

# Lafferty Equipment Manufacturing, LLC Installation & Operation Instructions

## Model # 976501 • Portable 5 Gallon Timed Entryway Foam Sanitizer

### REQUIREMENTS

#### Chemical Concentrate

#### Water

Temperature	up to 160°F
Pressure	35 to 125 PSI
Flow	1.34 GPM @ 40 PSI
Supply Line	1/2"

Compressed Air	up to 3 CFM
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Nozzle	Entryway Spreader
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Electric	120V
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### OPTIONS

#### Square Jug Rack Conversion

Specify Round or Square Jug Racks at time of order

#### Alternate Chemical Check Valve - Viton Standard

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



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

### OVERVIEW

The Portable 5 Gallon Timed Entryway Foam Sanitizer is an automated foam applicator for projecting sanitizing chemicals on to floors of 3' wide employee walk doors to prevent cross contamination. This unit features an all stainless steel cart assembly to move between sanitation zones. When activated, this venturi injection system uses city water pressure (35 - 125 PSI) to draw and blend chemical concentrate into the water stream to create an accurately diluted solution. Rich, clinging foam is created by injecting compressed air into the solution to greatly increase volume and coverage ability. Foam is then projected through the discharge hose and Spreader™ nozzle. The system timer is user-programmable to meet the needs of any facility.

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)

1. Place a 5-gallon container of concentrated chemical in the jug rack
2. Position the unit with the Spreader Nozzle pointed towards the doorway area to be foamed, and lock the wheels.
3. The optimal Spreader Nozzle distance from the ground is 4.5" Loosen slide ring L-bolts to adjust nozzle height as needed.
4. Connect water and compressed air to the unit.

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

TO TEST

1. Plug the power cord into 120 VAC outlet.
2. The unit has been tested and the timer is preset to run for 60 seconds to allow for final adjustments. (ON TIME will activate first.) Open water supply valve and air supply valve, then turn on the power switch.
3. The unit will activate and final chemical dilution and air adjustments will now have to be made.
4. 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 have to try different metering tips and air settings until foam output is acceptable. Once this is set and desired foam consistency is achieved push lock the knob. You are ready to start.

TIMER ADJUSTMENT

1. CAUTION! UNPLUG THE POWER CORD! Then open control box and adjust the timer. The ON TIME dip switches control how long the foam will be applied. The OFF TIME dip switches control how long the unit will stay off between foam applications. Add up the seconds for each activated dip switch to arrive at the desired duration of the ON cycle. Usually 8-10 seconds is sufficient to foam the floor (longer plumbing runs will require a longer application cycle). Add up the minutes for each activated dip switch to arrive at the desired duration of the OFF cycle. Set your OFF TIME to maintain the foam's presence according to your flow (anywhere from 6 to 15 minutes).
2. Close control box and plug in the power cord. Turn on the power switch. The unit will now function according to the timer settings. (ON TIME will activate first.)
  - Note: The unit will run 24 hours a day unless the power switch is manually turned off.
  - For extra foam at any time, press and hold the lower end (Momentary control) of the door switch. (See Switch Settings, below.)

SWITCH SETTINGS (on front of Control Box)

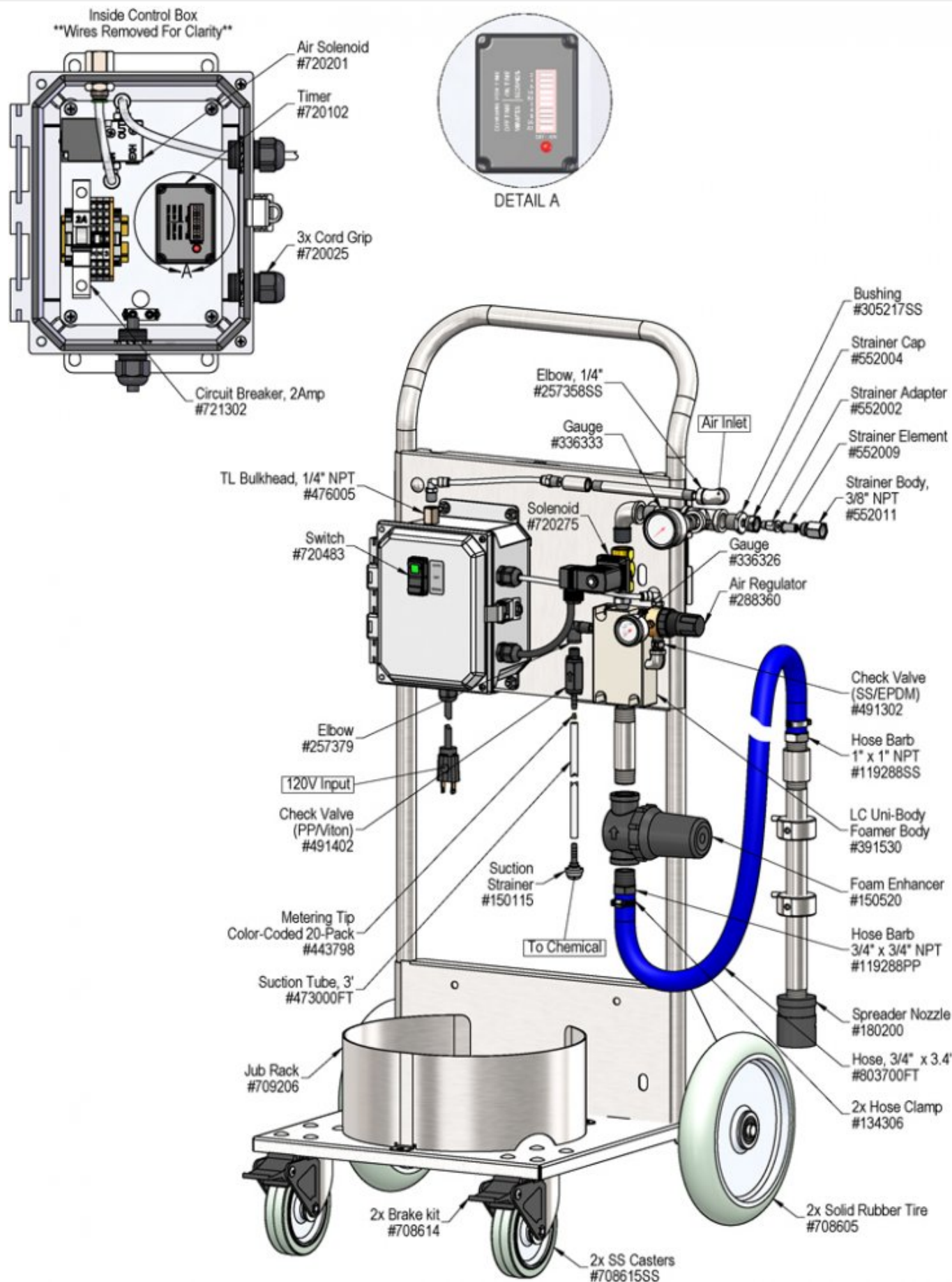
- Automatic control – Top of switch is depressed. Green light glows.
- OFF – Switch is in middle position; green light is off
- Momentary control – Press bottom of switch. Unit is active only while switch is pressed. When released, the switch returns to the OFF position.

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) Foamer will not draw chemical.	1, 7, 8, 9, 10	13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20
B) Foam surges.	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20
C) Foam output too wet.	2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
D) Foam output too dry.	1, 5	17
E) Doesn't come on when switch is turned on.	11, 12	
F) Comes on and runs continuously.	11	
G) Comes on but no water through solenoid.	10	19
H) Air or solution backing up into water line.		21

Possible Cause / Solution	
Startup	Maintenance
<b>1. Air pressure too high</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjust air regulator slowly counterclockwise until output stabilizes.</li> </ul>	<b>13. Chemical check valve stuck or failed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean or replace.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Air adjustment too low</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjust air regulator very slowly clockwise.</li> </ul>	<b>14. Chemical strainer or metering tip partially blocked</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean or replace chemical strainer and/or metering tip.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Use of an oiler in the airline will cause poor foam quality</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use only clean, dry air.</li> </ul>	<b>15. Chemical tube stretched out where tube slides over check valve or pin hole/cut in chemical tube (sucking air in)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cut off end of tube or replace tube.</li> </ul>
<b>4. Not enough chemical - metering tip too small</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install larger metering tip.</li> </ul>	<b>16. Vacuum leak in chemical pick-up connections</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tighten the connections.</li> </ul>
<b>5. No metering tip installed or metering tip too large</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install smaller metering tip.</li> </ul>	<b>17. Air regulator failed allowing too much air or not enough air</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean or replace.</li> </ul>
<b>6. Improper chemical</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure product is recommended for foaming and/or the application.</li> </ul>	<b>18. Air check valve or air solenoid clogged or failed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean or replace.</li> </ul>
<b>7. Chemical tube not immersed in chemical or chemical depleted</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Immerse tube or replenish</li> </ul>	<b>19. Water solenoid clogged or failed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean or replace the water solenoid.</li> </ul>
<b>8. Foam hose kinked or hose/plumbing too short or wrong size</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(See REQUIREMENTS on page 1)</li> </ul>	<b>20. Chemical build-up may have formed in the body, causing poor or no chemical pick-up</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>
<b>9. Water pressure too low or water volume too low/inlet piping too small</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase water pressure or water volume. (See REQUIREMENTS on page 1)</li> </ul>	<b>21. No backflow preventer installed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install appropriate backflow preventer into water line.</li> </ul>
<b>10. No water to the unit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure that the water supply is not shut off to the unit.</li> </ul>	
<b>11. Timer failed/Controller not set properly or malfunctioned</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace timer. See Controller manual.</li> </ul>	
<b>12. May have electrical problems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure circuit breaker (5 Amp) has not been tripped.</li> <li>Have a qualified electrician check electrical connections.</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.

