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# Improving your Color Change Process and Reducing Waste

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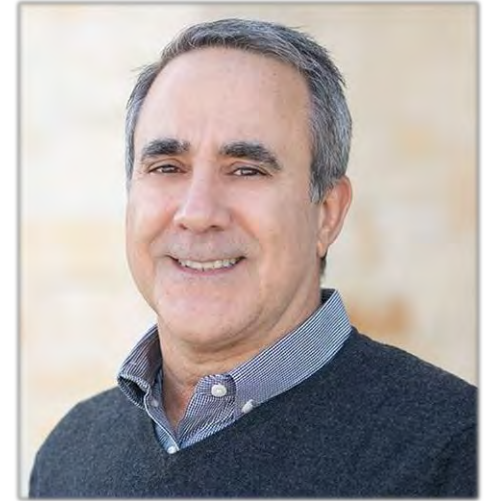
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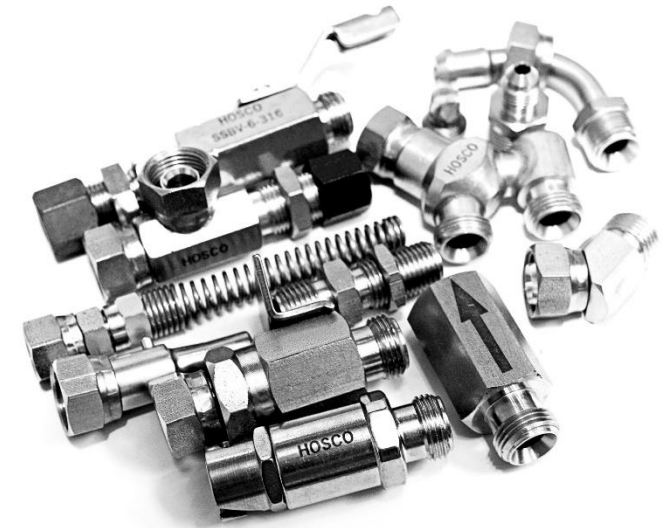
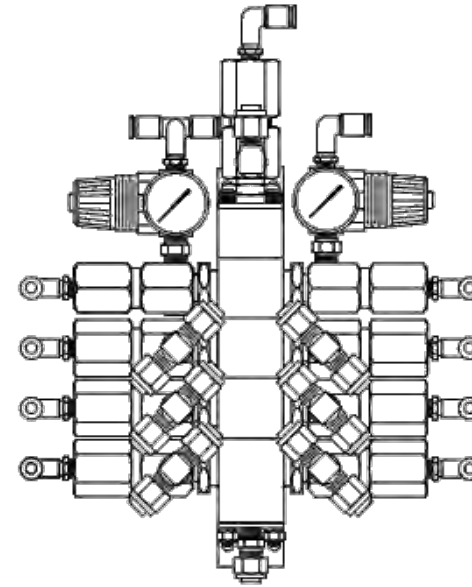
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# Automating The Color Change Process

## Presentation Overview:

- Why Automate the Color Change Process
- Color Change Hardware
- Color Change Terminology
- Color Change Sequence & Examples
- Dual Purge Color Change
- Other Solutions
- Questions



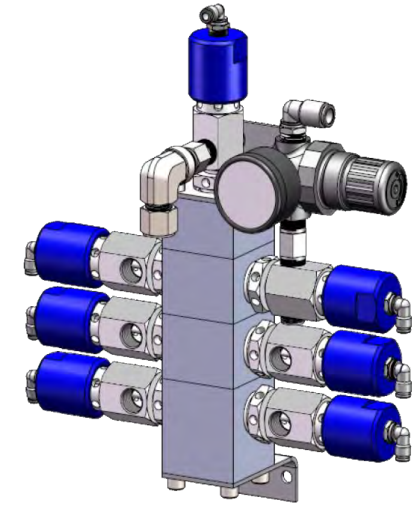
# Color Change – Benefit of Automating

- Automating the color change process provides many benefits
  - ✓ Increases Productivity (reduce production gaps)
  - ✓ Eliminates contamination from poor flushing
  - ✓ Minimizes amount of paint wasted
  - ✓ Minimizes the amount of solvent used and waste created during the flush process (35 – 55% decrease).
- Color change time; “Fast” is a relative term
  - ✓ Automotive OEM: 8 – 12 Seconds
  - ✓ Tier 1 Automotive: 30 – 60 seconds
  - ✓ Industrial application: 45 sec – 10min



# Color Change - Hardware

- The heart of a “color change” system is the color valve manifold assembly.
  - ✓ Termination point for multiple colors.
  - ✓ Flush media (water or solvent).
  - ✓ Air for purging
- Pneumatically operated
  - ✓ Manually or automatically
  - ✓ Can be located in spray booth or process arm
  - ✓ Should be as close to applicator as possible
- Modular Design
  - ✓ Solvent and Air at top
  - ✓ Select number of colors





# Color Change - Hardware

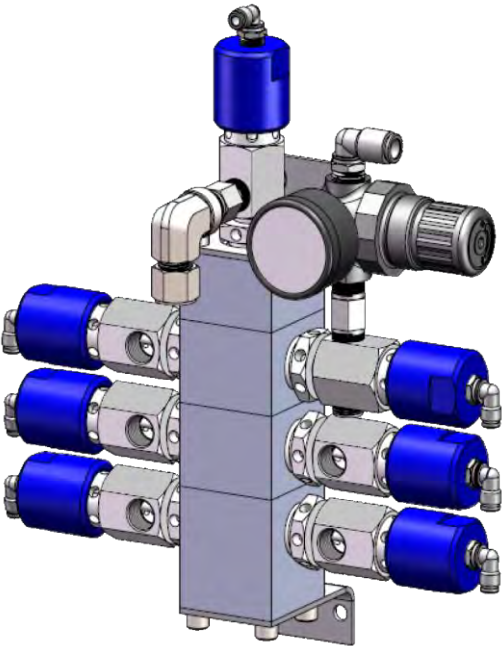
A wide variety of color stack configurations available

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## CCV-503-SS COLOR CHANGE VALVE



SPECIFICATIONS	
Maximum air inlet pressure:	7 bar [105 psi]
Air requirements (operating pressure):	4.8-6.9 bar [70-100 psi]
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Valve actuation speed (ON/OFF cycles):	55 cycles/min
Wetted Parts:	300 series Stainless Steel, PTFE



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## CCV-403-SS & CCV-403-SS-E COLOR CHANGE VALVES



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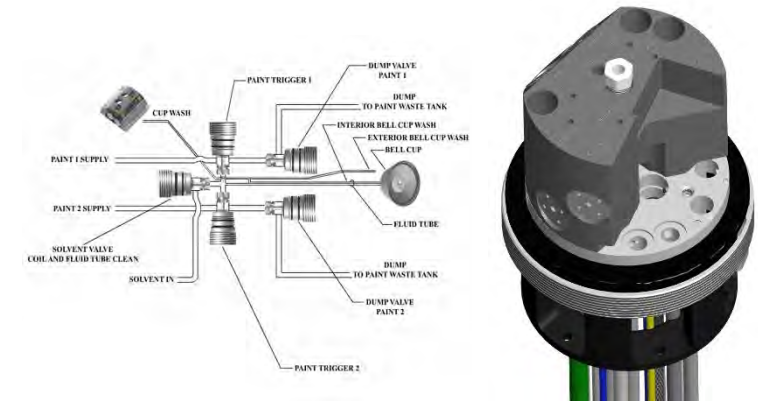
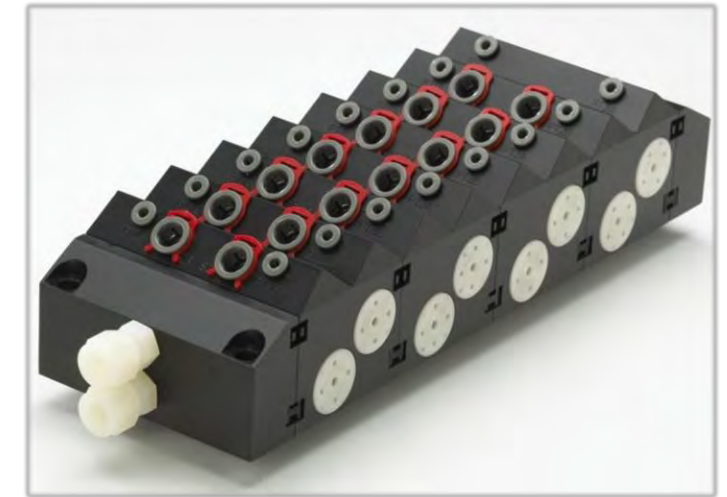
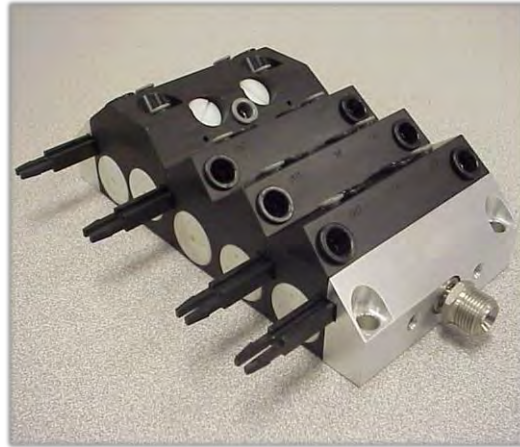
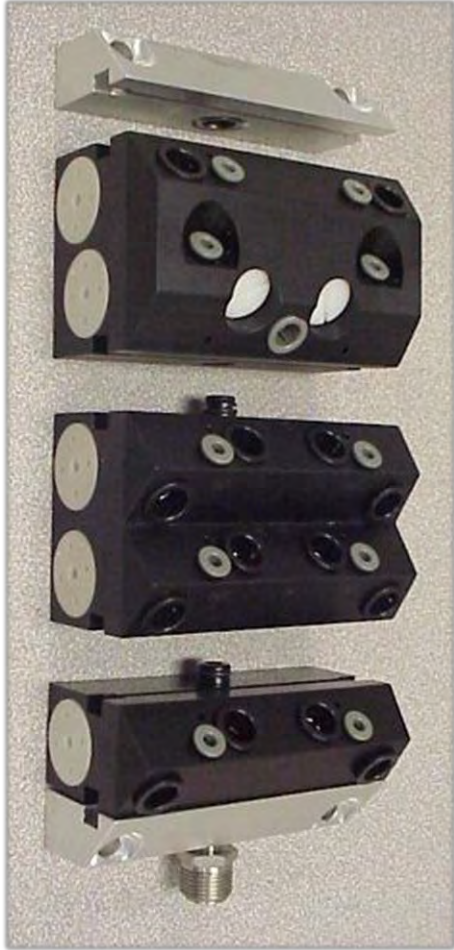
CCV: Low Pressure up to 300psi

CCV MP: Medium Pressure up to 1000psi



# Color Change - Hardware

A wide variety of color stack configurations available

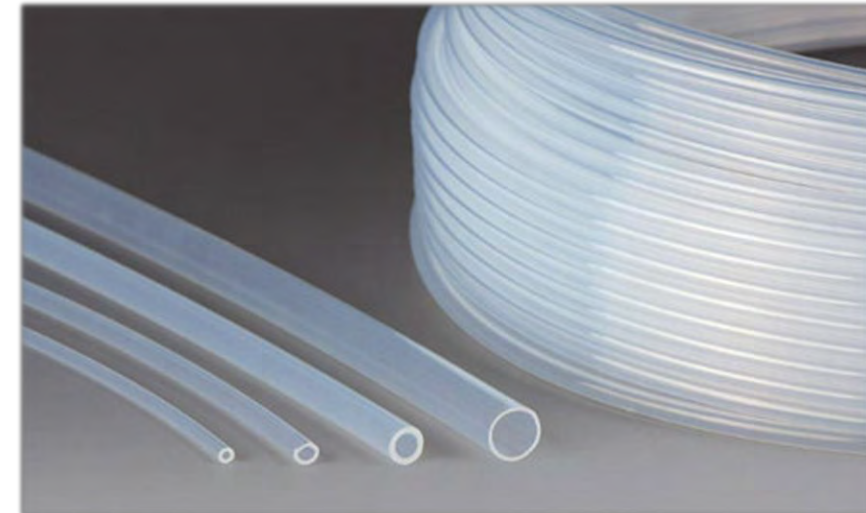
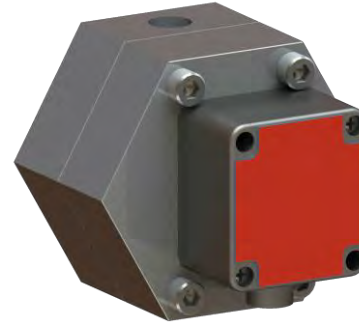


**MCV2:** Light Weight Modular Design

**MCV2D:** Dual Purge, Light Weight Modular Design

- Downstream hardware from the color stack includes:

- ✓ Flow Meters
- ✓ Fluid Regulators
- ✓ Application Equipment
- ✓ Dump Valves
- ✓ Fluid Tubing
- ✓ Fluid Fittings

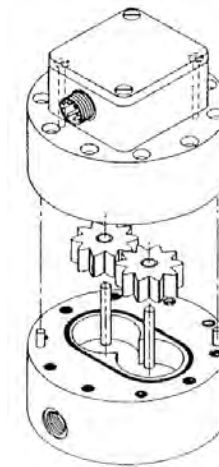




# Color Change - Hardware

- Flow Meters

- ✓ Gear Type, fluid drives gears which generate pulses through pick-up assembly.
- ✓ Coriolis, straight or bent tube which detects flow based on vibration.
- ✓ Typically located at outlet of color stack.
- ✓ With closed loop flow control, may have one dedicated per applicator.



# Color Change - Hardware

- Fluid Regulators

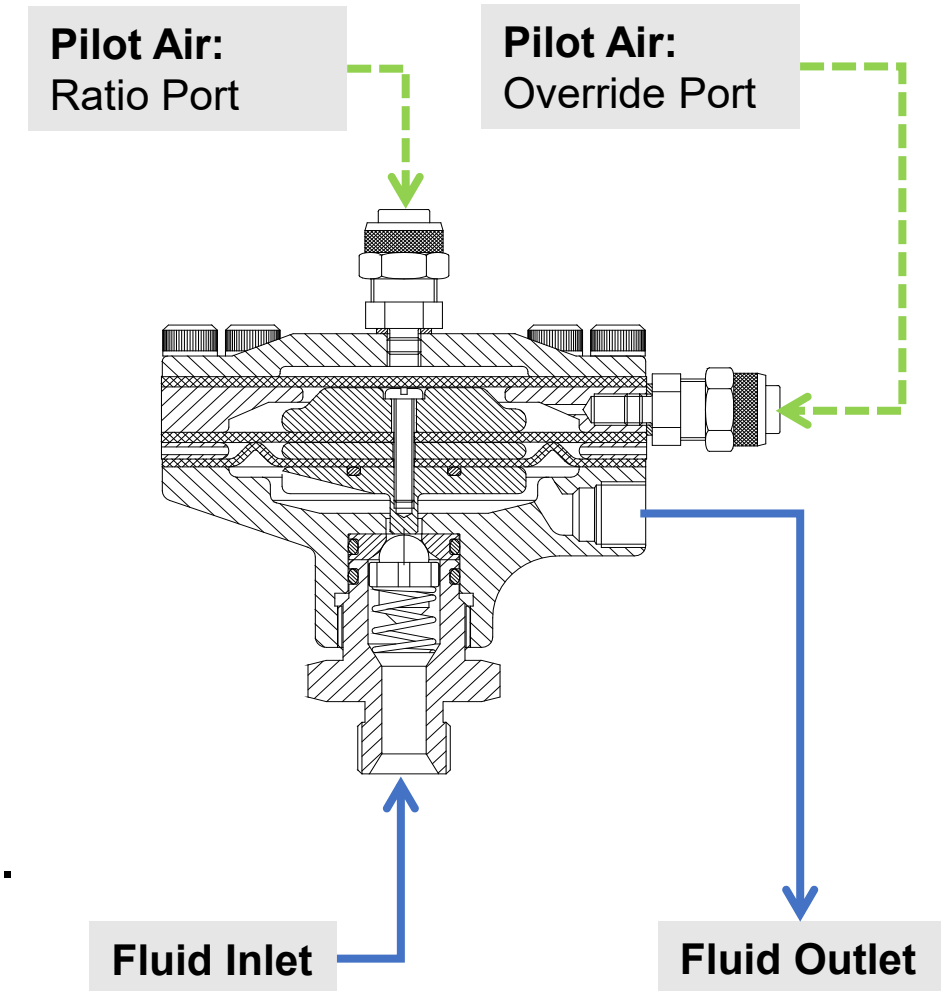
- ✓ Used to regulate flow rate:

- Line pressure from fluid forces regulator closed.
    - Remote air signal is used to oppose fluid pressure and allow fluid flow.

- ✓ Internal machining and passages should be evaluated.

- ✓ Regulator volume should be considered.

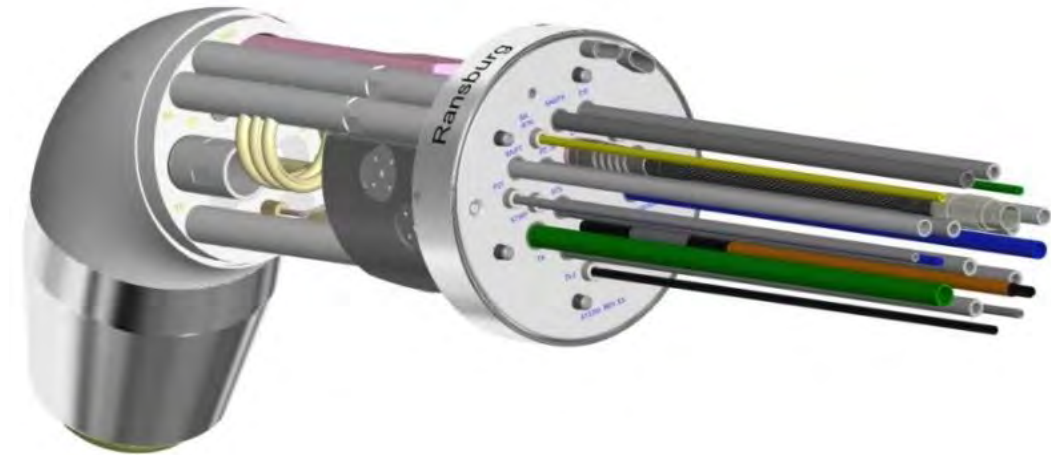
- ✓ May be integrated into applicator or color stack.





- Dump Valves

- ✓ Typically located at or in applicator.
- ✓ Used to allow flushing through larger orifice in dump valve as opposed to restriction in applicator (.042, .055, .070).
- ✓ Outlet of dump valve plumbed to reclaim system.
- ✓ In some cases dump valve is not used, coating is purged into booth for reclaim.



# Color Change - Hardware

- Application Equipment

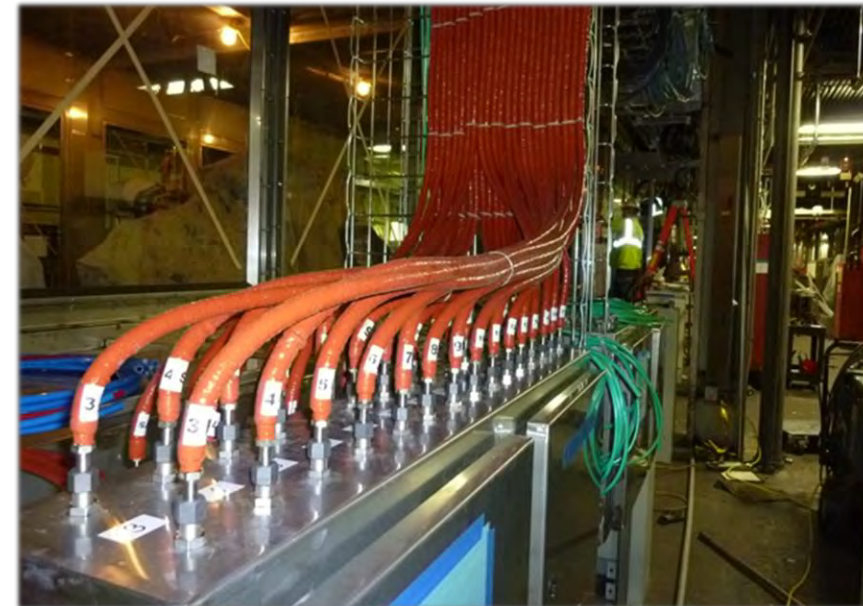




# Color Change - Hardware

- Fluid Tubing

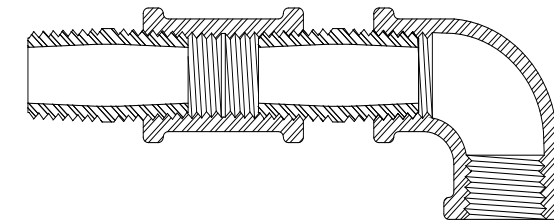
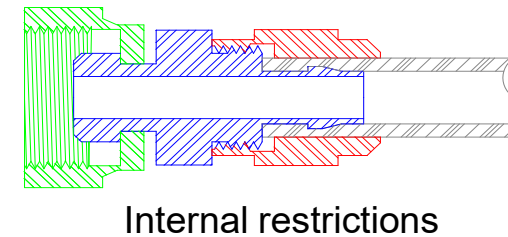
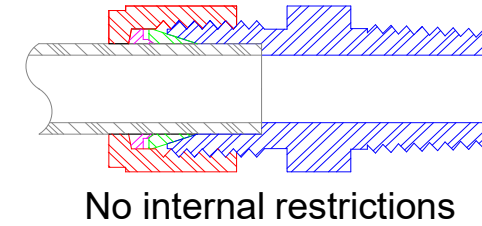
- ✓ Teflon tubing is recommended
- ✓ FEP or PFA (PFA is a high temp version of FEP)
  - Clear, easy to see level of cleanliness
  - Smooth with low coefficient of friction
  - High DI-electric strength (electrostatics)
- ✓ Minimize length and inside diameter “ID” of tubing
  - 1/8” (.125) = 2.41 ml / 300 mm (0.08 oz)
  - 1/4” (.250) = 9.65 ml / 300 mm (0.33 oz)
  - 3/8” (.375) = 21.72 ml / 300 mm (0.73 oz)
  - 1/2” (.500) = 38.60 ml / 300 mm (1.30 oz)
  - Evaluate flow restriction



# Color Change - Hardware

- Fluid Fittings

- ✓ Use Nylon or stainless-steel fittings.
- ✓ Use fittings without internal restriction
- ✓ Use “AN” style fittings
- ✓ Do not use pipe fittings
  - ✓ Exposed internal threads trap paint and increase color change time.
  - ✓ Rough interior surfaces cause contamination (dirt) and resistance.
  - ✓ Prone to rusting and scaling.



Avoid pipe style fittings



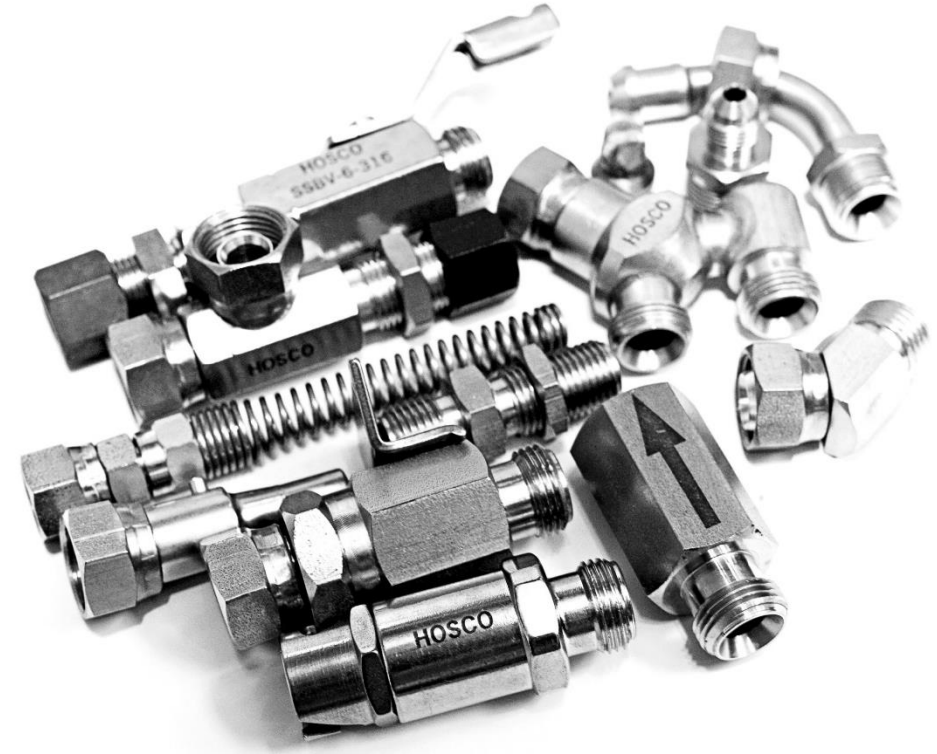
# Color Change - Hardware

- Fluid Fittings

**Conventional Ball Valve  
(cut-a-way)**

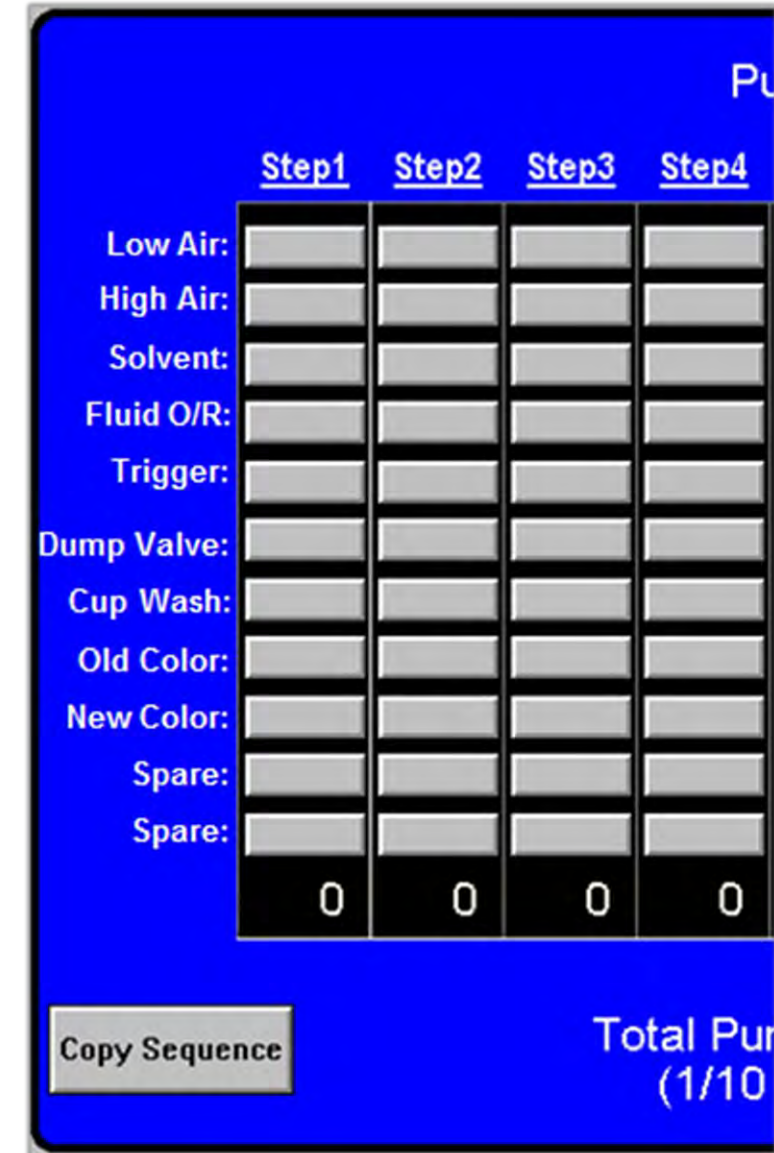


**Encapsulated Ball "Ball Valve"  
(cut-a-way)**



# Color Change - Terminology

- **Low Air:** Air pressure used to match fluid pressure and push residual paint out of the system while still painting.
- **High Air:** Air pressure used during cleaning of fluid lines and hardware.
- **Solvent:** Air signal is used to actuate flow of solvent or other flush media.
- **Fluid O/R (override):** Air signal sent to fluid regulator to fully open and facilitate faster cleaning cycle.
- **Trigger:** Air signal sent to actuate paint applicator(s).
- **Dump Valve:** Air signal sent to open dump valve which facilitates faster flush.



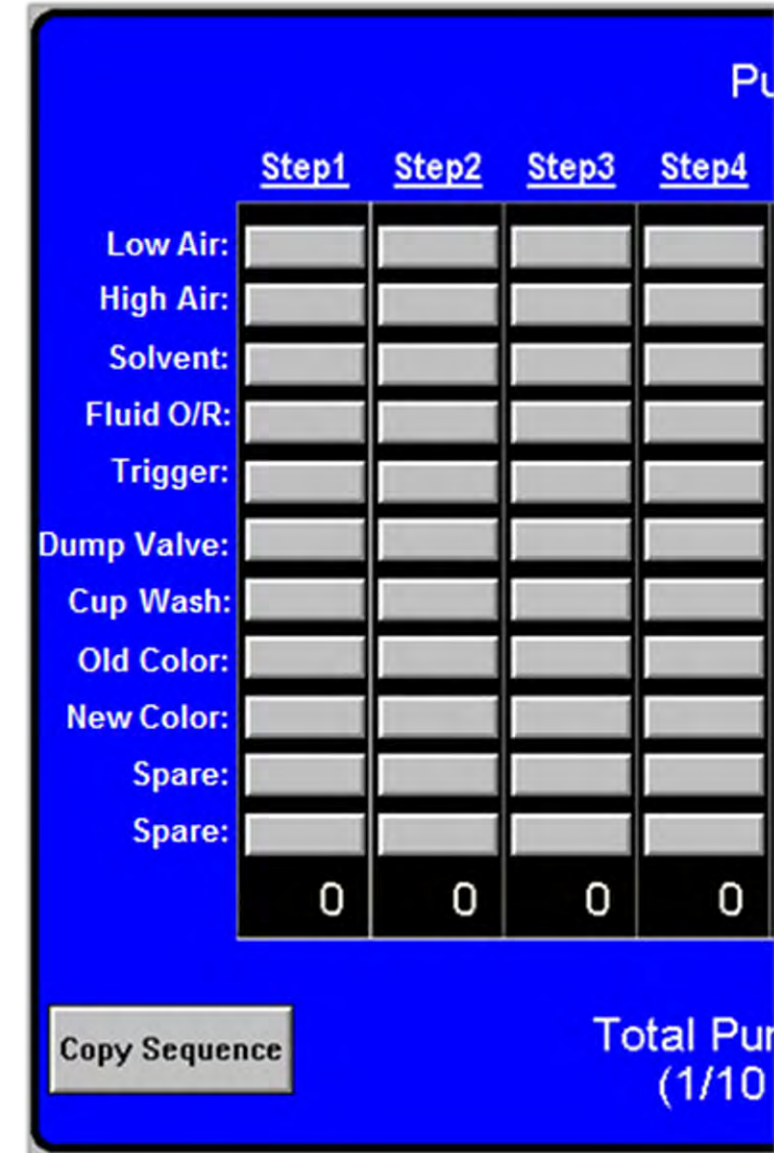
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Trigger:				
Dump Valve:				
Cup Wash:				
Old Color:				
New Color:				
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Total Pur (1/10)

# Color Change - Terminology

- **Cup Wash:** Specific to rotary atomizers, air signal is used to actuate solvent supply which flushes bell cup only.
- **Old Color:** Refers to previous color used.
- **New Color:** Refers to next color selected
- Helpful information when setting up color change sequence:
  - **System Capacity:** Volume of material within the fluid delivery system from the color stack to the applicator
  - **Fill Time:** Time required to “fill” the system when empty



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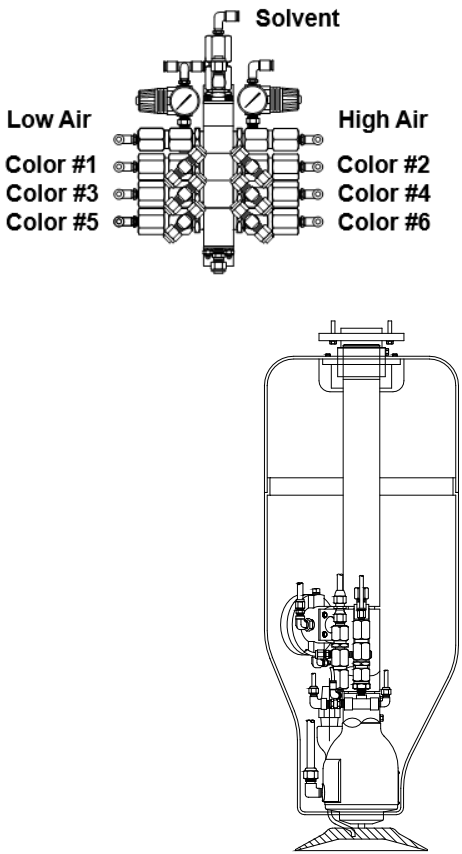
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# Color Change - Sequence

- The color change sequence is typically broken down into two sections:
  - ✓ Purge or Flush
  - ✓ Load or Fill



Station: Clear Bell 1

Color Change Sequence

Color: 1

Purge Sequence

	Step1	Step2	Step3	Step4	Step5	Step6	Step7	Step8	Step9	Step10
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Color Load Sequence

	Step1	Step2	Step3	Step4	Step5
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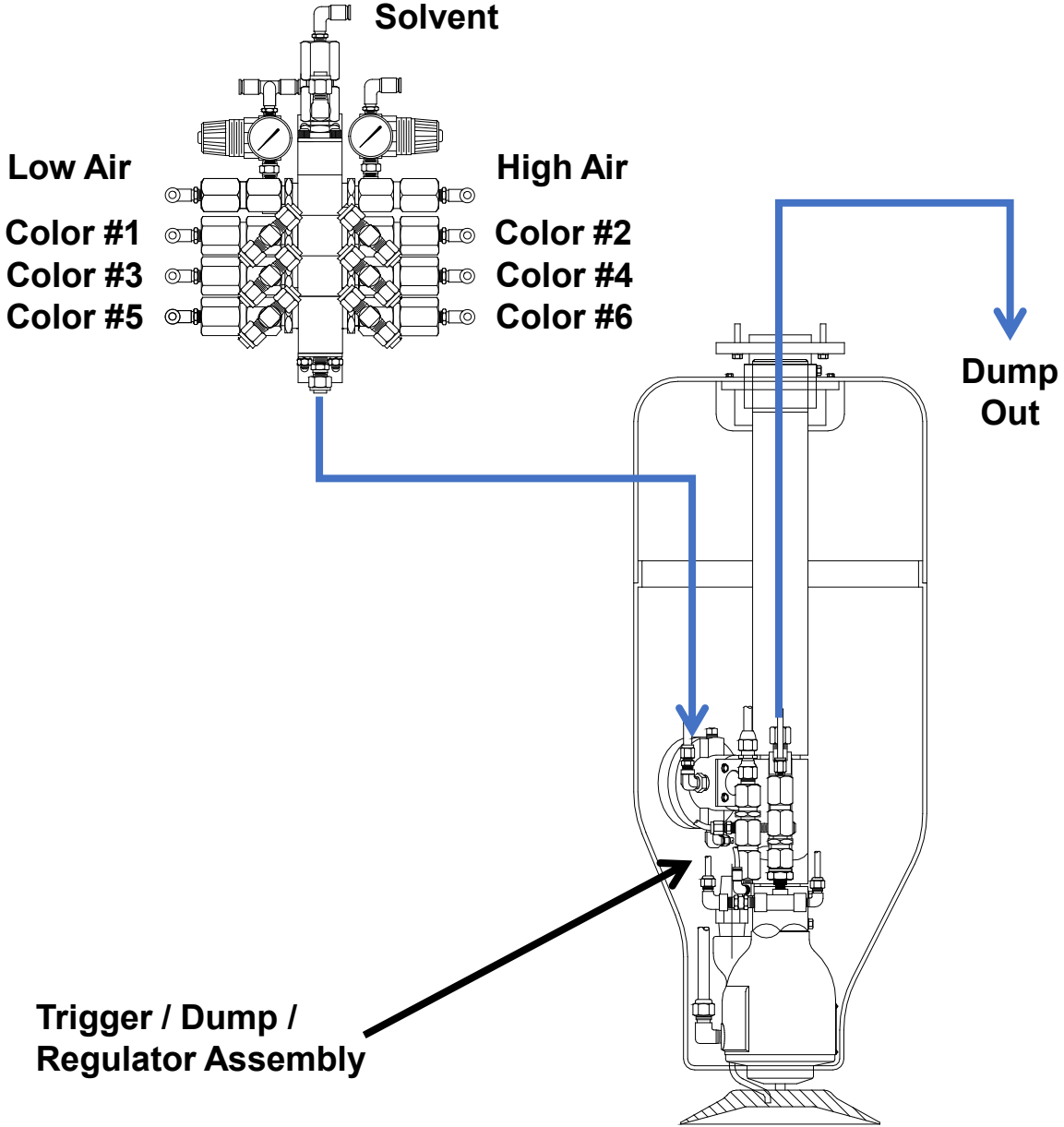
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(1/10 Second)

Total Load Time: 0  
(1/10 Second)



# Color Change – Sequence: Purge / Flush

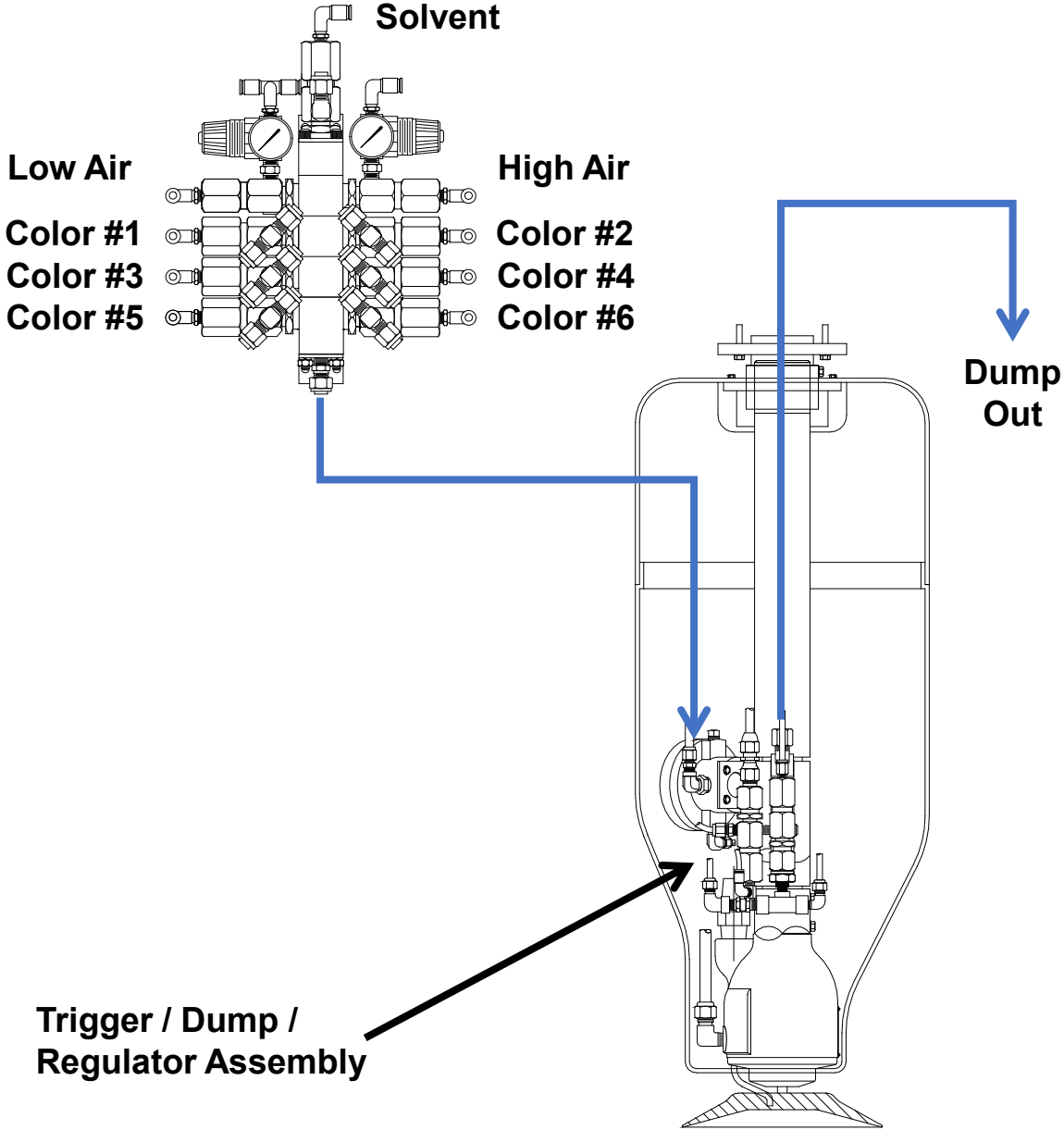
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# Color Change – Sequence: Load / Fill

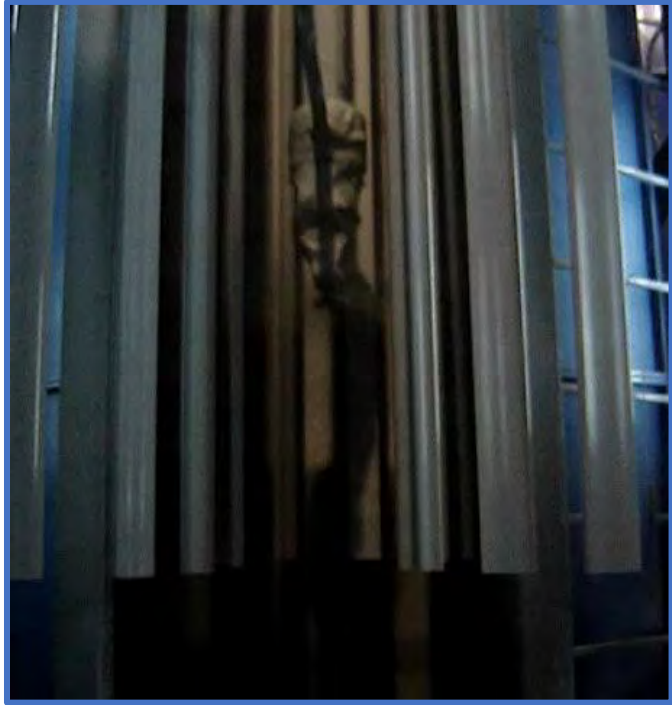
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*Timing typically 40 - 120 seconds*



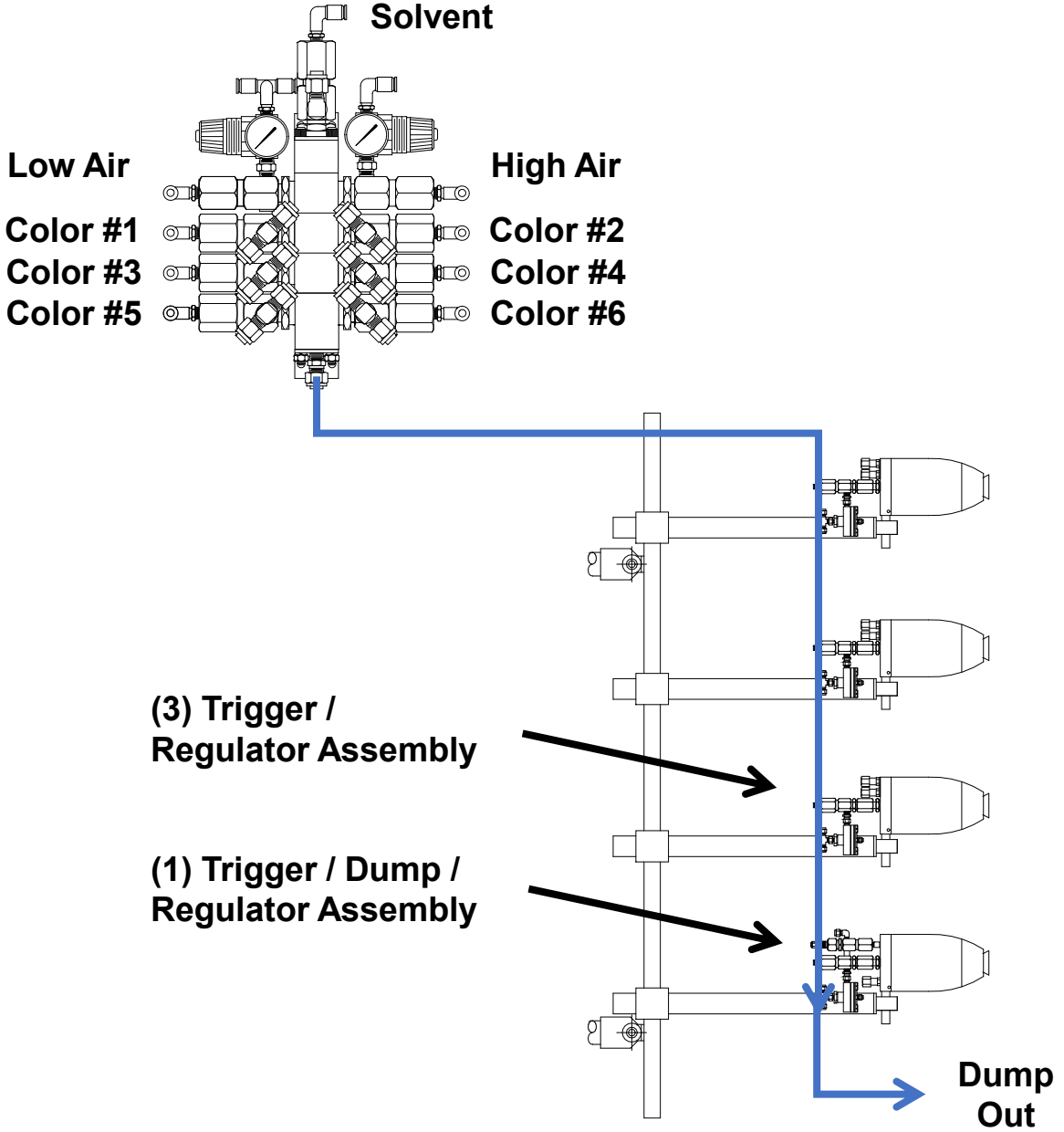
# Color Change – Sequence: Load / Fill

	Previous Configuration	Modified Configuration	Savings Per Day
Fluid Supply Line Length:	45 Feet	27 Feet	
Fluid Supply Line "ID":	5/8"	1/4"	
Fluid Line Capacity:	2700	270	
System Capacity:	2850	320	
Color Change Time:	10 Minutes	40 Sec (2 Min)	
Color Changes Per Shift:	8	8	
Color Change Time Per Shift:	80 Minutes	16 Minutes	64 Minutes
Solvent Used Per Color Change:	9462 cc	365 cc	
Solvent Used Per Shift:	20 Gallons	.75 Gallons	19.25 Gallons



# Color Change – Sequence: Purge / Flush

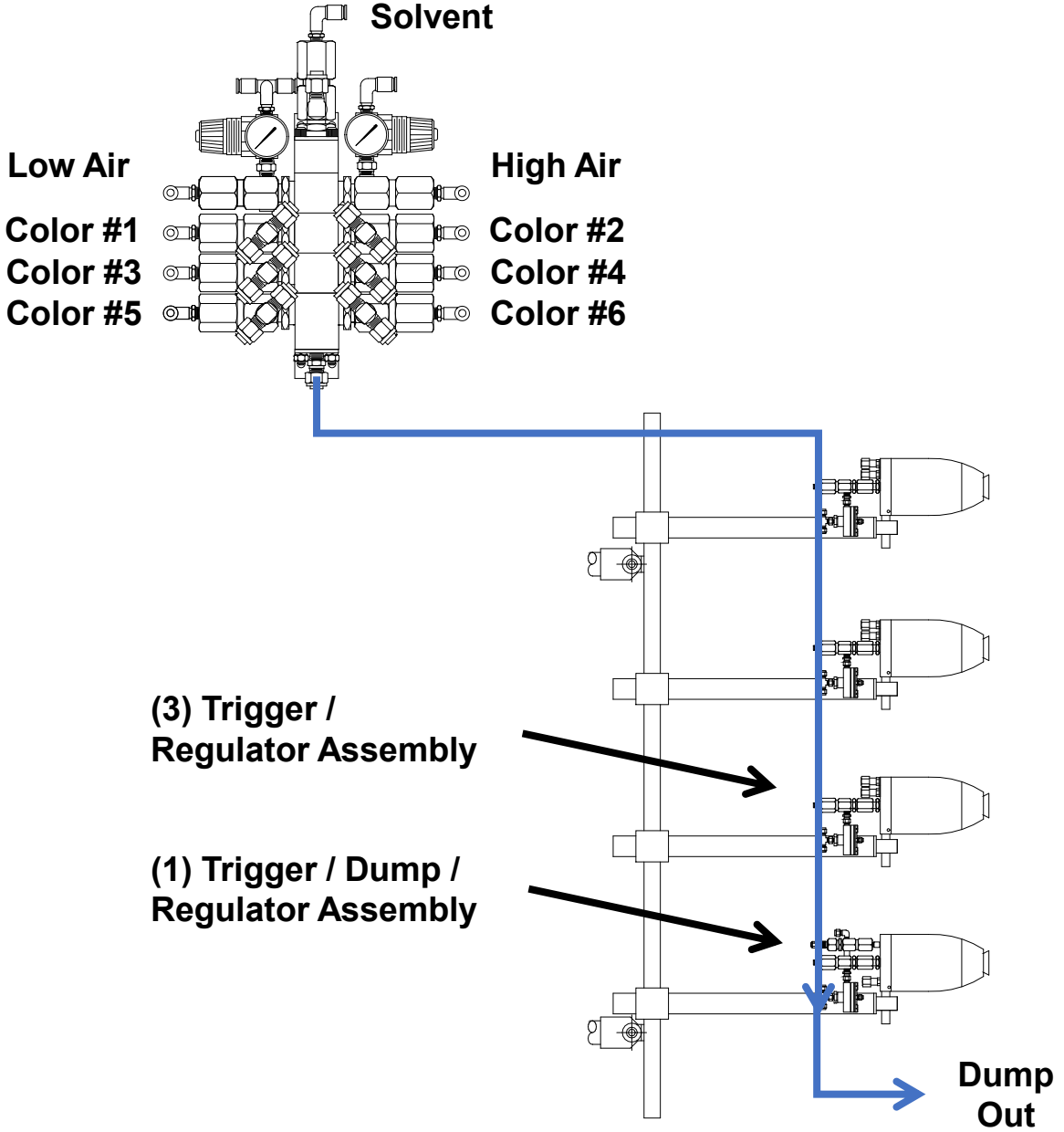
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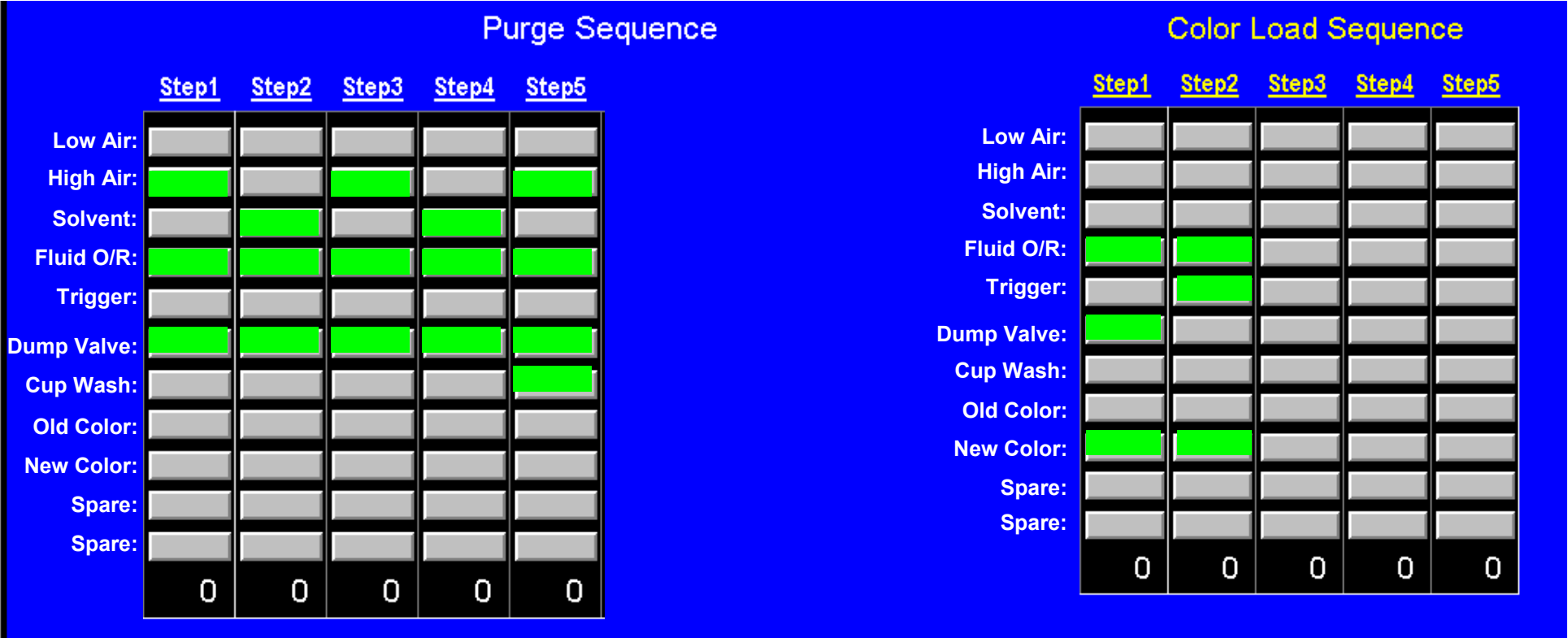
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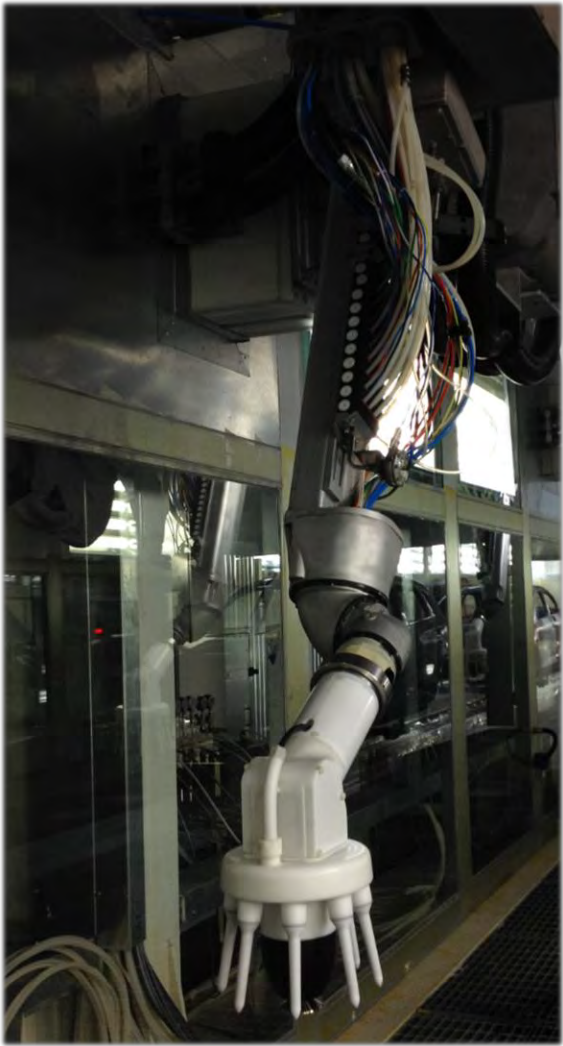


*Timing typically 30 - 60 seconds*

# Color Change – Sequence: Flush / Load

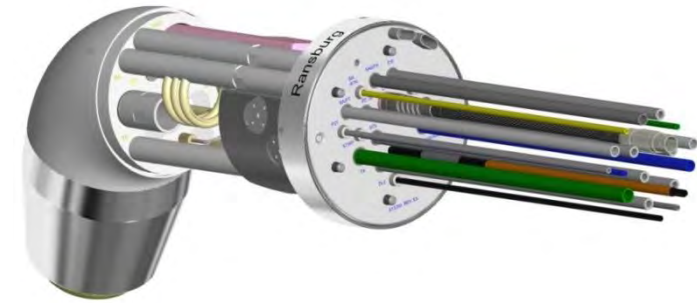


*Timing typically 8 - 12 seconds*



# Color Change – Dual Purge Applicators

- The RMA and Evolver applicators have an optional dual purge feature.
  - ✓ The dual purge feature utilizes a 5-valve manifold block assembly.
  - ✓ Two fluid sources are available to the applicator at all times.
  - ✓ While one color is being applied with voltage activated, the second color can be flushed and loaded.
  - ✓ During the color change process, an integrated solvent valve is used to quickly flush out the coiled fluid tube and spray head.
  - ✓ Color change times of 7 – 10 seconds can be achieved since both materials are at the applicator.



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- (2) Paint Valves
- (2) Dump Valves
- (1) Solvent Flush

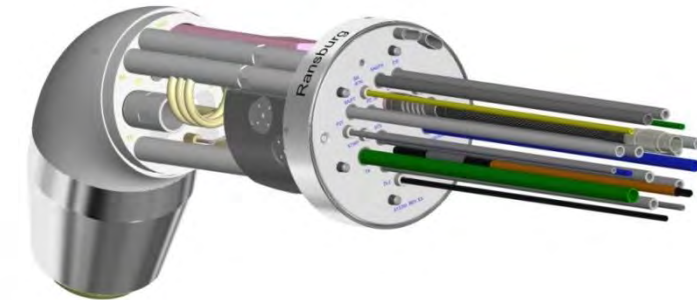
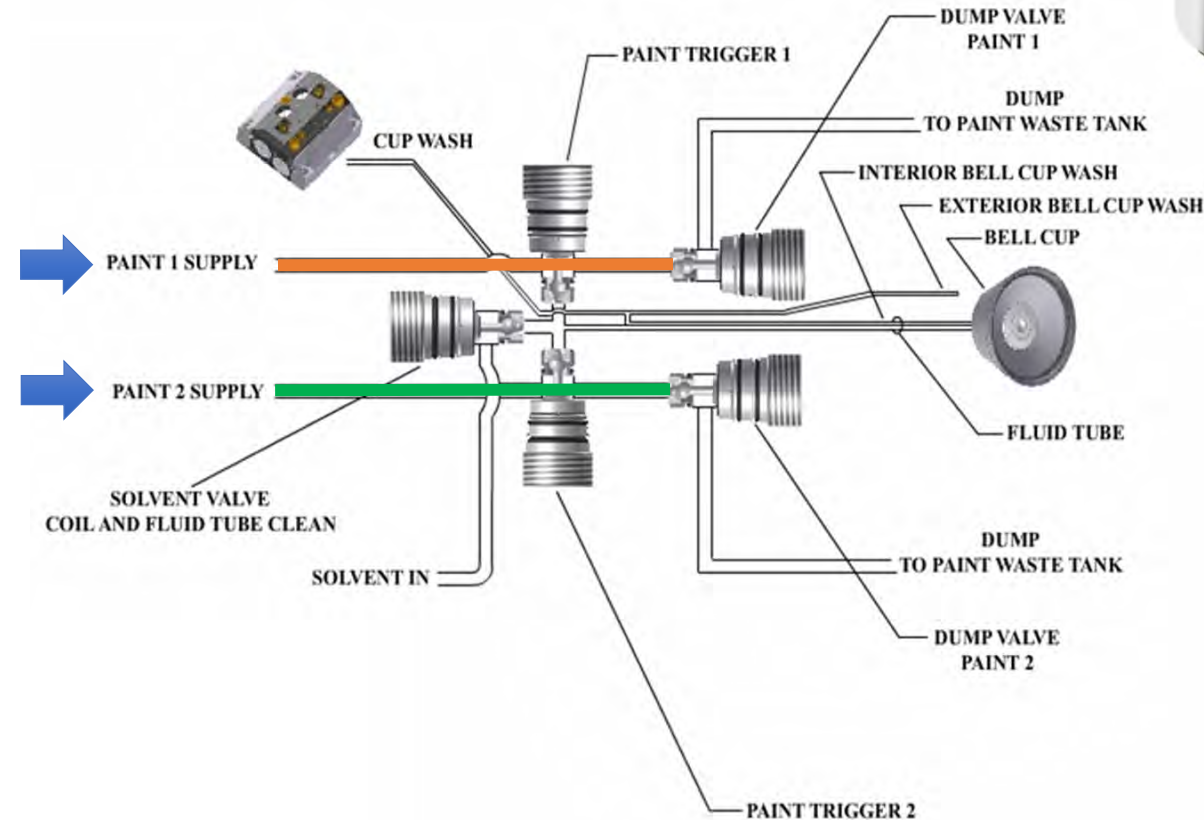


# Color Change – Dual Purge Applicators

## RMA and Evolver Series of Atomizers

### Dual Purge Sequence

➡ C1 & C2 loaded



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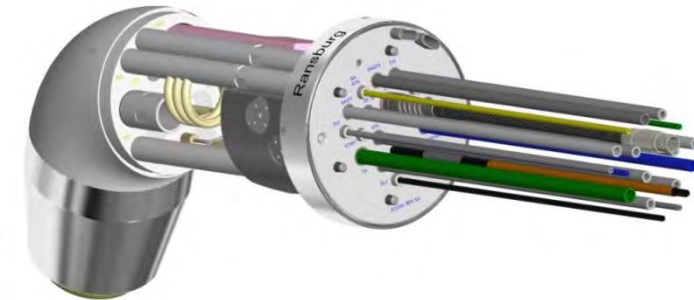
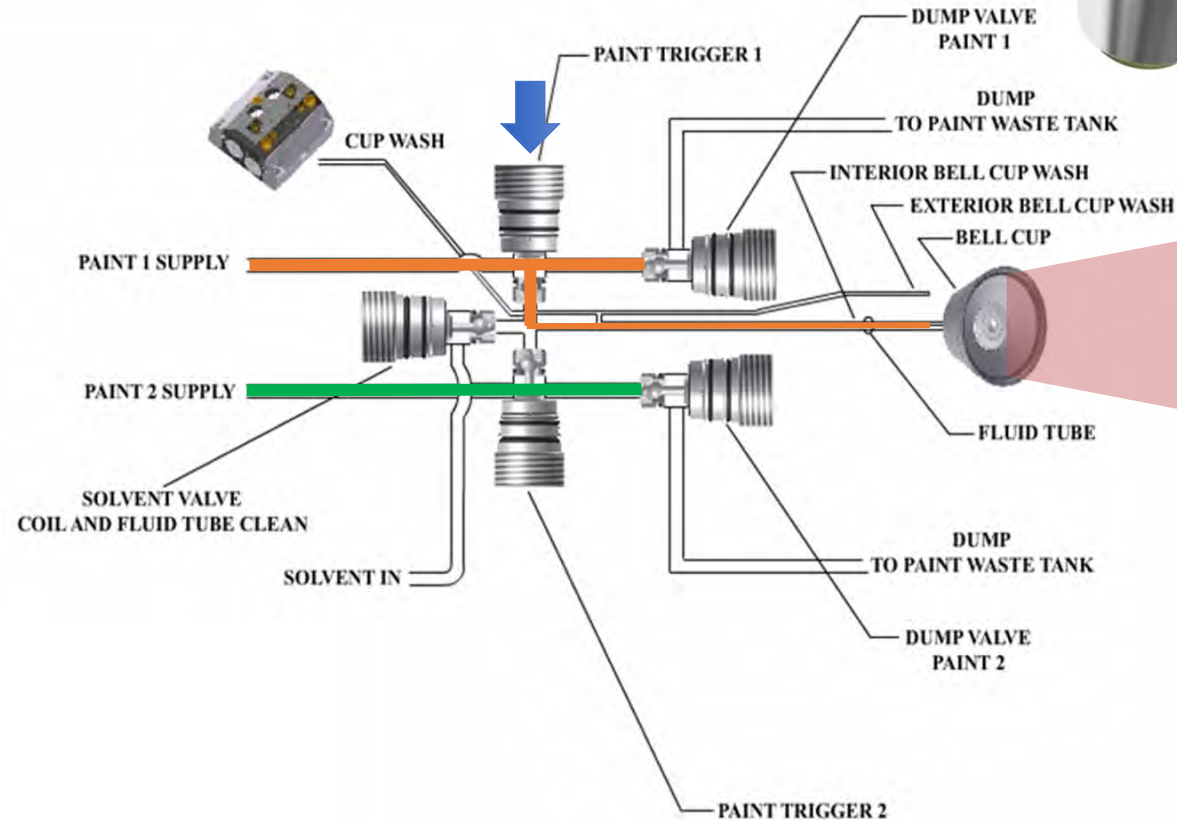
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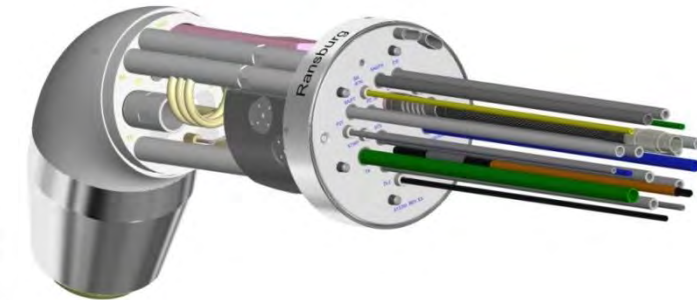
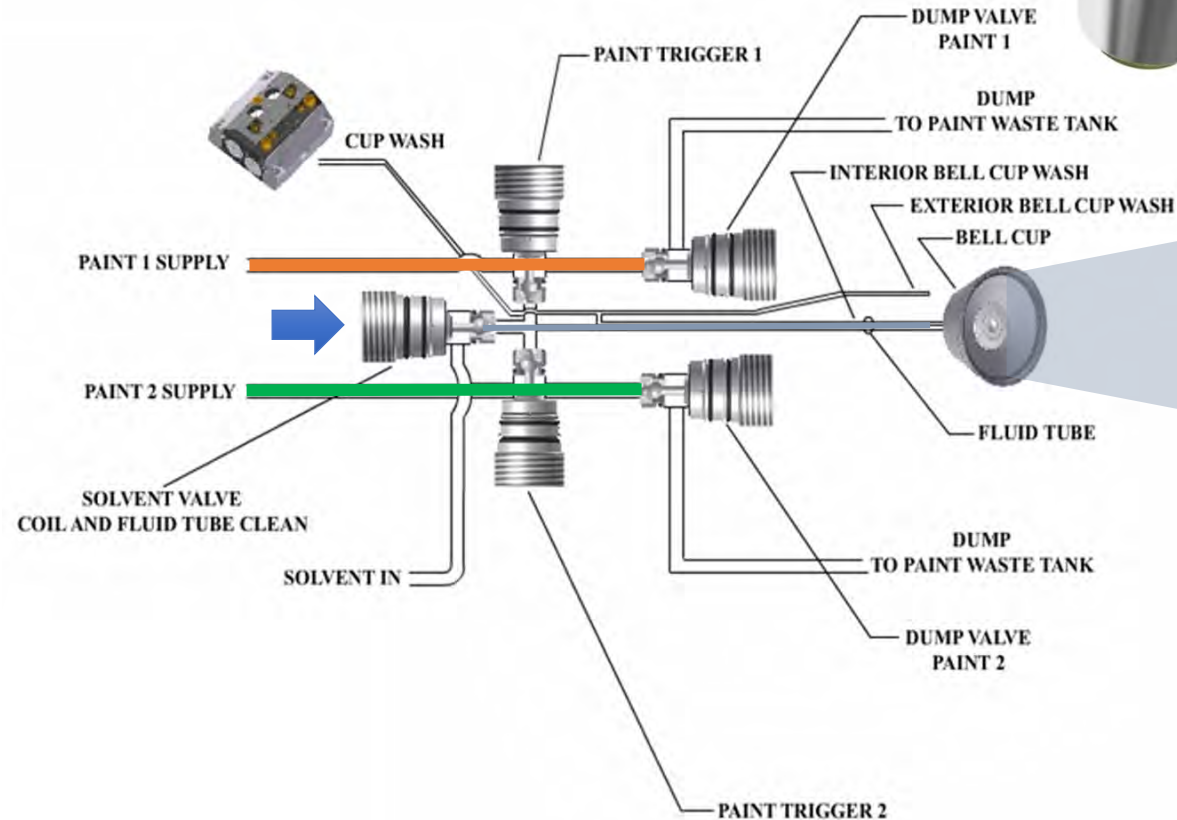
## RMA and Evolver Series of Atomizers

### Dual Purge Sequence

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Spray with C1

➡ Clean fluid tube



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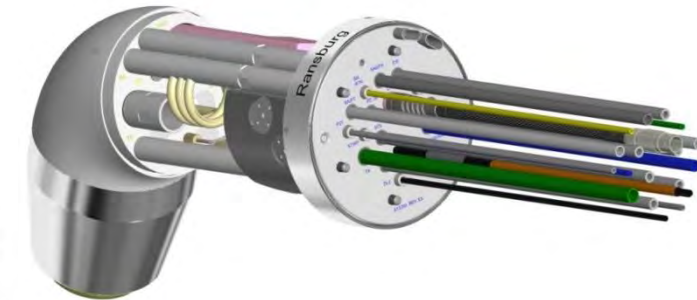
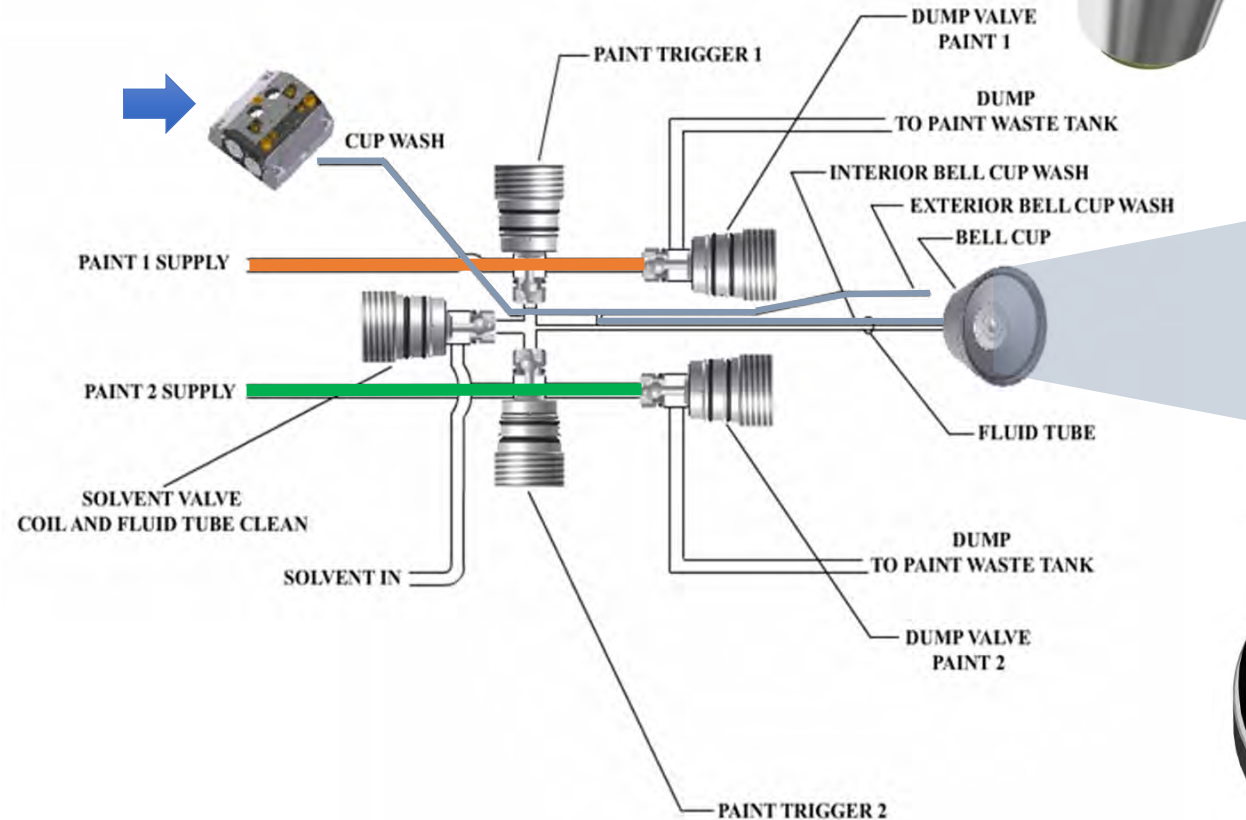
### Dual Purge Sequence

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Spray with C1

Clean fluid tube

➡ Wash bell cup

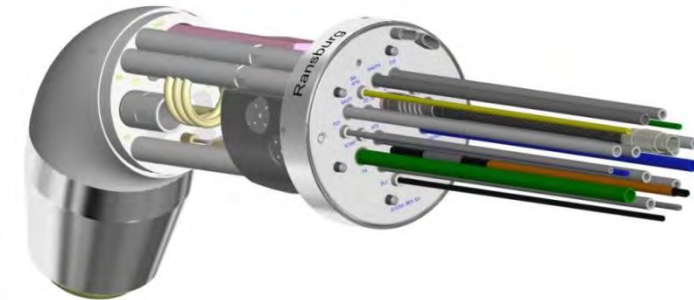
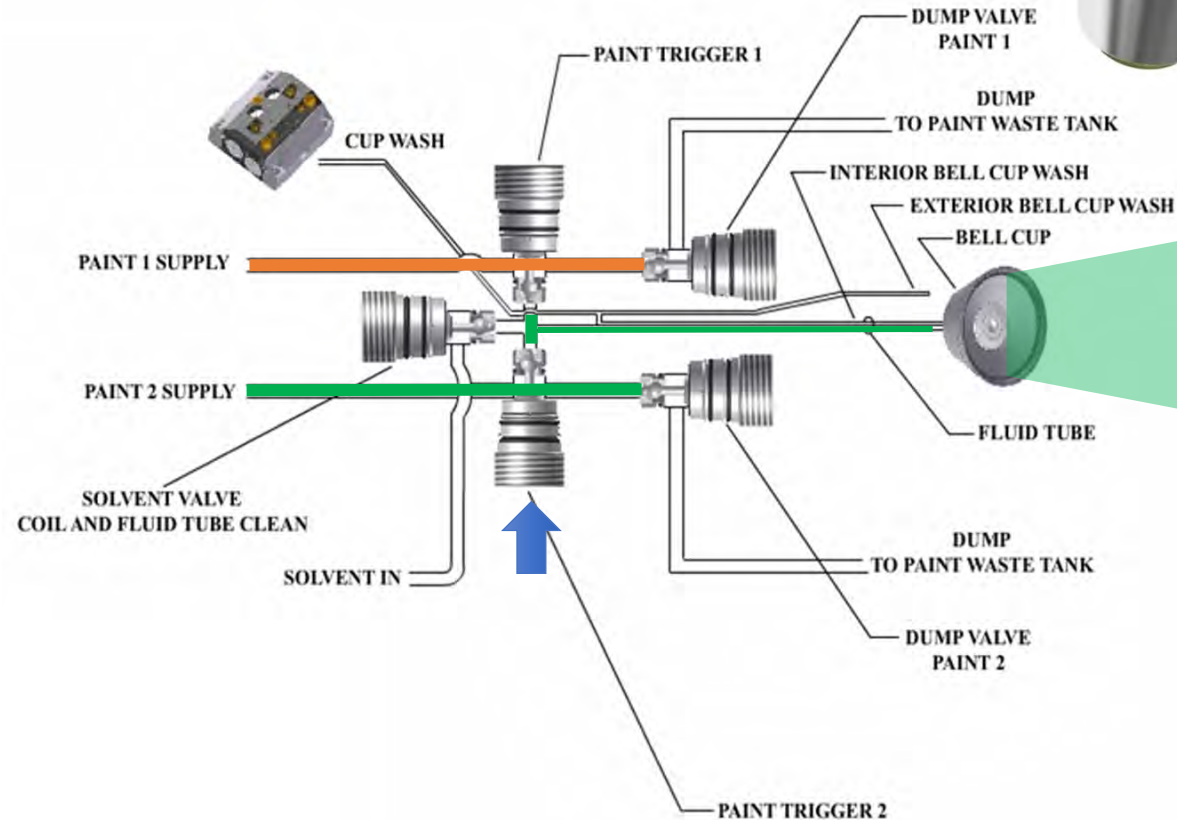


# Color Change – Dual Purge Applicators

## RMA and Evolver Series of Atomizers

### Dual Purge Sequence

C1 & C2 loaded  
 Spray with C1  
 Clean fluid tube  
 Wash bell cup  
 ➡ Spray with C2





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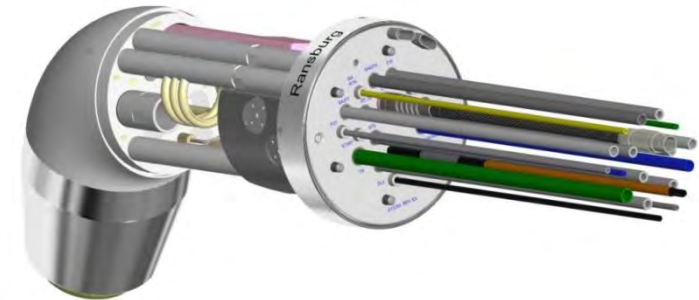
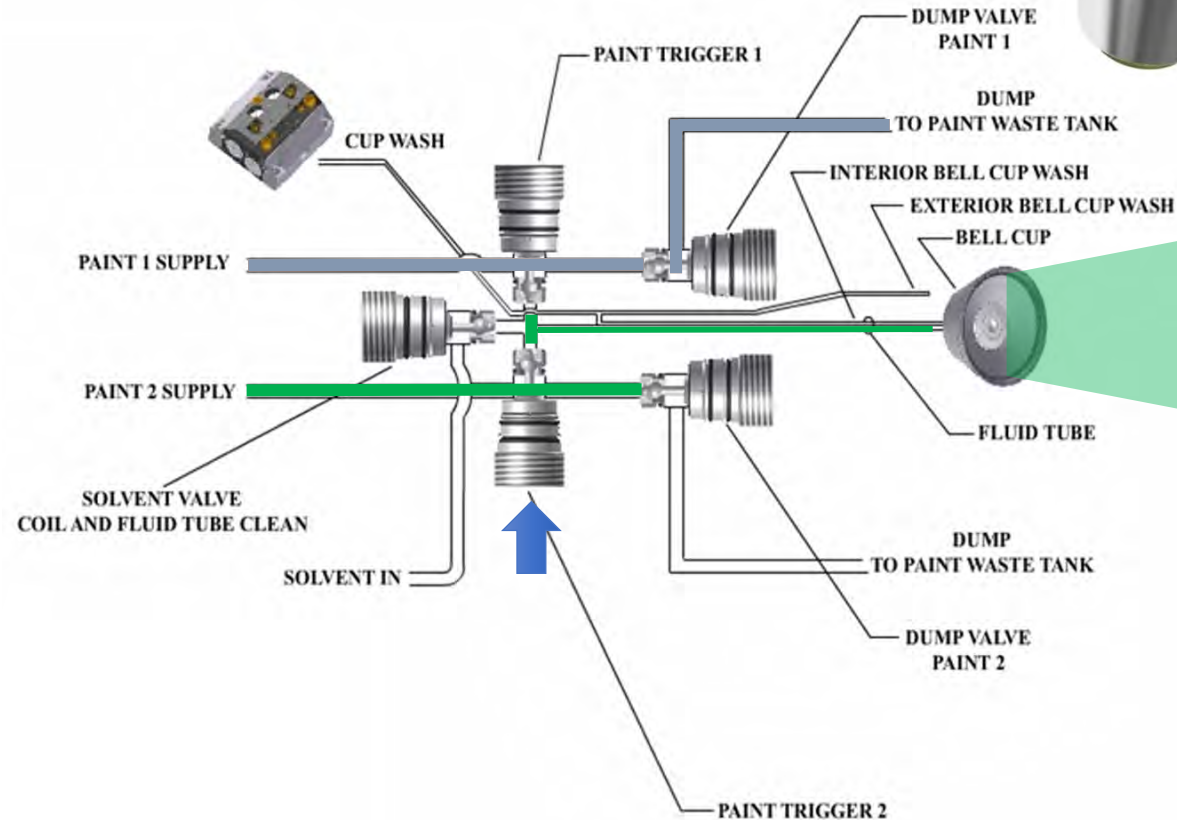
Spray with C1

Clean fluid tube

Wash bell cup

➡ Spray with C2

➡ Flush C1

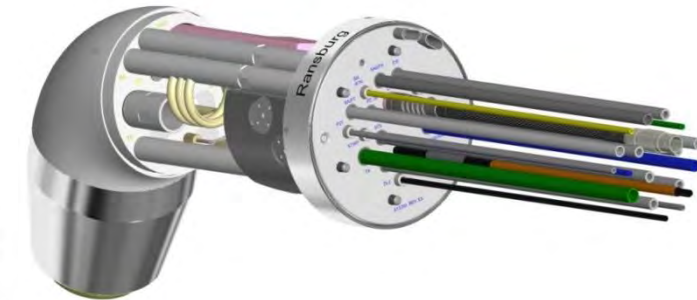
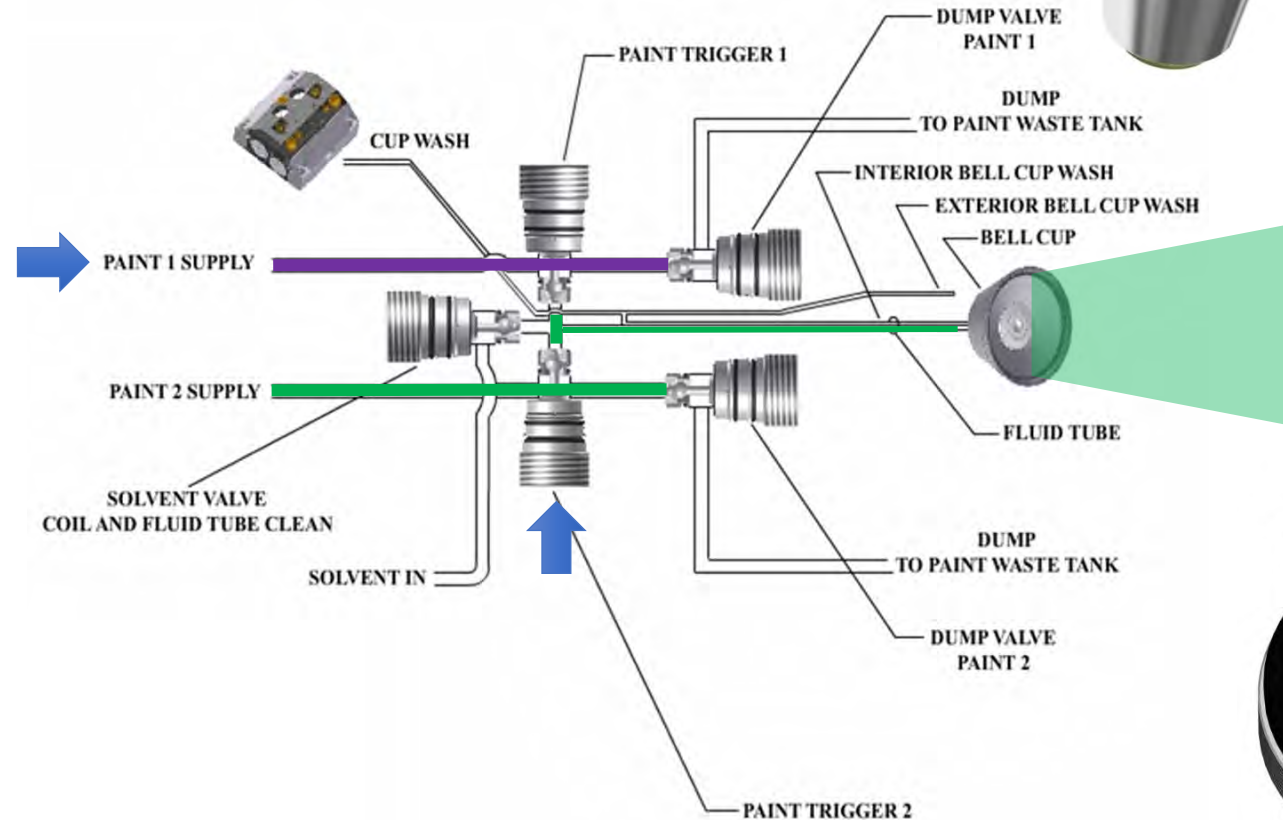


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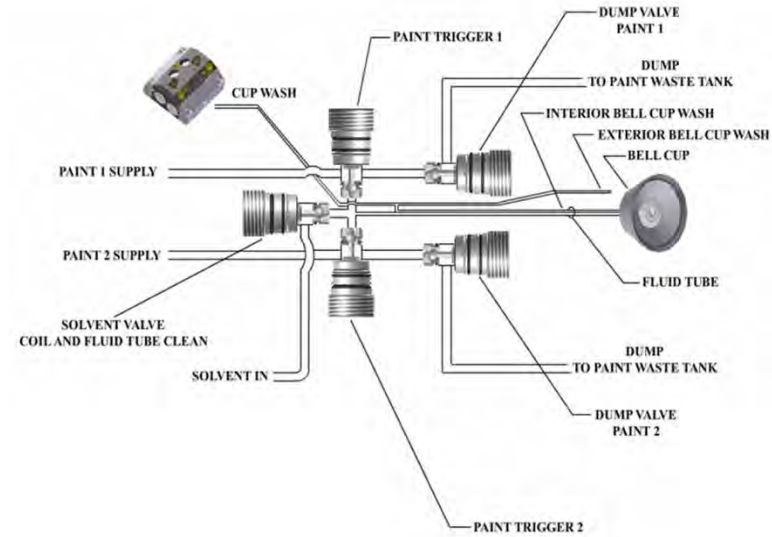
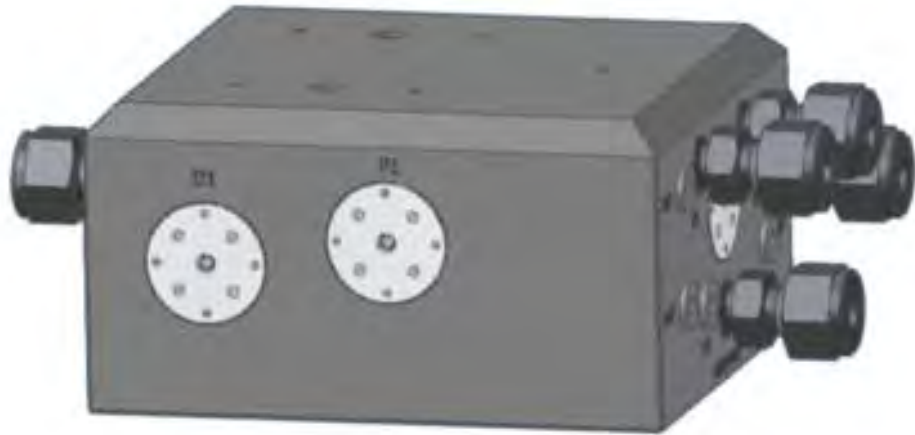
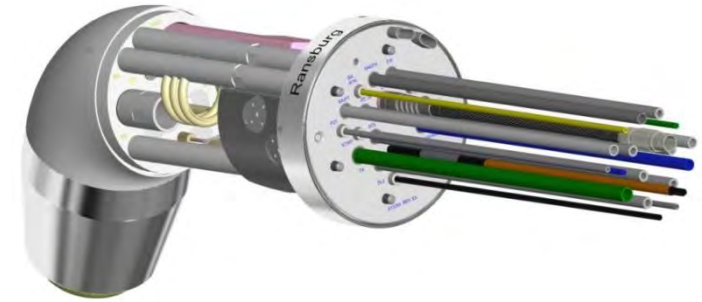
## RMA and Evolver Series of Atomizers

### Dual Purge Sequence

- C1 & C2 loaded
- Spray with C1
- Clean fluid tube
- Wash bell cup
- ➡ Spray with C2
- Flush C1
- ➡ Load C3



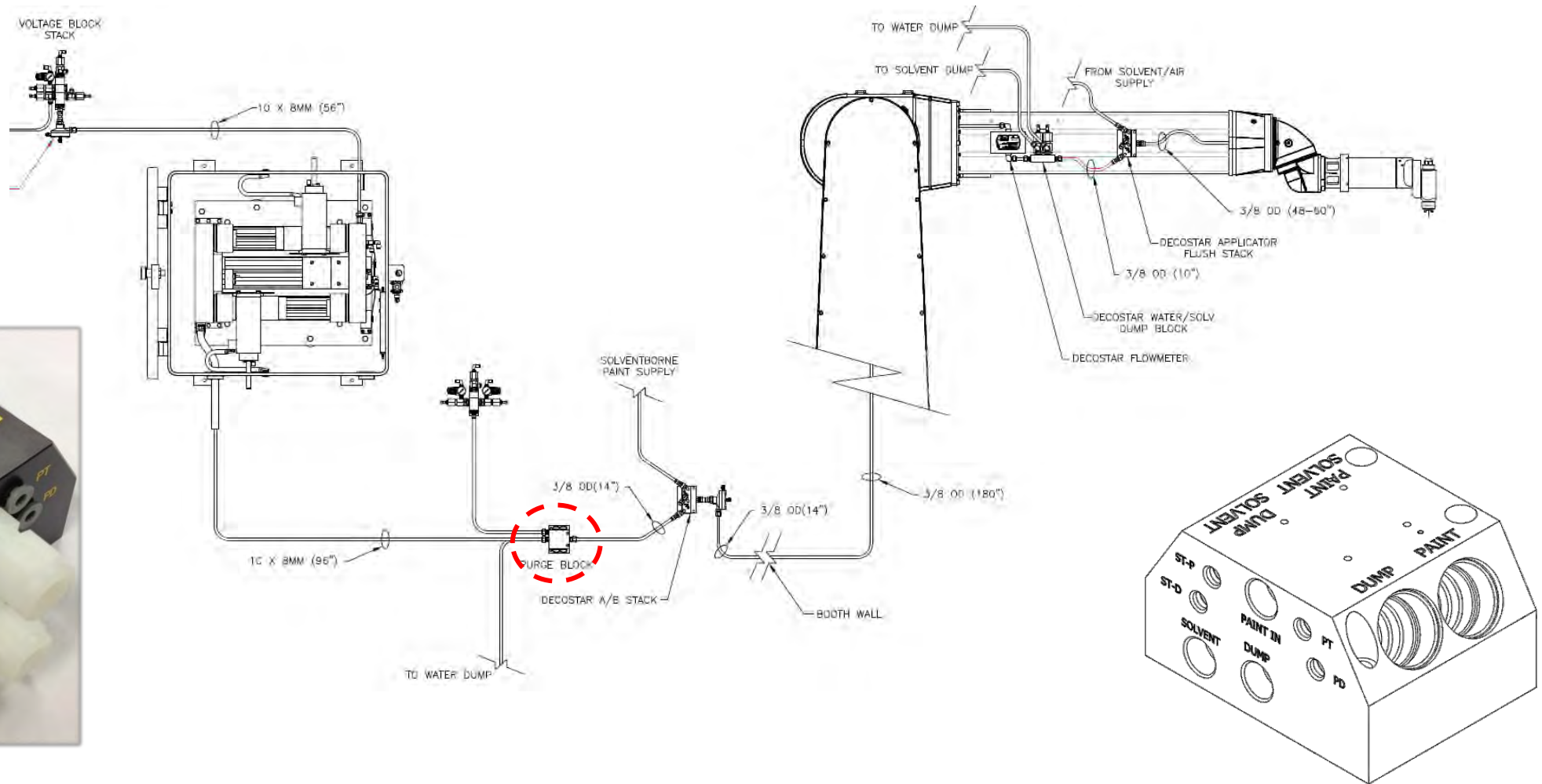
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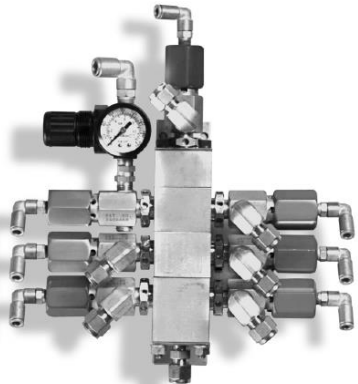
## Flush Assist Manifolds





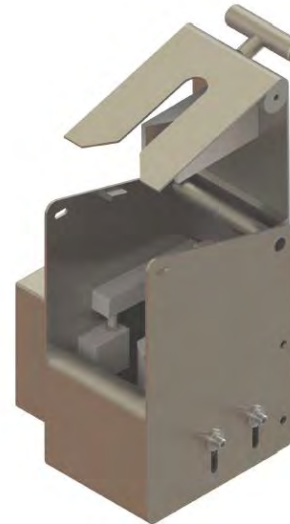
# Color Change – Other Solutions

## Color Select System



## Gun Flush Boxes

- Automatically flush handguns
- Avoid messes and simplify cleanup
- Increase production speed



## Integrated Color Change

- Plural Component Metering Systems
- Support color change / gun flush boxes
- Intuitive controls



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# Automating The Color Change Process:

- Fast is a “relative” term when it come to color change time, how much do you want to invest?
- Return on Investment can be determined based on:
  - ✓ Increased productivity
  - ✓ Reduced coating and solvent usage
  - ✓ Recued waste disposal
- Standard hardware can be configured to meet specific needs







# Thank you!

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