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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

Husky offers services for repairing, modifying, and retrofitting Husky hot runners. Contact your Husky Regional Service and Sales office for details.
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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 your nearest Husky Regional Service and Sales office 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, schematics and the HMI for specific details.

The following manuals are available for each hot runner system:

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These manuals are available online through www.husky.co.
1.5.2 Engineering 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 serious 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 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 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.

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**Figure 1-1  Hot Runner Nameplate (Sample)**

1. Project Number  
2. Resin Type Allowed  
3. Melt and Mold Temperatures  
4. Power Requirements  
5. Temperature Warning
1.9 General Assembly

The following details the general assembly of hot runner.

**NOTE:** The nozzle type, nozzle layout and wiring paths shown may vary based on hot runner options and application requirements.

![Diagram](image_url)

**Figure 1-2 Section View**

1. Clamp Manifold Plate  
2. Manifold  
3. Manifold Alignment Dowel  
4. Screw  
5. Manifold Insulator  
6. Nozzle Stack Alignment Dowel  
7. Nozzle Stack  
8. Retaining Screw  
9. Alignment Dowel  
10. Injection Manifold Plate  
11. Manifold Heater  
12. Manifold Thermocouple  
13. Backup Insulator  
14. Alignment Dowel  
15. Sprue Bar  
16. Sprue Bushing  
17. Heat Shield  
18. Sprue Bar Guide  
19. Locating Ring
## 1.10 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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**Crimping Tools for Contact Pins (25 or 64 Pin Connectors)**

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Crimp Dies | Description | Part Number |
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238569 | 0.5 to 1.5 mm² (20 to 16 AWG) [1] | |
2292575 | 4.0 to 10 mm² (12 to 8 AWG) [1] | |
2292576 | 0.14 to 4.0 mm² (26 to 12 AWG) [2] | |
2748316 | 0.14 to 0.5 mm² (26 to 20 AWG) [1] | |
2748326 | 1.5 to 2.5 mm² (16 to 14 AWG) [1] | |

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 Mechanical Hazards

- **Seized Screws or Plugs**

  If screws or plugs cannot be removed by normal methods using standard tooling and force, there is a high possibility these items have become seized; contact Husky for repair recommendation.

**WARNING!**

Mechanical and/or flying debris hazard - Tool breakage: risk projectile debris, serious injury and/or mechanical damage. Do not use excessive force and/or use tools beyond their designated limits. Do not use torque multiplying bars. Failure of tools may produce fragments that can become projectiles that may cause injury. For seized parts, consult Husky for safe disassembly instructions.

**NOTE:** Manifold plugs are not a field repairable item and should never be removed. These items can only be serviced at a Husky manufacturing location.

2.3.2 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.
2.3.3 High Pressure 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.

**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.

2.3.4 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.

2.3.5 Gas, Vapor and Dust Emissions

Certain processed materials release harmful gas, vapors or dust. Install an exhaust system according to local codes.
2.3.6 Slip, Trip or Fall Hazards

Do not walk, stand, climb or sit on machine surfaces not approved for safe access.
Use a safety approved platform or walkway to access areas that are not accessible from the floor.

2.3.7 Lifting Hazards

When lifting equipment, use suitable lifting devices, proper balancing techniques and designated lifting points. Refer to Chapter 5–Installation and Removal for handling and lifting instructions. Do not exceed the rated capacity of the lifting equipment.

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>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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<td>Hazardous Voltage</td>
<td>This symbol indicates a potential electrical hazard that will cause death or serious injury.</td>
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<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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| ![Lockout/Tagout](image) | **Lockout/Tagout**  
This symbol identifies an energy source (electrical, hydraulic or pneumatic) that must be de-energized before maintenance is performed. |
| ![Crushing and/or Impact Points](image) | **Crushing and/or Impact Points**  
This symbol indicates a crushing and/or impact area that could cause serious crushing injury. |
| ![High Pressure](image) | **High Pressure**  
This symbol indicates a heated water, steam or gas hazard that could cause severe injury. |
| ![High Pressure Accumulator](image) | **High Pressure Accumulator**  
This symbol indicates the sudden release of high pressure gas or oil could cause death or serious injury. |
| ![Hot Surfaces](image) | **Hot Surfaces**  
This symbol identifies the presence of exposed hot surfaces that could cause serious burn injuries. |
| ![Slip, Trip or Fall Hazard](image) | **Slip, Trip or Fall Hazard**  
This symbol indicates a slip, trip or fall hazard that could cause injury. |
| ![Do Not Step](image) | **Do Not Step**  
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. |
| ![Crushing and/or Shearing Hazard](image) | **Crushing and/or Shearing Hazard**  
This symbol indicates the presence of a crushing and/or shearing hazard at the rotating screw that could cause serious injury. |
| ![Read Manual Before Operation](image) | **Read Manual Before Operation**  
This symbol indicates that qualified personnel should read and understand all instructions in the equipment manuals before working on the equipment. |
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.

2.5 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.

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><strong>Face Shield</strong></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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<td><strong>Heat Resistant Gloves</strong></td>
<td>For protecting the hands from extreme heats.</td>
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<td><strong>Hearing Protection</strong></td>
<td>For protecting the ears from loud ambient noise.</td>
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<td><strong>Safety Shoes</strong></td>
<td>For protecting the feet from electrical shocks, crushing hazards, puncture hazards, splash from molten material, and more.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Non-Melting Natural Fiber Pants and Long Sleeved Shirt</strong></td>
<td>For protecting the body from potential splash from molten material.</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 expedient 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 serious 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 about installing 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 5.1.

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 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 Pneumatic Specifications

Pneumatic pressure is used to actuate the valve stems. Compressed air for the pneumatic system must meet the following requirements:

- The pressure dew points must be set to 11 °C (20 °F) below the lowest ambient temperature of the pneumatic system in order to keep compressed air clean and dry.
- Compressed air quality must meet the standards specified in DIN ISO 8573-1.
- Typical air pressure required is 5.52 to 8.27 bar (80 to 120 psi), unless otherwise specified in the mold manufacturer’s documentation.

**NOTE:** For many pneumatic VG applications, air pressure of 7 bar (100psi) may be sufficient, while some applications may require up to 12.5 bar (180psi) for optimal and stable performance.

- Compressed air hoses must be large enough to permit adequate flow to the locations where air is required.
- Compressed air used for mold actuators must be interlocked with the machine operator’s gate, so opening the gate prevents any motion.
- Quick exhaust valves must be located close to the actuators they control, so the compressed air in the mold will decompress rapidly and speed operation of the actuator.
• Lockout valves must be installed (according to ANSI Z244.1 or local regulations) to the air supply for use when:
  • Servicing the mold
  • Performing maintenance
  • Mold installation and removal

3.5 Rust Inhibitor Specifications

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

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<th>Type</th>
<th>Water-borne corrosion resistant non-hardening film</th>
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<td>LPS 2</td>
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3.6 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 customer's 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 could 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>Lubriplate Synextreme FG-2</td>
<td>5817119</td>
<td>411 g (14.5 oz)</td>
<td>Canister O-ring seals[^1], wear or sliding surfaces</td>
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<td>Static application Grease</td>
<td>Kem-A-Trix Fahrenheit 800 Bearing Gel</td>
<td>3936720</td>
<td>113 g (4 oz)</td>
<td>Squeeze Tube Guide pins, alignment dowels, screw heads and threads, O-ring seals[^1]</td>
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<td>High temperature</td>
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<td>Thread-locking fluid</td>
<td>Loctite 248</td>
<td>5541916</td>
<td>9 g (0.32 oz)</td>
<td>Glue Stick 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.

3.7 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  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 Operator Manual.

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

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<td>2</td>
<td>Heat up the mold, hot runner and machine</td>
<td>Section 4.2</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Precharge the hot runner with resin</td>
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<td>4</td>
<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.

**IMPORTANT!**

Some sprue bars are equipped with an anti-drool and/or ball check device to help prevent drool out of the sprue bar. If your system is equipped with this device, then before the operator enters the purge area of the machine during start-up, shutdown, maintenance or servicing they must increase the temperature on the sprue bar zone closest to the machine nozzle and verify the end of the anti-drool bushing and/or ball check is 20°C to 25°C (36°F to 45°F) greater than the melt temperature of the resin as indicated on the nameplate to make sure that free flow is facilitated from the purge end of the sprue bar. This can be verified by the thermocouple reading of the sprue bar zone closest to the machine nozzle on the hot runner controller.
4.1 Preparing the Hot Runner

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

1. Lock out and tag the machine and controller (if equipped). Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
2. Make sure the mold and hot runner are installed properly.
3. Make sure the heaters and thermocouples are connected to the machine or a 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.

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

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.

4.2 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. Check the air pressure settings for the machine.
5. Make sure the compressed air for the mold is turned off. If the compressed air is left on as the hot runner heats up, air will leak from the system. This will cool the hot runner and delay the startup.
6. Slowly open the clamp to full shutheight.
7. Turn on the mold/hot runner cooling system.
8. Turn on the machine barrel heaters and allow them to reach operating temperature.
   **NOTE:** The time required for the machine barrel heats to reach operating temperature will depend on size of the injection unit.

9. If equipped, turn on the temperature controller.

10. Set the temperature of the main manifold heaters, cross manifold heaters (if equipped), and transfer bushing heaters (if equipped) to the melt temperature indicated on the nameplate. Refer to Section 1.8 for more information about the nameplate.
   **NOTE:** The actual resin temperature leaving the barrel should match the temperature on the nameplate.

11. Set the temperature for the sprue bar zone closest to manifold to melt temperature indicated on the nameplate. For more information, refer to Section 1.8.

12. For sprue bars equipped with an anti-drool and/or ball check device: Verify the end of the anti-drool bushing and/or ball check is 20°C to 25°C (36°F to 45°F) greater than the
melt temperature of the resin as indicated on the nameplate by the thermocouple reading of the sprue bar zone closest to the machine nozzle on the hot runner controller.

13. Once the barrel heats have reached the set point temperature, turn on the sprue bar zones. The temperature of the sprue bar closest to the machine nozzle should be 20°C to 25°C (36°F to 45°F) hotter than the resin melt temperature to facilitate startup process.

**WARNING!**

Hot resin spray hazard – risk of death or serious injury. A blocked sprue bar can release molten plastic violently and unexpectedly. Do not attempt to clear sprue bar blockage by using heat or pressure. Do not open the purge guard area. Allow the system to cool down, then repeat step 1 through step 13. If blockage persists contact Husky.

14. Once the sprue bar has reached the set point temperature, slowly close the mold and mate the radius of the machine nozzle up to the radius of the anti-drool/ball check on the end of the sprue bar.

15. Once the mold is closed, turn on the main manifold and cross manifold (if equipped) zones. The temperature of the manifolds should match the resin melt temperature.

16. If equipped with transfer bushings, once the main manifolds and cross manifolds have reached the set point temperature, turn on the transfer bushing heaters to reduce the risk of wear between the cross manifold and transfer bushing interface.

17. Once the main manifolds, cross manifolds (if equipped) and transfer bushings (if equipped) have reached the set point temperature, wait an additional 20 minutes or more of soak time to make sure the resin has reached the operating temperature.

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

## 4.3 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. Molten resin under high pressure can suddenly release and spray out from the machine nozzle. Before purging the barrel or shooting pot, 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.

2. Move the machine nozzle to the purge position making sure the machine nozzle is away from the sprue bar.

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

5. Move the machine nozzle forward making sure it is firmly seated against the sprue bar.

6. 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.

7. 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 3 to step 4.

8. 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.

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

### 4.4 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. Close the clamp and apply tonnage.

3. Make sure the machine nozzle is firmly seated against the sprue bar.

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

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

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

7. Check that all parts have been properly molded.

8. Manually control the ejector functions to eject the parts.
9. If all cavities are producing parts, reset the injection pressure to the recommended value.

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

11. Visually inspect the last set of parts to verify the part quality. Repeat step 10 until the part quality is satisfactory.

12. Enable the ejector functions.

13. If equipped, enable the product handling equipment.

14. 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.

15. Enable the auto-cycle mode for the machine and begin production.

16. Once running in auto-cycle, reduce the sprue bar zone closest to the machine nozzle to the temperature indicated on the nameplate. For more information, refer to Section 1.8.
Chapter 5  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.

5.1  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.

5.1.1  Lifting and Handling Using a Single Lifting Point

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

5.1.1.1  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 5.1.3
   - For information about lifting using swivel hoist rings, refer to Section 5.1.4

2. Lift the plate above the work surface.

![Figure 5-1 Laying Down a Plate](image)

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.

5.1.1.2 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 5.1.3.
   - For information about lifting using swivel hoist rings, refer to Section 5.1.4.

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 could 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.

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

5. After the plate has stabilized, move it to a safe location and remove the wood block.
5.1.2 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 5.1.4.

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.

5.1.3 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 lift bar.

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.

5.1.4 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.
- 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 5.1: General Hoist Ring Specifications

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<tr>
<th>Specification</th>
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<tr>
<td>Material</td>
<td>4140 certified aircraft quality</td>
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<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Forged hoist ring</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Finish</td>
<td>Phosphate per DOD-P-16232F</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Safety Factor</td>
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<tr>
<td>Swivel</td>
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<tr>
<td>Thread</td>
<td>ISO 261 and ISO 965 - Coarse</td>
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<tr>
<td>Surface</td>
<td>Magnetic particle inspected (ASTM E709-80)</td>
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<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 5.2: Specifications for Metric Coarse Swivel Hoist Rings

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<th>Part Number</th>
<th>Rated Capacity[1]</th>
<th>Torque</th>
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<td>M16</td>
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<td>4200 kg (9259 lb)</td>
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<td>M24</td>
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[1] Minimum rated capacity at any pull angle (between 0° horizontal pull and 90° vertical pull)

### Table 5.3: Specifications for Inch UNC Swivel Hoist Rings

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[2] Minimum rated capacity at any pull angle (between 0° horizontal pull and 90° vertical pull)
5.2 Verifying Hot Runner and Machine Compatibility

Before installing the hot runner, make sure the hot runner design is compatible with the machine. If there are any questions or concerns related to compatibility, contact Husky.

To verify the machine and hot runner are compatible, do the following:

1. Determine the following requirements of the machine:
   - Shot size
   - Plasticizing capacity
   - Maximum barrel residence time
   - Clamping force
   - Valve gate pneumatic valve and control

2. Verify the hot runner will fit between the tie bars and there is adequate shut height to install and run the hot runner.

3. Verify the radius and orifice size of the injection nozzle tip is compatible with the hot runner.

4. Verify the injection nozzle tip can make full contact with the hot runner sprue.

5.3 Installing the Heated Manifold

Heated manifolds are non-Ultra, single face hot runners required only for offset sprue bar applications.

To install a heated manifold, 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.

**NOTE:** The following procedure requires the use of a crane. Make sure the hoist rings, lifting chain and crane can support the weight of the plate(s) and hot runner.

1. Make sure the mold is open.
2. Lock out and tag the machine. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
3. Clean the stationary platen to make sure no dirt or oil is present.
4. Clean the backing plate and sprue bushing to make sure no dirt or oil is present.
5. Install hoist rings in the lifting locations at the top of the backing plate.
6. Attach a suitable overhead lifting device to the hoist ring and lift the heated manifold into the mold area. Make sure the sprue nozzle on the backing plate faces the stationary platen.
7. Align the locating ring with the sprue nozzle and position the heated manifold against the stationary platen.

8. Install the screws that secure the heated manifold to the stationary platen and torque them to the torque specifications. Refer to the assembly drawings for torque specifications.

9. Connect the electrical cables to the electrical connectors on the heated manifold. Refer to the electrical schematic for more information.

10. Remove the rust inhibitor from all surfaces on the hot runner using an appropriate surface cleaner.

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

### WARNING!

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

10. Remove the rust inhibitor from all surfaces on the hot runner using an appropriate surface cleaner.

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

#### 5.4 Removing/Installing the Hot Runner

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

##### 5.4.1 Installing the Hot Runner

To install the hot runner in the machine, do the following:

1. Make sure the hot runner and machine are compatible. Refer to Section 5.2 for more information.

2. Make sure the locating ring and sprue bar guide are installed. Refer to Section 6.17.2 for more information.

3. For offset sprue bar applications only, make sure the heater manifold is installed. Refer to Section 5.3 for more information.

4. If your machine requires, measure the shutheight between the clamp and stationary platens and add 25 mm (1 in). Set the mold shutheight position of the clamp to this value.

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

6. Retract the injection nozzle to prevent the nozzle from interfering with the installation of the sprue bar.

7. Lock out and tag the machine and controller (if equipped). Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
8. Make sure the machine is level and the platens are parallel. Refer to the machine manufacturer’s documentation for more information.

9. Install or remove the cavity plates as needed. Refer to Section 6.6 for more information.

**IMPORTANT!**

If the distance between the mold center and the end of the sprue bar is greater than the space available, move the mold carrier away from the stationary platen. This may require removing the front and rear linkage mechanism, if installed. Refer to the machine manufacturer’s documentation for more information.

10. Measure the distance from the mold center (keyway slots) to the end of the sprue bar. Make sure the distance is less than the distance from the stationary platen face to the carrier centerline (keys).

11. 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.

12. Install and torque the lift bar to the hot runner. Refer to Section 5.1.3 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.

13. Attach an overhead lifting device to the lift bar and lift the hot runner over the mold area in the machine.
14. If necessary, loosen the screws on the operator side mold carrier linear bearings. Refer to the machine manufacturer’s documentation for more information.
15. Align the keyway slots on the side of the hot runner with the mold carrier. Lower the hot runner into the carrier over the keys until the hot runner bottoms out on the top keys.
16. If the screws for the operator side mold carrier linear bearings were loosened previously, tighten and torque the screws. Refer to the machine manufacturer’s documentation for more information.
17. Install screws in all accessible holes in the mold carrier to secure the hot runner to the mold carrier. Hand tighten the screws.
18. Disconnect the overhead lifting device and remove the lift bar.

CAUTION!

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to equipment. When installing hoses, make sure they are not routed over edges or positioned where they can rub together, causing motion or vibration damage.

19. Connect the cooling hoses to the hot runner.
20. 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 could rub together, or near moving parts. The resulting motion or vibrations can damage the cable insulation.

21. Arrange the cables, using clamps or ties if necessary, to avoid contact with moving parts or sharp edges.
22. Install the remaining parts of the mold assembly. Refer to the machine and/or mold manufacturer’s documentation for more information.

WARNING!

Poison hazard – risk of death or serious injury. The mold may have been sprayed with a rust inhibitor that could 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.
23. Remove the rust inhibitor from all molding surfaces on the mold using an appropriate molding surface cleaner. Refer to the mold manufacturer's documentation for more information.

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

25. Close the moving platen.

26. Apply tonnage to the mold and hot runner.

27. Lock out and tag the machine and controller (if equipped). Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

28. Install screws in the remaining locations in the mold carrier. Torque the screws to the value specified in the machine manufacturer’s documentation.

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

30. Open the mold.

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

32. Slide the heat shield over the sprue bar until it makes contact with the injection side cavity plate.

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

5.4.2 Removing the Hot Runner

To remove the hot runner from the machine, do the following:

1. Open the mold and turn off all heaters.

2. Cool the hot runner by running coolant through it until the nozzles and manifold 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.

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

4. 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.

5. Disconnect all cooling hoses from the hot runner.

6. Disconnect all electrical cables and connectors from mold and 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.**

7. Install and torque the lift bar to the hot runner. Refer to Section 5.1.3 for more information.

8. Attach an overhead lifting device to the hoist ring and lift only until the lifting chain has a slight tension on it.
9. Disconnect the backing plate from the stationary platen starting on the non-operator side, followed by the operator side.

10. 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.

11. 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 bar and/or wires could occur.

12. Move the hot runner to a safe location.
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 mold and 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 (if equipped). 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.

5. Power up the machine and turn on the controller (if equipped).

6. WARNING!
   **Hot resin spray hazard – risk of 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.

7. Purge the injection unit until all traces of the old color are eliminated. For instructions, refer to the machine manufacturer’s documentation.

8. Increase the injection speed to the maximum value allowed by the application.

9. Reduce the hold time and cooling time to the minimum values allowed by the application.

10. Increase the temperature of the hot runner nozzle tips, manifold and sprue by 20 to 30 °C (68 to 86 °F).

11. Produce a series of test parts until all traces of the old color are eliminated.

12. When the color change is complete, decrease the temperature of the nozzle tips, manifold and sprue by 20 to 30 °C (68 to 86 °F).

13. Return the hold time, cooling time and injection speed back to their original values.

14. Fill the material feed equipment with the new resin.

6.3 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.
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.
6.4 Measuring Preload

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, backup pads or cylinders, and nozzle stacks could occur if the preload measurements are not within the allowed tolerance.

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

**IMPORTANT!**
Preload measurements must be recorded prior to installing C-rings and grafoil seals, as these will increase the preload and result in false measurements.

Maintaining proper preload will help prevent molten plastic from leaking inside the hot runner.

Perform the following procedures as applicable to determine the preload on the manifolds and/or cross manifold (if equipped):

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6.4.1 Measuring Preload for Manifolds

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

**IMPORTANT!**
The manifold hold down screws should be hand tightened and then turned counterclockwise 1/4 turn before preload measurements are taken.

1. Determine the height of the backup insulators from the assembly drawings. Record the value as measurement A.
2. Using a depth micrometer, measure the distance from the top face of the manifold plate to the face of the manifold. Record this value as measurement B.
3. Complete the following calculation to determine the preload:

   \[ A - B = \text{Preload} \]

4. Repeat step 1 to step 3 for all other corners of the cross manifold to make sure the preload measurements are consistent.

5. Compare the preload values to the C or C1 dimension values listed on the Tip Chart on the assembly drawings.
   If the measured preload is not within the tolerances given on the Tip Chart, check all measurements and review the assembly for obstructions or debris. Repeat step 1 to step 5 until the preload measurements are within tolerance.

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

To measure the preload on a cross manifold, do the following:

**IMPORTANT!**

The manifold hold down screws should be hand tightened and then turned counter-clockwise 1/4 turn before preload measurements are taken.

1. Make sure the screws that secure the cross manifold to the manifolds are hand tightened and then turned counter-clockwise 1/4 turn.

2. Using a depth micrometer, measure the distance between the top face of each transfer sprue to the injection side face of the clamp manifold. Record the distance as measurement A.
3. Measure the distance between the top face of the backup pad to the injection side face of the clamp manifold. Record the distance as measurement B.

4. Complete the following calculation to determine the value for C:

\[ A - B = C \]

5. Using a depth micrometer, measure the distance from the injection side face of the cross manifold to the injection side face of the clamp manifold plate. Record the distance as measurement D.

6. Measure the depth of the cross manifold and record the depth as measurement E.

7. Complete the following calculation to determine the value for \( F \):

\[ D - E = F \]

8. Complete the following calculation to determine the final preload:

\[ F - C = \text{Final Preload} \]

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

9. Repeat step 2 to step 8 for all other corners of the cross manifold to make sure the preload measurements are consistent.
6.4.3 Measuring Preload for Manifold Insulators

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

1. Using a depth micrometer, measure the distance from the top of the manifold plate to the top of the manifold insulator.
2. Subtract the thickness of the manifold plate and backup pad from the depth micrometer measurement to determine the preload measurement.
3. Compare the preload value to the dimension values listed on the Tip Chart. Refer to the assembly drawings.

**NOTE:** If the value is not within the tolerance given on the Tip Chart, review the assembly for obstructions or debris.

6.5 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 acceptable 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 your nearest Husky Regional Service and Sales office 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.
6.6 Removing/Installing the Cavity Plates

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

6.6.1 Removing the Cavity Plates On a Work Bench

To remove the injection or clamp side 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 5.1 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 from the machine. Refer to Section 5.4.2 for more information.
2. Remove the sprue bar. Refer to Section 6.14.1 for more information.
3. If removing the clamp side cavity plate, lift the hot runner and cavity plate and set it back on the work bench with the clamp side cavity plate facing up. Refer to Section 5.1 for more lifting and handling instructions.

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

4. Remove the screws that secure the cavity plate to the clamp manifold plate.

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.

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.
6. 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.

**WARNING!**

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

7. Install feet on the bottom of the cavity plate to protect the hose fittings.
8. Move the cavity plate out of the work area. Store the plate in a location where the plate cannot fall or tip over.
9. If equipped, remove the nozzle tip insulators from the nozzle tips and/or cavity plate. Refer to Section 6.12 for more information.
10. Remove any insulating gate bubbles on the nozzle tips or in the cavity plate gate details. Refer to Section 6.13 for more information.

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

To secure the injection or clamp side 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 6.6.1.

**NOTE:** The following procedure requires the use of an overhead lifting device. Refer to Section 5.1 for lifting and handling instructions.

**CAUTION!**

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

1. Make sure the hot runner is on a work bench with the injection or clamp manifold plate 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.
3. Apply high temperature anti-seize lubricant to the hot runner alignment dowels. Refer to Section 3.6 for information about recommended lubricants.

4. If equipped, install a nozzle tip insulator on each nozzle tip. Refer to Section 6.12.2 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 as serious damage to the nozzle tips, valve stems and wires can result.
**CAUTION!**

**Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the mold and hot runner.** The nozzles and manifold 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. Remove the feet from the bottom of the cavity plate.

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. 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.

12. 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.

### 6.6.3 Removing the Cavity Plate In the Machine

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

**WARNING!**

**Hot resin spray hazard – risk of 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 may occur.

1. Open the valve gates.

2. 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.

3. Open the clamp.

4. Lock out and tag the machine and controller (if equipped). Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
5. 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.

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

![Latching the Cavity Plates to the Hot Runner (Overhead View)](image)

**Figure 6-7  Latching the Cavity Plates to the Hot Runner (Overhead View)**

1. Clamp Side Core Plate  
2. Moving Platen  
3. Screw  
4. Clamp Side Cavity Plate  
5. Injection Side Cavity Plate  
6. Stationary Platen  
7. Injection Side Core Plate  
8. Tiebar  
9. Latch

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**CAUTION!**

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

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

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

9. Reduce the clamp opening and closing speed.

10. Slowly close the clamp.

11. Lock out and tag the machine and controller (if equipped). Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

12. Remove all safety latch bars.

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**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.
13. Install safety latch bars between the cavity plate and matching core plate on both sides of the assembly. A minimum of two safety latch bars are required.

**Figure 6-8  Latching the Cavity and Core Plate (View From Top of Hot Runner)**

1. Clamp Side Cavity Plate  2. Injection Side Cavity Plate  3. Latch

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

**CAUTION!**

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

15. Open the clamp.

16. Lock out and tag the machine and controller (if equipped). Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

17. If equipped, remove the nozzle tip insulators from the nozzle tips and/or cavity plate. Refer to Section 6.12 for more information.

18. Remove any insulating gate bubbles on the nozzle tips or in the cavity plate gate details. Refer to Section 6.13 for more information.

### 6.6.4 Installing the Cavity Plates In the Machine

To secure the injection or clamp 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 6.6.3.

1. Lock out and tag the machine and controller (if equipped). 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 high temperature anti-seize lubricant to the hot runner alignment dowels. Refer to Section 3.6 for information about recommended lubricants.

4. If equipped, install the nozzle tip insulators. Refer to Section 6.12.2 for more information.

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

6. Reduce the clamp opening and closing speed.

7. Slowly close the clamp 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 (if equipped). Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

9. Remove all safety latch bars.

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

CAUTION!

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the mold and hot runner. The nozzles and manifold 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.
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 clamp to move the cavity plate away from the core plate.
14. Lock out and tag the machine and controller (if equipped). 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.

6.7 Removing/Installing the Clamp Manifold Plate

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

6.7.1 Removing the Clamp Manifold Plate

To remove the clamp manifold plate from the hot runner, do the following:

**NOTE:** The following procedure requires the use of an overhead lifting device. Refer to Section 5.1 for lifting and handling instructions.

1. Remove the hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 5.4.2 for more information.
2. Remove the sprue bar. Refer to Section 6.14.1 for more information.
3. Disconnect the wires and thermocouples routed through the clamp manifold plate to the multi-pin connectors.
4. Remove the wires and thermocouples from the wire grooves.
5. Remove the screws that connect the clamp manifold plate to the injection manifold plate.

![Clamp Manifold Plate Screws](image)

**Figure 6-11  Clamp Manifold Plate Screws**

1. Screw  
2. Clamp Manifold Plate

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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.

6. Install hoist rings in the designated lifting points marked on the clamp manifold plate.
7. Attach an overhead lifting device to the hoist rings and lift the clamp manifold plate in stages. Use the pry slots between the injection and clamp manifold plates to assist in separation.

![Clamp Manifold Plate Assembly](image)

**Figure 6-12  Clamp Manifold Plate Assembly**

1. Plate Alignment Dowel  
2. Hoist Ring  
3. Clamp Manifold Plate

8. Move the clamp manifold plate to a clean work area and set it on supports.
6.7.2 Installing the Clamp Manifold Plate

To install the clamp manifold plate, do the following:

**NOTE:** The following procedure requires the use of an overhead lifting device. Refer to Section 5.1 for lifting and handling instructions.

1. Make sure the injection and clamp manifold plates are clean and free of pry marks around the pry slots.
2. Clean the mounting surfaces for the injection and clamp manifold plates with a medium India stone (240 grit oilstone) as needed.

**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 clamp manifold plate.
4. Attach an overhead lifting device to the hoist rings and lift the clamp manifold plate.
5. Slowly lower the clamp manifold plate onto the injection manifold plate. Make sure the plate alignment dowels align with the backing plate locating bores.

6. Disconnect the overhead lifting device and remove the hoist rings.
7. Install the screws that secure the clamp manifold plate to the injection manifold plate. Torque each screw to its specified value starting from the center and working outwards in a cross pattern. Refer to the assembly drawings for torque requirements.
8. Install the sprue bar. Refer to Section 6.14.2 for more information.
9. Secure all wires and thermocouples routed through the clamp manifold plate into the wire grooves.
10. Connect the wires and thermocouples to the multi-pin connectors.

### 6.8 Removing/Installing Manifolds

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

#### 6.8.1 Removing a 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 5.1 for lifting and handling instructions.

1. Remove the hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 5.4.2 for more information.
2. Remove the injection manifold plate. Refer to Section 6.7.1 for more information.
3. Remove the manifold hold down screws.
4. If the cross manifold has lifting points, do the following:

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

5. Lift the cross manifold and place it on a clean, flat work surface.
6. Inspect and clean the cross manifold.

6.8.2 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 5.1 for lifting and handling instructions.

1. Remove the hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 5.4.2 for more information.
2. Remove the injection manifold plate. Refer to Section 6.7.1 for more information.
3. Disconnect all manifold heater and related thermocouple wires from the multi-pin connectors and wire channels.
4. Remove the screws that secure the manifold to the clamp manifold plate.

**WARNING!**

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

**Figure 6-16 Removing the Screws**

1. Screw 2. Manifold
5. 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.

![Figure 6-17 Removing a Manifold](image)

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

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

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

8. If necessary, remove the nozzle housings. Refer to Section 6.10 for more information.

### 6.8.3 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 5.1 for lifting and handling instructions.

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

To clean the manifold prior to installation, do the following:

1. Clean the manifold in a fluidized bed. Refer to Section 6.18.2 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 6.19 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.

6.8.3.2 Installation

To install the manifold, do the following:

1. Install the locating insulator, manifold locating dowel(s) and nozzle locating dowels into the injection manifold plate pocket.
2. If removed previously, install the nozzle housings in the injection manifold plate. Refer to Section 6.10.2 for more information.

3. 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.

4. Lift the manifold over the injection manifold plate pocket.

5. Lower the manifold into position onto the locating insulator and locating dowel. Adjust the 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 manifold to the injection manifold plate. Refer to Section 3.6 for information about recommended lubricants.

**IMPORTANT!**

The manifold hold down screws should be hand tightened and then turned counterclockwise 1/4 turn before preload measurements are taken.

8. Install the hold down screws hand tight, then turn counterclockwise 1/4 turn.

9. Measure the preload for the manifold. Refer to Section 6.4 for more information.

**IMPORTANT!**

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

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

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

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

13. Install the injection manifold plate. Refer to Section 6.7.2 for more information.

14. Install the hot runner in the machine. Refer to Section 5.4.1 for more information.

### 6.8.4 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 5.1 for lifting and handling instructions.

1. Make sure the manifolds are installed. Refer to Section 6.8.3 for more information.
2. Make sure the clamp manifold plate pocket, cross manifold and cross manifold bore holes are clean and free of burrs.

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

**WARNING!**

Crushing hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Inadequate lifting equipment can fail and could 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 clamp manifold plate pocket.
5. Lower the cross manifold into the clamp manifold pocket over the manifold insulator and 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 clamp manifold plate. Refer to Section 3.6 for information about recommended lubricants.
8. Install and tighten manifold hold down screws. Do not apply torque.

9. Measure the preload for the cross manifold. Refer to Section 6.4 for more information.

10. Install the wires for the cross manifold heaters

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

12. Route the wires through the wire channels in the manifold. Make sure all wires are retained in the wire channels with wire clips. Refer to the electrical schematic for more information.

6.9 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).

6.9.1 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 6.6 for more information.

2. Remove all nozzle heater components except for the nozzle heater and thermocouple. Refer to Section 6.11 for more information.

**DANGER!**

Electrocution hazard – risk of death, serious injury and/or damage to the hot runner. Make sure the manifold plate is grounded when the controller is on.

3. If necessary, connect a grounding cable from the manifold plate to the hot runner controller ground connection, or other suitable ground.

4. If necessary, connect the hot runner to a controller.

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

6. Power up the machine or turn on the controller (if equipped).
7. 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.

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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 could 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.

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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.
9. Using an appropriate nozzle tip socket, loosen each nozzle tip that will be removed. Do not unscrew or remove the nozzle tips.
   a. For UNH heaters, the front ring must first be removed.
   b. For HTM heaters, the retaining screw must first be removed.

Refer to Section 1.10 for a list of available nozzle tip sockets.

**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.*

10. Wearing appropriate personal protective equipment, hand tighten each nozzle tip while the resin is still soft until the nozzle tips touch the nozzle housing.
11. 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.
12. Remove the nozzle tips using the nozzle tip socket.

13. Separate the tip insert from the tip retainer. Refer to Section 6.9.4 for more information.
14. Remove the nozzle heaters. Refer to Section 6.11 for more information.

**IMPORTANT!**

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

15. Remove any resin from the interior of the nozzle tip using a soft wire brush or equivalent.
16. 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.
6.9.2 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 6.6 for more information.

2. Remove all nozzle heater components except for the nozzle heater and thermocouple. Refer to Section 6.11 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 6.9.1 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 1.10 for a list of available nozzle tip sockets.

4. Remove the nozzle tips using the nozzle tip socket.

5. Separate the tip insert from the tip retainer. Refer to Section 6.9.4 for more information.

6. Remove the nozzle heaters. Refer to Section 6.11 for more information.

IMPORTANT!

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

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

8. 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.
6.9.3 Installing the Nozzle Tips

To install a nozzle tip, 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 (if equipped). Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

2. Remove any resin or other residue found on the nozzle tips and nozzle housings.
3. 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.
4. Make sure the nozzle tip and nozzle housing are clean and dry.
5. Using a nozzle tip socket, install the nozzle tip and torque it to the value printed on the nozzle tip. Refer to Section 1.10 for a list of available nozzle tip sockets.
6. Install the nozzle heater. Refer to Section 6.11 for more information.
7. 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 6.9.5.

8. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
9. Install the cavity plate. Refer to Section 6.6 for more information.

6.9.4 Separating Tip Inserts and Nozzle Retainers

The following procedures describe how to separate a tip insert from a nozzle retainer. Tip inserts can be removed using either a special tool available from Husky or manually using a brass rod (or equivalent).

**IMPORTANT!**

Using the removal tool to separate the tip inserts from the nozzle retainers is recommended. Removing the tip inserts using any other method will damage the tip inserts.

**IMPORTANT!**

Tip inserts cannot be removed from U250 nozzle tips.

6.9.4.1 Separating Tip Inserts and Nozzle Retainers With a Removal Tool

To remove a tip insert using the removal tool, do the following:

1. Place the nozzle retainer in the tip removal tool.
   
   **NOTE:** Refer to Section 1.9 for a list of special Husky tools and order numbers.

2. Turn the knob on top of the tool clockwise until the tip insert is free of the retainer.
3. Inspect the nozzle tip for excessive wear, scoring, or other damage. Replace if necessary.

### 6.9.4.2 Separating Tip Inserts and Nozzle Retainers Without a Removal Tool

To remove a tip insert without using the removal tool, do the following:

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**CAUTION!**

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to equipment. Using any tool other than the removal tool offered by Husky will damage the tip inserts. Replace all tip inserts after removing them.

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**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.

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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.

1. Using a propane torch, carefully heat the tip retainer until the resin inside softens.
2. Press the nozzle tip out of the nozzle retainer using a soft brass rod or equivalent. The tool must have an outer diameter smaller than the inside diameter of the tip retainer.
3. Replace the tip insert.

6.9.5 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 |

6.10 Removing/Installing Nozzle Housings

The following procedures describe how to remove, maintain and install nozzle housings.
6.10.1 Removing Nozzle Housings

To remove a nozzle housing, do the following:

1. Remove the hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 5.4.2 for more information.
2. Remove the cavity plate. Refer to Section 6.6.1 for more information.
3. Remove the nozzle tip. Refer to Section 6.9.1 for more information.
4. Remove the nozzle heaters and thermocouples. Refer to Section 6.11 for more information.
5. Remove the injection manifold plate. Refer to Section 6.7.1 for more information.
6. Remove the manifolds and cross manifold (if equipped). Refer to Section 6.8 for more information.

**CAUTION!**

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

7. Break the resin around the nozzle housing with a side impact against the nozzle flange at the manifold face.
8. Pull the nozzle stack assembly out of the manifold pocket and disassemble.

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### Figure 6-28 Nozzle Stack Assembly


6.10.2 Installing Nozzle Housings

To install the nozzle housings, do the following:
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.

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 resin from the manifold bushing melt channels.
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 6.8 for more information.
8. Install the injection manifold plate. Refer to Section 6.7.2 for more information.
9. Install the nozzle heaters and thermocouples. Refer to Section 6.11 for more information.
10. Install the nozzle tip. Refer to Section 6.9.3 for more information.
11. Install the cavity plate. Refer to Section 6.6.2 for more information.
12. Install the hot runner into the machine. Refer to Section 5.4.1 for more information.

6.11 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 U250 systems
- HTM heaters for U350, U500 and U750 systems
- Copper heaters for U500 systems
- Ultra Nozzle Heaters (UNH) with front rings for U500 and U750 systems
- Ultra Nozzle Heaters (UNH) with ring thermocouples for U500 and U750 systems
- Bi-metal heaters for U750 and U1000 systems

**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.

6.11.1 Removing and Installing HTM Nozzle Heaters for U250 Systems

The following procedures describe how to remove and install HTM nozzle heaters for U250 systems.

6.11.1.1 Removing HTM Heaters for U250 Systems

To remove an HTM nozzle heater, do the following:

1. Separate or remove the cavity plate from the hot runner. Refer to Section 6.6 for more information.
2. Loosen the set screw at the top of the nozzle heater.
3. Remove the nozzle tip.
4. 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.
5. Remove the nozzle heater assembly.

### 6.11.1.2 Installing HTM Heaters for U250 Systems

To install an HTM nozzle heater, do the following:

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

1. Slide the nozzle heater assembly over the nozzle housing.

2. Install the nozzle tip. Refer to Section 6.9.3 for more information.

3. Raise the nozzle heater assembly up until it contacts the hex section of the nozzle tip and tighten the set screw.
4. Torque the set screw to the value specified on the assembly drawing.
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 6.5 for more information.
10. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

6.11.2 Removing and Installing HTM Nozzle Heaters for U350, U500 and U750 Systems

The following procedures describe how to remove and install HTM nozzle heaters for U350, U500 and U750 systems.

6.11.2.1 Removing HTM Heaters for U350, U500 and U750 Systems

To remove an HTM nozzle heater, do the following:
1. Separate or remove the cavity plate from the hot runner. Refer to Section 6.6 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.

### 6.11.2.2 Installing HTM Heaters for U350, U500 and U750 Systems

To install an HTM nozzle heater, do the following:

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

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**Figure 6-33**  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

**Figure 6-34**  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
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 6.5 for more information.

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

6.11.3 Removing and Installing Copper Nozzle Heaters

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

6.11.3.1 Removing Copper Heaters

To remove a copper heater, do the following:

1. Separate or remove the cavity plate from the hot runner. Refer to Section 6.6 for more information.

2. Remove the front ring.
3. If equipped, remove the retaining sleeve.
4. Disconnect the thermocouple from the nozzle heater.
5. Remove the retaining clip from the nozzle tip.
6. Remove the necessary wire clips to expose the nozzle heater and thermocouple wires.
7. Remove the nozzle heater and thermocouple.

6.11.3.2 Installing Copper Heaters

To install a copper heater, do the following:

1. Slide the nozzle heater assembly over the nozzle housing.

2. Install the retaining clip on the nozzle tip.
3. Insert the probe end of the thermocouple into the probe slot in the nozzle heater.
4. If equipped, install the retaining sleeve over the nozzle heater and thermocouple.

5. Raise the nozzle heater until it makes contact with the retaining clip and install the front ring.

**CAUTION!**

*Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. Caution must be taken to not pull the thermocouple out from under the front ring when connecting the wires. This could result in faulty temperature readings and possibly overheat the nozzle heater and other components.*

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.

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 6.5 for more information.

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

### 6.11.4 Removing and Installing Ultra Nozzle Heaters With Front Rings (UNH 500 and 750)

The following procedures describe how in remove and install ultra nozzle heaters with front rings.

#### 6.11.4.1 Removing Ultra Nozzle Heaters (UNH) with Front Rings

To remove 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 6.6 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.

### 6.11.4.2 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.
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 the 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.

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.

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.

**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 6.5 for more information.

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

### 6.11.5 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).

#### 6.11.5.1 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 6.6 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.
6.11.5.2 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 
lies 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 the 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 6.5 for more information.
12. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

6.11.6 Removing and Installing Bi-Metal Nozzle Heaters for U750 and U1000 Systems

The following procedures describe how to remove and install bi-metal nozzle heaters for U750 and U1000 systems.

6.11.6.1 Removing Bi-Metal Heaters for U750 and U1000 Systems

To remove a bi-metal heater, do the following:

1. Separate or remove the cavity plate from the hot runner. Refer to Section 6.6 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.

Figure 6-49 Bi-Metal Heater Assembly

6.11.6.2 Installing Bi-Metal Heaters for U750 and U1000 Systems

To install a bi-metal 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.

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 6.5 for more information.

11. Remove all locks and tags. Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.
6.12 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.

6.12.1 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 6.6 for more information.
   
   **NOTE:** Some nozzle tip insulators may remain in the gate detail in the cavity plate.

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.

6.12.2 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.
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.

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.

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.

Figure 6-52 Nozzle Tip Insulator

4. Install the cavity plate. Refer to Section 6.6 for more information.

6.13 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 6.6 for more information.

**DANGER!**

Electrocution hazard – risk of death, serious injury and/or damage to the hot runner. Make sure the manifold plate is grounded when the controller is on.

2. If necessary, connect a grounding cable from the manifold plate to the hot runner controller ground connection, or other suitable ground.
3. If necessary, connect the hot runner to a controller.
4. Turn on the controller.

**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 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.
5. 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.

6. 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!**

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.

**WARNING!**

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

7. 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.

8. Disconnect the controller.

9. Remove all gate bubbles from the row with brass pliers, a clean cloth or a soft wire brush.

10. Repeat step 5 to step 9 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 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.
11. 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.

CAUTION!
Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the equipment. Abrasives should never be used to clean the nozzle tips, as this could 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.

12. 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 6.12.

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.

IMPORTANT!
If the nozzle tip insulator is damaged or cannot be cleaned then it must be replaced.
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.

13. 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.

14. Install the cavity plate. Refer to Section 6.6 for more information.

### 6.14 Removing/Installing the Sprue Bar

The following procedures describe how to remove and install the sprue bar.

#### 6.14.1 Removing the Sprue Bar

To remove the sprue bar from the hot runner, do the following:

1. Remove the hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 5.4.2 for more information.
2. Remove the screws that secure the sprue bar to the manifold.

3. Using a brass rod, remove the resin slug from the sprue bar melt channel.
4. Clean the sprue bar. Do not damage any sealing surfaces.
5. Check and repair the nozzle radius, if required.
6. Inspect the sprue bushing and replace if necessary. Refer to for more information.
6.14.2 Installing the Sprue Bar

To assemble and install the sprue bar, do the following:

**NOTE:** This procedure applies to center and offset sprue bars.

**WARNING!**

Hot resin spray hazard – risk of serious injury. Any contamination or damage at the sprue bar and manifold interface could cause hot resin to spray out of the mold, possibly resulting in serious burns. Both the mounting faces of the sprue bar 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 bar are of a special quality and must not be substituted.

1. Clean the surfaces on the sprue bar and manifold where the two components will interface.

2. Push a piece of clean cloth down the sprue bar channel and sprue bar heater holes with a brass rod to remove oil and dirt.

3. Use compressed air to remove dirt from the thermocouple channels and screw bores.

4. Install the sprue bushing. Refer to Section 6.15 for more information.

**IMPORTANT!**

Sprue bar heater wires are covered with a fiberglass insulation that may cause skin irritation. Wear personal protective equipment.

5. Insert the sprue bar heaters into the heater holes in the sprue bar. Gently push the heaters all the way down the channel until they reach the end cap.
6. Install the thermocouple probe ends and secure the thermocouple wires in the wire channels using button head cap screws coated with a high temperature anti-seize lubricant.

7. Apply a high temperature anti-seize lubricant to the screws used to install the sprue bar. Refer to Section 3.6 for information about recommended lubricants.

8. Install the sprue bar and torque all screws to half the specified value in a cross pattern. Refer to the assembly drawings for torque requirements.

9. Torque the screws fully to the specified value to make sure an even seal is made between the sprue bar and manifold. Refer to the assembly drawings for torque requirements.

10. Route the heater and thermocouple wires through the wire channels in the injection manifold plate. Make sure all wiring is properly retained in the wire channels using wire clips.

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

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

13. Test the sprue bar heater. Refer to Section 6.5 for more information.

14. Slide the heat shield over the sprue bar until it makes contact with the injection manifold plate.

### 6.15 Removing/Installing the Sprue Bushing

The following procedures describe how to remove and install the sprue bushing. The sprue bar can be equipped with one of the following sprue bushing types:

- Anti-drool bushing
- End cap bushing
- Ball check anti-drool bushing
6.15.1 Removing the Anti-Drool Bushing

To remove the anti-drool bushing from the sprue bar, do the following:

1. Lock out and tag out the machine and hot runner controller. Refer to Section 2.5.
   
   **NOTE:** Husky recommends removing the hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 5.4.

2. Allow the hot runner to cool to room temperature (< 25 °C or < 77 °F) before working on the hot runner.
   
   **NOTE:** If running as a ball check anti-drool, there will be a single extension plug instead of the two bolts.

3. Remove the extension plug or two bolts at the end of the ball check bushing.

**Figure 6-58  Anti-Drool Bushing Assembly**

1. Set Screw  2. Extension Plug  3. Anti-Drool Bushing

**WARNING!**

Burn and fire hazard – risk of serious injury and/or 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.
4. Slide the anti-drool bushing out of the sprue bar. If necessary, carefully heat the bushing with a propane torch enough to soften the resin inside.

5. Clean the sliding surface and sealing surface of the sprue bar, making sure not to damage either surface.

### 6.15.2 Installing the Anti-Drool Bushing

To install the anti-drool bushing for the sprue bar, do the following:

1. Lock out and tag out the machine and hot runner controller. Refer to Section 2.5.
   
   **NOTE:** Husky recommends removing the hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 5.4.

2. Allow the hot runner to cool to room temperature (< 25 °C or < 77 °F) before working on the hot runner.

3. Inspect the dimensions of the sliding surfaces of the sprue bar and the anti-drool bushing. There should be a difference in diameter of 0.005 mm to 0.015 mm. If the difference is outside of this specification, contact your Husky for assistance.

4. Insert the anti-drool bushing into the sprue bar.
   
   **NOTE:** If running as a ball check anti-drool, there will be a single extension plug instead of the two bolts.

5. Thread the extension plug into the sprue bar through the clearance hole(s) in the anti-drool bushing. Tighten the plug by hand only.
6.15.3 Removing the End Cap Bushing

To remove the end cap bushing from the sprue bar, do the following:

1. Lock out and tag out the machine and hot runner controller. Refer to Section 2.5.
   **NOTE:** Husky recommends removing the hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 5.4.

2. Allow the hot runner to cool to room temperature (< 25 °C or < 77 °F) before working on the hot runner.

3. Remove the extension plug or two bolts at the end of the ball check bushing.
   **NOTE:** If running as a ball check anti-drool, there will be a single extension plug instead of the two bolts.

![End Cap Bushing Assembly](image)

**Figure 6-60 End Cap Bushing Assembly**

1. Locating Dowel (If Equipped)  2. End Cap Bushing  3. Screw

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**WARNING!**

Burn and fire hazard – risk of serious injury and/or 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.

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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.
4. Slide the end cap bushing out of the sprue bar. If necessary, carefully heat the bushing with a propane torch enough to soften the resin inside.
5. Clean the sliding surface and sealing surface of the sprue bar, making sure not to damage either surface.

### 6.15.4 Installing the End Cap Bushing

To install the end cap bushing for the sprue bar, do the following:

1. Lock out and tag out the machine and hot runner controller. Refer to Section 2.5.
   
   **NOTE:** Husky recommends removing the hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 5.4.

2. Allow the hot runner to cool to room temperature (< 25 °C or < 77 °F) before working on the hot runner.

3. If equipped, make sure the locating dowels are installed. If a locating dowel is missing, apply high temperature anti-seize lubricant to a new locating dowel and install it in the sprue bar. Refer to Section 3.6 for a list of recommended lubricants.

4. Apply a high temperature anti-seize lubricant to the threads of the screws used to secure the bushing to the sprue bar. Refer to Section 3.6 for a list of recommended lubricants.

   **NOTE:** If running as a ball check anti-drool, there will be a single extension plug instead of the two bolts.

5. Secure the end cap bushing to the sprue bar with the two bolts or extension plug. Torque the screws to half the value specified on the assembly drawings and then torque them to the full value.
6.15.5 Removing the Ball Check Anti-Drool Bushing

To remove the ball check anti-drool bushing from the sprue bar, do the following:

1. Lock out and tag out the machine and hot runner controller. Refer to Section 2.5.
   NOTE: Husky recommends removing the hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 5.4.

2. Allow the hot runner to cool to room temperature (< 25 °C or < 77 °F) before working on the hot runner.

3. Remove the two bolts or extension plug at the end of the ball check bushing.
   NOTE: If running as a ball check anti-drool, there will be a single extension plug instead of the two bolts.

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**Figure 6-62 Replacing the Ball Check Anti-Drool Bushing**


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**WARNING!**

Burn and fire hazard – risk of serious injury and/or 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.

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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.
4. Slide the ball check anti-drool bushing out of the sprue bar. If necessary, carefully heat the bushing with a propane torch enough to soften the resin inside.

5. Clean the sliding surface and sealing surface of the sprue bar, making sure not to damage either surface.

6.15.6 Installing the Ball Check Anti-Drool Bushing

To install the ball check anti-drool bushing for the sprue bar, do the following:

1. Lock out and tag out the machine and hot runner controller. Refer to Section 2.5.
   **NOTE:** Husky recommends removing the hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 5.4.

2. Allow the hot runner to cool to room temperature (< 25 °C or < 77 °F) before working on the hot runner.

3. Inspect the dimensions of the sliding surfaces of the sprue bar and the new bushing. Surfaces should be very clean, and cooled to room temperature. There should be a difference in diameter of 0.005 mm to 0.015 mm. If the difference is outside of this specification, contact Husky for assistance.

4. Place the ball stop into the ball check anti-drool bushing.

5. Place the ball bearing into the ball check insert.

6. Thread the ball check insert into the ball check anti-drool bushing, making sure the ball stop and ball bearing do not fall out. Torque the insert to the value engraved on the part.

7. Insert the ball check anti-drool bushing into the sprue bar.
NOTE: If running as a ball check anti-drool, there will be a single extension plug instead of the two bolts.

8. Thread the sprue extension plug or two bolts into the sprue bar through the clearance hole(s) in the ball check anti-drool bushing. Tighten the plug by hand only.

6.16 Removing/Installing the Sprue Bar Heaters

The following procedures describe how to remove and install the sprue bar heaters.

CAUTION!

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the hot runner. The sprue bar heaters must be functional at the same time. If a sprue bar heater fails and is not replaced, the difference in thermal expansion from one side to the other will bend the sprue bar, causing excessive wear and damage to components and the hot runner. A resistance test (ohms) at the multi-pin connectors will determine if both heaters are functional.

6.16.1 Removing the Sprue Bar Heaters

To remove a sprue bar heater from the sprue bar, do the following:

1. Remove the hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 5.4.2 for more information.
2. Remove the sprue bar. Refer to Section 6.14.1 for more information.
3. Place the sprue bar in a soft jaw vice with the sprue bushing facing up.
4. Remove the sprue bushing. Refer to Section 6.15 for more information.

IMPORTANT!

The sprue bar heater wires are covered with a fiberglass insulation that may cause minor skin irritation. Wear personal protective equipment when handling them.

5. Install a screw into the end of the sprue bar heater. Pull the heater out of the sprue bar.
6. Push a piece of clean cloth down the sprue bar heater hole with a brass rod to remove oil and dirt.

6.16.2 Installing the Sprue Bar Heaters

To install a sprue bar heater in the sprue bar, do the following:

1. Install the sprue bushing. Refer to Section 6.15 for more information.
2. Rotate the sprue bar 180° in the soft jaw vice.
6.17 Removing/Installing the Sprue Bar Guide

The following procedures describe how to remove and install the sprue bar guide.

6.17.1 Removing the Sprue Bar Guide

To remove the sprue bar guide, do the following:

1. Retract the injection nozzle.
2. Lock out and tag the machine and controller (if equipped). Refer to Section 2.5 for more information.

WARNING!

Burn hazard - risk of serious injury. Machine surfaces can be hot. Wear personal protective equipment.

3. Remove the sprue bar guide and locating ring from the machine.
4. Separate the sprue bar guide from the locating ring.

IMPORTANT!

The sprue bar heater wires are covered with a fiberglass insulation that may cause minor skin irritation. Wear personal protective equipment when handling them.

3. Install the sprue bar heater into the heater hole until it makes contact with the sprue bushing.
4. Clean the sprue bar, making sure not to damage the manifold sealing surfaces.
5. Install the sprue bar. Refer to Section 6.14.2 for more information.
6. Install the hot runner into the machine. Refer to Section 5.4.1 for more information.
5. Disassemble the sprue bar guide and inspect the condition of the wear pads. Replace the wear pads if they are worn or damaged.

### 6.17.2 Installing the Sprue Bar Guide

To install the sprue bar guide, do the following:

1. Assemble the two halves of the sprue bar guide with the wear pads provided.

![Figure 6-64 Locating Ring and Sprue Bar Guide Installation](image)

![Figure 6-65 Locating Ring and Sprue Bar Guide Installation](image)

**WARNING!**

Burn hazard - risk of serious injury. Machine surfaces could be hot. Wear personal protective equipment.
2. If the sprue bar can disengage from the sprue bar guide when the mold is open, proceed to step 3. Otherwise, do the following:
   a. Open the operator’s side gate.
   b. Install the locating ring and sprue bar guide into the pockets machined into the mold plates. Torque the screws to the value specified on the assembly drawings.
   c. Close the operator’s side gate.

3. If the sprue bar cannot disengage from the sprue bar guide when the mold is open, do the following:
   a. Pull the mold and hot runner from the machine. Refer to Section 5.4.
   b. Install the locating ring and sprue bar guide into the pockets machined into the mold plates. Torque the screws to the value specified on the assembly drawings.
   c. Install mold and hot runner back in to machine. Refer to Section 5.4.

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

### 6.18 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.

#### 6.18.1 Plate Cleaning and Inspection

The following procedure describes a general cleaning and inspection process for plates.

**NOTE:** The recommended procedure for removing resin from hot runner components is a controlled fluidized bed process heat. Refer to Section 6.18.2 for more information.

To inspect and clean plates, do the following:

**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.

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.

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

7. Replace the plates as required, or contact Husky to rework.

   **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.

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.

### 6.18.2 Cleaning Using a Fluidized Bed Process

The following sections describe fluidized bed cleaning and preparing 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 or mold components.

### 6.18.2.1 Assistance

Husky provides a full system repair and cleaning service. A fluidized bed is available in some Husky locations, or Husky can help customers find a local fluidized bed cleaning process.

Contact Husky for more information.

### 6.18.2.2 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:

   **NOTE:** Refer to Section 6.18.2.3 for information about removing polyetheretherketone bushings.
   - Set screws
   - Polyetheretherketone or ceramic bushings
   - Surface hex head plugs
   - Nozzle tip insulators
   - Nozzle heaters
   - Sprue bushing heaters or transfer bushing heaters
   - Beryllium Copper (BeCu) components, such as some nozzle tips and tip retainers

   **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.

#### 6.18.2.3 Removing the Manifold Heater Protection Bushings

Due to the extreme temperatures in a fluidized bed (454 °C or 850 °F), Polyetheretherketone or ceramic manifold heater protection bushings must be removed from the manifold heater ends. The manifold heater protection bushings will melt if subjected to the cleaning process.

To remove the manifold heater protection 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.

## 6.19 Removing Resin from the Manifold Plate

Excess resin can weep out of the valve stem area into the manifold plate during production. This can inhibit valve stem performance, create manifold thermal control issues, and damage electrical wiring.

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**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.*

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**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 5.4.2 for more information.
2. Remove the injection manifold plate. Refer to Section 6.7.1 for more information.
3. Remove cylinder caps (if equipped).
4. Remove the backup insulators from the manifold.
5. Remove the resin deposits or dust 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. Remove the resin deposits or dust from the sealing insert on the backup pad.

8. Check all manifold and nozzle heater wiring using an ohmmeter. Refer to the electrical schematic for specific wire and heater resistances.

9. Install the backup insulators on the manifold. Refer to Figure 6-67 for more information.

10. Install the injection manifold plate. Refer to Section 6.7.2 for more information.

11. Install the hot runner into the machine. Refer to Section 5.4.1 for more information.
Chapter 7  Split Sprue Bar Assembly, Maintenance and Troubleshooting

This chapter describes how to assemble, maintain and troubleshoot Ultra stack hot runners equipped with a split sprue bar.

7.1  General Information

The split sprue bar (SSB) is a stack mold solution that delivers melt from the machine nozzle to the manifold of a stack mold hot runner. It has the following benefits over standard sprue bars:

- Eliminates the need for mechanical shutoff on injection units
- Open access for part handling
- No drool or stringing
- Operator friendly molding surface accessibility
- Wide operating window

The SSB is available in either an Inline or Offset version. The Inline (Figure 7-1) directs plastic through the center of the mold. The offset version (Figure 7-2) directs it to the top, bottom or sides via a transfer manifold on the stationary side.

The SSB uses a sliding and fixed nozzle combination. These nozzles can be located on either half of the mold.

Figure 7-1  Inline SSB Stack Mold (Typical)
7.2 Special Tools Required

Stem lapping tools (supplied with every new system):

- Nozzle Mount 4345224, Qty 1
- Stem Guide 4345358, Qty 1
- SHCS 600599, Qty 2
- Coarse Diamond Compound (Recommend HPN 4606820, Medium Cut Heavy #45 Brown 5g or similar)
- High Finish Diamond Compound (Recommend HPN 4606821, high finish heavy #9 green 5g or similar)

7.3 Molder Considerations

All Molders must understand the following before shooting plastic:

- There are a number of unique components in each Split Sprue Bar Stack Hot Runner. Husky will support the procurement of these items through our Spare Part Centers. However, Husky cannot guarantee rapid delivery in the event of a customer down situation. Therefore, Husky recommends the end user stock at least one of each custom item. Contact your Husky representative for a list/quote of parts that are recommended to have on-hand.
- To obtain the maximum performance from the Husky SSB through process optimization, Husky recommends that each SSB valve stem be controlled by a separate air circuit. This provision should be available on the IMM or Hot Runner controller used with this Hot Runner. During process setup, the center section stem should be set to
shut first (after machine decompression) and then the stationary side, 0.2 seconds later. Additional air circuits may be required to control the valve gates in the Hot Runner (if equipped).

- SSB performance relies on proper decompression of the hot runner before the mold opens. If the mold is pressurized during mold open, the pressurized plastic can force its way out of the stem/tip interface. This risk can be minimized with lapping the stem to the tip for a very good fit (done on new systems before leaving Husky), but proper decompression is also essential. The idea is to relieve as much of the pressure as possible before closing the SSB stems, which will then trap the leftover pressure. Often both decompression stroke and a ‘dwell time’ are required. The dwell time allows the plastic farthest away from the injection unit of your machine to catch up. It is NOT instantaneous.

- If possible, reduce the carriage pressure as much as possible during mold open while still maintaining a positive seal. This eliminates the additional stress on the molds stationary half.

- During operation of the SSB, the Molder can expect some performance differences compared to a Standard Sprue Bar.

- Temperature overshoot at the parting line due to shear generated heat through the SSB nozzle tips is normal.

- SSB nozzles engage before the mold is closed. Approximately 1,000 lbf (4,448 Newtons) of load will be generated during the last one millimeter of mold closing stroke. Mold protection may need to be adjusted to compensate/overcome this additional load.

- Do NOT clamp mold after plastic is in system without the SSB thermocouple reading a temperature that is at or above the resins melting point. The SSB sliding nozzle must move freely or damage can occur.

- For Inline split sprue bars only, the machine injection nozzle must have a 14.29 mm (0.56 in) inlet diameter.

**WARNING!**

Hot resin spray hazard – risk of serious injury. Residual pressure may be present in the hot runner and may cause hot resin to spray from the nozzle tips if released. Wear personal protective equipment including a face shield over safety glasses, heat resistant gloves and heat resistant clothing whenever entering the mold area.

- High pressure hot plastic could be unexpectedly released from the nozzles or split sprue bar inlet on the moving half during a cycle interruption. During cycle interruption pressure can build in the moving half melt channels due to plastic thermal expansion and gas generation. This creates a hazard if an operator is working in the clamp and the pressure causes the nozzle to unexpectedly discharge plastic.
# 7.4 Pre Startup Checklist

**WARNING!**

Do not clamp mold if plastic is in the hot runner and heats are not at resin melting temperature. Damage can occur to the SSB sliding nozzle.

**NOTE:** Measurements can be taken cold, but if plastic is in the hot runner, they must be taken hot.

1. Make sure the warning plates provided with the split sprue bar are installed on the mold.
2. Verify the SSB nozzle tip height and stem protrusion to the *SSB Assembly and Installation* drawing.
   The nozzle tip height is crucial because it determines how much SSB spring compression occurs when the mold closes. This affects performance, mold closing force and life of the SSB components.
3. Follow the pneumatic specifications. Refer to Section 3.4.
4. Turn on mold cooling.
5. Turn hot runner heats on and after the SSB zones have reached the resin melting temperature clamp up the mold. Before starting a cycle, wait an additional 15 minutes of soak time to make sure the resin has reached the operating temperature.
6. Verify both SSB stems are actuating at operating temperature and timing is set correctly.
7. At operating temperature the stems should move swiftly with no sluggish movement. If they do not, refer to Section 7.13.

**CAUTION!**

*Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to the mold and hot runner. To avoid damage to the valve stems and/or piston assembly, valve stems must be in the fully open position before injection starts.*

8. Valve stem Open timing is to open all stems before injection starts. They must open AFTER the mold is closed.
9. Optimal valve stem CLOSE timing:
   - Stems on Molded Part Gate (if applicable) = end of hold
   - SSB moving side stem = After decompression
   - SSB stationary side stem = 0.2 seconds after SSB moving side stem (must be before mold opens)
10. For offset systems only, verify the offset spring pack (Figure 7-3) has been installed in the mold. Refer to the assembly drawings located for more information.
7.5 Startup Procedure

After performing the Pre Start-up Checklist (Section 7.4), the system is ready to run. Along with the valve gate timing that was already configured, decompression is essential for performance of the system, especially when high injection pressures are being used to fill the cavity. When the split sprue bar valve stems shut, plastic is trapped inside the hot runner. If the hot runner is pressurized too much during mold open, the pressurized plastic can force its way out of the stem/tip interface. You must relieve as much of this pressure as possible before closing the SSB stems, which will then trap the leftover pressure. Often both a decompression stroke and a dwell time are required. The dwell time allows the plastic farthest away from the injection unit of your machine to catch up. It is NOT instantaneous. More decompression is required for systems with very high injection pressure. Lower injection pressure often requires no decompression.

There are two ways to achieve decompression when it is required:

1. If the machine has a nozzle shutoff:
   a. Open all valve stems.
   b. Inject/pack/hold.
   c. Close hot runner drop valve stems (if applicable).
   d. Screw pulls back after hold and pauses.
   e. Close SSB Center Stem.
   f. Close SSB stationary stem.
   g. IMM shutoff nozzle closes.
   h. Screw rotates for recovery.

2. If the machine does not have a nozzle shutoff:
   a. Open all valve stems.
   b. Inject/pack/hold.
   c. Close Hot runner drop valve stems (if applicable).
   d. Screw pulls back after hold and pauses.
   e. Close SSB center stem.
   f. Close SSB stationary stem.
g. Screw rotates for recovery.

h. Screw pulls back before mold opens.

7.6 Maintenance

7.6.1 SSB Proactive Maintenance

Some components need to be replaced periodically. The following table lists the recommended intervals.

Table 7-1 SSB Recommended Component Replacement Schedule

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<tr>
<td>2 Million Cycles</td>
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<tr>
<td>4 Million Cycles</td>
<td>SSB sliding nozzle and fixed nozzle tip</td>
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<tr>
<td>4 Million Cycles</td>
<td>SSB springs</td>
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<td>4 Million Cycles</td>
<td>SSB wedge collars</td>
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7.6.2 Cleaning the Sliding Nozzle Area

It is periodically necessary to remove resin from the sliding nozzle interface. The frequency of cleaning necessary is dependant on the resin type and processing parameters, and every application will be different.

7.7 Removing the Split Sprue Bar From the Mold (Inline VG Only)

The split sprue bar for inline valve gate systems must be removed when cleaning or changing seals and other components.

1. Lock out and tag the machine. Refer to Section 2.5.
2. Turn off the air supply and disconnect the hoses.
3. If the stationary side of the mold is still in the machine it must be removed. Remove the purge collar if it is still attached before pulling out the mold. To do this, rotate the collar until it disengages from the slots.
4. Disconnect the heater and thermocouple wires from the electrical connectors and remove them from the wire channels.

5. Remove the four SHCS that secure the locating ring.

6. Remove the four SHCS that hold the unit to the plates.

7. Slide the unit out of the plates.
### 7.8 Changing the Piston Seals on the Manifold Side Without Disassembling Plates

#### 7.8.1 Disassembly

1. The mold (usually cavity) plate that covers the access hole will need to be removed. In most cases, this can be done in the molding machine. The manifold plate that holds the SSB cylinder should then be exposed.

2. Remove the four SHCS securing the cylinder to the manifold.

3. Remove the cylinder from the plates by using pliers and grabbing on the webbing in the center of the cylinder. Two taps are also located on the cylinder with which the SHCS removed in step 2 can be threaded into and used to pull on the cylinder.

4. Remove the four SHCS from the piston. To avoid the piston rotating while removing the bolts, use a hex bit located in the center with your other hand.
5. With the piston out of the mold, remove the two retaining clips.

6. Slide the piston seals off. Use brass or another soft material if they are difficult to remove.

7. Remove the piston spacer.
8. Clean all parts, especially the piston. If any plastic is seen around valve stem, clean out as much as possible.

**NOTE:** DO NOT try to pull the valve stem out. It is a reverse taper and must be pulled from the nozzle side.

### 7.8.2 Reassembly

1. Install the new seals in the correct orientation.
2. Install the two retaining clips.

3. Install a new O-ring on the piston spacer and place it over the stem.
4. Insert the piston over the stem head and spacer. Apply high temperature anti-seize to the SHCS threads and under the head. Thread the bolts through the piston, into the spacer and torque to the value specified on the assembly drawings.

5. Check the two cylinder O-rings with a straight edge to determine if they are damaged or worn. If no gap exists or there is obvious damage, replace them and lubricate with silicone or equivalent.

6. Install the cylinder being careful to push it on straight without tilting it, which could cause seal damage. Install the bolts and torque to the value specified on the assembly drawings.

7. Apply air pressure to the stem closed and then the open air ports to check for leaks and watch for smooth stem movement (clean units only). No air should be heard in the closed and a small amount in the open. If the air leakage is > 5 LPM in the open, then a seal or sealing surface is damaged. Remove cylinder and check.

7.9 Replacing Heaters and Thermocouples

7.9.1 Replacing the Sprue and Guide Body Heaters/Thermocouples (Inline VG)

1. Lock out and tag the machine. Refer to Section 2.5.
2. Remove the inline valve gate split sprue bar from the mold. Refer to Section 7.7.
3. Remove the wire cover from the sprue body.
4. Remove the thermocouple.
5. Make sure the thermocouple hole/slot is clean of plastic and debris.
6. Install a new thermocouple into the hole and gently bend it towards the slot. Use a rubber tipped mallet to gently push/tap the wire into the slot.

7. Insert the retaining screw and tighten. Label the wire leads according to the assembly drawings.
8. Remove the wire and barrel connectors from the heater being replaced.
9. Remove the failed heater from the dove-tailed slot by gently prying it out using brass or another soft tool.

10. There are two different length heaters. Verify the part number (located on one end) on the assembly drawings.

11. Find the white marking on the heater that designates its center and bend the heater by hand to match the shape in the center of the groove.

12. With the heater positioned directly over the groove, gently tap it in with a rubber mallet. Be careful to start in the center and work outwards. Make sure the heater is completely in the groove before moving the mallet to the next section. Bend the heater by hand to make sure it is directly over the groove before hitting it with the mallet.

13. Remove the rubber piece on the heater lead.
14. Clip the heater leads if a gap exists when installing the barrel connectors so they fit snugly against the ceramic sleeve.

15. Tighten barrel connectors onto the heater lead and install the wire. Refer to Figure 7-17.

16. Slide the insulating sleeve over the heater. If it is deteriorated, replace the sleeve with a new piece approximately 30 cm (12 in) long. The ceramic sleeve should be covered.
17. Position the heater leads as shown in Figure 7-22.
18. Install the wire cover. Refer to Figure 7-15.
19. Assemble the unit back into the mold, being careful not to pinch any of the nozzle heater/thermocouple wires. Refer to Section 7.7 and reverse the procedure.

### 7.9.2 Replacing the Nozzle Heaters/Thermocouples (Inline VG)

1. Lock out and tag the machine. Refer to Section 2.5.
2. Remove the inline valve gate split sprue bar from the mold. Refer to Section 7.7.
3. Lock out and tag the machine. Refer to Section 2.5.

**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.

4. If the hot runner has the sliding nozzle on the inline side, it must be removed. If plastic is in the system, heat the nozzle using a hot runner controller (if equipped). Carefully remove the sliding nozzle with all springs and wedge seals attached. If they have plastic on them, clean them off.

**WARNING!**

Burn and fire hazard. 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.

Alternatively, if a controller is not equipped, slide the nozzle heaters down, remove the thermocouple and heat the nozzle with a torch. Be careful not to touch the heaters or thermocouples with the flame. Carefully remove the sliding nozzle with all springs and wedge seals attached. If they have plastic on them, clean them off.

5. Replace the damaged heater or thermocouple, being careful to have wires on the same side as the sprue body leads. There is a small cutout in the plate that these leads must exit on.
6. Insert the thermocouple into the hole and bend it around the nozzle, gently tapping it into the groove with a rubber mallet as you go. The wire should exit near where it started and then continue through the slot in the heater. Do not pinch the thermocouple with the heater. Be sure to label the wire leads per the Electrical Drawing.

7. Place an insulating sleeve over the thermocouple to protect the wires from damage.
8. Use a metal band or wire to gently hold the heater/thermocouple leads to the nozzle housing being careful that they align with the slot in the plate.

9. Assemble the unit back into the mold, being careful not to pinch any of the nozzle heater/thermocouple wires. Refer to Section 7.7 and reverse the procedure.

### 7.9.3 Manifold Side VG – Nozzle Heater/Thermocouple Replacement

**NOTE:** This procedure can be done in the machine for most split sprue bar designs.

1. Lock out and tag the machine. Refer to Section 2.5.

2. Latch the cavity plate over to expose the split sprue bar nozzle.

**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.

3. If the hot runner has the sliding nozzle on the inline side, it must be removed. If plastic is in the system, heat the nozzle using a hot runner controller (if equipped). Carefully
remove the sliding nozzle with all springs and wedge seals attached. If they have plastic on them, clean them off.

**WARNING!**

*Burn and fire hazard. 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.*

Alternatively, if a controller is not equipped, slide the nozzle heaters down, remove the thermocouple and heat the nozzle with a torch. Be careful not to touch the heaters or thermocouples with the flame. Carefully remove the sliding nozzle with all springs and wedge seals attached. If they have plastic on them, clean them off.

4. Remove the damaged heater or thermocouple.

5. Install a new heater or thermocouple. If the thermocouple is being replaced or reassembled, place an insulated sleeve over the lead wire and insert it into the hole, bending it around the nozzle. Gently tap it into the groove with a rubber mallet as you go. The wire should exit near where it started and then continue through the slot in the heater. Do not pinch the thermocouple with the heater. Be sure to label the wire leads per the electrical drawing.

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**Figure 7-27** Nozzle Heater and Thermocouple Assembly


### 7.10 Assembling/Disassembly the Inline Side VG Split Sprue Bar

#### 7.10.1 Assembly

To assemble the inline side of a valve gate split sprue bar, reverse the procedure in Section 7.10.2 and refer to the following assembly notes:

- Apply high temperature anti-seize to all SHCS threads and head seats.
7.10.2 Disassembly

1. If the unit is installed in the mold, remove the inline valve gate split sprue bar from the mold. Refer to Section 7.7.

**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.

2. If the hot runner has the sliding nozzle on the inline side, it must be removed. If plastic is in the system, heat the nozzle using a hot runner controller (if equipped). Carefully remove the sliding nozzle with all springs and wedge seals attached. If they have plastic on them, clean them off.

**WARNING!**

Burn and fire hazard. 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.

Alternatively, if a controller is not equipped, slide the nozzle heaters down, remove the thermocouple and heat the nozzle with a torch. Be careful not to touch the heaters or thermocouples with the flame. Carefully remove the sliding nozzle with all springs and wedge seals attached. If they have plastic on them, clean them off.
3. If the stem, nozzle housing, locating insulator or guide body are being replaced, remove the nozzle heaters/thermocouples.

4. Secure the nozzle housing or guide body in a vise using soft jaws to prevent damage.
   **NOTE:** Only perform step 5 and step 6 if the sprue bushing or sprue body is being replaced. Otherwise, proceed to step 7.

5. Remove the two SHCS that secure the drool guard. Pull the drool guard off.

6. Remove the four SHCS that secure the sprue bushing. Gently pry it off using the two slots.

7. Remove the two BHCS that secure the wire cover to the sprue body. Remove the wire cover.

8. Label all wires and terminals where they connect at the heater or thermocouple to help when reassembling. Disconnect the wires.

9. Remove the four SHCS that connect the guide and sprue bodies. Pull the two pieces apart. You may need to tap the sprue body with a rubber mallet to break the two plastic slugs.

10. Remove the four SHCS that secure the air plate to the cylinder.
    **NOTE:** If the cylinder is new, install two set screws with Teflon tape or pipe dope.

11. Remove the four SHCS that hold the cylinder to the guide body. Gently pull the cylinder straight off, being careful not to lose the four spacers.
NOTE: If reassembling, air test immediately after torquing the cylinder SHCS. Stem closed should have no air leakage. Stem open may have a little (<5 LPM), but it should be coming from the weepage fitting. Remove the cylinder and check for piston seal damage for air leakage >5 LPM.

NOTE: Only perform step 12 to step 16 if you need to replace the piston seals. Otherwise, proceed to step 17.

12. Remove the four SHCS from the piston. To avoid the piston rotating while removing the SHCS, utilize the hex located in the pistons center by securing it with an allen wrench/socket.

13. Remove the two retaining clips.
14. Slide the piston seals off. Use brass or another soft material if they are difficult to remove.
15. Clean all parts, especially the piston.
16. Install two new piston seals in the correct orientation and the two retaining clips.

17. Remove the piston spacer and replace the seal if needed.
NOTE: DO NOT try to pull the valve stem out. It is a reverse taper and must be pulled from the nozzle side.

Figure 7-36 Valve Stem
1. Reverse Taper

NOTE: If replacing the valve stem, it must be lapped to the nozzle. Refer to Section 7.12.

18. Remove the four SHCS that secure the piston stop and housing to the guide body. Remove the piston stop.

WARNING!
Burn and fire hazard. 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.

19. If plastic is in the system, heat the nozzle using a hot runner controller (if equipped) or torch. If using a torch, be careful not to have the flame touch the heaters or thermocouples. Carefully remove the guide body with the valve stem attached. Now heat the guide body (do not touch heater/thermocouple with the flame) and pull the stem out through the nozzle side. If it does not come out easily, tap it with a brass hammer or rod. Do not force it out. If it does not come out, it likely requires more heat.

NOTE: If replacing the nozzle, it must be lapped to the valve stem. Refer to the Lapping Procedure section of the manual.

20. Remove the locating insulator from the nozzle.
7.11 Assembling/Disassembling the Manifold Side VG Split Sprue Bar

NOTE: The following procedure is for assembly of the unit. To disassemble it, follow the procedure in reverse.

WARNING!
Before servicing, turn off power to hot runner controller at main disconnect.

7.11.1 Assembly

Before assembling the manifold side of a valve gate split sprue bar, refer to the following assembly notes:

- Apply high temperature anti-seize to all SHCS threads and head seats.
- Tighten all SHCS to torque listed on SSB Assembly & Installation drawing.
- Carefully inspect all surfaces that seal plastic to ensure they do not have any damage. Any plastic or carbon build-up on these surfaces must be completely removed to prevent leakage.
- Crush rings MUST be replaced every time they are unloaded.
- After installing the unit into the plates, measure the nozzle height and stem protrusion on the SSB Assembly & Installation drawing.

To assemble the manifold side of a valve gate split sprue bar, do the following:

1. Assemble the manifold clamp and injection manifold plates. Refer to Section 6.7.2.
2. Assemble the nozzle stacks. Refer to Section 6.10.2.
3. Finish manifold assemblies.
4. Assemble and install the backup insulators. Refer to Figure 6-67.
5. Assemble the backup pad on the cross manifold. Refer to Section 7.11.1.1.
6. Assemble and install the manifold or manifolds (if applicable, be very careful not to damage the backup pad and cylinder). Refer to Section 6.8.3.
Assembling the Split Sprue Bar Cross Manifold

To assemble the split sprue bar into the cross manifold, do the following:

1. Make sure the manifold bushing is installed. If it is not, contact Husky Service.
2. Install new inner and outer crush rings on the manifold bushing.

3. Install a new air seal crush ring

   **NOTE:** Do NOT reuse crush rings. Every time they are unloaded they must be replaced or leakage will occur.

4. Install the backup pad.

5. Install the retaining clip.

6. Install the valve stem from the nozzle side. It should be easily pushed through the bushing with one hand. If it does not fit, stop and clean the manifold bushing hole.

   **NOTE:** If replacing the valve stem, it must be lapped to the nozzle. Refer to Section 7.12.

7. Install the piston and cylinder. Refer to Section 7.8.

### 7.11.1.2 Assembling the Split Sprue Bar Manifold Side Nozzle

**NOTE:** All split sprue bars have a sliding and fixed nozzle. The sliding nozzle can be located on either side of parting line, depending on how it was designed. Refer to Section 7.1 for a description and the assembly drawings.

**NOTE:** Be very careful with the sliding nozzle. It has a delicate edge and precision fit to the mating nozzle housing.
1. Make sure the nozzle housing is clean and free of plastic on the outside heating surface, TC groove/hole and mating surface to the manifold.

2. Install the two springs over the nozzle.

3. Install the nozzle spring plate without the SHCS for now.

4. Install the heaters leaving equal gaps between them. The amount of heaters you have depends on the nozzle length. Refer to assembly drawings. Before the last heater is placed over the end of the tip, the thermocouple must be installed. Insert the thermocouple into the hole and bend it around the nozzle, gently tapping it into the groove with a rubber mallet as you go. The wire should exit near where it started and then continue through the slot in the heater. Do not pinch the thermocouple with the heater. Be sure to label all of the wire leads per the Electrical Drawing.
5. Install the crush ring on the manifold.

6. Place the nozzle assembly over the manifold bushing, being careful to align the slot on the nozzle with the dowel.

7. Apply high temperature anti-seize and tighten the four SHCS that secure the nozzle to the manifold following a sequence (Figure 7-43) and tightening in 30-70-100% torque increments. Refer to the SSB Assembly and Installation drawing for torque value.

8. If your system has a sliding nozzle on manifold side, assemble the SSB sliding nozzle and take the following measurements during assembly:
   a. Pressurize the valve stem closed and measure the stem position and nozzle height to either the manifold plate or cavity plate surface. Refer to the SSB Assembly and Installation drawing for dimension specifications.
b. Place the six springs over the sliding nozzle being careful to orient them correctly.

c. Place the wedge and collar seals over the nozzle.

d. Insert the sliding nozzle assembly into the receiving nozzle, being careful not to damage the delicate end.

**NOTE:** If replacing the nozzle, it must be lapped to the valve stem. Refer to the Section 7.12.

9. Assemble the cavity plate without the split sprue bar nozzle cover.

10. If the system has a sliding nozzle on manifold side, do the following:

    a. Pressurize the stem open and measure the distance from the nozzle (near the stem hole) to the cavity plate surface that will be under tonnage.
b. Install the four SHCS that secure the nozzle cover to the cavity plate following a sequence and tightening in 30-70-100% torque increments.

c. With stem still pressurized open, re-measure the distance from the nozzle (near the stem hole) to the cavity plate surface that will be under tonnage.

d. Pressurize stem closed and measure the stem protrusion from stem face to nozzle face just outside of the stem hole.
NOTE: For all of these measurements/torques, refer to the SSB Assembly and Installation drawing for dimension/torque requirements.

7.12 Lapping

The split sprue bar has valve stems with tapered shutoffs on both sides of the parting line. For top performance these valve stems need to be lapped to the mating nozzle. This creates a good seal to prevent resin from drooling out when the stems are closed and the mold is open. Because the components are lapped before leaving Husky, they are a matched set. If the stem or nozzle is replaced with a new part, they must be re-lapped to maintain top performance. There is one set of lapping tools that work on every split sprue bar configuration and they are supplied with every new stack hot runner that contains a split sprue bar.

7.12.1 Parts Required

Universal stem lapping tool (shipped with every SSB stack hot runner)
- Nozzle Mount 4345224, Qty 1
- Stem Guide 4345358, Qty 1
- SHCS 600599, Qty 2

Coarse Diamond Compound
- Recommend MSC 05652581, Medium Cut Heavy #45 Brown 5G

High Finish Diamond Compound
- Recommend MSC 05652516, High Finish Heavy #9 Green 5G

7.12.2 Procedure

1. Slide the valve stem through the lapping tool. Figure 7-50 shows the possible lapping tool configurations depending on your system.
2. Apply the coarse diamond compound to the end of the stem with the taper.

3. Slide nozzle into the tool and rotate with fingers while applying downward pressure. Do this for a few minutes.

4. Remove nozzle. Clean end of stem with a rag. Remove stem. Place rag over stem and insert into the nozzle, rotating to clean the debris left from lapping.
5. Reassemble the components and measure the stem protrusion (how far it protrudes past the nozzle face). Compare to the value listed on the assembly drawing. If protrusion is less than value listed on assembly drawing, repeat step 1 to step 4 using coarse diamond compound again. Recheck measurement and repeat if necessary.

6. After measurements are correct, repeat step 1 to step 4 using the high finish diamond compound. This needs to be done only once for a few minutes to smooth the surfaces.

7. When lapping is completed, clean the lapping residue out of nozzle and valve stem using a rag, cotton swab and isopropyl alcohol or mold cleaner. Refer to Figure 7-52.

8. Repeat procedure for all split sprue bar interfaces (reconfigure the universal tool per Figure 7-50).

9. The stem and nozzle are now a matched set. Do not mix them up.
## 7.13 Troubleshooting

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<td>Clean both tips and visually inspect to see if they are worn or the stems are not making proper contact.</td>
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<td>Stem timing is not correct</td>
<td>The center section SSB stem should close 1st to allow the material to be pushed into the stationary side SSB. Approximately 0.2 seconds later the stationary side stem can be closed. This helps to prevent material from being trapped between the two stems.</td>
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<td>Decompression not sufficient</td>
<td>If high pressures exist in the hot runner when the mold opens, then drooling is likely. These pressures need to be reduced using decompression between hold and recovery. Decompression ‘dwell’ time may also be required. This is allowing the screw to sit after it pulls back but before rotation and allows the pressure further downstream to be relieved before SSB stems close.</td>
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<td>Plastic leakage into SSB piston area</td>
<td>Reverse taper worn/damaged</td>
<td>The ‘reverse taper’ geometry on the SSB valve stem/bushing helps to create a seal when the stem is in the open position. If this area is damaged then that seal is compromised.</td>
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<td>Reverse taper not touching off</td>
<td>Check for stem/bushing, piston/seal/cylinder damage, etc. Any area that would prevent the stem from coming all the way back.</td>
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<td>Internal crush ring on top of manifold bushing is not sealing.</td>
<td>Replace this crush ring (and any other that is unloaded during the disassembly/assembly process).</td>
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<td>Plastic leakage outside of plates</td>
<td>Crack in the manifold/bushing/etc.</td>
<td>Investigate for cracks near the origin of the leak. If crack is found, contact Husky.</td>
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<td>Crush ring leaking</td>
<td>Replace crush rings as required. (Be sure that any other crush ring that is unloaded during disassembly/assembly is replaced).</td>
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<td>Manifold Plug has backed out</td>
<td>Investigate origin of leak. If plug is leaking, contact Husky.</td>
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## Sluggish valve stems
- **Potential Cause:** Insufficient air supply
- **Solution:** Place a pressure gauge in-line on the stem close/open lines of the stem that is having issues. Make sure the gage is as close to the hot runner as possible. Actuate and watch the pressure gage. If the pressure does not rise very quickly and reach at least 80psi, there is an issue. The issue is either: a) sticky solenoid b) insufficient line diameter c) insufficient air volume d) line length too long between solenoid/mold and/or compressor/solenoid e) insufficient air pressure f) blocked airline.

## Stem/bushing issue
- **Solution:** The valve stem might be too tight in the bushing. This could have been caused by a) carbon build-up reducing the gap b) foreign matter c) stem or bushing damage.

## Piston/Cylinder/Seal
- **Solution:** If the piston or cylinder has damage, they can seize together or cause sluggish stems. The seal can be torn and wedged between the piston/cylinder. The seal could also simply be worn and allowing air to pass by it. This can be checked by pressuring the stems open, removing the closed line and feeling the close port on the hot runner for air flow. If air flow is felt, the piston seal is leaking. A small amount of leakage here is normal. Maximum allowable air leakage in the system is 5 LPM before issues will occur. This can be checked with a flow meter placed in-line with the supply airline.
Chapter 8   Storage and Shipping

Hot runner surfaces are sensitive to many environmental conditions and require special methods for storage and shipping to avoid damage.

NOTE: Before shipping the hot runner by air, follow the storage instructions in Section 8.2.

NOTE: Before shipping the hot runner overseas, follow the storage instructions in Section 8.3.

CAUTION!

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to equipment. Store all hot runners in an air conditioned environment.

8.1   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.

For additional corrosion protection during storage, add a moisture-absorbing silicate bag before sealing the hot runner in a vacuum polyethylene bag.

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).

8.2   Short Term Storage

Short term storage is intended for periods less than three months and can be done either in the machine or separately.
8.2.1  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 clamp to full shutheight.
2. Lock out and tag the machine and controller (if equipped). 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.
5. Inspect all moving components for damage. Replace or repair as needed.

**WARNING!**

Poison hazard – risk of death or serious injury. Protective sprays could 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 LPS 2 Protective Spray. Allow surfaces to dry for approximately two hours.
   Refer to Section 3.6 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.

8.2.2  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 clamp to full shutheight.
2. Lock out and tag the machine and controller (if equipped). 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.
6. Inspect all moving components for damage. Replace or repair as needed.
7. Spray all accessible faces and molding surfaces with LPS 2 protective spray. Allow surfaces to dry for approximately two hours. Refer to Section 3.6 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 5.4.2 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.

8.3 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 8.2.2 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.

4. Add a suitably sized moisture-absorbing silicate bag to the polyethylene bag. The silicate bag offers additional corrosion protection.

5. Remove the lift bar and hoist ring.

6. Vacuum heat seal the polyethylene bag to retain the protective spray and prevent invasion of dirt or moisture.
8.4 Shipping the Hot Runner

The following guidelines should be followed when shipping a hot runner:

CAUTION!

Mechanical hazard – risk of damage to equipment. Residual coolant could 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.

- 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.
- 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