



INSTRUCTIONS

This manual contains important warnings and information.  
**READ AND KEEP FOR REFERENCE.**

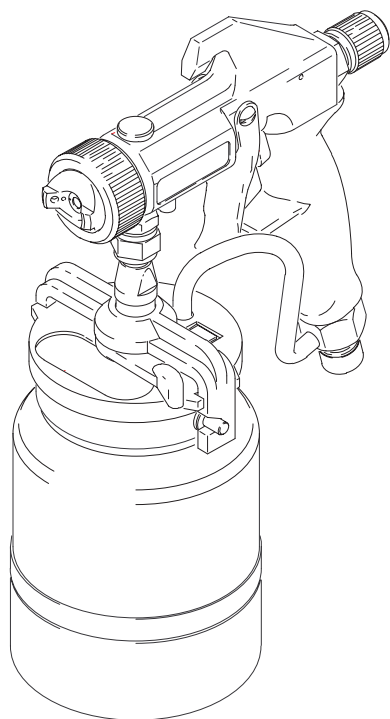
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Series 980

## Non-Bleed Style Turbine Spray Gun

100 psi (7 bar) Maximum Inlet Air Pressure  
50 psi (3.5 bar) Maximum Inlet Fluid Pressure



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### Model 980S

*Includes 1 quart (1 liter) cup*

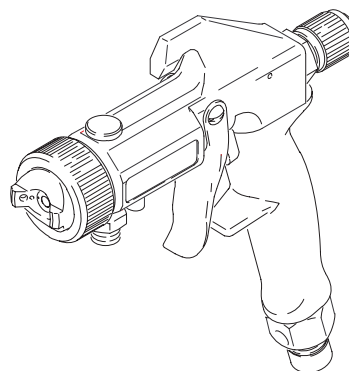
240-090 Model 980S, without fluid set

240-093 Model 980S, with # 3 fluid set

240-094 Model 980S, with #4 fluid set

240-095 Model 980S, with #5 fluid set

240-098 Model 980S, with #3 fluid set , flat bottom cup



### Model 980P

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240-100 Model 980P, without fluid set

240-103 Model 980P, with # 3 fluid set



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# Symbols

## Warning Symbol



This symbol alerts you to the possibility of serious injury or death if you do not follow the instructions.

## Caution Symbol



This symbol alerts you to the possibility of damage to or destruction of equipment if you do not follow the instructions.

## WARNING



### FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD

Improper grounding, poor ventilation, open flames or sparks can cause a hazardous condition and result in a fire or explosion and serious injury.

- Ground the equipment.
- If there is any static sparking or you feel an electric shock while using this equipment, **stop spraying immediately**. Do not use the equipment until you identify and correct the problem.
- Provide fresh air ventilation to avoid the buildup of flammable fumes from solvents or the fluid being sprayed.
- When flammable liquid is sprayed or used for flushing or cleaning the equipment, the turbine must be placed at least 20 feet (6.1 m) away from areas where hazardous concentrations of flammable vapors are likely to occur.
- Use additional air hose if necessary to ensure that the turbine is operated in a clean, dry, well ventilated area.
- Never place the turbine inside a spray booth! Use this equipment outdoors or in extremely well ventilated areas.
- Keep the spray area free of debris, including solvent, rags, and gasoline.
- Electrically disconnect all equipment in the spray area.
- Extinguish all open flames or pilot lights in the spray area.
- Do not smoke in the spray area.
- Do not turn on or off any light switch in the spray area while operating or if fumes are present.
- Do not operate a gasoline engine in the spray area.

# WARNING



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## EQUIPMENT MISUSE HAZARD

Equipment misuse can cause the equipment to rupture or malfunction and result in serious injury.

- This equipment is for professional use only.
- Read all instruction manuals, tags, and labels before operating the equipment.
- Use the equipment only for its intended purpose. If you are not sure, call your distributor.
- Do not alter or modify this equipment. Use only genuine Graco parts and accessories.
- Check equipment daily. Repair or replace worn or damaged parts immediately.
- Do not exceed the maximum working pressure of the lowest rated system component. See the **Technical Data** on page 23.
- Use fluids and solvents which are compatible with the equipment wetted parts. Refer to the **Technical Data** on page 23 for this information.
- Do not use hoses to pull equipment.
- Route hoses away from traffic areas, sharp edges, moving parts, and hot surfaces. Do not expose Graco hoses to temperatures above 82°C (180°F) or below -40°C (-40°F).
- Wear hearing protection when operating this equipment.
- Do not lift pressurized equipment.
- Comply with all applicable local, state, and national fire, electrical, and safety regulations.
- Do not point the gun at anyone or at any part of the body.
- Follow the **Pressure Relief Procedure** on page 11 if the fluid nozzle clogs and before cleaning, checking or servicing the equipment.
- Tighten all fluid connections before operating the equipment.
- Check the hoses, tubes, and couplings daily. Replace worn or damaged parts immediately.



## TOXIC FLUID HAZARD

Hazardous fluid or toxic fumes can cause serious injury or death if splashed in the eyes or on the skin, inhaled, or swallowed.

- Know the specific hazards of the fluid you are using.
- Store hazardous fluid in an approved container. Dispose of hazardous fluid according to all local, state and national guidelines.
- Always wear protective eyewear, gloves, clothing and respirator as recommended by the fluid and solvent manufacturer.
- Do not use 1,1,1-trichloroethane, methylene chloride, other halogenated hydrocarbon solvents or fluids containing such solvents in the turbine spray system, which contains aluminum and/or galvanized-coated parts. Such use could result in a serious chemical reaction, with the possibility of explosion, which could cause death, serious injury, and/or substantial property damage.

# Setup

## Information

### ⚠ CAUTION

Model 980 non-bleeder style spray guns are for use with Graco GTS Turbine Systems. Do not use with previous models of Graco or Croix turbines. Use will dramatically shorten turbine life.

**NOTE:** Model 980 HVLP spray guns differ from traditional non-bleeder guns by the constant low velocity airflow designed to prevent restriction and plugging of aircap orifices.

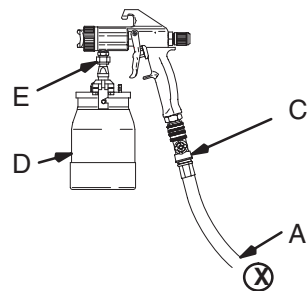
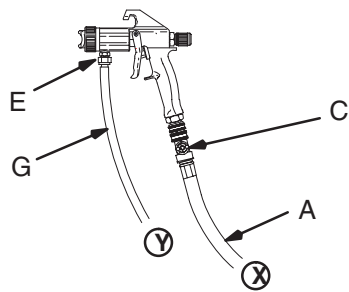
## Connect Fluid and Air Supply

1. Connect gun air supply hose (A) between turbine air outlet (B) and gun air inlet (C). DO NOT use wrench to tighten connections; hand-tighten only. See Fig. 1.

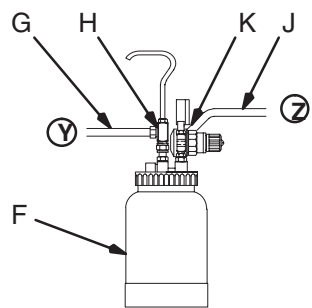
2. If using spray gun cup (D), connect cup to gun fluid inlet (E).
3. If using accessory remote pressure pots (F), connect fluid supply hose (G) between remote pressure pot fluid outlet (H) and gun fluid inlet (E). Connect pressure pot air hose (J) between pressure pot air regulator inlet (K) and the cart compressor air outlet (L).

### NOTES:

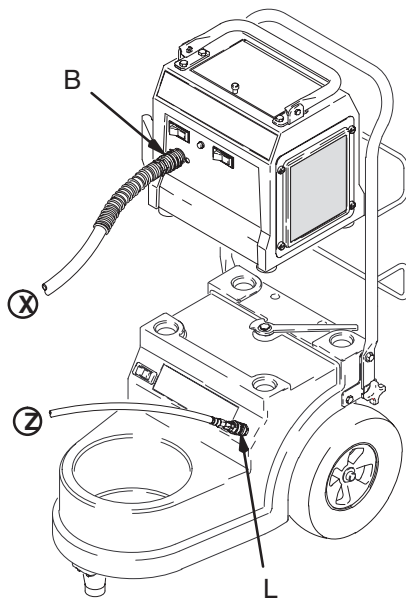
- The HVLP Cart/Compressor provides the air supply for remote pressure pot.
- Circled letters in Fig. 1 indicate hose line connections.



Cup Setup for Spray Gun



2 Quart Remote Pressure Pot



2-1/2 Gallon Remote Pressure Pot

Fig. 1

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## Fluid Set Installation

Complete spray guns are available with #3, #4, or #5 fluid sets. To install other fluid sets, perform the following steps. See Fig. 2.

1. Remove air cap retaining ring (28). Discard packaging (not shown). Remove detente plate and spring (26).
2. Remove fluid regulator assembly (18, 19, 20) and spring (21) from back of gun.
3. Fully insert needle assembly (14) into back of fluid manifold (6).
4. Perform needle adjustment procedure steps 2 thru 5 of Adjusting Needle on page 16.
5. Perform needle packings adjustment procedure steps 4 thru 8 of Adjusting Needle Packings on page 16.

## Prepare 980 Cup Gun for Pressure Feed

1. Remove air pressure tube (31) from air stem (34). See parts drawing on page 20.

2. Hold fluid inlet fitting (7) with wrench and remove cup assembly (32).
3. Remove air stem (34) from gun body (1).
4. Apply medium strength threadlocker to set screw (30) and assemble to gun body.

## Prepare Fluid

1. Always strain fluid before spraying; this includes color, reducer, and hardeners.
2. Use slower drying reducer or thinner to compensate for faster drying time from warm turbine air. Do not over reduce.

## Paint Reduction – Automotive Type Finishes

Reduce and catalyze all paint to manufacturer's specifications. Compensate for faster turbine drying time by using reducer one-step slower than conventional air spray.

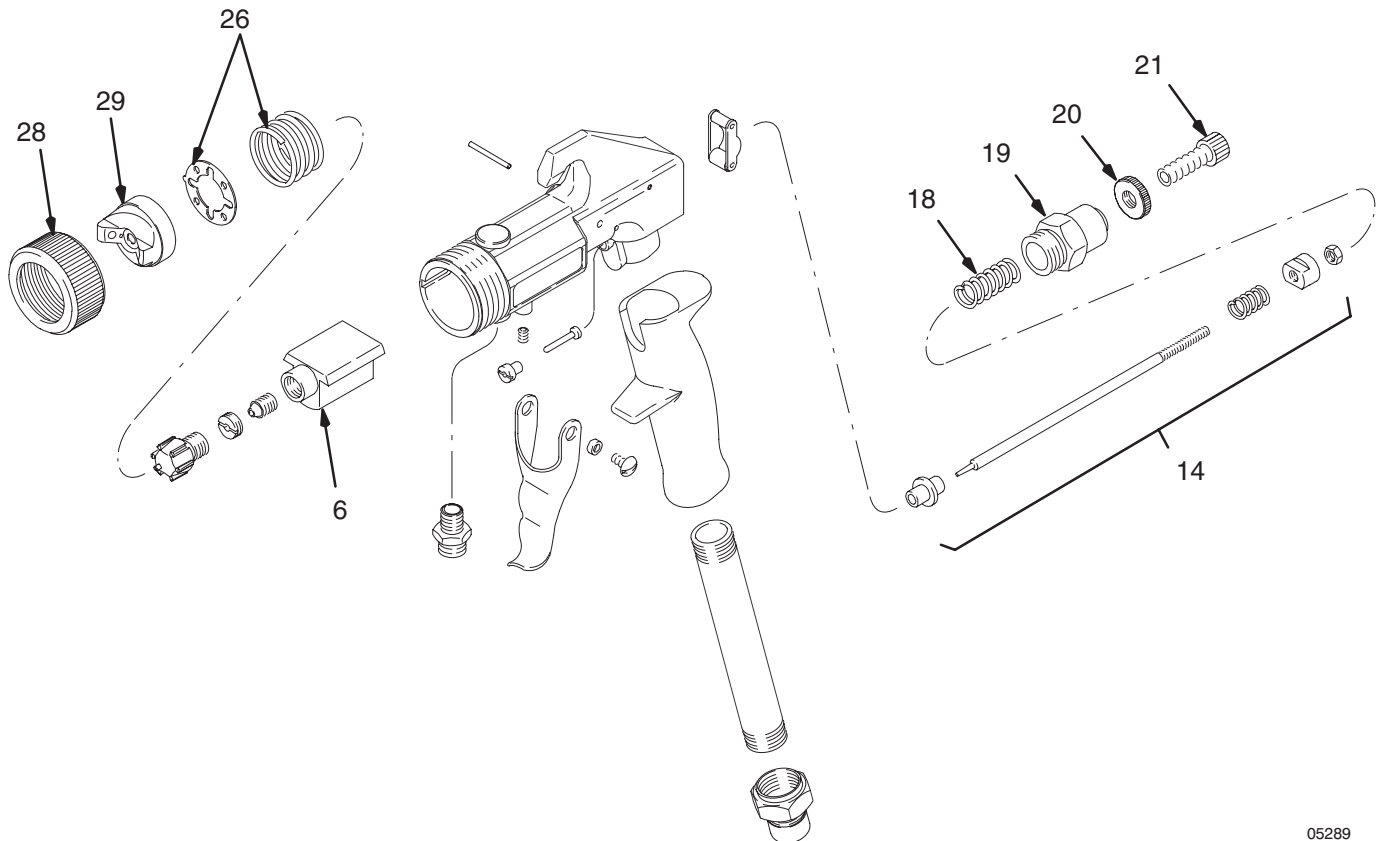


Fig. 2

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## Paint Reduction – Industrial or Domestic Coatings

Reduce and catalyze all paint to manufacturer's specifications. If no reductions are given, first thoroughly mix fluid to be sprayed. Gradually mix in reducer, testing fluid for correct spraying consistency.

*Test consistency:* Remove stir stick from thinned paint. Consistency is right when first drops from stir stick are about one second apart.

## Fill Cup or Remote Pressure Pot

### Spray Gun Cup

#### **⚠ WARNING**

The spray gun cup is pressurized by the gun's air supply. To reduce the risk of serious injury from pressurized fluid or accidental spray from the gun, always turn off the air supply to the gun before removing the spray gun cup.

Fill cup 3/4 full to keep air pressure tube clean. Install cover. Under-cup cover has latch (H) to secure it to cup.

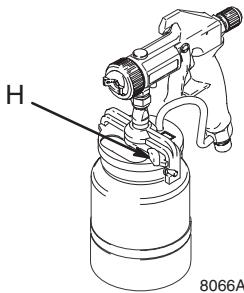


Fig. 3

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### Accessory Remote Pressure Pot

#### **⚠ WARNING**

The accessory remote pressure pots remain pressurized until pressure is manually relieved. To reduce the risk of serious injury from pressurized fluid or accidental spray from the gun, always relieve pressure in the pressure pot before loosening or removing the cover.

1. Relieve remote pressure pot pressure as follows:
  - a. Turn off air supply to pressure pot. See Fig. 4.
  - b. *2 1/2 Gallon Remote Pot:* Pull pressure relief valve ring (206c) until pressure is completely relieved.  
*2 Quart Remote Pot:* Turn **out** pressure relief knob (113) one turn. Wait until pressure is completely relieved before removing cover. Close knob.

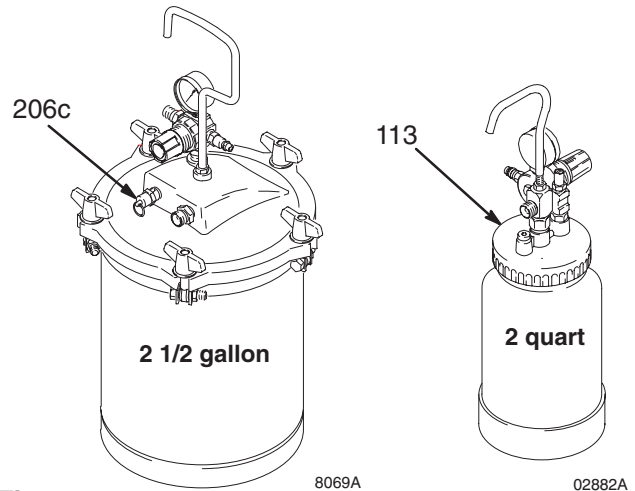


Fig. 4

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2. Remove pressure pot cover and fill. Secure cover.

**NOTE:** *2 quart remote pressure pot only:* lightly coat cover threads with petroleum jelly.

#### **⚠ CAUTION**

If the 2 quart remote pressure pot is accidentally tipped over or held at too great of an angle, fluid may leak into the air regulator. Take precautions to avoid this. If fluid does get into the regulator, clean immediately.

#### **⚠ CAUTION**

Do not tighten the pressure pot cover more than hand-tight. Excessive tightening may damage the cover gasket.

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## Prepare Surface

Completely clean surface to be sprayed.

## Turbine Operation

### **WARNING**

Sparking can be expected in the normal operation of the turbine motor. Sparks can ignite fumes from flammable liquid, dust particles, and other flammable substances in the spray area. This can cause serious injury and property damage. Be sure to follow the precautions below:

- When flammable liquid is sprayed or used for flushing or cleaning equipment, the turbine must be placed at least 20 feet (6.1 m) away from areas where hazardous concentrations of flammable vapors are likely to occur.
- Use additional air hose if necessary to ensure that the turbine is operated in a clean, dry, well ventilated area.
- Never use or place the turbine inside a spray booth! Use this equipment outdoors or in extremely well ventilated areas.
- Avoid all ignition sources such as static electricity from plastic drop cloths, open flames such as pilot lights, hot objects such as cigarettes, arcs from connecting or disconnecting power cords, and arcs from turning light switches on and off. Extinguish or remove all sources of ignition.

1. Turn turbine on a few minutes before spraying to warm-up. Turn turbine off when not in use. Turbine does not shut off automatically.
2. Be sure the turbine filter is clean before operating. See page 13 to check and clean filter.

## HVLP Compressor/Cart Cold Weather Operation

The HVLP compressor/cart uses a diaphragm compressor. When new, the diaphragm may become stiff in cold weather. If cold enough, the diaphragm will not allow the compressor motor to start (the unit will hum). If this occurs, follow these steps:

1. Turn turbine and compressor OFF.
2. Unplug turbine from power source.
3. Pinch and remove filter by hand. Clean or replace if dirty.
4. Hand spin cooling fan on compressor for a few revolutions.
5. Reinstall filter.
6. Plug in turbine.
7. Turn turbine and compressor ON. If necessary, repeat procedure.

## Adjust Pattern Direction and Shape

Spray pattern direction and shape are determined by 3 different positions the air cap. See Fig. 5. Rotate air cap as needed to achieve desired pattern.

**NOTE:** Do not loosen air cap retaining ring to change patterns unless air cap is set to its widest pattern. See Fig. 10.

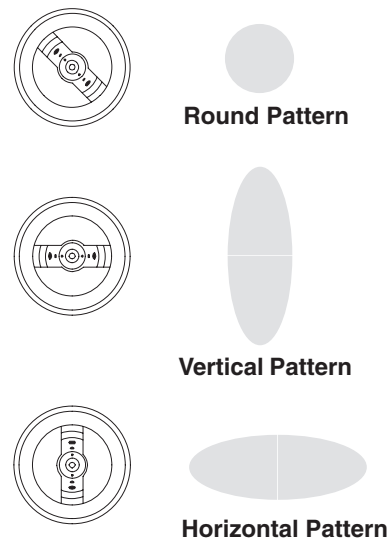


Fig. 5

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## Adjust Spray Pattern

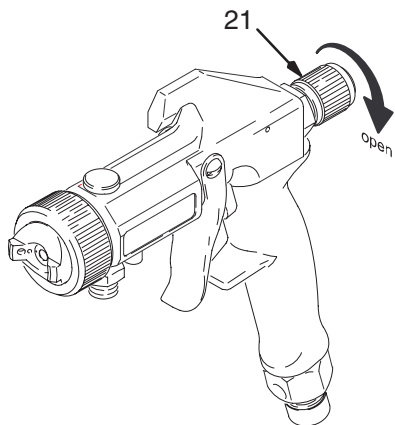
Select fluid set for fluid to be sprayed. If needed, see page 10 to determine correct fluid set.

### **! WARNING**

Do not exceed the gun's 50 psi (3.5 bar) *Maximum Fluid Inlet Pressure* and 100 psi (7 bar) *Maximum Air Inlet Pressure*. Higher pressures can cause parts to rupture and result in serious injury or property damage.

To establish correct fluid flow:

1. Turn fluid adjustment knob (21) counterclockwise until no restriction of trigger movement is felt. See Fig. 6.



**Fig. 6** 8070A

2. For remote pressure pot, hold gun parallel to floor and adjust fluid pressure at 8 to 10 inch (203 to 254 mm) fluid stream. See Fig. 7.

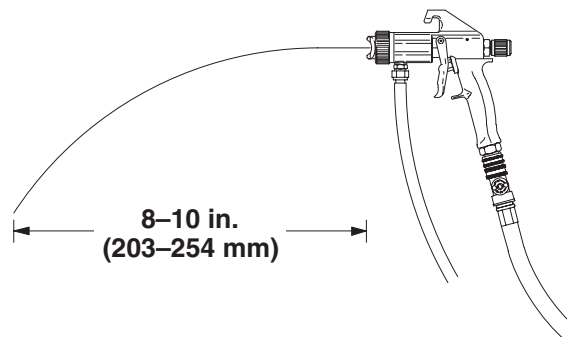
For 2 quart remote pressure pot, set at 4 to 6 psi (0.28 to 0.42 bar).

For 2 1/2 gallon remote pressure pot, set at 8 to 10 psi (0.56 to 0.70 bar).

Note: Heavier fluids or longer fluid hoses require greater pressures.

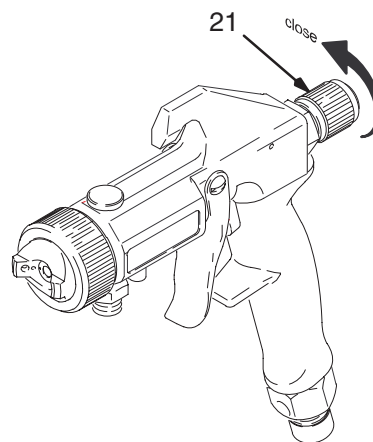
### **! WARNING**

Over-pressurizing the accessory remote pressure pots can cause serious injury. To reduce the risk, never exceed 50 psi (3.5 bar) *Maximum Air Inlet Pressure*.



**Fig. 7** 8071A

3. If further gun fluid adjustment is needed, turn fluid adjustment knob (21) clockwise to reduce volume of fluid output. See Fig. 8.



**Fig. 8** 8072A



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## ⚠ CAUTION

Restricting the trigger and fluid needle travel by continuously spraying with the fluid adjustment knob closed (*turned clockwise*), will cause accelerated abrasive wear on the fluid needle and wear on the trigger.

For best results, adjust fluid flow at the pressure source or use a different size needle/nozzle/air cap combination.

To establish correct air flow:

4. Test spray pattern and atomization while holding gun about 6 to 8 inches (150 to 200 mm) from test piece.
5. Air Control Valve (M) on end of turbine hose controls both atomizing air and pressure in spray gun cup. See Fig. 9. Adjust air control valve as needed.

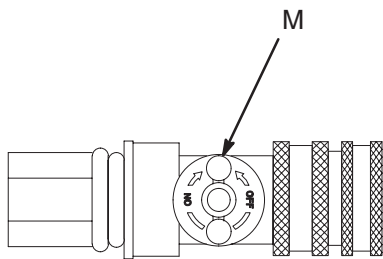


Fig. 9

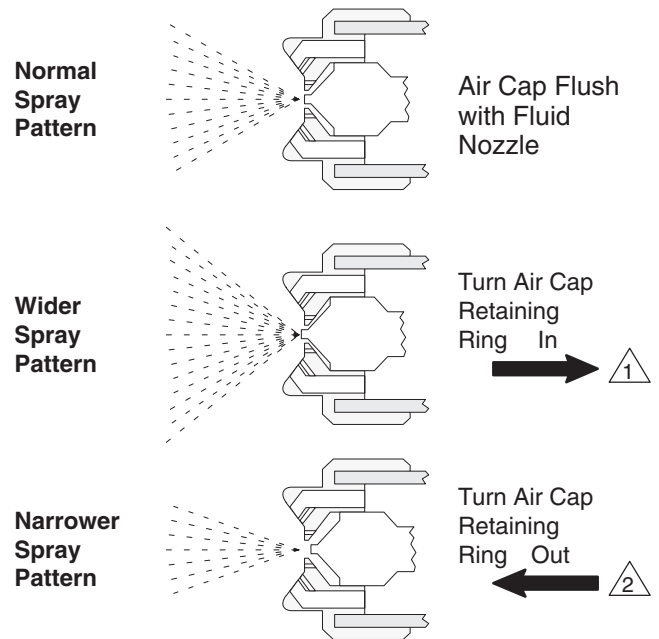
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### NOTES:

1. Control over-spray mist by using only as much air as necessary to spray fluid. Lighter fluids require less air.
2. If atomization is still unacceptable, fluids may be thinned further or a different fluid set may be required. Refer to page 10 to determine fluid set or page 5 to prepare fluid.

## Adjust Pattern Size

Change pattern size by turning air cap retaining ring **in** for a wide pattern or **out** for a narrow pattern. See Fig. 10.



1 Turning air cap **in** too far will retard atomization.

2 Turning air cap **out** too far, will stop fluid or cause flutter.

Fig. 10

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## Contractor Fluid Set Chart

Use this chart to determine Fluid Set for specific contractor application. See Fig. 11.

Fluid Set P/N & Size	Fluid Set Components			Type of Fluid**	Fluid Usage
	(A) Air Cap	(B) Nozzle	(C) Needle		
240-112 #2 (0.8 mm)	240-490	192-911	192-916	Light 14-18 sec.	Fine finish work with stains, lacquers, water-borne lacquers
240-113* #3 (1.3 mm)	240-491	192-912	192-917	Light-Medium 18-22 sec.	Medium speed application with lacquers, enamels, urethanes, and varnish
240-114 #4 (1.8 mm)	240-492	192-913	192-918	Medium 20-26 sec.	Medium to high speed industrial finishes
240-115 #5 (2.2 mm)	240-493	192-914	192-919	Heavy 22-26 sec.	Heavy output with lacquer and enamels, latex and oil wall paints
240-116 #6 (2.5 mm)	240-494	192-915	192-920	Heavy 26+ sec.	Wax base stripper, sound deadeners, latex paint, multi-color

\* Standard fluid set. \*\* Fluid measured with a #4 Ford cup (part no. M70702).

## Automotive Fluid Set Chart

Use this chart to determine Fluid Set for specific automotive application. See Fig. 11.

Fluid Set P/N & Size	Fluid Set Components			Fluid Usage
	(A) Air Cap	(B) Nozzle	(C) Needle	
240-117 0.5/0.5M	M70-434† 0.5 mm	M70-446	M70-453	Ultra fine finish with automotive touch-up, spot jobs
240-118 0.7/0.7M	M70-437† 0.7 mm	M70-447	M70-455	Fine finish work with all automotive finishes, color matching, automotive base coat
240-113* #3 (1.3 mm)	240-491	192-912	192-917	Normal output with enamels, urethanes, zinc chromate, automotive primers

\* Standard fluid set. † Multi-hole air cap.

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## Using Fluid Set Charts

Turbine Spray Gun includes a #3 fluid set, part no. 240-113. **The size of air cap, fluid nozzle, and fluid needle are marked on parts.**

Use fluid set charts on page 10 to order different size fluid set or to find part number of individual components of fluid set. Charts identify fluid sets used in contractor and automotive applications.

Fluid sets include air cap (A), nozzle (B), and needle assembly (D). See Fig. 11.

**NOTE:** To order other replacement parts for gun, see parts drawing and list for gun model on page 20.

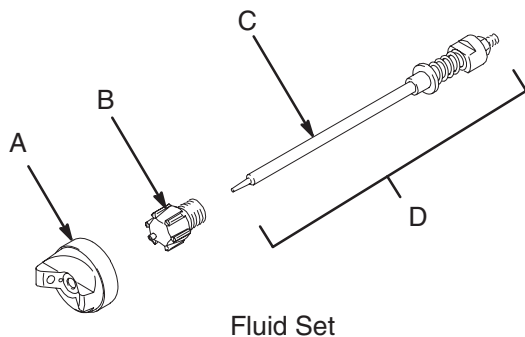


Fig. 11

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## Selecting Fluid Set

Turbine spray gun fluid sets range in size to provide different fluid flow rates. Selection charts on page 10 show recommended combinations based on fluid viscosities, flow rates, and usage.

*As a general guideline*, use fluid nozzle that will give required flow with needle fully triggered at lowest fluid pressure.

*For low flow rates or light viscosity fluid*, select smaller nozzle sizes.

*For high flow rates or high viscosity fluid*, select larger nozzle sizes.

*To eliminate mist*, use air cap one size larger than fluid nozzle. Use of smaller size air cap produces finer finish, but can increase mist.

*For very fine finish work (automotive, furniture, etc.)*, order air cap two sizes smaller than needle and nozzle. 0.5M mm or 0.7M mm multi-hole air caps are recommended for automotive finishes. See **Automotive User Chart** on page 10.

*For narrow fan pattern (wood finishing)*, order 0.5W mm, 0.7W mm, or 1.0W mm narrow fan pattern air cap. See chart below for part numbers.

## Narrow Fan Pattern Air Caps

Air Cap P/N	Size
M70-435	0.5W mm
M70-438	0.7W mm
M70-441	1.0W mm

# Shutdown

## Pressure Relief Procedure

### ! WARNING

#### PRESSURIZED EQUIPMENT HAZARD

The equipment stays pressurized until pressure is manually relieved. To reduce the risk of a serious injury from pressurized fluid, accidental spray from the gun, or splashing fluid, follow the **Pressure Relief Procedure** whenever you:

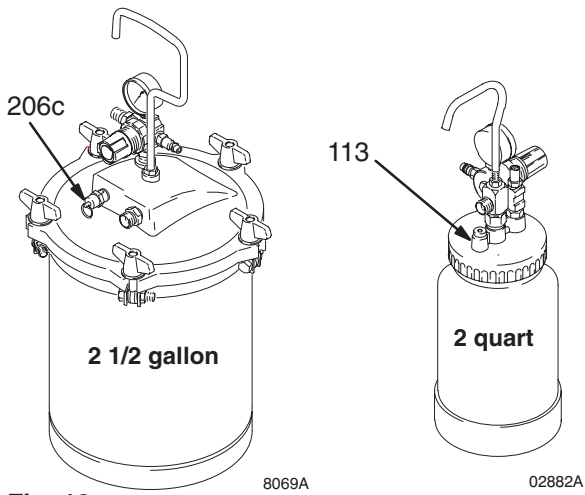
- are instructed to relieve the pressure,
- stop spraying,
- check or service any of the system equipment,
- or install or clean the fluid nozzles.

1. When spraying is finished, turn off air supply to gun.
2. Turn off turbine sprayer.

### ! WARNING

The turbine hose outlet may be hot. Carefully check the hose end before removing the hose.

3. *If using remote pressure pot*, relieve pressure by following these steps:
  - a. Turn off air supply to pressure pot.
  - b. *2 1/2 Gallon Remote Pot:* Pull pressure relief valve ring (206c) until pressure is completely relieved.  
*2 Quart Remote Pot:* Turn **out** pressure relief knob (113) about one turn. Wait until pressure is completely relieved before removing cover. Close knob. See Fig. 12.



**Fig. 12**

**NOTE:** Elevate spray gun and pull trigger. This will allow fluid in fluid hose to drain back into remote pressure pot.

4. If using a spray gun cup, unlatch cup cover and loosen or remove cup from cover to relieve cup pressure.
5. Clean spray gun and cup as instructed on page 14.

## Spraying Techniques

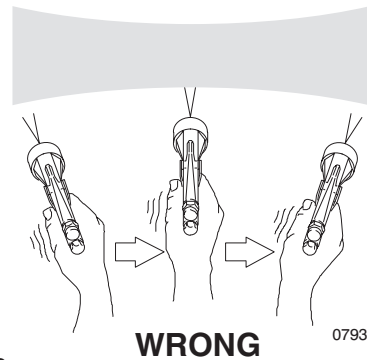
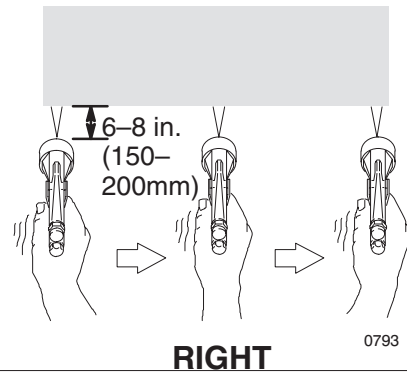
### General Spraying Techniques

1. Select proper fluid set. To determine correct fluid set see charts on page 10.
2. When fluid is first applied, start with fluid nozzle and air cap adjusted to “normal spray pattern” position. Then adjust as needed. See Fig. 10 for pattern size adjustment.
3. Keep gun perpendicular to surface and maintain consistent distance of approximately 6 to 8 inches (150 to 200 mm) from object being sprayed. See Fig. 13.

4. Always have spray gun in motion before triggering. Move spray gun across workpiece in straight, smooth, stroke. Maintaining speed and distance. Release trigger at end of stroke.
5. To obtain even finish, overlap previous strokes by 50%.
6. Apply full, wet coat whenever possible.

### Automotive Spraying Techniques

1. When blending spots, work from outside in.
2. Two lengths of 20 foot (6.1 m) hose are recommended when applying automotive finish coats. Additional hose allows air to cool for better flow.



**Fig. 13**

# Maintenance

## Turbine Filter Maintenance

Turbine systems are lifetime lubricated. The only maintenance required is filter cleaning and replacement.

Turbine main filter and pre-filter must be clean at all times to provide sufficient air flow to cool motor and atomize fluid. Check turbine pre-filter daily for cleanliness. Check the main paper filter weekly, minimum. Clean as necessary.

**NOTE:** To check filter, turn on turbine and place piece of paper against pre-filter. If air intake holds paper in place, filter is okay.

### To clean main filter:

1. Turn off and unplug turbine.
2. Loosen four main filter screws, remove filter retainer and pre-filter.
3. Remove main filter and clean by following one of the following three methods:
  - Tap filter gently on flat surface, dirty side down.
  - Direct compressed air (100 psi [7 bar] maximum) through filter panel in opposite direction of arrows on side of filter.
  - Soak filter for 15 minutes in water and mild detergent. Rinse filter until clean. Air dry filter; do not use compressed air.

### WARNING

To avoid damage to the turbine and possible electric shock, never install a damp filter in the turbine.

## Flushing Spray Gun Using Remote Pressure Pot

### WARNING

The spray gun cups and accessory remote pressure pots remain pressurized until pressure is manually relieved. To reduce the risk of serious injury from pressurized fluid or accidental spray from the gun, always relieve pressure in the cup or pressure pot before checking or servicing any part of the spray system; before installing, cleaning or changing fluid nozzles; before loosening or removing the accessory remote pressure pot cover; and whenever you stop spraying.

### NOTES:

- Check for any fluid leakage from gun and fluid hoses. Tighten fittings or replace equipment as needed.
- Flush gun before changing colors and whenever you are done spraying.

### CAUTION

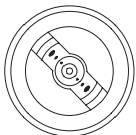
Clean all parts with a solvent compatible with the fluid being sprayed and compatible with the spray gun and cup or accessory remote pressure pot wetted parts. See the **Technical Data** on the back cover.

1. Turn off air supply to gun.
2. Relieve pressure pot pressure as follows:
  - a. Turn off air supply to pressure pot.
  - b. *2 1/2 Gallon Remote Pot:* Pull pressure relief valve ring (206c) until pressure is completely relieved.  
*2 Quart Remote Pot:* Turn **out** pressure relief knob (113) about one turn. Wait until pressure is completely relieved before removing cover. Close knob. See Fig. 12.
3. Fill pressure pot with compatible solvent.
4. Flush spray gun, using compressor air only. Point gun down into container and flush until solvent runs clean.
5. Relieve pressure pot pressure, following steps 2.a and b, above.
6. Disconnect air and fluid hoses from gun.
7. Clean and lubricate gun as instructed starting on page 14.

# Maintenance

## Flushing Spray Gun and Cup

1. Turn off air supply to gun.
2. Unlatch cup cover and remove cup from cover.
3. Turn air cap to round pattern position. Turn air control valve half open to reduce solvent mist. See Fig. 14.

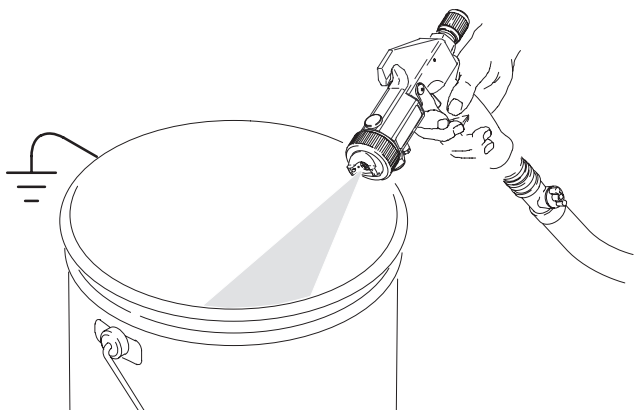


Air Cap Round  
Pattern Position

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Fig. 14

4. Fill empty cup with about 1-1/2 inches (38.1 mm) of compatible solvent and reinstall cup. Be sure cover is secured.
5. Turn on air to gun.
6. Point gun down into and ground against container and flush until solvent runs clean. See Fig. 15.



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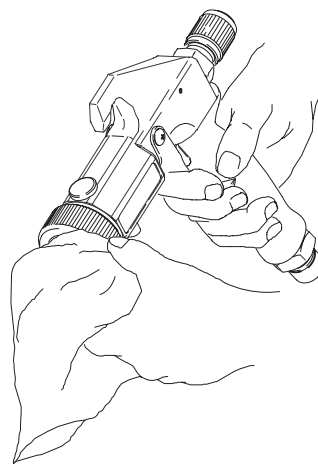
Fig. 15

7. Turn off air to gun.
8. Disconnect air supply and remove cup from gun. Clean and lubricate gun as instructed on pages 14 and 15.

## Clean Spray Gun

1. Clean gun and cup by hand with compatible solvent or place them in gun washer with trigger held open; cycle washer as necessary to clean gun.

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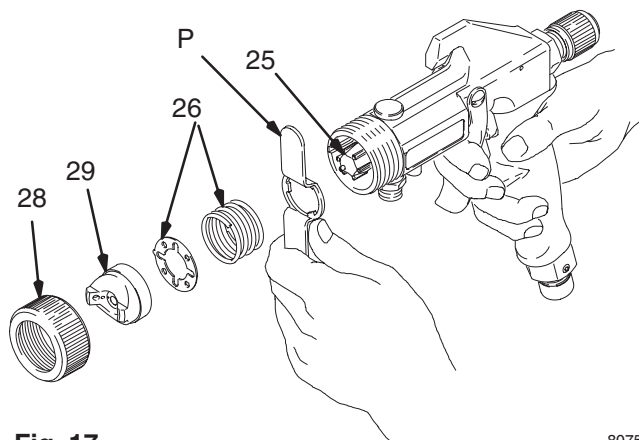
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Fig. 16

2. Remove air cap retaining ring (28), air cap (29), spring (26), and detent plate (26). See Fig. 17.
3. Trigger gun while removing fluid nozzle (25) with nozzle wrench (P), provided. See Fig. 17.
4. Remove gun fitting (19) from back of gun. Remove needle for cleaning.

### ⚠ CAUTION

Trigger the gun whenever you tighten or remove the nozzle. This keeps the needle seat away from the nozzle seating surface and prevents the seat from being scratched.



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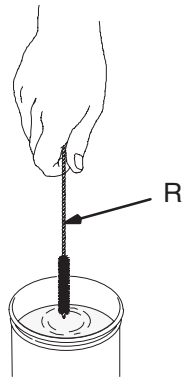
Fig. 17

5. Soak air cap, detent plate and fluid nozzle in solvent. At a minimum, clean air cap and fluid nozzle daily. Use solvent and brush (R), provided. See Fig. 18. Some applications require more frequent cleaning. Keep all air cap holes clean.

### ⚠ CAUTION

Clean air cap horn holes with a non-metallic item to avoid permanently damaging them.

# Maintenance

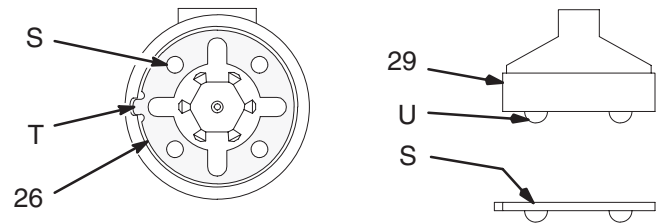


**Fig. 18** \_\_\_\_\_ 02856

6. With gun pointed down, clean front of gun, using brush and solvent.
7. Trigger gun while installing fluid nozzle (25) with nozzle wrench (P). See Fig. 17.
8. Install spring (26) into front of gun.

9. Install detent plate (26) into gun housing with open sockets (S) facing up; align detent plate tab (T) with notch in gun housing. See Fig. 19.
10. Install air cap (29), aligning air cap balls (U) with detent plate sockets (S). See Fig. 19. Secure air cap with air cap retaining ring (28).

**NOTE:** If installed correctly, air cap will snap into four definite positions, with no loose rotation.



**Fig. 19** \_\_\_\_\_ 02966

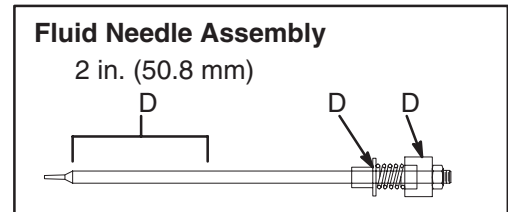
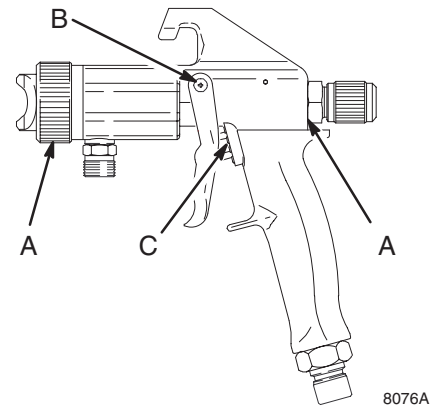
11. Lubricate gun after cleaning it as instructed on page 15.

# Service

## Lubricating Spray Gun

After cleaning or servicing gun, lubricate parts indicated in Fig. 20 with silicone-free spray gun lubricant or similar material.

- All threaded areas (A)
- Trigger screws (B)
- Trigger axle (C)
- Fluid needle assembly (D) – where indicated



**Fig. 20** \_\_\_\_\_ 02949

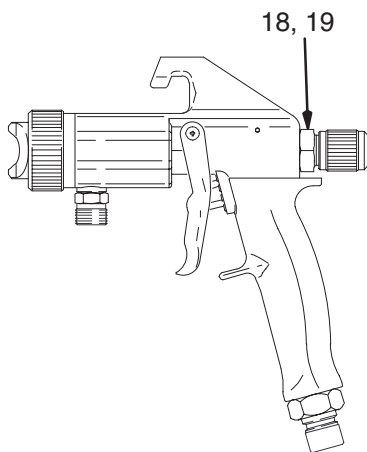
# Service

## Adjusting Needle

The needle may need to be adjusted whenever you change nozzle/needle sizes or to compensate for wear.

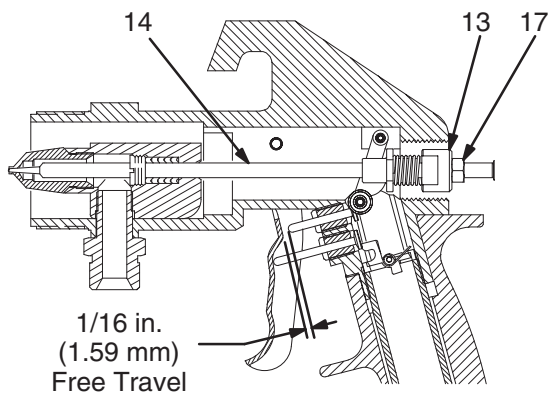
*To adjust needle:*

1. Remove fitting (19) and spring (18-not shown) from back of gun. See Fig. 21.
2. Loosen locking nut (17). See Fig. 22.
3. Turn drum (13) until trigger has about 1/16 in. (1.59 mm) free travel before needle (14) is engaged and starts to move. See Fig. 22.
4. Lock adjustment with nut (17).
5. Make sure spring (18) is in place in fitting (19), then install housing with other parts. Hand-tighten housing.



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Fig. 21



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Fig. 22

## Adjusting Needle Packings

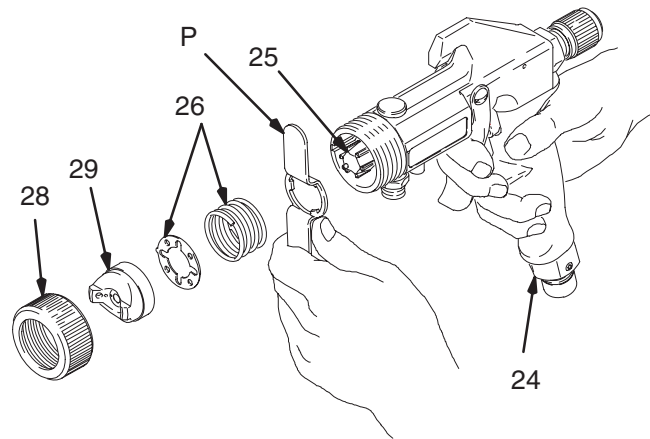
Needle packings require adjustment once a month under normal use to ensure fluid does not leak back through packings. Needle packings must also be adjusted whenever the needle is removed or adjusted.

*To adjust needle packings:*

1. First flush gun as instructed on page 14.
2. Remove air cap retaining ring (28), air cap (29), spring (26), and detent plate (26). See Fig. 23.
3. Trigger gun while removing fluid nozzle (25) with nozzle wrench (P), provided. Clean gun as instructed on page 14.

### CAUTION

Trigger the gun whenever you tighten or remove the nozzle. This keeps the needle seat away from the nozzle seating surface and prevents the seat from being scratched.



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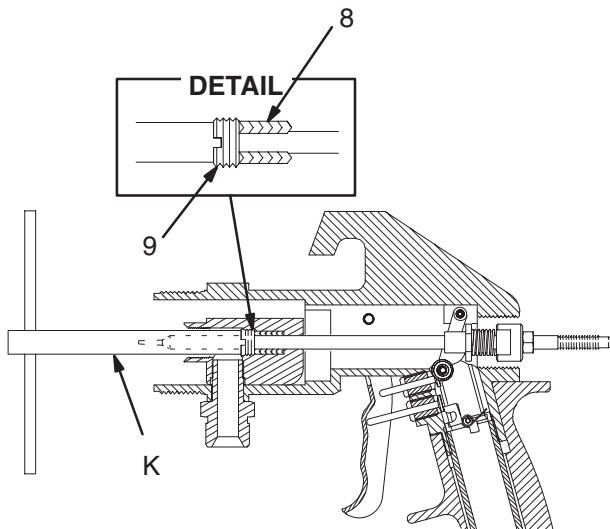
Fig. 23

4. Trigger gun while slightly turning packing nut (9) clockwise with packing wrench (K), provided. See Fig. 24. This will compress packings.

The packings need very little pressure to seal well. If needle binds, packings are too tight; back packing nut off 1/16 turn. Needle should then move freely. If packings are over-tightened, they may be damaged and need to be removed and replaced.



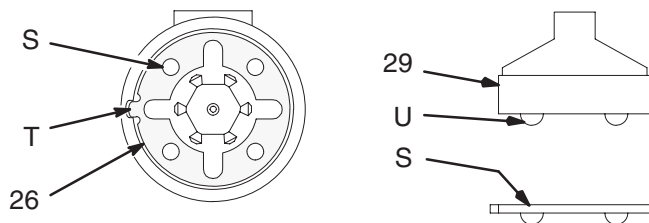
# Service



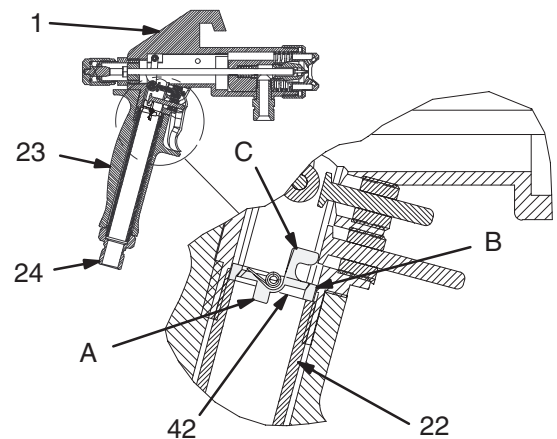
**Fig. 24** 8078B

5. Trigger gun while installing fluid nozzle (25) with nozzle wrench (P). See Fig. 23.
6. Install spring (26) into front of gun.
7. Install detent plate (26) into gun housing with open sockets (S) facing up; align detent plate tab (T) with notch in gun housing. See Fig. 25.
8. Install air cap (29), aligning air cap balls (U) with detent plate sockets (S). See Fig. 25. Secure air cap with air cap retaining ring (28).

**NOTE:** If installed correctly, air cap will snap into 4 definite positions, with no loose rotation.



**Fig. 25** 02966



**Fig. 26** 8231A

## Replacing Air Valve

1. Loosen quick disconnect coupling (24) and remove handle (23). See Fig. 26 and parts list.
2. Holding gun body (1) inverted, remove handle tube (22) from gun body.
3. Using a needle-nose pliers, grasp valve assembly (42) by installation/removal tab (A).
4. Clean valve seating shoulder (B) in gun body with a brush and solvent.
5. Using installation/removal tab, insert valve assembly (42) into gun body (1) with the hook of valve (C) oriented towards the front of the gun. Make sure valve assembly (42) is fully seated in the locking flats in the gun body.
6. Hand tighten handle tube (22) into gun body (1) to capture valve assembly (42).
7. Install handle (23) and quick disconnect coupling (24). Torque quick disconnect coupling to 60–80 in. lbs.

### **CAUTION**

The use of tools to tighten handle tube will result in severe damage to valve assembly.

### **CAUTION**

Do not assemble and torque quick disconnect coupling to handle tube without installing handle. Severe damage to valve assembly will result.

# Troubleshooting

## Spray Finish Problems

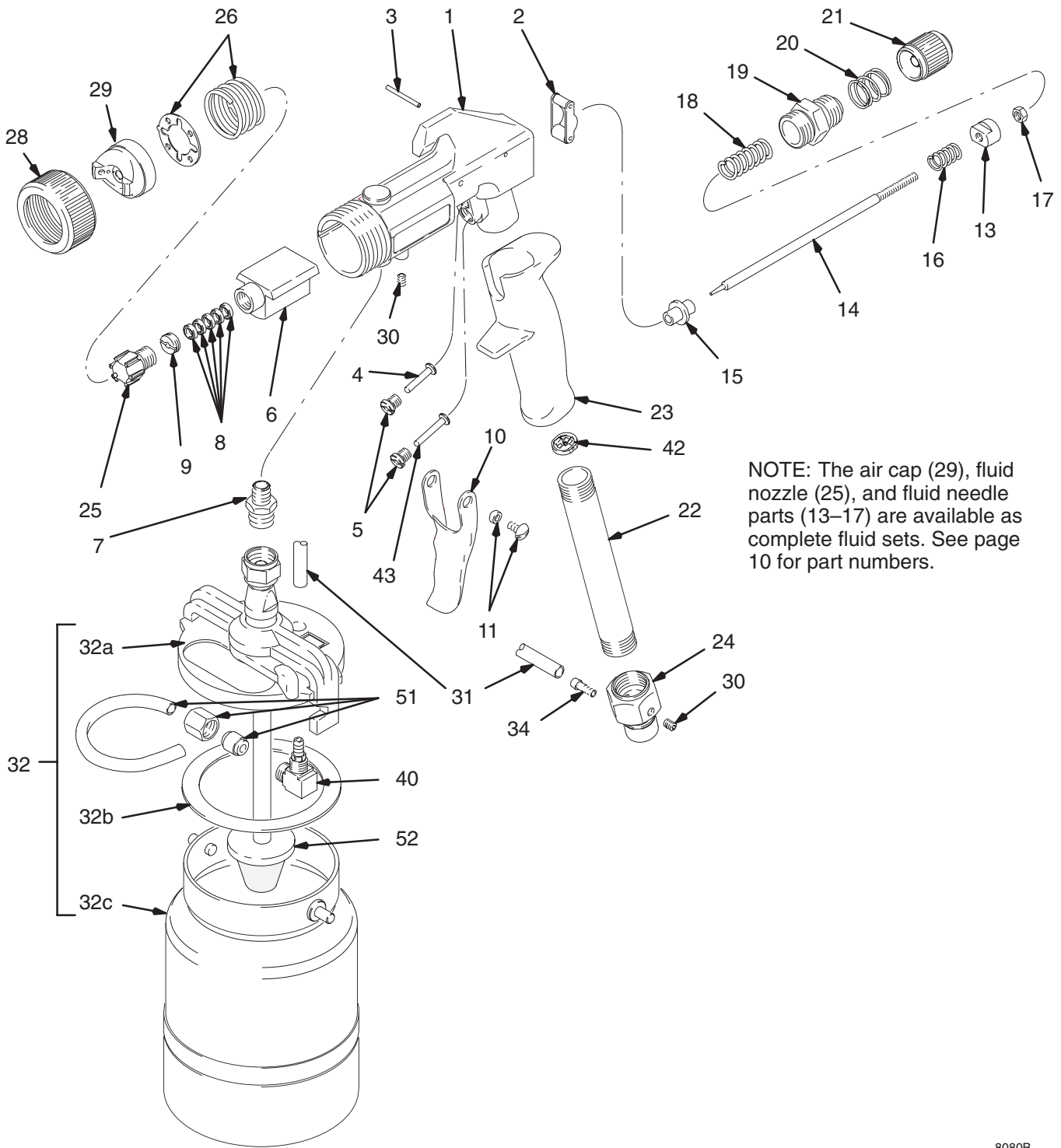
PROBLEM	CAUSE	SOLUTION
Orange peel finish – Paint surface not smooth	Paint droplets too large.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maintain proper spraying distance; see page 12.</li> <li>● Keep the turbine air filters clean to allow full air flow. See page 13.</li> <li>● Do not use an air hose that is too long to provide sufficient atomization pressure.</li> <li>● If droplets are still too large, reduce the fluid or use a smaller air cap.</li> </ul>
	Paint droplets drying too fast to properly flow out of gun.	Keep the object being sprayed out of direct sunlight. When spraying in warmer temperatures, use a slower evaporating solvent or a retarder.
	Cold weather spraying.	Keep the fluid and the object being sprayed as close to room temperature as possible. When sprayed on a cold surface, most paints will become too thick to flow properly.
Blushing – Clear coatings appear milky	Moisture condensation is trapped in the lacquer when spraying in hot, humid conditions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Allow the turbine to warm up a few minutes before spraying.</li> <li>● Store the lacquer off concrete floors, at room temperature.</li> <li>● Apply lighter coats and allow for proper drying time.</li> <li>● Use a slower evaporating solvent or retarder.</li> <li>● Do not spray in windy conditions.</li> </ul>
Fish eyes – Small pools on painted surface that will not fill	Silicone contamination from lubricants, grease, polish, or waxes on the surface being sprayed.	Clean all parts with a cleaning solvent; use a solvent rag and a clean rag to wipe with. Replace rags as needed. If the problem persists, use a fish eye eliminator.
Runs and sags	Applying too much paint per pass for the drying conditions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Move the gun faster or decrease the fluid flow.</li> <li>● Maintain proper spraying distance; see page 12.</li> <li>● Reduce the amount of thinner or use a faster drying thinner.</li> </ul>
Solvent pops or bubbles	Sprayed surface drying before solvent gas can be released.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Apply fluid in lighter coats to allow for proper evaporation.</li> <li>● Use the recommended thinners.</li> <li>● Follow the solutions, above, for <i>Orange peel finish–paint droplets too large</i>.</li> </ul>

# Troubleshooting

## Spray Gun Problems

PROBLEM	CAUSE	SOLUTION
No or slow fluid flow, intermittent spray, or fluttering spray	Proper size fluid set is not being used.	Select the proper fluid set for the fluid being sprayed. See page 10.
	Air cap is adjusted too far forward.	Adjust the air cap to “normal” position. See page 9.
	Gun fluid nozzle is not tight enough, is blocked by dried paint, or is damaged.	Tighten, clean or replace fluid nozzle.
	Cup or pressure pot cover is not tight enough or gasket is damaged.	Tighten cover or replace gasket.
	Cup or pressure pot fluid tube blocked by dried paint or is damaged.	Clean or replace fluid tube.
	Air flow to cup is blocked.	To check: remove the cup (leave cover connected), trigger the gun and check for air flow out of the cup lower pressure tube. If air is not flowing freely, clean the air passage tubes.
	Needle packings are not properly adjusted. Fluid loss though the packings will effect fluid pressure and cause a fluid build-up in the gun body.	Clean the gun body with solvent and the brush provided. Adjust the needle packings as instructed on page 17.
	Needle is not properly adjusted. Fluid flow will be restricted if there is too much free travel between the trigger and needle.	Adjust the needle as instructed on page 16.
Fluid leaks at fluid nozzle after the trigger is released	Needle is not seating in the fluid nozzle.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Check for a loose fluid nozzle or a bent nozzle or needle; tighten the nozzle or replace parts as needed.</li> <li>● Check the needle adjustment; see page 16.</li> <li>● Check the needle packings adjustment; see page 17.</li> </ul>
Poor spray pattern	Air cap horn holes and/or fluid nozzle plugged.	Soak air cap and/or fluid nozzle in solvent. Clean air cap horn holes with non-metallic item to avoid permanently damaging them. See page 14.

# Parts for Model 980S



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# Parts for Model 980S

240-090 Model 980S, without fluid set

240-093 Model 980S, with # 3 fluid set

240-094 Model 980S, with #4 fluid set

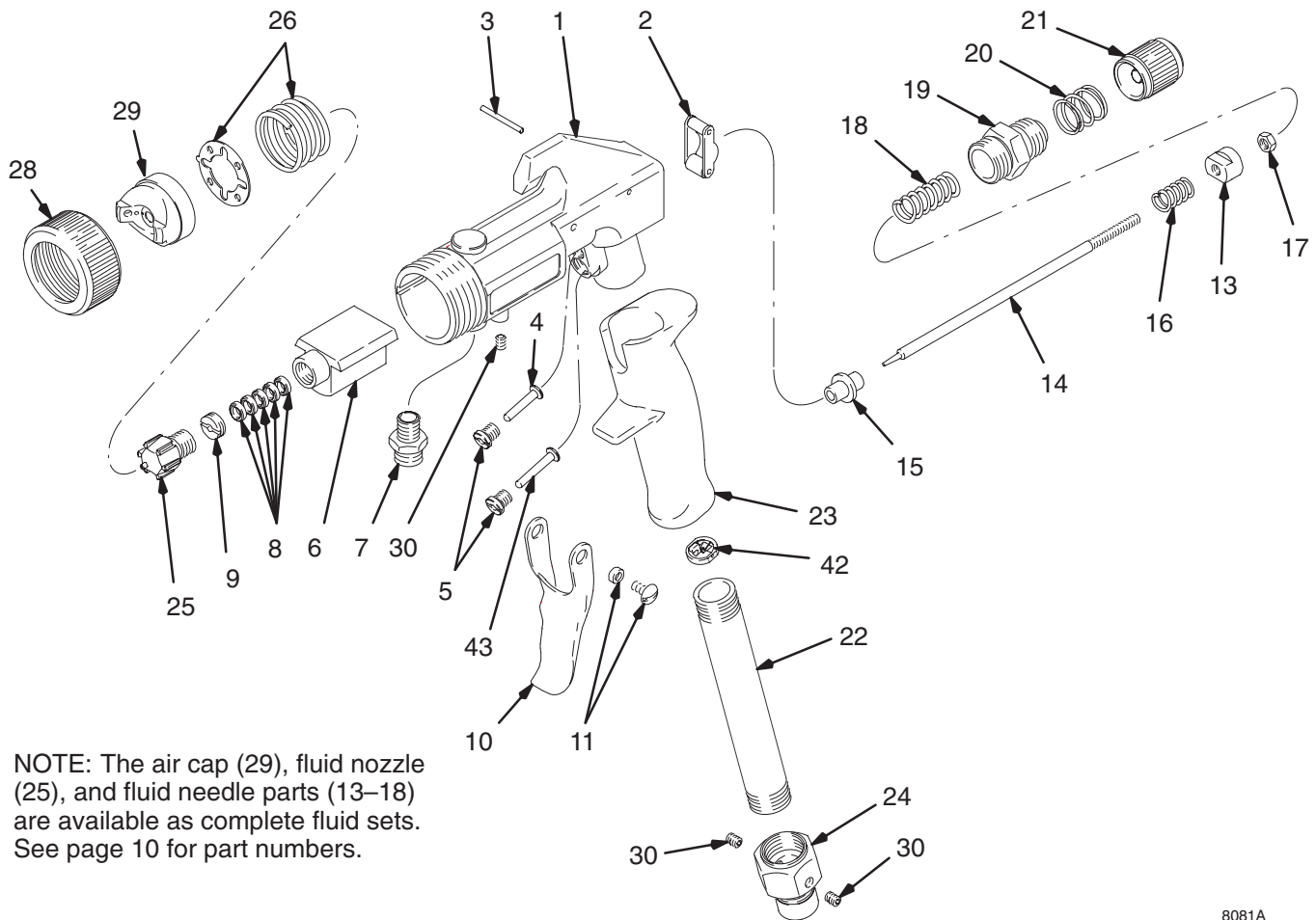
240-095 Model 980S, with #5 fluid set

240-098 Model 980S, with #3 fluid set, flat bottom cup

Ref No.	Part No.	Description	Qty	Ref No.	Part No.	Description	Qty
1	193-103	GUN BODY	1	22	193-099	TUBE, gun, handle	1
2*	M73-004	ACTUATOR, needle	1	23	193-346	HANDLE, gun, plastic	1
3*	M70-388	PIN, actuator	1	24	193-080	COUPLING, disconnect, quick	1
4*	193-123	AXLE, trigger	1	25	-	FLUID NOZZLE, See chart on page 10 for part no.	1
5*	193-100	GUIDE, trigger axle	2	26*	240-280	DETENT PLATE/SPRING KIT, aircap	1
6	M70-384	MANIFOLD, fluid	1	28	240-278	RING, pattern control	1
7	M70-401	FITTING, fluid inlet	1	29	-	AIR CAP; See chart on page 10 for part no.	1
8*	M70-381	PACKING KIT, fluid; PTFE®	5	30	M71-149	SET SCREW, plug	3
9*	M70-380	SCREW, adjustment	1	31	240-276	TUBE KIT, air pressure (10 pack)	1
10	193-098	TRIGGER	1	32		CUP ASSY, 1 quart	1
11*	M70-386	SCREW/BUSHING KIT, trigger	2		240-260	All models except 240-098	1
13	M70-405	DRUM, needle adjustment	1		M71-661	Flat bottom, Model 240-098 only	1
14	-	FLUID NEEDLE (See chart on page 10 for part number)	1	32a	240-510	. LID ASSY, 1 quart	1
15	M70-403	RING, driving	1	32b	240-265	. GASKET, cup, 1 quart (5 pack)	1
16	M70-404	SPRING, driving ring	1	32c	240-262	. CUP, 1 quart	1
17	M70-406	NUT, hex	1	34	M70-394	STEM, air	1
18	M70-407	SPRING, needle return	1	40	M71-671	ELBOW, with stem	1
19	193-042	FITTING, gun	1	42*	240-505	VALVE, butterfly	1
20*	114-408	SPRING, compression	1	43	193-055	PIN, trigger	1
21	240-506	KNOB, fluid regulating	1	49	M70-612	TOOL KIT; ( <i>not shown</i> ) Includes a brush, T-wrench, & nozzle wrench	1
				51	M71-680	KIT, air pressure	1
				52	240-267	STRAINER, material (3-pack)	1

\* These parts are included in Repair Kit 240-268, which may be purchased separately.

# Parts for Model 980P



NOTE: The air cap (29), fluid nozzle (25), and fluid needle parts (13–18) are available as complete fluid sets. See page 10 for part numbers.

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240–100 Model 980P, without fluid set

240–103 Model 980P, with #3 fluid set

Ref No.	Part No.	Description	Qty	Ref No.	Part No.	Description	Qty
1	193–103	GUN BODY	1	18	M70–407	SPRING, needle return	1
2*	M73–004	ACTUATOR, needle	1	19	193–042	FITTING, gun	1
3*	M70–388	PIN, actuator	1	20*	114–408	SPRING, compression	1
4*	193–123	AXLE, trigger	1	21	240–506	KNOB, fluid regulating	1
5*	193–100	GUIDE, trigger axle	2	22	193–099	TUBE, gun, handle	1
6	M70–384	MANIFOLD, fluid	1	23	193–346	HANDLE, gun, plastic	1
7	M70–401	FITTING, fluid inlet	1	24	193–080	COUPLING, disconnect, quick	1
8*	M70–381	PACKING KIT, fluid; PTFE®	5	25	–	FLUID NOZZLE, (See chart on page 10 for part number)	1
9*	M70–380	SCREW, adjustment	1	26*	240–280	DETENT PLATE/SPRING KIT, aircap	1
10	193–098	TRIGGER	1	28	240–278	RING, pattern control	1
11*	M70–386	SCREW/BUSHING KIT, trigger	2	29	–	AIR CAP; See chart on page 10 for part no.	1
13	M70–405	DRUM, needle adjustment	1	30	M71–149	SET SCREW, plug	3
14	–	FLUID NEEDLE (See chart on page 10 for part number)	1	31	240–276	TUBE KIT, air pressure (10 pack)	1
15	M70–403	RING, driving	1	42*	240–505	VALVE, butterfly	1
16	M70–404	SPRING, driving ring	1	43	193–055	PIN, trigger	1
17	M70–406	NUT, hex	1	51	M70–612	TOOL KIT; (not shown) Includes a brush, T-wrench, & nozzle wrench	1

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