## **OWNER'S MANUAL**

# EXTREME AND PANORAMA SANDBLAST HELMETS

#### IMPORTANT WARNING FOR SAFER BLAST CLEANING

- 1. Use protective equipment: Abrasive-resistant clothing, safety shoes, leather gloves, ear protection, CE-approved air-fed helmet. Air for helmet must be supplied by a breathing air compressor or through a helmet air filter.
- 2. Check for possible silicosis hazards. Avoid dust.
- 3. Do not blast with damaged or worn equipment.
- 4. Point nozzle only at area being cleaned.
- 5. Use only proper dry and well-screened abrasives specifically intended for blasting.
- 6. Keep unprotected workers out of the blast area.
- 7. Before blasting:
  - Check fittings and hose for wear.
  - Safety-wire couplings together.
  - Check helmet filters and air supply.
  - Check pop-up valve for alignment.
  - Test remote controls.
  - Make sure blast machine is adequately grounded.
- 8. Do not weld on blast machine, this voids approval.
- 9. Do not substitute Airblast parts or modified equipment in any way.



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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION.

## 1.1 Objectives, field of application and conditions for use

The compressed air filter system is used in a working environment where protection of the respiratory organs, face and head is required against ricocheting medium, particles, mists, vapours and gasses. When the shot-blast helmet is connected to the compressed air system, via the compressed air supply hose and the compressed air filter system, the EN 12021 filtered air flows through the entry vent at the front of the air helmet, leaving the helmet via the neck seal. The required airflow can be adjusted on the regulator. The integral airflow indicator displays whether sufficient air is passing into the shot-blast helmet. The disposable glass or plastic foil windows fitted against the helmet window can be removed when polluted or damaged. To remove, open the frame.

## 1.2 Limitation of usage

- The system is not suitable for working in areas with: intense heat radiation, open fires, risk of explosion or if extremely high concentrations of hazardous matter causing immediate health risk are present.
- If the ambient temperature is below the freezing point, the humidity in the compressed air circuit can result in icing-up of coupling or regulator, blocking the further supply of air. In such a case it is necessary to ensure that the humidity content in the compressed air (at atmospheric pressure) is less then 50 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, and is in accordance with EN 12021. Standard compressed air circuits do usually not comply with this requirement.
- It is not allowed to use oxygen or oxygen enriched air.
- Couplings and hose connections must be kept clean during connecting and disconnecting.
- The maximum length of the compressed air supply hose is 50 metres and the maximum pressure is 30 Bar and the hose is anti-static. The maximum temperature is 130 ° C.
- The working pressure must be at least 5 Bar.
- Because of extreme human effort, it is possible that a temporary negative pressure occurs in the air hood, resulting in a reduction of the protection factor of the system.
- Air speeds in excess of 2 m/s can affect the protection factor of the complete apparatus.
- The ambient usage temperature should be between the limits of -10 °C and +60 °C.
- When combined use is made of the compressed air, for both the air hood and the air tools (e.g. paint spray) it is necessary to ensure that, at the maximum air consumption of the air tools, sufficient air is allowed to flow into the air hood. If necessary, the working pressure can be adjusted.
- The system may be used solely by trained personnel, who are also fully aware of the hazards applicable to the work being carried out.
- The shotblast helmet has no EN 397 approval regarding safety helmets.

#### 1.3 Prior to use

Make sure that the compressor is placed in such a way that it cannot suck in any dangerous matter and the air inlet cannot be obstructed and that the compressor is switched on. Check whether the correct operating pressure is set and clean air according to EN 12021 is supplied. If not use an approved filter unit. Check if the compressor has been equipped with a suitable and adjustable pressure relief valve and has been inspected and maintained timely. Ensure that all components have been cleaned and inspected as described in paragraph 2, 3 and 4.

Adjust the working pressure on the filter system to a minimum of 5 Bar. Connect the shotblast helmet via the compressed air supply hose to the filter system. Adjust the headband to the correct length (fig. 6), and if required fit a disposable comfort hood. Fit the shotblast helmet on your head and close the neck seal to allow the creation of sufficient pressure within the air cap (fig. 7). Buckle the belt.



#### 1.4 During use

Adjust the air volume according to requirements. The integrated air flow indicator warns the user if insufficient air is being supplied. The airflow indicator has been installed in such a way that the yellow pennant will not be visible when the amount of air is sufficient and it will only function when it is positioned vertically (fig. 8). For safety reasons, the regulator cannot be closed entirely. Depart the working area immediately if there is an interruption in the air supply. Ensure that the compressed air supply hose cannot be trapped, causing interference with the air supply or preventing a rapid departure from the work area. The shot blast helmet will not decrease environmental sounds. Therefore supplementary hearing protection must be used.

#### 1.5 After use

After leaving the working area, unbuckle the belt, loosen the neck bib, take off the helmet and disconnect the air supply hose. Using a brush or a cloth, remove loose residue and dirt from the components. Clean and inspect the components according to the instructions given in paragraph 3 and 4. When connecting and disconnecting take care that no pollution enters the open hose connections.

#### 2. Cleaning and disinfecting

After each session clean the air hood, using a mixture of water and a mild detergent (e.g. EW 80 from Tremonia Chemie, Dortmund, Germany). Subsequently, rinse thoroughly with clean water. (Do not use any solvents). The face collar or neck bib can be washed in the washing machine, using a soft detergent at 30°C. Using a disinfectant, (e.g. Incidur from Henkel) clean the inner surfaces of the air hood. Refer to the instructions given by the manufacturer. For reasons of hygiene, the same person should preferably wear the air hood. Using compressed air, blow clean the coupling and the regulator. Finally, using a dry cloth, dry all the metal components, to avoid corrosion. When cleaning, take care not to inhale hazardous matter that is released during the cleaning.

## 3. Maintenance and inspection shot blast helmet

Positioning the disposable windows: After opening the window frame on the helmet type Extreme, fit one disposable window (fig. 9). For type PANORAMA helmets, fit one or more disposable windows as protection for the safety glass (fig. 10).



Exchanging the neck bib: The neck bib can easily be exchanged by releasing the zip.

Exchanging the cape: The bib/cape can be exchanged by shoving away the rubber helmet cover partly (fig.11).



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<u>Exchanging the safety glass</u>: Open the window frame and remove the grid and the disposable windows. The glass can now be extracted out of the rubber surround. Take an original spare glass and slide this into the surround.

After replacing the components carry out a functional check.

## Compressed air filter system:

For further information about the airline filter unit refer to the supplied manual documentation.

Functional check: After cleaning, disinfecting or exchanging components check the functioning of the system. Inspect all essential components for damage or pollution and, if required replace these with original spare parts. If the yellow pennant of the airflow indicator shows insufficient air in the air hood, although the pressure is correctly adjusted, this could indicate that a blockage has occurred in the filter system, the compressed air hose, coupling or silencer. During this check, hold the air hood in the vertical (normal working) position.

Checking hose system for leakages: air supply hose and coupling parts manual testing on pull force. Connect the air hood to the compressed air filter system, Adjust the supply pressure, filter system and air supply hose may not give leak sounds.

## 4. Maintenance frequency

Clearance to start use: Function and leakage inspection.

Prior to use: performance check for the user, check of control valve.

After use: Cleaning and disinfecting of the respirator: cleaning, functional checking and leakage inspection of the complete system.

Every 6 months: Cleaning and disinfecting of the respirator: cleaning, functional checking and leakage inspection of the complete system.

## Usage duration of filters

Fluids will be drained continuously by the filtering element. Pressure lost is caused by particles on the surface and in the microporous filling of the filtering element. It is advisable to renew the filters when a pressure difference of 0.6 Bar occurs. For safety reasons, the active carbon filter should be renewed at least every 6 months, or together with the coarse filter.

#### 5. Storage

After use and cleaning, store the entire system in a cool, dry and dark location. Take measures to prevent component parts of the system coming into contact with oils, grease, solvents, acids or other chemicals.

| ART.NR.   |   | MODEL         | DESCRIPTION   |
|---|---|---------------|---|
| 40500   |   | EXTREME - I   | <b>EXTREME AIR SUPPLIED HELMET</b> , <b>COMPLETE</b><br>Glass outer lens (112 x 166 mm), standard supplied<br>with sound silencer, heavy duty waist length plastic<br>cape. CE-approved. Weight on head: 1400 g.  |
| 40501   |   | EXTREME - II  | <b>EXTREME AIR SUPPLIED HELMET</b> , <b>COMPLETE</b><br>Execution as above, fitted with leather waist length cape.  |
| 40502   |   | EXTREME - III | EXTREME AIR SUPPLIED HELMET, BARE<br>Exclusive of cape, belt including hose assembly  |
|   |   |               | SPARE PARTS FOR EXTREME HELMET:   |
| 01)<br>02)<br>03)<br>04)<br>05)<br>06)<br>07)<br>08)<br>09)<br>10)<br>11) | 40220<br>40230<br>40240<br>40250<br>40506<br>40507<br>40508<br>40280<br>40110<br>40120<br>40121<br>40540<br>40541 |               | Wire mesh screen, 110 x 165 mm<br>Glass window, 112 x 166 x 2.5 mm<br>Acrylate window, 102 x 156 x 2.5 mm<br>Rubber window gasket<br>Window assembly<br>Rubber helmet cover, type Extreme<br>Airflow indicator, type Extreme<br>Adjustable headband with brow pad<br>Neck bib<br>Cape - plastic<br>Cape - leather<br>Blouse - cotton<br>Weith bells to me A |
| 12)<br>13)<br>14)<br>15)<br>16)<br>17)                                    | 40150<br>40509<br>40510<br>40180<br>40190<br>40191  |               | Waist belt type A<br>Adaptor<br>Corrugated hose 22 mm bore, type Extreme<br>Silencer type P<br>Airflow regulator<br>Nipple CEJN with 1/4" inner thread  |
| 18)<br>19)  | 40196<br>40553  |               | Coupling, regulator and silencer<br>Cotton comfort hood   |



| ART.NR.   |  | MODEL        | DESCRIPTION  |
|---|--|--------------|--|
| 40010   |  | PANORAMA-I   | <b>PANORAMA AIR SUPPLIED HELMET, COMPLETE</b><br>Wide view polycarbonate (300 x 120 mm). Standard<br>supplied with sound silencer, heavy duty waist length<br>plastic cape. Weight on head: 1500 g   |
| 40011   |  | PANORAMA-II  | PANORAMA AIR SUPPLIED HELMET, COMPLETE<br>Execution as above, fitted with leather waist length cape.   |
| 40012   |  | PANORAMA-III | PANORAMA AIR SUPPLIED HELMET, BARE<br>Exclusive of cape, belt and pos. 14-18 in list below.  |
|   |  |              | SPARE PARTS FOR PANORAMA HELMET:   |
| 01)<br>02)<br>03)<br>04)<br>05)<br>06)<br>07)<br>08)<br>09)<br>10)<br>11)<br>11)<br>12)<br>13)<br>14) | 40020<br>40030<br>40060<br>40050<br>40040<br>40070<br>40080<br>40280<br>40110<br>40120<br>40121<br>40540<br>40541<br>40150<br>40130<br>40140 |              | Wire mesh screen, 345 x 125 mm<br>Disposable acetate window, 343 x 130 x 0.5 mm<br>Window frame assembly, type Panorama<br>Polycarbonate window, 300 x 120 x 1 mm<br>Rubber window gasket, type Panorama<br>Baffle plate with filter mat and air flow indicator<br>Adjustable headband with brow pad<br>Neck bib<br>Cape, type Panorama, plastic, green<br>Cape, type Panorama, leather<br>Blouse, type Panorama, leather<br>Blouse, type Panorama, leather<br>Waist belt, type A<br>Adapter<br>Corrugated hose 16 mm bore |
| 15)<br>16)<br>17)<br>18)<br>19)<br>20)  | 40180<br>40190<br>40191<br>40196<br>40553<br>40198   |              | Silencer, type P<br>Airflow regulator<br>Nipple CEJN with ¼" (6 mm) inner thread<br>Coupling, regulator and silencer<br>Cotton comfort hood<br>Self-adhesive sweatband   |



| TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION   |                      |                     |  |  |  |  |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Nominal protection factor (NPF)   | 1000                 |                     |  |  |  |  |
| Operating pressure minimum  | 5 bar (73 psi)       |                     |  |  |  |  |
| Minimum airflow with regulator at 5<br>bar working pressure and 50 mtrs.<br>hose length | 165 ltr/min          |                     |  |  |  |  |
| Ambient use temperature   | Min.: -10 degrees C. | Max.: 60 degrees C. |  |  |  |  |
| Maximum hose length   | 50 metres            |                     |  |  |  |  |
| Weight on the head  | Extreme: 1400 gr.    | Panorama: 1500 gr.  |  |  |  |  |

#### Statutory requirements and regulations

| 89/686/EG                | : | European guideline for Personal protective devices (89/686/EG).   |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| Standard EN 271          | : | Respirators with compressed air hose supply for shot blasting applications  |
| System approval by       | : | EXAM - BGG Prüf- und Zertifizier GmbH, Am<br>Technologiepark 1, D-45307, Essen (German institute for<br>research and testing) |
| Production control       |   |   |
| according to article 11A | : | EXAM - BGG Prüf- und Zertifizier GmbH, Am<br>Technologiepark 1, D-45307, Essen  |

Marks on the system : CE 0158

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