

## Low Flow Air Atomizing

The XA nozzle system uses the energy in compressed air to produce highly atomized sprays at low flow rates. There are many interchangeable components that can be assembled to achieve a variety of spraying objectives.

#### **SPRAY SET-UPS**

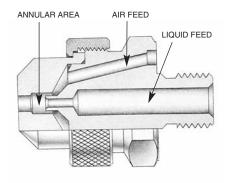
XA nozzles produce eight distinctly different types of sprays, depending on which interchangeable air and fluid caps are selected. The spray type and flow rate are determined by the "set-up"—a specific combination of one air cap and one fluid cap.

#### **Internal Mix Set-ups**

Liquid and air streams meet within the nozzle and are mixed together and expelled through the same orifice(s). This internal mixing means the streams are not independent; a change in air flow will affect the liquid flow. This makes precise metering of the liquid more difficult than with an External Mix Set-up. Internal Mix Set-ups are able to produce the finest atomization of any of the XA set-ups, but they are generally not suitable for use with liquids which have a viscosity that is above 200 centipoise.



Bold letters (A, B, C, D, E, F) refer to hardware assemblies shown on p. 78.

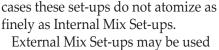


Cutaway View: Internal Mix Set-up

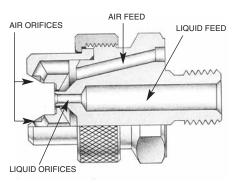
#### **External Mix Set-ups**

The air and liquid streams exit the nozzle independently and are combined and mixed outside of the nozzle. Because there is no connection between the air and liquid lines within the nozzle, the air and liquid flow rates can be controlled independently, allowing precise metering of the liquid. The atomization can be controlled by adjusting the air flow rate—more air produces finer atomization. In most

A. End Plug



External Mix Set-ups may be used with liquids having a viscosity above 200 centipoise and for abrasive suspensions. BETE Applications Engineers can provide guidance for



**Cutaway View: External Mix Set-up** 

spraying high viscosity liquids.

#### Siphon Set-ups

Internal and External Mix Set-ups require the liquid to be supplied to the nozzle under pressure from a municipal water supply, pump, or pressure pot. Siphon Set-ups use the flow of compressed air within the nozzle to siphon liquid from a container. Siphon Set-ups are frequently used for spraying additives from a container without the use of a pump. They provide the



lowest flow rates available in the XA series (as low as 0.38 L/hr). They are generally not suitable for use with liquids having a viscosity above 200 centipoise.

By supplying the liquid under pressure, SR Set-ups may be used with liquids having a viscosity above 200 centipoise. In this case, the liquid flow rate is regulated by the fluid cap, and can be determined by using the EF chart for the specific fluid cap.

#### **BASIC OPERATION**

The basic XA nozzle assembly consists of a body, a spray set-up, and a "hardware assembly" that can provide shut-off and clean-out capabilities.

#### Non-Automatic Operation

The **XA00 Square Body** is the basic component of a non-automatic XA nozzle. Air and liquid feeds are located at opposite ends, perpendicular to the spray.

The **XA03 Body** has air and liquid feeds on one side, perpendicular to the spray axis.

The **XA05 Body** has air and liquid inlets located in-line with the spray. *Hardware assemblies cannot be used with the XA05 body.* 

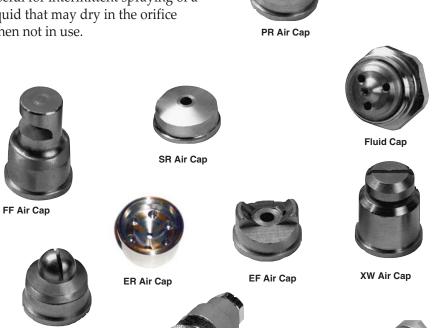
XA00 Body with C Hardware

### Hardware Assemblies for Non-Automatic Operation

**A. Plug.** The minimum option hardware assembly required for XA operation. Provides neither clean-out nor shut-off.

**B. Shut-off.** Turning the knurled knob will stop the flow of liquid to the nozzle. Should not be used to meter the flow of liquid.

C. Clean-out. Pressing the springloaded plunger will force a small dia-meter rod through the liquid orifice, cleaning any obstruction. Useful for intermittent spraying of a liquid that may dry in the orifice when not in use. **D. Clean-out/Shut-off.** Combines functions of hardware assemblies B and C in one unit.

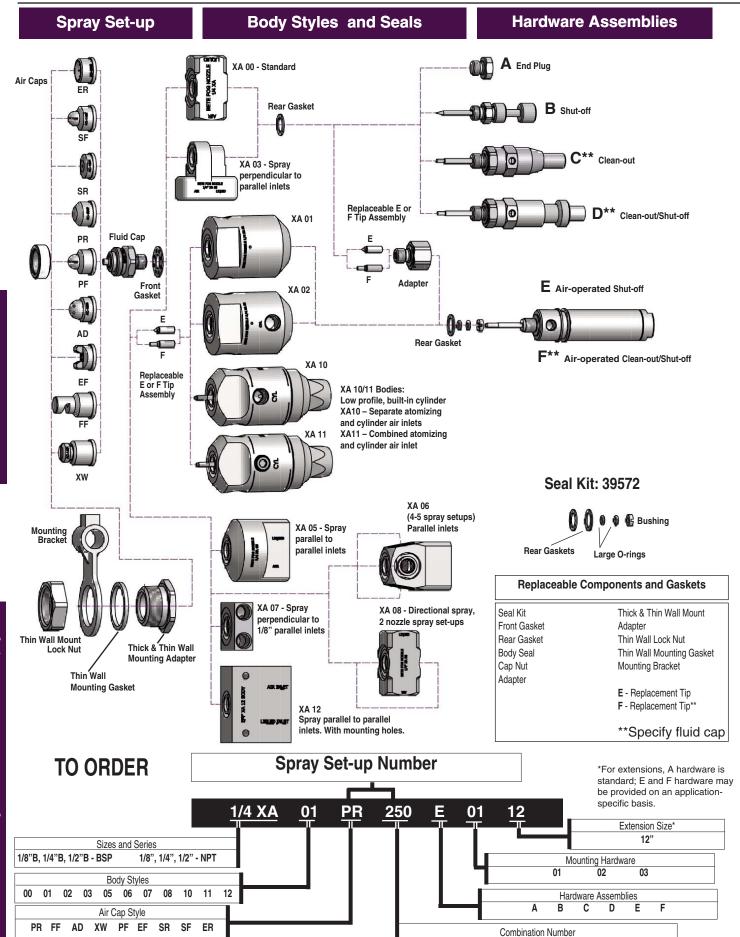


XA03 Body

PF Air Cap

XA05 Body

XA 01/02 Body with E or F Hardware



#### **AUTOMATIC OPERATION**

For critical applications which require automatic, no-drip, or high-speed spray shut-off, the XA can be supplied with an air-cylinder-operated shut-off or clean-out/shut-off. These air cylinders provide virtually instantaneous liquid shut-off at rates of up to 180 cycles per minute. The air cylinders require a minimum of 5.5 bar to run that fast.

Bodies for Automatic Operation
The XA01, XA02, XA10, and XA11
Round Bodies are rugged, highly reliable, and well-suited to the rigors of high-cycle automatic operation.
They have been designed to simplify the feed piping required for installing automatic nozzles by providing a constant location for the air inlet piping. With their neat, professional appearance, they are particularly recommended for OEM applications.

The **XA01 Round Body** has one inlet for air and one for liquid. Because the air inlet supplies air for both cylinder movement and liquid atomization, spraying during startup and shut-off is not as crisp and precise as with the XA02. *The XA01 body cannot be used with atomizing air pressure under 2 bar.* 

The **XA02 Round Body** has two inlets for air and one inlet for liquid. One of the air inlets supplies the cylinder and the other supplies

atomizing air. The XA02 body must be used when the air cylinder operates at a different pressure from the atomizing air or where the atomizing air is supplied below 2 bar. NOTE: The XA00 Square and XA03 Bodies used for non-automatic operation can also be used, with hardware assemblies E or F, for automatic operation. Special design features allow field upgrading to automatic operation.

The **XA10** and **XA11** Bodies have a built in air-operated cylinder.

The integral cylinder provides a smaller profile for use where space is limited.

#### Hardware Assemblies for Automatic Operation

**E.** Air-Operated Shut-off. Removal of air pressure to the cylinder causes a spring-loaded poppet valve actuator to shut off liquid flow.

**F. Air-Operated Clean-out/Shut-off.** Operation similar to E, but includes a clean-out needle.

#### **SOLENOID VALVES**

Electrically operated solenoid valves can be used to control the operation of any XA nozzle. BETE can supply solenoid valves matched to your specific application.

## Solenoids for Automatic XA Nozzles.

A 3-way, quick-exhaust solenoid valve is required to operate the E or F hardware assembly. The valve is

located in the line that supplies air to the cylinder, as close to the nozzle as possible. Independent control of the atomizing air of an XA02 or square body requires an additional 2-way solenoid valve.

## Solenoids for Non-Automatic XA Nozzles.

Two-way solenoid valves can be used to stop and start the flow of air and liquid to any non-automatic XA nozzle.

## FILTERS, REGULATORS AND STRAINERS

For optimum reliability, every XA nozzle should have a strainer and regulator in the liquid feed line and a filter and regulator in the air feed line. Every XA nozzle with a Siphon Feed Set-up should have a filter and regulator in the air line. The size and type of each of these components depends on the application, and can be determined by your BETE sales representative. BETE maintains an inventory of filters, strainers, and regulators that can be supplied with your XA nozzle to ensure reliable operation. These components can be purchased individually or in kit form.



Simple piping and robust design describe this multiple nozzle XA lance.



The XA06 manifold body can be fitted with up to five nozzle setups and is often used for humidification of large areas.



Corrosion-resistant XA in PVC

#### SPRAY EXTENSIONS

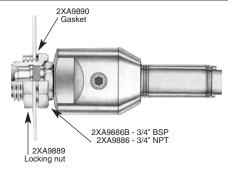
The spray set-up can be moved away from the nozzle body by using optional 152mm or 305mm extensions. These allow the spray to be moved closer to the target while keeping the nozzle body and associated piping at a distance.

#### **MOUNTING HARDWARE**

In many XA installations the nozzle is supported by the rigid metal pipe that supplies air or liquid. There are several components which can provide support for the XA Bodies when it isn't appropriate to suspend the nozzle from piping; for example, when the nozzle will spray through the wall of a tank or duct, or when the air and liquid will be supplied through flexible tubing. All XA bodies except the XA03 can be used with any of the mounting hardware described here.

#### Thin Wall 02 Adapter

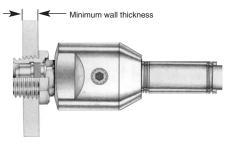
Three-piece adapter used to support an XA nozzle with the body located outside a tank or duct having a relatively thin (less than 10mm) wall and the spray directed into the interior. To use this adapter, a 27mm diameter hole must be drilled through the wall. This adapter both secures the air cap and attaches the nozzle body to the tank wall.



XA02 with Thin Wall 02 Adapter

#### Thick Wall 01 Adapter

Similar in design and function to the Thin Wall Adapter, but intended for use with tanks or ducts with walls that are thick enough (10mm or over) to be drilled and tapped for a 3/4" NPT thread.



XA02 with Thick Wall 01 Adapter

#### **Mounting Bracket 03 Adapter**

This bracket is used in combination with a Thin Wall Adapter to support an XA nozzle from a 13mm-diameter metal rod. The bracket allows flexibility in aiming the spray.

#### **MATERIALS**

#### Bodies, Fluid Caps, Air Caps, **Hardware Assemblies, Mounting Hardware**

The standard materials for the XA series are nickel-plated brass and 303 and 316 stainless steels. Other metals and plastics can be supplied on request. See page 12 for a complete material list.

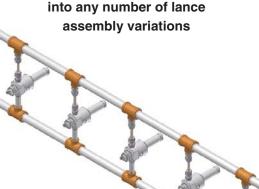
#### Air Cylinders

The air cylinders used for XA hardware assemblies E and F have rods and cylinders made of stainless steel and end caps made of anodized aluminum. All metal parts in contact with the spray liquid are 316 stainless steel.

The standard material for XA gaskets is compressed fiber with a neoprene binder. For installations requiring FDA approval, SBR gaskets are available. Other elastomeric and metallic gasket materials can be supplied on request.

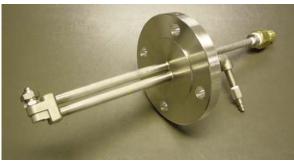
The standard material for O-rings in XA automatics is Viton®. Other materials available on request.





Automatic XA nozzles in a manifold configuration used for coating a very wide product

**BETE can fabricate XA nozzles** 

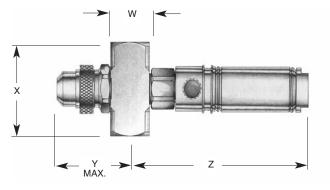


Spray lance (see pages 18, 19) with a right angle XA

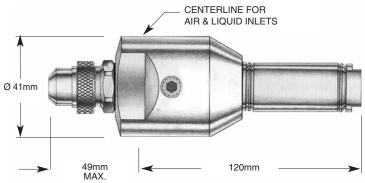
Spray Set-up Numbers									
SPRAY SET-UP		PIPE SIZE BSP or NPT	SET-UP NO.	FLUID CAP	AIR CAP				
EF	FLAT FAN (EXTERNAL MIX)	1/8 OR 1/4	EF 050 EF 100 EF 150	FC7	AC1001 AC1003 AC1001				
			EF 200 EF 250	FC4	AC 1001 AC 1003 AC 1001				
			EF 300	FC3	AC 1003				
			EF 350 EF 400	FC6	AC 1002 AC 1004				
			EF 450 EF 500	FC2	AC 1002 AC 1004				
			EF 550	FC1	AC 1002				
			EF 600 EF 650	FC8	AC 1004 AC 1005				
			EF 700	FC9	AC 1005				
		1/2	EF 750 EF 5050	FC5 FC501	AC 1005 AC 5001				
		1/2	SF 050	FC3	AC1101				
SF	SIPHON FLAT FAN	1/8 OR 1/4	SF 100	FC6	AC 1102				
31			SF 150 SF 200	FC2 FC2	AC 1103 AC 1104				
		1/8 OR 1/4	SR 050	FC7	AC 1201				
			SR 150 SR 200	FC4 FC4	AC 1201 AC 1202				
SR	SIPHON		SR 250	FC3	AC 1202				
Jn	ROUND		SR 400 SR 450	FC1 FC5	AC 1204 AC 1205				
		1/2	SR 5050	FC501	AC 5201				
PF		1/8 OR 1/4	PF 050	FC4	AC 1301				
			PF 100 PF 150	FC3 FC3	AC 1303 AC 1301				
			PF 200	FC3	AC1302				
	PRESSURE FLAT		PF 250 PF 300	FC2 FC1	AC 1304 AC 1304				
	FAN		PF 350	FC1	AC 1305				
			PF 400 PF 5050	FC5 FC501	AC 1306 AC 5301				
		1/2	PF 5100	FC502	AC 5301				
XW	EXTRA WIDE-ANGLE	1/8 OR 1/4	XW 050	FC8	AC 1401				
	ROUND	1/2	XW 5050	FC502	AC5401				
		1/0	PR 050 PR 100	FC4 FC4	AC 1501 AC 1502				
	PRESSURE ROUND	1/8 OR 1/4	PR 150	FC3	AC 1502				
PR			PR 200 PR 250	FC2 FC1	AC 1503 AC 1503				
			PR 300	FC5	AC 1503 AC 1504				
		1/2	PR 5050 PR 5100	FC501 FC502	AC5501 AC5502				
			AD 050	FC302	AC 1601				
	WIDE ANGLE ROUND	1/8 OR 1/4	AD 100	FC2	AC 1603				
			AD 150 AD 200	FC2 FC1	AC 1602 AC 1603				
AD			AD 250	FC1	AC 1604				
		1/2	AD 300 AD 5050	FC5 FC501	AC 1605 AC 5601				
			AD 5100	FC501	AC5602				
			AD 5150	FC501	AC5603				
FF	DEFLECTED FLAT FAN	1/8 OR 1/4	AD 5200 FF 050	FC502 FC10	AC 1701				
ER	NARROW ANGLE ROUND	1/8 OR 1/4	ER 050 ER 150	FC7 FC4	AC 1801				
			ER 250 ER 350 ER 450 ER 550	FC3 FC6 FC2 FC1	AC 1802				
			ER 650 ER 750 ER 850	FC3 FC9 FC5	AC1803				

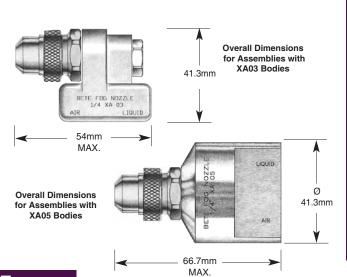
# Dimensions with Hardware Options for XA00 Body, BSP or NPT

			Dimensions in (mm)					
	Pipe	Hardware	W	X	Υ	Max. "Z"		
_	Size	Option						
		Α				14.3		
	1/8	В				42.3		
	OR	С	22.2	42.9	49.2	63.5		
	1/4	D				77.0		
		E				103		
_		F				103		
	1/2	A	31.8	63.5	68.3	25.4		



Overall Dimensions of XA Assemblies with XA00 Body (Shown with E or F Hardware)





## SYSTEM SET-UPS AND ACCESSORIES

BETE carries a complete line of controls and accessories required for setting up a system using the XA Series nozzles.

Contact your BETE representative for details.

#### **Pressure System Set-up**

In a pressure-fed system, the liquid is supplied under pressure to either internal or external mix BETE XA Series nozzles.

Air and liquid regulators control the fluid delivery pres-sure, while the air filter and liquid strainer ensure that the supplied fluids are of high quality.

Operational control is maintained by manual or solenoid valves used in conjunction with the various hardware assemblies.

#### Siphon System Set-up

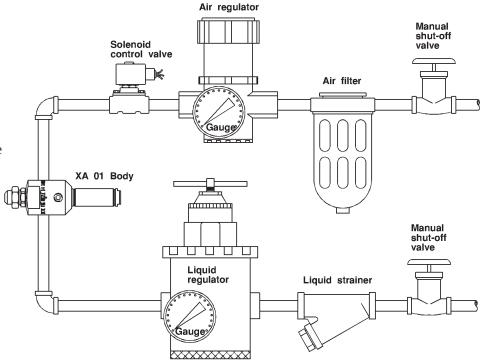
In a siphon-fed system, the liquid is supplied by either a siphon or gravity feed.

An air regulator controls the air delivery pressure, while the air filter ensures that the compressed air is of high quality.

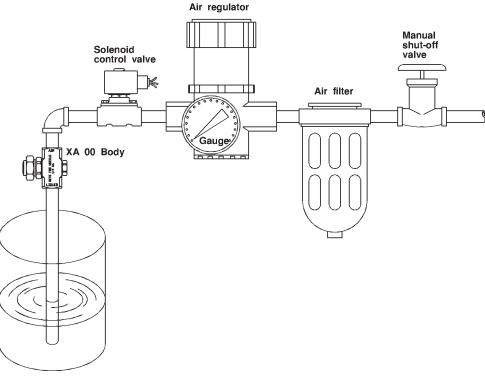
Operational control is maintained by manual or solenoid valves used in conjunction with the various hardware assemblies.

When used as a gravity feed set-up, a positive liquid shutoff capability should be provided.

Filters, regulators, and strainers matched to your XA application are available from stock.



PRESSURE SYSTEM



SIPHON SYSTEM