

Single Phase Vacuum Hold Down Solutions for CNC Routers

Operation Manual Hurricane Vacuum System



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Safety Information



- 1. **Read** entire manual before installation and operation of the Hurricane Vacuum System.
- 2. This vacuum system is designed for CNC hold down use only, no other use is authorized.
- 3. Use common safety procedures when using this equipment.
- 4. Always perform all maintenance as required.
- 5. **DANGER! Shock hazard!** Always disconnect power before performing any maintenance tasks.
- 6. **DANGER!** Always be sure to connect power to a properly grounded circuit.
- 7. **DANGER!** If debris is allowed to bypass the spoilboard and canister filter, it may damage motors and be ejected from the exhaust port.
- 8. **DANGER!** If plumbing the exhaust port, never use plastic piping, always use heat tolerant metal piping. Plastic piping may melt and cause a fire. Plastic piping is acceptable for plumbing the intake port only.
- 9. **DANGER!** Never place hands or objects into the vacuum system.
- 10. **DANGER!** Surface may become hot from use. Allow equipment to cool before coming into contact with the surface.
- 11. **WARNING!** Use proper lifting techniques when moving this equipment.
- 12. **WARNING!** Always wear hearing protection when operating this equipment.
- 13. **WARNING!** Always wear eye protection when operating this equipment.
- 14. **WARNING!** Always clean out all pipes and plumbing before connecting this vacuum system to a CNC router table.
- 15. **WARNING!** Always use a spoilboard and the provided canister filter when using this equipment.
- 16. **WARNING!** Ensure area around equipment is kept clean and dry.
- 17. **WARNING!** This equipment should be operated by qualified personnel. Do not allow children to play around or operate this equipment.

Specifications and Features



Hurricane Vacuum System

- 1. Primary Switch (Left)
- 2. Secondary Switch (Right)
- 3. 6 Foot power cord with 30 amp 250v twist-lock plug (USA Spec)
- 4. Sound Dampening Base
- 5. in Hg Vacuum Pressure Gauge
- 6. Threaded Intake Port with Plug (Remove before Operation)
- 7. Threaded Exhaust Port
- 8. Cooling Air Exhaust Fan
- 9. Cooling Air Intake Filters (2)
- 10. Side Handles (2)

Canister Filter

- 11. Canister Filter Housing
- 12. Canister Filter
- 13. Threaded Fittings

Installation Instructions

Materials Required: Sufficient 3" PVC piping and fittings for intake plumbing, 3" threaded male adapter for intake port, PVC glue and PVC primer, thread sealant for all PVC fittings, tools for cutting piping, measuring tape, and a damp rag for cleaning.

Note: Please reference the Installation Diagram on page 7 before and after installation to verify that the system has been installed properly. Failure to install the system properly can result in system failure and will void the warranty.

Note: Place vacuum system with base as close to CNC as possible to minimize the amount of bends in the piping. Doing so will ensure optimal airflow.

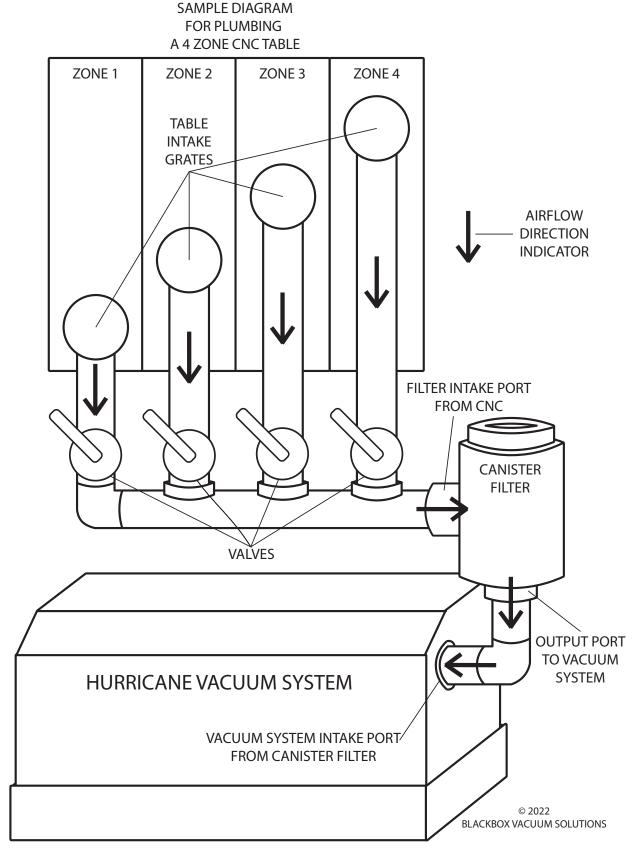
Note: 3" piping is desired for use between CNC to Canister Filter, and between Canister Filter to Vacuum System.

Note: If exhaust piping is desired, use only heat tolerant metal piping and minimize amount of bends in piping to reduce back pressure.

Steps:

- 1. Apply thread sealant to the 3" male adapter (not included) and install into the threaded Intake Port (#6) of the vacuum system. Do not over-tighten.
- 2. Apply thread sealant to the included adapters for the Canister Filter, install them and tighten.
- 3. Measure, cut, and test fit all piping and fittings according to your setup. Do not glue at this time.
- 4. Install Canister Filter in-line between CNC table and vacuum system. Ensure that the Canister Filter is properly oriented according to the labels. ("From CNC" and "To Vac") Filter housing can be installed in either vertical or horizontal orientation. Placing canister filter closer to vacuum system is optimal.
- 5. Ensure that the Canister Filter (#12) is installed into Canister Filter Housing (#11) properly.
- 6. **Important:** Thoroughly clean all piping and fittings before gluing! Be sure inside of pipes are free of any shavings or debris. These items may be sucked into vacuum system on startup and damage the system.
- 7. After cleaning the piping, prime and glue fittings as you determine necessary.
- 8. Install metal exhaust piping from Exhaust Port (#7) (if desired). Always direct metal piping away from heat-sensitive and flammable surfaces.
- 9. Connect Power Plug (#3) to a properly grounded 30 amp 220v circuit.

Installation Diagram



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Operating Instructions

Note: Ensure that system is properly installed and cleaned according to the

installation instructions.

Note: Ensure that CNC table top is equipped with a proper vacuum grid.

Note: Ensure proper spoilboard is installed on top of gridded table top.

(Black Box Vacuum Solutions recommends use of LDF also known as MDF Lite as spoilboard. Both sides need to be surfaced to remove hard resinous

layer to optimize hold-down.)

Note: When cutting smaller parts it may be necessary to employ other hold-down

methods such as leaving tabs or onion skin.

Note: You may run the system with the primary motors only or with the primary

and secondary motors together.

Note: When cutting parts that do not cover entire zone area, covering open

areas of the zone will aid in hold down

Important: Never run the system with the secondary motors only without running the

primary motors at the same time.

Steps:

1. Clean spoilboard of all dust and debris.

- 2. Load CNC table with the material to be cut.
- 3. Open the desired zones on the CNC table top (If equipped with zones).
- 4. Power on the primary side by pushing the Primary Power Button (#1)
- 5. Power on the secondary side by pushing the Secondary Power Button (#2) if more vacuum is desired.
- 6. Once the cut job is completed, turn off the vacuum system to allow the system to cool and to maximize motor life. A cooling cycle of 15-20 min should be factored into your process every 60-90 min or less.
- 7. Remove the materials from CNC table and clean before next use.

Maintenance

Warning! Disconnect unit from power before performing any maintenance tasks.

- 1. Remove and clean out cooling air intake (#9) and exhaust (#8) filters weekly. Return filters to proper places after cleaning. If filters are damaged or soiled badly order new filters.
- 2. Ensure area around vacuum system is kept clean.
- 3. Ensure area around vacuum system is kept dry.
- 4. Remove Canister Filter (#12) from Canister Filter Housing (#11) and clean monthly. **Replace filter annually.** If filter is damaged or soiled badly replacement filters can be ordered from Black Box Vacuum Solutions. Be careful not to introduce debris into Canister Filter Housing during cleaning. Wipe clean the Canister Filter Housing inside and out before reinstalling the Canister Filter.
- 5. Clean out inside of unit yearly. First, unplug unit from power and remove the allen bolts on the back of the unit to remove the back cover. Then remove the internal vent cover. Blow out the dust from inside the unit and clean with damp rag if necessary. Replace gasket material if it is damaged.
- 6. Vacuum motors used in the Hurricane Vacuum System are a brush type motor.
 Brushes will wear and the motors will periodically need to be replaced. Please contact Black Box Vacuum Solutions for more information on replacement motors.
- 7. Please visit or webstore below to order replacement parts when needed.

Contact

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Our Website: BlackBoxVac.com
Or Our Webstore: Store.BlackBoxVac.com

After getting your Black Box Vacuum set up, please e-mail us pictures of what you have been creating!



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