SpitFire 4.0

Machine Serial Number: ________________________

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General Information

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This manual contains installation and operation instructions as well as information required for proper maintenance, adjustment and repair of this unit. Since the first and most important part of repair work is the correct diagnosis of the problem, component manual troubleshooting charts have been included for your convenience.

Unlike a garden tractor, lawn mower or cement mixer, all having one or two functions to perform, the truckmounted carpet cleaning plant has many functions to perform simultaneously.

- The engine has to run at a consistent RPM.
- The vacuum has to pull air and dirty water back from cleaning site.
- The water pump provides stable pressure at proper water flow for cleaning.
- The chemical has to be injected into the water stream at the right concentration.
- The heating system must maintain proper heat.
- The vacuum tank must store dirty water until drained.

As you can see, it is not just a turnkey operation with one thing to worry about, Does it start?
WARNING
The manufacturer uses this symbol throughout the manual to warn of possible injury or death.

CAUTION
This symbol is used to warn of possible equipment damage.

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<td>8:00 am to 5:00 P.M.</td>
<td>(425) 775-7275 Service</td>
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<td>PACIFIC STANDARD TIME</td>
<td>(800) 426-4225 Parts / Service FAX</td>
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Precautions

Although this unit has been factory adjusted, it may require additional adjustments to achieve optimum performance, for instance altitude may require carburetor adjustment and ambient temperatures may require heat control adjustment. When required, consult an authorized representative.

**CAUTION**

**THROUGH-FLOOR DRILLING:** Be cautious when drilling holes through the van floor. Many vans have critical components mounted directly below the van floor that could be damaged by a misplaced drill bit. (See Product Support Bulletins 92102, 94062 and 94063 at the end of the manual.)

**CAUTION**

**ENGINE COOLING:** Units employing internal combustion engines must not be enclosed within a van with doors and windows closed. Excessive temperatures within the engine will result in premature engine failure and a compromise of applicable warranty.

**CAUTION**

**LEVEL OPERATION:** During operation, van or trailer must be parked on level ground not to exceed + or - 10 degrees. Failure to insure proper leveling may prevent proper internal lubrication of engine, vacuum and/or high pressure components.
MOVING PARTS: Never touch any part of the machine that is in motion. Severe bodily injury may result.

ACID RINSE AGENTS: The increased demand for “clear water” rinsing results in the need for special care when using these acid based chemicals in your equipment. The negative side of these products is the corrosive effects the acid can have on metals, including swivels, pumps, heat exchangers, etc.

HydraMaster’s ClearWater Rinse has been formulated to protect vital components. HydraMaster will not warranty parts that have been damaged from using unprotected acid products that have obviously caused failures.

HARD WATER PROTECTION: Failure to take appropriate measures to prevent scale build up can result in system failure and loss of warranty on affected parts. Test the water in your immediate and surrounding areas with hard water test strips. Assume all water obtained from wells is hard. If you are operating in a “Hard Water Area” (3.5 grains or more per gallon), use a water softening system.

FREEZE PROTECTION: There is often little warning before a cold spell. Therefore, not protecting this equipment from freezing will result in costly downtime. Placing an electric heater in the truck or parking the truck indoors will help to insure against freezing, but should not be the primary method of freeze protection.

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EXHAUST SYSTEM: Do not allow flammable material (i.e. oil, fuel, plastic or wood products) to come in contact with the exhaust system.

HOT SURFACES: During the operation of this equipment, many surfaces on the machine will become very hot. When near the van for any reason care must be taken not to touch any hot surface, such as heater, engine, exhaust, etc.

HEARING PROTECTION: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recommends the use of hearing protection when a technician is exposed to an average of 85 decibels (this is an average of exposure over an 8 hour period). This equipment can produce 85 decibels to a distance of 10 feet. Please check with your local state agencies to see if OSHA standards apply to your application.

NO SMOKING: It is unsafe to smoke in or around the vehicle.

CARBON MONOXIDE: This unit generates toxic fumes. Position the vehicle so that the fumes will be directed away from the job site. Do not park where exhaust fumes can enter a building through open doors, windows, air conditioning units or kitchen fans.
TOXIC FUMES: Do not occupy the vehicle when the cleaning equipment is operating. Toxic fumes may accumulate inside a stationary vehicle.

ENGINE EXHAUST: The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

PORTABLE GAS TANK: Never operate this machine with a portable gas can inside the truck. Doing so increases the risk of a fire or explosion.

PORTABLE PROPANE TANK: Do not use a portable tank inside of the truck or van. It is dangerous and illegal in most states.

TRANSPORTATION OF FUEL CONTAINERS: Transportation in a vehicle of any vented fuel container that presently has or has ever contained a flammable liquid is strictly forbidden by HydraMaster Corporation and by federal and state regulation.
The SpitFire heat exchanger system is a highly engineered cleaning plant designed by HydraMaster Corporation. The system utilizes a dynamic heating system comprised of three separate exhaust heat exchangers for capturing “free heat.”

The water flow is as follows:

Water is fed into the machine under tap pressure. It flows through one preheater and then is automatically combined with a cleaning solution as it enters the mix tank. The solution is then picked up by the high pressure pump and pressurized to the desired level. The water then splits flow, as demanded by the technician. The majority of the water flows to the bypass valve assembly, then back through the secondary exhaust heat exchanger, and back to the mix tank.

The water demanded by the technician flows from the water pump through the primary exhaust heat exchanger then out to the cleaning tool.

When the cleaning solution reaches a preset high temperature, it is released from the system and directed to the recovery tank. Then cool water enters the system to regulate the temperature.

As there is no guess work in the manufacture of these highly advanced cleaning plants, there must be none in preparing it to get the job done in the field. It is the purpose of this manual to help you properly understand, maintain and service your cleaning plant. Follow the directions carefully and you will be rewarded with years of profitable, trouble-free operation.

It is imperative that no section be overlooked when preparing for operation of this equipment.
# Machine Specifications

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<td>Roots 45 URAIJ</td>
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<td>Electro-mechanical, Meter Controlled</td>
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<td>Rebuildable Solution Valve</td>
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High Pressure Hose: ¾" High Temperature Lined/Vinyl Covered Hose Rated to 1250 PSI

Vacuum Hose: 2" Reinforced, 1½" Reinforced.

Standard Equipment: Machine Power Console
Full Instrumentation
Roots Vacuum Blower
SpitFire™ Water Heating Package
Vacuum Recovery Tank
Carpet Cleaning Wand
Chemical Jug
100 ft, 2" Vacuum Hose
10 ft, 1½" Wand Whip Line
100 ft, Super Flex Solution Line
Battery Box
Van Decal Package
Van Installation Kit
Operation Manual
HydraMaster Jacket

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Downtime on the unit can be very expensive, because your truckmounted unit is capable of generating several hundred dollars per day. In order to minimize such downtime, it is strongly recommended by the manufacturer that you purchase and keep in your truck the parts listed below.

**Parts Orders**

*To expedite your parts needs, please call your sales representative.* In most instances, he either stocks or has access to parts through a regional service center. If further assistance is needed, contact the factory and coordinate your needs. If this becomes necessary, always indicate the method of shipment you desire, i.e. UPS, Blue Label, Air Freight, Air Express, etc.

HydraMaster Parts Dept. Phone .................. (425) 775-7276
HydraMaster Parts Dept. Toll Free Fax .......... 1-800-426-4225

**Spare Parts List (078-100)**

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Responsibilities

The Purchaser’s responsibilities are:

Prior to arrival of unit, install 5/8” exterior plywood flooring in the vehicle and cover it with artificial turf.

CAUTION

In Dodge vans the fuel tanks are located directly against the floor. Caution must be used when drilling any holes through the floor. (See Product Support Bulletin 94062 at the end of this manual.)

To purchase heavy duty 42 - 60 amp hour battery and have the battery ‘slow’ charge if new.

CAUTION

If the battery is not fully charged, damage can occur to the engine charging regulator.

Reading of owner’s manual: It is the purchaser’s responsibility to read the unit operation manual and to familiarize himself with the information contained therein. Special attention should be paid to all Cautions and Warnings.

The Sales Representative’s responsibilities are:

ACCEPTANCE OF SHIPMENT:

1. If the unit shows any outward signs of damage, do not sign the delivery receipt until you have closely inspected the unit and noted any damage on the delivery receipt.

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2. The salesman from whom you purchased your unit is responsible for supervising the correct installation of the unit in your vehicle and thoroughly training you in its operation, maintenance and precautions.

CORRECT INSTALLATION INCLUDES:

- Vehicle of proper load carrying capacity (recommendation: ½ ton).
- Installation of through-floor fittings for gasoline fuel lines.
- Placing the unit and recovery tank in your vehicle and securing them with bolts or tie down cleats.
- Connecting gasoline lines.
- Connecting the battery.
- Checking the pump, vacuum blower and engine oil levels prior to starting the unit.
- Starting the unit to check the engine and see that all systems function normally.
- Checking all hoses, wands, etc. for correct operation.

TRAINING:

- A thorough review of the operation manual with purchaser
- Instruction and familiarization in: how to correctly start up and shut down the unit, how to correctly clean with the unit, where and how often to check and change component oil levels, how the unit’s systems work, how to troubleshoot the unit, how to do basic repairs, safety precautions and their importance, freezing damage and how to avoid it, hard water damage and how to avoid it;
- A thorough review of the unit warranty and warranty procedures.
- A thorough review of hard water precautions and warnings.
- How to determine hard water areas.
- Use of water softening systems.
Vehicle Prep

When selecting a truck, remember the preferable vehicle for a SpitFire 4.0 installation is a cargo van with a heavy-duty suspension package and a half ton capacity. If a fresh water tank is added, a three quarter ton or larger capacity van, with a 2,400 pound payload capacity, is required.

TRUCK PREPARATION

The manufacturer recommends the installation of plywood flooring, covered with polypropylene backed Astroturf (do not use rubber-backed), in the vehicle prior to installation of machine.

CAUTION

Be cautious when drilling any holes through the van floor. Many vans have critical components mounted directly below the van floor that could be damaged by a misplaced drill bit. (See Product Support Bulletin 94062 at the end of this manual.)

This provides ‘metal to wood’ mounting rather than ‘metal to metal’, provides insulation and makes an attractive van interior. Astroturf should be color-keyed to the van interior. See Figure 1-1 for correct placement of the plywood flooring.
Materials Needed:
1. Two sheets of 4 x 8 x 5/8” exterior plywood
2. One 6’ x 12’ piece of commercial Astroturf
3. Sixteen 1½” sheet metal screws
4. One quart marine adhesive (optional)
5. One staple hammer with ½” staples

PLACEMENT OF UNIT IN VEHICLE
There are two recommended unit placements:

SIDE DOOR:
Most installations are side door. This provides rear access for accessories and hoses as well as unobstructed access to the component/working side of the machine, thus making it a bit easier to perform maintenance and/or repair without removing the unit from the truck.

REAR DOOR:
Although this location partly limits working access, it does direct the noise away from the cleaning site. Some cleaners in the colder areas prefer this location because it puts the weight over the rear wheels for better traction in ice and snow. Rear mounting requires the unit to be slid to the right side as far as possible. This not only provides adequate working space on the component side of the unit but also improves weight distribution inside the van (engine and component weight line up over drive shaft). Also, it is physically easier to load the unit into the rear door due to the height of the van bed.
Figure 1-3 Recommended Placement

Machine Tie Down Cleats
Secure the machine to the floor of the van with the four tie down cleats provided. This safety measure will ensure that the machine will not slide inside the van. See the following illustration for the correct installation.

Figure 1-4 Installation using Tie-down Cleats
Ensure that the machine is well secured to the floor of the van with the hardware supplied. A sudden or crash stop will cause the machine to rocket forward! Protect yourself and the machine. **SECURE IT!**

**WARNING**

It is recommended by the manufacturer that the exhaust from the front of the machine be vented down under the truck to prevent carbon monoxide from entering the job site. **Always park the truck so the exhaust is blowing away from the job site.**

The manufacturer also recommends the installation of aluminum vents in the truck roof to allow heat to escape.

**WARNING**

Never operate this machine with a portable gas can inside the truck. Doing so increases the risk of a fire or explosion.

Mount a fire extinguisher just inside the rear or side door for emergencies.

**WARNING**

Do not use a portable propane tank inside of the truck or van. It is dangerous and illegal in most states.

**WARNING**

Transportation in a vehicle of any vented fuel container that presently holds or has ever held a flammable liquid is strictly forbidden by Hydra-Master Corporation and by federal and state regulation.
The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.
Local Water Precautions

The quality of water varies greatly. Many areas have an excess of minerals in the water which results in what is commonly called “hard water.” These minerals tend to adhere to the insides of heater coils and other parts of the machines causing damage and a loss of cleaning effectiveness. This influences the reliability and efficiency of equipment in direct proportion to the level of hardness.

HARD WATER ADVISORY

HydraMaster recognizes that any hard water deposits which might occur within the water system of our truckmounts is a serious problem. The precision technology of truckmount heat exchanger systems is intolerant of any foreign material. Hard water deposits will ultimately decrease the performance of the system and are expected to seriously lower the reliability of the machine.

To validate a machine’s warranty, HydraMaster requires that all machines operating in designated “Hard Water Areas” (3.5 grains or more per gallon) be fitted with a water softening system or a properly installed magnetic-type de-scaler must be used and maintained. Periodic de-scaling or acid-rinsing alone is not adequate in these areas.

HydraMaster does not recommend any particular type or brand, however the relative effectiveness of some types of magnetic de-scalers or softeners may require additional periodic use of de-scaling agents.

HydraMaster also recommends, in the strongest possible terms, that machines in all areas be fitted with a water softening system for improved operation and reliability.

HydraMaster has included five hard water test strips with your machine. These
can be used to test the water in your immediate and surrounding areas as they can vary greatly. Assume all water obtained from wells is hard.

**CAUTION**

Failure to take appropriate measures to prevent scale build up can result in **system failure** and **loss of warranty** on affected parts.

**HARD WATER AREA MAP**

The following map defines areas in the United States which compromise fluid related components such as hoses, fittings, heaters, pumps, valves and water cooled engines. For other countries, hard water area maps can be obtained from geological societies.

**WATER SOFTENER**

Cleaning efficiency and equipment life is increased, chemical use decreased, and the appearance of cleaned carpets enhanced when water softeners are incorporated in hard water areas. The manufacturer strongly urges the use of water softener units in areas exceeding $3\frac{1}{2}$ grains per gallon. Failure to use a water softener in these areas will invalidate the machine’s warranty. Using a hard water area map as a reference, determine the quality of water in your area and take action immediately, if necessary.

Reports from several of our machine users commending the results of the use of water softeners in conjunction with their machines prompts us to recommend the procedure to everyone in a “hard water” area.

The relatively low cost of a water softener service is more than made up for by an increased life of machine parts, reduced chemical costs and continued cleaning efficiency. The water softener will also increase the **effectiveness** of the cleaning chemicals, therefore less chemical will be needed.
Contact a water softener distributor in your area for information on the rental of a simple water treatment unit to carry in your truck. Be sure to change the water softener in accordance with the capability of the softener. For example: If the softener will treat 900 gallons of water and the machine uses an average of 30 gallons per hour, for an average of 5 hours a day, this equals 150 gallons per day. In 6 days the machine would use 900 gallons of water. Therefore, the softener would need to be changed every 6 working days for maximum softening.

WASTE WATER DISPOSAL ADVISORY

There are laws in most communities prohibiting the dumping of recovered “gray” water from carpet cleaning in any place but a sanitary treatment system. This cleaning rinse water, recovered into your unit’s vacuum tank, contains materials such as detergents. These must be processed before being safe for streams, rivers and reservoirs.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EPA, STATE AND LOCAL LAWS, DO NOT DISPOSE OF WASTE WATER INTO GUTTERS, STORM DRAINS, STREAMS, RESERVOIRS, ETC.

In most cases, an acceptable method of waste water disposal is to discharge into a municipal sewage treatment system after first filtering out solid material such as carpet fiber. Access to the sanitary system can be obtained through a toilet, laundry drain, RV dump, etc. Permission should first be obtained from any concerned party or agency.

One disposal method which usually complies with the law is to accumulate the waste water and haul it to an appropriate dump site. Another solution to the disposal problem is to equip yourself with an Automatic Pump-Out System. These systems are designed to remove waste water from the extractor’s recovery system and actively pump the water through hoses to a suitable disposal drain. Properly designed, they will continuously monitor the level of waste water and pump it out simultaneously to the cleaning operation.
The hidden benefit of this process is that the technician does not have to stop his cleaning to empty the recovery tank. HydraMaster makes an A.P.O. System available which can be ordered with new equipment or installed later.

The penalties for noncompliance can be serious. Always check local laws and regulations to be sure you are in compliance.
Cleaning and Chemicals

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Section 2-1

Your mobile carpet cleaning plant has been engineered using the latest and most sophisticated technology available to produce the finest carpet cleaning results possible. Despite this, however, it remains only a tool of the carpet cleaning trade, and it can produce only as good a job as the person operating it.

PRECAUTIONS

There are no short cuts to good carpet cleaning. It requires time, cleaning knowledge and the use of good chemicals. Therefore, the manufacturer recommends the use of spotting agents and traffic lane cleaners, as required, prior to the actual cleaning of carpeting.

The use of some chemicals through your mobile carpet cleaning plant can seriously damage the internal plumbing, high pressure pump and heater. These harmful chemicals include concentrated acid (see the pH chart at the end of this section), solvents, and some paint, oil, and grease removers with a high concentration of solvents.

The manufacturer recommends only the use of chemicals containing rust and corrosion inhibitors and water softening agents to prevent chemical buildup which may lead to component failure and warranty invalidation.

CAUTION

The increased demand for “clear water” rinsing results in the need for special care when using these acid based chemicals in your equipment. The negative side of these products is the corrosive effects the acid can have on metals, including swivels, pumps, heat exchangers, etc.
HydraMaster’s ClearWater Rinse has been formulated to protect vital components. HydraMaster will not warranty parts that have been damaged from using unprotected acid products that have obviously caused failures.

CLEANING STROKE PROCEDURE

Purpose:
To eliminate excess moisture remaining in the carpet fiber and the sawtooth appearance which results from diagonal movement of the cleaning tool on all types of carpet.

Procedure:
Always move the cleaning tool in smooth, forward and backward strokes. Apply slight pressure to the forward stroke while the solution is injected into the carpet. When extracting (drying), apply firm pressure on the forward stroke to ensure a positive “lock” for the vacuum and minimize the “hopping” effect resulting on carpet that is not smooth. During the forward and reverse strokes, movement to the right or left should only be accomplished at the extreme rear of the stroke. Overlapping is also important to ensure even application of solution and prevent saturation when cleaning wand is stopped twice at the same point at the rear of the cleaning stroke. This is illustrated at the end of this section.

Failure to adopt this procedure can result in increased chance of “clean streaks,” fiber shrinkage, brown-out and longer drying periods.

OVER-WETTING

Over-wetting is annoying to all concerned, and sometimes leaves a bad impression of the cleaning process used.

THESE ARE SEVERAL AREAS THAT WILL CAUSE OVER-WETTING

1. Too few vacuum strokes or improper saw-tooth vacuum strokes as shown in the following illustration.
2. Obstructed, cut or kinked hoses.
3. Vacuum tank drain valve left partially open.
4. Clogged vacuum blower filter or vacuum tank lid not sealing properly.

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5. Cleaning a heavily foam-saturated carpet without defoamer. (We recommend crystal type.)
Figure 2-1: pH Chart

pH CHART

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

ACID — NEUTRAL — ALKALINE

Figure 2-2: Cleaning Stroke Procedure

Incorrect Cleaning Stroke

A correct cleaning stroke overlaps between strokes.

Cleaning Wand

First Cleaning Stroke

Second Cleaning Stroke
Operating Instructions

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START UP

1. Perform daily and periodic maintenance as specified in this Owner’s Manual.
2. Connect all required hoses.
3. Connect the cleaning tool to the length of hose required to perform the cleaning.
4. **CAUTION:** Mix tank must be full prior to ignition.
5. Place the throttle in the ‘Slow’ position. This is approximately 1800 RPM.
6. Start engine (choke as required).

**NOTE:** If the engine will not start depress the oil pressure bypass switch and hold until the engine begins running.

   Allow the engine to run for 3 to 5 minutes. Then increase the engine RPM to ‘Fast’ for normal carpet cleaning. This is approximately 3000 RPM.

7. Spray the wand to void all air from the system. When the mix tank begins a fill cycle, the chemical flowmeter may be adjusted to your desired setting. Set your cleaning pressure at 300 PSI.

**NOTE:** A chemical flowmeter set at 5 GPH is a 1 to 30 mix ratio and 10 GPH is a 1 to 15 ratio. When the flowmeter is set at 10 GPH, you will be using what most chemical manufacturers recommend at 5 GPH.

8. Run the machine for several minutes under load (8 to 10" HG) until your desired temperature is achieved.

9. Commence cleaning operation.
SHUT DOWN

1. Flush clear water through the chemical system for 10 seconds. Turn off chemical flowmeter.

2. Cool the machine by spraying the cleaning wand into the vacuum hose for three to five minutes. The chemical will be flushed from the unit, hoses and cleaning tool.

**NOTE:** If the machine is not properly cooled, the mix tank can overflow.

3. Remove the vacuum hose.

4. At this time, the blower should be lubricated with an oil based lubricant.

**NOTE:** If freeze guarding is necessary, perform the freeze guard procedure at this time.

5. Throttle the machine down.

6. Turn the machine off.

7. Drain the mix tank.

8. Drain the vacuum tank. The vacuum filter should be cleaned prior to mobilization of the van.

**NOTE:** In accordance with the EPA, state and local laws, do not dispose of waste water into gutters, storm drains, streams, reservoirs, etc.

FLOOD DAMAGE WORK FOR STANDARD SPITFIRE

**CAUTION**

When using equipment for flood damage, you must have a fresh water source hooked up at all times to allow a cold water source into the machine. This will prevent overheating during long periods of vacuum recovery.
Exhaust Diverter System

The Exhaust Diverter System consists of two components; the diverter valve and the pump clutch. The diverter valve directs the flow of the exhaust through the triple heat exchanger or directly out of the machine via the diverter exhaust muffler. The pump clutch allows the pump to be turned on and off through a switch. This will enable the machine to be used for flood extraction without the need for an inlet garden hose connected to the machine. Thus preventing excessive filling of the recovery tank through the temperature control system.

The SpitFire can run in two different modes:

Cleaning Mode
To run the machine in Cleaning mode:
Push in the heat exchanger bypass lever. It is not necessary to turn the pump clutch switch to the “ON” position due to a micro-switch that turns the pump clutch on automatically.

Note: This means that the pump clutch cannot be manually turned off when running in this mode.

Flood Damage Mode
To run the machine in Flood Damage mode:
Pull out the heat exchanger bypass lever. Turn the Pump Clutch to the “OFF” position.

CAUTION

HOT SURFACES: When the machine is being run or after it has been shut down, caution should be used around the muffler and the exhaust diverter surfaces as they become hot during operation.
WARNING

Do not use excessive force when engaging and disengaging the heat exchanger bypass lever. This may cause damage to the exhaust diverter.

WARNING

In order for the valve to operate properly, it should periodically be engaged and disengaged.
Freeze Guard

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VACUUM FREEZE GUARD PROCEDURE:

To freeze guard your machine:

1. Start the machine.
2. Spray all of the water out of the system until the engine stops.
3. Add a half gallon of 50/50 antifreeze and water mix to the chemical mix tank and draw the antifreeze into the flow meter.

When using the recirculation kit (part no. 078-058), fill a third of the mix tank with a 50/50 antifreeze mix. Verify that the upper float is not lying horizontal, but floats below.

Attach the recirculation fitting provided in the kit to the garden hose quick connect (see illustration to right) and this combination to the front of the machine.

Attach one section of female/female solution hose to the outgoing solution fitting on the front of the machine and the other end to the garden hose and recirculation fitting combination that is attached to the front of the machine (or as many sections as you want, if you wish to freeze guard your hoses).

4. Start the machine. Allow it to run for 2 to 3 minutes.
   With the recirculation kit, skip ahead to step 6.

5. Remove the quick connect fitting from the end of the garden hose.
   Attach the garden hose quick connect to the machine. Using a vacuum hose attached to the recovery tank, vacuum the water out of the garden hose quick connect.
6. Spray the antifreeze and water mix out of the machine and into a container to reclaim the solution. Run the machine until it stops.

**NOTE:** The reclaimed antifreeze solution may be used 3 times before being discarded.

**NOTE:** To freeze guard hoses and wand, perform the above step with all the hoses and wand attached.

The machine is now freeze guarded. Remember to flush antifreeze from the system prior to carpet cleaning.

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**Recovering Antifreeze For Re-use:**

Before cleaning with the machine again, flush the remaining antifreeze solution from the system into a sealable container so that it may be used again. To do this, spray water through the hoses and wand until all signs of antifreeze are gone.

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**CAUTION**

One manufacturer of antifreeze cautions: **“WHEN DISPOSING OF USED ANTIFREEZE COOLANT:** Follow local laws and regulations. If required, dispose at facilities licensed to accept household hazardous waste. If permitted, dispose in sanitary sewer systems. Do not discard into storm sewers, septic systems, or onto the ground.”

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**WARNING**

This warning appears on the label of one brand of antifreeze: **“HARMFUL OR FATAL IF SWALLOWED.”** Do not drink antifreeze coolant or solution. If swallowed, induce vomiting immediately. Call a physician. Contains Ethylene Glycol which caused birth defects in animal studies. Do not store in open or unlabeled containers.

**“KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN AND ANIMALS.”**
FREEZE PROTECTION OF THE PUMP-IN SYSTEM

1. Drain the fresh water tank.
2. Remove the garden hose adapter from the pump-in pump hose and position the hose so it is pointing outside the van.
3. Turn on the pump-in pump and run for 1-2 minutes till all the water is purged from the hose.

NOTE: The next time the unit is used it may take a few minutes before the mix tank begins to fill.
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Figure 5-3: **Bypass Valve Assembly**

169-101 Valve, Bypass Truckmount

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Not Shown:

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078-101 Kit, Seal and Spring High PSI Bypass
   (Includes Items 3 and 6)
Pump Maintenance

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DAILY
Check the oil level and the condition of the oil. The oil level should be up to the center of the sight glass on the back of the pump.

Use a 30 weight, non-detergent oil.

CAUTION

If the oil becomes discolored and contaminated, one of the oil seals may be damaged. Refer to the Service Section.

Do not operate the pump if the crankcase has been contaminated with water.

CAUTION

Do not leave contaminated oil in the pump housing or leave the housing empty. Remove contaminated oil as soon as it is discovered and replace it with clean oil.

PERIODICALLY
Change the oil after the first 100 hours of operation, and every 400 operating hours thereafter. When changing, remove the drain plug on the oil drain center located on the frame so all oil and accumulated sediment will drain out.
CAUTION

Do not turn the drive shaft while the oil reservoir is empty.

CAUTION

Protect the pump from freezing.
Service

The next few pages explain how to disassemble and inspect all easily-serviceable parts of the pump.

CAUTION

Do not disassemble the hydraulic end unless you are a skilled mechanic. For assistance, contact HydraMaster (425-775-7275) or the distributor in your area.

1. Servicing the Valves (See Figure 6-1)

A. Remove the hex valve plugs (top—discharge, bottom—Inlet).

B. Unthread the valve plug and examine the o-ring under the plug for cuts or distortion. Replace it if it is worn. Lubricate new o-rings before installing.

C. Grasp the valve retainer by the tab at the top with needle-nose pliers, then remove the o-ring at the bottom of the valve chamber.

D. Inspect all valve parts for pitting, gouges, or wear. If wear is excessive, replace valve assembly.

E. Reinstall valve assemblies:
   1. Using a clean towel, clean the valve chamber.
   2. Install the o-ring into the high pressure manifold.
   3. Install the valve assemblies into the high pressure manifold (the metal side of the valve faces the manifold).
   4. Replace the o-ring on the hex valve plug.
   5. Torque the plug to 30 foot pounds.
2. Removing the High Pressure Manifold

A. Using an M6 allen wrench, remove all eight of the socket head bolts.

B. Rotate the crankshaft by hand to start separation of the manifold head from the crankshaft.

C. Insert two flat-head screwdrivers on opposite sides to further separate the manifold from the crankshaft.
To avoid damage to either plunger or seal, keep the manifold properly aligned with the ceramic plungers when removing it.

D. Remove the seal retainer from the manifold and inspect for wear.

E. Examine the ceramic plunger for cracks or scoring (refer to Servicing the Plungers for replacement).

3. Servicing the Low Pressure Seals and High Pressure Seals (See Figure 6-1)

A. Remove the low pressure seal from the seal retainer using a 90 degree pick tool.

B. Remove the high pressure seal from the manifold

C. Inspect the low pressure seal and high pressure seal for wear and replace if necessary.

D. Reinstall the low pressure seal:
   1. Install the low pressure seal into the seal retainers with the garter spring down.

E. Reinstall the high pressure seal:
   1. Lubricate the seal chamber in the manifold.
   2. Carefully square the high pressure seal into position by hand with the grooved side down (metal back facing out).
   3. Examine the seal retainer’s o-ring and replace if worn. Lubricate the new o-ring before installing.
   4. Next, press the seal retainers into the manifold until completely seated.

4. Servicing the Plungers

A. Using a hex tool, loosen the plunger retainer about three to four turns. Push the back to separate it from the retainer and finish unthreading the plunger retainer by hand.

B. Unthread the plunger retainer with sealing washer.
C. Remove the ceramic plunger, keyhole washer and barrier slinger from the plunger rod.

5. Reinstall the ceramic plungers:

1. Examine the sealing washer on the plunger retainer and replace it if it is cut or worn. Lubricate the new sealing washer for ease of installation and to avoid damage.

2. Apply Loctite 242™ to the threads of the plunger retainer and press it into the ceramic plunger. Thread hand tight, then torque the bolt to 4.4 foot pounds.

3. Install the seal retainer with holes to the top and bottom, and forward.

6. Reinstall High Pressure Manifold

A. Slip the seal retainer over the ceramic plungers with the holes to the top and bottom and forward.

B. Turn the shaft by hand to line up the plungers so that the end plungers are parallel.

C. Lightly lubricate the plungers and carefully slide the manifold head onto the plungers while supporting it from the underside to avoid damaging the plungers.

D. Reinstall the socket head bolts and torque to 4.4 foot pounds.

7. Servicing the Crankcase

A. While manifold, plungers, and seal retainers are removed, examine the crankcase seals for wear.

B. Rotate the crankshaft oil seal externally for drying, cracking or leaking.

C. Consult your HydraMaster distributor if crankcase servicing is necessary.
Figure 6-2:  Cat Pump
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Pump Troubleshooting

Cavitation

- Inadequate fluid supply because of:
  - inlet line collapsed or clogged
  - air leak in inlet line
  - worn or damaged inlet hose
- Fluid too hot for inlet suction piping system
- Air entrained in fluid piping system
- Aeration and yurbulence in supply tank
- Inlet suction vacuum too high
- High pressure seals worn
- Worn pump valve parts.

Symptoms of Cavitation:
- Excessive pump valve noise (chattering)
- Premature failure of spring or retainer
- Volume or pressure drop
- Rough-running pump.

Drop in Volume or Pressure

- Air leak in suction piping.
- Clogged suction line.
- Pressure gauge inoperative or not registering accurate.
- Suction line inlet above fluid level in tank.
- Inadequate fluid supply.
- Pump not operating at proper RPM.
- Worn pump valve parts.
- Foreign material in inlet or outlet valves.
- Worn low pressure seals.
- Cavitation.
- Belt slippage.
Water Pulsations
- Foreign object lodged in pump valve.
- Air in suction line.
- Valve spring broken.
- Cavitation.
- Aeration or turbulence in supply tank.
- Stuck inlet or discharge valve.

Valve Wear
- Normal wear.

Loss of Oil
- External seepage.
- Frozen pump.
- Worn crankshaft seal.
- Oil drain piping or fill cap loose.

Premature Failure of Valves or Seals
- Excessive cavitation.
- Foreign object in the pump.
- Pump running too fast.
- Valve or seal material incompatible with fluid being pumped.
- Excessive inlet pressure.
- Scored plungers.
- Running pump dry for excessive periods of time.
- Excessive temperatures of fluid being pumped.
Cleaning Wand Parts

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Handle Assy (Item 10)

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<td>Nut, 5/16-18 s/s Nylock Half</td>
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<td>143-012</td>
<td>Bolt, 5/16-18 x ¾” HHC s/s</td>
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<td>061-006</td>
<td>Handle, Pressure Guide</td>
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Vacuum System

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The vacuum pump in this machine is commonly referred to as a ‘positive displacement ‘lobe’ type blower. The performance and life of this unit is greatly dependent on the care and proper maintenance it receives.

Because of the close tolerances between the lobes and housing of the vacuum blower, solid objects entering the inlet will damage the internal lobes, gears, bearings or drive system.

To prevent this, a stainless steel filter screen has been placed at the vacuum inlet inside the vacuum recovery tank. This stainless steel screen is ‘finger’ tight and should be removed for cleaning weekly.

CAUTION

Caution should be used when machine is being run for test purposes and the vacuum inlet on top of the machine is open.

To protect the vacuum blower from overloading and damaging itself, there is a vacuum relief system installed on the vacuum tank. When the vacuum tank inlet is completely sealed off, a maximum of 12 HG will be attained.

At the end of each day, an oil based lubricant should be sprayed into the blower lubrication port before shutting down the machine. Lubricate the vacuum blower daily to prevent rust deposits and moisture that will decrease the life of the vacuum blower.
Foam passing through the blower could lead to serious problems.  
It is important to keep the vacuum tank foam free.

Read the vacuum blower manual carefully for proper oil change and grease application. The maintenance log may differ slightly from the manual, but the truckmounted carpet cleaning machine application is very demanding of the vacuum blower and therefore it should be maintained more regularly.

The vacuum tank is protected from overflowing by a vacuum tank float kill switch. The switch is not activated by foam, only by liquid.

VACUUM TANK FILTER BAGS
HydraMaster filter bags are designed to trap lint, sand and dirt that would normally collect at the bottom of your vacuum tank. The use of these bags, if emptied at the end of each job, will eliminate the build-up of much of the debris in the tank. The drawstring top of these bags is designed to be slipped around the incoming dirty water inlet in the vacuum tank.

UNCONTESTED WARRANTY
The Roots Division of Dresser Industries, Inc. states in their February 1993 Roots Blower specification sheet, “Roots is the leader in blower warranties - the first to introduce an uncontested warranty that guarantees repair or replacement of any Universal RAI-J™ that malfunctions for any reason. We’ll protect you or your customer for a full 18 months from date of original start-up or 24 months from date of shipment, whichever occurs first.”
## Blower Troubleshooting

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<td>1.0</td>
<td>There is no vacuum or a loss of vacuum.</td>
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<td>1.1</td>
<td>The <em>stainless steel filter</em> is clogged.</td>
<td>Clean or replace the filter.</td>
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<td>1.2</td>
<td>The <em>filter bag</em> is clogged.</td>
<td>Clean or replace the filter bag.</td>
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<td>1.3</td>
<td>The <em>vacuum tank dump valve</em> is “open” or defective.</td>
<td>If water drips from the valve when the machine is not running, the valve will cause a vacuum loss when the machine is running. Replace it if it is defective.</td>
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<td>1.4</td>
<td>The <em>vacuum hose</em> is plugged.</td>
<td>Remove the obstruction by reversing the vacuum hose.</td>
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<td>1.5</td>
<td>There is a restriction in the <em>cleaning tool</em>.</td>
<td>Remove the obstruction.</td>
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<td>1.6</td>
<td>The <em>vacuum tank seal</em> is defective.</td>
<td>Replace the seal.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1.7</td>
<td>The <em>hose</em> from the blower to the recovery tank is kinked or has collapsed inside.</td>
<td>Replace or reshape the hose. <strong>NOTE:</strong> A special reinforced hose is required for replacement.</td>
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<td>1.8</td>
<td>There is a hole in the <em>recovery tank</em>.</td>
<td>Inspect the tank for leaks using smoke and weld the tank if it is required.</td>
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<td>1.9</td>
<td>There is a hole in the <em>vacuum hose</em>.</td>
<td>Repair or replace the hose.</td>
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<td>1.10</td>
<td>The <em>vacuum release</em> is loose.</td>
<td>Readjust the vacuum release.</td>
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<td>1.11</td>
<td>The <em>engine speed</em> is too low.</td>
<td>Adjust the speed.</td>
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<td>1.12</td>
<td>The <em>vacuum blower’s end plates</em> or <em>lobes</em> are worn.</td>
<td>Replace the worn components. <strong>NOTE:</strong> This must be accomplished by a qualified technician.</td>
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<td>1.13</td>
<td>There are <em>vacuum leaks</em> around the <em>top collector box</em>.</td>
<td>A vacuum leak can usually be detected by spraying a mist of WD40 or blowing smoke towards the leak. The mist or smoke will be sucked into the leak. When you see the leak, repair it.</td>
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<td>2.0</td>
<td>The blower is noisy.</td>
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<td>2.1</td>
<td>There is an exhaust leak between the blower and the silencer.</td>
<td>Inspect the fittings to determine where the air leak is. Repair as necessary.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2.2</td>
<td>The blower is out of oil or the gears may be bad. &lt;br&gt;<strong>NOTE:</strong> Permanent damage may result from a lack of lubrication.</td>
<td>Add oil. If the noise continues, replace the gears or blower. &lt;br&gt;<strong>NOTE:</strong> Replacement of the gears must be accomplished by a qualified technician.</td>
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<td>2.3</td>
<td>The silencer is bad.</td>
<td>Inspect it for an external hole. Repair or replace the silencer.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2.4</td>
<td>The lobes are hitting.</td>
<td>Replace the blower.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2.5</td>
<td>The engine is running at the wrong speed. This is noticeable because the blower noise increases with speed.</td>
<td>Adjust the engine to run at the proper speed.</td>
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<td>2.6</td>
<td>The bearings are worn.</td>
<td>Remove and replace the bearings as required. &lt;br&gt;<strong>NOTE:</strong> This process must be accomplished by a qualified technician.</td>
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<td>3.0</td>
<td>The blower will not turn.</td>
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| 3.1 | The lobes are locked up because of rust, burnt chemical foam, or a sugar-like substance has been vacuumed up from the carpet. | a. Most *burnt foam* and *rust* can be removed by soaking the lobes with liquid wrench. After soaking the lobes, with the machine running, pour a half gallon of hot water into the top of the blower. Then spray WD40 or Pennz Lube into the top of the blower to displace the water.  
   b. Any *sugar-like substances* can be removed by soaking the lobes with hot water. |
<p>| 3.2 | There is debris in the blower. | Remove the debris. A stainless steel filter is provided at the vacuum inlet in the vacuum tank to prevent this problem. |
| 3.3 | The blower has broken gears or shattered lobes. | Rebuild or replace the blower. <strong>NOTE:</strong> Rebuilding the blower must be accomplished by a qualified technician. |</p>
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<td>4.0</td>
<td>The shaft turns, but the lobes do not.</td>
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<td>4.1</td>
<td>The <em>shaft</em> is broken inside the blower.</td>
<td>Replace the blower.</td>
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# Engine Troubleshooting

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<td>1.0</td>
<td>The engine will not turn over.</td>
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<td>1.1</td>
<td>The battery cable is loose or the terminals corroded.</td>
<td>Clean and tighten the battery terminal connections.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1.2</td>
<td>The battery is dead.</td>
<td>Recharge or replace the battery.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1.3</td>
<td>There is a problem with the fuse link.</td>
<td>Check the link. If it is defective, replace it.</td>
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| 1.4 | There is a problem with the starter solenoid.                    | With the ignition switch in the “Start” position, check the following on the solenoid. Check for +12 volts on:  
  a. The small terminal with the blue wire from the ignition switch,  
  b. The large terminal with the cable from the battery.  
  c. The large terminal with the cable going to the starter.  
  If the voltage is present on the first two checkpoints, but not on the large terminal going to the starter, replace the solenoid. |
| 1.5 | The ignition switch is defective.                                 | Test the switch for entering voltage. If there is voltage entering the switch but not exiting the center post when the switch is fully engaged, then replace it. |
| 1.6 | The vacuum blower has seized.                                    | Refer to the Blower, Chapter 10.                                                            |

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<td>The engine will not turn over. (cont.)</td>
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<td>1.7</td>
<td>The <em>starter motor</em> is defective.</td>
<td>Remove the belt(s) from the engine. Check to see if the engine will turn over manually. Check that the engine is grounded to the minus side of the battery. With the ignition key in the <strong>Start</strong> position, check the starter motor for +12 volts. If all of the above conditions are met and the starter will not turn, replace it.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1.8</td>
<td>The <em>engine</em> is malfunctioning.</td>
<td>Refer to the Engine Operation and Maintenance manual included in your Owner’s manual or see the local engine repair facility.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1.9</td>
<td>The <em>ground cable</em> underneath the motor has fallen or broken off.</td>
<td>Reattach the cable.</td>
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<td>2.0</td>
<td>The starter turns the engine over, however the engine will not start. (There is no spark*)</td>
<td>*Check for spark at the spark plugs. If there is no spark, examine the Troubleshooting guide below. However if there is a spark, see Troubleshooting Problem Number 3.0 on the following pages for possible fuel problems.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2.1</td>
<td>The recovery tank is full.</td>
<td>Empty the tank.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.2</td>
<td>The recovery tank float is causing the engine to shut down.</td>
<td>Disconnect the float. If the unit starts, replace the defective float.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2.3</td>
<td>The engine is malfunctioning.</td>
<td>Refer to the Engine Operation and Maintenance manual included in your Owner’s manual.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.4</td>
<td>The magnetron is malfunctioning.</td>
<td>Check the magnetron. If it is adjusted properly, all of the wires should be tight and not grounded out. Remove all of the wires from the engine kill lug. If there is still no spark, replace it.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2.5</td>
<td>A spark plug is faulty.</td>
<td>Check for worn, fouled or improperly gapped spark plugs. Replace if necessary. <strong>CAUTION:</strong> Allow the engine to cool completely before attempting to remove the plugs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.6</td>
<td>The engine kill relay is malfunctioning.</td>
<td>Remove either end of the wire that runs from the relay to the engine kill lug. If the engine starts, replace the relay.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.7</td>
<td>The oil pressure switch is causing the engine to shut down.</td>
<td>Check the engine oil level. If it is at the proper level, then disconnect the oil pressure switch. If the unit starts, then replace the switch.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.8</td>
<td>The lower float in the chemical mix tank is defective.</td>
<td>Unplug the wire from terminal 86 on the kill relay. If there is water in the mix tank and the engine starts, replace the switch.</td>
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<td>3.0</td>
<td>The starter turns the engine over, however the engine will not start. (There is no gas*.)</td>
<td>*Check for spark at the spark plugs. If there is no spark, examine the Troubleshooting guide below. However if there is a spark, see Troubleshooting Problem Number 3.0 on the following pages for possible fuel problems.</td>
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<tr>
<td>3.1</td>
<td>The <em>fuel pump</em> is defective.</td>
<td>Remove the fuel line from the engine and place it in a container to see if the fuel is being pumped when the ignition is on. Replace the fuel pump if it is defective.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.2</td>
<td>There is a poor <em>battery ground</em> to the fuel pump.</td>
<td>Repair the loose ground connection.</td>
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<tr>
<td>3.3</td>
<td>The <em>fuel pump</em> is sucking air between the gas tank and the inlet side of the fuel pump.</td>
<td>Examine the gas inlet side of the fuel pump. Tighten any loose fittings or clamps. Replace any ruptured hose.</td>
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<tr>
<td>3.4</td>
<td>The <em>fuel filter</em> is clogged.</td>
<td>Inspect the filter. Replace if necessary.</td>
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<td>3.5</td>
<td>The <em>quick connect</em> in the fuel line is clogged.</td>
<td>Clean or replace the quick connect.</td>
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<td>4.0</td>
<td>The engine runs poorly or dies after running for awhile.</td>
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<td>4.1</td>
<td>The air or gas filter is clogged.</td>
<td>Inspect both filters. Replace the clogged one.</td>
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<tr>
<td>4.2</td>
<td>There is a poor battery ground to the fuel pump.</td>
<td>Inspect the electrical grounds. Repair any loose ground connections.</td>
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<tr>
<td>4.3</td>
<td>The fuel pump is sucking air between the gas tank and the fuel pump.</td>
<td>Examine the pump’s gas inlet side. Tighten any loose fittings or clamps. Replace ruptured hoses.</td>
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<td>4.4</td>
<td>The fuel pump is defective.</td>
<td>Remove the fuel line from the engine and place it in a container to see if the fuel is being pumped when the ignition is turned on. Replace the fuel pump if it is defective.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4.5</td>
<td>There is excessive engine load.</td>
<td>Clean and adjust the recovery tank relief valve. Adjust for 14 inches of lift under a full load.</td>
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<tr>
<td>4.6</td>
<td>The engine overheats from poor ventilation.</td>
<td>Remove any air restriction from around the engine. Add a roof vent or external fan, if necessary.</td>
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<tr>
<td>4.7</td>
<td>The engine overheats from carbon build up in the combustion chamber.</td>
<td>Refer to a local engine dealer.</td>
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<tr>
<td>4.8</td>
<td>The engine overheats from too much oil in the crankcase.</td>
<td>Check the oil level and correct if necessary.</td>
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<tr>
<td>4.9</td>
<td>The engine is malfunctioning.</td>
<td>Refer to the Engine Operation and Maintenance manual or see the Briggs &amp; Stratton dealer.</td>
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<td>The engine runs poorly or dies after running for awhile. (cont.)</td>
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<tr>
<td>4.10</td>
<td>A <strong>clogged heat exchanger</strong> is causing back pressure.</td>
<td>This will cause the engine to run slow and spit gas from the carburetor. Remove the stainless steel hose from the end of the stainless steel heat exchanger. If the engine runs good without the hose, remove the copper heat exchanger under the machine and clean the debris.</td>
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<tr>
<td>4.11</td>
<td><strong>On duel tank Fords</strong>, the engine is pulling through the ‘Tank Switching Valve’.</td>
<td>Do not try to pull gas from both gas tanks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4.12</td>
<td>A <strong>PCV valve</strong> is defective.</td>
<td>Remove and check the air cleaner for oil saturation. If it is saturated, replace the PCV valve and air filter.</td>
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The SpitFire electrical system, in keeping with the entire machine concept, has been kept to a minimum so as to keep any necessary troubleshooting as easy as possible.

The entire electrical system operates on 12 volts DC which is provided by a battery. Battery levels are sustained by a 16 amp alternator inside the engine.

**NOTE:** When a new battery is installed, check that it is properly charged before installation or damage to the charging regulator may occur.

The orange wire going from the engine starter solenoid to terminal #5 on the ignition switch is a fusible link and provides protection to the electrical system in case of failure.

**Ignition Switch:**

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<td>1</td>
<td>Not Used</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>White</td>
<td>To Carburetor Solenoid (when used)</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Black</td>
<td>To Stop Switch Terminal on Engine</td>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Yellow</td>
<td>To Solenoid (tab terminal)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Orange</td>
<td>To Battery (battery terminal on solenoid)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Red</td>
<td>To Regulator / Rectifier</td>
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**Switch Position**

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<td>2 Run</td>
<td>2 + 5 + 6</td>
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<tr>
<td>3 Start</td>
<td>2 + 4 + 5</td>
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Figure 10-1  Wiring Schematic
D3212  Rev G
Figure 10-3 Wiring Diagram
D3213, Sh1 Rev K

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Figure 10-4 Wiring Diagram
D3213, Sh 2 Rev K

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Electrical System
with Exhaust Diverter System

Figure 10-4  Wiring Schematic
D4111  Rev C
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<td>The engine is not charging the battery.</td>
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<td>1.1</td>
<td>The regulator/rectifier is bad.</td>
<td>Check the B+ voltage from the regulator/rectifier to ground. With the engine running at normal RPM the voltage should be 12.5 to 14.5 DC volts. If necessary, replace the regulator/rectifier.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1.2</td>
<td>The stator winding is bad.</td>
<td>Check for AC voltage at the regulator/rectifier. The stator should be producing an AC voltage of around 25 to 40 volts. Check your Owner’s manual for the exact voltage. If necessary, replace the stator winding.</td>
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<td>The fusible link is blown.</td>
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<td>2.1</td>
<td>The <em>fusible link</em> is weak or there is an electrical short in the system.</td>
<td>Replace the weak link. Check the unprotected wires for a short circuit. Check under the dash panel for a loose wire or a wire that has rubbed its insulation off and is shorting out to ground. Unscrew each individual wire (except the white wires) one at a time until the breaker does not trip. Then trace that circuit.</td>
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Machine Maintenance

To avoid costly repairs and down-time, it is imperative to develop and practice good maintenance procedures from the beginning. These procedures fall into daily, weekly, monthly and quarterly increments, and are outlined below. All recommended maintenance must be performed by competent service personnel.

Important: Record the date and machine hours on the maintenance log.

We have provided a maintenance log for your convenience at the end of this section.

Records of maintenance must be kept and copies may be required to be furnished to HydraMaster before the warranty is honored.

It is recommended that you affix a copy of the log on the vehicle door near your unit for convenience and to serve as a maintenance reminder.

OPERATIONAL MAINTENANCE

DAILY:

- Check engine oil level.
- Check high pressure pump oil. Add as necessary.
- Inspect garden hose screen. Clean as needed.
- Visually inspect machine for loose wires, oil leaks, water leaks, etc.
- Lubricate blower with an oil based lubricant through blower inlet.

WEEKLY:

- Inspect vacuum tank s/s filter and filter bag for tears, holes, etc. Clean, repair or replace as needed.
- One time change of oil and oil filter after first 20 hours of use.
WEEKLY (cont.):

- Check oil level in blower.
- Check drive system screws. Tighten as needed.
- Check pump drive belt for wear.
- Check pump pulleys.
- Check high pressure water lines for wear or chafing.
- Check all nuts and bolts. Tighten as needed.
- Inspect vacuum relief valve. Clean and lubricate as necessary.
- Clean vacuum tank thoroughly with high pressure washer.
- Check wiring for chafing.
- Flush water and chemical system with 50/50 white vinegar solution.
- Change engine oil (every 50 hrs.).

MONTHLY:

- Change oil filter (every other oil change).
- Check engine air cleaner filter. Clean as necessary.
- Remove pressure bypass valve piston plate. Grease plate. Reinstall.
- Check water level in battery. Clean connections as needed.

QUARTERLY:

- Check fuel lines.
- Clean and gap spark plugs.
- Check drive coupler for cracks or wear. Replace as necessary.
- Change oil in blower.
- Change pump oil.
- Grease blower bearing fittings.

AS REQUIRED: DE-SCALING

Scale deposits on the interior of the heating system can cause a noticeable loss in heating performance. Deposits of this kind result from hard water deposits, excessive chemical use, improper chemicals, etc. The frequency with which de-scaling procedures are required will vary. If your area has particularly hard water or you see evidence of deposits in the water system, you may have to de-scale monthly.
To de-scale your system, add an appropriate de-scaler chemical to your mix tank. Circulate it through the heating system. Let it stand. Flush and repeat as necessary. Clean all screens and strainers, and check them frequently following de-scaling.

**NOTE:** If you are using T.M. DeScaler through the flow meter, make sure to run clean water through the flow meter after this procedure.

To de-scale using the recirculation kit (part no. 078-058), start with an empty mix tank. Fill a third of the mix tank with T.M. DeScaler. Follow the recommendations on the T.M. DeScaler label for proportions. Verify that the upper float is not lying horizontal, but floats below.

Attach the recirculation fitting provided in the kit to the garden hose quick connect (see illustration) and this combination to the front of the machine.

Attach one section of female/female solution hose to the outgoing solution fitting on the front of the machine and the other end to the garden hose and recirculation fitting combination that is attached to the front of the machine (or as many sections as you want, if you wish to de-scale your hoses).

Start the machine and allow it to run for three to five minutes. Do not leave the T.M. DeScaler solution in the system. Flush the system with clean water and turn the machine OFF.

**OVERALL MACHINE MAINTENANCE**

**Maintaining the original appearance of your unit is important for two reasons:**

1. It represents a big dollar investment for your cleaning business and its appearance should reflect that fact. A dirty machine is not professional.

2. Maintenance, troubleshooting, and repair is much easier to accomplish on a clean, well maintained unit. Regular cleaning of the machine offers you an opportunity to visually inspect all facets of the machine and spot potential problems before they occur.
The following maintenance is recommended by the manufacturer at the frequency indicated.

AFTER EACH JOB

- Check recovery tank, s/s filter and filter bag as required.

DAILY

- Wipe machine down thoroughly with a damp cloth.
- Flush recovery tank out thoroughly.
- Empty filter bag and inspect for rips, tears, etc. Replace as needed.
- Remove, thoroughly clean and reinstall stainless steel filter screen in recovery tank.
- Inspect and clean vacuum slot on cleaning wand.
- Check wand head for sharp edges that could tear carpet. File down as needed.
- Clean wand to maintain original appearance.
- Wipe down vacuum and high pressure hoses as needed.
- Visually inspect hoses for cuts, etc.

WEEKLY

- Wipe down entire unit as needed.
- Apply good coat of auto wax to all painted surfaces inside and out, and to control panel.
- Thoroughly clean recovery tank using high pressure hot water (unit with optional high pressure cleaning gun may be used for this).
- Remove stainless steel filter in recovery tank and thoroughly clean, removing all lint build-up. Inspect for damage and reinstall.
- Remove filter bag. Thoroughly clean and reinstall. If the bag is torn, replace it.
• Empty chemical from chemical container. Wash out thoroughly to remove any chemical build-up.

• Inspect chemical feed line strainer and use 50% white vinegar/water solution to remove any chemical build-up.

• Thoroughly clean wand and inspect for clogged jet, debris in vacuum slot and leaking fittings at valve.

• Apply light coat of auto wax to wand.

• Thoroughly clean vacuum and high pressure hoses including hose cuffs.

• Inspect for wear or damage to hoses and quick connect fittings.

• Inspect garden hose connect/adapter screen for debris. Remove and clean thoroughly.

• Inspect all lines for wear or abrasions that may cause possible leaks.
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How to Order Parts

To obtain a proper diagnosis of your malfunction, and to order warranty replacement parts or repairs, it is important that you proceed in the following manner:

WARRANTY PARTS ORDERS

1. Call the local distributor where you purchased your equipment and ask for the Service Department.

2. Have the following information ready:
   A. Equipment Model
   B. Date of Purchase
   C. Hours on the Unit
   D. Unit Serial Number
   E. Description of Malfunction

3. Once it has been determined which parts are needed to correct the problem with your machine, make arrangements with your distributor to either perform the repairs or ship the parts to you.

PARTS ORDERS

Call your local distributor. In most instances, they either stock or have access to parts through a regional service center.

For machine parts lists, please call HydraMaster Customer Service at 1-425-775-7276
EMERGENCIES

If, for any reason, your distributor is unable to supply you with the necessary parts, they may call us and arrange for expedited shipping.

HydraMaster sells parts only through authorized distributors and service centers.

ONE FINAL NOTE

Any questions you have regarding the warranty program should be directed to the:

HydraMaster Customer Service Department
(425) 775-7275,
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday through Friday (PST).

We shall always endeavor to be fair in our evaluation of your warranty claim, and shall provide you with a complete analysis of our findings.

HydraMaster warranty covers only defective materials and/or workmanship for the periods listed. Labor and/or diagnostic reimbursement is specifically excluded.
To avoid misunderstandings which might occur between machine owners and manufacturer, we are listing causes of component failure that specifically voids warranty coverage. Such causes as listed below shall constitute abuse or neglect.

**BLOWER:**
- Failure to lubricate impellers daily with an oil based lubricant.
- Failure to lubricate bearings as recommended in blower manual.
- Failure to maintain proper oil levels in the blower.
- Failure to use the correct oil grade and viscosity as recommended in blower manual.
- Failure to properly maintain blower safeguard systems such as waste tank filter screen, vacuum safety relief valve and waste tank automatic shut-off system.
- Allowing foam to pass through blower.

**HIGH PRESSURE WATER PUMP:**
- Failure to maintain proper oil level as recommended in pump manual.
- Failure to change oil in pump at recommended intervals.
- Failure to protect pump against freezing.
- Failure to maintain pump protection shut-off system.
- Failure to use water softener in hard water areas.
- Use of improper chemicals.

**VACUUM TANK:**
- Failure to properly maintain filtering devices in tank.
- Failure to clean tank as recommended by manufacturer.
- Failure to maintain vacuum safety release in tank lid.
- Use of improper chemicals.
CHEMICAL PROPORTIONER:
- Use of improper chemical.
- Failure to use water softener in hard water area.
- Operating machine without proper chemical filter screen.
- Failure to protect against freezing.

CONTROL PANEL:
- Failure to protect flowmeter and water pressure gauge against freezing.

VACUUM AND SOLUTION HOSES:
- Failure to protect hoses against freezing.
- Failure to protect hoses against burns from engine/blower exhaust.
- Damage to hoses from being run over by vehicles.
- Kinking or cracking from failure to store or unroll hoses correctly.
- Normal wear and tear from everyday use.

CLEANING WAND:
- Failure to protect against freezing.
- Obvious physical abuse of wand.

WATER HEATING SYSTEM:
- Over pressurization of the system (recommended maximum working pressure-800 PSI).
- Failure to protect against freezing.

HARD WATER DEPOSITS:
- Failure to use or maintain a water softening system or a properly installed magnetic-type de-scaler with machine operating in designated “Hard Water Areas” (3.5 grains or more per gallon).
WARRANTY PROCEDURE

Warranty coverage is available to you ONLY through:

HydraMaster Corporation
11015 47th Avenue W, Mukilteo, WA 98275.

When warranty parts are needed, write HydraMaster Warranty Dept. at the above address, or call:

Warranty/Service Dept. (425) 775-7275.
8:00 am to 5:00 pm Pacific Time.

No collect calls will be accepted.

When calling, be sure to have machine information and serial number ready for the service representative.

IMPORTANT: HydraMaster’s warranty policy provides replacement parts without charge for thirty (30) days to customers maintaining current account status. An invoice will be sent to the customer for the amount of the parts sent. The customer’s faulty parts must be returned for evaluation prior to the expiration of the thirty (30) day period. Upon warranty approval, a credit will be issued the customer for the replacement parts invoice. Warranty disapproval or failure to return the faulty parts within the thirty (30) day period allowed will result in the customer being charged for the replacement parts sent.

FOR FUTURE REFERENCE:

Model No._________________________________________________________
Serial No. _________________________________________________________
Date of Purchase:__________________________________________________
Purchased From (Distributor):________________________________________

For machine parts lists, please call HydraMaster Customer Service at 1-425-775-7276
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This section of your Owners Manual is devoted to Accessories and Detergents which we have found to be helpful and useful. These products can enhance your cleaning and reduce your labor costs!

HydraMaster Machine accessories are the most innovative collection available in the cleaning industry. Our patented RX-20 Rotary Extractors have changed the shape of steam cleaning. Our hoses and tanks are of the finest quality construction.

SafeClean Detergents have been specially prepared, not only to give you exceptional cleaning, but also to optimize your truckmount’s operation and reliability. Most detergents don’t work well under the high heat, high pressure conditions of truckmount use. SafeClean will maintain your machines’ water pump and water heating systems at peak efficiency and help ensure fewer breakdowns.

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Call your nearest authorized HydraMaster Distributor.
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