

# Owner's Manual & Safety Instructions

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## **WARNING**

**Read this material before using this product.  
Failure to do so can result in serious injury.  
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### WARNING SYMBOLS AND DEFINITIONS

	This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.
<b>DANGER</b>	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
<b>WARNING</b>	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
<b>CAUTION</b>	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.
<b>NOTICE</b>	Addresses practices not related to personal injury.
<b>CAUTION</b>	

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

## General Safety Warnings



### **WARNING** Read all safety warnings and instructions.

*Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury.*

**Save all warnings and instructions for future reference.**

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The warnings, precautions, and instructions discussed in this instruction manual cannot cover all possible conditions and situations that may occur. It must be understood by the operator that common sense and caution are factors which cannot be built into this product, but must be supplied by the operator.

### 1. Work area safety

- a. **Keep work area clean and well lit.**  
Cluttered or dark areas invite accidents.
- b. **Do not operate the Compressor in explosive atmospheres, such as in the presence of flammable liquids, gases or dust.**  
Compressor motors produce sparks which may ignite the dust or fumes.
- c. **Keep children and bystanders away from an operating compressor.**

### 2. Electrical safety

- a. **Compressor plugs must match the outlet.**  
**Never modify the plug in any way.**  
**Do not use any adapter plugs with grounded compressors.** Standard plugs and matching outlets will reduce risk of electric shock.
- b. **Do not expose compressor to rain or wet conditions.** Water entering a compressor will increase the risk of electric shock.
- c. **Do not abuse the cord.** Never use the cord for unplugging the compressor.  
**Keep cord away from heat, oil, sharp edges or moving parts.** Damaged or entangled cords increase the risk of electric shock.

### 3. Personal safety

- a. **Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense when operating this compressor.** Do not use this compressor while you are tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol or medication. A moment of inattention while operating a compressor may result in serious personal injury.
- b. **Use personal protective equipment.** Always wear ANSI-approved eye protection during setup and use.
- c. **Prevent unintentional starting.** Ensure the switch is in the off-position before connecting to power source or moving the compressor.

### 4. Compressor use and care

- a. **Do not use the compressor if the switch does not turn it on and off.** Any compressor that cannot be controlled with the switch is dangerous and must be repaired.
- b. **Disconnect the plug from the power source before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing the compressor.** Such preventive safety measures reduce the risk of starting the compressor accidentally.
- c. **Store an idle compressor out of the reach of children and do not allow persons unfamiliar with the compressor or these instructions to operate it.** A compressor is dangerous in the hands of untrained users.
- d. **Maintain the compressor.** Keep the compressor clean for better and safer performance. Follow instructions for lubricating and changing accessories. Keep dry, clean and free from oil and grease. Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts and any other condition that may affect the compressor's operation. If damaged, have the compressor repaired before use. Many accidents are caused by a poorly maintained compressor.
- e. **Use the compressor in accordance with these instructions, taking into account the working conditions and the work to be performed.** Use of the compressor for operations different from those intended could result in a hazardous situation.

### 5. Service

- a. **Have your compressor serviced by a qualified repair person using only identical replacement parts.** This will ensure that the safety of the compressor is maintained.

# Air Compressor Safety Warnings

1. **Risk of fire or explosion - do not spray flammable liquid in a confined area or towards a hot surface. Spray area must be well-ventilated. Do not smoke while spraying or spray where spark or flame is present. Arcing parts - keep compressor at least 20 feet away from explosive vapors, such as when spraying with a spray gun.**
2. **Risk of bursting - do not adjust regulator higher than marked maximum pressure of attachment.**
3. **Risk of injury - do not direct air stream at people or animals.**
4. **Do not use to supply breathing air.**
5. **Do not leave compressor unattended for an extended period while plugged in. Unplug compressor after working.**
6. **Keep compressor well-ventilated. Do not cover compressor during use.**
7. **Drain Tank daily and after use. Internal rust causes tank failure and explosion.**
8. **Add correct amount of compressor oil before first use and every use. Operating with low or no oil causes permanent damage and voids warranty.**
9. **Do not remove the valve cover or adjust internal components.**
10. **Compressor head gets hot during operation. Do not touch it or allow children nearby during or immediately following operation.**
11. **Do not use the air hose to move the compressor.**
12. **Release the pressure in the storage tank before moving.**
13. **The use of accessories or attachments not recommended by the manufacturer may result in a risk of injury to persons.**
14. **All air line components, including hoses, pipe, connectors, filters, etc., must be rated for a minimum working pressure of 150 PSI, or 150% of the maximum system pressure, whichever is greater.**

15. **USE OF AN EXTENSION CORD IS NOT RECOMMENDED. If you choose to use an extension cord, use the following guidelines:**

**TABLE A: RECOMMENDED MINIMUM WIRE GAUGE FOR EXTENSION CORDS (120 VOLT)**

NAMEPLATE AMPERES (at full load)	EXTENSION CORD LENGTH			
	25'	50'	100'	150'
0 – 6	18	16	16	14
6.1 – 10	18	16	<b>Do not use.</b>	
10.1 – 12	16	16	<b>Do not use.</b>	
12.1 – 16	14	12	<b>Do not use.</b>	

16. **Industrial applications must follow OSHA guidelines.**
17. **Maintain labels and nameplates on the compressor. These carry important safety information. If unreadable or missing, contact Harbor Freight Tools for a replacement.**
18. **This product is not a toy. Keep it out of reach of children.**
19. **Operate unit on level surface. Check oil level daily and fill to marked level if needed.**
20. **People with pacemakers should consult their physician(s) before use. Electromagnetic fields in close proximity to heart pacemaker could cause pacemaker interference or pacemaker failure.**
21. **WARNING: The brass components of this product contain lead, a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects (or other reproductive harm). (California Health & Safety code § 25249.5, et seq.)**



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## Grounding

### WARNING



#### TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK AND DEATH FROM INCORRECT GROUNDING WIRE CONNECTION:

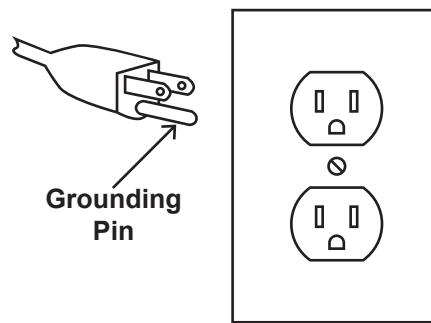
Check with a qualified electrician if you are in doubt as to whether the outlet is properly grounded. Do not modify the power cord plug provided with the compressor.

Never remove the grounding prong from the plug. Do not use the compressor if the power cord or plug is damaged. If damaged, have it repaired by a service facility before use. If the plug will not fit the outlet, have a proper outlet installed by a qualified electrician.

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## 110-120 V~ Grounded Compressors: Compressors with Three Prong Plugs

1. In the event of a malfunction or breakdown, grounding provides a path of least resistance for electric current to reduce the risk of electric shock. This compressor is equipped with an electric cord having an equipment-grounding conductor and a grounding plug. The plug must be plugged into a matching outlet that is properly installed and grounded in accordance with all local codes and ordinances.
2. Do not modify the plug provided – if it will not fit the outlet, have the proper outlet installed by a qualified electrician.
3. Improper connection of the equipment-grounding conductor can result in a risk of electric shock. The conductor with insulation having an outer surface that is green with or without yellow stripes is the equipment-grounding conductor. If repair or replacement of the electric cord or plug is necessary, do not connect the equipment-grounding conductor to a live terminal.
4. Check with a qualified electrician or service personnel if the grounding instructions are not completely understood, or if in doubt as to whether the compressor is properly grounded.
5. Use only 3-wire extension cords that have 3-prong grounding plugs and 3-pole receptacles that accept the compressor's plug.
6. Repair or replace damaged or worn cord immediately.
7. This compressor is intended for use on a circuit that has an outlet that looks like the one illustrated above in **125 V~ 3-Prong Plug and Outlet**. The compressor has a grounding plug that looks like the plug illustrated above in **125 V~ 3-Prong Plug and Outlet**.
8. The outlet must be properly installed and grounded in accordance with all codes and ordinances.
9. Do not use an adapter to connect this compressor to a different outlet.



**125 V~ 3-Prong Plug and Outlet  
(for up to 125 V~ and up to 15 A)**

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## Symbology

<b>PSI</b>	Pounds per square inch of pressure		Double Insulated
<b>CFM</b>	Cubic Feet per Minute flow		Canadian Standards Association
<b>SCFM</b>	Cubic Feet per Minute flow at standard conditions		Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.
<b>NPT</b>	National pipe thread, tapered		Volts Alternating Current
<b>NPS</b>	National pipe thread, straight		Amperes

## Specifications

Electrical Rating	120V~ / 60Hz / 14A (Dedicated circuit recommended)
Air Outlet Size	1/4" -18 NPT
Air Pressure	Shut-off 125 PSI
	Restart 95 PSI
Air Tank Capacity	21 Gallons
Air Flow Capacity	4.7 CFM @ 90 PSI 5.8 CFM @ 40 PSI
Oil Capacity	5.6 oz.
Oil Type	SAE 30W, non-detergent, Air Compressor Oil (sold separately)
Sound Level	90 dB @ 3'



## Instructions for putting into use



Read the **ENTIRE IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION** section at the beginning of this manual including all text under subheadings therein before set up or use of this product.

## WARNING

### TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM ACCIDENTAL OPERATION:

Turn the Power Switch "OFF" and unplug the Air Compressor from its electrical outlet before assembling or making any adjustments to the compressor.

**Note:** For additional information regarding the parts listed in the following pages, refer to the Assembly Diagram near the end of this manual.



Figure A: Functions

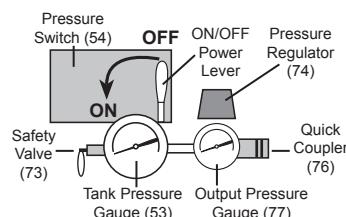


Figure B: Controls

# Assembly

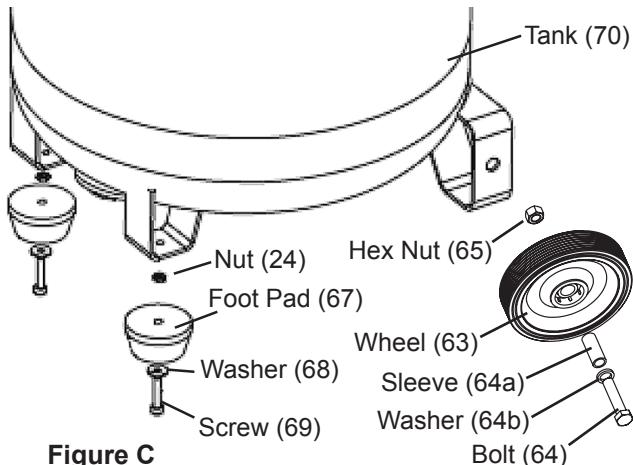


Figure C

1. Attach the Wheels (63) to the Tank (70), using the Bolts (64), Washers (64b), Sleeves (64a), and Hex Nuts (65). Attach the Foot Pads (67) to the bottom of the Tank (70) using the Screws (69) and Washers (68).

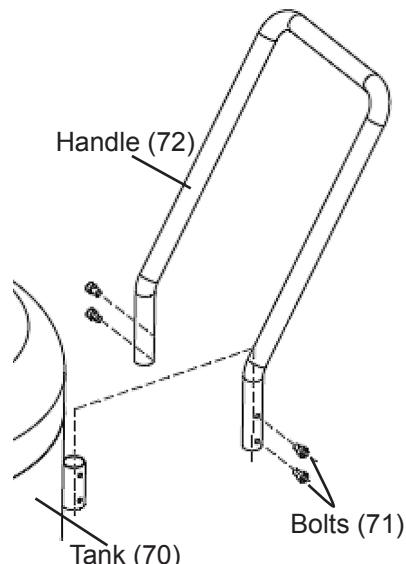


Figure D

2. Slide the Handle (72) into the two slots on the top of the Tank (70) and secure in place with four Bolts (71).

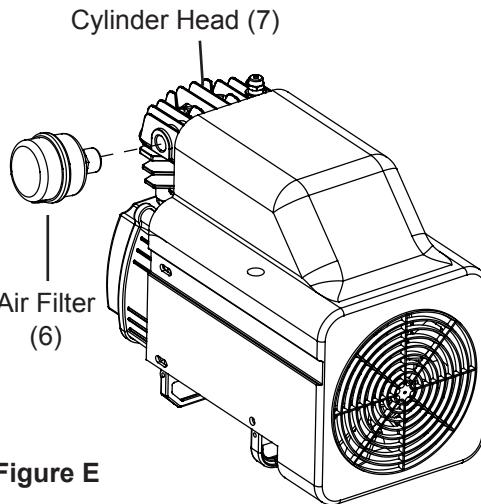


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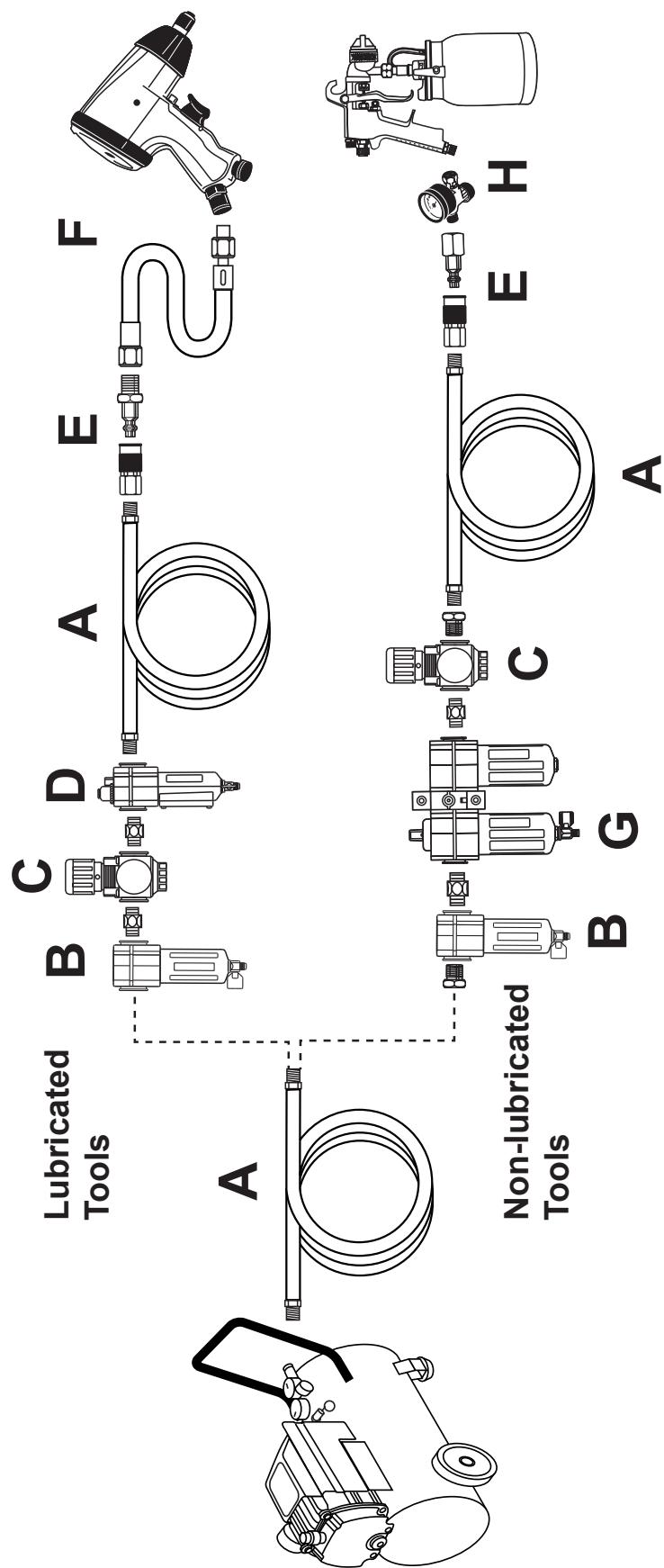
3. Thread the Air Filter (6) onto the side of the Cylinder Head (7).
4. Break in the new Air Compressor as follows:
  - a. Turn the Power Switch off and unplug the unit. Insert a male coupler (sold separately) into the female Quick Coupler and fully open all regulators and valves.
  - b. Plug in the Power Cord.
  - c. Turn the Power Switch ON.
  - d. Let the unit run for 30 minutes. Air will expel freely through the Coupler.
  - e. Turn the Power Switch OFF.
  - f. Unplug the Power Cord and remove the male coupler.
5. Connect a regulator valve, an inline shut off valve and a 1/4" NPT air hose to the Quick Coupler (all sold separately). The air hose must be long enough to reach the work area with enough extra length to allow free movement while working.

**Note:** An in-line shutoff ball valve is an important safety device because it controls the air supply even if the air hose is ruptured. The shutoff valve should be a ball valve because it can be closed quickly.

6. Depending on the tool which you will be using with this compressor, you may need to incorporate additional components, such as an in-line oiler, a filter, or a dryer (all sold separately), as shown on Figure F on page 8 and Figure G on page 9. Consult your air tool's manual for needed accessories.

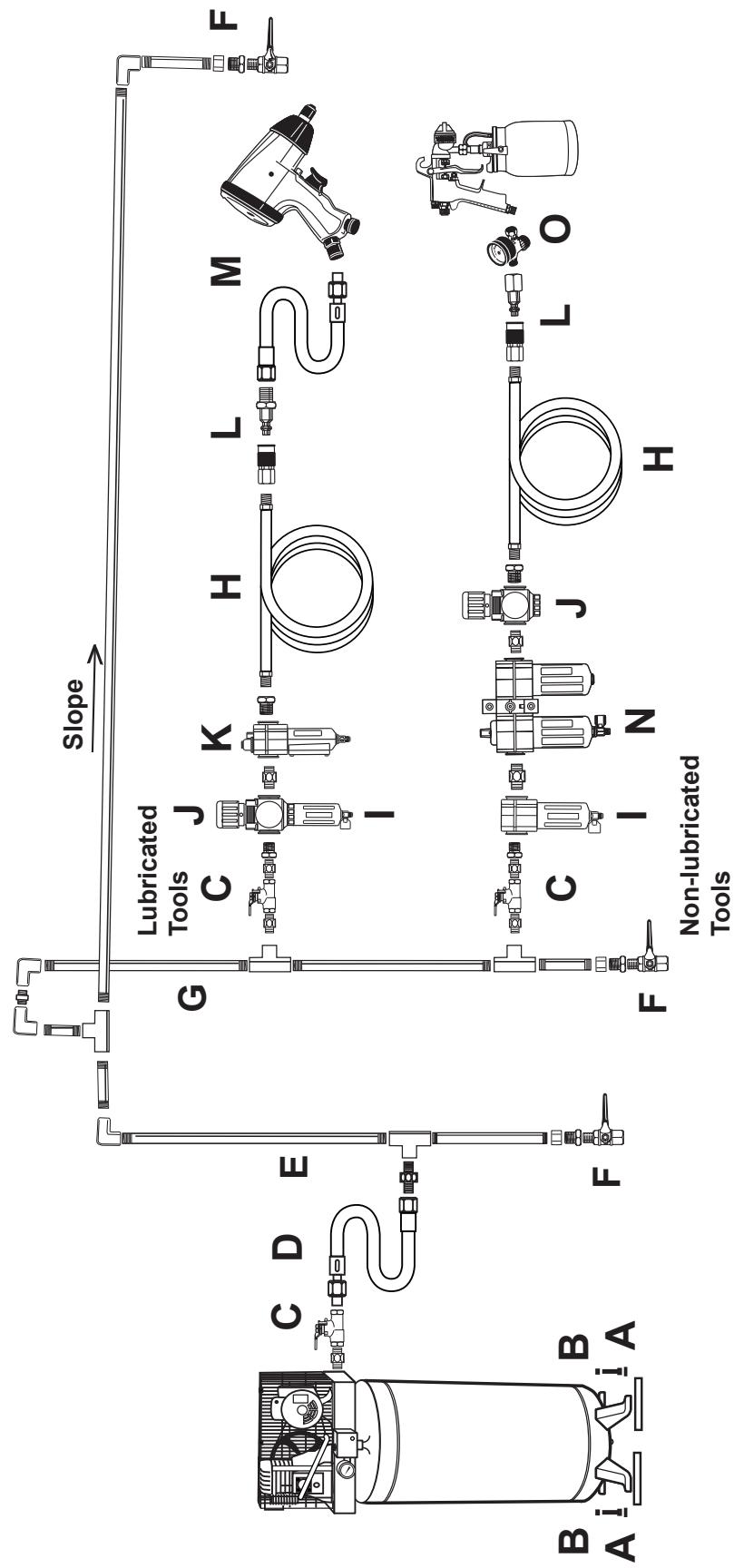
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Figure F: Portable Air Supply Setup



Description	Function
A Air Hose	Connects air to tool
B Filter	Prevents dirt and condensation from damaging tool or workpiece
C Regulator	Adjusts air pressure to tool
D Lubricator (optional)	For air tool lubrication
E Coupler and Plug	Provides quick connection and release
F Leader Hose (optional)	Increases coupler life
G Air Cleaner / Dryer (optional)	Prevents water vapor from damaging workpiece
H Air Adjusting Valve (optional)	For fine tuning airflow at tool

**Figure G: Stationary Air Supply Setup**



Description	Function
A Vibration Pads	For noise and vibration reduction
B Anchor Bolts	Secures air compressor in place
C Ball Valve	Isolates sections of system for maintenance
D Isolation Hose	For vibration reduction
E Main Air Line - 3/4" minimum recommended	Distributes air to branch lines
F Ball Valve	To drain moisture from system
G Branch Air Line - 1/2" minimum recommended	Brings air to point of use
H Air Hose	Connects air to tool
I Filter	Prevents dirt and condensation from damaging tool or workpiece
J Regulator	Adjusts air pressure to tool
K Lubricator (optional)	For air tool lubrication
L Coupler and Plug	Provides quick connection and release
M Leader Hose (optional)	Increases coupler life
N Air Cleaner / Dryer (optional)	Prevents water vapor from damaging workpiece
O Air Adjusting Valve (optional)	For fine tuning airflow at tool

## Checking the Oil

1. Check the oil level before operation. Fill the Pump Crankcase (39) with SAE 30W, non-detergent, Air Compressor Oil (sold separately).

**IMPORTANT:** Running the Air Compressor with the incorrect amount of oil will cause damage to the equipment and void the warranty. To prevent damage, do not use with overfilled or low oil. Slowly fill to full line, wait 2 minutes and fill back up to full line. Compressor has small passages that will fill slowly.

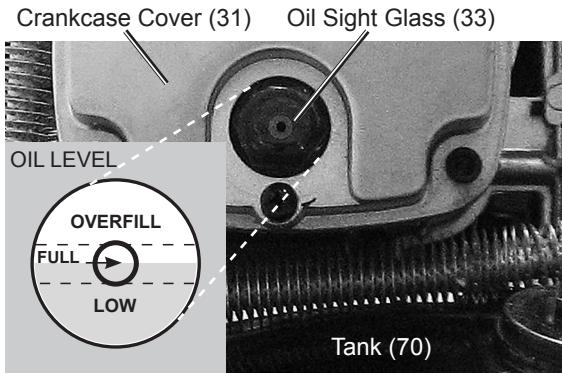


Figure H: Oil Sight Glass

2. The oil level should be at the center of the "full" level on the oil level sight glass, as shown in Figure H. Add oil as needed to maintain this level. Do not let the oil level go below the center dot (LOW as shown above) and do not overfill the oil so that it is above the center dot (OVERFILL as shown above) on the sight glass.

3. To add oil:
  - a. Remove the Oil Plug (37).
  - b. Using a funnel to avoid spills, pour enough oil into the Pump Crankcase (39) to reach the "full" level in the Oil Sight Glass (33).
  - c. Replace the Oil Plug.

### Cold Weather Operation

Premium quality 30-weight, non-detergent air compressor oil (sold separately) is recommended for use with this compressor. Start compressor in heated area if outdoor temperatures drop below 32° F. If this is not practical, drain out the old pump oil and use SAE 10W Non-detergent Air Compressor Oil in the pump crankcase instead whenever the compressor's temperature will fall below 40°. Do not use multi-viscosity oil (such as 10W-30), they leave carbon deposits on pump components and lead to accelerated failure. Heavy operation may require heavier viscosity oil.

4. If uncertain which oil to use for this compressor, please call Harbor Freight Tools customer service at 1-800-444-3353 for assistance.
5. **Change the compressor oil after the first hour of use to remove any debris.**

**CAUTION! TO PREVENT INJURY FROM BURNS:**  
Do not add or change the oil while  
the compressor is in operation.  
Allow the compressor to cool before replacing oil.

## Operating Instructions



Read the **ENTIRE IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION** section at the beginning of this manual including all text under subheadings therein before set up or use of this product.

### Compressor Area Set Up

1. Designate a work area that is clean and well-lit. The work area must not allow access by children or pets to prevent injury.
2. Locate the Compressor on a flat level surface to ensure proper pump lubrication and to prevent damage to the unit. Keep at least 12" of space around the unit to allow air circulation.
3. Route the power cord from the compressor to the grounded wall outlet, along a safe path without creating a tripping hazard or exposing the power cord to possible damage.

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## General Operation

1. Close the Drain Valve by turning it clockwise.
2. Check for oil leaks and check the oil level (See Checking the Oil).
3. Close the in-line Shutoff Valve between the compressor and the air hose.
4. Plug the Air Compressor Power Cord into a grounded 120 V~ electrical outlet.
5. Turn the Power Switch ON.
6. Allow the Air Compressor to build up pressure until it cycles off.

**Note:** At the beginning of the day's first use of the Air Compressor, check for air leaks by applying soapy water to connections while the Air Compressor is pumping and after pressure cut-out. Look for air bubbles. If air bubbles are present at connections, tighten connections. Do not use the Air Compressor unless all connections are air tight, the extra air leaking out will cause the compressor to operate too often, increasing wear on the compressor.

**Note:** As long as the Power Switch is ON, the operation of the Air Compressor is automatic, controlled by an internal pressure switch. The Compressor will turn on automatically when the air pressure drops to 95 PSI, and will turn off automatically when the air pressure reaches 125 PSI.



### WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY AND DEATH FROM EXPLOSION:

#### Do not adjust the internal

pressure switch. Any change to the automatic pressure levels may cause excess pressure to accumulate, causing a hazardous situation.

7. Adjust the Air Compressor's Pressure Regulator so that the air output is enough to properly power the tool, but the output will not exceed the tool's maximum air pressure at any time. Turn the knob clockwise to increase the pressure and counter-clockwise to decrease pressure. Adjust the pressure gradually, while checking the air output gauge to set the pressure.
8. Make sure the air tool's throttle or switch is in the off position. Connect the air tool to the air hose.
9. Open the in-line Shutoff Valve.
10. Use the air tool as needed.
11. After the job is complete, turn the Power Switch OFF.
12. Unplug the Air Compressor.
13. Close the in-line Shutoff Valve.
14. Bleed air from the tool then disconnect the tool.
15. Turn the Drain Valve, at the bottom of the Tank, two turns counterclockwise to release any built-up moisture and the internal tank pressure. Close the valve after moisture has drained out. Do not remove the Drain Valve.
16. Clean, then store the Air Compressor indoors.

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## Emergency Depressurization

If it is necessary to quickly depressurize the Compressor, turn the Power Switch OFF. Then, pull on the ring on the Safety Valve to quickly release stored air pressure.

## Automatic Shut off System

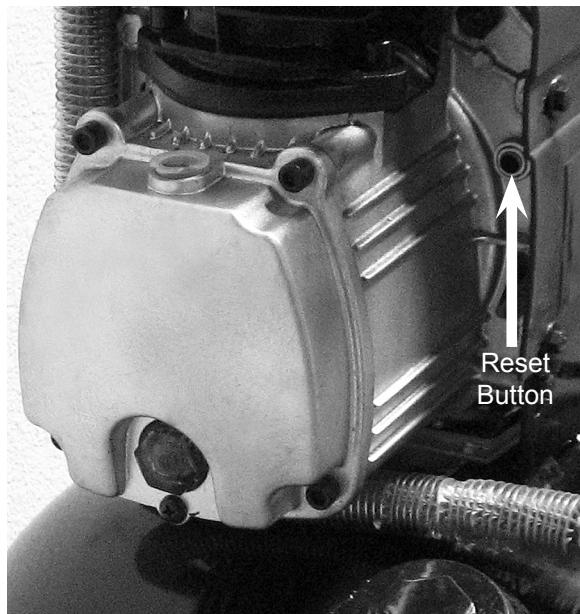


Figure I: Reset Button

1. If the Compressor automatically shuts off before reaching its normal cutoff pressure:
  - a. Shut off all tools.
  - b. Wait until the Compressor cools down (about 10 minutes);
  - c. If the unit does not start up again on its own, press the Reset Button to start the compressor;
  - d. Resume operation.
2. Possible causes of repeated automatic shut off of the compressor are:
  - a. Using an extension cord that is too long or narrow;
  - b. An air leak or open hose causing the compressor to cycle too often and build up heat.
3. Correct any issues before further use to avoid damage to the compressor.

## Maintenance and Servicing



Procedures not specifically explained in this manual must be performed only by a qualified technician.

### WARNING

#### TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM ACCIDENTAL OPERATION:

Turn the Power Switch "OFF" and unplug the Compressor from its electrical outlet before performing any inspection, maintenance, or cleaning procedures.

#### TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM COMPRESSOR FAILURE:

Do not use damaged equipment. If abnormal noise or vibration occurs, have the problem corrected before further use.

## Cleaning, Maintenance, and Lubrication

1. **BEFORE EACH USE**, inspect the general condition of the air compressor. Check for:
  - loose hardware,
  - misalignment or binding of moving parts,
  - damaged belts,
  - cracked or broken parts,
  - damaged electrical wiring, and
  - any other condition that may affect its safe operation.
2. **AFTER USE**, wipe external surfaces of the compressor with a clean cloth.
3. **WARNING!** If the supply cord of this compressor is damaged, it must be replaced only by a qualified service technician.

## Maintenance Schedule

Following are general guidelines for maintenance checks of the Air Compressor.

**Note:** The environment in which the compressor is used, and the frequency of use can affect how often you will need to check the Air Compressor components and perform maintenance procedures.

#### Daily:

- a. Check oil level.
- b. Check for oil leaks.
- c. Make sure all nuts and bolts are tight.
- d. Drain moisture from air tank.
- e. Check for abnormal noise or vibration.
- f. Check for air leaks.\*
- g. Inspect belt (if provided).
- h. Wipe off any oil or dirt from the compressor.\*\*

#### Weekly:

- a. Inspect Air Filter.
- b. Inspect Oil Breather Plug.

#### Monthly:

Inspect Safety Valve.

#### Every 6 months or 100 Operation Hours:

Replace Pump oil.\*\*\*

\* To check for air leaks, apply soapy water to joints while the Air Compressor is pressurized. Look for air bubbles.

\*\* To clean the compressor surface, wipe with a damp cloth, using a mild detergent or mild solvent.

\*\*\* Use SAE 30W, non-detergent, Air Compressor Oil only (sold separately).

## Oil Maintenance

Check the oil periodically for clarity. Replace oil if it appears milky or if debris is present, or every 6 months, or 100 hours of runtime, whichever comes first.

In harsh environments such as high heat or high humidity, you will need to replace the oil more frequently.

### **CAUTION! TO PREVENT INJURY FROM BURNS:**

**Allow Air Compressor to cool before changing the oil.**

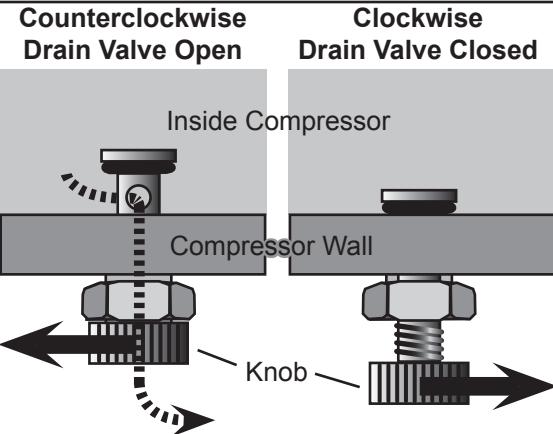
1. Place a container under the Drain Plug.
2. Remove the Oil Breather Plug to allow air flow into the Pump.
3. Remove the Drain Plug, allowing the oil to drain into the container.
4. When the oil is completely drained from the Pump, replace the Drain Plug.
5. Fill the Pump with new SAE 30W, non-detergent, Air Compressor Oil to the FULL level on the Oil Sight Glass (5.6 oz.).
6. Replace and tighten the Oil Breather Plug.
7. Discard the old oil according to local, state and federal regulations.

## Draining Moisture from the Tank

The Drain Valve is located under the Tank. It must be used daily to release all trapped air and moisture from the Tank. This will eliminate condensation which can cause tank corrosion.

**CAUTION!** Do not open the Drain Valve so that more than four threads are showing.

1. Turn the Power switch of the compressor off.
2. Place a collection pan under the Drain Valve.
3. Unthread the Drain Valve two or three turns ONLY.
4. When all the pressure and moisture is released, close the Drain Valve.



**Figure J: Drain Valve Operation**

**To open the Drain Valve**, turn the knob on the bottom of the Compressor counterclockwise.

**To close the Drain Valve**, turn the knob on the bottom of the compressor clockwise until you feel tension and the knob is down as far as it can go.

## Air Filter Maintenance

Check the Air Filter weekly to see if it needs replacement.

If working in dirty environments, you may need to replace the filter more often.

1. Remove the Cover.
2. Remove the Air Filter.
3. Replace with a new Air Filter.
4. Replace the Cover.

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## Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Causes	Likely Solutions
Compressor does not start or restart	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tank(s) already pressurized.</li> <li>2. Power cord not plugged in properly.</li> <li>3. Incorrect power supply.</li> <li>4. No power at outlet.</li> <li>5. Thermal overload switch tripped.</li> <li>6. Building power supply circuit tripped or blown fuse.</li> <li>7. Cord wire size is too small or cord is too long to properly power compressor.</li> <li>8. Compressor needs service.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No problem. Compressor will start when needed.</li> <li>2. Check that cord is plugged in securely.</li> <li>3. Check that circuit matches compressor requirements.</li> <li>4. Reset circuit breaker, or have outlet serviced by a qualified technician.</li> <li>5. Turn off Compressor and wait for it to cool down. Press reset button. Resume operation.</li> <li>6. Reset circuit or replace fuse. Check for low voltage conditions. It may be necessary to disconnect other electrical appliances from the circuit or move the compressor to its own circuit.</li> <li>7. Use larger diameter or shorter extension cord or eliminate extension cord. See Recommended Wire Gauge for Extension Cords in Safety section.</li> <li>8. Have unit inspected by a qualified technician.</li> </ol>
Compressor builds pressure too slowly	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Incorrect power supply.</li> <li>2. Crankcase oil overfilled or oil too thick.</li> <li>3. Working environment too cold.</li> <li>4. Safety valve leaking.</li> <li>5. Loose fittings.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check that circuit matches compressor requirements.</li> <li>2. Drain oil and refill to proper level with recommended oil.</li> <li>3. Move compressor to a warmer location. Check that recommended oil is in crankcase.</li> <li>4. Listen for air leaking from valve. If leaking, replace with identical valve with same rating. <b>DO NOT SEAL OR TAMPER WITH SAFETY VALVE.</b></li> <li>5. Reduce air pressure, then check all fittings with a soap solution for air leaks and tighten as needed. Do not overtighten.</li> </ol>
Compressor not building enough air pressure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Air filters need cleaning/replacing.</li> <li>2. Check Valve needs service.</li> <li>3. Compressor not large enough for job.</li> <li>4. Loose fittings.</li> <li>5. Hose or hose connections too narrow.</li> <li>6. Crankcase oil too thick.</li> <li>7. High altitude reducing air output.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check inlet and outlet filters. Clean and/or replace as needed.</li> <li>2. Have technician clean or replace, as needed.</li> <li>3. Check if accessory CFM is met by Compressor. If Compressor cannot supply enough air flow (CFM), you need a larger Compressor.</li> <li>4. Reduce air pressure, then check all fittings with a soap solution for air leaks and tighten as needed. Do not overtighten.</li> <li>5. Replace with wider hose and/or hose connections.</li> <li>6. Drain oil and refill to proper level with recommended oil.</li> <li>7. Higher altitudes require compressors with greater output.</li> </ol>
High Oil Consumption	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Crankcase oil too thin.</li> <li>2. Unit not on level surface.</li> <li>3. Crankcase vent clogged.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Drain oil and refill to proper level with recommended oil.</li> <li>2. Reposition unit on a level surface.</li> <li>3. Clean Crankcase vent.</li> </ol>



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## Troubleshooting (cont.)

Problem	Possible Causes	Likely Solutions
Overheating	1. Air filters need cleaning/replacing. 2. Crankcase oil too thin or incorrect type. 3. Crankcase oil level too low. 4. Unusually dusty environment. 5. Extension cord used. 6. Unit not on level surface.	1. Check inlet and outlet filters. Clean and/or replace as needed. 2. Drain oil and refill to proper level with recommended oil. 3. Add oil to proper level, check for leaks. 4. Clean and/or replace filters more often or move unit to cleaner environment. 5. Eliminate extension cord. 6. Reposition unit on a level surface.
Compressor starts and stops excessively	1. Loose fittings. 2. Compressor not large enough for job.	1. Reduce air pressure, then check all fittings with a soap solution for air leaks and tighten as needed. Do not overtighten. 2. Check if accessory CFM is met by Compressor. If Compressor doesn't reach accessory CFM, you need a larger Compressor.
Excessive noise	1. Crankcase overfilled with oil or oil is incorrect thickness or type. 2. Crankcase oil level too low. 3. Loose or damaged belt guard. 4. Loose fittings. 5. Unit not on level surface.	1. Drain oil and refill to proper level with recommended oil. 2. Add oil to proper level, check for leaks. 3. Replace belt guard. 4. Reduce air pressure, then check all fittings with a soap solution for air leaks and tighten as needed. Do not overtighten. 5. Reposition unit on a level surface.
Moisture in discharge air	Too much moisture in air.	Install inline air filter/dryer, and/or relocate to less humid environment.
Oil in discharge air	1. Crankcase oil too thin or crankcase overfilled with oil. 2. Crankcase vents clogged.	1. Drain oil and refill to proper level with recommended oil. 2. Clean Crankcase vents.
Safety Valve "pops"	Safety valve needs service.	Pull on test ring of safety valve. If it still pops, replace.
Air leaks from pump or fittings	Loose fittings.	Reduce air pressure, then check all fittings with a soap solution for air leaks and tighten as needed. Do not overtighten.
Air leaks from tank	Defective or rusted tank.	Have tank replaced by a qualified technician. Drain moisture from tank daily to prevent future corrosion.



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## Parts List and Diagram

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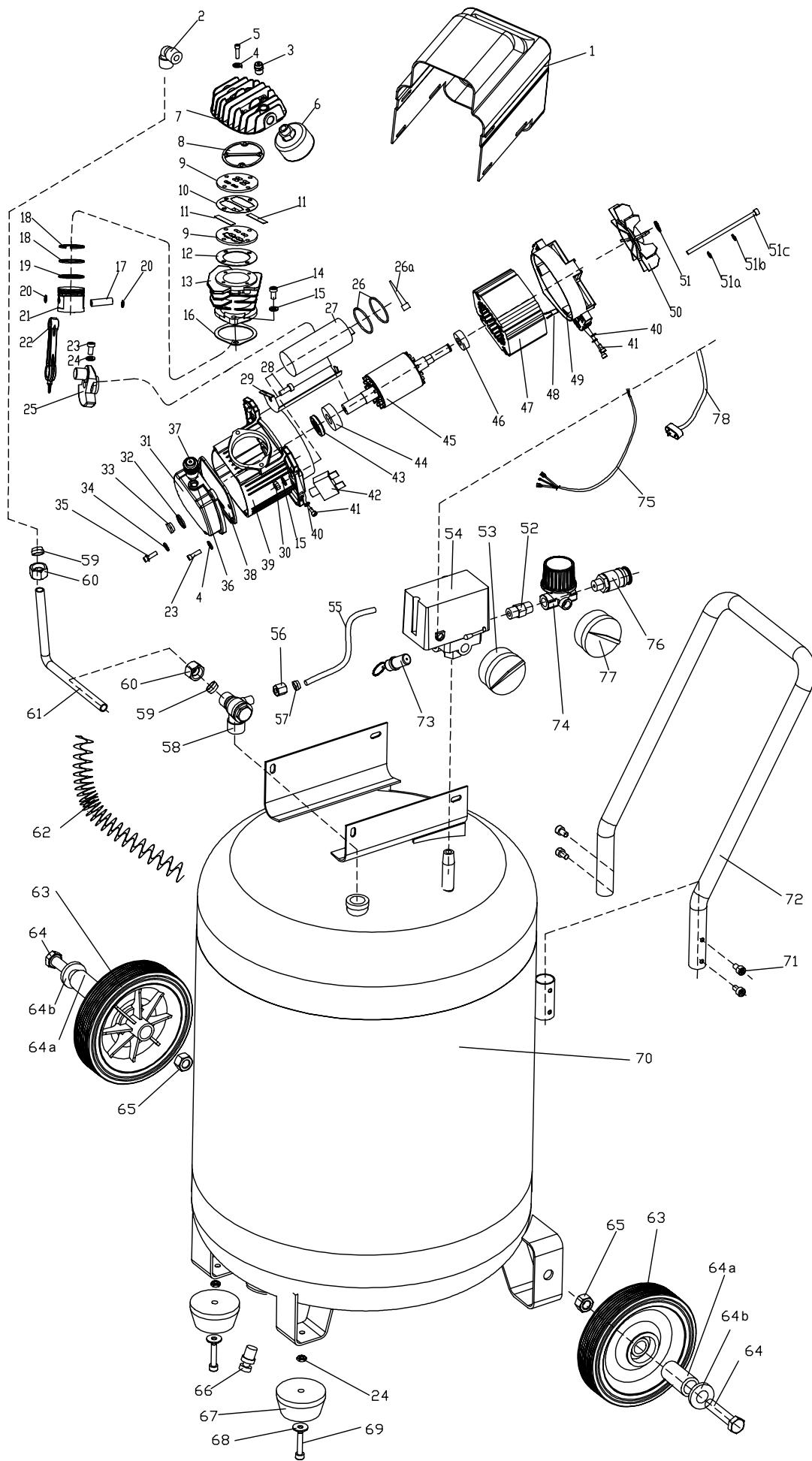
Part	Description	Qty	Part	Description	Qty
1	Cover	1	42	Manual Overload Protector	1
2	Elbow	1	43	Oil Seal	1
3	Start Valve	1	44	Bearing	1
4	Spring Washer M6	8	45	Rotator	1
5	Screw M6 x 50	4	46	Bearing	1
6	Air Filter	1	47	Stator	1
7	Cylinder Head	1	48	Automatic Thermal Protector	1
8	Head Gasket	1	49	End Cover	1
9	Valve Plate	2	50	Fan	1
10	Metal Gasket	1	51	Circlip	1
11	Valve	2	51a	Plain Washer 5	4
12	Valve Plate Gasket	1	51b	Spring Washer 5	4
13	Cylinder	1	51c	Bolt M5 x 130	4
14	Bolt M8 x 30	2	52	Connector	1
15	Spring Washer M8	3	53	Tank Pressure Gauge	1
16	Cylinder Gasket	1	54	Pressure Switch	1
17	Pin Ø 13 x 44	1	55	Unloader Tube	1
18	Compression Ring	2	56	Nut	1
19	Oil Ring	1	57	Ferrule	1
20	Wrist Pin Retainer	2	58	Check Valve	1
21	Piston	1	59	Ferrule	2
22	Connecting Rod	1	60	Nut	2
23	Screw M6 x 20	5	61	Exhaust Tube	1
24	Hex Nut M6	3	62	Cooling Fin	1
25	Crank Shaft	1	63	Wheel	2
26	O-Ring	2	64	Bolt M12 x 55	2
26a	Zip Tie	1	64a	Sleeve	2
27	Capacitor	1	64b	Washer 12	2
28	Screw M8 x 20	1	65	Hex Nut M12	2
29	Capacitor Bracket	1	66	Drain Valve	1
30	Hex Nut M8	1	67	Foot Pad	2
31	Crank Case Cover	1	68	Washer	2
32	O-Ring	1	69	Screw M6 x 25	2
33	Oil Sight Glass	1	70	Tank	1
34	O-Ring	1	71	Bolt M6 x 10	4
35	Drain Plug M5 x 10	1	72	Handle	1
36	O-Ring	1	73	Safety Valve	1
37	Oil Plug	1	74	Pressure Regulator	1
38	Crankcase Cover Gasket	1	75	Motor Cord	1
39	Pump Crankcase	1	76	Quick Coupler	1
40	Washer M5	10	77	Output Pressure Gauge	1
41	Screw M5 x 16	10	78	Plug	1

Record Product's Serial Number Here: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Assembly Diagram



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