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## ML3M Monnier Miniature Compressed Air Lubricator

### Installation and Maintenance Instructions

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# 1. Safety information

Safe operation of these products can only be guaranteed if they are properly installed, commissioned, used and maintained by qualified personnel (see Section 1.11) in compliance with the operating instructions. General installation and safety instructions for pipeline and plant construction, as well as the proper use of tools and safety equipment must also be complied with.

## 1.1 Intended use

Referring to the Installation and Maintenance Instructions, name-plate and Technical Information Sheet, check that the product is suitable for the intended use/application. The products comply with the requirements of the European Pressure Equipment Directive 2014/68/EU and fall within the category 'SEP'.

It should be noted that products within this category are required by the Directive not to carry the  mark.

- i) The products have been specifically designed for use on compressed air, which is in Group 2 of the above mentioned Pressure Equipment Directive. The products' use on other fluids may be possible but, if this is contemplated, Spirax Sarco should be contacted to confirm the suitability of the product for the application being considered.
- ii) Check material suitability, pressure and temperature and their maximum and minimum values. If the maximum operating limits of the product are lower than those of the system in which it is being fitted, or if malfunction of the product could result in a dangerous overpressure or overtemperature occurrence, ensure a safety device is included in the system to prevent such over-limit situations.
- iii) Determine the correct installation situation and direction of fluid flow.
- iv) Spirax Sarco products are not intended to withstand external stresses that may be induced by any system to which they are fitted. It is the responsibility of the installer to consider these stresses and take adequate precautions to minimise them.
- v) Remove protection covers from all connections and protective film from all name-plates, where appropriate, before installation on steam or other high temperature applications.

## 1.2 Access

Ensure safe access and if necessary a safe working platform (suitably guarded) before attempting to work on the product. Arrange suitable lifting gear if required.

## 1.3 Lighting

Ensure adequate lighting, particularly where detailed or intricate work is required.

## 1.4 Hazardous liquids or gases in the pipeline

Consider what is in the pipeline or what may have been in the pipeline at some previous time. Consider: flammable materials, substances hazardous to health, extremes of temperature.

## 1.5 Hazardous environment around the product

Consider: explosion risk areas, lack of oxygen (e.g. tanks, pits), dangerous gases, extremes of temperature, hot surfaces, fire hazard (e.g. during welding), excessive noise, moving machinery.

## 1.6 The system

Consider the effect on the complete system of the work proposed. Will any proposed action (e.g. closing isolation valves, electrical isolation) put any other part of the system or any personnel at risk?

Dangers might include isolation of vents or protective devices or the rendering ineffective of controls or alarms. Ensure isolation valves are turned on and off in a gradual way to avoid system shocks.

## 1.7 Pressure systems

Ensure that any pressure is isolated and safely vented to atmospheric pressure. Consider double isolation (double block and bleed) and the locking or labelling of closed valves. Do not assume that the system has depressurised even when the pressure gauge indicates zero.

## 1.8 Temperature

Allow time for temperature to normalise after isolation to avoid danger of burns.

## 1.9 Tools and consumables

Before starting work ensure that you have suitable tools and/or consumables available. Use only genuine Spirax Sarco replacement parts.

## 1.10 Protective clothing

Consider whether you and/or others in the vicinity require any protective clothing to protect against the hazards of, for example, chemicals, high/low temperature, radiation, noise, falling objects, and dangers to eyes and face.

## 1.11 Permits to work

All work must be carried out or be supervised by a suitably competent person.

Installation and operating personnel should be trained in the correct use of the product according to the Installation and Maintenance Instructions.

Where a formal 'permit to work' system is in force it must be complied with. Where there is no such system, it is recommended that a responsible person should know what work is going on and, where necessary, arrange to have an assistant whose primary responsibility is safety. Post 'warning notices' if necessary.

## 1.12 Handling

Manual handling of large and/or heavy products may present a risk of injury. Lifting, pushing, pulling, carrying or supporting a load by bodily force can cause injury particularly to the back. You are advised to assess the risks taking into account the task, the individual, the load and the working environment and use the appropriate handling method depending on the circumstances of the work being done.

### **1.13 Residual hazards**

In normal use the external surface of the product may be very hot. If used at the maximum permitted operating conditions the surface temperature of some products may reach temperatures of 90 °C (194 °F).

Many products are not self-draining. Take due care when dismantling or removing the product from an installation (refer to 'Maintenance instructions').

### **1.14 Freezing**

Provision must be made to protect products which are not self-draining against frost damage in environments where they may be exposed to temperatures below freezing point.

### **1.15 Disposal**

Unless otherwise stated in the Installation and Maintenance Instructions, this product is recyclable and no ecological hazard is anticipated with its disposal providing due care is taken.

Please visit the Spirax Sarco product compliance web pages

<https://www.spiraxsarco.com/product-compliance>

for up to date information on any substances of concern that may be contained within this product. Where no additional information is provided on the Spirax Sarco product compliance web page, this product may be safely recycled and/or disposed providing due care is taken. Always check your local recycling and disposal regulations.

### **1.16 Returning products**

Customers and stockists are reminded that under EC Health, Safety and Environment Law, when returning products to Spirax Sarco they must provide information on any hazards and the precautions to be taken due to contamination residues or mechanical damage which may present a health, safety or environmental risk. This information must be provided in writing including Health and Safety data sheets relating to any substances identified as hazardous or potentially hazardous.

## 2. General product information

### 2.1 General description

The MF2M Monnier miniature compressed air filter provides high quality compressed air for general purpose pneumatic applications.

#### Principal features:

- Once set compensates for varying air flowrates.
- Easy setting of oil/air ratio: approximately 5% of each oil drop enters the air stream.
- Tamper-proof feature; prevents unauthorised adjustment.
- Non-return valve in oil pick up system ensures lubrication for short air flows.
- Polycarbonate bowl.
- External black anodised finish.

#### Optional extras:

For further technical information regarding the following options see TI-P504-03:

- Type 3 mounting bracket.
- Easy fit stainless steel bowl guard.

### 2.2 Sizes and pipe connections

1/4" screwed BSP T Rp (ISO 7-1).

### 2.3 Operating limits

<b>Maximum pressure/temperature</b>	Polycarbonate bowl	10 bar g @ 50 °C	(145 psi g @ 122 °F)
	Metal bowl	17 bar g @ 80 °C	(246.5 psi g @ 176 °F)

### 2.4 Materials

<b>Part</b>	<b>Material</b>
Head	Aluminium
Bowl	Polycarbonate
Capacity valve	Acetal
Seals	Nitrile rubber
Bowl guard (optional extra)	Stainless steel



Fig. 1 ML3M Monnier miniature compressed air lubricator

# 3. Installation and commissioning

**Note:** Before actioning any installation observe the 'Safety information' in Section 1.

Referring to the Installation and Maintenance Instructions, name-plate and Technical Information Sheet, check that the product is suitable for the intended installation.

## 3.1 Specific product safety information

Polycarbonate bowls may be attacked by phosphate ester based fluids, solvents, chemical cleaners, carbon tetrachloride, etc. These and any other substances should not be allowed to come into contact with this component. Certain compressor lubricating oils also contain additives harmful to polycarbonate. Where there is any doubt we recommend, in the interests of personal safety, that bowl guards or metal bowls be fitted.

## 3.2 Installation

- 3.3.1** The unit should be fitted in horizontal pipework with the bowl vertically downwards.
- 3.3.2** Adequate space should be provided around the unit to allow easy access for routine servicing requirements (see TI-P504-03).
- 3.3.3** Connect the unit so that the airflow is in the direction indicated by the arrow on the body.
- 3.3.4** The unit should be installed as close as possible to the equipment it is serving.
- 3.3.5** An MF2M Monnier filter should be fitted upstream to prevent any contaminants reaching the system to be lubricated.
- 3.3.6** The polycarbonate bowl may be fitted with a bowl guard.

## 3.4 To adjust lubrication rate

The normal oil requirement for most pneumatic systems is one drop of oil for every 5 dm<sup>3</sup> of free air used. To simplify setting up the oil drip rate, particularly for low air flows, only a proportion (approximately 5%) of the oil drops as seen in the sight dome (3) is carried into the system. To increase the oil rate, turn the oil adjustment screw (4) anticlockwise.

## 3.5 To fill bowl

Turn off the air supply. Remove the bowl guard if fitted. Unscrew the bowl. Clean the bowl if required. Refill the bowl with suitable lubricant (see Section 3.6), to the level shown (bottom of bowl thread) and refit carefully, with bowl seal (7). A good hand tight joint between the bowl and body is correct. Turn on the air supply.

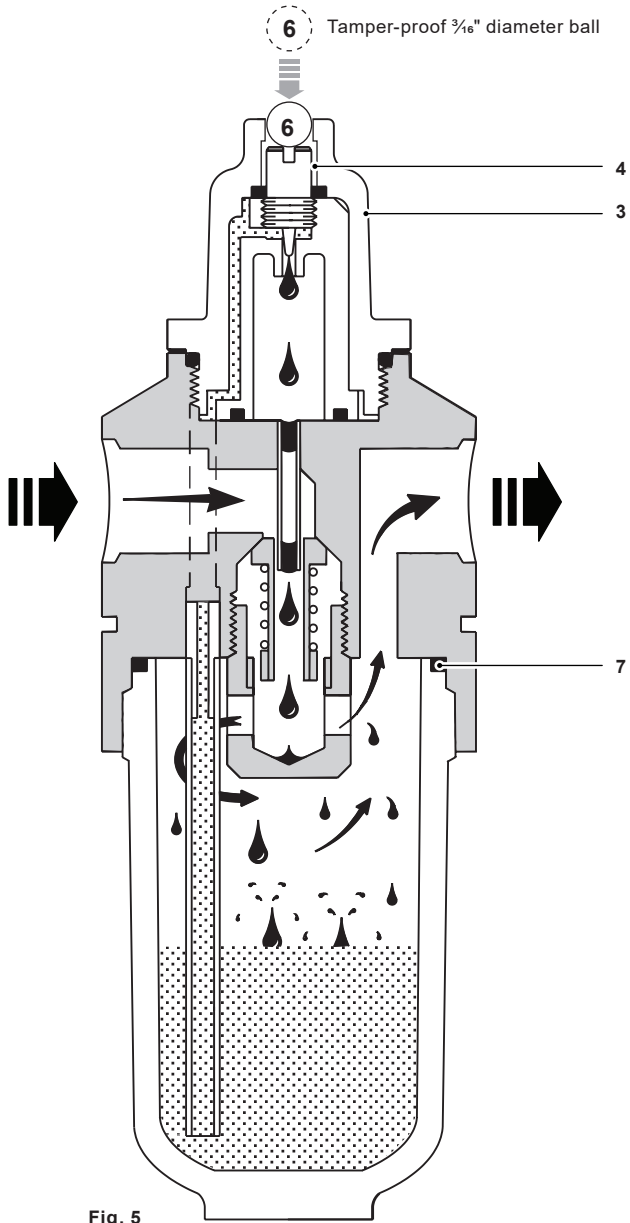
## 3.6 Lubricant

The oil used must be compatible with the equipment being served by the lubricator, and with the materials of construction of the lubricator itself. Generally the oil will be of the free fogging type in the viscosity range of 7.5 to 64 centistokes (45 to 280 seconds Redwood No. 1) at 38 °C (100 °F). Use only new clean oils.

## 3.7 Tamper-proof feature

As standard, each lubricator is supplied with a 3/16" diameter tamper-proof ball (6) that may be pressed or tapped into the top of the sight dome adjustment area after the oil rate has been set (See Figure 5). This prevents any further adjustment by unauthorized personnel.





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# 4. Operation

## 4.1 Principle of operation

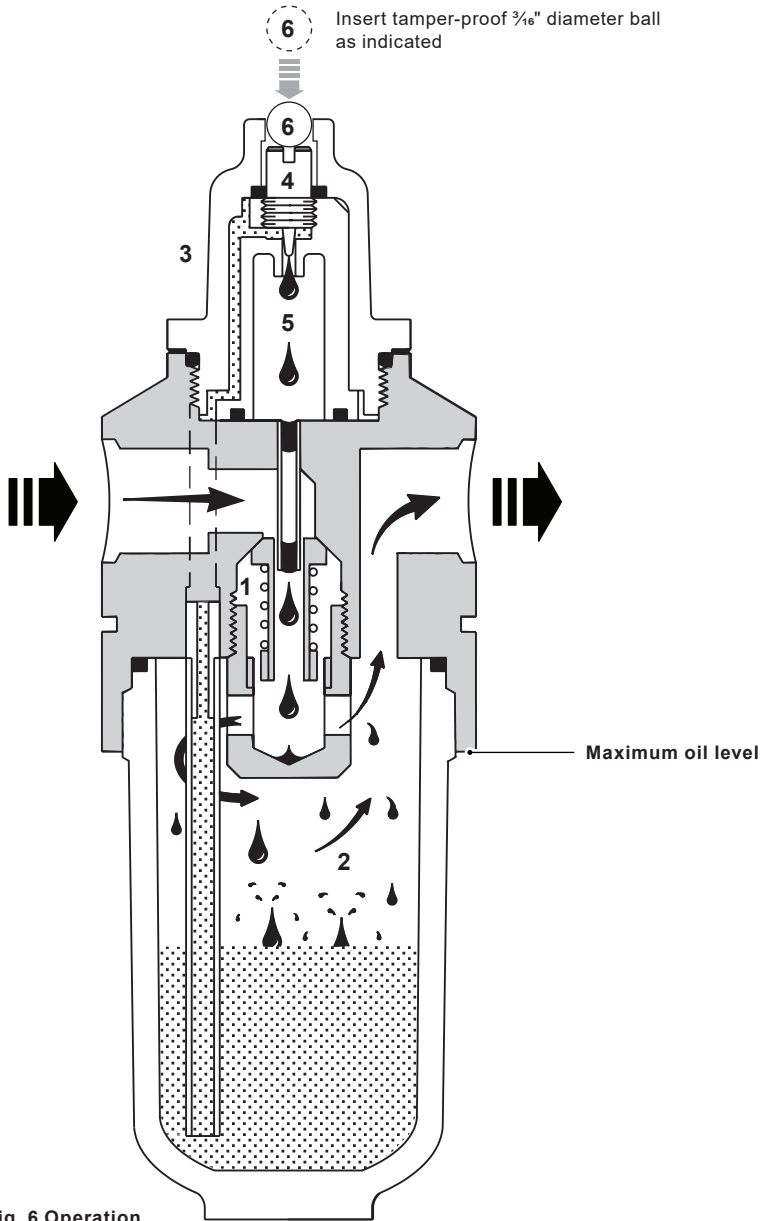
Monnier lubricators are used to maintain the proper ratio of oil and air and to maximize the performance and guarantee long life of pneumatic machinery.

Once the oil rate has been set, a Monnier lubricator provides reliable automatic lubrication. The Monnier design ensures efficient and dependable performance.

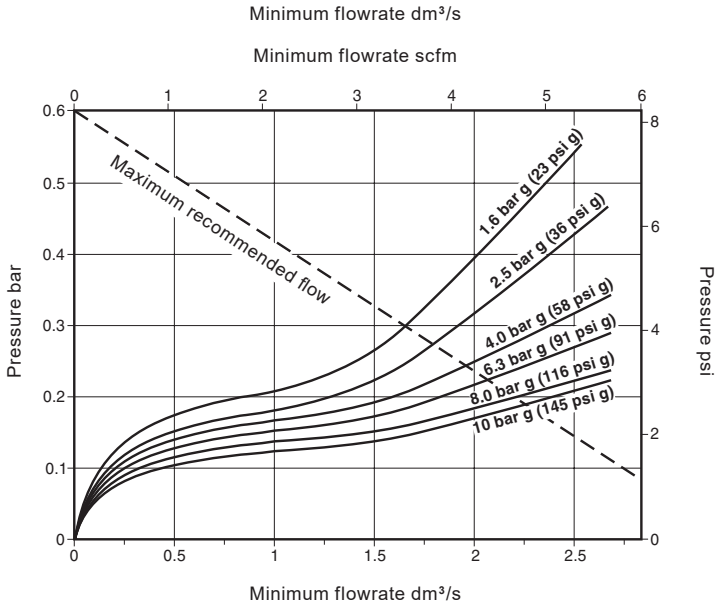
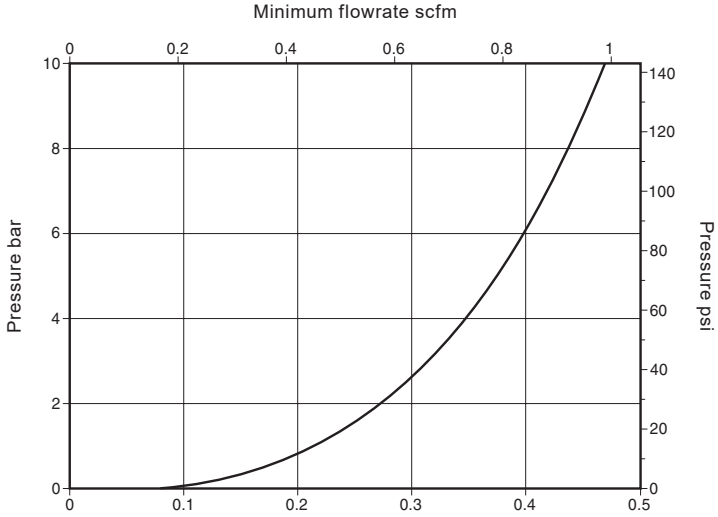
The Monnier Venturi valve (1) automatically maintains the ratio of oil to air that the user selects. It assures lubrication even at the lowest possible air flow (see Capacities). By automatically increasing the air pressure behind the oil in the main reservoir (2) in proportion to the increased air flow, the Venturi valve provides the desired degree of lubrication regardless of air flowrate.

The Monnier sight dome (3) is moulded from transparent polycarbonate that can be viewed at a full 360 °. It includes an adjustment screw (4) for setting the oil rate, and a sight-feed tube (5) where the oil can be visually measured, drop by drop.

As standard, each lubricator is supplied with a 3/16" diameter tamper-proof ball (6) that may be pressed or tapped into the top of the sight dome adjustment area after the oil rate has been set. This prevents any further adjustment by unauthorized personnel.



# 4.2 Capacities



# 5. Spare parts and maintenance

## 5.1 Spare parts

The spare parts available are detailed below.  
No other parts are supplied as spares.

### Available spares

Bowl assembly	A, B
Sight dome assembly	C, D, E
Bowl guard assembly (optional extra)	X, Y

**Note:** In the interests of safety Spirax Sarco recommend that a bowl guard (an optional extra) should be fitted to polycarbonate bowls.

### How to order spares

Always order spares by using the description given in the column headed 'Available spares' and state the size and type of unit.

**Example:** 1 off Bowl assembly for a ¼" ML3M Monnier miniature compressed air filter.

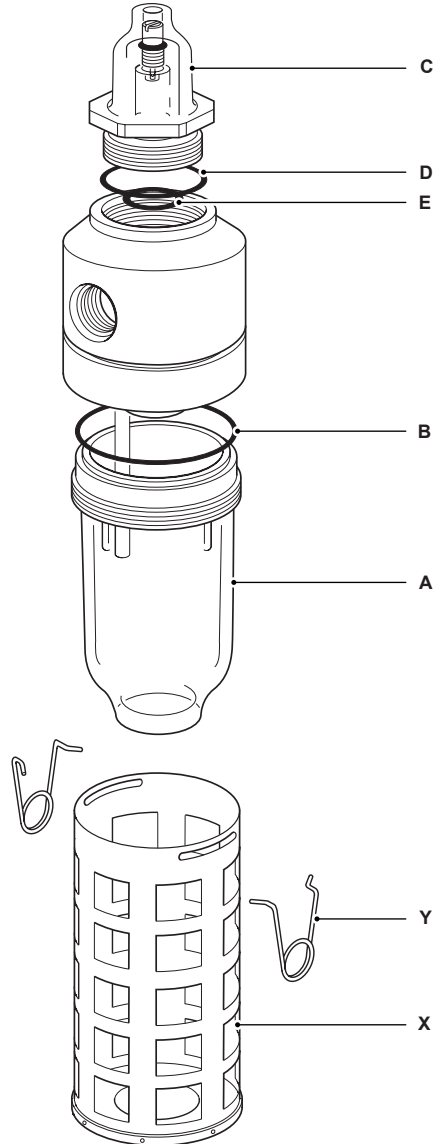


Fig. 7

## 5.2 Maintenance

### To service the filter (no tools required):

- Isolate the main air supply and vent the system pressure to atmosphere.
- Remove the bowl guard (**X**) if fitted.
- By hand, unscrew the bowl (**A**) slowly to allow any residual pressure to vent.
- Clean the bowl (**A**) using soap and water only (do not use solvents or proprietary cleaners) and wipe dry with a lint free cloth.
- Reassemble, having filled the bowl (**A**) to the appropriate level (bottom of the bowl thread) with the clean correct oil - See Section 3.6.
- Hand tighten the bowl (**A**) firmly.
- If the sight dome assembly (**C**, **D** and **E**) has been removed, clean using soap and water only (do not use solvents or proprietary cleaners) and wipe dry with a lint free cloth.
- Reassemble ensuring the two 'O' rings (**D** and **E**) are correctly seated. Do not over-tighten the bowl or sight dome assembly.

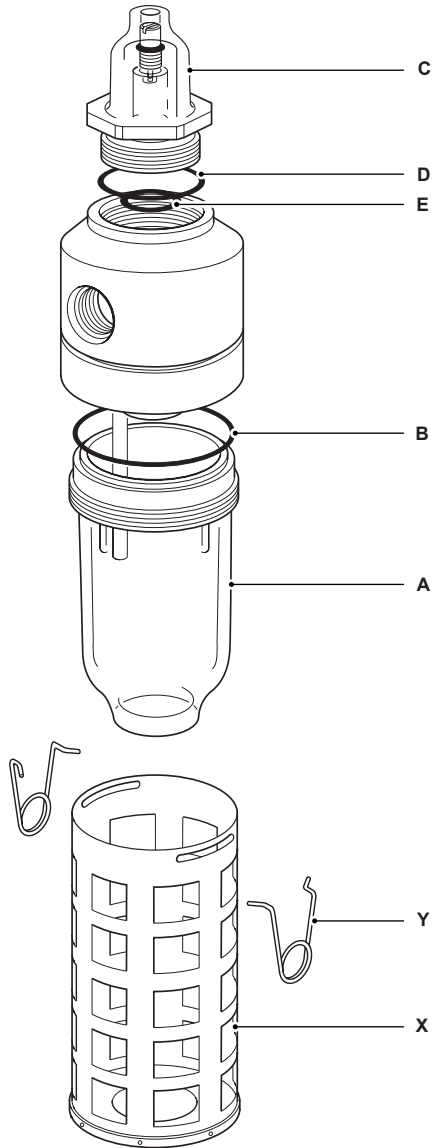


Fig. 8

