Ingersoll Rand 125-A

Ingersoll Rand 125-A Air Needle Scaler User Manual

Model: 125-A

1. Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your Ingersoll Rand 125-A Air Needle Scaler. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating the tool and retain it for future reference.

The Ingersoll Rand 125-A Air Needle Scaler is designed for surface preparation tasks, including the cleaning and removal of paint, rust, dirt, and weld slag. It features a reengineered needle spring for enhanced durability and comes equipped with nineteen 1/8-inch round needles, with compatibility for chisel attachments.

2. Safety Information

Always adhere to general safety practices when operating power tools. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury.

- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** Always wear appropriate eye protection (safety glasses or goggles), hearing protection, and gloves when operating the needle scaler.
- **Air Supply:** Ensure the air supply is clean, dry, and regulated to the recommended pressure. Never exceed the maximum operating pressure.
- **Work Area:** Keep the work area clean, well-lit, and free from obstructions. Ensure proper ventilation.
- **Tool Condition:** Inspect the tool for damage or wear before each use. Do not operate a damaged tool.
- **Secure Workpiece:** Always secure the material being worked on to prevent movement during operation.
- **Disconnect Air:** Disconnect the air supply before changing accessories, performing maintenance, or when the tool is not in use.

3. Product Overview

The Ingersoll Rand 125-A Air Needle Scaler is a robust pneumatic tool designed for demanding surface preparation tasks. Its primary function is to remove unwanted materials such as rust, paint, and weld slag from various surfaces using rapidly impacting needles.



Image: The Ingersoll Rand 125-A Air Needle Scaler, showcasing its overall design and needle assembly.

Key Features:

- **Reliable Performance:** Engineered for durability and consistent operation in demanding environments.
- **Versatility:** Equipped with nineteen 1/8-inch round needles, and adaptable for use with chisel attachments for varied applications.
- **High Impact Rate:** Delivers 4,800 blows per minute (BPM) for efficient material removal.
- **Compact Design:** Measures 18.3 inches in length and weighs 4.1 pounds (with chisel), facilitating easy maneuvering and reduced operator fatigue.



Image: Graphic illustrating the updated model features, typical needle scaler uses, tool specifications, and its economical choice for surface preparation.

4. Setup

4.1 Air Supply Connection

1. Ensure your air compressor is capable of providing sufficient airflow (CFM) and pressure (PSI) for the tool's requirements. Refer to the Specifications section for details.
2. Connect a suitable air hose to the tool's air inlet. It is recommended to use an air filter/regulator/lubricator (FRL) unit in the air line to ensure clean, regulated, and lubricated air supply.
3. Set the air pressure regulator to the recommended operating pressure. Do not exceed the maximum pressure.

4.2 Initial Lubrication

Before first use and prior to each subsequent use, apply a few drops of pneumatic tool oil (e.g., PB blaster Air tool oil) directly into the air inlet of the tool. This ensures proper internal lubrication and extends tool life.

4.3 Needle/Chisel Installation

The 125-A Scaler comes with nineteen 1/8-inch round needles pre-installed. If you need to replace them or install chisel attachments:

1. Disconnect the tool from the air supply.
2. Refer to the tool's specific mechanism for needle/chisel retention (e.g., retaining spring, collar).
3. Carefully remove the existing needles/chisel.
4. Insert the new needles or chisel attachment, ensuring they are properly seated and secured according to the tool's design.

5. Operating Instructions

5.1 General Operation

1. Ensure all safety precautions are observed, including wearing appropriate PPE.
2. Connect the tool to the regulated air supply.
3. Hold the tool firmly with both hands, maintaining a secure grip.
4. Position the needles or chisel against the surface to be worked on.
5. Depress the trigger to activate the tool. Apply steady, even pressure, allowing the tool's rapid impacts (4,800 BPM) to remove the material.
6. Move the tool slowly and consistently across the surface for uniform results. Avoid excessive force, which can damage the tool or the workpiece.
7. Release the trigger to stop the tool.

5.2 Applications

- **Rust Removal:** Effectively removes surface rust from metal components.
- **Paint Stripping:** Ideal for stripping old paint layers from various surfaces.
- **Weld Slag Removal:** Cleans weld seams by removing slag and spatter.
- **Dirt and Scale Removal:** Useful for cleaning heavy dirt, scale, or concrete residue from machinery or surfaces.

6. Maintenance

Regular maintenance is crucial for the longevity and optimal performance of your air needle scaler.

6.1 Daily Maintenance

- **Lubrication:** Apply a few drops of pneumatic tool oil into the air inlet before each use. If using an in-line lubricator, ensure it is filled and functioning correctly.
- **Inspection:** Check the needles for wear, bending, or breakage. Replace any damaged needles immediately. Inspect the tool body and air hose for any signs of damage.
- **Cleaning:** Wipe down the tool to remove any debris or residue.

6.2 Periodic Maintenance

- **Needle Spring:** Periodically inspect the needle spring for fatigue or damage. The 125-A features a reengineered

spring for extended life, but replacement may eventually be necessary.

- **Air Filter:** If using an FRL unit, regularly check and drain the water trap and replace the filter element as needed.
- **Internal Components:** For advanced maintenance or repair, it is recommended to consult an authorized service center or qualified technician.

6.3 Storage

Store the tool in a clean, dry environment when not in use. Disconnect it from the air supply and ensure it is free of debris.

7. Troubleshooting

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your needle scaler.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Tool does not operate or has low power.	Low air pressure; Insufficient air supply (CFM); Lack of lubrication; Blocked air inlet; Worn internal parts.	Check air compressor pressure and capacity; Ensure air regulator is set correctly; Lubricate tool; Clean air inlet; Consult service center for worn parts.
Excessive vibration or noise.	Damaged or bent needles; Loose components; Worn internal parts.	Inspect and replace damaged needles; Check for loose fasteners; Consult service center.
Needles not moving freely.	Debris accumulation; Lack of lubrication; Damaged needle spring.	Clean needle assembly; Lubricate tool; Inspect and replace needle spring if damaged.
Air leakage.	Loose fittings; Damaged O-rings or seals.	Tighten air fittings; Replace damaged O-rings or seals.

8. Specifications

Technical data for the Ingersoll Rand 125-A Air Needle Scaler:

Feature	Value
Model Number	125-A
Power Source	Air Powered
Speed (Blows Per Minute)	4800 BPM
Item Weight (Tool Only)	6.24 Pounds
Item Weight (with Chisel)	4.1 Pounds
Product Dimensions	18.31 x 3.5 x 1.89 inches
Needle Diameter	1/8-inch

Feature	Value
Number of Needles	19
Material	Metal
Color	Black
Included Components	(1) Needle Scaler
UPC	663023152936

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