Roots ™ Universal RAI-J DSL blowers





Howden Roots Patented Universal RAI-JTM WHISPAIRTM Dual Splash Lubricated (DSL) blowers are heavy duty rotary units in a compact, sturdy design, engineered for continuous service when operated within speed and vacuum/pressure ratings.

Basic blower description

The basic model features a cast iron casing with a computer-designed cast relief for noise and shock suppression. Carburized and ground alloy steel spur timing gears are secured to steel shafts with a taper mounting and locknut. The unit features cast iron involute impellers. Oversized anti-friction bearings are used, with a cylindrical roller bearing at the drive shaft to withstand V-belt pull. Detachable rugged steel mounting feet permit easy in-field adaptablility to either vertical or horizontal installation requirements. The Universal RAI-JTM DSL design incorporates dual splash lubrication to the gear AND drive ends. Roots' exclusive "figure-eight" gearbox design improves oil distribution to maximize bearing and gear life. Sight glasses (3/8") are provided for accurate oil level confirmation.

Lower vibration

The reduction in the magnitude of the pressure pulsation results in smoother operation.

Lower air pulsation

Patented WHISPAIRTM blowers operate with up to 40% less pressure pulsation than conventional blowers, due to the pressure equalizing effect of the WHISPAIRTM blower jet design. In conventional blowers, as the impeller opens up to the outlet port, the higher pressure air in the discharge line rapidly expands into the lower pressure pocket formed by the impeller and the blower case. The resulting shock wave strikes the advancing surface of the impeller at nearsonic velocity. Four pressure pulses occur during each revolution, transmitting shock loads to the gear and bearings.

Longer bearing life

The pre-pressurization of the low pressure pocket through the WHISPAIRTM blower jet cavity smooths the pulsations, resulting in less shock being transmitted through the impellers to the bearings, providing longer bearing life.

Design and construction features

- Lower air pulsation
- Longer bearing life
- Lower vibration

Lower noise

The pressure pulses, inherent in the rotary-lobe design, are also the major source of blower noise. The rapid backflow of air into the blower from the discharge line, four times per revolution, results in high noise levels in a conventional blower. The WHISPAIRTM jet design controls the backflow of air into the blower, reducing noise by approximately 5 dBA vaccum, 3 dB pressure.

Performance table

Model used on Gutter Master® 2050

F	rame	Speed RPM	1 PSI		6 PSI		7 PSI		10 PSI		12 PSI		13 PSI		MAX VACUUM		
s	size		CFM	BHP	CFM	BHP	CFM	BHP	CFM	BHP	CFM	BHP	CFM	BHP	"HG	CFM	BHP
4	17	3600	542	3.5	496	16.1	490	18.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	452	19.1

Blower Performance Curves

Vacuum Performance Roots Model 47 URAI

