# Lafferty Equipment Manufacturing, LLC Installation & Operation Instructions

## Model # 989316 · Gemini Level Master™ (No Tank)

### REQUIREMENTS

#### **Chemical Concentrate**

Water	
Temperature	up to 160°F
Pressure	25 to 80 PSI
Flow	2 GPM @ 40 PSI
Supply Line	1/2"

# **OPTIONS**

(EPDM)         Level Master Tank Sizes (Specify When Ordering)         7 Gallon         4         16 Gallon				
7 Gallon # 16 Gallon #	# 491401			
16 Gallon #	Level Master Tank Sizes (Specify When Ordering)			
	# 709170			
20 Gallon #	# 709171			
	# 709172			





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WARNING! READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING EQUIPMENT!

## **OVERVIEW**

The Gemini Level Master<sup>™</sup> is a water driven chemical proportioner that blends 2 chemicals and automatically maintains a constant supply of ready-to-use solution in a paired tank (sold separately). The unique Gemini<sup>™</sup> "double venturi / double float" injection system combines two completely separated venturis in one injector body and uses city water pressure (35 - 100 PSI) to draw and blend two chemical concentrates into the water stream independently so that the chemicals never mix until they are diluted. The system activates when the solution in the tank drops below a pre-set level, replenishes at 2 GPM @ 40 PSI, and cycles continuously. A secondary fail-safe float prevents overfilling.

# **SAFETY & OPERATIONAL PRECAUTIONS**

- When connecting to a potable water supply follow all local codes for backflow prevention.
- For proper performance do NOT modify, substitute nozzle, hose diameter or length.
- Manufacturer assumes no liability for the use or misuse of this unit.
- Wear protective clothing, gloves and eye wear when working with chemicals.
- Always direct the discharge away from people and electrical devices.
- Follow the chemical manufacturer's safe handling instructions.
- NEVER mix chemicals without first consulting chemical manufacturer.

# TO INSTALL (REFER TO DIAGRAM ON NEXT PAGE)

Backflow prevention: Follow all local codes for preventing backflow into the water supply before installing / operating equipment.

- 1. Position Level Master Tank on a level surface.
- Carefully unpack the lid / float assembly and thread on to tank opening. Ensure that the float(s) are hanging freely.
- 3. Connect the water supply. DO NOT TURN ON.

# Set the chemical dilution ratios by threading one of the color-coded metering tips into <u>both</u> chemical check valves. See chemical labels for dilution ratio recommendation or consult your chemical supplier.

- For the strongest dilution ratio do NOT install a colored metering tip in one or both check valves.
- The dilution ratios in the metering tip chart are based on water thin chemicals with a viscosity of 1CPS.
- Thicker chemicals will require a larger tip than the ratios shown in the chart.
- Application results will ultimately determine final tip color.
- Select the tip color that is closest to your desired chemical strength and thread it into each check valve. DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN.
- Push the chemical tubes over the check valve barbs and place the strainers in each chemical concentrate.
- BOTH chemical suction tubes must be placed in chemical. If one suction tube will not be used, plug the unused tube to prevent it from drawing in air.
- If necessary, cut suction tube(s) to length before attaching suction strainer.

### **TO OPERATE**

- 1. With the Level Master assembly securely attached to an empty tank, push down on the secondary safety float valve wire hanger (see diagram) to so that it sticks in the "down" position. Gravity will cause the primary float valve to automatically sit in the "down" position. Both float valves are now open.
- 2. Completely open the water inlet ball valve to begin filling the tank with diluted solution.
- 3. When the solution in the tank reaches the fill level, the primary float will rise and shut off the water flow.

NOTE: The fill level and fail-safe shutoff level are pre-determined by the length of the "push rods" attached to the floats, which are intended to be used as provided. If necessary, floats can be lowered 1/2" by partially unscrewing them from the push rods.

- 4. Unit is now ready for use and will maintain the solution level until the inlet ball valve is manually closed.
- 5. Make final metering tip adjustments based on application results.

#### Secondary Fail-Safe Valve Reset Procedure

- If the solution level in the tank rises above the normal fill level the secondary fail-safe float will rise and cause the secondary fail-safe float valve to close.
- This will shut-off the water supply to the unit to prevent overflow.
- The unit will not operate until the secondary float valve is manually reset by pushing down on the float valve wire hanger (per operating instructions step 1, above).
- If the secondary fail-safe valve is triggered, refer to the Troubleshooting Guide to determine the cause before continuing operation.

METERING TIP SELECTION			
METERING TIP COLOR	OZ/MIN	DILUTION RATIO @ 40 PSI	
Brown	0.56	457:1	
Clear	0.88	291:1	
Bright Purple	1.38	186:1	
White	2.15	119:1	
Pink	2.93	87:1	
Corn Yellow	3.84	67:1	
Dark Green	4.88	52:1	
Orange	5.77	44:1	
Gray	6.01	43:1	
Light Green	7.01	37:1	
Med. Green	8.06	32:1	
Clear Pink	9.43	27:1	
Yellow Green	11.50	22:1	
Burgundy	11.93	21:1	
Pale Pink	13.87	18:1	
Light Blue	15.14	17:1	
Dark Purple	17.88	14:1	
Navy Blue	25.36	10:1	
Clear Aqua	28.60	9:1	

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The dilution ratios above are approximate values. Due to chemical viscosity, actual dilution ratios may vary.

FORMULA

GPM × 128 ÷ Desired Dilution Ratio = oz/min

 Match calculated ounces per minute (oz/min) to nearest oz/min in Metering Tip Selection chart.

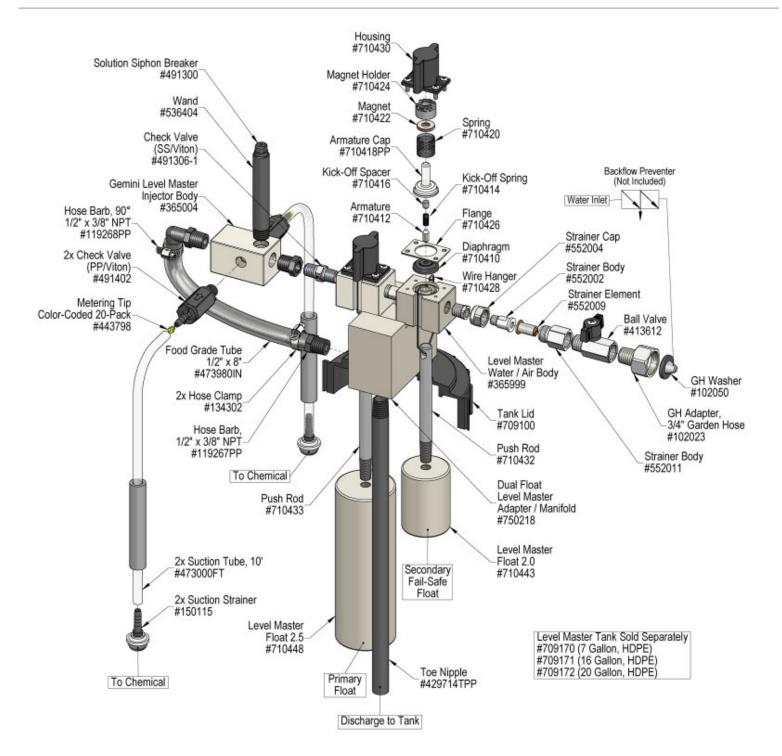
See Unit Flow Rates chart for GPM
Use 20 for 20:1 dilution ratio, 30 for 30:1, etc.

6:1

Black

No Tip Ratio Up To:

UNIT FLOW RATES		
PSI	GPM	
25	1.58	
30	1.73	
40	2.00	
50	2.24	
60	2.45	
70	2.65	
80	2.83	



# **Troubleshooting Guide**

Problem	Possible Cause / Solution	
Problem	Startup	Maintenance
A) Unit will not draw chemical.	1, 4, 5	9, 10, 11, 12, 16
B) Dilution too strong.	2	
C) Dilution too weak.	3, 4, 5	9, 10, 11, 12, 16
D) Primary float will not activate (does not fill)	7, 9	13, 14, 15, 17
E) Primary float valve will not turn off (overfills or triggers secondary fail-safe float valve on double-float models)	6, 7, 8	13, 14, 15, 17

Possible Cause / Solution		
Startup	Maintenance	
<ol> <li>Water ball valve not completely open         <ul> <li>Completely open water ball valve.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ul> <li>9. Chemical strainer or metering tip blocked</li> <li> <ul> <li>Clean or replace chemical strainer and/or metering tip.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>2. Metering tip too large or no tip installed</li> <li>• Install smaller metering tip.</li> </ul>	10. Chemical tube stretched where tube slides over metering tip holder or pin hole/cut in tube (sucking air)	
<ul> <li>3. Not enough chemical</li> <li> <ul> <li>Install a larger metering tip.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cut off end of tube or replace tube.</li> <li>11. Vacuum leak in chemical pick-up connections</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Chemical tube not immersed in chemical or chemical depleted.</li> <li>Immerse tube or replenish.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tighten the connection.</li> <li><b>12. Water strainer screen clogged</b> <ul> <li>Clean the water strainer screen.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>5. Water pressure too low or water temperature too high <ul> <li>Requires 25 PSI water pressure, see requirements.</li> </ul> </li> <li>6. Water pressure too high <ul> <li>Install a water pressure regulator if pressure exceeds</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>13. Physical blockage or interference is preventing the float from rising or falling         <ul> <li>Ensure that the tank is on a level surface.</li> <li>Ensure that the float, push rods, and metal clips are hanging freely without any interference.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>100 PSI.</li> <li>7. Level Master body is not level <ul> <li>Install the Level Master on an even surface where the body (injector) is level to the horizon. Ensure that the Level Master will not become unbalanced as it fills.</li> <li>If the body is not level, the float assembly may snag and prevent proper activation and/or deactivation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>14. Float valve parts are dirty or defective <ul> <li>Clean or replace the affected parts (may require careful disassembly, refer to parts diagram).</li> <li>Ensure that all parts are free of rust, grease, and loose metal chips.</li> <li>Depending on the type of chemical used and other operational variables, regular cleaning and/or</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>8. Secondary fail-safe float has been triggered (double float models only) <ul> <li>Manually reset the secondary fail-safe float valve (refer to operation instructions)</li> <li>Inspect the primary float assembly before resetting the secondary float valve. If necessary, troubleshoot the primary float assembly.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>replacement may be required.</li> <li>15. Float valve diaphragm stretched out or damaged         <ul> <li>Replace the float valve diaphragm.</li> </ul> </li> <li>16. Chemical build-up or scale may have formed in the injector body causing poor or no chemical pick-up         <ul> <li>Follow Preventive Maintenance instructions below, using hot water and/or descaling acid. When there is no draw at all, carefully remove fittings and soak entire</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>body in descaling acid.</li> <li>17. Upward force has unclipped hanger from magnet holder <ul> <li><i>Carefully</i> remove float housing and align wire hanger to grooves in magnet holder.</li> <li>Pull down on wire hanger until you hear a sharp 'click' after the normal activation sound.</li> <li>Wire hanger must be <i>fully</i> seated in magnet holder grooves, as shown on LEFT.</li> </ul></li></ul>	

PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE: When the unit will be out of service for extended periods, place chemical tube(s) in water and flush the chemical out of the unit to help prevent chemical from drying out and causing build-up. Periodically check and clean chemical strainer and replace if missing.

