

# Lafferty Equipment Manufacturing, LLC Installation & Operation Instructions

## Model # 977034 · Timed Asphalt Release Uni-Body Foamer

### REQUIREMENTS

#### Water

Temperature	up to 160°F
Pressure	35-125 PSI
Flow	up to 2 GPM
Supply Line	1/2" Min

**Compressed Air** up to 4 CFM

**Hose/Pipe** 3/4" ID, up to 40'

**Nozzle** 50250

**Electric** 120V

### OPTIONS

#### Stainless Steel Hose Racks

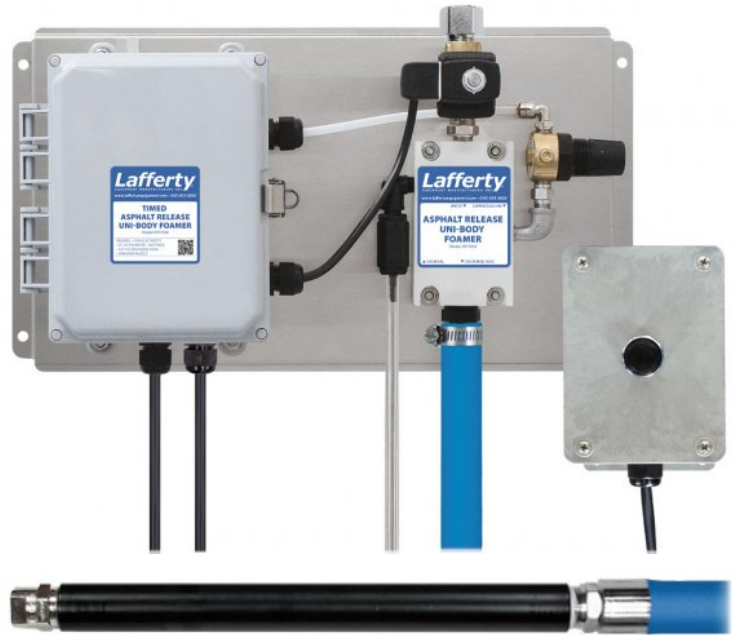
Small Stainless Steel Hose Rack # 224145

#### Drum & Tote Stick Lengths & Seal Materials

Drum Stick, 33" (Viton or EPDM)	# 491643 / 491643-E
Drum Stick, 48" (Viton or EPDM)	# 491648 / 491648-E
Drum Stick, 54" (Viton or EPDM)	# 491645 / 491645-E
Tote Stick, 33" (Viton or EPDM)	# 491653 / 491653-E
Tote Stick, 48" (Viton or EPDM)	# 491654 / 491654-E
Tote Stick, 54" (Viton or EPDM)	# 491656 / 491656-E

#### Alternate Chemical Check Valve - Viton Standard

Check Valve, Chemical, PP(W), 1/4" (EPDM) # 491401



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**WARNING! READ ALL  
INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE  
USING EQUIPMENT!**

### OVERVIEW

The Timed Asphalt Release Uni-Body Foamer is a foam applicator for applying asphalt release chemicals on to truck beds or tools to prevent asphalt from sticking. This unit features a dual-function adjustable 120V timer which controls the length of application and the delay time, which keeps the driver from immediately restarting the system, preventing costly over-application. When activated, this venturi injection system uses standard city water pressure (35 - 125 PSI) to draw and blend chemical concentrate into the water stream to create an accurately diluted solution. Compressed air is injected into the solution to greatly increase volume and coverage ability. Rich, clinging foam is then projected through the discharge hose, wand and fan nozzle.

SAFETY & OPERATIONAL PRECAUTIONS

- When connecting to a potable water supply follow all local codes for backflow prevention.
- See Additional Safety Precautions included with the Electrical Control Box Installation Information
- Always consider electrical shock hazard when working with and handling electrical equipment. If uncertain, consult an Electrician. Electrical wiring should only be done by a qualified Electrician.
- For proper performance do NOT modify, substitute nozzle, hose diameter or electrical control box.
- 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.
- Disconnect electrical power to the control box prior to opening it.
- If the control box is connected to compressed air, the compressed air pressure should be kept to a maximum of 90 PSI.

TO INSTALL (REFER TO DIAGRAM ON NEXT PAGE)

If you are connecting to a potable water supply follow all local codes for backflow prevention.

1. Do NOT connect to electricity yet.
2. Mount the unit to a suitable surface above the chemical supply to prevent siphoning.
3. Mount the push button activation control box.
4. Connect the discharge hose as shown in the diagram.
5. Connect water supply. If water piping is older, or has known contaminants, install a filter.
6. Connect compressed air supply.

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.

SETTING THE TIMER

1. Make sure the system is not plugged in to a power source. Remove control box cover. The box contains one timer with "Run & Delay" adjustment knobs.  
**Run:** This mode allows you to set the length of time you want the unit to run each time the operator presses the remote button. Turn the knob to set the run time (0-6 Minutes).  
**Delay:** This mode allows you to set the length of time you want the unit to be inactive after each application. Turn the knob to set the delay time (0-6 Minutes).
2. Replace the control box cover.
3. Plug the power cord into a 120 VAC power outlet. GFI recommended.
4. Turn on your air and/or water supply (if applicable).
5. Push the remote button to activate the timer and make any last adjustments needed.
6. The unit is ready for operation. The run mode will activate the unit for the preset run time, turn off, and will not reactivate until the time runs out on the delay mode. Then the unit will reset.

TO OPERATE

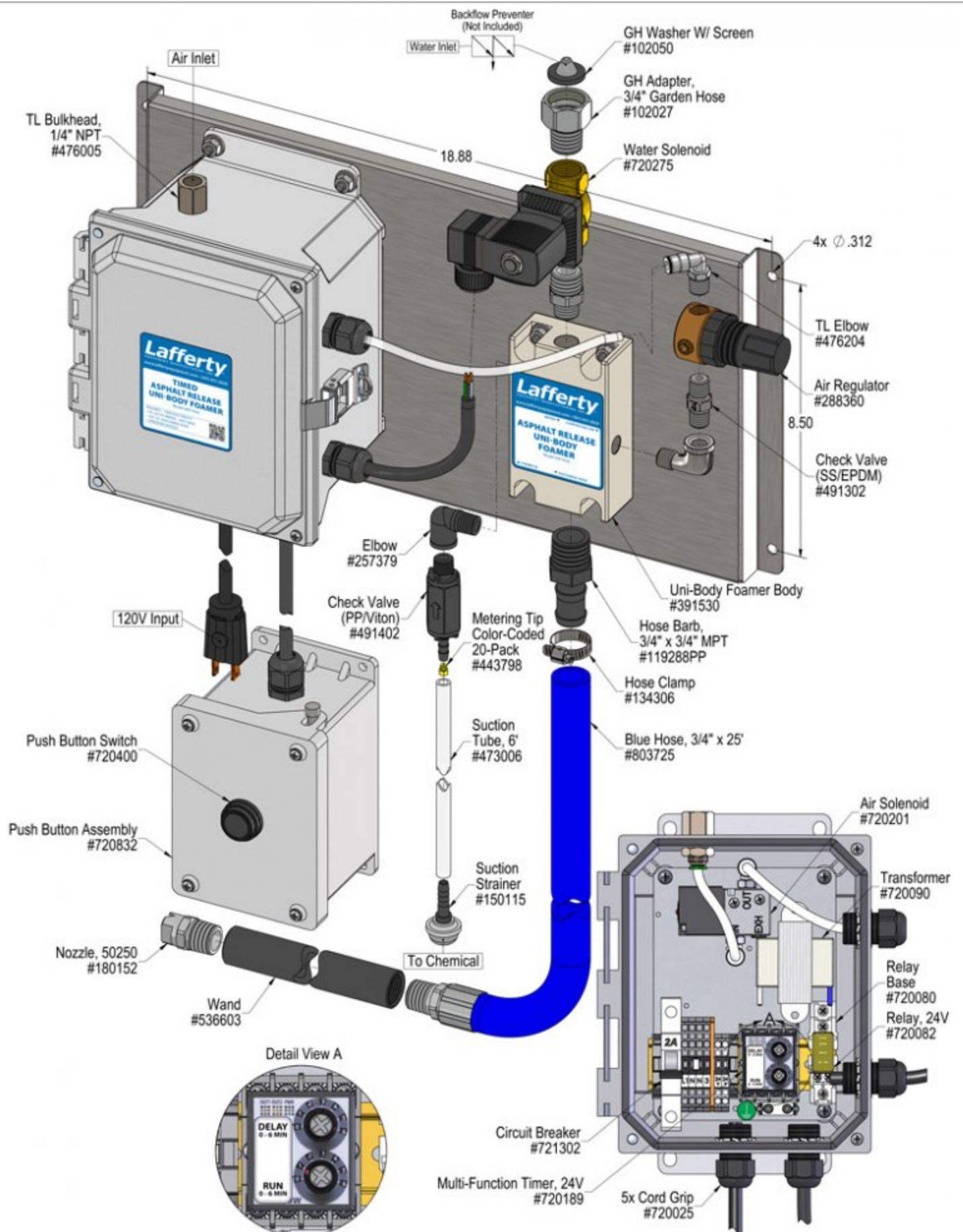
1. Press the remote button to activate the unit.
2. Final timer, chemical dilution and air adjustments will now have to be made.
3. Wait a few seconds and observe foam consistency.
  - Use the least amount of air needed to achieve good foam quality to prevent water pressure fluctuations from affecting performance. Air pressure must be kept lower than water pressure.
  - To adjust 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.
  - You may also have to try different sized metering tips and air settings until foam consistency is acceptable. Once this is set and desired foam consistency is achieved push lock the knob. You are ready to start.

METERING TIP SELECTION

METERING TIP COLOR	OZ/MIN	DILUTION RATIO @ 40 PSI
Brown	0.56	306:1
Clear	0.88	195:1
Bright Purple	1.38	124:1
White	2.15	80:1
Pink	2.93	59:1
Corn Yellow	3.84	45:1
Dark Green	4.88	35:1
Orange	5.77	30:1
Gray	6.01	29:1
Light Green	7.01	24:1
Med. Green	8.06	21:1
Clear Pink	9.43	18:1
Yellow Green	11.50	15:1
Burgundy	11.93	14:1
Pale Pink	13.87	12:1
Light Blue	15.14	11:1
Dark Purple	17.88	10:1
Navy Blue	25.36	7:1
Clear Aqua	28.60	—
Black	50.00	—
No Tip Ratio Up To:		6:1
The dilution ratios above are approximate values. Due to chemical viscosity, actual dilution ratios may vary.		
FORMULA		
<b>GPM × 128 ÷ Desired Dilution Ratio = oz/min</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• See Unit Flow Rates chart for GPM</li><li>• Use 20 for 20:1 dilution ratio, 30 for 30:1, etc.</li><li>• Match calculated ounces per minute (oz/min) to nearest oz/min in Metering Tip Selection chart.</li></ul>		

UNIT FLOW RATES

PSI	GPM
35	1.25
40	1.34
50	1.50
60	1.64
70	1.77
80	1.90
90	2.01
100	2.12
110	2.22
120	2.32
125	2.37



## Troubleshooting Guide

Problem	Possible Cause / Solution	
	Startup	Maintenance
A) Unit will not draw chemical	1, 4, 5, 6, 7	11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
B) Asphalt sticking/poor foam quality	2, 4,	11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
C) Dilution too strong	3	
D) Water backing up into chemical container		11
E) Unit doesn't come on when button is pushed.	9, 10	9, 10
F) Unit comes on but no water through the solenoid	1, 5, 8	10, 17

Possible Cause / Solution	
Startup	Maintenance
<b>1. Water ball valve not completely open</b> ◦ Completely open water ball valve.	<b>11. Chemical check valve stuck or failed</b> ◦ Clean or replace.
<b>2. Not enough chemical - metering tip too small</b> ◦ Install larger metering tip.	<b>12. Chemical strainer or metering tip partially blocked</b> ◦ Clean or replace chemical strainer and/or metering tip.
<b>3. No metering tip installed or metering tip too large</b> ◦ Install smaller metering tip.	<b>13. Chemical tube stretched out or pin hole/cut in chemical tube</b> ◦ Cut off end of tube or replace tube.
<b>4. Air pressure too low or too high</b> ◦ Turn regulator knob slightly counterclockwise for less air clockwise for more, air must be lower than water pressure	<b>14. Vacuum leak in chemical pick-up connections</b> ◦ Tighten the connection.
<b>5. Discharge hose kinked or discharge ball valve not all the way open</b> ◦ Straighten the hose/open ball valve completely	<b>15. Water strainer clogged or missing/injector inlet orifice clogged</b> ◦ Clean or replace strainer; check/clean inlet orifice for obstructions. DO NOT DRILL OUT.
<b>6. Wrong Nozzle/Wand</b> ◦ See requirements	<b>16. Hard water scale or chemical build-up may have formed in the foamer body causing poor or no chemical pick-up</b> ◦ Follow Preventive Maintenance instructions below, using hot water and/or de-scaling acid. When there is no draw at all, carefully remove fittings and soak entire injector body in de-scaling acid.
<b>7. Water pressure or water volume too low/inlet piping too small causing poor chemical pick up</b> ◦ Increase water pressure or water volume	<b>17. Water or air solenoid clogged or failed</b> ◦ Clean or replace
<b>8. No water to the unit</b> ◦ Ensure water supply is not shut off to the unit	
<b>9. Timer failed/Controller not set properly or malfunctioned</b> ◦ Replace timer. See Controller manual	
<b>10. May have electrical problems</b> ◦ Have a qualified electrician check electrical connections. Ensure circuit breaker (5 Amp) has not been tripped.	

**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.

