

# **Dehydra**

## **Zero-Loss Condensate Drain**

Installation Operations Manual

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### SAFETY

Locate, read, understand, and follow all Danger, Warning, Caution, and Operating Instructions on the product and in all Manuals. Failure to comply with safety precautions described in the manuals supplied with the product this manual or any of the labels and tags attached to the product may result in death, serious injury or property damage.

Check that all labels, tags, and data (name) plates are in place and legible. It is your responsibility to ensure this information available to others.

If you have any questions about safety or procedures not included in this manual, ask your distributor, or contact Air System Products, LLC.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

For the condensate to properly enter the Dehydra reservoir, the condensate line to the Dehydra must always be installed below the source to be drained. It is equally important to provide a means, such as a balance line, for the air in the reservoir to be displaced as condensate enters the drain. If the air cannot be displaced, the condensate will not enter the reservoir. Please review the following suggestions that might best fit your installation. The use of unions and shut-off valves are recommended for both the condensate line and the balance line.

### WARRANTY

Products manufactured by Air System Products, LLC. are warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship, under proper use, installation, application, and maintenance in accordance with the manufacturer's written recommendations and specification for a period of 2 years from the date of shipment from the factory. The manufacturer's obligation under this warranty is limited to, and the sole remedy for any such defect shall be, the repair or replacement (at manufacturer's option) of unaltered products returned to manufacturer within said period.

This is the only authorized Air System Products warranty and is in lieu of all other express or implied warranties or representation, including any implied warranties of merchantability or fitness, or of any other obligations on the part of the manufacturers.

Warranty claims must be submitted and shall be processed in accordance with Air System Products, LLC's established warranty claim procedure. In no event, shall Air System Products, LLC. be liable for business interruptions, loss of profits, personal injury, costs of delay or any other special, indirect, incidental, or consequential losses, cost, or damages.

The Dehydra is designed for trouble-free operation. When installed and operated properly, the Dehydra will provide years of reliable service collecting and discharging condensate, along with pipe scale and other contaminants typically found in a compressed air system.

## INSTALLATION



Before installing the drain, ensure the source vessel is isolated from the interconnecting piping to the drain.

Confirm the air system pressure will not exceed the 450 PSI (51 bar) rating of the drain and the inlet temperature should not exceed 150 °F (66 °C).

Connecting drain should be done by using one of the recommended installation diagrams shown on following page. The installation of a pre-strainer is not required or recommended.

Install the drain on a level surface and as close to the source to be drained as possible. Since the Dehydra uses gravity to fill the reservoir, the entire drain must be installed below the source when using the top inlet. It isn't recommended that flexible tubing be used on the discharge to prevent it from whipping causing damage or injury.

If the drain is to be installed where the temperatures can fall below 32°F (0 °C), special precautions are needed, including but not limited to heat tracing pipelines and the optional heater wrap.

The Dehydra will accept condensate from either the upper or the lower inlet connections. The upper inlet connection is preferred. The inlet port not used must be plugged by using the included plug and non-galling pipe sealant.

A balance line is highly recommended to avoid an air-lock condition. The balance line should be connected to the source device to prevent a flow path for system air or condensate.

The drain has a 1/8" NPT vent connection to permit easy installation of a balance line. Use a non-galling pipe sealant on all joints.

The use of isolation valves and bypass piping will permit quick and easy routine maintenance.

The Dehydra uses compressed air to drive (control) a drain cycle. **ONLY CLEAN DRY AIR MUST BE USED!** The required control air pressure for the standard models, irrespective of system pressure is 50-120 PSIG. The Dehydra is supplied with a filter for installation on the control head. The use of unfiltered air can result in failure and can void the product warranty.

Once installed and control air supplied, the drain is ready to be placed in service.

## CHECKING THE OPERATION

After installation is complete and the drain is in service, a check should be made that the drain is functioning properly.

1. Ensure that condensate is properly entering the reservoir. This can be easily done looking through the translucent reservoir
2. Press the test button to ensure the drain valve opens and closes when the button is released.
3. Inspect for any air or condensate leaks. Correct as necessary.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

If condensation is not entering the reservoir, check for the following:

1. Check that any valves between the source and drain are open.
2. Check that the balance line is open and properly installed. Alternatively, that the vent valve is cracked open.

If the drain is not emptying:

1. Press the test button to force a manual drain cycle. If the air actuator does not open the valve, check that the control air supply is at least the minimum pressure required.
2. If the valve opens, but the drain does not empty quickly, no more than 20 seconds, ensure that there is system pressure.
3. If still not emptying, check the downstream piping from the drain valve to ensure there isn't a closed valve or an obstruction.
4. If the drain is still not draining, suggest contacting the factory.

## OPTIONS

Mechanical Cycle Counter: PN-94320

Heat Wrap: PN-94350

## INSTALLATION CONSIDERATIONS

For the condensate to properly enter the drain reservoir, the condensate line to the drain must always be installed below the bottom of the vessel to be drained. It is equally important to provide a means for the air that is contained in the reservoir to escape (vent) as the condensate enters the reservoir. If the air cannot escape, the condensate will not enter the reservoir. Below are suggestions on how to best install the drain on typical types of vessels that must be drained of condensate. However, it is possible to install the drain without a balance line (Dwg. not shown), providing the condensate enters the top inlet and the flow rates are less than 9 GPH. The use of unions and shut-off valves are recommended for both the condensate line and the balance line.

### RECEIVER TANK

The preferred installation for this drain on a receiver tank is having the condensate enter the top inlet port and having the balance line go back to the tank at a position that is above the level of the condensate. (See Dwg. 1).

### FILTER and AFTERCOOLER MOISTURE SEPARATOR

If a cyclone separator or filter has pipe plugs located in the top of the head, the plug closest to the discharge pipe should be removed and the balance line should be installed (Dwg. 2). If there is no provision on the cyclone separator or filter for a balance line, install it in the discharge side of the pipeline and as close to the cyclone separator as possible.

### REFRIGERATED DRYER

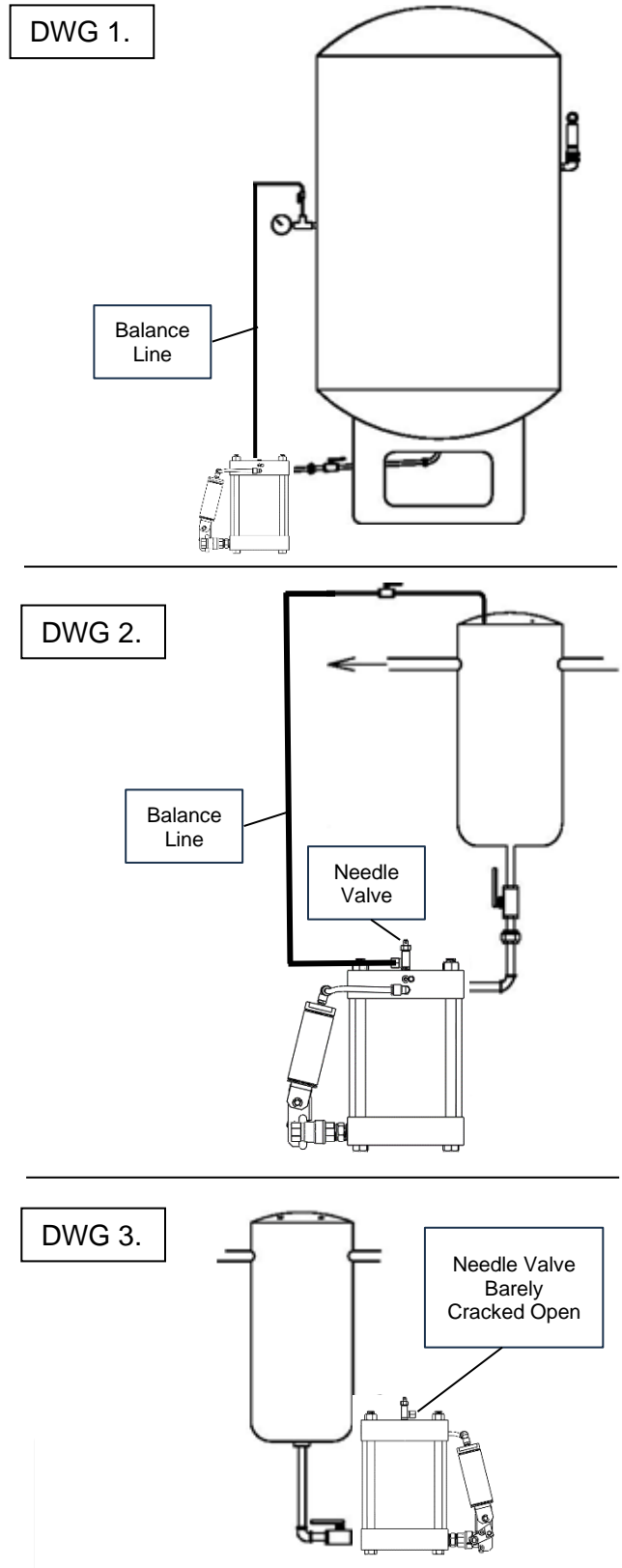
If a balance line is required, it must be connected to the port located on top of the separator that is closest to the discharge side (Dwg. 2), or between the separator and the air-to-air heat exchanger. If a port is not available as described above, then venting to atmosphere is recommended. When venting to atmosphere, the condensate should enter through the bottom entry port on the drain. The bleed or needle valve is installed on the 1/8" NPT vent port and allows the air in the drain reservoir to escape to the atmosphere (Dwg 3). The bleed valve (not included) should be adjusted so that only 3 to 5 bubbles per second are visible. It is not recommended to install a vent line downstream from the dryer. The vent line can be a conduit for transferring moisture from the drain to the previously dried air. This can result in unwanted moisture being sent down stream.

### INTERCOOLERS

Install the condensate drain line into the upper port only. This will prevent the possibility of condensate being drawn back into the intercooler on some systems. It is important that the vent line be installed on the same stage that is being drained or to atmosphere.

### BALANCE LINE

As mentioned above, both the use and the placement of a balance line is very important. Most drain failures are the result of an improper balance line installation. The balance line should be 1/4" tubing or larger, and installed on top of a pipe or vessel, not the bottom. A needle valve is recommended for controlling the air flow. Avoid having any loops or low areas in the balance line that might allow moisture to collect in the line and prevent the passage of air from the drain's reservoir.

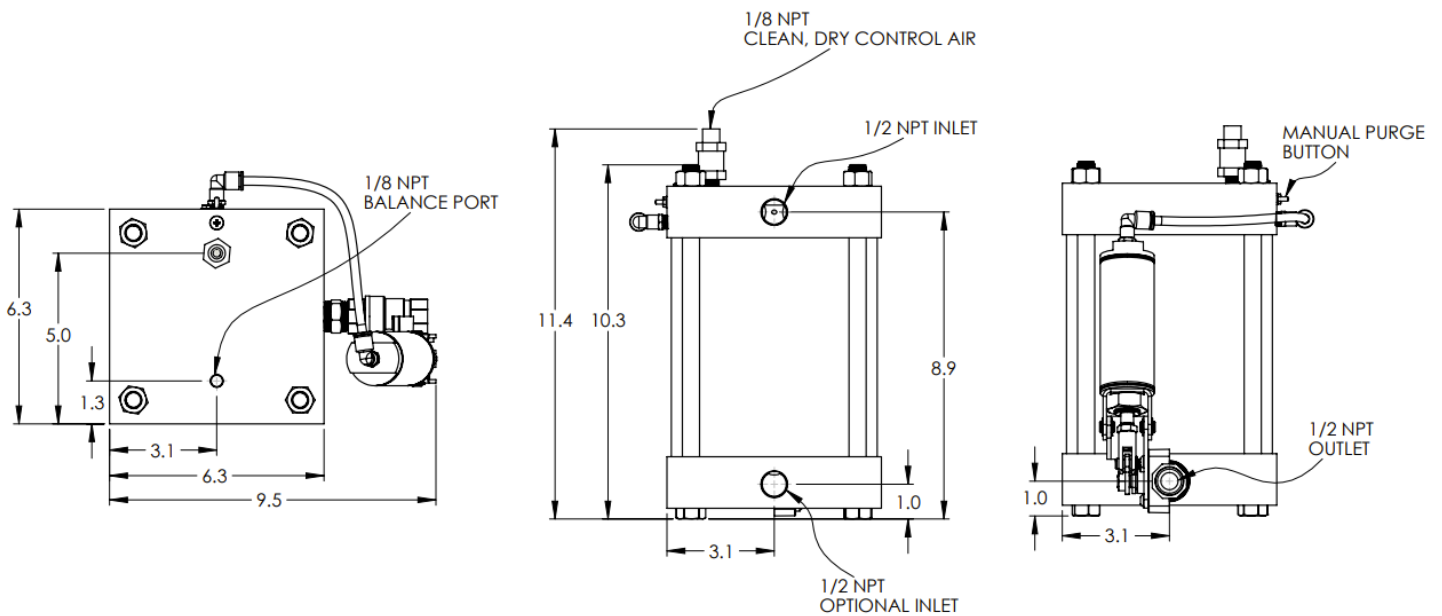


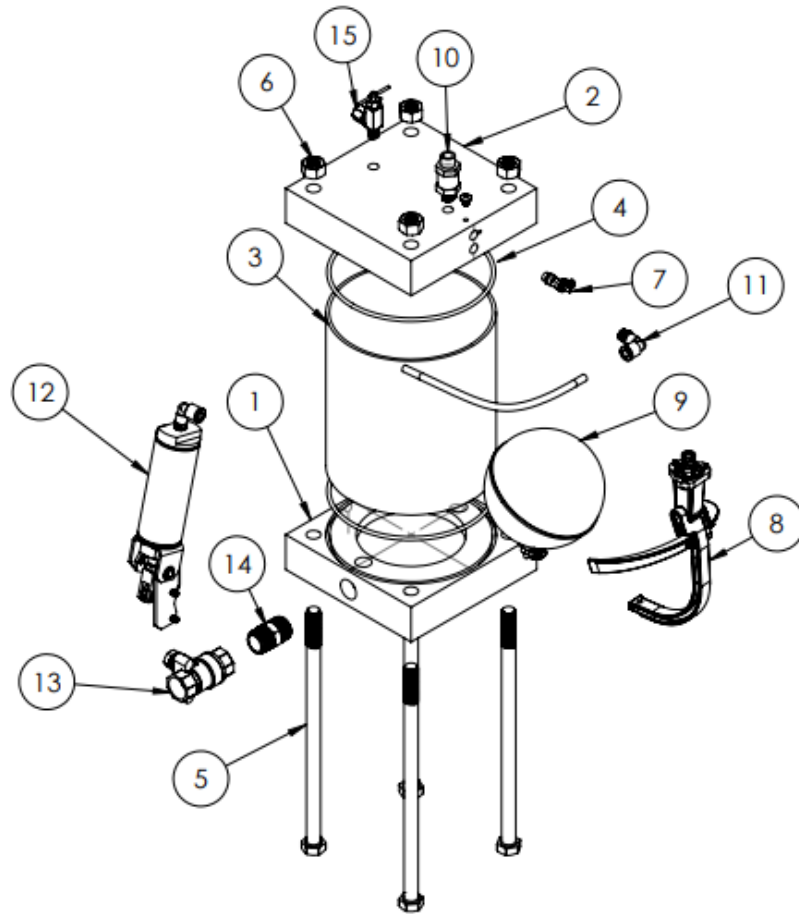
## GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Inlets:	Two (2) ½ NPT
Outlet:	½ NPT
Power: Clean, Dry Air:	50 - 120 PSI
Operating Pressure:	0 to 450 PSIG
Operating Temperature:	32° to 150° F.
Weight:	18 lbs.
Discharge:	35 ounces per cycle
Flow Rate Capacity:	2 GPM (120 GPH)

## MATERIALS

Reservoir:	Aluminum and Composite
Drain Valve:	Brass
Trigger Float:	Stainless Steel
Trigger Seat:	Aluminum
Trigger Seal:	Viton®
Control Tubing:	Nylon 66





LABEL	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY
1	PN-H1	END CAP, BOTTOM, MACHINED, DEHYDRA	1
2	PN-H2	END CAP, TOP, MACHINED, DEHYDRA	1
3	PN-10201	CYLINDER, DEHYDRA, 6-5/8"	1
4	PN-94345	SEAL KIT, DEHYDRA	1
5	PN-10403	BOLT, HEX, 1/2-13X10, PN	4
6	RDP-N-GR5	HEX NUT, 1/2"-13	4
7	PN-19026	TEST BUTTON, PP	1
8	PN-11099	PILOT TRIGGER ASSEMBLY	1
9	PN-11849	FLOAT ASSEMBLY	1
10	RDP-FILTER	FILTER, 1/8NPT, 40-MICRON	1
11	RDP-FIT4C	ELBOW, 1/8 NPT X 1/4 TUBING	1
12	PN-15555	ACTUATOR ASSEMBLY, DEHYDRA	1
13	BV6-B12	BALL VALVE, 1/2NPT, BRASS	1
14	FDP-VA1	NIPPLE, 1/2 NPTM	1
15	RDP-VENT	1/8 NPT NEEDLE VENT	1

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## **MAINTENANCE**

The Dehydra has been designed and continuously improved to provide many years of trouble-free service, and most of them outlast the life of the compressor that it is serving.

Still, the Dehydra is a mechanical device and routine inspection, and maintenance are important and recommended.

### **Weekly/Monthly**

1. Use the test button to ensure the drain valve opens and closes.
2. Inspect interconnecting piping and tubing to ensure there are no leaks or damage.

### **Annually**

1. Use the test button to ensure the drain valve opens and closes.
2. Inspect interconnecting piping and tubing to ensure there are no leaks or damage.
3. Replace Control Air Inlet Filter.
4. Check the four body bolts to ensure tight.
5. With the drain disassembled, exercise the float lever assembly to ensure it moves freely.
6. Again, with the drain disassembled, ensure the float is securely attached to the float lever



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