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Nozzle Air Consumption

COMPRESSOR SIZE IS IMPORTANT

Keep your productivity up - Maximise your compressed air pressure and volume.

A blast cleaning operation's productivity level directly depends on the volume and pressure of the air passing through the nozzle. In operations with slow production rates, there's usually not enough air volume (cfm) and pressure (psi). A larger compressor will provide more air to support a larger nozzle, and a larger nozzle gets the job done faster. Also ensure air lines and blast hoses are of the correct size to minimise pressure losses.

Hose And Nozzle Selection Guide - Blasting at 100 psi nozzle pressure

Order Code	Internal size mm (inches)	External size mm (inches)	Wall Thickness	Full Coil Length
Nozzle number	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	No. 8
Nozzle Size	1/4"	5/16"	3/8"	1/2"
CFM at 100psi	103	158	229	407
Air Hose ID - minimum	25mm (1")	38mm (1 1/2")	38mm (1 1/2")	50mm (2")

Air Consumption in CFM for Blast Nozzle Size

Pressure at Nozzle / Nozzle Bore	50psi	80psi	100psi	120psi
No. 3 (3/16")	32	47	57	67
No. 4 (1/4")	57	84	103	119
No. 5 (5/16")	89	131	158	186
No. 6 (3/8")	129	189	229	269
No. 7 (7/16")	176	258	312	367
No. 8 (1/2")	229	336	407	478
Relative Efficiency	47%	74%	100%	118%

FEATURES:

Get the most productivity from your air hose - use a larger ID hose -

When it comes to air compressor hose, bigger is better. Running a large I.D. air line (1 1/2" or 2") from your compressor to your blast pot reduces friction pressure loss caused in smaller, more restrictive sizes. Air pressure drops have a large impact on production.

Shorter is better. Don't lose pressure -

Keep your air hose and blast hose lengths short. Put your compressor as close to the blast pot as possible, and keep your pot near your blasters to shorten the distance the air has to travel and keep pressure drops to a minimum. It's especially helpful to keep blast hose length short since pressure drops are even greater than in air hose because you're pushing abrasive and compressed air through the line.

Minimum Recommended Compressor Air Supply Line Sizes

Nozzle Bore Size	Minimum Air Line Bore
1/4" (6.5mm)	1" (25mm)
5/16" (8mm)	1-1/4" (32mm)
3/8" (9.5mm)	1-1/2" (38mm)
1/2" (12.5mm)	2" (50mm)

Blasting Efficiency -

Every 1 psi below 100psi pressure at the nozzle equates to 1.5% LOSS of blasting efficiency

Pressure at Nozzle	Loss of Efficiency compared to 100 psi
94psi	9.40%
90psi	16%
80psi	35%
70psi	57%

Note :