# OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS



AD 350 FUME EXTRACTION UNIT



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### SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

# Symbols used



Danger

Refers to an immediately impending danger. If the danger is not avoided, it could result in death or severe (crippling) injury. Risk of electric shock. Consult manual where this symbol is displayed.



Warning

Refers to a possibly dangerous situation. If it is not avoided, it could result in death or severe injury. Consult manual where this symbol is displayed.

Caution

Refers to a possibly harmful situation. If it is not avoided, damage could be caused to the product or to something in its environment.

**Important** Refers to handling tips and other particularly useful information. This does not signify a dangerous or harmful situation.

#### **Electrical safety**

The AD range of extraction units are designed to meet the safety requirements of the Low Voltage Directive 2006/95/EC (previously numbered 73/23/EEC).



Warning

During works with the pump/motor housing open, live, 230/115 volt components are accessible. Make sure that rules and regulations for work on live components are always observed.

#### **Important**

To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock or injury:

- 1. Always isolate the system from the mains power supply before removing the pump/motor panel
- 2. Use only as described in the manual
- 3. Connect to a properly grounded outlet

# Dangers to eyes, breathing and skin

Once used, the filters in the AD range of extraction units contain a mixture of particulates, some of which may be sub micron size. When the used filters are moved it may agitate some of this particulate, which could get into the breathing zone and eyes of the operative. Additionally, depending on the materials being lasered, the particulate may be an irritant to the skin.

# Caution: When changing used filters always wear mask, safety glasses and gloves.

Please note the media in the gas filter fitted in this unit is capable of adsorbing a wide range of organic compounds. However, it is the responsibility of the user to ensure it is suitable for the particular application it is being used on.

This unit should not be used on processes with sparks of flammable materials or with explosive dusts and gases, without implementation of additional precautions.

# **Warning and Information Labels**

Label/Symbol	Position
Danger Disconnect the mains supply before removing this cover	Side of the unit, next to the Protex clip
WARNING  GOGGLES, GLOVES & MASK  MUST BE WORN WHEN  CHANGING FILTERS	Rear of Base of unit above inlet port
Danger Disconnect the mains supply before removing this cover	Pump/motor access panel / exhaust box
ADVANTAGE  MODEL. AD350  SERIAL No.XX/XX/AD350-XXX  115V - 230V 1ph 50/60Hz  Max full load current: 12.5A  YEAR OF MANUFACTURE XXXXXX  WARNING THIS EQUIPMENT MUST BE EARTHED  BOFA International Ltd Poole, Dorset, UK, BH17 7DX  Tel: - 44 (0)1202 699444  www.lasertumeextraction.com	Next to power inlet connection

#### Introduction

When a component is laser marked an amount of the surface of the substance is thermally decomposed, "burnt off". This thermal decomposition comprises a mixture of particulate and gaseous compounds. The heat energy causes the gases and surrounding air to quickly expand moving away from the surface at high velocity entraining any particulate with the gases. This is the fume.

There are two main reasons for capturing the fume:

- Operational if ignored the fume can settle on the laser optics causing damage to the lens and impairing the quality of the marking.
- Health and Safety The particulate generated from most materials is sub micron size which is a health hazard if inhaled and some materials give off harmful gases which again operators need protecting from.

The AD units are suitable for extracting the fume from laser marking applications, capturing it in the multistage filter system and returning the associated clean air back into the workplace.

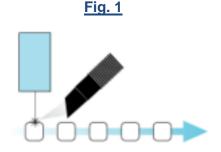
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# **Fume Capture Methods**

The fume is normally captured by one of three methods: a flexible arm and nozzle close to the marking point, an enclosure around the marking area, or from the cabinet the laser is housed in.

#### Arm and nozzle extraction

For most applications, the product to be marked on a conveyor will move past the stationary laser. The nozzle should be positioned as close as possible to the marking area on the side of the laser the product is moving towards. (See fig. 1)



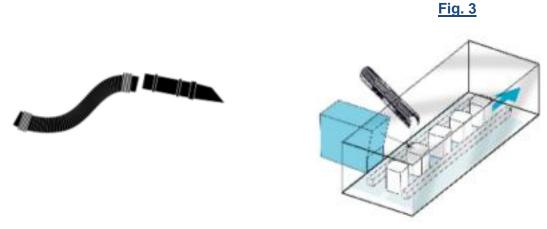
Hose Kit (see fig. 2)

The stay put arm should be mounted as close as possible to the marking point using the horseshoe clips. Unscrew the push fit connector from the other end of the flexible hose. Cut the flexible hose to suit the distance back to the extractor connection, keeping it as short as practicable, then refit the connector and push onto the extractor inlet.

Purge air should be kept to a minimum, where possible, to prevent the fume being blown away from the nozzle

High speed bottling lines may need bigger scoops or nozzles both sides of the bottles because of the turbulence caused by the speed of the bottles

Fig. 2



#### **Enclosures**

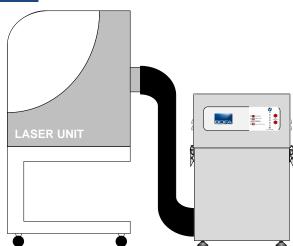
Extraction can be attached to an enclosure around the marking zone provided the extraction point is situated within 50 -75mm of the marking point. (See fig. 3)

#### **Cabinets**

(See fig. 4) Cabinets normally have a 75 or 100mm spigot for fume extraction. For best performance use the same diameter hose as the spigot and reduce at extractor if necessary. Keep the hose run as short as possible.

# Extraction units should be sited in a well ventilated room.

**Fig. 4** 



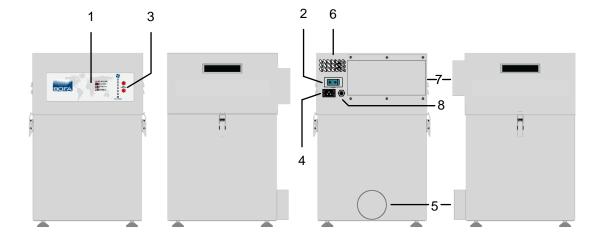
#### **Extractor Overview**

The AD range provides extraction and filtration of the fume generated by laser marking, cutting, etching or engraving. These units are of robust design and feature ease of use with minimal maintenance.

The main components of the AD 350 are shown in fig.5 below. Items may vary slightly.

# Fig 5.

- 1 Unit/Filter Condition Display
- 2 On/Off Switch
- 3 Airflow Control Panel
- 4 IEC Power Inlet
- 5 Hose Inlet Connection
- 6 Cooling Air In
- 7 Exhausted Air Out
- 8 Signal / Interface Cable to Laser



#### **Extractor Installation Procedure**

#### Caution

If this equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.

Read all instructions in this manual before using this extractor.

1. Move the unit to the location where it is going to be installed and remove the unit from its packaging. The unit should be installed in a well ventilated room.

#### Caution

Due to the weight involved the extractor unit should only be lifted using suitable lifting equipment and with regard to appropriate safety precautions. (See Appendix for product weight details).

2. Ensure that a 0.5m space is available around any louvered areas of the unit to ensure adequate air flow. Lock the two castors (if fitted).

#### Caution

Do not block or cover any louvers or cooling holes on the unit as this severely restricts air flow and may cause damage to the unit.

#### Caution

Under no circumstances should the exhaust outlet/s be covered as this will restrict the airflow and cause overheating.

- 3. Check filters are located in their correct position and carefully replace lid/close door.
- 4. Connect the extraction ducting between the extractor inlet and the fume capture device as detailed previously.

#### **Optional Extra Feature Considerations**

# The below features are optional extras that will only be fitted if requested at the time of ordering the unit.

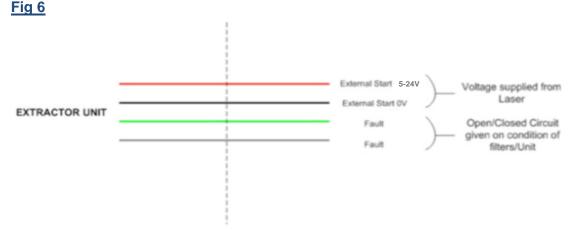
5. If fitted, the following features need to be considered when installing the unit:

#### **Important**

If the AD unit has an exhaust air outlet spigot fitted, the exhausted air can be routed outside of the building if required. It is important to keep any ducting used to do so to a minimum, in order to reduce back pressure within the system.

Filter blocked/System failure signal. With this option the extraction unit will have been fitted with a pressure transducer to monitor the condition of the filters and to indicate the extractor is running. In addition to controlling the LED's on the front of the unit, this signal is available via the green and white cores of the control cable that exits the cabinet next to the power cable. The signal is a "volt free" contact, i.e. a closed circuit will exist between the green and white wires when the filter condition is good and the unit is running. This will change to an open circuit on filter blockage or system failure. This feature should only be used on control voltage circuits. The signal can be connected to the laser or alternatively to operate a beacon, siren or warning device. Open circuit condition of this circuit will not directly stop the extractor motor.

**Remote stop/start.** If this facility is installed it enables the extractor unit to be turned on and off by a signal from the laser. The red and black cores of the control cable need to be connected to a 5-24v dc supply, which when applied will start the unit and when switched off will stop the unit. However the mains power switch must be in the "on" position for the signal to be effective.



#### Remote Stop/ Start Over-Ride

If fitted, remote operation can be overridden by using the override switch, which is mounted inside the unit (see fig. 7).

Start / Stop

Overide

OFF

Fig 7

# **Electrical supply connection**

6. Check the integrity of the electrical power cable. Connect the power cable to an isolated electrical supply. The mains socket outlet should be installed near the equipment and be easily accessible. The cable run to the machine should be arranged so as not to create a trip hazard.

#### Caution

Check that the mains input at the isolated supply is the same as the voltage Supply detail on the Serial Number label (115 - 230v 50/60Hz) before plugging the extractor unit in.



Mains voltage. Dangerous voltages exist in this equipment. Ensure all covers are fitted before operating this equipment.

### **General Safety Requirements**

The mains socket outlet should be installed near the equipment and be easily accessible.

#### Caution

Do not block or cover the base or cooling vents on the unit, as this severely restricts air flow and may cause damage to the unit, (this may be located on the base of the unit).

## Caution

This unit is over 18Kgs in weight and should only be lifted with suitable lifting equipment.

#### Caution

If this equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.

Read all instructions in this manual before using this extractor.



Mains voltage. Dangerous voltages exist in this equipment. Ensure all covers are fitted before operating this equipment.

The unit is now ready for use.

## Manual operation

Stainless steel AD units are turned on by depressing the green button on the front of the extractor and turned off by depressing the red button. (See fig 9). Powder coated AD units are turned on and off by means of a green, illuminated rocker switch on the rear of the unit, (See Fig 9).







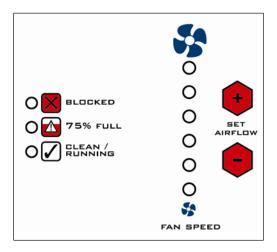
Filter condition and System failure signal - indicators

The LED's on the front panel (see table below) indicate the following conditions

LED'S	SHOWING	INDICATES
•00	Green Only	Unit is running - Filters are usable
•••	Green & Amber	Pre or Combined Filter 75% blocked
• • •	Green, Amber & Red	Pre or Combined Filter Blocked and in need of replacing
***	Green, Amber & Red flashing	Fault with extractor. This condition may occur for a few seconds on start up
*000	Red Alarm Light	Only used with optional extra Gas Filter Change LED

Filter change procedures are explained in the Maintenance Section.

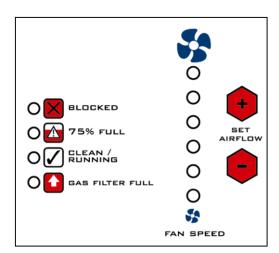
Fig 10 Front Panel - No VOC monitor fitted



# **Gas Filter Change LED (VOC monitoring)**

Units equipped with a VOC sensor detect the level of Volatile Organic Compounds in the exhausted air. If their presence exceeds a preset level the Alarm LED on the front panel will illuminate. This indicates that the gas portion of the combined filter is saturated and the filter needs replacing, (See fig 11). The Maintenance section describes the filter change procedure.

Fig 11 Gas filter full indication – VOC Monitor (optional filter)



### **Optional features:**

# **Digital flow control**

With this fitted, the airflow can be increased or decreased by pressing the "+" or "-" buttons on the front or back of the unit. (See fig 11 above).

### **MAINTENANCE**

#### Maintenance UK

It is a legal requirement, under regulation 9 of the COSHH regulations, that all local exhaust ventilation systems are visually inspected on a weekly basis, where possible and undergo a thorough inspection and test on an annual basis. COSHH requires the annual inspection and testing to be carried out by a competent person with specific documentation of the results held in a log book. Bofa can provide this service, our inspectors are BOHS P601 qualified, and copies of the required initial information and forms are included in the Log book supplied with the extractor. Additionally the log book contains a form detailing the weekly inspection requirements and log for recording the results.

#### **Maintenance General**

User maintenance is limited to cleaning the unit and replacing the filters with new. Only BOFA International trained maintenance technicians are authorised to carry out component testing and replacement. Unauthorised work or the use of unauthorised replacement filters may result in a potentially dangerous situation and/or damage to the extractor unit, and will invalidate the manufacturer's warranty.

# **Cleaning Unit**

The powder coated finish can be cleaned with a damp cloth and non aggressive detergent. Do not use an abrasive cleaning product as this will damage the finish. Stainless steel units should be cleaned with a proprietary stainless steel cleaner, following the manufacturer's instructions.

The cooling inlets and outlets should be cleaned once a year to prevent build up of dust and overheating of unit.

### **Replacing Filters**

The filter package needs attention when the filter change signal is alarmed and/or the green amber and red LED's on the unit are illuminated or, for units with no filter condition indication, when the unit no longer removes the fume efficiently.

A log of filter changes should be maintained by the user.

All filters are tested to BS3928. A certificate on conformity for each filter is available on request.

It is recommended that a spare set of filters are kept on site to avoid prolonged unit unavailability. Part numbers for replacement filters can be found on the filters fitted in your system. Alternatively, refer to the consumable spares table.

#### Caution

To prevent overheating, units should not be run with a blocked filter condition, or with dust obstruction of inlets or outlets.

Caution: When changing used filters always wear respirator mask, safety glasses and gloves.

#### Filter replacement indication

The first few filter changes should only apply to the pre-filter. The indication that the HEPA portion of the combined filter is blocked and that the filter needs replacing is when the green amber and red LED's do not go off after the pre filter has been changed.

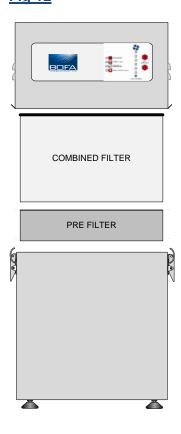
If the VOC monitor option is fitted, the requirement for a combined filter change is indicated by illumination of the Gas filter alarm light on the front panel.

**Please note** that the carbon media within the combined filter is hygroscopic and will absorb moisture from the atmosphere. This is why these filters should be changed every twelve months regardless.

## Pre filter replacement

- 1. Isolate the electrical supply to the unit.
- 2. Undo the latches on either side of the unit and lift the motor section off.
- 3. Remove the filters from the base.
- 4. Vacuum out any dust in the base.
- 5. Remove the pre filter from inside the combined filter and replace with a new pre filter.
- 6. Locate the combined filter into the base.
- 7. Replace the motor section and fasten the latches.
- 8. Reconnect the power supply.

#### Fig 12



### **Combined filter replacement**

If the Filter monitoring option is fitted the requirement for combined filter change is indicated by the filter alarm signal and LEDs not going off after the pre filter has been changed. For units fitted with the VOC monitor option, the requirement for a combined filter change (gas portion saturated) is indicated by illumination of the Gas filter alarm light on the front panel. Please note that the carbon media within the combined filter is hygroscopic and will absorb moisture from the atmosphere. This is why the gas filter should be changed every twelve months regardless.

### **Combined filter replacement**

- 1. Isolate the electrical supply to the unit.
- 2. Undo the latches on either side of the unit and lift the motor section off.
- 3. Remove the filters from the base.
- 4. Vacuum out any dust in the base.
- 5. Remove the pre filter from inside the combined filter and if still serviceable fit into a new combined filter.
- 6. Locate the filters into the base.
- 7. Replace the motor section and fasten the latches.
- 8. Reconnect the power supply.

# **Consumable Spares**

Item	Part Number	Description
AD350	A1030056	Pre Filter
	A1030055	Combined Filter

#### **Fuses**

Unit	Item Protected	Fuse Rating A	FLC A	Fuse Type	Voltage
AD350	Unit	16A	12.5A	Thermal trip (built into switch)	115-230V
AD350	Power Pack	1A	<.1	T1AH250V	230v (115v)

#### **Maintenance Protocol**

Filters to be changed in accordance with instructions. Log the date of filters changed in the table below:

Unit Serial Number			
Pre Filter		Combined Filter	
Date	Name	Date	Name

# **Filter Disposal**

Pre and combined filters are manufactured from non-toxic materials. Filters are not re-usable, cleaning used filters is not recommended. Disposal of the used filters depends on the material deposited on them. See the following table:

Deposit	EWC listing*	Comment
Non Hazardous	15 02 03	Can be disposed of as non hazardous waste.
Hazardous	15 02 02 M	The type of Hazard needs to be identified and the associated risks defined. The thresholds for these risks can then be compared with the amount of material in the filters to see if they fall into the hazardous category. If so, the filters will need to be disposed of inline with the local/national regulations.

<sup>\*</sup> European Waste Catalogue

# **Trouble Shooting**

In the unlikely event of a problem with your AD extractor please contact your local representative.

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# **Appendix**

# **System Specifications**

**Unit: AD 350** 

Capacity: 400 m<sup>3</sup>/hr (236cfm)

Size: Height 600mm x Depth 380mm x Width 380mm

Height 23.62" x Depth 14.96" x Width 14.96"

Weight: 40Kg (88.2lb) Exhauster: Centrifugal Fan

Output: 1.1kw

Electrical supply: 115-230v 1ph 50Hz

FLC: 12.5A

Noise level: below 63dB (A)

( At Typical Operating Speed)

Filters: Pre filter Surface area 4.2m<sup>2</sup>

Efficiency F8 95% @ 0.8µ

Hepa filter Efficiency H13 99.997% @ 0.3µ

Gas filter Activated Carbon 8.5Kg

# **Environmental Operating Range**

Temperature +5°C to +40°C

Humidity Max 80% RH up to 31°C

To Max 50% RH at 40°C

Altitude Below 2000m

Pollution Degree 2