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# **Filling System Troubleshooting Guide**

Please review the applicable page(s) for your current challenge. This troubleshooting guide, along with your Instructions, addresses proper operation of the equipment and most of the solutions when a problem may arise.

If necessary, complete the applicable Advanced Troubleshooting Section in as much detail as possible and include a brief description of the problem and any steps that you have taken which have helped. Taking the time to answer these questions as completely as possible will expedite a resolution and prevent delays. Thank you.

# **Basic Troubleshooting**

Filler Does Not Turn On (Red Power Button is off):

- Make sure the outlet works.
- Make sure the fuse is good and in securely.

Filler Blowing Fuses

- Make sure the fuse cap is in tightly and securely.
- Make sure you replaced the fuse with the same amperage, ceramic heat rated fuse.

Filler Leaks

• If you notice any materials leaking from any joints or fittings, then unplug the unit immediately. Refer to the assembly instructions and carefully tighten those joints/fittings with TWO wrenches.

Filler Seems Completely Clogged & Will Not Pour Any Material

- Make sure the ball valve is open, the material in the melter completely melted and that the filler has been preheated for 1hour if empty (up to 3 hours if full of material).
- Make sure filler is set 10-15degrees higher than the melting tank.
- Make sure to double check the Advanced Temperature Control Settings.
- If your room is cold or you are using the unit near an open door/window, a fan, humidifier, dehumidifier, air conditioner, etc..., the unit may heat slower or take more time. You may have to raise the temperature of the unit to compensate for heat loss.

Filler Dispenses Slowly, Unevenly And/Or Filler Drips From The Nozzle:

- Make sure the unit is not on an extension cord or power strip.
- Make sure it is on a dedicated line without other appliances on it.
- Make sure that filler temperature setting is 10-15 degrees higher than melting tank.
- Make sure Filler (not melter) is preheated for 1hour if empty (up to 3 hours if full)
- Make sure the GREEN light on the digital temperature control comes on. If not, then the temperature needs to be set.
- If the filler pours fine at the beginning but starts dripping, leaking or pouring unevenly later, then the melter temperature needs to be raised and/or the filler temperature needs to be 10 to 15degrees higher.
- Make sure to double check the Advanced Temperature Control Settings
- Try removing the melter's lid or opening it a little to allow air to flow inside.
- If your room is cold or you are using the unit near an open door/window, a fan, humidifier, dehumidifier, air conditioner, etc..., the unit may heat slower or take more time. You may have to raise the temperature of the unit to compensate for heat loss.

## ADVANCED DIGITAL TEMPERATURE CONTROLLER SETTINGS

Default Settings- Please Confirm. Your Unit Will Not Operate Properly If These Are Incorrect. SP (Set Point) = # (The temperature your materials will be heated to)

To Set: Press the "MENU" button down until you see a flashing "SP." Press MENU again and it displays Set Point. If need it higher or lower, press the "UP/DOWN" buttons as necessary to change the temperature. Press "MENU" again to save it.

**dIF** (**Differential**) = 1. dIF controls when the unit will begin heating again after it has reached the SP. For example, if your unit is set for 175f, a dIF of 1 will let the unit begin heating again at 174f. A dIF of 25 will require the temperature to drop down to 150f.

To Set: Press the "MENU" button down until you see a flashing "SP." Press UP ARROW until Displays dIF. Press MENU again. dIF should = 1. If not, then press DOWN until dIF=1. Press "MENU" again to lock in this setting.

ASd (Anti-Short Cycle Delay) = 0. ASd establishes the minimum time in minutes before the unit will heat and is active on initial start and after the unit has reached SP. For example, if your unit is set for 175f and the ASd=0, then your unit will heat immediately at the start and based on the dIF setting. An ASd of 5 will make the unit not heat for 5 minutes when you first turn it on and then after it reaches SP, it will not heat for a minimum of another 5 minutes regardless of the temperature drop and dIF settings.

To Set: Press the "MENU" button down until you see a flashing "SP." Press UP ARROW until Displays ASd. Press MENU again. ASd should = 0. If not, then press DOWN until ASd=0. Press MENU again to lock in this setting.

OFS (Off Set): This setting is irrelevant and is used for multiple sensor systems.

**SF** (Sensor Failure) = 0. SF controls the heat should the sensor fail. If SF=0 then if the sensor should fail, the unit will not heat. WARNING: If SF=1 then even if the sensor fails the unit will heat however it will not be temperature controlled (it will be somewhat regulated by the internal thermostat) and can cause damage to the unit, materials, operator and building, as well as cause your materials to combust.

To Set: Press the "MENU" button down until you see a flashing "SP." Press UP ARROW until Displays SF. Press MENU again. SF should = 0. If not, then press DOWN until SF=0. Press MENU again.

#### Advanced Troubleshooting: If Applicable, Please Complete & Return This Page

#### Filler Is Not Turning On, Blowing Fuses And/Or Leaking

Company:	Contact Name:		Contact #:
Filler Model:		Approximate Purchase Da	ate or Order #:

1) Is the fuse good? Y N What amperage fuse are you using? \_\_\_\_\_

- 2) Is the fuse cap in tight & secure? Y N
- At any point, did any material leak from any joints, valves or fittings? Y N If YES, where was it or is it leaking from:
- 4) THE FUSE BLOWS- Complete EITHER A or B
  - a) Fuse Blows Immediately When Pressing The Heat Button:
    - Disconnect the electrical plug (not pipe) from the hose to the dispensing head. Then turn on the "HEAT" button on the control box. Does it blow the fuse? Y N
    - Disconnect the plug (not pipe) from the control box/pump to the hose. Then turn on the "HEAT" button on the control box. Does it blow the fuse? Y N
  - b) Fuse Does Not Blow Immediately:
    - Does it blow only after the temperature control has displayed codes, which is about 5-10 seconds after pressing the HEAT button? Y N
    - Does it blow only after you press the "PUMP" button? Y N
    - Does it blow fuses only after bending the hose? Y N
    - Do you hear noises from the hose itself? Y N
    - Does it blow only after the timer starts (automated systems only) or you start dispensing materials from the nozzle? Y N

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#### Filler Dispenses Slowly, Unevenly And/Or The Nozzle Drips

Company:	Contact Name:		Contact #:
Filler Model:		Approximate Purchase Da	ate or Order #:

1) Allow system to preheat for 1 hour. Carefully (system may have HOT areas) check:

- Is the ball valve hot (located between melter and control box/pump)? Y N
- Is it hot between the control box/pump and the hose? Y N
- Is it hot between the hose and head? Y N
- Is the nozzle itself hot? Y N.
- 2) If ALL are hot, then remove the head/gun (use 2 wrenches) and aim the hose back into the tank. Does it pour quickly? Y N
  - If Yes (pours quickly), did you make sure there is no wax paper, metal twine, or debris in the head? Y N Did you try a compressor to blow out the head? Y N
  - If No (not really pouring faster from hose), disconnect the hose. Does it pour fast from the pump (careful since it may be hot and splash) into a large pitcher or melter? Y N
- 3) Did you make sure the filler temperature is set to the HIGHEST manufacturer's recommended Temperature (the higher of mixing/blending temperature or pouring temperature) and at least 10 degrees higher than the melter temperature? Y N If Yes, set the temperature of Filler to 212f (It will not damage your product unless left for any extended period of time) and let it heat for 1 hour and try again. Does it pour better now? Y N
- 4) Did you apply external heat to the system? Y N If yes, to what part?
- 5) List the material (include brand name or product#) you heating/melting and melt points?

Melter's Temperature is Set to \_\_\_\_\_ Filler's Temperature is Set to \_\_\_\_\_

If using preheated material from another tank, the preheated Temperature is \_\_\_\_\_

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## Filler Seems Clogged & Will Not Pour Any Material

Company:	Contact Name:		Contact #:
Filler Model:		Approximate Purchase Da	ate or Order #:

- 1) After the GREEN light comes on, do you hear a distinct "Click" noise? Y N
- 2) Allow Filler To Heat For 1 hour. Carefully check:
  - Is the ball valve hot (located between melter and control box/pump)? Y N
  - Is it hot between the control box/pump and the hose? Y N
  - Is it hot between the hose and head? Y N
  - Is the nozzle itself hot? Y N.
- 3) Check If Filler Is Clogged At The Dispensing Head: Carefully disconnect the electrical plug and remove the dispensing head from the hose using 2 wrenches. Aim the hose back into the tank and turn on the PUMP button. Does it pour? Y N
  - If YES it pours, then the dispensing head is clogged. Please make sure there is no wax paper, metal twine, or debris inside and if possible use a compressor to blow out the head.
- 4) If Material Did Not Dispense From The Hose, Then Check If Filler Is Clogged At The Hose: Carefully disconnect the electrical plug and the plug from the control box/pump to the hose. Then disconnect the hose from the flexible metal fitting which is on the cart or control box/pump using two wrenches. Try to dispense from the control box/pump alone into a pouring pitcher (careful since it may be hot and splash).
  - If YES it pours, then the clog is from the hose. Answer the following:
    - When the GREEN light on the temperature control comes on, do you hear a distinct "CLICK" sound? Y N
    - Does the hose appear stiff, bent or kinked? Y N
    - Do the ends of the hose feel hot? Y N
    - Does the entire length of the hose under the insulation feel warm? Y N
- 5) If Material Did Not Dispense From The Control Box/Pump, Then Check If Filler Is Clogged At The Control Box/Pump and/or the Pump is Damaged:
  - Check the ball valve connection and open and close the valve. Is it hot? Y N
  - Does material pour out with gravity, or if you tip the unit or use a compressor and blow air from the control box/pump back into the tank? Y N
  - What Type of Sound Does The Pump Make?
    - It sounds normal It sounds stuck and is making a "buzzing" sound
    - \_\_\_\_\_ There is no sound \_\_\_\_\_ It sounds loud and like something is rattling

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# **EVALUATION AUTHORIZATION FORM**

Please be sure to have reviewed and completed the appropriate troubleshooting page. Generally, most solutions are provided therein and it is will save time and money instead of having the unit sent in for evaluation. Please enclose copy of your completed troubleshooting form since it will expedite the process and prevent delays. Thank you.

EA#	(to be received after this form is submitted)
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Company:	Contact Name:	Contact #:
Part(s) Sent For Evaluation:		
Brief Description:		

- 1) <u>Customer Authorizes M&FE to Evaluate Product</u>: I authorize Melting And Filling Equipment Inc. to evaluate, examine and inspect the Part(s) listed above.
- 2) <u>Customer Has Enclosed A Completed And Applicable Troubleshooting Page</u>: Troubleshooting Forms help M&FE evaluate and repair the item(s) much more efficiently. Customer agrees that if he/she chooses not to complete the form, then Customer may be billed for the evaluation.
- 3) <u>Customer Understands Warranty Limitations</u>: Your warranty is inapplicable, void and does not cover normal wear and tear, damage to the equipment arising from tampering with "warranty void" labels, accidents, misuse, customer alteration or modification to equipment or components, overuse, negligence, misapplication, unauthorized repair, abuse, storage damage, or use of product for other than its intended purpose. Warranty is inapplicable to any item of equipment that has already been repaired or replaced under warranty if the item of equipment manifests the same exact problem/damage as was already corrected. Such damages will only be repaired at customer's expense, including shipping, parts and labor.
- 4) <u>Write the Evaluation Authorization #</u>: Write the EA# at the top of this form and write it on the outside of the package. Packages received without an EA# may be misplaced and delay the evaluation, repair or replacement process.

Customer agrees to the above terms and conditions:

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