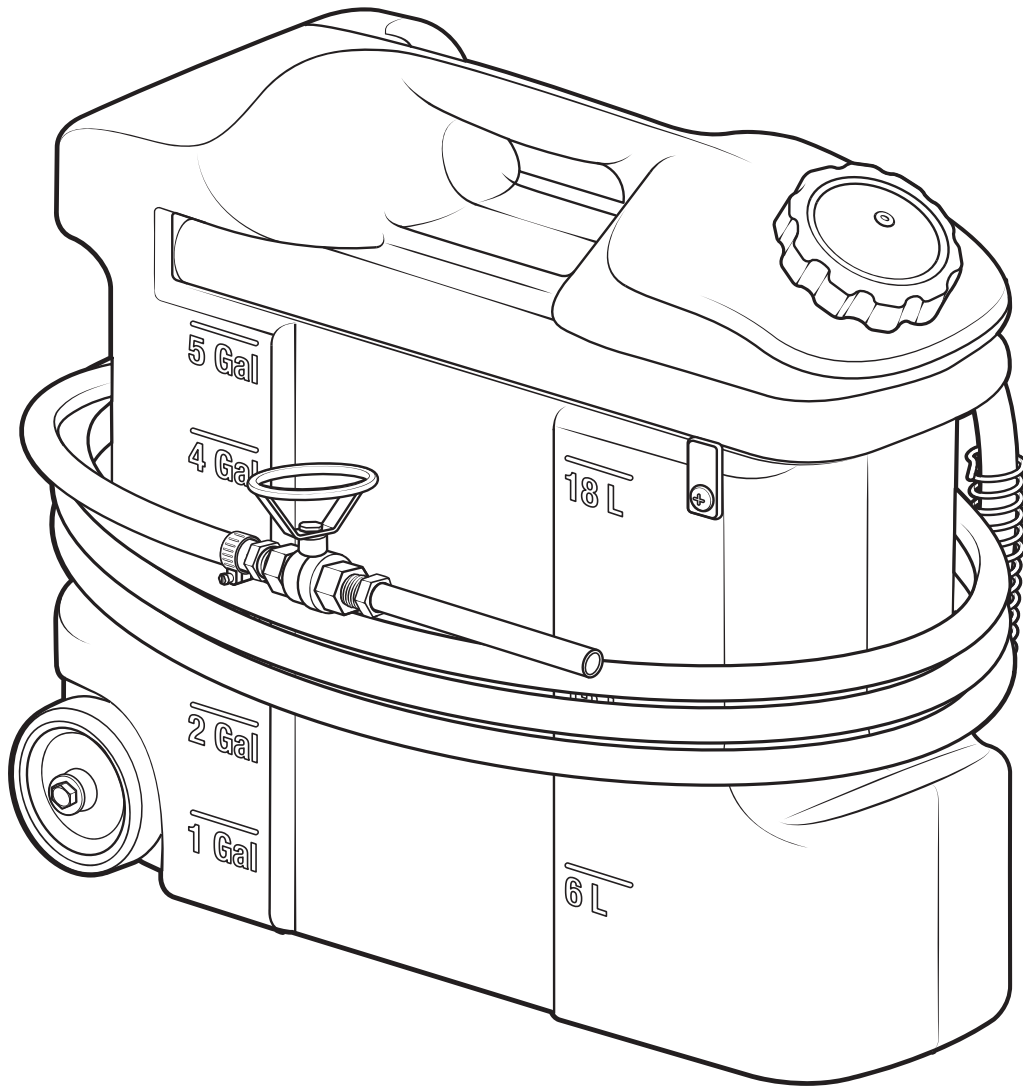


# 5 Gallon Foam Unit

## Operation Manual

FI-5N



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# Product Overview

## Requirements

Compressed air requirements	40-80 psi (2.8-5.5 bar) with 5-10 CFM (141.6-283.2 l/min)
Liquid temperature range	40-100°F (4.4-37.8°C)
Chemical compatibility	Chemical products used with this equipment must be formulated for this type of application and compatible with unit materials and pump seals. For more information on chemical compatibility, consult the manufacturer or SDS for your product or contact our customer service department.

## Specifications

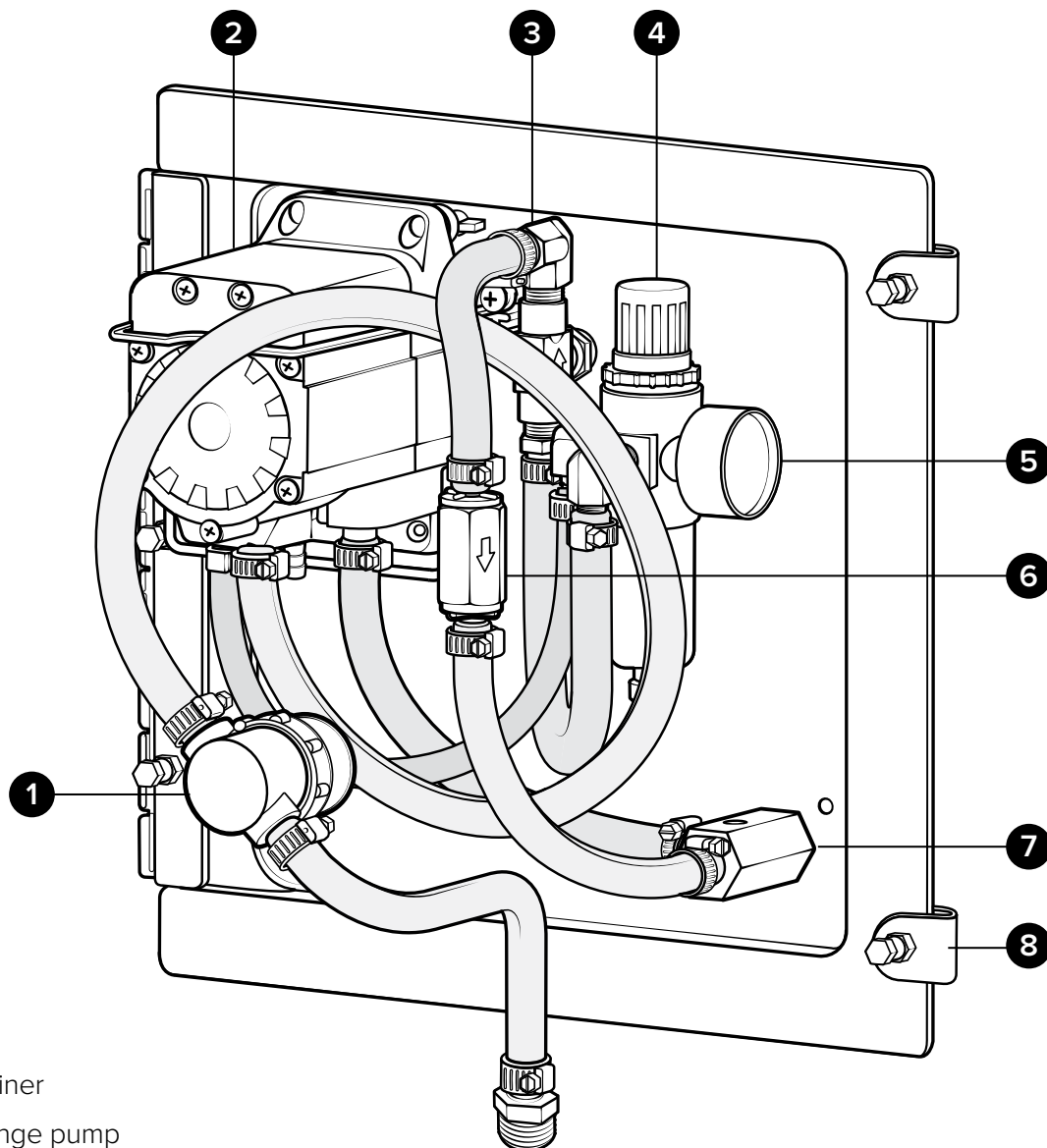
Power type	Compressed air
Chemical pickup type	Draws from pre-mixed solution
Number of products unit can draw from	One product
Suction line length/diameter	3.5 ft. (1 m) hose with 3/8 in. (12.7 mm) inside diameter
Capacity	5 gallons (113.6 liters)
Discharge line length/diameter	20 ft. (6.1 m) hose, with 1/2 in. (19 mm) inside diameter
Discharge wand/tip type	7 in. (17.8 cm) stainless steel wand with zero tip and ball valve
Output distance	15-20 ft. (4.6-6.1 m)
Output volume	15-30 gal/min (56.8-113.6 l/min)
Flow rate*	2-2.3 gal/min (7.6-8.7 l/min)
Pump seals	Santoprene, Viton, or Kalrez
Wheel type	Two 4 inch (10.2 cm) non-marking wheels

\*Flow rates given are based on chemical with viscosity of water and factory air pressure settings.

# Product Components

Get to know the FI-5N components that you will need to use, adjust or assemble.

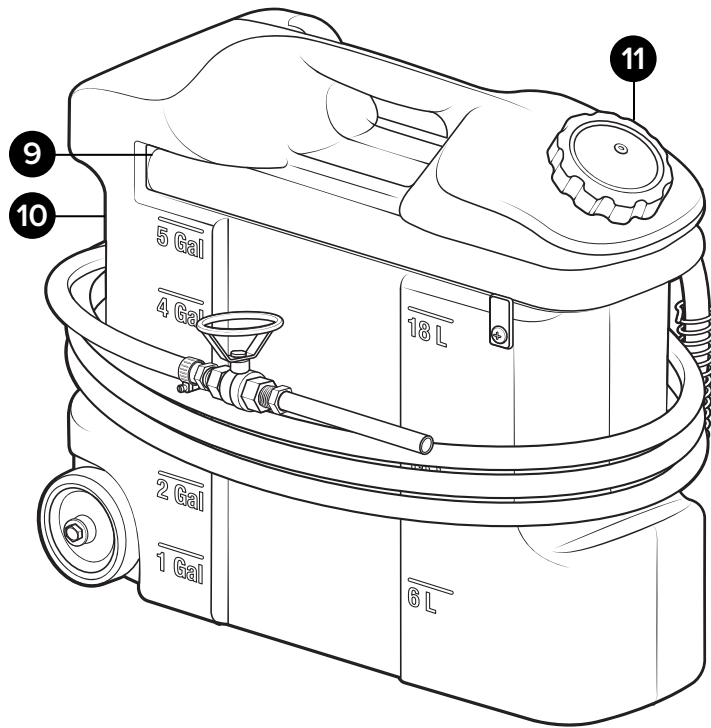
## Back plate assembly • Inside view



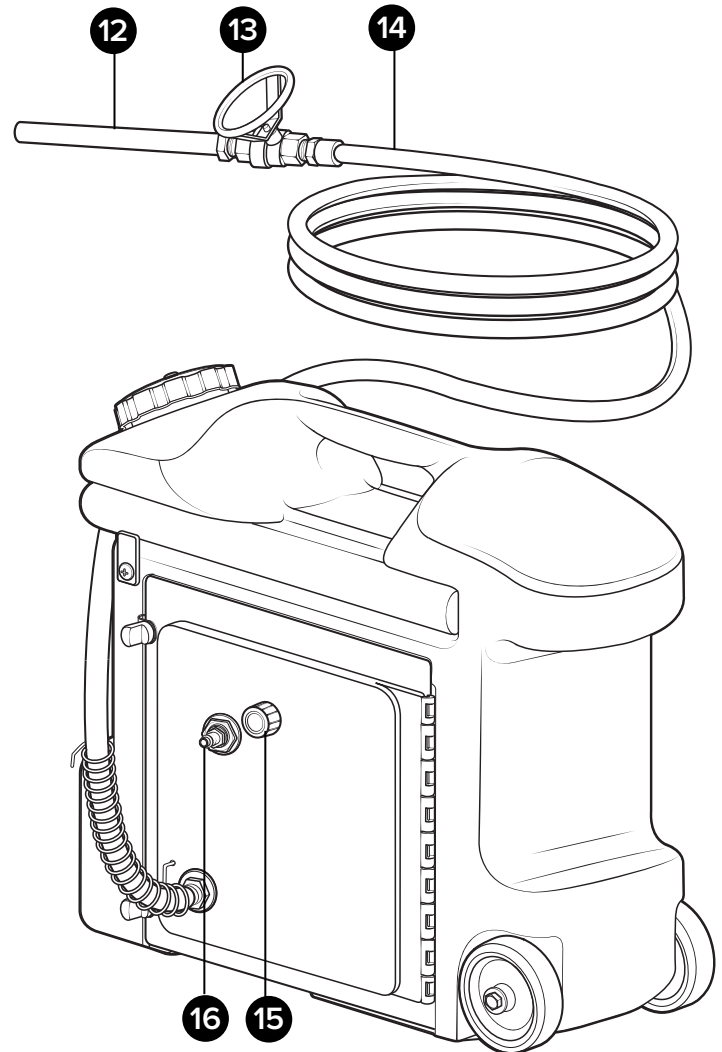
1. In-line strainer
2. Quick-change pump
3. Needle valve
4. Air regulator
5. Air pressure gauge
6. Check valve
7. Tee assembly
8. Back plate thumb nuts

# Tank Assembly

Front view



Back view

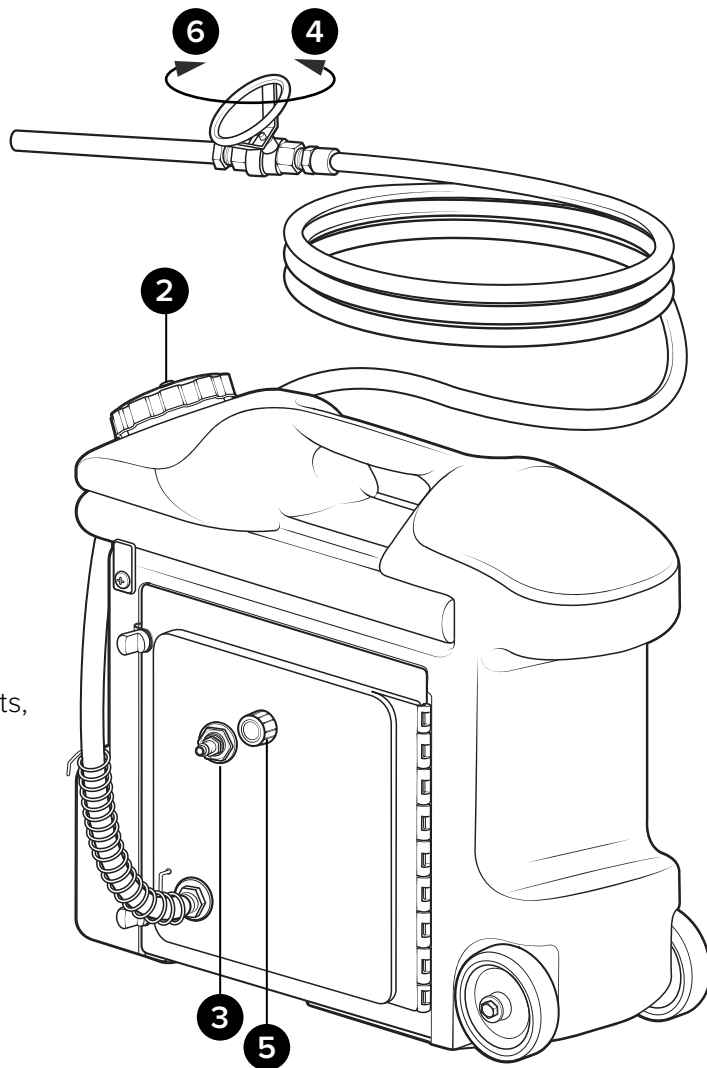


- 9. Handle
- 10. Solution tank
- 11. Cap
- 12. Discharge wand
- 13. Discharge ball valve
- 14. Discharge hose
- 14. Discharge wand
- 15. Needle valve
- 16. Air fitting

# Using your unit

## Operating Instructions

1. Following all instructions from chemical manufacturer, fill the solution tank with pre-mixed solution.
2. Verify cap is securely tightened.
3. With the discharge ball valve in the closed position, plug an air line into the air fitting.
4. Slowly open the discharge ball valve to begin foaming. Discharge ball valve should be completely open while foaming.
5. While the unit is running and discharging product, adjust the needle valve as needed to regulate the wetness or dryness of the foam following the steps below:
  - a. Close needle valve completely in clockwise direction.
  - b. Open needle valve in counter-clockwise direction 3 complete turns.
  - c. Continue to open needle valve in  $\frac{1}{4}$  turn increments, allowing 30 seconds between adjustments, until desired consistency of foam is achieved.
6. Close the discharge ball valve to stop foaming.



## After Use Instructions

**NOTE:** For proper handling and disposal procedures refer to chemical SDS.

7. Solution should be removed from unit after each use. This can be done in two ways:
  - a. Unthread drain plug from front of tank and drain solution into approved location.
  - b. Place discharge wand into approved container to transfer remaining solution. Turn the needle valve to the wet setting and activate unit until all solution has been flushed from the system.
8. After solution has been removed, disconnect air line from the air fitting.
9. Open discharge ball valve to relieve remaining pressure.
10. Close ball valve after all pressure has been relieved. Store unit with discharge ball valve closed.
11. Before using unit with another chemistry, thoroughly flush with water.

# Maintenance

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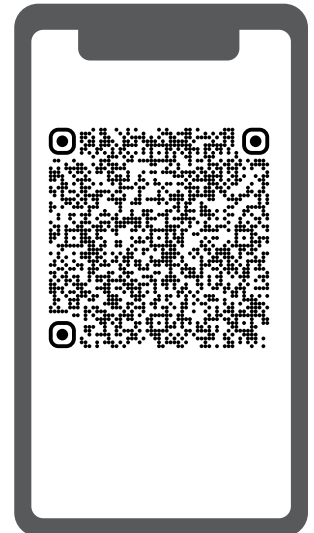
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- Detailed parts breakdowns and illustrations.
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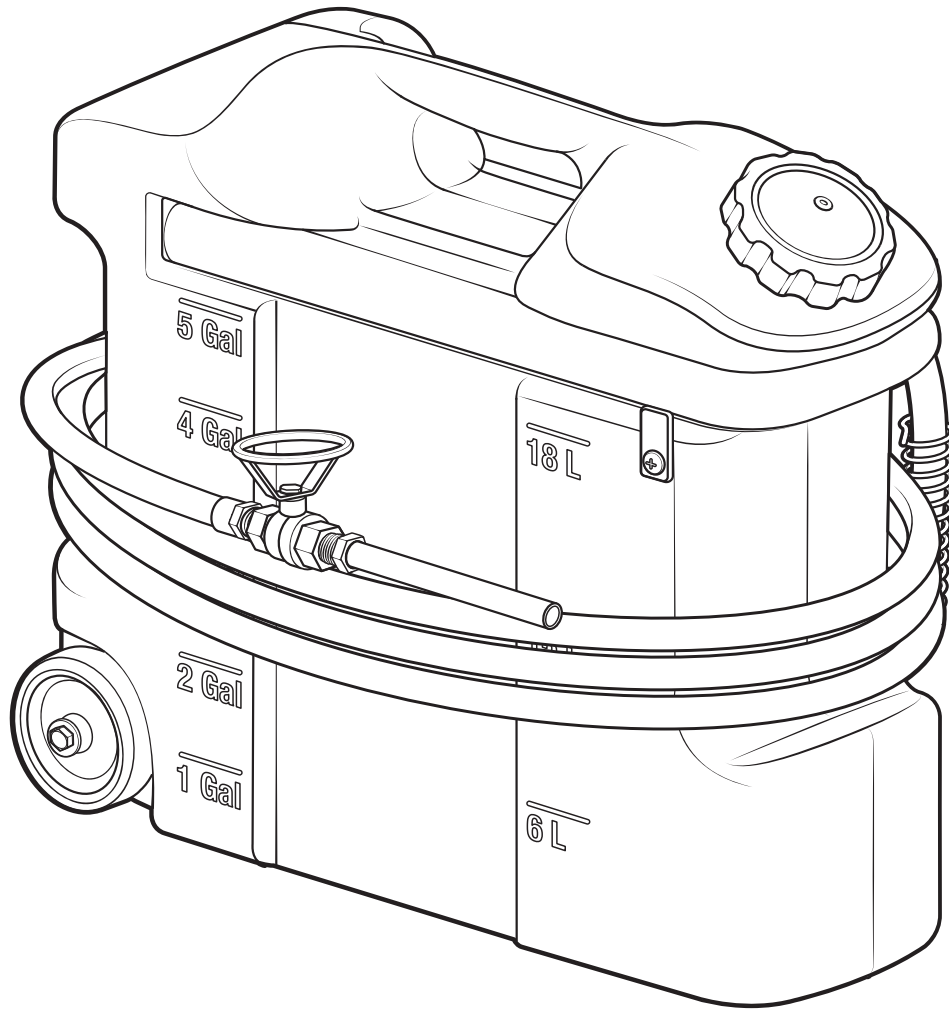




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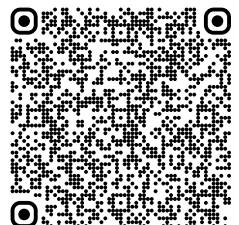


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Most repairs on the unit can be performed with the following tools:

- Crescent wrench (2x)
- $\frac{7}{16}$  in. (11 mm) open-ended wrench
- Flat head screwdriver
- Thread seal tape
- #2 Phillips head screwdriver
- #3 Phillips head screwdriver
- Hose cutters
- Knife

# Troubleshooting Your Unit

If your unit is not operating properly, try using these troubleshooting tips:

Issue	Solution
Air regulator bowl or air filter has debris such as water, oil, or rust particles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean by unthreading the air regulator bowl from the air regulator.</li> </ul>
Pump is cycling improperly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The needle valve is open too far. Close and readjust the needle valve as described in the operation section.</li> <li>• Ensure proper foaming chemical and concentration are being used.</li> </ul>
Air passes through the pump without cycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The pump needs to be replaced.</li> </ul>
The solution backs up into the air regulator bowl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The check valve needs to be replaced.</li> </ul>
Foam comes out wet, no matter where the needle valve is positioned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check for proper air pressure on the air gauge. The air regulator is factory set at 50 psi (3.4) bar. Operating range is 40 to 80 psi (2.8 to 5.5 bar) with 5 to 10 CFM (141.6 to 283.3 l/min).</li> <li>• The check valve may need to be replaced.</li> <li>• Verify correct chemical concentration is being used.</li> </ul>
The unit operates at a reduced pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check suction line and strainer for debris or damage. Clean or replace as needed. To prevent damage to the unit, the strainer must always be used.</li> <li>• Check the air compressor supplying the unit. If the pressure is less than 40 psi (2.8 bar), turn off the unit until the compressor can catch up.</li> <li>• If the air supply is 50 psi (3.4 bar) or above, check the air gauge, which should read near 50 psi (3.4 bar). If the air gauge reads more or less than 50 psi (3.4 bar), adjust the pressure by turning the knob on the top of the air regulator.</li> <li>• Check if the stainless steel mixing mesh is plugged. Remove and clean it by following the instructions below:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Verify the unit is not plugged into an air supply and then relieve all stored pressure in the unit by turning the ball valve to the open position.</li> <li>2. Remove discharge hose from hose barb on back of the unit.</li> <li>3. Open back plate assembly and hold stainless tee with wrench to remove hose barb from tee fitting.</li> <li>4. Remove the screen and the mixing mesh from inside the tee fitting.</li> <li>5. Clean any particles from the mixing mesh and the screen. If the mixing mesh has a lot of foreign particles in it, make sure the suction strainer is still in place.</li> <li>6. Replace the mixing mesh and screen into the back of the tee. Screw the stainless hose barb back into the tee.</li> </ol> <p><b>NOTE:</b> It is recommended to use a pipe thread sealant when reinstalling the stainless hose barb back into the tee fitting.</p> </li> </ul>

# Tank Assembly

Front view

**TNKA-5N-BK:**

5 gallon natural tank assembly - black\* lid - includes handle, wheels, and backplate thumb nuts

**BPTNA:**

Back plate thumb nut assembly - includes bolt, thumbnut, and tether

Item number	Description
1	BST1420118-VS ¼-20 x 1 ⅝ in. set bolt - stainless - Vibra-Seal
2	TN1420 ¼-20 thumb nut - brass insert - assembled with tether

Item number	Description
3	JC35B Black* 3.5 in. one-way vented cap polypropylene - includes EPDM gasket and check valve
4	TNK-5N-HNDL Handle for 5 gallon tank
5	PTAB-TNK5N Tab for TNK-5N handle - HDPE
6	TNK-5N 5 gallon natural tank
7	HBSS1238 Stainless hose barb ½ MPT x ⅜ barb

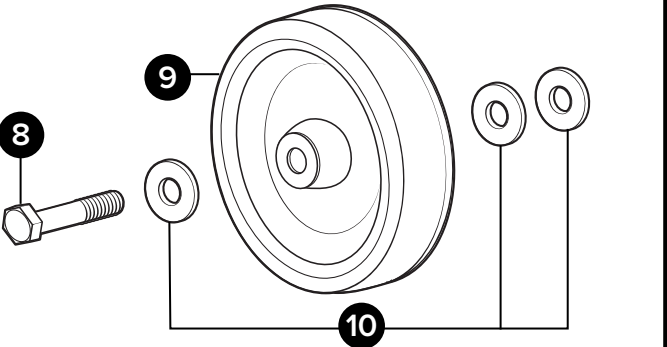
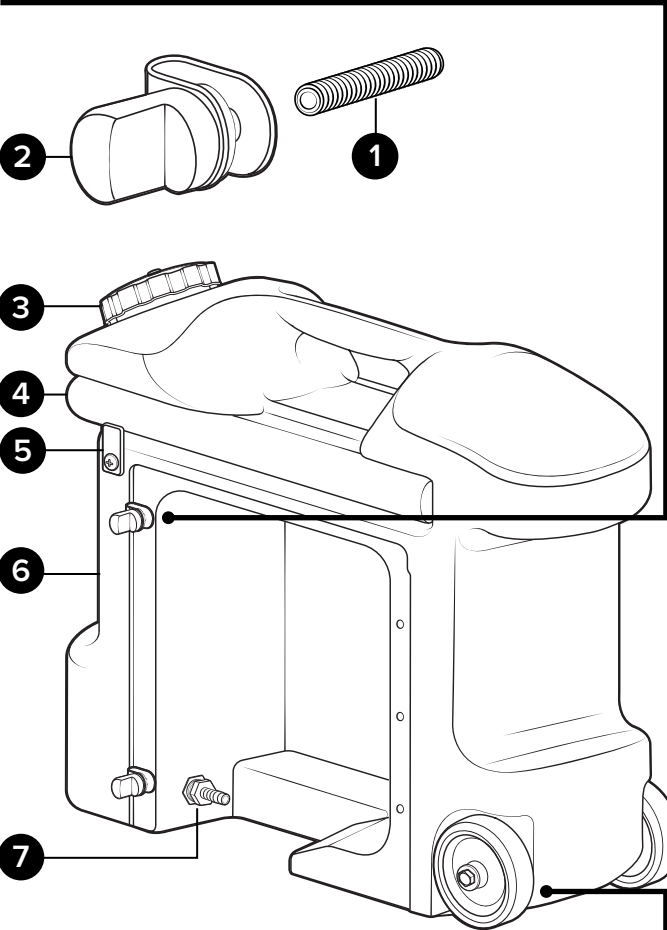
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**CSTA-5WHL:**

5 in. caster wheel - includes bolt and washers

Item number	Description
8	B51618214-HH ⅝-18 x 2 ¼ in. bolt - stainless - hex head
9	CST5-WHL Wheel - polypro - for CST5SS and CST5SS-L
10	FW3816 Flat washer for ⅜-16 bolt - stainless - 0.41 in. id x 0.88 in. od x 0.05 in. thk

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**CSTA-5WHL**

# Back Plate Assembly

Inside view

## PA-PF12:

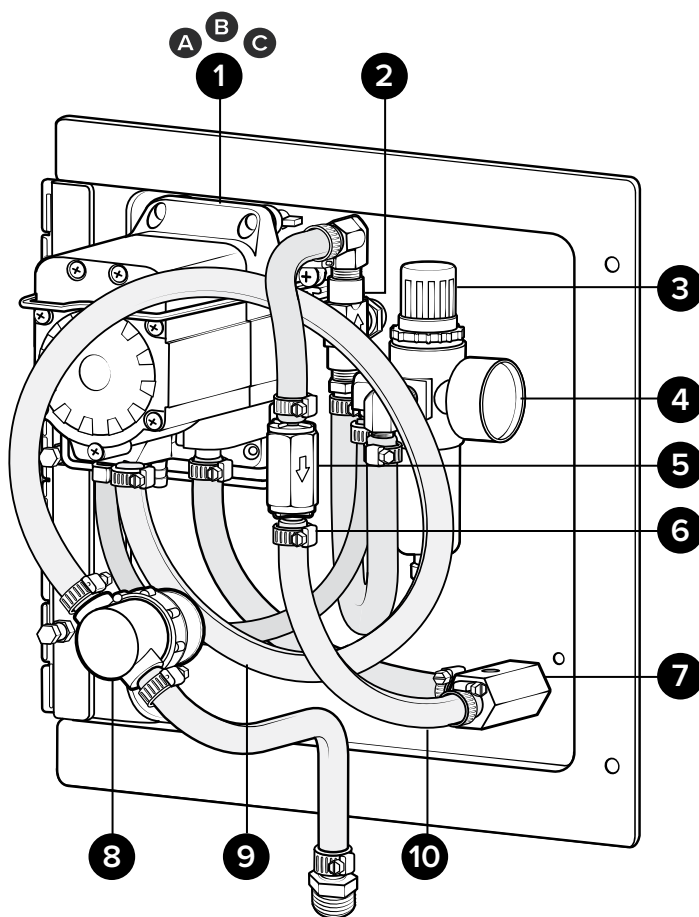
Plate assembly for portable foam units with ½ in. hose - Santoprene pump

## Additional plate assembly pump options:

PA-PF12K: Kalrez pump

PA-PF12V: Viton pump

Item number		Description
1	A P56	Pump with Santoprene seals - includes hose barbs, air fitting, and exhaust barb
	B P56K	Pump with Kalrez seals - includes hose barbs, air fitting, and exhaust barb
	C P56V	Pump with Viton seals - includes hose barbs, air fitting, and exhaust barb
2	NV14	Needle valve - ¼ in. NPT - includes black knob
3	R25	Air regulator - two ¼ in. FPT ports - two ⅜ in. FPT ports - includes filter and bowl
4	AG100	Air gauge - ⅜ in. NPT - 100 PSI dry model
5	CV38-AP	Check valve - ⅜ in. barbs - PVC body - Hastelloy spring - Teflon ball - white
6	SSC38	Stainless screw band clamp for ⅜ in. hose
7	SST12HB38A-MX	Stainless tee assembly - ½ in. FPT x ⅜ in. barb - includes mixing material and screen
8	STR38-IL	In-line strainer - ⅜ barb - EPDM gasket - 20 mesh SS - black bowl
9	H14BL-F	¼ in. blue hose - hybrid TPE - available per ft.
10	H38BL-F	⅜ in. blue hose - hybrid TPE - available per ft.



# Back Plate Assembly

Back view

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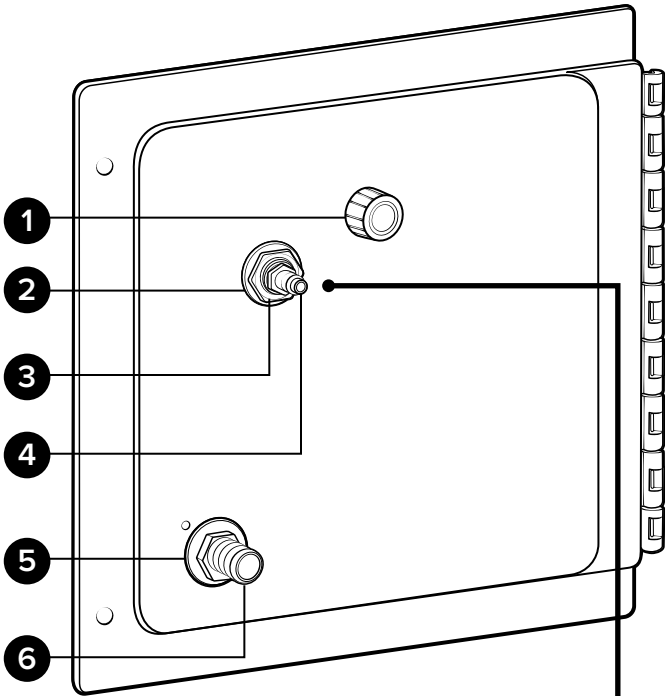
Plate assembly for portable foam units with 1/2 in. hose - Santoprene pump

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PA-PF12K: Kalrez pump

PA-PF12: Viton pump

Item number		Description
1	NV14-HNDL	Black knob for needle valve
2	SSSFN12	Serrated flange nut - stainless - 1/2 in.
3	SSA14BKH	Bulkhead adapter - stainless - 1/4 NPT x 1/4 NPSM
4	AP14	Air fitting 1/4 MPT x plug - nickel-plated brass
5	FW12NPT	Flat washer for 1/2 in. NPT - stainless - 0.88 in. id x 1.5 in. od x 0.05 in. thk
6	HBSS1212	Stainless hose barb 1/2 MPT x 1/2 barb

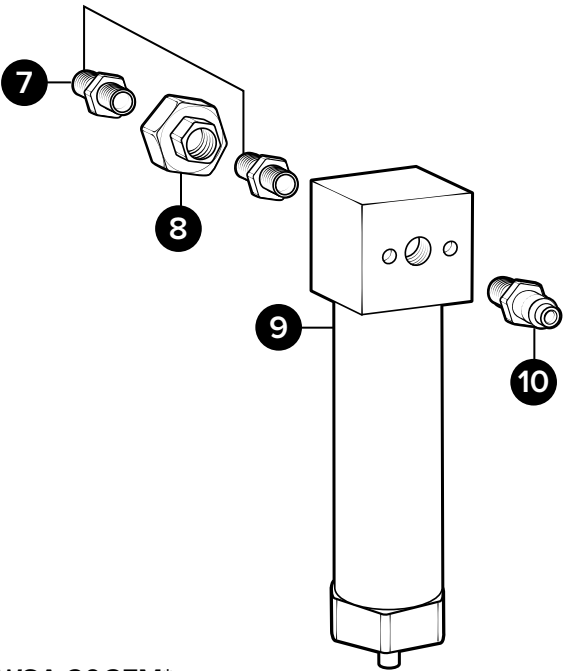


## Optional Components

**WSA-20CFM:**

Water separator assembly - 20 CFM - 1/4 in. FPT ports - includes air plug and union fittings

Item number		Description
7	SN1414	Stainless hex nipple 1/4 MPT x 1/4 MPT
8	SSU14	Stainless steel union - 1/4 in. FPT
9	WS-20CFM	Water separator - 20 CFM - 1/4 in. FPT ports
10	AP14	Air fitting 1/4 MPT x plug - nickel-plated brass



WSA-20CFM\*

\*Optional assembly sold separately

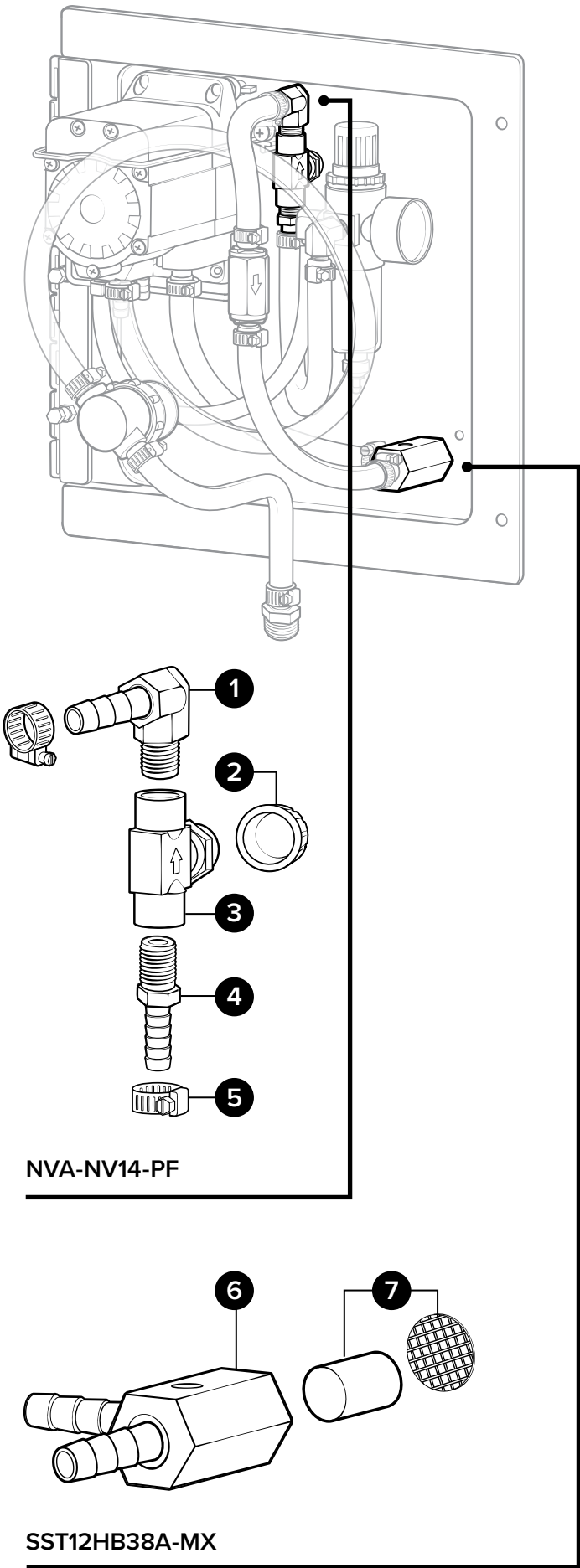
# Back Plate Sub-assemblies

**NVA-NV14-PF:**  
Needle valve assembly for portable foam units - includes hose barbs, and screw band clamps

Item number		Description
1	HBSEL1438	Stainless hose barb ¼ MPT x ⅜ barb elbow
2	NV14-HNDL	Black knob for needle valve
3	NV14	Needle valve - ¼ in. NPT - includes black knob
4	HBSS1438	Stainless hose barb ¼ MPT x ⅜ barb
5	SSC38	Stainless screw band clamp for ⅜ in. hose

**SST12HB38A-MX:**  
Stainless tee assembly - ½ in. FPT x ⅜ in. barb - includes mixing material and screen

Item number		Description
6	SST12HB38	Stainless tee ½ FPT ⅜ barb - no mixing material
7	MXA- PF	Mixing material assembly - includes stainless mesh and screen

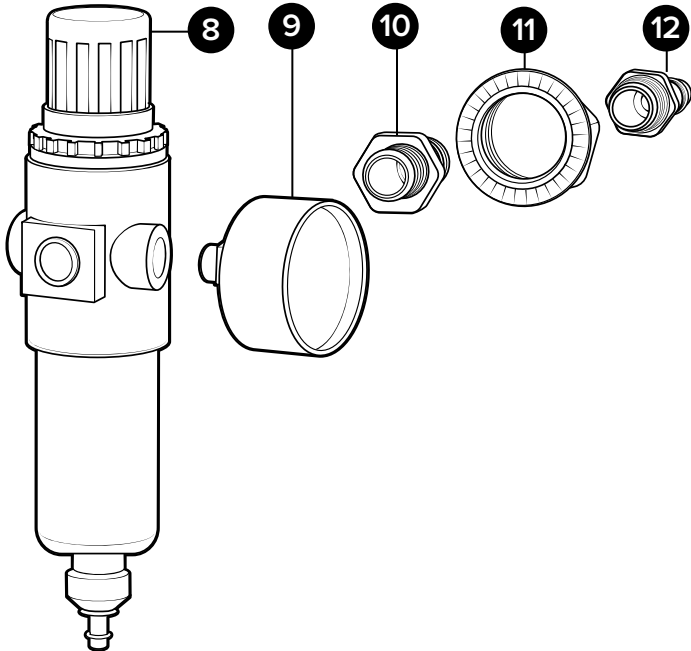
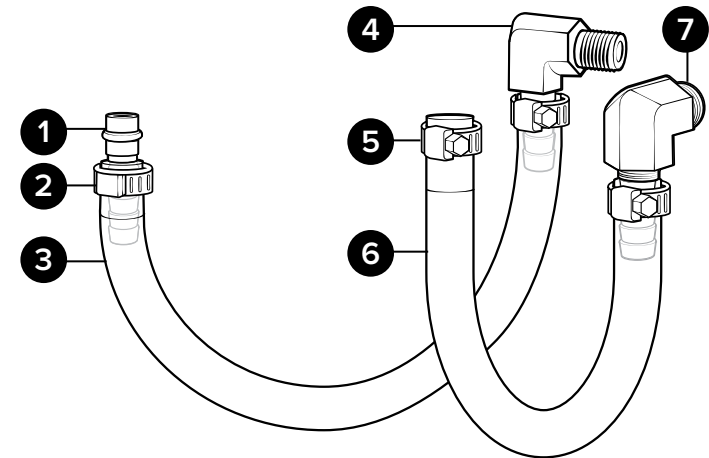
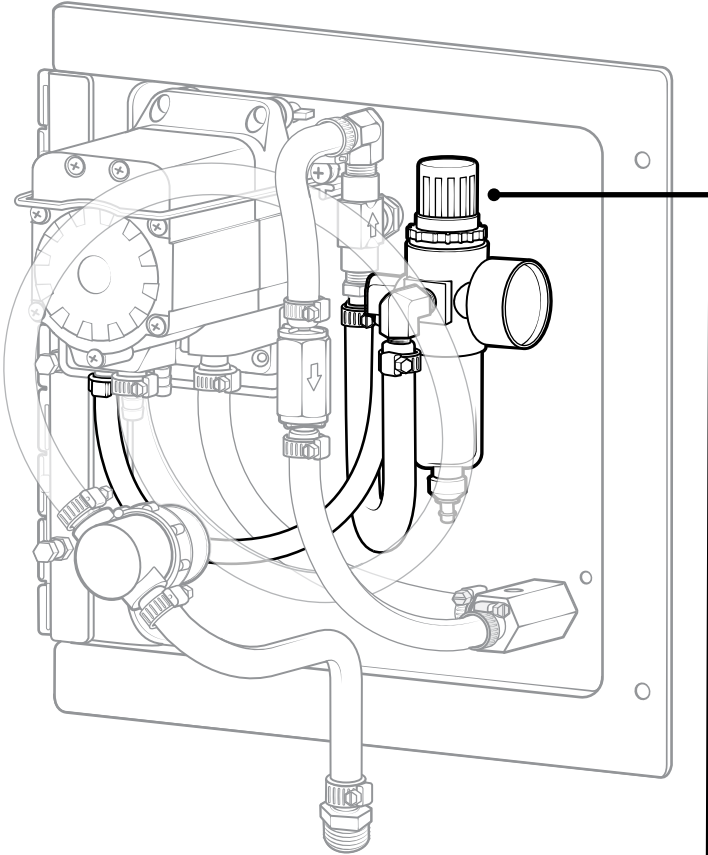




# Back Plate Sub-assemblies

**RGA-R25-PF:**  
Air regulator assembly for portable foam units - includes air gauge, pump barb, hose, bulkhead fittings, and air plug

Item number	Description	
1	HBB14P	¼ in. hose barb - brass - for G57/P56 air fitting with o-ring
2	EC14	Oetiker clamp for ¼ in. hose
3	H14BL-F	¼ in. blue hose - hybrid TPE - available per ft.
4	HBSEL1814	Stainless hose barb ⅛ MPT x ¼ barb elbow
5	SSC38	Stainless screw band clamp for ⅜ in. hose
6	H38BL-F	⅜ in. blue hose - hybrid TPE - available per ft.
7	HBSEL1438	Stainless hose barb ¼ MPT x ⅜ barb elbow
8	R25	Air regulator - two ¼ in. FPT ports - two ⅜ in. FPT ports - includes filter and bowl
9	AG100	Air gauge - ⅜ in. NPT - 100 PSI dry model
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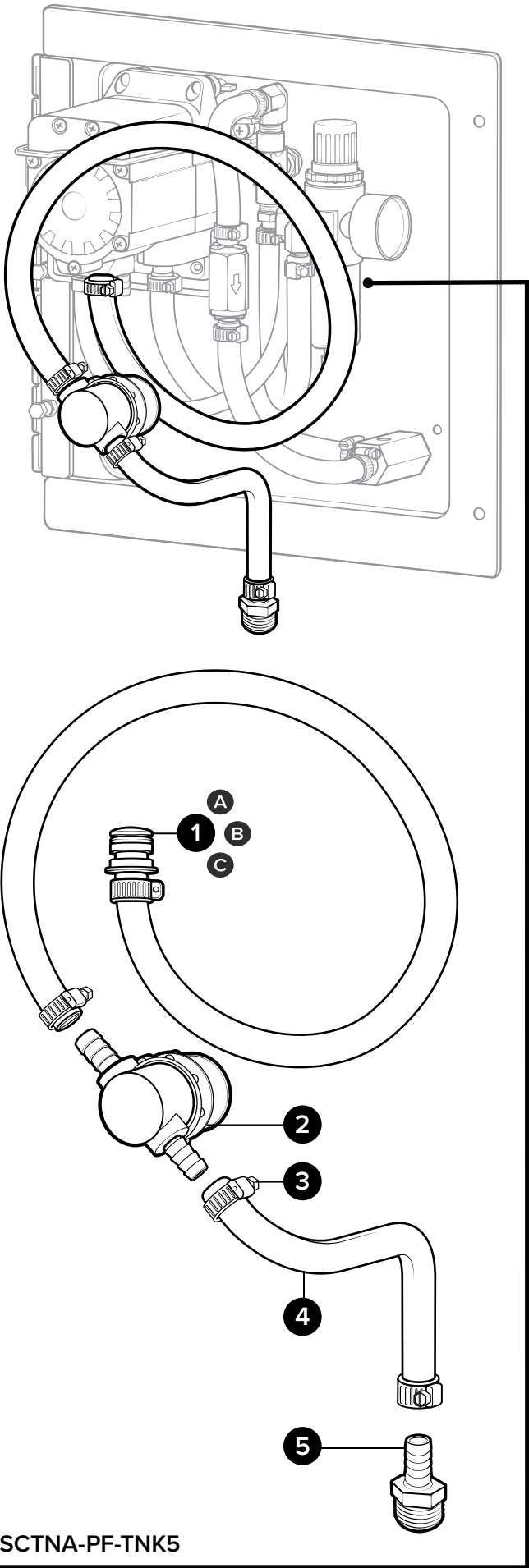
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# Suction Assembly

**SCTNA-PF-TNK5:**  
Suction assembly for portable foam units - includes hose, in-line strainer, and pump hose barb - for Santoprene pump

**Additional suction assembly options:**  
SCTNA-PFK-TNK5: Portables with Kalrez pump  
SCTNA-PFV-TNK5: Portables with Viton pump

Item number		Description
1	A HB5638	Hose barb for P56 pump - EPDM o-ring
	B HB5638K	Hose barb for P56K pump - Kalrez o-ring
	C HB5638V	Hose barb for P56V pump - Viton o-ring
2	STR38-IL	In-line strainer - 3/8 barb - EPDM gasket - 20 mesh SS - black bowl
3	SSC38	Stainless screw band clamp for 3/8 in. hose
4	H38BL-F	3/8 in. blue hose - hybrid TPE - available per ft.
5	HBSS1238	Stainless hose barb 1/2 MPT x 3/8 barb



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# Hose Assembly

**HA12BL-20:**

Hose assembly - 20 ft. of ½ in. blue\* hose - includes ferruled hose barb

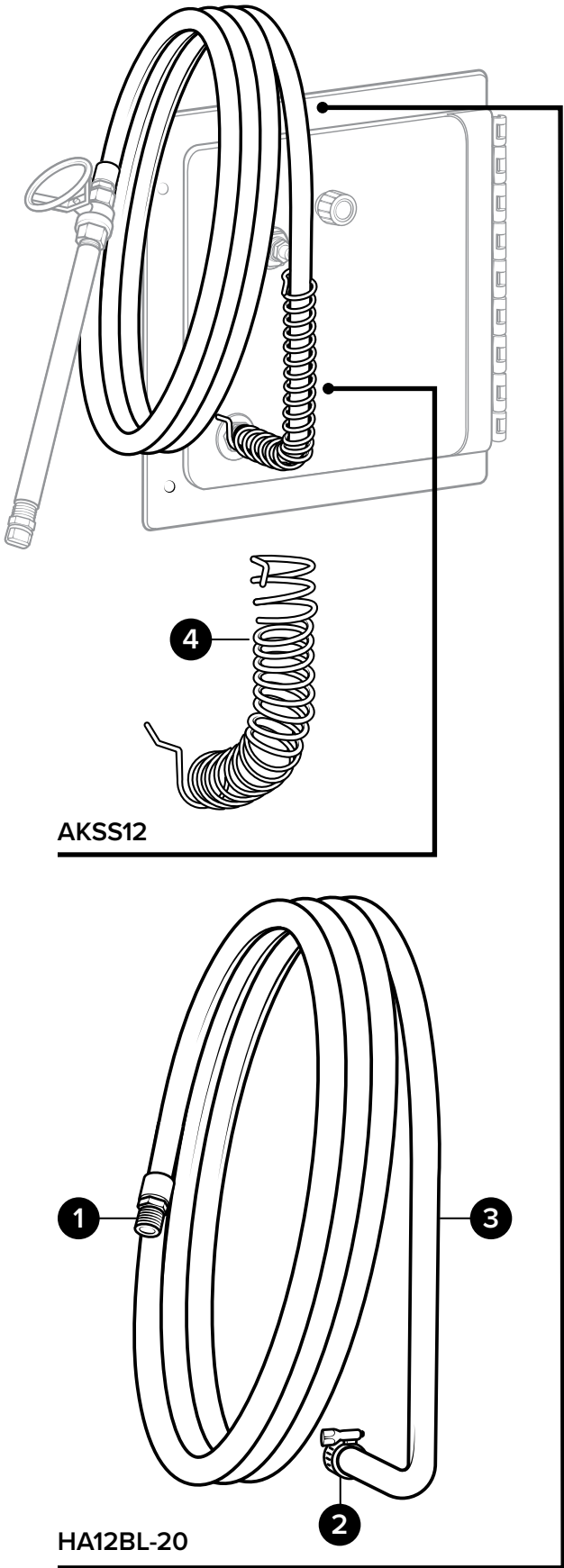
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2	SSC12	Stainless screw band clamp for ½ in. hose
3	H12BL-F	½ in. blue* hose - hybrid TPE - available per ft.

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**AKSS12:**

Stainless anti-kink spring for ½ in. hose

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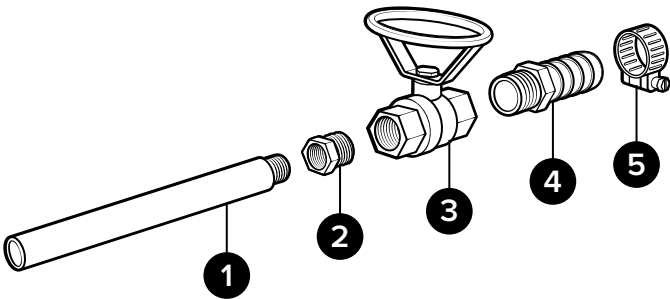


# Wand Assembly Options

## SSWA12:

Stainless wand assembly for 1/2 in. hose - 1/4 in. outlet

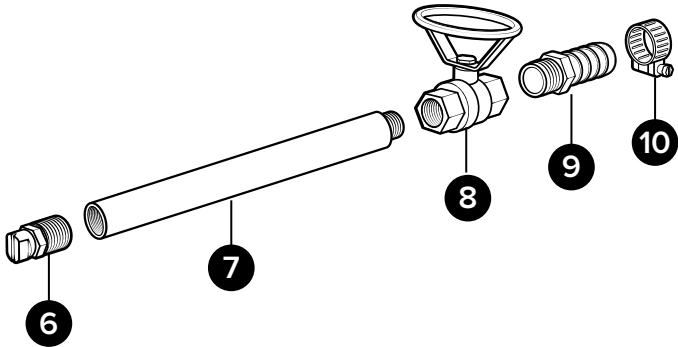
Item number		Description
1	W147	Polished - SS wand 1/4 MPT toe - 7 in. long
2	HHSB1214	Hex head stainless bushing 1/2 MPT x 1/4 FPT
3	BVSS12	1/2 in. stainless ball valve - welded nut
4	HBSS1212	Stainless hose barb 1/2 MPT x 1/2 barb
5	SSC12	Stainless screw band clamp for 1/2 in. hose



## SSWA1210-ST:

Stainless wand assembly for 1/2 in. hose - 10 in. stainless wand - ST80100SS spray tip

Item number		Description
6	ST80100SS	Spray tip - 80 degree - 10.0 GPM - stainless - 1/2 MPT
7	W1210FM	Stainless wand - 1/2 in. MPT x 1/2 in. FPT - 10 in. long
8	BVSS12	1/2 in. stainless ball valve - welded nut
9	HBSS1212	Stainless hose barb 1/2 MPT x 1/2 barb
10	SSC12	Stainless screw band clamp for 1/2 in. hose



## PWA1210-ST:

Poly wand assembly for 1/2 in. hose - 10 in. poly wand - ST80100SS spray tip

Item number		Description
11	ST80100SS	Spray tip - 80 degree - 10.0 GPM - stainless - 1/2 MPT
12	PW12F10	1/2 in. FNPT and 1/2 in. FNPT wand - black polypropylene - 10 in. long
13	SN1212	Stainless hex nipple 1/2 MPT x 1/2 MPT
14	BVSS12	1/2 in. stainless ball valve - welded nut
15	HBSS1212	Stainless hose barb 1/2 MPT x 1/2 barb
16	SSC12	Stainless screw band clamp for 1/2 in. hose

