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Foreword



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Glossary

Term	Definition
Adapter Plate	Device for attaching the deburring tool to either a robot flange or a stationary mounting surface.
Air Filter	Device for removing contamination from air supply lines. Typically refers to removal of particulates.
Burr	Any unwanted, raised protrusion on the work piece.
Bur	Cutting tool used to remove burrs from the work piece. Alternatively referred to as a rotary file, cutter, or bit.
Climb Milling	Cutting method where the direction of cutter rotation and tool motion are the same.
Coalescing Filter	Device designed to remove liquid aerosols from the supply air lines.
Collet	Gripping device used to hold cutting tools in the spindle.
Compliance	The ability of the spindle to passively move in response to protrusions on or deviations of the work piece.
Conventional Milling	Method of cutting where the direction of tool motion is opposite that of tool rotation.
End-Effector	Tool used by the robot to perform a particular function.
Front Housing	The main cylindrical body of the unit which includes the mounting features.
RC	Radially-Compliant.
Rear Housing	Rear cover to the front housing. The body includes a compliance and spindle air supply fitting.
Regulator	Device used to set and control the supplied air pressure to lower acceptable levels.
Solenoid Valve	Electrically controlled device for switching air supplies on and off.
Spindle	The rotating portion of the deburring tool assembly.
Turbine	Air motor that drives the spindle.
-E	Euro models.

1. Safety

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1.1 Explanation of Notifications

These notifications are used in all of ATI manuals and are not specific to this product. The user should heed all notifications from the robot manufacturer and/or the manufacturers of other components used in the installation.



DANGER: Notification of information or instructions that if not followed will result in death or serious injury. The notification provides information about the nature of the hazardous situation, the consequences of not avoiding the hazard, and the method for avoiding the situation.



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CAUTION: Notification of information or instructions that if not followed could result in moderate injury or will cause damage to equipment. The notification provides information about the nature of the hazardous situation, the consequences of not avoiding the hazard, and the method for avoiding the situation.

NOTICE: Notification of specific information or instructions about maintaining, operating, installing, or setting up the product that if not followed could result in damage to equipment. The notification can emphasize, but is not limited to: specific grease types, best operating practices, and maintenance tips.

1.2 General Safety Guidelines

Prior to purchase, installation, and operation of the Flexdeburrr product, the customer should first read and understand the operating procedures and information described in this manual. Never use the deburring tool for any purposes, or in any ways, not explicitly described in this manual. Follow installation instructions and pneumatic connections as described in this manual.

All pneumatic fittings and tubing must be capable of withstanding the repetitive motions of the application without failing. The routing of pneumatic lines must minimize the possibility of stress/strain, kinking, rupture, etc. Failure of critical pneumatic lines to function properly may result in equipment damage.

1.3 Safety Precautions



WARNING: Never operate the Flexdeburr product without wearing hearing protection. High sound levels can occur during cutting. Failure to wear hearing protection can cause hearing impairment. Always use hearing protection while working in the neighborhood of the deburring tool.



WARNING: Never operate the Flexdeburr product without wearing eye protection. Flying debris can cause injury. Always use eye protection while working in the neighborhood of the deburring tool.



CAUTION: Do not use burs rated for less than the speed of the RC deburring tool being used. Using these too may cause injury or damage equipment. Always use burs rated for at least the speed of the RC deburring tool being used.



CAUTION: Do not use spare parts other than original ATI spare parts. Use of spare parts not supplied by ATI can damage equipment and void the warranty. Always use original ATI spare parts.



CAUTION: Never be present near the deburring tool while it is started or in operation. Flying debris and rotating parts can cause injury. If it is necessary to approach the deburring tool while in motion, stand behind appropriate Plexiglas windows. Provide a barrier to prohibit people from approaching the deburring tool while in operation must secure the installation.



CAUTION: Do not perform maintenance or repair on the Flexdeburr product unless the tool is safely supported or docked in the tool stand and air has been turned off. Injury or equipment damage can occur with tool not docked and air on. Dock the tool safely in the tool stand and turn off the air before performing maintenance or repair on the Flexdeburr product.

NOTICE: Turbine motors are not serviceable at this time. Refer to [Section 9—Terms and Conditions of Sale](#). To maximize the life of turbine motor products the customer should follow closely the normal operation procedures outlined in the product manual. The air must be totally lube free and filtered to remove particulates and moisture. Exposing the turbine motors to oil in the air supply results in premature failure.

2. Product Overview

The Radially Compliant (RC) deburring tool, also known as Flexdeburr, is a robust, high-speed and lightweight turbine driven deburring unit for deburring aluminum, plastic, steel, etc. with a robot or CNC machine. The RC deburring tool is especially suited for removal of parting lines and flash from parts. However, its flexible design allows it to be used in a wide variety of applications.

The RC deburring tool's pneumatically controlled, articulated design allows the cutting bit to follow the part profile and compensate for surface irregularities while maintaining a constant, settable force. This allows high feed rates with uniform quality in any orientation. The tool also requires no oil, allowing clean exhaust air to be vented directly into the work environment.

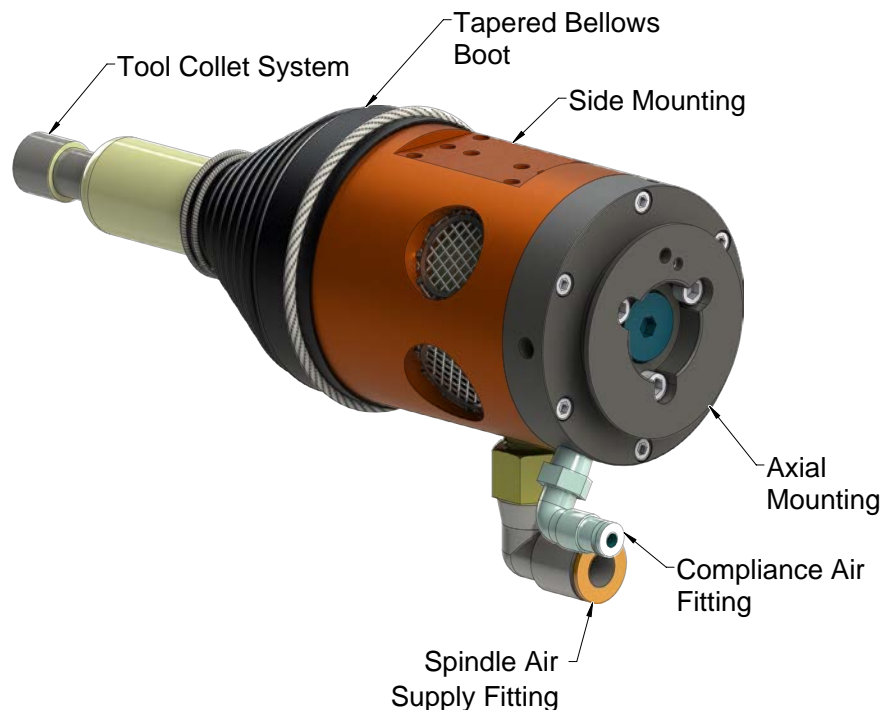
Compliance is supported by air pressure applied to the shaft of the unit and is used to perform consistent deburring on irregular part patterns. The motor's internal governor maintains high spindle speeds for optimum surface finish. The RC deburring tool also utilizes standard industrial tungsten-carbide bits which allows for adaptation to changing assembly lines and part requirements.

The RC-300 and RC-340 series provides for (2) mounting types, a side mounting and an axial mounting. The side mounting provides (2) locating dowel pins and (4) threaded holes. The axial mounting utilizes a tapered flange that requires an adapter plate. Custom adapter plates for both side and axial mounting are available from ATI. Refer to https://www.ati-ia.com/Products/deburr/deburring_rc_main.aspx for more information.

The RC-300 and RC-340 series is equipped with a 3/8" Push-to Connect fitting to supply the motor air (for -E models ATI supplies an adapter from 3/8" to 8 mm) and a 5/32" (4 mm) Push-to Connect fitting to supply the compliance air.

A tool collet system secures the cutting bur. Many collet sizes and a various selection of tools are available to accommodate a wide variety of applications.

Figure 2.1—RC-300 Series Deburring Tool



2.1 Tool Collet Systems

All Flexdebur products utilize removable collets to grip customer supplied cutting tools. Different collet diameters may be substituted to retain numerous cutter shank diameters. The collet retaining nut is loosened to open the collet allowing cutting tools to be removed and inserted. Once the tool or bur is set to the desired depth, spanner wrenches are used to tighten the collet nut causing the collet to collapse and secure the cutting tool. The air motor design does not allow the installation of quick-change or drawbar collet systems.

The standard tool holding system for Flexdebur products is an economical, proprietary, single-angle collet design utilizing multiple gripping fingers. This is suitable for most applications where industry standard shank diameter cutting tools are used and runout tolerances of up to 0.001” (0.025 mm) are acceptable. Special sizes are available upon request but require custom machining.

2.2 Technical Description

The technical overview of the product is provided in the following tables and graphs. For additional technical specifications, refer to [Section 8—Specifications](#).

2.2.1 Environmental Limitations

2.2.1.1 Operation

Table 2.1—Operation	
Installation position	Mounted to robot by means of the side mounting pattern or rear adapter flange. Refer to Section 3.5—Side Mounting Installation and Section 3.6—Axial Mounting Installation . The flange is specific to each type of robot. This optional flange is normally supplied by ATI in a blank form suitable for customer modification. Refer to https://www2.ati-ia.com/Products/debur/deburring_rc_main.aspx .
	Mounted to a table or stand by means of the bench adapter (the robot is carrying the work piece).
Temperature range	5° C–35° C 41° F–95° F
Utilities	The tool requires the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean, dry, filtered, non-lubricated air. • A coalescing filter and filter elements rated 5 micron or better. • The motor spindle must be supplied air at 6.2 bar (90 psi). • The radial compliance (centering) air must be supplied from a regulated source between 1.0–4.1 bar (15–60 psi).

2.2.1.2 Storage

Table 2.2—Storage	
Temperature range	5° C–35° C 41° F–95° F
Conditions	The tool should be stored in its crate and in a dry place. When not in use, keep the unit in its crate if possible. Consult Section 3.4—Storage and Preventive Maintenance during Storage of this manual.

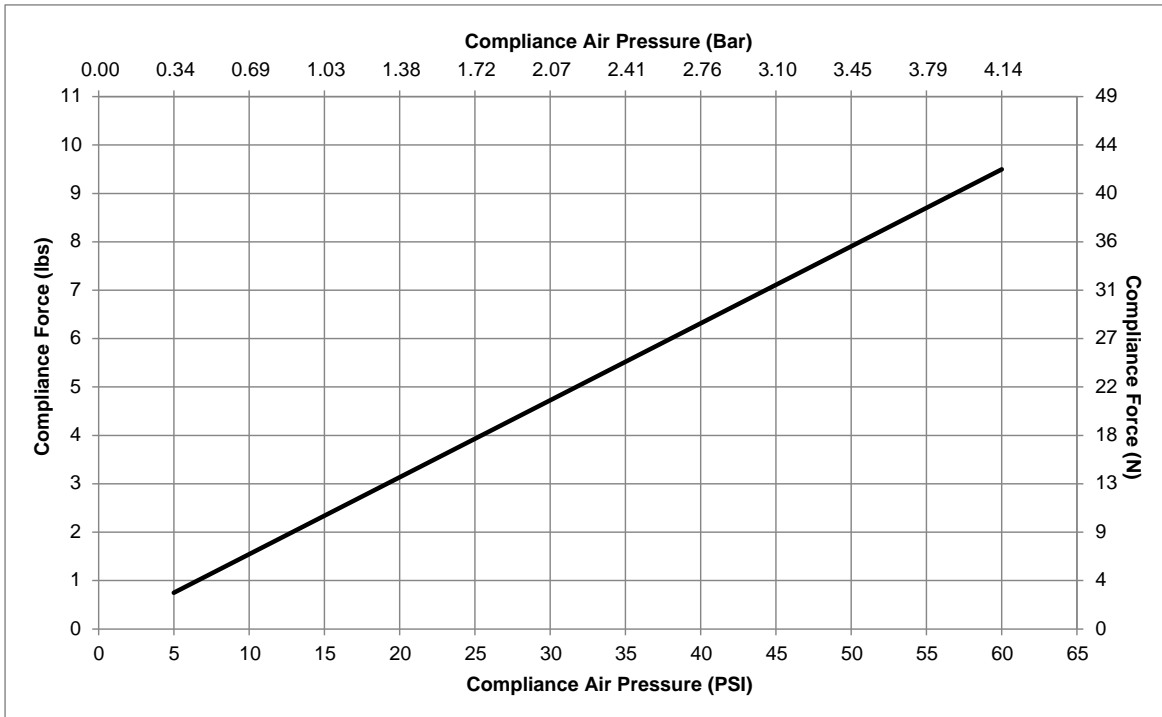
2.2.2 Compliance Unit Performance

The graphs in *Figure 2.2* illustrate the variation of compliance force with applied air pressure in the vertical orientation with the collet pointed toward the ground. Measurements may vary from one product to another and should only be treated as nominal.

The actual force characteristics are dependent on mounting orientation and condition of the unit. In applications, where the deburring tool is mounted horizontally, additional compliance air pressure is required to overcome the weight of the motor. Compliance pressure is also dependent upon the material of the work piece, type of bur tool, and the amount of material that is removed.

The turbine motor attempts to maintain its full rated speed even under loaded conditions. However, when extremely heavy cuts are taken, the motor may eventually stall. Therefore, multiple, light passes are preferred over slow, heavy cuts.

Figure 2.2—RC-300 and RC-340 Series Compliance Force Curves (Measured at the Spindle Tip)



3. Installation

The RC-300 and RC-340 series Deburring Tools are delivered fully assembled. Optional equipment such as mounting adapter plates, burr tools, additional collets will be separate.

3.1 Transportation and Protection During Transportation

The RC deburring tool is packaged in a crate designed to secure and protect it during transportation. Always use the crate when transporting the deburring tool in order to minimize the risk of damage.

3.2 Inspection of Condition When Delivered

Upon receipt, the following should be checked:

- Delivery in accordance with freight documents
- Packaging in good condition

If there is damage to any of the packaging, or if any of the goods have been exposed to abnormal handling, unpack those parts that may have been damaged for a closer inspection. If necessary, notify ATI for assistance in evaluation of the product condition.

3.3 Unpacking and Handling

The deburring tool should always be placed inside the accompanying box (crate) during transportation, storing and handling.

Pneumatic lines and electrical cables are attached, bundled, and must be strain-relieved in a manner that allows for freedom of movement during operation.

3.4 Storage and Preventive Maintenance during Storage

The deburring tool should be stored in its crate when it is not in use. The deburring tool should also be stored in a dry place.

For long-term storage, the deburring tool should be thoroughly cleaned of any burrs or debris. It should not be disassembled. Place the deburring tool inside a sealed, plastic bag inside the crate.

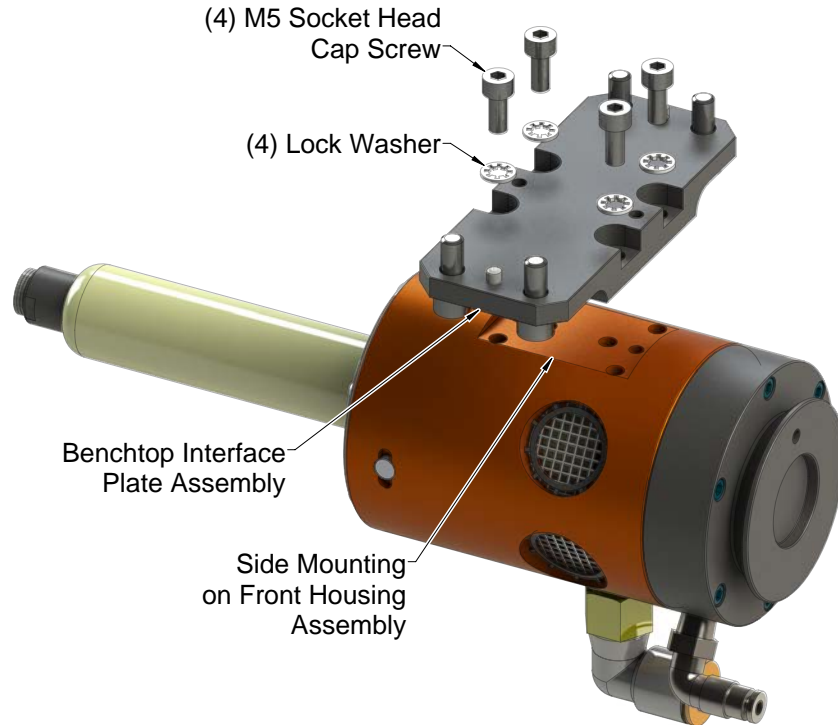
3.5 Side Mounting Installation

The side-mounting pattern of the RC deburring tool consists of (2) dowel pin holes and a number of threaded holes as can be seen in the following figure. The maximum fastener length specified must not be exceeded so that the fasteners do not interfere with the compliant motion of the turbine motor spindle. Refer to https://www2.ati-ia.com/Products/deburr/deburring_rc_main.aspx for more information.



CAUTION: Lock washers are recommended on all mounting features. Liquid thread lockers should not be used for the mounting hardware as this may damage or remove thread inserts during disassembly.

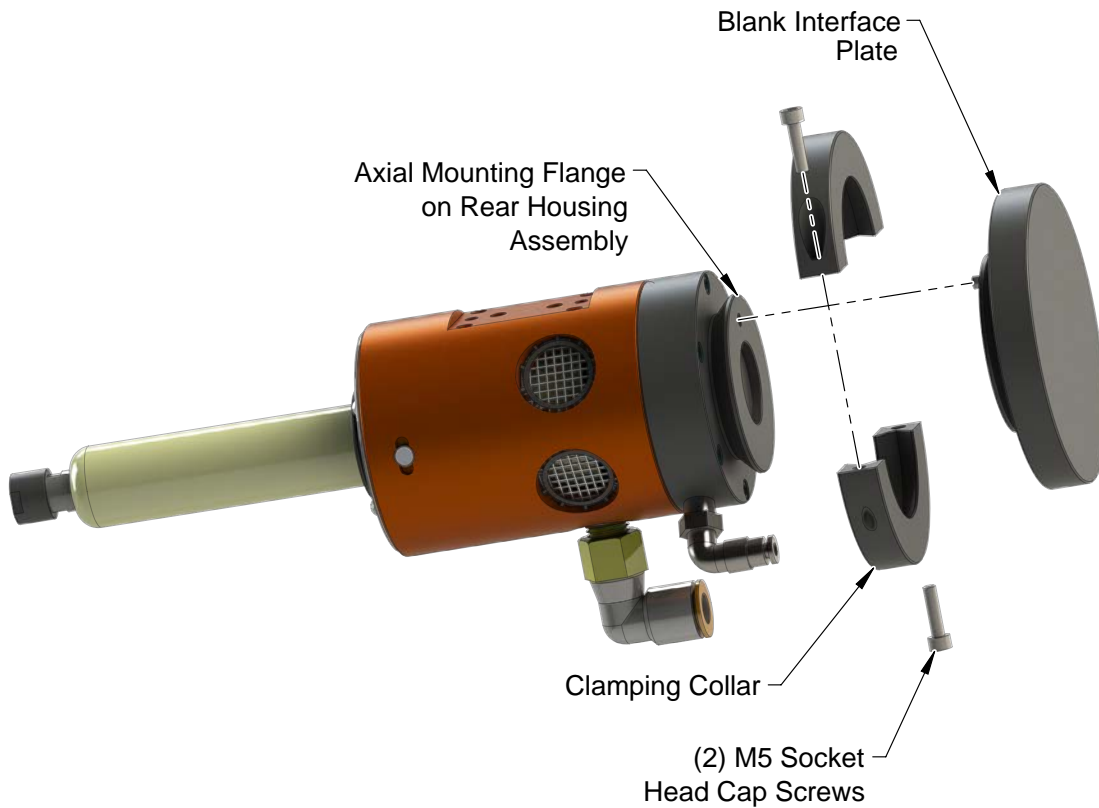
Figure 3.1—Bench (Side) Installation (Model is shown for reference.)



3.6 Axial Mounting Installation

A blank robot adapter plate is also available to allow axial mounting off the rear of the deburring tool housing. This plate may be modified by the system integrator or by the owner/user of the Flexdebur. ATI can provide custom interface plates and adapters upon request. An optional bench mount adapter plate allows the deburring tool to be permanently attached to a bench or other work surface (see the following figure). If the RC deburring tool is permanently mounted to a work surface, the robot carries the part to be deburred to the deburring tool. Refer to https://www2.ati-ia.com/Products/debur/deburring_rc_main.aspx for more information.

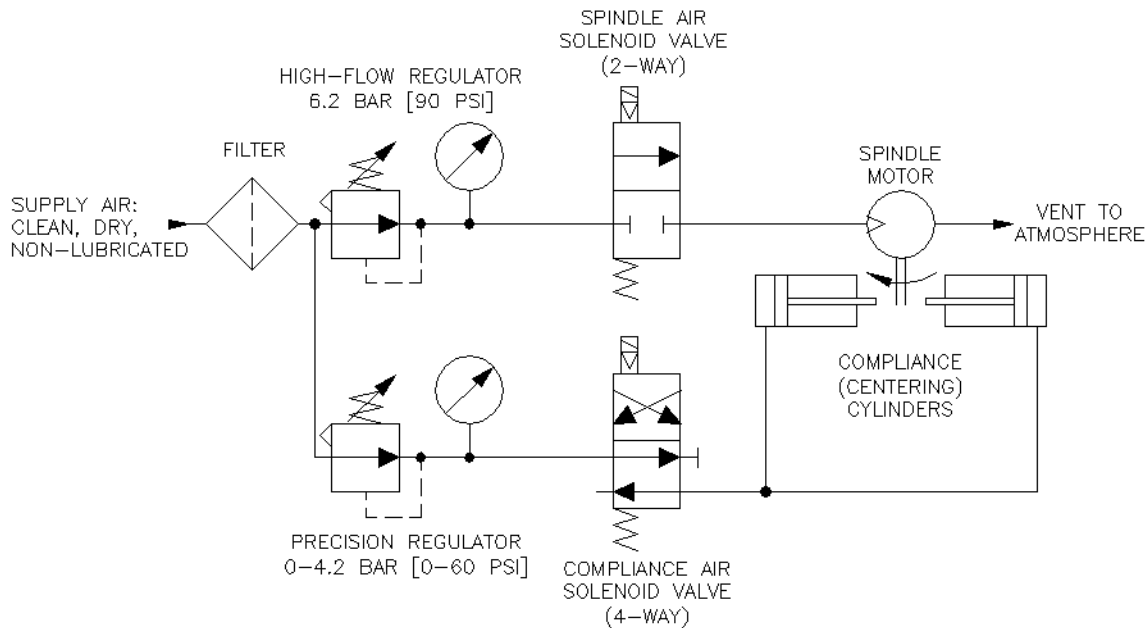
Figure 3.2—Axial Installation (Model shown for reference)



3.7 Pneumatics

Connect the RC deburring tool as shown in the following figure.

Figure 3.3—Pneumatic Connections



WARNING: All pneumatic fittings and tubing must be capable of withstanding the repetitive motions of the application without failing. The routing of pneumatic lines must minimize the possibility of over stressing, pullout, or kinking the lines. Failure to do so can cause some critical pneumatic lines not to function properly and may result in damage to equipment.

The air supply should be dry, filtered, and free of oil. A coalescing filter with elements rated for 5 micron or better is required.

A high-flow air pressure control regulator is required to supply the spindle motor at 6.2 bar (90 psi). A second, precision, self-relieving regulator supplies air for the compliance or centering force.

The compliance force is applied radially and is adjusted until the desired cut is made. The robot's traversing speed will also be adjusted to achieve the desired finish.



CAUTION: Pneumatic components used for the motor drive circuit must be capable of meeting the air consumption requirements (see [Section 8—Specifications](#)). Poor performance will result if the correct components are not used.

Conventional, customer-supplied, pneumatic components are used to control the air supply to the deburring tool. ATI recommends that the user install a high-flow pneumatic pressure regulator (ATI part number 9005-50-6166 or equivalent. See [Section 8—Specifications](#) for the maximum flow requirements) and a high-flow valve to properly supply a stable air supply of 6.2 bar (90 psi) to the spindle motor. The RC deburring tool will not operate properly if supplied air below 6.2 bar (90 psi).

A second, precision, self-relieving regulator (ATI part number 9005-50-6164 or equivalent) and valve are used to supply the compliance (centering) mechanism. This pressure corresponds to the side force on the rotary bur. Because very little airflow is required for the compliance mechanism, a significantly smaller valve can be used (Consult the valve and regulator supplier's literature when selecting these components).

If the complete work piece can be deburred with equal force, a conventional, manual pressure regulator can be used for compliance. If the burrs to be removed vary from place to place on the work piece, and this variation is repeatable for all work pieces of the same type, it may be necessary to adjust the force using an analog pressure regulator controlled from the robot. Then analog output port in the robot or logic controller is needed.

Solenoid valves are actuated from the robot or program logic controller by means of a digital output signal.

Table 3.1—Pneumatic Connections		
Function	Connection Type	Pressure
Motor Inlet (9150-RC-300 and 340 Series)	3/8" Quick Connect Tube Alternate: Remove supplied fitting to use 1/8-NPT Port, or use 5/16 (8 mm) Tubing Adapter	6.2 bar (90 psi)
Compliance (Radial) Force Inlet (9150-RC-300 and 340 Series)	5/32" (4 mm) Quick Connect Tube Alternate: Remove Supplied Fitting to use 1/8-NPT Port	1.0–4.1 bar (15–60 psi) (Maximum)
Exhaust	Vented to Atmosphere through the Housing	Not Applicable

It is recommended that flexible plastic tubing be used for the motor air supply and the compliance force air supply. The installed fittings can be removed to expose tapped supply ports thus allowing the use of alternate, customer-supplied components. The turbine motor is extremely quiet and vents dry air to the environment through the screen-covered ports on the side of the housing. No mufflers are required. Information on the sound intensity is provided in [Section 8—Specifications](#). To reduce the sound from the cutting operation in neighboring working areas, a customer-supplied barrier surrounding the installation may be installed (Plexiglas® or Lexan® is preferred, see [Section 8—Specifications](#)).

The compliance force, air supply pressure regulator should have a 0-4.1 bar (0–60 psi) range. When testing for the proper contact force, start with a very low pressure and increase slowly until the desired cut is achieved.

4. Operation

These operating instructions are intended to help system integrators program, start up, and complete a robotic deburring cell containing a deburring tool. The system integrator should be familiar with the task of deburring, in general, and should have extensive knowledge relating to robots and automation incorporating robots.

4.1 Safety Precautions



DANGER: Never use the Flexdeburr for purposes other than robotic deburring. If used in any other way, serious injury or damage to equipment may occur.



WARNING: All personnel, who are involved in operation of the RC deburring tool, should have a thorough understanding of the operating procedures. Failure to follow these procedures or neglecting safety precautions can create hazardous situations that may injure personnel or damage the deburring installation and the RC deburring tool.



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CAUTION: Never use or start the deburring tool without first reading and understanding the operating procedures described in this manual. Never use the deburring tool for any purposes, or in any ways, not explicitly described in this document. Using the deburring tool without fully understanding the installation and operating procedures may cause injury to personnel or damage to equipment. Mount the deburring tool and connect the pneumatic control equipment as described in this manual. Operate the deburring tool as described in the manual.

4.2 Normal Operation

The following sections describe the normal operating conditions for RC deburring tools.

4.2.1 Air Quality

The air supply should be dry, filtered, and free of oil. A coalescing filter with elements rated for 5 micron or better is required. The air must be supplied at 6.2 bar (90 psi).

Air quality affects tool performance more than almost any other factor. Particulate can block airflow or impede vane motion. If deburring tools Do not receive proper air pressure, the tool stalls. Any water in the system damages the housing and blades.

4.2.2 No Lubrication

Lubrication of any kind is strictly prohibited.

Turbine motors cannot have any oil in the motor air supply. Oil damages the speed regulator and causes the motor speed to fluctuate out of tolerance.

4.2.3 Bur Selection, Design, and Maintenance

Use a carbide media.

RC tools have higher operating speeds and the media must be rated to at least the RC idle speed.

Check media quality regularly to ensure it is not dull or worn. Using worn media causes a poor surface finish and increased wear on the bearings that results in premature tool failure.

Do not use shank extensions because the large moment loads combined with the high speed can be dangerous.

Brushes are not recommended because the maximum rated speed of the brush is less than the operating speed of the deburring tool. Operating the brush above its maximum rated speed can be unsafe due to unbalanced loading. Additionally, even balanced brushes can result in an excessive load on the motor and reduced motor life.

Do not use a tool that results in axial loading on the RC tool.

4.2.4 Deburring Tool Approach Path Should be Slow and at an Angle

The deburring tool should approach the workpiece slowly and at an angle.

When beginning a deburring pass, try to minimize the initial impact on the work piece by slowly approaching the tool at an angle while maintaining a slightly parallel path with the surface.

If the tool quickly approaches perpendicularly to the workpiece, the result is gouging and premature wear of the tool bearings and cutting bit. Additionally, collisions could result and create a hazardous situation for both personnel and equipment.

4.2.5 No Axial Loading

Do not apply axial loads that are parallel to the axis of the tool's rotation.

Do not deburr shallow edges where the cutter contacts the parent material below the edge; otherwise, axial loading is applied on the tool and bearings and results in premature failing of the unit.

When deburring holes, interpolate the perimeter. Do not use a countersink tool; otherwise, axial loading occurs and causes premature wear on the bearings.

4.2.6 Program the Robot to Incorporate 50% Compliance Travel of the Tool

Program the robot to have the tool's compliance at 50% travel when on the nominal path.

As the part's edge deviates from the perfect path, the cutting bit can use compliance to follow along high and low spots without losing contact or hitting the positive stop and gouging.

Do not "bottom out" the compliance and hit the positive stop.

Repeated impacts on the positive stop create slop in the compliance and reduce recentering repeatability.

4.3 Flexdebur Working Environment

As described in previous sections, the RCT-151 should only be used in conjunction with a robot in a secured work cell/chamber.

The work cell must be secured by means of barriers to prohibit personnel from entering the cell. A lockable door should be included as a part of the barrier in order to facilitate access to the cell for authorized personnel only. The barrier could consist partly or fully of Plexiglas to facilitate observation of the deburring operations.

During system or RCT-151 maintenance, make sure the RCT-151 and robot are stopped before entering the robot cell. When installing and testing, never be present in the cell when the RCT-151 is running.

Be aware of rotating parts. Use eye-protection while working around the RCT-151.

Be aware of high sound levels. While the RCT-151 air motor is not loud, the cutting action associated with deburring frequently is loud. Always use hearing protection while working in the neighborhood of the deburring cell.

The RCT-151 should not be used to deburr materials that are prone to fracture. A fracturing work piece may result in pieces of material damaging surrounding working environment and personnel. Material removed correctly should be in the form of chips.

4.4 Tool Center Point (TCP) Position and Programming

Figure 4.1 shows the RC deburring tool dimensions. The Flexdeburr provides radial compliance and performs best when the cuts taken are not excessively deep. The deburring tool spindle must never be running while programming the robot. During teaching, the compliance air must be on and supplied above a minimum of 0.35 bar (5 psi).

Two programming methods are suggested, but others are possible. In the first method, a dowel pin of suitable diameter is inserted in place of a cutting tool (simulating the cutter shank diameter) when teaching the robot path. For 6 mm collets, this will mean a 6 mm diameter pin of suitable length. The dowel pin should extend sufficiently from the collet to reach the surface on the burr where cutting is desired (see *Figure 4.1*). The diameter of the burr should not exceed that of the dowel pin by more than the compliance of the RC deburring tool.

Another programming method is to teach the path using the center line of the burr as a guide, following the edge of the part, and then manually or automatically adding offsets to the robot path points to achieve the final correct burr path (see *Figure 4.2*). The programming method used will depend on the robot's capabilities and programmer preferences.

Figure 4.1—Flexdeburr Dowel Teaching Tool

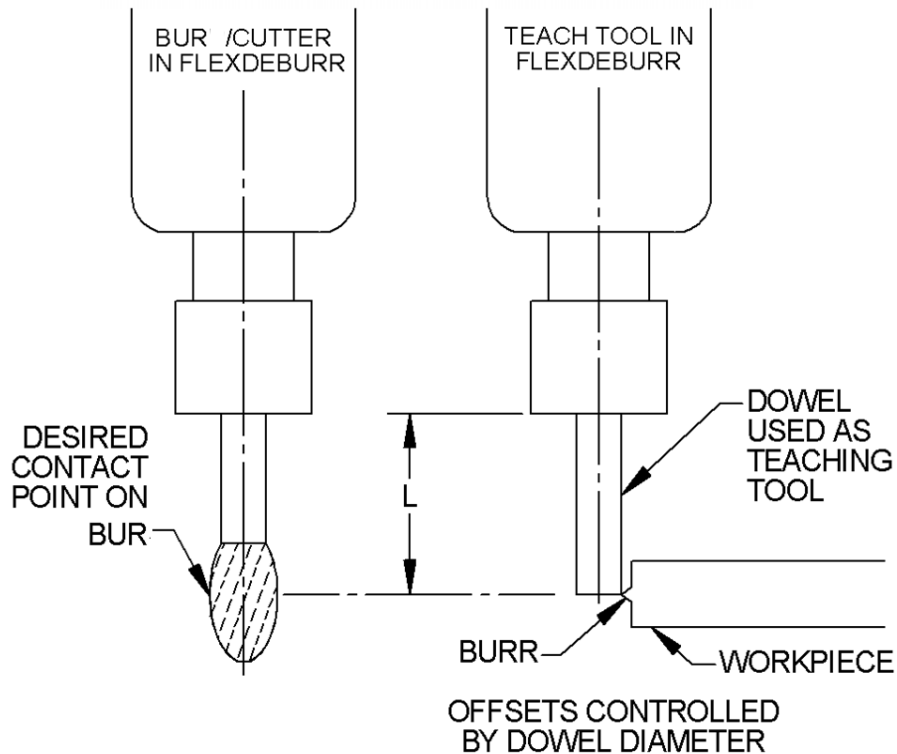
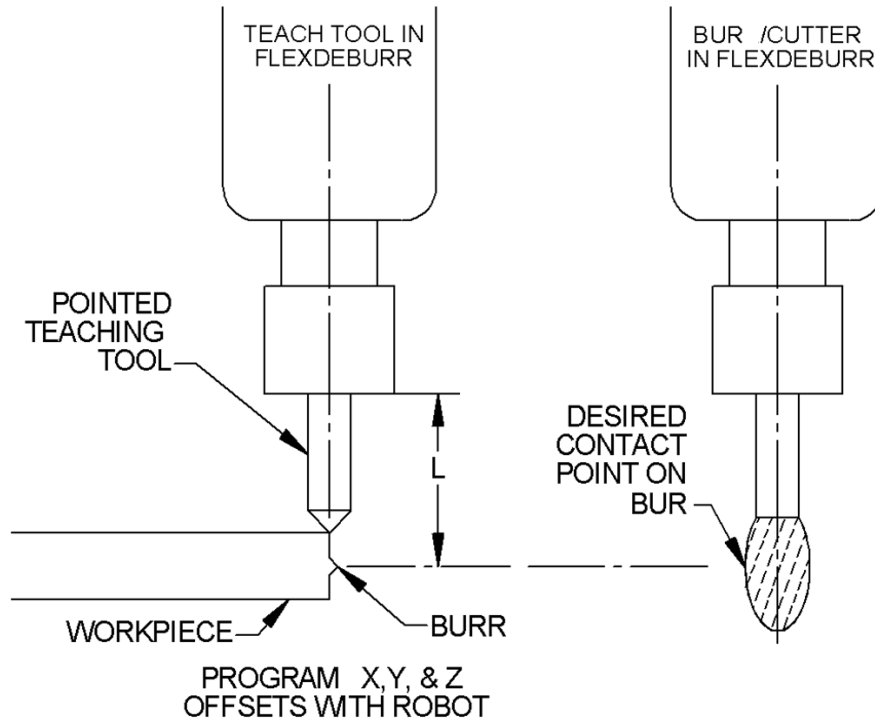


Figure 4.2—Flexdeburr Pointed Teaching Tool



Inside corners represent a complex situation for compliant deburring tools. In general, the bur must not be allowed to simultaneously contact both perpendicular surfaces of an inside corner. The resulting force imbalance in two planes will cause severe tool chatter. The customer is advised to create a tool path, which will prevent the cutter from simultaneously contacting two perpendicular surfaces. A tapered cutter may reach further into such an inside corner if the tool is presented in an inclined orientation and closer to the tip of the tool (Note: When working near the tip of a tapered cutter the surface cutting speed is reduced.)

When deburring inside radii, a similar situation may arise. The customer is advised that no attempt should be made to deburr an inside radius less than 1.5 times the diameter of the desired cutter ($R_{min} = 1.5 \times \text{Cutter diameter}$). Depending on the depth of cut, failing to follow these guidelines may result in excessive bur contact that results in excessive tool chatter.

When running the robot program the first time, observe the path with the radial compliance air supply turned down to approximately 0.35 bar (5 psi). When the robot path speed is increased, it is important to notice that robot may deviate from the programmed path. Verify that at operational robot path speed, the bur is deflected but contacts the work surface. Once the robot path has been confirmed, the compliance force of the bur should be adjusted, as described in [Section 3.7—Pneumatics](#), in order to achieve a correct depth of cut.

4.5 Cutter Operation and Bur Selection

The RC deburring tool will perform best in “climb milling”. This refers to a bur whose directions of traverse and bur rotation are the same. In the case of the RC deburring tools, the bur rotation is clockwise when viewed from above. Climb milling would therefore involve clockwise motion around the part being deburred. In climb milling, the heaviest cut is made as the tool enters the work piece and the chip becomes narrower as the cut is completed. In “conventional milling”, the bur travels in a direction opposite of bur rotation. This may aid in bur stability for some operations; however, the cutting edge of the bur is subjected to higher friction and cutting forces. Tool wear is accelerated in this mode and surface finish quality will generally be reduced. When “conventional milling”, extra care must be taken around corners. This poses a potential hazard where the cutting force can deflect the bur causing the bur to break as the robot continues along its path.

The selection of a bur is highly dependent upon the part’s material and geometry and the depth of cut. It is not practical to present all the possibilities in this document. Please see [Section 4.5.1—Bur Selection](#) for a short list of burs and suitable applications. It is worth mentioning here that a specific family of burs is available for working with die cast alloys, aluminum, and plastics. These burs have fewer teeth and increased relief to minimize chip loading.

Plastics represent the most difficult deburring challenge due to the phenomenon of chip re-welding. In this process, if the bur is dull or the feeds and speeds are not correct for the material removed, the chip will melt and weld to the bur or the work piece. This can quickly load a bur and produce unacceptable results. In general, the traverse or feed rate of the deburring tool will be higher for plastics to minimize this behavior. This results in larger cuts, which more effectively remove heat from the bur-tool interface.

4.5.1 Bur Selection

Standard length commercial burs are used with Flexdebur products. The length of these tools is typically around 2” for 1/4” shank diameter burs (50 mm for 6 mm diameter). Avoid longer shank burs that are available from industrial suppliers and that appear in their catalogs with descriptions such as “long” or “extended” shank. Using extended or long shank burs in the Flexdebur will place higher loads and vibrations on the motor bearings resulting in reduced motor life. Bearing failure caused by the use of extended shank burs is not covered under warranty.



CAUTION: Do not use long or extended shank burs with the Flexdebur. Long shank tools can lead to premature failure of the air motor and is not covered under warranty.

ATI can provide guidance in bur selection; however, only experimentation will yield the results desired. The following table is presented to assist in burr selection.

This following table is not comprehensive but includes many common bur types and burs recommended for particular applications.


Table 4.1—Bur Selection		
	Materials/Application	Features/Benefits:
	9150-RC-B-24033 - Diamond Cut, 1/4” Bur Diameter, 5/8” Burr Length, 1/4” Shank	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For hardened and tough materials, super alloys, and stainless. steel, alloyed cast steel and fiber reinforced plastics. Edge and surface working. Built up Welds of high-tensile strength in mold and die making. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher cutting capacity than standard cuts. Smoother finish for surface treatments. Lower axial force than ADC.







Table 4.1—Bur Selection		
	Materials/Application	Features/Benefits:
	9150-RC-B-24061 - Standard Cut, 3/8" Burr Diameter, 3/4" Bur Length, 1/4" Shank <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For steels of high tensile strength die steels, cast steel, built up welds, tough materials, and welds. For beveling. For chamfering. For deburring. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Without chip breaker, for scratch-free surfaces.
	9150-RC-B-24063 - Diamond Cut, 3/8" Burr Diameter, 3/4" Bur Length, 1/4" Shank <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For hardened and tough materials, super alloys, and stainless steel, alloyed cast steel and fiber reinforced plastics. Edge and surface working. Built up Welds of high-tensile strength in mold and die making. Higher cutting capacity than standard cuts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smoother finish for surface treatments. Lower axial force than ADC.
	9150-RC-B-24065 - Aluminum Cut, 3/8" Burr Diameter, 5/8" Bur Length, 1/4" Shank <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For greasy aluminum alloys, soft non-ferrous metals and thermoplastics. For deburring. For use on cast aluminum. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easy chip flow through positive rake angle, rounded base of tooth, convex tooth back. No loading of the flutes, not even while cutting sticky metals. Smooth operation due to the peeling effect of the teeth.
	9150-RC-B-24645 - Aluminum Cut, 3/8" Burr Diameter, 5/8" Bur Length, 1/4" Shank <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For greasy aluminum alloys, soft non-ferrous metals and thermoplastics. For deburring. For use on cast aluminum. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easy chip flow-through positive rake angle, rounded base of tooth, convex tooth back. No loading of the flutes, not even while cutting sticky metals. Smooth operation due to the peeling effect of the teeth.

Table 4.1—Bur Selection		
	Materials/Application	Features/Benefits:
	3710-50-1492 - Bur for Composites, 1/4" Burr Diameter, 3/4" Burr Length, 1/4" Shank	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For trimming and contour milling of all glass and carbon fiber reinforced plastics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special cut geometry allows high feed rates due to low cutting forces.
	9150-RC-B-24862 - Alt Diamond Cut, 1/4" Burr Diameter, 3/4" Burr Length, 1/4" Shank	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Universal use, for ferrous and non-ferrous metals, plastics. Rough finishing of castings. Surface working. Weld removal. Brazed welds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smoother operation, improved tool control. High cutting action. Non-clogging. Smaller chips, reduced slivers. Even, smooth surfaces

5. Maintenance

The RC deburring tool is designed to provide reliable service for long periods of operation. While simple in design, there are few user serviceable parts in the assembly. The user is encouraged to return the unit to ATI for service. [Section 6—Troubleshooting and Service Procedures](#) is provided to assist the user when they choose to service the unit in the field.

For all service, disconnect the air supply (before the solenoid valves). Drain any trapped air pressure in the lines. The air supply should be “locked out” to prevent accidental operation of the spindle. During maintenance operations, refer to [Section 6—Troubleshooting and Service Procedures](#) for maintenance instructions. Service and repair parts are identified in [Section 7—Serviceable Parts](#) and https://www2.ati-ia.com/Products/deburr/deburring_rc_main.aspx.

5.1 Pneumatics

The air lines to the deburring tools should routinely be checked for their general condition and replaced as required. The air to the Flexdeburr must be filtered, dry, and non-lubricated. The air filters should be checked and replaced as required to maintain optimum performance. The life of the filter elements is dependent on the quality of compressed air at the customer’s facility and therefore cannot be estimated.

5.2 Lubrication

Lubrication systems are not to be used. The Flexdeburr turbine motor must be supplied with clean, dry, filtered air. Oil in the air stream will cause the turbine motor to fail prematurely. Failure of the motor due to oil in the air stream is not covered under the warranty. See [Section 3.7—Pneumatics](#) for details on air supply and quality.



CAUTION: Do not use lubricated air with the Flexdeburr. Oil in the air stream will result in the premature failure of the air motor and is not covered under warranty. It is recommended that the customer use a coalescing filter and filter elements rated 5 micron or better.

5.3 Bellows Boot Inspection

The bellows boot prevents debris from entering the housing and protects internal components. Inspect the spindle boot regularly for damage and replace if necessary. Refer to [Section 6.2.5—Tapered Bellows Boot Replacement](#).

5.4 Bur Inspection

The bur will wear depending on cut depth, feed rate, and material being deburred. Inspect the bur regularly for wear, and refer to [Section 6—Troubleshooting and Service Procedures](#) for symptoms of a worn bur.

5.5 Spindle Motion Inspection

The pivot bearing allows articulation of the motor assembly. The pivot bearing is subject to wear and should be replaced when excessive spindle motion is observed. Contact between the motor air supply fitting and the main housing indicates pivot bearing wear which should be corrected. Refer to [Section 6.2.2—Rear Housing and Pivot Bearing Replacement](#).

6. Troubleshooting and Service Procedures



CAUTION: Thread locker applied to fasteners must not be used more than once. Fasteners might become loose and cause equipment damage. Always apply new thread locker when reusing fasteners.

The RC deburring tool is designed to provide reliable service for long periods of operation. While simple in design, there are few user serviceable parts in the assembly. The user is encouraged to return the unit to ATI for service. [Section 6.1—Troubleshooting Procedures](#) is provided to assist the user when they choose to service the unit in the field.

For all service, disconnect the air supply (before the solenoid valves). Drain any trapped air pressure in the lines. It is suggested that the air supply be “locked out” to prevent accidental operation of the air motor spindle. During maintenance operations, refer to [Section 6.2—Service Procedures](#) for maintenance instructions. Service and repair parts are identified in [Section 7—Serviceable Parts](#) and https://www2.ati-ia.com/Products/debur/deburring_rc_main.aspx.

6.1 Troubleshooting Procedures

Deburring process development is an iterative, learning task. The following table is presented to assist in solving deburring problems.

Table 6.1—Troubleshooting		
Symptom	Cause	Resolution
Bur Wear	Hard work material	Use a better grade burr material add coating (TiAlN).
	Too heavy a cut	Decrease width of cut/make multiple passes.
	Feed rate is too slow	Increase feed rate.
Bur Breakage	Too heavy a cut	Decrease width of cut/make multiple passes.
	Deflection at corner	Climb mill; do not begin path at a sharp corner.
	Impacting part	Decrease feed rate at contact; enter part at an angle.
Unequal compliance	Worn ring cylinder	Replace ring cylinder; refer to Section 6.2.4—Ring Cylinder Assembly Replacement .
	Pivot bearing worn	Replace pivot bearing. Refer to Section 6.2.2.2—Pivot Bearing and Keying Dowel Replacement .
	Pivot bearing components (axial, radial, preload set screw) not set correctly	Reinstall the axial and preload set screw, and verify the preload set screw is correctly adjusted. Refer to Section 6.2.2.2—Pivot Bearing and Keying Dowel Replacement .
Poor finish on work piece	Feed rate is too fast	Reduce feed rate.
	Bur is worn	Inspect bur; if worn, replace. Refer to Section 6.2.1—Bur and Collet Replacement .
	Turbine bearings are worn	Inspect spindle shaft, if shaft feels loose or has play, replace the turbine motor. Refer to Section 6.2.3—Turbine Motor Replacement .
Bur is chattering during a cut	Feed rate is too fast	Reduce feed rate.
	Lack of rigidity	Increase radial compliance pressure.
	Too heavy a cut	Decrease width of cut; make multiple passes.
	Improper Bur selection	Choose bur designed for work material. Refer to Section 4.5.1—Bur Selection .
	Bur is worn	Inspect bur if worn, replace. Refer to Section 6.2.1—Bur and Collet Replacement .
	Turbine motor bearings are worn	Inspect spindle shaft. If spindle shaft feels loose or has play, replace the turbine motor. Refer to Section 6.2.3—Turbine Motor Replacement .

Table 6.1—Troubleshooting

Symptom	Cause	Resolution
Secondary burrs are created on work piece after cut.	Incorrect feed rate	Reduce feed rate.
	Too heavy a cut	Decrease width of cut; make multiple passes.
	Improper Bur selection	Choose bur designed for work material. Refer to Section 4.5.1—Bur Selection .
	Bur is worn.	Inspect bur. If worn, replace. Refer to Section 6.2.1—Bur and Collet Replacement .
	Motor bearings are worn.	Inspect turbine motor spindle shaft. If spindle feels loose or has play, replace the turbine motor. Refer to Section 6.2.3—Turbine Motor Replacement .
Chip packing of burr	Too heavy a cut	Decrease width of cut; make multiple passes.
	Not enough chip clearance	Use a bur with fewer flutes.
Bur stalls.	Not enough or no drive air	Check drive air regulator has 6.2 bar (90 psi) of air, and inspect for leaks.
	Bur is not secure in collet.	Properly tighten burr in collet; refer to Section 6.2.1—Bur and Collet Replacement .
	Too much side load	Decrease width of cut/make multiple passes.
	The turbine motor needs to be replaced	Replace air motor; refer to Section 6.2.3—Turbine Motor Replacement .
Sticking Turbine Motor Spindle	The turbine motor bearings are worn.	Replace turbine motor; refer to Section 6.2.3—Turbine Motor Replacement .

6.2 Service Procedures

Component replacement and adjustment procedures are provided in the following section.

6.2.1 Bur and Collet Replacement

In normal operation the bur will become worn. If improper feeds and speeds are used, the cutter may become “loaded” with material. In both instances, the bur must be replaced. During initial production, the bur and the work piece should be examined often in order to determine at what interval the bur should be replaced. Replacing the collet is not required, when the bur is replaced, but a different collet may be required, when a different sized tool is used.

The following steps detail replacing the bur and or collet:

Refer to [Figure 6.1](#).

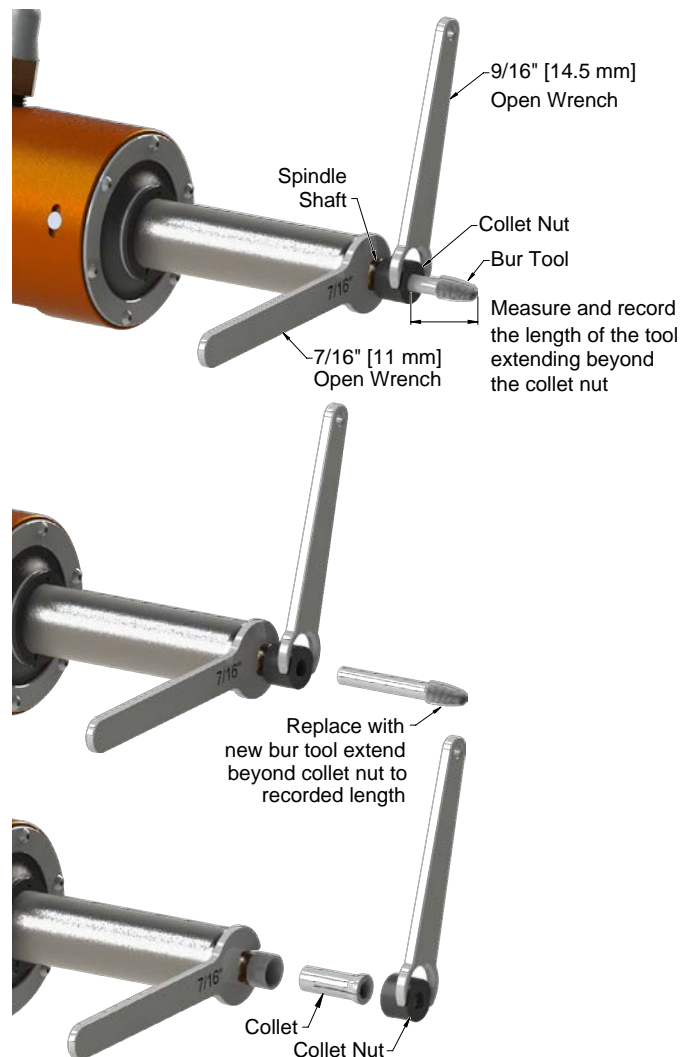
Parts required: Refer to [Section 7—Serviceable Parts](#).

Tools required: 7/16” (11 mm) and 9/16” (14.5 mm) open-end wrench

1. Lock out the spindle motor air supply for safety (De-energize all energized circuits such as air and power).
2. If applicable, disconnect the air hose from the compliance and spindle supply air fitting and remove the deburring tool from the robot or work piece.

3. If the bur is to be replaced with an identical type, measure and record the tool length extending beyond the collet lock nut.
Alternatively, the optional ATI 9150-RC-T-4230 bur setting tool accessory can be used to duplicate tool exposure length. Refer to the *Supplemental Documentation for Deburring Tools - Bur Setting Fixture Instructions Document#9640-50-1005*.
4. Use the 7/16" (11 mm) open-end wrench to hold the spindle just behind the collet nut.
5. Use the 9/16" (14.5 mm) collet wrench to turn the collet locknut counterclockwise (when viewed from the bur tip) to loosen the collet.

Figure 6.1—Bur and Collet Replacement



CAUTION: During operation of the deburring tool, the bur reaches high temperatures. Failure to wear proper personal protection equipment or not allowing the bur to cool could result in serious injury to the user. Be aware that during operation, the bur becomes very hot, and when removing the bur, take necessary safety precautions to avoid injury.

6. To remove a worn bur, pull the bur out of the loosened collet.
7. If the collet is being replaced, completely remove the nut and extract the old collet. Insert the new collet and refit the nut leaving it loose.
8. If an identical new bur is replacing a worn bur, measure and adjust the length of its exposed portion according to the measurement taken in Step 3.

9. Use the 7/16" (11 mm) open-end wrench to hold the spindle just behind the collet nut.
10. Use the 9/16" (14.5 mm) collet wrench to turn the collet locknut clockwise (when viewed from the bur tip) to tighten the collet.
11. If applicable, install the deburring tool to the robot or work location.
12. If applicable, replace hose connections to the compliance and spindle supply air fitting.
13. When the replacement procedure is complete, all circuits (for example: power and air) may be placed into normal operation.

6.2.2 Rear Housing and Pivot Bearing Replacement

To minimize possible downtime, the pivot bearing should be replaced any time the turbine motor is replaced. Early Flexdebur units can be identified by their lack of radial and axial tapped holes for the pivot bearing keying dowel (refer to [Figure 6.3](#)). During maintenance of these units the customer should replace the entire rear housing assembly to upgrade the deburring tool. The early style of pivot bearing and rear housing are not currently supported.

The pivot bearing may be replaced in one of two ways. For quick repairs with minimal downtime, the user is encouraged to replace the entire rear housing assembly. Refer to [Section 6.2.2.1—Rear Housing Replacement](#). When a spare unit can be placed into service or downtime is not an issue, a new pivot bearing can be installed in an existing rear housing assembly. Refer to [Section 6.2.2.2—Pivot Bearing and Keying Dowel Replacement](#).

6.2.2.1 Rear Housing Replacement

Refer to [Figure 6.2](#).

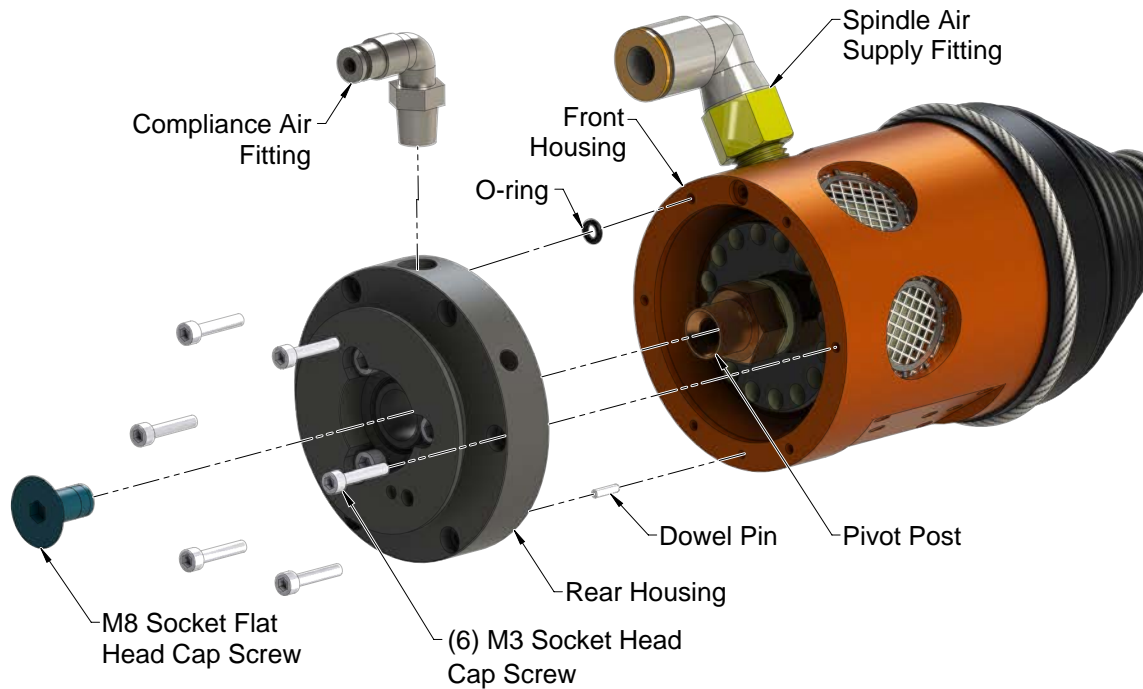
Parts required: Refer to [Section 7—Serviceable Parts](#).

Tools required: 2.5 and 6 mm hex key, torque wrench

Supplies required: Magnalube, Loctite® primer 7649, Loctite 222 and 569,
Clean lint free rag

1. Remove and/or lock out the spindle motor air supply for safety (De-energize all energized circuits such as air and power).
2. Disconnect the air hoses from the compliance and spindle supply air fitting.
3. Remove the deburring tool from the robot or work location.
4. Clean the debris from the deburring tool using compressed air and a clean rag to wipe any grease from the outer surfaces.
5. Using a 6 mm hex key, remove the M8 socket flat head cap screw from the center of the deburring unit's rear housing. Refer to [Figure 6.2](#).
6. Using a 2.5 mm hex key, remove the (6) M3 socket head cap screws that secure the rear housing to the front housing.
7. Remove the rear housing cover complete with the pivot bearing. Retain the small O-ring and dowel pin between the cover and housing for reuse if desired (A new rear housing assembly is provided with new fasteners and a new O-ring.)
8. Remove the compliance air fitting from the rear housing assembly. Discard the old rear housing assembly.
9. With a clean lint free rag, wipe debris and fluid from the threads of the compliance air fitting.
10. Apply Loctite 569 to the threads of the compliance air fitting and thread into the new rear housing assembly. Tighten the air fitting hand tight plus an additional half turn.

Figure 6.2—Rear Housing Assembly Replacement



11. Apply Magalube to the small O-ring and dowel pin.
12. Set the O-ring and dowel pin in place on the front housing.
13. Apply Loctite 7649 primer and Loctite 222 to the threads of the (6) M3 socket head cap screws.
14. Using a 2.5 mm hex key, secure the rear housing cover to the front housing with the (6) M3 socket head cap screws. Tighten to 12 in-lbs (1.4 Nm).
15. Insert the M8 socket flat head cap screw into the pivot post; do not fully tighten the screw.
16. Position the air motor to ensure that the spindle air supply fitting is centered in the front housing hole.
17. Using a 6 mm hex key, tighten the M8 socket head cap screw 110 in-lbs (12.4 Nm).
18. Install the deburring tool to the robot or work location.
19. Replace the air hoses to the compliance and spindle supply air fitting.
20. When the replacement procedure is complete, all circuits (for example: air and power) may be placed into normal operation.

6.2.2.2 Pivot Bearing and Keying Dowel Replacement

Refer to [Figure 6.3](#) through [Figure 6.6](#).

Parts required: Refer to [Section 7—Serviceable Parts](#).

Tools required: 2.5 mm and 3 mm hex key, torque wrench, small diameter magnet

Supplies required: Magnalube, Loctite 7649 primer, Loctite 222, clean lint free rag

1. Remove and/or lock-out the spindle motor air supply for safety (De-energize all energized circuits such as air and power).
2. Disconnect the air hose from the compliance and spindle supply air fitting.
3. Remove the deburring tool from the robot or work location.
4. Clean the debris from the deburring tool using compressed air and a clean rag to wipe any grease from the outer surfaces.
5. Remove the rear housing cover from the front housing.
Refer to [Section 6.2.2.1—Rear Housing Replacement](#), steps 5 through 7.
6. With a clean lint free rag, clean any debris and lubrication from the alignment pin and O-ring as well as the rear and front housing assemblies.
7. Using a 3 mm hex key, remove the (3) M4 socket head cap screws securing the clamping washer and pivot bearing in the center of the rear housing.
Refer to [Figure 6.3](#).
8. Remove the large clamping washer, which rests on top of the pivot bearing.
9. Locate and loosen, with a 3 mm hex key, the radially tapped bearing preload M5 set screw in the rear housing.
10. Locate the (2) M4 set screws securing the pivot bearing keying dowel in the rear housing. One will be radially tapped in the rear housing, and the second will be axially tapped on the rear mounting surface. Remove both screws, using a 2.5 mm hex key.
11. Use a small diameter magnet or a powerful magnet attached to the side of a hex key to reach inside the keying dowel pin hole. Remove the keying dowel pin from the rear housing.
12. With the dowel pin removed, the old pivot bearing can be pressed from the rear housing using a press tool.

Figure 6.3—Remove the Pivot Bearing and Keying Dowel

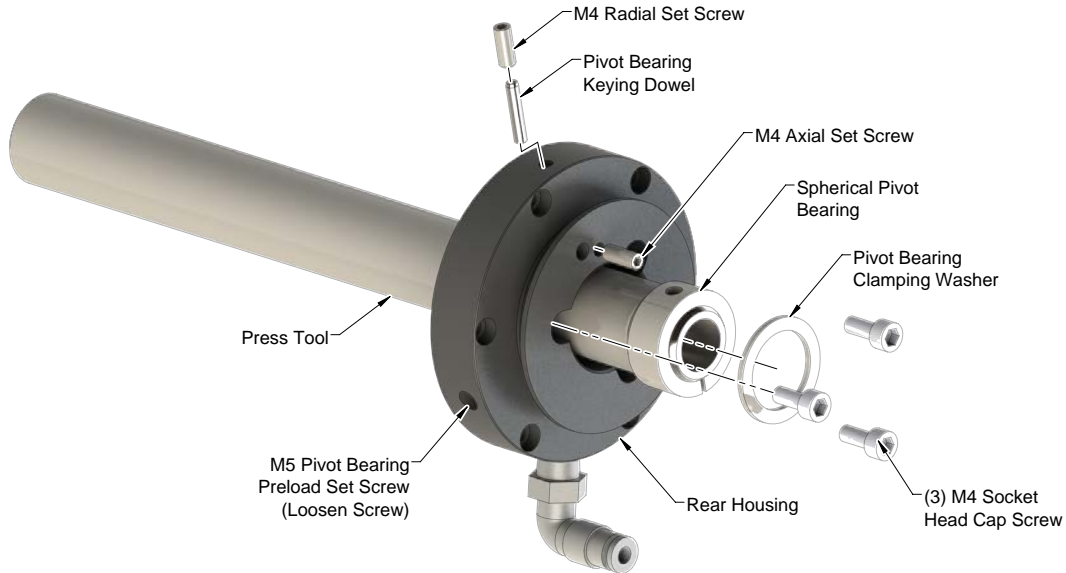
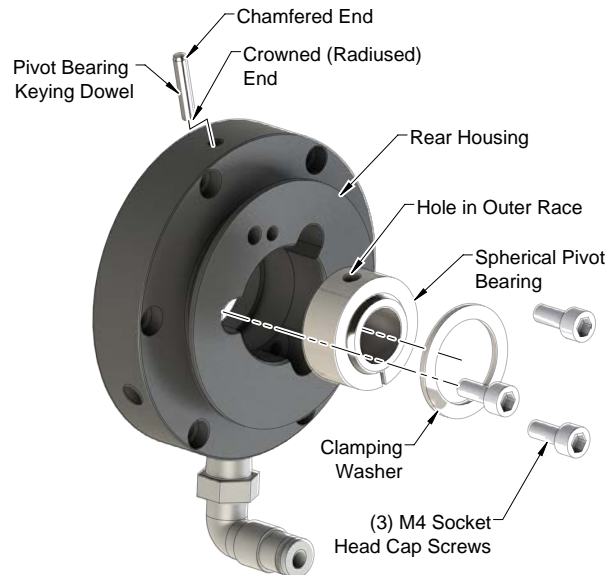
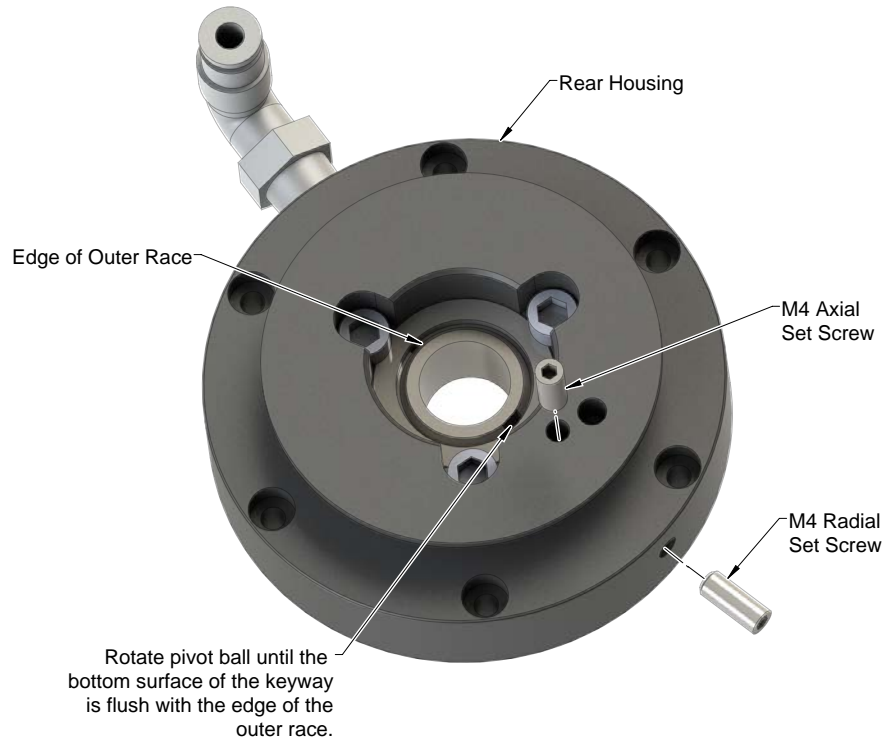


Figure 6.4—Install the Pivot Bearing and Keying Dowel



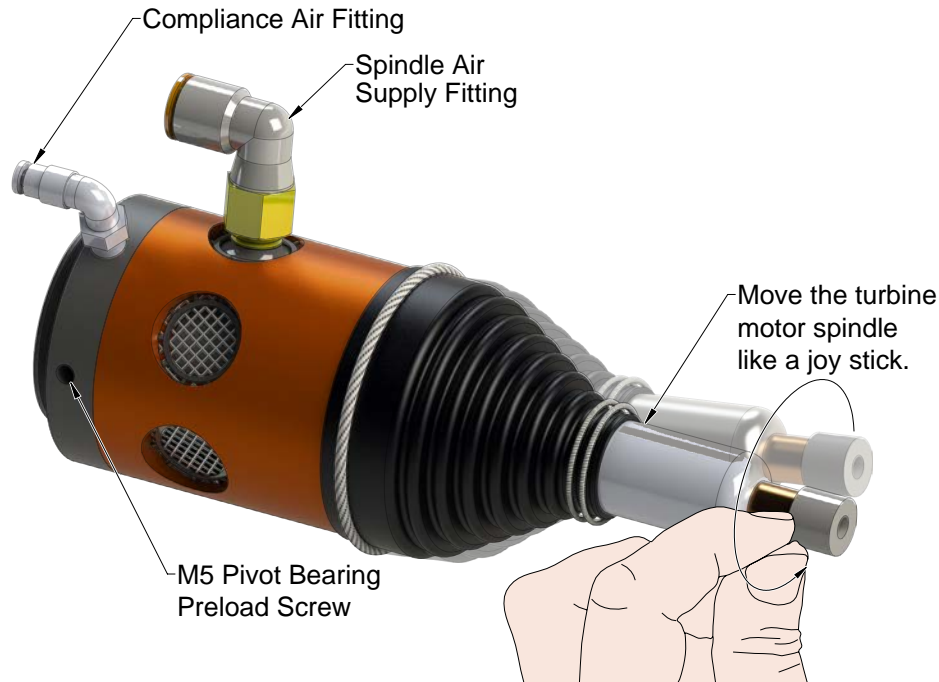
13. Insert the new spherical pivot bearing into the rear housing, making sure the hole in the outer race of the new pivot bearing lines up with the keying dowel pin hole in the rear housing.
14. Always use a new keying dowel pin. Insert the keying dowel pin with its crowned (radiused) end first so that it rests in the slot machined in the pivot bearing's ball (visible from the end of the pivot bearing).
15. Apply Loctite 7649 primer and then Loctite 222 to the threads of the (3) M4 socket head cap screws that are used to secure the clamping washer.
16. With a 3 mm hex key, refit both the washer and (3) M4 socket head cap screws to the rear housing. Tighten the screws to 12 in-lbs (1.4 Nm).

Figure 6.5—Pivot Bearing Set Screw Installation



17. Rotate the pivot ball until the bottom surface of the keyway is flush with the edge of the outer race.
18. Apply Loctite 7649 and Loctite 222 to the (2) keying dowel pin M4 set screws.
19. While holding the pivot ball in the rotated position, use a 2.5 mm hex key to thread the M4 radial set screw securing the keying dowel pin in the rear housing until the screw just contacts the end of the pin.
20. Still holding the pivot ball in the rotated position, use a 2.5 mm hex key to insert the axial M4 set screw into the rear housing so that keying dowel pin is securely in place. Tighten the axial M4 set screw to 12 in-lb (1.4 Nm).
21. Install the rear housing cover onto the front housing cover.
Refer to [Section 6.2.2.1—Rear Housing Replacement](#) steps 11 through 17.
22. Install the deburring tool on the robot or work location.
23. Replace the hose connection to the compliance air fitting and supply 0.69 bar (10 psi). Move the turbine motor spindle like a joystick and loosen or tighten the M5 bearing preload set screw with a 3 mm hex key until a slight resistance to the applied motion can be felt. Refer to [Figure 6.6](#).

Figure 6.6—Pivot Bearing Adjustment



24. Replace hose connection to the spindle supply air fitting.
25. When replacement procedure is complete, all circuits (for example: air and power) may be placed into normal operation.

6.2.3 Turbine Motor Replacement

If the turbine motor is operated using oil-laden or dirty air, it will fail and require replacement. Failure of the motor due to contamination in the spindle air is not covered under warranty. The motor may also require replacement after an extended operating life or following a severe collision. To minimize possible downtime, the pivot bearing should be replaced any time the turbine motor is replaced; refer to [Section 6.2.2—Rear Housing and Pivot Bearing Replacement](#). There are no user serviceable parts in the turbine motor. Flexdebur units with defective motors should be returned to ATI during the warranty period. Motors are sold as complete, modular assemblies to simplify and speed user installation. Should the customer wish to replace the motor after the warranty period, perform the following steps.

Refer to [Figure 6.7](#) through [Figure 6.10](#).

Parts required: Refer to [Section 7—Serviceable Parts](#).

Tools required: Small screwdriver, 2 mm, 2.5 mm, and 6 mm hex keys, torque wrench, needle-nose pliers, crescent wrench

Supplies required: Clean lint free rag, Magnalube, Loctite Primer 7649, Loctite 222 and 569

1. Remove and/or lock out the spindle motor air supply for safety (De-energize all energized circuits such as air and power).
2. Disconnect the air hoses from the spindle and compliance air fittings.
3. Remove the deburring tool from the robot or work location.
4. Remove the cutting bur, refer to [Section 6.2.1—Bur and Collet Replacement](#) steps 3 through 7.
5. Using compressed air and a clean rag, remove debris and grease from the outer surfaces of the deburring tool.
6. Using a small screw driver, pry the retaining ring around the spindle air fitting from the housing.

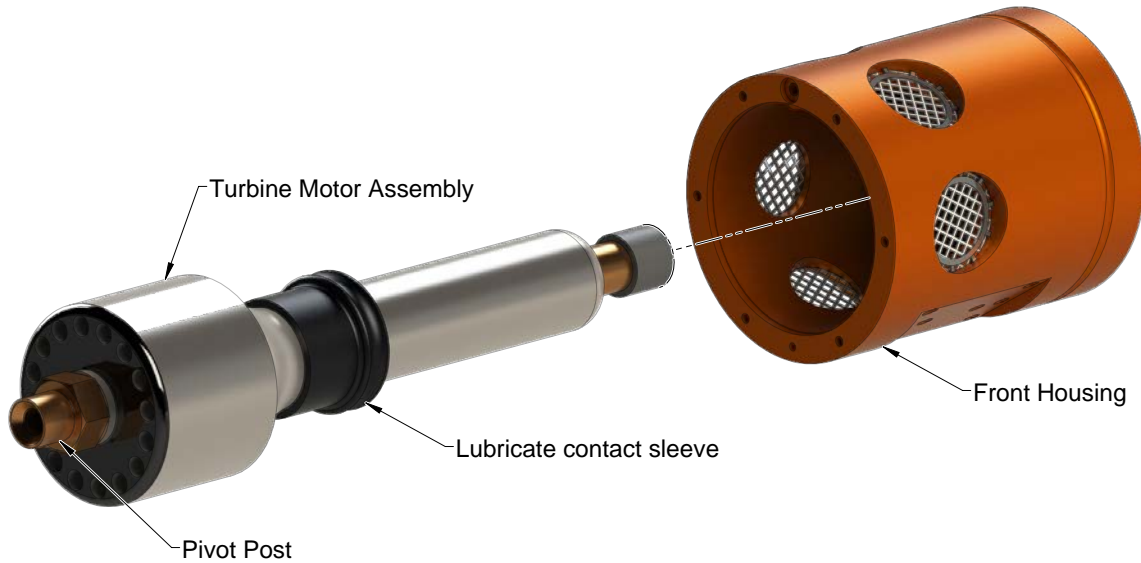
7. Lift the retaining ring and rubber boot out of the housing. ATI recommends replacing the retaining ring and rubber disk when the turbine motor is replaced.
8. Remove the spindle air supply fitting from the side of the main housing by using a crescent wrench and rotating the fitting counter-clockwise.
9. If applicable, remove the tapered bellows boot and (3) garter springs. Refer to [Section 6.2.5—Tapered Bellows Boot Replacement](#) steps 3 and 4.
10. Ease the garter spring off the front spindle boot.

Figure 6.7—Spindle Air Supply Fitting Assembly and Disk Boot Garter Spring



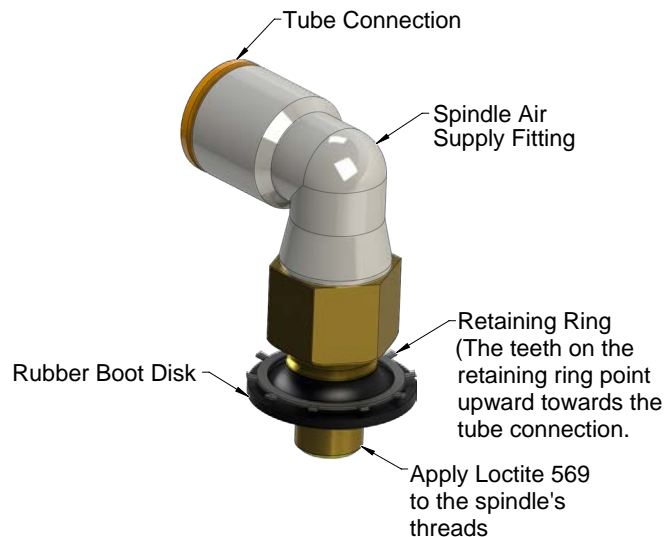
11. Remove the rear housing assembly. Refer to [Section 6.2.2.1—Rear Housing Replacement](#) steps 5 through 7.
12. Withdraw the turbine motor complete as an assembly. Refer to [Figure 6.8](#).

Figure 6.8—Remove the Turbine Motor Assembly



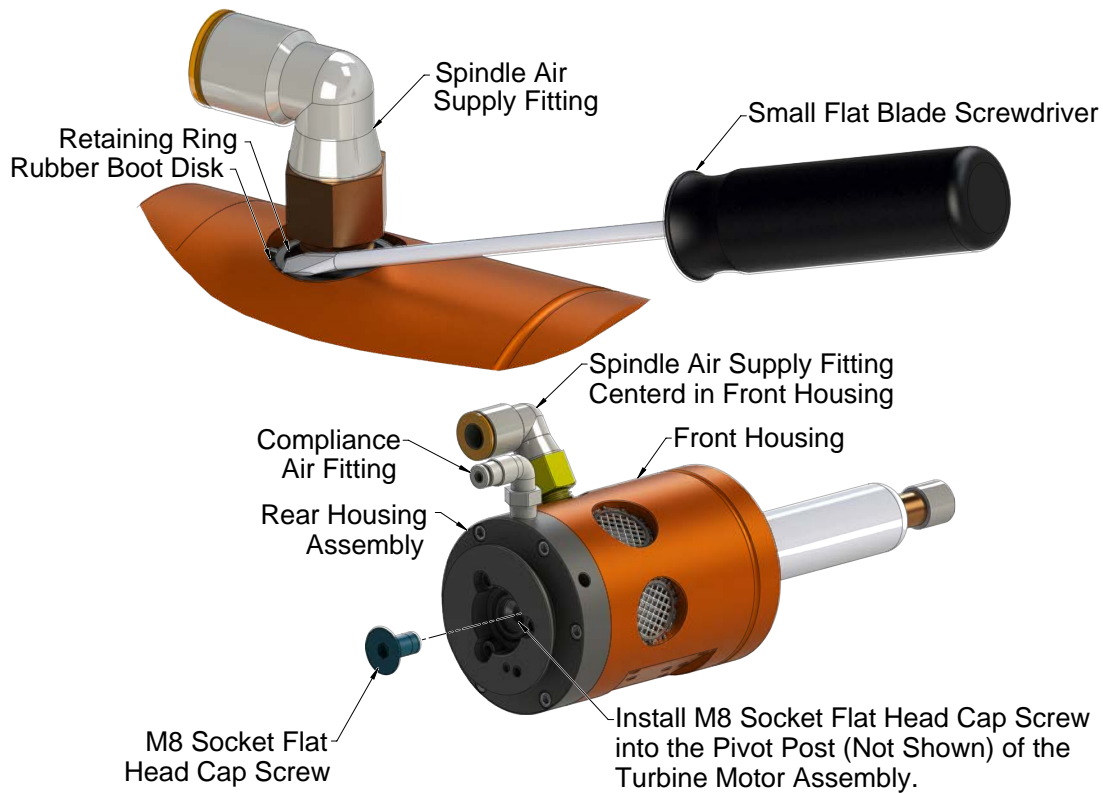
13. Apply a thin coating of Magnalube or equivalent to the outer surface of the new turbine motor contact sleeve.
14. Gently insert the new turbine motor assembly into the rear end of the front housing assembly and through the ring cylinder. Make sure the turbine motor is oriented so that the air port in the turbine motor lines up with the opening in the front housing assembly.
15. Install the rear housing assembly.
Refer to [Section 6.2.2.1—Rear Housing Replacement](#) steps 11 through 14.
16. Slip the retaining ring over the fitting followed by the rubber disk boot. The points on the retaining ring should point towards the air spindle fitting's tube. Refer to [Figure 6.7](#).
17. Apply Loctite 569 to the threads of the spindle air supply fitting.

Figure 6.9—Assemble Spindle Air Supply Fitting, Retaining Ring, and Rubber Boot Disk



18. Install the spindle air supply fitting in the turbine motor. The spindle air supply fitting should be hand tight and an additional one half to three quarters of a turn.
19. Use a small flat blade screw driver to seat the (spindle supply fitting) rubber disk and retaining ring into the bottom of the counterbore in the front housing assembly. Refer to [Figure 6.10](#).

Figure 6.10—Installation of Turbine Motor Assembly, Spindle Air Supply Fitting, and Rear Cover



20. Insert the M8 socket flat head cap screw into the pivot post; do not fully tighten the screw.
21. Position the turbine motor to ensure that the spindle air supply fitting is centered in the front housing hole.
22. While holding the motor to keep the air fitting centered in the hole, use a 6 mm hex key to tighten the M8 socket flat head cap screw to 110 in-lbs (12.4 Nm).
23. Install the garter spring on the front spindle boot. Refer to [Figure 6.7](#).
24. If applicable, install the tapered bellows boot over the motor shaft.
Refer to [Section 6.2.5—Tapered Bellows Boot Replacement](#) steps 5 and 6.
25. Install the cutting bur, refer to [Section 6.2.1—Bur and Collet Replacement](#) step 7 through 10.
26. Install the deburring tool to the robot or work location.
27. Connect the air hoses to the spindle and compliance air fittings.
28. When replacement procedure is complete, all circuits (for example: air and power) may be placed into normal operation..

6.2.4 Ring Cylinder Assembly Replacement

The compliant motion of the turbine motor spindle is accomplished using a circular array of pistons (ring cylinder) at the front of the housing. After extended operation, this component may need replacing to ensure free motion of the pistons. The unit may be replaced as an assembly, but its subcomponents are not user serviceable. To replace the ring cylinder assembly, perform the following steps. The ring cylinder is available as a complete assembly with new O-ring seals.

Refer to [Figure 6.11](#) through [Figure 6.14](#).

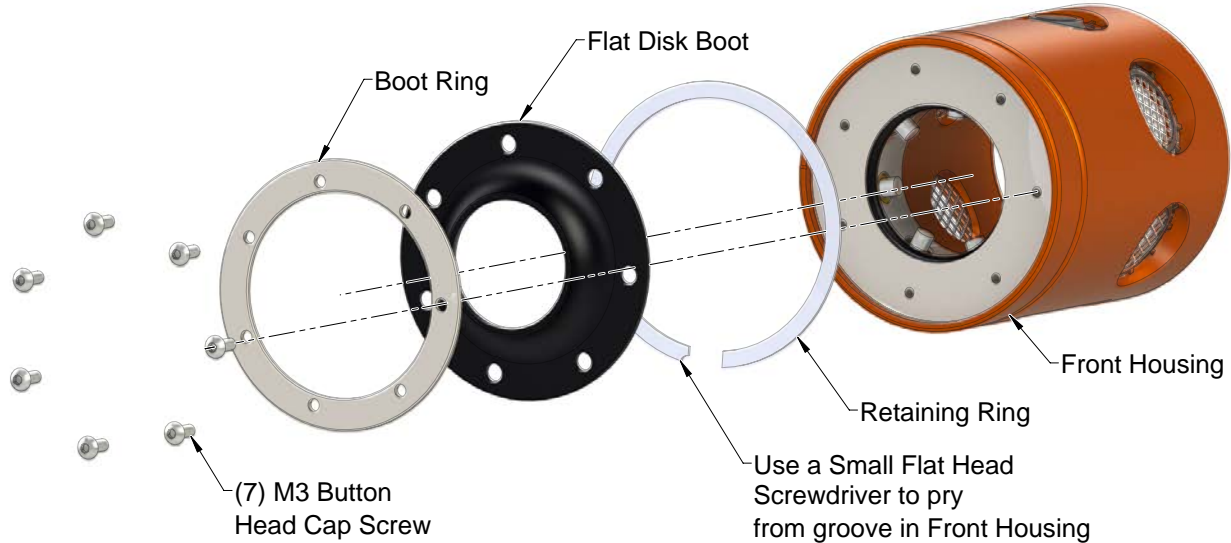
Parts required: Refer to [Section 7—Serviceable Parts](#).

Tools required: 2 mm hex key, torque wrench, small flat blade screwdriver, non-metallic drift or arbor press, clean rag, flat plate

Supplies required: Clean rag, Magnalube, Loctite 222

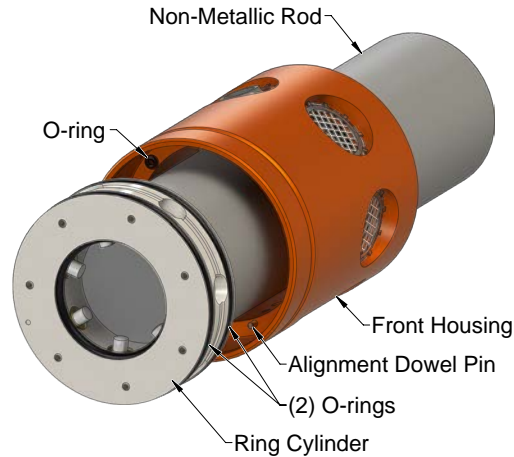
1. Remove and/or lock out the spindle motor air supply for safety (De-energize all energized circuits such as air and power).
2. Disconnect the air hose from the compliance and spindle supply air fitting.
3. Remove the deburring tool from the robot or work location.
4. Remove the turbine motor assembly.
Refer to [Section 6.2.3—Turbine Motor Replacement](#) steps 5 through 12.
5. Use a 2 mm hex key to remove the (7) M3 button head cap screws securing the boot ring and flat disk boot to the front housing.
6. Using a small flat blade screwdriver, pry the ring cylinder retaining ring free and remove from the front housing.

Figure 6.11—Boot Ring, Flat Disk Boot, and Retaining Ring



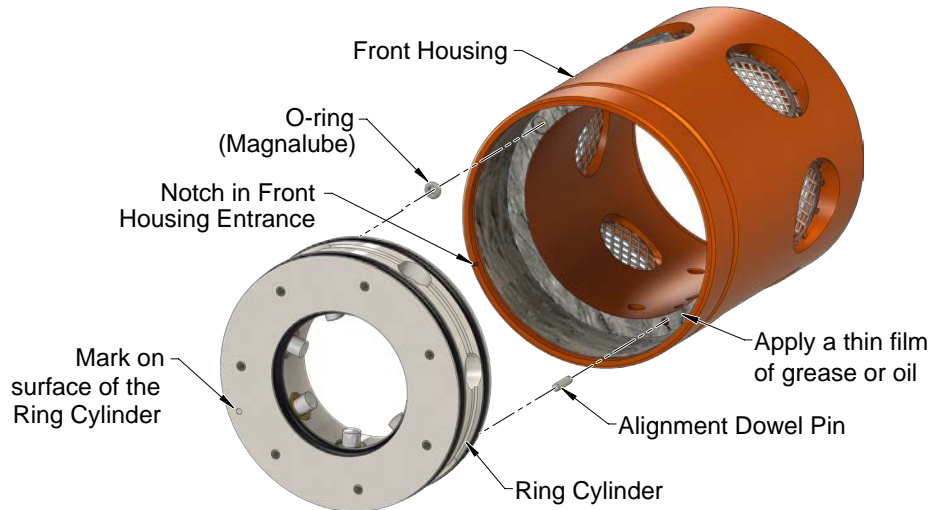
7. From inside the housing, use a non-metallic drift (plastic or wooden rod) to press the ring cylinder out of the housing. Refer to [Figure 6.12](#).
Note: After prolonged periods of use, the O-ring seals may make removal of the compliance unit difficult. If this occurs, support the front housing on a suitable plate with a clearance hole for the ring cylinder. Use an arbor press for extraction. Retain the small O-ring and dowel pin for reuse.

Figure 6.12—Remove Ring Cylinder with a Non-Metallic Drift (plastic or wooden rod)



8. Using a clean lint free rag, remove any debris and lubrication from the alignment dowel pin, O-ring, and front housing (including the bore inside the housing).
9. Apply a thin film of Magnalube to the housing bore where the ring cylinder seats.
10. Apply a thin film of Magnalube to the small O-ring and fit into the spotface of the front housing.
11. Apply a thin film of Magnalube to the dowel pin and insert into the slip fit hole of the front housing.
12. Align the alignment notch on the front housing entrance and the alignment mark on the flat surface of the ring cylinder assembly prior to pressing the ring cylinder in the bore.
13. Using hand pressure and a flat plate, press the ring cylinder assembly beyond the retaining ring groove and into the seat of the bore in the front housing. The alignment dowel pin helps to ensure proper orientation of the ring cylinder. Make sure the small O-ring is in place.

Figure 6.13—Ring Cylinder Replacement

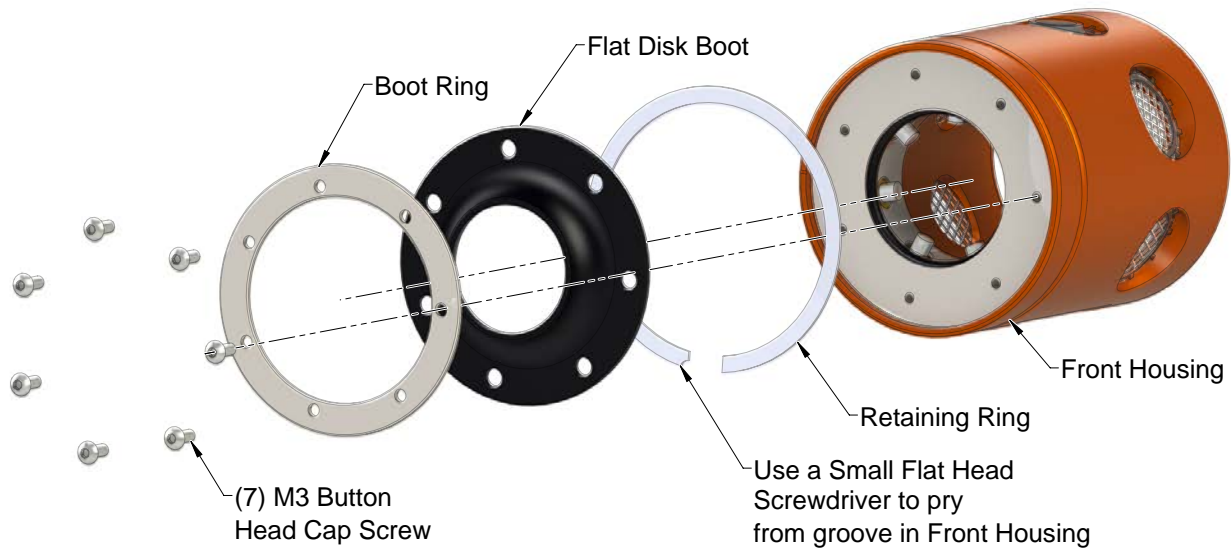


14. Install the retaining ring into the groove of the front housing so that the ring cylinder is secure. Refer to [Figure 6.14](#).
15. Place the front boot disk on the entrance of the housing. Twist and slide the boot so that the holes around the boot's outer perimeter align with the tapped holes in the ring cylinder.
16. Place the boot ring over the rubber boot and align to the holes of the ring and boot.

17. Apply Locite 222 to the (7) M3 button head cap screws.

18. Using a 2 mm hex key, install the (7) M3 button head cap screws into the boot ring, flat disk boot, and ring cylinder.

Figure 6.14—Installation of the Retaining Ring, Flat Disk Boot, and Boot Ring



19. Install the turbine motor. Refer to [Section 6.2.3—Turbine Motor Replacement](#) steps 13 through 24.

20. Install the cutting bur, refer to [Section 6.2.1—Bur and Collet Replacement](#) steps 7 through 10.

21. Install the deburring tool on the robot or work location.

22. Connect the air hose to the spindle and compliance air fittings.

23. When the replacement procedure is complete, all circuits (for example: air and power) may be placed into normal operation.

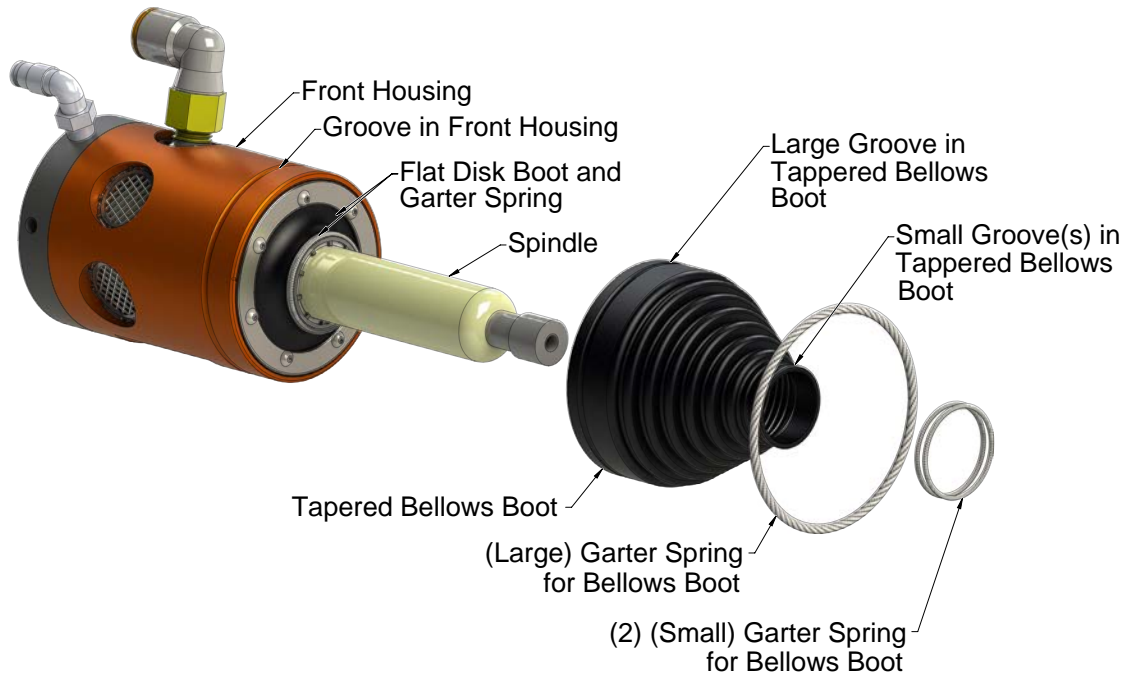
6.2.5 Tapered Bellows Boot Replacement

The tapered bellows boot prevents debris from entering the housing and protects internal components. Replace the tapered bellows boot if damaged.

Parts required: Refer to [Section 7—Serviceable Parts](#).

1. Turn off all energized circuits (for example: air and power).
2. If necessary, remove the deburring tool from the robot or work location:
 - a. Disconnect the air hoses from the spindle and compliance air fittings.
 - b. Remove the deburring tool from the robot or work location.
 - c. If necessary, remove the cutting bur.
Refer to [Section 6.2.1—Bur and Collet Replacement](#) steps 3 through 7.
3. Remove the (3) garter springs retaining the tapered bellows boot to the spindle and front housing.
4. Remove the tapered bellows boot.
5. Slide the new tapered bellows boot over the spindle and onto the front housing.
6. Secure the flexible boot using the (3) garter springs. Make sure the garter springs fit tightly in the grooves of the front housing and bellows boot. Refer to [Figure 6.15](#).
7. If applicable, install the deburring tool to the robot or work location:
 - a. If applicable, install the cutting bur.
Refer to [Section 6.2.1—Bur and Collet Replacement](#) steps 7 through 10.
 - b. Install the deburring tool to the robot or work location.
 - c. Connect the air hoses from the spindle and compliance air fittings.
8. After repair is complete, return all circuits (for example: air and power) to normal operation.

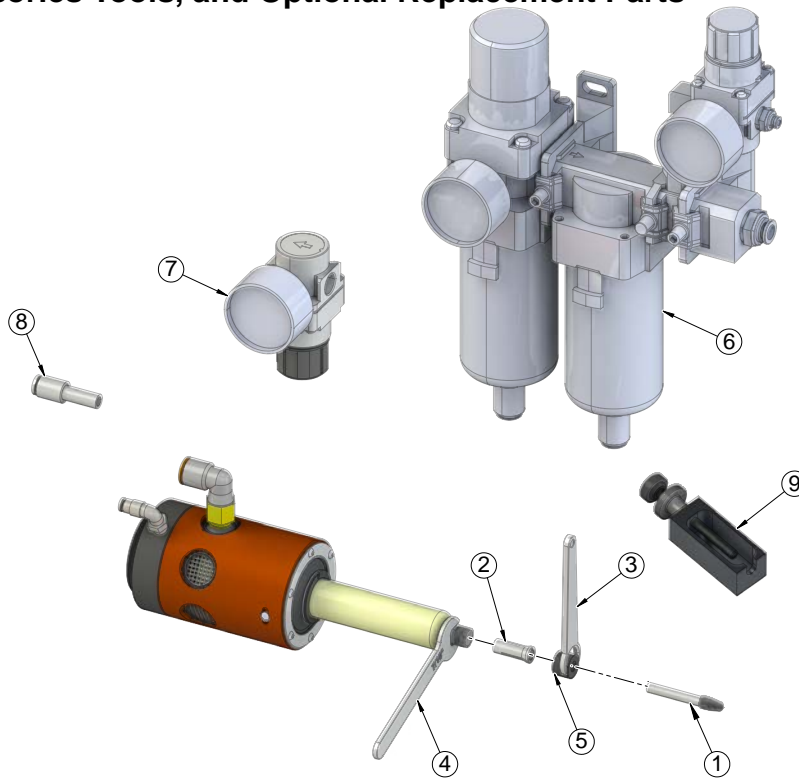
Figure 6.15—Tapered Bellows Boot Replacement



7. Serviceable Parts

For repair and spare parts please contact ATI. Refer to https://www2.ati-ia.com/Products/debur/deburring_rc_main.aspx for exploded drawings showing all the user replaceable components of the Flexdebur. Available accessories, tools, and optional replacement parts are listed in [Section 7.1—Accessories Tools, and Optional Replacement Parts](#). All other repairs must be performed by ATI.

7.1 Accessories Tools, and Optional Replacement Parts



NOTICE: Individual parts may have a slightly different appearance from what is shown in the figure above.

Table 7.1—Available Accessories, Tools, and Optional Replacement Parts

Item No.	Part Number	Description
1	9150-RC-B-XXXXX	Refer to Table 4.1 for bur part numbers and descriptions
2	9150-RC-C-12442	Ø 3 mm Collet
	9150-RC-C-12443	Ø 1/8" Collet
	9150-RC-C-12444	Ø 3/16" Collet
	9150-RC-C-12445	Ø 6 mm Collet (Standard on Metric Models)
	9150-RC-C-12446	Ø 1/4" Collet (Standard on Inch Models)
3	9150-RC-T-12479	9/16" (14.5 mm) Collet Wrench
4	9150-RC-T-12475	7/16" (11 mm) Collet Wrench
5	3700-50-3081	Collet Nut, RC-300/340 Motor (.450 x .318 Hole)
	3700-50-3082	Collet Nut, RC-300/340 Motor (.450 x .254 Hole)
6	9005-50-6166	High-Flow Filter/Regulator Assembly
7	9005-50-6164	Precision Regulator
8	3405-1210010-01	Spindle Tubing Adapter, 3/8" to 5/16" (8 mm)
9	9150-RC-T-4230	Bur Setting Fixture, RC/RS Tools

8. Specifications

The following table lists specifications. For an additional Technical Description of the product, refer to [Section 2.2—Technical Description](#).

Table 8.1—RC-300 and RC340 Series Specifications		
Parameter	Rating	
	RC-300 Series	RC-340 Series
Motor Type	Turbine	
Motor part number	3490-0001023-02	3490-0001020-02
Motor Series	525JSL	
Idle Speed (RPM)	30,000 (33,000 Max.)	40,000 (44,000 Max.)
Torque (Max.)	0.09 N-m (0.8 lb-in)	0.08 N-m (0.7 lb-in)
Power	300 W (0.40 hp) @ 30,000 RPM	340 W (0.46 hp) @ 40,000 RPM
Weight (without Adapters)	1.2 kg (2.6 lbs)	
Compensation (Radial)	+/- 7.5 mm max., +/- 3 mm recommended	
Compliance Force (Measured at Collet)	12.7-42 N (2.8–9.5 lb) @ 1.0-4.1 bar (15–60 psi)	
Bur Surface Speed	Dependent on Cutter Geometry and Motor Speed	
Spindle Air Pressure	6.2 Bar (90 psi)	
Air Consumption (Idle)	5.6 l/s (12 CFM)	
Air Consumption (Stall)	10.2 l/s (21.5 CFM)	
Air Connection (Spindle)	3/8" Tube	
Air Connection (Compliance)	5/32" Tube	
Sound Pressure Level ¹	78 dBa	
Collet Size, Standard ²	1/4" (All Modules) 6 mm on Euro Models	
Rotary Burs ³	Commercial Units Rated 40,000 RPM or Higher	
Special Tools	Open End Wrenches (1 Pair Supplied) 9/16" (14.5 mm) 7/16" (11 m)	
Notes:		
1. All noise emission measurements were taken under no load idle conditions without a cutting tool. Because the working environment is unknown, it is impossible to predict the noise that will occur during a deburring operation.		
2. Optional Sizes Available, See Section 7—Serviceable Parts		
3. ATI Can Supply Burs, See Section 4.5.1—Bur Selection .		

9. Terms and Conditions of Sale

The following Terms and Conditions are a supplement to and include a portion of ATI's Standard Terms and Conditions, which are on file at ATI and available upon request.

ATI warrants the compliant tool product will be free from defects in design, materials, and workmanship for a period of one (1) year from the date of shipment and only when used in compliance with the manufacturer's specified normal operating conditions. This warranty does not extend to tool components subject to wear and tear under normal usage; including but not limited to those components that require replacement at standard service intervals. The warranty period for repairs made under a RMA shall be for the duration of the original warranty, or ninety (90) days from the date of repaired product shipment, whichever is longer. This warranty is void if the unit is not used in accordance with guidelines that are presented in this document. ATI will have no liability under this warranty unless: (a) ATI is given written notice of the claimed defect and a description thereof within thirty (30) days after Purchaser discovers the defect and in any event not later than the last day of the warranty period; and (b) the defective item is received by ATI not later ten (10) days after the last day of the warranty period. ATI's entire liability and Purchaser's sole remedy under this warranty is limited to repair or replacement, at ATI's election, of the defective part or item or, at ATI's election, refund of the price paid for the item. The foregoing warranty does not apply to any defect or failure resulting from improper installation, operation, maintenance or repair by anyone other than ATI.

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9.1 Motor Life and Service Interval Statement

The air motors that are used in ATI deburring/finishing tools are subject to wear and have a finite life. Motors that fail, during the warranty period, will be repaired or replaced by ATI as long as there is no evidence of abuse or neglect and that the normal operating practices outlined in this manual have been observed.

Components such as motor vanes, bearings, any gear reduction components, and collet nuts/chucks are considered consumable and are not covered by warranty. The customer should expect to service or replace these items at designated service intervals. For any part that is not detailed in this manual, contact ATI for part numbers and pricing.

Premature bearing failure can occur from exposing the deburring tool to coolants and water or impacts from collisions. Other failure modes that are outlined in the manual and relate to improper machining practices and deburring media selection.

9.1.1 Turbine Motor Products (Flexdeburrr (RC) models)

Turbine motors are not serviceable at this time. The expected life of a turbine motor in normal operation is entirely application dependent based on a multitude of factors. To maximize the life of turbine motor products, the customer should follow closely the normal operation guide in the product manual. The supplied air must be totally lube free and filtered to remove particulates and moisture. Exposing the turbine motors to oil in the air supply results in premature failure. Premature bearing failure can occur from exposing the deburring tool to coolants and water or impacts from collisions. Other failure modes are outlined in the manual and relate to improper machining practices and deburring media selection.