

## Series SAH SMART Air Hood® Balancing Instrument - Adapter Hoods

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### Specifications - Installation and Operating Instructions



The **SMART AIR HOOD® (SAH) Balancing Instrument** is the most accurate and easy to operate air flow hood on the market today. The low profile design allows balancers to work in occupied spaces (bathroom stalls, MRI machines, cubicles, tables/chairs, etc.) and maneuver through doorways easier. By using the included 12 foot hood pole and wireless communications to a mobile device, one operator can balance a branch in less time than traditional balancing teams. Besides being lighter than most traditional capture hoods, the ergonomic design makes the technician exude less energy as the SAH has a lighter, balanced design. The rugged polypropylene base hood features Quad Flow Design Technology for controlling air flow and minimizing back pressure, which yields superior measurement accuracy. The Wi-Fi protocol back to the user's Android® or iOS® device gives the user real-time feedback, as they may be up to 200 yards (183 m) from the hood which saves the technician from unnecessarily going up and down their ladder multiple times to cut or open the dampers to balance the system.

The **SMART AIR HOOD® Application Software** reduces the number of steps in the air flow balancing process using Predictive Balancing. Predictive Balancing is a method of predicting the optimal flow set point for each register and the order in which they should be adjusted.

The SMART Air Hood® balancing instrument comes standard with a 2 ft x 2 ft (0.6 m x 0.6 m) opening but can also be used with other diffuser / register sizes using various

adapter hoods. Available adaptor hood sizes, sold separately, include a 1 ft x 4 ft (0.3 m x 1.2 m) model A-SAH-14S, a 2 ft x 4 ft (0.6 m x 1.2 m) model A-SAH-24S, a 3 ft x 3 ft (0.9 m x 0.9 m) model A-SAH-33S and a 1 ft x 5 ft (0.3 m x 1.5 m) model A-SAH-15S, and a 4 ft x 4 ft (1.2 m x 1.2 m) model A-SAH-44S.

The 1 ft x 4 ft (0.3 m x 1.2 m) model A-SAH-14S, a 2 ft x 4 ft (0.6 m x 1.2 m) model A-SAH-24S are stand alone single item adaptors as purchased. The 3 ft x 3 ft (0.9 m x 0.9 m) model A-SAH-33S, a 1 ft x 5 ft (0.3 m x 1.5 m) model A-SAH-15S, and a 4 ft x 4 ft (1.2 m x 1.2 m) model A-SAH-44S adaptors are used with and require the adapter base kit (A-SAH-BK). It will be necessary to use the stationary pole adapter attachment. Install this according to the instructions on page 3 of Bulletin TE-SAH.





**Canvas hood adapter  
(variety of sizes)**



**SAH adapter base kit  
Model A-SAH-BK**

# **1 x 4 AND 2 x 4 SAH ADAPTOR HOOD INSTRUCTIONS**

**Preparing the 1 x 4 and 2 x 4 SAH Adaptor Hood** - Remove the adaptor hood from the packaging and place on a table or onto the SAH unit as shown in Figure 1.



**Figure 1**

**Attaching the Adaptor to the SAH** - When installing the adaptor onto the SAH, the 2' x 2' bottom frame of the adaptor nests over the top rim and gasket of the SAH unit. Pull out the four locking slides, one on each corner of the frame, until the slide stops (Figure 2). Push down on the corner of the adaptor frame to slightly compress the SAH gasket then push the locking slide into the SAH top frame until it stops (Figure 2). The adaptor hood is now attached to the SAH.



**Figure 2**

**Opening the Adaptor Hood** - Move the fabric of the adaptor hood outward away from the hinges to avoid pinching it in the hinges. Unfold one side at a time to open the upper frame of the adaptor hood (Figure 3). Make sure that the fabric is clear of the hinge area. Release the hook and loop strips holding the supports together (Figure 4). Lift the upper frame by rotating the supports out toward the bottom frame. Lift on the support handles compressing the spring and move the spring pin into the center support nests then release the handle spring tension allowing the spring pins to nest into the supports. (Figure 5). The system is now ready for use (Figure 6).



Figure 3



Figure 4



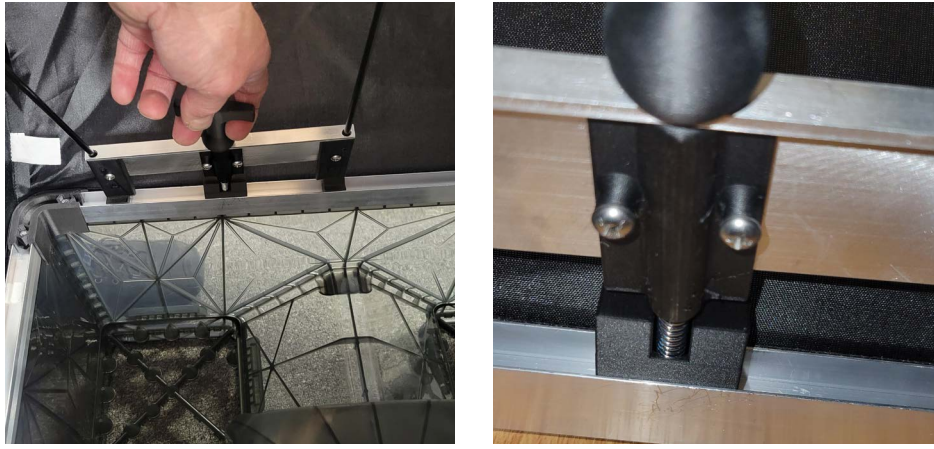


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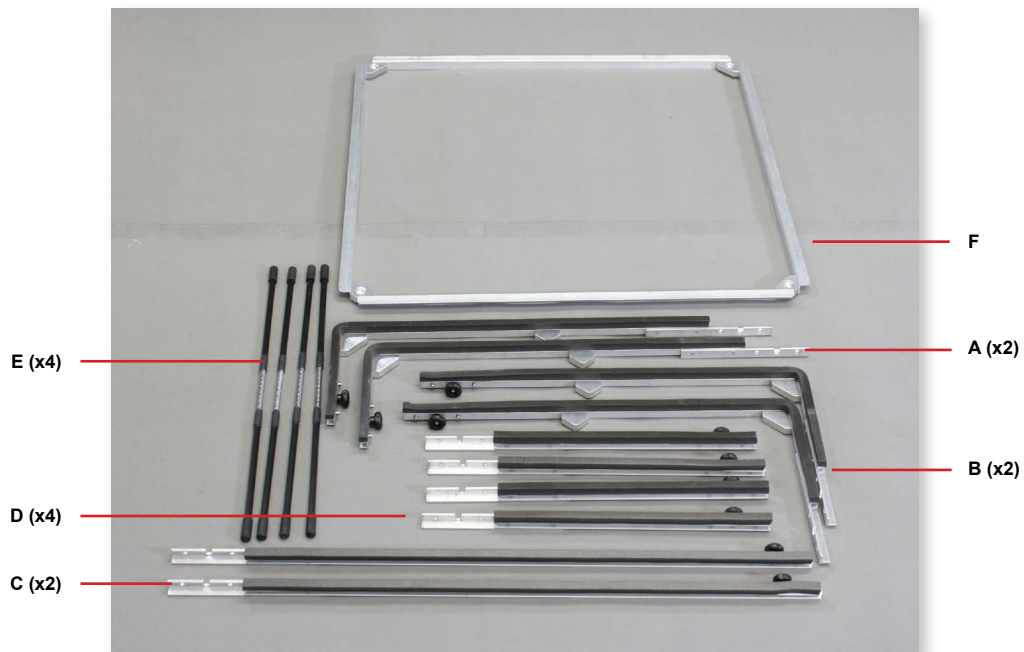


Figure 6

**Closing the Adaptor Hood** - Reverse the steps for opening the adaptor hood securing the hood and loop straps to hold the supports together, moving the fabric out away from the hinges before folding the adaptor into the SAH unit. The adaptor hood can be left secured to and transported with the SAH or removed and stored somewhere else.

**Removing the Adaptor Hood From the SAH** - The adaptor hood can be removed while open or after it is closed. Reverse the steps for attaching the adaptor hood. Pull out the four locking slides until they stop then remove the adaptor hood from the SAH.

The assembly of the 3 ft x 3 ft (0.9 m x 0.9 m) model A-SAH-33S, a 1 ft x 5 ft (0.3 m x 1.5 m) model A-SAH-15S, and a 4 ft x 4 ft (1.2 m x 1.2 m) model A-SAH-44S adapter hoods begins with the adapter base kit A-SAH-BK. Only one adapter base kit is needed, as it can be used with any of the three adapter hood sizes that require it. To start, lay out the adapter base kit as shown in the photo. To assemble the adapter base kit and the adapter hoods to the base, please follow the steps in a sequential order. The number references will be a guide for the right adapter parts to use.

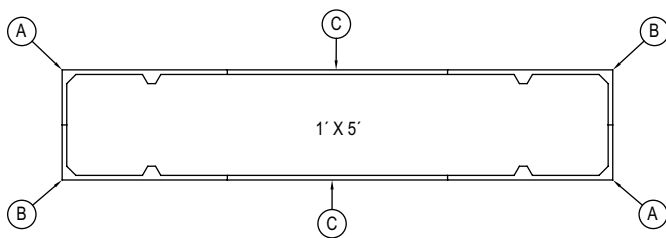


The adapter frame kit contains the following parts to build and install the 1' x 4' (0.3 m x 1.2 m), 1' x 5' (0.3 m x 1.5 m), 2' x 4' (0.6 m x 1.2 m) , and 3' x 3' (0.9 m x 0.9 m) hood adapters:

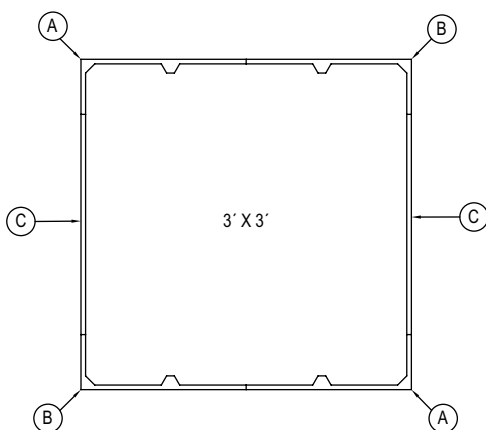
A = 18" x 6" corner bracket long side  
 B = 18" x 6" corner bracket short side  
 C = 24" long extension

D = 12" long extension  
 E = Spring support poles  
 F = Bottom support frame

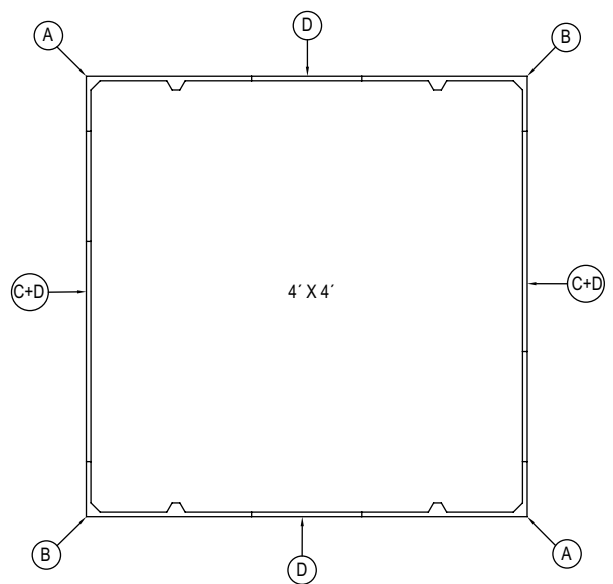
See the below diagrams for which parts are needed to assemble each hood adapter size.



1' x 5' (0.3 m x 1.5 m) adapter hood



3' x 3' (0.9 m x 0.9 m) adapter hood



4' x 4' (1.2 m x 1.2 m) adapter hood

## ASSEMBLY

To use the SAH with different diffuser sizes other than 2' x 2' (0.6 m x 0.6 m), use the following instructions for how to attach adapter hoods.

1. Place the SAH on the floor or elevated work area with the top of the unit facing up as shown in the photo below.



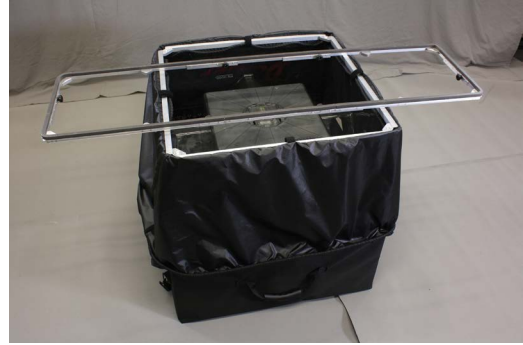
2. Hold the canvas hood in place by its top over the SAH with the Dwyer trademark facing you and place the adapter hood into the main SAH body aligning the sewn corner seams of the adapter hood to be approximately in line with the corner of the SAH unit body to prepare for assembling it to the SAH body as shown below.
3. Stretch the outer cord hoop (the one without the hook and loop straps) over the SAH top and place the cord into the outer top groove just below the top rubber seal. Be sure to locate the sewn seams of the adapter at the corner of the SAH. (This can be adjusted after the cord is stretched into place at this time. It is not necessary to tuck the entire cord into the SAH slot in the straight sections.)



4. Fold the canvas hood inside out over the SAH, exposing the inner cord loop and place that cord loop inside the SAH unit. Pay special attention to the corners. Open the fabric hook and loop straps if they are closed.



5. Place the lower 2' x 2' adapter frame into the SAH over the top of the inner cord loop skirt trapping the cord inside the SAH and loosely close the hook and loop straps over the adapter frame to hold it in place.



6. Assemble the required upper frame system that matches the adapter hood choice. Details for which pieces are needed for each hood size are on page 2. Starting with two pieces that fit together, loosen the knob on the first piece. Slide the second piece so the grooves fit around the knob on the first piece. Tighten the knob to hold in place. Continue until entire upper frame is assembled.



7. Place the upper frame system on top of the SAH unit positioning the frame for proper assembly as shown below. For all sizes (except 3' x 3'), the long sides should align with the logo sides of the canvas hood.



8. Stretch the top cord loop of the canvas hood onto the upper frame, aligning the corners of the frame with the sewn seams of the canvas hood. Once they are aligned, press the cord into the groove all the way around the frame.

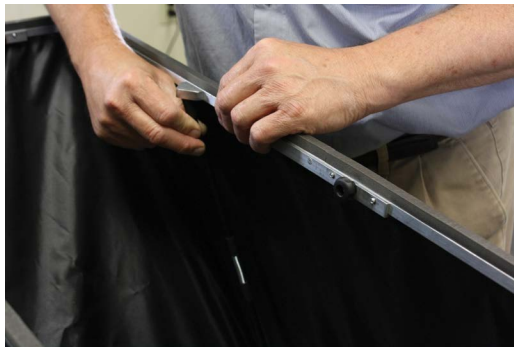


9. Place all spring poles inside the SAH unit for easy access for final assembly.

10. While holding one spring pole at the end in one hand, lift the top frame using both hands opposite and diagonal from each other until the adapter hood is fully open. Place the spring pole into a bottom corner pocket of the lower frame, compress the pole with your thumb and while still holding the upper frame with your fingers, slide the top of the pole into the appropriate support frame bracket pocket.



11. Pick up another spring pole and install it in the position opposite diagonal from the first one. Install all spring poles by first placing one end into a corner pocket of the lower frame. Compress the spring pole by pushing downward onto the lower frame until the spring pole top can be placed into the top frame support pocket. The unit will now be stable and balanced enough to release it and place the 2 remaining spring poles in place with the same procedure.



12. Re-tuck the upper cord loop into the top frame if it came free during the assembly. At this time, you can tuck the outer lower cord into the SAH unit along the straight sections. It is not necessary that this be done for the cord to stay in place or for the system to perform properly.

13. The SAH unit with the adapter base kit and canvas hood can now be used to complete the balancing process.



#### MAINTENANCE

Some simple routine maintenance after each use will ensure that the instrument will function correctly for many years.

- Remove any moisture droplets using a clean, absorbent lint-free cloth/paper towel before storing the unit.
- Remove all batteries if the unit is to be stored for an extended period of time.
- Always store and transport the unit carefully. Store in dry conditions.
- DO NOT immerse the hood in water.
- DO NOT use abrasive cleaning products on the hood. The hood can be wiped clean with a damp lint-free cloth.
- DO NOT use abrasive cleaning products on the quad flow sensing grids, which may block or damage the grid. The grid may be CAREFULLY wiped clean with a lint-free cloth. Ensure the air entry holes of the quad flow sensing grids are not contaminated with moisture.
- Check periodically for damage or any visible cracks.
- Take care to not damage or obscure the air entry holes of the quad flow sensing grids. This can seriously affect the measurements obtained.

Diffuser adapter hood fabric can be wiped clean with a damp cloth, if necessary, and moisture droplets dried with an absorbent lint-free cloth/paper. Periodically, wash in cool water using a mild detergent. Drip dry, ensuring it cannot become caught in any sharp objects.

The fabric used is impermeable, tough, and very resistant under normal use. In the event that the fabric becomes worn or torn, replace the fabric hood immediately. A damaged hood will seriously affect the measurements taken.

Anti-static solution can be applied to the instrument by using a clean, lint-free cloth and carefully rubbing it over the instrument.

**Note:** This is normally only necessary when working in low humidity conditions.

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