

HOW IT WORKS



& E-Series 3.5/6.5 cu ft Pressure Release (EPR) Systems &

WARNING: This section of the manual is designed to give you a general understanding of how the Abrasive Blaster functions. **All** sections of this manual must be read and understood before operating the equipment.

ADDING ABRASIVE

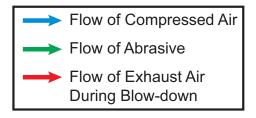
Abrasive is added through the hole in the top of the Abrasive Blaster where the Pop-up and its seat are located. When abrasive is added, it flows down through the hole, around the Pop-up and, down to the bottom of the pressure vessel where it will exit through the Metering Valve when blasting is started.

PRESSURIZATION

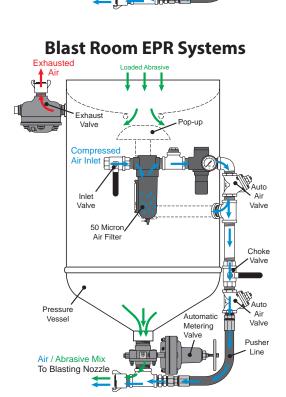
When a compressed air source (such as an air-compressor) is connected to the inlet of the Abrasive Blaster and the Inlet Valve is opened, compressed air flows through the Moisture Separator or 50 Micron Air Filter and reaches an Auto Air Valve where it is stopped. When the control handle is activated, the Exhaust Valve closes, the automatic metering valve (if equipped) opens and the Auto Air Valve(s) open allowing compressed air to flow into the pressure vessel causing the Pop-up (located internally) to seal against its seat. The pressure vessel is now pressurized. Air will also continue past the Choke Valve to the Metering Valve where it is mixed with abrasive. The mixture of compressed air will now exit the Abrasive Blaster through a blast hose and nozzle connected to the coupling on the Metering Valve and blasting begins. It is important to note that in EPR abrasive blasters equipped with Manual Metering Valves, some abrasive will collect at the base of the valve causing the blast hose to pulsate and spray abrasive erratically for a short time when blasting is started. This is normal and will not damage the Abrasive Blaster.

DEPRESSURIZATION (BLOW-DOWN)

When the control handle is released in a pressure release (EPR) system, the Auto Air Valve(s) and Automatic Metering Valve (if equipped) automatically close stopping the flow of compressed air. At the same time, the Exhaust Valve opens and the compressed air remaining in the pressure vessel is released.



Exhaus Valve **Exhaust** Compres Air Air Inlet Inle Choke Moisture Separator Pusher Pressure Line Vesse Manual Metering Air / Abrasive Mix To Blasting Nozzle



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