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Model: H-SET

1. INTRODUCTION

The Paasche H-SET Single Action Siphon Feed Airbrush is designed for ease of use, making it suitable for both beginners and experienced users. This airbrush allows for a wide range of applications, from fine lines to broader patterns, ideal for hobbies, crafts, model painting, and various artistic endeavors. Its durable chrome-plated body ensures longevity, and the single-action design simplifies operation and cleaning.

2. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all components are present in your H-SET package:



Image: The complete Paasche H-SET airbrush kit, including the airbrush, spray heads, bottles, cup, wrench, and hose.

- H#3 Airbrush (main unit)
- Size 1 Spray Head (0.45mm)
- Size 5 Spray Head (1.05mm)
- 1/4-ounce Metal Cup
- 1-ounce Bottle Assembly (with siphon tube)
- 1-ounce Storage Bottle (empty)
- Hanger
- Wrench
- 6-foot Braided Air Hose
- Lessons Booklet and Manual

3. ASSEMBLY AND INITIAL SETUP

3.1 Airbrush Components



Image: A close-up view of the Paasche H-SET airbrush body, showing the siphon feed connection and trigger mechanism.

The H-SET airbrush is a single-action, siphon-feed design. This means air and paint flow are controlled by a single trigger action, and paint is drawn from a container below the airbrush body.

3.2 Connecting the Air Hose

1. Connect one end of the 6-foot braided air hose to your air compressor or regulated air source. Ensure a secure connection to prevent air leaks.
2. Connect the other end of the air hose to the air inlet on the bottom of the airbrush body. Hand-tighten, then use the provided wrench for a final snug fit, being careful not to overtighten.



Image: The 6-foot braided air hose with metal connectors, used to supply air to the airbrush.

3.3 Attaching Paint Containers

The H-SET comes with a 1/4-ounce metal cup and a 1-ounce bottle assembly. Choose the appropriate container for your project:

- **Metal Cup:** Ideal for small amounts of paint or frequent color changes. It attaches directly to the siphon feed port on the airbrush.
- **Bottle Assembly:** Suitable for larger volumes of paint. Fill the 1-ounce bottle with your prepared paint, then screw on the cap with the siphon tube. Attach the bottle assembly to the siphon feed port.



Image: Two 1-ounce paint bottles, one with a siphon feed cap for attachment to the airbrush, and one for storage.

3.4 Selecting a Spray Head

The H-SET includes three spray heads: Size 1 (0.45mm), Size 3 (0.65mm, pre-installed on H#3 airbrush), and Size 5 (1.05mm). Each head size offers a different spray pattern:

- **Size 1 (Fine):** For very fine lines and detailed work (down to 1/16-inch).
- **Size 3 (Medium):** General purpose, good for most applications.
- **Size 5 (Heavy):** For wider patterns (up to 1-1/2-inch) and heavier paint coverage.

To change a spray head, carefully unscrew the current head and screw on the desired size. Ensure it is finger-tight to prevent leaks.

4. OPERATION GUIDELINES

4.1 Paint Preparation

Proper paint consistency is critical for optimal airbrush performance. Most paints need to be thinned to the consistency of milk or lighter. Always follow the paint manufacturer's recommendations for thinning. Test your paint consistency on a scrap surface before applying to your project.

4.2 Air Pressure

Recommended air pressure typically ranges from 15-30 PSI, depending on the paint viscosity and desired spray pattern. Start with a lower pressure and gradually increase until you achieve a smooth, consistent spray. Higher viscosity paints may require higher pressure.

4.3 Spraying Technique

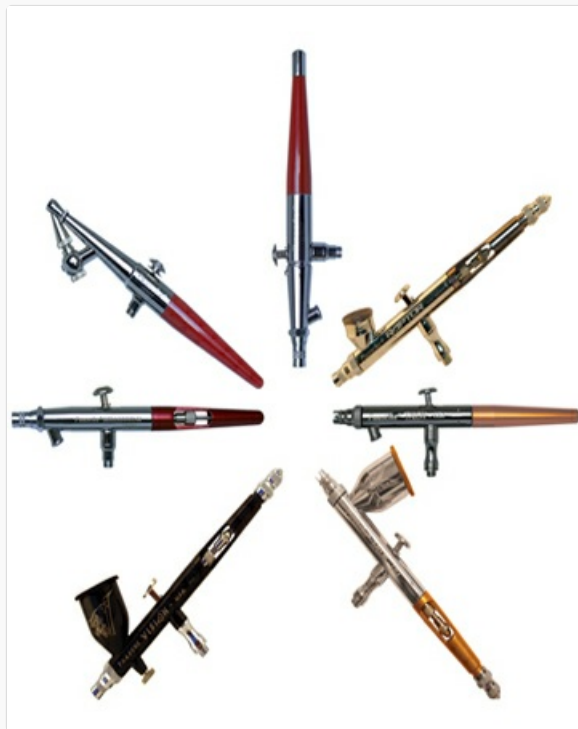


Image: An airbrush being used to paint a detailed model building, demonstrating a typical application.

- **Single Action Control:** The H-SET is a single-action airbrush. Pressing the trigger releases both air and paint simultaneously. The amount of paint sprayed is primarily controlled by the paint consistency and air pressure, and the distance from the surface.
- **Distance:** Hold the airbrush approximately 2-6 inches from your surface. Closer distances yield finer lines; further distances create wider, softer sprays.
- **Movement:** Keep the airbrush moving constantly while spraying to avoid paint buildup and uneven coverage.
- **Applications:** The H-SET is excellent for solid coats, uniform lines, stencil work, and general coverage.



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Image: An airbrush applying paint to a ceramic art piece, showcasing its versatility for various materials.

5. CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Regular cleaning is essential to maintain your airbrush's performance and extend its lifespan. Clean your airbrush immediately after each use, especially when changing colors or finishing a session.

5.1 Routine Cleaning

1. Empty any remaining paint from the cup or bottle.
2. Fill the paint container with an appropriate airbrush cleaner or solvent for your paint type.
3. Spray the cleaner through the airbrush onto a paper towel or into a cleaning pot until the spray runs clear.
4. Repeat with fresh cleaner if necessary.

5.2 Deep Cleaning and Disassembly

Periodically, or if the airbrush is clogged, a more thorough cleaning is required.

1. Disconnect the airbrush from the air hose.
2. Remove the paint cup or bottle.
3. Carefully unscrew the spray head.
4. Use a small brush and cleaner to remove any dried paint from the spray head, needle, and airbrush body.
5. **Caution:** Be extremely careful not to bend or damage the needle tip during cleaning or reassembly. A damaged needle can significantly affect spray performance.
6. Rinse all components with clean water or cleaner.
7. Allow all parts to dry completely before reassembly.

5.3 Reassembly

Reverse the disassembly steps, ensuring all parts are securely but gently reattached. Test with water or cleaner before resuming painting.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING COMMON ISSUES

- **Airbrush Sputters or Sprays Inconsistently:**

- **Cause:** Paint too thick, insufficient air pressure, or partial clog.
- **Solution:** Thin paint further to milk-like consistency. Increase air pressure slightly. Perform routine or deep cleaning.

- **No Paint Flow, Only Air:**

- **Cause:** Paint container empty, siphon tube blocked, or severe clog in spray head.
- **Solution:** Refill paint. Check siphon tube for obstructions. Perform deep cleaning of spray head and airbrush body.

- **Paint Leaks from Spray Head:**

- **Cause:** Spray head not tightened properly, or damaged O-ring/gasket.
- **Solution:** Ensure spray head is finger-tight. Inspect O-rings for damage and replace if necessary.

- **Air Leaks from Connections:**

- **Cause:** Loose air hose connection.
- **Solution:** Tighten air hose connections with the provided wrench.

7. PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Model Number	H-SET
Airbrush Type	Single Action, Siphon Feed
Spray Pattern Range	1/16-inch to 1-1/2-inch
Included Spray Head Sizes	Size 1 (0.45mm), Size 3 (0.65mm), Size 5 (1.05mm)
Product Dimensions	10.25 x 7.5 x 1.75 inches
Item Weight	8 ounces
Manufacturer	Paasche Airbrush
Country of Origin	USA

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT INFORMATION

For warranty information, technical support, or to purchase replacement parts, please contact Paasche Airbrush directly through their official website or customer service channels. Retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

