

# **RS Resin Spray Guns**

Next Generation Guns for Gel Coat and Chop Applications



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## A revolution for the FRP industry

# Discover the next generation of gel coat and chop guns

Innovations engineered into the Graco RS Resin Spray Gun are sure to make a difference in your production uptime. It's lightweight. Ergonomic. Designed for tool-less operation and quick blade changes. Fast, easy maintenance too.

Discover how the Graco RS Resin Spray Gun's revolutionary design and industry-first features can help boost your company's bottom line.

#### Lightweight, high-output cutter

- Allows you to get the glass output you need with fewer strands of roving
- Fewer strands of roving means less chance of tangling, easier handling and more uptime
- Up to 40% lighter than traditional models for better chopping control

#### External anvil adjustment

- Lets you adjust anvil tension to correct cut variations due to anvil and blade wear
- Simply unlock thumb lever, adjust tension screw and resume spraying
- No disassembly, no tools required results in more uptime

#### Tool-less blade design for more uptime

- No tools required easy to change blades in seconds
- Ability to change blades on the production line resulting in more uptime
- Operators never have to touch a blade
- Virtually eliminates nicks and cuts

Graco RS Chop Gun with Cutter

#### Speed control

- · Lets you adjust glass output on the fly
- No tools required

## Change blades in seconds and keep production moving

Graco's innovative new fiberglass cutter is sure to change the way you work. It's designed so workers can change the blades in less than a minute – significantly less time than traditional cutter designs. In addition, blades and anvils can be changed right on the production line, resulting in more uptime. Because the blades are pre-loaded in the cartridge, operators never have to handle sharp blades.



## Built to spray longer and improve uptime

## Both Graco RS Chop and RS Gel Coat Guns offer:

#### Lightweight design

• Up to 44% lighter than traditional models for better spraying control

#### Unique needle clamp design

- · Designed to retain the factory adjustment
- · Eliminates need to adjust needle setting after routine service

#### Quick-disconnect front end

- Easy shutdown procedures simply place front end in solvent overnight
- · Increases production time, reduces clean-up time
- · After cleaning front end, the gun can be set aside for the next shift

#### Air Assist Containment (AAC®)

- More material on the part, less on the floor saves material costs
- · Promotes a healthier work environment due to less overspray
- Standard on all RS guns

#### Ergonomic handle

· Less operator fatigue means consistent quality parts throughout the shift

#### Easy maintenance

- Whole gun may be placed in solvent
- O-rings and seals are solvent-resistant
- · Virtually eliminates downtime for unscheduled maintenance

#### High-pressure swivel

- · Allows for easy gun manoeuvrability
- · Provides more control when spraying in tight areas



Graco RS Chop Guns and Graco RS Gel Coat Guns are both available in internal and external mix models



Remove locking mechanism

### How to change a Graco cutter blade



Remove used blade cartridge



Replace with new blade cartridge

## Advanced technology to control and contain your spray pattern

When you buy a drum of resin, you pay for every drop of material. It makes good economic sense to put as many of those drops as possible on the mold.

Air Assist Containment (AAC) technology wraps the spray pattern in a containment shield of air – preventing atomized droplets from escaping the spray pattern. Droplets that escape and end up on the floor, wall or employee's clothing are a waste of money.

AAC creates a spray pattern where the droplets travel to the mold at very low pressure. The low speed or "particle velocity" creates very little turbulence or disturbance in the liquid when the droplet makes contact with the mold. Competitive spray guns with higher "particle velocity" create a great deal of turbulence when the droplets impact the mold. Turbulence creates air entrapment which results in porosity. AAC spraying dramatically reduces the chances of air entrapment and porosity.

## AAC improves your profit picture

- All Graco RS guns feature the patented AAC technology
- Reduces material waste which results in more molds per drum of material
- Precise catalyst delivery and reduced particle velocity assure the highest quality finish
- Less overspray means a healthier work area for employees



External mix technology shown in example

## Lightning-fast blade changes – more uptime

#### Calculate your return on your investment

If it takes longer than a few minutes to switch the blades on your current chop gun, then you need a Graco RS Chop Gun. You'll discover that the Graco RS Chop Gun pays for itself with saved labour costs and improved production uptime. Here's how:

## Easy, convenient blade change for improved production uptime

The blade cartridge in the Graco RS Chop Gun adds convenience and speed to the production line. Blades can be switched in under a minute, right on the production line. No more stopping production to switch guns. No more taking the gun to the workbench. Instead, blades can be quickly switched on the production line. The Graco RS Gun significantly reduces downtime due to blade maintenance.

#### No tools required

The cover to Graco's cutter assembly is easy to remove and doesn't require any tools. Neither do the blades.

Old style cutters featured razor blades that needed to be replaced individually. With Graco's new blade cartridge, you simply remove the entire used blade cartridge and insert a new one. It's much quicker, with less chance of getting cut.

#### **Reduced labour costs**

Some shops have a specialized gun maintenance person whose sole job is to switch blades in chop guns. Because of the Graco RS Gun's simple, innovative design, this is no longer necessary.

Stop and think: what's the real cost and time spent at your plant to change the blades on your current chop gun? Add it up: stopping the production line, getting the tools to remove the cover and wheel, taking the cutter to the bench, removing blades... it all adds up.

Labour savings alone on the Graco RS Gun will provide a strong return on investment. Use the ROI tool below to determine the savings in your shop.

#### **Fewer cuts**

LABOUR SAVINGS	EXAMPLE	ESTIMATE		ACTUA	L ESTIMATE
(including cost of blades)	Typical Competitive Gun	Graco RS Chop Gun	Formula	Current Chop Gun	Graco RS Chop Gun
Labour rate per hour	30,00	30,00	А		
Time to switch blades (hrs)	0,25	0,0083	В		0,0083
Price of blades (4-blade)	1,00	5,00	С		5,00
Daily labour & blade cost	8.50	5,25	D = (A x B) + C		
Number of shifts each day	1	1	E		
Number of times blades are changed per shift	1	1	F		
Number of times blades are changed each week (assumes 5-day work week)	5	5	G = E x F x 5		
Weekly cost	42,50	26,25	$H = D \times G$		
Annual cost @ 50 weeks/year	2.125,00	1.313,00	I = H x 50		
LABOUR & PARTS SAVINGS	9	12			

This ROI Calculator provides an estimate of savings only. Part prices and time to switch blades are estimates only. Savings generated by this ROI tool are not guaranteed. Actual results may vary depending on equipment, materials and factory conditions.

## **Technical Specifications**

#### Minimum Air Flow 6,8 bar (at 100 psi)

Internal Mix Gel	0.354 meters <sup>3</sup> per minute (12.5 scfm)
Internal Mix Chop	0.064 meters <sup>3</sup> per minute (2.25 scfm)
External Mix	
Cutter:	0.467 meters <sup>3</sup> per minute (16.5 scfm)
Maximum Air Pressure	
Weight	
Internal Mix Gel:	1.05 kg
Internal Mix Chop	
External Mix Gel	0.94 kg
External Mix Chop	1.04 kg
Cutter	0.91 kg
Manual (Guns and Cutter)	

## How to read a composite spray tip number



#### EXAMPLE



## Airless Composite Spray Tips

Dort Number			
Fait Number			
CST215	CST223	CST343	
CST415	CST423	CST443	
CST217	CST523	CST543	
CST417	CST427	CST351	
CST517	CST527	CST451	
CST219	CST231	CST551	
CST419	CST431	CST651	
CST519	CST531	CST461	
CST221	CST235	CST561	
CST421	CST435	CST661	
CST521	CST535	CST471	

## Impingement Composite Spray Tips

Part Number			
	arthumbo	I	
CSTS42	CSTS64	CSTS75	
CSTS73	CSTS74	CSTS56	
CSTS34	CSTS84	CSTS66	
CSTS44	CSTS55	CSTS57	
CSTS54	CSTS65	CSTT57	

\* Pattern size will vary depending on changes in pressure, viscosity and temperature.

#### **EXAMPLE**



## Guns

258853	Gel coat gun, internal mix with CST521 tip
258840	Gel coat gun, external mix with CST521 tip
258854	Chop gun, internal mix with CST443 tip,
	without cutter
258852	Chop gun, external mix with CST443 tip,
	without cutter
258970	External mix chop gun with CST443 tip,
	with cutter
258971	Internal mix chop gun with CST443 tip,
	with cutter
24E512	Cutter assembly
24E448	4-blade cartridge kit
24F602	6-blade cartridge kit
24E449	8-blade cartridge kit
257754	Hose adapter kit

## **Gun Repair Kits**

24E415 Solvent AAC assembly fitting kit 24E416 Needle clamp assembly kit 24E417 Complete needle assembly 24E418 Needle repair kit 24E419 Needle AAC kit 24E420 Catalyst Seat Kit 24E421 Resin Seat Kit 24E422 Cutter adapter kit 24E423 Catalyst check valve 24E424 Check valve housing kit 24E425 Trigger air valve kit 24E428 Seat seal, 6-pack 24E435 Tip seal kit, 6-pack 24E436 Needle assembly kit, 6-pack 24E443 Front head internal check valve 24E444 Internal spring check valve kit 16C300 Internal mixer kit 24E446 Front head external check valve kit 24E447 Front head external check valve repair kit

## **Head Assemblies**

24E426	Horizontal external mix front head kit
24E427	Vertical external mix front head kit
24E442	Horizontal/vertical internal
	mix front head kit



#### **ABOUT GRACO**

Founded in 1926, Graco is a world leader in fluid handling systems and components. Graco products move, measure, control, dispense and apply a wide range of fluids and viscous materials used in vehicle lubrication, commercial and industrial settings.

The company's success is based on its unwavering commitment to technical excellence, world-class manufacturing and unparalleled customer service. Working closely with qualified distributors, Graco offers systems, products and technology that set the quality standard in a wide range of fluid handling solutions. Graco provides equipment for spray finishing, protective coating, paint circulation, lubrication, and dispensing sealants and adhesives, along with power application equipment for the contractor industry. Graco's ongoing investment in fluid management and control will continue to provide innovative solutions to a diverse global market.

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