

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS FOR

# Air Dryer Pirate Brand® (ADPB)

PACKAGED COMPRESSED AIR TREATMENT SYSTEM

MODEL: ADPB-250



# REGULATOR SETTING FOR AIR MOTOR 22 PSIG TO GET 3450 RPM (17 SCFM)

MODEL	WEIGHT	DRY-O-LITE DESICCANT *	
ADPB-250	660 lbs	250 lbs	

\* - ORIGINAL FILL OF DESICCANT SUPPLIED - CUSTOMER TO INSTALL

# WARNING

DO NOT OPERATE THIS SYSTEM ABOVE MAXIMUM WORKING PRESSURE (MWP) AND/OR MAXIMUM OPERATING TEMPERATURE (°F) SHOWN ON THE VESSEL ASME DATA PLATE.

THIS ASME CODE VESSEL MUST BE PROTECTED BY A PRESSURE RELIEF VALVE. Refer to OSHA 1910.169 Par. b, Sub. Par (3) and ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section VIII, Division 1, UG-125 through UG-136. Also comply with all applicable state and local codes.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REMOVE OR REPAIR ANY PART OF THE SYSTEM UNTIL IT IS COMPLETELY DEPRESSURIZED. SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY MAY RESULT IF THIS SAFETY RULE IS NOT FOLLOWED.

DO NOT WELD, GRIND, OR SAND VESSEL, THIS WILL MAKE IT UNSAFE TO OPERATE. (Note: Any alteration to the vessel will void the ASME Code Certification and the warranty.)

INSPECT VESSEL, INSIDE AND OUT, REGULARLY FOR BULGES, CORROSION, DENTS, GOUGES, LEAKS OR SIGNS OF FIRE. IF DAMAGED, REMOVE FROM SERVICE IMMEDIATELY AND NOTIFY YOUR CERTIFYING AUTHORITY.

DO NOT TRY TO TIGHTEN A LEAKING HATCH COVER. IMMEDIATELY SHUT OFF THE AIR SUPPLY AND DEPRESSURIZE THE SYSTEM.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE HATCH COVER UNTIL THE SYSTEM IS COMPLETELY DEPRESSURIZED. WHEN THE VESSEL PRESSURE IS REDUCED TO ZERO, THE HATCH COVER CAN BE REMOVED BY HAND.

INSTALL A NEW GASKET EVERY TIME THE HATCH COVER IS REMOVED, OR AT LEAST ONCE PER YEAR. INSPECT THE COVER AND SEALING SURFACE FOR DAMAGE SUCH AS CORROSION, CRACKS, OR DISTORTION. IF THERE IS ANY DAMAGE, REPLACE COVER. REPLACE THE HATCH COVER EVERY FIVE YEARS REGARDLESS OF CONDITION. USE PIRATE BRAND® AUTHORIZED PARTS ONLY.

DO NOT USE POWER TOOLS OR CHEATER BARS TO TIGHTEN THE NUT ON THE HATCH COVER. TOO MUCH FORCE CAN DISTORT THE COVER AND/OR THE GASKET. IF DAMAGED BY OVERTIGHTENING, THE COVER CAN BLOW OUT AND CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY. (Note: Tighten the nut until it is snug. When the vessel is pressurized, the pressure on the cover will complete the seal.)

THE USE OF CHEMICALS OTHER THAN PIRATE BRAND® DESICCANT WILL VOID THE WARRANTY ON THE ADPB.

A ADPB is a skid mounted system consisting of an air-cooled trim cooler, a single tower dryer with a bed of desiccant tablets and a coarse afterfilter. Wet warm air enters the trim cooler where it is cooled to a temperature approaching ambient. Water is condensed out during this cooling process. The saturated air and the liquid water proceed to the inlet of the single tower dryer. The liquid water and any solid particles present are separated by gravity and fall to the dryer sump area. The process air moves upward through the bed of desiccant tablets which attract and absorb moisture from the air before it flows through the dryer outlet. The tablets dissolve gradually as they absorb the moisture. The solution, which consists of dissolved desiccant and water, falls into the sump area at the bottom of the vessel. The dryer must be drained periodically to remove the accumulated solution. A manual ball valve is supplied for this purpose. A pneumatic drain valve is available as optional equipment for automatic draining. Likewise, the desiccant in the dryer must be periodically replenished to maintain performance. The coarse afterfilter is supplied to catch any residuals that may work their way downstream.

# **SECTION 2**

# 2.1 INLET CONDITIONS

The ADPB-250 is rated for 250 SCFM at 100 PSIG, 180° F into the trim cooler [sized for 90° F ambient and 15° approach. Approach temperatures will vary with changes to the inlet conditions (flow, pressure, temperature) and the ambient temperature. The dew point out of the dryer tower is directly related to the inlet temperature entering the dryer vessel. The lower the inlet temperature, the lower the dew point of the outlet air.

The aftercooler maximum inlet temperature is 250° F. When using DRY-O-LITE desiccant, the inlet temperature to the dryer tower should not exceed 100° F.

# 2.2 MAXIMUM CAPACITIES FOR DRYER - SCFM (Nm<sup>3</sup>/hr)

MAXIMUM RECOMMENDED WORKING PRESSURE	<b>60 PSIG</b> 4.1 Bar	<b>80 PSIG</b> 5.5 Bar	<b>100 PSIG</b> 6.9 Bar	<b>125 PSIG</b> 8.6 Bar	<b>150 PSIG</b> 10.3 Bar
<b>150 PSIG</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>359</b>
10.3 Bar	262	331	402	489	577

# **SECTION 3**

# 3.1 PRESSURE RELIEF VALVE

A 1" NPT coupling is provided on the back of the dryer vessel for installing the relief valve. A pressure relief valve should be installed to conform to OSHA safety standards. Refer to OSHA Standard Section 1910.169, paragraph "b", subparagraph "3" and all other federal, state or local codes concerning pressure vessels.

See section 6 for recommended relief valve (available from your Pirate Brand® rep.)

# OPTIONS

PERFORMANCE

#### 3.2 PNEUMATIC DRAIN VALVE (P/N 39-0284)

The 1"NPT drain connection can be fitted with a PDV-500T pneumatic drain valve for automatic draining of the vessel. Ask your local Pirate Brand® representative for details.

# **3.3 GAUGE KITS**

A 1/2" NPT connection is provided on the lower front of the dryer for installing gauges.

See Section 6 for optional gauge kits (available from your Pirate Brand® rep.)

### OPERATION

# **SECTION 4**

# 4.1 DESICCANT INSTALLATION

# IMPORTANT

The ADPB is shipped WITHOUT the desiccant installed. The desiccant MUST BE INSTALLED before using the system.

THE USE OF CHEMICALS OTHER THAN PIRATE BRAND® DESICCANT WILL VOID THE WARRANTY ON THE DRYER.

The procedure for filling the dryer with desiccant is outlined in Section 5.6 of this manual.

#### 4.2 LUBRICATOR OIL

Check oil level in lubricator regularly and add oil as required. Note: 1 Quart of oil shipped with the ADPB.

# IMPORTANT

The ADPB is shipped WITHOUT the lubricator oil installed. The lubricator oil MUST BE INSTALLED before using the system.

Set Lubricator to: 1 Drop/min

# 4.3 START UP PROCEDURES

**SLOWLY** pressurize the air system. Allow some air to bleed through the manual drain valve. Once the system starts to pressurize, the manual drain valve can be closed. The ADPB is now in operation.

#### CAUTION

Make sure that the ADPB is not subjected to sudden flow surges. Always open the valves slowly to permit gradual equalization of pressure between the ADPB and the air supply lines.

Verify that regulator pressure is set as shown on page 1 of this manual to maintain 3450 rpm fan speed to ensure proper aftercooler performance.

# **4.4 OPERATION**

The simple design of the single tower dryer allows for easy operation. The dryer requires two procedures to ensure peak performance.

# **4.4-A DAILY DRAINING**

The accumulated desiccant and water solution in the bottom of the dryer should be drained frequently. If a manual drain valve is installed on the dryer, it must be opened at least once every 4 to 8 hours to drain the dryer.

The dryer may require draining on a more frequent basis on humid days. If a pneumatic drain valve is installed on the dryer, it will drain automatically as needed.

### CAUTION

If the dryer is not drained regularly, it may become flooded and the accumulated liquid may enter the air system and cause damage to downstream equipment.

# SECTION 5

# **5.1 DRAIN VESSEL DAILY**

Drain the vessel by opening the drain valve and allowing the solution to discharge; then close the drain valve completely. The accumulated solution must be drained after every 4 to 8 hours of operation. An optional pneumatic drain valve can be installed to drain the vessel automatically as needed.

#### IMPORTANT

The drain solution may contain lubricants. Comply with all applicable regulations concerning the disposal of these chemicals.

# **5.2 CHECK DESICCANT LEVEL BEFORE OPERATION**

Look into one of the sight windows. If light can be seen through the opposite sight window, the desiccant supply must be replenished to ensure dryer performance.

#### WARNING

IF THE SIGHT WINDOWS ARE DAMAGED IN ANY WAY, THEY MUST BE REPLACED IMMEDIATELY WITH PIRATE BRAND® PART NO. 26-0104 only.

Check the operation of all equipment installed before and after the ADPB.

Inspect the hatch cover for signs of corrosion and/or leaks. Replace the cover and/or gasket as necessary.

# **5.3 CHECK OIL LEVEL IN LUBRICATOR**

Verify that there is sufficient amount of oil in the lubricator and add oil as needed. Note: 1 quart of oil shipped with the ADPB. See section 6 for oil part number.

# **5.4 CHECK FILTER IN FRL**

Replace filter as needed. See section 6 for filter part number.

#### 5.5 CLEAN AFTERCOOLER CORE

The core should be cleaned regularly. Accumulation of dirt or other contaminants such as oils will greatly reduce the efficiency of the aftercooler.

Normal accumulation of dirt can be removed by blowing the core off with compressed air. If the core becomes contaminated with oilladen particles, it can be steam cleaned. **Clean with extreme care as the aluminum fins can be easily damaged.** 

# **5.6 ADDING DESICCANT**

Shut down the air system and open the drain valve to allow the dryer to depressurize completely.

#### 4.4-B REFILLING THE DRYER WITH DESICCANT

During the drying process, the desiccant tablets dissolve slowly. The desiccant consumption rate is dependent on several factors, such as inlet temperature, flow and pressure. To check the level of the desiccant bed, look into one of the sight windows. If light can be seen through the opposite sight window, the desiccant supply must be replenished to ensure dryer performance.

Reference Section 5.6 for refilling instructions and Section 5.7 for estimated consumption rates.

IMPORTANT The use of other than Pirate Brand® desiccant will void the warranty on the ADPB.

# MAINTENANCE

Loosen the nut on the hatch cover and push on the hatch cover. If the vessel is depressurized, the cover will unseal. Once the seal is broken, tilt the hatch cover and remove it from the dryer.

The initial fill of the dryer requires 250 lbs of desiccant.

A 100 lbs of desiccant is required to fill the ADPB-250 from the sight window to maximum fill level.

Add the desiccant and then level off the tablet bed.

# CAUTION

Make sure the desiccant level is below the screen on the outlet pipe.

Do NOT overfill the vessel. Adequate space must be left to allow the hatch cover to be installed.

Inspect the hatch cover and sealing surface. If there is any damage, replace the cover. Replace the cover every 5 years regardless of condition. The gasket should be replaced every time the hatch cover is removed or at least once a year.

Check the sealing surface of the opening. If it is contaminated with dirt or rust, it must be cleaned before installing the hatch cover. A contaminated surface may prevent the gasket from properly sealing.

Install the filler hatch cover and a new gasket. Tighten the nut on the hatch cover until it is snug. Overtightening can cause damage to the cover. The cover will seal when the vessel is pressurized.

Start up the dryer following the procedures in Section 4.4.

### 5.7 ESTIMATING DESICCANT USAGE

The ANNUAL DESICCANT CONSUMPTION RATE table is a guide to estimate the desiccant usage for your installation.

# The consumption rate is an approximation of how much desiccant will be added over a period of one year.

The figure is an average and may vary depending upon your actual conditions (i.e. 24 hour operation, higher inlet temperature, excessive liquid water content, contaminants etc.)

The desiccant bed level should be maintained to at least the sight window level at all times to ensure optimum drying capabilities.

To use the chart, first determine the SCFM that is being processed through the ADPB. Then locate the nearest flow rate listed on the chart and interpolate as needed.

(This chart is based on 1 shift for a one year period (2,000 hours)@ 100 psig inlet pressure and 75°F inlet temperature into dryer vessel, 100% RH.)

The consumption rate is proportional to the moisture loading. Each 20°F increase in inlet temperature changes the moisture loading by a factor of nearly 2:1.

For special applications requiring desiccants other than DRY-O-LITE, consult factory.

# **SECTION 6**

FLOW	DRY-O-LITE
SCFM	LBS/YEAR
100	132
150	198
200	264
250	330

**REPLACEMENT PARTS** 

DESCRIPTION PART NO. QTY Gasket for 3"x4" hatch cover 18-0391 1 Hatch Cover, 3" x 4" 46-3002 1 Sight Window 26-0104 2 Manual Drain Valve 1" NPT 14-0451 1 Manual Drain Valve 1/2" NPT 14-0450 1 Air Motor for Aftercooler 26-6277 1 Filter-Regulator-Lubricator 26-7039 1 Element for FRL 26-7056 1 Oil for Lubricator (Quart) 26-7032 1 DESICCANT - DRY-O-LITE, 50 LB BAG 33-0311 2 26-7157 Flushing Solvent 1 **OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT** Relief Valve Kit for ADPB 250 888-2470-00704PB 1 Pressure gauge kit 29-0252 1 Pressure gauge only 1 29-0151 Temperature gauge kit 29-0326 1 Temperature gauge only 29-0108 1 Thermowell only 29-0107 1 Combination pressure/temperature gauge 29-0200 1 Automatic drain valve PDV-500T 39-0284 1 White touch up paint (9 oz. spray can) 45-0152 1

# **SECTION 7**

# **PREPARATION FOR STORAGE**

The air motor on the ADPB-250 cooler needs to be flushed to remove excessive dirt, foreign particles, moisture and/or oil that accumulate in the air motor during normal operation. Flushing helps to maintain proper motor performance and extend service life. Perform flushing procedure when ADPB is to be idle for more than 5 days, or if it is to be placed in storage.

Use Flushing Solvent (p/n 26-7157). DO NOT use kerosene or ANY other combustible solvents to flush the air motor.

Shutdown the air supply to the ADPB and open the afterfilter drain valve to completely depressurize the system.

# FLUSHING PROCEDURE

- 1. Remove the 1/4" NPT plug from the tee in the air line at air motor.
- 2. Remove the exhaust muffler from the air motor.
- 3. Spray flushing solvent (p/n 26-7157) directly into tee where plug was removed for 5 to 10 seconds.
- 4. Rotate motor shaft/fan, by hand in both directions for several revolutions.
- 5. Install the 1/4" NPT plug back into the tee and cover the motor exhaust port with a cloth.

6. You must wear eye protection for this step. Restart the air motor at a low pressure (approx. 10 PSIG) and run it until there is no trace of solvent in the exhaust air.

7. Listen for changes in the sound of the motor. If the motor sounds smooth, the ADPB is ready for storage. If the motor is not running smooth, it will need to be serviced.

8. Disassemble the exhaust muffler that was removed in step 2. Clean the felt and reassemble the exhaust muffler.

9. Install the exhaust muffler on the air motor.

# STORAGE

Store the ADPB in a location that is free from extreme humidity and corrosive gasses, which can cause damage to the unit.

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