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Installation, Operation & Maintenance Manual for Flo-Max Coupler Bracket Model FM150

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IMPORTANT: KEEP THIS DOCUMENT WITH THE PRODUCT UNTIL IT REACHES THE END USER.

1. Contact with or inhalation of Liquid Anhydrous Ammonia (NH₃) or of LP Gas can cause **SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH**.
2. Before installation or removal of any tank valve, the system must be purged of all product.
3. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), safety gloves, goggles and clothing should be worn.
4. For proper handling and storage of NH₃, and Liquefied Petroleum Gas refer to ANSI Standard K61.1 and NFPA Pamphlet 58.
5. An abundant supply of fresh water should be available to provide immediate first aid treatment for exposure to NH₃ and LP-Gas.
6. To prevent the accidental opening of any valve, never grasp or carry a valve by its Hand wheel or handle.
7. To ensure long term safe operation, the manufacturer recommends that under normal service conditions this product should be inspected at least once every year and be repaired or replaced as required.

TOOLS REQUIRED: Safety Equipment (i.e. gloves, goggles, and clothing), 12" Adjustable Wrench, 7/16" Open End Wrench, and 12" Pipe Wrench.

The Flo-Max II coupler is designed to disconnect the nurse tank hose from a tool bar before the straight pull force on the hose exceeds 600 pounds. Upon disconnect, swing checks in both halves of the coupler snap closed to stop flow of product from the nurse tank or the tool bar.

WARNING! FAILURE TO READ AND UNDERSTAND THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN THIS INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL CAN LEAD TO PROPERTY DAMAGE AND SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

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WARNING! PROPER OPERATION OF THIS DEVICE AND YOUR SAFETY DEPENDS ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. The mounted coupler must be able to **freely swivel** approximately 80 degrees to each side **AND** about 30 degrees up and down. This must be done so the coupler will be presented with a straight pull by the hose in the event of a situation where the nurse tank comes free of its attachment to the tool bar. If the coupler cannot swivel properly, the hose may pull at an angle which causes the separation force to increase greatly and may bind the coupler preventing separation. **Since pull away events often occur in a turn, the ability of the coupler to swivel as described is critical to operation of this device.**
2. All piping and valves in the system should be able to withstand a pull force greater than 600 lbs.
3. The female part of the coupler that is attached to the swivel bracket must be able to move at least 1/3 inch toward the bracket to compress the latch spring to allow unlatching of the coupler in the event of a pull away. The hose and fittings attached to the coupler at the swivel bracket must not catch on anything that would prevent movement of the coupler toward the bracket during a pull away, otherwise the coupler will not separate.
4. The latch spring cavity must be kept free of any objects that would prevent compression of the latch spring in a pull away. A rubber cover is provided for this purpose and should be replaced if damaged or missing.
5. Manually connect and disconnect this device before every usage season. Verify closure and full movement of swing checks and inspect for corrosion debris, binding or any other obstruction and replace or repair as required. Since all metal surfaces in working contact are corrosion-free stainless steel, no change out date is required as long as the unit is inspected before every usage season.
6. In a pressurized pull away situation, approximately 125 cc of liquid NH₃ will be released from between the swing checks.
7. **WARNING!**
 - Contact with NH₃ liquid or inhalation of NH₃ vapors can cause **serious injury or death**.
 - Protective clothing, goggles and gloves must be worn at all times.
 - Emergency water must be available to flood any NH₃ contact area on the body.

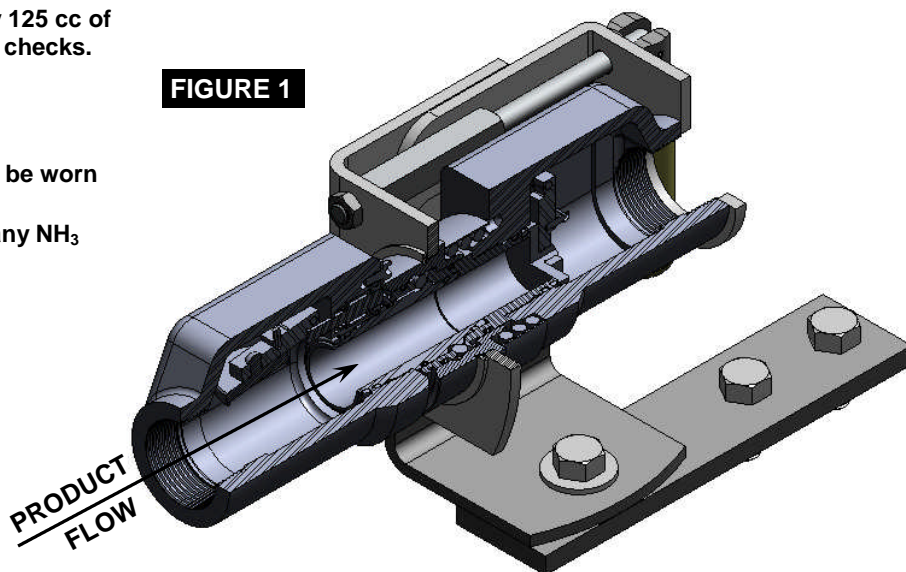


FIGURE 1

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BRACKET INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

It is mandatory that the Flo-Max II Coupler be installed into a mounting bracket that allows the Coupler full freedom to always, and under any condition, align itself for a straight line pull from the nurse tank hose. The Squibb-Taylor Model FM150-1500 Mounting Bracket provides this freedom of motion and is available through your local distributor. It is also mandatory that the Flo-Max II Coupler and mounting bracket assembly be mounted on the tool bar at a location that will ensure the nurse tank hose will not be pinched or restricted from full movement freedom during operation.

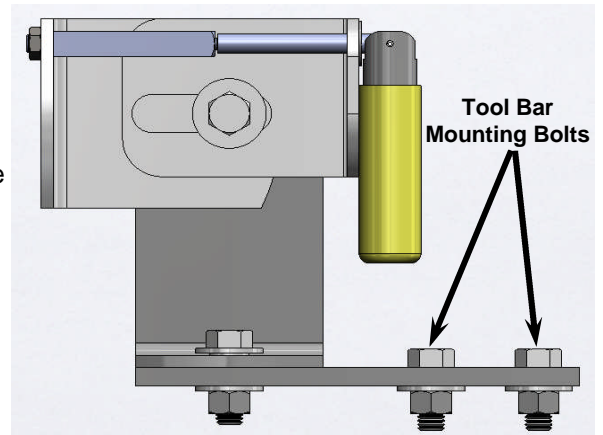


FIGURE 2

WARNING:
Improper constraint of an Flo-Max II Coupler outlet hose can cause a **SERIOUSLY UNSAFE CONDITION**.

REFER TO FIGURE 3 - SAFE INSTALLATION

Figure 3 specifies the minimum outlet hose constraint parameters to assure safe rotation of the Flo-Max II Coupler. The outlet hose must have a minimum height of 25 inches and must not be tied down or restricted for at least 4.5 feet from the mounting bracket holding the Flo-Max II Coupler. If these minimum parameters are met, the coupler will have ample slack in the outlet hose to allow the coupler to swivel freely and separate properly in the event of a pull-away.

SAFE INSTALLATION

WARNING!
Install a **Hydrostat relief valve and Bleed Valves** in the ports provided.

The outlet swing check of the Flo-Max II will automatically close when flow stops. When flow has stopped and the outlet swing check is closed, NH₃ will be trapped between the Flo-Max II outlet and the hydraulic or electric NH₃ shutoff valve when the shutoff valve is closed. **Hydrostat Relief Valve and Bleed Valves** are not included.

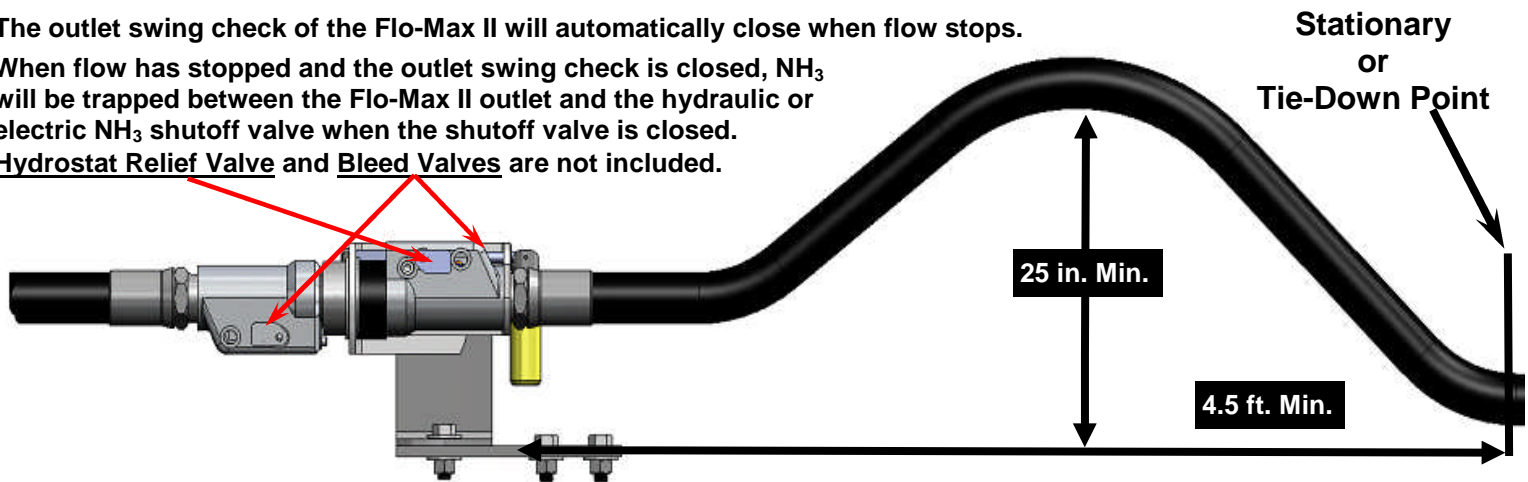


FIGURE 3

WARNING!
Verify proper coupler installation after the outlet hose is connected to the metering system and the inlet hose is connected to the nurse tank by gripping the nurse tank hose at least 3 feet from the coupler and move the hose approximately 80 degrees right and left of the center and 30 degrees up and down from horizontal. The coupler should be able to freely swivel to each of these four positions and remain in straight alignment with the nurse tank hose. In each of the four positions, the assembly should be able to withstand a pull force of 600 pounds without bending or breaking the coupler bracket or coupler bracket mounting support on the tool bar. Check to be sure that there are no obstructions that might interfere with free movement of the coupler. If two couplers are installed on a tool bar, each one should be able to pass this test when both couplers are fully installed and connected.

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FLO-MAX II COUPLER INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS (CONT'D.)

1. Open bracket as far as necessary to install female half by rotating handle counter clockwise
2. Screw the handle in till bracket is snug to the rear of the coupler.
3. **MAKE SURE THE BLEED VALVE IS OPEN**, then insert the Male Plug into the Female Socket as far as possible using only hand pressure.

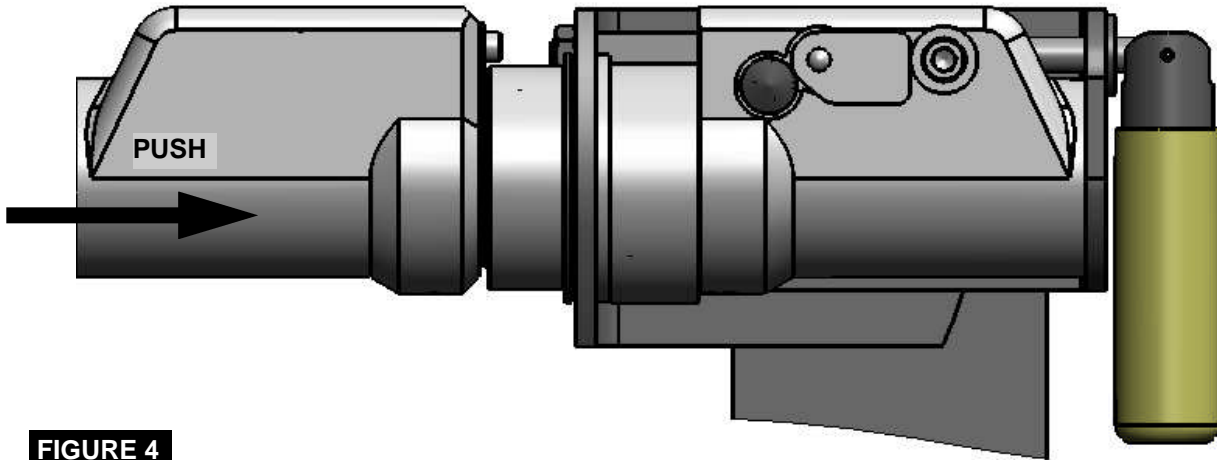


FIGURE 4

4. Pry the Coupler latch in the direction shown to compress the spring. Hold in this position and push the male plug in place, which will allow the Male Plug to move to its operating position and the Latch Balls to engage.

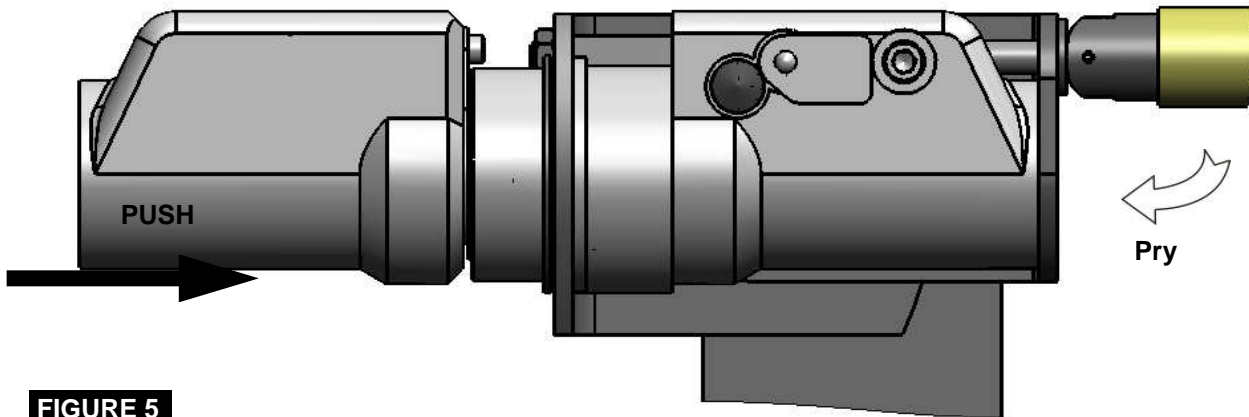


FIGURE 5

5. Once the male plug is fully engaged, return the handle to the horizontal position to lock the coupler halves together. Pull the Male Half to make sure the latch is engaged. Screw out the bracket handle so it's not snug with bracket and let it hang as shown below. This will ensure the coupler will not disengage accidentally.

Ease Force Slowly

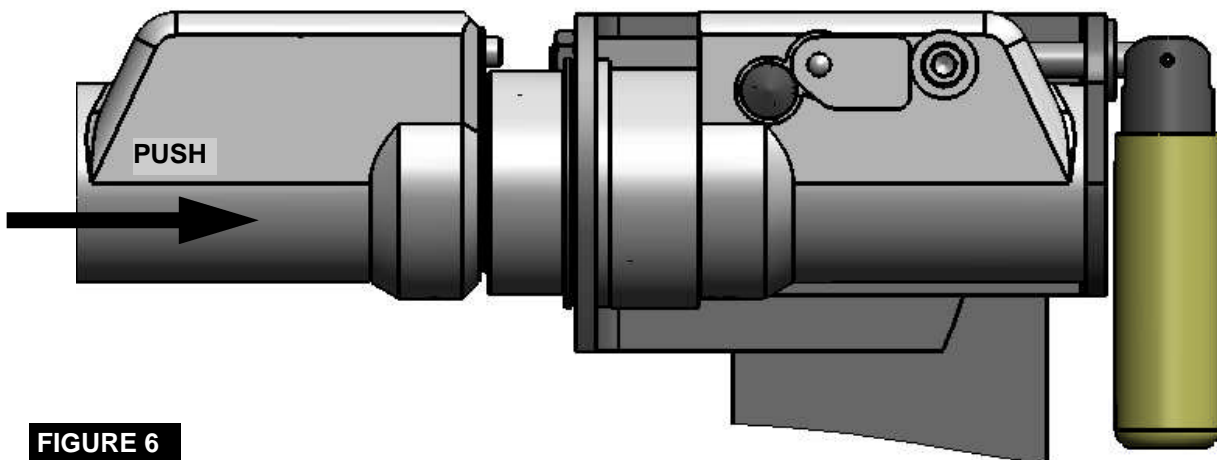


FIGURE 6

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FLO-MAX II COUPLER INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS (CONT'D.)

6. **GRASP THE SUPPLY HOSE AND MAKE SURE THE Flo-Max II MOUNTING BRACKET CAN FREELY MOVE 80° RIGHT, 80° LEFT, 30° UP AND 30° DOWN, AS A MINIMUM.**
See FIGURE 3 - SAFE INSTALLATION.
7. Manually disconnect the coupler as described on page 7 to verify proper installation.
8. Reconnect the coupler as described in steps 1-10 below.
9. **CLOSE ALL BLEED VALVES.**
10. Open valves according to applicator manufacturer's instructions when ready to apply NH₃.

RECONNECTION AFTER SEPARATION

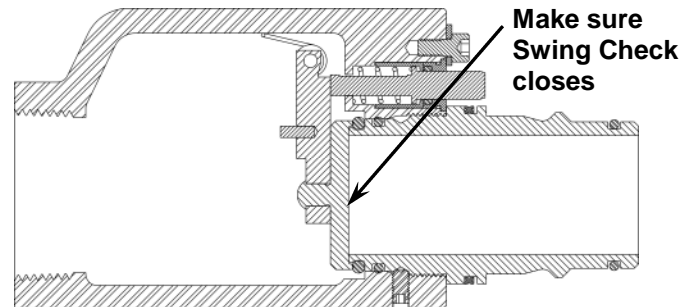
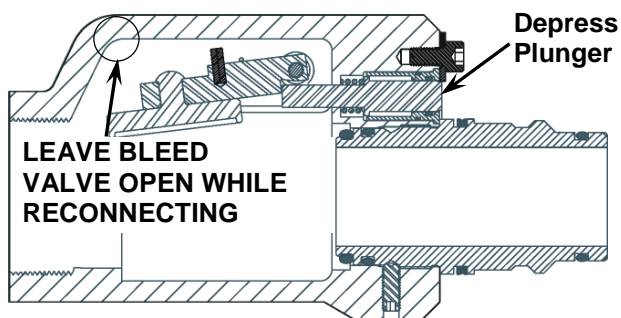
Before attempting to reconnect the Coupler:

1. **CLOSE ALL VALVES AND INSPECT ALL HOSES, VALVES AND FITTINGS FOR PROPER CONDITION.**
2. **OPEN THE BLEED VALVE ON THE MALE HALF TO RELIEVE PRESSURE IN THE NURSE TANK HOSE.**
LEAVE THE BLEED VALVE OPEN.
NOTE: Pressure may be trapped in the Female Half, but the Coupler may still be reconnected.

WARNING!

THE BLEED VALVE MUST BE LEFT OPEN TO PREVENT RESIDUAL LIQUID FROM RE-PRESSURING THE HOSE.

3. **Inspect the Male Half of the Flo-Max II Coupler by depressing the Plunger to make sure it operates freely and the Swing Check returns to the closed position when the Plunger is released.**



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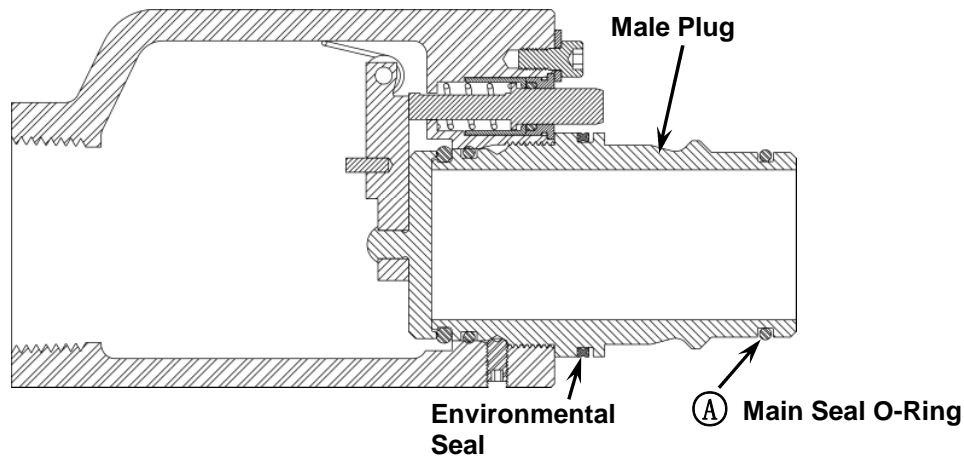
RECONNECTION AFTER SEPARATION (CONT'D.)

4. Wipe the outside of the Male Plug with a clean cloth to remove any dirt and debris from the Main Seal O-Ring and Environmental Seal Quad Ring.

Inspect the O-Rings and replace them if damaged. See Service Kit Figure.

WARNING!

IN THE EVENT OF A FORCED DISCONNECT, THE MAIN SEAL MAY BE BLOWN OUT OF ITS GROOVE, BUT WILL REMAIN ON THE MALE PLUG. BE SURE TO CLEAN AND INSPECT THE MALE PLUG AND THE O-RING, AND RE-INSTALL THE O-RING IN ITS PROPER LOCATION AS SHOWN BELOW AT ①.



5. **Make sure the Bleed Valve is open**, then insert the Male Plug into the Female Socket as far as possible using only hand pressure. As shown in Figure 7.

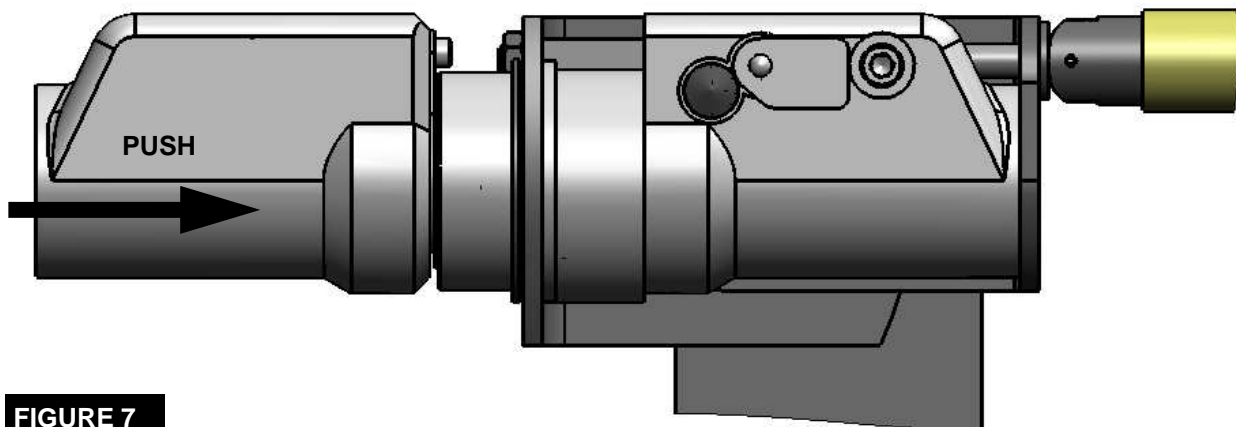


FIGURE 7

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RECONNECTION AFTER SEPARATION (CONT'D.)

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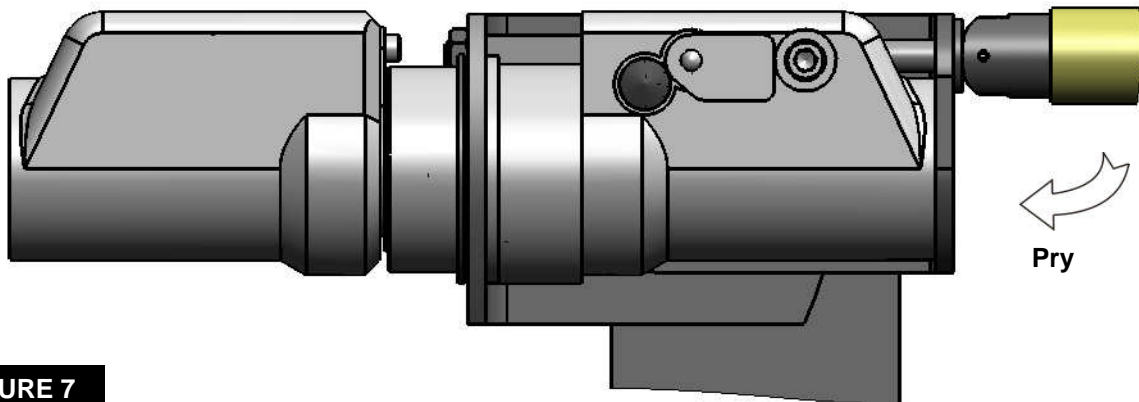


FIGURE 7

7. Once the male plug is fully engaged, return the handle to the horizontal position to lock the coupler halves together. Pull the Male Half to make sure the latch is engaged. Rotate the bracket handle 5-6 turns counter clockwise so that it is no longer in the contact with the bracket and let it hang freely as shown in Figure 8. This is normal operating condition and will ensure the coupler will not disengage accidentally.

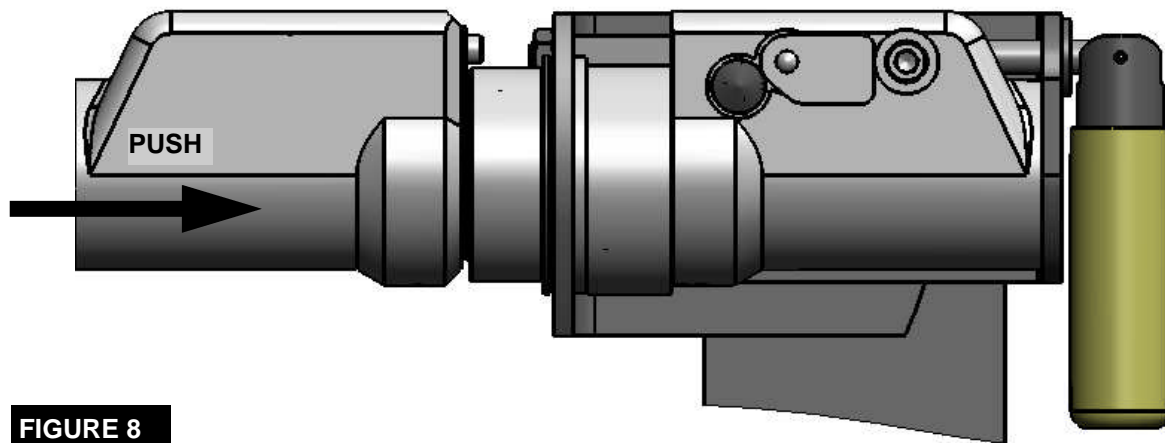


FIGURE 8

8. **GRASP THE SUPPLY HOSE AND MAKE SURE THE Flo-Max MOUNTING BRACKET CAN FREELY MOVE 80° RIGHT, 80° LEFT, 30° UP AND 30° DOWN, AS A MINIMUM.**
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9. **CLOSE ALL BLEED VALVES.**
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DANGER!

It is imperative that all pressure is removed from the inlet side of the coupling before separating the coupler manually.

USE EXTREME CAUTION!

A 125 cc liquid release of NH_3 will occur from the internal cavity of the Flo-Max II Coupler when separated.

Serious bodily harm could result if the coupler is separated while under pressure.

1. CLOSE THE NURSE TANK WITHDRAWAL VALVE.
2. OPEN THE BLEED VALVE ON THE MALE HALF TO RELIEVE PRESSURE IN THE NURSE TANK HOSE. LEAVE THE BLEED VALVE OPEN.

NOTE: Pressure may be trapped in the Female Half, but the Coupler may still be reconnected.

WARNING!

THE BLEED VALVE MUST BE LEFT OPEN TO PREVENT RESIDUAL LIQUID FROM RE-PRESSURING THE HOSE.

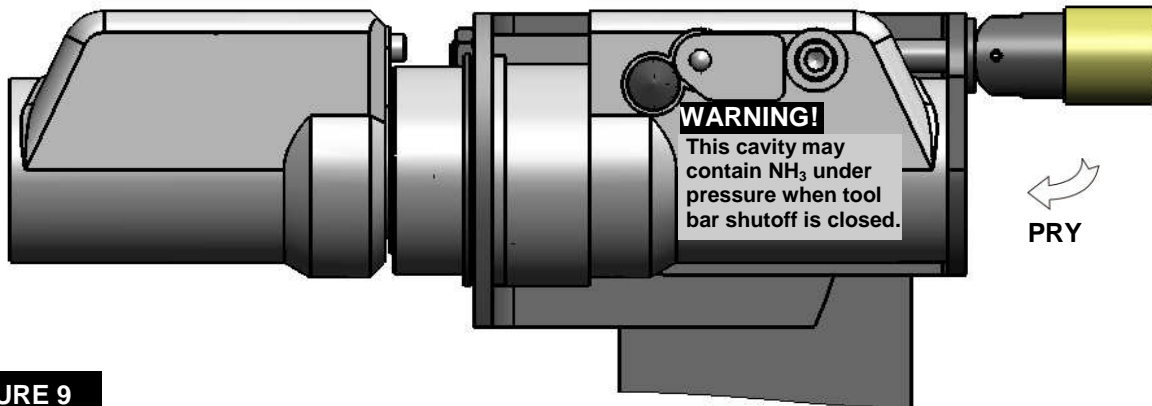


FIGURE 9

WARNING!

IF THE FEMALE HALF IS TO BE DISCONNECTED FOR ANY REASON, ALL PRESSURE MUST BE BLED FROM THE TOOLBAR SYSTEM PIPING PRIOR TO DISCONNECTION.

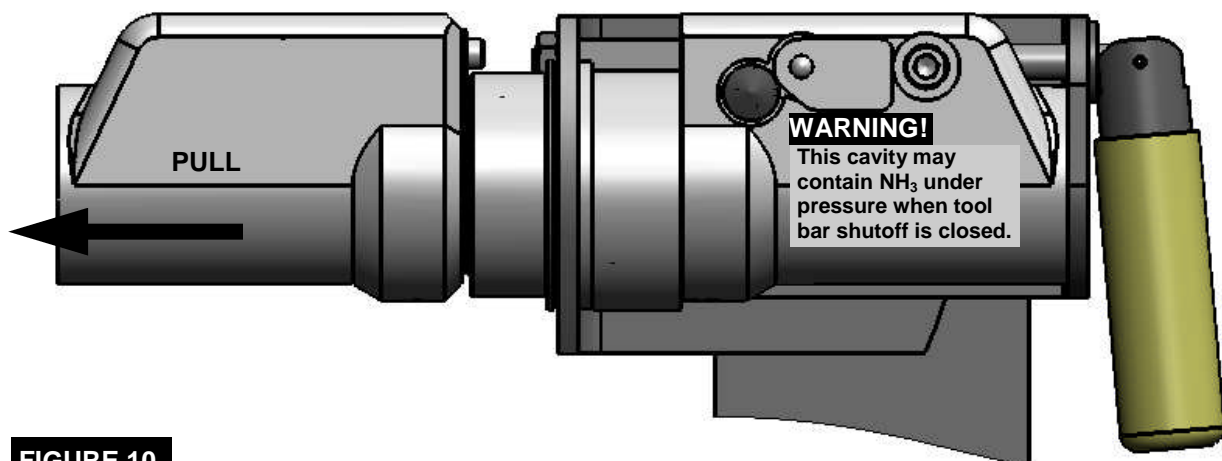


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