

LAFFERTY EQUIPMENT MFG., INC. INSTALLATION / OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS

LV FOAMER

Requirements

35 – 100 PSI Water — Up to 2 GPM
30 – 75 PSI Air — Up to 5 SCFM
3/4" I.D. Discharge Hose, 40' maximum
40150 Nozzle

Water Temperature

Ambient to 140° F

*The Lafferty Equipment
"Low Volume" Foamer is designed for
cleaning localized areas.*



OPTIONS

- *Air Gauge*
- *Water Gauge*
- *Water Regulator - for fluctuating water pressures*
- *Backflow Preventer*
- *Dual Chemical Pick-Up* (Model #s below)*
- *Stainless Steel Hose Rack*
- *1 Gallon Stainless Steel Jug Rack (round)*
- *1 Gallon Stainless Steel Jug Rack (square)*
- *2 ½ Gallon Stainless Steel Jug Rack (inside dimensions 8 ½" x 10 ½")*
- *5 Gallon Stainless Steel Jug Rack (inside dimensions 12" x 12")*

Model # 913100, LV Foamer

* Model # 913500, LVDU Foamer
(with nozzle only)

Model # 913105, LV Foamer Complete

* Model # 913505, LVDU Foamer Complete
(with 40' hose, ball valve, wand, and nozzle)

**LV Foamer also available in *Stainless Steel* -
Model # 913115**

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IMPORTANT: FOAMER SUPPLIED WITHOUT A BACKFLOW PREVENTER

TO PREVENT POSSIBLE CHEMICAL BACK UP INTO THE WATER SYSTEM, COMPLY WITH LOCAL PLUMBING CODES AND INSTALL APPROPRIATE BACKFLOW PREVENTER.

CAUTION: ALWAYS OBSERVE GOOD SAFETY HABITS. WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING, GLOVES, AND EYE WEAR. DIRECT DISCHARGE AWAY FROM YOURSELF AND OTHERS.

TO INSTALL (See Parts Diagram, Facing Page)

1. Mount the LV Foamer to a suitable surface.
2. **Foamer is supplied without a backflow preventer. To prevent possible chemical back up into the water system, comply with local plumbing codes and install appropriate backflow preventer.** Then, connect your 35 – 100 PSI water and air lines to the foamer.
3. Connect the hose to the hose barb and the foam wand assembly as shown in the diagram. **[Foam hose must be 3/4" I.D., 40' maximum. Use only the 40150 nozzle supplied with foamer. If water pressure exceeds 100 PSI remove the discharge ball valve.]**
4. Stapled to these instructions, with a matching color-coded chart, are *metering tips which control your chemical to water dilutions*. You will need to know the water pressure and the number of ounces of chemical needed per gallon of water to determine the correct tip color. (See chemical label for manufacturer's recommendation.)
 - A. Locate your water pressure in the chart. The number below it is your water flow rate in **gallons per minute**.
 - B. Multiply the **gallons per minute** by the number of **ounces of chemical needed per gallon** of water.
 - C. Match answer(s) to the *nearest* number in the metering tip selection chart. **[The tip selection chart is based on water-thin chemical. Thicker chemicals will require a larger metering tip. If the selected metering tip does not produce desired foam consistency, increase tip size until desired foam consistency and cleaning results are achieved. For dual pick-up, it is important to install a metering tip into each solution check valve and immerse both chemical strainers into chemical concentrates.]**

EXAMPLE OF METERING TIP SELECTION LV Foamer at 50 PSI

- 50 PSI = .55 GPM
- 4 ounces of chemical per gallon of water
- $.55 \times 4 = 2.20$
- $2.20 \approx 2.0$ for thin chemical (White tip)
(thicker chemicals will require a larger tip)

- D. Open cover. Install selected metering tip into (each) solution check valve. Next, push the chemical tube over the check valve and close cover. Immerse the chemical strainer into your chemical concentrate.

Air Adjustment Guidelines

For desired foam consistency, you may need to adjust the air pressure with the air regulator and the volume with the needle valve. To make adjustments, turn the regulator knob 1/4 of a revolution at a time. Then, turn the needle valve slightly. Wait to see the results before continuing.

TO OPERATE

1. Make sure the needle valve is turned completely **clockwise**. Then, turn the needle valve 1 - 1 1/2 complete turns **counterclockwise**. Next, pull out the adjustment knob on the air regulator.
2. While firmly holding the foam wand, **point the discharge away from yourself and others**. Then, open the discharge ball valve. Open the water ball valve and the air ball valve and observe foam quality. If foam is too wet:
 - A. Turn air regulator knob **clockwise** to increase pressure until foam is desired consistency. If flow of foam surges and/or becomes too dry, turn the needle valve **clockwise** to decrease volume until foam is desired consistency. It may be necessary to "fine tune" your adjustments by turning the regulator and needle valve **clockwise** and/or **counterclockwise** until foam is desired consistency.
 - B. If foam is still too wet or surging after trying all combinations of adjustments, try installing a larger metering tip and/or see Troubleshooting Guide (pg 4). When foam is desired consistency, push lock the air regulator.
3. Apply foam from the bottom and work up to prevent streaking.
4. When foaming is completed, turn off the discharge ball valve. Return to the foamer and close the water ball valve. Then slowly re-open the discharge valve. Expect a **strong** blast of foamy solution. After hose is cleared out, close the air ball valve and store the hose.
5. Rinse the work surface before foam dries.

**CAUTION: SHUT DOWN AFTER EACH USE!
NEVER LEAVE FOAMER UNATTENDED
WITHOUT CLOSING THE INCOMING
WATER AND AIR VALVES AND RELIEVING
PRESSURE IN THE HOSE.**

WATER PRESSURE	40 PSI	50 PSI	60 PSI	70 PSI	80 PSI	90 PSI	100 PSI
LV FOAMER WATER FLOW RATE	.50 GPM	.55 GPM	.61 GPM	.67 GPM	.70 GPM	.72 GPM	.75 GPM

The number under each color in the chart below represents the **average ounces of water-thin chemical which will pass through the tip per minute**.

METERING TIP SELECTION IN OUNCES PER MINUTE (AVERAGE)

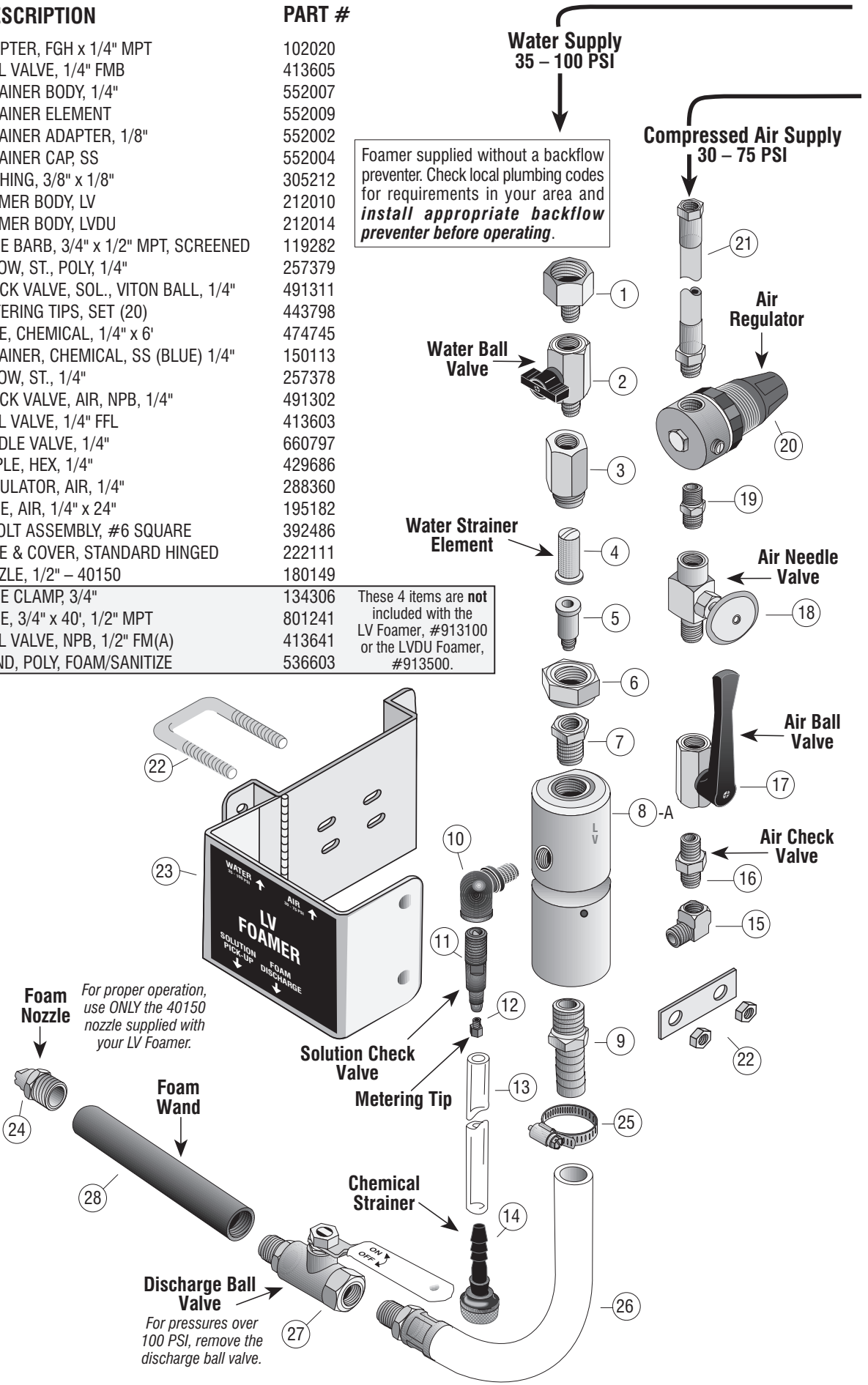
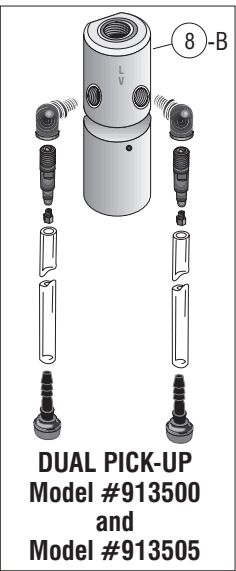
COLOR	Brown	Clear	Bright Purple	White	Pink	Corn Yellow	Dark Green	Orange	Gray	Light Green	Medium Green	Clear Pink	Yellow Green	Burgundy	Pale Pink	Light Blue	Dark Purple	Navy Blue	Clear Aqua	Black
Thin Chemical	0.84	1.16	1.4	2.0	2.7	3.4	4.0	5.3	6.1	7.0	8.5	9.2	11.2	12.5	12.9	14.2	17.6	21.4	30.2	40.4

LV FOAMER COMPLETE - Model # 913105

QTY. LV	QTY. LVDU	CALL #	DESCRIPTION	PART #
1	1	1	ADAPTER, FGH x 1/4" MPT	102020
1	1	2	BALL VALVE, 1/4" FMB	413605
1	1	3	STRAINER BODY, 1/4"	552007
1	1	4	STRAINER ELEMENT	552009
1	1	5	STRAINER ADAPTER, 1/8"	552002
1	1	6	STRAINER CAP, SS	552004
1	1	7	BUSHING, 3/8" x 1/8"	305212
1	1	8-A	FOAMER BODY, LV	212010
1	1	8-B	FOAMER BODY, LVDU	212014
1	1	9	HOSE BARB, 3/4" x 1/2" MPT, SCREENED	119282
1	2	10	ELBOW, ST., POLY, 1/4"	257379
1	2	11	CHECK VALVE, SOL., VITON BALL, 1/4"	491311
1	1	12	METERING TIPS, SET (20)	443798
1	2	13	TUBE, CHEMICAL, 1/4" x 6"	474745
1	2	14	STRAINER, CHEMICAL, SS (BLUE) 1/4"	150113
1	1	15	ELBOW, ST., 1/4"	257378
1	1	16	CHECK VALVE, AIR, NPB, 1/4"	491302
1	1	17	BALL VALVE, 1/4" FFL	413603
1	1	18	NEEDLE VALVE, 1/4"	660797
1	1	19	NIPPLE, HEX, 1/4"	429686
1	1	20	REGULATOR, AIR, 1/4"	288360
1	1	21	HOSE, AIR, 1/4" x 24"	195182
1	1	22	U-BOLT ASSEMBLY, #6 SQUARE	392486
1	1	23	BASE & COVER, STANDARD HINGED	222111
1	1	24	NOZZLE, 1/2" - 40150	180149
1	1	25	HOSE CLAMP, 3/4"	134306
1	1	26	HOSE, 3/4" x 40', 1/2" MPT	801241
1	1	27	BALL VALVE, NPB, 1/2" FM(A)	413641
1	1	28	WAND, POLY, FOAM/SANITIZE	536603

Foamer supplied without a backflow preventer. Check local plumbing codes for requirements in your area and **install appropriate backflow preventer before operating.**

These 4 items are not included with the LV Foamer, #913100 or the LVDU Foamer, #913500.



TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

for LV FOAMER

PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE: When the foamer will be out of service for extended periods, the risk of residual chemical build-up is increased. To prevent build-up, remove chemical tube from chemical concentrate and place it in warm water. Completely open the water supply valve for 30 seconds to flush. Check and/or clean the chemical strainer; replace if missing.

PROBLEMS	POSSIBLE CAUSE / SOLUTION																			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
A) Foamer will not draw chemical.	•			•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•				•
B) Foam surges and/or hose "bucks."	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•		•	•	•		•		•
C) Foam output too wet.		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•
D) Foam output too dry.	•			•														•		
E) Water flowing into chemical container.										•										
F) Foam does not clean properly.												•						•	•	
G) Water/chemical backing up into air line.					•															

POSSIBLE CAUSE / SOLUTION

- Air pressure/volume too high for available water pressure** – Slightly adjust needle valve clockwise and/or adjust the air regulator slowly counterclockwise.
- Use of an oiler on the airline will cause poor foam quality** – Use only clean, dry air.
- Inadequate air supply** – Open air inlet valve fully/adjust needle valve counterclockwise and/or air regulator clockwise.
- Needle valve and/or air regulator clogged or failed** – Clean or replace needle valve or air regulator.
- Air check valve clogged or failed** – Clean or replace the air check valve.
- Water pressure fluctuating or temperature too high** – Install a water regulator to stabilize pressure or decrease water temperature.
- Foam hose too long or wrong size or kinked; must be 3/4" I.D.** – For pressure below 40 PSI, 25' is the maximum length **recommended**; for pressures over 40 PSI, 40' is the maximum. Straighten the hose.
- Nozzle size too small** – Must be a 40150 nozzle.
- Water inlet and discharge ball valves not completely open** – Completely open the water and discharge ball valves.
- Solution check valve clogged or failed** – Clean or replace solution check valve.
- Water strainer element clogged** – Clean the water strainer element. [Completely unscrew strainer cap from strainer for easy cleaning or replacement of strainer element; see diagram, pg. 3.]
- Improper chemical** – Ensure product is recommended for foaming and/or the application.
- Chemical tube not immersed in chemical or chemical depleted** – Immerse tube or replenish.
- Chemical strainer or metering tip blocked** – Clean or replace chemical strainer and/or tip.
- Chemical tube stretched out where tube slides over check valve or pin hole/cut in chemical tube** – Cut approximately 1/2" off end of tube or replace tube.
- Vacuum leak in chemical pick-up assembly** – Tighten the connection(s).
- Chemical to water ratio too high** – Install **smaller** tip.
- Chemical to water ratio too low** – Install **larger** tip.
- Soil has hardened on surface** – Reapplication may be necessary. Always rinse foam **before** it dries.
- Water scale or chemical build-up may have formed in the foamer body causing poor pick-up** – To descale, carefully remove body and soak *entire* foamer body in descaling acid.

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