



## **INSTRUCTION MANUAL**

### **Electrostatic Food Spray Unit Model SAS E Mk.III**

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Dear Customer,

Thank you for buying a new ELECTROSTATIC FOOD SPRAY UNIT model SAS E Mk. III. Every care has been taken, from design to manufacture, to ensure that this product gives you complete satisfaction.

Electrostatics is an environmentally responsible way to atomize powder/oil, because it significantly increases quality and production, equally decreases powder/oil costs.

### **How does it work?**

The aim is to eliminate wasteful over spray and put as much coating material on the target as possible. This is achieved by negatively charging atomized powder/oil particles so that they are attracted to the grounded work piece, opposites attract.

A charging electrode is located at the tip of the electrostatic spray head or atomizer. The powder/oil is atomized as it moves past the electrode, its particles become ionized - negatively charged. An electrostatic field is created between the charging electrode and the grounded work piece, the spray is concentrated within it.

Further atomization is achieved as charged particles form a fine cloud. Due to the electrostatic attraction, spray that would normally be lost, ends up on the back and sides of the work piece to produce a "wrap-around" effect.

### **When to use electrostatics!**

When you want to achieve maximum transfer efficiency and minimize coating waste and dusting/misting emissions, while achieving maximum application wrap around effect, high production and high flow rates.

### **The advantages!**

Increased transfer efficiency and reduced over spray, which results in significant cost savings and reduced dusting/misting emissions. We build our system with safety in mind, with flexible, lightweight low voltage cable going to the generating spray head.

### **State-of-the-art technology!**

With our new modular design, Spice Application Systems has been the leader in the electrostatics food industry for many years. With proven components and circuitry built to IP 65, it is a combination that will be hard to beat.

The new Control Unit has the added benefit of putting total control at your fingertips. With its unique design, it provides the ability to monitor current flow and control the pneumatics, in addition to providing the controls to operate your electrostatic spray heads.

**To obtain the best performance and reliability from this equipment it is strongly recommended to read the instruction manual thoroughly before attempting to use the equipment.**

# WARRANTY

Spice Application Systems Ltd guarantees that all equipment manufactured by them will be free from defective workmanship or materials for a period of 12 months or 3000 working hours, from the date of delivery of the equipment, whichever comes first.

We will rectify any manufacturing or material defects by means of suitable repair or supplying a replacement part.

Always providing that:

- ➔ Any such defect(s) is reported in writing, within the 12-month period.
- ➔ All equipment is installed, operated and maintained in accordance with specific recommendations of Spice Application Systems Ltd and good industry practice.
- ➔ Spice Application Systems Ltd supplies all spare parts and consumable items.
- ➔ Consumable spares are inspected frequently and replaced as necessary. The life of these varies with the application and they are not guaranteed for any specific period.
- ➔ Maintenance spares are inspected and replaced if necessary every 12 months or 3000 operated hours, whichever is sooner.
- ➔ Any consequential loss, however caused is expressly excluded from this guarantee

Spice Application Systems Ltd will not be liable for any repairs or replacements (including labour costs) without our written approval.

Spice Application Systems Ltd gives no performance guarantees, unless specifically indicated in our proposal. The effects erosion, corrosion and general wear and tear are specifically excluded.

Spice Application Systems Ltd reserves the right to amend or change specifications, as part of their continuous development policy.

**We make no other guarantee or representation what so ever, expressed or implied.**

# EC DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY FOR MACHINERY



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Herewith declares that “the Electrostatic Food Spray Unit” is in conformity with the provisions of:

- EU Directive 2014/34/EU – certified as Category 3D 40°C and manufactured in line with Internal Control of Production as outlined in the Directive
- BS EN ISO 12100:1 – Safety of Machinery
- BS EN ISO 12100:2 – Safety of Machinery
- BS EN 60079:0 and BS EN 60079:11 – Equipment for Use in Potentially Explosive Atmospheres
- EN 50177 – Stationary electrostatic spraying equipment for flammable coating powder
- EN 60204 IP – Type protection: contact, foreign bodies and water protection for electrical equipment
- EC Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC
- EC Low Voltage Directive 2006/95/EC
- EC Directive of Electromagnetic Compatibility 2014/30/EU
- BS EN 61000-6-3:2001 – Electromagnetic Compatibility
- BS EN 61000-6-1:2001 – Electromagnetic Compatibility
- BS EN 50050-2:2013 – Electrostatic hand-held spraying equipment. Safety requirements. Hand-held spraying equipment for ignitable coating powder

All as amended, and with national implementing legislation.  
Established in Oxford on 1<sup>st</sup> October 1999.

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## WARNING

All controls within the Control Box have been adjusted for optimum performance and safety during manufacturing.

The Electrostatic Generating heads and control box is sealed for IP 65.

Re-adjustments, alterations or substitutions of any component may result in a hazardous operating condition a failure and possible damage to the equipment as well as overriding the built-in safety features.

Any unauthorised modification will invalidate the warranty and could endanger the work force.

Under no circumstances are any alterations allowed to the electrostatic equipment without specific written instructions and consent from Spice Application Systems Ltd.

### SAFETY GUIDELINES

- ➡ The person in charge of the manufacturing work area should ensure that personnel are properly trained in the use of this equipment. The safety rules which follow should be fully understood and applied at all times.
- ➡ Never point the spray unit at any person or animal.
- ➡ Spraying certain products can be dangerous, depending on what is being sprayed so full protection for operators in the form of instructions supplied with that product must be adhered to at all times.
- ➡ The normal safety rules and precautions for powder atomisation must be observed.
- ➡ For more information, consult the local safety rules. In addition, the following precautions must be observed.
- ➡ **WARNING!** Failure to observe one of the following rules may affect the operation of the equipment and create unsafe conditions.

**ALL personnel who are associated with the coating operation should read and fully understand this manual. It is especially important that the operators of the electrostatic equipment and their supervisory personnel understand the requirements for safe and proper usage of the electrostatic process.**

## TECHNICAL FEATURES

The SAS E Mk III spray unit uses the principal of atomising the spice as it tumbles within a drum, an electrical charge runs to the powder which is tumbling in the air, it is able to obtain the ultimate wrap-around effect, onto a grounded product.

An electronic safety device, incorporated into the SAS power supply unit, automatically detects the presence of a grounded object in the vicinity of the spray head. Once this ground approaches within 10 cm / 4" this device reduces the voltage.

### Pressure/Connections:

|                 |                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Control air out | polyamide hose Ø 6 x 8mm  |
| Control air in  | polyamide hose Ø 8 x 10mm |

### Electrical features:

|            |                                  |
|------------|----------------------------------|
| Ionization | Negative charge on the electrode |
|------------|----------------------------------|

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| <b>Weight:</b> | Total weight of electrostatic generating head:<br>0.9kg/ 1.98lb |
|----------------|---|

**Stainless Steel Control Box:** Food Quality 316/304; Total weight: 6.8kg / 14.96lb

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>Plastics:</b> | Polypropylene Co Polymer-Blue<br>Acetal Co Polymer-Blue |
|------------------|---|

|               |              |       |          |
|---------------|--------------|-------|----------|
| <b>Cable:</b> | Polyurethane | Black | 110/240v |
|               | Polyurethane | Blue  | 3-13.5v  |

## **ELECTRICAL CONTROL UNIT**

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Mains Electrical Supply       | - Single Phase 3 Wire (Live-Neutral-Earth)   |
| Supply Voltage                | - 90 – 264V a.c.                             |
| Supply Frequency              | - 47 – 64 Hz                                 |
| Connected Load                | - 40 VA                                      |
| Circuit Protection            | - 0.6 A SP Miniature Circuit Breakers – Live |
| No. of Outputs to Applicators | - 1 or 2 Applicators                         |
| Output Voltage to Applicators | - 3.5 – 13V d.c.                             |
| Output Current to Applicators | - 400mA Max                                  |
| Protection Category           | - IP 65                                      |
| Operating Temperature         | - -10°C/+60°C                                |

## **ELECTROSTATIC GENERATING HEAD**

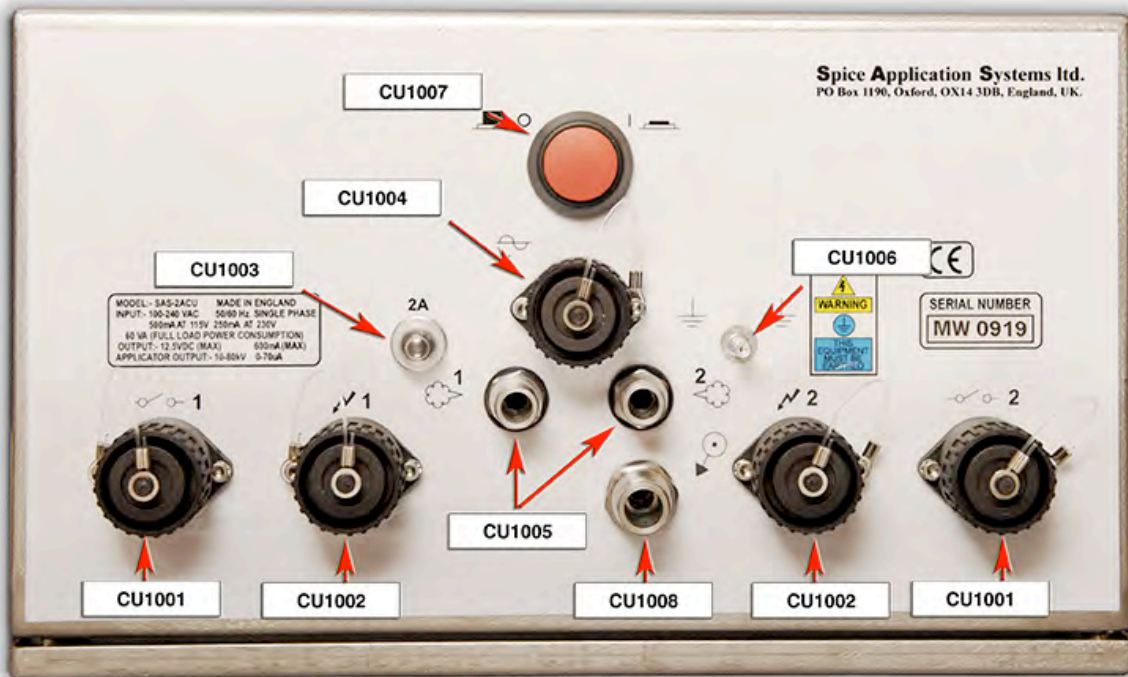
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| Supply Voltage         | - 3.5 – 13V dc |
| Supply Current         | - 400mA Max    |
| Output Voltage         | - 20-85Kv      |
| Output Current         | - 50uA Max     |
| Protection Category    | - 1P 65        |
| Operating Temperatures | - -10°C/+80°C  |

## **PNEUMATIC – CONTROL UNIT**

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Compressed Air Supply      | - Twin system:- 8 Bar (114psi) Max / 5 Bar (75 psi) Min<br>- Single system:- 5 Bar (75 psi) Max / 3 Bar (43.5 psi) Min<br>- Air to be clean, dry, oil free, food quality |
| Compressed Air Consumption | - 10m <sup>3</sup> /hr (6 c.f.m) per twin applicator   |
| Air Out                    | - Maximum pressure 2 bar / 29psi per system  |
| Max Water Vapour Content   | - 1.3g/m <sup>3</sup>  |
| Max Oil Vapour Content     | - 0.1 p.p.m.   |
| Regulated Air Output       | - 0-4 Bar  |



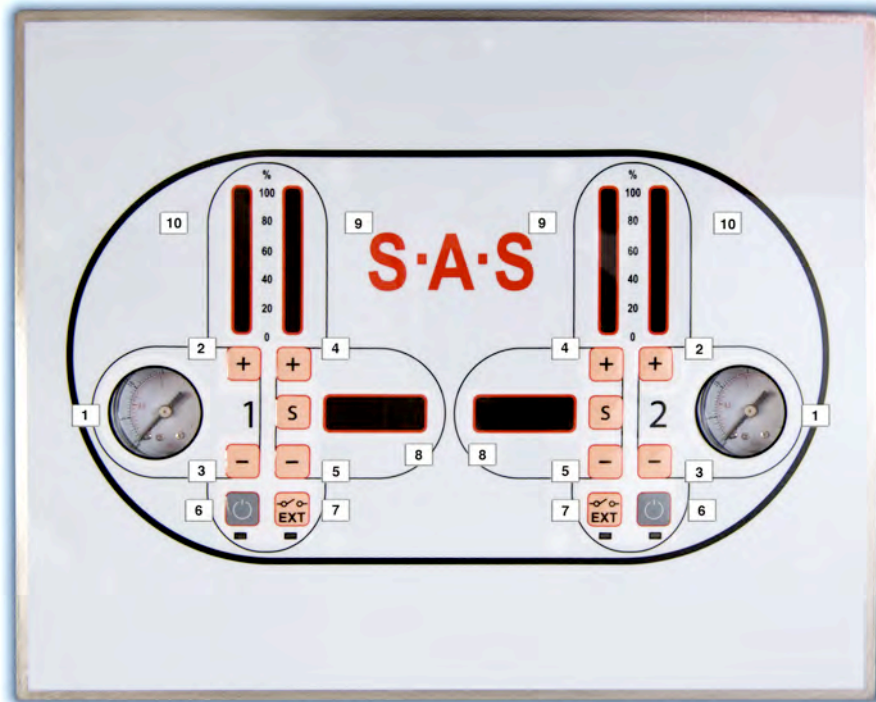
# CONTROL UNIT FITTINGS



- CU1001: Remote trigger cabinet plug 6 pin Female (IP65)
- CU1002: Electrostatic generating head cabinet plug 4 pin Female (IP65)
- CU1003: Circuit Breaker (IP65)
- CU1004: Mains electric input cabinet plug 4 pin Male (IP65)
- CU1005: Pneumatic Air output quick release 8mm (IP65)
- CU1006: Terminal, Earth Post (IP65)
- CU1007: Mains electric master on/off switch (IP65)
- CU1008: Pneumatic Air input quick release 10mm (IP65)

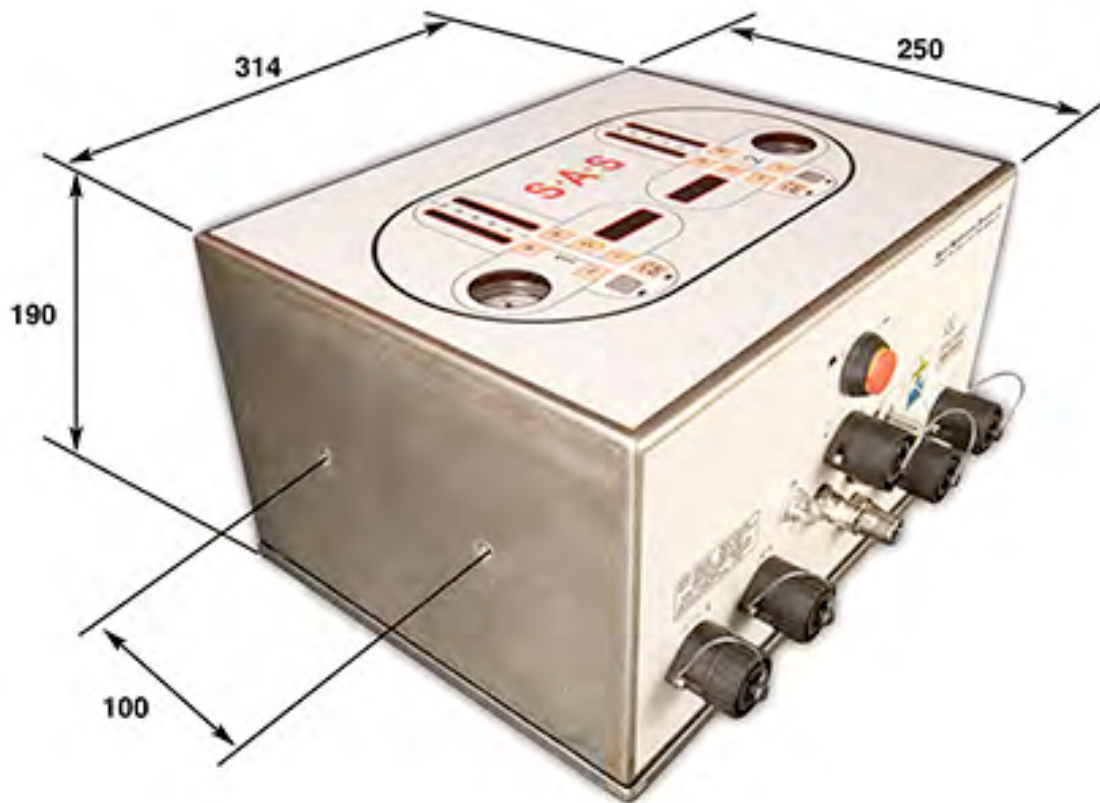


## CONTROL UNIT FRONT PANEL

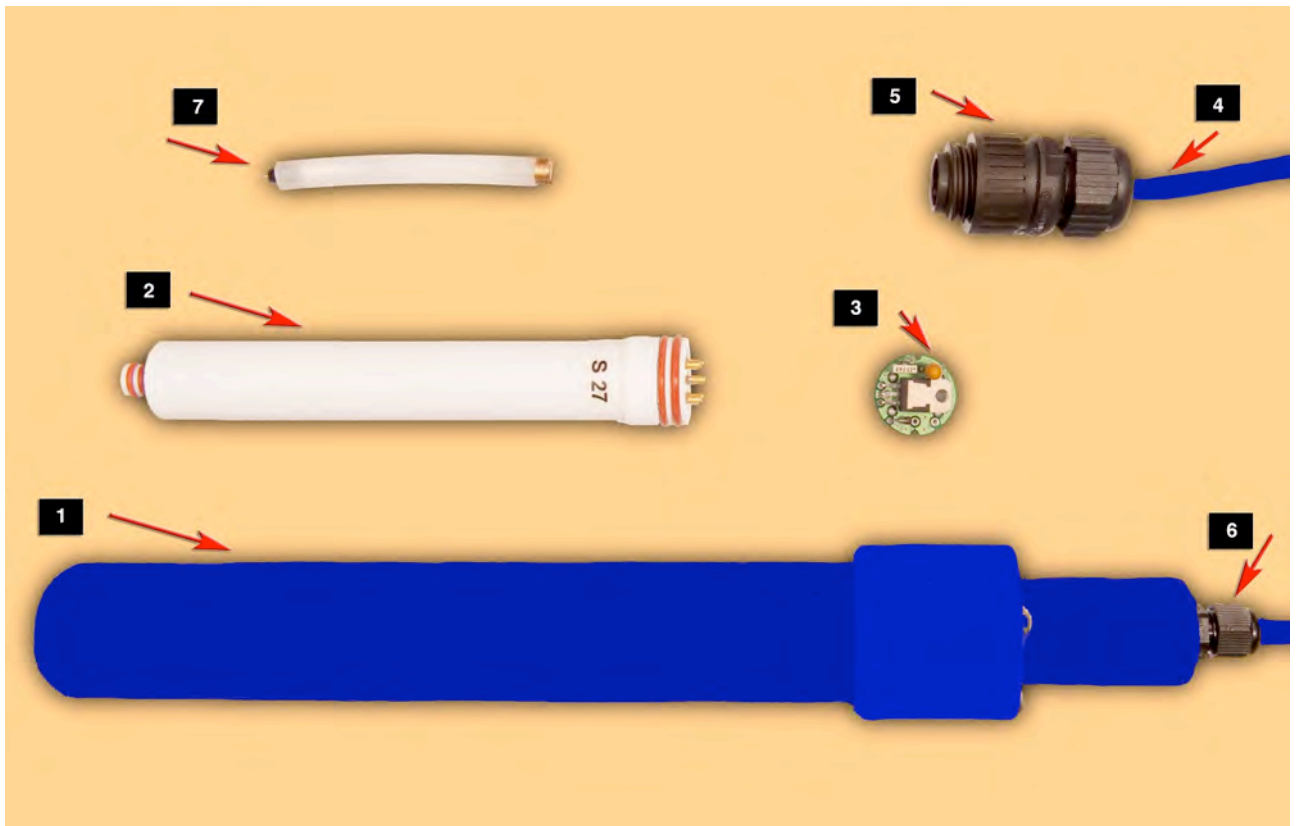


- 1 0-2bar Pressure gauge
- 2 Pressure regulator adjustment + (rise in air pressure)
- 3 Pressure regulator adjustment - (fall in air pressure)
- 4 Pre Selection program numbers up +
- S Lock selection button
- 5 Pre Selection program numbers -
- 6 Local on/off switch
- 7 Remote trigger on/off switch
- 8 Program information numbers
- 9 Ampage dial (orange)
- 10 Voltage dial (green)

## CABINET FIXING SIZES



# ELECTROSTATIC GENERATING HEAD



- |    |         |  |
|----|---------|--|
| 1. | GH3001  | Generating head MK3 complete                         |
| 2. | GH3002  | Cascade MK3  |
| 3. | GH3003  | Oscillator board MK3                                 |
| 4. | GH3004  | Cable MK3  |
| 5. | CUP1002 | Electrostatic generating head plug 4 pin Male (IP65) |
| 6. | GH3006  | Cable Gland  |
| 7. | GH3007  | Extension electrode (length required 1-5mtrs)        |

## IMPORTANT

When fitting a plug to the mains lead it is essential that it contains an earthing/grounding contact and that this is connected. Under no circumstances should this equipment be connected to a mains supply which does not include an earthing/grounding wire and contacts. eg, e-wire extension leads, as used for some domestic equipment, **MUST NOT BE USED.**

## NOTE

The cable colour coding used for the Control Unit and its supplied mains cable is as follows:-

| <u>Pole</u>    |          | <u>US/JAPAN</u> | <u>U.K.</u>  |
|----------------|----------|-----------------|--------------|
| Live           | <i>L</i> | Black           | Brown        |
| Neutral        | <i>N</i> | White           | Blue         |
| Earth / Ground | <i>E</i> | Green           | Green/Yellow |

### For U.K. Equipment

The wire which is coloured **GREEN** and **YELLOW** must be connected to the terminal in the plug which is marked with the letter *E* or by the earth symbol, or coloured green or green and yellow.

The wire which is coloured **BLUE** must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter *N* or coloured black.

The wire which is coloured **BROWN** must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter *L* or coloured red.

## NOTE

The terminals used in the mains connector on the control panel of the unit are:-

| <u>POLE</u>    | <u>PIN No.</u> |
|----------------|----------------|
| Live           | Pin 1          |
| Neutral        | Pin 3          |
| Earth / Ground | Pin E          |

The method of disconnection from the mains electrical supply is by removal of the mains lead plug from its respective supply socket.

## OPERATING PRINCIPLE

The SAS control power supply transforms the 110/220 Vac into an adjustable voltage which can be set from 3.5 to 13 Vdc.

The generator at the spray head converts the 3.5 to 13 Vdc into 85 kV negative charge, the material being applied is drawn to the positively grounded product.

## INSTALLATION

1. The electrostatic generating head is delivered with the support bars within the drum
2. The product to be coated must be able to fully tumble and roll in front of the spray pattern. If it does not do so the electrostatic effect will not activate properly and will give a poor quality finish to the product.
3. The appropriate distance between the spray head air knife and the product to be coated is to be of about 20 - 45 cm / 8" - 18" (minimum distance is 15 cm / 6").
4. The control unit must be located outside the flavouring drum.
5. **All metal parts, pumps, containers, conveyors (feeding in and out of the drum) and any other conductive article within 2mtrs/ 6ft - must be grounded.**
6. Keep the spraying area clean. Remove all unnecessary metal components.
7. After fixing the electrostatic generating head place inside the drum. Fix the cable (CUP1002) with plug attached to the back of the control attachment, to electrical plug marked "1" and lock into place. (Locking mechanism already attached to control). If using a twin head system attach both cables, first to "1" and the second to "2". (see page 10)
8. Plug mains electric supply into back of control (CU1004) and lock into position. **When wiring up the mains supply the earth must be wired to the factory mains earthing system.**
9. Item CU1001 is for a remote trigger to facilitate the unit to switch on and off with an existing production line. If not using, make sure the dust cap is fitted and locked into place.

10. Wire the earthing cables from the drum to the earthing point at the rear of the control. (CU1006).
  
- 11. The drum must be earthed in 2 places with the earthing contacts rubbing against the wall of the drum. The outgoing and incoming vibratory conveyors to and from the drum must always be earthed and all metal within 2mtrs of the drum.**



# START UP

## ELECTROSTATIC CIRCUIT

1. Connect the SAS control to its power source.
2. Turn the power-supply ON/OFF switch to the ON position (CU1007).
3. The power supply emits a constant voltage at any given setting from 3.5 to 13 Vdc. This regulated voltage is transformed into high voltage within the generator barrel before being delivered to the spray head.

## CLEANING METHOD

- ➔ The ON/OFF switches on the power supply and to the spray head must be OFF before starting cleaning operation.
- ➔ Wait for 10 seconds before entering the spray area.
- ➔ All metallic parts located within and around the spray head must be correctly connected to the ground. The floor must be electrically conductive and grounded.
- ➔ Only apply a moderate amount of cleaning solution onto a clean soft cloth, or bristle brush, to clean the spray head and hoses.
- ➔ Synesthetic resins used in the fabrication of the electrostatic spray head can react with certain cleaning agents. Check with Spice Application Systems.
- ➔ **CAUTION:** avoid using the most toxic cleaning agents. Do not use chlorinates.
- ➔ Dry the spray head carefully and thoroughly with air.

## CLEANING PROCEDURE

1. Turn the power supply ON/OFF switch to OFF position.
2. Hose down the complete vibratory system in place (CIP). There is no need to remove the system for cleaning
3. Wash thoroughly and dry completely with compressed air before commencing production.

### WARNING

Never switch ON the electric power supply unit during the washing and cleaning operation.

## SERVICING

1. The electric power supply must be interrupted before any cleaning operation (**power supply unit switched off**).
2. When shutting off the voltage, **wait for some 10 seconds** so that the electric charge has time to reach the ground.
3. Do not soak or immerse the spray unit or any plastic parts in a solvent. This could result in damage and impair the safety circuits. If necessary, clean the plastic parts with a soft brush soaked in a soapy water solution after hosing down and then dry immediately.
4. **Before disconnecting hoses, ensure that the circuit is no longer pressurized, the air is turned off and that the electric current is also switched off.**
5. After any repair, prior to turning on the power supply:
  - a. Reconnect the three-pin plug and cable assembly to the power source.
  - b. Reconnect the ground wire to an earth connection.
  - c. Reconnect low voltage cable between SAS control and electrostatic generator head.

### EXTENDED SHUT DOWN PERIOD

1. Turn the on/off switch on the power supply to the OFF position
2. Dry the clean parts with compressed air.

### WARNING

- ⚠ Never leave assemble and electrode immersed in cleaning solution.
- ⚠ Always store in a dry place.
- ⚠ Never use metal tools to clean the electrostatic head.

## **DAILY CARE EXTENDED SHUT-DOWN PERIOD**

1. All electrical cables are not broken, twisted or knotted.
2. All earthing wires on the in/out vibratory trays and the drum are connected correctly.

# TROUBLESHOOTING

## Unit will not operate

1. **Mains connector not fitted to control panel:**  
Connect to rear of control panel (page 7, item 15)
2. **Not connected to a suitable mains electrical supply:**  
Engineer to check supply.
3. **Not switched on:**  
Turn the switch on at the front of the control panel (page 5, items 3 & 5)
4. **Circuit breakers tripped at the rear of the control panel:**  
Press circuit breakers inwards. If they trip out again after turning on the unit call for an engineer

## No power delivery

1. **Screw feeder blocked:**  
Empty screw feeder, remove screws and clean thoroughly.  
Reassemble and refill hopper.
2. **No powder in the screw feeder:**  
Fill the screw feeder

## Powder spraying, poor adhesion to product:

1. **Voltage output too low:**  
Adjust the vibratory tray further away from the product.
2. **Earthing not correct:**  
Reset the earth wiring and contacts
3. **Spice not suitable for electrostatic application:**  
Contact spice supplier.
4. **Spice particles too large:**  
Contact spice supplier.

## Partial or missed coating of product:

1. **Insufficient powder output:**  
Increase screw feeder output.  
Refill powder hopper.
2. **Flavouring drum speed/angle:**  
Increase or decrease drum speed.  
Raise or lower drum angle.

## Dust in the air (dusting):

1. **Electrostatics are not turned on:**  
Turn on at the control.
2. **The low voltage cable not connected or is damaged:**  
Replace cable if needed. (This cable must be supplied by SAS).
3. **Earthing not correct:**  
Reset the earth wiring and contacts.
4. **Powder very fine (under 15 microns)**  
Powder supplier to reformulate the powder

### **Operators are getting electric shocks:**

1. **Earthing not connected:**  
Reset the earth wiring and contacts.
2. **Operator not wearing conductive clothing:**  
Purchase conductive foot gear, or conductive operator earthing straps.

### **Electric shocks from the intake and exit vibratory conveyors:**

1. **No earthing on the vibratory trays:**  
Fit earthing straps to both conveyors.

## **STATIC ELECTRICITY TESTER. (S.E.T.)**



### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Always “self-test” the tester (S.E.T) before you start.

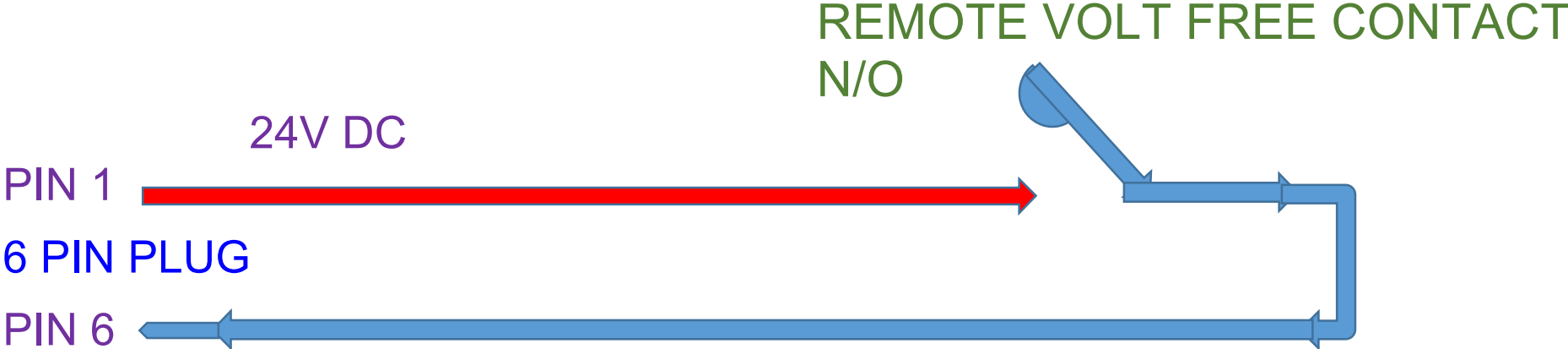
Do this by touching both ends simultaneously.

The red light should illuminate indicating that the S.E.T. is functioning correctly.

### **ELECTROSTATIC TEST**

1. Turn on the electrostatic generating head.
2. Hold the S.E.T. with the screwdriver tip between the fingers. With the handle end pointing towards the generating head, about 1m away, move towards the electrode at the end of the electrostatic generator and you should see a strong red light illuminate, being at it strongest when you are within 400-500mm from the electrode.
3. **Always make sure you are holding onto an earthing point when doing this test, or you are wearing conductive shoes.**
4. If no red light appears refer to the main manual under Fault Finding.

# REMOTE OPERATION WIRING



# SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM

Schematic Diagram

