

# Owner's Manual SNB





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## **OWNER'S MANUAL** SNB **SPRAYER**

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You have just purchased one of the most advanced spraying systems on the market today. Electrostatic Spraying Systems, Inc.<sup>1</sup> (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 SNB Sprayer<sup>TM</sup>. The manual contains important instructions for the safe operation of this equipment. In also includes helpful suggestions to maximize productive use of the SNB. 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 have you 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.

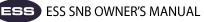
For your personal records Please record the model and serial numbers of your new sprayer here.

SNB

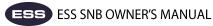
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Date of Purchase

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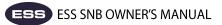
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Your SNB sprayer may appear slightly different that the photographs and drawings in this manual. We at ESS are constantly listening to customer input and we make frequent improvements to our sprayer designs.



## **Overview of the ESS Model SNB 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 SNB sprayer is the patented MaxCharge<sup>™</sup> 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<sup>™</sup> 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<sup>™</sup> 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.

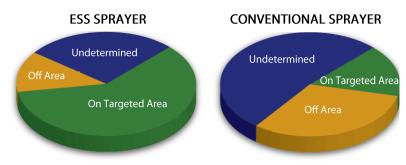


The Maxcharge<sup>™</sup> spray nozzle is what makes ESS the industry leader in the production of electrostatic spraying equipment.



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 SNB Sprayer

#### **Operators Responsibility**

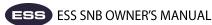
Read the Owner's Manual! Failure to do so is considered a misuse of the equipment.

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 SNB sprayer ONLY for its intended use as described in this manual.
- Do not allow a child to operate the SNB sprayer. Do not allow adults to operate the spraywand without proper instruction.
- Use extra care when spraying on stairs.
- Do not use without liquid bottle in place.
- Always empty liquid bottle after use and before transporting the sprayer.
- Store spraywand kit in a dry place. Do not expose to freezing temperatures.
- Do Not leave fully charged spraywand plugged into the charger for extended periods of time.
- Do Not plug a charger into a fully charged spraywand.



## **CAUTION: HOT SURFACE**

Beware that your proprietary compressor could have hot surfaces. Use caution while your compressor is on.

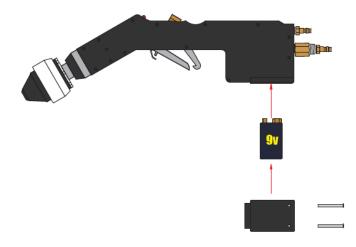
## CHEMICAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

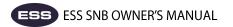
Read and follow all instructions on the chemical or pesticide manufacturer's label.

- Use protective clothing, eye protection and gloves when mixing chemicals to be sprayed with the SNB sprayer.
- Some chemicals that can be used in the SNB may be harmful. When in doubt, use a respirator and eye protection when spraying with the spraywand.
- 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<sup>™</sup> Spraywand

For operator safety, the power supply for the MaxCharge<sup>™</sup> spraywand is entirely separate form the power supply for the sprayer's compressor. The spraywand is powered by 9-volt batteries in the handle of the SNB 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.





## Pacemaker Disclaimer:

If you have a pacemaker, we would recommend that you <u>not operate an electrostatic sprayer</u>, 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.

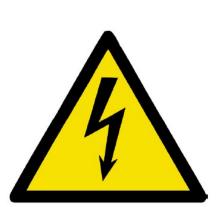
## Safety Decals

Appropriate safety decals may be placed on ESS equipment in order to alert the operator to possible dangers.



The compressor becomes hot during normal operation.

DO NOT TOUCH



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.



PROTECT YOUR LUNGS PROTECT YOUR EYES

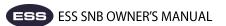
READ AND FOLLOW THE CHEMICAL MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

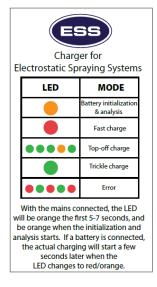
It is extremely important for the owner/ operator's safety as Well as the safety of other people in the vicinity that all chemical safety precautions are followed.

This label is placed on top of the SNB Sprayer near the quick connect sockets.



This label is wrapped around the hose to remind you to clean the filters regularly. The number one cause of poor sprayer performance is a clogged or ditry filter.





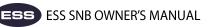
This label is placed on the charger of all spraywands.



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

#### Troubleshooting Sprayer will not turn on: □ Is the electrical cord plugged securely into the outlet & case? □ Is the electrical outlet faulty? Try a different outlet. Are there 15 amps available at the electrical outlet? 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 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 to the accumulation of charged droplets.

□ If you continue to experience problems, please contact your distributor.



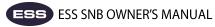
This label may be placed inside the SNB case for handy reference.

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 Spraywand & Nalgene Bottle Connections



Spraywand Connections



## **Quick List: Operating Instructions**

In the shipping box there should be:

- One spraywand in a box
- Sprawand Charger and Adapter
- Two Nalgene Bottles
- One 9.14 meter (25-foot) air hose
- One SNB Parts Kit (black case)

#### **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 to the back of the SNB 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.

#### Note: Do Not Hold the Bottle by the Hose

#### **Air Compressor**

The SNB does not come with a compressor. The recipient is responsible to provide one and arrange for necessary connections to attach air hose to compressor. The compressor must have at least 4 CFM of compressed air available and reach between 35-75 PSI.

#### **Helpful Hints:**

It's easy to quickly switch between two chemical mixtures. Make sure the SNB is turned off, then carefully unscrew the hose assembly cap from one bottle and place it in the second bottle. Hand -Tighten securely. (Also make sure to cap the first bottle.) Turn the SNB on. You are ready to spray again. The unused bottle may be stored inside the SNB case



**Cautions:** 

ESS recommends that you use an outlet with a Ground-Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI).

Do not operate the compressor in standing water.

Do not immerse the compressor

The compressor becomes hot enough to burn during normal operation.

DO NOT TOUCH.

Detailed instructions on maintaining each of the SNB components follow in the next sections.



## How to tell if you have a 1st Gen or 2nd Gen spraywand:

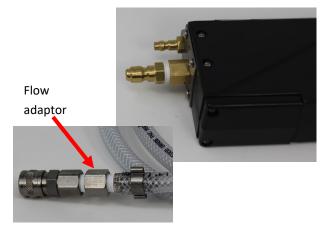
#### 1st Gen Spraywand

Liquid strainer & flow disc



A 1st Gen spraywand had a liquid strainer and removeable flow disc on the back of the spraywand

#### 2nd Gen Spraywand



A 2nd Gen spraywand has a flow adaptor in the liquid hose.

# Quick List: To clean the SNB w/1st Gen Spraywand 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.
- Disassemble and clean the liquid filter. Be careful not to lose the flow disk.

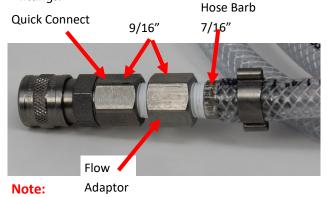
   A) Unthread the quick connect plug from the spraywand liquid line leader. Use a 7/16" wrench on the plug and an 11/16" wrench on the 1/8" NPT body.
- 4. Reassemble the liquid filter.
- 5. Fill one bottle with a liter of clean hot water.
- 6. Turn on the air compressor and engage the trigger to flush the spraywand and liquid line.
- 7. After the bottle is empty run keep the trigger engaged for a few seconds to make sure all liquid is flushed out of the liquid hose and spraywand.
- 8. Apply silicone spray or similar lubricating oil to all quick connect fittings.

Detailed instructions on maintaining each of the SNB's components follow in the next sections.



# Quick List: To clean the SNB w/2nd Gen Spraywand after operation:

- Clean the exterior of the sprayer with a damp cloth. 1.
- 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.
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- 6. Apply silicone spray or similar lubricating oil to all guick connect fittings.





Flow Adaptor Orifice

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.



## 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

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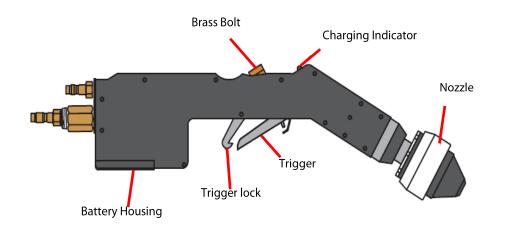


## REFERENCE

## **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, 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.





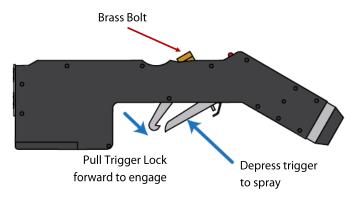
The Spraywand

See also: Changing the batteries Yearly spraywand service Spray technique



# Trigger

The trigger turns the spray on and off. It can be continously held for operation or it can be locked in place.



## 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. Unthread the brass bolt on the top of the spraywand with a 5/8 ". 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.
- $\cdot$  Do not pull the case around with the hose.
- $\cdot$  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 ever day's spraying. That is the most important thing you can do to ensure trouble free operation of your SNB 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

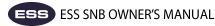
Check nozzle cover to make sure it is on hand tight (do not overtighten or use a wrench). Make sure the hood is seated firmly to the nozzle base and against the external o-ring.

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<sup>™</sup>, UNITE<sup>\*</sup>, and BALANCE<sup>™</sup>. 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.



## **Quick Connects**

There are four sets of quick connects (plug and socket) on the sprayer: Compressor (air) outlet Bottle Cap/ Hose (liquid outlet Spraywand air inlet Spraywand liquid inlet

In all cases, the plug is on the outlet side of the connection.

#### To connect the quick connects at the spraywand leaders:

- 1. Slide the sleeve of the quick connect socket up.
- 2. While holding the sleep 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 th 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 reléase 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.



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

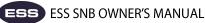
#### Note:

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

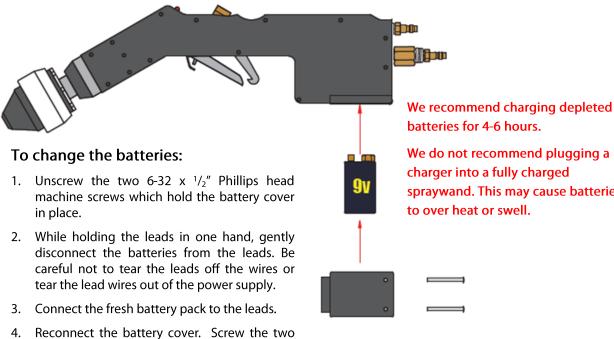


## **Nalgene Bottles**

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

## **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-hydride rechargeable batteries, until the SNB's replacement rechargeable battery pack from ESS can be ordered.



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!

5. Charge the spraywand before attempting to use it.

in to secure the battery cover.

6-32 x  $\frac{1}{2}''$  Phillips head machine screws back

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<sup>™</sup> 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 SNB's MaxCharge<sup>™</sup> 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 SNB 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<sup>™</sup> 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.





## Preparing a Tank Mix

The tank mix depends on two factors: water requirement and dosage. Water requirement is the amount of water needed to cover the given treatment area. Dosage is the amount of chemical which should be applied in a given treatment area.

First determine the water requirement for your sprayer over known area. An easy way to determine water requirement is to spray a trial application with water. Put clean water in the ESS SNB and thoroughly spray a known area. After spraying the known area, determine how much water was used from the amount left in the tank. This is the water requirement for the given area. Next measure the known area to determine how many square feet were sprayed. Write down both valves for future reference.

> (gallons) Water Requirements For (size of know area in ft<sup>2</sup>)

Next determine the dosage. This is the amount of chemical you wish to dispense in a given area. Appropriate dosage depends upon chemical label recommendations, disinfection or sanitization goals, level of pest or disease infestation, past experience with particular chemicals, and other variables.

Because electrostatic spraying is much more effective spraying method, ESS recommends that you experiment to find the optimum chemical concentration. Start spraying using the same chemical rate used in the past with other sprayers. Test to ensure that infective agent levels have been reduced to desired levels. At the next application, start reducing the amount of chemical used for each spray. Keeping the amount of water in the tank constant, cut the amount of chemical mixed in by 15% to 25% for each spray, testing after each experiment to see if the desired results are being accomplished. If you are planning to cut rates then it is very important to conduct these experiments to determine the optimum chemical concentration.

#### 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).

#### How to Conduct a Jar Test

#### Needed:

- Solutions of chemicals in
- approximate dilutions
- Jar with lid
- **Gloves and Safety**
- Glasses

After mixing solutions of chemicals, place them in a large jar, cap it securely, and shake vigorously. Carefully observe the interaction between the chemical compounds. If the water becomes milky or cloudy, the combined solution may plug the nozzles. Let the jar sit for one to two hours. If there is precipitate on the bottom of the jar, then seek another combination of chemicals.

#### **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

## **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 at 1-800-213-0518.

#### Compressor will not turn on:

- Is your compressor plugged in? Make sure there are 13 amps available at the outlet.
- Is the electrical outlet faulty? Try a different outlet.
- Are you using an extension cord? Is the extension cord the correct size? •
- Is your compressor power button on?
- Has the compressor overheated? Be careful, it may be hot. Let the sprayer cool with the case open try again in an hour.
- Did your fuse burn out? If so replace it. A spare fuse is attached to the compressor frame. •

## 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 hose "quick connections" are connected including hoses connected to the spraywand to the case/base and the liquid 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 9 for trigger assembly and cleaning. Trigger may require replacing the trigger plunger mechanism.

## <u>Charging light will not come on:</u>

- 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.



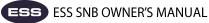
# Quick Start Training Reference Guide



1.) Attach red air hose to spraywand.



3.) Attach liquid hose to Nalgene bottle cap.





4.) Fill Nalgene bottle with chemical.

# Quick Start Training Reference Guide (cont.)



6.) Hold Nalgene bottle in hand... or attach to belt loop.

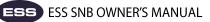


7.) Make sure spraywand has been charged.

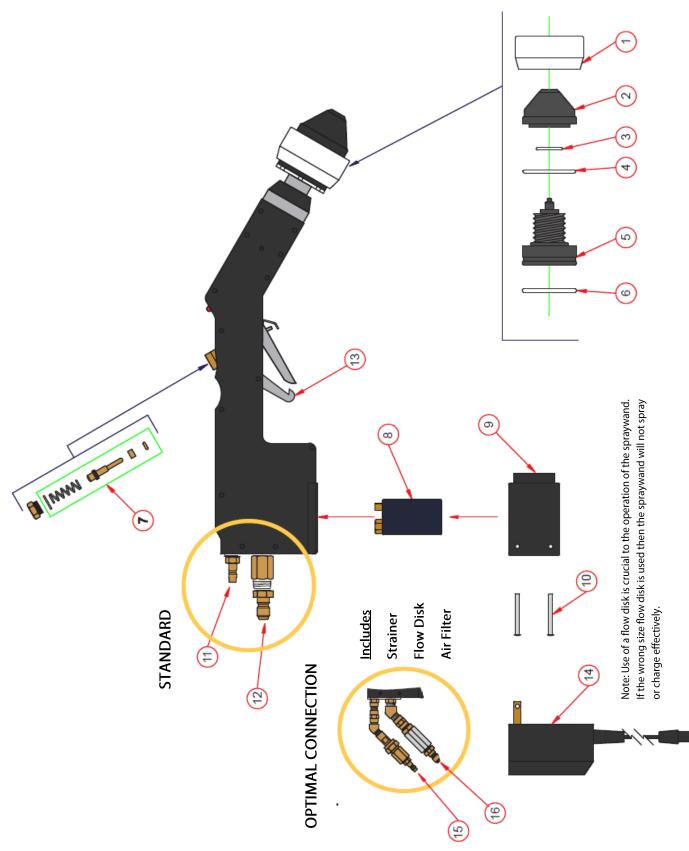


5.) Screw lid on Nalgene bottle.





**SNB Spraywand Parts** 



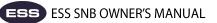
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1	5795	Hood	1	
2	5764	Nozzle Cover	1	
3	5771	O,Ring, Internal	1	
4	5694	Teflon Ring	1	
5	5777	Nozzle body, Greenhouse	1	
		Note: Must send Spraywand in for Repair		
6	5770	O-ring, External	1	
7	3731	Repair kit, Trigger	1	
8	4512	9v (Battery, Alkaline, 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		

# SNB Spraywand Service Parts



## **Spraywand Parts**





# Spraywand Parts (continued)



P/N AP4227: Spraywand Shell Left



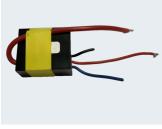
P/N AP4228: Spraywand Shell Right



P/N AP4229: Battery Cover



P/N 835: Battery Terminal



P/N PS-9141: Power Supply



P/N 17279: Bottle Belt Holder



P/N 17282: Aluminum Carabiner



P/N 1229: Nalgene Bottle 1000ML



P/N AS17283: Lid and Short Hose P/N AS17283-2: Long Hose to Wand P/N AS17283-2-SS: Long Hose to Wand (stainless steel)



P/N 663: Hose Clamp, Two Ear 1/4" SS



P/N 411: 3/8"BH x 1/8" MPT Brass



P/N 92: QC Socket to Spraywand-Air BR



P/N 10032: QC Socket on Spraywand—Air SS



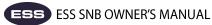
P/N 90: QC Socket to Spraywand-Liquid BR



P/N 10033: QC Socket to Spraywand-Liquid SS



P/N 19898: Coupling Insert



# Spraywand Parts (continued)









P/N 107: Ferrule—3/8" BR P/N 224: Ferrule—1/4" BR

P/N 17151: Hose Bend Restrictor

P/N AS17137-16: 50 ft. Extension

P/N 216: Hose-3/8" ID Conductive Red Hose

## Misc Parts









P/N 17522: Plug Adaptor

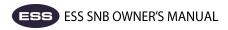
P/N AS4430: Charger

P/N 17520: Plug Adaptor– US

P/N 17521: Plug Adaptor-Euro



P/N 1755: Flow Disk #30





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## **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.



## **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 anther 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 a spraywand service. Then package the spraywand securely as it can be damaged in shipment. Ship the spraywand in its original packing material if possible. If the original packing material is not available, wrap the spraywand in bubble wrap, place it in a strong cardboard box, and surround the handle with foam packing. Please obtain a tracking number, and recommended insurance for your for shipment and include a return shipping address with a telephone number.

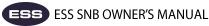
A form is provided for you at the back of the manual.

Ship the spraywand via courier 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!



## **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				
Shipping Address	:			
Mailing Address:				
(if different)				
Date last serviced				
Problems with the	e Spraywand or is this jus	t a yearly service?		
Method of Payme	nt:			
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