# ES-612-A General Operating Information

The Carco Automated Spring Contact Markers are simple in their design and are meant to mark parts with a specialty marking fluid (ink) or dye.

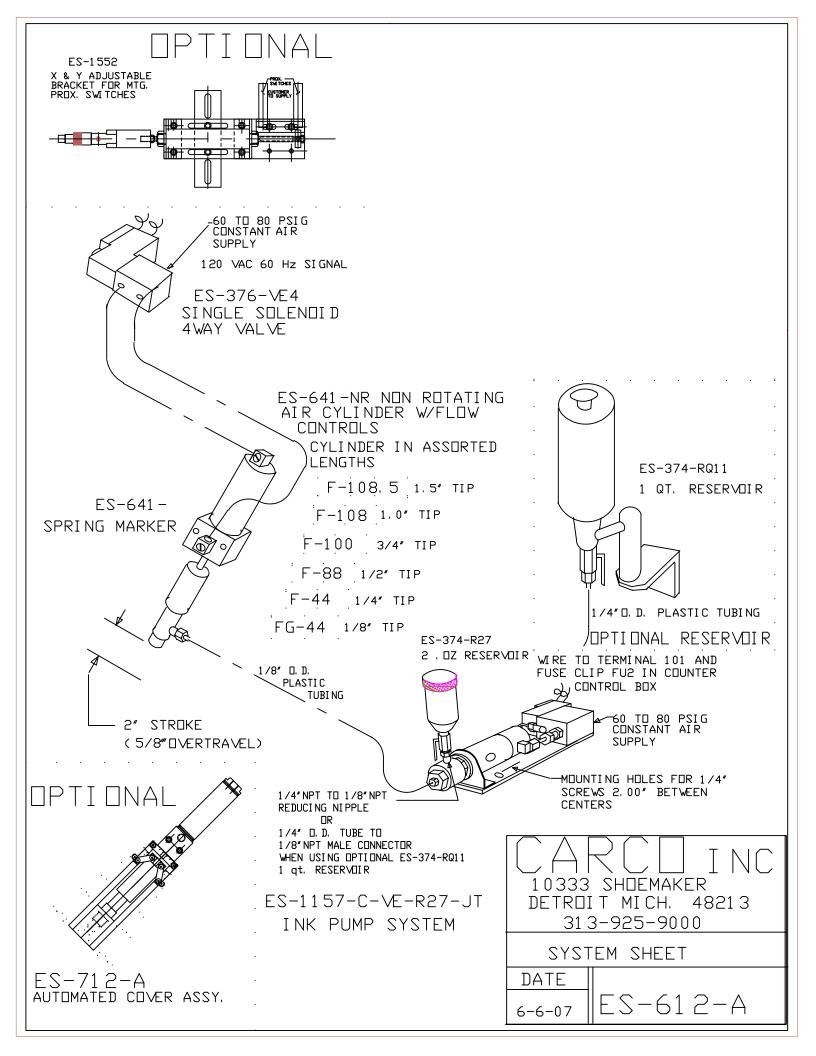
# <u>Carco produces several hundred different series of marking-fluids. Please contact Carco for assistance in determining the correct marking fluid for a particular application.</u>

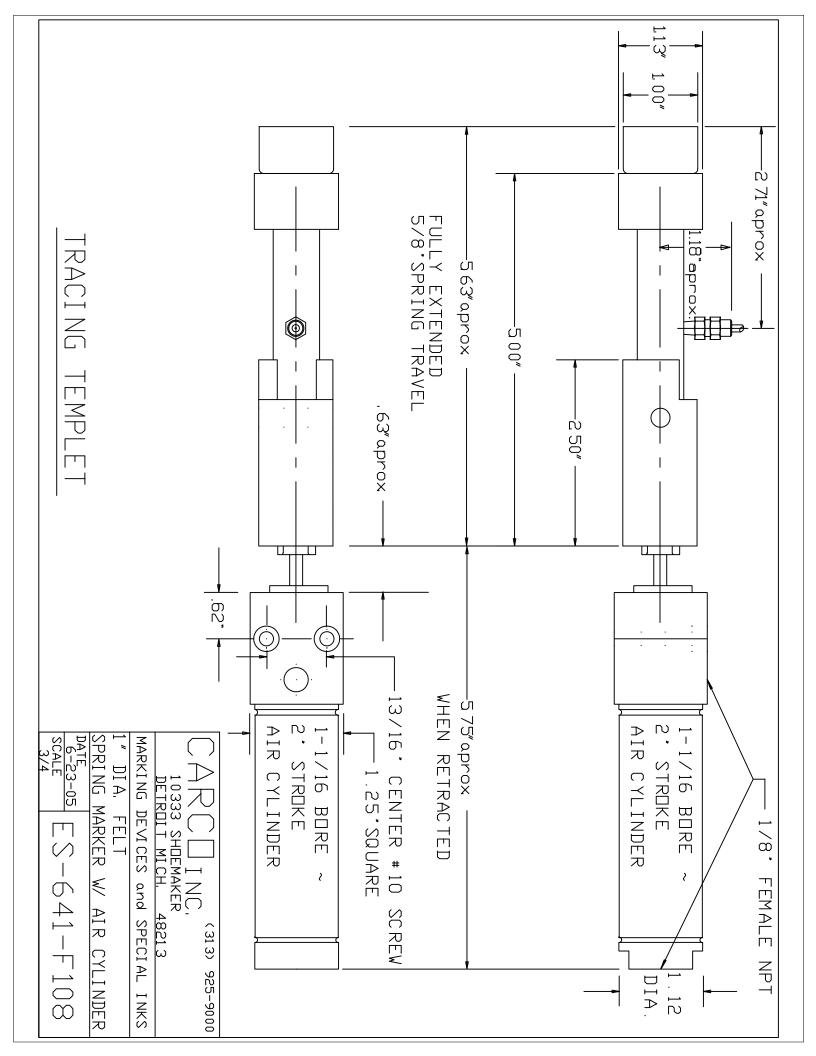
A basic feature of the Carco Spring Contact Markers is the neatness in which parts are marked. The ink dot placed on a part uses a small amount of material, allowing only 2 ounces of marking fluid to mark between 20,000 and 40,000 parts, depending on the specific application. This is an important point to understand because **material use in these systems is minimal**. To prevent settling or solidifying of the marking fluid in the reservoir, an automatic back surge feature continually mixes the marking fluid whenever the pump is cycled.

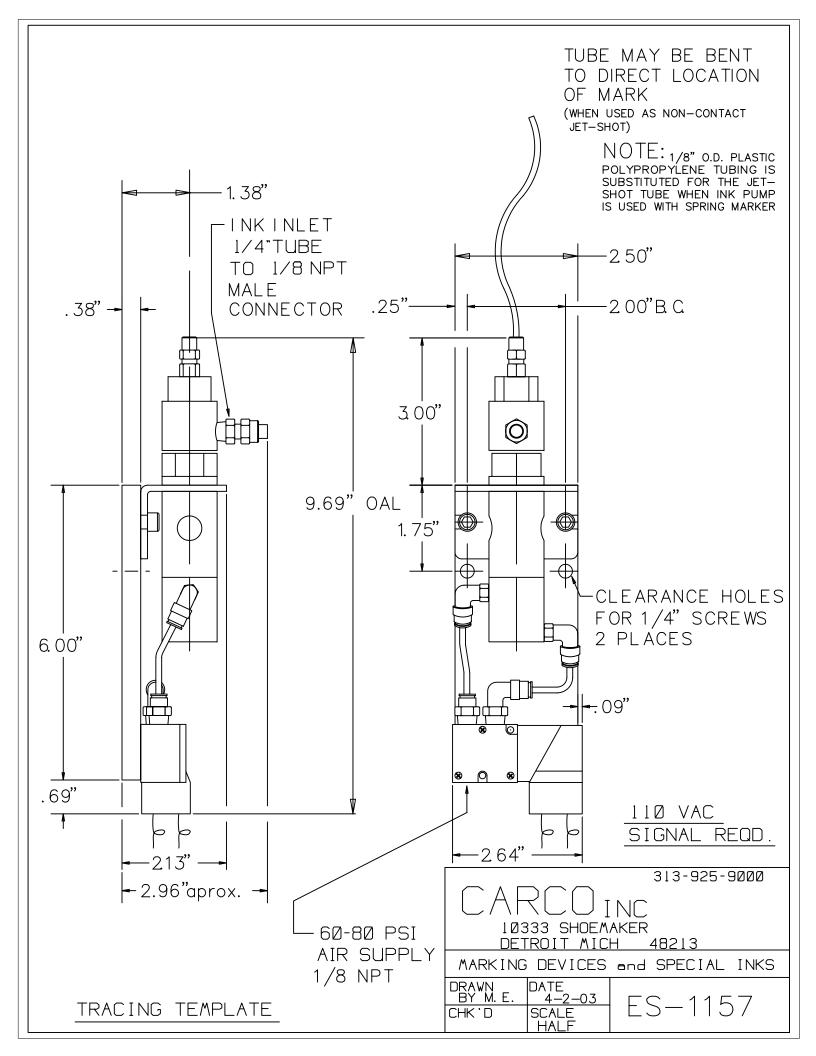
There are two basic components to the marking systems, the spring marker and the ink pump unit. Although the two components work together to mark parts, their operation is separate. The spring marker is responsible for marking parts. The pump is ensures that a sufficient amount of marking fluid is available to the spring marker. During operation, a solenoid valve assembly actuates the spring marker air cylinder whenever an electrical signal is sent to the valve. Every part going past the spring marker will be marked on command of the solenoid. The manufacturing center's programmable logic control (PLC) will control both the spring marker and the pump with separate signals. One signal will be sent to the marker for each mark required. A second signal to the pump, after a predetermined number of marks, will replenish the marker head.

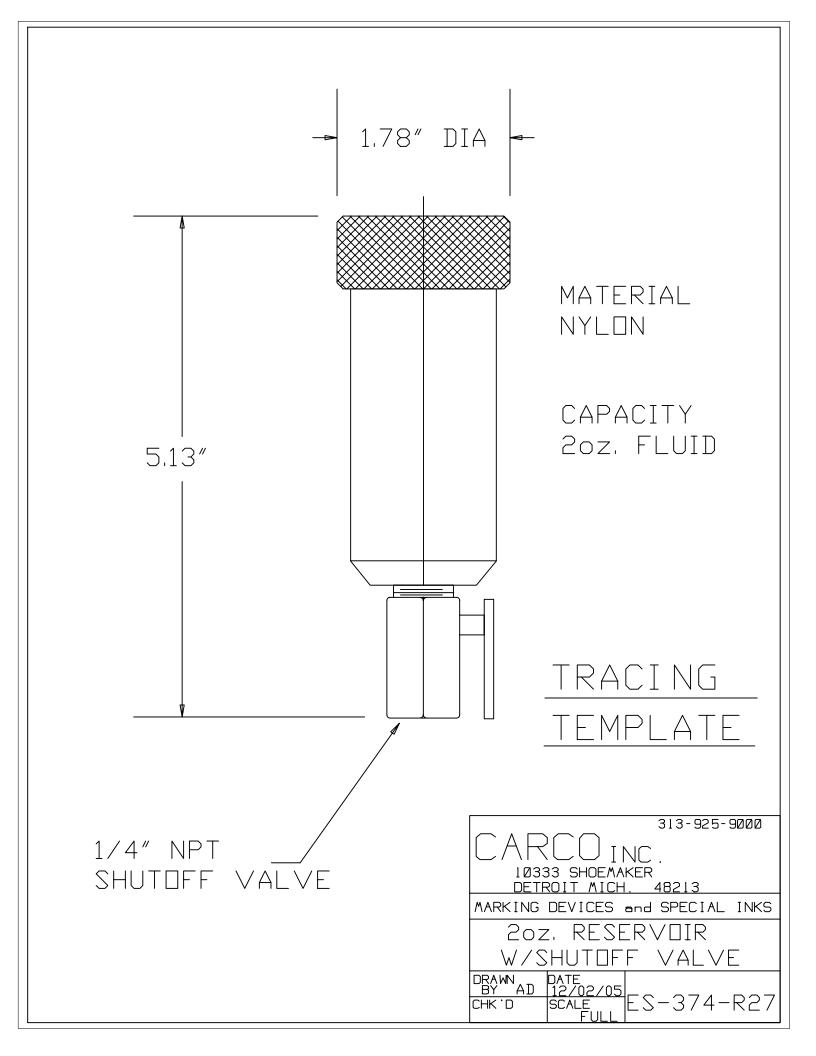
It is very important to understand that the number of cycles between pump activations varies according to the application and will have to be determined by the end user. Carco can provide recommendations based on the experience of other manufacturers in similar applications. Typical pump actuation is in a range from 10 to 20 parts marked.

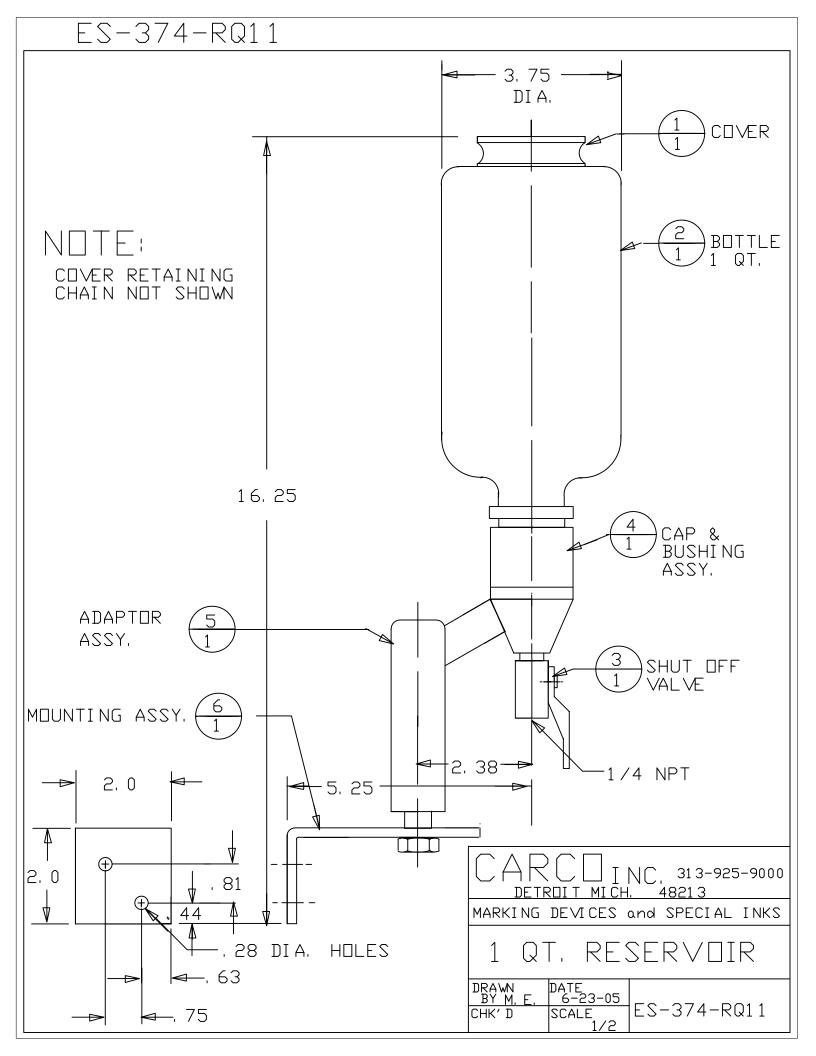
Cycling the pump with each actuation of the spring marker will result in excessive material usage and sloppy operation.











## PIPING INSTRUCTIONS FOR:

# **ES-612-A**

### **PIPING AIR**

- 1: SUPPLY MAIN AIR (60 TO 80 PSI) TO INK PUMP INLET PORT ON VALVE (ES-1157-C-VE-R27-SM) AND INLET PORT ON MARKER VALVE (ES-376-VE-4).
- 2: RUN ¼" O.D PLASTIC TUBING FROM OUTLET PORTS OF MARKER VALVE (ES-376-VE-4) TO INLET PORTS OF FLOW CONTROLS ON MARKER AIR CYLINDER (ES-641-NR)
- 3: ADJUST FLOW CONTROLS ON AIR CYLINDER TO CONTROL EXTEND & RETRACT SPEED.

#### **PIPING INK LINE**

1: USING 1/8" O.D. (WHITE) PLASTIC TUBING FROM OUTLET OF INK PUMP TO INLET OF MARKER HEAD. USE POLYPROPYLENE TUBING ONLY.