

Vac-U-Flo 90 SMT Desoldering Station Operation & Maintenance Manual 5050-0497

1. Packing Contents (8007-0354 or 8007-0355)

- A) VF 90 SMT Desoldering Station
- B) VF 90 SMT Desoldering Hand-piece fitted with Standard Tip.
- C) Hand-piece cubby fitted with Micro Switch for controlling air-flow
- D) Angle Bracket Kit (6800-0097-P1)
- E) Cleaning tool (6800-0037-P1)
- F) Tip Wrench (Open End Wrench (6.35mm (.25") & 7.9 mm (.31"))) (6800-0036-P1)
- G) Flux Condenser (6800-0001-P1) NOTE VACUUM FLOW DIRECTION
- H) Silencer (6800-0050-P1)
- I) Filter Set for Hand-piece (6800-0032-P1)
- J) Felt Filters 3 Pieces (6800-0002-P1)
- K) Foam Filters 5 Pieces (6800-0002-P1)
- L) Mica Sheets 1 Piece (6800-0006-P1)
- M) O Ring Lubricant (6900-0040-P1)
- N) Adjustment Tool (6800-0054-P1)
- O) Tip Cleaning Shaft (.635mm (.025") Diameter)
- P) Air Hoses (2)
- Q) Power Cord

2. Specification

| Power Requirements: | |
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| 8007-0354 | 120 VAC, 60 Hz, 39 - 330 W |
| 8007-0355 | 230 VAC, 50 Hz, 39 – 330 W |
| Weight | |
| Power Supply | 3.8 kg (8.5 pounds) |
| Hand-piece | 383g (13.5 oz) |
| Dimensions | 135mm (5.3") H x 165mm (6.5") W x |
| | 260mm (9.25") D |
| Temperature Range: | 205°C – 425°C (400°F – 800°F) |
| Air Flow: | 11 SLPM (22 SCFH) @ 5.5 bar (80 p.s.i.) |
| | 9 SLPM (19 SCFH) @ 4.5 bar (65 p.s.i.) |
| Voltage Leakage Tip to Ground | < 2mV |
| Tip to Ground Resistance | < 2 Ohm |



3. Safety Information

- a. Do not contact the heater or its peripheral parts during operation.
- b. Once turned off, let the unit cool completely before contacting.
- c. When using fluxes, use fume extraction equipment or use in a well-ventilated area to minimize operator exposure to fumes. Testing

4. Features

| Hot gas assist | Effectively pre-heats area to be desoldered, reducing |
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| | thermal shock and contact time. |
| N2 compatible | Reduces/eliminates the need for flux and reduces bridging. |
| Variety of tips available | Flexibility, choose the right tip to suit your application |
| Stainless steel tip | Tip will not pit or corrode eliminating pad damage |
| Shop air powered vacuum | Quiet operation: Ideal for high volume applications |
| Variable vacuum control | Variable adjustment allows desired amounts of solder to be |
| | left on pads, more consistent finish. |
| Large capacity collection | Reduces cleaning frequency and allows for large jobs to be |
| chamber | completed quickly. |
| Independent temperature | Easily adapts to a wide variety of jobs |
| control for desoldering tip and | |
| hot gas. | |

5. Set-Up

- A. Hand-piece
 - 1. Gas Heater
 - 2. Desoldering Head Housing
 - 3. Desoldering Tip
 - 4. 24 Volt input, turn clockwise to engage
 - 5. Gas connector, turn clockwise to engage
 - 6. Vacuum Line, connect to condenser



B. Power Supply (Front)

Hand Tool Connectors must be turned clockwise to engage.

- 1. 24 volt hand-piece connection
- 2. Air flow connection
- 3. Condenser and vacuum hose connection
- 4. Tip temp adjust
- 5. Hot gas temp adjust
- 6. Airflow regulator
- 7. Power switch
- 8. Temperature indicating LEDs





- C. Power Supply (Back)
 - 1. Condenser (Back)
 - 2. Power input
 - 3. Silencer
 - 4. Cleaning tool
 - 5. Tool stand micro switch connection
 - 6. Hand-piece cubby
 - 7. Airflow supply
 - 8. Vacuum supply





| (Vacuum) Ideal air pressure input: | Ideal Gas Input (Air Flow) (color-coded sleeve): |
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| 60 to 90 psi | 13 psi max. |
| 413.7 – 620.5 KPA | 5 SCFH |
| 4.1 – 6.2 bar | 2.4 L/min |

6. Operation

- 1. Turn on power switch. The heater indicator (green LEDs) will light up. Hot Gas & Vacuum will activate if tool is removed from the holder.
 - **Note:** Hand-piece should always be placed in holder when not use. Hot gas flow will stop when tool is placed in the holder
- Adjust temperature settings for hot gas and tip to the desired setting 325°C – 375°C (600°F - 700°F). The heater indicator will remain on until the appropriate heater reaches the set temperature. A blinking heater indicator means set temperature has been achieved and is being maintained.
- 3. Adjust airflow regulator to desired setting.

CAUTION: If airflow is too high, molten solder may be blown off of the PCB

- 4. Place tip close to working area.
- 5. When solder melts, press trigger to remove solder.
- 6. If the tip clogs, use the cleaning shaft from the cleaning tool by unscrewing it as shown below.
- Use the cleaning shaft to remove the obstruction. While using the cleaning shaft, activate the vacuum pulses rather than continuous suction.

7. Hand-piece Head Adjustment

A. Adjustment of angular orientation should be done while the tool is cool.

1. While handpiece is in the cubby, push handle down and twist.



B. Head rotation should be done while the tool is cool.

- 1. To tilt the head assembly, loosen (2) adjustment screws.
- 2. Tilt the head assembly to desired position
- 3. Retighten screws.







2. Twist until head locks into 1 of its 4 positions. Twisting counter-clockwise will permit a 180° turn. Twisting clockwise will permit a 90° turn.

Note: The head assembly does not make a full 360° turn.



8 Tip/Accessory Replacement

It is recommended for the operator to remove and inspect the tip daily. Replace the tip if there is any sign of wear. Doing this will also prevent the tip from seizing onto the heater.

CAUTION: ONLY REMOVE THE TIP WHEN THE HAND-PIECE IS COOL

- A Removing the Tip
 - 4. To remove the tip, loosen air flow tube nut (A), then the retaining sleeve nut (B).

A

Retaining Sleeve

- 5. Remove retaining sleeve.
- 6. Remove tip.



- B. Installing a new Tip
 - 1. Insert tip into heater
 - 2. Replace retaining sleeve over tip/heater
 - 3. Check the alignment of retaining sleeve by inserting the end of the cleaning shaft handle inside the tip
 - 4. Tighten the retaining sleeve nut (B).
 - 5. Tighten air flow tube nut (A)





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| | Hole Diameter | Length | Part Number |
|------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| 6 | 2.3mm (.09") | 14mm (.55") | Focus Nozzle 6800-0028-P1 |
| ¢ | 1.3mm (.05") | 10.9mm (.43") | Standard Nozzle 6800-0027-P1 |
| -C-I | .5mm (.02") | 20.3 mm (.8") | Round Needle Tip P/N 6800-0029-P1 |
| Ģ | .3mm (.01") | 16mm (.63") | Small Oval Needle 6800-0030-P1 |
| G | .5mm (.02") | 20mm (.80") | Medium Oval Needle 6800-0031-P1 |

Optional Tips

9. Cleaning & Maintenance

Proper maintenance and regular cleaning are required to keep your VF 90 operating properly. Please refer to the replacement parts table in Section 10 of this manual when ordering replacement parts.

- A. The following items should be inspected and cleaned or replaced on a regular basis:
 - Replace Felt Filter (6800-0032)
 - Clean Solder Cone (6800-0011)
 - Replace Mica Sheet (6800-0006).
 - Check O Rings on End Cap Assembly and Elbow Connector. Part numbers 6800-0053 for End Cap and 6800-0051 for Elbow Connector.
 - Replace worn-out Tip.



- B. Flux Condenser Maintenance (6800-0001)
 - 1. Replace felt filter (6800-0002) and foam filters (8000-0003)
 - 2. Clean barrel housing (6800-0052) and condenser (6800-0019) with alcohol.
 - 3. Tip wrench can be used to remove 6800-0015 filter cap.



4. If flux gets in the venturi, disconnect the flux condenser and the silencer. Flush the venturi with alcohol. You may need to pump the alcohol through the venturi.

CAUTION: Disconnect power before opening back panel to access venturi!

- C. Silencer Maintenance
 - 1. Disconnect air hose.
 - 2. Open plastic housing (6800-0047).
 - 3. Replace foam filters (6800-0002).
 - 4. Close plastic housing.
 - 5. Reattach air hose and install on back of power supply.



D. Cleaning the desoldering collection chamber and replacing the heater tube and silicon washer in collection chamber

| Alwa | vs dispose | e of old solde | r in accordance | e with local | environmental | regulations. |
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- E. O-Rings Replacement inside valve assembly
 - 1. Unscrew lock nut at the end of the tool handle.
 - 2. Remove handle cover.
 - 3. Slide out valve assembly while placing your finger over the spring seat. BE CAREFULL NOT TO LET THE SPRING SEAT SHOOT OUT FROM THE HOUSING.
 - 4. Clean all parts with alcohol only.
 - 5. Replace the O-Ring Set, set of 3 (6800-0007).
 - 6. Lubricate new O-Rings with 6800-0040 O-Ring lubricant.
 - 7. Make sure wires and hoses are not pinched or kinked.
 - 8. Reassemble hand-piece.



10. Major Replacement Parts

| Part Name | Part Number |
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| Felt Filter (Set of 10) | 6800-0002-P1 |
| Foam Filter (Set of 10) | 6800-0003-P1 |
| End Cap Assembly (Standard) | 6800-0004-P1 |
| High Performance Filter Assembly | 6800-0005-P1 |
| Mica-Sheets (set of 12) | 6800-0006-P1 |
| O-Ring set of Valve Assembly | 6800-0007-P1 |
| O-Ring for Heater Bushing Eend Cap | 6800-0008-P1 |
| Retaining Sleeve | 6800-0009-P1 |
| Solder Cone | 6800-0011-P1 |
| Heating Element for Tip Heater | 6800-0012-P1 |
| Poppet and o-ring | 6800-0013-P1 |
| Spring | 6800-0014-P1 |
| End Cap for Filter | 6800-0015-P1 |
| Valve Assembly | 6800-0016-P1 |
| Transformer | 6800-0017-P1 |
| Flux Condenser for cooling fan | 6800-0019-P1 |
| Heating Element for Hot Gas | 6800-0020-P1 |
| Circuit Board for Cooling Fan | 6800-0021-P1 |
| Soldenoid Valve | 6800-0022-P1 |
| Fan Assembly | 6800-0023-P1 |
| Circuit Board for Left (hot-gas) Side | 6800-0024-P1 |
| Circuit Board for Right (tip) Side | 6800-0025-P1 |
| Handpiece Tool (VF- 90) | 6800-0026-P1 |
| Standard Tip | 6800-0027-P1 |
| Focus Nozzle | 6800-0028-P1 |
| Long Reach Needle Nozzle | 6800-0029-P1 |
| Small Oval Nozzle | 6800-0030-P1 |

| Part Name | Part Number |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Medium Oval | 6800-0031-P1 |
| Nozzle | |
| Filter Set for | 6800-0032-P1 |
| handtool | 0000 0000 54 |
| Vacuum Generator | 6800-0033-P1 |
| Fuse Domestic, 3.15A Fast Acting | 6800-0034-P1 |
| Fuse Export, 1.6A Fast Acting | 6800-0035-P1 |
| Tip Wrench | 6800-0036-P1 |
| Cleaning Tool | 6800-0037-P1 |
| Silicone Washer | 6800-0038-P1 |
| O-Ring Lube | 6800-0040-P1 |
| Hot Tube | 6800-0041-P1 |
| Meter | 6800-0042-P1 |
| Thermocouple 1 | 6800-0043-P1 |
| Thermocouple 2 | 6800-0044-P1 |
| Thermoprobe 1 | 6800-0045-P1 |
| Thermoprobe 2 | 6800-0046-P1 |
| Plastic Housing | 6800-0047-P1 |
| Foam Cylinder | 6800-0048-P1 |
| End Cap Assembly | 6800-0049-P1 |
| Silencer | 6800-0050-P1 |
| O-Ring for Elbow Connector Cap | 6800-0051-P1 |
| Barrel Filter Housing | 6800-0052-P1 |
| Adjustment Tool | 6800-0054-P1 |
| Wrench | 6800-0056-P1 |
| Tip Cleaning Shaft | 6800-0057-P1 |
| Air Hoses | 6800-0058-P1 |
| End Cap O-Ring | 6800-0059-P1 |
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11. Compliance

PACE Incorporated retains the right to make changes to specifications contained herein at any time, without notice.

PACE products meet or exceed all applicable military and civilian EOS/ESD, temperature stability and other specifications, including MIL-Std-2000, ANSI/J-Std-001, and IPC-A-610.

Complies with MIL-S-45743E, MIL-STD-2000, DOD-STD-2000-1B, WS6536E and ESD SPEC, DOD-STD-1686, DOD-HDBK-263

12. <u>Service</u>

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