# **Operation and Service Instructions**

## **Micro-Abrasive Blasting Workstations**

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This manual covers all variations of the Comco WS2200 and WS6000 series WorkStations (WS2200-1, WS2280-2, WS6000-2, etc.)

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## **Micro-Abrasive Blasting Workstations**

#### **Operation and Service**

The Comco WS2200 and WS6000 series WorkStations are designed for use with all Comco series micro-abrasive blasters. Each workstation provides a generous work chamber illuminated by two fluorescent tubes. The work chamber has a large tempered glass viewing window that is hinged to facilitate loading and unloading of parts. Two 5" arm holes with flexible rubber iris baffles permit access so that an operator may hold work with one hand and a nozzle handpiece with the other. The workstation has a 4" dust exhaust connection at the rear so that a high capacity dust collection unit may be used to keep the abrasive dust completely controlled.

The Comco WS2200 and WS6000 WorkStations are designed to work as part of a microabrasive blasting system consisting of the following:

- 1. The workstation
- 2. Pressurized air (gas)
- 3. An air filter-dryer
- 4. A dust collection unit
- 5. A micro-abrasive blaster (AccuFlo<sup>®</sup>. MicroBlaster<sup>®</sup>, PowerFlo<sup>®</sup>, or DirectFlo<sup>™</sup>)

#### **Micro-Abrasive Blaster**

The micro-abrasive blaster is the heart of the blasting system. The manual that comes with your blaster will cover in detail the system requirements and operation. Refer to that manual for more information regarding preparation, set-up, operation and maintenance of your micro-abrasive blasting system.

#### **Dust Collection Unit**

An industrial type dust collector is necessary to provide adequate air flow to evacuate spent abrasive particles from the workstation. Typically the dust collector should be capable of providing 350 to 500 scfm of air flow through the workstation. If the dust collection unit delivers lower volumes of air, it will not be able to remove the heavier, coarser abrasives and will diminish the operator's visibility in the workstation.

#### **The Comco Warranty**

Comco warrants that the workstation will be free from all defects in material and workmanship under normal use for a period of one year from the date of purchase or 2,000 hours of normal operation, whichever comes first. Contact Comco Inc. for complete details and exclusions regarding this warranty.

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#### **Safety Precautions**

The following safety precautions are essential for safe use of the workstation:

- The workstation operates using high voltage electrical power. It has been designed
  to be safe to operate when used properly. Any device that uses electrical power
  requires that certain safety precautions be observed to avoid potentially hazardous
  situations.
  - Verify the proper operating voltage on the workstation by checking the nameplate located on the back of the unit.
  - Unplug the unit from facility power when removing the back panel, replacing lamps, or working near the lamp brackets.
  - Keep the interior of the workstation clean of dust, powder, and any foreign object or substance that could conduct electricity.
- 2. The workstation is typically used as part of a complete micro-abrasive blasting system. A dust collector **must** be used in conjunction with the workstation.
  - Always use a vigorous dust extraction device to prevent hanging dust clouds and minimize the risk of sparks from static electricity.
    - Flammable powders, such as wheat starch, walnut shell and plastic, may pose a fire or explosion hazard.
    - Some powders, if allowed to collect inside the machine, may cause electrical shorts.
  - If sensitive to powder or dust on the skin, wear gloves in the workstation.

#### **Workstation Set-Up and Operation**

#### Installation

1. Remove the workstation from its shipping container and place it securely on a solid workbench or counter so that the unit cannot tilt or fall over. Make sure that the location where it is to be used is within reach of a power outlet.

**CAUTION:** The workstation weighs approximately 45 to 55 pounds, depending on the model. Use appropriate caution while lifting.

- 2. Place the micro-abrasive blaster on or near the workstation according to the instructions in the blaster manual.
- 3. Identify the abrasive tubing leading from the vent pinch on the rear (or side) of the micro-abrasive blaster (see machine manual). Push the hose (or hoses) into one of the tubing grips on the back of the workstation. Push 1 to 2 inches of the tubing through the grip and <u>hand tighten</u> nut to secure tubing.

**CAUTION:** Failure to secure the free end of the vent hose may allow it to fall out of the workstation and potentially whip around if left unsecured. **Always** secure the free end of the hose.

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- 4. Using a 4" diameter flexible duct and 2 hose clamps (usually provided with the dust collector), connect the workstation to a dust collection unit.
- 5. Follow the instructions in your micro-abrasive blaster manual to prepare for blasting.

**CAUTION:** The air that comes out of the nozzle contains abrasive. Do not point the nozzle at anything that could be harmed or damaged as a result of abrasive flow.

- 6. With the Power switch on the rear of the workstation turned to OFF, connect the power cord to the AC voltage outlet.
- 7. Turn the Power switch to the ON position. The lamps in the workstation should light.

#### Operation

1. Micro-abrasive blasting operations should be conducted according to the instructions in the blaster's operation manual.

**CAUTION:** Never point the nozzle in the direction of the glass window. The abrasive stream will etch the glass, reducing operator visibility and requiring premature replacement of the workstation window.

2. Turn the Power OFF when the workstation is not in use.

#### Common Problems, Causes and Solutions

#### Light won't illuminate

- Fluorescent lamps burned out
- Powder build-up in lamp bracket, preventing electrical contact
- Ballast failed
- Switch failed

- 1. Remove old lamps
- 2. Replace lamps (commercial items)
- 1. Unplug unit
- 2. Remove lamps
- 3. Use brush to clean out bracket
- 4. Reinstall lamps
- 5. Plug in unit and test
- 1. Remove lamps
- 2. Turn Power switch to ON
- 3. Using voltmeter, test for voltage across lamp bracket terminals

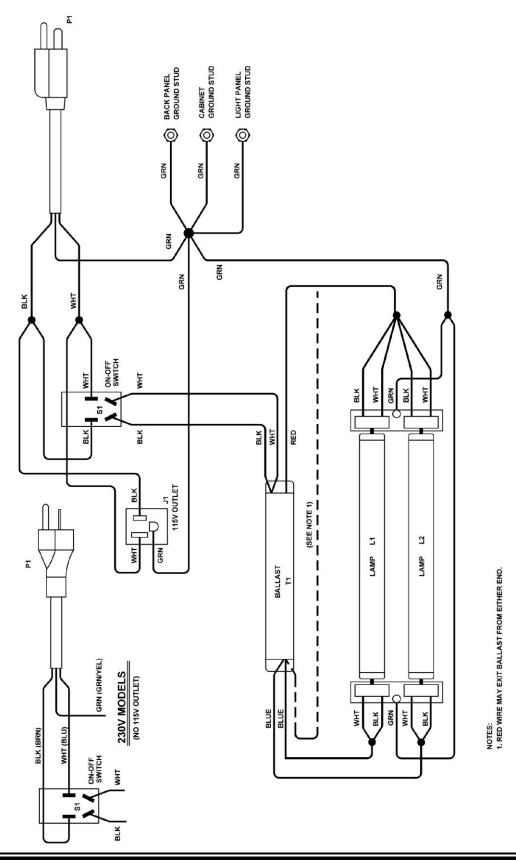
**CAUTION:** Practice electrical safety to prevent shock.

- 1. Unplug unit
- 2. Remove back panel
- 3. Using ohmmeter, test for continuity across switch terminals with the switch set to ON.

Dust builds up inside

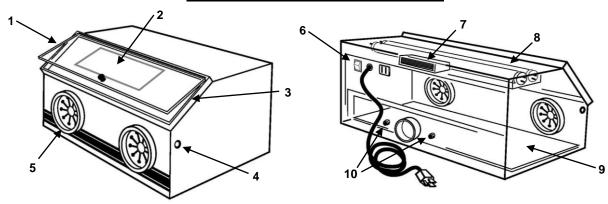
Service dust collector

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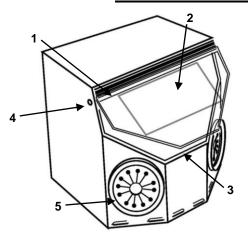


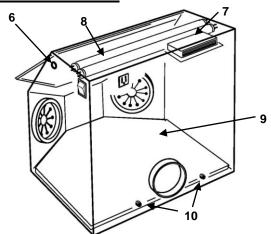
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## **WS2200 Classic WorkStation**



## WS6000 ClearView WorkStation





| Item | Description                        | WS2200              | WS2280              | WS6000              |
|------|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|      | -                                  | Classic             | Big Box             | ClearView           |
| 1    | Window Assembly                    | WS2014-2            | WS2014-2            | WS6014              |
|      | Window (Glass only)                | WS1138-2            | WS1138-2            | N/A                 |
| 2    | Window Shield                      | WS2279-3 (3-pack)   | WS2279-3 (3-pack)   | WS2279-3 (3-pack)   |
|      |                                    | WS2279-10 (10-pack) | WS2279-10 (10-pack) | WS2279-10 (10-pack) |
| 3    | Seal                               | ST3260              | ST3260              | ST3366              |
| 4    | Grommet <sup>(1)</sup>             | ST5311-2            | ST5311-2            | ST5311-2            |
| 5    | Iris, 5" <sup>(2)</sup>            | WS6006              | WS6006              | WS6006              |
| 6    | Switch                             | ST7003              | ST7003              | ST7977              |
| 7    | Ballast, 115/230V                  | ST7997-1            | ST7997-1            | ST7997-1            |
| 8    | Lamp <sup>(3)</sup>                | ST7164              | ST7164-3            | ST7164-4            |
| 9    | Mat                                | WS1136              | WS2255-2            | WS6007              |
| 10   | Tube Grip, Bulkhead <sup>(4)</sup> | ST5640-3            | ST5640-3            | ST5640-3            |

- 1) Workstations with 5/8" dia. holes in panels use Grommet P/N ST5311
- 2) Older workstations (S/N below 4460) use 4" Iris P/N WS2028-1
- 3) Standard replacement lamps are available at most hardware stores.

| Comco Part No. | ST7164 | ST7164-3 | ST7164-4 |
|----------------|--------|----------|----------|
| Lamp Type      | F15T8  | F20T8    | F14T8    |

4) Workstations with 3/8" holes in the rear panels use Grommet P/N ST5010.