Rev. 00 1017 932 EN

Operating instructions and Spare parts list

Manual equipment OptiFlex Pro B Spray



Translation of the original operating instructions





Documentation OptiFlex Pro B Spray

© Copyright 2019 Gema Switzerland GmbH All rights reserved.

This publication is protected by copyright. Unauthorized copying is prohibited by law. No part of this publication may be reproduced, photocopied, translated, stored on a retrieval system or transmitted in any form or by any means for any purpose, neither as a whole nor partially, without the express written consent of Gema Switzerland GmbH.

Gema, EquiFlow, MagicCompact, MagicCylinder, OptiCenter, OptiFlex, OptiGun, OptiSelect and OptiStar are registered trademarks of Gema Switzerland GmbH.

ClassicLine, ClassicStandard, ClassicOpen, DVC (Digital Valve Control), GemaConnect, MagicControl, MagicPlus, MonoCyclone, MRS, MultiColor, MultiStar, OptiAir, OptiControl, OptiColor, OptiFeed, OptiFlow, OptiHopper, OptiMove, OptiSieve, OptiSpeeder, OptiSpray, PCC (Precise Charge Control), RobotGun, SIT (Smart Inline Technology) und SuperCorona are trademarks of Gema Switzerland GmbH.

All other product names are trademarks or registered trademarks of their respective holders.

Reference is made in this manual to different trademarks or registered trademarks. Such references do not mean that the manufacturers concerned approve of or are bound in any form by this manual. We have endeavored to retain the preferred spelling of the trademarks, and registered trademarks of the copyright holders.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, the information contained in this publication was correct and valid on the date of publication. Gema Switzerland GmbH makes no representations or warranties with respect to the contents or use of this publication, and reserves the right to revise this publication and make changes to its content without prior notice.

For the latest information about Gema products, visit www.gemapowdercoating.com.

For patent information, see www.gemapowdercoating.com/patents or www.gemapowdercoating.us/patents.

Printed in Switzerland

Gema Switzerland GmbH Mövenstrasse 17 9015 St.Gallen Switzerland

Phone: +41-71-313 83 00 Fax.: +41-71-313 83 83

E-mail: info@gema.eu.com



Table of contents

Abol	ut these instructions	1
	General information	7
	Keeping the Manual	
	Safety symbols (pictograms)	
	Structure of Safety Notes	
	Presentation of the contents	
	Figure references in the text	
Safa	4.,	9
Safe		_
	General information	
	Basic safety instructions	
	Product specific security regulations	10
Prod	luct description	15
	Intended use	15
	Versions	
	Reasonably foreseeable misuse	
	Structure	
	Overall view	17
	Scope of delivery	
	Typical characteristics – properties of the functions	18
	Processing the powder directly from the original powd	
	container	
	Freely rotating head piece	
	Technical Data	
	Connectable guns	
	Electrical data	
	Pneumatic data	
	Dimensions	
	Processible powders Powder output (reference values)	
	Air flow rates	
	Environmental conditions	
	Sound pressure level	
	Rating plate	
_		
Asse	embly / Connection	23
	Set-up	
	Assembly guide	
	Connection instructions	
	Set head piece	25
Start	t-up	27
	Preparation for start-up	27
	Basic conditions	
	Initial start-up	28
	Setting the device type	



Opera	ition	29
	Operation	29
	Select predefined operating mode (Preset mode)	
	Starting the individual adjustable programs	
	Setting powder output and powder cloud	
	Setting the spraying air	
	Setting the electrode rinsing air	
	Cleaning mode	
	Cleaning programs	
	Activating the cleaning function	
	Pinch valve diagnostic	36
	Setting the background illumination	
	Color change	38
	General information	38
Decor	mmissioning / Storage	39
	Shutdown	39
	If in disuse for several days	
	Storage conditions	
	Hazard notes	
	Type of storage	
	Storage duration	
	Space requirements	
	Physical requirements	
	Maintenance during storage	40
	Maintenance schedule	
	Maintenance works	40
Maint	enance / Repairs	41
	General information	41
	Interval	
	Daily maintenance	
	Weekly maintenance	
	If in disuse for several days	42
	Gun maintenance	
	Maintenance of the filter unit	
	Cleaning	
	Gun cleaning	
	Cleaning the fluidizing/suction unit	
	Repair work	
	Periodic checks	44
Fault	clearance	45
Dispo	sal	47
-	Introduction	<i>1</i> 7
	Requirements on personnel carrying out the work	
	Disposal regulations	
	Materials	
Spare	parts list	49
•	Ordering spare parts	
	OptiFlex Pro B Spray – Spare parts list	
	OptiFlex Pro B Spray – Spare parts	
	Fluidizing/suction unit	
	Fluidizing/suction tube – spare parts	

Rev. 00 03/19



Diffuser (OptiSelect)	5	52
Pneumatic group	5	5.5



About these instructions

General information

This operating manual contains all important information which you require for the working with the OptiFlex Pro B Spray. It will safely guide you through the start-up process and give you references and tips for the optimal use when working with your powder coating system.

Information about the functional mode of the individual system components should be referenced in the respective enclosed documents.



This operating manual describes all options and functions of this manual coating equipment.

- Please note that your manual coating equipment may not be equipped with all described functions.
- Options are marked by double asterisks**.

Keeping the Manual

Please keep this Manual ready for later use or if there should be any queries.

Safety symbols (pictograms)

The following warnings with their meanings can be found in the Gema instructions. The general safety precautions must also be followed as well as the regulations in the relevant instructions.

DANGER

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

M WARNING

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



A CAUTION

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

ATTENTION

Indicates a potentially harmful situation. If not avoided, the equipment or something in its surrounding may be damaged.

ENVIRONMENT

Indicates a potentially harmful situation which, if not avoided, may have harmful consequences for the environment.



MANDATORY NOTE

Information which must be observed.



NOTICE

Useful information, tips, etc.

Structure of Safety Notes

Every note consists of 4 elements:

- Signal word
- Nature and source of the danger
- Possible consequences of the danger
- Prevention of the danger

A SIGNAL WORD

Nature and source of the hazard!

Possible consequences of the danger

Prevention of the danger

Presentation of the contents

Figure references in the text

Figure references are used as cross references in the descriptive text.

Example:

"The high voltage (H) created in the gun cascade is guided through the center electrode."



Safety

General information

This chapter provides the user and third parties who operate this product with all essential safety regulations, the adherence to which is imperative.

These safety regulations must be read and understood in their entirety before the product is put into operation.

The standards and guidelines applied during the development, manufacture and configuration are described in the EC declaration of conformity and in the manufacturer's declaration.

MARNING

Working without instructions

Working without instructions or with individual pages from the instructions may result in damage to property and personal injury if relevant safety information is not observed.

- ▶ Before working with the device, organize the required documents and read the section "Safety regulations".
- Work should only be carried out in accordance with the instructions of the relevant documents.
- ► Always work with the complete original document.

Basic safety instructions

- This product is built to the latest specification and conforms to the recognized technical safety regulations and is designed for the normal application of powder coating.
- Any other use is considered non-compliant. The manufacturer shall not be liable for damage resulting from such use; the user bears sole responsibility for such actions. If this product is to be used for other purposes or other substances outside of our guidelines then Gema Switzerland GmbH should be consulted.
- Start-up (i.e. the execution of intended operational tasks) is forbidden until it has been established that this product has been set up and wired according to the guidelines for machinery. The standard "Machine safety" must also be observed.
- Unauthorized modifications to the product exempt the manufacturer from any liability from resulting damage.

OptiFlex Pro B Spray Safety • 9



- The relevant accident prevention regulations, as well as other generally recognized safety regulations, occupational health and structural regulations are to be observed.
- Furthermore, the country-specific safety regulations also must be observed.

Product specific security regulations

- This product is a constituent part of the equipment and is therefore integrated in the system's safety concept.
- If it is to be used in a manner outside the scope of the safety concept, then corresponding measures must be taken.
- The installation work to be done by the customer must be carried out according to local regulations.
- It must be ensured, that all components are earthed according to the local regulations before start-up.



For further security information, see the more detailed Gema safety regulations!

M WARNING

These general safety regulations must be read and understood in all cases prior to start-up!

General information



This product is built to the latest specification and conforms to the recognized technical safety regulations and is designed for the normal application of powder coating.

Any other use is considered non-compliant. The manufacturer shall not be liable for damage resulting from such use; the user bears sole responsibility for such actions. If this product is to be used for other purposes or other substances outside of our guidelines then Gema Switzerland GmbH should be consulted.

Observance of the operating, service and maintenance instructions specified by the manufacturer is also part of conformity of use.

The relevant accident prevention regulations, as well as other generally recognized safety regulations, occupational health and structural regulations are to be observed.

Furthermore, the country-specific safety regulations also must be observed.

Additional safety and operation notices can be found on the accompanying CD or on the homepage www.gemapowdercoating.com.

10 • Safety OptiFlex Pro B Spray





General dangers

Start-up is forbidden until it has been established that the product has been set up and wired according to the EU guidelines for machinery. Unauthorized modifications to the product exempt the manufacturer from any liability from resulting damages or accidents.

The operator must ensure that all users do have the appropriate training for powder spraying equipment and are aware of the possible sources of danger.

Any operating method, which will negatively influence the technical safety of the powder spraying equipment, is to be avoided.

For your own safety, only use accessories and attachments listed in the operating instructions. The use of other parts can lead to risk of injury. Only original Gema spare parts should be used!

Repairs must only be carried out by specialists or by authorized Gema service centers. Unauthorized conversions and modifications can lead to injuries and damage to the equipment and invalidate the Gema Switzerland GmbH guarantee.



Electrical danger

The connecting cables between the control unit and the spray gun must be installed in such a way, that they cannot be damaged during the operation. Please observe the local safety regulations!

The plug connections between the powder spraying equipment and the mains should only be removed when the power supply is switched off. All maintenance activities must take place when the powder spraying equipment is switched off.

The product may not be switched on until the booth is in operation. If the booth stops, the product must switch off too.



Explosion hazard

The control units for the spray guns must be installed and used in zone 22. Spray guns are allowed in zone 21.

Only original Gema OEM parts are guaranteed to maintain the explosion protection rating. If damages occur by using spare parts from other manufacturers, the warranty or compensation claim is void!

Conditions leading to dangerous levels of dust concentration in the

powder spraying booths or in the powder spraying areas must be avoided. There must be sufficient technical ventilation available, to prevent a dust concentration of more than 50% of the lower explosion limit (UEG = max. permissible powder/air concentration). If the UEG is not known, then a value of 10 g/m³ should be considered (see EN 50177).

All unauthorized conversions and modifications to the electrostatic spraying equipment are forbidden for safety reasons.

No safety devices should be dismantled or put out of operation. Mandatory operational and workplace notices from the operating company must be written in a comprehensible manner in the language of equipment operators and posted in a suitable place.

OptiFlex Pro B Spray Safety • 11





Slip hazard

Powder lying on the floor around the powder spraying equipment is a potentially dangerous source of slipping. Booths may be entered only in the places suitable for it.

Static charges

Static charges can have the following consequences: Charges to people, electric shocks, sparking. Proper grounding must be in place to prevent objects from becoming charged.

Grounding

All electrically conductive parts found in the workplace of 5 meters around each booth opening, and particularly the objects to be coated, have to be grounded. The grounding resistance of each object must amount to maximally 1 MOhm. This resistance must be checked/tested regularly when starting work.

The condition of the work piece attachments, as well as the hangers, must guarantee that the work pieces remain grounded. The appropriate measuring devices must be kept ready in the workplace, in order to check the grounding.

The floor of the coating area must conduct electricity (normal concrete is generally conductive).

The supplied grounding cable (green/yellow) must be connected to the grounding screw of the electrostatic manual powder coating equipment. The grounding cable must have a good metallic connection with the coating booth, the recovery unit and the conveyor chain, respectively with the suspension arrangement of the objects.

Smoking and open flames

Smoking and igniting fire are forbidden in the entire vicinity of the system! No work that could potentially produce sparks is allowed!

Observe the grounding regulations



Fire and smoke prohibition





Stay for persons with cardiac pacemakers

As a general rule for all powder spraying installations, persons with pacemakers should never enter high voltage areas or areas with electromagnetic fields. Persons with pacemakers should not enter areas with powder spraying installations!

The stay for persons with cardiac pacemakers is forbidden





Photographing with flashlight

Photographing with flashlight is forbidden



Photographing with flashlight can lead to unnecessary releases and/or disconnections by safety devices.

Disconnect from mains before maintenance works take place



Maintenance works

Disconnect the plugs before the machines are opened for maintenance or repair.

The plug connections between the powder spraying equipment and the mains should only be removed when the power supply is switched off.







As far as it is necessary, the operating firm must ensure that the operating personnel wear protective clothing (e.g. facemasks).

A dust mask corresponding to filter class FFP2 or N95 at minimum must be worn during any cleaning work.

The operating personnel must wear electrically conductive, steel-toe footwear (e.g. leather soles).

The operating personnel should hold the gun with bare hands. If gloves are worn, these must also conduct electricity.







Product description

Intended use

This Manual coating equipment is for use with organic powders coating electrostatically grounded objects.



Fig. 1

Observance of the operating, service and maintenance instructions specified by the manufacturer is also part of conformity of use. This product should only be used, maintained and started up by trained personnel, who are informed about and are familiar with the possible hazards involved.

Any other use is considered non-compliant. The manufacturer is not responsible for any incorrect use and the risks associated with such actions are assumed by the user alone!



Versions

The manual coating equipment is available in different versions and covers a broad application range.

This manual unit is the right solution for coatings that require a constant powder output or high film builds. With a powder output of up to 300 g/min and an extremely high efficiency best coating results are achieved.

Application Precise powder transport		
Option	1	la (Extension Kit)
Number of guns	1	1+1
Number of pumps	1	1+1
Powder output	1x 50-300 g/min	2x 50-300 g/min

Reasonably foreseeable misuse

- Operation without the proper training
- Use with insufficient compressed air quality and grounding
- Use in connection with unauthorized coating devices or components



Structure

Overall view



fig. 2

- OptiSelect Pro GM04 manual powder gun
- 2 Frame
- 3 Powder suction hose
- 4 Filter unit
- 5 Rubber wheel
- 6 Swivel wheel
- 7 Fluidizing/suction unit

- 3 OptiSpray Dense phase pump
- 9 Swivel arm with guide sleeve
- 10 Shelf
- 11 OptiStar CG23-P Gun control unit
- 12 Gun holder
- 13 Vibrating table
- 14 Diffuser

OptiSelect Pro GM04 manual powder gun

All information about the OptiSelect Pro GM04 manual powder gun can be found in the documentation for that equipment (enclosed with this manual)!

OptiStar 4.0 Gun control unit

All information about the OptiStar 4.0 (Type CG23-P) manual gun control unit can found in the documentation for that equipment (enclosed with this manual)!

OptiSpray AP01 Application Pump

All information about the OptiSpray AP01 application pump will be found in the corresponding enclosed documentation!



Scope of delivery

- OptiSelect Pro GM04 manual powder gun with gun cable, powder hose, electrode rinsing air hose and standard nozzle set (For more on this, see the operating manual for the OptiSelect Pro GM04 manual powder gun)
- Diffuser
- OptiStar 4.0 Control unit in a metal case with power supply cable
- OptiSpray AP01 Application Pump
- mobile trolley with a gun/hose support
- vibrating base and a fluidizing/suction unit
- Pneumatic hoses for transport air (blue), spraying air (black), pinch valve air (green) and fluidizing air (black)
- Operating manual
- Short description

Typical characteristics – properties of the functions

Processing the powder directly from the original powder manufacturer's container

The type B manual coating equipment allows for powder to be processed directly out of the original powder manufacturer's container. A titled vibrating floor has been included to ensure that the powder container empties itself completely.

Freely rotating head piece

The manual coating equipment features a rotating and lockable head piece for more ergonomic operation and configuration (in steps of 45°)



fig. 3



Technical Data

Connectable guns

OptiStar	connectable	
OptiSelect Pro Type GM04	yes, with diffuser	
OptiSelect type GM03	yes*, with diffuser	

^{*} The PowderBoost functionality is not available.

ATTENTION

The gun control unit may only be used with the specified gun types!

Electrical data

OptiFlex Pro B Spray	
Nominal input voltage	100-240* VAC
Frequency	50-60 Hz
Fluctuations of the power supply	± 10 %
Overvoltage category	OVC II
Connected load	140 VA
Nominal output voltage (to the gun)	12 V
Nominal output current (to the gun)	1.2 A
Connection and output for vibrator (on	100-240* VAC
Aux output)	max. 100 W
Connection for rinsing function (valve)	24 VDC
Connection for finding function (valve)	max. 3 W
Protection type	IP54
Approvals	(€ (Ex) _{3 D}

^{*} preset country-specific voltage

Pneumatic data

OptiFlex Pro B Spray	
Compressed air connection	8 mm
Max. input pressure	5.5 bar / 80 psi
Max. water vapor content of the compressed air	1.3 g/m³
Max. oil vapor content of the compressed air	0.1 mg/m³



Dimensions

OptiFlex Pro B Spray	
Width	481 mm
Depth	822 mm
Height	1109 mm
Weight	ca. 46 kg

Processible powders

OptiFlex Pro B Spray	
Plastic powder	yes
Metallic powder	yes
Enamel powder	no

Powder output (reference values)

OptiFlex Pro B Spray	
Conveying hose till 20 m – internal Ø 7 mm	50-300 g/min
Suction hose max. 1.5 m – internal Ø 4.5 mm	00 000 9/111111

Air flow rates

The total air consists of transport air and supplementary air, in relation to the selected powder quantity (in %). As a result the total air volume is maintained constant.

OptiFlex Pro B Spray	Range	Factory setting
Flow rate – fluidizing air:		
Device type B	0-1.0 Nm³/h	0.1 Nm³/h
 Device type F (without AirMover air requirements) 	0-5.0 Nm³/h	1.0 Nm³/h
Electrode rinsing air flow rate	0-5.0 Nm³/h	0.1 Nm³/h
Flow rate total air (at 5.5 bar)	5 Nm³/h	
 Transport air flow rate 	0-5.5 Nm³/h	
 Spraying air flow rate 	0-5.5 Nm³/h	



The max. total air consumption during the coating operation is < 5,5 Nm³/h:

- Total air = 5 Nm³/h (Transport air + Spraying air)
- Electrode rinsing air = 0,1 Nm³/h (flat jet nozzle)



The total air consumption for the device is determined based on the 3 configured air values (without AirMover air value for device type F).

These values apply for an internal control pressure of 5.5 bar!



Environmental conditions

OptiFlex Pro B Spray		
Utilization	in the interior	
Height	up to 2 000 m	
Temperature range	+5 °C - +40 °C (+41 °F - +104 °F)	
Max. surface temperature	+85 °C (+185 °F)	
Maximum relative humidity	80 % for temperatures to 31 °C, linearly decreasing to 50 % relative humidity at 40 °C	
Environment	not for wet environment	
Degree of pollution of the intended environment	2 (in accordance with DIN EN 61010-1)	

Sound pressure level

OptiFlex Pro B Spray	
Normal operation	< 60 dB(A)

The sound pressure level was measured while the unit was in operation; measurements were taken at the most frequent operator positions and at a height of 1.7 m from the ground.

The specified value is applicable only for this product itself and does not take into account external noise sources or cleaning impulses.

The sound pressure level may vary, depending on the product configuration and space constraints.

Rating plate



fig. 4





Assembly / Connection

Set-up

The manual coating equipment should always be set up vertically on a flat surface.

WARNING:

Surrounding temperature too high

► Install the equipment only in locations with an ambient temperature of between +5 and +40 °C, i.e. never next to heat sources (such as an enameling furnace) or electromagnetic sources (such as a control cabinet).

Assembly guide

The manual coating equipment must be set up in accordance with the setup and connecting instructions (included with delivery).



fig. 5





Connection instructions

The Gun control unit and the Application pump(s) are supplied ready for use by the manufacturer. Just a few cables and hoses must be connected.

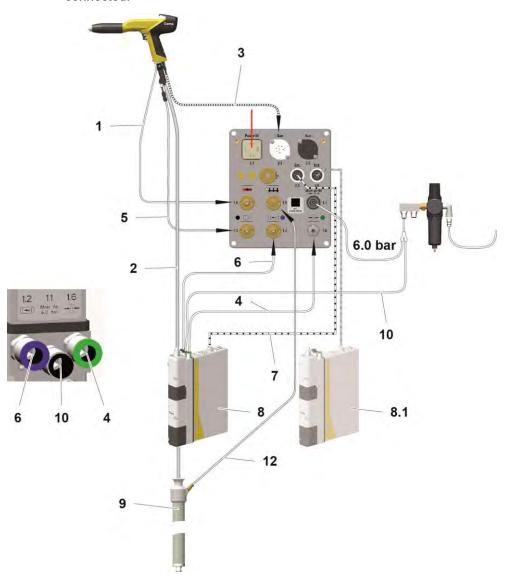
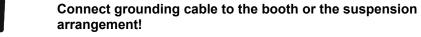


fig. 6: Connecting guide - overview

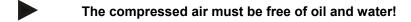
- 1 Electrode rinsing air hose
- 2 Powder hose
- 3 Gun cable
- 4 Pinch valve air hose
- 5 Spraying air hose
- 6 Transport air hose

- 7 Control signal cable
- 8 Application pump no. 1
- 8.1 Application pump no. 2
- 9 Fluidizing/suction tube
- 10 Compressed air hose
- 12 Fluidizing air hose





Check ground connections with Ohm meter and ensure
 1 MOhm or less.



Close the unused connections with the provided dust protection caps!

Set head piece







Start-up

Preparation for start-up

Basic conditions

When starting up the gun control unit, the following general conditions impacting the coating results must be taken into consideration:

- Gun correctly connected
- Gun control unit correctly connected
- Corresponding power and compressed air supply available
- Powder preparation and powder quality OK

OptiFlex Pro B Spray Start-up • 27



Initial start-up



If a malfunction occurs, see the troubleshooting guide, as well as the gun control unit operating manual!

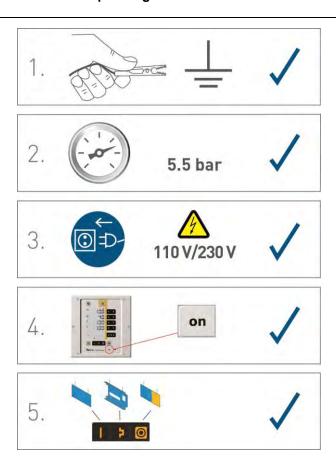


fig. 7



The remainder of the start-up procedure for the gun is explicitly described in the operating instructions for the OptiStar CGxx manual powder gun control unit (chapter "Initial start-up" and "Daily start-up")!

Setting the device type



If the control unit is supplied as a component of a manual coating unit, then the corresponding system parameter is set correctly by the factory!

ATTENTION

A wrong parameterization leads to various malfunctions!

► For more on this, please also see the operating instructions for the gun control unit!

28 • Start-up OptiFlex Pro B Spray



Operation

MARNING

Holding the gun incorrectly

During the coating process, the gun can discharge along the body of the coater if not held using its intended handle, which has been grounded.

- Always hold gun only by the handle!
- ▶ Do not touch any other parts of the gun!

Operation

A CAUTION

Large dust formation possible!

If the manual equipment is not being used for coating in conjunction with a sufficiently powerful suction unit, then the stirred-up dust from the coating powder can cause respiratory issues or cause a slippage/falling hazard.

- ➤ The manual equipment may only be operated in conjunction with a sufficiently powerful suction unit (such as Gema Classic Open booth).
- 1. Swivel aside the fluidizing/suction unit
- 2. Place the open powder container on the vibrating table

A CAUTION

Hand injury!

When placing a container on the vibrating plate, fingers caught in the gap between the two plates can be crushed.

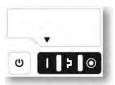
- ► The container may weight a max. of 30 kg.
- 3. Place the fluidizing/suction unit onto the powder
- 4. Set coating parameters



Select predefined operating mode (Preset mode)

- 1. Turn on the gun control unit with the **ON** key
- 2. Press the corresponding application key.

The arrow above the desired button lights up.



The pre-defined application modes have preset values for high voltage and spray current:

Applic	ation mode	Preset µA	Preset kV
1	flat parts	100	100
Þ	complicated parts	22	100
•	overcoat	10	100

3. The air values for total air, powder output and electrode rinsing air can be individually defined and are saved in the programs.

Starting the individual adjustable programs

- 1. Turn on the gun control unit with the **ON** key
- 2. Press the Program key
- 3. Select the desired program (01-20)



Program 20 active

4. Change the coating parameters as required



Programs 01-20 are preset at the factory but can be modified at any time, after which they are automatically stored.

Description		Presetting	
-03	Powder output	60 %	
2	Total air	4.0 Nm³/h	
kV	High voltage	80 kV	
μA	Spray current	20 μΑ	
Œ	Electrode rinsing air	0.1 Nm³/h	
***	Fluidizing air	1.0 Nm³/h (for device type F) 0.1 Nm³/h (for device type B and S)	

30 • Operation OptiFlex Pro B Spray



Setting powder output and powder cloud

The powder output depends on the selected powder output (in %), and the powder cloud on the selected total air volume.



The AP01 Application pump should be operated with powder at least 1/2 hour after starting up.

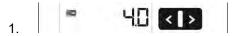
 After the running-in of the filter elements a stable powder output value will be reached.



As a factory default value, a powder rate of 60% and a total air volume of 4 Nm³/h are recommended.

If values are entered that the gun control unit cannot implement, then the operator is informed of this by a blinking in the relevant display and a temporary error message!

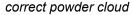
Setting the total air volume



Adjust the total air volume on the gun control unit with the **T3/T4** keys

 Adjust the total air volume according to the corresponding coating requests







too little total air

Setting the powder output



OptiFlex Pro B Spray Operation • 31







much powder

little powder

Adjust the powder output volume (e.g. according to the desired coating thickness)

 Factory default setting of 50% is recommended for initial operation. The total air volume is thereby kept constant automatically by the control unit.



To achieve maximum efficiency, we recommend avoided an overly high powder volume where possible!

- 2. Check fluidization of the powder in the powder container
- 3. Point the gun into the booth, switch the gun on and visually check the powder output

Setting the spraying air

The spraying air (**ZL**) will be set in accordance to the calculated transport air (**TL**) and the adjusted total air volume (**GL**).

Formula:

GL = ZL + TL

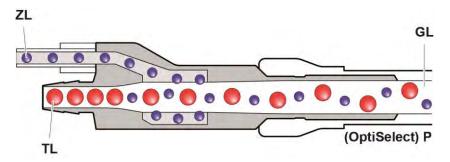


fig. 8: Air streams in the diffuser adapter

GL Total air TL Transport air

ZL Spraying air **P** Gun

Setting the electrode rinsing air

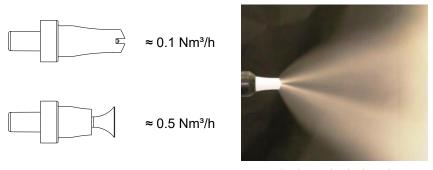
Press the key.
 The second display level will be shown.

2.

32 • Operation OptiFlex Pro B Spray



Adjust the correct electrode rinsing air according to the applied nozzles (deflector plate, flat jet nozzle)



too much electrode rinsing air

3. If in this display level is no operation for 3 seconds, the first display level is switched over independently.



Cleaning mode

The cleaning mode enables blowing off powder accumulations in the powder hose with preset air pressure.

Cleaning programs

Powder chamber emptying combined with hose cleaning in both directions

In this cleaning program (key **T13**), some air is blown through the filter elements in the powder chambers. The cleaning process can be additionally supported by blowing compressed air into the suction hose.

ATTENTION

Too high pressure could damage the pump parts.

 The application pump may be cleaned with a pressure of max. 4 bar

Cleaning the hose to the gun

A CAUTION

Large dust formation possible!

- The conveying hose and the powder gun must be pointed into the booth during the cleaning procedure!
- In this cleaning program (key **T14**), the powder hose to the gun will be cleaned with several air blasts. During this time, the pinch valve on the suction side remains closed.

Cleaning the hose on the suction side

A CAUTION

Large dust formation possible!

- The powder hopper must be empty
- the suction hose must be pointed into the booth during the cleaning procedure!

In this cleaning program (key **T15**), the powder hose on the inlet of the application pump will be cleaned with several air blasts. During this time, the pinch valve on the output to the gun remains closed.

34 • Operation OptiFlex Pro B Spray



Activating the cleaning function

The cleaning mode can only be activated from standby mode (main menu display, no powder conveying).

A CAUTION

Bodily injury or large dust formation possible!

Uncontrolled escape of pulsating compressed air and powder can cause eye or ear damage and respiratory problems.

Manual coating equipment type B:

- ► Lift the fluidizing/suction unit
- ► Point the fluidizing/suction unit and the gun into a suction unit or into the booth

Manual coating equipment type F:

- Remove the hose feedthrough from the powder hopper
- ► Point the hose feedthrough and the gun into a suction unit or into the booth



2. Select the corresponding cleaning program:



3. **START =**



The automated cleaning procedure is started.



During the parallel operation (system parameter P09=1 Duo) both application pumps are cleaned one after the other.

OptiFlex Pro B Spray Operation • 35



4. **STOP =**



the cleaning mode is terminated automatically.

After completion of the PowerClean procedure, the controller switches back to coating mode.

Pinch valve diagnostic

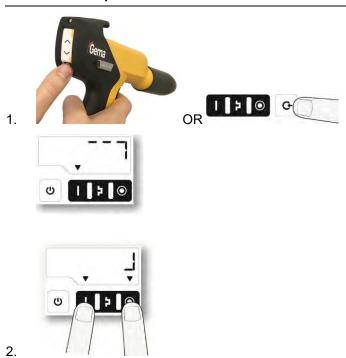
The pinch valve diagnostic is to be carried out, in order to maintain the coating quality or after the error message **H89** is displayed.

The prerequisites for the diagnostic:

- Exhaust at suction and conveyance side must be present and in operation
- Powder hopper must be empty
- Cleaning program completed



The pinch valve diagnostic is to start after the cleaning program has been completed!



36 • Operation OptiFlex Pro B Spray



3. **START =**



- The pinch valve diagnostic is started.
- 4. Wait until the pinch valve diagnostic is stopped automatically

If the error message **H87/H187** (suction pinch valve) or **H88/H188** (conveying pinch valve) is displayed after the procedure has been completed, the corresponding pinch valve hoses must be replaced – see AP01 Application pump Operating manual.

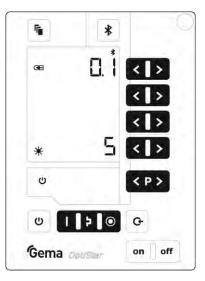




Setting the background illumination

1. Press the key

The display switches to the following level:



2. * 5 ()

Select the desired brightness

OptiFlex Pro B Spray Operation • 37



Color change

General information

When a color change takes place, the individual components of the manual coating equipment must be cleaned carefully. All powder particles of the former color must be removed during this process!

The following describes an 'extreme' color change (light to dark).

1. End the coating procedure

A CAUTION

Large dust formation possible!

Uncontrolled escape of pulsating compressed air and powder can cause eye or ear damage and respiratory problems.

- ► Lift the fluidizing/suction unit
- 2. Lift the fluidizing/suction unit
- 3. Point the gun into a suction unit or into the booth
- 4. Activate the cleaning mode either on the rear of the powder gun (remote control) or on the control unit
- 5. Select the corresponding cleaning program See chapter "Activating the cleaning function" on page 35.
- 6. Press the gun trigger
 - The automated cleaning procedure is started.
 - After completion of the cleaning procedure, the controller switches back to coating mode.
- 7. Dismantle and clean the powder gun (see therefore the user manual of the powder gun)
- 8. Clean the fluidizing/suction unit with compressed air.
- 9. Remove the swivel arm and blow off with a compressed air gun
- 10. Prepare the manual coating equipment with new powder for start-up

38 • Operation OptiFlex Pro B Spray



Decommissioning / Storage

Shutdown

- 1. End the coating procedure
- 2. Switch off the control unit



The adjustments for high voltage, powder output volume and electrode rinsing air remain stored.

If in disuse for several days

- 1. Switch off the plant with the main switch
- 2. Clean the gun, application pump and powder hose (see therefore the corresponding user manuals)
- 3. Turn off the compressed air main supply

Storage conditions

Hazard notes

There is no danger to personnel or the environment if the unit is stored properly.

Type of storage

For safety reasons, the product should only be stored in a vertical position.

Storage duration

If the physical conditions are maintained, the unit can be stored indefinitely.

Space requirements

The space requirements correspond to the size of the product.

There are no special requirements concerning distance to neighboring equipment.



Physical requirements

Storage must be inside a dry building at a temperature between +5 and +50 $^{\circ}$ C. Do not expose to direct sunlight.

Maintenance during storage

Maintenance schedule

No maintenance schedule is necessary.

Maintenance works

During long-term storage, periodically perform a visual check.



Maintenance / Repairs

General information

The product was designed for a maintenance-free operation.

ATTENTION

Any unauthorized modifications and alterations to the product are not permitted for safety reasons and exclude the manufacturer's liability for any resulting damage!



Regular and conscientious cleaning and maintenance increase the service life of the product and ensure consistent high coating quality!

 The parts to be replaced during maintenance work are available as spare parts. These parts can be found in the appropriate spare parts list!

Interval

Daily maintenance

- Clean the application pump (see therefore the application pump user manual)
- 2. Clean the powder gun (For more on this, please also review the user manual for the manual gun)
- 3. Clean the powder hose; Please also review the section "Color change"

Weekly maintenance

- 1. Clean fluidizing/suction unit, application pump and powder gun.
 - Place the fluidizing/suction unit back into the powder shortly before restarting operation
- 2. Check the control unit grounding connections to the coating booth, the suspension devices of the work pieces, or the conveyor chain



If in disuse for several days

- 1. Separate from power mains
- 2. Clean the coating equipment
- 3. Turn off the compressed air main supply

Powder hose rinsing

If longer downtimes take place, the powder hose has to be cleaned.

Procedure:

- 1. Remove the powder hose from the hose connection on the application pump
- 2. Point the gun into the booth
- 3. Blow through the hose manually with a compressed air gun
- 4. Connect the powder hose again to the hose connection on the application pump

Gun maintenance

The gun is designed to require only a minimum amount of maintenance.

- 1. Clean the gun with dry cloth, see chapter "Maintenance"
- 2. Check connection points to powder house.
- 3. Replace the powder hoses, if necessary.

Maintenance of the filter unit

The filter unit on the manual coating equipment measures and cleans the compressed air. This is where the equipment's main compressed air connection is located.

Replacing the filter element

- 1. Unscrew the filter glass on the filter unit
- 2. Remove the complete filter element



fig. 9

- 3. Replace the filter element
- 4. Clean the filter glass on the inside and install it again



Cleaning

A CAUTION

Large dust formation possible!

If no dust mask or one of an insufficient filter class is worn when cleaning the product, then the dust that is stirred up from the coating powder can cause respiratory problems.

- ▶ The ventilation system must be turned on for all cleaning work.
- ► A dust mask corresponding to filter class FFP2 or N95 at minimum must be worn during any cleaning work.

Gun cleaning

ATTENTION

Impermissible solvents

The following solvents may not be used to clean the gun:

► Ethylene chloride, acetone, ethyl acetate, methyl ethyl ketone, methylene chloride, premium gasoline, turpentine, tetrachloromethane, toluene, trichloroethylene, xylene!



Only cleaning agents with a flash point of a least 5 Kelvin above the ambient temperature, or cleaning places with technical ventilation are allowed!



Before cleaning the powder gun, switch off the control unit. The compressed air used for cleaning must be free of oil and water!

Daily:

1. Blow off the outside of the gun and wipe, clean etc.

Weekly:

- 2. Remove powder hose
- 3. Remove the spray nozzle from the gun and clean it with compressed air
- 4. Blow through the gun with compressed air, beginning from the connection in flow direction
- 5. Blow through the gun with compressed air, beginning from the connection in flow direction
- 6. Clean the integrated gun tube with the brush supplied if necessary
- 7. Blow through the gun with compressed air again
- 8. Clean the powder hose
- 9. Reassemble the gun and connect it



Cleaning the fluidizing/suction unit

- 1. Remove the suction hose from the application pump
- 2. Remove the fluidizing/suction unit
- 3. Clean the fluidizing/suction unit with compressed air. Also blow off the suction hose with compressed air
- 4. Reinsert the fluidizing/suction unit
- 5. Reconnect the suction hose

Repair work

In the event of malfunctions or faults, the product must be checked and repaired by an authorized Gema service workshop. The repairs must only be performed by an authorized specialist.

Improper tampering can result in serious danger for user and equipment.

Periodic checks

The periodic checks include examining all connecting cables and hoses.

The corresponding parts should be replaced immediately if any damage to cables or hoses is discovered.

All plugs must be properly tightened.



Fault clearance



Prior to any troubleshooting measures, always check whether the equipment parameter (P00) as configured in the control unit is correct

► See operating instructions for the manual gun control unit, Chapter "Initial Start-up – Setting Equipment Type"!

Incident	Causes	Corrective action
H11 (Help code on control	Gun not connected	Connect the gun
unit)	Gun plug or gun cable defective	Contact local Gema representative
	Remote control on powder gun defective	Contact local Gema representative
Control unit displays remain dark, although the control	Control unit is not connected to the mains	Connect the equipment with the mains cable
unit is switched on	Power pack fuse defective	Replace the fuse
	Power pack defective	Contact local Gema representative
Gun LED remains dark, although the gun is triggered	High voltage adjustment is set too low	Increase high voltage
	Gun plug or gun cable defective	Contact local Gema representative
	LED on gun defective	Contact local Gema representative
Powder does not adhere to object, although the gun is	High voltage and current deactivated	Check the high voltage and current setting
triggered and sprays powder	High voltage cascade defective	Contact local Gema representative
	The objects are not properly grounded	Check the grounding
The gun does not spray powder, although the control	Compressed air not present	Connect the equipment to the compressed air
unit is switched on and the gun trigger is pressed	Application pump, powder hose or powder gun are clogged	Clean the corresponding part
	Application pump defective	Replace
	Fluidization not running	see below
	Pressure valve in the control unit defective	Replace

OptiFlex Pro B Spray Fault clearance • 45



Incident	Causes	Corrective action
	Solenoid valve in the control unit defective	Replace
	No conveying air: - Throttle motor defective - Solenoid valve defective	Contact local Gema representative
	Front plate defective	Contact local Gema representative
Gun achieving only poor spray profile	Total air incorrectly configured	Increase the powder quantity and/or total air volume on the control unit
	Bend or damage to air lines to application pump	Check air lines to application pump
	Pinch valve hose in the application pump worn	Replace
	Fluidization not running	see below
No electrode rinsing air	Rinsing air throttle motor defective	Contact local Gema representative
The powder is not fluidized	Compressed air not present	Connect the equipment to the compressed air
	Fluidizing air is set too low on the control unit	Adjust the fluidization correctly
	Throttle motor defective	Contact local Gema representative
Vibrator not functioning	Vibrator/condenser broken	Contact local Gema representative
	Vibrator not plugged in	plug in
	Incorrect equipment type configured	Configure parameter P00 (See operating instructions for the manual gun control unit, Chapter "Start-up – Setting Equipment Type")



Disposal

Introduction

Requirements on personnel carrying out the work

The disposal of the product is to be carried out by the owner or operator.

When disposing of components that are not manufactured by Gema, the instructions in the respective manufacturer's documentation must be observed.

Disposal regulations



The product must be disassembled and disposed of properly at the end of its service life.

► When disposing of the product, the applicable local and regional laws, directives and environmental regulations must be complied with!

Materials

The materials must be sorted according to material groups and taken to the appropriate collection points.

OptiFlex Pro B Spray Disposal • 47





48 • Disposal OptiFlex Pro B Spray



Spare parts list

Ordering spare parts

When ordering spare parts for powder coating equipment, please indicate the following specifications:

- Type and serial number of your powder coating equipment
- Order number, quantity and description of each spare part

Example:

- Type OptiGun GA03 automatic powder gun Serial number 1234 5678
- Order no. 203 386, 1 piece, Clamp − Ø 18/15 mm

When ordering cable or hose material, the required length must also be given. The spare part numbers of this bulk stock is always marked with an *.

Wearing parts are always marked with a #.

All dimensions of plastic hoses are specified with the external and internal diameter:

Example:

Ø 8/6 mm, 8 mm outside diameter (o/d) / 6 mm inside diameter (i/d)

ATTENTION

Use of non-original Gema spare parts

When using the spare parts from other manufacturers the explosion protection is no longer guaranteed. If any damage is caused by this use all guarantee claims become invalid!

Only original Gema spare parts should be used!



OptiFlex Pro B Spray – Spare parts list

1	OptiStar CG23-P gun control unit – complete (see corresponding operating manual)	
2	OptiSelect Pro GM04 Manual powder gun – complete (see corresponding user manual)	
3	Powder hose – dia. 8.1/4.5 mm	1005 454*#
4	Diffuser – complete (see corresponding spare parts list)	1005 263
5	Plastic tube – Ø 8/5.7 mm, black	1014 931*
6	Pneumatic connection for conveying air – complete (incl. Pos. 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3)	1008 031
6.1	Quick release connection – NW5, Ø 6 mm	200 840
6.2	Nut with kink protection – M10x1 mm, Ø 6 mm	201 308
6.3	Plastic tube – Ø 6/4 mm, black	1001 973*
7	Fluidizing/suction unit – complete (see corresponding spare parts list)	1014 670
8	Swivel wheel – Ø 50 mm	260 606
9	Rubber damper – Ø 20x25 mm, M6/2 mm	246 000
10	Spacing ring	375 624
11	Vibrator – 220–240 V, 50 Hz, 1.6 m	1008 919
	Vibrator – 110 V, 50 Hz, 1.6 m	1008 920
	Vibrator – 120 V, 60 Hz, 1.6 m	1008 921
12	Rubber wheel – Ø 200 mm	260 592
13	Hose clamp – Ø 15-18 mm	203 386
14	Quick release connection – NW7.8 – Ø 10 mm	239 267
15	Pneumatic group – complete (see corresponding spare parts list)	
16	AP01 Application pump – complete (see corresponding user manual)	1015 447
17	Grounding cable – complete	301 140
18	Power cable – country-specific	
19	Gun holder	1008 024
20	Powder hose – dia. 11.4/7 mm	1005 097*#
21	Spare parts kit – consisting of:	
	Filter element – complete (1x)	1014 060#
	Pinch valve hose (2x)	1017 438#
	O-ring – Ø 12x1.5 mm (2x)	1000 822
	Pinch valve – fit-up aid (1x)	1010 376
	Cable tie (6x)	200 719
22	Short instructions (not shown)	1017 907
23	Operating instructions (not shown)	1017 932

^{*} Please indicate length

Wearing part



OptiFlex Pro B Spray – Spare parts

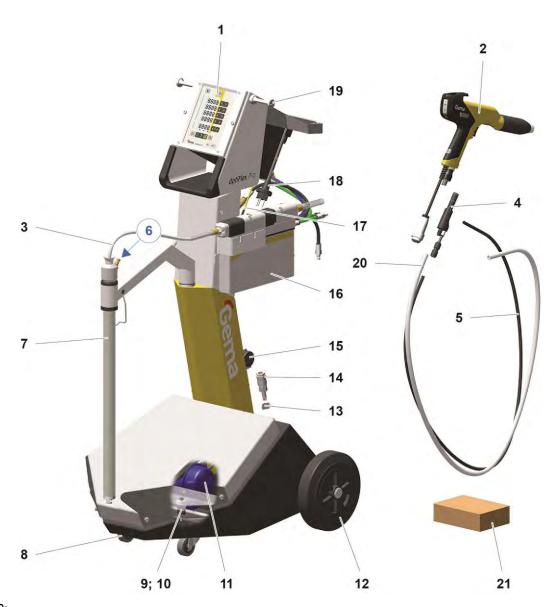


fig. 10:



Fluidizing/suction unit

	Fluidizing/suction unit – complete (pos. 1-13)	1014 670
1	Hose feedthrough – complete (incl. pos. 2 and 11)	1012 277#
2	O-ring – Ø 16x2 mm	231 517#
3	O-ring – Ø 15x1.5 mm	261 564#
4	O-ring – Ø 26x2 mm	246 549#
5	O-ring – Ø 27x3 mm	1007 121#
6	Internal tube	1007 516#
7	O-ring – Ø 24x2 mm	230 480#
8	Fluidizing ring	1007 514#
9	Foot piece	1014 667
10	Connector with flow restrictor – Ø 0.3 mm	1006 556
11	O-ring – Ø 8x2 mm	242 470#
12	Suction restriction piece	1014 668
13	O-ring – Ø 5.1x1.6 mm	1014 669#
14	Guide sleeve	1007 094
15	Locknut – M36x1.5 mm	1007 095
16	Retaining bracket	1008 083
17	Cable bush – Ø 4/8/1.5 mm	265 276
18	Bearing bush	1017 813
19	O-ring – Ø 20x2 mm	1017 809#
Α	Pneumatic connection for fluidizing air – complete (not shown):	1008 031
	Quick release connection – NW5, Ø 6 mm	200 840
	Nut with kink protection – M10x1 mm, Ø 6 mm	201 308
	Plastic tube – Ø 6/4 mm, black	1001 973

^{*} Please indicate length

[#] Wearing part



Fluidizing/suction tube – spare parts

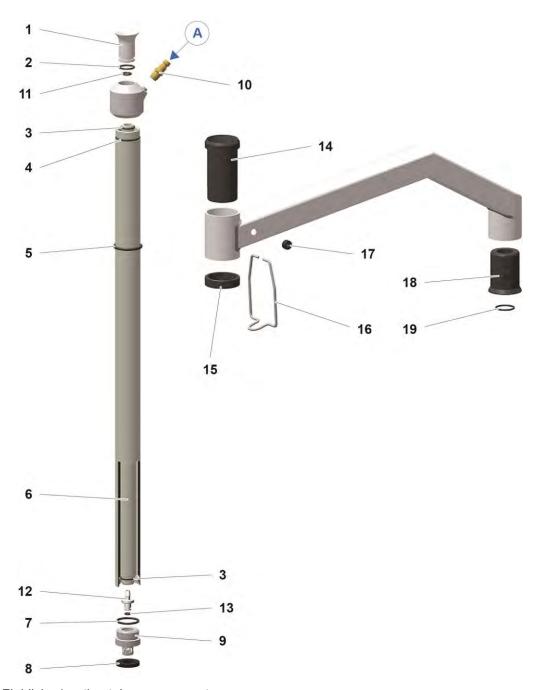


fig. 11: Fluidizing/suction tube - spare parts



Diffuser (OptiSelect)

	Diffuser – complete	1005 263
1	Adaptor piece	1011 636
2	O-ring – Ø 12x1.5 mm	1000 822#
3	O-ring – Ø 13x1.5 mm	1009 943#
4	Fluidizing tube	1005 262#
5	Connector	1011 634
6	Screw-in nipple – M7-Ø 6 mm	1008 699
7	Plastic tube – Ø 6/4 mm	103 144*
8	Plug-in connector – Ø 6-Ø 8 mm	254 894

^{*} Please indicate length

Wearing part

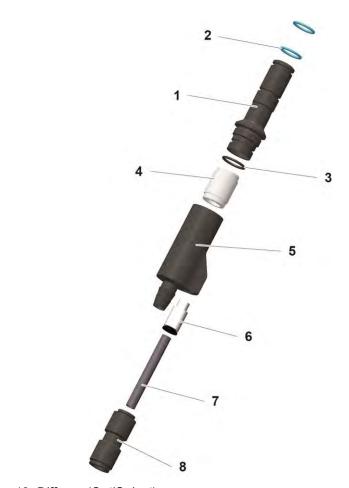


fig. 12: Diffuser (OptiSelect)

54 • Spare parts list OptiFlex Pro B Spray



Pneumatic group

	Pneumatic group – complete	1017 815
1	Filter cartridge – 20 μm	1008 239#
2	Condensate container with drain valve	1008 238
3	Connector – NW7.4 - 1/4"	256 730
4	Elbow joint – 1/4"-1/4"	222 674
5	Sealing plug – 1/8"	203 297
6	R/F unit – 0-8 bar, 1/4", complete (incl. pos. 1 and 2)	1008 236
7	Double nipple – 1/4"1/4", divisible	261 165
8	Pressure gauge – 0-10 bar, 1/8"	1008 049
9	Distribution block	1017 816
10	Screw-in nipple – 1/4", Ø 8 mm	265 136
11	Plug – Ø 8 mm	238 023

Wearing part

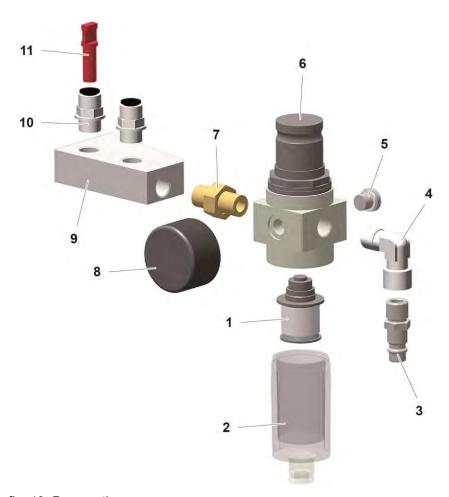


fig. 13: Pneumatic group



Index

A
About these instructions 7 Assembly 23
В
Basic safety instructions9
С
Cleaning43Connectable guns19Connection23Connection instructions24
D
Decommissioning39Dimensions20Disposal47Disposal regulations47Disuse for several days39
E
Electrical data
F
Fault clearance
1
Intended use

M	
Maintenance Maintenance during storage	
0	
Operation	29
Р	
Periodic checks Pictograms Pneumatic data Powder output (reference values) Presentation of the contents Product description Product specific security regulations	7 . 19 . 20 8
R	
Rating plateRepair workRepairs	44
s	
Safety Safety symbols Shutdown Sound pressure level Spare parts list Start-up Storage	7 . 39 . 21 . 49 . 27
otorago	00

