

## Pre-season Service for PumpRight (Hydraulic Pump) Systems & Sentinel

*(A little time spent here may prevent some downtime when you want to be rolling.)*

1. For Sentinel Rate Control and Row Monitoring use manual **396-4035Y1**. For Row Control use **-5477**.
2. Visually check entire system (hoses, fittings, harnesses, etc.) for any signs of wear or trouble. If connectors, harnesses, or parts have been soaked in fertilizer, check these very carefully.
3. Check the 12-pin ISO Connector and 2-pin Molex power connector.
4. Check the **flow indicators** for cracks and clarity. They can become weathered and difficult to see through.
5. **Change the pump oil annually**. Use SAE 30 Non-Detergent Oil. SurePoint has Hypro Oil specifically for these pumps.
6. On the display, recheck all **setup screens** (see Section F of the manual or the QuickStart Setup Guide) to verify correct setup.
7. Raise and lower the implement to verify that the **height switch** (if being used) arrow is indicating correctly on the Run Screen by the Master Switch indicator.
8. **Clean out the dirt that may be packed into the manual override knob on the hydraulic valve block**. May need to use a spray like WD-40 or compressed air to get the dirt out. You should be able to push down and rotate the knob a half turn counterclockwise, and have it pop up (to open the manual override) and then be able to push it down and turn it a half turn clockwise to lock it in operating position. If the stem is packed full of dirt, forcing the knob to turn with a pliers can break the stem. When the knob has been pushed down and rotated counterclockwise, there should be about ¼" movement in the stem with heavy spring tension.
9. If necessary, run pump in **manual override** mode to check hydraulic setup. This involves turning the hydraulic flow to 1, popping up the manual override knob, setting DUTY CYCLE & SECTION CONTROL to Manual, set PWM % at 5% to open the section valves, and then turning on the hydraulic flow. The pump will be controlled by adjusting the hydraulic flow. Be sure to push down and lock the knob when finished with the test.
10. Fill system with water and run in **Manual mode** (set DUTY CYCLE & SECTION CONTROL to Manual and enter 25% to start) to verify components and system are in working order. (May need to open air bleed valve to prime pump the first time. Be sure the air bleed valve and tube are not plugged. Be sure recirculation knob is closed.) In these two tests, you should be able to speed the pump up and slow it down by changing the PWM %. SurePoint gives recommendations for setting the PWM High Limit and Low Limit that generally work for nearly all systems. It is possible to fine-tune those settings. The **PWM Low Limit** should be a setting at which the pump will run enough to register steady flow on the flowmeter. If the pump will be operating at a higher level (even when running with only one section on) the Low Limit can be increased. Understand that the pump will not slow down below the PWM Low Limit so if the Low Limit is too high, there could be over-application at those times that lower output is needed (such as with only one section on). Some users of the GRC may be willing to live with a little over-application on the small areas that will be covered with only one section on to get a faster startup on every pass by setting the PWM Low Limit higher. Set **PWM High Limit** so the pump can reach the highest output needed. After the pump is primed, the **recirculation knob** can be opened 1/8 to 1/4 turn.
  - a. This is a good time to check out the **Diagnostics**. This is a screen that every tech and every user should regularly check.
  - b. On the **Diagnostics tab**, check out the flowmeter operation at **Flowmeter (Hz)** to see the pulses (per second) that are being generated by the flowmeter. With the pump running at a steady speed this should be stable ( $\pm 2$  Hz variation). Check the **Pump RPM**.
  - c. Check out the **PWM Duty Cycle**. While operating in the field at a steady speed, this should

also be steady ( $\pm 2$ ). If this is bouncing around more, lower the **Control Speed**.

11. **Tighten all clamps.** Loose clamps may be evident by leaks on the output side of the system. Loose clamps from the tank to the pump are not always apparent but can be sources of air getting into the system which can create issues.
12. **Push in all QuickConnect (QC) fittings** to be sure the tubes are tightly seated. Unseated QC fittings may not leak but they can cause check valves to leak because they allow air to be drawn into the system when application stops.
13. Remove the blue or black cap from the top of each check valve. Check the diaphragm to be sure it is intact and not gummed up with residue. Look under the diaphragm for debris. Compress the spring in the cap to be sure it moves freely. Carefully replace diaphragm and tighten cap. These check valve fairprene diaphragms (133-03-40155-07) and the O-ring (133-03-40160) in the check valve should be replaced every year or two for best performance.
14. Remove and clean the strainer. Be sure strainer is tightened securely so it will not suck air. Check the housing for cracks.
15. Run system with a **Nozzle Flow Test** with speed and rate to be used in the field.
16. Be sure all rows are flowing and that all metering tubes/orifices are open. (Note: It will take a higher flow rate with water to create enough pressure to open all the check valves so that each row will flow.)
17. Verify that all sections open and close (and in the correct order) with **Manual Sections**.
18. Perform a **catch test** to verify the system is properly installed and configured. Adjust the flow cal as needed based on accurate catch tests with the actual product or observation of gallons applied and acres worked.
19. LiquiShift valves will not open until there is a PWM signal. This can be done with a Manual test. You can use the Pressure Simulator to open LS valves without liquid.
20. Check the placement devices for wear and alignment. Check tension on Keeton seed firmers.

Use **Tap Tester tool** (212-03-3912Y1) to verify harnessing for the flowmeter.

Use **Pressure Simulator** (212-03-3910Y1) to verify harnessing and setup and to change LiquiShift valves.

Check the software version on the Sentinel and check on the SurePoint website to see what the latest version is. Information about updating the software can be found at the QR code below.

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## Pre-season Service for Tower (Electric pump) Systems & Sentinel

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1. For Sentinel Rate Control and Row Monitoring use manual **396-4035Y1**. For Row Control use **-5477**.
2. Visually check entire system (hoses, fittings, harnesses, etc.) for any signs of wear or trouble. If connectors, harnesses, or parts have been soaked in fertilizer, check these very carefully.
3. Check the 12-pin ISO Connector and 2-pin Molex power connector.
4. Check the **Power Cable connection at the battery and at the hitch**. If these have 480 MP connectors, consider upgrading the connectors to the Anderson connectors and possibly upgrading the full power harness and extension to the new heavier duty cables. The biggest problem with electric pump systems is when we get low voltage at the EPD because of the length of the cable necessary to get there. The heavier duty cables (6AWG wire) with the robust Anderson connectors help to reduce the voltage drop. On EPDs with the Anderson connectors there is a Voltage Test connector. Test the voltage here when the pumps are running.
5. Check the **flow indicators** for cracks and clarity. They can become weathered and difficult to see through.
6. On the display, recheck all **setup screens** (see Section F of the manual) to verify correct setup.
7. Raise and lower the implement to verify that the **height switch** (if being used) arrow is indicating correctly on the Run Screen by the Master Switch indicator.
8. Fill system with water and run in **Manual mode** (set DUTY CYCLE & SECTION CONTROL to Manual – enter 15%) to verify components and system are in working order. (Open air bleed valve to prime pump the first time. Be sure the air bleed valve and tube are not plugged. Be sure recirculation knob is closed.) Speed the pump up and slow it down by changing the PWM %. SurePoint gives recommendations for setting the PWM High Limit and Low Limit that generally work for nearly all systems. It is possible to fine-tune those settings. The **PWM Low Limit** should be a setting at which the pump will run enough to register steady flow on the flowmeter. If the pump will be operating at a higher level (even when running with only one section on) the Low Limit can be increased. This is particularly helpful on the GRC to get quicker startup at the beginning of a pass. Understand that the pump will not slow down below the PWM Low Limit so if the Low Limit is too high, there could be over-application at those times that lower output is needed (such as with only one section on). Some users of the GRC may be willing to live with a little over-application on the small areas that will be covered with only one section on to get a faster startup on every pass by setting the PWM Low Limit higher.
  - a. Go to the **Diagnostics tab**. This is a screen that every tech and every user should regularly check.
  - b. On the **Diagnostics tab**, check out the flowmeter operation at **Flowmeter (Hz)** to see the pulses (per second) that are being generated by the flowmeter. With the pump running at a steady speed this should be stable ( $\pm 2$  Hz variation).
  - c. Check out the **PWM Duty Cycle**. While operating in the field at a steady speed, this should also be steady ( $\pm 2$ ).
  - d. *Check the voltage at the EPD (on the Voltage Test connector) while the pumps are running hard. If the voltage drops to 11 v or less there could be problems with the EPD.*
9. Check the operation of **each pump individually**. Run in **Manual mode** with one pump at a time and verify the flow output (GPM) of each pump. If a pump runs, but won't pump, tap it with a rubber mallet or pour hot water into the inlet side of the pump.
10. **Tighten all clamps**. Loose clamps may be evident by leaks on the output side of the system. Loose clamps from the tank to the pump are not always apparent but can be sources of air getting into the system which can create issues.
11. **Push in all QuickConnect (QC) fittings** to be sure the tubes are tightly seated. Unseated QC fittings may not leak but they can cause check valves to leak because they allow air to be drawn into the

system when application stops.

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13. Remove and clean the strainer. Be sure strainer is tightened securely so it will not suck air. Check the housing for cracks.
14. Run system with a **Nozzle Flow Test** with speed and rate to be used in the field.
15. Be sure all rows are flowing and that all metering tubes/orifices are open. (Note: It will take a higher flow rate with water to create enough pressure to open all the check valves so that each row will flow.)
16. Verify that all sections open and close (and in the correct order) using **Manual Sections**.
17. Run a **catch test** to verify flowmeter operation. If the amount caught is close to what it should be, do not change the Flowmeter calibration number unless you have repeatedly done accurate tests that indicate a change should be made. The flowmeters are generally very accurate with the factory flow calibration number and should not be changed unless accurate data indicates it should. **Verify accuracy in the field** with acres worked and gallons applied.
18. Check the placement devices for wear and alignment. Check tension on Keeton seed firmers.

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