

OPERATOR MANUAL

Aero 40 Series Dry Ice Blast Systems



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Model No. 40 Series

This manual illustrates the safety, operation, and maintenance features of the Cold Jet **Aero 40 Series**.

The build and revision level is located on the machine's data plate.

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SAFETY

General Safety Precautions



- NEVER use a wire tie to hold the applicator trigger in the ON position. (Doing so violates safety regulations, can damage applicator, and voids warranty coverage of applicator.)
- ALWAYS turn source air OFF and remove the applicator control line before removing the blast hose.
- ALWAYS follow the guidelines of the governing codes of your local/national body.
- NEVER DISCONNECT the air supply hose without first shutting off the source air and bleeding down the system.
- ALWAYS WEAR safety glasses, gloves, 32+NRR ear plugs & ear muffs.
- **NEVER OPERATE** the unit without first reading the Operator Manual.
- **NEVER** exceed recommended hose or blasting unit pressure levels.
- DO NOT ever kink the blast hose.
- ALWAYS ENSURE that hoses are securely tightened.
- ALWAYS electrostatic ground the material being cleaned.
- CHECK hoses and tubes for nicks and gouges.
- NEVER OPERATE a damaged blasting system.
- **NEVER** mask the ventilation holes.

CAUTION: Static discharge may ignite flammables. Electrostatic discharge can be hazardous to the operator and the equipment. The static charge of CO_2 varies with the amount of ice and humidity present. Follow these instructions to assure safe operation while blasting.

A) PLUG INTO A GROUNDED POWER OUTLET

This is critical for electrostatic dissipation. If the ground is not connected a charge may build up on the unit or the applicator.

B) KNOW YOUR ENVIRONMENT

Electrostatic buildup changes as humidity levels change and will vary by location. Electrostatic discharge is higher at low humidity levels and occurs most often during winter.

C) ATTACH STATIC BOND CABLE

To minimize static between the part being cleaned and the applicator, attach the static bond cable between the blast hose connection and the part. Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) is a naturally occurring non-toxic gas, however caution should be exercised.

- This unit utilizes solid state Carbon Dioxide (Dry Ice) as a blast media.
- Dry Ice is very cold (-110° F / -79° C) and may freeze skin instantly.
- CO₂ is heavier than air, which means it will settle to the ground.
- Always ventilate when blasting.
- CO₂ is nontoxic, non-corrosive, nonconductive and is approved by the FDA and USDA. While exposure to CO₂ gas is not harmful in low concentrations, CAUTION should be exercised when using any material that can DISPLACE OXYGEN.
- Please refer to Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) MSDS sheet for all safety precautions. (available from dry ice supplier.)



Do not allow skin to directly contact dry ice. Always use protective clothing (Thermal Gloves) and eye protection when handling CO₂ solids or when using the blasting unit.

Increased levels of CO_2 when blasting in a confined space can displace breathable oxygen creating a risk of serious injury or death, therefore use of a carbon dioxide monitoring device is required when using in a confined space.

Machine Safety



A) ERGONOMICS

CO₂ blasting involves direct discharge of an air powered blasting nozzle. The operator experiences a reactive thrust which increases with blast pressure and air flow. Operator fatigue may become a concern depending on issues such as blasting angle, work area, temperature, operator strength and level of physical conditioning. Do not exceed allowable limits of blast pressure, duty cycle and total blast time as determined by on site health and safety personnel knowledgeable about sitespecific conditions and available worker population.

B) LOCK OUT/TAG OUT WARNING

Do not attempt any maintenance procedure unless all input air and electrical sources are locked out and tagged out according to applicable regulations.



C) FINGER GUARD PRECAUTIONS

The finger guard on the feeder protects from a potential personal injury site located inside the machine. The guard, over the exhaust port, must remain installed at all times to serve it's function.



YOUR MACHINE

Front View



Rear View



Control Panel



Blast/Power Indicator

Blast Applicator



(I = ON / O = OFF)Applicator will blast when switch is in the (I) position.



OPERATION

Start Up

1	Make sure the Power Switch is off and the bleed valve is closed.
2	Attach the blast hose and control cable to the machine.
3	Attach the applicator to the blast hose and control cable.
4	Attach a nozzle to the applicator.
5	Attach the whip check to the air supply hose, then attach the air supply hose to the machine. (Check the data plate for the operating pressure range.)
6	Connect the staticbond cable to the connector on the hose and then to the target surface.
7	Turn air supply on and allow the air hose to pressurize.
8	Plug the power cord into an electrical outlet. If an extension cord is necessary, it must comply with the power requirements of this unit and all governing electrical codes. (Check the data plate for the operating voltage range.)
9	Turn the Control Panel Power Switch on.
10	Enable the applicator by pushing the Trigger Switch to the ON (I) position. Turn the bleed valve ON (I) to purge water out of the system, then turn it OFF (O) to close it. The unit is now ready to blast. (Note: If water content of compressed air is relatively high, adjust bleed valve so a very small amount of air/water may continuously drain.)

Shut Down

1	Stop blasting and push in the Disable Blast Button on the Control Panel.
2	Remove unused ice from the hopper.
3	Pull out the Disable Blast Button on the Control Panel.
4	Flip the Air/Ice Control Switch on the Applicator to Air Only (I) and blast for 1 minute.
5	Stop blasting and disable the Applicator Safety by pushing the switch, located on the applicator handle, back to the (O) position.
6	Turn OFF the Power Switch.
7	Turn OFF the compressed air supply.
8	Open the bleed valve to relieve all remaining pressure.
9	If open, close the fill lid.
10	When the air hose is fully depressurized disconnect the machine.

*When shutting the machine down for more than 15 minutes, always make sure the hopper is empty and blast with air only for 1 minute. Failure to do so may result in feeder and/or nozzle freeze-up.



MAINTENANCE

Troubleshooting

PROBLEM	CHECK THIS	SOLUTION	
Mashina will NOT	Is the unit plugged in?	If NOPlug Unit in.	
Machine will NOT start (GREEN light is not on)	Is the power switch in the ON (I) position?	If NOPush power switch to ON (I).	
	It still will not start?	Call Cold Jet for support.	
	Is the applicator trigger switch pushed back to the (O) position?	If YESFlip the switch forward to (I).	
Machine will NOT blast	Is the air supply connected and the air supply on?		
	Is the incoming air pressure gauge showing pressure?	If YESThe nozzle may be clogged, blast with air only to unclog the nozzle.	
	Is the optional pressure regulator open and displaying pressure?		
	Is the applicator control cable connected to the machine and the applicator?		
	Is the Air/Ice Control Switch set to Air ONLY (1)	If YESSet Air/Ice Control Switch to Air and Ice (II)	
Machine blasts AIR but NOT pellets	Is the Hopper clogged?	If YEScall Cold Jet for support.	
	Is applicator Air/Ice control in (II) position?	If YEScall Cold Jet for support.	
	Is a foreign object lodged in the feeder assembly?	If YEScall Cold Jet for support.	

Maintenance

BIANNUAL	 Check pneumatic air lines Check static bond cable Check the accessories Check all valves Safety test the unit Check condition of power cord Check all LEDs Inspect hoses for damage Check the pressure gauge Check for air leaks 	
MONTHLY	 Check the air filters by unscrewing the base a 1/4 turn clockwise. Check the hopper thumper for worn or damaged parts and also check for loose fittings. 	
WEEKLY	 Look through the hopper to check the rotor for nicks or gouges. Make sure the nozzle airflow exit end is not deformed or burred. 	
DAILY	 Drain water out of the air filter before using the machine. While in operation check the pressure gauge for damage. Check the air and blast hoses for damage (ie: cuts or scuff marks). 	



24/7 Customer Service

Cold Jet employs an experienced customer support team to assist you with troubleshooting, maintenance, parts and accessories for your Aero 40 Series system.

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Specifications

Weight (empty)	260 lbs (118 kg)	
Dimensions (L x W x H)	36″ x 20″ x 40″ (91.4 cm x 50.8 cm x 101.6 cm)	
Dry Ice Capacity	40 lbs (18.1 kg)	
Variable Feed Rate	0 - 4 lbs/min (0 - 1.8 kg/min)	
Power Requirements:	100 - 140 volts AC 1 Phase (50/60 Hz) 8.2 amps or 200 - 240 volts AC 1 Phase (50/60 Hz) 4.1 amps	
Feeder Drive	1/2 HP, AC Motor 1,750 RPM	
Blast Pressure Range	Aero 40 HP: 20 - 250 PSI (1.4 - 17.2 bar) Aero 40: 20 - 140 PSI (1.4 - 9.7 bar)	
Supply Pressure Range	Aero 40 HP: 65 to 250 PSI (4.5 - 17.2 bar) Aero 40: 65 - 140 PSI (4.5 - 9.7 bar)	

Required compressed airflow volume depends on the nozzle being used. Most Cold Jet nozzles need 50 to 180 cfm (1.4 to 5.1 m³/min) at 80 psi (5.5 bar) blast pressure.

Symbol Glossary

	General Danger		Variable feed
	Electric Shock or Electrocution		Enable Blasting
	Extreme Cold		Disable Blasting
	Hand Crush from Side		Wear Ear Protection
	Hand Cut from Impeller Blade		Wear Eye Protection
	Flying Debris		Read Operator Manual
	Skin Puncture from Pressurized Air Jet		Wear Safety Gloves
	Loud Noise	!	General Mandatory Action
	Explosive Release of Pressure		Maintain Safe Pressure
	Air Bleed		Do Not Operate with Guard removed
CO ₂	CO ₂ Only		No Foreign Objects

Symbol Glossary (cont.)

	Lock Out/ Tag Out Before Servicing	
	Disconnect Power Before Servicing	
(L)	Hour Meter	
	Crush Hazard	
	Protective Earth/Ground	
	Earth/Ground	
I	Applicator Trigger Enabled (on bottom of applicator)	
I	Air Only	
0	Applicator Trigger Disabled	
II	Air and Ice	

Using Plant Air (Central Compressed Air System)

Manufacturing plants, with central compressed air systems, should have an After Cooler and a 2-stage coalescing filter assembly downstream of the receiver tank. Hot metal pipes are an indication this is needed.

To verify that the plant air system is adequate for your blast system the air compressor needs to produce an air volume 10% greater than the blast machine's maximum air volume...in addition to the air volume consumed by normal plant operation.

To determine adequate air volume, watch the pressure gauge while blasting.

- If the gauge drops slowly the compressor is insufficient.
- If the gauge drops quickly there is a restriction or the pipe is too small.
- If the gauge stays steady then the compressor and piping are adequate.

To maintain adequate pressure to the blast system:

- From the air compressor to 50 ft (15 m) use a flexible 1 in (2.5 cm) air hose (preferably the hose supplied with the machine).
- From the air compressor to beyond 50 ft (15 m) make sure the pipe is 1 in (2.5 cm) in diameter before attaching the air hose.

If an air drop isn't used much, water and rust will collect in the line. Before plugging into the air supply, purge the line, to prevent contamination of the blast system.

Using Portable Air (minimum of 185 cfm - 5.6 m³/min)

Portable diesel air compressors are frequently not optimized for dry ice blasting units and are therefore not configured to cool or remove air moisture.

The After Cooler is required to reduce the discharge air temperature 180°F (82°C) to within 15°F (-9°C) of ambient air temperature. Visit coldjet.com to learn more about purchasing an After Cooler.

Without the After Cooler, the following will occur:

- 1. Incoming air moisture may rapidly cool and freeze at the feeder.
- 2. Water ice may accumulate in the feeder, distorting the air flow and seal.

- 3. Water ice buildup may continue inside the blast hose, to the nozzle.
- 4. Water ice may break off inside the hose and lodge in the nozzle, causing a jam.
- 5. Water ice, may exit the nozzle, and damage the target surface.

If blasting continuously, an air dryer will further reduce the air moisture (dew point). Desiccant dryers produce a dew point of -40°F (-40°C), resulting in a dew point low enough for continuous blasting.

To verify the compressor is of adequate size for the Aero, the air compressor needs to produce an air volume 10% greater than the blast system's maximum required air volume.

To determine adequate air volume, blast while watching the pressure gauge.

- If the gauge drops slowly the compressor is insufficient.
- If the gauge drops quickly there is a restriction or the pipe is too small.
- If the gauge stays steady then the compressor is adequate.

To maintain adequate pressure, the hose size from the compressor to the blast system needs to be 1 in (2.5 cm) in diameter.

Warranty Information

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