

Lafferty Equipment Manufacturing, LLC Installation & Operation Instructions

Model # BLU37 · 2-Hose Low Volume Foam-All

REQUIREMENTS

Chemical Concentrate

Water	
Temperature	up to 160°F
Pressure	50 to 125 PSI
Flow	0.8 GPM @ 40 PSI
Supply Line	1/2"
Hose	3/8" ID x 10'
Nozzle	#10 Bullet (x2 Hoses)

OPTIONS

Stainless Steel Hose Racks

Small Stainless Steel Hose Rack # 224145

Stainless Steel Jug Racks

1 Gallon Round/Square # 224200

1 Gallon Round/Square Locking # 224200-L

Safe Flow Lid™ for 1 Gallon Jugs

Lid, Suction Tube, and Strainer # 709101

Alternate Check Valve - EPDM Standard

Check Valve, Chemical, PP/Viton, 1/4" # 491315



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

OVERVIEW

The Blue Mule 2-Hose Low Volume Foam-All is a combination applicator for applying one or two chemical products as wet, clinging foam. This venturi injection system uses city water pressure (35 - 125 PSI) to draw and blend chemical concentrates into the water streams to create accurately diluted solutions. Precision metering tips are used to control chemical usage independently for each hose. The mixed solutions flow through the hoses to the "airless" foam wands which draw in atmospheric air to create and project foam in a fan pattern or narrow stream. Hoses can be used independently or simultaneously.

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)

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

1. Mount the unit to a suitable surface above the chemical supply to prevent siphoning.
2. Connect hose(s) as shown in the diagram.
3. Flush any new plumbing of debris before connecting water.
4. Connect water supply. Install a water filter if water piping is older or has known contaminants.

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

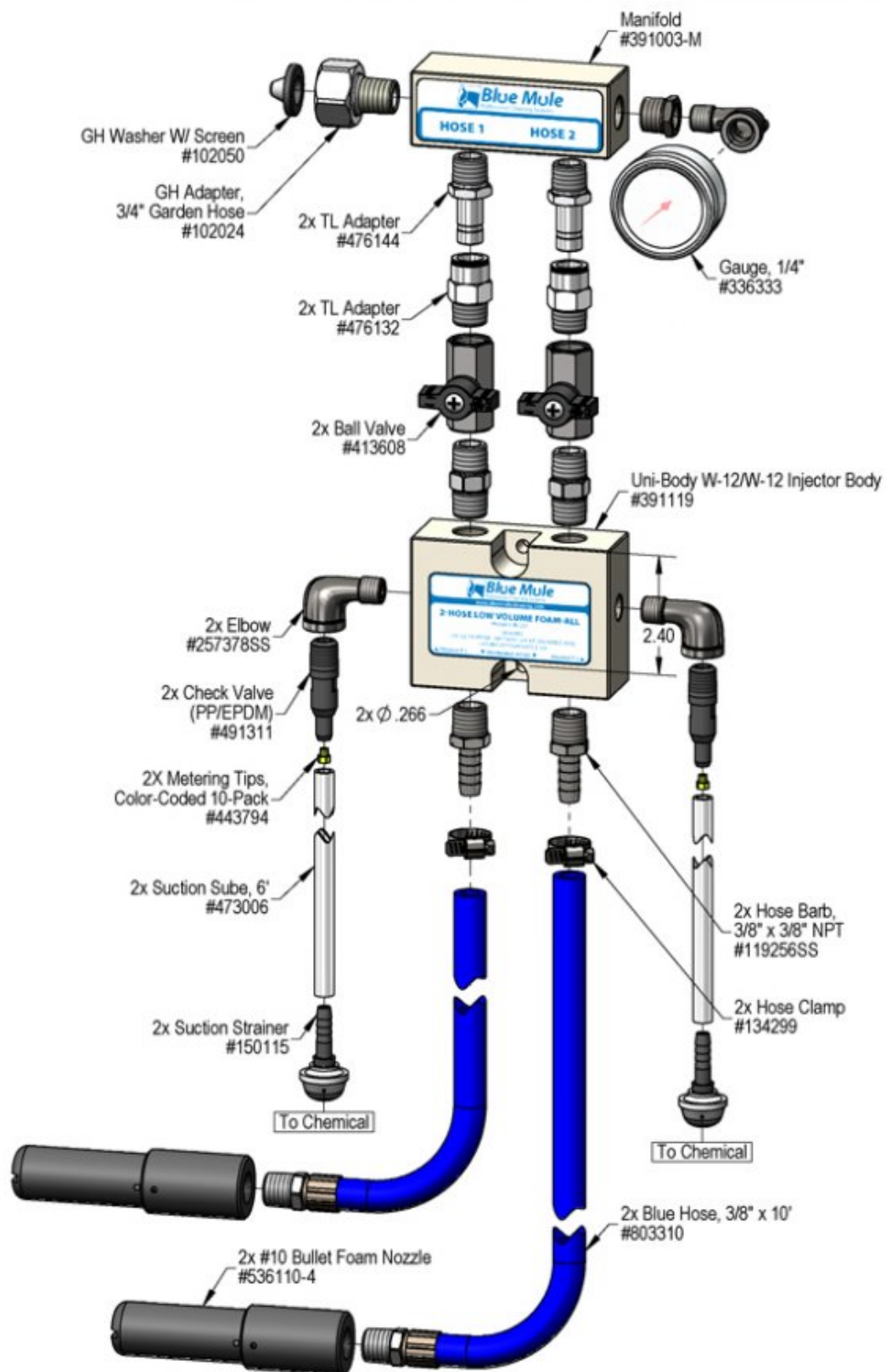
1. With foam wand in hand open the inlet ball valve to begin application.
2. To switch to a wide or narrow pattern turn the Bullet nozzle in clockwise 1/4 turns.
3. Make final metering tip adjustments based on application results.
4. When foaming is completed, close the inlet ball valve.
5. Rinse before foam dries.

METERING TIP SELECTION

METERING TIP COLOR	OZ/MIN	DILUTION RATIO @ 40 PSI
Brown	0.56	183:1
Clear	0.88	116:1
Bright Purple	1.38	74:1
White	2.15	48:1
Pink	2.93	35:1
Corn Yellow	3.84	27:1
Dark Green	4.88	21:1
Orange	5.77	18:1
Gray	6.01	17:1
Light Green	7.01	15:1
Med. Green	8.06	13:1
Clear Pink	9.43	11:1
Yellow Green	11.50	9:1
Burgundy	11.93	9:1
Pale Pink	13.87	7:1
Light Blue	15.14	7:1
Dark Purple	17.88	6:1
Navy Blue	25.36	4:1
Clear Aqua	28.60	—
Black	50.00	—
No Tip Ratio Up To:		4:1
The dilution ratios above are approximate values. Due to chemical viscosity, actual dilution ratios may vary.		
FORMULA		
$GPM \times 128 \div \text{Desired Dilution Ratio} = \text{oz/min}$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
50	0.89
60	0.98
70	1.06
80	1.13
90	1.20
100	1.26
110	1.33
120	1.39
125	1.41



Troubleshooting Guide

Problem	Possible Cause / Solution	
	Startup	Maintenance
A) Will not draw chemical	1, 5, 6, 7, 9	10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
B) Foam does not clean or foam properly	2, 4, 5, 7, 8	9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15
C) Using too much chemical	3	
D) Water backing up into chemical container	9	

Possible Cause / Solution	
Startup	Maintenance
1. Inlet ball valve not completely open ◦ Completely open the inlet ball valve.	9. Chemical check valve stuck or failed ◦ Clean or replace.
2. Not enough chemical - metering tip too small ◦ Install larger metering tip.	10. Chemical strainer or metering tip partially blocked ◦ Clean or replace chemical strainer and/or metering tip.
3. No metering tip installed or metering tip too large ◦ Install smaller metering tip.	11. Chemical tube stretched out or pin hole/cut in chemical tube ◦ Cut off end of tube or replace tube.
4. Improper chemical ◦ Ensure product is recommended for foaming and the application.	12. Vacuum leak in chemical pick-up connections ◦ Tighten the connection.
5. Chemical tube not immersed in chemical or chemical depleted ◦ Immerse tube or replenish.	13. Water strainer clogged or missing/injector inlet orifice clogged ◦ Clean or replace strainer; check/clean inlet orifice for obstructions. DO NOT DRILL OUT.
6. Discharge hose too long or wrong size or kinked ◦ Straighten the hose or replace hose with correct size.	14. Hard water scale or chemical build-up may have formed in the injector body causing poor or no chemical pick-up ◦ 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.
7. Water pressure or water volume too low/inlet piping too small causing poor chemical pick up ◦ Increase water pressure or water volume	15. Foam wand clogged or scaled up / wrong nozzle ◦ Hard water scale or chemical build-up may have formed, soak entire foam wand in de-scaling acid / see requirements.
8. Soil has hardened on surface; always rinse before chemical dries ◦ Reapplication may be necessary.	16. More than one chemical ball valve open or no chemical valve open ◦ 2 & 3 Way models only

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.

