

Model MP-TR1 Technical Rescue Air Cart

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Operating Manual



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OVERVIEW

The model MP-TR1 cart is one in a series of multipurpose (MP) bottled air carts. A low pressure (yellow), under 125psi, as well as a high pressure (blue), under 275psi, regulated air system has been installed.

The cart's air source can be either 2 SCBA air cylinders or an auxiliary (external) air source. An isolation valve is supplied to toggle between a common air source and isolating the yellow and blue sides of the air distribution panel.

A low pressure whistle alarm is used on the yellow side of the panel and a low pressure bell is used on the blue side of the panel. Both alarms activate if the auxiliary inlet is used as the primary air supply.

Respirator and tool fittings should be specified when ordering. It is recommended that the high pressure tool side of the cart have different and unique fittings than those found on the respirator side. Consult with the tool manufacturer and install their recommended fittings.

SPECIFICATIONS

Size (Handle Down):	35 H x 20.5"W x 15" D
Weight w/o cylinders:	54.5 lbs
Frame:	Stainless Steel
Cylinder Straps:	Four (4) adjustable nylon with velco
Panel:	Stainless steel color coded by air function
Whip Assemblies:	5000psi (345 bar) rated 4:1 safety factor
Bleeder Valves	Allows depressurization of hand tight nuts
Check Valves:	Allows independent cylinder operation
Respirator Pressure Regulator:	0-5500psi inlet; 0-125psi outlet Minimum flow rate: 18.75cfm @ 500psi inlet pressure and 80psi outlet Maximum flow rate: 63 cfm @ 5000psi inlet pressure and 100psi outlet
High Pressure Tool Regulator:	0-6000psi inlet; 0-275psi outlet. Minimum flow rate: 18.1 cfm @ 500psi inlet pressure and 80psi outlet Maximum flow rate: 162.75 cfm @ 6000psi inlet pressure and
Low Pressure Tool Regulator: (Located at bottom of panel)	0-300psi inlet (inlet pressure set by high pressure tool regulator's outlet pressure); 0-125psi outlet Minimum flow rate: 5 cfm @ 100psi inlet pressure and 80psi outlet Maximum flow rate: 24 cfm @ 275psi inlet pressure and 80psi outlet
Relief Valve (Yellow) Setting Side:	125psi ASME preset; 116cfm flow rate
Relief Valve (Blue) Setting Side:	275psi or 125psi ASME preset relief valves manually selected by pneumatic toggle. 241/140 cfm flow rate respectively
Air Distribution:	Four (4) respirator Quick Connect Sockets Four (4) High Pressure Tool Quick Connect Sockets One (1) Low Pressure Tool Quick Connect Socket
Intrinsically Safe:	No electronic devices
Air Supply:	Two cylinders (2216psi or 4500 psi rated). Auxiliary high pressure inlet (CGA-347 male with pressure cap)
Air Supply Low Pressure Warning	Onboard cylinders, pneumatic whistle set at approximately 500psi. Auxiliary inlet, pneumatic bell set at 500psi

GENERALSEIUP

STEP 1)

Install SCBA cylinders on cart. Position the valves as shown on the drawing (Page 5). Secure cylinders by tightening the straps at the buckle and mate the velcro sections to prevent slipping. 2216psi (153 bar) cylinders or 4500psi (310 bar) cylinders will fit on the cart.

STEP 2)

Install universal CGA-347 hand tight nuts to the cylinder valves and tighten.

STEP 3)

Insure both bleeder valves are closed by turning fully clockwise.

STEP 4)

Index the air source selector valve to the “Air Source Common” position (horizontal).

WARNING: Regulators should be off before opening cylinders . Adjust the regulator knob fully counterclockwise. Damage can occur from inital shock to the system if the regulators are set near maximum pressure.

STEP 5)

Open cylinder #1 (one). At this time the low pressure warning whistle and bell will sound until they set at approximately 1000psi (69 bar). Close the cylinder.

STEP 6)

Check reading on gauge to verify cylinder is full.

STEP 7)

Set the required respirator pressure with the “Respirator Pressure Regulator” control knob located on the yellow panel side.

STEP 8)

Bleed system pressure by partially engaging a male plug into one of the respirator couplings. This depressurizes the manifold and simulates low cylinder pressure. The low pressure warning whistle and bell will sound at approximately 500psi (35 bar). After confirming the warning signals, reinsert male plug and drain completely.

STEP 9)

Open cylinder #2 (two). At this time the low pressure warning whistle and bell will resound until they set at approximately 1000psi (69 bar). Repeat Steps 5 and 6 for cylinder #2 (two).

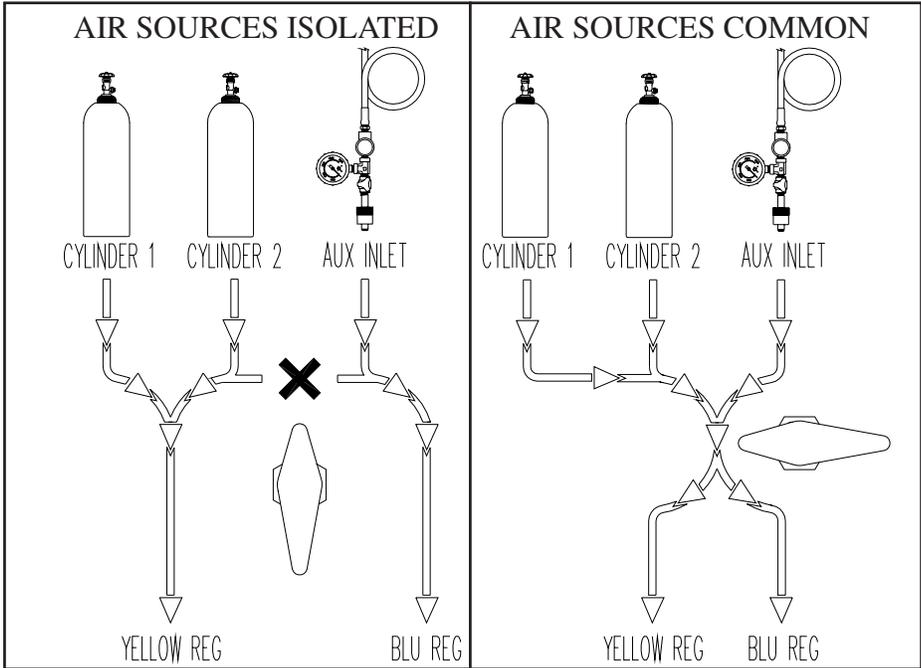
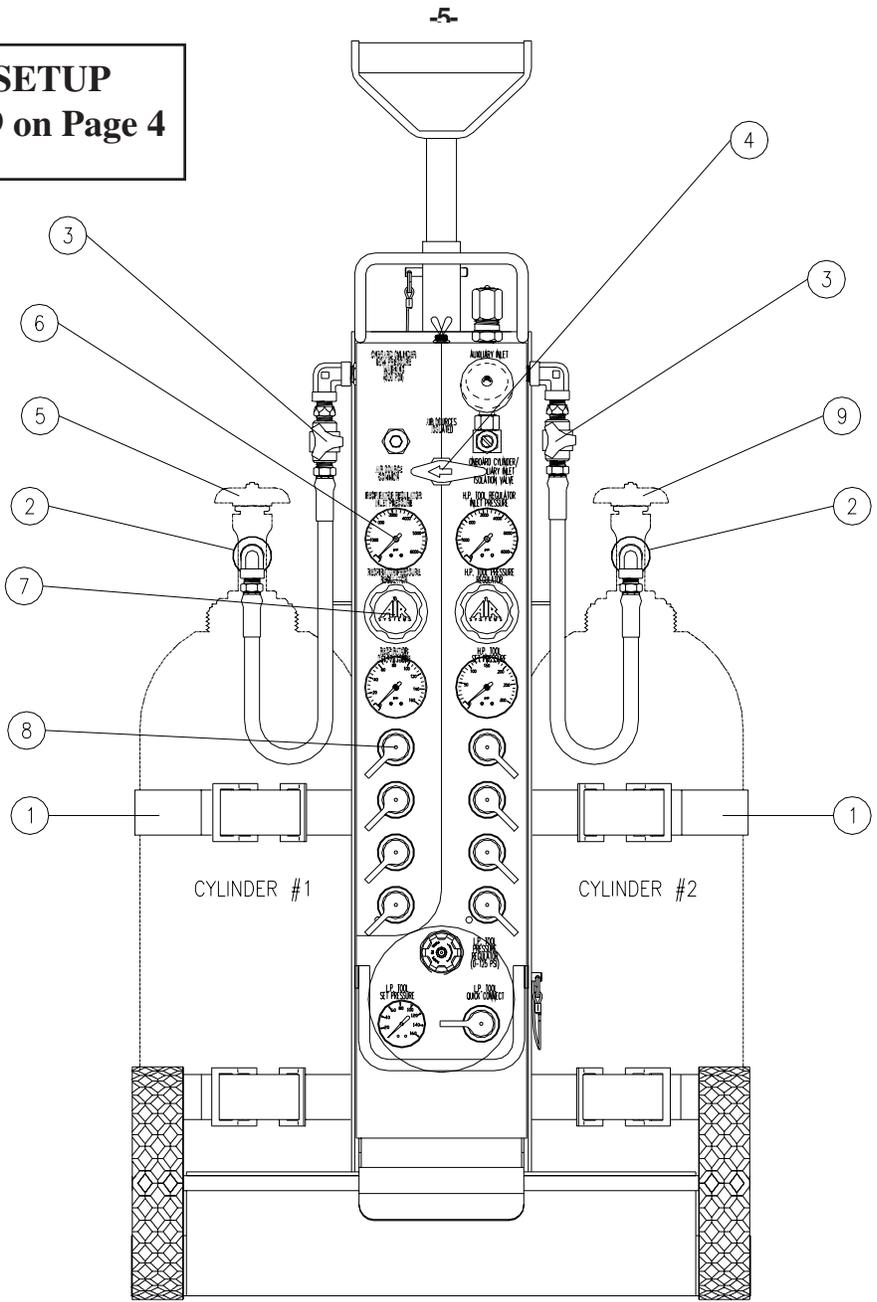
Proceed to a specific setup, see:

Page 6 - “Simultaneous operation of respirators and high pressure tools”

Page 8 - “Isolating two respiratory systems”

Note: Once work application is complete, proceed to Shut Down procedure (Page 10).

GENERAL SETUP
Follow Steps 1-9 on Page 4



SIMULTANEOUS OPERATION OF RESPIRATORS & HIGH PRESSURE TOOLS

STEP 1) Position the pneumatic toggle valve in the “Tool Air Relief” position. (Right facing panel).

WARNING: Regulators should be off before opening cylinders . Adjust the regulator knob fully counter-clockwise. Damage can occur from initial shock to the system if the regulators are set near maximum pressure.

STEP 2) Open one cylinder valve. (Cylinder #2 two should still be open from General Setup).

IMPORTANT USAGE NOTE:

When the cylinder in use has been depleted to approximately 500psi (35 bar), the low pressure warning alarm will sound indicating that the cylinder needs to be replaced.

To change a cylinder while the cart is still in use:

- 1) Open the second cylinder and note the gauge pressure to assure that it is full.
- 2) Close the drained cylinder and open the corresponding bleeder valve to relieve pressure on the hand tight nut.
- 3) Remove the drained cylinder and install a full cylinder in its place. Connect the CGA-347 hand tight nut to the cylinder valve. Close the bleeder valve on the connect whip, it is now ready for use when the other cylinder pressure descends to 500psi or lower.

Note: The system is equipped with check valves that will prevent back flow from the other cylinder in use.

STEP 3) Turn the air source valve towards the “Air Source Common” position (horizontal).

YELLOW AIR DISTRIBUTION SETUP

STEP 4) Set the required respirator pressure with the “Respirator Pressure Regulator”.

STEP 5) Couple respirators and lengths of hoses to the manifold. If necessary, make any final pressure adjustments. The “Yellow Air Distribution” supply system is now operational.

BLUE AIR TOOL DISTRIBUTION SETUP

STEP 6) Set the high pressure tool regulator to satisfy the device with the highest pressure requirement. Maximum outlet pressure is 275psi. The pressure relief valve does have a +/- 10% variance which may effect the maximum output pressure.

STEP 7) Connect tool(s) and lengths of hoses to the “Blue” manifold. If necessary, make any final pressure adjustments. The “Blue Air Tool” distribution supply system is now operational.

STEP 8) Set the low pressure tool regulator pressure to satisfy the device with the lowest pressure requirement. Maximum outlet pressure is 125psi. The low pressure regulator’s air supply comes through the high pressure tool regulator, therefore, the high pressure tool regulator’s set pressure must be equal to or greater than the desired set pressure of the low pressure tool regulator.

IMPORTANT USAGE NOTICE :

Due to the high air consumption rate of pneumatic tools an auxiliary air source should be used. If an auxiliary supply is not going to be used, omit Steps 9 and 10 of this procedure.

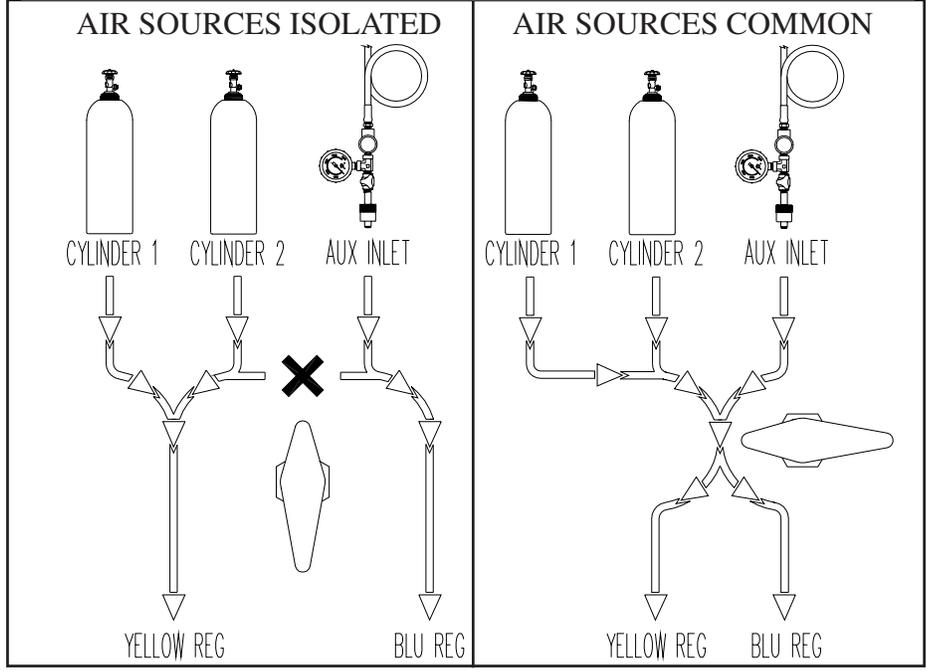
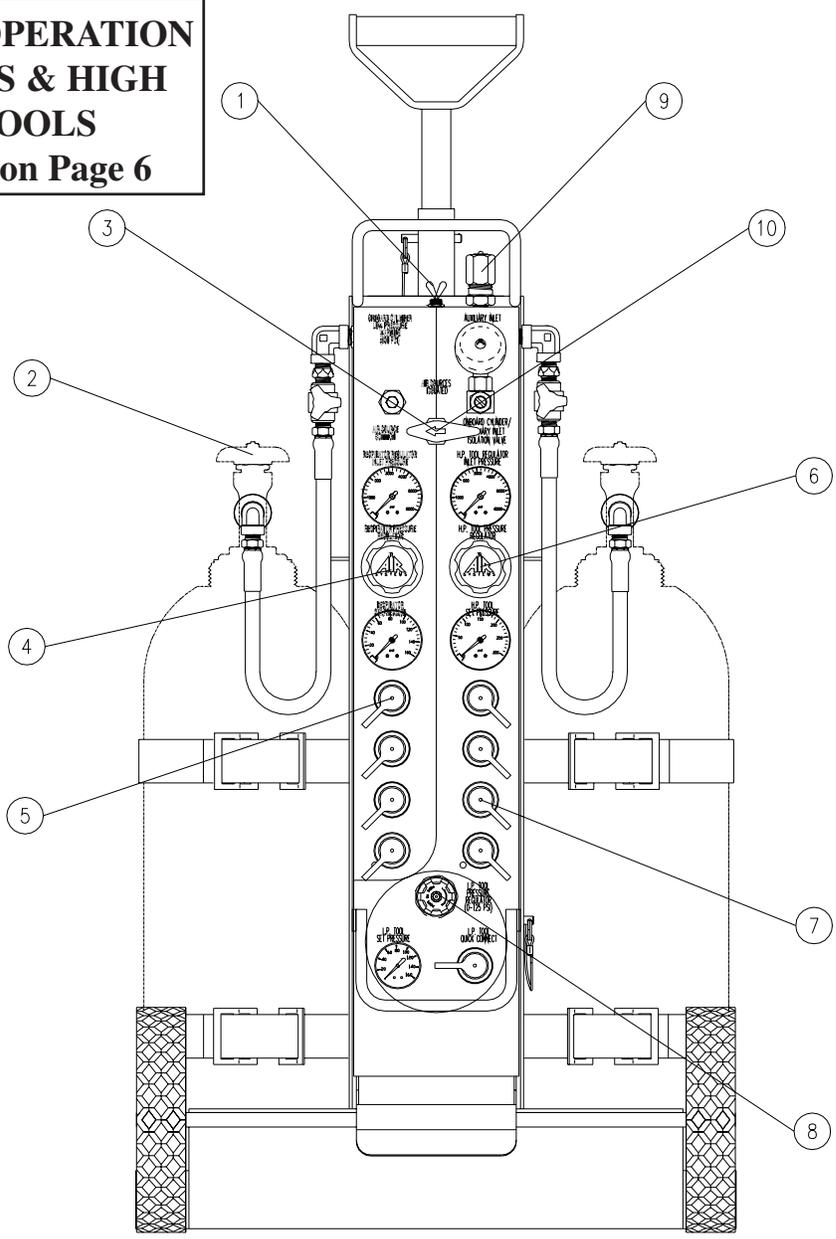
AUXILIARY HIGH PRESSURE INLET SETUP

STEP 9) Connect the auxiliary air source to the “Auxiliary High Pressure Inlet”; the inlet adapter is a CGA-347 male nut with a pressure cap. Open the auxiliary air source.

STEP 10) Turn the air source valve towards the “Air Sources Isolated” position (vertical).

Note: Cylinders #1 and #2 are now dedicated to the “Yellow” distribution side. The “Auxiliary High Pressure” is now dedicated to the “Blue” distribution side.

**SIMULTANEOUS OPERATION
OF RESPIRATORS & HIGH
PRESSURE TOOLS**
Follow Steps 1-10 on Page 6



ISOLATING TWO RESPIRATOR SYSTEMS

STEP 1) Position the pneumatic toggle valve in the “Respirator Air Relief” position. (Left, facing panel).

STEP 2) Turn the air source valve towards the “Air Sources Isolated” position (vertical).

STEP 3) Open cylinder #1 or cylinder #2.

Note: Open only one cylinder if the other cylinder is to be used for backup or reserve.

STEP 4) Connect the third air source to the “Auxiliary High Pressure Inlet”. The inlet adapter is a CGA-347 male nut with a pressure cap.

YELLOW AIR DISTRIBUTION SETUP

STEP 5) Set the required respirator pressure with the “Respirator Pressure Regulator”.

STEP 6) Couple respirators and lengths of hoses to the yellow manifold. If necessary, make any final pressure adjustments. The “Yellow Air Distribution” supply system is now operational.

BLUE AIR DISTRIBUTION SETUP

STEP 7) Set the required respirator pressure with the “High Pressure Tool Regulator”.

STEP 8) Install optional “tool-to-respirator-fitting-adapters” into tool side couplings; then install respirators and lengths of hoses to the “Blue” manifold. If necessary, make any final pressure adjustments. The “Blue Air Tool” distribution supply system is now operational.

Note: This operation satisfies NFPA’s recommended general practices for isolated/independent air sources and delivery systems for both primary and backup rescue teams when operated in this condition. In the event of only one supply source available, or one of the two supply sources become depleted and not replenishable, the air source valve (Step 2) can be indexed to “Air Sources Common” position. This will supply both sides with a supply of high pressure air from either of the sources that are still of sufficient pressure. This does not meet the above NFPA’s recommended practices but will allow for the safe evacuation of all personnel.

SHUTDOWN

Make sure all personnel have egressed the hazardous area and have disconnected from the breathing air system.

- 1) Close cylinder valves.
- 2) Depressurize manifolds by venting one of the quick connect couplings on each manifold.
- 3) Close the regulator(s) by turning the control knob counterclockwise.
- 4) Disconnect airline hoses and reinstall dust caps.
- 5) Remove whip connections from cylinders and reinstall cylinder valve covers (if applicable).

HIGH PRESSURE AIRLINE GENERAL MAINTENANCE & INSPECTION

Monthly

1. Check regulators, gauges, and valves for external leakage.
2. Inspect cylinder valves for proper closure.
3. Check cylinder pigtailed for cleanliness, flexibility, wear, leakage, blisters on hose, thread damage, and O-rings on CGA fittings. Replace damaged items immediately.

Annually

1. Check relief valve's pressure setting.
2. Check regulator function by opening and closing regulator valve knob fully.
3. Check the last hydrostatic test date of all cylinders and retest at required DOT intervals.

Every 4 years

1. Replace all flexible pigtailed - consult factory.

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