



When using replacement side seals:

Assemble the wet/fluid end by installing all o-rings and screens. Prior to installing the side seal into the housing, it is necessary to make sure that both the mixing chamber sides and the side seals are polished using 2500 wet/dry paper on a flat polished steel surface. It is best to use a circular pattern while polishing to avoid micro-scratches in one direction which could lead to premature scoring.

Shutting down at the end of the day:

At shut down, when the proportioner is parked, the pressure is below 250 psi. This includes inside the check valve and side seal housings. To prevent the excess pressure from causing the fluid to leak out of the gun over night, it is important to drain the pressure from the gun completely by closing off the manifold control valves and activating the gun to dispel the remaining pressure in the gun. Actuating the trigger once or twice is all that is needed.

Allow the foam to react and develop as normal, drill out the mixing chamber. **It is not necessary to squirt extra grease into the fluid end at the end of the day. This can lead to problems at the start up the next day spraying resumes.** It is recommended that the gun be disassembled at the end of the week to inspect the side seals for scratches or fractures that will form from higher temperature materials and higher pressures. These fracture lines can be sanded out with the 2500 wet/dry paper then put back into use. This will also prevent catastrophic failure resulting in cross contamination or clogged air lines.

Greasing Requirements:

When spraying polyurea or other high pressure coatings, above 2,000 psi. It is recommended that grease is used sparingly. Just enough to lubricate the mating faces of the mixing chamber to the side seal. The residual chemicals will not be cleared away from the grease as it is with the copolymer side seals. However, you will not experience the same buildup of grease around the side seal due to the fact that the seal stops at the edge of the inlet port (impingement). **There is such a thing as too much grease!**

If you are using a 2020 mixing chamber, it is advised that only enough grease be used to lubricate the mixing chamber. This is to avoid clogging the side inlet ports of the mixing chamber.

It is recommended that the fluid end be cleaned at the end of the day and left open until the next day of spraying. This will extend the life of the o-rings and provide an opportunity to inspect before reassembly to spray. You will also be able to insure the filter screens and check valves are clean and operational before beginning the day. Less chance of failure due to lack of maintenance.

A pair of side seals can be used from job to job and can last for months, if the above procedures are used. This can reduce overhead expenses for mixing chambers and side seals dramatically.

Periodic cleaning:

In the event of a drained drum that results in a pressure imbalance, it is best to set up the new drum with the transfer pump and bleed out the air in the lines prior to resuming spraying operations. While bleeding the fluid lines, remove the check valves and screens, spray with gun cleaner and compressed air. Repeat for the side seal housings in the event that some cross contamination did occur. While the side seals are out of the gun, use the opportunity to ensure that there is not any visible scratches. This is to prevent a chemical imbalance during spraying and any chemical "trash" in the bottom of the drum that may have been sucked up as the fluid level was depleted at the bottom of the drum.

Fresh grease should be injected into the gun to allow for the gun cleaner to be pushed out with the grease.

Other materials:

If you plan to use the air purge gun for foam insulation where the pressure is below 2000 psi, It is recommended that the copolymer side seals be used for these applications.

Please see the instructions for copolymer side seals.