

VAPORSTAR 150G



USER MANUAL



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WELCOME

Hello and welcome to the PDX.GOLD family. We understand there are a lot of choices in the marketplace for botanical recovery systems, so we are delighted you have chosen to invest in us.

We designed our Solvent Transfer and Recovery pumps with you in mind and sincerely hope you notice the difference in quality and safety standards that set us apart from our competitors. We built this machine to last and want you to enjoy the benefits of its durability for years to come.

Sincerely,

PDX.GOLD



PRECAUTIONS & SAFETY



WARNING:

THE VaporSTAR IS DESIGNED FOR HIGH VOLUME RECOVERY AT PRESSURES BELOW 150PSI. IT HAS SAFETY PRESSURE VALVING TO LIMIT THE SYSTEM PRESSURE TO 150 PSI.

DEADHEADING YOUR PUMP FOR ANY SIGNIFICANT TIME AGAINST PRESSURES AT OR ABOVE 150PSI GENERATES EXCESSIVE HEAT AND WILL DAMAGE THE PUMP OVER TIME. ALWAYS ENSURE YOUR SOLVENT RECOVERY TANK HAS CAPACITY TO RECOVER THE SOLVENT IN THE SYSTEM. WE RECOMMEND A PRESSURE BELOW 80PSI AT STARTUP.

ADJUSTING OR ATTEMPTING TO ADJUST ANY SAFETY OR SYSTEM REGULATING HARDWARE IS DANGEROUS AND VOIDS ALL WARRANTIES.

CAUSES OF EXCESSIVE RECOVERY PRESSURE INCLUDE: ENTRAPPED ATMOSPHERE IN THE STORAGE VESSEL AND INSUFFICIENT POST PUMP HEAT CONTROL, RESULTING IN A TANK TEMPERATURE RISE.

HIGHER PRESSURE CAUSES THE EQUIPMENT TO WORK HARDER. ANY TIME YOU ENCOUNTER SIGNIFICANT MACHINE VIBRATION, TURN OFF THE SYSTEM IMMEDIATELY AND REMEDY THE CONDITION CREATING THE VIBRATION BEFORE PROCEEDING ANY FURTHER!

- ! Unit must be installed in a lab designed to accommodate explosive atmospheres.
- ! R600 / R600a / Propane must be handled in compliance with all federal, state and local safety and environmental requirements.

1. Do not use this recovery system without reading this manual in its entirety.
2. Always perform the “Pre-Flight Check”, outlined in the Operations section of this manual prior to using the recovery system.
3. Always confirm there is ample space in the recovery vessel prior to solvent recovery. Due to the relatively low density of these gases, internal float switches often do not work, so an electronic scale is recommended.
4. Do not attempt to overfill the recovery tank.
5. Always utilize proper ventilation with explosion proof fans and exhaust systems.
6. Do not allow liquid or gaseous solvent to come in contact with exposed skin, mucous membranes or eyes.

SPECIFICATIONS

Specifications

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Maximum Output Pressure | 150 PSI |
| Motor Size | 2 HP (single phase / 3-phase) |
| Pump Displacement | 6.18 In. ³ |
| Noise Level | 78 dB |
| Free Air Displacement | 20 lbs/hr |
| Maximum Recovery Rate | 15 CFM |
| Pressure Relief Valve | 150 PSI |
| Applicable Media | Butane, Propane, Propane / Blends. |

Electrical Requirements

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 115v / 208-230v Installation | 50 / 60Hz, 30 Amps |
| 230v / 460v Installation | 50 / 60Hz, 30 Amps |
| Watts | 1,500 |

Plumbing Connections

| | |
|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Pump Input | ½" JIC / AN 30° flare fitting |
| Pump Output | ½" JIC / AN 30° flare fitting |

Physical Characteristics

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Shipping Weight | 325 lbs |
| Machine Weight | 275 lbs |
| Shipping Dimensions | 45" Length x 38" Width x 37" Height |
| Operating Dimensions | 29" Length x 19" Width x 24" Height |

INSPECTION & RECEIVING



UNPACKING AND INSPECTING

Do not proceed if there is any evident shipping damage. Stop at once and photograph the unit and packaging materials.

1. Once visual inspection has verified no obvious damage has occurred during shipment, carefully uncrate the unit.
2. If the unit looks damaged, stop at once and call PDX.GOLD Customer Service.
3. Remove the unit from the pallet.
4. Use two people to lift the unit off the pallet, then roll it into position and lock wheels in place.
5. If not already shown below, record the model number and serial number of your unit in the space provided and maintain this record for future reference.

Use this space below to record the data plate information of your specific unit. The data plate is located on the baseplate, opposite the motor. Use blank spaces to record your internal information if required eg: sales order, purchase order number, installer initials, etc.

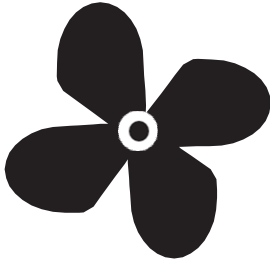
| <i>UNIT INFORMATION</i> | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Model Number | VaporSTAR 150G |
| Serial Number | |
| Certification Number | |
| Date of Purchase | |
| Notes | |

SYMBOLS & WARNINGS



As this recovery system compresses butane and propane, both flammable gases, this machine must be kept in an explosion-proof lab that meets environmental, safety and other regulations.

Explosion Hazard: NO smoking, NO open flames, NO sparks



Do not use VaporSTAR without proper ventilation.



Eye protection is strongly encouraged while using this machine.



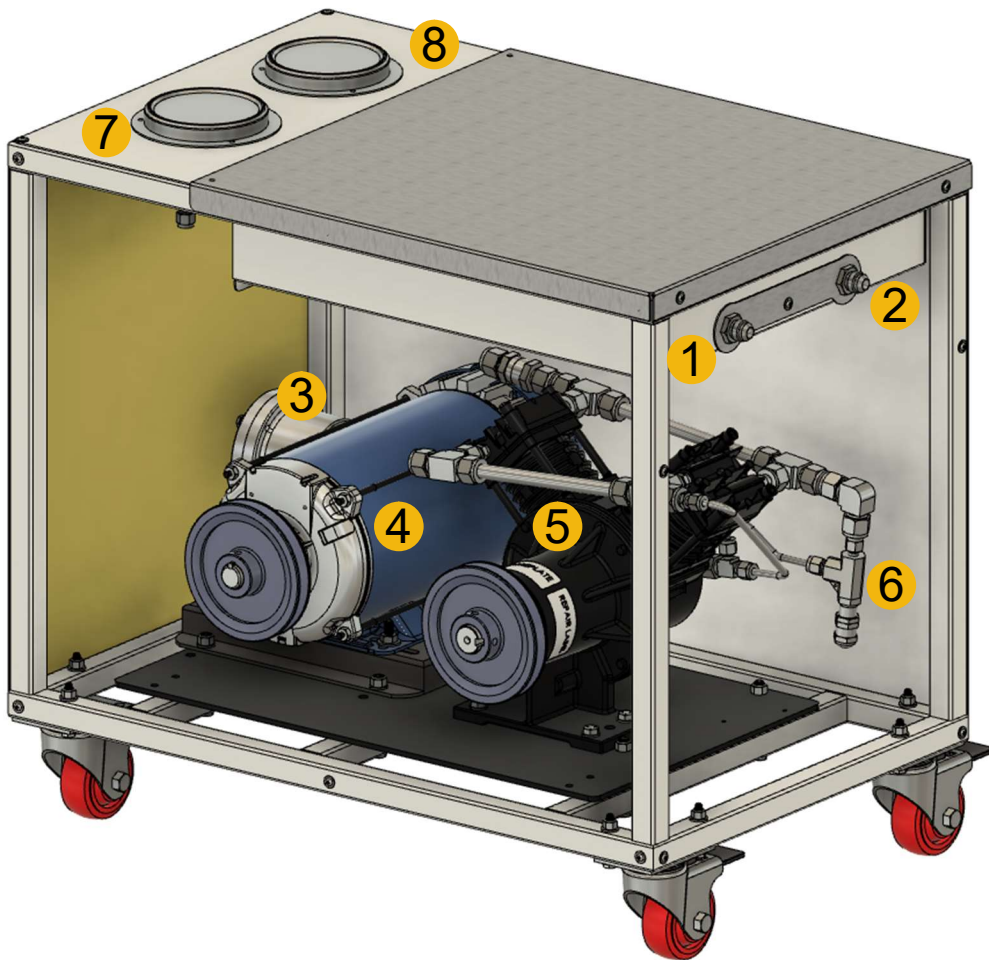
Protective clothing: Fire resistant coveralls or jumpsuit is highly recommended. Although working with a CLE (closed loop extractor) drastically cuts down the risk of an explosive environment, we strongly suggest anyone operating the VaporSTAR wear fire resistant clothing due to the flammable nature of butane and propane.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Key Components

(Side & end panels, belt & hoses not shown for clarity)

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. INPUT connection | 5. Solvent compressor |
| 2. OUTPUT connection | 6. 150psi Pressure Relief Valve |
| 3. Explosion Proof junction box | 7. INPUT (low pressure) gauge |
| 4. NEMA 7 2HP motor | 8. OUTPUT (high pressure) gauge |



Theory of Operation

This solvent transfer and recovery system transfers solvent gas within a closed loop extractor and returns it, under pressure (up to 150 psi), to a recovery tank for isolation and storage. The VaporSTAR requires a dedicated 115V / 230V, 30AMP circuit and must be connected to a power source by a licensed electrician. The internal components are all food grade and are comprised of aluminum, stainless steel, iron, and Viton and Buna-N elastomers.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Component Overview

The input connection is located on the side of the unit and labeled “INPUT”. The input connection is ½” JIC.

The output connection is located on the side of the unit and labeled “OUTPUT” and is also ½” JIC.

Pressure Control System: The VaporSTAR is rated to operate up to 150 psi internal pressure. If the pressure in the system exceeds 150 psi, the pressure relief valve will activate and recirculate high pressure gas to the input side of the system and limit system pressure to 150psi.

When this occurs, NO SOLVENT IS BEING TRANSFERRED to the recovery vessel. Shut off the system and relieve pressure in the recovery tank before restarting.

Deadheading the system in this manner for any significant time at or above 150psi generates excessive heat and will damage the pump over time. ALWAYS ensure your solvent recovery tank has capacity to recover the solvent in the system.

There are two gauges on the VaporSTAR 150G

Located on the gauge panel, to the left of the worktop, you will find both pressure gauges. On the top you will see the OUTPUT gauge. The output gauge reads in PSI and displays a range of 0-250 PSI. During normal operation, the gauge should read “0” when not in use and between 40-135 PSI when transferring solvent.

Below the output gauge you will see the INPUT gauge. The input gauge reads in PSI as well as in-Hg (inches of Mercury). The input gauge displays a range of -30-0 in Hg and 0-160 PSI. The input gauge will read into the negative range when the pump has fully evacuated the solvent from the extractor.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The recovery system may begin to draw negative pressure as the extractor evacuates. While this is normal and is part of the design operation of the pump – it is **NOT INTENDED AS A VACUUM PUMP**. Continued use of the system at vacuum levels greater than 15 in-Hg will result in damage to the seals and drawing atmospheric air into the system

Many factors will influence the actual gauge readings during processing:

- Temperature variance between input gas and output recovery vessel will have a dramatic impact on recovery speed.
- Type of solvent used. This machine runs butane, propane, and blends of the two. Recovery speed varies based on the solvent you choose.

EVAPORATION PRESSURES

Vapor Pressure

| MIXTURE | Propane C ₃ H ₈ | 100 | 70 | 50 | 30 | 0 |
|-----------------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| | Butane C ₄ H ₁₀ | 0 | 30 | 50 | 70 | 100 |
| TEMPERATURE ° F | -44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | -30 | 6.8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | -20 | 11.5 | 4.7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | -10 | 17.5 | 9 | 3.5 | 0 | 0 |
| | 0 | 24.5 | 15 | 7.6 | 2.3 | 0 |
| | 10 | 34 | 20.5 | 12.3 | 5.9 | 0 |
| | 20 | 42 | 28 | 17.8 | 10.2 | 0 |
| | 30 | 53 | 36.5 | 24.5 | 15.4 | 0 |
| | 40 | 65 | 46 | 32.4 | 21.5 | 3.1 |
| | 50 | 78 | 56 | 41 | 28.5 | 6.9 |
| | 60 | 93 | 68 | 50 | 36.5 | 11.5 |

FILTER DRYER

Ingesting ANY substance other than solvent vapor into the compressor is not considered normal or customary use. Foreign matter is considered contamination (extracted oils / organic byproducts / dirt / etc.), may damage the pump and void your warranty.

To ensure peak performance of your solvent transfer and recovery system, we strongly recommend the user to install a molecular sieve / solvent filter dryer in the system before the input of the pump.

CYCLONEDRY

The VaporSTAR is a high-performance solvent transfer and recovery pump and may overwhelm many types of filter dryers. PDX.Gold has designed our own filter dryer, the CycloneDry, which may be configured for ANY size extraction system. CycloneDry is a modular system - simply daisy-chain any number of CycloneDrys to your recovery system (via stainless steel braided hoses) to keep up with your level of processing.

CycloneDry are available in 3 sizes with the input fitting, output fitting and a pressure relief valve on the top of the unit. Units are constructed of stainless steel, assembled with explosion proof tri-clamps and Viton or Buna-N gaskets. The CycloneDry is designed to accommodate two, three or four desiccant filter cores (depending on the size selected) to absorb water vapor or oil and works in two ways:

1. As the solvent is drawn in by the pump, the CycloneDry acts as a “cold trap” and heavier constituents such as water vapor or oil are spun out of the gas, condense on the sides of the unit and settle to the bottom.
2. The included desiccant filter cores absorb any remaining water vapor and / or suspended oils and removes them from the solvent gas*.

Filter Core Recharging

During normal use, the filter cores can become saturated with moisture and lose effectiveness. Cores can be re-conditioned in a vacuum oven and may be reused many times before requiring replacement if they have not been contaminated with organic material. The cores will catch vaporous oils on the surface of the cores, which often is visible as a “sheen” on the desiccant surface. Visible contamination on the cores is an indication it is time to discard them and replace with new cores. Failure to maintain the cores may allow contaminants to migrate over time through the desiccant material and into the compressor.

* Reconditioning / replacement of the cores may be required to maintain effective operation if they become saturated or contaminated.

INSTALLATION

Lifting & Handling

The VaporSTAR is a precision machine that should be handled with care.

*** We highly recommended that two people lift the unit from the pallet ***

1. Lock the casters once in place.
2. The unit is not intended to be moved after wiring and installation. Casters are for positioning and transport during set-up / installation only.

Environmental Conditions of Operation

The VaporSTAR can function in an environment between 35-90°F. The VaporSTAR should remain dry at all times. Poor air quality can result in shorter pump life.

Protect your pump from air-borne dust and debris that can impede ventilation.

Installation Location Requirements

The VaporSTAR is intended to be used indoors on a flat surface. The laboratory environment should comply with all local and state regulations and safety standards. Prior to installation, consider the power source, location of other equipment and operator comfort and efficiency.

Power Source

The VaporSTAR requires a hard-wired connection to a power source. It is recommended the installation be performed by a licensed electrician.

1. Verify voltage and amperage on the motor datatag.
2. Verify voltage and amperage of the power source.
3. Connect VaporSTAR to the appropriate power supply.

INSTALLATION



The VaporSTAR does not have any manually adjustable settings. Use valves and control hardware on the extractor to regulate the flow of gas through the VaporSTAR.

Power Source Continued

VaporSTAR may be fitted with a NEMA 7 plug, connected to a NEMA 7 receptacle and switch that has been installed according to your state / county safety regulations within your extraction room.

Connecting the VaporSTAR to the Extractor

1. Follow all instructions in this manual closely.
2. Follow all instructions associated with your closed loop extractor closely.
3. Close the solvent input and output valves on the extractor.
1. Using a ½" JIC terminated hose, connect the OUTPUT of the extractor to the INPUT of the VaporSTAR. When viewing the end of the VaporSTAR, the input connection is located on the left-hand side and is labeled "INPUT".

The valve associated with this connection will be referred to in this manual as "Input Valve".

2. Using a ½" JIC terminated hose, connect the OUTPUT of the VaporSTAR to the INPUT of the recovery tank on the extractor. When viewing the end of the VaporSTAR, the output connection is located on the right-hand side and is labeled "OUTPUT".

The valve associated with this connection will be referred to in this manual as "Output Valve".

Optimal Operating Pressures

It is recommended the input pressure remains at or below 75 PSI and the output pressure remains at or below 150. If the input pressure exceeds 75 PSI when the unit is not operating, the case may pressurize and cycle the pressure relief valve.

OPERATION



The following operation instructions assume the unit has been properly installed in accordance with all applicable municipal safety, regulatory and legal compliance. Do not proceed until proper installation has been completed.

Pre-Flight Check

1. Verify all fittings and connections between your extractor and VaporSTAR have been tightened appropriately.
2. Verify the CycloneDry / molecular sieve filter elements are in a new, or reconditioned state.

* IMPORTANT NOTE: Using old or saturated filter elements will have a negative effect on the life of your pump and the quality of your product. Drawing moisture and / or organic material into the pump will void the warranty.

3. Verify both the input and output valves on the closed loop extractor are open **BEFORE** turning on the pump. NEVER RUN THE PUMP WITH THE INPUT VALVES OR OUTPUT VALVES CLOSED.

Power-Up

Once you have verified the installation and checked out the system, it is time to power up. Depending on your installation, simply plug in your VaporSTAR to its designated outlet or activate the power switch if installed.

Power-Down

1. Close the output valve on the extractor.
2. Turn off the pump.
3. Close the input valve on the solvent recovery tank.

Notice

The recovery system may begin to draw negative pressure as the extractor evacuates. While this is normal and is part of the design operation of the pump – it is NOT INTENDED AS A VACUUM PUMP. Continued use of the system at vacuum levels greater than 15 in-Hg will result in damage to the seals and drawing atmospheric air into the system

MAINTENANCE



WARNING: Disconnect the unit from power supply prior to doing any maintenance on the VaporSTAR.

General Maintenance

When cared for and operated properly according to this manual, the unit is essentially maintenance free and will provide years of dependable service.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THE USER CAN DO TO REALIZE A LONG, TROUBLEFREE PUMP LIFE IS TO TRANSFER CLEAN AND DRY SOLVENT.

EVERY piston pump on the market will be adversely affected by ingestion of contaminants and ours is no exception to this rule.

This recovery system is an oilless design and requires no oil changes.

Preparing for Shipment

1. Disconnect the pump from the closed loop extractor.
2. Disconnect the molecular sieve / CycloneDry. Clean and store per the instructions recommended by the manufacturer.
3. Properly package the unit in a shipping container, ensuring the unit is secure inside the container to prevent movement during shipping.
4. Attach to a standard shipping pallet and band / secure the unit to the pallet for shipping
5. Alternately, store in a dry, clean environment for future use.

CERTIFICATION

VaporSTAR is certified by the third party engineering group, 3PCertz. 3PCertz specializes in certifying cannabis extraction machines and the rooms in which they reside.

If you have purchased a certified unit, your VaporSTAR will have a serial tag provided by 3PCertz attesting to the fact your machine has been reviewed and held to the utmost standards in cannabis extraction technology.

PDX.GOLD and 3PCertz offer certification for 34 states and the District of Columbia in the United States. If your location is not listed, give us a call and we can review getting your location added to our certification list!

Certified States

Arizona
Arkansas
California
Colorado
Washington D.C.
Florida
Idaho
Illinois
Kansas
Kentucky
Louisiana
Massachusetts

Maryland
Maine
Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
Montana
North Carolina
North Dakota
Nebraska
New Mexico
Nevada
New York

Ohio
Oklahoma
Oregon
Pennsylvania
South Dakota
Texas
Utah
Vermont
Washington
Wyoming





Certification Report Number

190019



CERTIFICATION

Electrical

| Part | | Manufacturer | Description |
|----------------|---|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| Motor standard |   | Leeson | NEMA 7, 2 HP, single phase, 1725 rpm. |
| Motor optional |   | Marathon | NEMA 7, 2 HP, 3-phase, 1725 rpm. |

Fittings & Hoses

| Part | Manufacturer | Description |
|----------|-----------------------|---|
| Fittings | Swagelok / SSP | ¼" & ½" 2600 psi working pressure dual ferrule fittings. |
| Hoses | Detroit Flex / Corlee | Stainless steel braided hoses: Certified high pressure PTFE, smooth bore hoses, specifically designed for applications requiring strength, reliability, and long term performance. |

WARRANTY

LIMITED USA AND CANADA WARRANTY POLICY – PDX.GOLD warrants products sold against defects in material or workmanship as follows: PDX.GOLD, at its option, unless otherwise agreed, will replace or repair any defective product unit or defective part of the product unit at no charge, provided that:

1. The warranty claim is made in writing within the period of time specified in the catalog or in information enclosed with the product packaging (6 months); and
2. The proof of purchase by bill of sale or receipted invoice is submitted concurrently with the claim and shows that the product is within the applicable warranty period to Customer Service of PDX.GOLD; and
3. The purchaser complies with Procedures for Returns listed under the General Terms and Conditions contained herein; and
4. The purchaser complies with all the manufacturer's requirements. The warranty is in force from the date of shipment from PDX.GOLD's manufacturing facility. The warranty period begins on the day the customer receives the product, but not later than 90 days after the date of shipment from PDX.GOLD's manufacturing facility. PDX.GOLD reserves the right, at its discretion, to fulfill warranty claim with refurbished or reconditioned parts or units.

This warranty shall not apply to:

- a) Defects or damages resulting from (1) misuse of the product, (2) use of the product in other than its normal and customary manner, (3) accident or neglect, (4) improper testing, operation, maintenance, service, repair, installation, or storage, (5) unauthorized alteration or modification, (6) damage determined to be the result of freight or shipping after the product has left the factory; or
- b) Normal tear and wear of the product, its components, or parts; or
- c) Post-expiration dated material

Other limitations

This warranty is the exclusive remedy of the purchaser, and PDX.GOLD disclaims all other warranties, whether expressed, implied or statutory, including without limitation, warranties of merchantability and fitness for particular purpose. No employee, agent, or representative of PDX.GOLD is authorized to bind PDX.GOLD to any other warranty. In no event shall PDX.GOLD be liable for incidental or consequential damages.

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