

# Paasche®

## A-AU

### Automatic Spray Gun

#### OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS AND REPLACEMENT PARTS

##### DESCRIPTION:

The A-AU Automatic Spray Gun, is a light duty air actuated production spray gun. It will cover a range of materials to include light lacquers, latex, acid or corrosives. **When using Extensions, material must be pressure fed for proper application.**

##### CONNECTIONS:

Connections to the gun are: Air Inlet 1/4" N.P.T. (F) and Fluid Inlet 1/4" N.P.T. (M). A-AU Automatic Spray Gun dimensions are: 5-1/8" (L) x 2-1/4" (D). Packings and piston are PTFE.

Spray Heads for the A-AU Automatic Spray Guns are available in several different styles, some of which are available with Stainless Steel components. The C.F.M. requirements range from .25 to 3 C.F.M. @ 30 lbs. air pressure. NOTE: When either fluid Tip or fluid Needle is worn and requires replacement, it is recommended that both items be changed for best results.

All Tips and Needles are made using 303 Stainless Steel.

##### OPERATION:

1. Mount Gun in desired position
2. Before installing, blow out air hoses with compressed air to remove foreign particles.
3. Connect hose from air supply to air inlet fitting.
4. Connect fluid hose to fluid inlet supply.
5. Tighten all hose connections securely.
6. Adjust air pressure to 45-55 P.S.I. at the Air Regulator.
7. Adjust fluid volume by turning the #11 Fluid Adjusting Knob to the left or right.

**NOTE: DO NOT USE #11 AS A SHUT-OFF BY TURNING ALL THE WAY DOWN - IT MAY SPLIT THE TIP.**

##### TIP REMOVAL:

1. Turn off Air and Fluid Pressure.
2. Release Needle pressure from the seat of Tip, by backing off the #11 Fluid Adjusting Knob approximately 5 turns, then removing #11 Cylinder Cap Assembly.
3. Loosen AU-12 Aircap Nut and remove Spray Head Assembly. **Leave Needle In Place.**
4. Unscrew AU-Tip. Place New AU-Tip in position.
5. To replace, reverse above procedure.

**WARNING:** Spray materials may be harmful if inhaled or allowed to come into contact with the skin or eyes. Consult the product label and Material Safety Data Sheet supplied for the spray material. Follow all safety precautions.  
**CAUTION:** Well Ventilated Area Required to remove fumes, dust or overspray. Secure airhose and fluid hose wrench tight for safety and to prevent leaks.  
**Maximum Air Pressure 100 P.S.I.**  
**Maximum Fluid Pressure 45 P.S.I.**

##### MAINTENANCE:

Requirements of the A-AU Automatic Spray Gun have been reduced to a minimum. (Old Packing Washers cause leakage of Air or Fluid and replacement should be made).

PTFE Packings are self-lubricating. Flush clean solvent through the Fluid passages of the Spray Gun and Wipe off the outside with clean solvent. Never leave the entire Spray Gun immersed in solvent. Dirty Air caps and Tips should be cleaned by soaking in solvent and blown clean with air.

##### CLEANING:

##### TROUBLE SHOOTING SPRAY PATTERNS:

(A) **A ROUGH OR STIPPLE FINISH** is due to low or restricted flow of air pressure or too heavy materials being applied with spray gun too close to surface.

(B) **A WET OR SAGGING FINISH** is due to low air pressure or restricted flow of air, material being too thin, applied too close to the surface.

(C) **A SPATTERING SPRAY** is caused by air leaking into fluid line or can be caused by a loose fluid tip, a broken or split tip, lumpy material, a clogged vent hole in cover of material cup, air leak at fluid pipe attached to inside of tank cover, or a clogged paint strainer.

**TO CORRECT:** Tighten tip securely or replace. Strain materials and clean strainer. Spattering might also be caused by worn packing washers, or worn or scored needle.

(D) **AN ARCHED FAN SPRAY PATTERN** is caused by dried material accumulated in one fan port of the fan aircap distorting the pattern.

**TO CORRECT:** Dissolve material inside fan port with suitable solvent applied with a small brush.

**NOTE: Never use wire or sharp instruments to clean fan ports as permanent damage to the air ports will result in destroying uniformity of the fan pattern.**

(E) **UNBALANCED FAN SPRAY PATTERN**, heavy on one side, may be caused by material collecting around outside of the fluid tip and aircap, or by a loose aircap.

**TO CORRECT:** Remove aircap and clean fluid tip and aircap with solvent, dry with air pressure. Always be sure fan aircap and aircap body is tightened securely.

(F) **A HEAVY CENTER** in a fan pattern is caused by insufficient air pressure at the fan port. Rough or shady edges are also caused by low air pressure.

**TO CORRECT:** Increase air line pressure.

(G) **A SPLIT FAN SPRAY PATTERN** heavy on each end and light in the center, is caused by excessive air pressure.

**TO CORRECT:** Reduce air pressure.

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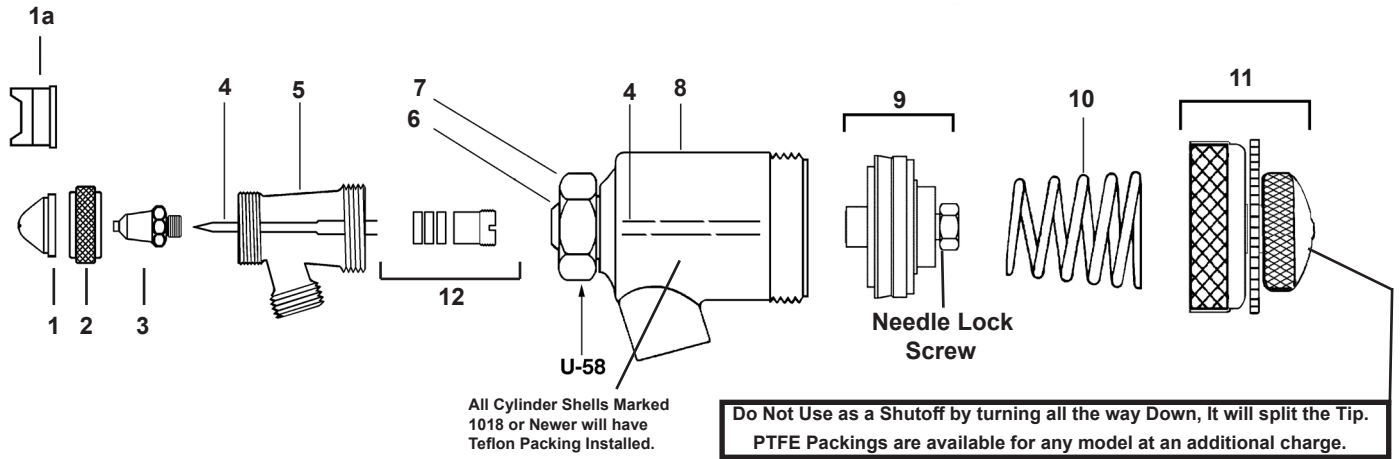
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SPRAY PATTERNS:



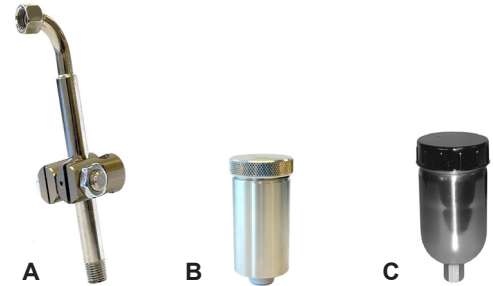


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**No. Part No. Description**

1.	AR-15-1	Round Aircap (Select Size 000/0, 1, 2 or 3)
	ASR-15	Stainless Rd Aircap (Select Size 000/0, 1 or 3)
1a.	ANFA-	Fan Aircap (Select Size 000/0, 1 or 3)
	ANFAS-	Stainless Fan Aircap (Size 3)
2.	AU-12	Aircap Nut
3.	AU-1	Stainless Tip (Select Size 000, 0, 1, 2 or 3)
4.	A-AU-3-11/16	Needle
5.	AU-7B	Fluid Body
6.	U-3632	Small O-ring
7.	U-3633	Large O-ring
8.	U-1907B	Cylinder Shell
9.	U-3656	PTFE Piston Assembly
10.	U-2966	Piston Spring
11.	U-2686A	Rear Cap Assembly
12.	U-3687	Packing Set

**OPTIONAL ITEMS:**



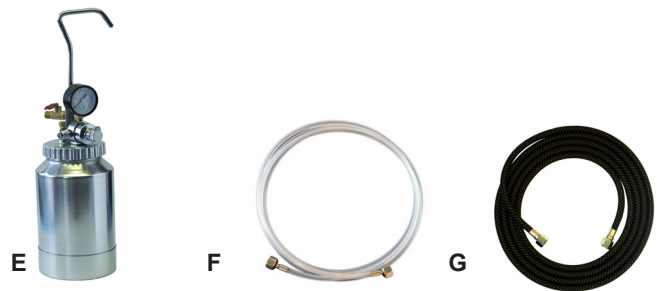
A. UM-96 Mounting Assembly  
 B. 27SC 3 oz. Gravity Cup  
 C. 28SC 8 oz. Gravity Cup

**Size References: Tip and Aircap must match size**

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0	.021
1	.028
2	.040
3	.046

U-3502 (Old Style) Leather Packing Set 

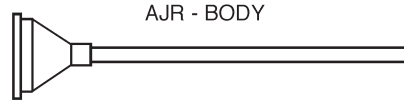
59-30 (Old Style) PTFE Packing Set 



E. PT-64 2 QT Paint Cup W/ Regulator  
 F. HA-1/4-10 Fluid Hose W/HAC-1/4 Couplings  
 G. HL-3/16-10 10 FT Air Hose W/ 1/4 NPT Couplings



AREH - TIP



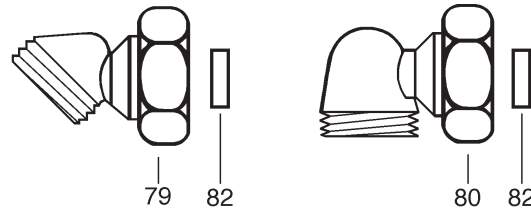
AJR - BODY

Micro Extensions for coating inside small diameters. Will handle most light viscosity fluids. **AREH** Extended Tip & **AJR** Extended Aircap Body.

**All AX Aircaps must use a Pressure Feed Cup or Pressure Tank to feed material being sprayed. Always adjust atomizing air pressure higher than fluid air pressure.**

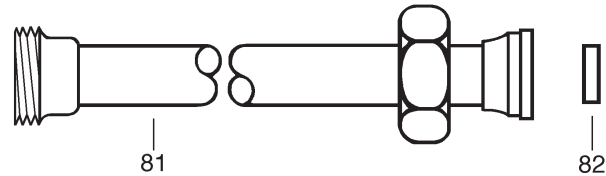
**A-AU Accessories**

- 79. AEN-45 Elbow
- 82. AN Nylon Washer
- 80. AEN-90 Elbow



**AE- Extensions (For Fan and Round - Heads Only)**

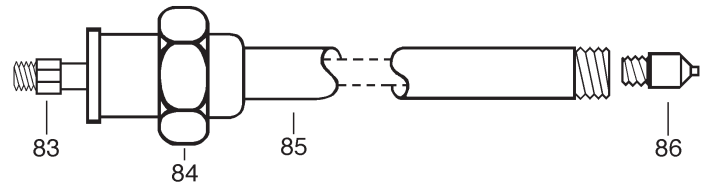
- 81. AE-3E Extension L/Needle
- AE-6E Extension L/Needle
- AE-18E Extension L/Needle
- 82. AN Nylon Washer



**AX- Stainless Steel Extensions (AX - Aircaps & Tips Only)**

**AX Extensions Complete - Sizes: 3, 6, 12, 18, 24, 36 & 48**

- 83. U-2831- Inner Tube (Select Size)
- 84. AUF-29 Nut
- 85. U-2832- Outer Tube (Select Size)
- 86. AX-1 Tip (Not Included with AX Extensions)



**A-AU Extension Needles (Used with AE- & AX- Extensions)**

- 87. A-AU-3 Extension Needle
- A-AU-6 Extension Needle
- A-AU-12 Extension Needle
- A-AU-18 Extension Needle
- A-AU-24 Extension Needle
- A-AU-36 Extension Needle
- A-AU-48 Extension Needle



**AX Style Aircaps (Used with AX-Extensions Only)**

- 88. AXR Aircap (External Round Pattern)
- 89. AXF Aircap (External Fan Pattern)
- 90. AXIF Aircap (Internal Fan Pattern)
- 91. AXIF-90 Aircap (Internal Fan Pattern)
- 92. AXIF-45 Aircap (Internal Fan Pattern)
- 93. AXIB Aircap (Spherical Pattern)
- 94. AXI-360 Aircap (Radial Pattern)
- 95. AXIF-90A Aircap (Internal Fan Pattern)
- 96. AXIR-15 Aircap (Internal Round Pattern)
- 97. AXIR-90 Aircap (Internal Round Pattern)

