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## Maguire MGF-ST

This document is the Original Instructions manual of the Maguire MGF-ST with the Touchscreen controller.

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To every person concerned with use and maintenance of the Maguire MGF-ST it is recommended to read thoroughly these operating instructions. Maguire Products Inc. accepts no responsibility or liability for damage or malfunction of the equipment arising from non-observance of these operating instructions.

To avoid errors and to ensure trouble-free operation, it is essential that these operating instructions are read and understood by all personnel who are to use the equipment.

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## Safety Notifications



## HAZARD - ELECTRICAL

Only qualified electrical technicians should make electrical connections. Disconnect and lockout power supply before servicing Blender.

Disconnect electric before opening or servicing. Use Power Lockout Tagout.

CAUTION - Always wear safety glasses when using this equipment.


## HAZARD - AUTOMATIC STARTUP

WARNING - Feeder may start automatically without warning.


## Maguire MGF-ST Features

## MGF-ST Gravimetric Feeder

Throughput capacity: Injection molding Up to $40.0 \mathrm{lb} / \mathrm{hr}$ ( $18 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{hr}$ )

Extrusion -
Up to $120.0 \mathrm{lb} / \mathrm{hr}$ ( $55 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{hr}$ )

Full function gravimetric feeder for the price of a volumetric model.


## Eliminate Waste of Colorants and Additives

This compact loss-in-weight additive feeder precisely measures the amount of additive that is fed directly into the machine throat to eliminate costly waste.

## Standard features:

3 Standard Modes of Operation
Cyclical, Continuous and Extrusion Following Modes. Rate (volumetric) also available.

## Reduces Input Error

The easiest setup procedure in the industry: enter let-down ratio and either shot weight or $\mathrm{lb} / \mathrm{hr}$ output and press start. Feeder automatically adjusts to screw recovery time and extruder output.

Fine Metering Resolution
100 rpm Stepper Motor advances at 200 increments per revolution. In combination with digital control, the 200 -step rotation achieves fine metering resolution of $\pm 0.2 \%$.

## Automatic Re-calibration Ensures

## Continuous Accuracy

Automatic adjustments guarantee that feed rate is held to within $\pm 0.2 \%$ of desired let-down ratio.

## Dual Load Cells

Balanced load readings improve accuracy.

Torque-limiting Drive Coupling
Protects drive motor in case of jammed auger.

## Easy-to-Use Microprocessor Controller Saves

## Time

User-friendly controller has intuitive setup procedure.

## USB Port

Allows data download, data printout and software update capability.

## Detailed Material Usage Documentation

Microprocessor control allows data collection via G2 networking software, or MLAN protocol via Ethernet.

## Eliminates Downtime Associated with Color Change <br> Feeder automatically re-calibrates to new color, so no additional setup required. Spare hoppers available for faster color changes.

Exclusive 5-Year Warranty

## ASSEMBLY AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

The MGF consists of these assemblies:

1. The Adaptor Frame Assembly
2. The Bar Assembly (for the Controller).
3. The Controller
4. The Load Cell Assembly
5. The Auger Tube Assembly
6. The Hopper Assembly

## MOUNT THE ADAPTOR FRAME



1. The ADAPTOR frame mounts directly to the throat under your current natural material hopper. For proper ORIENTATION, consider the following:

- Orient the Auger Tube Assembly at $90^{\circ}$ to the machine barrel.
- Clearance and ease of access for removing the hopper.
- Easy viewing and access to the controller.
- The feeder will hang from the side of the adapter that has the opening into the flow chamber.

2. Locate and drill the proper bolt patterns (top and bottom of the adapter frame). This frame will be bolted directly to the feed throat of your process machine and the natural material hopper will be bolted on top.

The TOP plate has the ROUND hole. The BOTTOM plate has the SQUARE hole.

## MOUNT THE CONTROLLER

3. The CONTROLLER will be mounted to a bar that bolts on the left side of the adaptor frame. You may also mount the controller in a remote location and use optional extension cords to connect the motor and load cell. Be sure that the mounting screws are tight.

## HANG THE LOAD CELL ASSEMBLY

4. Hang the Load Cell Assembly from the side of the frame with the opening into the chamber. (See photo) Tilt unit. (1) Slip upper ear behind the corner post. (2) Slip the lower ear behind the other corner post. (3) Raise the lower ear up and rest the load cell assembly into frame as shown.


## INSTALL AUGER TUBE ASSEMBLY

5. Insert the Auger Tube Assembly into Load Cell Assembly and hang onto the two bolt heads.

## INSTALL HOPPER ASSEMBLY

6. Place the hopper assembly on the load cell assembly and secure with the hold downs.

## PLUG IN ALL CORDS

7. Plug the motor and load cell cables into the Load Cell Assembly.
8. Plug the black power cable into a standard 120-volt (EURO, 230 VAC) outlet.


## CONNECT SIGNAL CABLE

9. Standard equipped for contact closure applications only, your controller will be equipped with the supplied cable lead and 5 -pin connector. You will also have a 20 ' length of cable with a mating 5 -pin connector. This cable will connect to the MGF controller using the connector, and the open end will be wired to your equipment. The open ends leads should be wired to the screw signal normally open contact closure. When the screw is retracting contacts will close and then open at the end of the retract. The time closed is used by the MGF to adjust output. This 5 -pin connector is also used with an extrusion following $0-10$ volt signal.
See the MGF wiring diagram on page 43.
10. If optionally ordered with 24 to 120 VDC or VAC plug the "SIGNAL" (gray) cord will be plugged into outlet that is energized only when the screw is turning. Signal voltage can be from 24 to 120 VDC or VAC. The screw signal on-time can not be less then 1 second. INJECTION time or CLAMP CLOSE time are options.

## Description of Controls

1. POWER ON / OFF SWITCH - Turns power on or off. Switch light is illuminated when MGF is powered ON.

2. START / STOP on-screen button - This on-screen button provides a run signal to the circuit board. For the MGF feeder to run, a screw turning signal MUST be present, providing power to the screw signal cord, AND the RUN switch must be in the RUN position. The only exception is when the PRIME feature is selected. This will operate the auger without any Run signal.

## Touchscreen Overview

## Home Screen 주

## The Home Screen contains several fields and buttons:

Title Bar - Located across the top of the screen, the title bar displays Model, ID, current operating mode, date and time, Ethernet and USB status.

Info - The i (info) button displays information about the MGF including firmware and serial number.


Actual Weight - The actual weight of material currently in the hopper.
Mode - Displays current configuration. Cycle, Continuous or Extrusion Following mode.
Recipe - Screen to set, save and load preconfigured MGF settings.
Tag - Screen to set material tag information. Operator, Recipe and Work Order tags. Used in communications.
Shot Weight or Rate - Displayed setting based on selected Mode. Metering Rate or Shot Weight. See page 11.
Load - On/Off button (if enabled) activates the loader. See page 23.
Prime - Primes and calibrates the MGF - See page 14.
Start / Stop Button - Main Start / Stop Control Button of the MGF.
Let Down Ratio (LDR) - Let Down Ratio, Percent. See page 11.
View - Screen to view, clear or save: MGF ID, date/time, totals, cycles, work order, recipe, operator. See page 36.
Injection / Recovery -Cycle Mode only. Displays the state of the cycle, Injection or Recovery.
Navigation Menu - Located along the right side of the screen, these buttons allow quick navigation to frequently used and top-level screens. The middle three buttons are soft buttons that can be changed or removed.


Home Screen Pressing the Home Screen button from any other screen will return the operator to the main Home Screen.


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\begin{array}{ll}
\text { Alarm and Event } & \begin{array}{l}
\text { Alarm and Event Log displays a history of alarms and other events with a date and time } \\
\text { stamps and description. }
\end{array} \\
\text { Live Diagnostics } & \begin{array}{l}
\text { Live Diagnostics displays a cycle summary of detailed diagnostics information scrollable } \\
\text { back through a history of cycles printable to USB. }
\end{array} \\
\text { Print Center } & \begin{array}{l}
\text { A menu screen of print related options including Totals, Parameters, Alarm History, Events, } \\
\text { Cycle History, Diagnostics. }
\end{array}
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Setup Password protected area to access the MGF settings. See page 19.

## SOFTWARE SETUP - FIRST TIME ONLY

## Select Mode of Operation - CYCLE, CONTINUOUS, EXTR FLLW

| Press | Display will prompt for a password. (default: 22222) |  | Then press: |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Press | System Configuration | Display will show the System Configuration categories. |  |
| Press | Mode of Operation | Select the Mode of Operation: Cycle, Continuous or Extrusio | lowing |
|  |  | Select CYCLE... <br> for injection molding, where the off with each cycle. In this mode the SHOT WEIGHT of the part on set the LDR (Let Down Ratio) on CYCLE mode your MGF will disp (shot weight $x$ LDR) during the le time. | auger turns on and irst step is to enter main screen. Next main screen. In the calculated rate of screw recover |
|  |  | Select CONTINUOUS... <br> for extrusion, where the MGF au this mode the first step is enter of the extruder on the main screen. (Let Down Ratio) on the main sc mode your MGF will run continuo rate (lbs/hr x LDR). Auger speed to maintain dispense rate. | uns continuously. In or KILOS) / HOUR lext set the LDR In CONTINUOUS at the calculated adjust automatically |
|  |  | Select Extrusion Following for extrusion, where the MGF au following the 0-10 volt reference screw. In this mode the first step parameter. Setting XMO will aut extruder throughput on the main volt reference. See page 30 for (Let Down Ratio) on the main sc Following mode your MGF will run calculated rate (lbs/hr x LDR). A automatically to maintain dispens | uns continuously by ge of the extruder set the XMO ically calculate en based on a 0-10 Next set the LDR In Extrusion ntinuously at the speed will adjust e. |
| Press | , | To save the Changes. |  |

## Set Units - Pounds, Grams or Kilograms

| Press | Display will prompt for a password. (default: 22222) |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Press | Display will show the System Configuration categories. |  |
| Press | Preferences | Select the Weight Units: <br> Pounds, Grams or Kilograms. |
| Press |  | To save the Changes. |

## Set Date and Time

| Press | Display will prompt for a password. (default: 22222) |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Press | Display will show the System Configuration categories. |  |
| Press | Preferences | Display will show the System Preferences categories. |
| Press | Date and Time | Using the keypad, set the date, time and date format. |
| Press |  | To save the Changes. |

## Set Model and Auger Size

Press
Display will prompt for a password. Enter 97531 Then press:


The current model will be displayed in the first field.
Press MGF Series Display will show the available models for your MGF controller.
Press the model that matches your auger size.

| Model | Auger Size |
| :--- | :--- |
| MGF-3 | 3/8-inch Auger |
| MGF-4 | 1/2-inch Auger |
| MGF-8 | 1-inch Auger |

Press


To save the Changes.

## Start Up Procedure

## 1. Turn POWER ON:

The opening screen displays for 5 seconds and shows your current firmware and bootloaders software versions for the touchscreen controller and I/O, in the information window.

The display then shows the Main Home Screen of the MGF. Depending on your Mode of Operation, the Main screen will either display Shot Weight (grams) for Cycle Mode or Pounds or Kilograms per hour for Continuous Mode.


## Adjustments

Depending on your selected Mode, the display will show SHOT/WT or LBS/HR (KG/HR). To adjust this value, follow these instructions:


LDR - Let Down Ratio - To adjust this value, follow these instructions:


## Rate Calibration

A rate calibration should be done after a material change, or when the model is changed (auger size change). A rate calibration will reset the flow rate grams per revolution to the current material.

| Press | MGF Configuration | Display will prompt for a password. <br> (admin default: 22222) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Press | Display will show the System Configuration categories. |  |
| Press | Calibration Routines | Display will show available calibration routines. |
| Press | Calibrate Motor Rate | The display will show the Current Flow Rate in grams per <br> revolution. To calibrate a new flow rate press START. <br> The display will show a warning to make sure the slide gate is <br> open before running a rate calibration. Press START again to <br> begin the calibration. The motor will run for 30 seconds and <br> calculate a new flow rate. When complete, press EXIT. |

## Prime the MGF Auger and Calibrate Rate

It may be necessary to prime the auger prior to running. Prime will allow the MGF to run without a signal from the process machine. Run time is automatically limited to 30 seconds and will also calibrate the flow rate at the same time. To Prime, follow these instructions:

| Press | PRIME | Display will show pop-up dialog box with the message: <br> Warning: Make sure Slide gate is <br> open before running the prime. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Press |  | to proceed with the prime. | cancels prime. |
|  | During the prime a pop-up dialog box will display: PRIME ON: with a 30-second <br> countdown timer. Prime can be cancelled by pressing the red $X$ |  |  |
| Press |  | When prime is complete, the message will display: PRIME <br> COMPLETE. Press the green check to return to the Home screen. |  |

When the MGF settings are adjusted, a rate calibration performed, and the MGF is primed with material, it is ready for operation. Press the START button run the MGF.

## What happens during NORMAL OPERATION

The software uses the information you have entered, lbs/hr (or shot wt) and Let Down Ratio, plus the motor factor, to determine a correct percentage offtime between steps for the motor to control speed.

Two 10K load cells detect the loss of weight after each dispense. Based on this feedback, adjustments are made to the percentage off-time to maintain the correct metering rate.

In the CONTINUOUS mode the percentage off-time, (motor speed) is adjusted to hold the correct loss in weight of the hopper.

In the CYCLE mode the speed is adjusted to meter the correct amount over the full screw signal cycle time. A change in process screw signal time will result in an adjustment to motor speed.

Speed adjustment is based on the previous screw return time. If screw return time is SHORTER then the PREVIOUS time, the auger motor will continue past the end of the run signal for 1 additional second. It will run faster on the next dispense to end in time.

## Alarms and Troubleshooting

## NO METERING - ALARM CODE:48

This alarm indicates that no loss in weight has been detected during the last several cycles. After clearing the alarm, metering will continue, however the alarm will not re appear until after you have remedied the problem.

## The following conditions are required to generate the NO METERING ALARM

a. Before this alarm is checked, the system needed to have been running for at least 24 seconds.
b. If the MGF is in continuous or extrusion follow mode, the target rate needs to be more than $7.5 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{min}$.
c. If the MGF is in cycle mode, the target rate needs to be more than 2 grams / cycle.

If the above conditions ( a and (b or c)) are met, then the MGF will compare the current bin weight with a captured value from 24 seconds ago.
d. If the MGF is in continuous or extrusion following mode, the difference between the two weights need to greater than 10 times the target rate.
e. If the MGF is in cycle mode, the difference between the two weights needs to be greater than 5 times the target rate.

If the above condition ( d or e) fails, then a counter is incremented If the above condition ( d or e) passes, then the counter is reset to 0.
If the counter gets incremented past 3, then the NO METERING alarm is triggered. In cycle mode, the NO METERING alarm is checked only at the start of every cycle. In continuous or extrusion following mode, the NO METERING alarm is checked every RTU update.

## LOADING TOO SLOWLY - ALARM CODE:49

If the loading feature is enabled and it takes more than LAT (Loader Alarm Time) seconds to fill the bin to LHF (Loader High Level) grams then this alarm is triggered.

## PRIME ALARM - ALARM CODE:50

This alarm indicates that the 60-second Prime cycle time has ended. The Prime function is used to prime the feeder and is accessible from the main menu. It operates by running the feeder auger for one minute to prime the feeder then alarms to alert the operator that the prime cycle has ended.

## LOW WEIGHT ALARM - ALARM CODE:51

If the bin weight falls below the LWA (Low Weight Alarm) setting (Default 400g) then this alarm will be triggered. If the bin weight rises above the LWA parameter, then the alarm will shut off.

## OVER WEIGHT LIMIT ALARM - ALARM CODE:52

This alarm indicates that the weight being read by the load cells exceeds the capacity of the cells. The cells are 10 Kilos each, 20 Kilos total, about 44 pounds. The hopper holds about $1 / 5$ cubic foot, about 10 pounds. The weight of the hopper when empty is about 8.2 pounds.

## MOTOR CAPACITY EXCEEDED - ALARM CODE:53

This alarm indicates that the calculated rate exceeds capacity.
The following variables effect the motor off-time calculation
MTF (Motor Factor)
LDR (Let Down Ratio)
PHR (Per Hour Rate) (continuous and extr. Follow only)
SHT (Shot Weight) (cycle mode only)
RATE ADJ
If the target rate calculates out to less than a step every 2 ms , then this alarm is triggered.
The following variables effect the motor step time calculation
MTF (Motor Factor)
RPM (Maximum RPM)
SPR (Steps per Revolution)
LDR (Let Down Ratio)
PHR (Per Hour Rate) (continuous and extr. Follow only)
SHT (Shot Weight) (cycle mode only)
RATE ADJ

## BIN REMOVED - ALARM CODE:54

This alarm indicates that the hopper is not installed on the load cells. When this alarm is active, the MGF will not allow the auger to run and will not allow the loader to load material. Alarm is triggered if the bin weight falls below the NBW (Negative Bin Weight) grams.

## MAX ADJUST RATE - ALARM CODE:55

Indicates Motor factor is too low which causes the MGF to dispense too much material over time, causing the rate adjust limit to reach 3.000. When the MGF makes a correction, the RATE ADJ value is re-calculated to compensate for the accumulated error. If the new RATE ADJ rises above the UBE (Upper Boundary Error) (Defaulted to $300=3.00$ ), then this alarm is triggered. Doing a prime calibration is recommended and this will set your motor factor and rest rate adjust to 1.000 .

## MIN ADJUST RATE - ALARM CODE:56

Indicates Motor factor is too high which causes the MGF to dispense too little material over time, causing the rate adjust limit to reach .3000. When the MGF makes a correction, the RATE ADJ value is re-calculated to compensate for the accumulated error. If the new RATE ADJ falls below the LBE (Lower Boundary Error) (Defaulted to $30=0.30$ ), then this alarm is triggered. Doing a prime calibration is recommended and this will set your motor factor and rest rate adjust to 1.000 .

## LIW TIMED OUT - ALARM CODE:57

When the MGF is configured to poll a Maguire LIW for Steady State Rate (LIW Mode), this alarm is generated when the MGF cannot poll the Steady State Rate from the LIW.

## LOADCELL ERROR - ALARM CODE:58

This error is generated if there is no response from the internal analog-to-digital converter system that provides a digital measurement from the loadcells. If this error is generated, it may indicate damage to the A-to-D converter. If you receive this error, please contact technical support.

## TROUBLESHOOTING CONTROLLER PROBLEMS

If you have problems, the more information you can provide us about what caused the problem, the more we can do to improve our product so that these problems cannot, and do not, occur in the future. In some cases, we may NOT be able to duplicate YOUR particular problem in our testing facility. Describe the problem as CAREFULLY and as completely as possible to help us locate and correct any design weakness that might be responsible for the problems you are having.

## TROUBLESHOOTING LOSS OF COLOR

1. Check that color supply is adequate.
2. Confirm that the motor is turning. Check proper connection of the motor plug.
3. Check that the drive coupling is not slipping and is securely attached to the motor shaft. The connecting tube between the motor coupling and the auger coupling is designed to slip under high torque. If excessive loading has caused it to slip, it may have become worn, or loose, or moved out of correct position.

## Setup Overview - MGF Configuration, System Configuration

Setup is a password protected area of the MGF for making configuration changes.

| 5 |  | Setup - Settings and Options Menus |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\checkmark$ | MGF Configuration - MGF specific configuration settings |  |  |
|  | - | Parameters - Controller Operation Parameters - See page 30 |  |
|  |  | - | Report Options <br> - PRT - Report Interval (minutes) |
|  |  | - | Error Correction <br> - LBE - Lower Boundary Error <br> - UBE - Upper Boundary Error <br> - ATP - Adjustment Trip Point (grams) <br> - ADJ - Adjustment Limit <br> - ECT - Error Count Tracking <br> - RTU - Run-Time Update (seconds) |
|  |  | - | Loader Options <br> - LLF - Loader Low Level (grams) <br> - LHF - Loader High Level (grams) <br> - LAT - Loader Alarm Time (seconds) <br> - STL - Settle Time (seconds) |
|  |  | - | Alarm Options <br> - LWA - Low Weight Alarm (seconds) <br> - NMA - No Metering Alarm |
|  |  | - | Motor Configuration <br> - MTF - Motor Factor (grams / revolution) <br> - SPR - Steps per Revolution <br> - RPM - Maximum RPM <br> - PMR - Prime Motor Rate |
|  |  | - | Load Cell Constants <br> - KDF - Stable Weight <br> - LCZ - Load-cell Zero <br> - LCL - Load-cell Calibration Low <br> - LCH - Load-cell Calibration High <br> - LCT - Load-cell Tolerance |
|  |  | - | Weight Settings <br> - BFS - Bin-fill Settle (seconds) <br> - FUL - Full Bin Weight (grams) <br> - NBW - Negative Bin Weight (grams) |
|  |  | - | Injection Options <br> - IPC - Injection Color Percent <br> - ISP - Injection Screw Time Percent (percent) <br> - TAT - Target Adjust Threshold (grams/second) |
|  | - | Specialized Operations (enable/disable options) <br> - Clear View Totals - Enables Clear button on View Totals screen. <br> - Recipes - Show the Recipes button on Home screen (on/off) <br> - Tag Information - Show the Tag button on Home screen (on/off) <br> - Volumetric - Enable or disable Volumetric Mode. See page 22 |  |
|  | - | Manual Operations - Manual operations of devices - Loader, Alarm |  |
|  | - | Calibration Routines - See page 28 <br> - Calibrate Motor Rate -Calibration of Flow Rate of Material <br> - Calibrate Voltage - Calibration of Extruder Voltage <br> - Calibrate Load-Cells - Zero and Full Weight Calibration of Load Cells |  |


| $>$ | System Configuration System specific configuration settings |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\checkmark$ | Mode of Operation - Set the MGF Mode to Cycle, Continuous or Extrusion Following. When in Cycle Mode selection of Cycle Update: Start of Cycle or End of Cycle. When in Continuous or Extrusion Following: Enable or Disable Auto Start. See page: 11. |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ | Preferences |  |
|  |  | - | Date and Time - See page 12. |
|  |  | - | Language - Language selection. |
|  |  | - | Menu Bar Options - menu button preferences |
|  |  | - | Operator Access - Limited access for operators. enable/disable. See page 22. |
|  |  | - | Weight Units - pounds, ounces, grams kilograms. See page 21 |
|  |  | - | Change Passwords - Change Admin and Operator passwords. See page 21. |
|  |  | - | Screen Options - Screen saver, brightness, calibration, options |
|  | - | Communications - See page 29 |  |
|  |  | - | MLAN I.D. Number - Set MGF identification number. |
|  |  | - | Modbus Server - enable/disable Modbus TCP. |
|  |  | - | TCPIIP Configuration - Sets IP address, Subnet mask, gateway. |
|  | - | Print Center - See page 24. |  |
|  |  | - | Print Totals - Prints totals to USB Flash Drive. |
|  |  | - | Print Alarm History - Prints alarm history to USB Flash Drive |
|  |  | - | Print Cycle History - Prints cycle report to USB Flash Drive |
|  |  | - | Print Cycle Options - Prints Cycle report to USB Flash Drive |
|  |  | - | Print Parameters - Prints the parameter table to USB Flash Drive |
|  |  | - | Print All - Prints all above reports to USB Flash Drive |
|  |  | - | Print Totals Interval - Enable/disable print totals to USB, set interval. PRT, minutes. |
|  | $\checkmark$ | Diagnostics |  |
|  |  | - | System Information - Firmware, bootloader, I/O versions |
|  |  | - | Load-Cell Diagnostics - Loadcell raw counts |
|  |  | - | Live Diagnostics - Live Cycle diagnostic report, printable history |
|  |  | - | Alarm and Event Log - Alarms and Events displayed and printable |
|  | - | Resets - See page 35 |  |
|  |  | - | User Settings - Save / Restore User entered Settings |
|  |  | - | Restore Factory Defaults - Restores factory loaded settings. See page 36 |
|  |  | - | Reset Rate Adjustment - Restores factory loaded settings. See page 36 |
|  |  | - | Factory Access - Factory Access Only |
|  |  | - | Firmware Updates - Reads USB drive for updates, selects and updates firmware. Contact Maguire Products Inc. for updates. See page 35 |

## Changing Passwords

Access to the controller is limited by one or two passwords. Access to Setup information is restricted by an Admin Password (default password is: 22222). If Operator Access is enabled, access to commonly used functions are further restricted with the Operator Password. If security is important and restricted access is desired, it is important to change the passwords.

| Press | System Configuration | Display will prompt for a password. <br> (admin default: 22222) | Display will show the System Configuration categories. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | Press | Press | Preferences | Display will show System Preferences categories. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Press | Change Passwords | Display will show three options, Change Admin Password, <br> Change Operator Password and Enable Password Mask. <br> Select the password you wish to change. |
| Eneck Enable Password Mask to hide the password and show |  |  |
| Ene asterisk instead of the password numbers when entering a |  |  |
| password. |  |  |

## Weight Units

Changes the displayed units for the Per Hour Rate and on-screen totals.
Select Pounds, Grams or Kilograms.

| Press |  | Display will prompt for a password. <br> (admin default: 22222) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Press | System Configuration | Display will show the System Configuration categories. |
| Press | Preferences | Display will show System Preferences categories. |
| Press | Weight Units | Select Pounds, Grams or Kilograms |
| Press |  | To save the changes or press the <br> red X to cancel and exit. |

## Operator Access

When enabled Operator Access will password protect access to specific MGF functions selected by the admin user. Selected functions are password protected by the operator password. Unselected functions are restricted to admin password only. Default Operator Access password is: 11111. Also see Changing Password.

| Press | System Configuration | Display will prompt for a password. <br> (admin default: 22222) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Press | Display will show the System Configuration categories. |  |
| Press | Operator Access | Display will show System Preferences categories. <br> Press$\quad$Display will show the Operator Access screen. Select these <br> options to allow operator password protected access: LDR, <br> Loader, Prime, Tag, Screen Saver, View Totals, Side Bar, <br> Manual Operations, Calibration, Timed Operationl Unselected <br> options will be restricted to admin password only. |
| Press |  | To save the changes or press the <br> red X to cancel and exit. |

## Volumetric Mode

Volumetric operation can be used in the event of a load cell failure. When power is turned off this mode is always reset to OFF. With this mode ON, the load cells are completely ignored. The unit functions like a volumetric feeder and error correction and rate recalibration does not take place. Since load cell readings are ignored, this flag allows operation even if the load cells become damaged. Dispense times will be based entirely on the last known rate adjustment. IF the metering rate is not correct see Rate Adjustment Reset on page 36.

| Press | MGF Configuration | Display will prompt for a password. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| (admin default: 22222) |  |  | Then press:

## Loader Control

When Loader Control is enabled, the MGF can control a loader wired to the LOADER port on the side of the MGF controller to maintain a supply of material in the MGF hopper. See AGL Loader wiring diagram on page 39.

## Enabling Loader Control

To enable Loader Control, touch the red MGF hopper on the screen. Enter the admin password (default: 22222) or the operator password (if enabled). Touch Loader Control and select Enabled. Touch the green check to save and exit to go back to the home screen.

When enabled, the LOAD button will appear on the Home Screen. The load button will manually load the
 hopper. Press to toggle on, press again to toggle off.

Loading is controlled by 4 parameters:

| LLF | Loader Low Level - whole grams <br> Factory Default - MGF-4: 00500, MGF-8: $\mathbf{0 0 5 0 0}$ <br> Weight of hopper that triggers the loader to turn on, whole grams |
| :--- | :--- |
| LHF | Loader High Level - whole grams <br> Factory Default - MGF-4: 02000, MGF-8: $\mathbf{0 2 0 0 0}$ <br> Weight of hopper that triggers the loader to turn off, whole grams |
| LAT | Loader Alarm Timeout - whole seconds <br> Factory Default - MGF-4: 00120, MGF-8: 00120 <br> if the loader runs for this many seconds, the loader running too slowly alarm is tripped |
| STL | Loader Settle Time - Seconds <br> Factory Default - MGF-4: 00010, MGF-8: 00010 <br> Number of seconds after loader finished before correction accumulators are readjusted and error <br> checking resumes. Whole seconds |

## Loader related alarms:

## LOADING TOO SLOWLY - ALARM CODE:49

If the loading feature is enabled and it takes more than LAT (Loader Alarm Time) seconds to fill the bin to LHF (Loader High Level) grams then this alarm is triggered.

## Print Center

The Print Center enables access to print specific reports to USB including Totals, Parameters, Alarm History, Alarms and Events, Cycle History, Print All reports. The Print Center can be access from the home screen using the Print Center button. Additional configuration options are available with Setup (Setup > System Configuration > Print Center). Additional Option include automatic printout of cycle diagnostics and the format of that diagnostic report as well as format options for the Cycle History report.

## Print Totals

Accessible from three locations, Print Center on navigation bar, under Setup (System Configuration, Print Center) and from the VIEW (totals) button on the home screen. This report outputs the current accumulated totals since the last clear of totals.


## Print Alarm History and Print Events and Alarms

Accessible from two locations, Print Center on navigation bar and under Setup (System Configuration, Print Center). The Print Events and Alarms outputs the last 4096 alarm and event logs generated by the MGF. Print Alarm History excludes events and only outputs alarms. Each log entry is accompanied by the date, time and specific alarm or events description.

## Print Cycle History

Cycle History is the last 250 cycles of the MGF (Cycle Mode only). The Cycle Report outputs a cycle log for each completed cycle and incudes: Date/Time, MGF ID number, Work Order \#, Recipe \#, Operator \#, current settings (LDR, Per Hour Rate), current hopper content weight, on-time, dispensed weight, rate adjustment, target, total weight dispensed in 10ths of grams, error \%, cycle count (cycle mode) refill of the hopper count, and signal indicator with a signal count in seconds.

## Print Parameters

The MGF is controlled by a set of internal parameters. Most of the parameters are configured from factory to optimal default parameters but can be changed to optimize operation to conditions. A full parameter report can be printed to USB from the Print Center.

## Example of a Parameters Report:



## Cycle Print Options

When enabled, Cycle Print outputs a cycle diagnostic report to USB. Below are the output reports produced during the preset time interval. These reports display a date / time stamp, the MGF ID number, Work Order \#, Operator \#, and Recipe \#, the current settings, current hopper content weight, on-time, dispensed weight, rate adjustment, target, total weight dispensed in 10ths of grams, error \%, cycle count (cycle mode) refill of the hopper count, and signal indicator with a signal count in seconds.

## Interval Report in Cycle Mode

```
09/04/18 10:53:06 SERIAL #: 11111
MGF TSC ID# 001 WO 00000 RECIPE 00000 OP 000
LDR: 5.00% SHOT WT: 69.0g TOT: WT: 37.2
WEIGHT: 3402.1 RPM: 171ms TOT. CT: }1
AVG. DISP 2.98 RATE ADJ: 0.8145
TARGET: 3.45 ACC. WT: 17.89
ERROR: -2.8 (3) ACC. CT: 6
SIG ON: 8.07s
09/04/18 10:53:06
Date and Time of this cycle printout.
```


## Interval Report in Continuous Mode

| 12/28/18 12:40:26 | SERIAL \#: | 11111 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MGF TSC ID\# 001 | WO 00000 | RECIPE | 00000 | OP 000 |
| LDR: 2.00\% | LBS/HR: | 327 | тот. | WT: 312536.72 |
| WEIGHT: 2992.2 | RPM: | 40.772 |  |  |
| AVG. DISP: 49.44 | RATE ADJ: | 1.0364 | RUN: | ON |
| TARGET: 49.44 | ACC. WT: | 295.46 |  |  |
| ERROR: +0.4 (10) | ACC. TM: | 5.76 |  |  |
| 12/28/18 12:40:26 |  |  |  |  |
| Date and Time of t | this continuou | ous prin | tout. |  |

## Interval Report Description

Date, Time, MGF Serial Number.

MGF TSC ID\# - WO - RECIPE - OP
Maguire Gravimetric Feeder Touchscreen Controller, ID\# is the identification number of the MGF. WO (Work Order), RECIPE (Recipe Number), and OP (Operator Number) are for tracking of material usage. These TAGS may be entered by the operator on the home screen (TAG button) or downloaded via MLAN or Modbus TCP communication.

## LDR - Let Down Ratio - Percentage

Let Down Ratio percentage entered in the LDR field at the time of the printout.

## WEIGHT - Current material weight in hopper - grams

The current weight reading of material in the hopper at the end of the dispense cycle in Cycle Mode or the current weight at the time of the printout in Continuous Mode. This is the total weight of the additive that remains in the hopper.

## AVG. DISP - Average Dispense - grams

The average dispense since the last rate error correction has occurred, or since the hopper was last refilled. For Cycle Mode it is the accumulated weight dispensed, divided by the accumulated cycles count. For Continuous Mode it is the average

## TARGET - Target dispense - grams

In cycle mode this is the amount in grams that the feeder is targeting to dispense based on your entries of color percent, (LDR), and SHOT WEIGHT. Shot weight times LDR (percent of color) will give you the target dispense.

## ERROR - Rate correction - grams

The total error that has occurred to this point, since the last rate correction or since the hopper was last filled. In this example, we have metered 1.9 grams more then we want, since the last correction. This is the "total" error. not one cycle, but all cycle errors combined. The (3) is the trip point. If total error exceeds 3 grams, then a recalculation of rate will occur.

## SIG ON - Signal ON - seconds

The length of the screw return time that was recorded on this cycle. This number is used to determine how fast we need to run the auger to meter the required color uniformly over this time period.

## SHOT WT - Shot Weight - grams

The Gram weight number that you enter to tell the software how large a shot is being molded. It will include runners, and all parts if this is a muti-cavity mold. In this example, $69 \times 5 \%=3.45$ grams, shown above as the TARGET weight.

RPM - Motor Speed - milliseconds
On models using our 24 -volt DC motor, we control motor speed by pulsing the motor every second for a portion of that second. In this example, we will pulse the motor for 171 milliseconds, and then leave it off for the balance of the second, which is 829 ms off. The software adjusts this number based on the learned metering rate coupled with the machine screw ON TIME. As On-Time varies, this number will also adjust.

On models using a stepper motor, the off time between steps is adjusted to vary the metering rate.

## RATE ADJ - Metering Rate Adjustment - factor

We begin all metering rate calculations using certain assumptions. We do not know the bulk density of the color being metered, and we do not know the exact flow characteristics of the pellets which, together, will change the gram weight metered per revolution of the auger. We start with a standard formula that assumes certain base numbers for these values. In the formula we also have a factor, a multiplier, that starts with a value of 1.0000 . At this value, it has no effect. As we learn of an error in the dispense rate, we adjust this factor. In this example, we have adjusted it from 1.0000 downward to 0.8145 , which tells us that either the bulk density is higher then our standard assumption, or the pellets flow better then our standard assumption. In any case, the software uses this number to keep the metering rate exactly correct, based on actual dispense rate learned from the loss-in-weight load cell readings over time. This is the number that you will see adjust as the unit learns the exactly correct metering rate.

## ACC. WT - Accumulated Weight since last rate correction - grams

The accumulated weight since the last correction, or the last hopper refill.
ACC. CT - Accumulated Cycle Count since last rate correction - count
The cycle count since the last correction, or the last hopper refill. These two values, (accumulated) WEIGHT and CYCLE Count, are used to check on how close we are to our target. The ERROR is based on these numbers as compared to what we would expect if we run at a Perfect rate. TARGET per cycle times CYCLE CT is compared to (accumulated) WEIGHT, and the difference is the ERROR.

TOT. WT - Total Accumulated Weight - grams
The total weight dispensed since the last time this value was cleared to zero. This can be used to track total usage in your plant.

## TOT. CT - Total Cycle Count - count

The total cycle count since last cleared to zero. This number also are useful for keeping print-out pages in order, and to reference cycles by number when highlighting problems or questions. These last two numbers are for convenience only. They do not enter into control calculations.

## Enabling automatic USB printout of Print Cycle Diagnostics

How to enable automatic printout of Cycle Diagnostics to USB: Press Setup (enter password), System Configuration, Print Center, Print Cycle Options. Toggle OFF button to ON for Print Cycle Diagnostics. To print as a CSV file (comma separated value) select that option. Select Include Header to include a descriptive column header above each column.

Print Cycle Diagnostics - When ON, after each full dispense cycle, this sends a Cycle-by-Cycle printout to a file named MGFCYCLE.TXT to an inserted USB flash drive.

Print Cycle History - Prints diagnostic data of the last 250 cycles to USB. Can be printed as fixed width plain text file or as a CSV file with or without the column headers (titles).

Print Totals Interval - Enables automatic print of totals to USB at a specified interval (see PRT parameter).

## Scale Calibration - Calibrate Load-Cells

Periodic zero and full calibration ensures that the MGF is weighing correctly. Calibration is also necessary if a load cell is replaced or if the controller is replaced. Before doing a calibration, you will need a known weight that can be rested on top of the hopper lid. The known weight must weigh approximately 4000 grams and you must know exactly how many grams it weighs. This weight in grams will be entered into the MGF. Confirm the following:

Confirm the material hopper is EMPTY.
Confirm the load cell connector is plugged into the side of the controller.
Confirm the LOADER material hose is connected to the hopper lid.
How to Calibrate Load-Cells:

| Press | MGF Configuration | Display will prompt for a password. <br> (admin default: 22222) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Press | Calibration Routines | Display will show 3 calibration routines, Calibrate Motor Rate, <br> Calibration Voltage, Calibrate Load-Cells. |
| Press | Calibrate Load-Cells | Display will show the Zero/Full Weight Calibration Screen |
| Press | Material Hopper is empty, load-cell connector is plugged in and Loader material hose is |  |
| connected t the hopper lid. |  |  |

## Communications

Communications with the MGF use Modbus TCP or the Maguire MLAN Protocol and allow control of settings and parameters as well as data and totals collection from the MGF.

## TCP/IP Configuration Set the MGF TCP/IP Settings

Used to set the IP Address, Network Mask and Default Gateway. Press the Enable/Disable DHCP to toggle between DHCP and static IP Address. The MAC address of this MGF controller is displayed on this screen. To set a Static IP Address, use the keypad to enter the static IP address you wish to assign the controller. Use leading zeros when necessary. When you are finished entering the network information, press the green check to save settings or press X to discard the changes.

Modbus TCP

Enable or disable the Modbus TCP
Use this screen to enable or disable Modbus TCP. Modbus register tables can be requested from Maguire Products Inc. or by visiting www.maguire.com.

## MLAN I.D. Number Sets the MGF's Identification Number

Select this option to enter an identification number for this feeder. If you are using MLAN communications to automatically gather data, then each controller must have a unique address. Valid numbers are 001 to 254. All MLAN communication commands (MLAN Protocol) use this I.D. number. For more information on communications, contact Maguire Products, Inc. or see the Maguire MLAN Protocol manual available online at www.maguire.com. Modbus does not use the I.D. Number.

## Parameters

All Maguire MGF controllers operate according to certain internal parameters. Because customer requirements vary widely, parameters are accessible to refine operation. In most cases, these parameters will never need to be changed. Some parameters values that are routinely adjusted are accessible from the main display and are not listed in the parameter categories under setup.

| LDR | Let Down Ratio | NWA | No Weight Adjustment |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| SHT | Shot Weight | XMR | Extruder Minimum Rate |
| PHR | Per Hour Rate | SPR | Steps Per Revolution |
| FUL | Full Bin Weight | RPM | Maximum Revolutions Per Minute |
| PRT | Report Interval | PMR | Prime Motor Rate |
| KDF | Stable Weight | LCT | Load Cell Tolerance |
| LCZ | Load-cell Zero | BFS | Bin Full Settle |
| MTF | Motor Factor | RCP | Recipe Number |
| XCV | Extruder Voltage | WKO | Work Order Number |
| XMO | Extruder Max Output | OPR | Operator Number |
| LBE | Lower Boundary Error | NMA | No Meter Alarm |
| UBE | Upper Boundary Error | LIW | LIW Polling Rate |
| NBW | Negative Bin Weight | RAP | Rate Adjust Percentage |
| LWA | Low Weight Alarm | LLC | LIW Lower Cap |
| ATP | Adjustment Trip Point | TAT | Target Adjust Threshold |
| RTU | Run Time Update | XFT | Extrusion Voltage Filter |
| ADJ | Adjustment Limit | LCL | Loadcell Low |
| LLF | Loader Low Level | LCH | Loadcell High |
| LHF | Loader High Level | HRT | High Rate Trip Point |
| LAT | Loader Alarm Timeout | ECT | Error Count Tracking |
| STL | Loader Settle Time | IPC | Injection Color Percent |
|  |  | ISP | Injection Screw Time Percent |


| LDR | Let Down Ratio - Percent <br> Factory Default - MGF-3: 00000, MGF-4: 00000, MGF-8: 00000 <br> Percentage of SHOT WEIGHT or PER HOUR RATE in 1/100 |
| :--- | :--- |
| SHT | Shot Weight - Grams <br> Factory Default - MGF-3: 00000, MGF-4: 00000, MGF-8: 00000 <br> Shot weight dispensed during cycle mode in whole grams |
| PHR | Per Hour Rate - Counts Per Hour <br> Factory Default - MGF-3: 00000, MGF-4: 00000, MGF-8: 00000 <br> Value used to hold LB / HR or KG / HR depending on US / METRIC flag in whole units |
| FUL | Full Bin Weight - Grams <br> Factory Default - MGF-3: 10000, MGF-4: 10000, MGF-8: 10000 <br> Weight of bin (hopper) when full, in whole grams. |
| PRT | Report Interval - Seconds <br> Factory Default - MGF-3: 00000, MGF-4: 00000, MGF-8: 00000 <br> Used to generate reports while running, in whole seconds. |
| KDF | Stable Weight - Number <br> Factory Default - MGF-3: 00200, MGF-4: 00200, MGF-8: 00200 <br> Used in load-cell calibration routine. Difference between raw count updates use to get a stable <br> reading. raw counts |
| LCZ | Load-cell Zero - Number <br> Factory Default - MGF-3: 20015, MGF-4: 20015, MGF-8: 20015 <br> Lowest possible raw count value from loadcells for zero calibration. raw counts |

## MTF

Motor Factor - Grams per Revolution - Motor factor represents grams per revolution and works in combination with auger size and the motor rpm. If you change the auger size, you must also change the motor factor. Model (auger size) Dependent. Implied decimal after $3^{\text {rd }}$ digit.

| Model | Auger Size | MTF parameter |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| MGF-3 | $3 / 8$-inch Auger | 00050 |
| MGF-4 | $1 / 2$-inch Auger | 00300 |
| MGF-8 | 1-inch Auger | 01250 |

## XCV

Extruder Voltage - Volts
Factory Default - MGF-3: 00000, MGF-4: 00000, MGF-8: 00000
Current incoming voltage. Used in extrusion following, 1/100 volt. Automatic adjustment occurs to throughput based on XMO parameter.
XMO Extruder Max Output - Pounds or Kilograms / hour - 01000 Factory Default - MGF-3: 01000, MGF-4: 01000, MGF-8: 01000
For Extrusion Following, this parameter stores the maximum extruder throughput based off of the XCV parameter at the maximum 10 volts. A manual entry of extruder throughput on the main screen will automatically set the XMO parameter and will be scaled from the current incoming voltage. Example: Incoming voltage is 5 volts. An Entry of 300 lbs . will set XMO to 00600 (lbs or kg ). Entering a 1 in the first digit ( 1 xxxx ) will only allow changes to extruder throughput on main screen while in program mode (password protected).
LBE Lower Boundary Error - Number
Factory Default - MGF-3: 03000, MGF-4: 03000, MGF-8: 03000
Error rate lower limit in $1 / 100^{\text {th }}$ number
UBE Upper Boundary Error - Number
Factory Default - MGF-3: 30000, MGF-4: 30000, MGF-8: 30000
Error rate upper limit in $1 / 100^{\text {th }}$ number
NBW Negative Bin Weight - whole grams
Factory Default - MGF-3: 00100, MGF-4: 00100, MGF-8: 00100
Negative weight read from the bin (hopper), which will disable loader, whole grams
LWA Low Weight Alarm - whole grams
Factory Default - MGF-3: 00400, MGF-4: 00400, MGF-8: 00400 ( $0=$ disabled)
Weight of hopper that triggers the low weight alarm
ATP Adjustment Trip Point - grams
Factory Default - MGF-3: 00005, MGF-4: 00005, MGF-8: 00005
The fourth and fifth digits are the accumulative gram error that will force a readjustment of motor speed (5 grams default).
RTU Run-Time Update - intervals, seconds
Factory Default - MGF-3: 00303, MGF-4: 00201, MGF-8: 00201
This parameter holds two values; the first three digits are the successive number weight readings that must be above (+) or below (-) the ATP parameter value before making an adjustment to the motor off-time. The $4^{\text {th }}$ and $5^{\text {th }}$ digits are amount of adjustment in seconds that will be made. Controlled by ADJ parameter.
ADJ Adjustment Limit - Percent
Factory Default - MGF-3: 03005, MGF-4: 03005, MGF-8: 03005
Adjustment threshold and percentage when learning rate. This parameter holds two values. The $2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ digits represent two things, percentage threshold (default $30 \%$ ) and percentage adjustment (also $30 \%$ ). If actual is equal to or greater than the threshold value, adjustments will be made by this amount ( $30 \%$ by default). If actual is less than this value, the adjustment will be made by the amount represented in the $4^{\text {th }}$ and $5^{\text {th }}$ digits ( $10 \%$ by default).
LLF Loader Low Level - whole grams
Factory Default - MGF-3: 00500, MGF-4: 00500, MGF-8: 00500
Weight of hopper that triggers the loader to turn on, whole grams

| LHF | Loader High Level - whole grams <br> Factory Default - MGF-3: 02000, MGF-4: 02000, MGF-8: 02000 <br> Weight of hopper that triggers the loader to turn off, whole grams |
| :--- | :--- |
| LAT | Loader Alarm Timeout - whole seconds <br> Factory Default - MGF-3: 00120, MGF-4: 00120, MGF-8: 00120 <br> if the loader runs for this many seconds, the loader running too slowly alarm is tripped |
| STL | Loader Settle Time - Seconds <br> Factory Default - MGF-3: 00010, MGF-4: 00010, MGF-8: 00010 <br> Fumber of seconds after loader finished before correction accumulators are readjusted and error <br> checking resumes. Whole seconds |
| NWA | No Weight Adjustment - Grams <br> Factory Default - MGF-3: 00100, MGF-4: 00100, MGF-8: 00100 <br> If the material in the hopper goes below this value in grams, stop making adjustments to error <br> correction. |
| XMR | Extruder Minimum Rate - Grams/Second <br> Factory Default - MGF-3: 00000, MGF-4: 00000, MGF-8: 00000 |
| For Extrusion control only - When a value is specified, this is the minimum rate (grams per |  |
| second) that the MGF will run when the extruder slows down. |  |


| NMA | No Metering Alarm - Continuous mode only <br> Factory Default - MGF-3: 33500, MGF-4: 33500, MGF-8: 33500 <br> This parameter has 3 parts: x.y.zzz <br> Leftmost digit ( x ) is the number of times the rate is below the threshold before the alarm is turned on ( $33500=3$ counts). Second digit from the left $(\mathrm{y})$ is the number of times the rate is above the threshold before the alarm is turned off ( $33500=3$ counts). The rightmost 3 digits (zzz) are the percentage of target rate (1/10th of a percent) $(33500=50.0 \%)$. |
| :---: | :---: |
| LIW | LIW Polling Rate - LIW Mode only <br> Factory Default - MGF-3: 00010, MGF-4: 00010, MGF-8: 00010 <br> The number of seconds between each poll of the LIW's steady rate. Faster rates may cause issues with the ethernet stack. Slower rates may cause issues with the MGF detecting changes in the LIW's steady rate. |
| RAP | Rate Adjust Percentage - Extrusion Following Only <br> Factory Default - MGF-3: 10050, MGF-4: 10050, MGF-8: 10050 <br> This parameter has 2 parts, xx.yyy <br> The leftmost two digits ( xx ) are the number of seconds between each rate adjustment check ( $10050=10$ seconds). The three rightmost digits (yyy) are the lower threshold in grams per minute $(10050=5.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{m})$. If the target $\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{m}$ rate falls below the yyy threshold, the time between rate adjustment checks will change to $x x$. If the target $\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{m}$ rate rise back above yyy threshold, the time between rate adjustment checks will revert back to its original setting. |
| LL | LIW Lower Cap <br> Factory Default - MGF-3: 00010, MGF-4: 00010, MGF-8: 00010 <br> Used for MLAN commands and LIW polling for continuous mode only. Stored as $1 / 10$ th LBS or KGS per hour (depending on the weight units setting) $(00010=1.0 \mathrm{lb} / \mathrm{hr})$. When a new target rate is received, it is checked against the LLC parameter. If the rate is equal to or below LLC, then the PHR parameter will snap to zero. |
| TAT | Target Adjust Threshold - Cycle mode only <br> Factory Default - MGF-3: 00025, MGF-4: 00025, MGF-8: 00025 <br> Stored as $1 / 100$ th grams per second ( $00025=0.25 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{s}$ ) <br> When a cycle starts, the target grams per second rate (Shot weight / cycle time) is checked against TAT. If the rate is below TAT, then the running motor time is halved, and the target motor speed is doubled. This will continue until the target rate is above TAT. <br> Example: TAT $=00025(0.25 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{s})$ <br> Shot Weight = 9 grams <br> Cycle Time $=88$ seconds <br> this will result in a target rate of $0.102 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{s}$ <br> Before the cycle starts, the MGF will see that the rate is below $0.25 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{s}$ and adjust the run time and motor speed to compensate for this. When the MGF runs it will have targeted a $0.409 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{s}$ rate over a 22 second period. |
| XFT | Extrusion Voltage Filter <br> Factory Default - MGF-3: 02003, MGF-4: 02003, MGF-8: 02003 <br> Used for filtering incoming extrusion voltage. The parameter is separated into 2 parts: vvv.ff $\mathrm{vvv}=$ cap to zero voltage in $1 / 100$ th of a voltage $\mathrm{ff}=$ fluctuation filter in $1 / 100$ th of a voltage. NOTE: ff is capped at 0.50 V or xxx 50 |
|  | Loadcell Low - Loadcell High LCL Factory Default: 03000. LCH Factory Default: 08000. LCL and LCH are used for full weight loadcell calibration. The LCL and LCH parameters ensure that the calibrated weight falls with a reasonable slope. If the full weight slope is outside the LCL and LCH defined slopes, then an error message: <br> '** BAD LOAD-CELL **' will be displayed. |

## HRT High Rate Trip Point - Continuous and Extrusion Following only Factory Default - MGF-3: 010100, MGF-4: 10100, MGF-8: 10100 <br> HRT controls the adjustment to the ATP parameter. HRT is separated into 2 parts: xx.yyy <br> $x x=$ new value for ATP $\quad y y y=$ trip point for changing ATP in grams / minute <br> 1. If the current rate is above HRT (yyy) then adjust the ATP to HRT ( $x x$ ) <br> 2. If the current rate falls below HRT (yyy) then revert ATP back to previous setting.

## ECT Error Count Tracking

Factory Default - MGF-3: 03020, MGF-4: 03020, MGF-8: 03020
ECT is used to specify the delay in error tracking when first starting as well as after an error correction is made. This parameter is broken into 2 parts: xx.yyy
where $x x=$ number of cycles (Cycle mode)
yyy = number of seconds (Continuous mode)
IPC Injection Color Percent - Cycle Mode only
Factory Default: 00025 (25\%)
Percent of the color target that should be added during the injection time. Typically, material is dispensed only during screw recovery. This parameter allows for a percentage of the overall color target to be dispensed during the beginning of the cycle's injection. The injection time is controlled by the ISP parameter. This feature requires an injection signal (see MGF-STI Wiring Diagram).
ISP Injection Screw Time Percent - Cycle Mode only Factory Default: 10030 (enabled at 30\%)
This parameter has two parts. The first digit (1xxxx) enables or disables this feature. 1=enabled, 0=disabled. ISP is the Percent of Recovery Time used to calculate a time (in seconds) to dispense an amount of additive (IPC parameter) at the beginning of the overall Injection Time. This parameter uses a percentage of the recovery time ( $30 \%$ by default) to calculate how much time the MGF will dispense material during the beginning of the injection stroke.
MTL Motor Torque Limit
Factory Default - MGF-3: 00205, MGF-4: 00205, MGF-8: 00205
Factory set motor torque limit. Do not change unless instructed my Maguire Support.

## Updating MGF Firmware

When the MGF Touchscreen Controller is turned on, the first screen displayed will show the current firmware version. If necessary, the firmware in the WSB can be updated using a firmware update supplied by Maguire Products. Firmware updates use the USB port located to the lowerright of the control screen. The following instructions detail how to update the MGF firmware. Maguire can supply the latest MGF firmware upon request.

Do not turn off controller or remove the flash drive while firmware is updating! Doing so may corrupt the controller's firmware.

| Copy | the firmware update onto a USB flash drive in a folder named "maguire". |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Insert | the USB Flash drive into the USB port on the WSB. |
| Press | Display will prompt for password. (default: 22222) |

## Additional Firmware Update Information

Software updates can be supplied electronically, via email or by download upon request.
Software updates are named according to their date of release. For instance, GTR1012A.XUF can be interpreted as GT=Gravimetric Touchscreen, R=2018 (S=2019), 10=October, 12=October 12th, $A=$ the first revision for that day. During the update process detailed above, new software found on the USB flash drive is first copied to internally memory. After a prompt to reboot, the firmware is loaded into the MGF.

If the MGF Touchscreen ever becomes unresponsive or the MGF is corrupted and cannot load new firmware through the menu, new software acquired from Maguire can be renamed GTUPDATE.XUF. This renamed software can be copied onto the USB flash drive's root directory and inserted into the USB port of the MGF. When the MGF is turned on, this GTUPDATE.XUF file will be automatically loaded into the MGF, restoring the firmware.

## Rate Adjustment Reset

Used to reset the Rate Adjustment back to the default value of 1.0000. This can be helpful if changing materials and the new material has a different consistency than the original material. When reset it may help the MGF to re-learn the rate quicker then if it adjusted the rate from the previously learned value.

| Press | System Configuration | Display will show the System Configuration categories. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Press | Resets | Display will show System Resets Options |  |
| Press |  | Reset Rate Adjustment | Display will prompt for confirmation to reset rate adjust. |
| Press |  |  | To confirm a rate adjust reset or press the red X <br> to cancel and exit. |
| Press |  |  |  |

## View / Reset Totals

Note that if you are retrieving totals through the MLAN Protocol, Modbus TCP or the G2 Software, resetting totals is not recommended unless you are factoring in a reset of this value back to zero. Totals can be viewed, printed or reset from the Home Screen. Pressing the VIEW on the Home screen will display current totals, date and time, cycle count and other information. Pressing the Print to USB button from this screen will attempt to write totals to a USB flash drive into a folder named "maguire". Pressing CLEAR will reset totals and cycle count back to zero. Totals can also be printed from the Setup menu in the Print Center.

| Press | VIEW | Display will display the View Totals screen. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Press |  | To print the totals as seen on the screen to the USB flash drive plugged <br> into the MGF USB port. The file will be named MGFTOTAL.TXT and will <br> be written into a folder named "maguire". |
| Press | CLEAR | To reset the totals and cycle count to zero. |

## Restore Factory Defaults

The MGF can be restored back to factory defaults by entering Setup, System Configuration, Resets, Restore Factory Defaults. Press the green check to restore factory defaults. The controller will reboot with factory defaults. The factory default will reset setpoints, totals, cycle count and parameters to factory defaults. Restoring factory defaults will not reset the Machine ID, IP address, Modbus, model, passwords, language, mode of operation, alarm log, cycle log (Live Diagnostics).

## AGL Loader Installation

1. Prior to installation of the AGL Loader, the MGF Controller Bar must be installed on the MGF Adapter Frame. The MGF clear material hose and aluminum cam lock must be secured to the Controller Bar for proper load cell operation.
2. Assemble the red hose and fitting that is shown in figure 1 and secure to the Controller Bar. Secure the upper u-clamp to the metal fitting as shown for proper grounding. See AGL Loader diagram for correct hose arc.
3. The other end of the red hose is connected to the vacuum generator as shown in figure 3. Secure hose with the provided hose clamp.
4. Connect the aluminum lance to the other end of the vacuum generator as shown in figure 3.
5. Press the clear material hose onto the tube located on the lid of the feeder hopper. If the tube goes on with resistance, a little water can be used to lubricate it. Do not use any other lubricant. Figure 2.
6. Connect the clear $3 / 8$ " diameter tubing to the vacuum generator as shown in figure 3, and connect the other end to the push-in fitting at the solenoid.
7. Connect the air supply to the brass $45^{\circ} \times 1 / 4$ " NPT fitting at the input side of the solenoid mounted on the control bar.
8. The air supply should be set and regulated at a pressure between 60 and 80 PSI.
9. Connect the feeder motor cables to the matching connectors on the controller, motor and solenoid.
10. After the MGF Feeder Loader is installed, the MGF should be recalibrated using the procedure found on page 28.

IMPORTANT!

## It is important that the feeder assembly is properly grounded through the process equipment.



FIGURE 3
Mount vacuum aluminum lance to the vacuum generator. Attached and clamp the red hose to the vacuum generator using the included hose clamp.


FIGURE 1
Secure the red material hose under the supplied u-clamp as shown in figure 1. It is important that the upper uclamp is secured to the metal fitting as shown for proper grounding. The solenoid should be affixed to the controller bar.


FIGURE 2
Install the end of the clear material hose to the top of the feeder lid as shown.


## FIGURE 4

Use the natural arc of the hose to loop above the hopper to the location where the u-bolts are attached.

For accurate weigh readings of the load cells, it is important to follow these guidelines: it is important to follow these guidelines:

To ensure accurate weight readings nothing should make contact with the MGF hopper.
If an AGL loader is installed, the material hose attached to the hopper should have a gradual arc and should not have contact with anything around it.

The AGL material hose quick disconnect fitting should be c-clamped to the Controller Bar and the upper c-clamp should contact the bare metal of the fitting to discharge static buildup. The lower cclamp should secure tightly to the red hose.


AGL Loader Diagram


## AGL Loader Solenoid Wiring Assembly





MGF Wiring Diagrams




## Parts Diagram and Dimensions Drawing





## PRINCIPLE OF FEEDER OPERATION

The MAGUIRE GRAVIMETRIC FEEDER is a rugged industrial auger feeder designed to meter precise quantities of color concentrate very accurately into the main flow of virgin material directly above the throat of your process machine. The two 10 " square steel plates, separated by 4 steel corner posts, form a sturdy, low profile adaptor assembly. This assembly is drilled with the proper bolt pattern and mounted to the throat of your process machine under the main material hopper. Natural material flows through the adaptor.

On this adaptor frame, we hang the weighing platform, which then, in turn, supports the hopper and auger assembly. To ensure accurate weight readings, the hopper assembly does not contact any stationary part. The ease of removal allows for easy clean-out of the hopper for color changes. Two butterfly latches allow easy removal of the auger / motor assembly for complete access to all areas for 100 percent cleanout.

Virgin material flow is visible through the flow chamber, which uses clear acrylic plastic windows and stainless-steel baffles. The baffles direct the flow of natural material so that color is dropped into the flow from an air space and is evenly distributed over a steady and predictable flow of natural material. This assures uniform distribution of color into the natural material. The windows provide a clear operator view of the combined flow.

The hopper holds up to 10 pounds of concentrate. Four sight glasses provide a view of the material level.

## PRINCIPLE OF CONTROLLER OPERATION

The MAGUIRE Gravimetric Controller coupled with two loss in weight load cells, provides the precise speed regulation and metering control necessary to assure absolute accuracy over your color usage. Metering rate is directly related to motor speed or motor run time. Accuracy is obtained by controlling the exact degree of off-time of the motor. Feed back from the load cells confirms the actual dispense and motor off-time is then adjusted to assure perfect dispense weights over time.

Though use of a stepper motor, RPM is precisely controlled in increments of 200 steps per revolution, allowing metering to occur uniformly over the entire screw return cycle (for injection molding applications) or though continuous operation (for extrusion applications). The metering rate is constantly monitored and adjusted to maintain accuracy. Changing cycle times or fluctuations in plant voltage are automatically detected and compensated for with no effect on metering accuracy.

## DECOMMISSIONING AND DISPOSAL

Decommissioning the unit: Disconnect the unit from the power supply. Disconnect the compressed air supply. Cut all Electrical cables \& Pneumatic Hoses to decommission the equipment. Disposal: Remove air hoses and inspection glasses and dispose of with plastic refuse. Remove electric motor dispose of with metal. Remainder of unit dispose of with metal. Controller: Remove battery and dispose of battery with hazardous waste. Remainder of controller dispose of with electronic waste. Re-cycle any hazardous materials/substances in accordance with the Local \& National regulations of the End User e.g. Lithium batteries etc, specific attention should be paid to the European RoHS \& WEEE Directives; remove any 'sharps' and dispose of in accordance with Local \& National regulations.

## WARRANTY - Exclusive 5-Year

MAGUIRE PRODUCTS offers one of the MOST COMPREHENSIVE WARRANTIES in the plastics equipment industry. We warrant each Feeder manufactured by us to be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service; our obligation under this warranty being limited to making good at our factory any Feeder which shall within FIVE (5) YEARS after delivery to the original purchaser be returned intact to us, transportation charges PREPAID, and which our examination shall disclose to our satisfaction to have been thus defective; this warranty being expressly in lieu of all other warranties expressed or implied and of all other obligations or liabilities on our part, and MAGUIRE PRODUCTS neither assumes nor authorizes any other persons to assume for it any other liability in connection with the sale of its products.

This warranty shall not apply to any Feeder which shall have been repaired or altered outside MAGUIRE PRODUCTS factory, unless such repair or alteration was, in our judgment, not responsible for the failure; nor which has been subject to misuse, negligence or accident, incorrect wiring by others, or installation or use not in accord with instructions furnished by Maguire Products.

Our liability under this warranty will extend only to Feeders that are returned to our factory in Aston, Pennsylvania PREPAID.

It should be noted, however, that we strive to satisfy our customers in whatever manner is deemed most expedient to overcome any problems they may have in connection with our equipment.

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