ULINE H-950 SHRINKFAST HEAT GUN #998

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GENERAL SAFETY PROVISIONS

Read this manual thoroughly to familiarize yourself with the parts and safe operation of this tool. Keep for future reference.

- Never point the gun at another person.
- Inspect hose before each use.
- Always shut off valve at tank when leaving gun unattended for any length of time.
- Safety trigger mechanism automatically shuts off if gun is dropped.



WARNING! BURN DANGER

Do not touch wire metal shield after gun has been used.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

| DISTANCE (FT.) | TEMPERATURE (°F) |
|----------------|------------------|
| 0 | 3,200 |
| 1/2 | 1,120 |
| 1 | 650 |

Heat Capacity: 172,500 BTU/Hr

Velocity (6" from tip of flame): 2,100 Ft/Min

Propane Consumption: 8.0 Lbs./Hr

Operating Pressure (Preset): 22.5 PSIG

Weight: 2 lbs. 20 oz.

Air Consumption: 30 cfm

Emissions: .015 CO/CO₂

SHRINK FILM

Use only with shrink film (not all plastic films are shrink film). Shrink film should be virgin plastic, not reprocessed material. For light loads of 100 lbs. or less, 3 mil thick film should work. For heavy weights or items (example, steel drums at 2,000 lbs./pallet), use 6 mil or thicker shrink film.

- Gusseted film shrinks equally in both directions, and tends to pull up and away from pallet. Length should be longer than the height of the pallet.
- Centerfold film shrinks mainly in one direction and has a reduced tendency to pull up off of pallet.

SHRINK BAG

Most bags list lay-flat length and width. To determine what size bag you need, use the following example:

Load size: 47 x 30 x 36" (L x W x H)

Calculate the width of bag:

- 1. Add the width and length 30 + 47" = 77"
- 2. Add Fitting Allowance (4" to allow for ease of fit) 4 + 77" = 81" (This is the width bag you'll need.)

Calculate the length of the bag:

- 1. Use 1/2 the length of the shorter side 1/2 of 30" = 15"
- 2. Add number from Step 1 to height 15 + 36" = 51"
- Add Shrink Allowance (1" for each foot of height) 36" = 3', so 3" shrink allowance 51+ 3" = 54" (This is the length bag you'll need.)
- 4. Bag size is 54 x 81" (L x W).

PROPANE TANK

Use only with vapor withdrawal propane tanks, NEVER attach heat gun to a liquid withdrawal propane tank.



WARNING! Using a liquid withdrawal propane tank clogs the orifice filter and may result in an extremely dangerous long flame.

Tanks are available in 6, 8, 10, 20, 30 and 40 lb. sizes. 6 lb. tanks are adequate for intermittent use. Use larger tanks for continuous use. Tank Pressure – Depends on tank temperature. At 72°F, pressure is 110 PSI; at 0°F, pressure drops to 22 PSI. In use, tank pressure drops due to evaporation process of converting liquid propane to propane gas. Tank may drop to 0°F with ice appearing on the outside. Propane pressure may drop below 15 PSI.



WARNING! DO NOT run the gun when tank pressure drops below 15 PSI.

- For continuous operation, use multiple tanks, switching the gun from one to another.
- Using an ordinary desk fan to blow air on the tank will prevent it from icing up.

VENTILATION

In use, this heat gun produces carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and water vapor.



WARNING! Prolonged exposure to carbon monoxide (CO) is lethal. Provide adequate ventilation when gun is used indoors.

To maintain a safe CO concentration (50 parts per million as set by OSHA Standard 1910.93), ventilation requirements are 2,000 cu. ft./min. of fresh air while gun is operated at maximum operating pressure of 30 PSI.

Ventilation capacity should be sized proportionally for different production rates.

EXAMPLE: Based on a 1½ minute heating cycle per pallet, fresh air requirements are 3,000 cu. ft./pallet. If the production rate is 10 pallets/hour, a ventilation system needs to provide 500 cu. ft./minute.

In areas where ventilation is provided by open doors or windows, safe CO levels will be maintained as long as room temperature does not exceed 150°F.

OPERATING

PARTS AND FUNCTIONS



| NO. | PART | FUNCTION |
|-----|----------------------|--|
| 1 | Safety Trigger | Prevents accidental gas release. |
| 2 | Gas Handle | Actuates gas valve and igniter. |
| 3 | Gas Valve | Opens fuel flow. |
| 4 | Igniter | Fire piezoelectric spark igniter. |
| 5 | Fuel Line | Carries fuel to orifice. |
| 6 | Filter | Prevents clogging. |
| 7 | Orifice | Meters fuel. |
| 8 | Spark Plug | Ignites fuel/air mixture. |
| 9 | Flame Holder | Prevents flashback and flame out. |
| 10 | Hose | Connects regulator and gun. |
| 11 | Regulator | Regulates pressure to gun. |
| 12 | Adjustment Screw | Sets pressure. |
| 13 | Pressure Gauge | Indicates line pressure. |
| 14 | Prest-o-Lite Fitting | Connects and contains excess fuel check valve. |
| 15 | Tank | Sold separately, see Tank info |
| 16 | Tank Valve | Opens/closes fuel supply. |

CONNECTIONS

- 1. Connect gun, hose and regulator to the tank. Use a wrench to tighten fittings (lefthand threaded). (See Figure 1)
- 2. Check for leaks.
- Open tank valve without pushing trigger to pressurize the hose. Pressure gauge should read 15 to 30 PSI when gun is not in use.
- Close tank valve and check pressure gauge. Rapid pressure loss indicates a leak. Check all connections.



Figure 1

OPERATING CONTINUED

START-UP

Open the tank valve and wait 5 seconds to fully pressurize hose. You will hear the flow check valve open with an audible click.



- 1. Press the safety trigger. This prevents the gas handle from opening accidentally. (See Figure 2)
- 2. Slowly squeeze the gas handle until the igniter fires with an audible click. (See Figure 2)



CAUTION! GUN WILL IGNITE.

IMPORTANT:

- Squeezing the gas handle too quickly will cause the igniter to fire the spark plug before the gas mixture is ready.
- If gun fails to fire fully, release BOTH the safety trigger and gas handle to reset the igniter. Then repeat the starting procedure.
- For thinner films, set the regulator for lower pressure and adjust up for thicker films. Factory preset is 22 PSI.

USING THE HEAT GUN

Use gun only in well-ventilated areas.



WARNING! Do not operate gun in areas with flammable gases or where smoking is prohibited.

IMPORTANT HEAT SHRINK TIPS:

- Heat only softens film. Shrinking occurs as film cools. Do not concentrate heat and wait for film to shrink before. Keep the gun moving.
- Make sure the four corners of the bag are wrapped under pallet.

PALLETIZING

- 1. Elevate pallet load approx. 6" from floor. Leave area under the four corners clear.
- 2. Carefully fit pallet bag over load. Do not puncture or tear the bag. Bag should fit snug over the load and overlap the base of the pallet almost to the floor.
- 3. Shrink Bottom: Ignite gun and hold about 12" from film.
 - a. Move around pallet, applying heat to the bottom edge of the bag and blow it under the pallet.
 - b. Shrink film to grip bottom of pallet firmly, locking bag to pallet and unitizing load.
- 4. Shrink Sides: Do one side at a time.
 - a. Holding gun 12" from film, shrink side by sweeping gun smoothly across the bottom edge.
 - b. Move up one foot and sweep back, continue to move up and sweep across the side until you reach the top.



IMPORTANT! Keep gun moving at all times.

- c. Repeat for the remaining sides.
- 5. Shrink Top: Since top is already pulled taut by the four sides being shrunk, this requires less heat than shrinking the sides.

PATCHING

Patch holes easily: Lay a square of film over the hole and apply heat to the edges to weld patch to bag. Also useful for reinforcing edges or corners.

SHRINK WRAPPING LARGE OR ODD-SHAPED LOADS

Wrap objects too big to fit under a bag by joining several sheets of shrink film together.

- 1. Adjoining sheets should overlap 18".
- 2. Secure sheets using the weight of the load at the base or with battens tacked to the skids.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

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- NOTE: Grease all o-rings for easier assembly. Hose adapter fitting is glued permanently into the valve body.





Figure 5

FILTER CLEANING

- 1. Unscrew the filter holder using a screwdriver or coin. Pull out filter holder. (See Figure 3)
- 2. Remove filter screen/spring assembly. Clean with compressed air or replace. (See Figure 4)

VALVE TIMING ADJUSTMENT

- 1. Gas valve opening is adjusted by the adjustment screw. (See Figure 5)
- 2. It should be set so the valve opens when the gas handle is depressed half way.

Figure 6





Figure 7



Figure 8



REPLACE SPARK PLUG

- 1. Depress button and remove combustor assembly. (See Figure 6)
- 2. Remove spark plug and flame holder with pliers. (See Figure 7)
- 3. Unscrew spark plug. Set new spark plug gap to 3-5mm. (See Figure 8)

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE CONTINUED



REPLACE IGNITER

- 1. Remove 5 mounting screws and remove right side of housing. (See Figure 9)
- 2. Remove retaining screw holding the cable and the contact spring. (See Figure 10)
- 3. Use a screwdriver to snap off the clamp. (See Figure 11)

4. Pull cable out. (See Figure 12)

5. Untie and remove ground strap. (See Figure 13)

6. Lift out trigger assembly. (See Figure 14)





Figure 14



CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE CONTINUED



CLEAN OR REPLACE ORIFICE



IMPORTANT! The orifice consists of 6 slender, thinwalled tubes that are easily bent or damaged. Once bent or damaged, gun performance is seriously impaired. Perform the following procedure with EXTREME CARE.

- 1. Remove 5 mounting screws and remove right side of housing. (See Figure 15)
- 2. Remove the 3 screws holding the pump. (See Figure 16)
- 3. Remove pump by sliding it away from the orifice, then lift it out. (See Figure 16)



CAUTION! Lifting the pump before sliding it away will damage the orifice tubes.

4. Unscrew the orifice. (See Figure 17)





Figure 18

Figure 17

Figure 16



5. Use a .6mm drill bit to clean out each orifice. (See Figure 18)

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE CONTINUED



SAFETY CAGE MOUNTING

1. Push both curved tubular joints onto one half of the safety cage. (See Figure 19)

2. Insert the other half of the safety cage into the tubular joints and twist together until mounting struts on both halves are parallel. (See Figure 20)

Figure 21

Figure 20



3. Attach cage assembly to the combustor using 4 mounting screws. (See Figure 21)

TROUBLESHOOTING

NOTE: CHECK TANK FIRST – Majority of problems are caused by using a liquid withdrawal tank instead of a vapor withdrawal tank.

| OPERATING ISSUE | CAUSES | RECOMMENDATIONS |
|--|--|---|
| Gun will not fire | Handle not fully depressed. | Depress handle all the way until the igniter fires. Listen for a click. |
| | Handle depressed too quickly. | Slowly squeeze handle to ensure mixture enters combustor before firing. |
| | Pressure too low. | Check regulator. |
| | Handle not released fully. | Release handle and safety triggers to reset igniter. |
| | Defective igniter or connections. | Check for spark. Return for service. |
| | Gas not turned on. | Check On/Off valve. |
| Combustor turns red *(insufficient fuel flow) | Wrong fuel. | Check fuel type. |
| | Tank used up and tank pressure is below 15 PSIG. | Switch to new tank. |
| | Excess flow check valve not open. | Open tank valve and wait 10 seconds until hose is pressurized before using gun. |
| | Clogged orifice and/or filter. | Remove and clean with compressed air. |
| | Clogged hose. | Blow or replace. |
| | Clogged fuel line. | Blow out or replace. |
| Large flame-fuel flow | Leak in orifice assembly. | Tighten orifice in holder and check. |
| | Wrong pressure. | Reset to 15-30 PSIG |

* Leading edge of combustor turns red under normal conditions. More than 1" of combustor turning red indicates trouble.

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