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The Superior Air - Jacketed Hot Rubber Melters (From the Innovators of Rubber Master Technology) (Propane, Diesel, & Electric Heat Systems Available)

A&A MELTERS

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Our A&A STEEL melters are designed for long, trouble free life under a wide variety of application conditions with a minimum of maintenance, however, the purchaser and or user should read the maintenance and operation manual before firing and operating any equipment.

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A&A Melters - Model - A-40

IMPORTANT NOTE: TO OPERATE YOUR A&A STEEL MELTER SAFELY AND EFFICIENTLY, FOLLOW THESE OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS. FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN VOIDING WARRANTY AND MAY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURIES.

A) INITIAL START UP:

When melter has been purchased and is ready to be placed into service, an overall check should be performed to ensure that the melter is in working order as described in INSPECTION AND FAMILIARIZATION below.

IT IS **VERY IMPORTANT** that the melter is connected to a LIQUID DRAW PROPANE GAS cylinder for which it was designed to operate! If connected to a vapour draw propane tank, incorrect heating characteristics will result.

B) INSPECTION AND FAMILIARIZATION:

- 1. Read operator's manual for the engine, gear reduction unit and this manual thoroughly to become familiar with the operation of your A&A Steel melter.
- 2. Ensure all moving components are clear of any objects and are free to move (including interior of melter).
- 3. Check all mounting bolts are tight, drive belt is correctly aligned (gas engine only) and cotter pins and keys are in place.
- 4. Grease all moving parts, check engine and reduction gear oil levels. Use manufacturers recommended oil, add if required.
- 5. Ensure all guards are in place and securely mounted
- 6. Gas engine only. Engage and disengage Agitator Engaging Lever and Locking Pin to familiarize yourself with their operation (lock in the disengaged position).

C) START UP

- 1. Move melter to a suitable, level working surface and lock caster wheels. Open exhaust rain cover.
- 2. Gas engine only. Follow engine manufacturer's procedures and start engine while Engaging Lever is in the disengaged position. Allow sufficient time for warm up. NOTE: The Agitation Rack may move even though disengaged. This is normal as there may be little or no resistance from the Agitation Rack to prevent it from "free-wheeling".

CAUTION: Do not wear loose clothing near moving belts or other moving parts.

Once the melter has been inspected and connected to Liquid Propane Gas, the melter is ready to be charged with the first load of material.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT that the material is of small enough size to allow it to be in direct contact with the bottom surface. This allows the heat to be directly transferred to the material in the least amount of time to avoid any excessive heat build-up. When the material has started to melt into a liquid, it will transfer the heat to the rest of the material very quickly.

3. Follow recommended propane safety precautions and propane torch light up procedures, adjust outlet pressure to 10 psi and light torch. Insert lit torch into Torch Holder. Open exhaust stack

4. Adjust torch to ensure correct position. Tighten Torch Securing Bolt on Torch Holder. Start with low flame for 5 minutes to allow melter to warm up, then open ball valve until firing at a high rate while still maintaining complete combustion (no back flame out of fire tube).

WARNING: DO NOT OVERLOAD ! If the Agitator Engaging Lever is locked in the drive position, or electric motor started before the material has partially melted, the excessive solid material may cause damage to the Agitation Rack or drive mechanism.

- 5. Always open Material Loading Door from the opposite side of melter to prevent injury from spontaneous ignition which may occur due to a sudden rush of incoming air. Add material to centre of Agitation Rack.
- 6. <u>Once material has BEGUN to melt (about 10 minutes),</u> <u>Gas engine - engage Agitator Engaging Lever gradually by removing Locking</u> Pin and increasing tension

slowly.

Electric motor - turn power switch ON

Observe:

- material has melted sufficiently (not completely) to allow complete movement of Agitation Rack, if large chunks of material bind Agitation Rack, allow more time for them to melt
- Gas engine only drive belt is not slipping,
- all moving parts have a uniform motion.

When confirmed all of the above is correct:

Gas engine - the Agitator Engaging Lever can be locked in the drive position. Electric motor - the power switch can remain ON.

Never run machine empty, this can cause damage to the tub.

- **NOTE:** This melter will heat material very quickly and should NEVER be left unattended. Even when the propane torch is extinguished, temperatures will continue to rise due to the remaining thermal energy stored in the Superheated Air Chamber below (Depending on the amount of material in the melter, the temperature can rise aprox 50 100 degrees Fahrenheit).
- 7. When material is melting and has become a thick, uniform consistency, more material can be added.
- 8. Check temperature regularly. Heat material to manufacturer's specifications.
- 9. Once the material has reached correct temperature, adjust propane torch as necessary.
- 10. Open material Loading Door (from opposite side), add material to centre of moving Agitation Rack.
- 11. Add material as required.

C) SHUT DOWN:

- 1. Upon completion of working period, the melter should be as empty as possible. This will ensure a quick warm up for the following working period and prevent any stress on moving components due to excessive solid material.
- 2. Remove propane torch. Close all valves.
- 3. Before transporting, melter should be as empty as possible, cool to the touch and the residual material should be solidified.

D) LIFTING - BY CRANE:

The A&A Steel A-40 can be lifted vertically by utilizing the 4 eye bolts at each corner.

The weight of the A-40 is approximately 800 lbs. empty.

It should be as empty as possible, cool to the touch and the residual material should be solidified before lifting.

E) LIFTING - MANUALLY:

The A-40 can be manually lifted (the power pack can be removed to reduce its weight).

- 1. The melter must be completely empty and cool to the touch.
- 2. Remove the safety guard(s).
- 3. Remove the Connecting Link cotter pins and remove the arm.
- 4. Remove the Engine/Reduction Power Pack. (To prevent any gasoline leaks, the gas cap should be tightened and taped shut gas motor only).

A&A STEEL - A-40 PARTS LIST

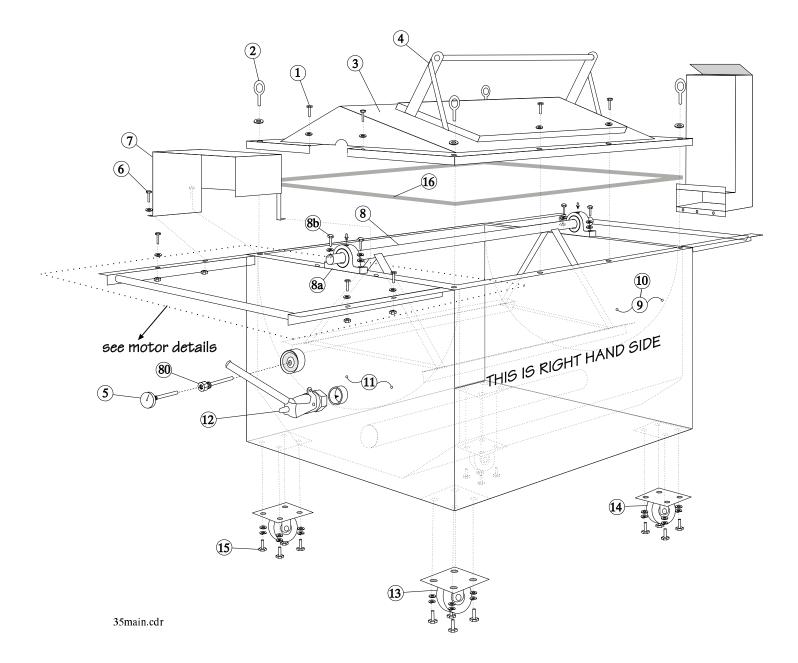
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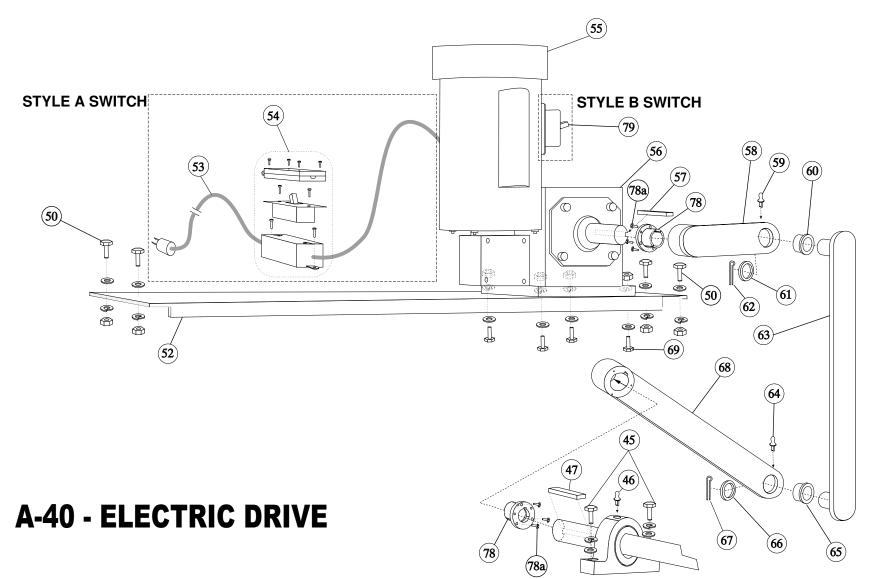
NO. - DESCRIPTION

- **1** 1/2" x 1 1/4" UNC c/w Flat Washer
- **2** 1/2" x 1" Eye Bolt (2000lb) c/w Flat Washer
- 3 Top Cover
- 4 Loading Door
- **5** 4" Thermometer (200-700 F)
- 6 1/2" x 1 1/2" UNC c/w Flat Washer
- 7 Protective Guard Arm
- 8 Agitation Rack (complete assembly)
- **8b** Bearing Bolts, 8A Bearings P207
- 9 Side Cover (right)
- 10 Side Cover (left)
- 11 End Cover
- 12 Material Tap Valve (gate valve)
- 13 Pivoting Caster Wheel
- 14 Fixed Caster Wheel
- **15** 1/2" x 1 1/2" UNC
- 16 Gasket
- 17 Engine Drive Pulley
- 18 Engine Drive Pulley Insert
- **19** Agitator Engage Pulley
- 20 Agitator Drive Pulley Insert
- 21 B39 Drive Belt
- 22 Reduction Drive Pulley
- 23 Reduction Drive Pulley Insert
- 24 3/16" Key
- 25 5/16" Key
- **26** 1/2" x 1 1/4" UNC Pivot Bolt
- 27 1/2" Locknut, Flat Washer
- 28 Agitator Engaging Lever
- 29 Agitator Lever 6" Return Spring
- **30** Agitator Locking Pin
- 31 Agitator Lever Mounting Bracket
- 32 1/4" Key
- 33 Reduction Unit Drive Arm
- 34 Connecting Link Insert Bushing
- 35 1" Flat Washer
- 36 1/8" x 2" Cotter Pin
- 37 1/8" NPT Grease Nipple
- **38** Connecting Link
- **39** Connecting Link Insert Bushing
- **40** 1" Flat Washer
- 41 1/8" x 2" Cotter Pin
- 42 1/8" NPT Grease Nipple
- 43 Agitator Drive Arm
- 44 Reduction Unit
- 45 1/2" x 2 1/2" UNC c/w Flat Washer & Lock Washer

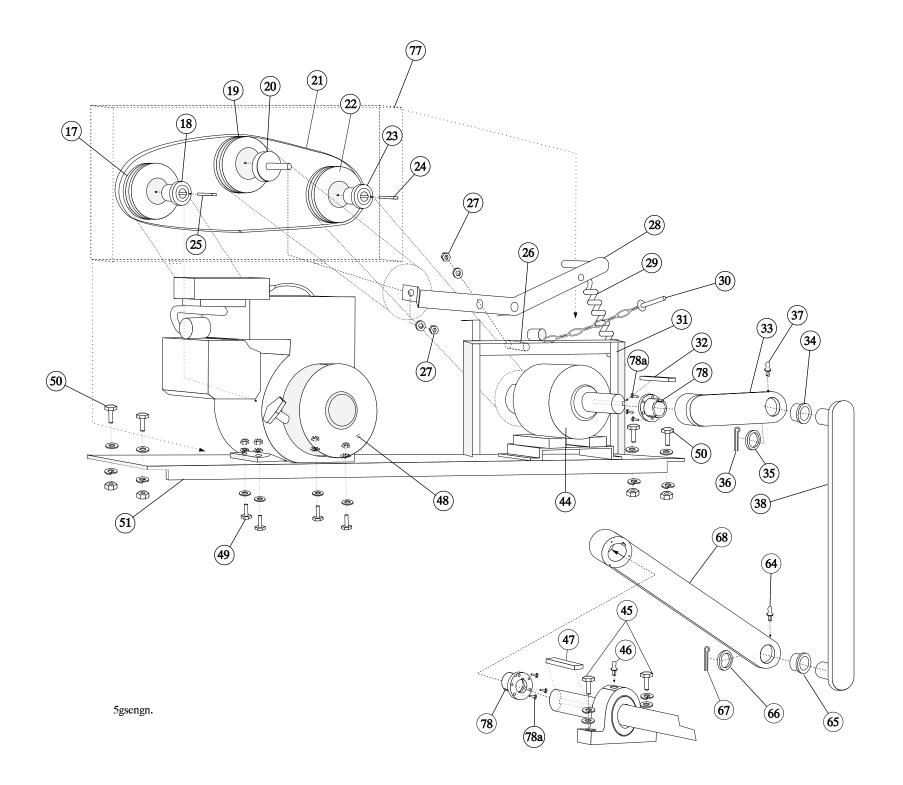
- **46** NTN Grease Nipple
- 47 3/8" Key
- 48 4 HP I/C Honda Gas Engine
- 49 3/8" x 2 1/2" UNC c/w Lock Washer
- 50 1/2" x 1 1/2" UNC c/w Lock Washer & Nut
- 51 Gas Drive Base
- 52 Electric Drive Base
- 53 14 ga. 3 Wire Cord
- 54 Switch w Overload Protection
- 55 1/2 HP 115V Single Phase Motor
- 56 Reduction Unit
- 57 1/4" Key
- 58 Reduction Unit Drive Arm
- 59 1/8" NPT Grease Nipple
- **60** Connecting Link Insert Bushing
- 61 1" Flat Washer
- 62 1/8" x 2" Cotter Pin
- 63 Connecting Link
- 64 1/8" NPT Grease Nipple
- 65 Connecting Link Insert Bushing
- 66 1" Flat Washer
- **67** 1/8" x 2" Cotter Pin
- 68 Drive Arm Agitator
- 69 1/2" x 1 1/2" UNC Bolt c/w Lock Washer
- 70 Exhaust Cover (left)
- 71 Exhaust Cover (right)
- 72 Exhaust Stack
- 72a 1/4" Hex Bolts
- 73 Exhaust Manifold
- 74 Torch
- 74a Torch Oriface Plug
- 74b Goose Neck
- 74c Appollo Ball Valve
- 74d 3/8" x 20' Hose
- 74e Regulator
- 74f M 306
- 74g 486 B
- **74h** 486 C
- 75 Torch Holder
- 75a 3/8" UNC Bolt c/w Lock Washer
- 76 1/4" x 1" UNC Torch Securing Bolt
- 76a -
- 77 Belt Guard
- **78** P 1 x 1 1/4" Bushing (cut to size)
- 78a 1/4" UNC Bolt
- 79 Style B Type Toggle
- 80 Thermowell Sleeve

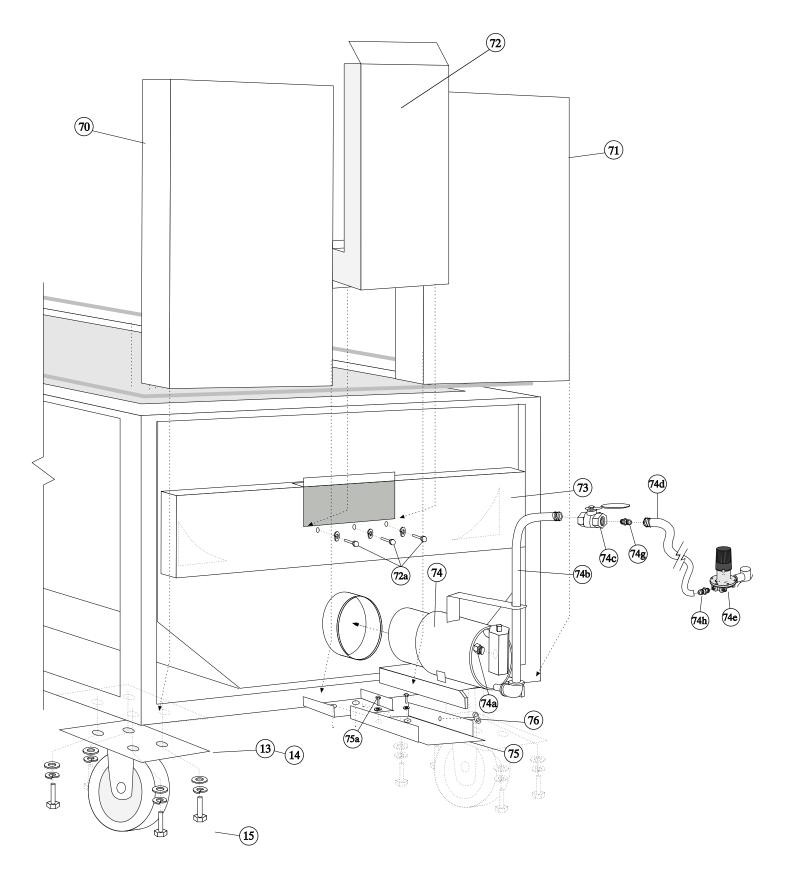
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Recommended Maintenance schedule

- **Daily -** Check motor and crankcase oil level, trailer lights, torch alignment, Breakaway battery charge
- 50 hours Check all nuts, bolts, belts, pulley alignments + grease all nipples
- **100 hours -** Clean air filter, change motor oils, and check propane fittings for leaks
- 300 hours Clean sediment bowl in motor
- **500 hours** Check all drive arm bolts, bushings, wheel nuts, gear box oil level, tire pressure
- 1000 hours Clean tub out, pull agitator, check clearances between tub and agitator, check pillow block bearings, brakes, wheel bearings, material valve, kettle mounting bolts, safety chains, coupler