

PiPoint™ User Manual

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Closed Loop Grit Blasting





Any person intending to operate this equipment or any person intending to be in the vicinity during its operation must receive proper training.

Do not operate this equipment before reading and completely understanding all the warnings, cautions, operating procedures, and instructions contained in this manual. Do also read and understand the manual of the Pinovo® closed loop blasting and recycling unit PiSys™ and other relevant tools used with this equipment.



1 INTRODUCTION

The PiPoint™ is a handheld closed loop grit blasting tool to be used with PiSys™ closed loop blasting and recycling unit. The tool is primarily intended for steel surface treatment of small areas with difficult access and difficult geometries. The surface is blast cleaned by using fused brown alumina as blasting medium. “White Metal” surface cleanliness according to SA 3 (ISO 8501-1) and SSPC-SP5 can be easily achieved in addition to an anchoring profile up to 100 µm. Furthermore, the Pinovo® closed loop grit blasting method inherently delivers feathered edges ideally suited to spot blasting and high quality coating repair.

Another advantage of Pinovo® grit blasting tools is the closed loop circulation system covering the entire treatment process. The result is complete elimination of discharges related to the work, as well as excellent utilization of the blasting medium. Brown fused aluminum oxide circulates in the system and may be re-used up to 25 times reducing media consumption and waste generation up to 70 % compared to conventional dry abrasive blasting technologies. In addition, the operators are never in direct contact with the actual blasting and waste material, which is collected automatically in the integrated waste management system.

No significant clean-up or further work is required after the Pinovo® preparation process, the surface is ready for painting or other post-treatment. The low noise and dust free Pinovo® surface preparation process minimizes the impact on surrounding trades and equipment.

The PiPoint™ has several different adapters, to be used on different types of geometries (see Chapter 4).

2 SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

The products described in this manual are intended for knowledgeable, experienced users of abrasive blasting equipment. It is the responsibility of the user to ensure that proper training has been completed and to have the relevant certificates from the Pinovo training program.








It is the responsibility of the users to familiarize themselves with the appropriate laws, regulations and safe practices that apply to these products and materials that may be used with these products, and that a safe work environment is provided.

Any use outside the sphere of application specified by Pinovo is not approved. Such use, any failure to comply with the instructions given herein, or any modification of the product without the written consent of Pinovo will invalidate the warranty, and Pinovo refuses to accept liability.

In addition to information on installation and operation, this instruction manual may contain **WARNINGS** and **CAUTIONS** pertaining to user safety. A **WARNING** indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury. A **CAUTION** indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, may result in minor or major injury.

Do not attempt to operate this tool until you have read and understood all safety precautions and instructions listed in this manual. **INCORRECT OPEARATION OF THIS UNIT CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY.**

2.1 WARNINGS

 WARNING	Enclosed blasting equipment may cause serious injury – protect hands, feet, eyes and hearing.
 WARNING	Show outmost care when connecting and operating the system. ALWAYS THINK SAFETY FIRST!
 WARNING	Wear PPE at all times when operating the PiPoint™. The type of respiratory protection should be considered depending on material being removed, e.g. lead-based coatings.
 WARNING	Do not use closed loop grit blasting tools on surfaces of unknown thickness or temperatures above 70°C without proper risk assessment.
 WARNING	Before starting the PiPoint™, ensure that all fixing screws, bolts and fittings are mounted correctly and securely tensioned. Also ensure that whip-checks and safety pins are used for all hose-connections and hook-ups.
 WARNING	Check all hoses for damage before starting the system.
 WARNING	Check for wear inside the PiPoint™ regularly. Change adapters regularly. Clean PiPoint™ from dust inside regularly.

⚠ WARNING	Do not repair or replace any portion of Pinovo equipment using components that are not original Pinovo replacement parts or components that are not approved by Pinovo.
⚠ WARNING	Do not cut, obstruct, restrict or pinch pneumatic control lines. Doing so could prevent the proper activation and deactivation of the remote control system, resulting in the release of high speed media and compressed air.
⚠ WARNING	The use of this product for any purpose other than originally intended or altered from its original design is prohibited.
⚠ WARNING	You must NEVER place your hand or fingers underneath the 'Blast Head' or point the 'Blast Head' of the PiPoint™ at yourself or anybody else while the system is pressurised.

2.2 CAUTIONS

⚠ CAUTION	Never install, remove or perform any maintenance on the PiPoint™ when the system is pressurized.
⚠ CAUTION	Always use the dead man's switch when operating the system. The dead man's switch must never be set deliberately in an interlocked or blocked position, which could hamper the safety release of the switch.
⚠ CAUTION	Only use Brown Fused Aluminum Oxide in the appropriate size, preferably sizes F16 to F46
⚠ CAUTION	Blasting of oil contaminated parts may result in contaminated surfaces, clogged abrasive, and/or malfunctioning of the equipment.
⚠ CAUTION	Valves must be opened slowly to allow seal to function correctly and to give a safe operation.
⚠ CAUTION	Never operate the PiPoint™ while wearing loose hanging chains, hanging ID/Security badges or garments.
⚠ CAUTION	Never start the PiPoint™ before its hoses are properly secured and safely located.
⚠ CAUTION	The PiPoint™ should be properly maintained and stored when not in use to avoid damage to parts.
⚠ CAUTION	Always consider the workplace, access and risk factor prior to installation.
⚠ CAUTION	Always connect the hoses with safety line to fixed structure if working above 2 meters free fall.

3 CONFIGURATION

Compressed air supply: Min 8 bar, 10 m²/h, dry air.
 Connection:

- Pisys 100: 2 inch BSP / 2 inch camlock
- PiSys Flex: 1 ½ inch BSP/2 inch Camlock / 4-lug “Chicago-coupling”
- Adapter with 3 x 2-lug “Chicago-coupling” can be supplied on demand

PiSys 100 or Pisys Flex (pictured)

Pisys Flex Blast Unit

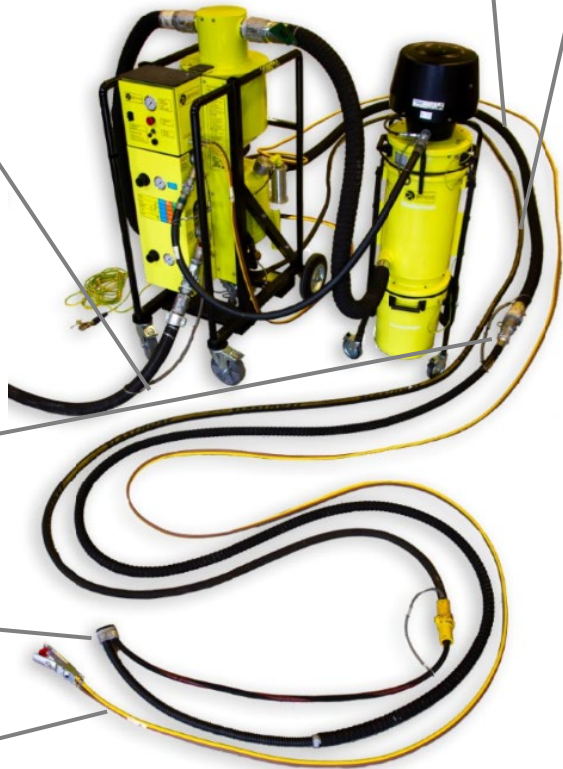
Pisys Flex Vacuum Unit

Blast hose: 3/4 inch, Max 40 m

Vacuum hose: 3 inch, Max 3 x 12 m

Adapter:

- 2” – 3” camlock adapter
- 1 ½ “ – 2” camlock adapter with air inlet holes



PiPoint tool with 3/8” x 1,5 m blast hose + 25 mm vacuum hose + 1 ½ ” vacuum hose X 5 m, 6,4 mm nozzle

Twin hose with dead man’s handle. 40 m

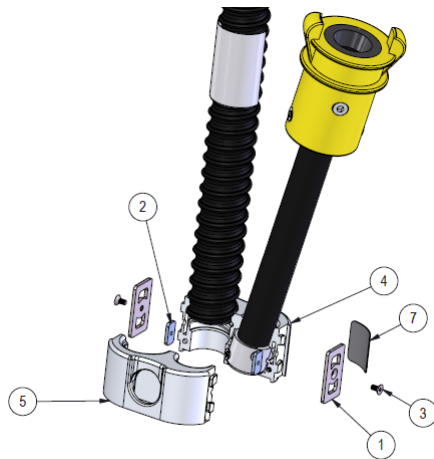
PiPoint. Recommended process parameters (PiSys Flex / PiSys™ 100):

- Blast pressure: 2,5 – 3,5 bar
- Suction pressure: 5-6 bar
- Grit feed: 2,5 - 3 turns. Alternatively: Close the grit valve and turn it slowly up while blasting and listening for grit flow on the blast hose
- Standard grit size: F16 Aluminum oxide (can be used with F12 – F46)
- Max surface roughness (RY): 100 µm



4 OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The following illustration shows the different parts of the PiPoint™:



1. Lock
2. M3 square nut
3. M3x6 screw
4. Housing right
5. Housing left
6. Hose assembly
7. Product label

- Before using the PiPoint™, perform a visual inspection, ensuring that all parts are in place and in good condition.
- Choose the correct adapter for the to be cleaned surface geometry. The different available adapters are explained in chapter 4.

⚠ CAUTION

- Ensure that the adapter is oriented correctly, i.e. the blast nozzle points at the smaller hole and the suction hose at the larger adapter opening.

⚠ WARNING

- Before fastening the adapter to the PiPoint™, ensure that either:
 - The system (PiSys™) is depressurised
 - The dead man twin hoses are disconnected
- Ensure that all hoses and connections are properly fastened.
- Make sure that all hoses are earthed all the way from the PiSys™ unit to the blast head.
- When starting to work with the PiPoint™, the 'Blast head' **MUST** be placed against the surface that is intended for blasting
- You must **NEVER** place your hand or fingers underneath the 'Blast Head' of the PiPoint™.
- You must **NEVER** point the 'Blast Head' of the PiPoint™ at yourself or anybody else.
- Only to be used with fused brown alumina grit (size F16 – F46).
- Recommended process parameters (PiSys™ 100):
 - Blast pressure: 2.5 – 3.5 bar
 - Suction pressure: 5.5 – 6.5 bar
 - Grit feed: 2.5 – 3 turns

- Put the adapter wearing rubber in place (if applicable). It is very important that this is put in place properly, otherwise the grit will wear out the adapter and the housing very quickly. It is also important to change the wearing rubber in time (see Chapter 4).
- To achieve full abrasive and dust recovery the blast head must be in tight contact with the surface at all times. Do not apply excessive force that may cause the adapter brush to bend into the abrasive flow. Make straight, even passes. When reversing direction, move the blast head in a small radius to allow the bristles of the adapter brush to roll evenly and to prevent noise emission peaks.
- To start blast cleaning with the PiPoint™, activate the dead man's handle.
- When stopping/pausing the blast operation, release the dead man's handle. Wait until the system has come to a complete stop (no grit passing through) before lifting the blast head off the blast area.
- The PiPoint™ closed loop grit blasting tool in combination with the PiSys™ blast and recycling unit is approved for operation in potentially explosive atmospheres (ATEX zone 1 and zone 2).

5 ADAPTERS

- In case the wear rubber, the brushes and/or the main adapter part are worn-out or damaged, the adapter needs to be replaced with a new one.


















⚠ CAUTION

- Using a worn-out adapter can cause dust leakage, high noise levels, and may result in damage to other parts or the surroundings.
- Use of wear parts not supplied by Pinovo and/or other repair methods may compromise function and operational safety.

⚠ WARNING

- Before changing the adapter, ensure that the system cannot be started, for example by either:
 - Depressurizing the system (PiSys™) or
 - Disconnecting the dead man twin hose
- The adapters can be released from the tool by pressing on the adapter clips and pulling the adapter. In order to attach the adapter to the tool the clips need to be inserted into the openings at the sides of the tool housing and by pushing the adapter towards the tool.

The following adapters are available for the PiPoint™ closed loop grit blasting tool

<p>11252 PiPoint™ Adapter Flat</p> <p>To be used on flat surfaces in combination with the PiPoint™ closed loop grit blasting tool. Includes two additional wear rubbers for increased lifetime.</p>	<p>Flat </p>	
<p>11254 PiPoint™ Adapter Inside Corner</p> <p>To be used on inside corners in combination with the PiPoint™ closed loop grit blasting tool. Includes two additional wear rubbers for increased lifetime.</p>	<p>Inside corner </p>	
<p>11256 PiPoint™ Adapter Corner & T-Bend</p> <p>To be used on corners in combination with the PiPoint™ closed loop grit blasting tool.</p>	<p>Corner </p>	
<p>11259 PiPoint™ Adapter Thin Edge & Pipes</p> <p>To be used on thin edges or small diameter pipes in combination with the PiPoint™ closed loop grit blasting tool.</p>	<p>Thin edge  Small pipes </p>	
<p>11760 PiPoint™ Adapter Corner – Long Brushes</p> <p>To be used on corners in combination with the PiPoint™ closed loop grit blasting tool. Longer brushes compared to PiPoint™ Adapter Corner</p>	<p>Corner </p>	
<p>11758 PiPoint™ Adapter Flat – Long Brushes</p> <p>To be used on flat surfaces in combination with the PiPoint™ closed loop grit blasting tool. Longer brushes compared to PiPoint™ Adapter Flat. Includes two additional wear rubbers for increased lifetime.</p>	<p>Flat </p>	
<p>11759 PiPoint™ Adapter T-Bend</p> <p>To be used on T-bends small and bends in combination with the PiPoint™ closed loop grit blasting tool.</p>	<p>T-bend </p>	
<p>11333 PiPoint™ Adapter Corner</p> <p>To be used on corners in combination with the PiPoint™ closed loop grit blasting tool.</p>	<p>Corner </p>	

11457 PiPoint™ Adapter Starter Kit

The starter kit comprises adapters for the most common geometries: 1 x Flat, 1 x Inside Corner, 1 x Corner & T-Bend, 1 x Thin Edges & Pipe, and 1 x Corner – Long Brushes



Adapters can be ordered by contacting your local Pinovo representative or directly from Pinovo.

Please use the article number provided in this manual for your orders.

5 EXCHANGE OF WEAR PARTS

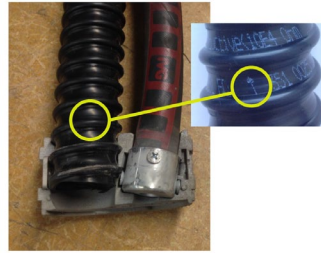
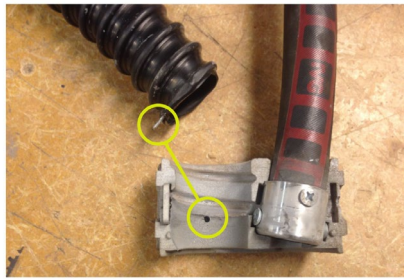
- The 25 mm suction hose connected to the PiPoint™ housing is to be checked prior to every start-up, and to be replaced when worn out.
- To exchange the 25 mm suction hose, open hose reduction and remove old suction hose



- Open housing and remove old suction hose



- Insert new suction hose according to indicated direction and assemble housing and reduction



Only use original replacement hoses supplied by Pinovo.


11431 PiPoint™ Suction Hose

Flexible, abrasion-proof and electrically conductive polyurethane suction hose.

Diameter: 25 mm – Length: 1 m

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6 TECHNICAL DATA

Size L x W x H (mm), excluding hoses and adapter	37 x 74 x 37
Weight (kg), excluding hoses and adapter	0.12
Nozzle Type	6.4 mm straight bore nozzle
ATEX conformity	CE  II 2G IIA T5

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