

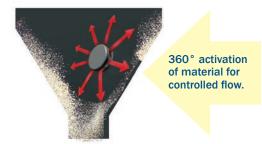
# **Model VA-51**

### 2" AirSweep® System

Activates 6-8 feet diameter of material • Ideal for large bins, hoppers, chutes, etc.

## Solve tough flow problems by eliminating ratholes, bridging and material buildup.

The AirSweep<sup>®</sup> material activation system delivers on-demand product flow, eliminates hang-ups and blockages, cleans interior surfaces and enhances batch uniformity.



Each **AirSweep** nozzle directs a high-pressure, high-volume 360° burst of compressed air or inert gas along the inside walls of process equipment or vessels, breaking friction to lift and sweep stalled material back into the flow stream. The patented nozzle design ensures an immediate reseal after each pulse to eliminate material feedback.

Sequenced pulsing of strategically-positioned **AirSweep** units activate bulk material to produce a first-in, first-out controlled flow.

- System is mounted on the outside of the vessel for easy cleaning and maintenance
- Energy efficient uses plant air
- Mount to metal, concrete, fiberglass or wood vessels
- Manufactured from high grade steel for long service life





#### Standard materials of construction include:

- Carbon Steel
- 304 Stainless Steel
- 316 Stainless Steel
- Other materials available upon request.

For USDA-accepted AirSweep® Systems, contact a sales engineer at 1-860-928-6551

### **Applications:**

AirSweep<sup>®</sup> Systems have successfully handled the following materials and more!

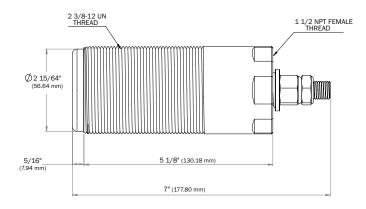
Foods		Mined		Chemicals		Other	
Animal feeds	Meal	Borax	Magnetite	Adipic acid	Iron oxide	Acetate	Pharmaceuticals
Brewers grain	Oat hulls	Coal	Phosphate	Boric acid	Lead chromate	Cements	Plastics
Chocolate	Rice bran	Copper	Shale	Calcine	Polyacrilimide	Chalk	Resins
Grains	Salts	Gypsum	Soda ash	Calcium carbonate	Sodium sulfite	Detergents	Sludge
Flour	Starch	Lead	Trona	Herbicides	Titanium dioxide	Fertilizer	Tobacco
Hops	Sugar	Limestone	Uranium	Hydrated Lime	Zinc	Fly ash	Wax flakes/pellets

Contact us for a detailed AirSweep® System proposal, engineered specifically for your application.



### **Model VA-51 Specifications**

#### VA-51-xx-NPT-TB



**Mounting Coupling** 

MC-51-xx

(Weld to vessel)

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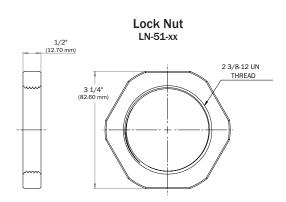
VA-51 Component Weights

Ø 3 1/2" (88.39 mm)

304 Stainless Steel

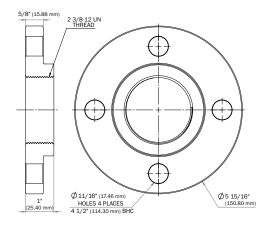
4.76 lb (2.16 kg)

0.66 lb (0.29 kg)



### **Mounting Options**

Mounting Flange MF-51-xx (Bolt to vessel)



VA-51 Performance (per unit)*					
Material Activation	Compressed Air/Gas				
Diameter	Consumption (per pulse)				
6 feet	2.18 scf @ 80 psi				
(1.83 m)	(0.062 m <sup>3</sup> @ 5.52 bar)				
8 feet	2.99 scf @ 100 psi				
(2.44 m)	(0.085 m³ @ 6.89 bar)				

\* Average in 75 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup> material; 250 millisecond pulse.

 MC-51
 1.29 lb (0.58 kg)
 1.31 lb (0.59 kg)
 1.31 lb (0.59 kg)

 MF-51
 4.31 lb (1.95 kg)
 4.37 lb (1.98 kg)
 4.50 lb (2.04 kg)

**Carbon Steel** 

4.72 lb (2.14 kg)

0.65 lb (0.29 kg)

View AirSweep videos:

VA-51-NPT-TB

LN-51

7/8"

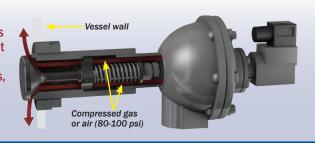
(22.23 mm)

Patented design ensures an immediate, dust-tight reseal after each pulse of air or compressed gas, preventing clogging and material buildup.

316 Stainless Steel

4.79 lb (2.17 kg)

0.66 lb (0.29 kg)





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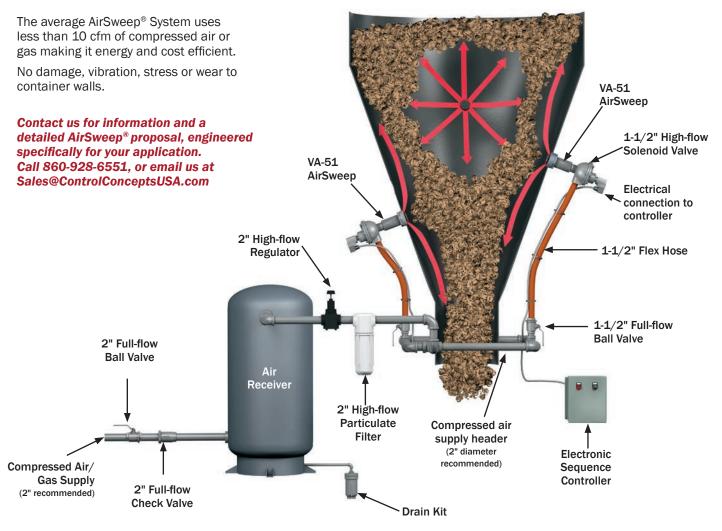


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### Typical VA-51 AirSweep® System

### A typical AirSweep® material activation system consists of strategically-located AirSweeps, high-flow solenoid valves, electronic sequence controller and air receiver.



### **Typical AirSweep® System Components**

#### AirSweep – Model VA-51

Solenoid Valve – Delivers rapid, high-volume pulse of compressed air/gas to AirSweep nozzle.

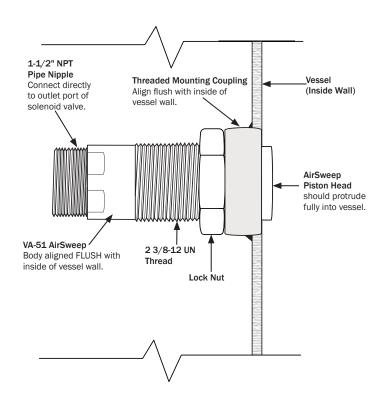
Flex Hose Assembly – Connects the solenoid valve to hard-piped header loop.

- 1-1/2" Full-flow Ball Valve Isolation valve for individual nozzles.
- 2" High-flow Particulate Filter Point-of-use particulate filtration enhances life of system components by removal of in-line contaminants.
- 80-gallon Air Receiver Compressed air reservoir ensures instantaneous volume for system.
- 2" High-flow Regulator Regulates compressed air supply to within 80-100 psi for proper AirSweep operation.
- 2" Full-flow Check Valve Ensures one-way flow to system.
- 2" Full-flow Ball Valve System shut-off.

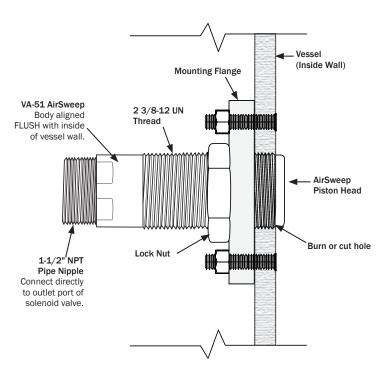
Electronic Sequence Controller – Controls sequenced pulsing of AirSweep system; adjustable for any process.

### **Model VA-51 Mounting Options**

### MC-51 Mounting Coupling Installation (Weld to vessel)



### MF-51 Mounting Flange Installation (Bolt to vessel)



#### **MC-51** Mounting Coupling Installation

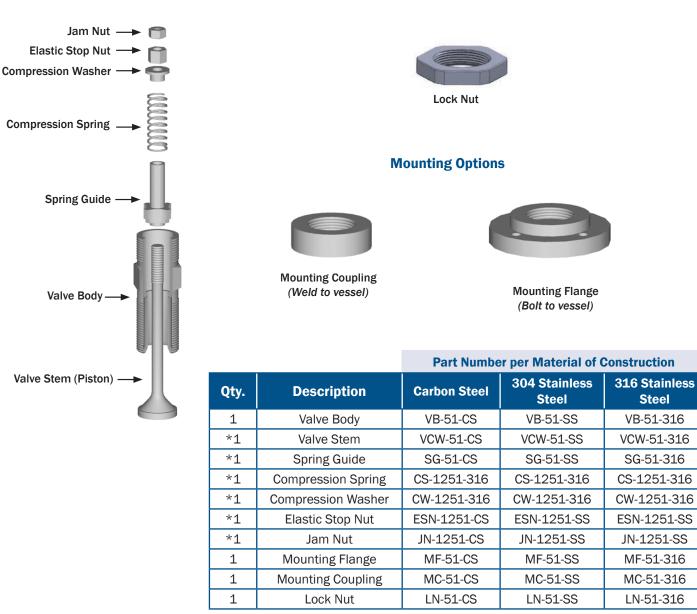
- 1. Cut hole in vessel wall. Recommended hole size is approximately 1/8" (3.175 mm) greater than diameter of coupling to allow coupling to pass through curved wall. The MC-51 mounting coupling is 3-1/2" (88.9 mm) dia., therefore the recommended hole size is 3-5/8" (92.075 mm).
- 2. Align coupling flush with <u>inside</u> of vessel wall and weld continuous bead to exterior of wall.
- 3. Apply anti-seize compound to front threaded section of AirSweep. Thread AirSweep into position so the front of the body is aligned with the front of coupling. This will properly position the piston head within the vessel.
- 4. After the position of the AirSweep is determined to be correct, tighten the lock collar against the coupling to keep the AirSweep in position.
- **Note:** On sharply curved bin walls, the body of AirSweep will extend slightly into the vessel at the top and bottom (12:00 & 6:00 positions), and should be flush at sides (3:00 & 9:00 positions).
- For maximum effectiveness, connection distance between AirSweep and solenoid valve should be as short as possible. Use only the supplied connecting nipple with no additional elbows or pipe, if possible.

#### **MF-51 Mounting Flange Installation**

- 1. Position flange on wall surface. Mark hole for AirSweep. Mark bolt circle layout.
- 2. Drill or cut hole for AirSweep and bolt holes. The hole size should be sufficient diameter to allow AirSweep to pass through wall.
- 3. Fasten flange to wall by bolting.
- 4. Apply anti-seize compound to front threaded section of AirSweep. Thread the AirSweep into position so that the front of the AirSweep body is aligned with the inside wall of vessel. This will properly position piston head within the vessel.
- 5. After the AirSweep is correctly positioned, tighten lock nut against flange to keep AirSweep in position.



### **Model VA-51 Assembly and Mounting**



\* This part is included in the Rebuild Kit.

### Model VA-51 Rebuild Kit

#### AirSweep Nozzle Rebuild Kit contains 1 each:

Recommended service interval of internal parts:

- valve stem
- spring guide
- compression washer
- compression spring

Approximately 1 million cycles.\*

Maintenance recommended:

Replacement of internal parts.

- elastic stop nut
- jam nut

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Construction Material	Carbon Steel	RK-51-CS
	304 Stainless Steel	RK-51-SS
	316 Stainless Steel	RK-51-316

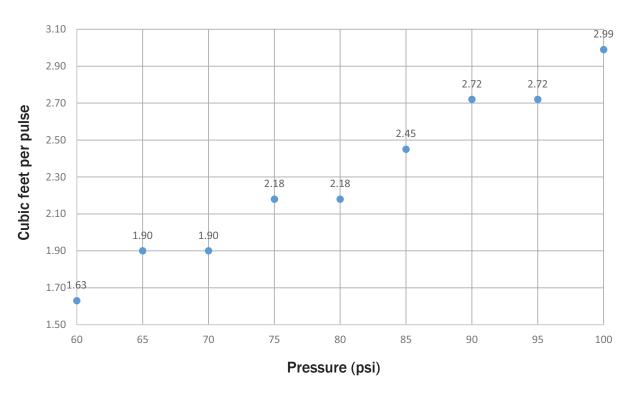
\* Typical service interval under standard operating conditions. Some environments, materials and processes may result in a shorter useful service interval.



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### Typical Operating Parameters – Compressed Air/Gas Consumption for Model VA-51 AirSweep

Recommended operating pressure	80 to 100 psi	
<b>Typical effective diameter of material activation</b> ( <i>dry, powdered material,</i> 60-75 <i>lbs/ft</i> <sup>3</sup> )	6 to 8 feet (1.83 to 2.44 m) around each nozzle	
Recommended pulse time	250 milliseconds	
Approximate air/gas consumption rate per 250 millisecond pulse	2.18 ft <sup>3</sup> @ 80 psi 2.99 ft <sup>3</sup> @ 100 psi	
Typical sequence rate range (application/material dependent)	3 pulses to 12 pulses per minute	
Typical (approx.) compressed air/gas consumption rate range (based on typical sequence rate range of 3 to 12 pulses/min)	6.54 to 26.16 scfm @ 80 psi 8.97 to 35.88 scfm @ 100 psi	



### VA-51 Compressed Air/Gas Consumption

Consumption per 250 millisecond pulse

