



Americ Corporation

OWNER'S MANUAL

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS ENCLOSED

***Please Read & Keep These
Instructions with the Fan***



VAF-3000P

For use in Class I, Groups A, B, C and D; Class II, Groups E, F and G; and Class III

Purchase Date _____ Serial No. _____
Dealer _____

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AMERIC LIMITED WARRANTY

If you are the original purchaser of a new Americ Vane Axial Fan, then you are entitled to a limited warranty subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein. To qualify for the limited warranty you must complete the enclosed registration card and mail it to Americ within (30) days of the purchase so that there is a record of your purchase. Americ's limited warranty is for the replacement or repair of any part that proves to be defective in workmanship or materials for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase by the original purchaser. During the first year, Americ will provide all parts necessary to correct any defects, free of charge. This limited warranty extends only to the original purchaser who retains ownership of the Fan. This limited warranty is not transferable to any subsequent purchaser or second-hand user.

The limited warranty extends only to the repair or replacement of parts found upon Americ's examination to be defective. Unless any part or assembled unit replaced hereunder is returned, freight pre-paid, together with a letter describing the problem to Americ or an authorized Americ dealer, this limited warranty will be void and of no effect.

This warranty is limited to ninety (90) days for labor from the date of the purchase. Thereafter, any labor costs incurred will be charged to the customer at the prevailing hourly rate.

This limited warranty shall not extend to a product that has been used in an improper manner, or that has been disassembled, altered or improperly maintained. Nor shall this limited warranty apply if the Fan has been subjected to corrosive chemicals, improper voltage, unauthorized repairs, fire, flood, abnormal wear or any causes beyond Americ's control.

This limited warranty does not apply if the serial number has been removed, obliterated, or defaced.

Americ Corporation reserves the right to make changes to the Vane Axial Fan in design, materials or specifications as necessary and without prior notice. Americ shall not be obliged to make alterations or modifications to existing products previously manufactured.

To obtain replacement parts pursuant to this limited warranty, you must write to Americ or call (847) 364-4646 to receive an authorization number.

Replacement parts will not be provided unless the customer first provides the serial number of the Fan and also receives an authorization number from Americ.

OTHER THAN THE FOREGOING LIMITED WARRANTY, THERE ARE NO FURTHER WARRANTIES OR ANY AFFIRMATIONS OF FACT OR PROMISES BY AMERIC WITH RESPECT TO THE VANE AXIAL FAN. THE DURATION OF ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES ARE LIMITED TO THE TERMS OF THE ABOVE LIMITED WARRANTY. SOME STATES DO NOT ALLOW LIMITATIONS ON HOW LONG AN IMPLIED WARRANTY MAY LAST, SO THE ABOVE LIMITATIONS MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU. WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING, AMERIC EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY INFRINGEMENT OR ANY AFFIRMATIONS OF FACT OR QUALITY NOT EXPRESSLY CONTAINED HEREIN. AMERIC CORPORATION AND ITS AFFILIATED NEITHER ASSUME NOR AUTHORIZE ANY PERSON TO ASSUME FOR THEM ANY OTHER OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY IN CONNECTION WITH ITS PRODUCTS. THERE ARE NO OTHER WARRANTIES WHICH EXTEND BEYOND THE DESCRIPTION ON THE FACE HEREOF. IN NO EVENT SHALL AMERIC CORPORATION BE LIABLE FOR SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, OR FOR LOSS OF PROFITS OF ITS CUSTOMERS OR USERS OF PRODUCT. SOME STATES/JURISDICTIONS DO NOT ALLOW THE EXCLUSIONS OR LIMITATIONS OF INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, SO THE ABOVE LIMITATIONS MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU. THIS LIMITED WARRANTY GIVES YOU SPECIFIC LEGAL RIGHTS, AND YOU MAY ALSO HAVE OTHER RIGHTS WHICH VARY FROM STATE TO STATE.

INTRODUCTION

Congratulations... on your selection of a new Vane Axial Fan from Americ Corporation. Our goal is to provide you with the very best in high performance air ventilators. Reading this Owner's Manual will help you achieve the maximum benefit from your portable air ventilator. If you do not understand any portion of this Manual, please contact Americ, or your authorized Americ dealer for proper assistance prior to operating this Fan.

Do not allow anyone to operate the Vane Axial Fan without first reading the Operator's Manual and becoming familiar with its operation. Americ has endeavored to provide you with the finest equipment available for providing air for portable ventilation purposes. The possibility does exist, however, that the Vane Axial Fan can be subjected to applications not intended by Americ. **Misuse and/or misapplication of the Vane Axial Fan can lead to the possibility of serious damage, injury or even death.** Anyone operating the Vane Axial Fan should refer to current OSHA job safety and health rules and regulations pertaining to the construction industry, with a particular emphasis on 29 CFR 1910, which contains rules governing Permit-Required Confined Spaces for General Industry.

Record the Vane Axial Fan model and serial number in the space provided below.

Model No. _____ Serial No. _____ Date Purchased _____

All specifications are general in nature and are not intended for specific application purposes. Americ accepts no responsibility for variations which may be evident in actual products, specifications, pictures and descriptions contained in this publication.

GENERAL SAFETY INFORMATION

These instructions are for your protection and convenience. Please read them carefully since failure to follow these precautions could result in injury or even death.

- Always use the VAF-3000P in accordance with the required operation standards listed below.
- Never put the VAF-3000P into standing water or allow water inside the motor.
- Never store the VAF-3000P outdoors.
- Never allow the air intake screens to become plugged.
- Never put any object in the intake screen unless the unit is disconnected from the air supply line and the fan blade has stopped turning
- Do not allow the unit to be used as a toy. Close attention is necessary when used by or near children.
- Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers, and all parts of the body away from the intake screen. If the fan is not working properly because it has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors, or submerged in water, contact an Authorized Service Center or the factory at (847) 364-4646.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPERATION AND CARE

OPERATION STANDARDS

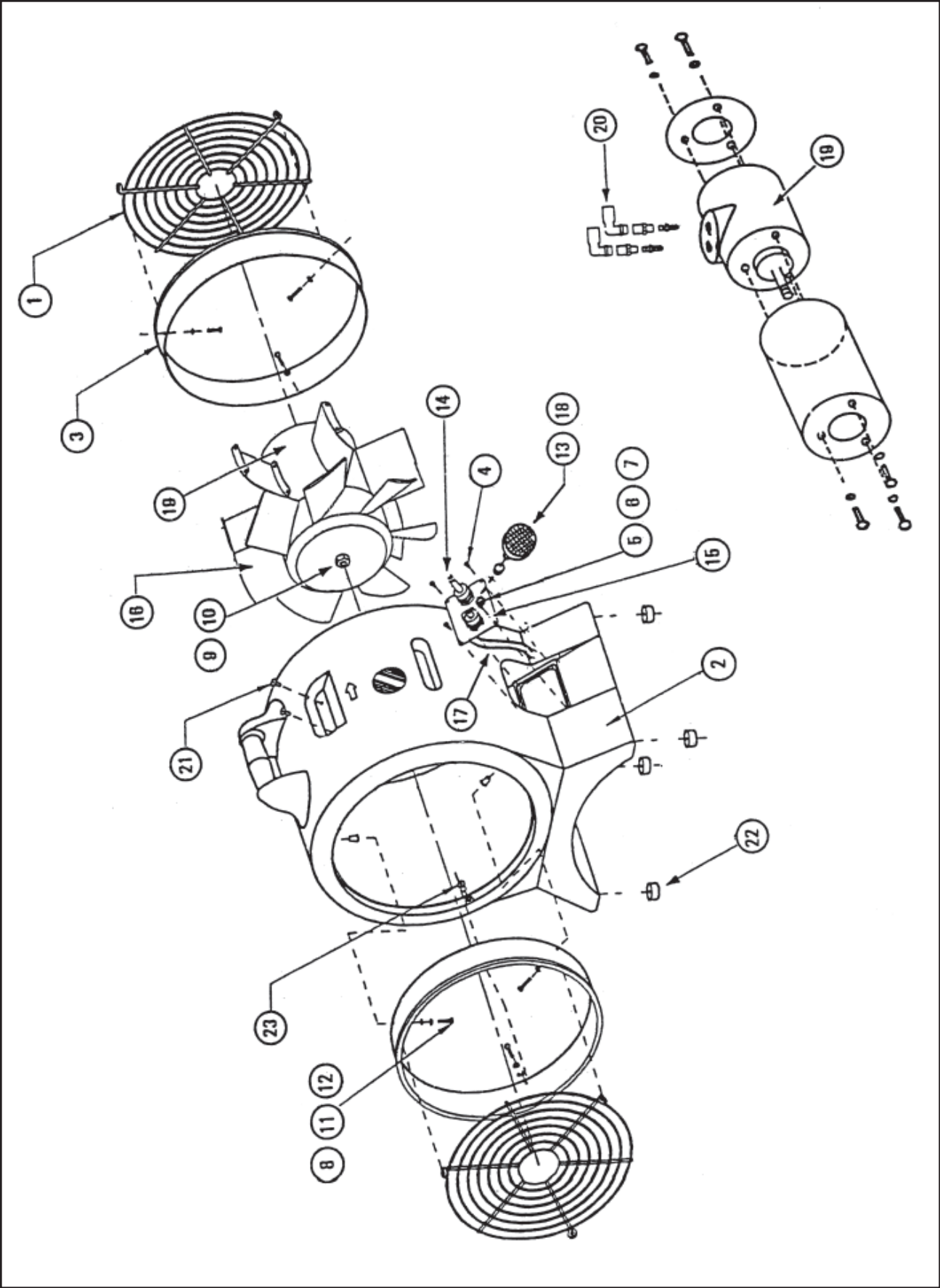
FOR ALL APPLICATIONS	⚠ FOR HAZARDOUS LOCATIONS
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 100 psi maximum. 2) Clean, dry, lubricated air supply required. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) CAUTION: Ground unit at lug on coupler plate. 2) Air supply lines shall be made of electrically conductive material in accordance with the recommended practice on static electricity, NFPA 77, and/or any other applicable local code.

- Your new VAF-3000P comes to you completely assembled and ready to operate. Carefully inspect unit for any possible damage from transit.
- When using the VAF-3000P, note the directional airflow indicator on the external shell. This is the way the air moves.
- Prior to connecting the VAF-3000P to the air supply line, inspect the inlet and outlet screen and remove any debris that may restrict airflow movement.

WHEN USED WITH DUCTING	⚠ FOR HAZARDOUS LOCATIONS
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Do not install duct when fan is in operation. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2) Use only “Static Conductive Hose” properly grounded. If connecting duct to duct use only “Static Conductive” couplers made of aluminum. 3) Place duct lip over duct adapter and secure firmly. 4) Note the direction of airflow as indicated by the arrow on the side of the fan.

SPECIFICATIONS		DIMENSIONS		
Pneumatic Motor:	1.71 hp	Height:	21"	53.34 cm
RPM:	3000	Width:	14"	35.65 cm
CFM:	2063	Length:	17"	43.18 cm
		Duct Adapter:	12"	30.48 cm
		Weight:	28 lbs.	12.75 Kgs.


VAF 3000P PICTORIAL BREAKDOWN




VAF-3000P Parts List


Item	Part#	Description
1	09-00879A	Grill
2	104-50001	Shell, Blue, 3000P
3	10-01064A	Duct Ring
4	104-50042	Rivet
5	104-50039	Bolt - Brass
6	104-50040	Nut - Brass
7	104-50041	Washer - Brass
8	03-01040	Bolt
9	104-50007	Lock Nut
10	104-50006	Flat Washer
11	104-50011	Flat Washer
12	104-50012	Star Washer
13	104-50031	Hex Bushing
14	104-50033	Male Plug
15		Coupler Assembly
	104-50029	Bulkhead Fitting
	104-50030	Nut
	104-50027	90 Swivel/Slip on
	104-50034	Coupler Plate
16	17-00852A	Fan Blade
17	104-50028	1/2" OD Tube
18	104-50032	Muffler
19		Motor Assembly
	104-50014	Motor
	104-50015	Motor Mount
	104-50016	Motor Endplate
	104-50017	Motor Bolt
	104-50018	Lock Washer
	09-00889A	Vane
	104-50020	Vane to Motor Bolts
	104-50021	Star Washer
	104-50022	Lock Washer
	104-50023	Nut
20		Motor Connection
	104-50025	Pipe Nipple
	104-50026	Hex Bushing
	104-50027	90 Swivel/Slip on
21	03-00983A	Blck Alum. Rivet
22	13-00964A	Rubber Feet
23	03-00979A	Well Nut
	104-50035	Wire - Motor to Bolt
	104-50036	Wire - Grill to Bolt
	104-50037	Wire - Label to Bolt
	104-50038	Connector
	104-50043	Safety Label
	104-50044	Rivet
	104-50045	Serial Label

SAFETY SYMBOL


When you see this symbol,  **CAUTION**, be aware that personal injury or property damage is possible. The hazard is explained in the text following the symbol.


 **CAUTION:** Severe personal injury or death **COULD** occur if hazard is ignored.

AIR MOTOR PRECAUTIONS


 **CAUTION:** The air motor is designed to be driven by compressed air. Under no circumstances should the air motor be driven by any other gasses. The air motor must not be driven by fluids, particles, solids or any substance mixed with air, particularly combustible substances likely to cause explosion.

 **CAUTION:** DO NOT USE KEROSENE OR OTHER COMBUSTIBLE SOLVENTS.

 **CAUTION:** Foreign material exiting the air motor can be hazardous. Solid or liquid material exiting the unit can cause eye or skin damage. Keep away from air stream.


 **CAUTION:** Keep face away from exhaust port. Eye protection is required.

 **CAUTION:** Water, vapor, oil-based contaminants or other liquids must be filtered out.

 **CAUTION:** Do not drive the air motor in excess of the recommended operating maximums below. Ambient temperature should not exceed 121°C (250°F).

INTERNAL OPERATING MAXIMUMS

Motor Size	Maximum RPM	Maximum Pressure (psig)	Maximum Torque in lb. - inch	Maximum Air Consumption in cfm.
V4	3000	100	36.29	78

 **CAUTION:** Do not allow the air motor to “run free” at high speeds without a load. Excessive internal heat build up will result in loss of internal clearance and rapid motor damage.

CFM RATINGS

Free Air	2063 cfm.	25' 1-90° Bend	1497 cfm.
15' Straight Duct	1753 cfm.	25' 2-90° Bend	1433 cfm.
15' 1-90° Bend	1616 cfm.	100' Straight Blowing	1243 cfm.
25' Straight Duct	1619 cfm.		

 **CAUTION:** Always disconnect the unit from the air supply before servicing.

GENERAL TROUBLE SHOOTING GUIDE

PROBLEM	CAUSE	SOLUTION
Unit will not run	1) No air supply to unit. 2) Faulty air supply line.	1) Connect air supply. 2) Perform maintenance and check line to air supply.
Unit runs but fan makes loud scraping noise.	1) Unit has been severely jolted causing fan to rub against housing. 2) Unit has been severely jolted causing housing to deform.	1) Remove motor and replace damaged motor mounts. 2) Perform maintenance and check line to air supply.
Unit runs but vibrates excessively.	1) Severe jolt has bent motor shaft causing unit to be out of balance. 2) Fan blade damaged. 3) Dirt built up on one side of fan blade.	1) Remove and replace motor. Replace fan blade as necessary. 2) Replace fan blade. 3) Clean fan blade.
Unit runs but fan does not turn.	1) Fan is jammed. 2) Housing has been damaged and presses on the fan blade.	1) Remove motor and replace damaged motor mounts. 2) Replace fan blade if necessary. 3) Replace housing/unit as necessary.
Unit runs but does not develop full power.	1) Low air supply pressure. 2) Low air supply cfm. 3) Excessive duct length. 4) Worn motor vanes.	1) Supply 100 psi air. 2) Increase size of compressor and/or size of supply lines to provide at least 71 cfm. 3) Reduce duct length to recommended maximum. 4) Rebuild motor.

MOTOR TROUBLE SHOOTING GUIDE

REASON	LOW TORQUE	LOW SPEED	WON'T RUN AT ALL	RUNS HOT	RUNS GOOD THEN SLOWS DOWN
Dirt, Foreign Material	X	X	X		
Internal Rust	X	X	X		
Misalignment	X	X	X	X	X
Insufficient Air Pressure	X	X			
Too Small of Air Line		X			X
Restricted Exhaust		X			
Poor Lubrication	X	X	X	X	
Jammed Machine	X	X	X		X
Compressor Too Small		X			X
Compressor Too Far From Unit		X			X

LUBRICATION

An automatic lubricator can be installed in the air line just ahead of the motor. The lubricator should be adjusted to feed one drop of oil per minute. Lubrication is necessary for all internal moving parts and rust prevention. Excessive moisture in the air line can cause rust formation in the motor and might also cause ice to form in the muffler due to the expansion of air through the motor. The moisture problem can be corrected by installing a moisture separator in the line and also by installing an aftercooler between the compressor and air receiver.

USE A DETERGENT SAE #10 AUTOMOTIVE ENGINE OIL.

SERVICING AIR MOTOR

If the motor is sluggish or inefficient, try flushing with recommended solvent. The recommended solvent for air motors and lubricated pumps is Gast FLushing Solvent, Part # AH255 or AH255A, Demkote 2X726 safety solvent, Inhibisol Safety Solvent or Dow Chemical Chlorothane.

To flush the unit, disconnect air line from the coupler plate and remove the felt inside the muffler assembly. Add several teaspoons of solvent directly into the air motor fitting. Rotate the fan shaft by hand in both directions for a few minutes. Connect motor to an adjustable air supply. Slowly apply pressure until there is no trace of solvent in exhausted air system. Reinstall the felt insert and secure the muffler cap.

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⚠ CAUTION: Flush unit only in a well-ventilated area.

Relubricate the motor by squirting a drop of oil in the chamber. If the vanes need replacing or foreign materials are present in motor chamber, an experienced mechanic may remove the end plate opposite the drive shaft end. **DO NOT PRY WITH A SCREWDRIVER.**

It will dent the surface of the plate and body causing leaks. A puller tool should be used which will remove the end plate while maintaining the position of the shaft. New vanes should have the edge with the corners cut on angle or the notched edge towards the bottom of the vane slot.

If motor requires service, it is highly recommended that the user remove the motor from the housing as per the instructions provided in this manual and return it to the factory for repair.

A service kit is available; however it should only be installed by a qualified mechanic. The tolerances inside the air motor must be maintained to insure top operating performance.

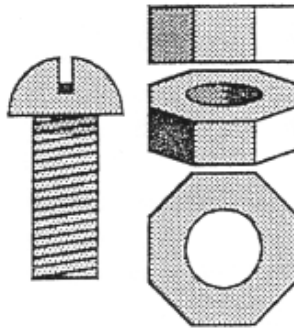
SHUTDOWN AND STORAGE PROCEDURE

- 1) Turn off air intake supply and remove plumbing.
- 2) Remove air motor from the connecting machinery.
- 3) Use clean, dry air at low pressure to “flush out” condensates, such as water.
- 4) Re-lubricate the air motor with a squirt of oil in the chamber. Rotate the shaft by hand several times.
- 5) Plug or cap each port. The unit is now ready for storage.

MOTOR REMOVAL & INSTALLATION

TOOL LIST

Socket (7/16")
Deep socket (9/16")
Open end wrench (13/16")
Socket and driver (7/32")
Open end wrench (3/4")
Loctite #545 or pipe seal
Duct tape for sealing motor ports
3 Pieces of wood blocking cut to 12"



⚠ CAUTION: This unit is UL/CUL listed for use in hazardous locations. The grounding system links all metal components together. If you fail to properly reattach grounding stud rings, washers, star washers and bolts, static electric build-up can result. The UL/CUL listing for this unit will also be null and void.

MOTOR REMOVAL PROCEDURES

Step One: Remove Grills and Duct Rings from the front and rear of the unit. Use a 1/4" ratchet and a 7/32" socket to remove bolts, washers and star washers. Store these components in a safe place. They will be needed for the reassembly of the unit.

Step Two: Position unit so that the back of the motor is facing you. Disconnect air hoses from the motor by pushing in on the ferrule lock ring while pulling on hoses.

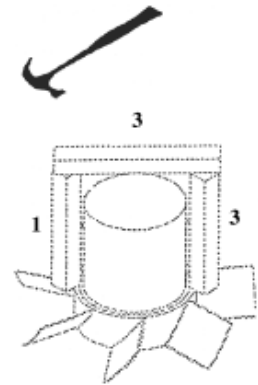
Step Three: Use a 13/16" open end wrench to spin off brass hex fittings from the air motor. NOTE: A 3/4" open end wrench may also be needed to spin off air connection ferrules of the 90° elbow because of limited space.

Step Four: Lay unit down with the fan blade facing up. Remove the nylon nut that holds blade on shaft with a 9/16" open end wrench and remove the 3/8" flat washer. You may need to wedge the fan blade to prevent rotation during this procedure.

Step Five: Flip unit so that blade is facing workbench. Create a 3 legged brace with pieces of wood cut approximately 12" in length. Pound gently on the center of the cross beam to release the fan blade hub from the shaft.

NOTE: Even pressure is required on at least two points, at the same time, to release the fan hub without causing damage to the blade assembly or motor shaft.

⚠ CAUTION: Striking the back of the fan hub directly with a hard or sharp object (e.g., hammer or screwdriver) may damage components.



REMOVAL PROCEDURES CONTINUED

Step Six: Flip unit over on its back and remove the front motor assembly bolts with a 7/16" socket.

Step Seven: Use a 9/16" deep socket to remove the remaining brass hex fittings from the motor.

Step Eight: Rotate unit 180° onto its face. Remove the three rear motor assembly bolts with the 7/16" socket. Fish out the rear motor end plate with an offset screw driver.

NOTE: A grounding wire is attached to the end plate bolt located between the two air motor fittings.

⚠ CAUTION: Be sure to note the location of all grounding wires, washers and star washers before removing. Reattached assemblies to the same location from which they were removed in order to safeguard proper ground continuity.

Step Nine: The motor is now detached from the mounting assembly. Carefully slip out of the housing for repair. Tape over the air fittings holes to prevent debris from falling into the motor while it is out of the housing.

Step Ten: Decide if you want to ship the motor to the factory for repair, order a service kit that you can install or purchase a new motor. Please contact the factory at the number listed on the front of this manual to obtain parts, secure a return authorization or receive technical assistance.

REINSTALLING THE AIR MOTOR INTO THE VAF-3000P HOUSING

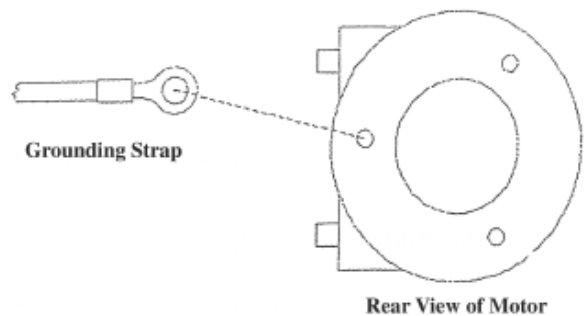
Step One: Prepare motor for installation by removing the shipping plugs from the air motor ports. Lay the VAF-3000P face down on a firm work surface.

Step Two: Carefully position air motor into the housing assembly with the motor shaft through the front mounting plate. Be sure to align the air fitting holes of the motor and housing so that the fittings can be installed into the motor through the housing.

Step Three: Coat threaded joints with Loctite #545 Pneumatic Seal or equivalent product to insure leak free installation of air fittings. Install the two brass hex nipples into the air motor and tighten with a 9/16" deep socket.

Step Four: Stand unit on base with front facing you. Attach motor to front housing plate with three 7/16" bolts while maneuvering the motor into position from the rear. Tighten securely with a 7/16" socket.

Step Five: Lay unit with the rear of motor facing up. Install the rear end plate by using a nail or other object to align end plate, grounding stud ring and threaded hole.



NOTE: The bolt to which the grounding wire must be attached is located between the two air fittings. Secure the three mounting bolts by tightening with a 7/16" socket.

⚠ CAUTION: Failure to reattach grounding stud ring to the same location from which it was removed will break ground continuity and allow the accumulation of static electricity.

REINSTALLATION PROCEDURES CONTINUED


Step Six: Stand unit on its base once again with the motor shaft towards you. Use a 13/16" open end wrench to tighten the 90° hose fittings onto the brass hex nipples previously installed onto the motor through the motor housing. Be sure to coat threaded joints with Loctite #545 Pneumatic Seal or equivalent product to assure leak free installation of air hose fitting. Attach hose to the fittings by pushing onto ferrule until they snap-lock into place. Tug on hose gently. If hoses release, push more firmly into the ferrule until you hear it snap lock into place.

NOTE: Orient the unit so the back of the motor is facing you. Install the hose on the left into the top air motor fitting. Install the hose on the right into the bottom air motor fitting.

Step Seven: Test air connections by attaching unit to air supply line. Inspect hose connections for leaks. If a leak is found, repeat sealing instructions outlined in Step Six.

 **CAUTION:** Never touch the spinning motor shaft – Severe personal injury will result.

Step Eight: Lay unit down with the motor shaft facing up. Install fan blade with the flat part of the shaft aligned with the flat guide on the fan hub. Place 3/8" flat washer on top of the fan hub before securing the nut on the shaft with a 9/16" open end wrench. Tighten until you see one thread exposed above the installed nylon nut. You may need to hold the blade by wedging it to prevent rotation during this procedure.

 **CAUTION:** Never operate the unit with the fan blade installed without first installing the safety grills – Severe personal injury will result.

Step Nine: Install grill, duct ring and grounding stud ring to the front of the unit's housing. Assemble bolt with flat washer first, then the ground stud ring and finally the star washer. This bolt assembly is then threaded through the grill and duct ring into unit's housing. Repeat steps to install grill, duct ring and grounding stud ring to the rear of unit's housing. You should use a 1/4" ratchet and a 7/32" socket for this procedure.

NOTE: There are three bolts used to attach each grill and duct ring. The longer of the three bolts is used to attach the grounding stud ring to the unit's housing.


 **CAUTION:** Be sure to reattach flat washer, grounding wire stud ring and star washer to insure proper ground continuity of the unit.

Step Ten: Connect completely reassembled fan to air supply line and preform a final inspection of unit to insure proper operation.

Step Eleven: Insure ground continuity with a multi meter. Test with one lead attached to the grounding stud, located on the coupler plate, and complete the circuit by touching the secondary lead to the following points while noting meter response:

1. The rivet holding the right side of the safety label in place.
2. The upper left corner rivet holding serial plate in place.
3. Any coupler plate rivet.
4. The front and rear grills. Test one of the bolts not connected to the ground wire.
5. Back of motor. (Long probe will be required to make contact.)

NOTE: Some resistance may be present when testing various points. The objective of this test is to assure that all wires removed are properly reattached.

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