





Sharpe Pattern Troubleshooting

PROBLEM:	CAUSE	SOLUTION
IMPROPER SPRAY PATTERN		
Fluttering or spitting spray	Insufficient fluid supply.	Adjust fluid regulator or fill fluid supply.
	Loose fluid nozzle or damaged fluid nozzle taper seat.	Tighten fluid nozzle or replace fluid nozzle and needle.
	Dirt between fluid nozzle, taper seat and body.	Clean.
	Loose or cracked fluid inlet fitting (22).	Tighten or replace fitting.
	Loose fluid tube in cup or tank.	Tighten.
	Dry or worn fluid needle packing or loose packing nut permits air to get into fluid passage (siphon feed).	Lubricate or replace packings or tighten packing nut.
	Fluid build–up on air cap; partially clogged horn holes. Full air pressure from clean horn hole forces fan pattern toward clogged end.	Clean with soft implement or submerge in suitable solvent and wipe clean.
14	Damaged fluid nozzle or air cap holes.	Replace damaged part.
	Fluid build–up on the perimeter of fluid nozzle orifice, or partially clogged fluid nozzle orifice.	Remove obstruction. Never use wire or hard instruments.
	Too high atomization air pressure.	Reduce air pressure or adjust fan adjusting valve.
	Fluid too thin.	Regulate fluid viscosity.
	Not enough fluid pressure.	Increase fluid pressure.
	Low atomization air pressure.	Increase air pressure or adjust fan valve.
	Fluid too thick.	Regulate fluid viscosity.
	Too much fluid.	On siphon feed guns, reduce fluid flow by adjusting fluid valve. On pressure feed guns, reduce fluid pressure. Adjust fluid adjusting valve until proper pattern is obtained.
Streaks	Last coat of fluid applied too wet.	Apply drier finish with multiple strokes.
	Too much air pressure.	Use lowest air pressure necessary.
	Insufficient air pressure.	Increase air pressure.
	Non-uniform spray pattern.	Clean or replace air cap.