

# **SERVICE MANUAL**



# 3" S-FIN LOW TEMP AIR-TO-AIR COOLERS

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CAREFULLY BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH ANY SERVICE WORK AND/OR
REPAIRS. CONSULT FACTORY BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH ANY
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# MESABI® PRODUCT SPECIFIC WARRANTY S-FIN COOLERS

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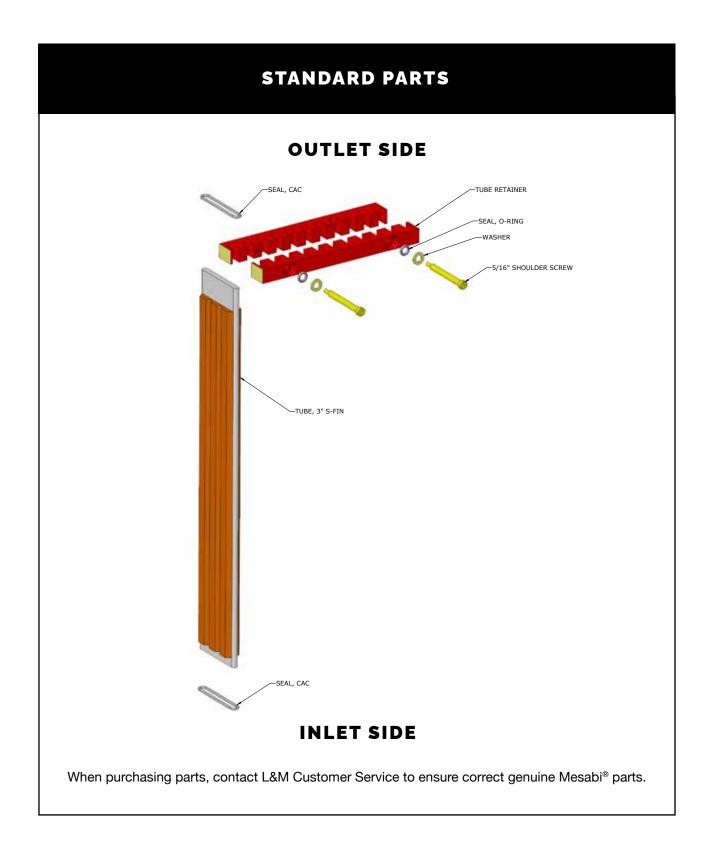
# MESABI® HEAT EXCHANGERS ARE THE WORLD STANDARD FOR HEAT EXCHANGER RELIABILITY

If you have any questions regarding the procedures described in this Service Manual, please contact L&M Radiator Customer Service.

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# **GENUINE MESABI® TOOLS**



## **SEAL O-RING TOOL**

#97892 Used for the removal of retainer clips.

## S-FIN TUBE ASSEMBLY TOOL

#317596 Used to assist in removal of the S-Fin tubes away from the Cover Blocks.

## **BRUSH**

#63451 Used in header preparation.

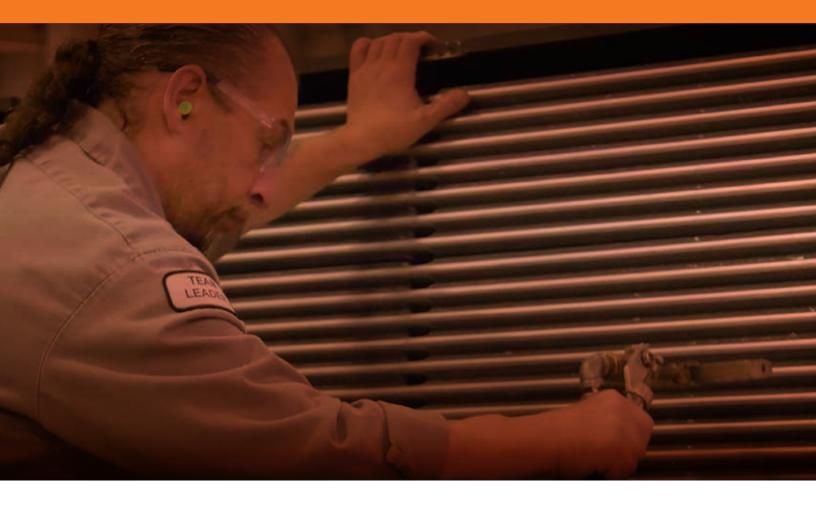
## **VALVE LUBRICANT SEALANT**

#100276 Used in tube and seal preparation.

## **ANTI-SEIZE LUBRICANT**

#118555 Used for the installation of Shoulder Screws

## **EXTERNAL CLEANING**



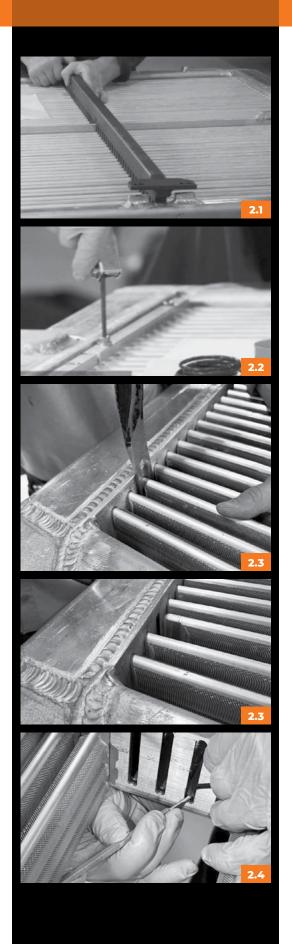
#### 1 EXTERNAL CLEANING

To maintain efficiency and assure maximum life of MESABI® S-Fin Coolers, reasonable care must be taken when cleaning.

- 1.1 In some cases, it may be best to blow out any dry dirt with shop air prior to washing the core with a high-pressure washer. If there is any doubt on what cleaning method to use, try the method on a small portion of a single tube first, or contact L&M Customer Service.
- 1.2 For general external cleaning, high pressure hot water (with or without soap) can be used at pressures up to 1200 PSI (8274 kPa). Spray straight into the core; do not spray at an angle and stay at least 6 inches away from the tubes. It is important to start on the air exit side first. Work from top to bottom. Concentrate on small areas and work slowly. Keep washing until the water exiting the opposite side is free from dirt and debris. Complete this side and then repeat the process on the other side.
- 1.3 Blow dry the core section.

NOTE: Many radiator shops use a hot alkaline soap or caustic soda with additives in their boil- out tanks. Soaking in high pH solutions may damage the aluminum alloy, depending on the exact characteristics of the solution. Solutions that are either too Alkaline (pH>9) or acidic (pH<5) are not recommended.

# REMOVING MESABI® TUBES



#### 2 REMOVING MESABI® TUBES

NOTE: Removing tubes will require two people. Be sure to note fin orientation when removing tubes.

2.1 Remove support bar if equipped.

2.2 Remove the tube retainer by using a Standard 3/16" Allen wrench to remove shoulder screws from tube retainer.

NOTE: Mark the tank from which the tube retainer is removed.

2.3 Slide the tube assembly tool (#317596) in between the header plate and the finning, freeing the bottom tube from the lower seal. Pull the bottom end of the tube away from the core while keeping your angle to a minimum.

NOTE: Do not force the tube out or tube could become damaged. Remember to remove the tube at the smallest angle possible. If you experience trouble removing the tubes, or if there is excessive damage or wear to tubes, contact L&M Customer Service for evaluation.

**2.4** When removing the seals from the header, use the pick part of the O-Ring tool and gently place between the seal and the seal groove, being careful not to scratch the seal groove.

**NOTE:** Seals that are inadvertently dropped into the tank must be removed.

# **HEADER PREPARATION**







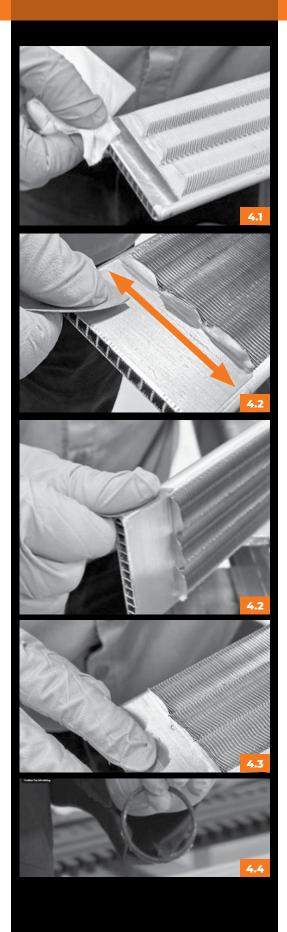


### **3 HEADER PREPARATION**

**3.1** Clean the seal pockets with a dry non-lubricant brush (#63451) in good condition. DO NOT use a steel or brass brush as the tube holes could be damaged.

**3.2** Using compressed air blow the header plate/tanks out. Remove all debris loosened by the fiber brush. Inspect the sealing pockets to make sure there are no nicks, scratches, weld BB's, or other contamination especially in the sealing groove.

# TUBE **PREPARATION**



#### **4 TUBE PREPARATION**

Before inserting new or original tubes into the header plates, new seals must be installed properly as described in 5.0 seal installation.

4.1 Inspect the tubes for scratches, nicks, and other defects. Make sure the tube ends are clean and free from debris.

4.2 If any burrs or scratches are noticed, use 280 grit or finer sandpaper to clean the tube surface.

NOTE: Be sure to sand the full width in the direction shown to prevent low spots and valleys which can result in leak pathways.

4.3 Apply a small amount of lubricant (#100276) to only a 1/4" area around tube ends.

4.4 Apply lubricant (#100276) to seals ensuring that the entire seal is covered with lubricant but not too excessive.

# SEAL **INSTALLATION**









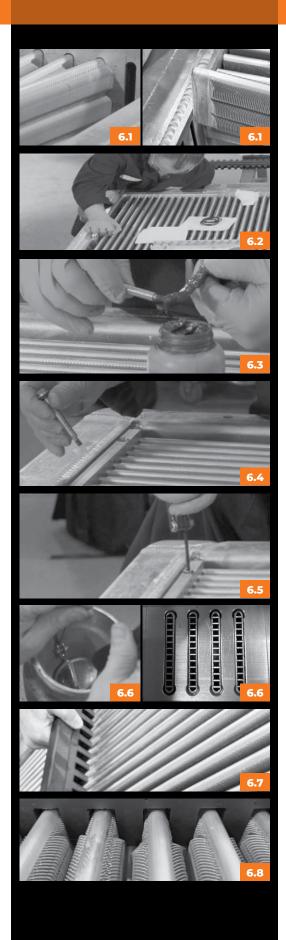
#### **5 SEAL INSTALLATION**

Using the flat end of the O-Ring tool, create an oval and insert one end into the seal groove. With your finger, push the opposite end of the seal into the groove while controlling the opposite end with the flat end of the O-Ring tool.

**5.2** Use the back end of the O-Ring tool to press the seal firmly into the groove. To avoid pinching the seal into the groove, a small amount of lubricant may be needed to assist the seal in resting on the long side of the groove.

NOTE: Use the O-Ring tool to remove any excess lubricant and to ensure that the seal is completely seated in grooves for the tubes to be properly installed.

## TUBE **INSTALLATION**



#### 6 TUBE INSTALLATION

- **6.1** Push the inlet end of the tube (the tube with the longest un-finned section) into the inlet header plate seal. Minimize the angle and do not force the tube.
- **6.2** Place outlet end of the tube (the tube with the shortest un-finned section) into outlet header plate seal. Be sure it is properly centered in the seal. Push the tube down and into the seal until the tube end makes contact to the face of the header plate. This can be done by grasping the tube with your hands and pulling downward until it is seated.
- **6.3** Apply anti seize (#118555) to shoulder screws.
- **6.4** Install the tube retainer assembly by bolting the front and back sections together by using shoulder screw, washers, and O-rings. (The threaded section goes on the back and the screw head section on the front.)
- 6.5 Use a 3/16" (4.76mm) Allen wrench to tighten shoulder screw to 45 inch-lbs (5.08NM) of torque.
- **6.6** After all tube and seals are installed, use a light and an inspection mirror to check each seal on the inside of each tank, making sure no seals protrude into the tank.
- **6.7** Re-install support bars if equipped.
- 6.8 Verify there is a nominal 1/8" (+/- 1/16") gap between the support valley and the round part of the tube.

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The quality policy of L&M Radiator is to produce a quality engineered, quality manufactured product through continuous improvement that we deliver to the customer's satisfaction.