

Model VA-51

2" AirSweep® System

Activates 6-8 feet diameter of material • Ideal for large bins, hoppers, chutes, etc.

Solve tough flow problems by eliminating ratholes, bridging and material buildup.

The AirSweep[®] material activation system delivers on-demand product flow, eliminates hang-ups and blockages, cleans interior surfaces and enhances batch uniformity.



Each **AirSweep** nozzle directs a high-pressure, high-volume 360° burst of compressed air or inert gas along the inside walls of process equipment or vessels, breaking friction to lift and sweep stalled material back into the flow stream. The patented nozzle design ensures an immediate reseal after each pulse to eliminate material feedback.

Sequenced pulsing of strategically-positioned **AirSweep** units activate bulk material to produce a first-in, first-out controlled flow.

- System is mounted on the outside of the vessel for easy cleaning and maintenance
- Energy efficient uses plant air
- · Mount to metal, concrete, fiberglass or wood vessels
- Manufactured from high grade steel for long service life





Standard materials of construction include:

- Carbon Steel
- 304 Stainless Steel
- 316 Stainless Steel
- Other materials available upon request.

For USDA-accepted AirSweep® Systems, contact a sales engineer at 1-860-928-6551

Applications:

AirSweep[®] Systems have successfully handled the following materials and more!

Foods		Mined		Chemicals		Other	
Animal feeds	Meal	Borax	Magnetite	Adipic acid	Iron oxide	Acetate	Pharmaceuticals
Brewers grain	Oat hulls	Coal	Phosphate	Boric acid	Lead chromate	Cements	Plastics
Chocolate	Rice bran	Copper	Shale	Calcine	Polyacrilimide	Chalk	Resins
Grains	Salts	Gypsum	Soda ash	Calcium carbonate	Sodium sulfite	Detergents	Sludge
Flour	Starch	Lead	Trona	Herbicides	Titanium dioxide	Fertilizer	Tobacco
Hops	Sugar	Limestone	Uranium	Hydrated Lime	Zinc	Fly ash	Wax flakes/pellets

Contact us for a detailed AirSweep® System proposal, engineered specifically for your application.

Typical VA-51 AirSweep® System

A typical AirSweep® material activation system consists of strategically-located AirSweeps, high-flow solenoid valves, electronic sequence controller and air receiver.



Typical AirSweep® System Components

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Solenoid Valve – Delivers rapid, high-volume pulse of compressed air/gas to AirSweep nozzle.

Flex Hose Assembly – Connects the solenoid valve to hard-piped header loop.

- **1-1/2" Full-flow Ball Valve** Isolation valve for individual nozzles.
- 2" High-flow Particulate Filter Point-of-use particulate filtration enhances life of system components by removal of in-line contaminants.
- 80-gallon Air Receiver Compressed air reservoir ensures instantaneous volume for system.
- 2" High- low Regulator Regulates compressed air supply to within 80-100 psi for proper AirSweep operation.
- 2" Full- low Check Valve Ensures one-way flow to system.
- 2" Full- low Ball Valve System shut-off.

Electronic Sequence Controller – Controls sequenced pulsing of AirSweep system; adjustable for any process

Model VA-51 Mounting Options

MC-51 Mounting Coupling Installation (Weld to vessel)



MF-51 Mounting Flange Installation (Bolt to vessel)



MC-51 Mounting Coupling Installation

- 1. Cut hole in vessel wall. Recommended hole size is approximately 1/8" (3.175 mm) greater than diameter of coupling to allow coupling to pass through curved wall. The MC-51 mounting coupling is 3-1/2" (88.9 mm) dia., therefore the recommended hole size is 3-5/8" (92.075 mm).
- 2. Align coupling flush with <u>inside</u> of vessel wall and weld continuous bead to exterior of wall.
- 3. Apply anti-seize compound to front threaded section of AirSweep. Thread AirSweep into position so the front of the body is aligned with the front of coupling. This will properly position the piston head within the vessel.
- 4. After the position of the AirSweep is determined to be correct, tighten the lock collar against the coupling to keep the AirSweep in position.
- **Note:** On sharply curved bin walls, the body of AirSweep will extend slightly into the vessel at the top and bottom (12:00 & 6:00 positions), and should be flush at sides (3:00 & 9:00 positions).
- For maximum effectiveness, connection distance between AirSweep and solenoid valve should be as short as possible. Use only the supplied connecting nipple with no additional elbows or pipe, if possible.

MF-51 Mounting Flange Installation

- 1. Position flange on wall surface. Mark hole for AirSweep. Mark bolt circle layout.
- 2. Drill or cut hole for AirSweep and bolt holes. The hole size should be sufficient diameter to allow AirSweep to pass through wall.
- 3. Fasten flange to wall by bolting.
- 4. Apply anti-seize compound to front threaded section of AirSweep. Thread the AirSweep into position so that the front of the AirSweep body is aligned with the inside wall of vessel. This will properly position piston head within the vessel.
- 5. After the AirSweep is correctly positioned, tighten lock nut against flange to keep AirSweep in position.