



# BEERBLAST™ 14KPH & N<sub>2</sub>-GEN™ 14KPH WITH HIGH OUTPUT O&M MANUAL

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 PURPOSE

The BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO provide an economical, precise means of supplying mixed beer gas to "push" the beer to the tap within restaurant and bar establishments. Beer brewers have established recommended Carbon-Dioxide (CO₂) and Nitrogen (N₂) mixed gas ratios to protect the kegged product quality, eliminating over-foaming or under-carbonation, while increasing the keg life. Precise mixed beer gas lowers operational costs, increases yields/profits, and ultimately provides a higher level of customer satisfaction. This system can also be used for wine or specialty mixed drink dispensing systems.

South-Tek System's line of BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO products consist of three parts, internally:

- N<sub>2</sub> Generator
- Air Compressors
- CO<sub>2</sub> /N<sub>2</sub> dual output gas blender (the N<sub>2</sub>-GEN™ 14KPH-HO does not include a gas blender)

Since air is comprised of ~79%  $N_2$ , we simply and cost-effectively separate the  $N_2$  from the air. Nitrogen is an inert gas (non-combustible), which is even used to package food products for increased shelf life. The  $N_2$  is "generated" by our pressure swing adsorption (PSA) technology, where compressed air cycles back and forth between two beds. As needed, the high purity  $N_2$  is then forwarded to the integral McDantim<sup>TM</sup> dual output gas blender (Only in our BeerBlast<sup>TM</sup> 14KPH-HO models) which precisely blends the  $N_2$  with the  $CO_2$  from the restaurant/bar's in-house storage cylinder/tank. The standard  $CO_2/N_2$  blends available are 60% / 40% and 25% / 75%. The blends are accurate to within 2%. Custom  $CO_2/N_2$  blends are available if desired.

\*\*The installer and the user should read this manual in its entirety.

#### 1.2 AUDIENCE

This manual is intended for Installer/Restaurant/Bar Operator/Supervisory Staff and should be read in its entirety prior to operation.

Please contact your local Beer Gas provider for any operation and maintenance first prior to contacting the manufacturer.

#### 1.3 IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Before personnel attempt to service the unit, ensure the power switch has been turned to the off position, and then disconnect the unit's external power cord from the building electrical power supply if possible. Always follow specific manuals from STS when servicing your system.

# 2 SAFETY GUIDELINES

#### 2.1 GENERAL

Correct use of the BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO is important for your personal safety and for trouble-free functioning of the BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO. Incorrect use can cause damage to the BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO or can lead to incorrect gas supply.

The BeerBlast<sup>™</sup> 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN<sup>™</sup> 14KPH-HO models produce a gas blend of Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and Nitrogen (N<sub>2</sub>) at a low flow rate, which quickly dissipates into the air.  $CO_2$  and  $N_2$  gases are not poisonous but they should not be directly inhaled, since in high concentrations, they can cause asphyxiation. Ensure that the unit is installed within a well-ventilated room, one that is not sealed off from normal living space air changes.

All personnel involved with installation, operations, and maintenance of the BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO models must follow safe working practices, OSHA, and local health/safety code regulations during the installation, operation, and maintenance of the unit.

#### Warning:

- This manual must be read in its entirety to installing and operating the BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO to prevent accidents and damage to the BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO.
- Contact your supplier if you detect a problem that you cannot solve with this manual.
- Only use the BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO in accordance with its designed purpose.
  - This system should be limited specifically to beverage applications of beer, coffee, wine, tea and other mixed drink applications and should be kept out of the splash zone.
- Only service-engineers, that are qualified to work on electric and pneumatic equipment, are allowed to do the installation, maintenance and repairs. Unqualified people are not allowed to repair the equipment.
- Do not tamper or experiment with the equipment or exceed the technical specifications.

### 3 SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

#### 3.1 KEY FEATURES

The BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO key features include the following:

- Air compressors
- Air Filters
- Programmable Logic Controller (PLC)
- Pressure Swing Adsorption Beds
- Safety Relief Valves
- N<sub>2</sub> Storage Tank
- Automatic Pressure Cut-in/Cut-out
- McDantim<sup>™</sup> dual output gas blender (Only in the BeerBlast<sup>™</sup> models)
- STS Patented Blast-Off Leak Detection

#### **Air Compressor:**

The air compressors are designed internally to the cabinet and features engineered dampening system to reduce vibration and noise throughout the cabinet. They are oil-less compressors with pre-filters attached to the air input. The recommended replacement on the pre-filter is 1000 run hours or 1 year (whichever comes first). Dirtier environments may require the filter to be changed out more frequently. Consult your supplier for a different filter maintenance schedule if you are installing the generator in dirty environment.

#### Air Filters:

The generator has two filters after the air compressor: the particulate and coalescing. The Particulate has a 5-micron filter that will catch any of the larger particles. The Coalescing has a 0.1-micron filter that will catch the remaining smaller particles. Both filters feature an Auto-drain that will drain the water captured after the air compressor. The drain is plumbed to the outside of the cabinet where the end-user can then connect ¼" tubing and drain to a safe location.

#### **Programmable Logic Controller (PLC):**

There is an integrated PLC within the cabinet. It features smart and efficient coding to maximize the performance of the generator. It controls the timing and sequencing of the valves to effectively move compressed gas throughout the system. It also has a smart feature to automatically go into different "modes" based on the current run stages. It comes with a visual screen that will display run hours and alarms.

#### **Safety Relief Valves:**

Safety Relief Valves have been placed throughout the system for maximum safety. They are designed and put in place to minimize failure of other components. They all come with an ASME stamp.

#### N<sub>2</sub> Storage Tank:

A  $N_2$  Storage Tank is housed inside the cabinet with manual ball valves and gauge. It is plumbed to an external manual ball valve so that the end-user will not have to do any plumbing within the cabinet.

#### **Automatic Cut-In/Out:**

The generator comes with a built in pressure switch that is tied into the PLC. This will provide a low voltage signal back to the PLC to put the system in a "Standby Mode" when the tank is full of Nitrogen.

#### McDantim<sup>™</sup> dual output gas blender:

Precisely blends  $N_2$  with  $CO_2$  from the restaurant/bar's in house storage cylinder / tank. The standard  $CO_2$  / $N_2$  blends available are 60% / 40% and 25% / 75%. The blends are accurate to within 2%. Custom  $CO_2$  / $N_2$  blends are available if desired.

#### **Patented Blast-Off Leak Detection:**

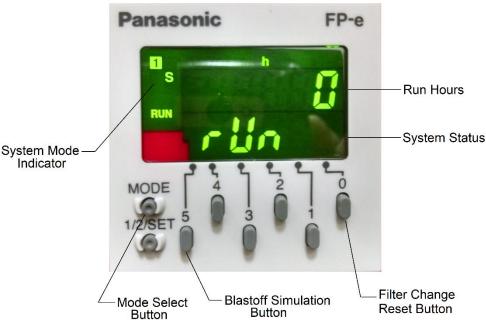
The Blast-Off Leak Detection will provide the end-user with an alarm when it detects characteristics of a leak somewhere on the system. It will trigger an audible alarm and display it on the screen.

# 3.2 SPECIFICATIONS (BEERBLAST<sup>TM</sup> 14KPH-HO AND $N_2$ -GEN<sup>TM</sup> 14KPH-HO)

BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO and N₂-GEN™ 14KPH-HO - Specifications				
Nitrogen Purity	99.8+%			
Installation	Floor standing			
Display	Run Hours / Run Status / Alarm Status			
N <sub>2</sub> Storage Pressure	85-95 PSIG			
CO <sub>2</sub> Gas Requirement	85-100 (min/max) PSIG			
Available Blends	60/40 & 25/75 (CO <sub>2</sub> /N <sub>2</sub> ) *Factory Set			
Blender Output Pressure	50 PSIG min			
Cabinet Port Connections	1/4" NPT Female			
Electrical	110-125 or 220-240V / 50-60Hz / 1Phase; 20 Amp Breaker			
Compressor	Integrated / Oil-Free			
Ambient Temperature	40° to 90°F			
Noise Level (dbA)	< 75 dBa			
Size	26" W x 18" D x 59" H (Cabinet Dimensions)			
Weight	Appox. 275 lbs			

#### 3.3 SYSTEM OPERATIONS

The system has two standard run modes – Run and Standby. When the power switch is turned on, the controller will automatically determine which mode to enter and will display the current run mode on the screen – "Run" in Green and "StdBy" in Yellow. The layout of the controller can be seen below.



#### **System Status**

"Run" mode is when the BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO is producing nitrogen and supplies it to the storage tank. The system will automatically enter "Standby" mode when the tank is fully pressurized (90-95 PSIG). It will remain in "Standby" mode until the tank pressure falls 5-10 PSIG.

#### **System Mode**

To utilize the buttons on the front of the controller the unit must be unlocked. If the system is displaying "LOCK" the Mode Select Button may be pressed and held to unlock the controller (Repeat this step if a system lockout is desired). Unlocking the controller allows access to two features:

- Blastoff® Simulation (5) Hold the Blastoff Simulation Button for 3 seconds to activate. This will simulate the Blastoff and trip the alarm dry contact in the unit (if installed) for 2 seconds so that proper functioning can be confirmed.
- Filter Change Reset (0) When a new FRP (Filter Replacement Package) is installed, the 1000-run hour filter change time must be reset. After replacing the filter elements, press and hold the Filter Change Reset Button for 7 seconds. An audible beep and a display of "reSet" will confirm that the time and filter alarm are reset.

# 4 PRODUCT INSTALLATION

#### 4.1 UNPACKING AND PREPARATION (BEERBLAST™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO)

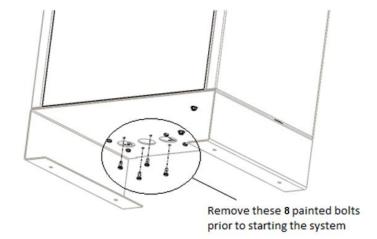
The BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO will arrive in a wooden crate. Open the side noted, "Open this side". Once the crate is opened, inspect all parts for any damage upon receipt. Take any pictures upon arrival of the crate, of damages done during shipping. Identify and verify that all parts listed on the packing list are present and undamaged. South-Tek Systems (STS) is not responsible for damages that have occurred during the shipping and handling of the BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO. Any visual damages should be immediately documented and reported to the shipping company responsible. Then, contact STS at (888)526-6284 to assess the damages only after the shipping company has been notified.

#### Until Installation:

- The BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO can be stored inside the wooden crate until installation. For extended storage of over a month, open and insert desiccant bags as needed to prevent moisture buildup.
- Store the BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO in a dry and climate controlled (40-100°F) room.
- Always keep the BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO in an upright position.
- Do not connect the AC power cable until this manual has been read completely and all connections are made as stated within.
- Keep all gas lines dry so moisture does not enter the generator upon hookup.
- Never place/stack objects on top of the BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO.

To remove the BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO from the crate, unbolt the cabinet base from the crate. Carefully, lift the unit from the crate and set it on the floor. The use of a floor jack is advisable to move it to the final location. Once in place, unbolt the eight (8) painted bolts at the bottom of the cabinet.

Carefully, break down the crate and store in a safe location incase that it may need to be sent back to the factory for service.

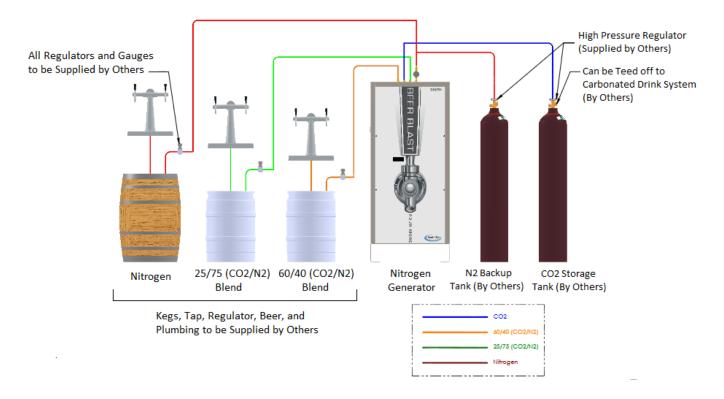


#### 4.2 ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

The BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO requires 120VAC or 240VAC / 50-60 hz / 1ph connection depending on which voltage the model was prepared for. Check the serial number label on the left side of the cabinet, a serial number/model number with a "-220" suffix is prepared for 220-240VAC only. It has a built in 20A circuit breaker and a standard 3-prong US power cord is provided for the electrical connection. The system is UL 508A ICP approved. Electrical schematic available upon request.

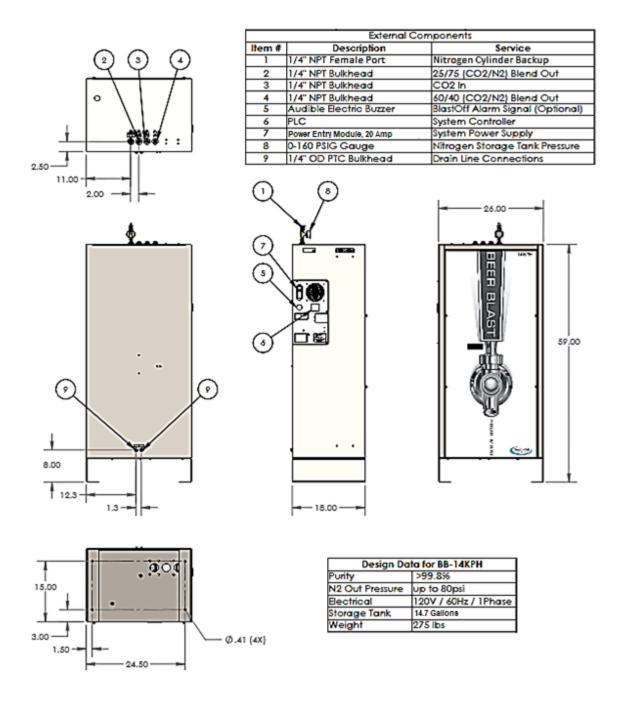
#### 4.3 INSTALLATION (BEERBLAST™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO)

The BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO needs to be installed on a hard, flat surface capable of supporting 300+ lbs. There are (4) anchor bolt holes on the support legs that can be used to secure the unit to the floor. It is not required to be anchored, but always follow any site/local codes regarding securing equipment. The unit's back side and right side can be pushed all the way against the wall. Leave at least 6″ on the left side of the cabinet for ventilation, but 36″ is recommended for access to the control panel (otherwise, the unit will need to be pulled out to read the display. There are also two ¼″ OD drain ports are on the left side of the cabinet. These can be plumbed to the nearest site drain. The front side of the cabinet requires 36″ minimum to gain access to the front door and perform routine maintenance. Leave enough clearance room on the top of the cabinet for gas line connections. The N₂-GEN™ 14KPH will have the first 3 ports plugged as there is not an internal blender.



Ports on the upper cabinet are as follows (from left to right): Port 1:  $60/40 \text{ CO}_2/N_2$  Blend, Port 2:  $CO_2/N_2$  Blend, Port 4,  $N_2$  Out.

First-time use will require an initial pressurization of the internal storage tank. To perform this task, make sure that all gas connections are properly made to the kegs. All gas connection ports are ¼" NPT female.



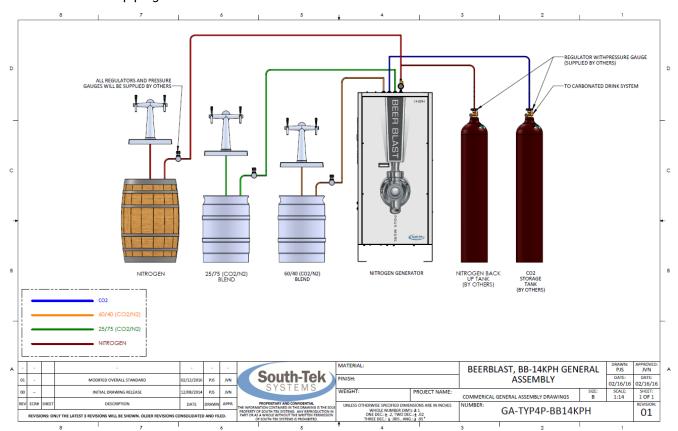
Once the connections are all secure, turn on the power (switch is located externally on the upper left side of the cabinet on the control panel). The initial start-up will require up to 1 hour to fully pressurize the internal storage tank to the correct level. External pressure gauge (at the top coming off the 4<sup>th</sup> port from the left) can be viewed to verify that the internal storage tank has been filled to 90-95 PSIG. Once the tank is full, the system will automatically go into a standby mode and is ready for standard operation.

#### 4.4 NITROGEN CYLINDER BACK-UP (BEERBLAST™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO)

It is recommended that a backup system be installed in case of any unforeseen complications. A backup  $N_2$  Cylinder tank can be used instead of the generated nitrogen from the BeerBlast<sup> $\mathbb{N}$ </sup> 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN<sup> $\mathbb{N}$ </sup> 14KPH-HO. It will allow the nitrogen to go through the Blender to achieve the desired results. To install the back-up tank, you will need a cylinder with valve and regulator (regulated to 90-100 PSIG). Install the  $N_2$  back-up on the gas line on Port 4 of the BeerBlast<sup> $\mathbb{N}$ </sup> 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN<sup> $\mathbb{N}$ </sup> 14KPH-HO as follows:

- 1. The  $N_2$  back-up cylinder should have a high-pressure regulator and ball valve on the output. It is recommended to have a lockable ball valve and/or labeled for "Backup use only".
- 2. If the Back-up system is turned on, the backup will fill the N₂ Storage tank and flow to the BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO keeping the internal blender pressurized with Nitrogen.





#### 4.5 START-UP PROCEDURES (BEERBLAST™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO)

It is necessary to use caution when working with pressurized gas, making sure that all fittings and gas lines are installed correctly. Always leak check every line before using the system.

Note: Line leaks will cause the BeerBlast™ 14KPH-H0 / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-H0 to run excessively, shortening its life and cause excess wear on the compressor.

The installation layout drawings are provided with your system in the documentation package of the system. For electronic copies, please contact your local distributor. Review and make sure the setup installation are followed per the installation layout drawings. Ensure that you follow the correction installation drawing per your system's design. In some cases, a N<sub>2</sub> Bypass system for pre-filling is required in the installations to meet code.

If your system requirements are more complex, please consult your sales representative or equipment installer for more detailed installation instructions.

- 1. The BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO is supplied with ½" NPT Female inlet and outlet fittings. Make sure to use Teflon tape or similar on all fittings to make sure they don't leak.
- 2. Connect the BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO to the beer system.
- 3. Once connections are made, slowly open the system's output valves.
  - A. You may hear air rushing through the system and N2 filling the lines.
  - B. If you hear a leak or have a bad connection, shut the valve off and fix the leak.
  - C. If there is a leak within the unit, remove the cover and locate the issue. If you must replace any parts, only use factory parts supplied from your distributor or South-Tek Systems. Consult the factory if there are any questions.
- 4. Once the BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO fills the 100# storage tank to 90-95 PSIG, the system will enter standby the system's PLC status indicator and read "StdbY" will change to amber indicating that the system is in standby. This will shut the air flow off through the generator and eventually shutting off the air compressor once it reaches air tank cutout pressure.
  - A. This will save wear on your compressor's motor and an internal valves.
  - B. This also prolongs life of nitrogen generator's media and filter life.
    - i. Lesser quality systems have a constant purge flow through their systems which decreases system life and increases the need for maintenance.
- 5. When you draw N<sub>2</sub> off the system and the tank pressure falls below cut-in pressure (approximately 85 PSIG), the pressure switch will trigger the system back into run mode and start recharging the storage tank automatically. This pressure switch is factory preset no field adjustment is required.

#### 4.6 CHECKING FOR LEAKS

When a leak is suspected, first try to listen for leaks around the connection ports. If a leak is found, isolate the area so that there's no pressure on it. Fix the leaking part and return the system back to operation. If no leak can be heard, turn off the unit and try isolating sections to see if there's a pressure loss. The BlastOff™ Leak Detection System that is included with your unit, will alarm. This will occurs after 9 hours of constant runtime indicating that there is a leak in the line. Consult with your installer if you cannot locate the leakage area.

To determine if the leak is within the cabinet:

- 1. With the unit powered on, close off all output gas. If no ball valve is installed on the output ports, it is recommended to remove the gas lines and install a plug.
- 2. Allow the system to continue running. Within 1 hour, the system should reach the "Standby" mode.
- 3. Wait for 5 minutes and if the system remains in the "standby" mode, then the leak is after this point. Check the gas lines exterior to the cabinet all the way back to the keg system.
- 4. If the unit goes back into "run" mode, the leak is within the cabinet. Check all the lines going to the blender and back to the tank.

#### To find the leak within the cabinet:

- 1. Open the front cabinet door and locate the  $N_2$  storage tank.
- 2. Close off the output ball valve from the tank (upper ball valve on the red manifold).
- 3. Watch the exterior gauge above the cabinet for 60 seconds. If you see the pressure dropping, the leak is somewhere between the output ports, to the blender (if one is present), and back to the closed off ball valve on the tank. Fill and/or listen for leaks and fix them once found. If the pressure is not dropping go to the next step.
- 4. With the unit still running, close off the input ball valve to the tank (lower ball valve on the red manifold).
- 5. Within 5 minutes, the system should go into "Standby" Mode. If it doesn't, contact your local provider/installer for further assistance.
- 6. Once in "Standby" mode, wait 60 seconds. After 60 seconds, the system should remain in "standby" mode. If it doesn't, leak is somewhere between the check valve and the output ball valve on the tank.
- 7. If the system remains in standby, contact your local provider/installer for further assistance.

#### 4.7 ACCESS CONTROLS

The built-in controller is fully programmed to function without requiring the user to input any values. Do not attempt to modify the program or the warranty will be voided. In case of the program failure, first attempt to cycle the power to the system. If that does not work, please contact your provider for further instructions.

#### 4.8 STARTING THE SYSTEM

To start the system, turn on the power switch and make sure any valves to the gas lines are in the open position.

#### 4.9 STOPPING THE SYSTEM

To stop the system, close off any valves on the gas lines. Powering down the system is not necessary.

# 5 SYSTEM USAGE

#### 5.1 INSTRUCTIONS

The BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO is intended to be used to generate Nitrogen, and provide a CO₂/N₂ blend to push beer out of the keg. Follow the installation instructions above and only use in an approved environment. sure that proper regulators, cooler temperature, and line temperatures are maintained, otherwise you will not be able to effectively push beer from the keg. Please consult with your local provider for questions not answered in this manual.

The system is design for 24-hour operation, but routine maintenance on the filters must be performed. See section "System Maintenance" for detail maintenance instructions.

#### 5.2 ALARM NOTIFICATION

#### Filter Alarm:

All BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO comes standard with the "Filter Alarm" notification. The controller will display a "F-Alm" message in red when the filter change is overdue. It is recommended that the filters be changed once every year or every 1000 hours, whichever comes first. See section "System Maintenance" for detail maintenance instructions.

#### BlastOff™ - Leak Detection System Alarm:

A feature that is included with the system is the BlastOff<sup> $\mathbb{M}$ </sup> - Leak Detection System. It is a patented system installed into the BeerBlast<sup> $\mathbb{M}$ </sup> 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN<sup> $\mathbb{M}$ </sup> 14KPH-HO that detects line leaks within the downstream gas lines from the N<sub>2</sub> Generator to the kegs. Line leaks could be due to a keg not being tapped correctly, a beer gas line leak or fitting therein failing, etc. These leaks are potential safety hazards, they can cause the CO<sub>2</sub> to deplete quickly, and could cause your BeerBlast<sup> $\mathbb{M}$ </sup> 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN<sup> $\mathbb{M}$ </sup> 14KPH-HO to run in excess (decreasing the life of the unit).

Once a leak has been detected, the BlastOff<sup> $\dagger$ </sup> is set to initiate a buzzer, displays "b oFF" in red on the controller screen, and shuts off the BeerBlast<sup> $\dagger$ </sup> 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN<sup> $\dagger$ </sup> 14KPH-HO until the problem has been remedied. To reset the BlastOff<sup> $\dagger$ </sup>, simply turn off the BeerBlast<sup> $\dagger$ </sup> 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN<sup> $\dagger$ </sup> 14KPH-HO and turn it back on.

Never reset the unit repeatedly; if the BlastOff<sup>™</sup> goes off daily, there is a real potential issue. Consult your installer for a solution. The label below will be on your BeerBlast<sup>™</sup>  $14KPH-HO / N2-GEN^{™} 14KPH-HO$  when the BlastOff<sup>™</sup> is installed.

# **Buzzer or Red Light Warning**

This unit is equipped with **The BlastOff**<sup>™</sup> - **Leak Detection** feature. If the red light and buzzer are on, you may have a leak in one of the beergas lines or one of your kegs may not be properly tapped, causing beergas leaks. **Note:** Turn off this unit's on/off rocker switch and check for leaks. If none are found, leave the unit turned off and contact your service company. Once the leak has been fixed, turn the BeerBlast<sup>™</sup> on/off rocker switch back on to resume normal operation.

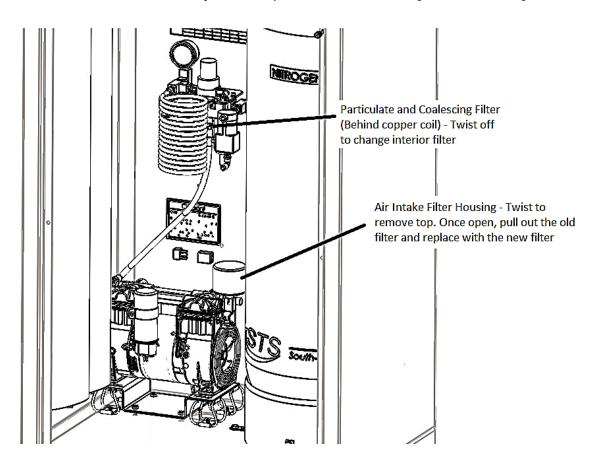
# **6 SYSTEM MAINTENANCE**

Whenever doing any maintenance to the system, make sure to power down the system. Remove the front cover to gain access to the filters.

Annual Filter replacement kit part # FRP-005

#### **Air Pre-Filters**

The integrated Air Compressor has an air intake pre-filters. It is designed to prevent particles from entering into the compressor housing and damaging internal components. These two (2) filters need to be replaced once per year or every 1000 hours, whichever comes first. To do so, remove the pre-compressor filter caps by twisting it clockwise. Remove the old element and use a clean dry cloth to wipe clean the filter housings before installing the new elements.

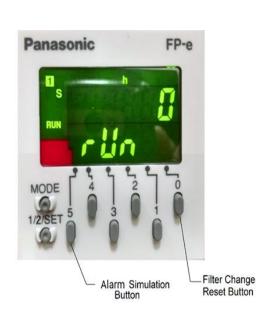


#### **Particulate and Coalescing Filter**

The particulate and coalescing filter after the air compressor is designed to capture particulate and moisture prior to entering the rest of the system. These filters need to be replaced once per year or every 1000 hours, whichever comes first. To do so,

- 1. Make sure there is no pressure on the filter bowls. The gauge after the filter bowl will read 0 PSIG to indicate that there is no pressure on the bowl.
- 2. Unscrew the filter bowls by turning them counter clockwise.
- 3. Once the filter bowls have been removed, rinse any debris out of the bowls with warm water.
- 4. Dry the bowls with a clean dry cloth and replace the old O-rings with the ones provided in the kit.
- 5. Using a Philips-Head screwdriver, remove the particulate element and replace.
- 6. The coalescing element can be removed by turning it counter-clockwise with your hand; then replaced with the new element in the reverse order.
- 7. Once both elements have been replaced, bowls have been cleaned and O-rings replaced, the bowls can be screwed back in to their corresponding filter housings.

Once all the filters have been replaced, press the filter reset button on the electrical panel. Put the front cover back on the cabinet and the unit can be powered up again. Once powered up, you should hear the air compressor turn on and the BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO will be producing nitrogen. Be sure to check the filter bowls for leaks. The filter alarm and filter change timer can also be reset using the controller buttons on the side of the unit near the fan by pressing and holding the "0" button (see: 3.3 System Operations).



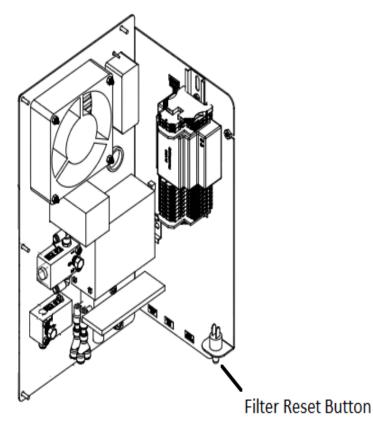


Figure 1: Filter Reset Button

# 7 KEY CONTACTS

Contact your local provider/installer for any questions with the performance and/or maintenance of the system. They will be best suited to answer your questions and your quickest solution on any issues you may have.

# 8 FAQS

#### 8.1 POWER ISSUES

If the BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO does not have power, the production and storage of nitrogen will become apparent once the storage pressure drops. The taps will begin to pour slowly or not at all.

- 1. Check the power cord
- 2. Has the building's circuit breaker or GFCI tripped? Locate the breaker and reset. If the breaker continues to trip, you may have that circuit overloaded.

#### 8.2 PRESSURE ISSUES

Whether you are using a BeerBlast<sup>™</sup> 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN<sup>™</sup> 14KPH-HO with an integrated gas blender or an N2-GEN<sup>™</sup> 14KPH-HO with an external gas blender, you have to have both gases ( $N_2$  and  $CO_2$ ) available with pressures over 40 psig. Blenders will shut down output if either gas is not present over 40 psig.

The BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO will produce and store nitrogen at 85 (±5) psig. Once the storage tank reaches 90-95 psig, the system will go into Standby Mode. When the pressure drops by about 5-10 psig, the system should go into Operation Mode and begin to refill the storage. If you are out of the specifications, we need to determine where the issue is. Contact the factory trained technician or manufacturer.

#### CO<sub>2</sub> Pressure Check:

If you have a BeerBlast<sup>™</sup> 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN<sup>™</sup> 14KPH-HO, look at your CO<sub>2</sub> regulator pressure gauge. It should read between 85 and 100 psig. If it is lower, check the CO<sub>2</sub> storage tank to see if it needs refilling or if the pressure regulator needs adjustment. The pressure going into the BeerBlast<sup>™</sup> 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN<sup>™</sup> 14KPH-HO is recommended to be set at 85-100 psig.

#### Nitrogen Pressure Check:

Look at the pressure gauge on the top of the cabinet. It should be between 85 and 95 psig. If the pressure is low, a few things need to be checked.

- Check the power.
- Check for leaks throughout the system. Refer to section on Checking for Leaks.

#### Pressure Regulation Check:

Lastly, if the  $CO_2$  and  $N_2$  are both present and the blender is outputting gas, it's possible a regulator is malfunctioning or needs adjustment. The mixed gas coming from the blender should be between 40-80 psig (dependent on the  $N_2$  and  $CO_2$  pressures going into the blender). A primary regulator is usually installed on the output lines coming from the BeerBlast<sup>™</sup> 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN<sup>™</sup> 14KPH-HO. The primary regulator is there to "step down" the available pressure to the kegs. There are typically secondary regulators located further downstream on the mixed gas lines going to the kegs. The secondary regulators are there to individually tune each keg. Some beers require more/less pressure and regulating each keg individually will allow the beer pouring to be optimized.

If the BeerBlast  $^{\text{\tiny{IM}}}$  14KPH-HO / N2-GEN  $^{\text{\tiny{IM}}}$  14KPH-HO is operating correctly, then the restaurant/pub should contact their Draft Beer System Technician to adjust the regulators for optimal performance.

#### 8.3 GAS LEAKS

As with any gas system, only use a spray bottle on non-electrical equipment to find leaks. Fix or replace leaking fittings or old hose. Push-to-connect fittings will show bubbles and typically have up to a 5ccm acceptable leakage rate. Contact your local provider/installer for help.

#### 8.4 TEMPERATURE ISSUES: VERY COMMON ISSUE

Consistent beer temperatures are crucial to a good pour. Typically, the beer in the keg should be kept between 36-38 degrees F. It should be sent from the keg to the tap at the same temperature. If there is a change in temperature of the beer between the keg and the glass, then you may experience foaming. Take the temperature of the beer at the glass and if it is above 40 degrees F, you may need to see if the Glycol line cooling system is operating properly. If a keg(s) is warm, change to a properly chilled keg and resume. Contact your refrigeration expert if you have temperature issues, the BeerBlast $^{\text{M}}$  14KPH-HO / N2-GEN $^{\text{M}}$  14KPH-HO does not influence temperature.

#### 8.5 BLASTOFF™ - LEAK DETECTION SYSTEM:

"There is an alarm sounding in the BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO and the control panel has "b oFF" illuminated on the side panel of the unit."

If you hear the alarm and the "b oFF" is displayed on your unit, that is the "BlastOff" - Leak Detection" feature. If the buzzer is on, there may be a leak in one of the beer/gas lines, regulators, or one of the keg couplings may not be properly seated, causing beer/gas leaks. Note: Turn off this unit's on/off power switch and check for leaks. If none are found, leave the unit turned off and contact your Draft Beer System Technician. Once the leak has been fixed, turn the BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO on/off rocker switch back "On" to resume normal operation. By turning the system power off, then back on, this will reset the BlastOff™ automatically.

# **APPENDIX A: WARRANTY**

The BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO System is warrantied against any defects in workmanship and materials for 12 months from the date of shipment from South-Tek Systems, whichever comes first. The purchaser has the liability to ensure that the system is fully inspected upon delivery and shall contact the appropriate shipping company to make any claims on damaged goods due to transit within that shipping company's policies. If the system is received with defects that are not due to shipping, a written claim should be submitted to South-Tek Systems within 1 week of receiving the shipment. South-Tek Systems can deny all other claims at their discretion.

All warranty work shall be done at a South-Tek System facility or at a BeerBlast™ 14KPH-HO / N2-GEN™ 14KPH-HO Authorized Service Center. Only factory trained and authorized personnel are covered under warranty. Any part that is returned / repaired / replaced under warranty may be remanufactured or changed to a different specification at the factory's option. Any work performed by an unauthorized person/company or usage of non-factory parts, may void all warranties to the product.

Any item not manufactured by South-Tek may carry its own warranty from its manufacturer and will be warrantied by that manufacturer. All parts that need to be returned should be announced. Any item(s) that is returned to South-Tek Systems without an RMA number (return authorization number) may be denied and returned to the sender. Contact the factory for RMA #'s, prior to return shipment.

South-Tek Systems is not liable for damages caused by normal wear and tear, water, fire, erosion, corrosion, explosion, misuse, oil/gas vapors or unauthorized modifications. South-Tek Systems is also not liable for any losses (including CO<sub>2</sub>), damages, or cost of delays, including incidental or consequential damages. There are no warranties or guarantees, expressed or implied, including the warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose or use, other than those warranties expressed herein.

For Claims, contact South-Tek Systems LLC at:

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South-Tek Systems, Warranty Claims, 2940 Orville Wright Way, Wilmington, NC 28405

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