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INTRODUCTION

Arborjet’s tree injection technologies are designed by arborists interested in improving methods of systemically treating trees. Our greatest concern is to ensure that our methods target pest problems in an environmentally responsible way.

Arborjet has designed VIPER tree injection technology to optimize the treatment application and minimize tree wounding. VIPER is an acronym for “Volume-Injection Pressure-Enhanced Reservoir” and refers to the interfacing of our patented Arborplug® with our injection needle. The development of this technology was based on three distinct factors: (1) the method—or ease, speed and accuracy of injection, (2) conditions favorable to injection uptake, and (3) translocation and efficacy of the injectable product. The foremost requirements of an injection device are to deliver systemic product to the functional sapwood, to accurately measure the amount of product applied, and to keep the product in the tree. Our VIPER method accomplishes these objectives, is faster than any other system, and induces the least tree wounding.

For technical assistance, call 781-935-9070 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm EST Monday through Friday or visit our website at www.arborjet.com. We welcome your comments and questions concerning Arborjet injection systems.

SAFETY REMINDER

Always wear safety glasses and protective gloves (e.g. disposable nitrile) when setting up, operating or maintaining the Arborjet QUIK-jet Air System. Read label of injectable product for further precautions and warnings.
PARTS OF THE QUIK-JET AIR KIT

- Arborplug Setter
- Cleanout Tool 2pk
- Drill Bit Kit
- Funnel
- 5/64” Allen Wrench
- 0.5 Liter CLEAN-jet

- Graduated Cylinder 250 mL
- Safety Glasses

- 62 cu” Air Tank - 3000 PSI
- 1 Liter Product Bottle
- 2 Viper Needles

- QJ Air Device
- Low Pressure Regulator w/ Coil

- Carry Bag
PRESSURE BOTTLE ASSEMBLY

- Fill pressure supply bottle with compressed air only.
- Most dive/paintball shops can fill cylinders with filling station (not included in kit).

CAUTION: Do not fill with CO2
CAUTION: Fill to maximum of 3000 psi.

FILLING AND ATTACHING PRODUCT BOTTLE

1. Load formulation into product bottle.
   - Do not load more than 1000 mL of product.
2. Holding bottle upright, screw bottle clockwise into product bottle top.
   - Ensure product line is snugly connected in bottle top compression fitting.

CONNECTING THE DEVICE

Attach pressure supply line and product fitting:
1. Pull back outer sleeve
2. Push to connect
3. Flip device body over so on/off switch faces down.
4. Feed product tube through channel in body until it passes the front of the body.
5. Push product tube into PTC fitting.
6. Push the other end of tubing into the inlet check valve. Ensure that the arrow on check valve points towards the device.
7. Connect the tubing from product supply bottle into the other end of check valve.
To adjust air pressure, insert Allen wrench into end of primary regulator. Turn counter-clockwise slowly to increase pressure to system.

**PRIME THE QUIK-JET AIR DOSE CHAMBER**

1. Press the ON/OFF switch several times until formulation reaches the dose chamber.
2. Dispense product back into original product bottle or extra supply bottle until you get a full dose inside the chamber.

**NOTE:** Be careful when pointing the needle; some air bubbles may occur.

**READY FOR MICRO-INJECTION**

System is assembled, pressurized, primed, and ready for micro-injection.

**NOW YOU ARE FULLY ASSEMBLED!**

**WHEN TO MICRO-INJECT**

Seasonal and environmental conditions that favor uptake of injectable material

**Time of Year:** Active growth—tree in full leaf

**Weather Conditions:** Sunny, warm (ideally 60-80°F), breezy, low humidity

**Soil Conditions:** Moist soil conditions, soil temperatures above 40°F
SELECTING ARBORPLUGS AND DRILL BITS

Select Arborplugs based on tree size and type:
- For trees of small to medium size and density use #3 (9/32”) Arborplugs.
- For large or dense-wooded trees and conifers use #4 (3/8”) Arborplugs.

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Use sharp, high-helix brad-point drill bits (included in kit).

Drilling in 2 Steps:
1. Use very light pressure to drill through outer bark and inner bark. The drill bit will stop at the xylem. You can remove drill bit to note the bark thickness.
2. Use quick heavy pressure to drill into the xylem. Try to keep drill steady to ensure properly-set Arborplugs.

Estimated drill depth into xylem:
- Hardwood: 5/8” – 1 5/8” deep
- Conifers: 1 5/8” – 2” deep

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SELECTING ARBORPLUG SITES

# of Arborplugs = DBH”/4 up to DBH”/2 (ex. 16” = 4 – 8 sites)

Sites are within 36” above the soil line.

The Best Arborplug Injection Zone

Root flares show best uptake and formulation distribution to the canopy. Choosing good Arborplug sites result in faster injections.
SETTING THE ARBORPLUGS

1. Set Arborplugs into drilled holes using Set Tool (from kit) and hammer.

2. Make sure the barbs on the Arborplug make a seal between the xylem and the inner bark as illustrated.

MICRO-INJECTION WITH THE QUlK-JET AIR

1. Determine mL dose per injection site (per Arborplug).
2. Insert needle and push switch forward to ON position to apply dose (up to 5 mL).
3. Hold until piston has stopped moving forward; push switch back to OFF position so piston retracts.
4. Repeat dose / injection site until entire dose is in the tree.

PROCEDURE: CONIFERS VS. DECIDUOUS

Important Note For Conifer Injections:
Sap flows out of conifers as a protective response to drilling. For best results, make sure the QUIK-jet Air is inserted and the micro-injection occurs immediately after the Arborplug is set. Drill, plug, and inject one site at a time. If too much time has passed between Arborplug setting and QUIK-jet Air application, sap may flow into your injection site and make your uptake slower.

Important Note for Deciduous Injections:
No sap flows from deciduous trees after drilling. QUIK-jet Air micro-injection can occur after each Arborplug is set, or after all Arborplugs are set in the tree.
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THREE STEP CLEAN-OUT

IMPORTANT: Prior to switching to another product, or storing the QUIK-jet Air, it is essential to clean and rinse out the device and supply lines to maintain proper function and to avoid clogging the internal components of the system.

Cleaning out the system involves a 3-step process:

**Triple A = AIR – ALCOHOL – AIR**

1. Empty lines of product (Fill with AIR)
2. Rinse away residue with an ALCOHOL solvent (ex: CLEAN-jet or Isopropyl alcohol)
3. Empty lines of rinse solution (Fill with AIR)

IMPORTANT: Water is not recommended as a rinse solution for imidacloprid-based products as these are not compatible with water. All supply lines must be free of both product and rinse solution before reintroducing a new product to the device. Water-based products such as non-mixable fertilizers may be rinsed with water.

CLEANING OUT THE SYSTEM: 1) GET EVERYTHING OUT

1. Disconnect product supply line from device.
2. Pull trigger to discharge remaining product from device (about 10mL) into final injection site in tree, or into original product bottle.
3. Turn OFF compressed air.
4. Bleed remaining air out of device and regulator (two methods):
   A. Slide ON/OFF switch back and forth several times to bleed all air out of system.
   B. Pull sleeve on Pressure Inlet and press on and off device.
   Leave Pressure Line disconnected, and set injection device aside.

CLEANING OUT THE SYSTEM: 2) LOAD CLEAN-JET

1. Label a “WASTE” container to capture residue as it is rinsed out of the device.
2. Remove adapter from product bottle and replace cap.
3. Store unused chemical in supply bottle or return it to original supply container.
4. Add at least 30-40 mL of CLEAN-jet or isopropyl alcohol to a clean product supply bottle and attach to device.
5. Reconnect Pressure and Product Supply Lines.
6. Turn Pressure Supply ON to re-pressurize the system.
CLEANING OUT THE SYSTEM: 2A) RUN CLEAN-JET THROUGH SYSTEM

1. Shoot CLEAN-jet fluid through the device and into the WASTE container. Repeat several times.
2. Disconnect product supply line from product bottle.
3. Switch on/off switch several times to empty CLEAN-jet fluid into the WASTE container.

CLEANING OUT THE SYSTEM: 3) LAST STEPS AND DISPOSAL

1. Turn OFF compressed air.
2. Bleed remaining air out of device and regulators:
   A. Switch ON/OFF Switch several times to bleed all air out of system.
   B. Pull sleeve on Pressure Inlet and press on and off device.
3. Leave pressure line disconnected and set injection device aside.
4. Dispose of waste according to local and state regulations.
5. System is now ready to be loaded with another product or may now be lubricated and stored.

IMPORTANT: Always follow Daily Maintenance before storing the QUIK-jet Air System.

REGULAR MAINTENANCE

To clean out any debris in VIPER Needles:
1. Remove VIPER needle by pushing the Compression Fitting in and pulling on the needle.
2. Push the VIPER Needle Cleanout Tool through the VIPER needle.

WEEKLY MAINTENANCE

REMINDER: Before proceeding to Weekly Maintenance, be sure…

- To wear safety protection.
- That pressure supply is OFF.
- System is depressurized.
- Product supply bottle is depressurized.
- Product supply line switch is closed (OFF).
- That Daily Maintenance is completed.

IMPORTANT: Prior to performing maintenance procedures or storing the system after use, it is essential to clean out the device and supply lines to maintain proper function and to avoid clogging. See first section of Part 2 of the Training Manual for clean-out procedures.

Please Follow these steps when storing the QUIK-jet Air for a prolonged period of time to prevent corrosion to the QUIK-jet Air body, manifold and tools:

- Store clean and dry equipment.
- Clean bottles and lines using CLEAN-jet.
- Store bottles empty.
- Oil metal components, especially Quick Disconnect on manifold and male Quick Disconnect on gun – use 3 in 1 oil or WD-40.
- Spray tools with WD-40 or coat with 3 in 1 oil.
LUBRICATING THE DEVICE

Add a few drops of 3-in-1 oil to the device Pressure Inlet on the injector.

Apply 3-in-1 oil to the Pressure Supply Line Quick-Disconnect, then pull the metal sleeve back and release.

Apply grease to o-ring on Piston.

Whenever changing pressure supply tanks, apply grease to o-ring on supply bottle’s neck.

Apply grease to Internal Piston Sleeve

Apply grease to Back Housing Plug Seal.

BREAKING IT DOWN

Remove Input Valve by taking a slotted edge screwdriver and turn the screw counter-clockwise.

Unscrew case ring by turning it counter-clockwise to free Glass Barrel Case from main body.

Remove the Glass Barrel case to reveal the Glass Barrel and Piston.

Pull Glass Barrel away from Piston.

Turn the Piston at an angle to remove it from the Piston Rod.

Using a ½” wrench, unscrew the black housing plug from body by turning it counter-clockwise.
PUTTING IT BACK TOGETHER

Push against the Internal Piston Sleeve with Housing Plug. While having the Piston Rod lined up through the hole, engage the threads and turn clockwise. Use a ½” wrench to tighten.

Tilt and line up Piston with Piston Rod.

Put the Case ring back over Glass Barrel Case and turn clockwise. Do not tighten yet.

Using a slotted screwdriver, tighten the input valve back onto the Glass Barrel Case. Once the PTC fitting is lined up with the Tubing feed, tighten the Case Ring.

Push the Glass Barrel back onto the Piston. Ensure that grease is applied to Piston after each use.

Slide the Glass Barrel Case back onto the Glass Barrel.

Turn the Glass Barrel until all of the measurement readings are lined up and centered.

Slide tubing through main body and push it in the Push-to-Connect (PTC) fitting.

Piston O-ring may need replacement over time. See troubleshooting section. If device gets stuck, replace.
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PROBLEM: DEVICE WON’T FIRE
- Is there compressed gas (air or nitrogen) pressure indicated on the supply gauge? If not, refill bottle (maximum 3000 psi).
- Is pressure Supply Line attached to the Device Pressure Inlet? Connect by pulling back Quick-Disconnect Sleeve and push onto Device Inlet.
- Is the Flow Control completely closed? Open the Flow Control by turning the knob counter-clockwise.

PROBLEM: DEVICE WON’T DELIVER PRODUCT
- Is there product in the Product Bottle?
- Check Product Supply Line.
- Is the Product Supply Line connected to the device?
- If no, push Quick-Disconnect Fitting onto Device Product Inlet.
- Is the delivery pressure (Primary Gauge) at least 35 psi?
- If not, then device pressure is insufficient to move the shot piston, which delivers product.
- Overtime the Internal Piston Sleeve may wear down with use and need replacing.

PROBLEM: DEVICE LEAKING FROM NEEDLE
- Leaking from PTC?
  - Make sure needle is seated properly.
- Leaking from tip of needle?
  - Replace Check Valve before PTC fitting at front of device.

PROBLEM: PRODUCT LEAKING FROM PRODUCT SUPPLY BOTTLE
- Is Product Bottle Adapter screwed on tightly?
- If no, tighten bottle into adapter by turning clockwise (screw on carefully, making sure threads don’t cross!)
- Is gasket in Bottle Adapter worn or damaged?
  - If yes, replace rubber gasket.

PROBLEM: PRODUCT LEAKING FROM ARBORPLUG
- Arborplug set at incorrect depth.

  **Too shallow** - leaks from around injection site
  - Tap Arborplug further into injection site so barbs catch xylem tissue and not bark.

  **Too deep** - injection site over-pressurizes and membrane ruptures.
  - Drill, plug, and inject a new site.

PROBLEM: TROUBLESHOOTING CHECK VALVES
The Arborjet QUIK-jet Air System device utilizes 2 check valves:
- Inlet check valve
- Exit check valve

If there is a problem with flow of product, replace check valves. Note which valve seems to have problems—the two check valves on the QUIK-jet Air are not interchangeable.

CONTACT US
If you have any problems with your new QUIK-jet Air, please contact us from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST Monday-Friday at our home office.

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