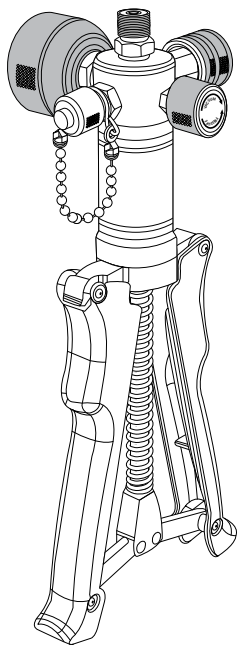
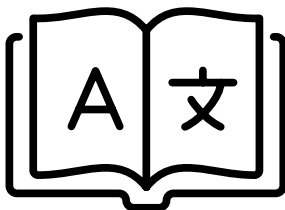


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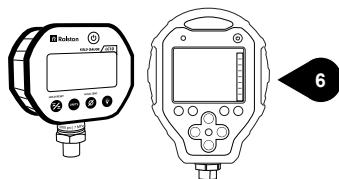
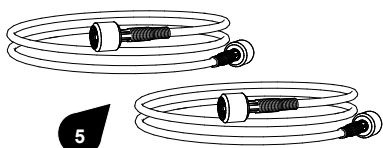
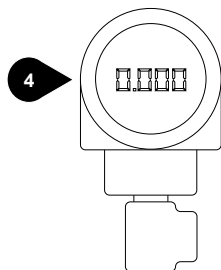
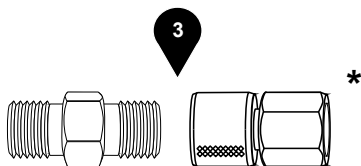
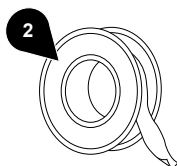
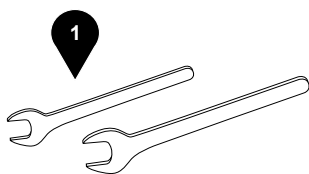
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# Specifications

<b>Pressure Range</b>	0-650 psi (45 bar)
<b>Vacuum Range</b>	28.5 inHg / 760 mmHg
<b>Media</b>	Air
<b>Pressure Reference Port</b>	Male Ralston Quick-test™ outlet port, no check valve, stainless steel
<b>Pressure Outlet Port</b>	Male Ralston Quick-test™ outlet port with cap and chain, stainless steel
<b>Temperature Range</b>	0 to 130 °F (-18 to 54 °C)
<b>Seal Materials</b>	Buna-N, Teflon, Viton (base gasket), Delrin (bleed valve)
<b>Construction</b>	Aluminum, Brass, Stainless Steel
<b>Fine Adjust Resolution</b>	+/- 0.001 psi (+/- 0.03 mbar)
<b>Weight</b>	1.75 lb / 0.8 kg
<b>Dimensions</b>	H: 10.5 in (26.67 cm) W: 5 in (12.7 cm) D: 3 in (7.62 cm)

# Requirements



\* [ralstoninst.com/adapters](http://ralstoninst.com/adapters)

## What you need to use your Pressure/Vacuum Test Pump:

1. Wrenches
2. Thread Tape
3. Ralston Quick-test™ Adapters
4. Device Under Test
5. Ralston Quick-test™ Hoses
6. Pressure Reference

# Important Safety Notices

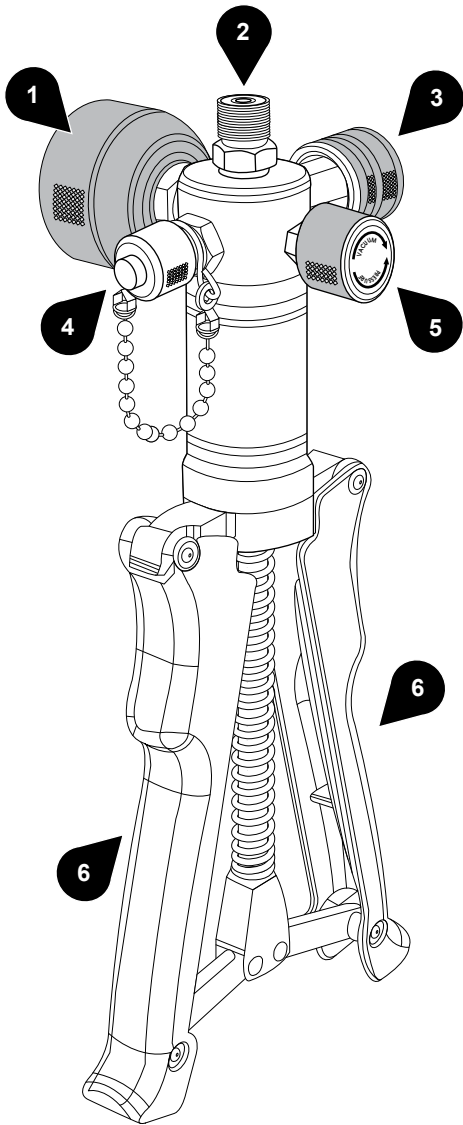
**⚠ WARNING: Do not exceed Maximum Working Pressure for this product or damage may result.**

**⚠ WARNING: Device under test should be isolated from the process, vented and vent valve closed prior to use.**

**⚠ WARNING: Do not attempt to operate this pump until you have read and fully understand the instructions and hazards of the product.**

- Any modifications to this product with custom parts can result in hazardous operation of the hand pump.
- Use eye protection while using this product. Leaking gas, parts or hoses can be ejected at high speed and may cause injury.

# Pressure/Vacuum Test Pump Overview

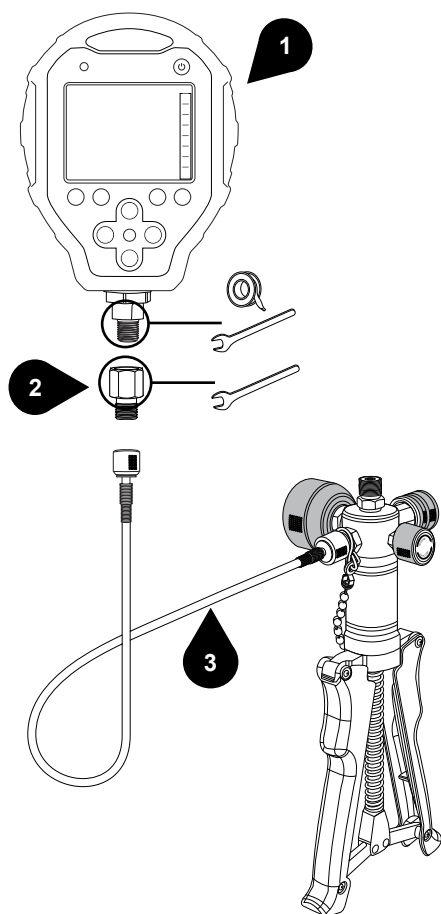


1. Fine Adjust Valve
2. Outlet Port
3. Bleed Valve
4. Outlet Port with Cap & Chain
5. Pressure/Vacuum Knob
6. Pump Handles

# Setting Up

## Connecting Reference Gauge

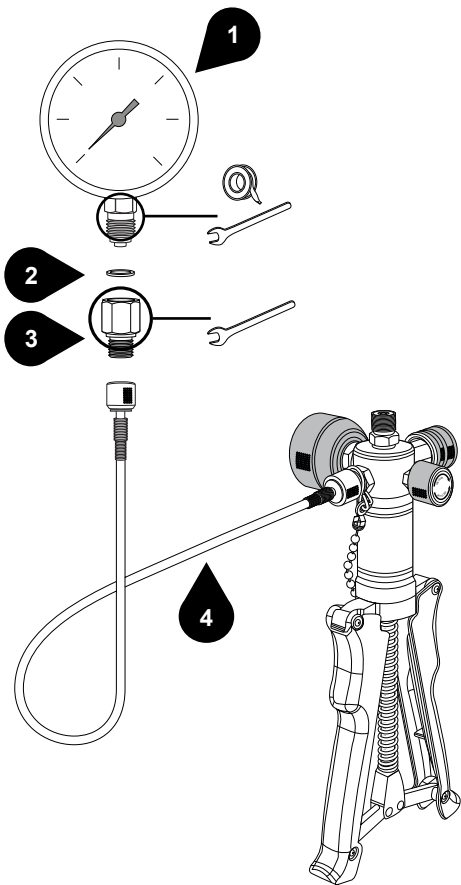
### Male NPT Reference Gauge



1. Reference Gauge with NPT male connection
2. NPT Female Ralston Quick-test™ Adapter
3. Ralston Quick-test™ Hose

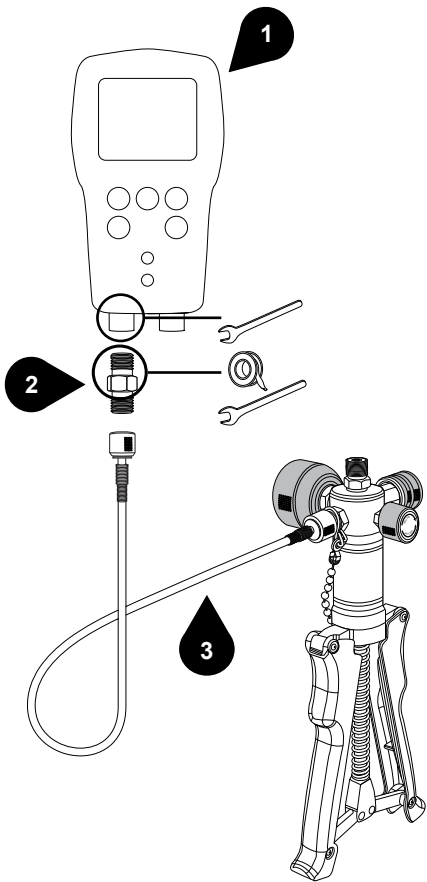


# Male BSPP Reference Gauge



- 1. Reference Gauge with BSPP male connection
- 2. BSPP Washer
- 3. BSPP Female (RG) Ralston Quick-test™ Adapter
- 4. Ralston Quick-test™ Hose

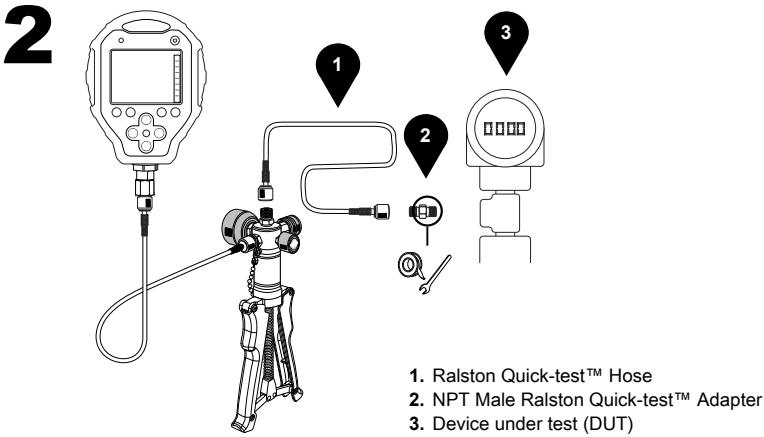
# Female NPT Pressure Reference Gauge



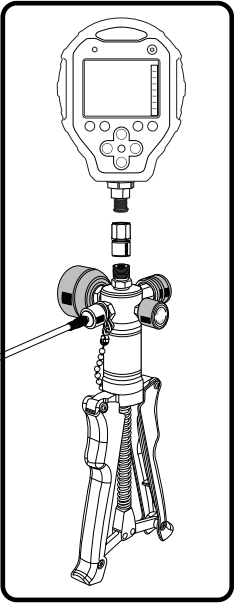
- 1. Reference Gauge with NPT female port
- 2. NPT Male Ralston Quick-test™ Adapter
- 3. Ralston Quick-test™ Hose

# Connecting Device Under Test (DUT)

**1** Isolate the Device Under Test (DUT) from the process and vent DUT prior to connecting to it.

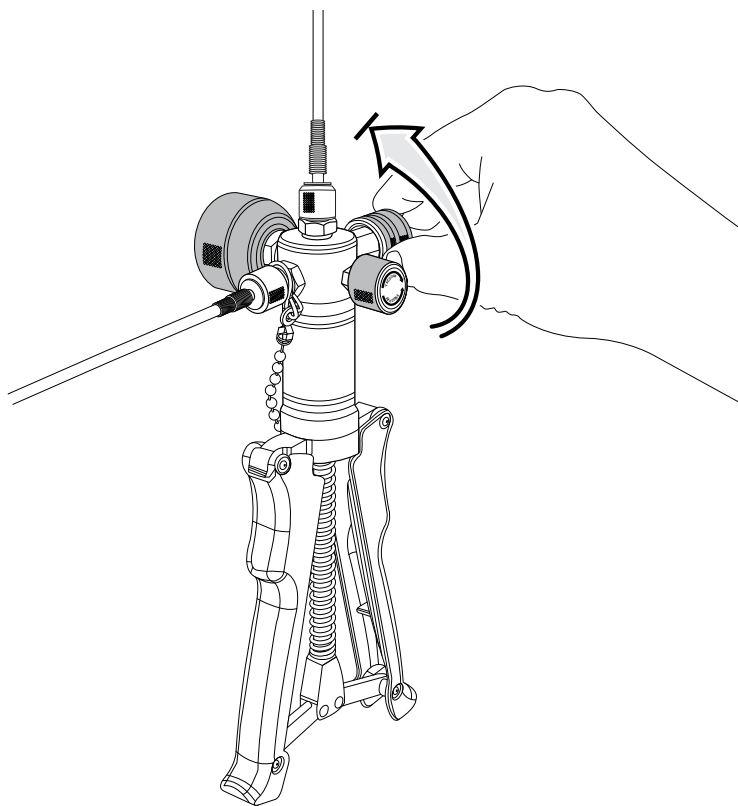


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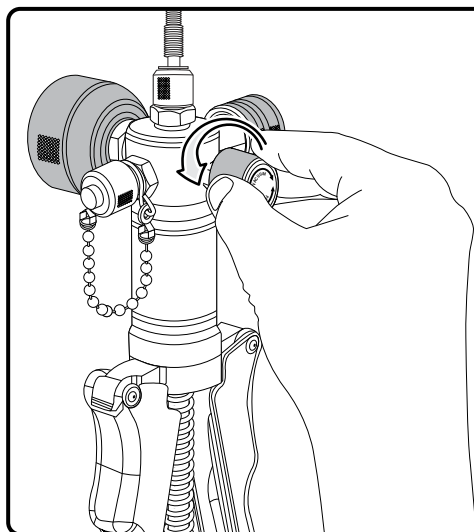
## Prepare the Pump

Close Bleed Valve.

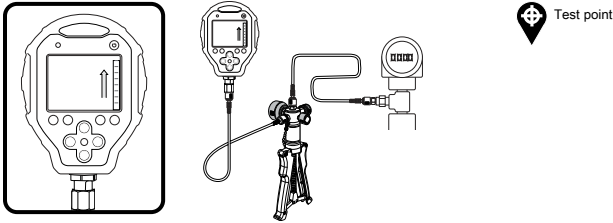


## Calibrate with Pressure

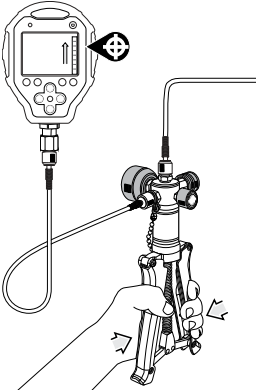
Turn Pressure/Vacuum Knob  
counterclockwise for pressure.



# Increase Pressure

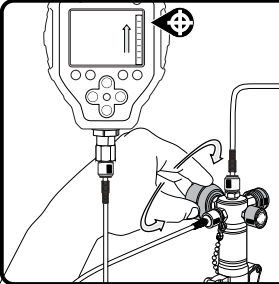


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Pump to just below test point. Let pressure reading stabilize. This may take several minutes.

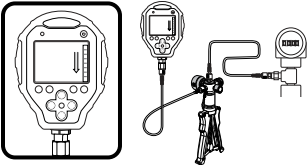
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Fine-adjust to exact test point.

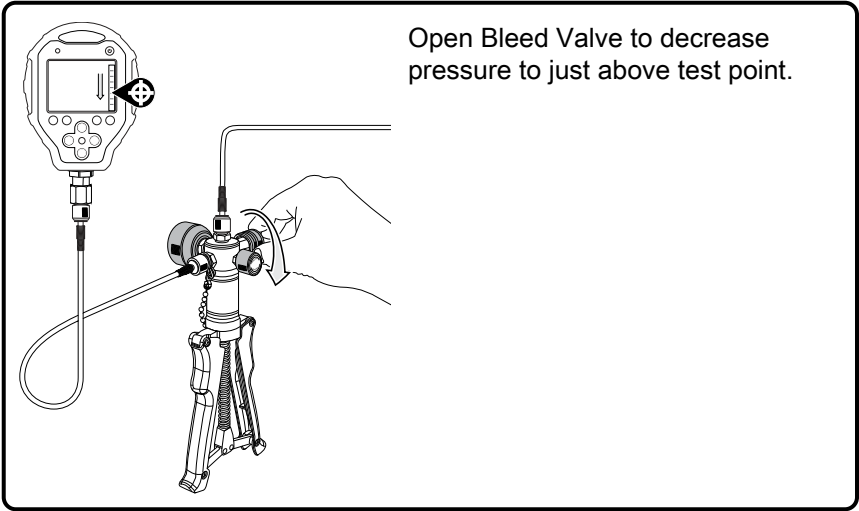
 Repeat steps 1 through 2 for each test point up-scale.

# Decrease Pressure



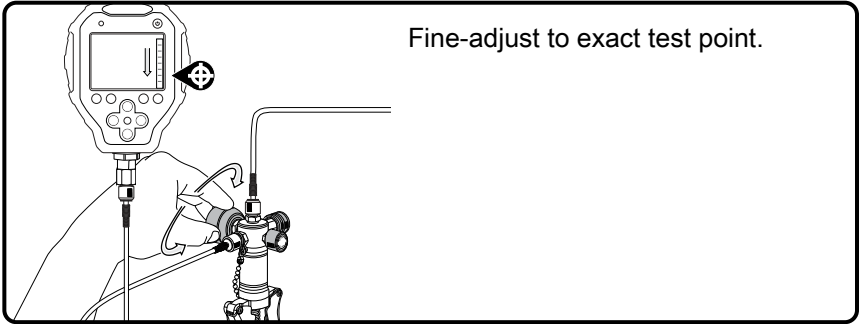
Test point

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Open Bleed Valve to decrease pressure to just above test point.

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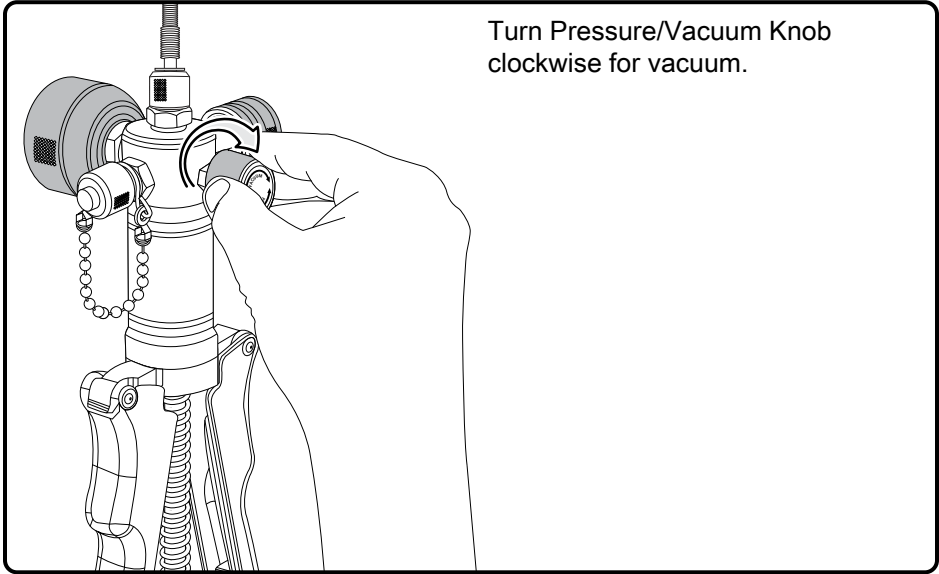


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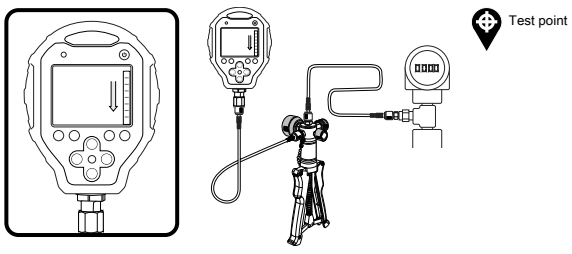
Repeat steps 1 and 2 for each test point down-scale.

# Calibrate with Vacuum





# Increase Vacuum



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A diagram showing a hand operating the pump handle of the vacuum gauge. The gauge is connected to a test point. A callout icon points to the gauge's display area.

Pump to just above test point. Let vacuum reading stabilize. This may take several minutes.

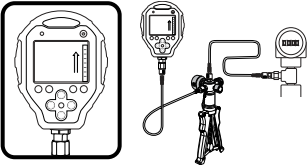
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A diagram showing a hand adjusting a knob on the vacuum gauge. The gauge is connected to a test point. A callout icon points to the gauge's display area.

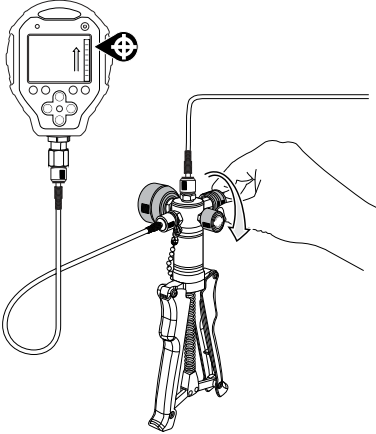
Fine-adjust to exact test point.

Repeat steps 1 and 2 for each test point down-scale.

# Decrease Vacuum

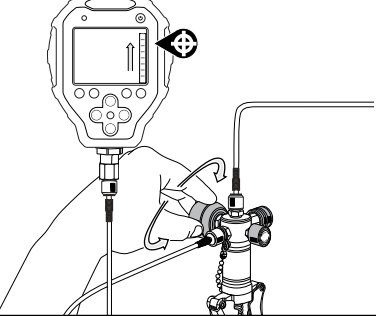


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Open Bleed Valve to decrease vacuum to just below test point.

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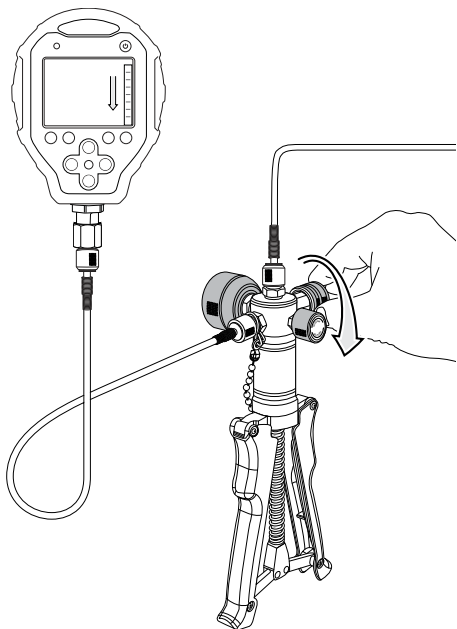
Fine-adjust to exact test point.



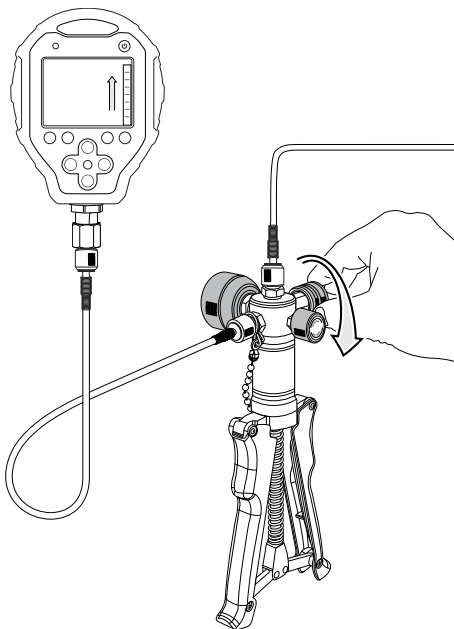
Repeat steps 1 through 2 for each test point up-scale.

# Venting System

## Release Pressure



## Release Vacuum

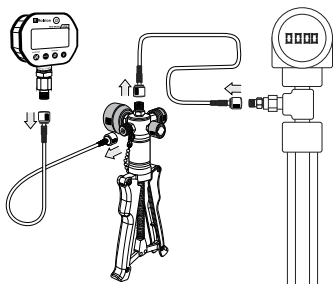


When finished testing, open the Bleed Valve and vent the system.

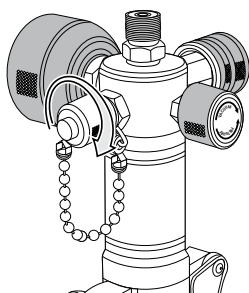
# Storage and Transport

Vent system when calibration is completed. See page 17.

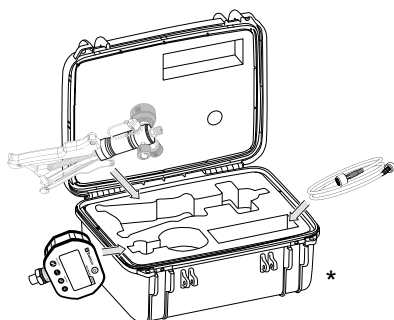
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\* Ralston DCAP & DCAP-PV Test Pump Carrying Case (DCAP-CASE). Sold separately.

# Maintenance

## Maintenance Interval

Every 300 uses or 3 months

## Maintenance Procedure

- Lubricate the Ralston Quick-test™ fittings by squirting 2 ml of oil inside the connection.
- Lubricate the Fine Adjust Piston O-rings with silicone-based lubricant.
- Lubricate the threads on the Fine Adjust Piston with a graphite-based grease, such as Dow Corning® Moly-kote G-n Metal Assembly Paste (or equivalent).

# Troubleshooting

## **The Pumping Piston is difficult to pump**

If the Pumping Piston is difficult to pump over years of service, then apply a thin coat of graphite grease such as Dow Corning® Moly-kote G-n Metal Assembly Paste (or equivalent).

**If the issue was not resolved by these troubleshooting instructions, then please contact support listed on page 21.**

# Support

Hours: **8:30 am – 5:00 pm EST**

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