#### 13.0 INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Nozzle must be inspected before each use for proper operation and function according to this checklist. Check that:

- 1) There is no obvious damage such as missing, broken or loose parts, damaged labels, etc.
- 2) Coupling is tight and leak free
- 3) Valve handle moves freely though full range and shuts off flow
- 4) Nozzle flow is adequate as indicated by pump pressure and nozzle reaction
- 5) Shaper turns freely and adjusts pattern through full range and shuts off flow
- 6) On Bubble Cups, aspirating sleeve slides freely and is secure at both ends

## **▲**WARNING

Any twister or bubble cup nozzle failing any part of the inspection checklist is unsafe and must have the problem corrected before use. Operating a nozzle that fails any of the above inspections is a misuse of

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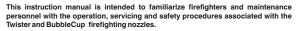


## MANUAL: Twister® and BubbleCup® Nozzles

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR SAFE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

WARNING

Read instruction manual before use. Operation of this device without understanding the manual and receiving proper training is a misuse of this equipment. A person who has not read and understood all operating and safety instructions is not qualified to operate the Twister and BubbleCup nozzle.



This manual should be kept available to all operating and maintenance personnel.

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The member companies of FEMSA that provide emergency response equipment and services want responders to know and understand the following:

- Firefighting and Emergency Response are inherently dangerous activities requiring proper training in their hazards and the use of extreme caution at all times.
- It is your responsibility to read and understand any user's instructions, including purpose and limitations, provided with any piece of equipment you may be called upon to use.
- It is your responsibility to know that you have been properly trained in Firefighting and /or Emergency Response and in the use, precautions, and care of any equipment you may be called upon to use.
- It is your responsibility to be in proper physical condition and to maintain the personal skill level required to operate any equipment you may be called upon to use.
- It is your responsibility to know that your equipment is in operable condition and has been maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Failure to follow these guidelines may result in death, burns or other severe injury.



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#### 1.0 MEANING OF SAFETY SIGNAL WORDS

A safety related message is identified by a safety alert symbol and a signal word to indicate the level of risk involved with a particular hazard. Per ANSI standard Z535.4-1998 the definitions of the three signal words are as follows:



DANGER indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will



WARNING indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



CAUTION indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may ACAUTION CAUTION Indicates a possible result in minor or moderate injury.

#### 2.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

The Task Force Tips Twister and Bubblecup nozzles are hand-held nozzles with clean far reaching straight stream. They are adjustable from straight stream to a wide fog pattern. Their rugged construction is compatible with the use of fresh water as well as fire fighting foam solutions. The nozzles are constructed of hard anodizes aluminum, stainless steel, rubber and engineering grade polymers. A summary of each nozzle's characteristics is shown in the tables below.

This equipment is intended for use by trained personnel for firefighting. Their use for other numbers are all their purposes may break a second of their purposes may be a second of their purposes may be a second of their purposes of their purposes may be a second of their purposes of their purpo other purposes may involve hazards not addressed by this manual. Seek appropriate guidance and training to reduce risk of injury.

SERIES	MODEL	STANDARD COUPLING SIZE	GALLONAGE SETTINGS (GPM AT 100 PSI)
С	TWISTER	3/4 GHT	10, 24
D	TWISTER or BUBBLECUP	1 NH	10, 24
D	TWISTER or BUBBLECUP	1 NH	10, 40
F	TWISTER or BUBBLECUP	1-1/2 NH	20, 60
F	TWISTER	1-1/2 NH	20, 95

The C series Twister is available in a tip-only nozzle configuration. The D and F Series Twisters and Bubble Cups are available in tip-only, ball-valve, or ball-valve with pistol grip configurations

NH (National Hose Threads per NFPA #1963) threads are standard on all nozzles. Other threads such as NPSH (National Pipe Straight Hose threads per ANSI/ASME #B1.20.7) can be specified at time of order.

### METRIC TWISTER AND BUBBLE CUP FLOWS

## 38mm HOSI

F	FLOW SETTING		45 METERS			METE	RS	75 METERS		
SE			60	95	20	60	95	20	60	95
2	3.5	55	150	220	55	150	210	55	145	205
BAR)	5.2	65	185	270	65	180	260	65	180	250
	7	75	210	310	75	210	300	75	205	290
URE	8.6	85	240	350	85	235	335	85	230	320
SS	10	90	260	380	90	255	365	90	255	355
2	12	100	285	415	100	275	395	100	275	380
P P	14	105	305	445	105	295	425	105	290	410
UMP	15.5	115	320	470	115	315	450	115	310	435
<u> </u>	17	115	335	490	115	335	475	115	325	460

NOTES: 1) Number in each box is flow in liters per minute.

- 2) Actual flows may vary with brand and condition of hose.
- 3) Flows are approximate and do not account for losses in preconnect piping or changes in elevation.
- 4) 1 BAR = 100 KPA

F	LOW	45	METE	RS	60	METE	RS	75 METERS		
	SETTING		60	95	20	60	95	20	60	95
٦	3.5	55	155	230	55	150	225	55	150	220
(BAR)	5.2	65	190	285	65	185	275	65	185	270
	7	75	220	325	75	215	320	75	210	310
PRESSURE	8.6	85	240	365	85	240	355	85	240	345
SS	10	90	270	400	90	265	390	90	260	380
	12	100	290	430	100	285	420	100	280	410
6	14	105	310	460	105	305	450	105	300	440
PUMP	15.5	115	325	490	115	320	475	115	320	465
╚	17	115	345	515	115	340	505	115	335	490

NOTES: 1) Number in each box is flow in liters per minute.

- 2) Actual flows may vary with brand and condition of hose.
- 3) Flows are approximate and do not account for losses in preconnect piping or changes in elevation.

4) 1 BAR = 100 KPA

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## 19mm HOSE

F	LOW	30	Mete	ers	60	Mete	ers	90 Meters		
SE	TTING	10	24	40	10	24	40	10	24	40
П	3.5	25	50	65	25	40	50	25	40	40
ı	7	35	70	90	35	60	70	35	55	60
(BAR)	10	45	85	110	40	75	85	40	65	75
<u>@</u>	14	50	100	130	50	85	100	45	75	85
뿞	17	55	115	145	55	95	115	55	85	95
l s	21	60	125	160	60	105	125	55	90	105
PRESSURE	24	70	130	170	65	115	130	60	100	115
뿝	28	70	145	180	70	120	145	65	105	120
PUMP	31	75	150	195	70	130	150	70	115	130
[2]	34	80	160	205	75	135	160	70	120	135
	38	85	165	210	80	140	165	75	125	140
	41	85	175	225	85	150	175	80	130	150

NOTES: 1) Number in each box is flow in liters per minute.

- 2) Actual flows may vary with brand and condition of hose.
- 3) Flows are approximate and do not account for losses in preconnect piping or changes in elevation.
- 4) 1 BAR = 100 KPA

# 25mm HOSE

FI	LOW	30	Mete	rs	60	Mete	ers	90	Mete	ers
SE	TTING	10	24	40	10	24	40	10	24	40
	3.5	25	60	95	25	60	85	25	55	85
اءا	7	40	85	135	40	85	125	40	80	115
(BAR)	10	45	105	165	45	100	150	45	100	140
	14	55	125	195	55	115	180	55	115	165
PRESSURE	17	60	135	215	60	130	195	55	130	180
l gg	21	65	150	235	65	145	215	65	140	200
	24	70	165	255	70	155	235	70	150	215
	28	75	175	275	75	165	250	75	165	230
PUMP	31	80	185	290	80	180	265	80	170	245
=	34	85	195	305	85	190	280	85	180	255
H	38	85	205	320	85	195	290	85	190	275
Ш	41	90	210	335	90	205	305	90	195	285

NOTES: 1) Number in each box is flow in liters per minute.

- 2) Actual flows may vary with brand and condition of hose.
- 3) Flows are approximate and do not account for losses in preconnect piping or changes in elevation.
- 4) 1 BAR = 100 KPA



Nozzle must be properly connected. Mismatched or damaged threads may cause nozzle to leak or uncouple under pressure and could cause injury.



Do not couple aluminum to brass. Dissimilar metals coupled together can cause galvanic corrosion that can result in inability to unscrew threads or complete loss of thread engagement.

#### 3.0 USE WITH SALT WATER

Use with salt water is permissible provided nozzle is thoroughly cleaned with fresh water after each use. The service life of the nozzle may be shortened due to the effects of corrosion and is not covered under warranty.

#### 4.0 TWISTER NOZZLES

The C, D and F Series Twister nozzles are dual-flow nozzles. The flow setting is changed by rotating the shaper which also controls the spray pattern.

From the nozzle operator's view, rotating the shaper to the right in a clockwise direction will close or shut off the nozzle. As the shaper is rotated to the left in a counter-clockwise direction from the closed position, the nozzle will provide a straight stream in the low-flow setting. Further rotation in the low-flow setting will produce a narrow fog pattern. As the shaper is rotated further, the pattern will change to straight stream in the high-flow setting. Continued counterclockwise rotation will produce high-flow medium and wide fog.



#### 5.0 BUBBLE CUP NOZZLES

The Bubble Cup nozzle is capable of producing aspirated foam as well as a conventional straight stream and wide protective fog pattern. The Bubble Cup functions just like the Twister nozzle (see section 4.0) when the gray sleeve is in the retracted position as in figure 2A.

To use the aspirating feature of the Bubble Cup, the nozzle operator need only slide the gray sleeve portion of the nozzle forward. When the sleeve is in the fully-extended position, a white line on the shaper will be visible at the base of the gray sleeve as in figure 2B. Rotation of the shaper when the sleeve is extended will provide the nozzle operator control of reach and aspiration. If an immediate wide protective fog pattern is needed, the sleeve can be retracted instantly to its regular position.

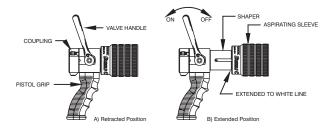


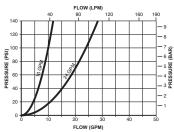
FIGURE 2 BUBBLE CUP OPERATING POSITIONS

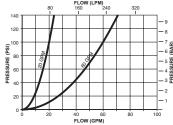
#### 6.0 BALL VALVE SHUTOFF

Models with a ball valve are shut off when the valve handle is fully forward. Pulling back on the handle opens the valve. Open valve slowly to avoid sudden changes in nozzle reaction. Note: In partially-open positions a ball valve will cause turbulence and adversely affect stream quality. Close valve slowly to prevent water hammer.

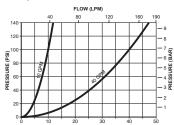
#### 7.0 FLOW CHARACTERISTICS

At each gallonage setting the nozzle is set to a predetermined fixed orifice. Relationship of flow and nozzle pressure at each setting is shown in figures 3A and 3B.

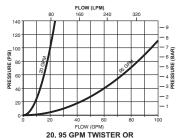












10. 40 GPM TWISTER OR BUBBLE CUP

FIGURE 3A

FIGURE 3B

95 GPM BUBBLE CUP

The charts on the pages 10 & 11 of this document give specific examples of pump pressure and flow for various hoses and lengths. Losses may vary due to differences in hose construction resulting in flows different than shown. For situations or lengths of hose not listed on the chart, approximate flows can be calculated using conventional hydraulics.

ADANGER An inadequate supply of nozzle pressure and/or flow will cause an ineffective stream and can result in injury, death or loss of property. See flow chart on back cover or call 800-348-2686 for assistance.

AWARNING Nozzle reaction will vary as supply conditions change: such as opening or closing other nozzles, hose line kinks, changes in pump settings, etc. Changes in spray pattern or flushing will also affect nozzle reaction. The nozzle operator must always be prepared in the event of those changes. Failure to restrain nozzle reaction can cause firefighter injury from loss of footing and/or stream protection.

### TABLE OF TWISTER AND BUBBLE CUP FLOWS

1			_	50 F	-	_	00.5	-	_	50 F	-
	FL	.ow	150 FT.				00 F	ı.	250 FT.		
	SETTING		20	60	95	20	60	95	20	60	95
	1)	50	14	40	58	14	39	56	14	38	54
	(PSI	75	17	49	71	17	48	69	17	47	66
		100	20	56	82	20	55	79	20	54	76
	SSURE	125	22	63	92	22	62	89	22	61	85
	SS	150	24	69	101	24	68	97	24	67	94
	PRE	175	26	75	109	26	73	105	26	72	101
		200	28	80	117	28	78	112	28	77	108
	PUMP	225	30	85	124	30	83	119	30	82	115
	-	250	31	89	130	31	88	125	31	86	121

NOTES: 1) Number in each box is flow in gallons per minute.

 Actual flows may vary with brand and condition of hose.
 Flows are approximate and do not account for losses in preconnect piping or changes in elevation.

FL	ow	1	50 F	T.	2	00 F	T.	2	50 F	T.
SET	TTING	20	60	95	20	60	95	20	60	95
	50	14	41	61	14	40	59	14	40	58
(PSI)	75	17	50	75	17	49	73	17	49	71
	100	20	58	86	20	57	84	20	56	82
SSURE	125	22	64	96	22	64	94	22	63	91
S	150	24	71	106	24	70	103	24	69	100
PRE	175	26	76	114	26	75	111	26	74	108
	200	28	82	122	28	80	119	28	79	116
PUMP	225	30	86	129	30	85	126	30	84	123
╚	250	31	91	136	31	90	133	31	89	129

NOTES: 1) Number in each box is flow in gallons per minute.

 Actual flows may vary with brand and condition of hose.
 Flows are approximate and do not account for losses in preconnect piping or changes in elevation.

### TABLE OF TWISTER AND BUBBLE CUP FLOWS

FI	FLOW SETTING		150 FT.			00 F	T.	300 FT.		
SET			24	40	10	24	40	10	24	40
П	50	7	13	17	6	11	13	6	10	11
ш	100	9	19	24	9	16	19	9	14	16
(PSI)	150	12	23	29	11	20	23	11	17	20
≗	200	13	27	34	13	23	7	12	20	23
<b>【端</b> 】	250	15	30	38	14	25	30	14	22	25
छू	300	16	33	42	16	28	33	15	24	28
PRESSURE	350	18	35	45	17	30	35	16	26	30
	400	19	38	48	18	32	38	17	28	32
PUMP	450	20	40	51	19	34	40	18	30	34
<b> </b> ∡	500	21	42	54	20	36	42	19	32	36
ш	550	22	44	56	21	37	44	20	33	37
Ш	600	23	46	59	22	39	46	21	35	39

NOTES: 1) Number in each box is flow in gallons per minute.

- 2) Actual flows may vary with brand and condition of hose.
  3) Flows are approximate and do not account for losses in preconnect piping or changes in elevation.

FL	.ow	100 FT.			2	00 F	Г.	300 FT.		
SETTING		10	24	40	10	24	40	10	24	40
П	50	7	16	25	7	16	23	7	15	22
	100	10	23	36	10	22	33	10	21	31
(PSI)	150	12	28	44	12	27	40	12	26	37
	200	14	33	51	14	31	47	14	30	43
PRESSURE	250	16	36	57	16	35	52	15	34	48
SS	300	17	40	62	17	38	57	17	37	53
	350	19	43	67	18	41	62	18	40	57
	400	20	46	72	20	44	66	20	43	61
PUMP	450	21	49	76	21	47	70	21	45	65
-	500	22	51	80	22	50	74	22	48	68
H	550	23	54	84	23	52	77	23	50	72
	600	24	56	88	24	54	81	24	52	75

NOTES: 1) Number in each box is flow in gallons per minute.

- 2) Actual flows may vary with brand and condition of hose.
  3) Flows are approximate and do not account for losses in preconnect

## **▲**WARNING

If nozzle gets out of control or away from operator, retreat from nozzle immediately. Do not attempt to regain control of nozzle while flowing water. Injury from whipping

## WARNING

Large amounts or pieces of debris may be unflushable and can reduce the flow of the nozzle resulting in an ineffective flow. In the event of a blockage, it may be necessary to retreat to a safe area, uncouple nozzle and remove debris.

### WARNING

Water is a conductor of electricity. Application of water solutions on high voltage equipment can cause injury or death by electrocution. The amount of current that may be carried back to the nozzle will depend on the following factors:

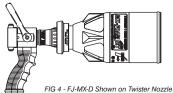
- · Voltage of the line or equipment
- . Distance from the nozzle to the line or equipment
- Size of the stream
- . Whether the stream is solid or broken
- Purity of the water<sup>2</sup>
- <sup>2</sup> The Fire Fighter and Electrical Equipment, The University of Michigan Extension Service, Fourth Printing 1983. Page 47.



Fire streams are capable of injury and damage. Do not direct water stream to cause injury or damage to persons or property.

#### 8.0 FOAMJET MX WITH TWISTER NOZZLE

To increase the expansion ratio Task Force Tips "Foamjet MX" (model FJ-MX-D) may be used with the Twister nozzle. This multiexpansion foam tube attaches and detaches quickly from the nozzle. Note: As expansion ratio is increased, the reach of the stream will be decreased due to the greater amount of bubbles in the stream and their inability to penetrate the air. Generally, the reach with foam is approximately 10 % less than with water only. Actual results will vary based on brand of foam, hardness of water, temperature, etc.



## **▲**WARNING

For Class B fires, lack of foam or interruption in the foam stream can cause a break in the foam blanket and greatly increase the risk of injury or death. Assure that:

- · Application rate is sufficient (see NFPA 11 or foam manufacturer's recommendations).
- Enough concentrate is on hand to complete task (see NFPA for minimum duration time requirements).
- . Foam logistics have been carefully planned. Allow for such things as:
  - . Storage of foam in a location not exposed to the hazard it protects.
  - . Personnel, equipment and technique to deliver foam at a rapid enough
  - · Removal of empty foam containers.
  - . Keeping clear path to deliver foam as hoses, other equipment and

## **▲**WARNING

Improper use of foam can result in injury or damage to the environment. Follow foam manufacturer's instructions and fire service training to avoid:

- . Using wrong type of foam on a fire, i.e. Class A foam on a Class B fire.
- · Plunging foam into pools of burning liquid fuels.
- · Causing environmental damage.
- Directing stream at personnel.



There is a wide variety of foam concentrates. Each user is responsible for verifying that any foam concentrate chosen to be used with this unit has been tested to assure that the foam obtained is suitable for the purpose intended.

#### 9.0 FIREGROUND USE OF TWISTER AND BUBBLE CUP NOZZLES

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY TO DETERMINE PHYSICAL CAPABILITIES AND SUITABILITY FOR AN INDIVIDUAL'S USE OF THIS EQUIPMENT.

Many factors contribute to the extinguishment of a fire. Among the most important is delivering water at a flow rate sufficient to absorb heat faster than is being generated. The flow rate depends largely on the pump discharge pressure and hose friction loss. The pump discharge pressure may be found by use of the chart on the last page. It can also be calculated using a hydraulic equation such as:

#### PDP = NP+FL+DL+EL

PDP = Pump discharge pressure in PSI NP = Nozzle pressure in PSI FL = Hose friction loss in PSI DL = Device loss in PSI

EL = Elevation loss in PSI

For additional information on calculating specific hose layouts, consult an appropriate fire-service training manual, A Firefighters Guide to Nozzles published by Task Force Tips, or call TFT's "Hydraulics Hotline" at 800-348-2686, request

#### 10.0 FIELD INSPECTION

Twister and Bubble Cup are designed and manufactured to be damage resistant and require minimal maintenance. However, as the primary firefighting tool upon which your life depends, it should be treated accordingly.



Before each use nozzle must be inspected for proper operation and function according to inspection checklist on last page of this document. Any nozzle that fails

Performance tests shall be conducted on the Twister and Bubble Cup nozzle after a repair, or anytime a problem is reported to verify operation in accordance with Task Force Tips test procedures. Consult factory for the procedure that corresponds to the model and serial number of the nozzle. Any equipment which fails the related test criteria should be removed from service immediately. Troubleshooting guides are available with each test procedure or equipment can be returned to the factory for service and testing.

Factory service is available with repair time seldom exceeding one day in our facility. Factory-serviced nozzles are repaired by experienced technicians to original specifications, fully wet tested, and promptly returned. Repair charges for non-warranty items are minimal. Any returns should include a note as to the nature of the problem and whom to reach in case of questions. Task Force Tips assumes no liability for damage to equipment or injury to personnel that is a result of user service



Any alterations to the nozzle and its markings constitutes a misuse of this product and could diminish safety.

All Task Force Tips' nozzles are factory lubricated with high-quality silicone grease. This lubricant has excellent washout resistance and long-term performance. If your department has unusually hard or sandy water, the moving parts may be affected. Foam agents and water additives contain soaps and chemicals that may break down the factory lubrication.

The moving parts of the nozzle should be checked on a regular basis for smooth and free operation and signs of damage. IF THE NOZZLE IS OPERATING CORRECTLY, THEN NO ADDITIONAL LUBRICATION IS NEEDED. Any nozzle that is not operating correctly should be immediately removed from service and the problem corrected

#### 11.0 WARRANTY

Task Force Tips, Inc., 2800 East Evans Avenue, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383-6940 ("TFT") warrants to the original purchaser of its Twister and BubbleCup series nozzles ("equipment"), and to anyone to whom it is transferred, that the equipment shall be free from defects in material and workmanship during the five (5) year period from the date of purchase.

TFT's obligation under this warranty is specifically limited to replacing or repairing the equipment (or its parts) which are shown by TET's examination to be in a defective condition attributable to TET. To qualify for this limited warranty the claimant must return the equipment to TFT, at 2800 East Evans Avenue, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383-6940, within a reasonable time after discovery of the defect. TFT will examine the equipment. If TFT determines that there is a defect attributable to it, TFT will correct the problem within a reasonable time. If the equipment is covered by this limited warranty. TFT will assume the expenses of repair.

If any defect attributable to TFT under this limited warranty cannot be reasonably cured by repair or replacement, TFT may elect to refund the purchase price of the equipment, less reasonable depreciation, in complete discharge of its obligations under this limited warranty. If TFT makes this election, claimant shall return the equipment to TFT free and clear of any liens and encumbrances.

This is a limited warranty. The original purchaser of the equipment, any person to whom it is transferred, and any person who is an intended or unintended beneficiary of the equipment, shall not be entitled to recover from TFT any consequential or incidental damages for injury to person and/or property resulting from any defective equipment manufactured or assembled by TFT. It is agreed and understood that the price stated for the equipment is in part consideration for limiting TFT's liability. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above may not apply to you.

TFT shall have no obligation under this limited warranty if the equipment is, or has been, misused or neglected (including failure to provide reasonable maintenance) or if there have been accidents to the equipment or if it has been repaired or altered by someone else.

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This limited warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to

#### 12.0 ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

We appreciate the opportunity of serving you and making your difficult job easier. If you have any problems or questions, our toll-free "Hydraulics Hotline" is normally available to you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 800-348-2686.