
Operating instructions and spare parts list

OptiStar CG13

Gun control unit



Translation of the original operating instructions

Documentation OptiStar CG13

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General safety regulations

This chapter sets out the fundamental safety regulations that must be followed by the user and third parties using the OptiStar CG13 Gun control unit.

These safety regulations must be read and understood before the OptiStar CG13 Gun control unit is put into operation.

Safety symbols (pictograms)

The following warnings with their meanings can be found in the Gema Switzerland operating instructions. The general safety precautions must also be followed as well as the regulations in the operating instructions.

**DANGER!**

Danger due to electrically live or moving parts. Possible consequences: death or serious injury

**WARNING!**

Improper use of the equipment could damage the machine or cause it to malfunction. Possible consequences: minor injuries or damage to equipment

**INFORMATION!**

Useful tips and other information

Proper use

1. The OptiStar CG13 is built to the latest specification and conforms to the recognized technical safety regulations and is designed for the normal application of powder coating.
2. Any other use is considered non-compliant. The manufacturer shall not be liable for damage resulting from such use; the user bears sole responsibility for such actions. Gema Switzerland GmbH must be consulted prior to any use of the OptiStar CG13 for any purposes or substances other than those indicated in our guidelines.

3. Observance of the operating, service and maintenance instructions specified by the manufacturer is also part of conformity of use. The OptiStar CG13 should only be used, maintained and started up by trained personnel, who are informed about and are familiar with the possible hazards involved.
4. Start-up (i.e. the execution of intended operational tasks) is forbidden until it has been established that the OptiStar CG13 has been set up and wired according to the guidelines for machinery (2006/42 EC). EN 60204-1 (machine safety) must also be observed.
5. Unauthorized modifications to the OptiStar CG13 exempt the manufacturer from any liability from resulting damage.
6. The relevant accident prevention regulations, as well as other generally recognized safety regulations, occupational health and structural regulations are to be observed.
7. Furthermore, the country-specific safety regulations also must be observed.

Product-specific safety measures

- Installation work performed by the customer must be carried out according to local regulations.
- All components must be grounded according to the local regulations before start-up.

OptiStar CG13 Gun control unit

The OptiStar CG13 Gun control unit is a constituent part of the equipment and is therefore integrated in the system's safety concept.

If it is to be used in a manner outside the scope of the safety concept, then corresponding measures must be taken.



NOTE:

For further security information, see the more detailed Gema safety regulations!

About this manual

General information

This operating manual contains all the important information you require for the working with the OptiStar CG13 Gun control unit. It will safely guide you through the start-up process and give you references and tips for the optimal use of your new powder coating system.

Information about the functional mode of the individual system components - booth, gun and powder injector - should be referenced in the respective enclosed documents.



DANGER:

Working without operating instructions

Working without operating instructions or with individual pages from the operating instructions may result in damage to property and personal injury if relevant safety information is not observed.

- ▶ Before working with the device, organize the required documents and read the section "Safety regulations".
 - ▶ Work should only be carried out in accordance with the instructions of the relevant documents.
 - ▶ Always work with the complete original document.
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Software version

This document describes the operation of the OptiStar CG13 Gun control unit with software version starting from 1.99 (see also "Software version request")!

Product description

Field of application

The OptiStar CG13 Gun control unit is designed exclusively for controlling the Gema powder coating guns (see also in chapter "Technical data").

Any other use is considered non-compliant. The manufacturer is not responsible for any incorrect use and the risks associated with such actions are assumed by the user alone!

For a better understanding of the interrelationships in powder coating, it is recommended that the operating instructions for all other components be read as well, so as to be familiar with their functions too!



OptiStar CG13 Gun control unit

Reasonably foreseeable misuse

- Operation without the proper training
- Use with insufficient compressed air quality and grounding
- Use in connection with unauthorized coating devices or components

Technical data

Connectable guns

OptiStar CG13	connectable
OptiSelect GM03	yes



WARNING:

The OptiStar CG13 gun control unit may only be used with the specified gun type!

Electrical data

OptiStar CG13	
Nominal input voltage	100-240 VAC
Frequency	50-60 Hz
Connected load (without vibrator)	40 VA
Nominal output voltage (to the gun)	12 V
Nominal output current (to the gun)	1.2 A
Connection and output for vibrator (on Aux output)	110/230 VAC max. 100 W
Connection for rinsing function (valve)	24 VDC max. 3 W
Protection type	IP54
Temperature range	0 °C - +40 °C (+32 °F - +104 °F)
Max. surface temperature	85 °C (+185 °F)
Approvals	0102 II 3 (2) D PTB11 ATEX 5007-2

Pneumatic data

OptiStar CG13	
Compressed air connection (on control unit)	8 mm
Max. input pressure	5.5 bar / 80 psi
Max. water vapor content of the compressed air	1.3 g/m ³
Max. oil vapor content of the compressed air	0.1 mg/m ³

Dimensions

OptiStar CG13	
Width	173 mm
Depth	250 mm
Height	177 mm
Weight	approx. 3.9 kg

Powder output (guide values)

General conditions for the OptiFlow Injector

Powder type	Epoxy/polyester
Powder hose length (m)	6
Powder hose Ø (mm)	10
Power hose type	POE with guide strips
Input pressure (bar)	5.5
Correction value C0	Powder output zeroing adjustment

Guide values for OptiStar CG13 with OptiFlow Injector IG06

All values in these tables are guide values. Differing environmental conditions, wear and different powder types can affect the table values.

Total air 		3 Nm ³ /h	4 Nm ³ /h	5 Nm ³ /h
		Powder output (g/min)		
Powder output  (%)	20	85	100	120
	40	150	185	210
	60	210	255	280
	80	270	320	350
	100	300	360	395

Air flow rates

The total air consists of conveying air and supplementary air, in relation to the selected powder quantity (in %). As a result the total air volume is maintained constant.

OptiStar CG13	Range	Factory setting
Flow rate - fluidizing air		
- OptiFlex B	0-1.0 Nm ³ /h	0.1 Nm ³ /h
- OptiFlex F (without AirMover air requirements)	0-5.0 Nm ³ /h	1.0 Nm ³ /h
- OptiFlex S (with optional fluid plate)	0-1.0 Nm ³ /h	0.1 Nm ³ /h
Electrode rinsing air flow rate	0-5.0 Nm ³ /h	0.1 Nm ³ /h
Flow rate total air (at 5.5 bar)	5 Nm ³ /h	
- Conveying air flow rate	0-5.4 Nm ³ /h	
- Supplementary air flow rate	0-4.5 Nm ³ /h	



NOTE:

The total air consumption for the device is determined based on the 3 configured air values (without AirMover air value for OptiFlex F).

These values apply for an internal control pressure of 5.5 bar!



NOTE:

The max. total air consumption during the coating operation is < 5.5 Nm³/h:

- ▶ Total air = 5 Nm³/h (Conveying air + Supplementary air)
- ▶ Electrode rinsing air = 0.1 Nm³/h (flat jet nozzle)

Compatibility and interactions

The OptiStar CG13 gun control unit is used for the following manual equipment from the OptiFlex line:

- OptiFlex B/Q (with powder box)
- OptiFlex F (with fluidized powder hopper)
- OptiFlex S (with stirrer container)
- OptiFlex C (with application cup)
- OptiFlex L (with lab device)
- OptiFlex W, K (Kits)
- OptiFlex Dual Gun Kit B, F
- OptiFlex Dual Gun Wall Kit B, F

Design and function

General view



- 1 Front plate with control and display elements
- 2 Enclosure

- 3 Back panel with interfaces

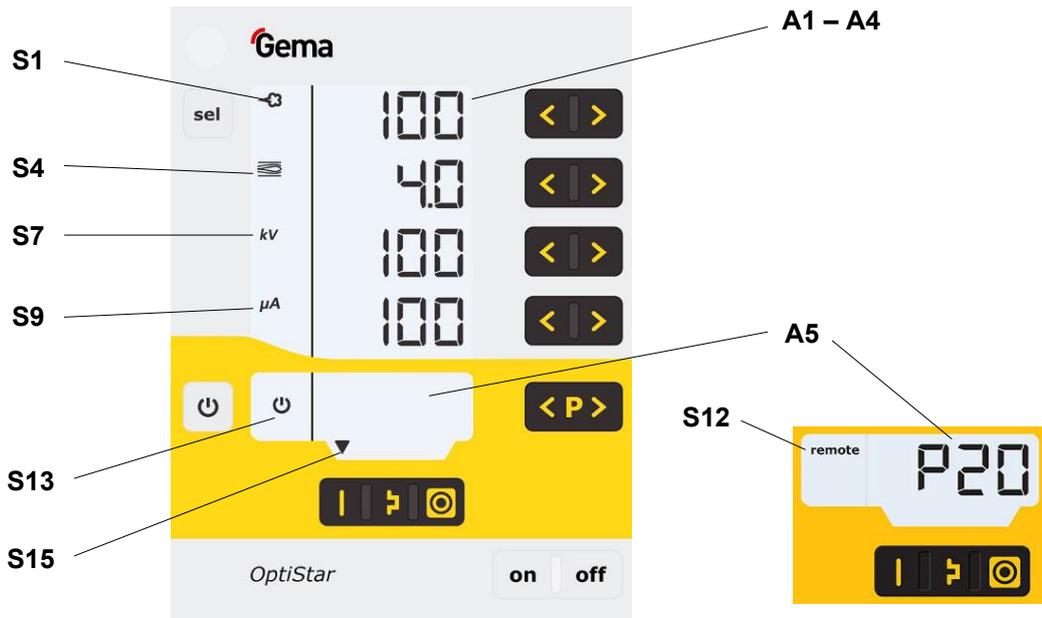
Operating elements

Display and input buttons



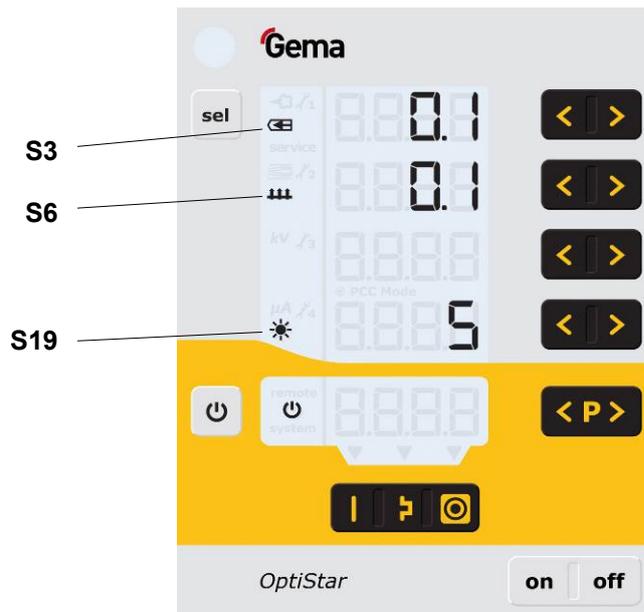
NOTE:

For easier operation of the control unit, the preset and actual values are distributed across several levels. The "sel" key is used to switch between the levels. If no controls are used within 6 s, the device automatically returns to level 1.



Displays, Level 1

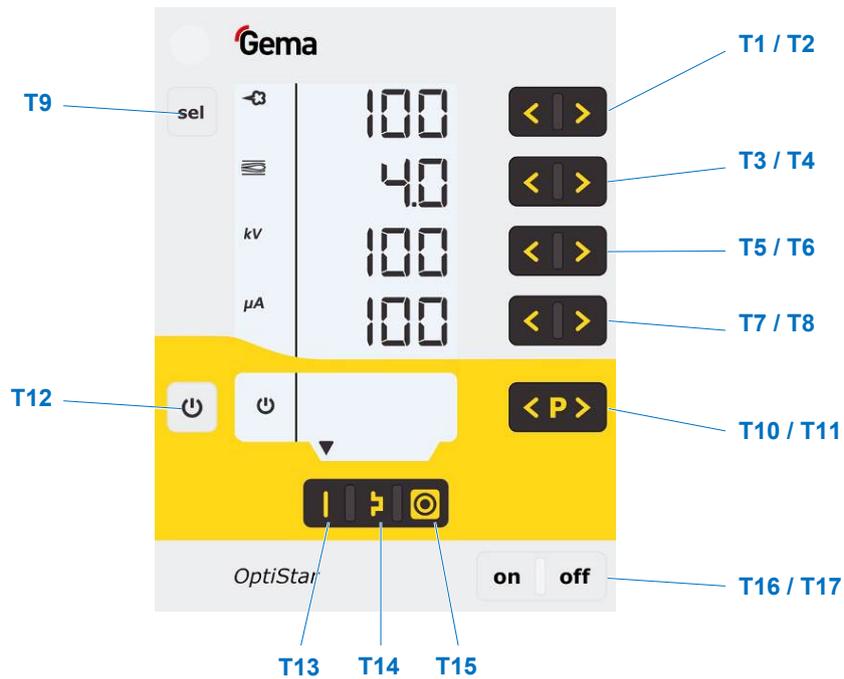
Designation	Function
A1 – A4	Display of actual values, desired values and system parameters Flashes when the possible range is exceeded.
A5	Display of program numbers, error diagnosis codes and status information
S1	Powder output (display in %)
S4	Total air volume (display in Nm ³ /h)
S7	High voltage (display in kV)
S9	Spraying current (display in µA)
S12 remote	Remote operation mode is used as keyboard lock, reduced operation is possible
S13	Display of vibration/fluidization function
S15	Display of predefined operating modes or display of rinsing mode during cleaning



Displays and LEDs, Level 2

Designation	Function
S3	Electrode rinsing air (display in Nm ³ /h)
S6	Fluidizing (display in Nm ³ /h)
S19	Display illumination (0-8)

Input keys and switches



Input keys and switches

Designation	Function
T1-T8	Input keys for desired values and system parameters
T9 (Select)	Switch between display levels
T10-T11	Program change
T12	Switching on and off the fluidization (OptiFlex F) Switch on/off for vibration and fluidization (OptiFlex B) Switching on and off the stirrer (OptiFlex S) Switchover to system parameter mode (Press for at least 5 secs.)
T13	Preset mode for flat parts (fixed values)
T14	Preset mode for complex parts with depressions (fixed values)
T15	Preset mode for overcoating parts already coated (fixed values)
T16/T17	Power switch On/Off

Connections

Compressed air hoses / cables

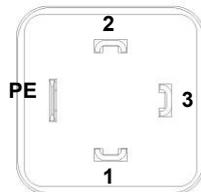


OptiStar CG13 Connections – Compressed air hoses / cables

Connection	Description
1.1 Main air IN	Compressed air connection
2.1 Power IN	Mains cable connection
2.2 Aux	Vibration motor connection for OptiFlex B
2.3 Gun	Gun cable connection
2.4 Purge	Connection to rinsing module
1.2	Conveying air connection 
1.3	Supplementary air connection 
1.4	Electrode rinsing air connection 
1.5	Fluidizing air connection 
	Grounding connection 

Pin assignment

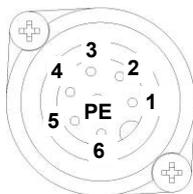
Power IN



Power IN connection

- 1 Neutral conductor (power supply)
- 2 Phase (100-240 VAC)
- 3 Output vibrator or stirrer
- PE Grounding PE

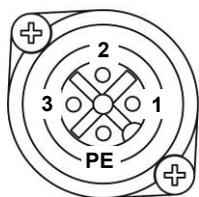
Gun



Gun connection

- 1 Ground
- 2 Remote control 1 (GM03)
- 3 Ground
- 4 Trigger
- 5 Remote control 2 (GM03)
- 6 Oscillator
- 7 Grounding PE

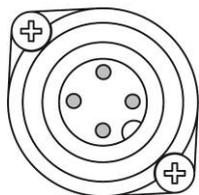
Aux



Aux Connection

- 1 Neutral conductor
- 2 Output vibrator, phase
- 3 Not used
- PE Grounding PE

Purge



PowerClean (Purge) Connection

- 1 Ground
- 2 +24 VDC
- 3 Not used
- PE Grounding PE

Scope of delivery

- Mains cable
- Quick start instructions and operating manual

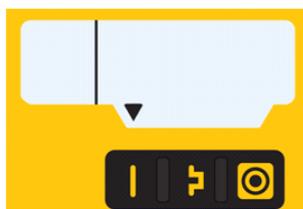
Typical properties – Characteristics of the functions

Operating modes

The OptiStar CG13 gun control unit has two operating modes.

Predefined operating mode (Preset mode)

The OptiStar CG13 gun control unit has three preset application modes:



- **Application mode for flat parts** 
This application mode is suitable for the coating of simple, flat workpieces without larger cavities.
- **Application mode for complex parts** 
This application mode is suitable for the coating of three-dimensional workpieces with complex shapes (e.g. profiles).
- **Application mode for recoating parts already coated** 
This application mode is suitable for the overcoating of workpieces which are already coated.

In this operating modes, current (μA) and high voltage (kV) are preset, while powder and air volumes can be set and stored for each application mode.

Adjustable operating mode (Program mode)

In this operating mode, 20 individually definable programs (P01-P20) are available. These programs are automatically saved and can be recalled again as the application requires.



The values for current, high voltage, powder output, total air and electrode rinsing air can be set as needed for a given application.

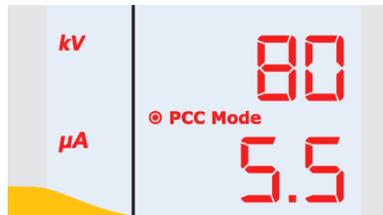


NOTE:

The settings defined in the 20 programs and 3 application modes are automatically stored, without confirmation!

Precise Control of spraying Current (PCC Mode)

For coating components with both complex and simple geometries, a spraying current of below 10 μA can be selected to prevent unintended powder accumulation on the simpler surfaces. This is especially important in combination with high loading powders (such as metallic). The controller automatically switches into "PCC mode". This allows for very fast yet highly precise control. The high voltage and spray current values and their symbols are depicted in red:



Rinsing mode

The PowerClean mode is used to blow powder accumulations and moisture out of the powder hose, injector, and gun using compressed air.

The device provides three rinsing modes:

- simple rinsing mode (without optional PowerClean module)
- PowerClean™ mod (with optional PowerClean module)
- rinsing mode for OptiFlex 2 Q equipment

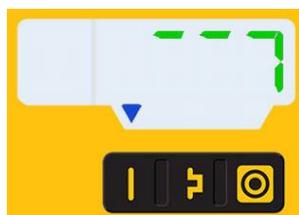
The desired rinsing mode must be set in the system parameter P01 (see "Entering the system parameters").



NOTE:

The rinsing mode can only be activated from standby mode, namely by pressing the P key on the gun remote control or the corresponding keys on the gun control unit.

The rinsing mode is signaled by a circling LCD segment on the display:



The actual rinsing procedure is started and stopped by pressing the gun trigger. Once the rinsing mode is quit, the unit automatically returns to the last program.

Remote control by gun



NOTE:

The remote control is blocked as long as the keyboard lock is activated or while in system parameterization mode.

Various functions can be remotely controlled using the buttons on the rear side of the powder gun (OptiSelect GM03 gun type):

- Modify the powder output (press the **Λ** or **V** key on the gun)
The powder output will be increased or decreased accordingly
- Change programs (press the **Λ** or **V** key on the gun) It is switching between programs P01-P20. This function must be activated first, in order to use it - see "Activate/deactivate the program change via remote control".)



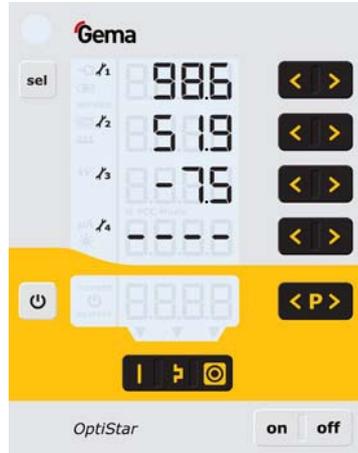
NOTE:

Pressing one of the keys calls up the desired values instead of the actual values!

- Switch to PowerClean mode (Press **P** button). Only if system parameter P01 = 1

Monitoring of wearing parts

Wearing parts have a limited service life. The OptiStar CG13 gun control unit offers functionality to monitor the service life of up to four wearing parts using a reverse counter:



NOTE:

The order of wearing parts to be monitored as well as the service life can be set as needed by the operator.

Example table:

No.	Wearing part
1	Insert sleeve
2	Powder hose
3	Electrode holder
4	Pulverizing element

To better explain this function, a few terms relevant to this process must first be explained:

Service life	Operating time after which wearing parts should be replaced (defined by the operator).
Minus days	Number of hours past the selected service life that the wearing part has continued to be used.
Operating life	Effective time during which the wearing part was in operation = service life plus minus days, if any
Remaining service life	displayed value (where not in the minus range)

- The service life monitoring can be activated/deactivated for each wearing part (see also "Initial start-up - Monitoring of wearing parts")
- By default all monitoring is deactivated and must be activated by the operator
- Query the remaining service life
- Reset the operating time
- Unit used for display of service life / operating time: 1 day (x.x), range: 0.1 – 500 days

Keyboard lock

The OptiStar CG13 gun control unit has a keyboard lock to prevent modification of individual parameter values (kV, μ A etc.) within the operating modes (Program and Preset). Following is not affected by the keyboard lock:

- Program selection
- Display of desired values of the current program
- Displaying the actual values
- Error acknowledgement

An active keyboard lock is indicated by a blinking of the **remote** display. (see also "Initial start-up - Activate/deactivate the keyboard lock")

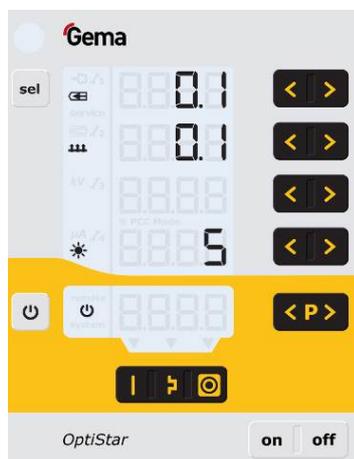


The keyboard lock status remains stored, when switching the equipment off and on. The keyboard lock is cancelled if a RAM reset is performed.

Background illumination

Brightness

8 different brightness settings are available for the display. The setting remains in place when the machine is switched on/off.



Auto Power Save mode

The background illumination is reduced automatically if the control unit is inactive for 5 minutes.

Correction factor for the powder output

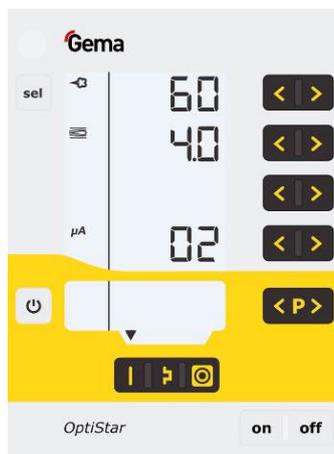
The OptiStar CG13 gun control unit enables a zeroing out of the powder output. This allows for compensation to different powder hose lengths connecting to the pistol.

The correction factor C0 can be selected such that no powder is output when the powder share is reduced to 0%. (see also "Initial start-up - Setting correction factor for powder output")

Operation and configuration of the Tribo gun

The Tribo gun can be connected to the OptiStar CG13 manual gun control unit. The Tribo gun can be configured by holding the keys **T5** and **T6** when switching on. The selected adjustment remains stored, when the device is switched off. The settings are also retained if the device type is changed. The Tribo pistol mode can also be deactivated using the procedure mentioned above.

The charging current (μA) is displayed in the main menu during coating process:



Commissioning

Preparation for start-up

Basic conditions

When starting up the OptiStar CG13 gun control unit, the following general conditions impacting the coating results must be taken into consideration:

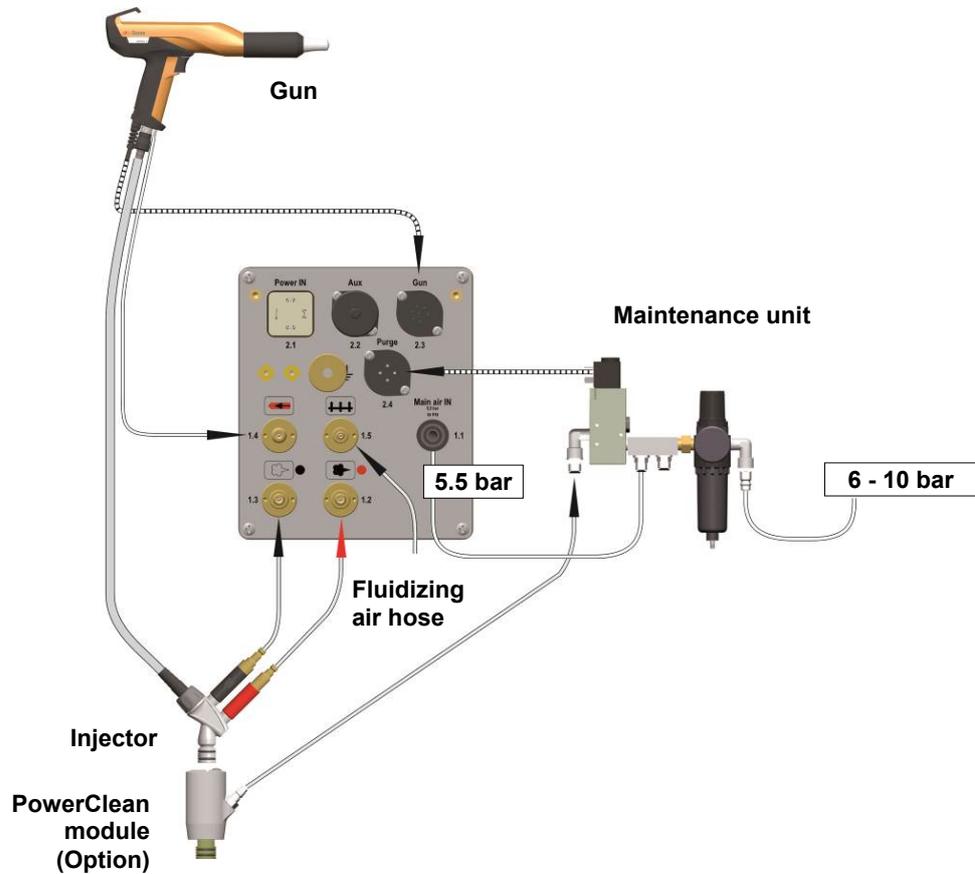
- Gun control unit correctly connected
- Gun correctly connected
- Corresponding power and compressed air supply available
- Powder preparation and powder quality

Mounting instructions

The OptiStar CG13 gun control unit is mounted into place using 2xM6 screws on the front side.



Connection instructions



Connection instructions - overview



1.



2.



NOTE:

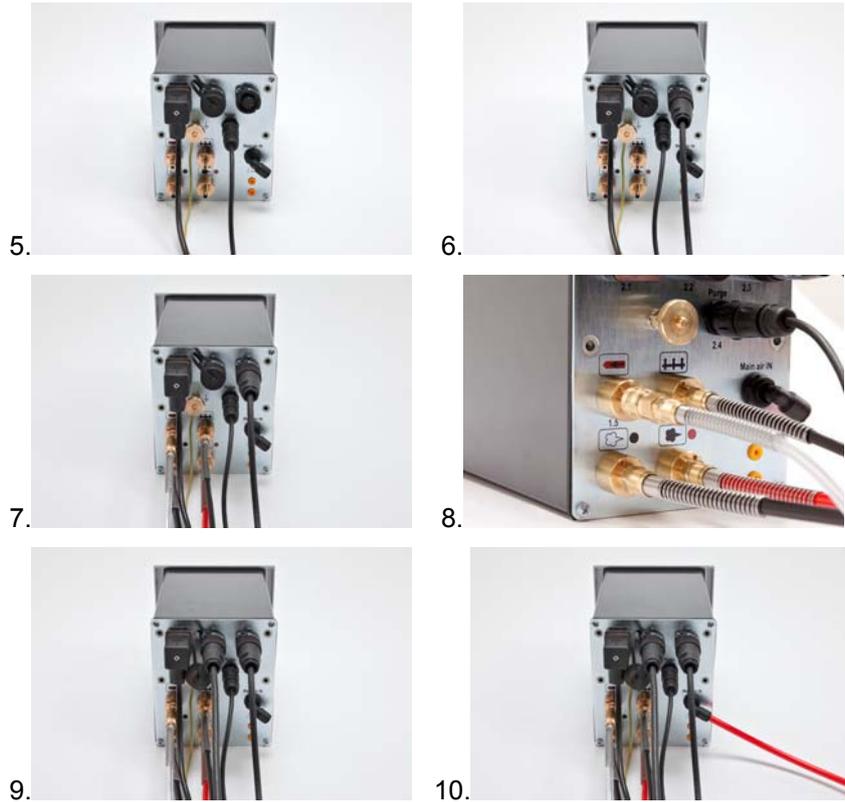
Use clamp to connect grounding cable to the cabin or the suspension arrangement. Check ground connections with Ohm meter and ensure 1 MOhm or less!



3.



4.

**NOTE:**

The compressed air must be free of oil and water!

**NOTE:**

If no vibration motor (OptiFlex B) is connected, close the 2.2 Aux output with the provided dust protection cap!

If no PowerClean module is connected, close also the 2.4 Purge connection with the provided dust protection cap!

Initial start-up



NOTE:

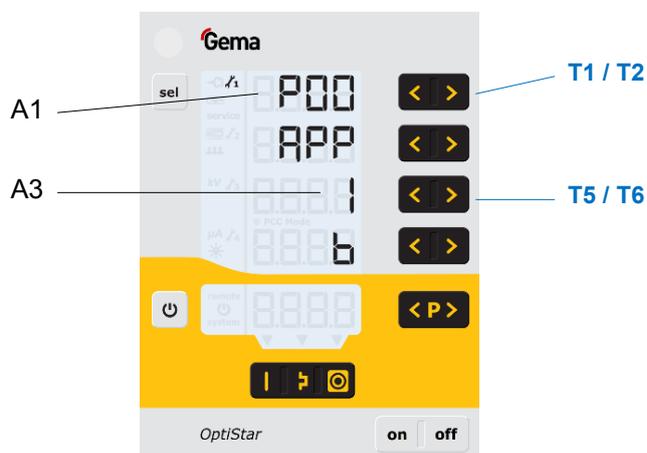
The gun control unit always starts up to the last configured settings.

System parameters

The OptiStar CG13 Gun control unit is configured by using the system parameters. This configuration will be saved in the equipment memory.

Entering the system parameters

1. Turn on the gun control unit with the **ON** key
2. Hold  key down for 5 seconds
The display switches to the following level:



3. The system parameter number is shown in the display **A1** with a **P** placed in front
4. Set the corresponding system parameter value with the **T5** or **T6** key.
The value of the adjusted system parameter appears on corresponding display **A3**
5. Browse to the next or previous system parameter with the **T1** or **T2** key
6. Select parameter values according to the following table



NOTE:

The system parameter P00 of the manual unit may not be set to 3 (automatic device)!

A wrong parameterization leads to various malfunctions!

No.	Description	Values	Display
P00 ¹⁾	Device type	0: Fluidizing device Type F (CG13)	F
		1: Box device with vibrator Type B (CG13)	b
		2: Stirrer device Type S (CG13)	S
		3: Automatic device (CG08/C) ²⁾	A
		4: Manual device with fluidization (CG13)	S Fd
		5: Application pump (CG11-P) ²⁾	P
		6: Application pump + CAN-Bus (CG12-CP) ²⁾	CP
P01	Rinsing mode	0: no PowerClean module present 1: PowerClean module present 2: PowerClean module present (OptiFlex 2 Q)	
P03	Unit of measurement (air)	0: Nm³/h 1: scfm	nn3 SCF
P10	Log level	0, 1, 2 , 3, 4, 5	LoG

¹⁾ is not overwritten, if a Memory Reset is performed

²⁾ Not available for manual units

Default values are marked by **bold** print.

- Press  key to quit the system parameter mode
The display switches to the standard level

System parameter P00 (device type)



NOTE:

If the control unit is supplied as a component of an OptiFlex 2 complete unit, then the corresponding system parameter is set correctly by the factory!



NOTE:



A wrong parameterization leads to various malfunctions!

- ▶ The system parameter P00 must be set to 0, 1, 2, or 4!

Manual devices are subdivided into fluidizing, box or stirrer types. These sub-types differ in the control of the vibrator output and the behavior of the fluidizing air.

Device type	Function AUX Output	Fluidizing air function
Fluidizing device (type F)	Always Off (no vibration)	The gun trigger switches the fluidization on The T12 key turns the fluidization On and Off
Box device (type B)	Vibration On during triggering, wake for 30 seconds The T12 key turns the vibration On and Off	Fluidizing air switches on parallel to the main solenoid valve (trigger) The T12 key turns the fluidization On and Off
Stirrer device (type S)	Stirrer On during triggering	
Stirrer device with fluidization (OptiFlex S Fd)	Stirrer On during triggering	Fluidizing air switched On and Off with trigger The T12 key also activates or deactivates the fluidization

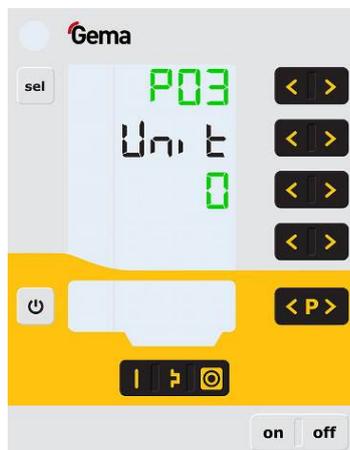
System parameter P01 (rinsing mode)

The system parameter P01 is set to **0** when device is starting.



P01 parameter value	Description
0	<p>Manual equipment without PowerClean module:</p> <p>P key on the gun switches from the remote control of powder output to the remote control of program change! The simple rinsing mode cannot be activated directly on the gun but by pressing the corresponding keys on the gun control unit.</p>
1	<p>Manual equipment with PowerClean module:</p> <p>The rinsing mode is started by pressing the P key on the gun, and the rinsing procedure is started by pressing the gun trigger.</p>
2	<p>OptiFlex 2 Q Manual coating equipment</p> <p>The rinsing mode and the rinsing procedure are started immediately after pressing the P key or the external push button (without pressing the gun trigger).</p>

System parameter P03 (measuring unit)



This parameter is used to determine the measuring unit for all airs (total air and electrode rinsing air). If the parameter is set to **1 (scfm)**, then all air values are shown in this measuring unit. These lines are displayed in **blue**.

System parameter P10 (Log messages)



The device can export log reports of the program run to an SD card for test purposes and for finding defects.

If an SD card is inserted during the switching on procedure, the log messages are also recorded onto the SD card. The data are record in the MESSAGES.LOG file in the root directory. Once this file reaches a size of 32 MB, it is renamed as MESSAGES.1 and a new MESSAGES.LOG file is then created.

P10 parameter value	Level of detail of reports
0	no messages
1	few details
...	
5	all messages



NOTE:

Real time timings can be impaired from a level of detail of 4.

Operation



NOTE:

During the initial commissioning of the device, it is recommended that the functional check be performed without powder!

Select predefined operating mode (Preset mode)

1. Turn on the gun control unit with the **ON** key
2. Press the corresponding application key the arrow above the pressed key is switched on



The pre-defined application modes have preset values for high voltage and spray current:

Application mode	Preset μA	Preset kV
 (flat parts)	100	100
 (complex parts)	22	100
 (overcoated)	10	100

3. The air values for total air, powder output and electrode rinsing air can be individually defined and are saved in the programs.

Starting the user-defined operating mode (Program mode)

1. Turn on the gun control unit with the **ON** key
2. Press  program key
3. Select desired program (01-20)



4. Change coating parameters as required



NOTE:

Programs 01-20 are automatically saved.

Description	Presetting
Powder output 	0 %
Total air 	0 Nm ³ /h
High voltage 	0 kV
Spray current 	0 μA
Electrode rinsing air 	0.1 Nm ³ /h
Fluidizing air 	1.0 Nm ³ /h (for OptiFlex-F) 0.1 Nm ³ /h (for OptiFlex-B and S)

Setting powder output and powder cloud

The powder output depends on the selected powder output (in %) and the selected total air volume.

Setting the total air volume

- 

Adjust the total air volume with the **T3/T4** keys (see also the gun / injector operating manual)

 - Adjust the total air volume according to the corresponding coating requests

Setting the powder output

- 

Adjust the powder output volume (e.g. according to the desired coating thickness)

 - Factory default setting of 50% is recommended for initial operation. The total air volume is thereby kept constant automatically by the control unit.

NOTE:



As a factory default value, a powder rate of 50% and a total air volume of 4 Nm³/h are recommended.

If values are entered that the equipment cannot implement, then the operator is informed of this by a blinking in the relevant display and a temporary error message!

- Check fluidization of the powder in the powder container
- Point the gun into the booth, press the gun trigger and visually check the powder output

Setting the electrode rinsing air

-  Press the key **T9 (SELECT)**
The second display level will be shown

- 
 - Adjust the correct electrode rinsing air according to the applied nozzles (deflector plate, flat jet nozzle)



NOTE:

By using flat jet nozzles, the factory default value is approx. 0.3 Nm³/h, by using round jet nozzles with air-rinsed deflector plates, the factory default value is approx. 0.5 Nm³/h!

- If in this display level is no operation for 3 seconds, the first display level is switched over independently

Setting the fluidization

The fluidization can be adjusted on the OptiFlex 2 B, OptiFlex 2 Q, OptiFlex 2 F and OptiFlex 2 S manual units.

The powder fluidization depends on the powder type, the air humidity and the ambient temperature. Fluidizing and vibration start by switching on the control unit.

Procedure:

- Configure AirMover by opening the ball valve complete and adjusting with the flow control valve (OptiFlex 2 F only)
- Open the powder container cover

-  Press the key **T9 (SELECT)**
The second display level will be shown

- 
 - Adjust the fluidizing air with the keys **T5/T6**
 - If in this display level is no operation for 3 seconds, the device switches back to the first display level
 - The powder should only be touched gently, but should be "cooked" regularly and is also to be stirred using a rod
- Close again the cover

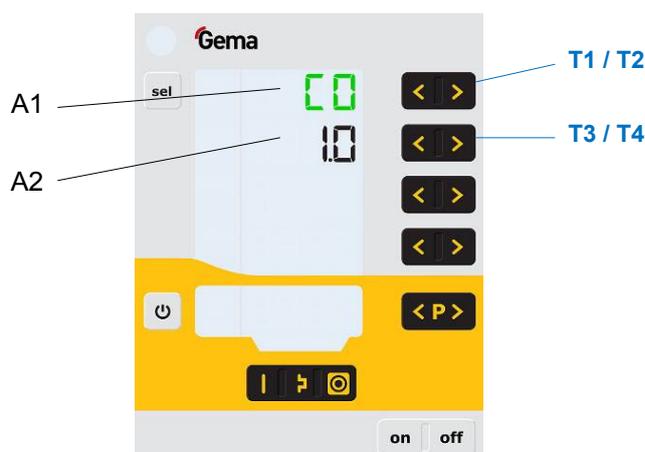
Setting correction factor for powder output

Entering the correction factor

1. Hold  key down for 5 seconds
The display switches to the following level:



2. Press  key
The display switches to the following level:

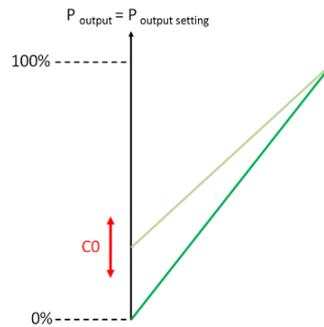


3. The value of the correction factor C0 is displayed
4. Set the corresponding correction value with the **T3** or **T4** key.
The value of the adjusted correction factor appears on corresponding display **A2**
5. Select correction values according to the following table

Corr.-value	Description	Range ²⁾	Default value
C0	Powder output (dm ³ /h)	0.5-3.0	1.0 ¹⁾

1) The correction value is set to its default value if the default value changes when the P00 device type is changed.

2) The correction value is set to its default value if it is outside of the value range after the P00 device type has been changed.



6. Press  key
Display returns to the first level display.

Rinsing mode

The rinsing mode enables blowing off powder accumulations in the powder hose with preset air pressure. This function is a two steps process to activate.

Activating the rinsing function

Manual equipment without PowerClean module (system parameter P01=0)

The rinsing mode can only be activated from standby mode (main menu display, no powder conveying).



NOTE:

The injector must be detached prior to rinsing procedure!

1. Detach the injector
2. Press these two keys at the same time for 3 seconds



- 3.

4. 

1 x
= automatically


2 x
= manually


Procedure	Effect
automatic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The automatic rinsing process is started - Injector, powder hose, gun and spray nozzle are purged using compressed air - The automated PowerClean function enables parallel cleaning of other components, such as the fluid intake unit, powder container, etc.
manual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The operator controls the number and length of the PowerClean impulse by pressing the pistol trigger a second time

The rinsing mode is exited:

- if the automatic rinsing sequence has finished
- if no operation is started within 15 s

The active manual rinsing function is terminated immediately when exiting this mode.

The rinsing mode can be terminated with the same key combination, if required.

After completion of the PowerClean procedure, the controller switches back to coating mode.

Manual equipment with optional PowerClean module (system parameter P01=1)

The rinsing mode can only be activated from standby mode (main menu display, no powder conveying).

1. 

2. 

3. 

1 x
= automatically


2 x
= manually


Procedure	Effect
automatic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The automatic rinsing process is started - Injector, powder hose, gun and spray nozzle are purged using compressed air - The automated PowerClean function enables parallel cleaning of other components, such as the fluid intake unit, powder container, etc.
manual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The operator controls the number and length of the PowerClean impulse by pressing the pistol trigger a second time

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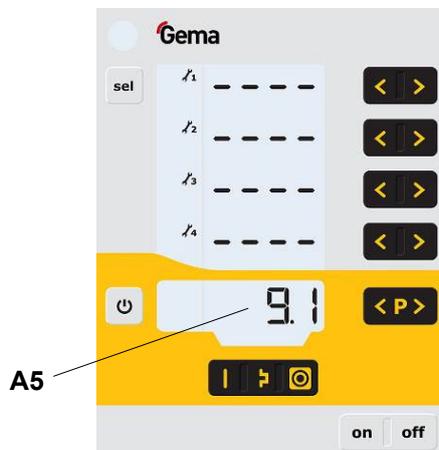
The rinsing mode can be terminated with the same key combination, if required.

After completion of the PowerClean procedure, the controller switches back to coating mode.

Monitoring of wearing parts and trigger counter

1. Press  key 2x

The display switches to the following level:



2. Press  and  at same time
Monitoring is activated
During the first activation a value of 0.1 is shown as the start value. If monitoring has already been activated at some earlier point, then the last stored value is displayed.
3. Set the desired service life for each wearing part using the  or 
4. The reverse counter is then activated and runs only during active coating

- If the selected service life is exceeded, the **service** symbol appears on the display. The coating procedure is not affected by this.

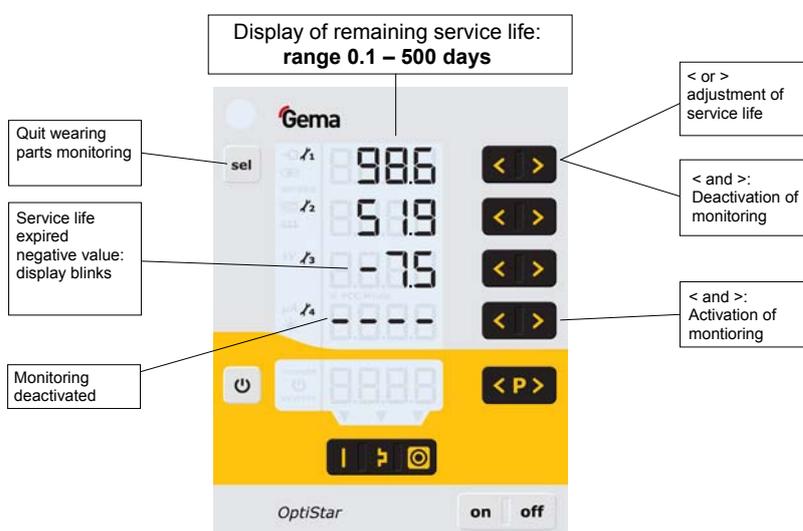
Trigger counter

The trigger counter (total time in days of trigger time) is shown in the display **A5**.

The trigger counter can't be reset!

View remaining service life

- Press **sel** key 2x
The display switches to the wearing part monitoring level

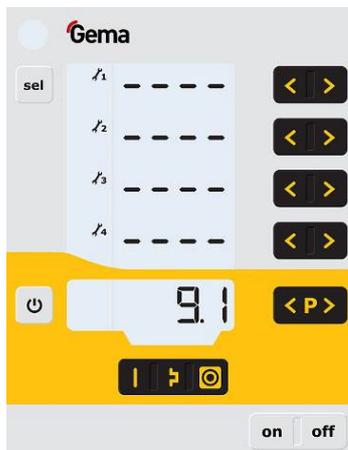


Display example for wearing part no. 3:

Read minus days	-7.5 days
Selected service life	200 days
Operating life	207.5 days

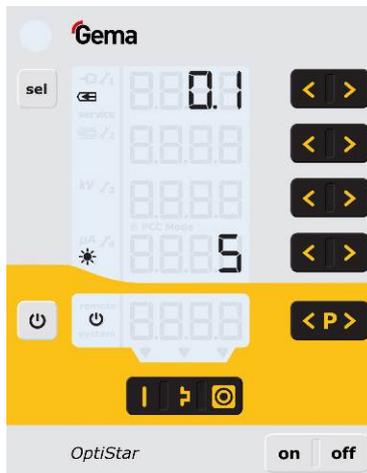
Deactivation of wearing part monitoring

1. Press  and  key simultaneously
Monitoring is deactivated.



Setting the background illumination

1. Press  key
The display switches to the following level:



2.  
Select the desired brightness

Activate/deactivate the program change via remote control

The remote control function has been set in the factory to change the powder output only.

If the operator prefers the possibility to switch between the programs, this function is to be activated/deactivated either on the control unit or on the gun directly.



NOTE:

This function is activated/deactivated in depending on the system parameter P01:

- ▶ P01=0 by pressing the P key on the gun directly
- ▶ P01=1 on the gun control unit

Activate/deactivate the program change function on the gun control unit

1. Hold  key pressed
2. Press  key
The display flashes once, and the program change function is activated/deactivated

Activate/deactivate the keyboard lock

1. Hold  key pressed
2. Press  key
The keyboard lock is activated. The **remote** display blinks.
3. The keyboard lock is cancelled by pressing the same key combination

Checking the software version

1. Press these two keys at the same time



- 2.

The status display is shown as long as the keys are held.

RAM Reset

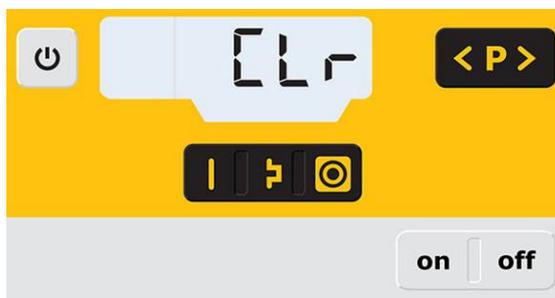
The RAM reset enables a restore of factory settings of the OptiStar CG13 gun control unit. All parameters (**except P00**) and correction values as well as all user-defined values in the Program mode and Preset mode will be overwritten with factory default. An active keyboard lock will be deactivated.



NOTE:

By resetting the RAM, all user-made settings will be set to factory default!

1. Switch off the control unit
2. Press the  key and hold it
3. Switch on the control unit, the **CLR** display blinks



4. Wait for approximately 5 seconds, until **CLR** disappears
5. Release the  key
6. All values are reset. The control unit must be set-up again.

Shutdown

1. Release gun trigger
2. Switch off the control unit



NOTE:

The adjustments for high voltage, powder output volume and electrode rinsing air remain stored

If in disuse for several days

1. Separate from power mains
2. Clean the coating equipment (see the corresponding operating manual)
3. Turn off the compressed air main supply

Fault remedying

Error diagnosis of the software

General information

The correct function of the OptiStar CG13 Gun control unit is constantly monitored. If the equipment software determines a fault, an error message is indicated with a help code. Following is monitored:

- High voltage technology
- Pneumatic system
- Power supply

Help codes

The error diagnosis codes (help codes) are shown in red on the **A5** display.



The help codes are stored in an error list in the order of their appearance. Each error in the list must be individually acknowledged with the keys **T10** or **T11**.

The errors are displayed in the order of their appearance. The **T10** and **T11** keys cannot be used for other functions, as long as an error code is still shown.

Here is a list of all possible help codes for the OptiStar CG13 Gun control unit:

Code	Description	Criteria	Remedy
Pneumatics:			
H05	Purge valve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purge valve not connected - Valve defective - Connection cable defective - Mainboard defective 	<p>connect or replace</p> <p>contact Gema Service</p>

Code	Description	Criteria	Remedy
H06	Trigger valve	Solenoid coil current lower than preset limiting value Valve defective, main board or cable defective	contact Gema Service
H07	Supplementary air flow too high (Setting of supplementary air on the display)	The preset value for supplementary air is too high compared to the conveying air setting	Lower supplementary air value or increase value for conveying air to equalize air volumes to the injector, delete error code
H08	Conveying air volume too high (setting of powder share on the display)	The preset value for conveying air is too high compared to the supplementary air setting	Lower conveying air value or increase value for supplementary air to equalize air volumes to the injector, delete error code
H09	Powder output higher than 100%	The powder output multiplied by the powder hose length factor and daily correction value is greater than 100% Daily correction value too large	Reduce powder output Reduce daily correction value
H10	Conveying air range lower deviation	The theoretical value for conveying air falls below minimum Total air is smaller than minimum	Limit conveying air to its minimum value
High voltage:			
H11	Gun error	No vibrations in the oscillator, cable break, oscillator or gun is defective	contact Gema Service
H13	Intermediate circuit voltage too high	Mainboard defective, device is switched off	contact Gema Service
H14	Offset spray current measurement	Grounded current measurement	contact Gema Service
Power supply:			
H21	Supply undervoltage	Power pack defective or overloaded	contact Gema Service
EEPROM (equipment memory):			
H24	EEPROM content invalid	EEPROM error	contact Gema Service
H25	Timeout during EEPROM writing	EEPROM error	contact Gema Service
H26	Values not correctly stored in EEPROM during switching off	EEPROM error	contact Gema Service
H27	EEPROM verification erroneous	EEPROM error	contact Gema Service
Throttle motors:			
H60	Conveying air reference position not found	Throttle motor or needle jammed, limit switch defective, error in motor throttle	contact Gema Service
H61	Supplementary air reference position not found	Throttle motor or needle jammed, limit switch defective, error in motor throttle	contact Gema Service
H62	Electrode rinsing air reference position not found	Throttle motor or needle jammed, limit switch defective, error in motor throttle	contact Gema Service
H64	Conveying air throttle does not move	Short circuit in limit switch, motor throttle defective	contact Gema Service
H65	Supplementary air throttle does not move	Short circuit in limit switch, motor throttle defective	contact Gema Service

Code	Description	Criteria	Remedy
H66	Electrode rinsing air throttle does not move	Short circuit in limit switch, motor throttle defective	contact Gema Service
H68	Conveying air position lost	Lost steps, limit switch defective, throttle motor defective	contact Gema Service
H69	Supplementary air position lost	Lost steps, limit switch defective, throttle motor defective	contact Gema Service
H70	Electrode rinsing air position lost	Lost steps, limit switch defective, throttle motor defective	contact Gema Service
H71	Fluidizing air position lost	Lost steps, limit switch defective, throttle motor defective	contact Gema Service
Communication Mainboard-Gun:			
H90	Communication error Mainboard	Mainboard defective	contact Gema Service
H91	Communication error Mainboard-Gun	Gun not connected Gun, gun cable or Mainboard defective	connect Replace or contact Gema Service
H92	Communication error Mainboard	Mainboard defective	contact Gema Service

Help codes list

The last appeared four errors are stored in a list by the software. If an error appears, which is already in the list, he will not be listed again.

Appearance of errors

It is possible that an error is only displayed for a short time, but after the acknowledgement it will disappear. In this case, it's recommended to switch off the control unit and switch it on again (reset by restarting).

Spare parts list

Ordering spare parts

When ordering spare parts for powder coating equipment, please indicate the following specifications:

- Type and serial number of your powder coating equipment
- Order number, quantity and description of each spare part

Example:

- **Type** OptiStar CG13
Serial number 1234 5678
- Order no. 203 386, 1 piece, Clamp - Ø 18/15 mm

When ordering cable or hose material, the required length must also be given. The spare part numbers of this bulk stock is always marked with an *.

Wearing parts are always marked with a #.

All dimensions of plastic hoses are specified with the external and internal diameter:

Example:

Ø 8/6 mm, 8 mm outside diameter (o/d) / 6 mm inside diameter (i/d)



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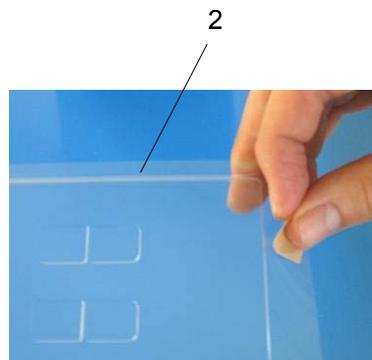
Only original Gema spare parts should be used, because the explosion protection will also be preserved that way. The use of spare parts from other manufacturers will invalidate the Gema guarantee conditions!

OptiStar CG13 Gun control unit

1	OptiStar CG13 Gun control unit – complete	1009 971
2	Cover	1008 301

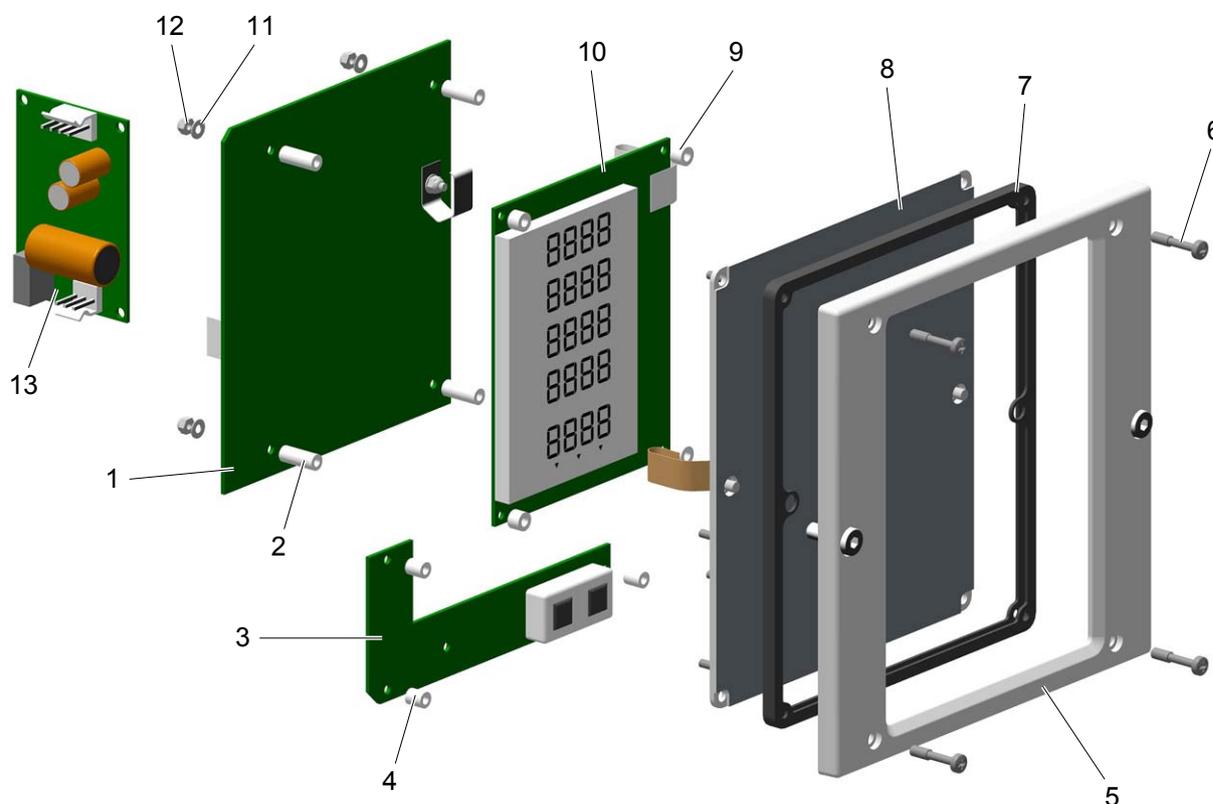


OptiStar CG13 Gun control unit



OptiStar CG13 – Front plate and power pack

	Front plate - complete (pos. 1-12)	1009 860
	Front plate with foil keyboard (pos. 5-8)	1009 859
1	OptiStar Mainboard V2.0 – complete	1009 844
2	Spacer sleeve – Ø 3.1/6x15 mm	
3	PCB Powerboard V2.0	1009 865
4	Spacer sleeve – Ø 3.2/6x7 mm	
5	Front frame - complete (incl. pos. 5.1)	1007 048
5.1	Special screw	1007 019
6	Special screw – M4x20/7 mm	1003 000
7	Front plate gasket	1007 042
9	Spacer sleeve – Ø 3.6/7x5 mm	
10	Display	1007 044
11	Washer – Ø 3.2/7x0.5 mm	
12	Locknut – M3	
13	Power pack – 24 VDC	1009 849

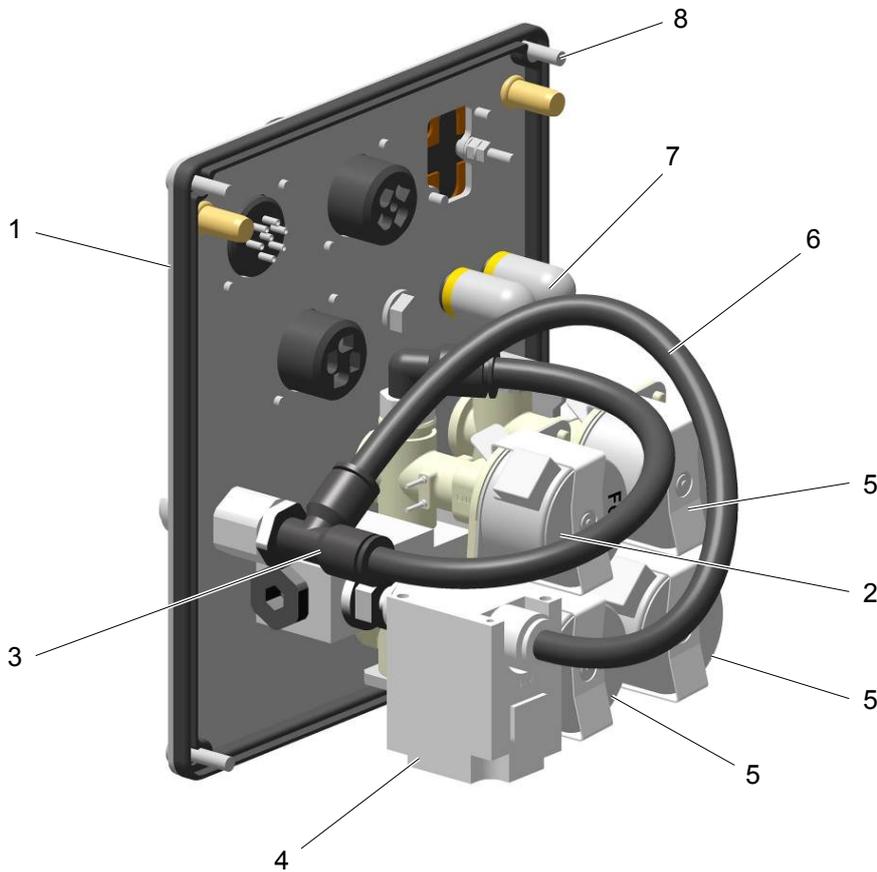


OptiStar CG13 – Front plate and power pack

OptiStar CG13 – inside rear wall

1	Rear panel gasket	1007 033
2	Motor throttle – complete	1008 012
3	T-piece – 1/4" a- Ø 8- Ø 8 mm	1008 040
4	Solenoid valve - Ø 8-Ø 8 mm, NW 3.4, 24 VDC	1003 914
5	Motor throttle - complete	1000 064
6	Plastic tube - Ø 8/6 mm	103 152*
7	Fluidizing pad - 1/8" a	237 264
8	Cap screw - M4x16 mm	216 801

* Please indicate length

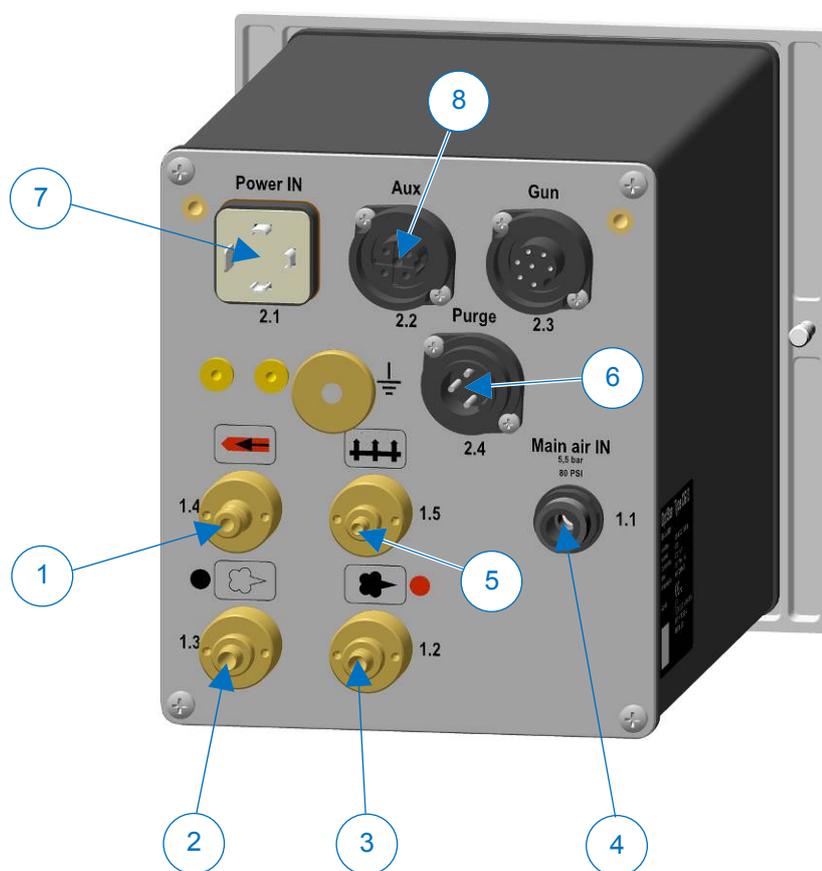


OptiStar CG13 – inside rear wall

OptiStar CG13 – Connecting material

1	Quick release connection – NW5, Ø 6 mm	200 840
1.1	Hose - Ø 6/4 mm	100 854*
2	Nut with kink protection – M12x1 mm, Ø 8 mm	201 316
2.1	Supplementary air hose - Ø 8/6 mm (black)	103 756*
2.2	Quick release coupling for supplementary air hose - NW5-Ø 8 mm	261 637
3	Nut with kink protection – M12x1 mm, Ø 8 mm	201 316
3.1	Conveying air hose - Ø 8/6 mm (red)	103 500*
3.2	Quick release coupling for conveying air hose - NW5-Ø 8 mm	261 645
4	Hose - Ø 8/6 mm	103 756*
5	Quick release connection - NW 5, Ø 6 mm	200 840
5.1	Hose - Ø 6/4 mm	100 854*
6	PowerClean module cable – 1 m (option)	1009 879
	PowerClean module cable – 15 m (option)	1009 880
7	Power cable (country-specific)	
8	Vibrator cable (constituent part of vibrator)	

* Please indicate length



OptiStar CG13 – Connections