

# LEAK SOURCES

Leaks in the HW100 stem from either the **front action block** or the **air cylinder** and, unless the user damaged something due to poor practices, the culprit is most likely an O-ring failing to seal. O-rings get brittle from the passage of time, crumble under the stress of high pressure air or wear out from certain actions. This is normal in all PCP air rifles. As with car tires, this can happen in the first days of ownership or after a decade. Luckily, the HW100 is fairly easy to service.

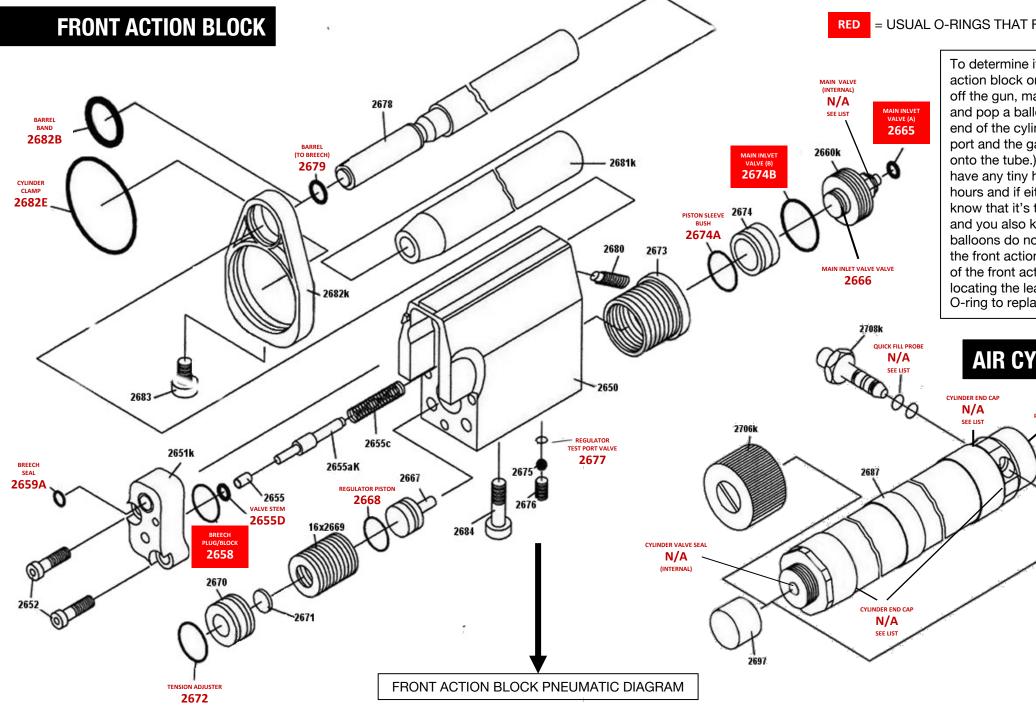
### FRONT ACTION BLOCK

The aluminium front action block consists of the parts that control the flow of the regulated, high pressure air that is guided to the projectile. The breech, probe seal, porting, valve seat, valve assembly and the pressure regulator are all home here. There are a total of 9 O-rings inside the front action block that might be prone to failure and cause a slow or fast leak. Alongside leaks, inconsistency issues, high air consumption per shot, loud pops or puffs of air in the face when shooting can all be traced back to an O-ring not sealing well in the front action block. The Front Action Block Pneumatic Diagram on page 4 shows several points of possible leakage with the responsible O-rings.

The 200 bar pressure, air cylinder with quick-fill is made of a stainless steel tube with caps on both ends - one end with a valve pin that screws into the front action block and one end with a pressure reading gauge on the muzzle side. The latter features the quick fill port housing – home to a one-way, spring loaded fill valve. There are a total of 5 O-rings in the air cylinder that might be prone to failure and cause a leak. One to seal each end-cap, one in the pressure gauge/manometer one in the fill valve and one in the intake cylinder valve. A common leak is caused by not lubricating the fill probe O-rings or by incorrectly inserting the fill probe into the fill valve. Such debris in the fill valve will cause a slow or fast leak. Regularly lubricate the fill probe and dust plug O-rings with Molykote O-ring grease and connect/disconnect the fill hose from the fill probe before/after inserting the probe into the fill port = a good practice.

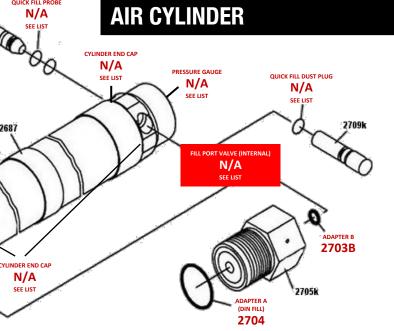
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**AIR CYLINDER** 

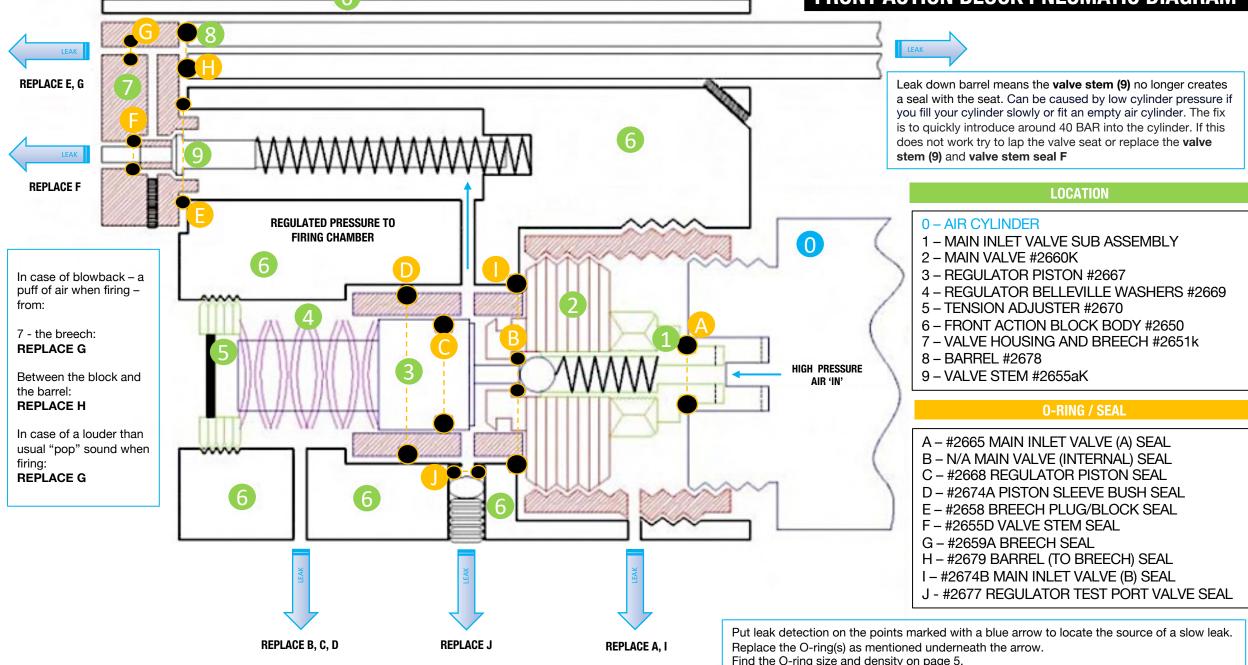


#### ED = USUAL O-RINGS THAT FAIL TO SEAL AND CAUSE LEAKS

To determine if the rifle leaks from the front action block or air cylinder take the air cylinder off the gun, make sure to have some air into it and pop a balloon or plastic glove over each end of the cylinder (ensure that you cover the fill port and the gap where the end cap is screwed onto the tube.) Check that the balloons do not have any tiny holes in them, let it sit for a few hours and if either of the balloons inflate, you know that it's the air cylinder that is leaking, and you also know which end is leaking. If the balloons do not inflate - the leak comes from the front action block. The pneumatic diagram of the front action block on page 4 will help in locating the leak and indicate the responsible O-ring to replace.



# FRONT ACTION BLOCK PNEUMATIC DIAGRAM



HW100   COMPLETE O-RING OVERVIEW			MK2*	MK3*	Recommended	
PART #	O-RING LOCATION	CAL	SIZE MM*	SIZE MM*	MATERIAL	DENSITY
2682E	Cylinder Clamp #2682k	.177 .22	37.1 x 1.6	37.1 x 1.6	NBR - Nitrile	70 Shore A
2618	Probe Buffer #2616	.177 .22	4 x 1.5	4 x 1.5	NBR - Nitrile	70 Shore A
2658	Breech Plug/Block #2651k	.177 .22	12 x 1	12 x 1	NBR - Nitrile	70 Shore A
2665	Main inlet valve (A) #2660k	.177 .22	2.57 x 1.78	2.57 x 1.78	PUR	90 Shore A
2666	Main Valve #2660k	.177 .22	7 x 1.5	7 x 1.5	NBR - Nitrile	70 Shore A
2668	Regulator Piston #2667	.177 .22	7 x 1.5	7 x 1.5	NBR - Nitrile	70 Shore A
2672	Tension Adjuster #2670	.177 .22	10 x 1.5	10 x 1.5	NBR - Nitrile	70 Shore A
2677	Regulator Test Port Valve #2650	.177 .22	2 x 1	2 x 1	FKM FPM Viton	90 Shore A
2679	Barrel (to Breech) #2678	.177 .22	8 x 1.5	9 x 1.5	NBR - Nitrile	70 Shore A
2704	Adaptor A (DIN fill) #2705k	.177 .22	13 x 2	13 x 2	NBR - Nitrile	70 Shore A
2710	Quick Fill Probe #2708k	.177 .22	5 x 1.5	5 x 1.5	PUR	70 Shore A
2603A	Magazine #2602	.177 .22	32 x 2.5	32 x 2.5	NBR - Nitrile	70 Shore A
2655D	Valve Stem #2651k	.177 .22	3 x 1.5	3 x 1.5	PTFE	70 Shore A
2659A	Breech #2651k	.177	4.5 x 1	4.5 x 1	NBR - Nitrile	70 Shore A
2659A	Breech #2651k	.22	5.5 x 1	5.5 x 1	NBR - Nitrile	70 Shore A
2674A	Piston Sleeve Bush #2674	.177 .22	11 x 1.5	11 x 1.5	NBR - Nitrile	70 Shore A
2674B	Main Inlet Valve (B) #2660k	.177 .22	14 x 1.5	14 x 1.5	NBR - Nitrile	70 Shore A
2682B	Barrel Band #2682k	.177 .22	15.6 x 2.5	15.6 x 2.5	NBR - Nitrile	70 Shore A
2703B	Adaptor B #2705k	.177 .22	2.57 x 1.78	2.57 x 1.78	NBR - Nitrile	70 Shore A
N/A	Dust Plug #2709k	.177 .22	5 x 1.5	5 x 1.5	NBR - Nitrile	70 Shore A
N/A	Main Valve (internal) #2660k	.177 .22	2.57 x 1.78	2.57 x 1.78	NBR - Nitrile	90 Shore A
N/A	Fill port Valve (Internal) #2687	.177 .22	3.15 x 1.80	3.15 x 1.80	NBR - Nitrile	70 Shore A
N/A	Cylinder Valve (Internal) #2687	.177 .22	3.15 x 1.80	3.15 x 1.80	NBR - Nitrile	70 Shore A
N/A	Standard Cylinder End-Cap #2687 (200 bar fill)	.177 .22	26 x 2.5	26 x 2.5	NBR - Nitrile	70 Shore A
N/A	Titanium Cylinder End-Cap #2687 (250 bar fill)	.177 .22	26 x 2	26 x 2	FKM FPM Viton	90 Shore A
N/A	Pressure Gauge/Manometer	.177 .22	8 x 1.5	8 x 1.5	NBR - Nitrile	70 Shore A

	AFTER MARKET					
N/A	©Pre-Chamber Insert Body	.177 .22	11 x 1.5	11 x 1.5	NBR - Nitrile	70 Shore A
	For HW100Tuning ©Pre-Chamber Insert only	11 x 1 also works				

**RED** = MOST COMMON O-RINGS THAT FAIL TO SEAL AND CAUSE LEAKS

\*inside (ID) x cross-sectional diameter (CS) \*MK2 produced aprox. from 2007 to 2020. MK3 produced from 2020 onwards. Find your rifle's build year by serial number here <u>https://www.weihrauch-database.eu/dywp</u>

# **GOOD PRACTICES**

Work safely. ALWAYS remove the aircylinder from the rifle BEFORE carrying out any repair work and make sure the rifle is completely free from pressurized air.

Source **quality** O-rings from a specialised dealer. Don't buy the cheapest O-rings on Amazon, etc. Alternatively, several outlets sell **complete reseal packs**. Recommend <u>HW100Tuning</u> in the UK as their packs are good value, quality, include Molykote grease and O-rings are individually packed and labeled with the respective part numbers. Get a few from each, especially the "usual culprits". It is not unusual for a new o-ring to fail so keep a few at hand at all times.

Lube all your O-rings with Molykote O-ring grease except Main Valve (internal) and #2655D Valve Stem O-rings, for longer durability and a better seal. Molykote is a silicone-based material that helps ensure positive lubrication and sealing by slightly swelling O-rings and seals. This product is heat-stable and oxidation-resistant. Recommend Molykote 55.

Be carefull with using metal tools when removing O-rings, especially on the brass parts. Even the tiniest of scratches can cause a leak as high pressure air will find a way through. Blunted wood/plastic toothpicks or cocktail sticks are a good, cheap alternative.

The air cylinder end caps are notoriously hard to unscrew. Save yourself some pain and avoid damage by getting a dedicated end-cap removal kit. Recommend HW100Tuning for this purpose.

Do not submerge the front action block or air cylinder in water to find slow leaks. Use a professional, non-corrosive leak detection. Recommend <u>SNOOP</u>.

## **USEFUL RESOURCES**

The following video links are a good starting point to understand the HW100's build and for servicing leaks and replacing O-rings. They are not all made by professionals and sometimes mistakes are made. It is highly advised to watch all of these videos entirely before undertaking any service work. See them as a general guide.

Weihrauch HW100 Maintenance - O'rings Replacement, Parts 1 to 5 by Unrelated Activities

Video on servicing the front action block O-rings. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5NdoJCvee0&t=513s

Weihrauch HW100 - Regulator Service by Martin Healy

3 part video series that includes a full strip down and explanation of the front action block and O-ring replacements as well as operating the regulator. Part 1: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Mc4M31SkgY</u> Part 2: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Mc4M31SkgY&t=281s</u> Part 3: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MwAwreaUVkE&t=2230s</u>

HW100 Air Cylinder Full Strip & Service + Leak Fix by Bagnal & Kirkwood

Video on how to replace all seals in the air cylinder. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ipbxGwLNIX4&t=886s

