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Owner's Manual

SC-MB



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Your sprayer comes with two unique and different battery chargers. Please see page 14 of this manual for more information.



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You have just purchased one of the most advanced spraying systems on the market today. Electrostatic Spraying Systems, Inc.¹ (ESS) is committed to providing you with powerful spraying systems that are easy to operate and maintain.

The products of ESS are the result of the efforts and creativity of many people. In addition to input from engineering, marketing, and manufacturing personnel, suggestions from our customers have been implemented into the design of our equipment. We would like to hear your ideas also! If you have any suggestions or comments regarding the products or service of ESS write or call us at:

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Please take time to read this manual before operating your new ESS SC-MB Suitcase Sprayer. The manual contains important instructions for the safe operation of this equipment. It also includes helpful suggestions to maximize productive use of the SC-MB Sprayer. Essential cleaning instructions should be followed to maintain your sprayer at peak efficiency. Please carefully read and follow all instructions for your own safety and the safety of others around you.

Thank you!

We appreciate your business and are proud that you have selected an ESS sprayer for your operation.

Your new sprayer has been thoroughly tested and calibrated at the factory. If you have any problems with it, please get in touch with us immediately. We will be glad to answer any questions you have concerning our equipment or service. ESS intends to support its customers with efficient, helpful and friendly service. We appreciate your business and sincerely hope that Electrostatic Spraying Systems can meet your present and future spraying equipment needs.

For your personal records

Please record the model and serial numbers of your new sprayer here.

SC-MB

Model Number

Spraywand Serial Number

Date of Purchase

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Your SC-MB sprayer may appear slightly different than the photographs and drawings in this manual. We at ESS are constantly listening to customer input and we make frequent improvements to our sprayer designs.

Overview of the ESS Model SC-MB Air Assisted Electrostatic Sprayer

Air-assisted electrostatic sprayers produce electrically charged spray drops that are carried to the target in a low pressure, gentle, air stream. The heart of the SC-MB Sprayer is the patented MaxCharge™ nozzle.

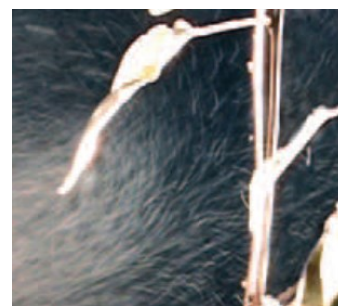
Air and liquid enter separately at the rear of the nozzle. Just before leaving the nozzle, the air hits the liquid stream to make many thousands of tiny spray droplets are blown out of the nozzle and move onto the target where they are attracted to surfaces by electrostatic forces. The electrostatic charge induced by the MaxCharge™ nozzle is strong enough to allow the droplets to move in any direction to cover surfaces, even defying gravity to coat the underside of leaves and the back side of the target objects. The result is uniform spray coverage on hidden surfaces that other sprayers miss. Air-assisted electrostatic sprayers give more than twice the deposition efficiency of hydraulic sprayers and non-electrostatic types of air-assisted sprayers. The grower benefits in terms of significant reductions in application costs and optimized insect and disease control, sanitization of beef or other coverage.

The MaxCharge™ nozzle is easy to clean and corrosion-proof. The interior ceramic outlet resists the wear three times better than stainless steel outlets. These features combine to give the best spray coverage on the market. This quality product is virtually maintenance free, and assures you of savings in the application of chemical.

The comparison of air-assisted electrostatic spraying versus conventional spraying is dramatic.

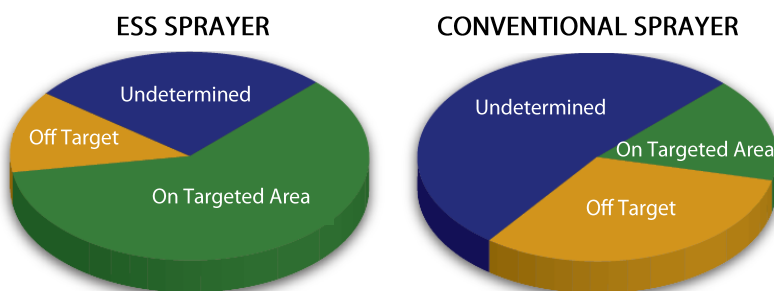


The Maxcharge™ spray nozzle is what makes ESS the industry leader in the production of electrostatic spraying equipment .



Electrostatically charged droplets are strongly attracted to the underside of surfaces.

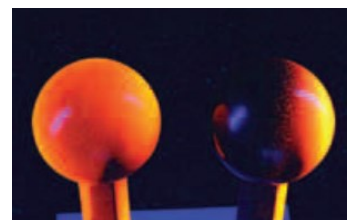
Where Does The Spray Go?



The University of California completed a series of tests to investigate what happens to spray liquid after it leaves the nozzle.

Conclusion: ESS technology places over 4 times the amount of spray onto the plant surface using 1/2 the amount of chemicals. Furthermore, they also reported that ESS sprayers send 2/3 less chemicals to the ground and into the air. Less chemical used overall, less waste, and less drift than conventional equipment.

Imagine the environmental benefit!



A Picture Worth A Thousand Words...

In this test, fluorescent dye has been sprayed on two round knobs. The left knob was sprayed with the electrostatic system ON; the right knob was sprayed with the same sprayer, but with the electrostatic system OFF. Note how even the coverage is on the electrostatic knob.

Safe Operation of the SC-MB Sprayer

OPERATORS RESPONSIBILITY

Read the Owner's Manual! Failure to do so is considered a misuse of the equipment.

It is the responsibility of the user to read the Operator's Manual to understand the safe and correct operating procedures for the sprayer and to maintain the sprayer according to the manufacturer's recommendations. It is the operator's responsibility to ensure that all who are using this equipment read this manual.

The operator is responsible for inspecting the equipment and for repairing and replacing damaged or worn parts to prevent damage or excessive wear to other parts. It is also the operator's responsibility to deliver the machine for service or to replace defective parts which are covered by the standard warranty.

Lack of attention to safety can result in reduction of efficiency, accident, personal injury, or death. Watch for safety hazards and correct deficiencies promptly. Use the following safety precautions as a guide when using the machine.

- ➔ Read the Owner's Manual. Failure to read the manual is considered a misuse of the equipment.
- ➔ Use the SC-MB sprayer ONLY for its intended use as described in this manual.
- ➔ Do not allow a child to operate the SC-MB sprayer. Do not allow adults to operate the sprayer without proper instruction.
- ➔ Use extra care when spraying on stairs. Do not place sprayer on stairs.
- ➔ Do not use without liquid bottle in place.
- ➔ Always empty liquid bottle after use and before transporting the sprayer.
- ➔ Store sprayer in a dry place. Do not expose to freezing temperatures.
- ➔ Do Not leave a fully charged spraywand plugged into the charger for extended periods of time.
- ➔ Do Not plug a charger into a fully charged spraywand.

Pacemaker Disclaimer:

If you have a pacemaker, we would recommend that you **not operate an electrostatic sprayer**, or if you elect to do so, know that you are accepting any risk associated therewith. Just to be clear, no one, with a pacemaker, has ever had a problem using our electrostatic sprayers, however, several years ago a physician expressed concern, even though his opinion was un-tested and not founded in any research. Since that time, we have taken the ultimate safe approach and recommended that those with pacemakers not operate our electrostatic sprayers.

Image of Safety
Decal Sticker



If you use a pacemaker, use
our electrostatic
sprayer at our own risk.



CAUTION: HOT SURFACE

- ➔ The compressor becomes hot to the touch during normal use. Do not touch the SC-MB compressor after it has been running.
- ➔ Stay clear of the hot compressor when making adjustments inside the SC-MB case or switching bottles.
- ➔ The sprayer's compressor is equipped with a thermal overload switch. If it overheats, the compressor will stop running. Unplug the sprayer and let it stand for one hour with the door open. The unit should then be able to restart.

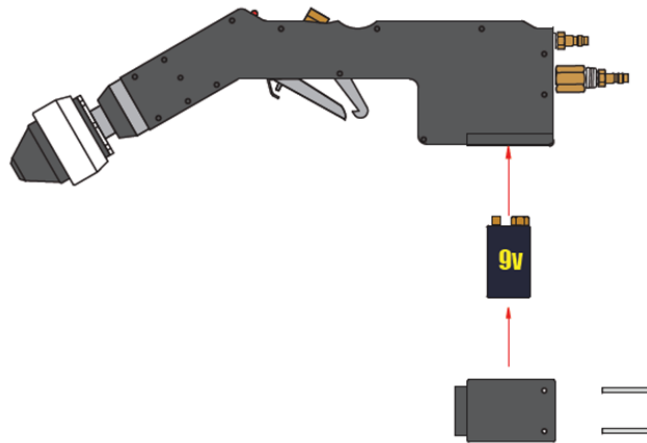
CHEMICAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Read and follow all instructions on the chemical or pesticide manufacturer's label.

- ➔ Use protective clothing, eye protection and gloves when mixing chemicals to be sprayed with the SC-MB sprayer.
- ➔ Always use a respirator and eye protection when spraying with the SC-MB sprayer.
- ➔ Follow the chemical's manufacturer's recommendations in handling, mixing, applying, storing and disposing of chemicals.
- ➔ Be aware of poisoning symptoms and know the appropriate first aid.
- ➔ Know the length of time needed to pass before allowing people and pets to go back into the sprayed area.

About the low-voltage system of the MaxCharge™ Spraywand

For operator safety, the power supply for the MaxCharge™ spraywand is entirely separate from the power supply for the sprayer's compressor. The spraywand is powered by 9-volt batteries in the handle of the SC-MB sprayer. This low-voltage charge is not enough to harm people. Some people report feeling a "tingle" or a slight stinging sensation when the spray from the spraywand falls on their bare skin, and when they touch a grounded object.



Safety Decals

Appropriate safety decals are placed on ESS equipment in order to alert the operator to possible dangers. If any decal is missing or damaged, please contact ESS immediately for a replacement decal.



**PROTECT YOUR LUNGS
PROTECT YOUR EYES**

READ AND FOLLOW THE CHEMICAL
MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

It is extremely important for the owner/
operator's safety as well as the safety of other
people in the vicinity that all chemical safety
precautions are followed.

This label is placed on top of the SC-MB
Sprayer near the quick connect sockets.



There will be a small shock when using
our sprayers. To avoid this shock place
your thumb on the bolt at the top of the
spraywand.



The SC-ET HD compressor becomes hot during
normal operation.

DO NOT TOUCH



If you use a pacemaker, use our electrostatic
sprayer at our own risk.

Troubleshooting

Sprayer will not turn on:

- ☐ Have the batteries been fully charged for the unit and the spraywand?
- ☐ Has the machine been turned on?
- ☐ Has the compressor overheated? Be careful, it may be hot.

Let the sprayer cool with the case open. Try again in one hour.

Spray quality problems.

- ☐ Depress the trigger on the spraygun, and while spraying water, place your finger over the nozzle blocking the liquid and air. This will force air back through the spraygun and possibly clear any obstructions in the liquid line.
- ☐ Check that all hose "quick connections" are connected including hoses connected to spraygun, to the case and inside the case, to the tank.
- ☐ Is the nozzle cover dirty? Unscrew the nozzle cover and wash inside nozzle cover with water. With the nozzle cover removed, check to see if liquid port is clogged. Clean out with paper clip.
- ☐ Nozzle can freeze up when the ambient temperature is below 50°F.
- ☐ If the spraygun has a liquid filter, check if it is clogged. If clogged, remove and rinse clean. The spraygun, tank and hose should be cleaned and rinsed with water each day.
- ☐ Check to make sure that the pressure relief valve on the compressor has not been tripped and remains open.
- ☐ If your spraygun model has a liquid filter and a flow disc, check to make sure you have a "flow disc" in the liquid line. This is a small disc that is in the liquid line next to the filter. A spare flow disc comes with the parts kit.

Charging Light will not come on:

- ☐ If the red LED on the handle of the spraygun does not come on, it indicates that the spray is not receiving an electrostatic charge, or that the light has burned out.
- ☐ Make sure the batteries are charged. Fully charged 9v batteries will last for about 5 continuous hours of use. If in doubt, remove the cover from the spraygun battery compartment, and replace the two rechargeable 9-volt batteries with 2 regular 9-volt batteries.

Other Comments:

- ☐ Always refer to the "Troubleshooting Guide" in your manual.
- ☐ Be aware that with an electrostatic sprayer, the operator at times will experience a slight static build up, and the nozzle will drip at times due to the accumulation of charged droplets.
- ☐ If you continue to experience problems, please contact your distributor.

This label is placed inside the SC-MB case for
handy reference.

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**Charger for
Electrostatic Spraying Systems**

LED	MODE
	Battery initialization & analysis
	Fast charge
	Top-off charge
	Trickle charge
	Error

With the mains connected, the LED
will be orange the first 5-7 seconds, and
be orange when the initialization and
analysis starts. If a battery is connected,
the actual charging will start a few
seconds later when the
LED changes to red/orange.

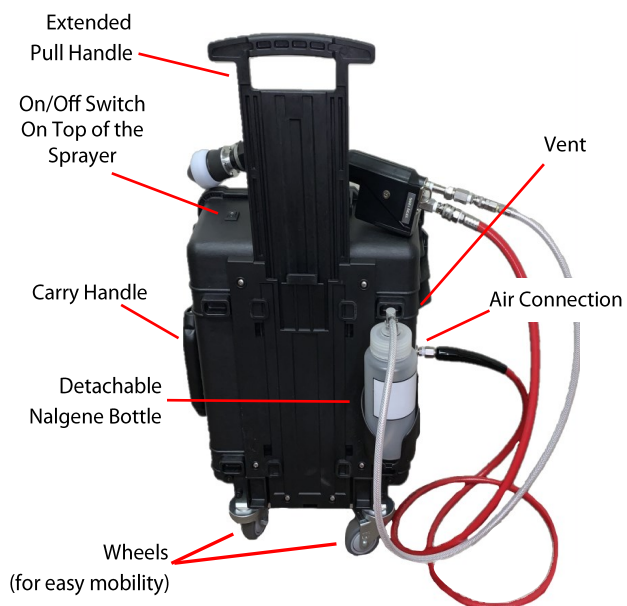
This label is placed on the charger of all
spraywands.



ESS SC-MB OWNER'S MANUAL

ESS is currently redesigning all sprayer labels.
Your sprayer may not have the same version
of these decals. If you desire an updated
decal, please contact Customer Service at
1-800-213-0518.

Labeled Diagrams of the SC-MB Sprayer (side views)



Extended Pull Tab Adjustment



Quick List: Operating Instructions

Steps for Operation

1. Prepare the chemical mix.
2. Fasten the liquid hose/bottle cap assembly tightly on the nalgene bottle.
3. Connect the air hose to the sprayer air connection on the side of the SC-MB sprayer.
4. Connect the liquid hose to the liquid leader on the spraywand. Connect the air hose to the spray wand air leader.
5. Turn on the air compressor.
6. While either clipping the nalgene bottle to your belt, or holding the nalgene bottle with one hand, spray with the other hand.

Thermal Overload Switch

The SC-MB compressor has a built-in thermal overload switch. If the SC-MB overheats, the compressor will cut off. If this should happen, let the unit cool for one hour with the case open.

Helpful Hints:

It's easy to quickly switch between two chemical mixtures. Make sure the SC-MB is turned off, then unscrew the hose assembly cap from one bottle and place it in the second bottle. Tighten securely. (Also make sure to cap the first bottle.) Turn the SC-MB on. You are ready to spray again.

Extended Pull Handle

The latch for the Pull Handle simply pulls out to release the Pull Handle. Extend the Pull Handle fully. To stow the handle again release the latch, then push the Pull Handle in.

DO NOT BLOCK any of the vents or the Air Intake Filter. Doing so will cause the SC-MB compressor to overheat and trip the thermal overload switch.

Detailed instructions on maintaining each of the SC-MB components follow in the next sections.



Cautions:

Do not operate the SC-MB in standing water

Do not immerse the SC-MB compressor

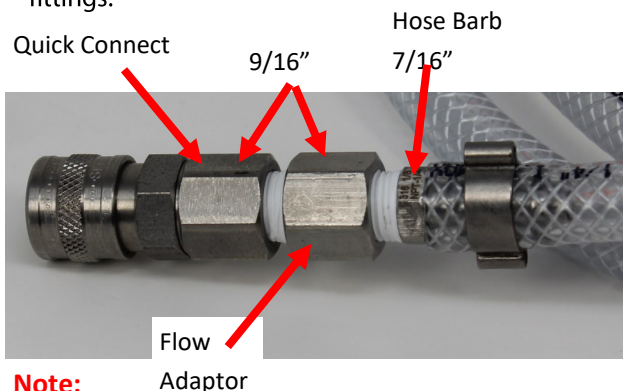
The SC-MB compressor becomes hot enough to burn during normal operation.

DO NOT TOUCH .



Quick List: To clean the SC-MB after operation:

1. Clean the exterior of the sprayer with a damp cloth.
2. Clean the nalgene bottles and Hose/Cap assembly with clean water. Triple rinse.
3. Fill one bottle with a liter of clean hot water.
4. Turn on the air compressor and engage the trigger to flush the spraywand and liquid line.
5. After the bottle is empty keep the trigger engaged for a few seconds to make sure all liquid is flushed out of the liquid hose and spraywand.
6. Apply silicone spray or similar lubricating oil to all quick connect fittings.



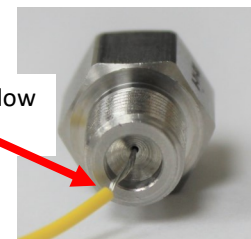
Note:

The 2nd Gen spraywand does not have a removeable flow disc and strainer. It has a flow adaptor in the liquid hose.

Make sure to thoroughly flush the system after use to prevent build up from clogging the flow adaptor.



Wire in flow adaptor



How to inspect flow adaptor for a clog:

1. Use a 9/16" wrench on the flow adaptor and a 7/16" on the hose barb to remove the hose from the flow adaptor.
2. Check the orifice in the flow adaptor to see if it is clogged. To clear the clog use a pin or small wire.
3. You might need to also remove the quick connect from the flow adaptor if the clog is severe. To do this, use a 9/16" wrench on both the quick connect and the flow adaptor.
4. To reassemble use the corresponding wrenches to tighten the flow adaptor back to the quick connect and the hose barb. It is recommended to use Teflon tape (Brass or Stainless Steel) or pipe thread sealant (Brass) to prevent any leaks.

Detailed instructions on maintaining each of the SC-MB components follow in the next sections.

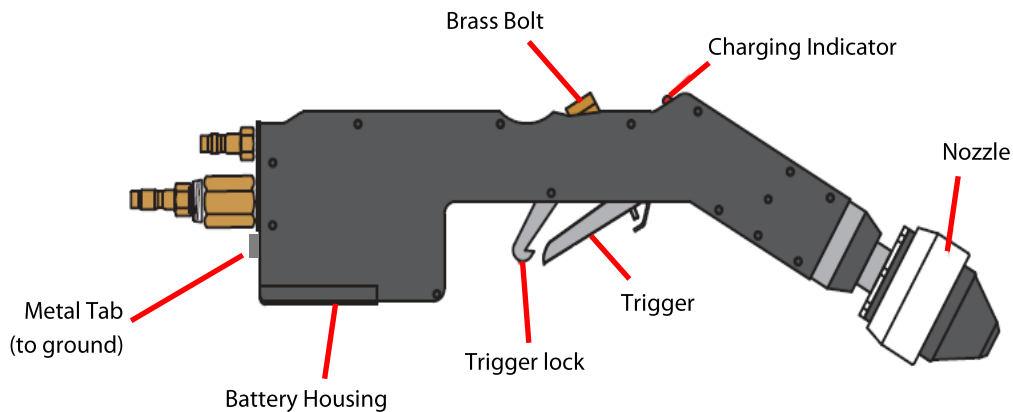


REFERENCE

Spraywand

The spraywand is held by the operator during spraying. Activation of the trigger causes liquid to spray. The Spraywand has the following user-serviceable parts: the liquid filter assembly (optional), the nozzle assembly, and the batteries. Except for batteries, which are accessed by removing the battery cover, nothing inside the Spraywand shell is user-serviceable. **Do not open the spraywand shell**; doing so will void the warranty on the spraywand.

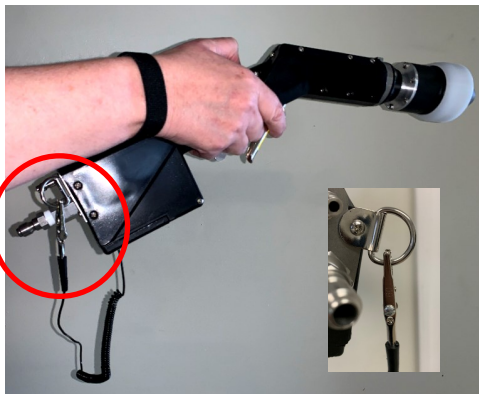
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See also: Changing the batteries
Yearly spraywand service
Spray technique

The Spraywand

Spraywand Recommendations



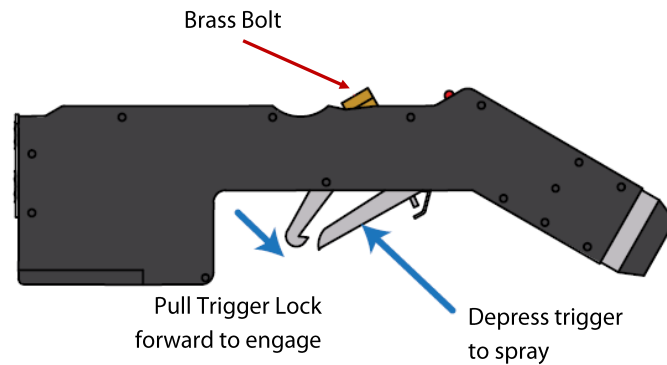
To avoid possible tingling from the spraywand we recommend using an anti-static wrist band to help with grounding. (*image above*)



ESS can provide a nozzle sleeve to assist with nozzle drip for confined space spraying. Small drips from the nozzle are not signs of leaking, but rather tiny electrostatic charged droplets collecting on the nozzle cover.

Trigger

The trigger turns the spray on and off. It can be continuously held for operation or it can be locked in place. When the sprayer is turned on air will continuously flow through the spraywand.



To engage/disengage the trigger:

1. Depress the trigger up towards the body of the spraywand to start spraying.
2. To keep spraying, either keep holding the trigger or lock it in place by pulling up the lock and hooking the trigger.
3. To stop spraying when the trigger is not locked, let go of the trigger.

To clean the trigger:

1. Remove the brass bolt, by unthreading it, be careful not to lose the spring, plunger, copper washer, and small brass bushing inside the trigger. Note how they fit inside so they may be replaced properly.
2. Check inside the trigger for blockage. Clean out any debris with compressed air, warm soapy water.
3. Replace the spring and plunger rethread the brass bolt into the top of the spraywand until tight.

Hose

To maintain optimal use of your sprayers hose, please remember the following;

- Do not kink or cut the hose
- Inspect the hose regularly for cuts, ruptures, tears or breaks.
- Do not pull the case around with the hose.
- Use the handles to move the case from one place to another.

Should you notice anything wrong with your hose, please contact ESS to have this hose replaced.

Nozzle Assembly

It is very important to follow all the maintenance and cleaning procedures to ensure that the electrostatic sprayer will function properly. Although the MaxCharge™ nozzle will outperform all electrostatic spray technology on the market, regular cleaning will ensure peak operating performance.

The nozzle assembly is located at the end of the spraywand wand. It is composed of a nozzle body, internal o-ring, Teflon ring, cover, external o-ring, and a hood (See labeled drawing). To access the nozzle components, just unscrew the nozzle cover by hand.

Cleaning the Spraywand

Always rinse the spraywand out with clean soapy water after every day's spraying. That is the most important thing you can do to ensure trouble free operation of your SC-MB sprayer. By cleaning after each and every working day you will avoid the long-term chemical buildup that eventually causes clogs, poor spray patterns and shortens nozzle life.

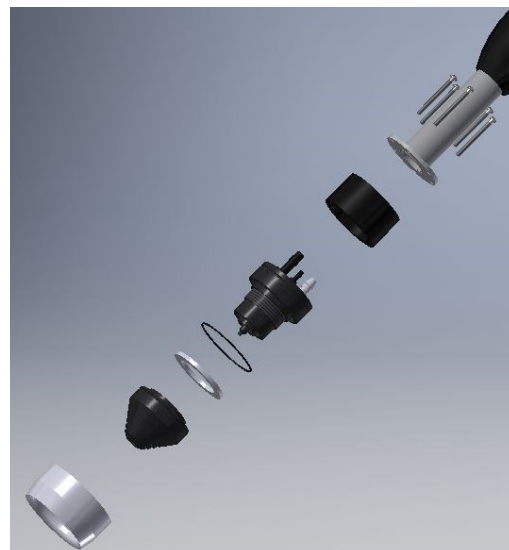
Establish maintenance intervals to disassemble and clean the nozzle. Your nozzle maintenance schedule will vary depending on the types of chemicals used and adherence to pre-and post-spray checks. In general it is sufficient to thoroughly clean nozzles after 50 hours. If heavy loads of wettable powders are used, the cleaning schedule should be sooner.

To Clean the Nozzle Assembly

1. Slide the hood over the nozzle cover.
2. Unscrew the cover from the nozzle base and remove the teflon ring. Clean any debris from around the nozzle tip.
NOTE: There is a small o-ring in the nozzle around the base of the tip take caution that it doesn't fall off. If it does, clean it and press back into place. Also, take care not to damage the nozzle tip when the cover is removed.
3. Soak the ring, cover and hood in a mild detergent solution. Use a small brush (soft or mild bristle) to clean the inside of the cover and the hold through it. Also, be sure to clean the hood. It is important to clean inside the hood and the two cavities. Rinse thoroughly.
4. Scrub the nozzle base with the detergent solution using a soft bristle brush. Clean the ceramic outlet. Be sure to thoroughly clean the base cavity and take care not to damage the nozzle tip. Rinse and make sure the small o-ring is in place.
5. Reassemble nozzle by placing the teflon ring on the base and screwing the cover on **hand tight**. Next slide the hood over the nozzle and seat it securely against the external o-ring. Wipe clean the exterior of all hoses and fittings connected to the nozzle.

The electrode cover should be hand tight. Never use pliers or other tools to tighten it. The insulating ring should be loose.

NOTE: There will be a drip effect from the nozzle. The drip results from the accumulation of tiny electrostatically charged droplets wrapping back and coating the spraywand nozzle.



Pre-Spray Check

1. Inspect Nozzles

Check nozzle cover to make sure it is on hand tight (do not overtighten or use a wrench). Make sure the hood is seated firmly to the nozzle base and against the external o-ring.

2. Preparing the Tank Mix.

If you will be spraying Wettable powders it is a good idea to use a compatibility agent with the water and tank mix. Compatibility agents are chemicals mixed with the water that make mixing easier and keep heavy concentrations uniformly in suspension. Some brand name additives are COMPLIMENT™, UNITE®, and BALANCE™. Check with your local chemical supplier for others that are available.

Post-Spray Check

After each spray it is essential that hoses and spraywand be flushed with clean soapy water. This will help prevent chemical build-up that can clog lines and nozzles.

The Air & Liquid Delivery System

The Air Compressor

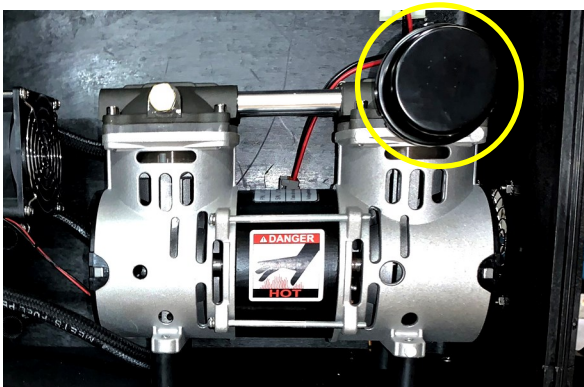
The air compressor produces compressed air which atomizes and propels the liquid. It runs on a 24v Life Ion Battery, when fully charged you can spray for up to 1.5 hours. The On/Off switch is on the top of the suitcase. Check the fans on the side of the case for any debris build up.



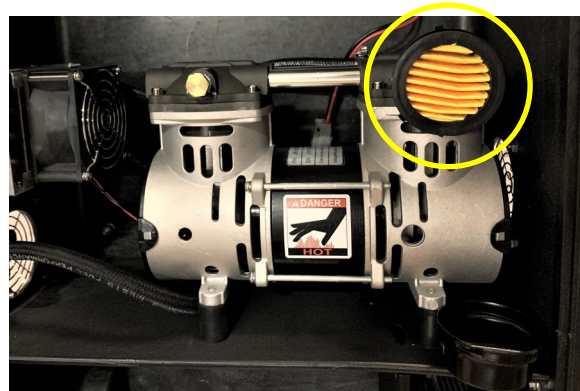
Cleaning the Air Filter

To clean the air filter, detach the filter cap by turning counter clockwise. Remove the filter and lightly blow it out with air.

Do not use water or saturate the filter with liquids.



1.) Location of the Air Filter



2.) Paper Air Filter

It is important to inspect the filter for deterioration. When handling, if the filter begins to break apart or crumble, replace immediately. Call ESS for a replacement.

Quick connects

There are 3 sets of quick connects on the sprayer:

- Bottle Cap/ Hose (liquid outlet)
- Spraywand air inlet
- Spraywand liquid inlet

In all cases, the plug is on the outer left side of the case.

To connect the quick connects at the spraywand leaders:

1. Slide the sleeve of the quick connect socket up.
2. While holding the sleeve up, push the socket onto the quick connect plug.
3. Release the sleeve.
4. Pull on the socket body to ensure that it is properly seated and cannot be pulled off the plug when the sleeve is down.

To disconnect the quick connects at the spraywand leaders:

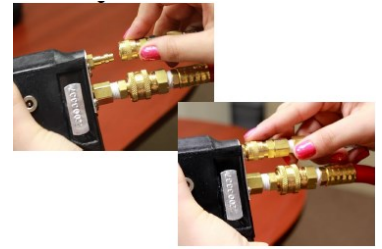
1. Slide the sleeve on the quick connect socket up.
2. While holding the sleeve up, pull the socket off the quick connect plug.

One-Liter bottle Cap Connector:

To disconnect push the gray latch at the side of the socket to release the plug. Pull the plug out of the socket. Similarly, to connect, push the latch at the side of the socket while pushing the plug in until you feel it latch. Test the connection by tugging gently on the clear hose.

Air Connection to the Base

To connect or disconnect the air connection at the side of the base push back the quick connect and insert to the base. *(images below)*



To connect or disconnect the air or liquid connections on the spraywand, pull back the outer sleeve of the socket to release

Note:

If the small brass rings are visible once the socket is placed on the quick connect plug, the connection is not secure.

Be sure to connect the quick connect and the socket securely.



One-liter bottle cap connector

Nalgene Bottles

The nalgene bottles should be thoroughly rinsed and cleaned immediately after each use. A clean mild soapy water can be used.

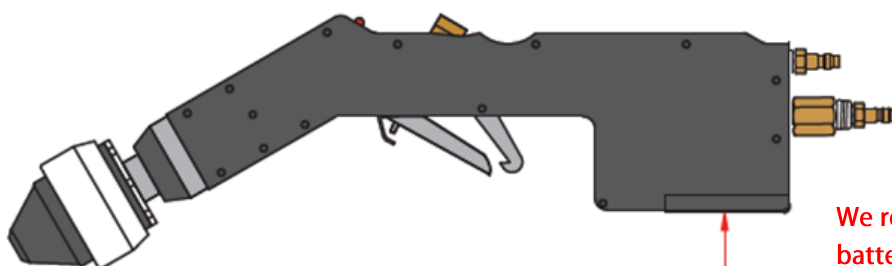


Nalgene Bottle 1000ML

P/N 1229

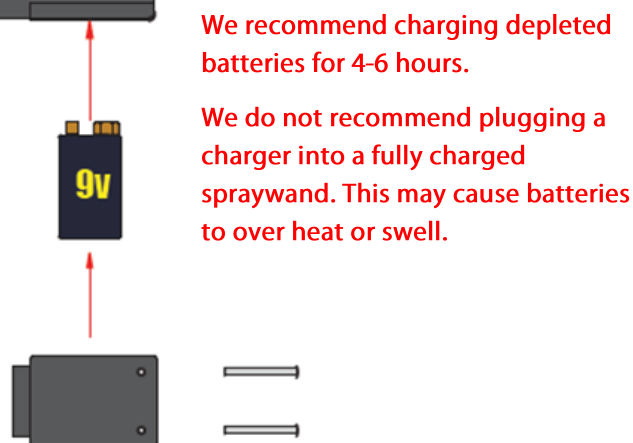
Batteries

The nozzle charging system operates on two 9-volt rechargeable batteries which are located in the base of the spraywand. Please charge the batteries fully before the first use. In average conditions, the batteries will perform 5-6 hours of operation on an individual charge. The batteries should be recharged when the charging indicator light on top of the spraywand shell fails to glow even though air continues to flow through the spraywand. After approximately 800-1000 hours of service, the batteries will no longer be able to hold an adequate charge and will need to be replaced. Substitute with 9-volt nickel-hydrate rechargeable batteries, until the SC-MB's replacement rechargeable battery pack from ESS can be ordered.



To change the batteries:

1. Unscrew the two 6-32 x 1/2" Phillips head machine screws which hold the battery cover in place.
2. While holding the leads in one hand, gently disconnect the batteries from the leads. Be careful not to tear the leads off the wires or tear the lead wires out of the power supply.
3. Connect the fresh high quality rechargeable 9 volt battery pack to the leads.
4. Reconnect the battery cover. Screw the two 6-32 x 1/2" Phillips head machine screws back in to secure the battery cover.
5. Charge the spraywand before attempting to use it.



We recommend charging depleted batteries for 4-6 hours.

We do not recommend plugging a charger into a fully charged spraywand. This may cause batteries to over heat or swell.

Remember to charge the spraywand batteries after every work session!

Be advised: Non-rechargeable 9-volt batteries can be used, however do not plug the battery charger into the spraywand while non-rechargeable batteries are installed. This will result in serious damage to the nozzle's charging system and void the warranty.

Spraying with your ESS Sprayer

Note: When using unfamiliar equipment or chemicals, always test on a small area before treating the entire surface. Do not use a chemical with the ESS sprayer if the label prohibits use in low-volume sprayers. This unit is for heavy-duty use. During operation the hose will heat up naturally, therefore, be aware of heat and periodically allow for breaks if it gets too hot.

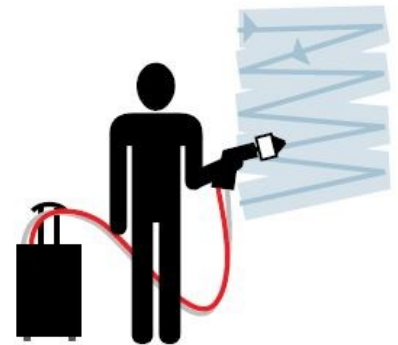
Spray Technique

As in spray painting, the goal is to achieve even coverage over the surface. The ESS MaxCharge™ spraywand is designed to help you do just that by propelling the chemical spray with a gentle air flow, you can stay well away from the target surface and let the electrostatic attraction do the rest of the work.

Please note: the spray droplets are very, very fine- about 40 microns each. If you are used to working with a conventional sprayer, you may make the mistake of thinking the target is not wet enough because you do not see large beads of liquid. In fact, after a pass with the SC-MB MaxCharge™ spraywand, the surface of the target should just barely glisten with moisture. The fine droplets will evaporate quickly.

Here are some tips to achieve the best possible coverage with the ESS SC-MB sprayer.

1. Before each job, ensure that your sprayer is in good working order (see the pre-spray checklist on page 11 of this manual).
2. The optimal spraying distance is at least 24 inches away from the target surface, however, 30 to 36 inches may provide a more even coating. This gives the fine mist produced by the by the MaxCharge™ nozzle room to develop into a chaotic cloud that will be attracted to the target surface.
3. Hold the spraywand at right angles to the target surface. Starting at the highest point and using zig-zag horizontal strokes about 1 meter (3ft.) wide, spray down to the lowest point. Try to have each stroke overlap the previous stroke by about 50%.
4. You can use vertical stokes if it suits the area better. Just make sure to work in a methodical pattern and let your strokes overlap.
5. When moving to the next section, allow it to overlap the previous section by a few inches. Do not leave a gap.
6. The target surface should just barely glisten with the spray. Do not over-saturate the surface; if you see runs or puddles it means you are wasting chemicals. Do check to make sure the newly sprayed surface is very slightly damp.
7. Be careful to keep the spraywand barrel as level as possible. If you allow the nozzle to point down too much, it may drip occasionally.
8. Unlike spray painting, you don't have to stop the spray on every return stroke. Just engage the trigger lock and concentrate on the regular pattern of spraying.
9. Periodically check to make sure the red light is illuminated on the spraywand.



Note:
If you lift the spraywand above chest height, it will most likely start to sputter or even stop spraying.

A Note About Operating Temperatures

The Maxcharge nozzle should always be operated at temperatures above 10° Celsius (50° Fahrenheit). When the ambient temperature is colder than this, the evaporative cooling caused as the spray is atomized will freeze the nozzle opening.

Nozzle freeze-up can also occur when the liquid to be sprayed is colder than 10° C (50°F).

IMPORTANT

Water temperature must be at least 10° C (50° F). When the liquid and air meet in the nozzle, the temperature of the liquid decreases. As a result, water at temperatures below 10° C (50° F) may freeze and clog the nozzle



Battery Charging Station

Disconnect the red and black connectors from the battery. Remove the battery from the SC-MB Sprayer and follow the instructions below to charge:

1. Only use a compatible 24v charger to charge the battery. The charging current range should be between 2A to 4A. If you need a charger, please contact ESS.
2. Fully charge the battery before first use. This depends on the output of the charger but is typically between 3-6 hours.
3. Recharge the battery as needed for at least 5-6 hours to ensure full capacity.
4. LiFe PO4 does not suffer "memory effect" so please keep the battery fully charged for daily use. Cell balancing only occurs when the battery is fully charged (top-end balancing).
5. Do not charge the battery in temperatures below 0°C. This can cause damage to the cells.
6. Reinstall the battery and reconnect the red and black connectors to the matching ones in the SC-MB Sprayer.

WARNING!

This sprayer has two unique and different battery chargers that are **NOT** interchangeable. One for the base unit and the other for the spraywand. (images shown below)



Battery Plug



Battery Plug connected to the Charger Plug



Battery Reconnect of Red and Black Connectors



Spraywand Charger



Base Unit Battery Charger

Changing the Fuse

If the SC-MB fails to operate when the "ON" button is depressed, confirm that the battery is connected. If its connected, confirm that it is fully charged. If the battery is fully charged, disconnect it and remove it from the SC-MB Sprayer. Locate the fuse holder, open it and inspect the fuse.

If it is blown, replace it with another 20Amp fuse and reassemble the fuse holder. Reinstall the battery, reconnecting the red and black connectors to the matching ones in the SC-MB Sprayer.

If the fuse is not blown, or it blows again when the "ON" switch is depressed, please contact ESS Customer Service.



Figure 1: Locate Fuse Holder

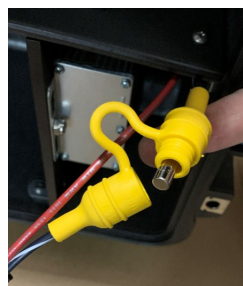


Figure 2: Yellow rubber fuse holder (Open)

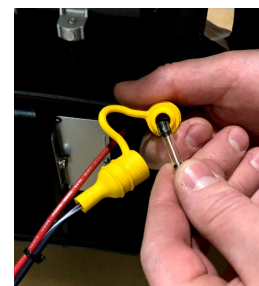


Figure 3: Fuse

Troubleshooting Guide

When you encounter the problems listed below, use the suggested troubleshooting methods. If you can not solve the problem. Or have a problem with the spraywand that is not addressed in this manual, contact ESS at (706) 769-0025, or toll free 1-800-213-0518.

Sprayer Will Not Turn On:

- Is your sprayer battery charged?
Recharge the battery for 3 to 6 hours.
- Is your sprayer button on?
Turn the sprayer button on.
- Has the compressor overheated?
Be careful, it may be hot. Let the sprayer cool with the case open and try again in 1 hour.
- Did you fuse burn out?
Please refer to Page 14 section "Changing the Fuse" one hour.

Spray Quality Problems:

Depress the trigger on the spraywand and while spraying water, place your finger over the nozzle blocking the liquid and air. This will force air back through the spraywand and possibly clear any obstructions in the liquid line

Check that all the "quick connections" are connected including the hoses connected to the spraywand, to the case, and the nalgene bottle.

Is the nozzle cover dirty? Unscrew the nozzle cover and wash inside nozzle cover and wash inside cover with water. With the nozzle cover removed, check to see if liquid port is clogged. Clean out with paper clip or small wire.

Is the liquid ambient temperature too cold? The nozzle can freeze up when the ambient temperature is less than 50 ° F.

Is the trigger mechanism dirty? See page 8 for trigger assembly and cleaning. Trigger may require replacing the trigger plunger mechanism.

Charging Light Will Not Come On:

If the red LED light on the handle of the spraywand does not come one, it indicated that the spray is not receiving an electrostatic charge, or on rare occasions that the light is burned out

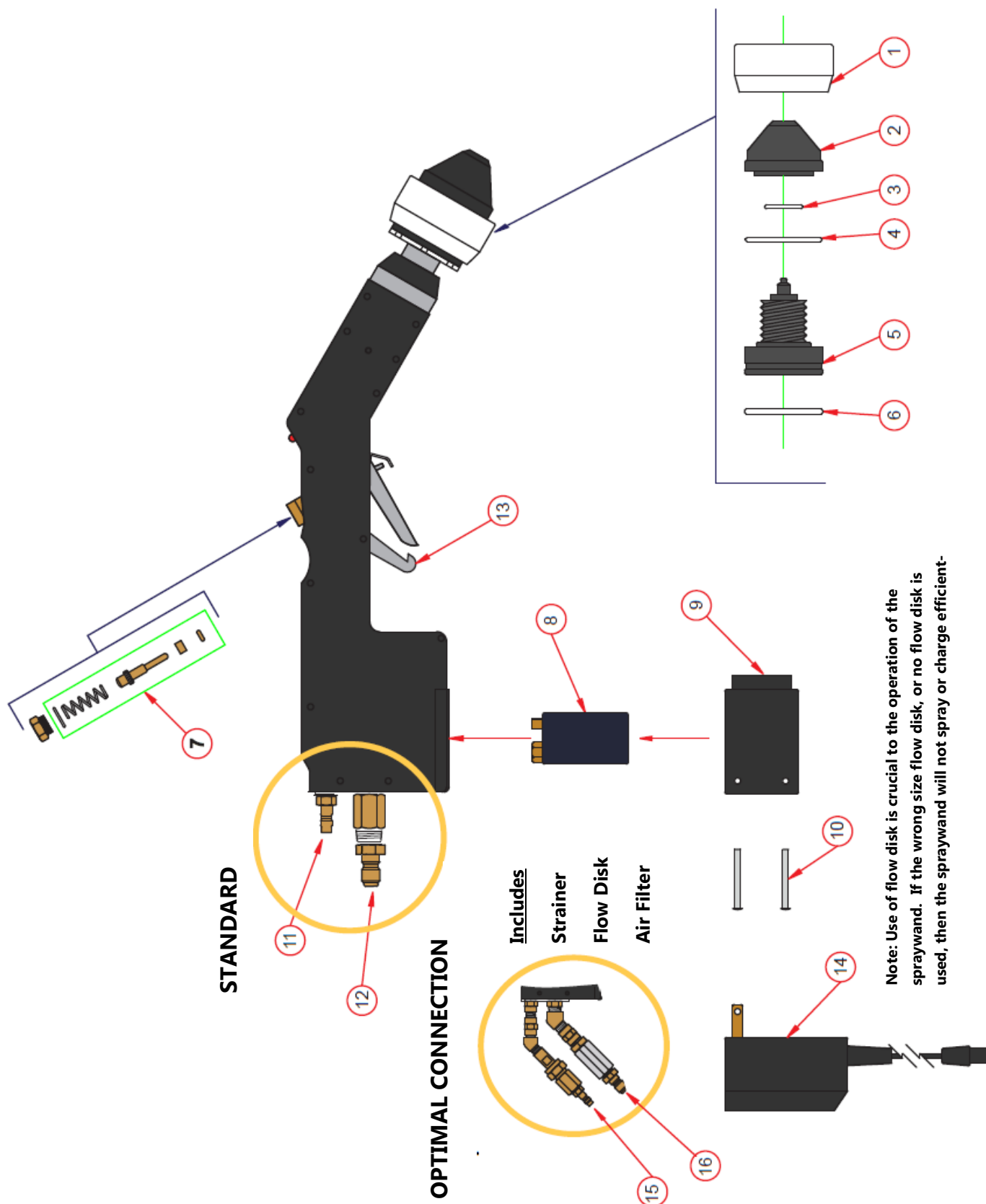
Make sure the spraywand batteries are charged. Fully charged batteries will las for about 5 continuous hours of use. If in doubt, take the cover off from the spraywand battery compartment, and replace the two rechargeable 9 volt batteries with regular 9 volt batteries





Troubleshooting the spraywand when it will not spray

1. It is assumed that:
 - a. The user has already re-checked all quick connect fittings to make sure that they are connected properly, and
 - b. The user has cleaned the liquid filter, if the spraywand has one.
2. If the user has another spraywand and/or hoses available, swap out the spraywand or hoses so as to quickly isolate and determine if the clog is in the hose or in the spraywand.
3. If the user does not have an extra spraywand or hose, then start with the following solutions:
 - a. Unscrew the nozzle cover and insert a wire, the size of a paper clip, into the small center orifice in the nozzle. Try to dislodge any debris.
 - b. Unscrew the large brass cap on top of the spraywand with the appropriate wrench and/or socket set.
 - i. Once the cap is removed carefully remove the trigger plunger with needle nose pliers. Take care not to lose any parts from the plunger mechanism during removal.
 - ii. Once the trigger plunger is removed, either replace with a new plunger or clean the old plunger thoroughly and re-insert.
 - iii. There is a video available for viewing on how to replace the trigger plunger.
 - c. If the spraywand is a **"first generation"** spraywand it will have a liquid filter and flow disc directly connected to the back of the spraywand.
 - i. Remove the liquid filter with two wrenches, check for debris, and clean thoroughly before replacing.
 - ii. Also, remove the flow disc, check for blockage, and clean thoroughly before replacing. With a small pin, make sure orifice is open.
 - d. If the spraywand is a **"second generation"** spraywand, then the flow disc is not removable, and is found inside the brass or stainless-steel connection, inside the hose.
 - i. With wrenches, remove the brass or stainless-steel connector, and look inside the connection to see if the orifice is clogged or blocked. Clean with a small "pin" or replace if there is extreme blockage.
4. If none of the above solutions have solved the liquid flow issues, then the problem is in the quick connections, or inside the spraywand.
 - a. Both ends and all quick connections of the liquid hose can be submerged in a cleaning solution, containing warm water, soap, vinegar, degreaser, etc. After soaking the quick connections re-attached to the spraywand and see if the obstruction has dissolved.
 - b. The blockage may be in the quick connection found on the sprayer suitcase. Carefully try to clean any debris or obstruction in the quick connection.
 - i. If possible, and a spare quick connection is available, replace the quick connection on the side or top of the suitcase.
5. If all else has failed to solve the problem, the blockage is probably inside the spraywand. Only a trained technician or someone who is very mechanically detailed oriented should attempt to open the spraywand shell and attempt to find the blockage, or maybe replace the liquid hose inside the spraywand.
 - a. If the user can get a small amount of liquid to come through the spraywand, keep spraying with warm water along with soap or some type of dissolvent.
6. Finally, if all the above fail, send the spraywand into the factory for cleaning and repairs.



SC-MB Spraywand Service Parts List

Item Number	ESS Part Number	Description	Quantity Ordered
1	5795	Hood	1
2	5764	Nozzle Cover	1
3	5771	O-Ring, Internal	1
4	5694	Teflon Ring	1
5	5777	Nozzle body, Greenhouse	1
		Note: Must send Spraywand in for Repair	
6	5770	O-ring, External	1
7	3731	Repair kit, Trigger	1
8	4512	9v (Battery, Alkaline, 9v	1
9	118	Battery Cover, Spraywand Shell	1
10	316	Screw, #6-32 x 3/8 long, Phillips SS	1
11	239	QC Plug, 1/8" MPT, Brass (Spraywand Liquid)	1
12	240	QC Plug, 1/4", 1/4" MPT, Brass (Spraywand)	1
13	6518	Trigger Pawl	1
14	4430	Battery Charger	1
15	1748	Spraywand Leader Assembly Liquid	1
16	3238	Liquid Line Leader Assembly	1



YEARLY SPRAYWAND SERVICE

Electrostatic Spraying Systems, Inc. offers and recommends yearly services on ESS spraywands. For a nominal fee plus the cost of replacement parts, ESS will thoroughly clean the spraywand, replace any worn parts and recalibrate the electronics and nozzle. The Yearly Service also extends the spraywand warranty for another year. Consistent yearly service by ESS will increase spraying performance and prolong the life of the spraywand.

Contact ESS at (706) 769-0025 to schedule spraywand services. The package the spraywand securely since it can be damaged in shipment. Ship the spraywand in its original packing material if possible. If the original packing is not available, wrap the spraywand in bubble wrap, place it in a strong cardboard box and surround the gun handle with foam packing. Include a return shipping address and a telephone number.

A form is provided for you at the back of the manual

Ship the spraywand via UPS or Parcel Post to:

Electrostatic Spraying Systems, Inc.

62 Morrison ST.

Watkinsville, GA 30677

Yearly service will be conducted within one day of receipt by ESS. If any parts need to be replaced, the owner will be contacted for authorization before replacement. The spraywand will be returned via UPS, COD, or return shipping costs may be invoiced, contingent upon credit approval. ESS also accepts Visa and Master Card.

**As an additional benefit, the Yearly Spraywand Service “turns back the clock”.
The original 1 Year Warranty on the spraywand is renewed for another year.**

**Yet another good reason to send your spraywand in to ESS for
factory-authorized service!**





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Email: support@maxcharge.com · www.maxcharge.com

ESS WARRANTY:

Electrostatic Spraying Systems, Inc. warrants to the original purchaser of any Electrostatic Spraying Systems equipment shall be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of one year after date of delivery.

Disclaimer of Implied Warranties and Consequential Damages

Electrostatic Spraying Systems' obligation under this warranty, to the extent allowed by law, is in lieu of all warranties, implied or expressed, including implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose and any liability for incidental and consequential damages with respect to the sale or use of the items warranted. Such incidental and consequential damages shall include, but not limited to: transportation, charges other than normal freight charges cost of installation other than cost approved by Electrostatic Spraying Systems, Inc., duty taxes, charges for normal service or adjustments, or any other loss of income, expenses due to loss, damage, detention or delay in the delivery of equipment or parts resulting from acts beyond the control of Electrostatic Spraying Systems, Inc.

THIS WARRANTY SHALL NOT APPLY:

1. To vendor items which carry their own warranties such as, but not limited to, engines, air compressors, and liquid pumps. Electrostatic Spraying Systems, Inc. shall supply replacement parts at list price pending the warranty investigation of the vendor item. Vendor items parts such as air compressors, liquid pumps, solenoids, and other such items must be returned before warranty credit.
2. If the unit has been subject to misapplication, abuse, misuse, negligence, fire or other accident.
3. If parts not made or supplied by Electrostatic Spraying Systems, Inc. have been used in connection of the unit, if, in the sole judgement of Electrostatic Spraying Systems, Inc. such parts affect its performance, stability or reliability.
4. If the unit has been altered or repaired in a manner which, in the sole judgement of Electrostatic Spraying Systems, Inc. such alteration or repair affects its performance, stability or reliability. This shall include but not be limited to opening of the spraywand shell by anyone not authorized by Electrostatic Spraying systems, Inc. to do so.
5. To normal maintenance, service and replacement items such as, but not limited to, engine lubricant, filters, or to parts that normally deteriorate. Belts, 9V rechargeable batteries, and exterior finishes due to use and exposure are also not covered under the warranty.

**NO EMPLOYEE OR REPRESENTATIVE OF
ELECTROSTATIC SPRAYING SYSTEMS, INC.
IS AUTHORIZED TO CHANGE THIS WARRANTY
IN ANY WAY OR GRANT ANY OTHER WARRANTY
UNLESS SUCH CHANGE IS MADE IN WRITING
AND IS SIGNED BY A CORPORATE OFFICER OF
ELECTROSTATIC SPRAYING SYSTEMS, INC.**



SPRAYWAND RETURN FORM

When returning a spraywand for warranty or repair services to ESS, please pack it securely and include the following form with the your spraywand. We require you to fill out all information completely. With many changes to companies our records may not have the correct contact information. We at ESS want to expedite the process quickly but communication is the key to a quick repair.

Spraywand Serial Number: _____

RETURNED FROM:

Company: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone number: _____

Email Address: _____

Shipping Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

(if different) _____

Date last serviced: _____

Problems with the Spraywand or is this just a yearly service?

Method of Payment:

☐ Account (must be an approved account)

☐ COD

☐ Credit Card (Visa) (Master Card) (American Express)



Card Number: _____ CCV: _____

Card Holders Name: _____ Expiration Date _____

Full Mailing Address: _____

