4) outside screws, and test for smooth rotation. Re-install **Auger Chain Guard.** 









## Air Motor performs inconsistantly at lower media pressures

**1.** Check **Air Motor Lubricator** oil level. Refill as necessary.

USE SAE 5W (ISO 32) NON-DETERGENT OIL ONLY.



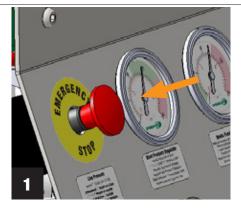


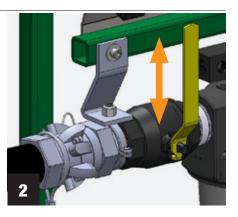


### Air flow through nozzle suddenly stops

**1. Do not restart.** Immediately press in **Emergency Stop Button**.

**2.** Depressurize unit and close **Main Air Ball Valve.** 





**3.** Remove **Blast Nozzle** from **Blast Hose;** inspect for and remove obstructions.

**4.** Disconnect all **Blast Hose** connections; inspect for and remove obstructions.



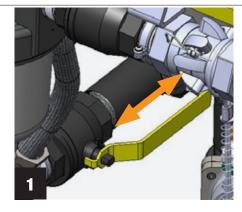


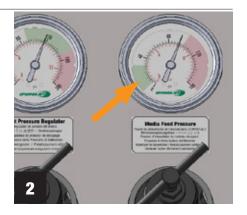
## Too much Sponge Media exits Nozzle or is pulsing

1. Check **Choke Valve** is in open.

**2.** Check **Media Feed Pressure** is within gauge recommended range (green).







# Air will not stop exiting nozzle when Deadman Handle is released

Press in **Emergency Stop Button**.



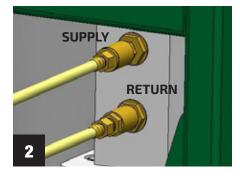
**IF UNIT STOPS,** likely problems are:

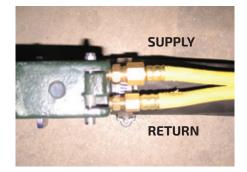
1. Incorrect **Deadman**. Replace with Sponge-Jet **Deadman.** 

2. **Twinline** air lines from unit to **Deadman** have been reversed.

3. **Deadman** is broken; replace with Sponge-Jet **Deadman**.







# Blast Pressure continuously increases and decreases or Unit exhausts intermittently while blasting

**1.** Check for damage to **Twinline** and for air leaks at all fittings and connections.

Repair, replace or tighten as necessary.

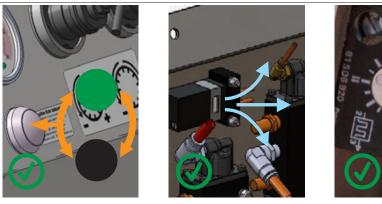






# Air flows through Nozzle without Sponge Media while Auger is rotating

Check cycling of **Actuation Rate Indicator Eye** and for light pulse of air exiting front face of Timer. Confirm Timer is set between 1.25-1.5.



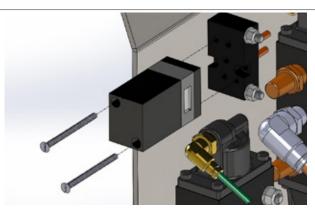


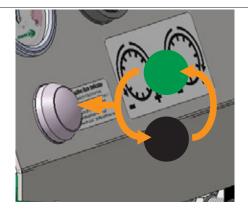
**If Actuation Rate Indicator Eye and Timer produces light pulse of air**, resume blasting.

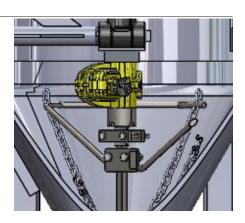
## If no light pulse of air is exiting side of Timer...

Remove (2) nuts from **Timer** base, then remove (2) screws from **Timer** face; replace the **Timer**, matching airline positions prior to removal.

Confirm proper motion of **Actuation Indicator Eye** and a 45° back-andforth motion of **Actuator Tree and Chain**.







## NOTES

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