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For non-emergency questions and issues you may also e-mail Husky at techsupport@husky.ca.

Husky Regional Service and Sales Offices

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Product Upgrades

Upgrades are available that can improve your output, reduce cycle times, and add functionality to your Husky equipment.

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All spare parts for Husky equipment can be ordered through your nearest Husky Parts Distribution Center or online at www.husky.co.

Hot Runner Refurbishing

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Chapter 1 Introduction

This chapter describes the hot runner, training opportunities, and the available equipment manuals.

1.1 Purpose of the Equipment

Husky equipment and systems are designed for injection molding applications only, using approved materials and operating within design guidelines.
Contact Husky if you plan to use a Husky product for anything other than its intended use.

1.2 Restrictions of Use

Husky injection molding equipment must never be:
• operated by more than one person
• used for any purpose other than that described in Section 1.1, unless otherwise approved by Husky
• used to extrude any materials not outlined in the scope of the harmonized EN201 standard
• operated or serviced by personnel unfamiliar with the inherent risks and necessary precautions related to injection molding equipment
• operated at temperatures higher than the maximum permissible temperature for plasticizing

1.3 Unauthorized Modifications

Unauthorized modifications or reconstruction of any Husky injection molding system is strictly prohibited. Modifications can be unsafe and/or void warranty.
Contact your nearest Husky Regional Service and Sales office to discuss modifications or requirements for Husky systems.
1.4 Auxiliary Equipment

Husky is only responsible for the interaction of Husky equipment and systems with auxiliary equipment when Husky is the system integrator. If auxiliary equipment is removed, the user must install proper safeguards to prevent access to the hazards.

For information about integrating non-Husky auxiliary equipment, contact your nearest Husky Regional Service and Sales office.

1.5 Documentation

A full set of manuals, drawings, schematics, certificates and other documentation are available for every Husky hot runner.

The following describes the documentation provided with each system, along with common conventions all readers should be familiar with.

**IMPORTANT!**
Keep all manuals in a convenient location for future reference.

1.5.1 Manuals

Husky manuals aid in the safe and proper use of Husky products. Where applicable, the manuals provide instructions on installation, operation and maintenance.

Personnel should thoroughly review all manuals provided with their Husky equipment prior to performing any tasks. Proceed with tasks only if all instructions are understood and always follow applicable workplace safety requirements.

**IMPORTANT!**
Images in the manuals are for reference only and may not represent specific equipment details. Refer to engineering drawings and schematics for specific details.

The following manuals are available for each hot runner system:

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<td><strong>Operator Manual</strong></td>
<td>Describes the basic startup, operation, shut down and daily maintenance of the hot runner</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Service Manual</strong></td>
<td>Describes the installation, startup, operation, shut down and maintenance the hot runner</td>
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<td><strong>NOTE:</strong></td>
<td>Refer to the hot runner Service Manual for product specific instructions.</td>
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These manuals are available online through [www.husky.co](http://www.husky.co).
1.5.2  Drawings and Schematics

Each Husky hot runner is provided with a set of drawings and schematics specific to the hot runner. These are used for troubleshooting the hot runner and ordering spare parts.

**NOTE:** Each drawing and schematic is specific to the hot runner it is provided with.

1.5.3  Safety Alert Conventions

Safety alerts highlight hazardous conditions that may arise during installation, operation or maintenance and describe methods for avoiding personal injury and/or property damage. Depending on the severity of the hazard, safety alerts start with one of the following signal words: Danger, Warning or Caution.

**DANGER!**

The DANGER safety alert indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

**WARNING!**

The WARNING safety alert indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

**CAUTION!**

The CAUTION safety alert indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in property damage.

Other non-safety related alert types used in the manuals highlight important information needed by the user to install, operate or maintain the equipment properly. They may also, in some cases, describe best practices, offer an expanded explanation, or reference a related section in the manual.

Non-safety related alerts start with one of the following signal words: Note or Important.

**NOTE:** The NOTE alert is used to add information to a subject that does not fit within the general flow of the document.
1.6 Drawings and Addendums

The equipment and procedures described in this manual are intended for a standard product. Drawings, schematics and additional information specific to the product are provided separately.

**IMPORTANT!**

Additional information may include addendums to information in this manual. Make sure to review all additional information before reading this manual.

1.7 Training

All designated operators and maintenance personnel must be fully trained before using or servicing Husky injection molding systems.

If training is required, visit [www.husky.co](http://www.husky.co) or contact your nearest Husky Regional Service and Sales office to learn more about Husky’s training solutions.

**IMPORTANT!**

It is the obligation of the employer to properly train and instruct all personnel in safe methods of operation and maintenance. Manuals and other reference material, which have been prepared by Husky for the operation and maintenance of Husky equipment, do not in any way absolve the employer from fulfilling these obligations and Husky disclaims liability for injury to personnel which is attributable to the employer’s failure to do so.
1.8 Nameplate

A nameplate is affixed to the operator’s side of the hot runner for quick identification of the equipment type, source and general specifications.

**IMPORTANT!**

The nameplate must never be removed. The information on the nameplate is necessary for mold selection, setup, parts ordering and troubleshooting.

Immediately order a new nameplate for the hot runner if it is missing or damaged.

The nameplate lists the following information:

- the location where the hot runner was manufactured
- the project number
- the material type allowed to be used in the hot runner
- the melt and mold temperatures
- electrical requirements and specifications

**NOTE:** Other details and specifications may be required.

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. Never operate the hot runner outside of the melt and mold temperatures indicated on the nameplate. Internal resin leakage or component damage could occur.

![Figure 1-1 Hot Runner Nameplate (Sample)](image)
1.9 Special Tools

The following sections list various component-specific tools developed by Husky for use during maintenance of hot runner systems. Contact Husky to order tools applicable to your hot runner system.

Nozzle Tip Sockets and Heater Removal Tools

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Chapter 2   Safety Summary

This chapter describes the general requirements and conditions for safe installation, operation and maintenance of the hot runner.

IMPORTANT!
Personnel must read, understand and follow all safety precautions.

IMPORTANT!
Personnel must follow applicable industry and regulatory safety requirements for safe installation, operation and maintenance of equipment.

2.1 Qualified Personnel

Only fully trained and qualified personnel should be permitted to maintain equipment. Qualified personnel must have demonstrated skills and knowledge related to the construction, installation and operation of the injection molding equipment and have received safety training on the hazards involved.

2.2 Safety Guidelines

Personnel operating, installing, maintaining or servicing Husky equipment must adhere to safe working practices that are in compliance with the following guidelines:

- Lockout and tag electrical, pneumatic and hydraulic energy sources before servicing the hot runner or entering the mold area
- Do not operate the hot runner if scheduled preventive maintenance has not been performed
- Do not use a magnetic platen without approval from Husky and the magnetic platen supplier/manufacturer
- Do not operate a hot runner outside the maximum melt and mold temperatures specified on the hot runner nameplate
2.3 Safety Hazards

Some safety hazards associated with injection molding equipment are:

- Mechanical (pinching, shearing, crushing)
- Electrical
- Burn
- High pressure (hydraulic system pressure and molten material spray)
- Slip, trip or fall
- Lifting
- Gas, vapor and dust emissions
- Noise

2.3.1 Burn Hazards

- **Hot Surfaces**
  The mold area, auxiliary mold equipment, and injection unit heating elements have numerous high temperature surfaces. At normal operating temperatures, contact with these surfaces will cause severe skin burns. These areas are clearly marked with safety signs. Wear personal protective equipment when working in these areas.

- **Molten Material**
  Never touch process material purged or otherwise flowing from the nozzle, mold, hot runner or feed throat area. Molten material can appear cool on the surface, but remain very hot on the inside. Wear personal protective equipment when handling purged material.

2.3.2 High Pressure Explosion Hazards

Pressure inside the hot runner manifold(s) can increase to dangerous levels if the nozzle and sprue heaters are not turned on before or at the same time as the nozzle sprue.

The pressure is generated when the sprue bushing is plugged with frozen resin and the residual resin in the manifold is heated. This pressure can release suddenly causing the resin plug to eject from the sprue bushing and hot resin to spray from the nozzle tips. As a result, the risk of serious burn injuries is increased.

Moisture that infiltrates and is trapped in the hot runner molten material can also increase the risks of this potential hazard. If the temperature of the water in the molten material becomes greater than 400 °C (725 °F), the pressure of this trapped water can be significant enough to rupture the metal housing and cause serious injury to personnel.

To avoid this hazard:

1. Always make sure all nozzle and sprue heaters are turned on any time manifold heaters are turned on outside of the mold. The nozzle and sprue heaters can be turned on independently of the manifold heaters, however, it is recommended that they be heated first or slaved to the manifold heaters so they heat up in unison.

2. Always make sure the nozzle tips are open and the nozzle housings are dry prior to applying heat to the manifold.
2.3.3 Electrical Hazards

- **Power Supply**
  Molding equipment draws high amperage current at high voltage. The electrical power requirements are indicated on the nameplate and in the electrical schematic. Connect equipment to a suitable power supply as specified in the electrical schematic and in compliance with all applicable local regulations.

- **Water**
  Water on the hot runner can be in close proximity to electrical connections and equipment. This can lead to a short circuit, resulting in serious electrical damage to the equipment. Always keep water lines, hoses, and hose fittings in good condition to avoid leaks.

2.3.4 Gas, Vapor and Dust Emissions

Certain processed materials release harmful gas, vapors or dust. Install an exhaust system according to local codes.

2.3.5 Slip, Trip or Fall Hazards

Do not walk, stand, climb or sit on machine surfaces.

Use an approved platform or walkway around equipment to reach areas that are not accessible from the floor.

2.3.6 Lifting Hazards

When lifting equipment, use suitable lifting devices, proper balancing techniques and designated lifting points. Refer to Chapter 4–Installation and Removal for handling and lifting instructions. Do not exceed the rated capacity of the lifting equipment.

**IMPORTANT!**

In the event of water leaking onto or into the hot runner, the nozzle tips must be removed (cold) and the plastic in the nozzles drilled out to ensure they are open to atmosphere. This can be done using a standard twist drill with the cutting edges removed to prevent damage to the melt channel.

Replace the cavity plate prior to heating the system.
2.4 Safety Signs

Safety signs clearly mark potentially hazardous areas in or around equipment. For the safety of personnel involved in equipment installation, operation and maintenance, use the following guidelines:

- Verify that all signs are in the proper locations. Refer to the drawing package for details.
- Do not alter signs.
- Keep signs clean and visible.
- Order replacement signs when necessary. Refer to the drawing package for part numbers.

The following safety symbols may appear on safety signs:

**NOTE:** Safety signs may include a detailed explanation of the potential hazard and associated consequences.

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<td>General</td>
<td>This symbol indicates a potential personal injury hazard. It is usually accompanied by another pictogram or text to describe the hazard.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hazardous Voltage</td>
<td>This symbol indicates a potential electrical hazard that will cause death or serious injury.</td>
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<tr>
<td>High Pressure Molten Material</td>
<td>This symbol indicates the presence of a high pressure molten material hazard that could cause death or severe burns.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lockout/Tagout</td>
<td>This symbol identifies an energy source (electrical, hydraulic or pneumatic) that must be de-energized before maintenance is performed.</td>
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<td>Crushing and/or Impact Points</td>
<td>This symbol indicates a crushing and/or impact area that could cause serious crushing injury.</td>
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<td>This symbol indicates a heated water, steam or gas hazard that could cause severe injury.</td>
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<td>This symbol indicates the sudden release of high pressure gas or oil could cause death or serious injury.</td>
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<td><strong>Do Not Step</strong>&lt;br&gt;This symbol identifies a location that should not be used as a step because it may be a slip, trip or fall hazard and could cause injury.</td>
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<td><img src="image5" alt="Read Manual Before Operation" /></td>
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<td><img src="image6" alt="Class 2 Laser Beam" /></td>
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<td><strong>Barrel Cover Grounding Strap</strong>&lt;br&gt;This symbol indicates an electrical hazard related to the barrel cover grounding strap that could cause death or serious injury.</td>
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2.5 Lockout/Tagout

**WARNING!**

Hazardous voltages, high pressure fluids, crushing or impact hazards - risk of death or serious injury. Lockout/tagout procedures must be performed in accordance with local codes. After performing the lockout/tagout procedure, allow 10 minutes for residual voltage to discharge to less than 50 V before performing any electrical procedures. Only qualified personnel should be permitted to perform the lockout/tagout procedure.

A lockout/tagout procedure in accordance with local codes must be performed on the machine or controller before any maintenance activities are performed. Refer to the machine and/or controller manufacturer’s manual for more information.

2.6 Personal Protective Equipment and Safety Equipment

Personal injury can be avoided when personnel wear appropriate protective gear and use special safety equipment. The following describes the safety gear and equipment that should be used when working with the machine and any auxiliary equipment.

2.6.1 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Wear appropriate personal protective equipment when working on or near equipment. Standard personal protective equipment includes:

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<td>Safety Glasses</td>
<td>For protecting the eyes from flying objects/particles, heat, sparks, splash from molten material, and more.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Face Shield</td>
<td>For protecting the entire face area from flying objects/particles, heat, sparks, splash from molten material, and more.</td>
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2.6.2 Safety Equipment

Use appropriate safety equipment when working on or near equipment.

Standard safety equipment includes:

- **Exhaust Fan**
  For collecting potentially harmful plastic fumes

- **Purging Container**
  For containing hot resin purged from the injection unit

- **Vacuum Cleaner**
  For collecting spilled resin pellets and other debris that may create a falling hazard

- **Stairs and Ladders**
  For ensuring safe access to areas of the machine

- **Danger Signs**
  For warning other personnel to stand clear of a component or area of the machine

- **Locks and Tags**
  For preventing the use of specific systems and components

- **Fire Extinguishers**
  For the expeditious suppression of small fires

- **Telescopic Mirror**
  For safely inspecting hot runner nozzle tips from outside the mold area
• Brass Hammers and Brass Rods
  For safely removing dried resin deposits

2.7 Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

WARNING!

Chemical hazard - Some of the chemicals used with Husky equipment are potentially hazardous and could cause injury and illness. Before storing, handling, or working with any chemical or hazardous material, thoroughly read and understand each applicable Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), use recommended personal protective equipment and follow the manufacturer’s instructions.

The Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) is a technical document which indicates the potential health effects of a hazardous product. It contains safety guidelines to protect personnel, as well as information about use, storage, handling, and emergency procedures.

Always refer to the applicable Material Safety Data Sheet before doing the following:

• handling a chemical product
• disassembling any portion of Husky equipment that may result in exposure to a chemical product

Contact the material supplier to obtain a copy of the MSDS sheet.

2.8 Materials, Parts and Processing

To prevent personal injury or damage to the equipment, make sure of the following:

• The equipment is only used for its intended purpose, as described in the manuals
• The operating temperatures do not exceed the specified permissible maximum value
• The maximum temperature set point is set below the ignition point of the material being processed
• Lubricants, oils, process materials and tools used on equipment meet Husky specifications
• Only authentic Husky parts are used
2.9 Safety Latch Bars

All hot runner assemblies are delivered with safety latch bars installed on the operator and non-operator side of the assembly.

Safety latch bars are used to hold plates together for maintenance and installation purposes. They provide a safe means for transporting and handling the assembly, and for securing plates that are normally fastened together during normal operation.

**WARNING!**

**Crushing hazard – risk of death or serious injury.** Plates can separate from each other and fall during handling if not properly secured. Under no circumstances are multiple plates to be handled with only one safety latch bar installed.

Safety latch bars must always be installed in pairs on diagonally opposite sides of the hot runner assembly to provide equal pull on the plates.

**NOTE:** Specific instructions on how to install safety latch bars are provided when needed in this manual.

2.10 Lift Bars and Swivel Hoist Rings

Every mold and hot runner assembly is equipped with tapped lift holes for lifting either the complete assembly or individual plates. Husky only supplies special lifting equipment (including a lift bar and swivel hoist rings) when required. This lifting equipment is designed specifically for the mold/hot runner assembly. When Husky provides special lifting equipment, use only Husky specified and supplied lifting equipment.

**NOTE:** Separate lift bars for the hot and cold halves of the mold and hot runner assembly may be provided based on the requirements of the assembly.

**IMPORTANT!**

Make sure all lifting equipment is rated for the load and in safe operating condition. Follow the recommendations and use care when moving or handling plates or assemblies.

For instructions about lifting plates and plate assemblies and using the Husky provided lift bar and swivel hoist rings, refer to Section 4.1.

**NOTE:** The Husky provided lift bar, swivel hoist rings and associated hardware must be stored together while the mold, hot runner, tooling plate and CoolPik plate are in operation.
Chapter 3 Specifications

This chapter outlines the necessary temperature, electrical, air and lubricant information needed to operate and maintain the hot runner.

3.1 Weight

The full weight of the hot runner assembly is listed on the assembly drawings.

3.2 Operating Temperature

The hot runner must operate within a specific temperature range to prevent internal resin leakage and damage to internal components as the result of thermal expansion. This temperature range is listed on the hot runner nameplate as the temperature difference between the manifold and the mold.

IMPORTANT!

The temperature range is critical for the hot runner system to be able to create a proper seal. It is important the designed operating temperature window be observed at all times.

For more information about the nameplate, refer to Section 1.8.

3.3 Electrical System Specifications

Refer to the electrical schematic for the following information:

- Control zones
- Multi-pin connector and pin positions for each heater and thermocouple wire
- Connecting heater wiring in parallel (if applicable)
- Amperage, wattage and resistance of each heater
- Keypin locations
3.3.1 Controller Requirements

The number of control zones required for the heaters will depend on the size and requirements of the basic system.

WARNING!

Electrical hazard – risk of serious injury, fire and/or overload of electrical components. Do not use a controller with an amperage rating less than that required by the heaters. Do not use a controller with a higher amperage rating than the connectors or cables to the hot runner.

The type of controller can be either:
• Automatic control using a thermocouple to sense the nozzle tip temperature
• Manual control where the controller is set to provide power during a percentage of time

NOTE: The controller output to the heaters must be set to 220 to 240 V, 50 to 60 Hz single phase.

3.3.2 Nozzle Heaters

The nozzle heaters can be controlled separately or in zones by manual controllers. Refer to the electrical schematic for the correct configuration.

3.3.3 Manifold Heaters

Whenever possible, the manifold heaters are wired in parallel and controlled by a single controller zone. The circuit will be completed either at the cable connector or at the manifold.

The heaters are connected in multiple zones if the total amperage of all the heaters connected in parallel exceeds the capacity of a single controller zone.

Each zone is connected to a separate controller zone with its own thermocouple.

3.3.3.1 Spare Thermocouple Wires

The temperature of each manifold heater zone is sensed by a J-type thermocouple.

NOTE: Special order thermocouples may be other types.

A spare thermocouple for each zone is also be routed to the base of the multi-pin connector to minimize down time. Should the main thermocouple fail, the spare can be easily connected without having to disassemble the mold. The failed thermocouple can be replaced at the next maintenance interval.

The spare thermocouples can also be used to verify the condition of the first thermocouple should a sensing problem develop.
NOTE: To establish proper polarity when connecting thermocouples, follow the electrical schematic. For J-type thermocouples, the white wire is positive (+) and the red wire is negative (-). This wire color coding follows the ANSI J-Type North American Standard. The color coding and wire composition for J-type thermocouples in other parts of the world may be different and produce different readings.

### 3.3.4 Power Fluctuation

Hot runner systems are sensitive to fluctuations in power supply voltage. The nozzle and manifold heaters are rated for 240 V (or 200 V in special applications).

NOTE: Always refer to the hot runner nameplate on the operator’s side of the clamp before installing a hot runner. Refer to Section 1.8 for more information about the nameplate.

The manifold is always controlled by thermocouples and will compensate for minor voltage fluctuations.

Where the nozzle heaters are regulated by percentage timers, the heat output will be directly affected by voltage fluctuations. For example, a reduction of the voltage by only 10% will affect output (in Watts) by approximately 20%, which will reduce the nozzle temperatures considerably. Adjustment is required.

In severe cases where the stability of the power supply is known to be unreliable, it may be advisable to install an automatic voltage stabilizer rated for the power requirements of the controller.

### 3.4 Recommended Lubricants

The following are recommended lubricants to be used during the assembly and maintenance of Husky hot runners:

NOTE: Husky recommends only the following lubricants and assumes no responsibility for lubricants not specified. It is the customers responsibility when consulting with an alternate supplier to make sure a suitable equivalent is used.

NOTE: Lubricants of inferior quality can cause premature wear of components.

**WARNING!**

Chemical hazard - Some of the chemicals used with Husky equipment are potentially hazardous and could cause injury and illness. Before storing, handling, or working with any chemical or hazardous material, thoroughly read and understand each applicable Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), use recommended personal protective equipment and follow the manufacturer’s instructions.
CAUTION!
Contamination hazard – risk of contaminating lubricants or greases. Do not mix different brands or grades of lubricants or greases. Mixing lubricants or greases could cause premature breakdown of the lubricant or grease and result in equipment damage.

WARNING!
Poison hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Some recommended lubricants may contain toxic and/or non-ingestible additives and may not be Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved under the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) rating H1 (formerly AA). Consult with the lubricant manufacturer for specific details.

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<td>Extreme pressure</td>
<td>Lubriplate</td>
<td>5817119</td>
<td>411 g (14.5 oz) Canister</td>
<td>O-ring seals(^1), wear or sliding surfaces</td>
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<td>Synthetic calcium</td>
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<td>sulfonate based lubricant</td>
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<td>Static application</td>
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<td>Protective spray</td>
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<td>1501808</td>
<td>566 g (20 oz) Non-Aerosol Spray Bottle</td>
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<td>Thread-locking fluid</td>
<td>Loctite 248</td>
<td>5541916</td>
<td>9 g (0.32 oz) Glue Stick</td>
<td>Screws that secure the manifold</td>
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\(^1\) Apply only as directed. Refer to maintenance procedures and/or assembly drawings for more information.
3.5 Rust Inhibitor Specifications

Any rust inhibitor used on the hot runner must meet the following specifications:

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3.6 Torque Specifications

Torque specifications are provided on the assembly drawings.

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. Use of improper torque could result in equipment damage. Always consult the assembly drawings for torque specifications.
Chapter 4  Installation and Removal

This chapter describes how to install and remove the hot runner assembly

**IMPORTANT!**

The procedures contained in this chapter were written for a standard hot runner and do not take special options into consideration.

**NOTE:** For instructions on how to connect the controller to the hot runner and machine, refer to the *Altanium Matrix User Guide*.

### 4.1 Lifting and Handling

The following procedures describe how to safely lift plates and plate assemblies.

**CAUTION!**

*Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. Do not lift plates using magnetic lifting devices. These devices could potentially scratch a finely ground plate.*

**IMPORTANT!**

Safety must be the primary consideration when lifting and moving a plate. Make sure to always use suitable lifting equipment that is inspected regularly and follow the recommendations outlined in this manual.

**IMPORTANT!**

Every mold and hot runner assembly is equipped with tapped lift holes for lifting either the complete assembly or individual plates. Husky only supplies special lifting equipment (including a lift bar and swivel hoist rings) when required. This lifting equipment is designed specifically for the mold/hot runner assembly. When Husky provides special lifting equipment, use only Husky specified and supplied lifting equipment.
4.1.1 Lifting and Handling Using a Single Lifting Point

The following procedures describe how to lift and lower plates using a single lifting point.

4.1.1.1 Laying Down Plates Using a Single Lifting Point

To properly lay a plate on a work surface using a single lifting point, do the following:

WARNING!

Crushing hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Inadequate lifting equipment could fail and cause death or serious injury. Make sure all lifting equipment is rated for the load and in safe operating condition.

1. Install a lift bar or swivel hoist ring and connect it to an overhead lifting device.
   - For information about lifting using a lift bar, refer to Section 4.1.3.
   - For information about lifting using swivel hoist rings, refer to Section 4.1.4.

2. Lift the plate above the work surface.

3. Secure a wood block to the work surface on the side opposite the area where the plate will be laid down.

4. Lower the plate slowly onto the edge of the secured wood block.

5. Continue to slowly lower the plate until it tips over towards the work surface.

6. Lay the plate down on the work surface.

Figure 4-1 Laying Down a Plate

1. Overhead Lifting Device  2. Wood Block
4.1.1.2 Picking Up Plates Using a Single Lifting Point

When lifting a plate that has been laid down using a single lifting point, the lifting device may go slack just as the load is in its full vertical position. This may cause the plate to swing over-center in the opposite direction.

To prevent this from happening, do the following:

**WARNING!**

Crushing hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Inadequate lifting equipment could fail and cause death or serious injury. Make sure all lifting equipment is rated for the load and in safe operating condition.

1. Install a lift bar or swivel hoist ring and connect it to an overhead lifting device.
   - For information about lifting using a lift bar, refer to Section 4.1.3
   - For information about lifting using swivel hoist rings, refer to Section 4.1.4

2. Secure a wood block to the work surface near the foot of the plate. This will prevent the plate from going over-center.

3. Lift the plate until it touches the secured wood block.

**WARNING!**

Impact hazard – risk of serious injury. The plate may swing in a pendulum motion just as the plate is lifted off of the wood block. Lift slowly to reduce the pendulum motion. Stand clear of the possible swing area to prevent injury.

4. Continue to lift the plate, keeping the tension on the lifting cable.
5. After the plate has stabilized, move it to a safe location and remove the wood block.

4.1.2 Lifting and Handling Using Multiple Lifting Points

To lift a plate using more than one lifting point, do the following:

**WARNING!**

**Crushing hazard – risk of death or serious injury.** Inadequate lifting equipment could fail and cause death or serious injury. Make sure all lifting equipment is rated for the load and in safe operating condition.

1. Install the swivel hoist rings in the designated lifting points. Make sure the swivel hoist rings are positioned on opposite sides of the plate to evenly distribute the weight when the plate is lifted vertically.

   For information about lifting using swivel hoist rings, refer to Section 4.1.4.

2. Connect the swivel hoist rings to an overhead lifting device. Use a spreader bar if either of the following conditions occur:
   - The pivot angle of any swivel hoist ring exceeds 90°
   - The angle of lifting cables, slings or chains is less than 45°

3. Lift the plate and move it to a safe location.
4.1.3 Lifting Using a Lift Bar

To properly lift plates and assemblies using a lift bar, do the following:

**NOTE:** The maximum weight the bar can lift is stamped on the Husky lift bar. If using a lift bar that is not provided by Husky, make sure the lift bar is suitably rated for the weight of the mold/hot runner assembly.

**NOTE:** For the installation locations of the lift bars, refer to the hot runner for the markings “Lift Bar Only” or to the assembly drawings.

1. Install the lift bar to the lifting holes on the top of the component.

2. Torque the hoist ring to the specified value. Refer to the assembly drawings for torque requirements.

3. Attach a suitable overhead lifting device to the swivel hoist ring and lift the plate or plate assembly vertically.

4. While the mold, hot runner, tooling plate or CoolPik are in operation, store the Husky provided lifting equipment together and in a readily accessible area.

![Figure 4-4 Lifting with a Lift Bar](image)

1. Swivel Hoist Ring  2. Lift Bar  3. Screw

4.1.4 Lifting Using Swivel Hoist Rings

When using swivel hoist rings, remember the following:

- For the installation locations of the swivel hoist rings, refer to the hot runner for the markings “Hoist Ring Only” or to the assembly drawings.
- Always make sure the swivel hoist ring is properly torqued before lifting.
- Make sure the swivel hoist ring used can support the weight of the plate or component at the chosen angle of attack.
- Do not lift more than the rated capacity.
- Depending upon the sling angle, the applied load may be more than the weight being lifted. Two point lifting of a 1000 kg (2000 lb) weight, with a sling angle of 30°, will result in an applied load of 1000 kg (2000 lb) to each hoist ring.
• After installation, make sure the hoist ring swivels and pivots freely in all directions. The side of the ring must not contact anything.
• After installation and while the mold, hot runner, tooling plate or CoolPik are in operation, store the Husky provided lifting equipment together and in a readily accessible area.
• Never use a hook or other lifting device which will pry or open the “U” shaped bar on center-pull hoist rings.
• Screws must be tightened to the recommended torque values.
• Do not apply shock loads. When lifting, apply force gradually.
• Do not use spacers between the hoist ring bushing and the work piece surface.
• The work piece surface must be flat, providing complete contact for the hoist ring bushing.

Metric and Imperial swivel hoist rings are available through your nearest Husky Parts Distribution Center. Swivel hoist rings purchased from other suppliers must meet or exceed the following specifications.

**Table 4-1 General Hoist Ring Specifications**

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<tr>
<th>Material</th>
<th>4140 certified aircraft quality</th>
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<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Forged hoist ring</td>
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<tr>
<td>Finish</td>
<td>Phosphate per DOD-P-16232F</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Safety Factor</td>
<td>5:1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Swivel</td>
<td>Pivot 180° and swivel 360°</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thread</td>
<td>ISO 261 and ISO 965 - Coarse</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Surface</td>
<td>Magnetic particle inspected (ASTM E709-80)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Certification</td>
<td>Individual certificate of conformance with the serial number specified on the hoist ring for traceability</td>
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**Table 4-2 Specifications for Metric Coarse Swivel Hoist Rings**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Part Number</th>
<th>Rated Capacity[1]</th>
<th>Torque</th>
<th>Thread Ø</th>
<th>Minimum Full Thread Depth</th>
<th>Pitch</th>
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<tr>
<td>2761800</td>
<td>1050 kg (2315 lb)</td>
<td>37 N·m (27 lbf·ft)</td>
<td>M12</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>1.75</td>
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<tr>
<td>2770570</td>
<td>1900 kg (4189 lb)</td>
<td>80 N·m (59 lbf·ft)</td>
<td>M16</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>2.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2502267</td>
<td>4200 kg (9259 lb)</td>
<td>311 N·m (229 lbf·ft)</td>
<td>M24</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>3.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>536013</td>
<td>7000 kg (15432 lb)</td>
<td>637 N·m (470 lbf·ft)</td>
<td>M30</td>
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<td>3.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>2761801</td>
<td>11000 kg (24250 lb)</td>
<td>1085 N·m (800 lbf·ft)</td>
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<td>72</td>
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<td>2761803</td>
<td>12500 kg (27558 lb)</td>
<td>1085 N·m (800 lbf·ft)</td>
<td>M42</td>
<td>84</td>
<td>4.50</td>
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[1] Minimum rated capacity at any pull angle (between 0° horizontal pull and 90° vertical pull)
4.2 Mounting Methods

Each hot runner is designed to be mounted to the machine using a specific method. The following describes the various methods that can be used.

4.2.1 Direct Bolting

The direct bolting method uses screws to secure the hot runner to the stationary platen. The screws are either installed through the hot runner into threaded holes in the stationary platen, or through the stationary platen into threaded holes in the hot runner.

In this method, the screws are able to carry the maximum possible load while resisting the opening force of the mold.

When using the direct bolting method, adhere to the following guidelines:

- All screws must be lubricated
- The size, quantity and spacing of the screws must be suitable for the machine

**CAUTION!**

**Crushing hazard – risk of damage to equipment.** Screws used to secure the hot runner to the stationary platen must meet specific requirements. Only use the screws specified in the assembly drawings. Failure to use these screws could result in equipment damage.

- Make sure only the screws specified in the assembly drawings are used
- Torque each screw starting from the center of the hot runner and working outwards

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### Table 4-3 Specifications for Inch UNC Swivel Hoist Rings

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Part Number</th>
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<th>Pitch</th>
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<td>2732764</td>
<td>1130 kg (2500 lb)</td>
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<td>2260 kg (5000 lb)</td>
<td>135 N-m (100 lbf-ft)</td>
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<td>2760517</td>
<td>4530 kg (10000 lb)</td>
<td>310 N-m (229 lbf-ft)</td>
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<td>2732766</td>
<td>6800 kg (15000 lb)</td>
<td>640 N-m (472 lbf-ft)</td>
<td>1 1/4</td>
<td>2.5</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
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<td>2732767</td>
<td>10880 kg (24000 lb)</td>
<td>1080 N-m (797 lbf-ft)</td>
<td>1 1/2</td>
<td>3.0</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
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</table>

[2] Minimum rated capacity at any pull angle (between 0° horizontal pull and 90° vertical pull)
CAUTION!

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to equipment. Air impact guns could produce excessive torque and damage the hot runner. Use only a torque wrench to install the hot runner.

- Use a torque wrench to install the screws and verify the torque

4.2.2 Clamping

The clamping method uses clamps to hold the hot runner to the stationary platen. The clamps are secured to the stationary platen with screws and hold the hot runner at the operator and non-operator side clamp slots.

In this method, the clamps must be properly secured to prevent the hot runner from slipping. This may cause damage as the mold closes or cause the mold and hot runner to fall completely from the stationary platen.

WARNING!

Crushing hazard – risk of serious injury, death and/or damage to the hot runner. Clamps may loosen, allowing the mold and hot runner to slip or fall completely from the stationary platen. Make sure the type, quantity, size and position of the clamps is sufficient for mounting the mold and hot runner.

IMPORTANT!

Husky assumes no responsibility for the type, quantity, size or position of the clamping equipment used and does not recommend the clamping method for securing the hot runner to the machine. It is the responsibility of the customer to make sure the clamping equipment and its installation is adequate for safely securing the hot runner.

Whenever possible, use the direct bolting method. Refer to Section 4.2.1 for more information.

When using the clamping method, adhere to the following guidelines:

- Make sure the screws used to secure the clamps to the stationary platen are torqued
- A sufficient number of clamps must be used to safely secure the mold and hot runner
- The clamps must be positioned as close as possible to each other
- Verify with the clamp supplier the number of clamps to use, the position and the required torque
- Only use high strength screws with a minimum yield strength of 690 MPa (100000 psi)
- Inspect and torque the clamps regularly
4.2.3  Quick Mold Changers and Clamping Systems

Refer to the quick mold changer or clamping system manufacturer’s documentation for installation information.

**IMPORTANT!**

Any quick mold changer or clamping system must be interlocked appropriately with the machine’s logic and guarding interlock system.

4.3  Removing/Installing the Hot Runner

The following procedures describe how to remove and install the hot runner.

For convenience, the hot runner is designed to allow the backing plate to remain in the machine while the rest of the assembly is removed or installed. This reduces the downtime of the hot runner and machine.

The hot runner can also be removed or installed as a complete assembly.

4.3.1  Installing the Hot Runner

**IMPORTANT!**

Hot runners may not be put into service in a machine that does not comply with the provisions of Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC, as amended, and with the regulations transposing it into national law.

To install the hot runner in the machine, perform the following procedures in order:

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<td>Install the hot runner</td>
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<td>Without the backing plate</td>
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**NOTE:** The following procedure requires the use of an overhead lifting device. Refer to Section 4.1 for lifting and handling instructions.
4.3.1.1 Preparing the Hot Runner and Machine

To prepare the hot runner and machine, do the following:

1. Verify the machine nozzle orifice and radius match the sprue bushing in the hot runner. Processing problems can occur if the two systems do not match.

2. Make sure the clamp is open to maximum daylight.

3. Lock out and tag the machine and controller. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

4. Make sure the machine is level and the platens are parallel. Refer to the machine manufacturer’s documentation for more information.

   NOTE: The cavity plate may be attached to the hot runner during installation.

5. Install or remove the cavity plate as needed. Refer to Section 6.14 for more information.

6. If the hot runner is fully assembled with the backing plate, do the following:
   a. Using a protective spray and a lint-free cloth, clean all mounting surfaces on the hot runner and stationary platen. Refer to Section 3.4 for a list of recommended lubricants. Remove any hard dirt, nicks or burrs with a medium India stone (240 grit oil stone).
   b. Spray all mounting surfaces on the hot runner and stationary platen with a protective spray. Refer to Section 3.4 for a list of recommended lubricants.

7. Inspect all fittings and electrical connections on the hot runner for damage. Repair or replace as necessary.

   ! WARNING!

   Crushing hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Inadequate lifting equipment could fail and cause death or serious injury. Make sure all lifting equipment is rated for the load and in safe operating condition.

8. Install and torque the lift bar to the hot runner. Refer to Section 4.1.3 for more information.

4.3.1.2 Installing the Hot Runner with the Backing Plate

To install the complete hot runner with the backing plate in the machine, do the following:

   ! WARNING!

   Crushing hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Inadequate lifting equipment could fail and cause death or serious injury. Make sure all lifting equipment is rated for the load and in safe operating condition.
1. Attach an overhead lifting device to the lift bar and lift the hot runner over the mold area. Make sure the locating ring faces the stationary platen.

2. Lower the hot runner into the mold area. If necessary, rotate the assembly 90° to fit it between the tie bars.

3. Align the locating ring with the sprue nozzle and position the backing plate against the stationary platen.

**CAUTION!**

*Crushing hazard – risk of damage to equipment.* Screws used to secure the hot runner to the stationary platen must meet specific requirements. Only use the screws specified in the assembly drawings. Failure to use these screws could result in equipment damage.

4. Secure the backing plate to the stationary platen. Refer to Section 4.2 for information about various mounting methods.

5. Disconnect the overhead lifting device and remove the lift bar.

6. Install the servo motor. Refer to Section 6.23.2 for more information.

7. Remove the maintenance pins.

**CAUTION!**

*Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to equipment.* When installing hoses, make sure they are not routed over edges, positioned where they can rub together, or near moving parts. The resulting motion or vibrations could damage the hoses.

8. Connect the cooling hoses to the hot runner.

9. Connect the servo drive cables from the controller to the servo motor.

10. Connect the supplied heater and thermocouple cables to the designated ports on the hot runner and controller.

**CAUTION!**

*Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to equipment.* When installing cables, make sure they are not routed over edges, positioned where they can rub together, or near moving parts. The resulting motion or vibrations could damage the cable insulation.

11. Arrange the cables, using clamps or ties if necessary, to avoid contact with moving parts or sharp edges.

**WARNING!**

*Poison hazard – risk of death or serious injury.* The mold may have been sprayed with a rust inhibitor that may be toxic if ingested. To avoid contamination of food packaging products, this inhibitor must be completely removed. Clean all molding surfaces with an appropriate molding surface cleaner and discard all molded products until all traces of the rust inhibitor are removed.
12. If the cavity plate is installed on the hot runner, remove the rust inhibitor from all molding surfaces on the cavity plate using an appropriate molding surface cleaner.

13. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

4.3.1.3 Installing the Hot Runner without the Backing Plate

To install the hot runner while the backing plate is installed in the machine, do the following:

1. Make sure the backing plate is installed in the machine.

**WARNING!**

Crushing hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Inadequate lifting equipment could fail and cause death or serious injury. Make sure all lifting equipment is rated for the load and in safe operating condition.

2. Attach an overhead lifting device to the lift bar and lift the hot runner over the mold area. Make sure the actuation plate faces the stationary platen.

3. Lower the hot runner into the mold area. If necessary, rotate the assembly 90° to fit it between the tie bars.

4. Align the center plate with the backing plate and carefully bring the two halves together.

**CAUTION!**

Crushing hazard – risk of damage to equipment. Screws used to secure the hot runner to the stationary platen must meet specific requirements. Only use the screws specified in the assembly drawings. Failure to use these screws could result in equipment damage.

5. Install the screws that secure the backing plate to the center plate. Torque each screw to its specified value starting from the center and working outwards. Refer to the assembly drawings for torque requirements.

6. Disconnect the overhead lifting device and remove the lift bar.

7. Remove the maintenance pins.

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to equipment. When installing hoses, make sure they are not routed over edges, positioned where they can rub together, or near moving parts. The resulting motion or vibrations could damage the hoses.

8. Connect the cooling hoses to the hot runner.

9. Connect the servo drive cables from the controller to the servo motor.

10. Connect the supplied heater and thermocouple cables to the designated ports on the hot runner and controller.
CAUTION!

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to equipment. When installing cables, make sure they are not routed over edges, positioned where they can rub together, or near moving parts. The resulting motion or vibrations could damage the cable insulation.

11. Arrange the cables, using clamps or ties if necessary, to avoid contact with moving parts or sharp edges.

WARNING!

Poison hazard – risk of death or serious injury. The mold may have been sprayed with a rust inhibitor that may be toxic if ingested. To avoid contamination of food packaging products, this inhibitor must be completely removed. Clean all molding surfaces with an appropriate molding surface cleaner and discard all molded products until all traces of the rust inhibitor are removed.

12. If the cavity plate is installed on the hot runner, remove the rust inhibitor from all molding surfaces on the cavity plate using an appropriate molding surface cleaner.

13. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
4.3.2 Removing the Hot Runner

To remove the hot runner from the machine, perform the following procedures in order:

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**NOTE:** The following procedure requires the use of an overhead lifting device. Refer to Section 4.1 for lifting and handling instructions.

4.3.2.1 Preparing the Hot Runner and Machine

To prepare the hot runner and machine, do the following:

1. Open the mold and turn off all heaters.

**WARNING!**

Hot resin spray hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Residual pressure from gases in the hot runner could cause hot resin to spray from the nozzle tips when released. Make sure the valve gates are open when turning off the heaters to relieve pressure in the hot runner.

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. Do not actuate the valve stems when the hot runner is cold. Damage to the valve stems and/or shear pins could occur.

2. Make sure the valve gates are open.
3. Install the maintenance pins. Refer to Section 6.13.2 for more information.
4. Cool the hot runner by running coolant through it until the nozzles and manifolds are at room temperature (< 25 °C or < 77 °F). This may take 1/2 to 4 hours depending on the size of the hot runner.
5. Lock out and tag the machine and controller. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
6. Purge all cooling water from the cooling hoses to minimize the risk of a coolant spill should a hose come loose during maintenance. Refer to the machine manufacturer’s documentation for more information.
7. Disconnect all cooling hoses from the hot runner.
8. Disconnect all electrical cables and connectors from the hot runner.
4.3.2.2 Removing the Hot Runner with the Backing Plate

To remove the complete hot runner with the backing plate in the machine, do the following:

1. Remove the servo motor. Refer to Section 6.23.1 for more information.

**WARNING!**

Crushing hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Inadequate lifting equipment could fail and cause death or serious injury. Make sure all lifting equipment is rated for the load and in safe operating condition.

2. Install and torque the lift bar to the hot runner. Refer to Section 4.1.3 for more information.

3. Attach an overhead lifting device to the hoist ring and lift only until the lifting chain has a slight tension on it.

4. Disconnect the backing plate from the stationary platen starting on the non-operator side, followed by the operator side.

5. Lift the hot runner out of the clamp. If necessary, rotate the hot runner 90° to fit it between the tie bars.

**WARNING!**

Crushing hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Do not work under suspended loads. To prevent injury, install safety blocks.

6. Install feet on the bottom of the hot runner to protect the hose fittings.

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to equipment. When storing the hot runner, make sure it is secured in the vertical or horizontal position. Do not rest the assembly against another object.

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. The hot runner must be set on supports if it is laid down horizontally, such as on a work bench. Damage to the nozzle tips, sprue bushing and/or wires could occur.

7. Move the hot runner to a safe location.
### 4.3.2.3 Removing the Hot Runner without the Backing Plate

To remove the hot runner while the backing plate is installed in the machine, do the following:

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**WARNING!**

**Crushing hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Inadequate lifting equipment could fail and cause death or serious injury.** Make sure all lifting equipment is rated for the load and in safe operating condition.

1. Install and torque the lift bar to the hot runner. Refer to Section 4.1.3 for more information.
2. Attach an overhead lifting device to the hoist ring and lift only until the lifting chain has a slight tension on it.
3. Disconnect the center plate from the backing plate starting on the non-operator side, followed by the operator side.
4. Lift the hot runner out of the clamp. If necessary, rotate the hot runner 90° to fit it between the tie bars.

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**WARNING!**

**Crushing hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Do not work under suspended loads.** To prevent injury, install safety blocks.

5. Install feet on the bottom of the hot runner to protect the hose fittings.

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**CAUTION!**

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**CAUTION!**

**Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner.** The hot runner must be set on supports if it is laid down horizontally, such as on a work bench. Damage to the nozzle tips, sprue bushing and/or wires could occur.

6. Move the hot runner to a safe location.
Chapter 5  \hspace{0.5cm} Startup and Operation

This chapter describes how to safely startup and operate the hot runner. Follow these instructions along with any in the machine manufacturer's documentation.

**NOTE:** If the hot runner is installed in a Husky machine, refer to the startup instructions in the machine manufacturer's documentation.

### 5.1 Starting Up the Hot Runner

To startup the hot runner for operation, perform the following procedures in order:

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<td>Produce test parts</td>
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**IMPORTANT!**

The mold and hot runner must be installed properly by qualified personnel before production begins.

#### 5.1.1 Preparing the Hot Runner

To prepare the hot runner for startup, do the following:

1. Lock out and tag the machine and controller. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
2. Make sure the mold and hot runner are installed properly.
3. Make sure the power, heater, thermocouple and servo cables are connected to the controller.
4. Make sure the resin type in the machine matches the required type indicated on the hot runner nameplate. Refer to Section 1.8 for more information about the nameplate.
CAUTION!

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. In the event of water leaking into the hot runner, the nozzle heaters could fail. Make sure all water is removed before starting up the hot runner.

5. Using compressed air, remove any water around the nozzle tips and parting lines.
6. Make sure the maintenance pins are removed.
7. Make sure all safety latches have been removed from the mold and hot runner.
8. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

5.1.2 Heating Up the Hot Runner, Mold and Machine

To bring the hot runner, mold and machine up to operating temperature, do the following:

1. If equipped, make sure the dryer is enabled and adjusted to the proper operating temperature.
2. Make sure the water chiller is enabled and adjusted to the proper operating temperature.
3. If equipped, make sure the mold enclosure de-humidifier, air compressor and water tower supplies are enabled.
4. Slowly open the mold.
5. Turn on the mold/hot runner cooling system.

WARNING!

Hot resin spray hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Overheated resin could generate pressurized gas that, when suddenly released, could cause material to spray out. Do not allow resin to overheat. If the startup process is interrupted, turn off all barrel heaters and retract the injection unit to allow the hot runner to vent between the machine nozzle and the sprue bushing. For extended delays, follow the machine manufacturer’s and resin supplier’s procedures for machine shutdown.

6. Turn on the machine barrel heaters and allow them approximately 1/2 to 1 1/2 hours to reach operating temperature, depending on the size of the injection unit.
7. Turn on the controller. Refer to Section 5.2 for more information.

CAUTION!

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. The manifold temperature must not exceed 350 °C (662 °F). Exceeding this temperature could result in component failure.

8. Using the controller, set the temperature of the manifold heaters and sprue heater to the melt temperature indicated on the nameplate. Refer to Section 1.8 for more information about the nameplate.
9. Turn on the manifold heaters and sprue heater zones. Wait for the heaters to reach operating temperature. Wait an additional 10 minutes or more of soak time to make sure the resin has reached the operating temperature.

10. Open the process material feed. Refer to the machine manufacturer’s documentation for more information.

5.1.3 Precharging the Hot Runner

To precharge the hot runner with resin, do the following:

1. Close the clamp and apply tonnage.

WARNING!
Hot resin spray hazard – risk of death or serious injury. The sprue heater must be turned on when the manifold heaters are turned on. Failure to do so could result in the generation of dangerous pressure levels in the manifold, resulting in the sudden release of hot resin.

2. Purge the injection unit. Refer to the machine manufacturer’s documentation for more information.

3. Clean the machine nozzle, stationary platen and purge guard of any resin deposits. Refer to the machine manufacturer’s documentation for more information.

4. Make sure the machine nozzle is firmly seated against the sprue bushing.

5. Turn on the nozzle heaters and allow them approximately 5 to 7 minutes before mold operation to reach operating temperature.

CAUTION!
Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to equipment. Do not allow nozzle tips to stay energized for more than 10 minutes without injecting resin. Resin residing in the nozzle tip area will degrade.

6. While the nozzle heaters are reaching operating temperature, do the following:
   a. Turn on the extruder screw to start plasticizing the resin.
   b. Repeat step 2 to step 3.

NOTE: The hot runner channels are properly filled with resin when the injection piston stops before making contact with the injection housing.
7. Inject resin into the hot runner until the injection piston stops. The piston must stop before it makes contact with the injection housing. If the piston makes contact with the injection housing, inject resin again.

8. Once the injection piston stops, start the extruder screw and make sure it retracts fully.

5.1.4 Producing Test Parts

To produce test parts that will verify the settings and functions for the hot runner and machine, do the following:

1. Make sure the nozzle heaters have not timed out. If the nozzle heaters have timed out, do the following:
   a. Enable the heaters and allow them approximately 5 to 7 minutes to reach operating temperature.
   b. Purge the injection unit. Refer to the machine manufacturer’s documentation for more information.
   c. Clean the machine nozzle, stationary platen and purge guard of any resin deposits. Refer to the machine manufacturer’s documentation for more information.

2. Make sure the controller is in Auto mode.

3. Close the clamp and apply tonnage.

4. Make sure the machine nozzle is firmly seated against the sprue bushing.

5. Reduce the injection pressure to 70 bar (1000 psi).

6. Disable all ejector functions to prevent the machine from automatically ejecting parts.

7. Cycle the machine once in normal mode to produce a set of parts.

8. Check that all parts have been properly molded.

9. Manually control the ejector functions to eject the parts.

10. If all cavities are producing parts, reset the injection pressure to the recommended value.

11. Cycle the machine four times in normal mode to produce parts. This will remove any air trapped in the resin.

12. Visually inspect the last set of parts to verify the part quality. Repeat step 11 until the part quality is satisfactory.

13. Enable the ejector functions.

14. If equipped, enable the product handling equipment.

15. Cycle the machine 10 times in semi-cycle mode. During each cycle, if equipped, make sure the product handling equipment properly transfers the parts to the conveyor.

16. Enable the auto-cycle mode for the machine and begin production.
5.2 Turning On the Controller

To turn on the controller, do the following:

1. Make sure the controller is disconnected from the power source.
2. Make sure the power, heater, thermocouple and servo cables are connected to the controller.
3. Using an Ohmmeter, touch the hot runner with one test lead and touch the mold ground terminal on the controller with the other test lead. The resistance must be less than 1 Ω.
4. Make sure the main input power disconnect switch is in the OFF position.
5. Connect the controller to the power source.
6. Turn on the controller by turning the main input power disconnect switch to the ON position.
7. Make sure the power switch on the back of the controller is in the ON position.
8. Log on to the controller. Refer to the Altanium Matrix User Guide for more information.
9. Load an existing mold setup or create a new mold setup through the controller. Refer to the Altanium Matrix User Guide for more information.
10. Run a diagnostic on the hot runner and correct any faults found. Refer to the Altanium Matrix User Guide for more information.
12. Touch START on the controller screen to start the controller.
13. Calibrate the servo motor. Refer to Section 5.5 for more information.
14. Make sure the controller is functioning correctly by monitoring the Graph/Text screen.
5.3 Turning Off the Controller

To turn off the controller, do the following:

1. Touch STOP on the controller screen to stop the controller.

**IMPORTANT!**

After turning off the controller, wait a minimum of 30 seconds before turning it back on. Communication issues between the controller and hot runner may appear if the controller is not allowed to power down completely.

2. Turn off the controller by turning the main input power disconnect switch to the OFF position.

5.4 Manually Actuating the Valve Stems

To manually actuate the valve stems, do the following:

1. On the controller, touch Options and then touch Valve Stems to open the Valve Stem Operation screen.

2. Make sure the servo motor has been calibrated. Refer to Section 5.5 for more information.
3. Touch **Manual** to set the controller in manual mode.
4. Touch **Open** or **Close** to move the valve stems forward or back.

## 5.5 Calibrating the Servo Motor

The servo motor must be calibrated every time the controller is started to determine the valve stem closed position.

To calibrate the servo motor, do the following:
1. Make sure the power, heater, thermocouple and servo cables are connected to the controller.
2. Make sure the maintenance pins are removed.
3. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
4. Turn on the controller. Refer to Section 5.2 for more information.
5. Load an existing mold setup or create a new mold setup through the controller. Refer to the *Altanium Matrix User Guide* for more information.

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**DANGER!**

Electrocution hazard – risk of death, serious injury and/or damage to the hot runner. Do not turn on the heaters if water has leaked into the hot runner. If water has leaked into the hot runner, the hot runner must be completely disassembled, dried and assembled before the heaters are turned on.

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**WARNING!**

Hot resin spray hazard – risk of death or serious injury. The sprue heater must be turned on when the manifold heaters are turned on. Failure to do so could result in the generation of dangerous pressure levels in the manifold, resulting in the sudden release of hot resin.

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**WARNING!**

Burn hazard – risk of serious injury. To avoid serious burns, wear personal protective equipment consisting of a heat-resistant coat, heat-resistant gloves, and a full face shield over safety glasses. Use adequate ventilation for fumes.

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**WARNING!**

Burn hazard – risk of serious injury. Hot runner components stay hot for long periods of time after heaters have been turned off. Wear personal protective equipment when working near the hot runner and place a warning sign in the area before leaving the hot runner unattended.
6. Increase the temperature of all heaters to a temperature high enough to soften the resin in the melt channels. If there is no resin in the system, set the heat zones to room temperature (<25 °C or <77 °F).

**NOTE:** The Vicat Softening Temperature for the resin type is recommended. Refer to the resin supplier’s documentation for more information.

**IMPORTANT!**

Do not allow the hot runner to overheat or degraded material will have to be cleaned out before the hot runner is returned to operation.

7. On the controller, touch **Options** and then touch **Valve Stems** to open the **Valve Stem Operation** screen.

8. Touch **Manual** to set the controller in manual mode.

9. Touch **Calib** to start the calibration process. Wait approximately 30 seconds for the calibration to complete.

When calibration is complete, the status message on the **Valve Stem Operation** screen will indicate **Idle** or **Stem Closed**.

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. If the status message indicates **Obstruction or position error – calibration required**, the actuation plate is obstructed by either frozen resin or a damaged gate/valve stem. Remove the backing plate and clear the obstruction before attempting to calibrate the servo motor again.
Chapter 6   Maintenance

This chapter describes the maintenance tasks required to maintain the hot runner. Refer to Section 6.1 for a full list of maintenance procedures.

**NOTE:** Unless specified otherwise, all bolts, screws, fittings and other hardware should be torqued to the values listed on the assembly drawings specific to the hot runner.

**WARNING!**

Chemical hazard - Some of the chemicals used with Husky equipment are potentially hazardous and could cause injury and illness. Before storing, handling, or working with any chemical or hazardous material, thoroughly read and understand each applicable Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), use recommended personal protective equipment and follow the manufacturer’s instructions.

**IMPORTANT!**

The procedures contained in this chapter were written for a standard hot runner and do not take special options into consideration.

6.1   Scheduled and Non-Scheduled Maintenance

Throughout the life of the hot runner, various systems and components will need to be inspected and serviced on a schedule or non-scheduled basis.

There are two types of maintenance procedures:
- Preventive procedures are performed at scheduled intervals
- Service procedures are performed when required

6.1.1   Preventive Maintenance

The following procedures must be performed when indicated as part of the recommended preventive maintenance program for the hot runner.

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6.2 Changing the Resin Color

To change the color of the resin, do the following:

1. Lock out and tag the machine and controller. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
2. Remove all traces of the original resin from the material feed equipment.
3. Depending on application restrictions, add one of the following to the material feed equipment to reduce the cleaning time required:
   - Purge compound
   - Natural (uncolored) resin
   - New colored resin
4. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

**WARNING!**

Hot resin spray hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Molten resin under high pressure could suddenly release and spray out from the machine nozzle. Before purging the injection unit, clear the area of all non-essential personnel and wear personal protective equipment consisting of a heat-resistant coat, heat-resistant gloves and a full face shield over safety glasses.

5. Purge the injection unit until all traces of the old color are eliminated. For instructions, refer to the machine manufacturer’s documentation.
6. Increase the injection speed to the maximum value allowed by the application.
7. Reduce the hold time and cooling time to the minimum values allowed by the application.
8. Increase the temperature of the hot runner nozzle tips, manifolds and sprue by 20 to 30 °C (68 to 86 °F).
9. Repeat step 3 to replenish the material feed equipment.
10. Produce a series of test parts until all traces of the old color are eliminated.
11. When the color change is complete, decrease the temperature of the nozzle tips, manifolds and sprue by 20 to 30 °C (68 to 86 °F).
12. Return the hold time, cooling time and injection speed back to their original values.
13. Fill the material feed equipment with the new resin.

6.3 Inspecting the Ball Screw

The ball screw must be inspected for proper lubrication at the interval specified in the maintenance schedule.

To inspect the ball screw, do the following:
1. Lock out and tag the machine and controller. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
2. Open the safety gate.
3. Remove the cover plates below the servo mounting plate.
4. Inspect the threads on the ball screw shaft for lubricant. If lubrication is required, refer to Section 6.4 for information about lubricating the ball screw nut.
5. Install the cover plates.
6. Close the safety gate.
7. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

6.4 Lubricating the Ball Screw

The ball screw must be lubricated at the interval specified in the maintenance schedule, or when any maintenance is performed on the ball screw or grease tube.

To lubricate the ball screw, do the following:

1. Lock out and tag the machine and controller. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
2. Open the safety gate.
3. Wipe the grease fitting for the ball screw with a clean cloth. The grease fitting is located on the operator side of the hot runner.

![Figure 6-3 Ball Screw Grease Fitting](image1)

4. Remove the cover plate below the servo mounting plate.

![Figure 6-4 Accessing the Ball Screw](image2)
5. Install the special grease gun needle nozzle on the end of a grease gun. Refer to Section 1.9 for more information.

6. Using the grease gun and special nozzle, apply an extreme pressure calcium-based lubricant to the grease fitting. Do not over-lubricate the grease fitting. Refer to Table 6-1 for the required quantity. Refer to Section 3.4 for information about recommended lubricants.

NOTE: Do not over-lubricate the grease fitting. Monitor the ball screw when applying grease and stop if grease starts to escape from the nut.

Table 6-1 Grease Quantity

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[1] A standard 670 bar (10000 psi), 473 ml (16 oz) grease gun delivers approximately 1.2 ml (0.04 oz) of grease with each stroke of the hand pump.

[2] A standard 400 bar (5800 psi), 500 ml (17 oz) grease gun delivers approximately 1.4 ml (0.05 oz) of grease with each stroke of the hand pump.

[3] A standard 670 bar (10000 psi), 710 ml (24 oz) grease gun delivers approximately 1.8 ml (0.06 oz) of grease with each stroke of the hand pump.

7. Wipe the grease fitting for the ball screw with a clean cloth.

8. Close the safety gate.

9. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

10. Turn on the controller. Refer to Section 5.2 for more information.

11. Manually actuate the valve stems 2 or 3 times to distribute the grease. Refer to Section 5.4 for more information.

12. Lock out and tag the controller. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

6.5 Lubricating the Bearing Cages

The bearing cages must be lubricated at the interval specified in the maintenance schedule. To lubricate the bearing cages in the actuation plate, do the following:

NOTE: This procedure can be performed in the machine or on a work bench.

1. Remove or separate the backing plate from the hot runner. Refer to Section 6.15 for more information.

2. Wipe the areas around the bearing cages with a clean cloth.

3. For each bearing cage, apply an extreme pressure calcium-based lubricant between the bearing cage and the guide pin.
Refer to Section 3.4 for information about recommended lubricants.

4. Install the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15 for more information.

6.6 Lubricating the Linear Bearings

The linear bearings in the backing plate must be lubricated at the interval specified in the maintenance schedule.

To lubricate the linear bearings, do the following:

NOTE: This procedure can be performed in the machine or on a work bench.

1. Remove or separate the backing plate from the hot runner. Refer to Section 6.15 for more information.

2. Wipe the grease fittings on the linear bearings with a clean cloth.

3. Using a grease gun, apply grease to each linear bearing through the grease fitting. Do not over-lubricate the grease fitting.
Refer to Table 6-2 for the required quantity.
Refer to Section 3.4 for information about recommended lubricants.

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4. Clean off the excess grease with a clean cloth.
5. Install the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15 for more information.
6. If the hot runner is on a work bench, install the hot runner in the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.1 for more information.
7. Close the safety gate.
8. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
9. Turn on the controller. Refer to Section 5.2 for more information.
10. Manually actuate the valve stems 2 or 3 times to distribute the grease. Refer to Section 5.4 for more information.
11. Lock out and tag the controller. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

6.7 Lubricating the Cam Followers and Inserts

The cam followers and inserts must be lubricated at the interval specified in the maintenance schedule.

To lubricate the cam followers and inserts, do the following:

NOTE: This procedure can be performed in the machine or on a work bench.

1. Remove or separate the backing plate from the hot runner. Refer to Section 6.15 for more information.
2. Wipe the grease fittings on the cam followers with a clean cloth.
3. Install the special grease gun needle nozzle on the end of a grease gun. Refer to Section 1.9 for more information.
4. Using the grease gun and special nozzle, apply an extreme pressure calcium-based lubricant to each cam follower through the grease fitting. Do not over-lubricate the grease fitting.
Refer to Section 3.4 for information about recommended lubricants.

5. Apply a light coat of extreme pressure calcium-based lubricant to the surfaces on each cam insert where the cam follower travels.

Refer to Section 3.4 for information about recommended lubricants.

6. Install the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15 for more information.

7. If the hot runner is on a work bench, install the hot runner in the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.1 for more information.

8. Close the safety gate.

9. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

10. Turn on the controller. Refer to Section 5.2 for more information.

11. Manually actuate the valve stems 2 or 3 times to distribute the grease. Refer to Section 5.4 for more information.

12. Lock out and tag the controller. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
6.8 Decoupling a Valve Stem

Individual valve stems can be decoupled from the actuation plate in the event of component failure, a blocked gate, or damage to the mold or hot runner. This allows production to continue with the remaining functional valve stems.

To decouple a valve stem, do the following:

**NOTE:** This procedure can be performed in the machine or on a work bench.

1. Remove or separate the backing plate from the hot runner. Refer to Section 6.15 for more information.

**IMPORTANT!**

> Do not discard the set screw. It is required to install a new valve stem.

2. Remove the set screw for the valve stem that is being disabled.

3. Install the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15 for more information.

4. If the hot runner is on a work bench, install the hot runner in the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.1 for more information.

5. Turn off the heater for the appropriate heat zone. Refer to the *Altanium Matrix User Guide* for more information.

6.9 Extending Nozzle and Sprue Heater Wire Leads

The following procedure describes how to install the nozzle and sprue heater lead splice kit (P/N 4047310) to extend the length of the nozzle and sprue heater wires. This kit may be required on systems where the wire leads are not long enough to reach the electrical connectors.
IMPORTANT!

This procedure is only for nozzle and sprue heater leads when standard lead lengths are not long enough.

This procedure is not to be used for extending thermocouple wire leads. Splicing thermocouple wires will cause false and/or erratic temperature readings.

When required, standard thermocouples are available with longer wire lead lengths.

To install the kit, do the following:

1. Strip the ends of the wire and the wire supplied with the kit until 6 mm (0.2 in) of wire lead is exposed on both.

2. Slide heat shrink tubing over the butt connector. Make sure the butt connector is centered in the tubing.

3. Insert the wires into both ends of the butt connector until no wire lead is visible.

4. Using a crimping tool, crimp one end of the butt connector at a time.

5. Shrink the tubing using a heat gun.

6. Seal the ends of the heat shrink tubing where the tubing meets the wire lead insulation.
6.10 Installing Stop Pins

Stop pins are a critical feature of the actuation plate for controlling the position of valve stems. To install a stop pin, do the following:

1. Thread a screw into the stop pin and make sure there is a gap between the screw head and the pin.

**WARNING!**

*Burn hazard – contact with liquid nitrogen will cause serious burn injuries. Wear personal protective equipment when dispensing and handling liquid nitrogen.*

2. Cool the screw and stop pin in liquid nitrogen.
3. Align the stop pin with the hole in the actuation plate.

**CAUTION!**

*Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. The stop pin is a critical feature for controlling the valve stem position. Do not strike the stop pin during installation.*

4. Using a rubber hammer, tap the screw until the stop pin is fully seated in the hole. Do not strike the stop pin.
5. Remove the screw from the stop pin.
6.11 Measuring Preload

The following procedures describe how to measure preload for manifolds and cross manifolds (if equipped).

Preload measurements from various sections of the hot runner must be taken and verified before the plates are assembled and when the hot runner is at room temperature (< 25 °C or < 77 °F). Damage to the plates and nozzle stacks could occur if the preload measurements are not within the allowed tolerances.

Maintaining proper preload will help prevent leaks at the nozzle housing and manifold interface.

**IMPORTANT!**
Always measure preload in more than one section of the hot runner to make sure preload is consistent.

6.11.1 Measuring the Preload for Manifolds

To measure the preload for a manifold, do the following:

**CAUTION!**
Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. Do not tighten the screws that secure the manifolds to reduce the preload values. These screws should be hand tightened and then turned counter-clockwise 1/4 turn before preload measurements are taken.

1. Determine the height of the backup pads from the assembly drawings.
2. Using a depth micrometer, measure the distance from the top face of the manifold plate to the face of the manifold(s). Subtract this value from the height of the backup pads to determine the preload value.

   **NOTE:** Alternatively, if a spare backup pad is available, place the backup pad on the manifold and measure the distance from the top of the backup pad to the manifold plate. The value obtained will be the preload value.
3. Take measurements from all other corners of the manifolds to make sure the preload measurement is consistent.

4. Compare the preload values to the C1 dimension values listed on the Tip Chart in the assembly drawings.
   If the value is not within the tolerances given on the Tip Chart, review the assembly for obstructions or debris.

5. Hand tighten the manifold hold down screws.

### 6.11.2 Measuring the Preload for Cross Manifolds (If Equipped)

To measure the preload for the cross manifold, do the following:

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. Do not tighten the screws that secure the manifolds to reduce the preload values. These screws should be hand tightened and then turned counter-clockwise 1/4 turn before preload measurements are taken.

1. Make sure the preload for the manifolds is within tolerance. Refer to Section 6.11.1 for more information.

2. Using a depth micrometer, measure the distance from the backup insulator spring pack to the top face of the backup pad. Record the value as measurement “A”.

![Figure 6-14 Measuring From the Manifold Plate to the Manifold](image-url)
3. Make sure the center plate is laying on a work bench with the pocket facing up.

4. Using a depth micrometer, measure the distance from the top face of the center plate to the face inside the bore where the backup plate spring pack will make contact. Record the value as measurement “B”.

5. Subtract measurement “B” from measurement “A” to determine the preload measurement (i.e. A-B = Preload).

6. Take measurements from all other corners of the cross manifold to make sure the preload measurement is consistent.

7. Compare the preload measurements to the C2 dimension value listed on the Tip Chart in the assembly drawings.

   If the value is not within the tolerances given on the Tip Chart, review the assembly for obstructions or debris.

8. Hand tighten the manifold hold down screws.
6.12 Testing Heaters

To confirm a heater is functioning properly, do the following:

1. With the heater at or near room temperature, use an ohmmeter to measure the resistance through the heater. Refer to the electrical schematic for the required ohms measurement.

   The normal tolerance for all heaters is ±15%.

   **IMPORTANT!**

   A common problem with heaters is moisture absorption due to the hygroscopic nature of the insulation. A heater with a low case to center conductor insulation reading (<10K Ω) should be baked out and retested to determine if moisture was the cause. Contact Husky for more information.

2. Using an ohmmeter, measure the resistance through each lead to ground. A measurement from either lead to ground that is below 100K Ω indicates a short to ground. A measurement from 100K Ω to 1M Ω is often associated with a wet heater.

   A measurement greater than 1M Ω is good.

   **NOTE:** A short reading can be the result of either a pinched wire or a broken heater element. Inspect the wires first to make sure there are no pinched or damaged lead wires. A heater wire can be spliced, however, this should only be done by a certified electrician. The splice should include dual layer heat shrink tubing with an adhesive inner layer to avoid potential water shorts. The heat shrink should be rated for 150 °C (203 °F) minimum.

   **NOTE:** Refer to the electrical schematic for resistance information.

6.13 Removing/Installing the Maintenance Pins

The maintenance pins hold the actuation plate in the maintenance position, which allows the center and backing plates to be separated. These pins must be installed before performing any maintenance or moving the hot runner assembly.

The following procedures describe how to remove and install the maintenance pins.

6.13.1 Removing the Maintenance Pins

To remove the maintenance pins, do the following:

1. Remove the maintenance pins from the operator and non-operator sides of the backing plate.
To install the maintenance pins, do the following:

1. Make sure the power, heater, thermocouple and servo cables are connected to the controller.
2. Disconnect the W100 interface cable from the X100 connector on the controller.
3. Insert the jumper plug into the X100 connector on the controller.
4. Turn on the controller. Refer to Section 5.2 for more information.

**DANGER!**

Electrocution hazard – risk of death, serious injury and/or damage to the hot runner. Do not turn on the heaters if water has leaked into the hot runner. If water has leaked into the hot runner, the hot runner must be completely disassembled, dried and assembled before the heaters are turned on.
66 Installing the Maintenance Pins

**WARNING!**

Hot resin spray hazard – risk of death or serious injury. The sprue heater must be turned on when the manifold heaters are turned on. Failure to do so could result in the generation of dangerous pressure levels in the manifold, resulting in the sudden release of hot resin.

**NOTE:** The Vicat Softening Temperature for the resin type is recommended. Refer to the resin supplier’s documentation for more information.

**WARNING!**

Burn hazard – risk of serious injury. To avoid serious burns, wear personal protective equipment consisting of a heat-resistant coat, heat-resistant gloves, and a full face shield over safety glasses. Use adequate ventilation for fumes.

**WARNING!**

Burn hazard – risk of serious injury. Hot runner components stay hot for long periods of time after heaters have been turned off. Wear personal protective equipment when working near the hot runner and place a warning sign in the area before leaving the hot runner unattended.

5. Increase the temperature of all heaters to a temperature high enough to soften the resin in the melt channels. If there is no resin in the system, set the heat zones to room temperature (<25 °C or <77 °F).

**NOTE:** The Vicat Softening Temperature for the resin type is recommended. Refer to the resin supplier’s documentation for more information.

**IMPORTANT!**

Do not allow the hot runner to overheat or degraded material will have to be cleaned out before the hot runner is returned to operation.

6. On the controller, touch **Options** and then touch **Valve Stems** to open the **Valve Stem Operation** screen.
7. Touch **Manual** to set the controller in manual mode.

8. Make sure the status message on the **Valve Stem Operation** screen indicates *Idle* or *Stem Closed*.

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**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. If the status message indicates *Obstruction or position error – calibration required*, calibrate the servo motor. Refer to **Section 5.5** for more information.

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9. Touch **Setup**, acknowledge the warning that appears and enter the following password (case sensitive): **SVSA1174**.
   
   This displays the **Valve Stem Setup** screen.
10. Touch **Maint** to move the actuation plate to the stem open position. The holes in the actuation plate will align with the holes in the backing plate.

   **NOTE:** Touching **Maint** again will return the actuation plate to its operating position.

11. Install the maintenance pins on the operator and non-operator sides of the backing plate.

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**Figure 6-20** Valve Stem Setup Screen


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**Figure 6-21** Maintenance Pin

1. Maintenance Pin (Operator Side)
6.14 Removing/Installing the Cavity Plate

The following procedures describe how to remove and install the cavity plate. Removing the cavity plate provides access to wiring, nozzle tips, nozzle heaters and gates.

6.14.1 Removing the Cavity Plate On a Work Bench

To remove the cavity plate from the hot runner when the assembly is on a work bench, do the following:

**NOTE:** The following procedure requires the use of an overhead lifting device. Refer to Section 4.1 for lifting and handling instructions.

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. Make sure all valve stems are in the open position during tool shutdown.

1. Remove the hot runner and cavity plate assembly from the machine and set it on a work bench with the nozzles facing up. Refer to Section 4.3.2 for more information.

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the nozzle sealing surfaces. The temperature of the nozzle tips must cool to room temperature <25 °C (<77 °F) before the cavity plate is removed. Damage to the nozzle sealing surfaces will occur if the temperature is too high.

2. Remove the screws that secure the cavity plate to the hot runner.

**WARNING!**

Crushing hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Inadequate lifting equipment could fail and cause death or serious injury. Make sure all lifting equipment is rated for the load and in safe operating condition.

3. Install hoist rings in the designated lifting points marked on the cavity plate.

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard - risk of damage to the mold and hot runner. Lift the cavity plate slowly until the alignment dowels are cleared. Damage to the cavity plate and/or alignment dowels could occur.

4. Attach an overhead lifting device to the hoist rings and lift the cavity plate. Use the pry slots between the plate and hot runner to help separate the cavity plate.
5. Install feet on the bottom of the cavity plate to protect the hose fittings.
6. Move the cavity plate out of the work area. Store the plate in a location where the plate cannot fall or tip over.
7. If equipped, remove the nozzle tip insulators from the nozzle tips and/or cavity plate. Refer to Section 6.27 for more information.
8. Remove any insulating gate bubbles on the nozzle tips or in the cavity plate gate details. Refer to Section 6.28 for more information.

### 6.14.2 Installing the Cavity Plate On a Work Bench

To secure the cavity plate to the hot runner when the assembly is on a work bench, do the following:

**NOTE:** The following procedure assumes the cavity plate was removed as described in Section 6.14.1.

**NOTE:** The following procedure requires the use of an overhead lifting device. Refer to Section 4.1 for lifting and handling instructions.

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. Make sure all valve stems are in the open position before installation.

1. Make sure the hot runner is on a work bench with the nozzle tips facing up. The hot runner must be supported by two blocks.
2. Make sure the nozzle and cavity plate sealing diameters are clean and free of burrs or oil.

**Figure 6-22  Cavity and Nozzle Sealing Diameters**

1. Nozzle and Cavity Plate Sealing Diameters  
2. Gate Bubble  
3. Cavity Plate  
4. Nozzle Housing  
5. Manifold Plate
3. Apply a static application grease to the hot runner alignment dowels. Refer to Section 3.4 for information about recommended lubricants.

4. If equipped, install a nozzle tip insulator on each nozzle tip. Refer to Section 6.27.2 for more information.

**WARNING!**

Crushing hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Inadequate lifting equipment could fail and cause death or serious injury. Make sure all lifting equipment is rated for the load and in safe operating condition.

5. Install hoist rings in the designated lifting points marked on the cavity plate.

6. Attach an overhead lifting device to the hoist rings and lift the cavity plate over the hot runner.

**IMPORTANT!**

When assembling the cavity plate to the hot runner, special attention should be given to preventing damage to the nozzle tips, valve stems and wires. The cavity plate should mate with the hot runner without any resistance. If resistance is encountered, remove the plate and check for any interference points.

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to equipment. Do not force the plate into position because serious damage to the nozzle tips, valve stems and wires could result.

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the mold and hot runner. The nozzles and manifolds must be at room temperature (< 25 °C or < 77 °F) before the cavity plate is connected to the hot runner. Severe damage to the nozzle and cavity plate sealing diameters can result if the mold is still hot.

7. Align the cavity plate with the alignment dowels and lower the plate onto the hot runner. Make sure the wires in the wire channels are not pinched between the plates while closing.

8. Disconnect the overhead lifting device and remove the hoist rings.

9. Install safety latch bars between the cavity plate and hot runner on both sides of the assembly. A minimum of two safety latch bars are required.

10. Install the screws that secure the cavity plate to the hot runner and torque them to the specified value. Refer to the manufacturer’s documentation for torque requirements.

11. Check the electrical circuit with an ohmmeter to make sure no wires were damaged during installation. Refer to the electrical schematic to identify each zone.
6.14.3 Removing the Cavity Plate In the Machine

To remove the cavity plate from the hot runner when the assembly is in the machine, do the following:

**WARNING!**

Hot resin spray hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Residual pressure from gases in the hot runner could cause hot resin to spray from the nozzle tips when released. Make sure the valve gates are open when turning off the heaters to relieve pressure in the hot runner.

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. Do not actuate the valve stems when the hot runner is cold. Damage to the valve stems and/or shear pins could occur.

1. Open the valve gates.
2. Install the maintenance pins. Refer to Section 6.13.2 for more information.
3. Cool the mold by running coolant through it until the hot runner nozzles and manifold(s) are at room temperature (< 25 °C or < 77 °F). This may take 1/2 to 4 hours depending on the size of the hot runner.
4. Open the clamp.
5. Lock out and tag the machine and controller. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
6. Purge all cooling water from the cooling hoses to minimize the risk of a coolant spill should a hose come loose during maintenance. Refer to the machine manufacturer’s documentation for more information.
7. Install safety latch bars between the cavity plate and hot runner on both sides of the assembly. A minimum of two safety latch bars are required.

![Figure 6-23 Latching the Cavity Plate to the Hot Runner (Overhead View)](image)

1. Safety Latch Bar
8. Remove the screws that secure the cavity plate to the hot runner.
9. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
10. Reduce the clamp opening and closing speed.
11. Slowly close the clamp.
12. Lock out and tag the machine and controller. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
13. Remove all safety latch bars.

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the nozzle sealing surfaces. The nozzles must cool to room temperature <25 °C (<77 °F) before the cavity plate is removed. Damage to the nozzle sealing surfaces will occur if the temperature is too high.

14. Install safety latch bars between the cavity plate and core plate on both sides of the assembly. A minimum of two safety latch bars are required.
15. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the machine, mold and hot runner. Make sure the hoses attached to the cavity plate are long enough to allow latching without damaging the hoses. In some cases it may be necessary to relieve residual pressure in the system and then disconnect the hoses.

16. Open the clamp.
17. Lock out and tag the machine and controller. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
18. If equipped, remove the nozzle tip insulators from the nozzle tips and/or cavity plate. Refer to Section 6.27 for more information.
19. Remove any insulating gate bubbles on the nozzle tips or in the cavity plate gate details. Refer to Section 6.28 for more information.
6.14.4 Installing the Cavity Plate In the Machine

To secure the cavity plate to the hot runner when the assembly is in the machine, do the following:

**NOTE:** The following procedure assumes the cavity plate was removed as described in Section 6.14.3.

1. Lock out and tag the machine and controller. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
2. Make sure the nozzle and cavity plate sealing diameters are clean and free of burrs or oil.
3. Apply a static application grease to the hot runner alignment dowels. Refer to Section 3.4 for information about recommended lubricants.
4. If equipped, install the nozzle tip insulators. Refer to Section 6.27.2.
5. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
6. Reduce the clamp opening and closing speed.

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the mold and hot runner. The nozzles and manifolds must be at room temperature (< 25 °C or < 77 °F) before the cavity plate is connected to the hot runner. Severe damage to the nozzle and cavity plate sealing diameters could result if the mold is still hot.

7. Slowly close the mold to move the cavity plate into position. Make sure the wires in the wire channels are not pinched between the plates while closing.
8. Lock out and tag the machine and controller. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
9. Remove all safety latch bars.
10. Install safety latch bars between the cavity plate and hot runner on both sides of the assembly. A minimum of two safety latch bars are required.
11. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
12. Reduce the clamp opening and closing speed.
13. Slowly open the mold to move the core plate away from the cavity plate.
14. Lock out and tag the machine and controller. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
15. Install the screws that secure the cavity plate to the hot runner and torque them to the specified value. Refer to the manufacturer’s documentation for torque requirements.
16. Remove all safety latch bars.
17. Check the electrical circuit with an ohmmeter to make sure no wires were damaged during installation. Refer to the electrical schematic to identify each zone.
18. Remove the maintenance pins

### 6.15 Removing/Installing the Backing Plate

The following procedures describe how to remove and install the backing plate.

#### 6.15.1 Removing the Backing Plate On a Work Bench

To remove the backing plate while the hot runner is on a work bench, do the following:

**NOTE:** The following procedure requires the use of an overhead lifting device. Refer to Section 4.1 for lifting and handling instructions.

1. Make sure the maintenance pins are installed. Refer to Section 6.13.2 for more information.
2. Remove the hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.2 for more information.
3. Remove the screws that connect the backing plate to the center plate.
4. Install hoist rings in the designated lifting points marked on the backing plate.

5. Attach an overhead lifting device to the hoist rings and lift the backing plate in stages. Use the pry slots between the center plate and backing plate to assist in separation.

6. Move the backing plate to a clean work area and set it on supports.

### 6.15.2 Installing the Backing Plate On a Work Bench

To install the backing plate while the hot runner is on a work bench, do the following:

**NOTE:** The following procedure requires the use of an overhead lifting device. Refer to Section 4.1 for lifting and handling instructions.

1. Make sure the maintenance pins are installed in the backing plate. If the pins are not installed, refer to Section 6.13.2.

2. Make sure the backing plate and center plate are clean and free of pry marks around the pry slots.

3. Clean the backing plate and center plate mounting surfaces with a medium India stone (240 grit oilstone) as needed.

4. Lubricate the cam followers and inserts. Refer to Section 6.7 for more information.

5. Lubricate linear bearings. Refer to Section 6.6 for more information.

**WARNING!**

Crushing hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Inadequate lifting equipment could fail and cause death or serious injury. Make sure all lifting equipment is rated for the load and in safe operating condition.
6. Install hoist rings in the designated lifting points marked on the backing plate.
7. Attach an overhead lifting device to the hoist rings and lift the backing plate.
8. Slowly lower the backing plate onto the center plate.

![Installing the Backing Plate](image)

9. Disconnect the overhead lifting device and remove the hoist rings.
10. Install the screws that secure the backing plate to the center plate. Torque each screw to its specified value starting from the center and working outwards. Refer to the assembly drawings for torque requirements.

### 6.15.3 Removing the Backing Plate In the Machine

To remove the backing plate while the hot runner is in the machine, do the following:

**NOTE:** The following procedure requires the use of an overhead lifting device. Refer to Section 4.1 for lifting and handling instructions.

1. Open the mold and turn off all heaters.

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**WARNING!**

*Hot resin spray hazard – risk of death or serious injury.* Residual pressure from gases in the hot runner could cause hot resin to spray from the nozzle tips when released. Make sure the valve gates are open when turning off the heaters to relieve pressure in the hot runner.

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**CAUTION!**

*Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner.* Do not actuate the valve stems when the hot runner is cold. Damage to the valve stems and/or shear pins may occur.

2. Open the valve gates.
3. Install the maintenance pins. Refer to Section 6.13.2 for more information.
4. Cool the hot runner by running coolant through it until the nozzles and manifolds are at room temperature (< 25 °C or < 77 °F). This may take 1/2 to 4 hours depending on the size of the hot runner.

5. Lock out and tag the machine and controller. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

**WARNING!**

High pressure and/or burn hazard – risk of serious injury. Hoses that are too short may release unexpectedly when the plates are separated, causing water or air to release suddenly. To avoid injury, lock out and tag the machine, relieve residual pressure in the system, and disconnect short hoses before separating plates.

6. Make sure all hoses attached to the mold and hot runner are of sufficient length to allow for plate separation. Disconnect any hose that is too short.

7. Remove all electrical cables and connectors from the mold and hot runner.

8. Purge all cooling water from the cooling hoses to minimize the risk of a coolant spill should a hose come loose during maintenance. Refer to the machine manufacturer’s documentation for more information.

9. Disconnect all cooling hoses from the hot runner.

**WARNING!**

Crushing hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Inadequate lifting equipment could fail and cause death or serious injury. Make sure all lifting equipment is rated for the load and in safe operating condition.

10. Install a hoist ring in the designated lifting point marked on top of the backing plate.

11. Attach an overhead lifting device to the hoist ring and lift only until the lifting chain has a slight tension on it.

12. Install safety latch bars between the core plate and center plate on both sides of the mold. A minimum of two safety latch bars are required.

13. Disconnect the backing plate from the stationary platen starting on the non-operator side, followed by the operator side.

14. Remove the screws that secure the backing plate to the center plate.
15. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

16. Reduce the clamp opening and closing speed.

17. Slowly open the mold.

18. Lock out and tag the machine and controller. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

   **NOTE:** The backing plate should only be removed from the machine when specific maintenance needs to be performed on the plate or any of its internal components.

19. If the backing plate needs to be moved to a work bench for maintenance, do the following:

   a. Remove the servo motor. Refer to Section 6.23.1 for more information.

   b. Disconnect the backing plate from the stationary platen starting on the non-operator side, followed by the operator side.

   c. Lift the backing plate out of the clamp. If necessary, rotate the plate 90° to fit it between the tie bars.

   d. Move the backing plate to a clean work area and set it on supports.

### 6.15.4 Installing the Backing Plate In the Machine

To install the backing plate while the hot runner is in the machine, do the following:

**NOTE:** The following procedure requires the use of an overhead lifting device. Refer to Section 4.1 for lifting and handling instructions.

1. Make sure the clamp is open with the core plate latched to the center plate. A minimum of two safety latch bars must be used.

2. Lock out and tag the machine and controller. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

3. Make sure the backing plate and center plate are clean and free of pry marks around the pry slots.

4. Clean the backing plate and center plate mounting surfaces with a medium India stone (240 grit oilstone) as needed.
5. Lubricate the cam followers and inserts. Refer to Section 6.7 for more information.
6. Lubricate linear bearings. Refer to Section 6.6 for more information.
7. If the backing plate is on a work bench, do the following:

**WARNING!**

**Crushing hazard – risk of death or serious injury.** Inadequate lifting equipment could fail and cause death or serious injury. Make sure all lifting equipment is rated for the load and in safe operating condition.

a. Install a hoist ring to the designated lifting point on top of the backing plate.
b. Attach an overhead lifting device to the hoist ring and lift the backing plate over the mold area. Make sure the locating ring faces the stationary platen.
c. Lower the backing plate into the mold area. If necessary, rotate the plate 90° to fit it between the tie bars.
d. Align the backing plate with the hot runner and position it against the center plate.
e. Install the screws that secure the backing plate to the center plate. Torque each screw to its specified value starting from the center and working outwards. Refer to the assembly drawings for torque requirements.

![Figure 6-29 Installing the Backing Plate](image)

1. Screw  2. Backing Plate

8. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
9. Slowly close the mold.
10. Lock out and tag the machine and controller. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

**CAUTION!**

**Crushing hazard – risk of damage to equipment.** Screws used to secure the backing plate to the stationary platen must meet specific requirements. Only use the screws specified in the assembly drawings. Failure to use these screws could result in equipment damage.

11. Secure the backing plate to the stationary platen. Refer to Section 4.2 for information about various mounting methods.
12. Remove all safety latch bars.
13. Disconnect the overhead lifting device and remove the hoist ring.
14. Install any short hoses that were removed previously.
15. Install the servo motor. Refer to Section 6.23.2 for more information.
16. Reconnect all electrical cables and connectors to the mold and hot runner.
17. Remove the maintenance pins.
18. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

6.16 Removing/Install the Ball Screw

The following procedures describe how to remove and install the ball screw.

6.16.1 Removing the Ball Screw

To remove the ball screw, do the following:
1. Remove the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15.1 for more information.
2. If the backing plate is in the machine, remove the servo motor. Refer to Section 6.23.1 for more information.
3. Remove the cover plates from the servo mounting plate.

![Figure 6-30 Servo Mounting Plate](image-url)
4. Remove the coupling.

5. Disconnect the grease tube from the ball screw grease fitting.

6. Remove the screws that secure the contact bearing and ball screw to the backing plate.

7. Remove the ball screw assembly from the backing plate.

8. If necessary, disassemble the ball screw assembly.
6.16.2 Installing the Ball Screw

To install the ball screw, do the following:

1. If necessary, assemble the ball screw assembly by doing the following:
   a. Install the fender washer and screw on the end of the ball screw.

   b. Rotate the ball screw down the shaft until it contacts the fender washer.

   ![Figure 6-32 Installing the Ball Screw](image)


   **WARNING!**

   Burn hazard – risk of serious injury. Contact with liquid nitrogen will cause serious burn injuries. Wear personal protective equipment when dispensing and handling liquid nitrogen.

   c. Install the contact bearing and bearing spacer on the ball screw by doing the following:
      i. Cool the threaded portion of the ball screw in liquid nitrogen. The temperature of the ball screw must be 22 °C (72 °F) less than the temperature of the contact bearing.
      ii. Slide the bearing spacer onto the ball screw.
      iii. Slide the contact bearing onto the ball screw. Make sure the groove in the contact bearing is on the side facing the ball screw.
      iv. Push the contact bearing and bearing spacer against the shoulder of the ball screw. Make sure there is no clearance between the components.

   d. Install the bearing lock nut onto the ball screw and tighten by hand. Make sure there is clearance between the bearing lock nut and contact bearing.
e. Hold the lock nut in place with a wrench and torque the ball screw to the specified value. Refer to the assembly drawings for torque requirements.

f. Loosen the lock nut and then torque it to the specified value. Refer to the assembly drawings for torque requirements.

2. Insert the ball screw assembly through the slot in the servo mounting plate.

3. Secure the contact bearing to the servo mounting plate with screws. Torque the screws to the specified value in a cross-pattern. Refer to the assembly drawings for torque requirements.

4. Secure the ball screw to the yoke with screws. Torque the screws to the specified value in a cross-pattern. Refer to the assembly drawings for torque requirements.

5. Install the coupling on the ball screw. Make sure the coupling screws are accessible from the manifold side of the hot runner. Make sure the coupling does not contact the bearing lock nut.

6. Torque the lower coupling screw to the specified value. Refer to the assembly drawings for torque requirements.

7. Connect the grease tube to the ball screw grease fitting.
8. Install the cover plates for the servo mounting plate.

9. Install the backing plate to the hot runner. Refer to Section 6.15.2 for more information.

10. Lubricate the ball screw. Refer to Section 6.4 for more information.

6.17 Removing/Installing the Actuation Plate

The following procedures describe how to remove and install the actuation plate.

6.17.1 Removing the Actuation Plate

To remove the actuation plate, do the following:

**NOTE:** The following procedure requires the use of an overhead lifting device. Refer to Section 4.1 for lifting and handling instructions.

1. Remove the hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.2 for more information.
2. Remove the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15.1 for more information.
3. Remove the valve stems. Refer to Section 6.21.1 for more information.
4. Remove the shoulder screws that secure the actuation plate to the center plate.
5. Install hoist rings in the designated lifting points marked on the actuation plate.

   **NOTE:** The bearing cages are not retained in the actuation plate and may remain on the center plate leader pins when the actuation plate is removed.

6. Attach an overhead lifting device to the hoist rings and lift the actuation plate in stages. Use the pry slots between the actuation plate and center plate to assist in separation.

7. Move the actuation plate to a clean work area and set it on supports.

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**WARNING!**

Crushing hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Inadequate lifting equipment could fail and cause death or serious injury. Make sure all lifting equipment is rated for the load and in safe operating condition.
8. Remove the bearing cages from the actuation plate and/or center plate leader pins.
9. Clean the actuation plate and center plate mounting surfaces with a medium India stone (240 grit oilstone) as needed.

### 6.17.2 Installing the Actuation Plate

To install the actuation plate, do the following:

**NOTE:** The following procedure requires the use of an overhead lifting device. Refer to Section 4.1 for lifting and handling instructions.

1. Make sure the center plate and actuation plate are clean.
2. Inspect the stop pins on the underside of the actuation plate. Replace any stop pins that are missing, worn or damaged. Refer to Section 6.10 for more information.
3. Make sure the bearing cages are not installed.

**WARNING!**

Crushing hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Inadequate lifting equipment could fail and cause death or serious injury. Make sure all lifting equipment is rated for the load and in safe operating condition.

4. Install hoist rings in the designated lifting points marked on the actuation plate.
5. Attach an overhead lifting device to the hoist rings and lift the actuation plate.
6. Slowly lower the actuation plate onto the center plate. Make sure the leader pins align with the bearing cages.

**Figure 6-37 Installing the Actuation Plate**

1. Center Plate  2. Actuation Plate  3. Hoist Ring

7. Install the bearing cages in the actuation plate. Gently tap the bearing cages with a rubber hammer to make sure they do not protrude beyond the top surface of the actuation plate.
8. Lubricate the bearing cages. Refer to Section 6.5 for more information.
9. Install the shoulder screws that secure the actuation plate to the center plate.

10. Install the valve stems. Refer to Section 6.21.2 for more information.
11. Install the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15.2 for more information.
12. Install the hot runner in the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.1 for more information.
6.18 Removing/Installing the Center Plate

The following procedures describe how to remove and install the center plate.

6.18.1 Removing the Center Plate

To remove the center plate, do the following:

**NOTE:** The following procedure requires the use of an overhead lifting device. Refer to Section 4.1 for lifting and handling instructions.

1. Remove the hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.2 for more information.
2. Remove the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15.1 for more information.
3. Remove the actuation plate. Refer to Section 6.17.1 for more information.
4. If the center plate has wire channels, do the following:
   a. Disconnect the manifold thermocouples installed through the center plate.
   b. Remove all wires from the wire channels and disconnect them from the multi-pin connectors.
5. Remove the screws that secure the center plate to the manifold plate.
6. Install hoist rings in the designated lifting points marked on the center plate.
7. Attach an overhead lifting device to the hoist rings and lift the center plate in stages. Use the pry slots between the manifold plate and center plate to assist in separation.

**WARNING!**

Crushing hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Inadequate lifting equipment could fail and cause death or serious injury. Make sure all lifting equipment is rated for the load and in safe operating condition.
8. Move the backing plate to a clean work area and set it on supports.

6.18.2 Installing the Center Plate

To install the center plate, do the following:

**NOTE:** The following procedure requires the use of an overhead lifting device. Refer to Section 4.1 for lifting and handling instructions.

1. Make sure the center plate and manifold plate are clean and free of pry marks around the pry slots.
2. Clean the center plate and manifold plate mounting surfaces with a medium India stone (240 grit oilstone) as needed.
3. Measure the dimensions of the backup pad bore depth and verify them with those in the assembly drawings.
4. Apply a static application grease to the leader pins in the manifold plate. Refer to Section 3.4 for information about recommended lubricants.

**WARNING!**
Crushing hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Inadequate lifting equipment could fail and cause death or serious injury. Make sure all lifting equipment is rated for the load and in safe operating condition.

5. Install hoist rings in the designated lifting points marked on the center plate.
6. Attach an overhead lifting device to the hoist rings and lift the center plate.
7. Slowly lower the center plate onto the manifold plate. Make sure the leader pins align with the center plate locating bores.
8. Disconnect the overhead lifting device and remove the hoist rings.

9. Install the screws that secure the center plate to the manifold plate. Torque the screws to the specified value starting from the center and working outwards in a cross pattern. Refer to the assembly drawings for torque requirements.
10. If the center plate has wire grooves, do the following:
   a. Install the manifold thermocouples through the center plate.
   b. Route all wires through the wire channels to the multi-pin connectors and install the wire clips.
   c. If necessary, connect the wires to the multi-pin connectors. Refer to the electrical schematic for more information.
   d. Check each electrical circuit with an ohmmeter to make sure the wires have not been damaged during assembly. Refer to Section 6.12 for more information.

11. Install the actuation plate. Refer to Section 6.17.2 for more information.
12. Install the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15.2 for more information.
13. Install the hot runner in the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.1 for more information.

6.19 Removing/Installing Manifolds

The following procedures describe how to remove, maintain and install the manifolds.

6.19.1 Removing the Cross Manifold (If Equipped)

To remove the cross manifold, do the following:

**NOTE:** The following procedure requires the use of an overhead lifting device. Refer to Section 4.1 for lifting and handling instructions.

1. Remove the hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.2 for more information.
2. Remove the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15.1 for more information.
3. Remove the center plate. Refer to Section 6.18.1 for more information.
If necessary, remove the sprue bushing. Refer to Section 6.31.1 for more information.

Remove the screws that secure the cross manifold to the manifold.

If the cross manifold has lifting points, do the following:

**WARNING!**
Crushing hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Inadequate lifting equipment could fail and cause death or serious injury. Make sure all lifting equipment is rated for the load and in safe operating condition.

- Install hoist rings in the designated lifting points marked on the cross manifold.
Removing a Manifold

To remove a manifold, do the following:

**NOTE:** The following procedure requires the use of an overhead lifting device. Refer to Section 4.1 for lifting and handling instructions.

1. Remove the hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.2 for more information.
2. Remove the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15.1 for more information.
3. If equipped, remove the center plate. Refer to Section 6.18.1 for more information.

**IMPORTANT!**

There is no need to remove the sprue bushing from the manifold unless the following conditions occur:

- There is contaminated material in the sprue bushing melt channel
- The material in the sprue bushing melt channel has been degraded by overheating
- A complete disassembly is required for cleaning the manifold melt channels

4. If equipped, remove the sprue bushing or cross manifold.
   - For information about removing the sprue bushing, refer to Section 6.30
   - For information about removing the cross manifold, refer to Section 6.19.1

5. Remove the backup pads. Refer to Section 6.20 for more information.

6. Disconnect all manifold heater and related thermocouple wires from the multi-pin connectors and wire channels.
7. Remove the screws that secure the manifold to the manifold plate.

8. If the manifold has lifting points, do the following:

**WARNING!**

Crushing hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Inadequate lifting equipment could fail and cause death or serious injury. Make sure all lifting equipment is rated for the load and in safe operating condition.

a. Install hoist rings in the designated lifting points marked on the manifold.

b. Attach an overhead lifting device to the hoist rings.

9. Lift the manifold and place it on a clean, flat work surface.

10. If hoist rings are installed, disconnect the overhead lifting device and remove the hoist rings.

11. If necessary, remove the nozzle housings. Refer to Section 6.25.1 for more information.

12. Inspect and clean the manifold. Refer to Section 6.19.3 for more information.
6.19.3 Inspecting and Cleaning Manifolds

To inspect and clean a manifold, do the following:

**NOTE:** A fluidized bed cleaning process is recommended for cleaning manifolds and manifold components.

1. Clean the manifold in a fluidized bed. Refer to Section 6.33.2 for more information.
   However, if fluidized bed cleaning is unavailable, do the following:
   a. Using brass scrapers, remove any resin left protruding from the manifold. Do not damage the sharp corners or sealing surfaces.
   b. Clean the manifold bushing and seating surfaces using brass scrapers. Do not damage the sharp corners or sealing surfaces.
   c. Remove all resin from the backup pads and manifold pocket. Refer to Section 6.34 for more information.

2. Clean the mating surfaces on the manifold with a medium India stone (240 grit oilstone). Do not scratch the manifold.

3. Make sure all contact surfaces on the manifold plate and manifold bushings are clean and free of resin, scratches, nicks or burrs.

4. Clean the mating surfaces on the manifold insulators with a medium India stone (240 grit oilstone). Do not scratch the manifold insulators.

**CAUTION!**

*Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the nozzle housings.* Do not hone the back surface of the nozzle housing to remove nicks and burrs. The back surface is a precision made section of the housing with a contoured surface. Honing this section will cause the system to leak and void the leak proof guarantee for the hot runner.

5. Inspect the nozzle housings. Make sure they are free of nicks, burrs and any resin, especially in the melt channels. If the sealing surfaces are damaged in any way, replace the nozzle housings.

6. Make sure the manifolds are clean and flat.
   **NOTE:** Use only Husky recommended high temperature power and thermocouple wire.
   **NOTE:** Refer to the electrical schematic when replacing wiring.

7. Check all manifold, heater and thermocouple wiring. Replace as necessary.

6.19.4 Installing a Manifold

To install a manifold, do the following:

**NOTE:** The following procedure requires the use of an overhead lifting device. Refer to Section 4.1 for lifting and handling instructions.

1. Replace the manifold bushings as necessary. Refer to Section 6.29 for more information.

2. Install the locating insulator, manifold locating dowel(s) and nozzle locating dowels into the manifold plate pocket.
3. If removed previously, install the nozzle housings in the manifold plate. Refer to Section 6.25.2 for more information.

4. If the manifold has lifting points, do the following:

**WARNING!**

Crushing hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Inadequate lifting equipment could fail and cause death or serious injury. Make sure all lifting equipment is rated for the load and in safe operating condition.

a. Install hoist rings in the designated lifting points marked on the manifold.

b. Attach an overhead lifting device to the hoist rings.

5. Lift the manifold over the manifold plate pocket.

6. Lower the manifold into position onto the locating insulator and locating dowel. Adjust the manifold to engage the locating features.

7. If hoist rings are installed, disconnect the overhead lifting device and remove the hoist rings.
8. Apply a thread-locking fluid to the threads of the screws that secure the manifold to the manifold plate. Refer to Section 3.4 for information about recommended lubricants.

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. Screws used to secure the manifolds must remain loose until the preload is measured. Overtightening the screws could over-extend the nozzle housings or damage components under the manifold that are not properly seated.

9. Install and hand tighten the screws. Do not apply torque.

10. Turn the screws counter-clockwise 1/4 turn.

11. Measure the preload for the manifold. Refer to Section 6.11 for more information.

**IMPORTANT!**

All wiring near the manifold heater must be either a high temperature braid or sleeved using high temperature sleeving.

12. Route the manifold heater and thermocouple wires through the exit channels at the top of the manifold plate.

13. Label each wire with the heater zone number. Refer to the electrical schematic for the zone number.

14. Crimp the wire ends and connect the wires to the appropriate multi-pin connectors. Refer to the electrical schematic for more information.

15. If removed previously, install the sprue bushing or cross manifold (if equipped).
   - For information about install the sprue bushing, refer to Section 6.31.2
   - For information about installing the cross manifold, refer to Section 6.19.5

16. Install the center plate. Refer to Section 6.18.2 for more information.

17. Install the actuation plate. Refer to Section 6.17.2 for more information.

18. Install the valve stems. Refer to Section 6.21.2 for more information.
19. Install the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15.2 for more information.
20. Install the hot runner in the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.1 for more information.

6.19.5 Installing the Cross Manifold (If Equipped)

To install the cross manifold, do the following:

**NOTE:** The following procedure requires the use of an overhead lifting device. Refer to Section 4.1 for lifting and handling instructions.

1. Make sure the manifolds are installed. Refer to Section 6.19.4 for more information.
2. Make sure the locating dowel and locating insulator are installed in the manifold plate.

3. If the cross manifold has lifting points, do the following:

**WARNING!**

**Crushing hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Inadequate lifting equipment could fail and cause death or serious injury. Make sure all lifting equipment is rated for the load and in safe operating condition.**

   a. Install hoist rings in the designated lifting points marked on the cross manifold.
b. Attach an overhead lifting device to the hoist rings.

4. Lift the cross manifold over the manifold plate.

5. Lower the cross manifold into position onto the locating insulator and locating dowel. Adjust the cross manifold to engage the locating features.

6. If hoist rings are installed, disconnect the overhead lifting device and remove the hoist rings.

7. Apply a thread-locking fluid to the threads of the screws that secure the cross manifold to the manifolds. Refer to Section 3.4 for information about recommended lubricants.

CAUTION!

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. Screws used to secure the manifolds must remain loose until the preload is measured. Overtightening the screws could over-extend the nozzle housings or damage components under the manifold that are not properly seated.

8. Install and hand tighten the screws. Do not apply torque.

9. Turn the screws counter-clockwise 1/4 turn.
10. Measure the preload for the cross manifold. Refer to Section 6.11.2 for more information.

**IMPORTANT!**

All wiring near the manifold heater must be either a high temperature braid or sleeved using high temperature sleeving.

11. Route the cross manifold heater and thermocouple wires through the exit channels at the top of the manifold plate.

12. Label each wire with the heater zone number. Refer to the electrical schematic for the zone number.

13. Crimp the wire ends and connect the wires to the appropriate multi-pin connectors. Refer to the electrical schematic for more information.

14. Test each cross manifold heater. Refer to Section 6.12 for more information.

15. If removed previously, install the sprue bushing. Refer to Section 6.31.2 for more information.

16. Install the actuation plate. Refer to Section 6.17.2 for more information.

17. Install the center plate. Refer to Section 6.18.2 for more information.

18. Install the valve stems. Refer to Section 6.21.2 for more information.

19. Install the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15.2 for more information.

20. Install the hot runner in the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.1 for more information.

### 6.20 Removing/Installing Backup Pads

The following procedures describe how to remove and install the backup pads from the manifolds.

#### 6.20.1 Removing USync SX Backup Pads

To remove the USync SX backup pads, do the following:

1. Remove the hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.2 for more information.

2. Remove the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15.1 for more information.

3. Remove the valve stems. Refer to Section 6.21.1 for more information.

4. Remove the center stems. Refer to Section 6.18.1 for more information.

5. For each backup pad, do the following:
   a. Remove and discard the retaining clip from the backup pad.
b. Pull the backup pad from the manifold.

c. For non-press fit manifold bushings, remove and discard the C-ring from the manifold bushing.

### 6.20.2 Installing USync SX Backup Pads

To install the USync SX backup pads, do the following:

1. For each backup pad, do the following:
   a. For non-press fit manifold bushings, install a new C-ring over the manifold bushing.
   b. Apply a static application grease to the bottom of the backup pad. Refer to Section 3.4 for information about recommended lubricants.

c. Install the backup pad over the manifold bushing. Make sure it is fully seated on the manifold.

d. Install a new retaining clip in the groove in the manifold bushing.

2. Measure the preload for the manifold. Refer to Section 6.11 for more information.
3. Install the center plate. Refer to Section 6.18.2 for more information.
4. Install the actuation plate. Refer to Section 6.17.2 for more information.
5. Install the valve stems. Refer to Section 6.21.2 for more information.
6. Install the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15.2 for more information.
7. Install the hot runner in the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.1 for more information.

6.20.3 Removing USync UX Backup Pads

To remove the USync UX backup pads, do the following:
1. Remove the hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.2 for more information.
2. Remove the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15.1 for more information.
3. Remove the valve stems. Refer to Section 6.21.1 for more information.
4. Remove the center plate. Refer to Section 6.18.1 for more information.
5. For each backup pad, do the following:
   a. Remove any resin deposits from the backup pad.
   b. Remove the back up pad from the manifold.
   c. Remove the back up pad insert from the backup pad.
   d. Remove any resin deposits inside the backup pad on the backup pad insert.
   e. Remove and discard the retaining clips and C-ring.

![Figure 6-57 Removing a U350 Backup Pad](image)
6.20.4 Installing USync UX Backup Pads

To install the USync UX backup pads, do the following:

1. For each backup pad, do the following:
   a. Install new retaining clips on the backup pad and backup pad insert.
   b. Place a new C-ring over the manifold bushing.
   c. Push the backup pad onto the manifold bushing.
   d. Push the backup pad insert into the backup pad.

2. Measure the preload for the manifold. Refer to Section 6.11 for more information.
3. Install the center plate. Refer to Section 6.18.2 for more information.
4. Install the valve stems. Refer to Section 6.21.2 for more information.
5. Install the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15.2 for more information.
6. Install the hot runner in the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.1 for more information.

6.21 Removing/Installing Valve Stems

The following procedures describe how to remove and install the valve stems.
6.21.1 Removing Valve Stems

To remove valve stems from the hot runner, do the following:

**NOTE:** This procedure can be performed in the machine or on a work bench.

1. Remove or separate the backing plate from the hot runner. Refer to Section 6.15 for more information.

2. Turn on the controller. Refer to the *Altanium Matrix User Guide* for more information.

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**DANGER!**

Electrocution hazard – risk of death, serious injury and/or damage to the hot runner. Do not turn on the heaters if water has leaked into the hot runner. If water has leaked into the hot runner, the hot runner must be completely disassembled, dried and assembled before the heaters are turned on.

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**WARNING!**

Hot resin spray hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Hot resin may unexpectedly spray from the nozzle tips while the hot runner is reaching operating temperature. To avoid serious burns, wear personal protective equipment consisting of a heat-resistant coat, heat-resistant gloves and a full face shield over safety glasses. Use adequate ventilation for fumes.

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**WARNING!**

Burn hazard – risk of serious injury. Hot runner components stay hot for long periods of time after heaters have been turned off. Wear personal protective equipment when working near the hot runner and place a warning sign in the area before leaving the hot runner unattended.

3. Increase the temperature of the hot runner to a temperature high enough to soften the resin in the melt channels.

   **NOTE:** The Vicat Softening Temperature for the resin type is recommended. Refer to the resin supplier’s documentation for more information.

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**WARNING!**

Electrocution hazard - risk of death or serious injury. Complete the lockout/tagout procedure of the electrical power source before disconnecting the electrical connectors.

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4. Lock out and tag the electrical power source.

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**IMPORTANT!**

Do not allow the nozzle tips to overheat or degraded material will have to be cleaned out of the nozzle housing before a new nozzle tip can be installed.
5. Disconnect the controller.
6. For each valve stem to be removed, do the following:
   a. Remove the set screw from the actuation plate.
   b. From the valve stem removal tool assembly, thread the hand tool onto the valve stem.
      
      NOTE: Refer to Section 1.9 for a list of special Husky tools and order numbers.
   c. Connect the interface tool to the hand tool.
d. Slide the valve stem removal tool base onto the interface tool.

e. Lower the sleeve and insert the cap beneath the thrust washers.

f. Hold the valve stem removal tool in place and rotate the top nut clockwise until it is tight.

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the equipment. Be careful not to bend the valve stem when removing it. Bent valve stems cannot be re-used.

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the equipment. If the valve stem does not pull out easily, the valve stem may have seized in the manifold bushing. If this is the case, remove the manifold bushing from the manifold and remove the valve stem. Contact Husky for more information.

g. Using a wrench, rotate the nut on the valve stem removal tool clockwise to remove the valve stem assembly.

h. Disassemble the valve stem from the stem head, shear pin and sleeve. Discard the shear pin.
7. Inspect the gate end of the valve stems to make sure there is no damage or wear. If possible, use a new valve stem for comparison.

### WARNING!

Burn, fire and gas hazard – risk of death or serious injury, and property damage. Use of an open flame to remove resin can produce harmful gases (depending on the resin type), damage components and increase the risk of fire. Only use open flames sparingly and in a controlled environment.

### WARNING!

Burn hazard – risk of serious injury. To avoid serious burns, wear personal protective equipment consisting of a heat-resistant coat, heat-resistant gloves, and a full face shield over safety glasses. Use adequate ventilation for fumes.

### CAUTION!

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. Never use abrasives to clean the valve stems. This will damage the sealing surfaces on the valve stems.

8. Remove any resin deposits from the valve stems. If required, carefully heat the resin deposits with a propane torch and then wipe the deposits away with a clean, soft cloth. This may have to be repeated several times.

9. Make sure the valve stems are not overheated, scratched, scored, bent or worn. Replace the valve stems if it shows signs of this type of damage.

10. Inspect the stem heads and sleeves for damage. Replace as necessary.
### 6.21.2 Installing Valve Stems

To install valve stems into the hot runner, do the following:

**NOTE:** This procedure can be performed in the machine or on a work bench.

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**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. Shear pins must be made of a specific material and hardness to prevent premature shear pin failures or wear. Make sure the correct shear pins for the hot runner are installed by verifying the part number of the shear pins with the part number listed in the assembly drawings.

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1. Assemble the valve stems with the stem head, shear pin and sleeve.

![Valve Stem Assembly](image)

1. **Sleeve**  
2. **Stem Head**  
3. **Shear Pin**  
4. **Valve Stem**

2. Connect the hot runner to the controller and insert the jumper plug into the X100 connector.

![Controller Jumper Plug](image)

1. **Jumper Plug**  
2. **X100 Connector**

3. Turn on the controller. Refer to the *Altanium Matrix User Guide* for more information.
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DANGER!
Electrocution hazard – risk of death, serious injury and/or damage to the hot runner. Do not turn on the heaters if water has leaked into the hot runner. If water has leaked into the hot runner, the hot runner must be completely disassembled, dried and assembled before the heaters are turned on.

WARNING!
Hot resin spray hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Hot resin may unexpectedly spray from the nozzle tips while the hot runner is reaching operating temperature. To avoid serious burns, wear personal protective equipment consisting of a heat-resistant coat, heat-resistant gloves and a full face shield over safety glasses. Use adequate ventilation for fumes.

WARNING!
Burn hazard – risk of serious injury. Hot runner components stay hot for long periods of time after heaters have been turned off. Wear personal protective equipment when working near the hot runner and place a warning sign in the area before leaving the hot runner unattended.

4. Increase the temperature of the hot runner to a temperature high enough to soften the resin in the melt channels.
   NOTE: The Vicat Softening Temperature for the resin type is recommended. Refer to the resin supplier’s documentation for more information.

WARNING!
Electrocution hazard - risk of death or serious injury. Complete the lockout/tagout procedure of the electrical power source before disconnecting the electrical connectors.

5. Lock out and tag the electrical power source.

IMPORTANT!
Do not allow the nozzle tips to overheat or degraded material will have to be cleaned out of the nozzle housing before a new nozzle tip can be installed.

6. Disconnect the controller.

CAUTION!
Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to equipment. Do not allow the hot runner to cool off during the valve stem installation process. A valve stem could be bent during installation if the system cools.
7. For each valve stem to be installed, do the following:
   a. Carefully guide the valve stem assembly through the actuation plate into the hot runner, gently pushing by hand until the stem head bottoms out on the actuation plate.
   b. Apply a static application grease to the set screw thread. Refer to Section 3.4 for information about recommended lubricants.
   c. Install the set screw into the actuation plate and torque to the specified value. Refer to the assembly drawings for torque requirements.

8. Wait for the hot runner to cool to room temperature (< 25 °C or < 77 °F).

9. Install the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15 for more information.

6.22 Removing/Installing Cam Followers

The following procedures describe how to remove and install cam followers on the actuation plate.

6.22.1 Removing Cam Followers

To remove the cam followers, do the following:

**NOTE:** This procedure can be performed in the machine or on a work bench.

1. Remove or separate the backing plate from the hot runner. Refer to Section 6.15 for more information.

2. For each cam follower to be removed, do the following:
   a. Hold the nut in place with a wrench and rotate the cam follower
   b. Remove the nut and cam follower from the actuation plate.
6.22.2 Installing Cam Followers

To install the cam followers, do the following:

**NOTE:** This procedure can be performed in the machine or on a work bench.

1. Make sure the cam follower bores in the actuation plate are clean and free of residue, scratches, nicks, or burrs.
2. Inspect the cam followers for wear or damage. Replace as necessary.
3. Apply Loctite 242 (medium strength) to the threads on the nut.
4. Insert the nut into the pocket in the actuation plate.

5. Thread the cam follower into the nut through the cam follower bore and torque the nut to the specified value. Refer to the assembly drawings for torque requirements.
6. Install the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15 for more information.
6.23 Removing/Installing the Servo Motor

The following procedures describe how to remove and install the servo motor.

6.23.1 Removing the Servo Motor

To remove the servo motor, do the following:

1. Lock out and tag the machine and controller. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
2. Disconnect the servo drive cables from the servo motor.

3. Remove the cover plate over the coupling.
4. Loosen the top coupling screw.

5. Remove the screws that secure the servo motor to the servo base.
6. Slowly lift the servo motor until the motor shaft is clear of the coupling.
7. Move the servo motor to a clean work area.
8. Loosen the bottom coupling screw and remove the coupling from the ball screw shaft.
9. Remove the screws that secure the servo base to the backing plate.

10. Remove the servo base.

6.23.2 Installing the Servo Motor

To install the servo motor, do the following:
1. Install the coupling onto the ball screw shaft. Make sure there is a small gap between the coupling and ball screw lock nut to prevent wear.
2. Torque the bottom coupling screw to the specified value. Refer to the assembly drawings for torque requirements.
3. Rotate the coupling until the top coupling screw is accessible from the front of the hot runner.

4. Install the servo base to the hot runner and hand tighten the screws.

5. Install the servo motor by gently sliding the motor shaft into the coupling and guiding the motor into the servo base. Secure the servo motor to the servo base and torque the screws to the specified value. Refer to the assembly drawings for torque requirements.
6. Torque the screws securing the servo base to the hot runner. Refer to the assembly drawings for torque requirements.

7. Torque the top coupling screw on the coupling to the specified value. Refer to the assembly drawings for torque requirements.

8. Install the cover plate over the coupling.
6.24 Removing/Installing Nozzle Tips

The following procedures describe how to remove and install nozzle tips.

**NOTE:** When removing the nozzle tips, it is recommended they be removed when the hot runner is at room temperature (< 25 °C or < 77 °F).

6.24.1 Removing the Nozzle Tips when Hot

To remove the nozzle tips when they are hot, do the following:

**NOTE:** The following procedure should only be performed when the nozzle tips cannot be removed when the hot runner is at room temperature (< 25 °C or < 77 °F).

1. Separate or remove the cavity plate from the hot runner. Refer to Section 6.14 for more information.
2. Remove all nozzle heater components except for the nozzle heater and thermocouple. Refer to Section 6.26 for more information.
3. Connect the hot runner to the controller and insert the jumper plug into the X100 connector.
4. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
5. Turn on the controller. Refer to the Altanium Matrix User Guide for more information.

DANGER!

Electrocution hazard – risk of death, serious injury and/or damage to the hot runner. Do not turn on the heaters if water has leaked into the hot runner. If water has leaked into the hot runner, the hot runner must be completely disassembled, dried and reassembled before the heaters are turned on.

WARNING!

Hot resin spray hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Hot resin may unexpectedly spray from the nozzle tips while the hot runner is reaching operating temperature. To avoid serious burns, wear personal protective equipment consisting of a heat-resistant coat, heat-resistant gloves and a full face shield over safety glasses. Use adequate ventilation for fumes.

WARNING!

Burn hazard – risk of serious injury. Hot runner components stay hot for long periods of time after heaters have been turned off. Wear personal protective equipment when working near the hot runner and place a warning sign in the area before leaving the hot runner unattended.

6. Increase the temperature of the nozzle housings to a temperature high enough to soften the resin around the nozzle tip threads. If there is no resin in the system, set the heat zones to room temperature (<25 °C or <77 °F).

NOTE: The Vicat Softening Temperature for the resin type is recommended. Refer to the resin supplier’s documentation for more information.
7. Lock out and tag the machine and controller. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

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**IMPORTANT!**

Do not allow the nozzle tips to overheat or degraded material will have to be cleaned out of the nozzle housing before a new nozzle tip can be installed.

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**WARNING!**

Burn hazard – risk of serious injury. To avoid serious burns, wear personal protective equipment consisting of a heat-resistant coat, heat-resistant gloves, and a full face shield over safety glasses. Use adequate ventilation for fumes.

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**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the equipment. Support nozzle tip sockets squarely over the nozzle tips to prevent side-load on the tip.

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8. Using an appropriate nozzle tip socket, loosen each nozzle tip that will be removed. Do not unscrew or remove the nozzle tips. Refer to Section 1.9 for a list of available nozzle tip sockets.

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**WARNING!**

Burn hazard – risk of serious injury. To avoid serious burns, wear personal protective equipment consisting of a heat-resistant coat, heat-resistant gloves and a full face shield over safety gloves. Use adequate ventilation for fumes.

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9. Wearing appropriate personal protective equipment, hand tighten each nozzle tip while the resin is still soft until the nozzle tips touch the nozzle housing.

10. Allow the nozzle tips to cool to room temperature (< 25 °C or < 77 °F). This may take 1/2 to 4 hours depending on the size of the hot runner. However, this step will reduce the risk of resin solidifying on the nozzle tip sealing surfaces.

11. Remove the nozzle tips using the nozzle tip socket.
12. Remove the nozzle heaters. Refer to Section 6.26 for more information.

**IMPORTANT!**

Care must be taken to prevent damage to the nozzle tip and nozzle sealing surfaces.

13. Remove any resin from the interior of the nozzle tip using a soft wire brush or equivalent.
14. Remove any resin from the interior and exterior of the nozzle housing using a soft wire brush or equivalent.

**NOTE:** Do not remove locks and tags until the nozzle tips are installed.

### 6.24.2 Removing the Nozzle Tips when Cold

To remove the nozzle tips when they are cold, do the following:

1. Separate or remove the cavity plate from the hot runner. Refer to Section 6.14 for more information.
2. Remove all nozzle heater components except for the nozzle heater and thermocouple. Refer to Section 6.26 for more information.

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. Solidified resin can make it difficult to loosen the nozzle tips. Too much force when loosening the nozzle tips could damage the sealing surfaces.

If the nozzle tips do not loosen easily, heat up the nozzle tips before removing them. Refer to Section 6.24.1 for more information.

3. Using an appropriate nozzle tip socket, loosen each nozzle tip that will be removed. Do not unscrew or remove the nozzle tips.
   Refer to Section 1.9 for a list of available nozzle tip sockets.
4. Remove the nozzle tips using the nozzle tip socket.
5. Remove the nozzle heaters. Refer to Section 6.26 for more information.

**IMPORTANT!**
Care must be taken to prevent damage to the nozzle tip and nozzle sealing surfaces.

6. Remove any resin from the interior of the nozzle tip using a soft wire brush or equivalent.
7. Remove any resin from the interior and exterior of the nozzle housing using a soft wire brush or equivalent.

**NOTE:** Do not remove locks and tags until the nozzle tips are installed.

### 6.24.3 Installing the Nozzle Tips

To install the nozzle tips, do the following:

**NOTE:** Nozzle tips must be installed when the resin and nozzle housings are cold.

1. Lock out and tag the machine and controller. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

**IMPORTANT!**
If resin or other residues are not thoroughly cleaned off the threads and seating areas of both the nozzle tip and nozzle housing, the result could lead to the following:

- Compressive overload of the tip, even at the correct torque recommendation, causing damage to the tip (permanently shortened)
- A tip which is no longer tight after it has been heated up and cooled down
- Poor performance or quality of the gate due to the incorrect tip position (too far back or too far forward)
- Leakage between the nozzle tip and nozzle tip insulator, permitting the formation of degraded resin
- Thread stripping

2. Remove any resin or other residue found on the nozzle tips and nozzle housings.
1. If the nozzle housing has an external thread, proceed to step 4. Otherwise, clean the nozzle tip seating surface at the bottom of the nozzle housing bore with a soft wire brush.

2. Make sure the nozzle tip and nozzle housing are clean and dry.

3. Using a nozzle tip socket, install the nozzle tips and torque them to the value printed on the nozzle tip. Refer to Section 1.9 for a list of available nozzle tip sockets.

4. Install the nozzle heater. Refer to Section 6.26 for more information.

5. Measure the height of the nozzle tip using a depth micrometer and compare the measurement to the tip height listed on the Tip Chart in the assembly drawings. If the nozzle tip height is outside the tolerances listed on the Tip Chart, refer to Section 6.24.4 for more information.

6. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

7. Install the cavity plate. Refer to Section 6.14 for more information.

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**Figure 6-80 Installing a Nozzle Tip**


**Figure 6-81 Measuring the Nozzle Tip Height**
6.24.4 Troubleshooting Nozzle Tip Heights

The following describes reasons and corrective action for nozzle heights that are less or more than the values listed on the Tip Chart.

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| Dimension is shorter than required tip height | Nozzle tip has been overtightened, worn, or damaged | a. Remove the nozzle tip
b. Clean resin from the nozzle tip and nozzle housing
c. Replace or install new nozzle tip |
| Dimension is longer than required tip height | Nozzle tip is damaged
OR
Nozzle tip is being prevented from seating in the nozzle housing by resin under the nozzle tip seating surface. | a. Remove the nozzle tip
b. Clean resin from the nozzle tip and nozzle housing
c. Re-apply the torque to the nozzle tip
d. Verify the nozzle tip height |

6.25 Removing/Installing Nozzle Housings

The following procedures describe how to remove, maintain and install nozzle housings.

6.25.1 Removing the Nozzle Housings

To remove a nozzle housing, do the following:

1. Remove the hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.2 for more information.
2. Remove the cavity plate. Refer to Section 6.14.1 for more information.
3. Remove the nozzle tip. Refer to Section 6.24.1 for more information.
4. Remove the nozzle heaters and thermocouples. Refer to Section 6.26 for more information.
5. Remove the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15.1 for more information.
6. Remove the center plate. Refer to Section 6.18.1 for more information.
7. Remove the manifolds and cross manifold (if equipped). Refer to Section 6.19 for more information.
8. Break the resin around the nozzle housing with a side impact against the nozzle flange at the manifold face.
9. Pull the nozzle stack assembly out of the manifold pocket and disassemble.

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### CAUTION!

**Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. Use a brass rod to protect the manifold plate and nozzle from damage.**

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#### 8.2.5 Installing the Nozzle Housings

To install the nozzle housings, do the following:

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### CAUTION!

**Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. Do not hone the back surface of the nozzle housing to remove nicks and burrs. The back surface is a precision made section of the housing with a contoured surface. Honing this section will cause the system to leak and void the leak proof guarantee for the hot runner.**

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1. Inspect all nozzle stack components for damage or wear. Replace as necessary.
2. If the nozzle housing has an internal thread, do the following:
   a. Clean the nozzle tip seating surface at the bottom of the nozzle housing bore. This step is not required for nozzle housings that have an external thread.
   b. Clean the thread with a soft wire brush.
3. Remove all resin from the melt channel in the nozzle housing.
4. Remove all resin from the nozzle housing bore in the manifold plate.
5. Assemble each nozzle housing.
NOTE: Refer to the assembly drawings to verify the orientation and correct number of Ultra springs.

6. Place all housing assemblies into the nozzle bores in the manifold plate. Make sure the housing assemblies are properly aligned with the nozzle locating dowels to prevent rotation.

7. Install the manifolds and cross manifold (if equipped). Refer to Section 6.19 for more information.

8. Install the center plate. Refer to Section 6.18.2 for more information.

9. Install the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15.2 for more information.

10. Install the nozzle heaters and thermocouples. Refer to Section 6.26 for more information.

11. Install the nozzle tip. Refer to Section 6.24.3 for more information.

12. Install the cavity plate. Refer to Section 6.14.2 for more information.

13. Install the hot runner in the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.1 for more information.

6.26 Removing/Installing Nozzle Heaters

The following procedures describe how to remove and install nozzle heaters. The following types of nozzle heaters are supported:

- HTM heaters for U350 and U500 systems
- Bi-metal heaters for U750 systems
- Ultra Nozzle Heater (UNH) with front rings for U500 and U750 systems
- Ultra Nozzle Heater (UNH) with ring thermocouples for U500 and U750 systems
6.26.1 Removing and Installing HTM Nozzle Heaters

The following procedures describe how to remove and install HTM nozzle heaters.

6.26.1.1 Removing HTM Nozzle Heaters

To remove a HTM nozzle heater, do the following:

1. Separate or remove the cavity plate from the hot runner. Refer to Section 6.14 for more information.
2. Remove the retaining clip from the nozzle tip.
3. Remove the necessary wire clips to expose the nozzle heater and thermocouple wires.

   **NOTE:** The nozzle heater assembly includes the retaining sleeve, nozzle heater and thermocouple.

4. Remove retaining set screw on the heater sleeve, if applicable.
5. Remove the nozzle heater assembly.
6. Remove and discard the wave springs.

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**IMPORTANT!**

Husky nozzle heaters are rugged and have a long service life. Only replace nozzle heaters with Husky approved parts. Use of components not sold or approved by Husky will void the hot runner warranty.

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**Figure 6-84** HTM Nozzle Heater Assembly

1. HTM Heater with Set Screw  
2. HTM Heater without Set Screw  
3. Retaining Clip  
4. HTM Nozzle Heater  
5. Nozzle Tip  
6. Wave Springs  
7. Set Screw
6.26.1.2 Installing HTM Nozzle Heaters

To install a HTM nozzle heater, do the following:

1. Install new wave springs over the nozzle housing and nozzle tip.

   **NOTE:** The nozzle heater assembly includes the retaining sleeve, nozzle heater and thermocouple.

2. Slide the nozzle heater assembly over the nozzle housing far enough to show the retaining clip groove on the nozzle tip.

3. Install the retaining clip on the nozzle tip and pull the nozzle heater assembly up against it.

4. Install the set screw, if applicable.

5. Route the nozzle heater and thermocouple wires through the wire channels in the manifold plate. Make sure all wiring is properly retained in the wire channels using wire clips.

6. Make sure to stagger the knuckles in the wire grooves.

   **NOTE:** All wiring near the nozzle heater must be either a high temperature braid or sleeved using a high temperature sleeving.

7. Label each wire with the heater zone number. Refer to the electrical schematic for the zone number.

8. Crimp the wire ends and connect the wires to the appropriate multi-pin connectors. Refer to the electrical schematic for more information.
9. Test each nozzle heater. Refer to Section 6.12 for more information.
10. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

6.26.2 Removing and Installing Bi-Metal Nozzle Heaters

The following procedures describe how to remove and install bi-metal nozzle heaters.

6.26.2.1 Removing Bi-Metal Nozzle Heaters

To replace a bi-metal nozzle heater, do the following:

1. Separate or remove the cavity plate from the hot runner. Refer to Section 6.14 for more information.
2. Remove the front ring.
3. Disconnect the thermocouple from the nozzle heater.
4. Remove the retaining clip from the nozzle tip.
5. Remove the necessary wire clips to expose the nozzle heater and thermocouple wires.
6. Remove the nozzle heater and thermocouple.

6.26.2.2 Installing Bi-Metal Nozzle Heaters

To install a bi-metal nozzle heater, do the following:

1. Slide the nozzle heater over the nozzle housing and nozzle tip.
2. Install the retaining clip around the nozzle tip.
3. Connect the thermocouple to the nozzle heater.
4. Pull the nozzle heater up against the retaining clip.
5. Install the front ring and tighten by hand.
6. Route the nozzle heater and thermocouple wires through the wire channels in the manifold plate. Make sure all wiring is properly retained in the wire channels using wire clips.
7. Make sure to stagger the knuckles in the wire grooves.

**NOTE:** All wiring near the nozzle heater must be either a high temperature braid or sleeved using a high temperature sleeving.

8. Label each wire with the heater zone number. Refer to the electrical schematic for the zone number.
9. Crimp the wire ends and connect the wires to the appropriate multi-pin connectors. Refer to the electrical schematic for more information.
10. Test each nozzle heater. Refer to Section 6.12 for more information.
11. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

### 6.26.3 Removing and Installing Ultra Nozzle Heaters With Front Rings (UNH 500 and 750)

The following procedures describe how to remove and install ultra nozzle heaters with front rings.
6.26.3.1 Removing Ultra Nozzle Heaters (UNH) with Front Rings

To replace an Ultra Nozzle Heater (UNH) with a front ring, do the following:

1. Separate or remove the cavity plate from the hot runner. Refer to Section 6.14 for more information.
2. Remove the front ring.
3. Disconnect the thermocouple from the nozzle heater.
4. Remove the retaining clip from the nozzle tip.
5. Remove the necessary wire clips to expose the nozzle heater and thermocouple wires.
6. Remove the nozzle heater and thermocouple.

6.26.3.2 Installing Ultra Nozzle Heaters (UNH) with Front Rings

To install an Ultra Nozzle Heater (UNH) with a front ring, do the following:

1. Slide the nozzle heater over the nozzle housing and nozzle tip.
2. Install the retaining clip around the nozzle tip.

Figure 6-90  Ultra Nozzle Heater (UNH) Assembly with a Front Ring

Figure 6-91  Ultra Nozzle Heater (UNH) Assembly with a Front Ring
3. Connect the thermocouple to the nozzle heater.
4. Pull the nozzle heater up against the retaining clip.
5. Install the front ring and tighten by hand.

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. Do not bend the nozzle heater wires at a 90° angle. Do not bend the nozzle heater wires directly at the lead exit of the heater body. The wires will crack or break over time.

6. On U750 heaters, bend the nozzle heater wires in an arc against the heater body. Make sure each bend has a minimum 10 mm (0.4 in) radius.

![Ultra Nozzle Heater - U750](image1)

Figure 6-92 Ultra Nozzle Heater - U750


7. On U500 heaters, first bend the leads along the curvature of the heater, and then bend them up or down (away from the lead exit of the heater body) to meet the manifold plate wire groove as required.

![Ultra Nozzle Heater - U500](image2)

Figure 6-93 Ultra Nozzle Heater - U500

1. Heater leads before bending  2. Heater leads after bending
8. Route the nozzle heater and thermocouple wires through the wire channels in the manifold plate. Make sure all wiring is properly retained in the wire channels using wire clips.

9. Make sure to stagger the knuckles in the wire grooves.

![Staggering the Knuckles in the Wire Grooves](image)

**NOTE:** All wiring near the nozzle heater must be either a high temperature braid or sleeved using a high temperature sleeving.

10. Label each wire with the heater zone number. Refer to the electrical schematic for the zone number.

11. Crimp the wire ends and connect the wires to the appropriate multi-pin connectors. Refer to the electrical schematic for more information.

12. Test each nozzle heater. Refer to Section 6.12 for more information.

13. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

### 6.26.4 Removing and Installing Ultra Nozzle Heaters (UNH) With Ring Thermocouples

The following procedures describe how to remove and install ultra nozzle heaters with ring thermocouples (UNH 500 and UNH 750).

#### 6.26.4.1 Removing Ultra Nozzle Heaters (UNH) With Ring Thermocouples

To replace an Ultra Nozzle Heater (UNH) with a ring thermocouple, do the following:

1. Separate or remove the cavity plate from the hot runner. Refer to Section 6.14 for more information.

2. Remove the retaining clip from the nozzle tip.

3. Remove the necessary wire clips to expose the nozzle heater and thermocouple wires.

4. Remove the ring thermocouple.
5. Remove the nozzle heater.

6. Remove and discard the wave springs.

6.26.4.2 Installing Ultra Nozzle Heaters (UNH) With Ring Thermocouples

To install an Ultra Nozzle Heater (UNH) a ring thermocouple, do the following:

1. Install new wave springs over the nozzle housing and nozzle tip.
2. Slide the nozzle heater over the nozzle housing far enough to show the retaining clip groove on the nozzle tip.

3. Slide the ring thermocouple over the nozzle tip, on to the nozzle heater, far enough to show the retaining clip groove on the nozzle tip.

4. Install the retaining clip on the nozzle tip and pull the nozzle heater and ring thermocouple up against it.

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. Do not bend the nozzle heater wires at a 90° angle. Do not bend the nozzle heater wires directly at the lead exit of the heater body. The wires will crack or break over time.

5. On U750 heaters, bend the nozzle heater wires in an arc against the heater body. Make sure each bend has a minimum 10 mm (0.4 in) radius.
6. On U500 heaters, first bend the leads along the curvature of the heater, and then bend them up or down (away from the lead exit of the heater body) to meet the manifold plate wire groove as required.

7. Route the nozzle heater and thermocouple wires through the wire channels in the manifold plate. Make sure all wiring is properly retained in the wire channels using wire clips.

8. Make sure to stagger the knuckles in the wire grooves.

**NOTE:** All wiring near the nozzle heater must be either a high temperature braid or sleeved using a high temperature sleeving.
9. Label each wire with the heater zone number. Refer to the electrical schematic for the zone number.

10. Crimp the wire ends and connect the wires to the appropriate multi-pin connectors. Refer to the electrical schematic for more information.

11. Test each nozzle heater. Refer to Section 6.12 for more information.

12. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

### 6.27 Removing/Installing Nozzle Tip Insulators (If Equipped)

Nozzle tip insulators protect the gate details and nozzle tips from damage and prevent resin leaks.

The following procedures describe how to remove and install nozzle tip insulators.

#### 6.27.1 Removing the Nozzle Tip Insulators

To remove the nozzle tip insulators, do the following:

**WARNING!**

Burn hazard – risk of serious injury. To avoid serious burns, wear personal protective equipment consisting of a heat-resistant coat, heat-resistant gloves, and a full face shield over safety glasses. Use adequate ventilation for fumes.

1. Separate or remove the cavity plate from the hot runner. Refer to Section 6.14 for more information.

   **NOTE:** Some nozzle tip insulators may remain in the gate detail in the cavity plate.

**IMPORTANT!**

Due to geometric variations between the gate details and the witness marks left in the nozzle tip insulators by the nozzle tips, Husky does not recommend reusing nozzle tip insulators. Previously used nozzle tip insulators should always be replaced with new nozzle tip insulators. If reuse is absolutely necessary (i.e. unscheduled maintenance with no spares on hand), order new nozzle tip insulators and replace as soon as possible. Contact your nearest Husky Regional Service and Sales Office or [www.husky.co](http://www.husky.co).

**IMPORTANT!**

Nozzle tip insulators form to the dimensions of the nozzle tip and gate detail when compressed. Before removing a nozzle tip, make sure to record the nozzle tip location and the orientation of the nozzle tip insulator. This will help avoid resin leakage if the nozzle tip insulators are reused.
2. If nozzle tips must be reused, record the position and orientation of each nozzle tip insulator.

**CAUTION!**

*Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. Do not allow molten resin to drop on nozzle tip insulators while the insulators are being removed. The additional material will increase the calculated preload for the nozzle tip insulator and damage the hot runner during assembly with the cavity plate.*

*Make sure all nozzle tip insulators are clean during removal and installation.*

3. Remove the nozzle tip insulators from the nozzle tips using needle nose pliers. Be careful not to damage the nozzle tips or sealing surfaces.

4. If a nozzle tip insulator is found in the gate detail in the cavity plate, remove the nozzle tip insulator using a 10 mm or 3/8”-18 NPT tap or pipe and then clean the gate.

   Clean the gate detail using a pointed hardwood stick and soft cloth, or a Scotch-Brite No. 7447 (Maroon). Care must be taken not to scratch the cylindrical sealing surfaces between the gate insert and nozzle housing. Even a slight scratch may cause leaks at high injection pressures.

5. Inspect the nozzle tip insulators for resin. If resin is found, the nozzle tip insulator is leaking and will not function as required.

   Determine the following:
   - The cause of the leak by inspecting the gate insert dimensions
   - The nozzle tip position to make sure it is correct before a new insulator is installed

6. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

### 6.27.2 Installing the Nozzle Tip Insulators

To install the nozzle tip insulators, do the following:

**IMPORTANT!**

Due to geometric variations between the gate details and the witness marks left in the nozzle tip insulators by the nozzle tips, Husky does not recommend reusing nozzle tip insulators. Previously used nozzle tip insulators should always be replaced with new nozzle tip insulators. If reuse is absolutely necessary (i.e. unscheduled maintenance with no spares on hand), order new nozzle tip insulators and replace as soon as possible. Contact your nearest Husky Regional Service and Sales Office or [www.husky.co](http://www.husky.co).
1. Make sure the hot runner is either installed in the machine or laying on a work bench with the nozzle tips facing up.

2. Make sure all nozzle tip insulators are clean and in good condition.

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**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. Make sure all nozzle tip insulators are clean before they are installed. Any additional material on the nozzle tip insulator will increase the calculated preload and damage the hot runner during assembly with the cavity plate.

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3. Place a nozzle tip insulator on each nozzle tip. If used nozzle tip insulators are being installed, make sure they are installed on the same nozzle tip as previously removed and in the same orientation.

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**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. Nozzle tip insulators form to the dimensions of the nozzle tip and gate detail when compressed. Make sure previously used nozzle tips are installed on the same nozzle tip in the same orientation. Resin leakage will occur otherwise.

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4. Install the cavity plate. Refer to Section 6.14 for more information.

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6.28 Removing Insulating Gate Bubbles (If Equipped)

In place of nozzle tip insulators, some hot runners form a bubble of resin at the nozzle tip referred to as an insulating gate bubble. The bubbles provide thermal insulation between the nozzle tip and the cold cavity plate steel. They also increase the speed of color changes and prevent the degradation of some heat sensitive resins. The gate bubble needs to be removed if the gate hole is blocked by contamination.
To remove the insulating gate bubbles, do the following:

1. Remove the cavity plate. Refer to Section 6.14 for more information.
2. Connect the hot runner to a controller.
3. Turn on the controller.

4. Increase the temperature of a row of nozzle tips to a temperature high enough to soften the insulating gate bubble.

**NOTE:** The Vicat Softening Temperature for the resin type is recommended. Refer to the resin supplier’s documentation for more information.

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**DANGER!**

Electrocution hazard – risk of death, serious injury and/or damage to the hot runner. Do not turn on the heaters if water has leaked into the hot runner. If water has leaked into the hot runner, the hot runner must be completely disassembled, dried and assembled before the heaters are turned on.

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**WARNING!**

Hot resin spray hazard – risk of serious injury. Hot resin may unexpectedly spray from the nozzle tips while the hot runner is reaching operating temperature. To avoid serious burns, wear personal protective equipment consisting of a heat-resistant coat, heat-resistant gloves and a full face shield over safety glasses. Use adequate ventilation for fumes.

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**WARNING!**

Burn hazard – risk of serious injury. Hot runner components stay hot for long periods of time after heaters have been turned off. Wear personal protective equipment when working near the hot runner and place a warning sign in the area before leaving the hot runner unattended.
5. Once the nozzle tips have reached their setpoint approximately 120 °C (248 °F), wait until the gate bubble on the first nozzle tip is soft enough to remove and then turn off all the nozzle tip heaters.

**WARNING!**

Electrocution hazard - risk of death or serious injury. Complete the lockout/tagout procedure of the electrical power source before disconnecting the electrical connectors.

6. Lock out and tag the electrical power source.

**IMPORTANT!**

Do not allow the nozzle tips to overheat or degraded material will have to be cleaned out of the nozzle housing before a new nozzle tip can be installed.

7. Disconnect the controller.

8. Remove all gate bubbles from the row with brass pliers, a clean cloth or a soft wire brush.

9. Repeat step 4 to step 8 for all subsequent rows.

**WARNING!**

Burn, fire and gas hazard – risk of death or serious injury, and property damage. Use of an open flame to remove resin could produce harmful gases (depending on the resin type), damage components and increase the risk of fire. Only use open flames sparingly and in a controlled environment.

**WARNING!**

Burn hazard – risk of serious injury. To avoid serious burns, wear personal protective equipment consisting of a heat-resistant coat, heat-resistant gloves, and a full face shield over safety glasses. Use adequate ventilation for fumes.

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the equipment. Abrasives should never be used to clean the nozzle tips, as this can damage the critical sealing surfaces.

Do not remove the gate bubble with a hammer or tools made of hard material. Use tools made of soft materials such as brass, copper or wood. Hammering or using hard material tools could result in damage to the nozzle tips.

10. Remove any insulating gate bubbles in the cavity plate. If required, carefully heat the gate bubbles with a propane torch and then wipe the deposits away with a clean, soft cloth or soft wire brush. This may have to be repeated several times.
11. Make sure all nozzle tip insulators (if equipped) are seated correctly with a minimal and even gap between the nozzle tip insulator and the nozzle housing. For reused nozzle tips, the gap may not be noticeable. When plastic is under the nozzle tip insulator, it will have a larger than usual and/or uneven gap in relation to the nozzle housing. If plastic is under the nozzle tip insulator it must be cleaned or replaced. For more information on removing and installing the nozzle tip insulator refer to Section 6.27.

To remove, clean and install the nozzle tip insulator, do the following:

a. Mark the orientation of the nozzle tip insulator.

b. Remove the nozzle tip insulator.

c. Clean the nozzle tip insulator by heating to melt the residual plastic and wiping it clean.

d. Install the nozzle tip insulator. Nozzle tip insulators must be installed on the same nozzle tip in the original orientation.

12. Make sure the hot runner is at room temperature <25 °C (<77 °F).

NOTE: If the hot runner is still in the machine the cooling water can be turned on to cool the hot runner down.

13. Install the cavity plate. Refer to Section 6.14 for more information.
6.29 Removing/Installing Manifold Bushings

The following procedures describe how to remove, maintain and install manifold bushings. Manifold bushings need to be replaced if the following occurs:

- The valve stem is stuck and cannot be removed
- The valve stem bore is worn and leaking heavily back into the actuation area
- The manifold bushing is collapsed from overheating
- There is a need to clean the manifold
- The air seal face is damaged
- The manifold bushing is damaged in a way that renders it unusable

**NOTE:** Husky provides two styles of manifold bushings: press fit or slip fit. Press fit manifold bushings are typically used in systems designed to process heat-sensitive resins. Slip fit manifold bushings are used in systems designed to process resins that are not heat-sensitive. Refer to the assembly drawings to determine if the manifold bushings are press fit or slip fit.

### 6.29.1 Removing/Installing Press Fit Manifold Bushings

It is recommended that press fit bushings be removed and replaced by Husky. Contact Husky for more information about removing press fit manifold bushings.

### 6.29.2 Removing Slip Fit Manifold Bushings

To remove slip fit manifold bushings, do the following:

1. Disconnect the manifold and thermocouple wires from the manifolds.
2. Remove the nozzle heaters and thermocouples. Refer to Section 6.26 for more information.
3. Remove the nozzle tips. Refer to Section 6.24 for more information.
4. Remove the nozzle housings. Refer to Section 6.25.1 for more information.
5. Remove the manifold from the manifold plate pocket. Refer to Section 6.19.2 for more information.
6. Press the manifold bushings out of the manifold using a heavy brass punch. Take care not to damage the bushings or manifold.
6.29.3 Installing Slip Fit Manifold Bushings

To install slip fit manifold bushings, do the following:

1. Remove any resin from the manifold bushing pockets and seating area in the manifold plate using brass scrapers. Do not damage the sharp corners or sealing surfaces.

2. Remove any resin from the exterior of the manifold bushings with brass scrapers. Do not damage the sharp corners or sealing surfaces.

3. Make sure the interior of the manifold bushing is free of resin.

4. Clean the stem bore in the manifold bushing with alcohol and cotton swabs. The interior is clean when a cotton swab can be removed from the bushing without any dirt on it.

5. Use a medium India stone (240 grit oil stone) to clean all mating surfaces on the manifold. Do not scratch the manifold.

6. Check that all contact surfaces on the manifold plate, center plate and manifold bushings are clean and free of residue, scratches, nicks, or burrs.

7. Make sure the manifold bushing locating dowel is installed in the manifold.
8. Align the manifold bushing with the locating dowel and press the bushing into the manifold until the bushing bottoms out on the manifold. Repeat this step for all manifold bushings.

### 6.30 Removing/Installing the Sprue Heater

The following procedures describe how to remove and install a sprue heater with a built-in thermocouple or a separate thermocouple.

#### 6.30.1 Removing a Sprue Heater with a Built-In Thermocouple

To remove a sprue heater that has a built-in thermocouple, do the following:

1. Remove the hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.2 for more information.
2. Remove the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15.1 for more information.
3. Remove the actuation plate. Refer to Section 6.17.1 for more information.
4. If the center plate does not have wire grooves, proceed to step 5. Otherwise, do the following:
   a. Disconnect the sprue heater and thermocouple wires from the multi-pin connectors.
   b. Remove the sprue heater and thermocouple wires from the wire channels in the center plate.
5. If the center plate does not have wire grooves, do the following:
   a. Remove the center plate. Refer to Section 6.18.1 for more information.
   b. Disconnect the sprue heater and thermocouple wires from the multi-pin connectors.
6. Remove the retaining clip from the sprue bushing.
6.30.2 Removing a Sprue Heater with a Separate Thermocouple

To remove a sprue heater that has a separate thermocouple, do the following:

1. Remove the hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.2 for more information.
2. Remove the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15.1 for more information.
3. Remove the actuation plate. Refer to Section 6.17.1 for more information.
4. If the center plate does not have wire grooves, proceed to step 5. Otherwise, do the following:
   a. Disconnect the sprue heater and thermocouple wires from the multi-pin connectors.
   b. Remove the sprue heater and thermocouple wires from the wire channels in the center plate.
5. If the center plate does not have wire grooves, do the following:
   a. Remove the center plate. Refer to Section 6.18.1 for more information.
   b. Disconnect the sprue heater and thermocouple wires from the multi-pin connectors.
6. Remove the front ring, retaining clip and thermocouple from the sprue heater.
Using a heater removal tool, remove the sprue heater from the sprue bushing. Refer to Section 1.9 for a list of special Husky tools and order numbers.

### 6.30.3 Installing a Sprue Heater with a Built-In Thermocouple

To install a sprue heater with a built-in thermocouple, do the following:

1. Slide the sprue heater onto the sprue bushing. Make sure the sprue heater is below the retaining clip groove in the sprue bushing.

2. If the center plate does not have wire grooves, proceed to step 3. Otherwise, do the following:
   
   a. Align the thermocouple wires with the wire channels in the center plate.
   
   b. Install the retaining clip into the groove on the sprue bushing.
   
   c. Pull the sprue heater up until it makes contact with the retaining clip.

   **NOTE:** All wiring near the sprue heater must be either a high temperature braid or sleeved using a high temperature sleeving.
d. Route the sprue heater and thermocouple wires through the wire channels in the center plate. Make sure all wiring is properly retained in the wire channels using wire clips.

If the wire length is too long or too short, refer to Section 6.32 for information about adjusting the wire length.

3. If the center plate has wire grooves, proceed to step 4. Otherwise, do the following:
   a. Install the retaining clip into the groove on the sprue bushing.
   b. Pull the sprue heater up until it makes contact with the retaining clip.
      
      **NOTE:** All wiring near the sprue heater must be either a high temperature braid or sleeved using a high temperature sleeving.
   c. Route the sprue heater and thermocouple wires through the exit channels at the top of the manifold plate.
      If the wire length is too long or too short, refer to Section 6.32 for information about adjusting the wire length.
   d. Install the center plate. Refer to Section 6.18.2 for more information.

4. Label each wire with the heater zone number. Refer to the electrical schematic for the zone number.
5. Crimp the wire ends and connect them to the appropriate multi-pin connectors. Refer to the electrical schematic for more information.
6. Test the sprue heater. Refer to Section 6.12 for more information.
7. Install the actuation plate. Refer to Section 6.17.2 for more information.
8. Install the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15.2 for more information.
9. Install the hot runner into the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.1 for more information.

**6.30.4 Installing a Sprue Heater with a Separate Thermocouple**

To install a sprue heater with a separate thermocouple, do the following:

1. Slide the sprue heater onto the sprue bushing. Make sure the sprue heater is below the retaining clip groove in the sprue bushing.
2. Install the retaining clip into the groove on the sprue bushing.

3. Using a heater removal tool, pull the sprue heater up until it makes contact with the retaining clip. Refer to Section 1.9 for a list of special Husky tools and order numbers.

   **NOTE:** All wiring near the sprue heater must be either a high temperature braid or sleeved using a high temperature sleeving.

4. Connect the thermocouple to the sprue heater.

5. Thread the front ring onto the sprue heater and tighten by hand.

6. If the center plate does not have wire grooves, proceed to step 7. Otherwise, route the sprue heater and thermocouple wires through the wire channels in the center plate. Make sure all wiring is properly retained in the wire channels using wire clips.

   If the wire length is too long or too short, refer to Section 6.32.

7. If the center plate does not have wire grooves, do the following:

   a. Route the sprue heater and thermocouple wires through the exit channels at the top of the manifold plate.

      If the wire length is too long or too short, refer to Section 6.32.

   b. Install the center plate. Refer to Section 6.18.2 for more information.

8. Label each wire with the heater zone number. Refer to the electrical schematic for the zone number.

9. Crimp the wire ends and connect them to the appropriate multi-pin connectors. Refer to the electrical schematic for more information.

10. Test the sprue heater. Refer to Section 6.12 for more information.

11. Install the actuation plate. Refer to Section 6.17.2 for more information.

12. Install the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15.2 for more information.

13. Install the hot runner into the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.1 for more information.
6.31 Removing/Installing the Sprue Bushing

The following procedures describe how to remove, maintain and install the sprue bushing.

6.31.1 Removing the Sprue Bushing

To remove the sprue bushing, do the following

1. Remove the hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.2 for more information.
2. Remove the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15.1 for more information.
3. Remove the center plate. Refer to Section 6.18.1 for more information.
4. Remove the sprue heater. Refer to Section 6.30 for more information.
5. Remove the screws that secure the sprue bushing to the manifold or cross manifold (if equipped).

6. Remove the sprue bushing.
7. Using a brass rod, remove the resin slug from the sprue bushing melt channel.
8. Clean the sprue bushing. Do not damage any sealing surfaces.
9. Check and repair the nozzle radius, if required.
6.31.2 Installing the Sprue Bushing

To install the sprue bushing, do the following:

**WARNING!**

Hot resin spray hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Any contamination or damage at the sprue bushing and manifold interface may cause hot resin to spray out of the mold, possibly resulting in serious burns. Both the mounting faces of the sprue bushing and manifold must be spotlessly clean and undamaged. The mounting screws must also be torqued to the specified value.

**NOTE:** The supplied screws used to install the sprue bushing are of a special quality and must not be substituted.

1. Clean the surfaces on the sprue bushing and manifold or cross manifold (if equipped) where the two components will interface.

![Figure 6-110 Sprue Bushing and Cross Manifold Sealing Faces](image)

**CAUTION!**

Crushing hazard – risk of damage to equipment. Screws used to install sprue bushings must meet specific requirements. Only use the screws specified in the assembly drawings. Failure to use these screws could result in equipment damage.

2. Apply a high temperature anti-seize lubricant to the screws used to install the sprue bushing. Refer to Section 3.4 for information about recommended lubricants.
3. Install the sprue bushing and torque all screws to half the specified value in a cross pattern. Refer to the assembly drawings for torque requirements.

4. Torque the screws fully to the specified value to make sure an even seal is made between the sprue bushing and manifold. Refer to the assembly drawings for torque requirements.

6.32 Adjusting the Thermocouple Wire Length

In some cases, the length of a thermocouple wire may be too long or too short depending on the size of the hot runner. The following are recommendations for adjusting the wire length:

- **Long Thermocouple Wires**
  For small hot runners where the lead length is greater than required, wrap the wires around the heater body to reduce slack and make sure the wires fit properly in the wire channel.

- **Short Thermocouple Wires**
  For large hot runners where the lead length is insufficient to reach a wire channel, cut and install a length of fiberglass sleeving to protect the wire.
6.33 Removing Resin from the Hot Runner

Occasionally, resin may be left in the hot runner or a leakage of resin may occur due to a component failure. The resin will have to be removed at this point. However, removing the resin without damaging components requires careful attention.

The following procedures describe how to carefully remove resin from the hot runner and hot runner components.

6.33.1 Plate Cleaning and Inspection

The following procedure describes a general cleaning and inspection process for plates. After this procedure has been completed, the application of a fluidized bed process heat is recommended.

**NOTE:** The recommended procedure for removing resin from hot runner components is a controlled fluidized bed process heat. Refer to Section 6.33.2 for more information.

To inspect and clean plates, do the following:

1. Using brass or hardwood scrapers, remove all resin deposits from the plates.
2. Remove all cooling fittings and plugs.
3. Clean the deposits from the cooling hoses.
4. Clean the entire plate using a medium India stone (240 grit oilstone) on flat surfaces and Scotch-Brite No. 7447 (Maroon) on difficult to reach areas.
5. Remove any deposits from the alignment bushings and alignment dowels.

**IMPORTANT!**

The use of an open flame to remove resin is not recommended due to the possible gases given off by some resins and the risk of burns while working around hot resin. In addition, there exists a potential for fire when using a torch to heat and melt resin. The heat from the torch may also overheat and damage small components.
6. Check the plate for the following:
   - Wear at the alignment bushings and alignment dowels
   - Corrosion in the cooling channels
   - Cracks (especially around the mold mounting bolt holes or clamp mounting slots)
   - Damage to the dowel holes
   - Sharp edges around the wire channels

WARNING!
Respiratory hazard – risk of serious injury. Use an appropriate breathing apparatus as protection while using a brass wire brush or wheel. See the material safety data sheet (MSDS) from the resin supplier. As a minimum, a particle mask is recommended.

7. Rework or replace the plates as required.
   NOTE: Before re-installing components, the plate pocket(s) must be thoroughly cleaned. An electric hand drill with a brass wire wheel or a brass chisel may be used. This will prevent unnecessary scratching.

8. Install the fittings with new pipe plugs.

9. Pressure test the cooling circuits to verify there are no coolant leaks.

WARNING!
Respiratory hazard – risk of serious injury. Use an appropriate breathing apparatus as protection while using a brass wire brush or wheel. See the material safety data sheet (MSDS) from the resin supplier. As a minimum, a particle mask is recommended.

10. Brush the plate surfaces with a brass wire brush and collect any dust with a vacuum.

CAUTION!
Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. Do not scratch or score any sealing surfaces when cleaning with an abrasive material.

11. Clean the plate with Scotch-Brite No. 7447 (Maroon) for final clean up.
   NOTE: Resin on plates may also be removed using the fluidized bed cleaning process, provided that all brass and copper components are removed from the plate and the plate assembly is disassembled completely. Refer to Section 6.33.2 for more information.

6.33.2 Cleaning Using a Fluidized Bed Process

The following sections describe fluidized bed cleaning and how to prepare the hot runner. Cleaning the manifold passages is rarely required. However, if necessary, manifold passages must be cleaned using the fluidized bed process. Only the fluidized bed cleaning process will successfully remove the resin completely from the melt channels of the hot runner components.
Fluidized bed cleaning is a process with aluminum oxide particles in a high temperature retort. The heated air at 343 to 454 °C (650 to 850 °F) levitates the aluminum oxide particles creating a liquid-like behavior. The temperature and flow of the fluidized bed pyrolizes (thermally decomposes) the polymer.

**NOTE:** Husky does not recommend using a fluidized bed to clean mold plates and components.

### 6.33.2.1 Assistance

Husky provides a full system repair and cleaning service, in addition to helping customers find a local fluidized bed cleaning process.

Contact Husky for more information.

### 6.33.2.2 Disassembling the Hot Runner for Fluidized Bed Cleaning

When disassembling a hot runner for fluidized bed cleaning, do the following:

#### IMPORTANT!

Before disassembling a hot runner for fluidized bed cleaning, please note the following:

- When removing resin from the mold, make sure the faces of the manifold are kept scratch free. Scratches around the nozzle housing, valve bushing, manifold bushing and piston cylinder, or sprue bushing/sprue bar surfaces may cause severe resin leakage.
- The thickness of the manifold(s) is extremely important for the performance of the hot runner. There is a risk that cleaning the surface through grinding or sanding would change the total height of the stack and thereby increase the cold clearance. This would result in a resin leak.

#### IMPORTANT!

The fluidized bed cleaning process will anneal Beryllium Copper (BeCu), causing rapid failure of the components when returned to service.

Mechanical cleaning of BeCu components must not damage any of the sealing surfaces. Use only soft brass, hardwood sticks, Scotch-Brite, or soft brass brushes. Do not use abrasive methods to clean BeCu components.

#### WARNING!

Poison hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Do not use abrasives in an open air environment to clean BeCu components. Airborne beryllium particles are known carcinogens. Only rework BeCu components using abrasives under flood coolants to prevent airborne particles.
1. Any system that is to be sent for fluidized bed cleaning is to be completely disassembled. However do not send the following items for cleaning:

- Set screws
- Polyetheretherketone bushings
- Surface hex head plugs
- Nozzle tip insulators
- Nozzle heaters
- Sprue bushing heaters
- Beryllium Copper (BeCu) components, such as manifold bushings, manifold inserts, some nozzle tips and tip retainers, etc.

   **NOTE:** Contact Husky for verification of the component's material before cleaning it with a fluidized bed process.

2. Make sure all electrical wiring and thermocouples are removed.

3. When packing for shipment, make sure the manifold heater ends do not get damaged during shipping.

   The best method is to pack the manifold in a crate where it cannot move, or place the manifold between two pieces of plywood cut approximately 50 mm (2 in) larger all around. Hold the manifold and plywood pieces together with bolts using existing hold down holes or clearance holes in the manifold. Only use plywood thick enough to protect the manifold and absorb impacts if the manifold is dropped.

4. Send a complete packing list of all the components shipped to make sure nothing is overlooked when the components are returned.

### 6.33.2.3 Removing the PEEK Bushings

Due to the extreme temperatures in a fluidized bed (454 °C or 850 °F), Polyetheretherketone (PEEK) bushings must be removed from the manifold heater ends. The PEEK bushings will melt if subjected to the cleaning process.

To remove the PEEK bushings, twist the bushings 1/4 turn to break the adhesive used to attach it.
The bushings must be installed after the fluidized bed cleaning process. New adhesive is not necessary.

6.34 Removing Resin from the Manifold Plate

Some backup pads in the manifold plate, except for EMI backup pads, are designed to allow excess resin to weep out of the valve stem area through specially designed weep holes. However, excessive weepage can inhibit valve stem performance, create manifold thermal control issues, and damage electrical wiring.

**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. Weepage must be cleaned before it completely fills the back side of the manifold pocket or covers any electrical wiring.

**IMPORTANT!**

Do not extend the cleaning interval beyond the interval recommended in the maintenance schedule. If the rate of weepage increases significantly, valve stem and manifold bushings should be inspected for wear and replaced, if needed.

The manifold plate should be cleaned at the interval specified in the maintenance schedule. However, based on observations made during an inspection, an earlier interval may be required.

To remove resin from the manifold plate, do the following:

1. Remove the hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.2 for more information.
2. Remove the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15.1 for more information.
3. Remove the valve stems. Refer to Section 6.21.1 for more information.
4. Remove the center plate. Refer to Section 6.18.1 for more information.
WARNING!
Burn, fire and gas hazard – risk of death or serious injury, and property damage. Use of an open flame to remove resin can produce harmful gases (depending on the resin type), damage components and increase the risk of fire. Only use open flames sparingly and in a controlled environment.

WARNING!
Burn hazard – risk of serious injury. To avoid serious burns, wear personal protective equipment consisting of a heat-resistant coat, heat-resistant gloves, and a full face shield over safety glasses. Use adequate ventilation for fumes.

CAUTION!
Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. Only use a soft brass or hardwood chisel to remove resin from the hot runner.

5. Remove the resin deposits from the outside of the backup pads and manifold pocket area. If required, carefully heat the resin deposits with a propane torch and then wipe the deposits away with a clean, soft cloth. This may have to be repeated several times.

6. If required, use a brass rod to clean the inside of the backup pads. Do not scratch or score the backup pad surface.

7. Check all manifold and nozzle heater wiring using an ohmmeter. Refer to the electrical schematic for specific wire and heater resistances.

8. Install the center plate. Refer to Section 6.18.2 for more information.

9. Install the valve stems. Refer to Section 6.21.2 for more information.

10. Install the backing plate. Refer to Section 6.15.2 for more information.

11. Install the hot runner into the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.1 for more information.
Chapter 7  Storage and Shipping

Hot runner surfaces are sensitive to many environmental conditions and require special methods for storage and shipping to avoid damage.

**NOTE:** The storage instructions in Section 7.2 are recommended when shipping the hot runner by air.

**NOTE:** The storage instructions in Section 7.3 are recommended when shipping the hot runner overseas.

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**CAUTION!**

*Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to equipment. Store all hot runners in an air conditioned environment.*

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### 7.1  Corrosion Protection

Humidity, salt in the air, rapid weather changes, and even condensation that forms during operation can quickly damage an unprotected hot runner.

Use a protective spray that does not contain chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), has good moisture and oxidation resistance, and is resistant to mild acids and alkaline.

Additional corrosion protection can be supplied during storage by adding a moisture absorbing silicate bag before sealing the hot runner in a vacuum polyethylene bag.

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**WARNING!**

*Poison hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Before using any corrosion protection product, always follow the supplier’s recommendations for use and thoroughly review the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS).*

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### 7.2  Short Term Storage

Short term storage is intended for periods less than three months and can be done either in the machine or separately.
7.2.1 Storage in the Machine

To store the hot runner in the machine for a period of less than three months, do the following:

1. Open the mold.
2. Lock out and tag the machine and controller. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
3. Clean the mold, hot runner and molding surfaces of dirt, debris and condensation.
4. Perform all required preventive maintenance procedures. Refer to Section 6.1.1 for more information.
5. Inspect all moving components for damage. Replace or repair as needed.

**WARNING!**

Poison hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Protective sprays can cause headaches, dizziness, nausea and anesthetic effects. Wear a face shield and solvent resistant gloves. If used in an enclosed area, use an organic vapor respirator or self-contained breathing apparatus.

6. Spray all accessible faces and molding surfaces with a protective spray. Allow surfaces to dry for approximately two hours.
   
   Refer to Section 3.4 for information about recommended lubricants.

   If additional coats are required, make sure the hot runner has thoroughly dried before the next application.

7. Leave the mold open.

7.2.2 Storage Outside the Machine

To store the hot runner separately from the machine for a period of less than three months, do the following:

1. Open the mold.
2. Lock out and tag the machine and controller. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
3. Purge all cooling water from the hot runner. Refer to the machine manufacturer’s documentation for more information.
4. Clean the mold, hot runner and molding surfaces of dirt, debris and condensation.
5. Perform all required preventive maintenance procedures as required. Refer to Section 6.1.1 for more information.
6. Inspect all moving components for damage. Replace or repair as needed.

**WARNING!**

Poison hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Protective sprays can cause headaches, dizziness, nausea and anesthetic effects. Wear a face shield and solvent resistant gloves. If used in an enclosed area, use an organic vapor respirator or self-contained breathing apparatus.
7. Spray all accessible faces and molding surfaces with LPS 2 protective spray. Allow surfaces to dry for approximately two hours.
   Refer to Section 3.4 for specifications on protective spray.
   If additional coats are required, make sure the hot runner has thoroughly dried before the next application.
8. Remove the hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 4.3.2 for more information.
9. Place a cover over the hot runner to protect it during storage.
10. Store the hot runner in an air conditioned environment.

7.3 Long Term Storage

To store the hot runner for a period of more than three months, do the following:

NOTE: The following procedure can also be used to store spare parts.
1. Prepare the hot runner for storage and remove it from the machine. Refer to Section 7.2.2 for more information.
2. Place the hot runner on a wooden platform.
3. Place the hot runner in a 0.1 mm (0.004 in) or heavier (thicker) polyethylene bag along with a suitably sized moisture absorbing silicate bag.
   The silicate bag offers additional corrosion protection.
4. Remove the lift bar and hoist ring.
5. Vacuum heat seal the polyethylene bag to retain the protective spray and prevent invasion of dirt or moisture.
### 7.4 Shipping the Hot Runner

The following guidelines should be followed when shipping a hot runner:

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**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to equipment. Residual coolant may freeze when transporting the hot runner in cold climates. Make sure all coolant is drained fully from the system before transporting it. Failure to do so could cause severe damage to the hot runner.

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- Before shipping the hot runner, check that all coolant has been drained fully.
- Pack the hot runner, regardless of where it is being shipped, in a shipping crate. This will provide the best possible protection from any damage.
- Package the servo motor separately to protect it from damage during shipping.
- When returning a mold and/or hot runner to Husky for refurbishing, include the following items for testing purposes:
  - All electrical cables and switch boxes
  - All lift bars and latch bars installed in their shipping position on the hot runner
  - All mechanisms that had to be removed from the hot runner for any reason