MD AIRLOCK

INSTALLATION, OPERATION

& MAINTENANCE MANUAL



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It is the owner's responsibility to maintain the safety features included with this equipment. The safety features may include, but not necessarily be limited to: guards, access doors and covers, explosion vents warning decals, caution decals, and advisory decals. Replacement safety features are available from MAC Equipment, Inc.



DO NOT attempt to operate this equipment until you have read and understood the contents of this manual. If you do not understand the contents of the manual bring it to the attention of your supervisor. This manual contains important safety instructions concerning the maintenance, use, and operation of this product. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death.



NO haga funcionar este equipo hasta haber leido y comprehendido el contenido de este manual. Si aiguna partre del contenido del manual queda sin comprehender, notifiqueselo a su supervisor. Este manual contiene instrucciones importantes en cuanto al anterimiento, uso, y funcionamiento sequros de este producto. El no seguir las instrucciones contenidas en este manual podria ocasionar lesiones graves.

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your selection of a MAC MD Airlock. As the owner/operator of this unit you have an important responsibility to see that it is operated and maintained in a safe manner. The unit will require very little attention to keep it in good operating condition. This manual has been prepared to aid you in that effort.

RECEIVING YOUR EQUIPMENT

As soon as the equipment is received, it should be carefully inspected to make certain the unit is in good condition and all items listed on the packing list are received. Even though the equipment is mounted on heavy shipping skids at our plant it is possible for it to be damaged in shipment. All damage or shortages should be noted on the Bill of Lading. The purchaser must take immediate steps to file reports and damage claims with the carrier. All damages incurred to the unit in transit are the responsibility of the common carrier since it is the policy of MAC Equipment, Inc. to make shipment F.O.B. from its factory. Ownership passes to purchaser when the unit is loaded **and accepted** by carrier. Any claims for in transit damage or shortage must be brought against the carrier by the **purchaser**.

Handling and Storage of your Equipment

If the unit is not going to be assembled and installed soon after arrival, it should be stored in a warm, dry location to protect against rust and corrosion.

The airlock is shipped from our factory mounted on a heavy shipping skid and generally has an inlet throat cover to prevent foreign materials from entering the airlock during shipping. It is recommended that the airlock remain bolted to the skid with the throat cover in place until just prior to installation.

Transport the airlock from the unloading site to the installation or storage site by using a forklift or hand-truck to pick it up by the skid. **Do not** lift the airlock by it's flanges.

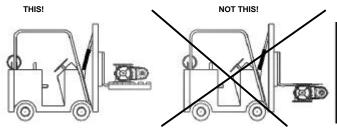


Figure 1-1 Proper Handling of the Airlock

Getting to Know Your Airlock

Throughout this manual, reference may be made to various components which may or may not be part of your particular system. They are included in the interest of fully describing typical MD Airlocks.



Figure 1-2 Typical MD Airlock

Terms and Definitions

Throughout this manual you will see several terms that apply to your airlock. The following terms and definitions may be helpful:

MD	Multi-Duty is an airlock model designation. This model incorporates TS-4 shaft
	seals at each endplate.

C.F.R. Cubic Feet per Revolution, or the displaced volume of material that the airlock would move from the inlet throat to the outlet throat during one complete (360°) revolution of the rotor.

C.F.R. is calculated assuming that the rotor pockets are 100% filled; actual C.F.R. may vary due to pocket fill efficiency and rotor speed.

MD75 The number after the model designation indicates the capacity in C.F.R. x 100. Thus an MD75 airlock conveys approximately .75 C.F.R. The table below shows the C.F.R. ratings of available airlock models.

Airlock C.F.R. Ratings

Model Number

Nominal C.F.R. Rating

MD20	.20
MD40	.40
MD75	.75
MD139	1.39
MD260	2.60
MD400	4.00

Temperature Ratings

The standard temperature rating for MD airlocks is 200° F. Special high-temperature airlocks rated 200° to 450° are available on special order. Refer to the Order Acknowledgment for the temperature rating of your airlock.

SAFETY INFORMATION



Do not attempt to operate or maintain this piece of equipment until you have read and thoroughly understood all of the safety information contained in this manual. All such information must be taken seriously. This piece of equipment contains moving parts and potential pinch points which can cause serious injury or death. If you do not understand anything in this manual seek assistance from your supervisor before operating this equipment.

Recognize Safety Information



The symbol at left is used to alert you to important safety messages located throughout this manual. It also appears on the equipment to alert you to potential hazards. When you see this symbol you must read, understand, and heed the information that accompanies

Understand Signal Words

DANGER !

Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, \underline{will} result in death or serious injury.

WARNING!

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, <u>could</u> result in death or serious injury.

CAUTION!

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, <u>may</u> result in minor or moderate injury and/or property damage.

Warning decals and guards

This piece of equipment contains several warning decals located in many different locations. It is the owner/operator's responsibility to maintain the integrity of these decals and to ensure that all operators of the equipment are aware of them and understand their meaning. Replacement decals are available free of charge from your MAC Equipment Service Representative, or by calling MAC Equipment Inc. at **1-888-821-2476**.

This piece of equipment may contain one or more safety guards to protect the operator(s) from injury. It is the owner/operator's responsibility to maintain the integrity of these guards and ensure that they are in place when the equipment is in operation.



DO NOT attempt to operate this equipment with any guard removed. Replace damaged guards.

Lockout-Tagout Requirements



Before inspecting or servicing this equipment perform an approved lockout-tagout procedure on the electrical service, the compressed air (or other gas) supply, or any other energy source.

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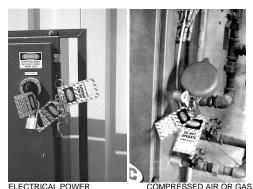


Figure 2-1 Lockout and Tagout of Electrical Service and Compressed Air (or other gas)

Control of this equipment must be in accordance with OSHA Standard 1910.147 "The control of hazardous energy (lockout-tagout)". This standard "requires employers to establish a program and utilize procedures for affixing appropriate lockout devices or tagout devices to energy isolating devices and to otherwise disable machines or equipment to prevent unexpected energizing, start-up or release of stored energy in order to prevent injury to employees".

For further information on Lockout-Tagout requirements, see your company's Safety Director or refer to OSHA Standard 1910.147.

Hazard Review & Safety Instructions

The most common airlock hazards and their potential injuries are described below. Although this is not an exhaustive list, it does cover those hazards which are most likely to be encountered.

Shear Hazard



Airlocks contain moving parts that will catch objects and shear them off. Contact with moving rotor blades will amputate fingers, hands, arms or legs and may result in death.

Shear hazards are very serious. The shear hazard points are located wherever a rotor and housing meet. Safety guarding to prevent injury is normally not possible since the guard would block the flow of material through the airlock, thus preventing the airlock from performing its primary function. Warning labels must be located on the airlock and adjacent access ports to remind personnel of this hazard.



Shear accidents can also occur when operators reach into upstream

inadvertently contacting a

make this mistake when

the airlock

immediately above or below

or downstream equipment such as hoppers or chutes through access doors, discharge chutes or similar openings,

moving rotor. Operators are most prone to

attempting to dislodge material from areas

Figure 2-2 Shear Hazard

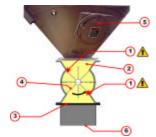


Figure 2-3 Shear Hazard Points

1. Shear Point	4. Rotor
2. Inlet Throat	5. Access Door
Outlet Throat	Discharge Guard

Eliminate or avoid amputation and shear hazards by:

Performing Lockout/Tagout before inspecting, cleaning or servicing the airlock

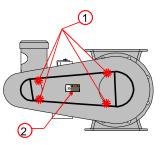
- 2 Never reaching into an airlock that is not locked out.
- Guarding or interlocking access doors or ports with reach-in access to the rotor. 3.
- 4. Blocking the rotor from turning if the drive chain is disconnected.

Drive Chain Hazard



Moving drive parts can cut and crush. Contact with moving drive components will amputate or crush fingers, hands or arms.

Another shear/pinch hazard point exists when a chain or belt drive is exposed. Typically, operators are at greatest risk of a drive chain accident when the guard is removed and they are performing maintenance on the drive components. This shear/pinch hazard does not exist when all appropriate guards are in place. Warning labels must be on and behind the drive guard to remind operators of this hazard.



Shown with Guard Removed For Clarity. Do Not Operate with Guard Removed.

Figure 2-4 Chain Drive Hazard

- Shear/Pinch Point
- 2. Warning label behind guard

Eliminate or avoid this hazard by:

- Never operating the airlock with the guard removed.
 Performing Lockout/Tagout before removing the guard.

Entanglement Hazard



Airlocks contain rotating shafts that may catch objects and crush or tear them off. Contact with a rotating shaft may mangle or amputate fingers, hands or arms.

An entanglement hazard exists where rotating shafts are exposed. Exposed locations can include the tail shaft and seal access points. The tail shaft is typically guarded if the exposed shaft extends more than 1 inch beyond the endplate.

Eliminate or avoid this hazard by:

- Never operating the airlock with tail shaft guard removed.
- 2 Not touching a rotating shaft.
- Not wearing loose clothing or jewelry and keeping hair tied up. Guarding an exposed extended tail shaft. 3.
- 4.

Electrocution Hazard



Severe burns or death may result from contact with exposed high voltage sources.

Electrocution accidents are most likely to occur during maintenance of the electrical system or when working on or near exposed high voltage wiring. This hazard does not exist when the electrical power has been disconnected, properly locked and tagged out.

Eliminate or avoid this hazard by:

Performing Lockout/Tagout before inspecting or servicing electrical devices. 1.

Cut Hazard

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Airlocks contain parts that are sharp and therefore can cut fingers, hands or other body parts.

Eliminate or avoid this hazard by:

Do not slide fingers, hands or other body parts against sharp edges.

Automatic Start Hazard



This airlock may start without warning, causing serious injury. STAY CLEAR.

Airlocks are usually controlled by an automated system and may start without warning. However, automatic startup by itself is not a hazard. Failure to properly disconnect, lockout and tagout all energy sources while inspecting, servicing or attempting to dislodge material creates a very hazardous situation. Serious personal injury may result.

Eliminate or avoid this hazard by:

Performing Lockout/Tagout before inspecting, cleaning or servicing the airlock.

Compressed Air Hazard



Flying debris propelled by escaping compressed air may puncture skin or eyes.

Puncture injuries may occur when flying debris is propelled by the uncontrolled release of compressed air. This can occur when compressed air lines are disconnected or severed.

Eliminate or avoid this hazard by:

- Performing Lockout/Tagout and slowly bleeding off compressed air before inspecting or servicing pressurized devices.
- 2. Wearing safety glasses.

Lifting Hazard



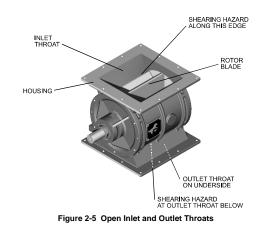
Airlocks and their disassembled parts are heavy. Lifting heavy objects can cause muscle strain or severe back injury.

- Eliminate or avoid this hazard by: 1. Using proper lifting techniques when lifting airlocks or disassembled parts. Using appropriate equipment and tie off techniques for all parts that are unsafe to lift 2.
- manually
- 3. Consulting the plant safety director for safe lifting limits.

Safety Precautions



Airlocks contain moving parts that will catch objects and shear them off. Contact with moving rotor blades will cause serious personal injury and/or property damage!



WARNING

Do not operate, inspect, or service this equipment unless all the following safety precautions are in effect:

- The airlock will be operated only by properly qualified, properly trained personnel who have read and fully understand this manual.
- Guards, access doors, and covers are in place and secure.
- The equipment has been wired and grounded in accordance with all applicable codes.
- The characteristics of the material being processed are known, and appropriate safety measures have been taken to protect personnel and property. Possible hazards include (but are not necessarily limited to): toxicity, high temperatures, explosive potential, chemical hazard, abrasion hazard, etc. Refer to applicable Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS's) or consult your supplier for the properties of the material being processed.
- An approved lockout-tagout procedure has been followed before the equipment is inspected, disassembled, and/or serviced. The equipment is automatically controlled and may start without warning unless energy supplies are properly disconnected and locked out-tagged out.
- The inlet and outlet throats are made inaccessible. An open inlet or outlet throat exposes the rotor blades. These blades will catch loose clothing, jewelry, long hair, etc. Anything entering the rotating blades of the airlock will be sheared off. Never reach into the inlet or outlet throat while the airlock is in operation; the probability of severe injury to fingers and hand is very high.
- If an airlock is to be a point where product is added to the system, or is to discharge product into an open container, always protect the inlet throat with a guard.
- Inlet and outlet guards are available from MAC Equipment, Inc.
- Never reach around the airlock's rotor shaft or drive components unless the equipment is properly locked out and tagged out. Moving components can catch loose clothing, long hair, jewelry, etc.
- Do not cut, weld or grind on or near the airlock while it is in operation; dust laden air may be highly explosive. Refer to the proper National Fire Protection Association Manual for information on cutting, welding or grinding in hazardous areas
- The work area is clean and orderly, free of debris, materials, tools, etc.
- Operating personnel are wearing proper ear and eye protection and have secured loose hair, clothing, jewelry, etc



Failure to follow these instructions may result in death. personal injury, and/or property damage!

Read and Understand Safety Decals

Several safety labels are located on this piece of equipment to warn the operator(s) of potentially hazardous situations

Decal Locations

The following figure shows typical locations for safety decals on an airlock. The locations of decals for your particular airlock may vary from those indicated. Inspect your airlock for locations of all decals.

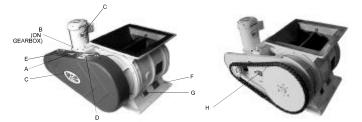
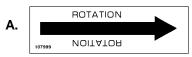
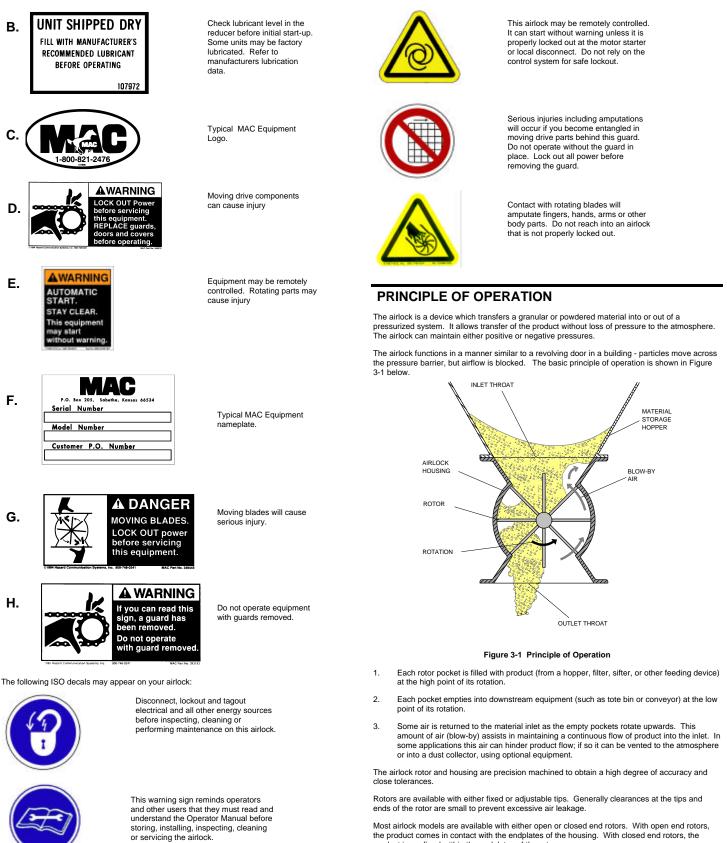


Figure 2-6 Typical Locations of Safety Decals (below is a description of decals)



This indicates the direction that the rotor must rotate If the unit is rotating the wrong direction, possible damage to the unit may result

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the product comes in contact with the endplates of the housing. With closed end rotors, the product is confined within the endplates of the rotor.

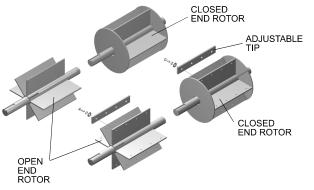


Figure 3-2 Open End and Closed End Rotors

INSTALLATION

The MD Airlock is shipped with internal components factory assembled. Installation consists of:

- Inspecting the airlock,
- Connecting the airlock to feed and/or discharge devices,
- Mounting any optional accessories,
- Wiring the airlock and accessories.

Inspecting the Airlock

Make an inspection of the airlock before proceeding with the installation:

- Remove the packing material. The rotor has been coated with a food grade corrosion inhibitor. If the airlock is mounted on a shipping skid, leave the skid in place temporarily.
- 2. Check drive components. Remove the chain guard (or belt guard on airlocks so equipped.) Disconnect the drive chain (or belt.) Rotate the airlock by hand; the rotor should rotate freely without binding. If the airlock has been in storage for an extended period of time some corrosion (rust) may have occurred causing the rotor to bind. If so, attach a pipe wrench to the hub of the sprocket and break the rotor loose. Do not attach the wrench directly to the rotor shaft. Once the rotor is free, rotate it several times by hand until it turns freely. Reinstall the chain.
- 3. Adjust the chain tension as described on page 9. Replace the guard.
- 4. Check the oil level in the drive gearbox and top off if necessary. (Most units are shipped with the gearbox dry and must be filled.)

Connecting the Airlock to Feed and Discharge Devices

The airlock can be connected to many different types of feeding devices, such as bins, hoppers, mixers, screw conveyors, and sifters. **Except in the case of sifters** (or other moving feed devices), the airlock is attached rigidly to the device; sifters require a flexible connection.

Accessories:

Refer to the information on installation of accessories later in this section. Depending on your application, it may be necessary to mount some inlet accessories (such as the shear protector or maintenance gate) before connecting the airlock to feed and/or downstream components.

Support:

In most cases the weight of the airlock **can** be supported by the feed device. Verify that your feed device is sufficiently strong to support the airlock. If it is not, some type of structural support for the airlock must be provided.

Do not support the weight of the feed device or the discharge device on the airlock. The weight can distort the airlock housing and cause a loss of required clearances between rotor and housing. This will result in excess noise, binding, and damage to the airlock.

The mating flanges of all feed and downstream components **must** be flat and true. The airlock must not be forced to conform to a warped flange, as this will cause distortion of the housing.

Refer to Figure 4-1. Connect the airlock as follows:

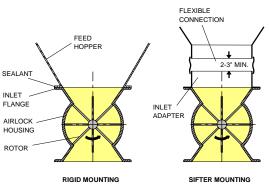


Figure 4-1 Connecting the Airlock to Feed and Discharge Devices

- Lift the airlock to the underside of the supporting device to check fit and position. Use the shipping skid and a forklift or other properly rated lifting device to lift the airlock. **Do not** support the weight of the airlock from the rotor shaft, drive assembly, or drive motor.
- Make sure the flanges of the airlock and feed device are clean. Apply silicone sealant to the inlet flange of the airlock, (or use a ¼" thick soft closed-cell sponge gasket.) Bolt the airlock into place using bolts, nuts, and lockwashers. The table below indicates the type and number of bolts needed for available airlock models. The bolt length varies depending upon the thickness of the flanges on the feed and downstream components. The number shown includes bolts for inlet and outlet flanges. Tighten the bolts and verify that the seal is airtight. Remove the shipping skid.

Airlock Model	Bolt Size	Quantity Required
MD 20	5/16"	24
MD 40	3/8"	24
MD 75	3/8"	24
MD 139	3/8"	24
MD 260	1/2"	32
MD 400	1/2"	38

 If the airlock is to be fastened to a discharge device, apply silicone sealant to the flange and bolt in place as above.



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The airlock has moving parts which can cause severe injury. <u>Anything</u> entering the blades of the airlock will be sheared off. If either the inlet or outlet throat of the airlock will be exposed an appropriate guard <u>must</u> be installed. <u>Do not</u> operate the airlock with an exposed inlet or outlet throat. Refer to the *Installation of Accessories* section later in this section.

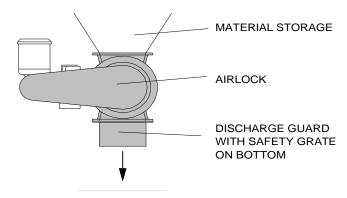


Figure 4-2 Typical Discharge Guard

Wiring the Airlock



Only trained and authorized persons should be permitted to install, service, or maintain electrical components. It is the buyer's/installer's responsibility to ensure that all applicable electrical codes are met.



It is the buyer's/installer's responsibility to provide control circuits to ensure that the airlock and all accessories are energized and controlled in a manner appropriate to the application and use of the airlock.

The airlock motor must be wired in accordance with local, state and national electrical codes to the appropriate power circuits before it can be operated. This installation is the responsibility of the airlock owner.

Installation must be done by qualified personnel who are familiar with proper installation practices of the equipment and with the control functions of the devices they are installing.



Some control devices have safety related functions. Do not ignore, bypass or circumvent these devices.



Ensure that all devices are properly grounded.

The electrical codes dictate many specific requirements that must be followed precisely. However, in some cases, the codes allow the installer to choose from several options and still comply with the code. Such choices must be made with N.E.C. section 430-102 regarding individual disconnecting means. MAC Equipment recommends that an individual disconnecting means, capable of being locked, be installed on or within reach of the airlock. Suitable disconnecting devices are available from MAC Equipment.



Disconnect, lockout and tagout electrical and all other energy sources before wiring this airlock.

Motor Procedure

- Refer to the motor/gear motor manufacturer's instructions for special installation or safety instructions. Follow these recommendations.
- 2. Refer to the nameplate on the side of the drive motor for power requirements.
- 3. Connect power to the airlock and to the starter or control panel.
- Energize the airlock. Jog the drive motor on and off quickly to check direction of rotation. The proper direction is indicated by a sign on the airlock and/or drive guard.
 If rotation is in the wrong direction:
 - If rotation is in the wrong direction: a. Disconnect, lockout and tagout electrical and all other energy sources.
 - b. Swap any two of the three phase wires.
 - c. Re-energize the system.
 - d. Repeat step three to verify proper operation.

Installation of Accessories



Before installing any accessories on this equipment perform an approved lockout-tagout procedure on the electrical service, the compressed air (or other gas) supply, or any other energy source.



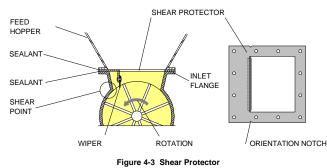
Only trained and authorized persons should be permitted to install, service, or maintain electrical components. It is the buyer's/installer's responsibility to provide control circuits to ensure that the airlock and all accessories are energized and controlled in a manner appropriate to the application and use of the airlock.

Some or all of the accessories described in the following pages may be part of your system. This section describes the basic function and installation of these accessories.

Shear Protector

Materials can adhere to the rotor tips and be sheared off as the rotor turns, resulting in unwanted size reduction of the material or binding of the airlock. The shear protector wipes the rotor tips clean and prevents shearing.

The shear protector is mounted between the feed device and the inlet flange of the airlock. Refer to Figure 4-3 below.



- Before installing the airlock, apply silicone sealant to the inlet flange. Place the shear protector over the flange. The orientation notches should be aligned as shown.
- Apply silicone sealant to the flange of the shear protector. Bolt the airlock and shear protector to the feed hopper or other feed device as described earlier in this section.

Vented Shear Protector

The function of the vented shear protector is similar to the above, with the added capability of venting blow-by air from the empty rotor pockets to the outside. A vent connection is provided for attaching a vent sock or connecting to a dust system. The vented shear protector is often used in conjunction with pneumatic conveying lines where pressure from the discharge side can disrupt flow of material into the airlock.

The vented shear protector is mounted between the feed device and the inlet throat of the airlock. Refer to Figure 4-4 below.

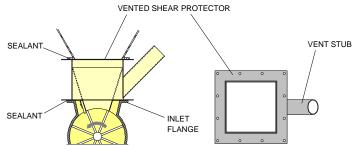


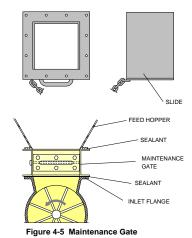
Figure 4-4 Vented Shear Protector

- 1. Before installing the airlock, apply silicone sealant to the inlet flange. Place the vented shear protector over the inlet flange. The vent stub must be aligned as shown.
- Apply silicone sealant to the flange of the vented shear protector. Bolt the airlock and shear protector to the feed hopper or other feed device as described earlier in this section.

Maintenance Gate

The maintenance gate is a simple shut-off device which allows the airlock to be removed or serviced without removing material from the feed hopper. A slide is inserted into a slot in the gate to block product flow.

The maintenance gate is installed between the inlet throat of the airlock and the feed device. The gate may be oriented for easiest access. Refer to Figure 4-5 below.



- Before installing the airlock, apply silicone sealant to the inlet flange. Place the maintenance gate over the inlet flange.
- Apply silicone sealant to the flange of the maintenance gate. Bolt the airlock and maintenance gate to the feed hopper or other feed device as described earlier in this section.

Motion Switch - Electro Sensor # M100

The optional motion switch is mounted on the tailshaft of the airlock. Normally open (n.o.) and normally closed (n.c.) contacts are provided. The switch provides both contact closure and contact opening to the system controls when the speed of the airlock drops below an adjustable set point.

The enclosure of the switch is U.L. and CSA approved, and is rated for Hazardous Location Class 1 Group C and D, Class 2 Group E, F and G, and Class 3. In its standard configuration it meets NEMA ratings of 1, 7, and 9. For water-tight installations a gasket must be between the body and cover which conforms the switch to NEMA 2, 3, 4, and 12.



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The above gasket negates NEMA 7 and 9 ratings, making the switch unsuitable for hazardous locations.

The switch is fail-safe. Any malfunction during operation will de-energize the switch and provide the contact closure and contact opening.

The switch contains a green LED inside its enclosure which indicates its status.

Control Logic:

The following table summarizes the logical functions of the switch and the contacts which it provides. It is the responsibility of the customer to provide the control circuits necessary to respond appropriately to contacts in the switch.

Operating Condition	ating Condition Switch Relay LED State Status		N.O. Contacts (red lead)	N.C. Contact s (blue lead)	
Shaft speed above setpoint.	Energized	Shows green	closed	open	
Shaft speed drops below setpoint	De-energized	Off	open	closed	
Stoppage	De-energized	Off	open	closed	

Installation:

The motion switch is factory installed on the tailshaft of the airlock. It must be adjusted and wired.

To adjust the motion switch:

The motion switch has been shipped set for zero speed, and until adjusted will provide the contact closure/contact opening to the control circuits only when the airlock has completely stopped. Normally the switch should be adjusted. Usually the appropriate set-point is **somewhat slower** than normal operating speed of the airlock. Then, if the airlock slows slightly due to a minor voltage drop or load variation, the switch will not trip. However, a significant slowdown or complete stoppage will cause the switch to trip and send the contact closure and/or contact opening to the control circuits.

The switch must be adjusted **before** being permanently wired to the control circuits.

To adjust the switch, refer to Figure 4-6.

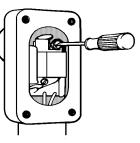


Figure 4-6 Adjusting the Motion Switch

- 1. Remove the cover of the sensing head.
- Temporarily apply power (see nameplate) to the black and white leads of the motion switch. Energize the airlock and allow it to reach normal operating speed with no load. The LED should show green.
- 3. Turn the adjusting screw clockwise until the relay de-energizes (the LED goes out.)
- 4. Turn the adjusting screw counter-clockwise 1/4 turn. The relay will energize and the LED will show green. This will normally provide appropriate sensitivity to momentary slowdown of the airlock. Sensitivity can be further reduced by turning the screw further counter-clockwise, or increased by turning it clockwise.

5. Replace the cover.

6. Permanently wire the motion switch as described below



Care must be taken when interlocking any type of motion or position sensing device to the control circuits for the airlock or other components of the material processing system. Failure to fully understand and account for the requirements of the entire system can create hazardous conditions resulting in personal injury and/or property damage.

To wire the motion switch:

- 1. Refer to the nameplate on the switch for power requirements.
- Connect the wires between the motion switch and control circuits according to the following table:

Wire Color Code				
Color Connected to				
Black Hot				
White	Neutral			
Yellow	Common Contact			
Red	Normally Open Contact			
Blue	Normally Closed Contact			

Air Purge Kit

The optional air purge kit is used where the airlock discharges into a pneumatic conveying line; it prevents material from migrating into the airlock bearings and seals. The kit can be used to pressurize the shaft seal area of the airlock or can pressurize the cavity area between the rotor endplate and airlock housing on airlocks with closed end rotors. Although MAC Equipment, Inc. does not recommend it, some customers choose to purge both endplate cavity and seal area. The kit includes fittings for all options.

A solenoid valve is used to control operation and conserve compressed air when air purge is not required. The solenoid conforms to NEMA ratings 3, 3S, 4, 4X, 6, 6P, 7 and 9 combination explosion proof and watertight.

The kit includes a filter/regulator, on/off solenoid, 0-30 PSI pressure gauge, tubing, and a variety of fittings. (Your particular application may not utilize all of the fittings provided.) The table below lists the components in the kit.

	QUANTITY			
DESCR	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM		Endplate Purge Only	Seal & Endplate Purges
1	3/8" Filter/Regulator	1	1	1
2	3/8" On-Off Solenoid	1	1	1
3	3/8" O.D. Poly-Flo Tubing	8 ft.	8 ft.	8 ft.
4	3/8" Poly-Flo - 1/4" MNPT Connector	2		2
5	3/8" Poly-Flo - 3/8" MNPT Connector	2	4	4
6	3/8" Poly-Flo Union Tee			2
7	1/2" x 3/8" Galvanized Reducer	1	1	1
8	Filter/Regulator Mount Bracket	1	1	1
9	3/8" x 2" Lg. Galvanized Nipple	3	3	3
10	3/8" NPT Galvanized Tee	1	1	1
11	Pressure Gauge, 0-30 PSI	1	1	1

MODEL	REGULATOR SETTING ABOVE PNEUMATIC CONVEYING LINE PRESSURE		
	Class 1 Rotor Clearance		
MD20, MD40	2 PSIG (10 SCFM)	2 PSIG (10 SCFM)	
MD75, MD139	2 PSIG (10 SCFM)	6 PSIG (16 SCFM)	
MD260, MD400 4 PSIG (14 SCFM)		10 PSIG (21 SCFM)	



Airlocks contain moving parts that <u>will</u> catch objects and shear them off. Contact with moving rotor blades <u>will</u> cause serious personal injury and/or property damage!

Safety Guard

The safety guard is used to block access to an exposed inlet or outlet throat.

Refer to Figure 4-8. A similar guard is available to protect an exposed inlet throat.

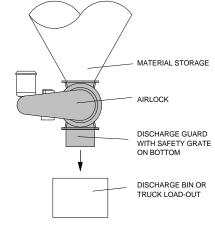


Figure 4-8 Typical Discharge Guard.

1. Bolt the discharge guard onto the outlet throat of the airlock as shown.

Blow-thru adapter and surge hopper

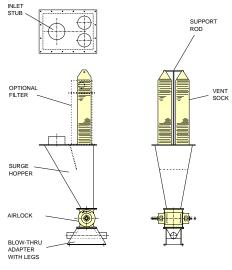
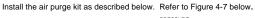
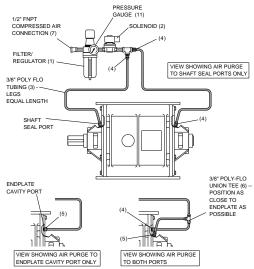


Figure 4-9 Blow-thru Adapter and Surge Hopper

Items 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 are pre-assembled.







- 1. Mount the filter/regulator within 2 feet of the airlock and connect to compressed air supply.
- 2. Wire the solenoid to a controlled power source (see nameplate); the solenoid is normally closed, and must be energized to open and supply purge air whenever the pneumatic conveying line is pressurized or the airlock is running. If your system uses an air diverter valve to isolate the conveying air supply line, the solenoid must be energized whenever the diverter valve closes and air is supplied to the conveying line.
- Connect 3/8" Poly-Flo tubing to the two shaft seal ports, one at each end of the airlock shaft. The legs to the two ports must be of equal length. Connect to the ports with the adapter fittings supplied.

The air purge system may also be connected in alternative configurations, as shown in Figure 4-7.

Pressure setting:

When the air purge system is operating, the filter/regulator pressure should be set at slightly above the pneumatic conveying line system pressure, according the chart below. The settings apply to both pressure and vacuum systems

Blow Thru Adapter

The blow-thru adapter provides a transition between a pneumatic conveying line and the outlet throat of the airlock. It allows the airlock to discharge into the conveying line without loss of pressure.

The blow-thru adapter may be used with or without legs and surge hopper.

Support:

The blow-thru adapter with legs is normally capable of supporting the weight of the airlock, surge hopper, and typical accessories. If the airlock is properly supported by the feed device or other means, the blow-thru adapter may be supported by the airlock.

Surge Hopper

The surge hopper is used in applications where it is necessary to even-out the flow of product into the airlock. Such applications are: under screeners, sifters, screw conveyors, or tanks. Vent socks are mounted on the top of the surge hopper to control dusting from infeed of material. Vent socks also control blow-by air from a pneumatic conveying line. A filter may be used in lieu of the vent socks.

Support:

The surge hopper is installed on top of the inlet throat of the airlock and **may** be supported by the airlock.

To install the blow-thru adapter and surge hopper refer to Figure 4-9 and Figure 4-10.

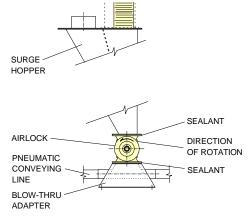


Figure 4-10 Installation of the Blow-thru Adapter and Surge Hopper

- 1. Mount the blow-thru adapter to the floor (or other structural support capable of carrying the weight of the adapter, airlock, and all accessories to be used.)
- 2. Connect the adapter to other elements of the pneumatic conveying line.
- Apply silicone sealant to the upper flange of the blow-thru adapter. Orient the airlock as shown, with the shaft perpendicular to the pneumatic conveying line. Bolt the outlet flange to the blow-thru adapter.
- Apply silicone sealant to the inlet flange of the airlock. Orient the surge hopper with the inlet stub on the same side as the rotation of the airlock, as shown in Figure 4-10 and 4-11. Bolt the inlet flange of the airlock to the outlet flange of the surge hopper.
- 5. Connect the inlet stub of the surge hopper to the outlet of the screw feeder or other feed device. If the feed device is of a vibrating type, a flexible transition must be used. Do not support the weight of the feed device on the surge hopper; separate structural supports are required for the feed device and any related ductwork.
- 6. Install vent socks or optional filter on the top of the surge hopper. Fold the snap band on the vent sock to insert the sock into the hole on the surge hopper top. Fit the groove of the snap band to the edge of the hole and allow the band to snap in place. Repeat for each vent sock. Support the vent socks from the support rod.

INITIAL START-UP PROCEDURE



Before inspecting or servicing this equipment perform an approved lockout-tagout procedure on the electrical service, the compressed air (or other gas) supply, or any other energy source.

Pre-start checklist

- 1. Remove the drive guard. Make sure that the drive chain (or belt) is properly tensioned, (see "Checking and Adjusting Drive Chain").
- 2. Make sure the chain is properly lubricated
- 3. Check the oil level in the drive gearbox and top off if necessary. Refer to the manufacturer's instructions included with this manual.
- 4. Check that all pneumatic conveying line connections (if any) are tight. Check that all components of the conveying line are firmly anchored and properly supported.
- 5. Make sure that the airlock, feed device, and conveying line are free of foreign material.
- 6. Verify that all electrical connections have been properly made.
- 7. Replace all guards and covers.

Start-up

- 1. Energize the electrical service (and compressed air service if applicable.)
- Jog the airlock quickly on and off. Verify that rotation occurs and that the direction of rotation is correct. Listen for sounds of unwanted mechanical contact. Investigate and correct if necessary.
- Start the airlock and operate it for 15 minutes with no load. Check for excessive noise or other indications of improper operation. Investigate and correct if necessary.
- 4. Fill the feed hopper (or start other feed device). As material flows into the airlock, listen for excessive noise or other indications of improper operation. Investigate and correct if necessary. Observe the airlock carefully for the first hour of operation.
- Verify that the current draw of the motor does not exceed its full load amp rating. (Refer to the nameplate on the motor for the rating.)
- 6. While the system is in operation, investigate for any apparent air leaks. Investigate and correct if necessary.

Normal Operation

Normal Operating Check List

Do not operate the airlock unless the following items have been checked and found to be satisfactory.

- 1. Airlock, feed devices, discharge devices, and all accessories are properly supported and securely fastened in place.
- 2. Connections to feed and discharge devices are secure and airtight.
- 3. The gearbox lubricant is in good condition and full.
- 4. The drive chain is properly lubricated.
- 5. All electrical devices and compressed air are properly connected and are undamaged.
- 6. All guards are properly in place and secure.

Normal Operating Parameters

Use the form on the back page to record system information and operating conditions once startup has been completed and the system is operating normally. Record changes in this information as they occur. This information will be useful to you and service personnel when troubleshooting the system or monitoring its performance.

MAINTENANCE AND ADJUSTMENT

A regular program of maintenance and adjustment is essential to the proper operation and long life of your airlock.



Before inspecting or servicing this equipment perform an approved lockout-tagout procedure on the electrical service, the compressed air (or other gas) supply, or any other energy source.

Inspect the airlock regularly, or if excessive noise, binding, or other operating problems occur. Items which require inspection, maintenance, and adjustment include:

- Rotors and rotor tips.
- Seals and bearings.
- Drive motor, drive gearbox, and drive chain.

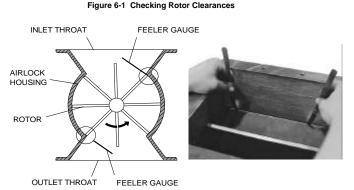
Checking Rotor Clearances

Rotor clearances should be checked as part of a regular maintenance program. Rotor clearances must be within the allowable range as determined by "manufacturing class." Each airlock is built to a specific manufacturing class depending upon its size and operating conditions. Refer to the original Order Acknowledgment for the class of your airlock.

The table below shows the allowable clearances for each class.

Manufacturing Class	Clearance Range	Notes
Class 1 0.004" - 0.007"		Standard Class for MD Airlocks
Class 2 0.008" - 0.011"		Standard Class for High Temperature Applications.
Class 3	0.012" - 0.018"	
Class 4	0.019" - 0.024"	

Check rotor clearance as follows. Refer to Figure 6-1



Disconnect the airlock from the feed and discharge devices to expose the inlet throat. It may be necessary to provide temporary support for the airlock or move it to a work area.

Remove the drive guard and disconnect the drive chain.

Mark each rotor blade with a number. Typically there are eight blades.

Insert a feeler gauge between the rotor tip and the airlock housing as shown in Figure 6-1. Check the clearance at each end of the blade and in the center. Check clearances at both the inlet and outlet throats of the airlock.

When all blades have been checked, reconnect the drive chain, replace the drive guard, and reinstall the airlock.

Adjusting Rotor Clearance

Some airlocks are furnished with rotor tips which can be adjusted, as follows. Refer to Figure 6-2 below.

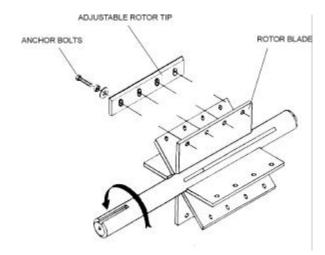


Figure 6-2 Adjustable Rotor Tips.

- 1. Open the airlock, remove the drive guard and drive chain, and mark the rotor blades as described above under "Checking Rotor Clearance."
- 2. Loosen but do not remove the anchor bolts holding the rotor tip to the blade.
- 3. Using two feeler gauges, insert one at each end of the blade between the rotor tip and the airlock housing on the inlet side.
- 4. Push rotor tip tight against the feeler gauges and tighten the anchor bolts.
- Rotate the airlock so that the same blade appears on the outlet side. Check clearances at this location and adjust if necessary as described above in steps 3 and 4. One side or the other may be "tighter" than the other.
- Adjust each of the remaining blades. Adjustment should be made at whichever side of the airlock is "tighter."
- Make a final check of clearances by rotating the rotor and checking each blade at each end and in the center. Check clearance at **both sides** of the housing.
- When all blades have been checked, reconnect the drive chain, replace the drive guard, and reinstall the airlock.

Removing the Rotor

The rotor must be removed and replaced if it is damaged or if clearances are out of specifications on airlocks with fixed tips.

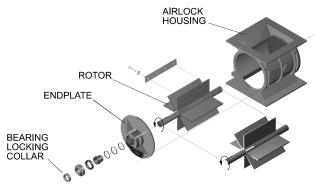


Figure 6-3 Removing the Rotor

- 1. Determine which side of the airlock the rotor will be removed from. Normally this will be the drive side, but the procedure is similar for both sides.
- Disconnect the airlock from the feed hopper or other feed device to expose the inlet throat. It may be necessary to disconnect discharge devices also and provide temporary support for the airlock.
- 3. Remove the drive guard and disconnect the drive chain. Remove the drive sprocket.
- If the airlock has a motion switch on the tailshaft, remove it. Remove air purge piping from the drive end (if so equipped.)
- 5. Loosen and remove the bearing lock collar on the tailshaft. Remove the allen set screw from the collar. Loosen the collar by rotating in the direction opposite to shaft rotation. Use a drift pin in the plain hole (not the threaded set screw hole) and tap with a hammer to rotate the collar. Slide the bearing collar off the shaft. If the collar has made a groove on the shaft use emery cloth to remove it.
- Loosen the shaft seal collar on the tailshaft. It is accessible through the opening in the endplate.
- 7. Remove the bolts holding the drive side endplate.

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- 8. Thread two bolts into the extra holes on the drive side endplate. The endplate bolts can be used, but longer hardened bolts are recommended
- Tighten the bolts slowly and evenly in an alternating pattern until the rotor is pulled from 9. the bearing and seal on the tailshaft.
- Carefully remove the rotor from the housing to avoid damage to rotor or housing. 10.

NOTE: If the rotor is to be removed from the tail end, the same procedure will apply except that the drive sprocket will need to be removed also.

Replacing the Rotor

Refer to Figure 6-3.

- Inspect the blade tips, shrouds, housing bore, endplate faces, rotor shaft, and keyway for 1. burrs. If any burrs are found, file them smooth using a fine file and polish with an emery cloth
- 2. Blow rotor, housing bore, and endplate faces clean of any foreign material
- 3 Gently slide the rotor into the housing bore. Normally the rotor will not slide all of the way in freely. When the shaft is properly aligned pound on the end with a large rubber mallet drive the rotor inwards just far enough to start the drive side endplate bolts. Once the bolts are started, tighten them evenly (in an alternating pattern) to pull the rotor and the endplate the rest of the way in.
- Check the rotor to see if it is centered side to side in the housing. If it is not, tap the shaft 4. to center the rotor. It may be necessary to loosen and reposition the bearing lock collars; re-tighten the collars.
- 5. Reposition and tighten the shaft seal collar. Tighten the allen screw first and then the two set screws. (For units with high temperature seals, refer to Figure 6-4.)
- Turn the rotor by hand and make sure it rotates freely. Check the rotor clearances as 6. described earlier in this section, and adjust if necessary.
- 7 Reconnect the drive chain, replace the drive guard, and reinstall the airlock. Reinstall air purge piping and motion switch (if so equipped.)

Replacing Bearings and Seals

The MD Airlock uses sealed permanently lubricated bearings which must be replaced when they become worn. The airlock is also equipped with TS-4 seals, consisting of three quad rings, Teflon sleeve, and shaft seal collar. (High temperature models use a stainless steel sleeve without a separate collar.) Seals must be replaced when worn.

Always replace seals and bearings at the same time. Seals should be replaced whenever the bearings are replaced, and vice versa.

Refer to Figure 6-4.

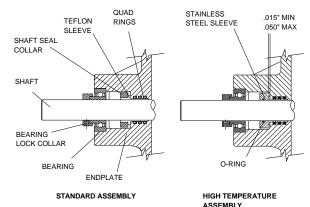


Figure 6-4 Replacing Bearings and Seals

- Disconnect the airlock from the feed hopper or other feed device to expose the inlet throat. 1. It may be necessary to disconnect discharge devices also and provide temporary support for the airlock.
- Remove the drive guard and disconnect the drive chain. Remove motion switch and air 2. purge piping (if so equipped.)
- 3 Remove the drive sprocket. Loosen bolts holding the back plate of the drive guard, slip it off the shaft, and swing it out of the way
- 4 Loosen and remove the bearing lock collar on whichever end requires service. Remove the allen set screw from the collar. Loosen the collar by rotating in the direction opposite to shaft rotation. Use a drift pin in the plain hole (not the treaded set screw hole) and tap with a hammer to rotate the collar. Slide the bearing collar off the shaft. If the collar has made a groove on the shaft use emery cloth to remove it.
- 5. Loosen the shaft seal collar. It is accessible through the opening in the endplate.
- 6. Remove the bolts holding the endplate. Slide the endplate off the rotor shaft, using a puller if necessary. The bearing, shaft seal collar, Teflon sleeve, and quad ring seals will come out with the endplate.

- Press the bearing out of the endplate; tap out the shaft seal collar and Teflon sleeve. 7.
- 8. Remove the three quad ring seals.
- 9. Install new guad seals in the endplate. Install new Teflon seal and shaft seal collar by gently tapping them into place in the endplate.
- 10. Press a new bearing into the endplate.
- 11. Slide the endplate over the shaft; replace and tighten the bolts.
- 12. Replace and tighten the bearing lock collar.
- Position the Teflon sleeve and shaft seal collar. Tighten the collar. 13.
- 14. Replace the sprocket, reconnect the drive chain, replace the drive guard, and reinstall the airlock. Reinstall air purge piping and motion switch (if so equipped.)

Note: Installation of the high temperature assembly is similar to the above, except that a machined stainless steel sleeve replaces the shaft seal collar and Teflon sleeve

Checking and Adjusting Drive Chain

Check tension in the roller drive chain after every 200 hours of use. New chains will loosen as joints seat themselves, causing an initial elongation. Tension in all chains may change due to normal wear.

Refer to Figure 6-5 below.

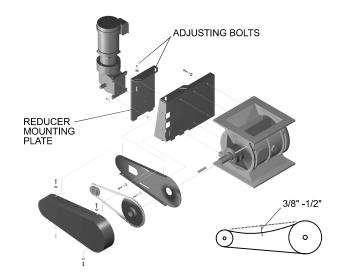


Figure 6-5 Adjusting the Drive Chain

- Remove the drive guard. 1.
- 2. Check tension in chain. It should be installed fairly tight, with a slight amount of slack.
- 3. To adjust tension loosen the adjusting bolts and rotate the reducer mount. Adjust tension so that there is 3/8" to 1/2" deflection in the top of the chain when the bottom is tight. Tighten the adjusting bolts.
- Check alignment of sprockets. Place a straightedge along their finished sides. If they are 4. not aligned, loosen the set screw on either sprocket and slide forwards or backwards on its shaft until alignment is correct.
- Replace the drive guard. 5.

Drive Motor and Gearbox

Inspect, lubricate, and service the drive motor and gearbox in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions included with this manual.



The gearbox is normally shipped dry and must be filled prior to operation of the airlock.

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TF	ROUBLE	SHOOTING		b)	Faulty motor	•	Check motor starter operation.
Requesting Service Help				D)	Faulty motor		Charly mater for onen windings, sould as if
	problem arises e that follows.	it is recommended that the customer first troubleshoot the system using the				•	Check motor for open windings; replace if necessary.
		stances, service assistance may be required. If it becomes necessary to p call the MAC Equipment Service Manager at 1-888-821-2476.		c)	Chain not connected	•	Check chain for broken link; repair link or replace chain and reconnect.
Whe	n calling to rec	uest service help, please have the following information ready:		d)	Foreign object caught in inlet	•	Inspect and remove.
Esse	ential Informa	tion:			throat		
1.	Mac Equipm	ent job number (located on the Order Acknowledgment)		e)	Faulty or damaged	•	Check to see if motor is turning, but gearbox is not If so, replace gearbox.
2.	Equipment r	nodel number(s)			gearbox	•	Call for service assistance.
3.	Equipment s	erial number(s)		f)	None of the above		
4.	Operating te	mperature					
5.	Type of mat	erial being conveyed	3.	Motorial wi	ll not flow through		
6.	Airlock RPM		э.	the airlock			
7.	Method of fe	eding the valve		a)	Supply source or	•	Check supply source.
8. Drive motor amperage reading					feed device plugged, empty,		
Othe	er Pertinent In	formation:			or not operating		
9.	Blower spee	d		b)	Airlock turning too fast	•	Replace sprockets to achieve proper RPM.
10.	Blower pres	sure switch setting					
11.	Blower moto	r amperage reading		c)	Airlock not rotating	•	See item 2 above.
12.	Vacuum or p	pressure gauge reading	d	d)) Excessive moisture in Product	•	Check flange connections for proper seal.
13.	Conveying l	ne run length					
	a.	Horizontal Run					Check process for proper product condition.
	b.	Vertical Run				•	
	с.	Number of elbows.		e)	Excessive blow- by air	•	Check and adjust rotor clearances.
		vice trip may be necessary. There will be a charge for such a trip unless it is a ered by a pre-paid start-up agreement. The service department can provide				•	Install vented shear protector.
information on service trip rates and billing procedures.			f)	None of the above	•	Call for service assistance.	
Tro	ubleshoot	ing Guide					
		Before inspecting or servicing this equipment perform an	4.	Short seal I	ife		
	A	approved lockout-tagout procedure on both the electrical service and the compressed air (or other gas) supply.		a).	Airlock is not oriented correctly to conveying line	•	Reinstall airlock with correct orientation, as described in section "Installation of Blow Thru Adapter".
	WARNING			b).	Incorrect air purge pressure	•	Adjust air purge pressure as described in section "Air Purge Kit".

SOLUTION	c).	Seal out of position
Check decals on airlock housing and/or drive guard for correct direction. Rewire motor if necessary to correct.	d).	None of the above

Check clearance and adjust as necessary as described in section "Checking Rotor Clearances".

Adjust guard and/or sprocket position.

Remove and inspect bearings. Replace if

necessary as described in section "Replacing Bearings and Seals".

Inspect and adjust rotor position as described in section "Checking Rotor Clearance". If rotor

position is changed, sprockets must be realigned.

Adjust guard position.

Call for service assistance.

Check motor heater settings.

Check fuses.

"Air Purge Kit". Inspect and reposition seal.

Call for service assistance.

POSSIBLE CAUSE

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

a)

Squealing during operation

Incorrect direction

Insufficient rotor

rubbing on guard

rubbing on guard

Bearing failure

Rotor incorrectly

positioned axially

in housing None of the

No power to

airlock

above

Airlock does not rotate

of rotation

clearance Drive chain

Drive shaft

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ORDERING SPARE PARTS

To order by Phone, dial **1-888-821-2476**. When placing an order for spare parts always give the following:

	Mar dat	A Long has a		
1.	Model	Number		
2	Serial I	Number		
3	Part De	escription		
4	Part Nu	umber		
5	Quanti	Quantity Required		
6	MAC J	MAC Job Number (or Sales Order Number)		
	_	P.O. Box 205, Sobetha, Kanses 66534 Serial Number Model Number		
	_	Customer P.O. Number		

Order Acknowledgement

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JOB INFORMATION

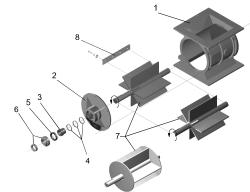
MAC Equipment Job No	
Customer Purchase Order No.:	
Purchased Date:	
Customer Drawing No.:	(If Supplied)

AIRLOCK INFORMATION

Airlock Model No: Airlock Rotor Style:		
Airlock Drive Supplied by MAC Equipm		
Airlock Drive H.P.	Airlock Drive RPM:	
Airlock Air Purge:		Seal Only
Cavity Only Seal and Cavity Purge	e PSIG:	
Airlock Serial No(s).:		
Airlock Tag No(s).:		
CONVEYING LINE INFORMATION		

Material Conveyed:
Conveying Line Size:
Line Pressure (PSIG) or Vacuum ("HG):
MODIFICATIONS & NOTES

Airlock



Item	Description	Part Number
1	Airlock Housing	
2	End Plate	
	TS-4 Seal Assembly (items 3 through 5)	
3	Sleeve	
4	Quad Rings	
5	Shaft Seal Collar	
6	Bearing with Lock Collar	
7	Rotor - standard	
	adjustable tip	
	closed end	
8	Adjustable Rotor Tips	