

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

Title: External Cleaning and Operation of Blow, Fill & Seal Machine

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1.0 **OBJECTIVE:**

To lay down a procedure for external Cleaning and Operation of Blow, Fill & Seal Machine.

2.0 SCOPE:

This SOP is applicable for Cleaning and Operation of Blow, Fill & Seal Machine (Make: Weiler engineering Model: 603) at Production Area of Large Volume Parenteral Line.

3.0 **RESPONSIBILITY:**

Officer/Executive Production

4.0 ACCOUNTABILITY:

Head Production

5.0 ABBREVIATIONS:

BFS Blow-Fill & Seal

HEPA High Efficiency Particulate Air

LAF Laminar Air Flow

LDPE Low Density Polyethylene

Ltd. Limited M/C Machine No. Number Pyt Private

QA Quality Assurance QC Quality Control

Sec Second Sign Signature

SOP Standard Operating Procedure

WFI Water for Injection

6.0 PROCEDURE:

6.1 CHECK & PRECAUTION:

- **6.1.1** Turn on the Chiller from utility (if the same is not running) and open chilled water inlet and outlet valves.
- **6.1.2** Ensure that chilled water supply is available within 3- 4 kg/cm² at user point.
- **6.1.3** Open Chilled Water Valve for mold cooling.
- **6.1.4** Ensure that compress air supply is available within limit of 6- 8 kg/cm².



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- 6.1.5 Clean the all residues from mold alignment pins and bushings (Main Mold and Seal Molds) and apply film of Petro gel to guide pins / keys.
- **6.1.6** Check the level of Hydraulic oil tank.
- **6.1.7** Turn on the vacuum pump. Checked vacuum pump pressure gauge within limit (450 to 700) mm/hg.
- **6.1.8** Check the filling nozzle diaphragm of each nozzle in **quarterly or when required** & changes the diaphragm if required.
- **6.1.9** Checks the exhaust valve diaphragms in **quarterly or when required** & change the diaphragm if required.

6.2 EXTERNAL CLEANING OF BFS MACHINE:

- **6.2.1** Perform the Machine Cleaning and Sanitization when there is no production activity and whenever required.
- **6.2.2** First of all clean the area which is near to filling zone, after that other part of filling machine.
- **6.2.3** Start cleaning first inner side with Lint free mop with 70% IPA v/v.
- **6.2.4** Clean all outer surfaces with Lint free mop with 70% IPA.

6.3 START OPERATION:

6.3.1 Turn on the Main Power switch of the BFS Machine.



6.3.2 Main screen display shows than start other activity to machine.



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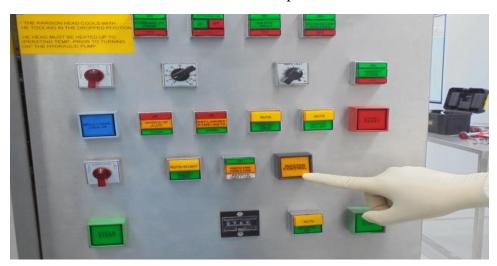
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6.3.3 Turn on the Master Control ON from the Operator Panel.



- **6.3.4** Put the necessary details like user name and password & login.
- **6.3.5** Door interlocking system disable for guard open and manual operating system.



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6.3.6 Turn on the Heaters from the Operator Panel & wait till Extruder heat up to Stand by Temperature.



6.3.7 Turn on the Knife heating from the Operator Panel.



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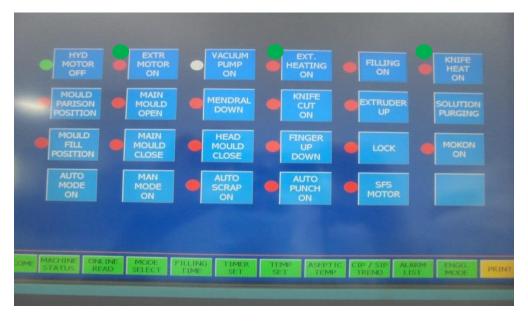
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- **6.3.8** Turn on the Blower for Positive Air Pressure of HEPA in filling area of the machine.
- **6.3.9** Turn on the Hydraulic Pump from the Operator Panel.



- **6.3.10** Turn on the Vacuum Pump from electric panel.
- **6.3.11** Ensure that extruder heating is achieved up to set parameter, and heating temp. is stable.
- **6.3.12** Switch is on the Auto Mode.



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- **6.3.13** Open the Valve to Transfer Solution from Holding Tank to Buffer Tank of Machine.
- **6.3.14** Check the Weight of Solution of Buffer Tank at Operator Screen.



- **6.3.15** Ensure that the extruder heating is within limit, and heating achieved in all sensor. Confirm granule storage tank is filled upto the desired level.
- **6.3.16** Turn the Extruder ON Button & Knife ON push button from the Operator Panel.
- **6.3.17** Ensure that granule storage tank is filled with LDPE granule.
- **6.3.18** Start the Bottle and scrap conveyor belt.

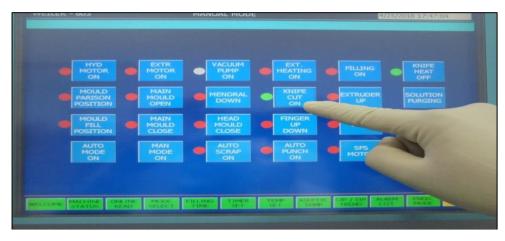


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- **6.3.19** After the Parison get straight and equal in length and checked then start the machine by pressing the Cycle Start push Buttons from the Operator Control panel.
- **6.3.20** Check the bottle code embossed on bottle if not proper rectifies the Product code.
- **6.3.21** After the Parison get straight and equal in length and checked then start the machine by pressing the Cycle Start push Buttons from the Operator Control Panel.
- **6.3.22** Visually checks if any extra plastic comes on bottle rectify the problem.
- **6.3.23** Check the empty weight of bottle & if not within limit rectify the Empty Weight of bottles.
- **6.3.24** Push the second cycle start button for filling.



6.3.25 Discard initially filled five cycle Bottles, Check for volume with 6th filled cycle & if volume is not within limit adjust the volume & proceed for further filling.

6.4 STOP OPERATION (FOR STOPPING PRODUCTION CYCLE):

- **6.4.1** Press the cycle stops button from the push button panel or machine automatically filling stop at buffer tank level low.
- **6.4.2** Once the cycle gets completed and press the machine stops, Turn the hydraulic off from the push button panel.



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- **6.4.3** Turn the Extruder off from the Push Button Panel.
- **6.4.4** Turn Off the Vacuum pump from Electric Panel.
- **6.4.5** Turn off the Heaters from the Push Button Control Panel.
- **6.4.6** Turn the hot Knife off from Push Button Control Panel.
- **6.4.7** Clear the Bottles from Mold & Machine area.
- **6.4.8** Turn off all the utilities and conveyor belt.

7.0 ANNEXURES:

ANNEXURE No.	TITLE OF ANNEXURE	FORMAT No.
Annexure-I	Monitoring of Filling Nozzle Diaphragm	
Annexure-II	Monitoring of Exhaust Valve Diaphragm	

ENCLOSURES: SOP Training Record.

8.0 **DISTRIBUTION:**

• Controlled Copy No. 01 Quality Assurance

• Controlled Copy No. 02 Production

• Master Copy Quality Assurance

9.0 **REFERENCES**:

Not Applicable.

10.0 REVISION HISTORY:

CHANGE HISTORY LOG

Revision	Change Control	Details of Changes	Reason for	Effective	Updated
No.	No.		Change	Date	By



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ANNEXURE – I MONITORING OF FILLING NOZZLE DIAPHRAGM

Date: Block: Frequency:

Nozzle No.	Diaphragm Status OK/Not OK	Diaphragm Replacement Date		Checked By Sign & Date	Verified By Sign & Date	Remarks
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ANNEXURE – II MONITORING OF EXHAUST VALVE DIAPHRAGM

Block: Frequency:

Date	Exhaust Valve Diaphragm Status OK/Not OK	Exhaust Valve Diaphragm Replacement Date	Done By Sign & Date	Checked By Sign & Date	Verified By Sign & Date	Remarks