# Lafferty Equipment Manufacturing, LLC Installation & Operation Instructions

# Model # 972306-LV · 1-Way Acid LV Foamer

REQUIREMENTS		
Chemical Concentrate		
Water		
Temperature	up to 160°F	
Pressure	40 to 125 PSI	
Flow	0.65 GPM @ 40 PSI	
Supply Line	1/2"	
Compressed Air	up to 1.25 CFM	
Hose	3/4" ID x 40'	
Nozzle	40150	

OPTIONS	
Stainless Steel Hose Racks	
Large Stainless Steel Hose Rack	# 224150
Stainless Steel Jug Racks	
2 ½ Gal. (8 ½" x 10 ½")	# 224210
5 Gallon (12" x 12") Round/Square	# 224215
Safe Flow Lid™ for 1 Gallon Jugs	
Lid, Suction Tube, and Strainer	# 709101







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WARNING! READ ALL
INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE
USING EQUIPMENT!

# **OVERVIEW**

The 1-Way Acid LV Foamer is a low volume foam applicator for applying highly corrosive chemicals such as those used to remove concrete and for aluminum brightening. This acid-resistant venturi injection system uses standard city water pressure (40 - 125 PSI) to draw and blend concentrated acid into the water stream to create a highly concentrated and accurately diluted solution. A low volume of rich, clinging foam is created by injecting compressed air into the solution to greatly increase volume and coverage ability. The foam is then projected through the discharge hose, extended wand and fan nozzle at distances up to 9 feet.

### **SAFETY & OPERATIONAL PRECAUTIONS**

- When connecting to a potable water supply follow all local codes for backflow prevention.
- WARNING: Severe damage to your facility, or contamination of your potable water supply, can occur
  without proper 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 safety goggles when working with chemicals.
- Always direct the discharge away from people and electrical devices.
- For pressures over 100 PSI, remove the discharge valve or lower pressure.
- Never leave inlet ball valves on when unit is not in use.
- Follow the chemical manufacturer's safe handling instructions.
- NEVER mix chemicals without first consulting chemical manufacturer.

## TO INSTALL (REFER TO DIAGRAM ON NEXT PAGE)

- 1. Mount the unit to a suitable surface above the chemical supply to prevent siphoning.
- 2. Connect the discharge hose.
- 3. When connecting to a potable water supply follow all local codes for backflow prevention.
- Connect water supply. To prevent blocking the small water jets in the foamer body, flush any new plumbing of debris before connecting. If water piping is older and has known contaminants, install a filter.
- 5. Connect air supply. If air line is older and has known contaminants install a filter.

Set the chemical dilution ratio by threading one of the color coded metering tips into each chemical check valve. See chemical labels for dilution ratio recommendation or consult your chemical supplier.

- For the strongest dilution ratio do NOT install a colored metering tip.
- 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 the tip holder. DO NOT OVER-TIGHTEN.
- Push the chemical tube over the check valve barb and place the suction tube in the chemical concentrate.
- If necessary, cut suction tube(s) to length before attaching suction strainer.

#### **TO OPERATE**

<u>Always</u> make sure the discharge is closed or pointed in a safe direction before turning water on. Discharge can be shut off at any time during operation but <u>should not be left unattended for long periods of time. Expect a strong blast when re-opening the discharge ball valve or trigger gun.</u>

- 1. Make final metering tip adjustments based on application results.
- For the strongest chemical concentration do NOT install a metering tip and keep the air pressure as low as possible!
- 3. With wand in hand open the water and air ball valve, (and one chemical ball valve, 2 & 3 Way)
- 4. Open the discharge ball valve.
  - $\circ$  Wait a few seconds and observe foam consistency.
- 5. The air regulator has been factory set and is <u>underneath the cover to prevent unauthorized adjustments</u>. To access the regulator remove the screws in the cover and pry off the ball valve handle.
  - Use the least amount of air needed to achieve good foam quality to prevent water pressure fluctuations from affecting performance. Air pressure must be kept lower than water pressure.
  - To adjust the foam consistency pull out on the air regulator knob, turn slightly clockwise for dryer foam and counterclockwise for wetter foam. Wait a few seconds to see each adjustment.
  - Medium wet foam will give the best cleaning results and yield the strongest chemical concentration! Dry foam will NOT clean as well!
  - You may also have to try different sized metering tips and air settings until foam consistency and cleaning results are acceptable. Once this is set and desired foam consistency is achieved push lock the knob. Replace the cover and the ball valve handle you are ready to start application.
- When foaming is completed, close the discharge ball valve, return to the unit and close the water and air ball valves and chemical ball valve (2 & 3 Way). Briefly re-open the discharge ball valve to relieve pressure in the hose.
- 7. Rinse before the foam dries

METERING TIP SELECTION				
OZ/MIN	DILUTION RATIO @ 40 PSI			
0.56	149:1			
0.88	95:1			
1.38	60:1			
2.15	39:1			
2.93	28:1			
3.84	22:1			
4.88	17:1			
5.77	14:1			
6.01	14:1			
7.01	12:1			
8.06	10:1			
9.43	9:1			
11.50	7:1			
11.93	7:1			
13.87	6:1			
15.14	5:1			
17.88	5:1			
25.36	3:1			
28.60	3:1			
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No Tip Ratio Up To:				
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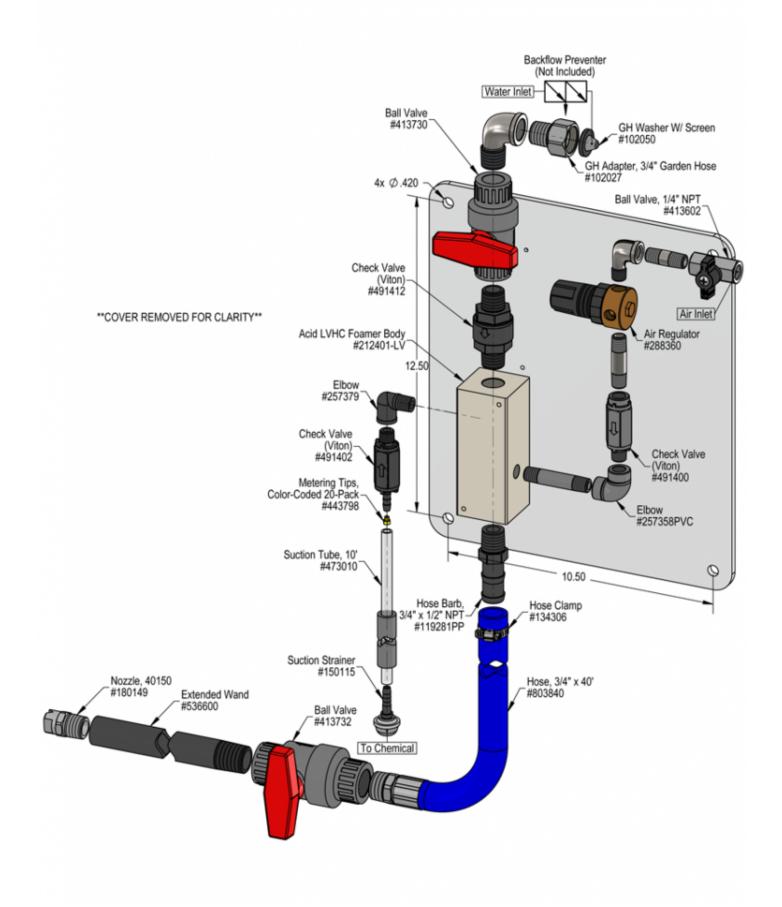
The dilution ratios above are approximate values. Due to chemical viscosity, actual dilution ratios may vary.

#### **FORMULA**

#### GPM × 128 ÷ Desired Dilution Ratio = oz/min

- See Unit Flow Rates chart for GPM
- Use 20 for 20:1 dilution ratio, 30 for 30:1, etc.
- Match calculated ounces per minute (oz/min) to nearest oz/min in Metering Tip Selection chart.

UNIT FLOW RATES			
PSI	GPM		
40	0.65		
50	0.73		
60	0.80		
70	0.86		
80	0.92		
90	0.98		
100	1.03		
110	1.08		
120	1.13		
125	1.15		



# **Troubleshooting Guide**

Problem	Possik	Possible Cause / Solution		
	Startup	Maintenance		
A) Foam surges and/or hose "bucks".	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19		
B) Foamer will not draw chemical.	1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9	12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19		
C) Foam too wet.	2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19		
D) Foam does not clean properly (too dry).	1, 4, 6, 11			
E) Using too much chemical.	5			
F) Water/chemical backing up into air line.		17		
G) Water backing up into chemical container.		18		
H) Air/chemical solution backing up into water line.		20		

All/orientical solution backing up into water line.	
Possible Cau	use / Solution
Startup	Maintenance
Air pressure too high     Adjust the air regulator slowly counterclockwise until     output stabilizes.	<ul><li>12. Foamer inlet orifice clogged</li><li>○ Check/clean inlet orifice for obstructions. DO NOT DRILL OUT. Install a water filter.</li></ul>
2. Water pressure or water volume too low/inlet piping too small causing poor chemical pick up  o Increase water pressure or water volume (SEE REQUIREMENTS).	<ul> <li>13. Chemical strainer or metering tip partially blocked         <ul> <li>Clean or replace chemical strainer and/or metering tip.</li> </ul> </li> <li>14. Chemical tube stretched out or pin hole/cut in chemical tube sucking air.</li> </ul>
3. Inlet, discharge ball valve not completely open, or chemical ball valve not open (2 & 3-Way)  • Completely open the inlet, discharge, and chemical ball valves.	Cut off end of tube or replace tube.  15. Vacuum leak in chemical pick-up connections     Tighten the connection.
<ul><li>4. Not enough chemical - metering tip too small</li><li>o Install larger metering tip.</li></ul>	16. Air regulator failed allowing too much air or not enough air ∘ Clean or replace.
5. No metering tip installed or metering tip too large  o Install smaller metering tip.	17. Air check valve failed - Discharge ball valve left closed with inlet ball valves open  ○ Clean or replace.
Improper chemical     Ensure product is recommended for foaming and the application.	18. Chemical check valve stuck or failed  ∘ Clean or replace.
<ul> <li>7. Chemical tube not immersed in chemical or depleted <ul><li>Immerse tube or replenish.</li></ul> </li> <li>8. Discharge hose too long or wrong size or kinked <ul><li>Straighten the hose or replace hose with correct size and length.</li></ul> </li> </ul>	19. Hard water scale or chemical build-up may have formed in the foamer body causing poor or no chemical pick-up  • Follow Preventive Maintenance instructions below, using hot water or descaling acid. When there is no draw at all, carefully remove fittings and soak entire body in descaling acid.
<ul> <li>If the hose must be longer than the listed Requirement, water pressure must be 65 PSI or more for up to a 75' hose.</li> </ul>	20. No backflow preventer installed and/or inlet ball valve left on when not in use  • Install appropriate backflow preventer into water line.
9. Nozzle size too small  • Replace nozzle with correct size.	indicate in the second
10. Use of an oiler in the airline will cause poor foam quality  ∘ Use only clean, dry air.	
<ul><li>Soil has hardened on surface, rinse foam before it dries</li><li>Reapplication may be necessary.</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.

