RPC-2 REVERSE PULSE DUST COLLECTOR



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Scope of Manual

1.1.1 These instructions cover the assembly, installation, operation and maintenance of Clemco RPC-2 Reverse Pulse Dust Collectors.

1.1.2 These instructions also contain important information required for safe operation of the collector when used with a blast cabinet. Before using the cabinet all personnel involved with the cabinet operation must read this entire manual. Refer to the appropriate manual for operation of the blast cabinet.

1.2 Safety Alerts

1.2.1 Clemco uses safety alert signal words, based on ANSI Z535.4-1998, to alert the user of a potentially hazardous situation that may be encountered while operating this equipment. ANSI's definitions of the signal words are as follows:



This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert the user of this equipment of potential personal injury hazards.

Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.

CAUTION

Caution used without the safety alert symbol indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in property damage.

Caution indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

WARNING

Warning indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

Danger indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

1.3 General Description

1.3.1 RPC-2 Dust Collectors are dry, reverse pulse jet cartridge collectors, used to ventilate abrasive blast cabinets and remove dust from exhausting air. Figure 1 shows a typical arrangement and call-outs used in the manual.



1.3.2 The exhauster is mounted on the clean-air side of the filter cartridges, and provides "pull-through" (pulls air through the reclaimer) air flow, rated at 600, or 900 cfm, depending on the exhauster size. Dust and fines are drawn through the reclaimer into the dust collector, trapping dust before discharging clean air.

1.3.3 Filter cartridges are cleaned by a pulse of high velocity compressed air expanding against the inner surface of the cartridges. The expanding air momentarily reverses air flow through the cartridge, releasing dust that has accumulated on the outer surface. The dust particles fall away from the cartridges and into the dust drawer for removal.

1.3.4 The pulse interval is controlled by a timer located inside the sequence panel. The timer controls the "on" time (the length of time for each pulse) and "off" time (the length of time between each pulse). The "on" time should never be adjusted. The lower the setting for the "off" time, the shorter the length of time between pulses.

CAUTION

Do not pulse new dust collectors or replacement cartridges until the cartridges are properly seasoned. See Section 6.2. Pulsing unseasoned cartridges could cause premature cartridge failure or decrease the efficiency of dust collector.

1.3.5 A toggle switch (sequence switch) located on the sequence panel cover, enables or disables the timing sequence. The user has an option to connect the exhauster and sequence panel to the cabinet controls. If the sequence panel is wired into the exhauster controls, and the sequence switch is kept "on", the timing sequence energizes when the exhauster is turned on, automatically pulsing the cartridges when the exhauster is running. If the switch is "off", the timer will not energize, and the cartridges will not be pulsed.

1.3.6 The differential pressure gauge shows the pressure difference between the dust side and clean side of the cartridges. The gauge helps determine the proper pulse pressure and timer "off" time setting. See Sections 4.1 and 4.2

2.0 SET-UP AND INSTALLATION

2.1 Push-Through Reclaimer Conversions, (exhauster mounted on reclaimer), Figure 2

NOTE: If the dust collector replaces an existing filter bag or dry filter, the reclaimer must be converted to a "pullthrough" style. If a conversion is required, a vortex cylinder and gasket must be ordered (stock numbers shown in Figure 2) to replace the existing exhauster. If the reclaimer is already a "pull-through" style, skip to Section 2.2.

A WARNING

Lock out and tag out the electrical supply before performing any electrical service. Shorting electrical components could result in death, serious electrical shocks, or equipment damage. All electrical work, or any work done inside an electrical panel, must be performed by qualified electricians, and comply with applicable codes.

2.1.1 Lock-out and tag-out power to the cabinet control box and reclaimer motor.

2.1.2 Remove the cap screws securing the motor plate to the exhauster. Lift up on the motor to remove the motor, motor plate and paddle wheel assembly.

2.1.3 Remove the cap screws located inside the exhauster housing, and remove the housing from the top of the reclaimer.



2.1.4 Remove the backing from the gasket and place the gasket along the inside perimeter of the reclaimer bolt holes.

2.2 Set-Up

2.2.1 Position the collector in a convenient location that complies with OSHA and local safety codes. Allow access to the differential pressure gauge and exhaust damper. Provide ample space at the top to open the cover to access the cartridges, and in the front to remove the dust drawer without tipping it.

2.2.2 Use the four cap screws provided, to attach the exhaust stack damper assembly to the exhauster outlet as, shown in Figure 3.



2.3 Connect Electrical Power

Shorting electrical components could result in serious electrical shocks, or equipment damage. All electrical work must be performed by a qualified electrician, and comply with applicable codes.

NOTE: A wiring schematic for the RPC Collector is packed in the sequence panel. A schematic for Clemco cabinets is supplied with the cabinet. After wiring is completed, keep the schematics and manuals together for future reference and electrical replacement parts.

Wiring from the user's disconnect to the cabinet controls must be provided by the user. Conduit and wiring from the control box (or starter) to the exhauster motor, and 115 volts to the RPC Control Panel (Pulse Sequence Panel), must also be provided by the user.

If the RPC Collector replaces an existing "push through" collector or dust bag, the exhauster may be wired into the control box, to the terminal strip or starter where the conduit from the old reclaimer motor is attached.

2.3.1 Electrical requirements depend on the size and phase of the motor. Standard dust collectors are supplied as follows:

600 CFM collectors, 1 HP, 115/230 V., 1 PH, 60 HZ 900 CFM collectors, 2 HP, 230/460 V., 3 PH, 60 HZ

A WARNING

Electrical power must be locked out and tagged out before continuing. Failure to do so could result in death or serious injury from electrical shock.

2.3.2 Install conduit, and wire the exhauster motor per instruction on the motor plate, and the motor starter (for 3 PH wiring), or terminal strip (for 1 PH wiring) as shown on the schematic.

2.3.3 Install conduit, and wire 115 volt power to the reverse pulse control panel as shown on the schematic.

2.3.4 After the wiring is completed, observe the subsequent warning, and check the motor rotation. To check rotation, jog the starter (momentarily turn switch on and off). This will cause the motor to rotate slowly. Look through the slots in the fan housing on top of the motor where rotation of the fan can easily be observed. Proper rotation is indicated by the arrow on the exhauster housing. The fan should rotate toward the exhauster outlet as shown n Figure 3.

A WARNING

Do not look into the exhauster outlet while the paddle wheel is turning. Injury to the eye or face could occur from objects being ejected from the exhauster.

2.3.5 Check the amperage on initial start up. If the motor draws excessive amperage, gradually close the

damper until the amperage is within the specifications shown on the motor plate. The damper is located on the exhauster outlet.

2.4 Flex Hose Connection

2.4.1 Connect the flexible exhaust hose between the reclaimer outlet adaptor and dust collector inlet adaptor. It may be easier to slip the hose over the adaptors, and create a tighter seal, if the first two or three inches of wire is removed from the inside of the hose. Use care not to damage the hose. Secure the hose with worm clamps. NOTE: The hose wire helps dissipate static in the conveying hose, and helps ground each segment. In order for the hose wire to dissipate static electricity, the wire must touch the metal of each segment.

2.5 Ground Cabinet

2.5.1 To prevent static electricity build up, attach an external grounded wire from an earth ground to the grounding lug located on the rear wall of the collector.

2.6 Compressed Air Connections

NOTE: For maximum filter life and efficiency, the pulse air source should be 30% relative humidity or less, and be free of any oil contaminants. If line air does not meet this requirement, an air dryer is recommended.

2.6.1 Connect a 1/2" or larger air hose to the pressure regulator located on the pulse manifold inlet. An isolation valve should be installed at the air source to enable depressurization for service. If rigid pipe is used for the air line, a flexible section of hose must be used at the connection, to enable the top access door to swing open for service.

If twist-on type air hose couplings are used, they must be secured by safety pins or wires to prevent accidental disconnection while under pressure. Hose disconnection while under pressure could cause serious injury.

2.7 Install Manometer, Ref. Figure 4

2.7.1 Prepare the manometer per the supplement instruction sheet supplied with the manometer, to operate in inches of water.

2.7.2 Insert one end of the poly tubing over the elbow fitting on the manometer.

2.7.3 Insert the needle supplied with the manometer into the other end of the poly tubing. Do not remove the needle shield during assembly.

Do not remove the needle shield during the assembly. The needle is difficult to fit into the tubing, and the shield protects the installer from needle punctures.

2.7.4 Place the manometer on the side of the reclaimer; magnets on the manometer hold it in position.

2.7.5 Remove the shield and insert the needle into the flex hose approximately 8" from the top of the reclaimer.



2.7.6 Both valves (elbow fitting) on the manometer must be open to obtain a reading. Refer to the supplement manual supplied with the manometer for operation.

3.0 OPERATION

All persons operating this equipment must be made aware of the hazards of abrasive blasting. Prolonged exposure to any dust could result in serious lung disease and death. Short term ingestion of toxic materials, such as lead dust or dust from other heavy metals and corrosives, could cause serious respiratory injury or death. Identify all materials that are to be removed by blasting, and obtain a Materials Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for the blast media. If lead coating or other toxic materials are being removed by the blasting process, HEPA afterfilters must be used for those applications.

3.1 Initial Start-up

3.1.1 The dust collector access doors and dust drawer must be closed when the dust collector is on.

CAUTION

Do not pulse new dust collectors or replacement cartridges until the cartridges are properly seasoned. See Section 6.2. Pulsing unseasoned cartridges could cause premature cartridge failure or decrease the efficiency of dust collector.

3.1.2 With the sequence switch "off", open the compressed air supply valve to pressurize the pulse manifold. Check the air line and connections for leaks.

3.1.3 Using the regulator on the manifold inlet, turn pulse pressure to 20 psi. Turn the sequence switch "on", and check the air pulse and sequence of the diaphragm valves, solenoids, and panel timer. After the operation of the pulse system is confirmed, turn the sequence switch "off" and increase pressure to 70 psi.

3.1.4 Do not turn the sequence switch "on" until the cartridges are seasoned per Section 6.2.

3.2 Operation Start-Up

3.2.1 Check that top access door is secured with clamps, and that the dust drawer is closed.

3.2.2 Check that the sequence switch is on. NOTE: Do not turn the sequence switch "on" until the cartridges are properly seasoned, per Section 6.2.

3.2.3 Start the exhauster at the control panel, usually mounted on the blast cabinet.

3.2.4 Check the pulse manifold pressure.

3.3 Shutdown

3.3.1 Run the collector until all media is recovered from the cabinet, and the cabinet is free of airborne dust.

3.3.2 Turn off the exhauster.

3.3.3 Turn off the compressed air supply valve.

3.3.4 Drain the pulse manifold whenever the compressed air supply is turned off. The drain petcock is mounted on the side of the collector. See Figure 1.

3.3.5 Empty contents from the dust drawer into a suitable container, per Section 5.1.

4.0 Adjustments

4.1 Pulse Manifold Pressure

4.1.1 The pressure regulator located on the pulse manifold inlet, adjust pulse pressure. Set initial pressure at 70 psi.

4.1.2 Do not increase pulse pressure until the pulse sequence is at maximum intervals as describe in Section 4.2.

4.2 Pulse Sequence Control Panel and Timer

4.2.1 The toggle switch (sequence switch) mounted on the sequence control panel cover, enables or disables the timing sequence. When the switch is "on", the pulse sequence automatically starts when the dust collector exhauster is started. If the switch is "off" the pulse sequence will not occur. The switch should be left "off" (no pulse) until cartridges are seasoned. See Section 6.2.

4.2.2 The timer is factory set at 40 seconds "off" and 15/100 of a second "on". Every 40 seconds the cartridges are pulsed.

4.2.3 As the cartridges cake with dust, the pulse may not clean them well enough to bring the differential pressure gauge below the recommended changeover pressure of 4". A constant reading higher than 4" is an

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indication that more frequent pulse cycles or higher pressure are needed. When the differential pressure gauge shows a constant pressure difference greater than 4", adjust the "off" time setting by half. DO NOT ADJUST "ON" TIME. Increasing on time will consume more air, but will NOT increase cleaning efficiency.

4.2.4 When the frequency of the pulse cycles will not lower the differential pressure to less than 4", or if a decrease in the efficiency is noted, increase pulse pressure in increments of 10 psi until the maximum of 100 psi is reached.

4.2.5 When the frequency of the pulse cycles and higher pulse pressure will not lower the differential pressure below the changeover pressure of 4" w. c., the filter cartridges should be replaced, and the timer "off" time should be reset to 40 seconds, and pressure set to 70 psi. See Section 6.1.

4.3 Damper Setting (Static Pressure)

4.3.1 The damper adjusts static pressure (shown in inches of water), and should be used in conjunction with the manometer. For optimum reclaimer efficiency, adjust the static pressure to the specifications of the equipment, and abrasive in use.

4.3.2 The damper should be initially set with the blast cabinet doors open, and the exhauster running.

4.3.3 Check the manometer, and adjust the damper to obtain the pressure in inches of water, as specified below. Closing the damper will decrease static pressure, opening the damper will increase static pressure.

4.3.4 The measurements shown are starting points only. Lighter-weight, or finer media may need to be lower; heavier and coarse media may need to be higher.

Glass Bead 5 to 7 3-1/2 to 4 inch Glass Bead 8 to 13 3 to 3-1/2 inch Al. Oxide 60 and coarser 4 to 5 inch Al. Oxide 80 and finer 3 to 4 inch Plastic All * 2-1/2 to 3 inch Steel Grit ** 6 to 7 inch	

* Non Aerolyte reclaimers require modification. Consult the factory.

** Size is limited, and determined by the system's application.

4.3.5 If the static pressure is too low, the results will be dirty media. Dirty media consists of good media, dust, fines, and blasting by-products.

4.3.6 If the static pressure is too high, good media will be carried-over into the dust collector.

4.3.7 Fine-tuning is required for optimum reclaimer efficiency. If, after adjusting the damper to the best balance of media recovery, media cleaning, carry-over, or dirty media continues to be a problem, the adjustable vortex cylinder, which is standard on pull through reclaimers, may need adjustment. Consult the cabinet operating manual for vortex adjustment.

5.0 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

Always wear a properly fitted and maintained, NIOSH approved respirator and eye protection when emptying the dust drawer. Failure to do so could result in respiratory disease or serious respiratory and eye irritation. Toxicity and health risk vary with type of media, and dust generated by blasting. Identify all material that is being removed by blasting, and obtain a Materials Safety Data Sheet for the blast media.

5.1 Daily

5.1.1 With the exhauster turned off, empty the dust drawer. Heavily contaminated parts or friable media may require the drawer be emptied more often. Never allow the drawer to become more than a quarter full.

5.1.2 Check the exhaust air during a pulse cycle. If dust is emitting from the exhauster, cartridges are leaking or damaged. Check immediately.

5.1.3 With the exhauster turned on, check the differential pressure gauge. If reading is high (greater than 4" above initial reading), adjust pulse pressure and/or sequence per Section 4.1 and 4.2.

5.2 Weekly

5.2.1 With the exhauster turned off, check the in-line dust filter dust accumulation. The filter is located on the side of the collector. See Figure 5.



6.0 SERVICE MAINTENANCE

A WARNING

All maintenance must be done with the electrical power locked-out and tagged-out, and the compressed air supply line bled, locked-out and tagged-out. Failure to do so could result in death or serious injury from electrical shock, unintentional actuation of a component, or from the venting of trapped compressed air.

6.1 Replacing Filter Cartridges

Failure to wear properly fitted and maintained, NIOSH approved respirator and eye protection when servicing dust laden areas of the dust collector could result in serious eye irritation and lung disease or death. Toxicity and health risk vary with type of media, and dust generated by blasting. Identify all material that is being removed by blasting, and obtain a Materials Safety Data Sheet for the blast media. **6.1.1** Empty the dust drawer, and return the drawer to its position.

6.1.2 Open the top access door.

6.1.3 Remove the nuts securing the cartridge hold-down plates.

6.1.4 Remove the hold-down plates and venturi tubes.

6.1.5 Remove cartridges from the top. A small amount of force may be necessary to loosen the seal of the cartridge gasket.

6.1.6 When cartridges are removed, clean the inside of the collector to remove loose or hardened dust, particularly from the cartridge sealing surface, and the clean side (top side) of the cartridge sheet.

6.1.7 Install new cartridges; center each cartridge, install venturi tube, and secure with hold-down plates.

6.1.8 Inspect the access door gasket, replace if worn or damaged. Close the access door and secure.

6.1.9 Reset timer "off" time to 40 seconds.

6.1.10 Reset pressure to 70 psi.

6.1.11 Season cartridges per Section 6.2.

6.2 Seasoning Cartridges

6.2.1 New cartridges must be seasoned. Cartridges are seasoned by letting a dust layer develop on the outside surface of the filter media. The dust layer protects the filter cartridge, and enhances the filtering efficiency.

6.2.2 Operate the collector without pulsing (sequence switch off) until the differential pressure gauge reads four inches (4" w. c.).

6.2.3 After the differential pressure is reached, set the timer "off" time to 40 seconds, and set the pulse pressure at 70 psi.

6.2.4 Turn the sequence switch "on" to start the pulse cycle. See Section 4.2.

7.0 TROUBLESHOOTING

A WARNING

Shut down the collector immediately if dust is emitting from the exhauster. Check that cartridges are correctly seated and not worn or damaged. Prolonged breathing of abrasive dust and blasting by-product dust could result in serious lung disease or death. Short term ingestion of toxic dust such as red lead, poses an immediate danger to health. Identify all materials that are to be removed by blasting, and obtain a Materials Safety Data Sheet for the blast media.

7.1 Collector Not Pulsing

7.1.1 Check the manifold pressure gauge. If the reading is low, check the regulator adjustment, and compressed air supply, look for a closed supply valve.

7.1.2 Check to make sure the sequence switch is not turned off.

7.1.3 Check the fuse in the sequence control panel. Replace as necessary.

7.2 One Cartridge Not Pulsing

7.2.1 Solenoid defective. Check continuity for electrical malfunction.

7.2.2 Check the diaphragm valve. With the compressed air turned off, remove the four cover screws, inspect the diaphragm and clean the bleed port.

7.2.3 Check for blockage in the tubing to the diaphragm valves.

7.3 Pulse is a steady stream of air instead of a pulse.

7.3.1 Check for a leak in the tubing between the diaphragm valves and solenoid.

7.3.2 Solenoid remaining in open position. Check continuity, clean, replace.

7.4 Exhauster Not Running

7.4.1 Exhauster overload could be tripped. Reset and check for overload.

- 7.4.2 Make sure that the main disconnect is "on".
- 7.4.3 Motor defective. Check continuity.

7.5 Excessive Differential Pressure

7.5.1 Valves may not be pulsing properly. See 7.1.

7.5.2 The differential pressure gauge lines may be plugged with dust. Check and clean.

7.5.3 Make sure the tubing has not been inserted so far into the tube connection that it blocks the tube ends.

7.5.4 The in-line dust filter may be blocked. Clean or replace.

7.5.5 Snubber fittings blocked with dust. Clean or replace. See Figure 5.

7.5.6 The sequence "off" time may need adjusting. See Section 4.2.

7.5.7 Filter cartridges may need to be replaced. See Section 4.2 and 6.1.

7.6 No Reading On Differential Pressure Gauge.

7.6.1 Check to make sure the low and high pressure lines have not been reversed. See Figure 5.

7.7 Dust Emitting From Exhauster.

7.7.1 Check for loose or damaged filter cartridge.

8.0 REPLACEMENT PARTS

8.1 Accessories

Description	Stock No.
Vortex cylinder assembly, to through reclaimer to a pull-throu	convert push- gh
for 600 cfm Reclaimer	
for 900 cfm Reclaimer	19084
Manometer kit	12528
	Description Vortex cylinder assembly, to through reclaimer to a pull-throu for 600 cfm Reclaimer for 900 cfm Reclaimer Manometer kit

8.2 Sequence panel, not shown

Item Description Stock No

(-)	Sequence control panel assembly	15788
(-)	Sequence control board	10261
(-)	Solenoid	10262
(-)	Switch, toggle	12127
(-)	Boot, toggle switch	14228

Stock No

8.3 Exhauster assembly, Figure 6

Description

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1.	Motor	
	600 cfm, 1 hp, 115 v, 1 ph 123	14
	600 cfm, 1 hp, 230 v, 3 ph 123 ²	10
	900 cfm, 2 hp, 230 v, 3 ph 1230)9
2.	Plate, motor mount	
	600 cfm 1200	04
	900 cfm 1200)5
3.	Housing, exhauster	
	600 cfm 1227	72
	900 cfm 1227	71
4.	Gasket, 5/16" x 1" adhesive-backed,	
	specify feet required 0018	37
5.	Paddle wheel	
	600 cfm 1233	34
	900 cfm 1233	35
6.	Adaptor, exhauster	
	600 cfm 1683	36
	900 cfm 1683	35
7.	Damper assembly, less sound foam	
	600 cfm, 6" 1938	32
	900 cfm, 7" 1842	14
8.	Sound foam, 4 sq. ft. req'd., trim to fit 1248	34



8.4 Collector assembly, Figure 7

ltem	Description	Stock No.
(-)	RPC-2 Collector assembly	
	600 cfm w/ 1 hp, 115v motor	15804
	600 cfm w/ 1 hp, 230v motor	15939
	900 cfm w/ 2 hp, 230v motor	20526
1.	Filter cartridge, 13" x 26"	15781
2.	Venturi tube	15674
3.	Plate, hold-down	
4.	Valve, 1.5" diaphragm	15818
(-)	Repair kit for 1-1/2" pulse valve (abov	/e)21601
5.	Gasket, 5/16" x 1" adhesive backed,	
	specify feet required	00187
6.	Latch	10290
7.	Fitting, 1/4" NPT bulkhead	05605
8.	Petcock, 1/4" NPT	01993

9.	Gauge, pressure11826
10.	Gauge, differential pressure10188
11.	Snubber fitting15786
12.	Ground lug11639
13.	Tubing, 1/4" nylon, specify feet required15892
14.	Adaptor, elbow, 1/8" NPT x 1/4" tube15787
15.	Adaptor, elbow, 1/4" NPT x 1/4" tube03428
16.	Adaptor, straight, 1/4" NPT x 1/4" tube03429
17.	Adaptor, straight, 1/8" NPT x 1/4" tube03430
18.	Regulator, 1/2" NPT pressure, w/ gauge01902
19.	Filter, in-line dust23415
20.	Inlet adaptor
	600 cfm, 6"16362
	900 cfm, 7"16837
21.	Clamp, hose11576
22.	Hose, flex, specify feet required
	6" for 600 cfm12452
	7" for 900 cfm12448

