

# Clarke®

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## AIRLINE FILTER

MODEL NO: CAT186

PART NO: 3120503

## OPERATING & MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS

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## INTRODUCTION

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Thank you for purchasing this CLARKE Air Filter.

Before attempting to use this product, please read this manual thoroughly and follow the instructions carefully. In doing so you will ensure the safety of yourself and that of others around you, and you can look forward to your purchase giving you long and satisfactory service.

Your filter has been designed to give long and trouble free service. If, however, having followed the instructions in this booklet carefully, you encounter problems, take the unit to your local CLARKE dealer.

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## SPECIFICATIONS

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	<b>CAT186</b>
Dimensions (D x W x H)	60 x 68 x 182 mm
Air Inlet /Outlet Size	3/8" BSP (female)
Max Flow	65 CFM
Max Inlet Pressure	250 psi
Element Micron Rating	5 $\mu$
Max working Temperature	175 deg F

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## GENERAL SAFETY RULES

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CAUTION: FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE PRECAUTIONS COULD RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY, AND/OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

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## WORK ENVIRONMENT

1. Keep the work area clean and tidy.
2. Dress appropriately - do not wear loose clothing or jewellery. Tie long hair out of the way.
3. Keep children and visitors away - do not let children handle the tools.

4. Do not operate air tools where there are flammable liquids or gases.

## **USE OF AIRLINE EQUIPMENT**

1. Stay alert and use common sense - do not operate an air tool when you are tired or under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medication.
2. Do not overreach - Keep proper footing and balance at all times.
3. Never use oxygen, CO<sub>2</sub>, combustible gases or any type of bottled gas as a source of power for air tools.
4. Do not exceed the maximum pressure for the airline component stated in the specification.
5. Check airline hoses for leaks or worn condition before use and ensure that all connections are secure.
6. Keep the air supply hose away from heat, oil and sharp edges.
7. Avoid damaging the component for example by applying excessive force of any kind.
8. Always maintain the air tool with care. Keep it clean for the best and safest performance.

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## **COMPRESSED AIRLINE REQUIREMENTS**

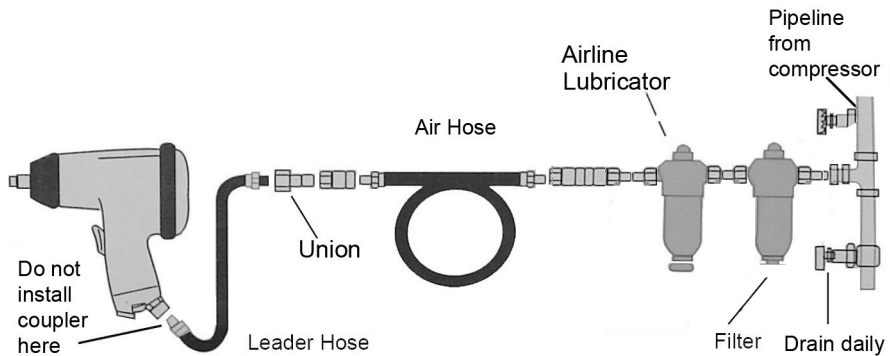
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**WARNING: COMPRESSED AIR CAN BE DANGEROUS. ENSURE THAT YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH ALL PRECAUTIONS RELATING TO THE USE OF COMPRESSORS AND COMPRESSED AIR SUPPLY.**

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1. Use only clean, dry, regulated compressed air as a power source.
2. Air compressors must comply with the appropriate European Community Safety Directives.
3. A build-up of moisture in the air compressor will accelerate wear and corrosion in the air tool. Ensure any moisture is drained from the compressor daily and the airline filter is kept clean.
4. If an unusually long air hose is required, (over 8 metres), the line pressure or the hose inside diameter may need to be increased.
5. The air hose must be rated at least 150% of the maximum operating pressure of the air tool



6. A typical air line layout is shown above. If an automatic in-line filter/regulator is used it will keep the tool in good condition. The lubricator should be adjusted to approx 2 drops per minute and SAE 10 oil should be used.
7. Never exceed the maximum operating pressure for the air tool. Ensure that air pressure does not exceed that stated in the specification for the tool when running. Higher pressures and contaminated air will shorten the life of the air tool due to faster wear and is a possible safety hazard.

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## INSTALLATION

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1. Ensure the compressor is turned off. Before using the airline, drain water from the air reservoir at the compressor.
2. The filter should be installed with reasonable accessibility for service whenever possible.
3. The filter should be installed upstream of regulator(s), lubricator(s), and cycling valve(s) in the air line, and should be as close as possible to the air tool(s) when used as a main line filter and/or as a final filter.
4. Keep pipe or tubing lengths to a minimum with the inside clean and free of dirt. Pipe joint compound should be used sparingly and applied only to the male pipe — never into the female port.
5. Do not use PTFE tape to seal pipe joints — pieces have a tendency to break off and lodge inside the unit, possibly causing malfunction.
6. Install the filter so that air flows as marked by the arrow on the filter body.
7. Installation should be downstream of the regulator but upstream of any lubricator.

8. Install the filter vertically with the bowl drain mechanism at the bottom, ensuring there is sufficient free space below the filter for future access.
9. Remove the blanking plugs from the connection ports and connect to the supply and delivery hoses.
10. A drain hose can be screwed to the drain port or the filter bowl drained manually.
11. Your filter is now ready for use.

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## USE AND CARE IN SERVICE

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1. Let the filter run with the air supply on. Ensure that the pressure to the air inlet of the filter from the air line does not exceed the maximum pressure specified.
2. The filter is equipped with a manual drain. Turn manual drain valve to drain accumulated liquids inside the bowl. Take care to drain the liquids from the bowl whenever necessary and always keep the liquids below the baffle.
3. The filter element should be replaced when the pressure drop across the element exceeds 15 psi. When an excessive pressure drop across a saturated but uncontaminated element occurs, it may indicate that the tool being operated exceeds the maximum flow rate (CFM) of the filter (See Specifications). Refer to the maximum flow rate of your filter and make sure that the required CFM of the air tool is within the maximum flow rate of your filter for best air tool operation.

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## MAINTENANCE

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### DISASSEMBLY

1. The filter can be disassembled without removal from the air line.
2. Shut OFF the inlet pressure. Reduce the pressure in inlet and outlet lines to zero.
3. Remove the bowl. Push into the body and turn counterclockwise.
4. Disassemble in general accordance with the parts illustrated on page 7. Do not remove the drain unless replacement is necessary. Remove



and replace only if the drain malfunctions or is being replaced with the optional automatic drain.

## **CLEANING**

1. Clean the polycarbonate bowl with warm water only. Clean other parts with warm water and soap.
2. Rinse and dry all parts. Blow out internal passages in the body with clean, dry, compressed air. Blow air through the filter element from inside to outside to remove surface contaminants.
3. Inspect and replace any parts found to be damaged.

## **ASSEMBLY**

1. Lubricate the o-rings, the portion of the manual drain body that contacts the bowl, and the hole in the manual drain body that accommodates the stem of the drain valve with o-ring grease.
2. Assemble the filter as shown on page 7.
3. Torque items listed in the Torque Table.

<b>Torque Settings</b>	
<b>Part</b>	<b>Inch Pounds (N-m)</b>
Screw	15 to 30 (1.7 to 3.4)
Baffle	10 to 20 (1.1 to 1.2)
Centre post	10 to 20 (1.1 to 1.2)
Nut	20 to 25 (2.3 to 2.8)

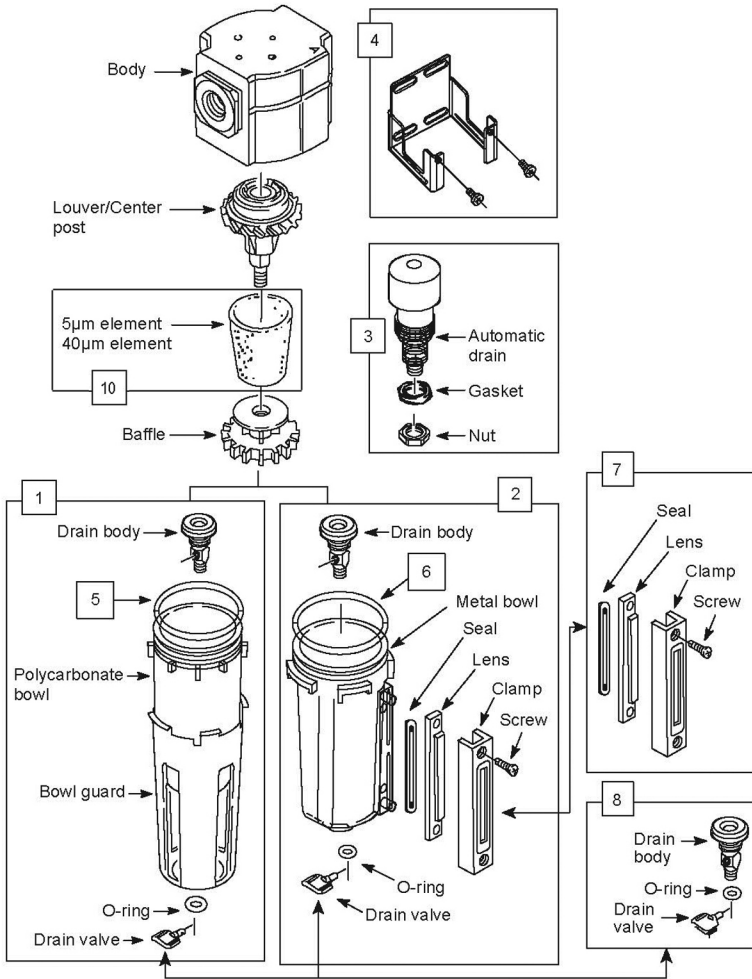
4. Push the bowl into the body and turn fully clockwise

## **ACCESSORIES**

A wide range of accessories is available including filter/regulators, lubricators, high-pressure hoses (5 to 50 metres) etc.

Contact your CLARKE dealer for further information or CLARKE International Service Department.

# PARTS LIST & DIAGRAM



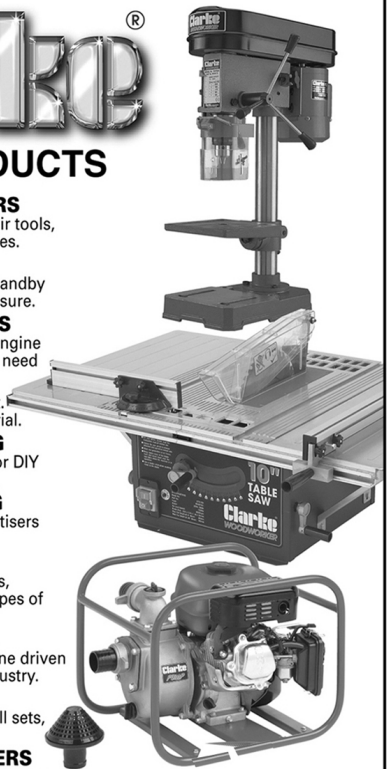
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1	Plastic bowl & guard assembly
2	Metal bowl and O-ring
3	Service indicator assembly
4	Auto drain conversion
5	Universal wall bracket

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6	Sight glass kit
7	O-ring for polycarbonate bowl
8	O-ring for metal bowl
9	Manual drain kit
10	Filter element

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