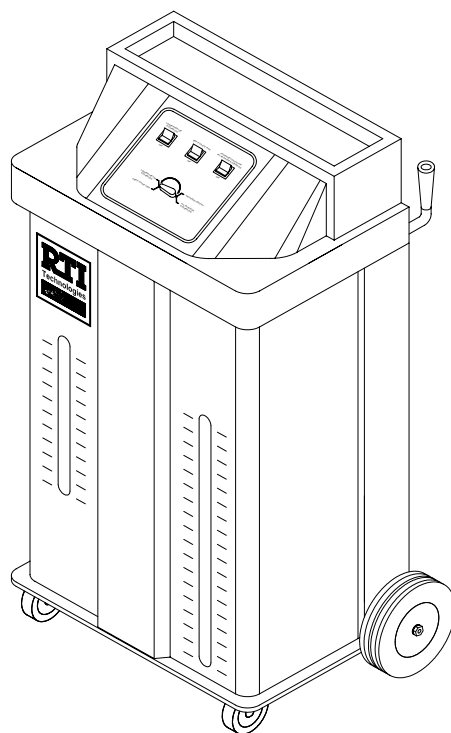


# OPERATION MANUAL

## MCX-1

### Multiple Coolant Exchanger



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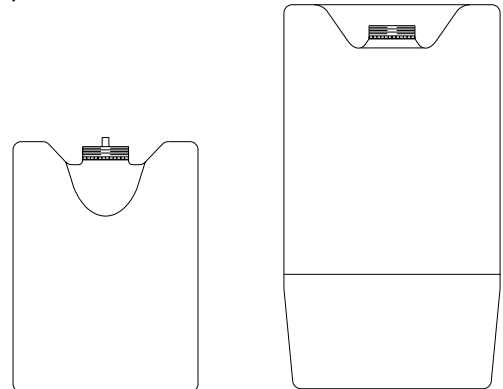
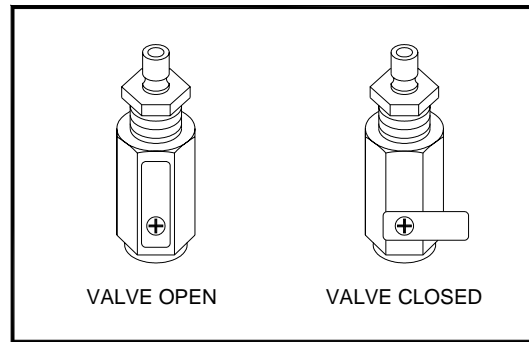
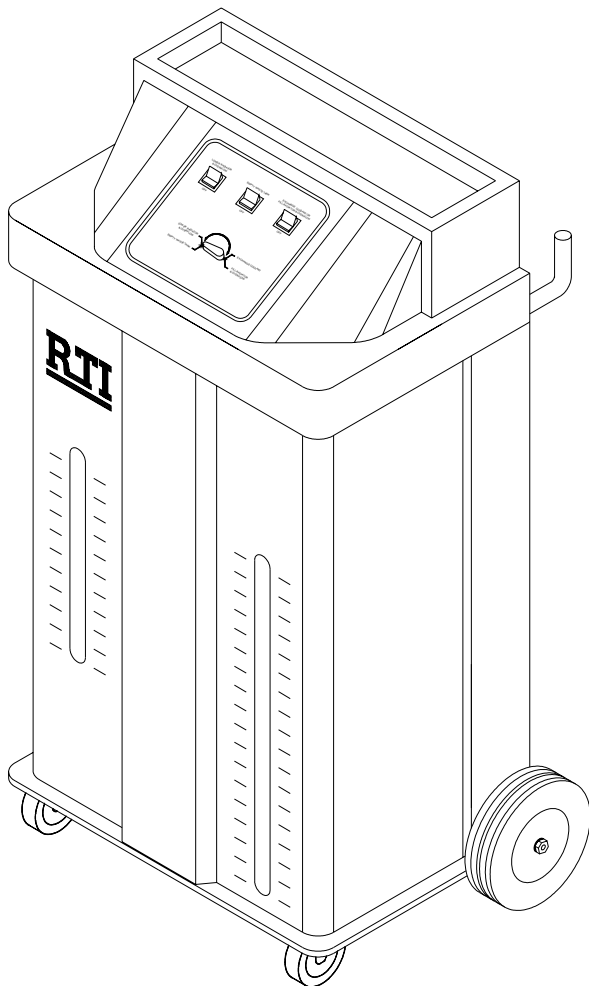
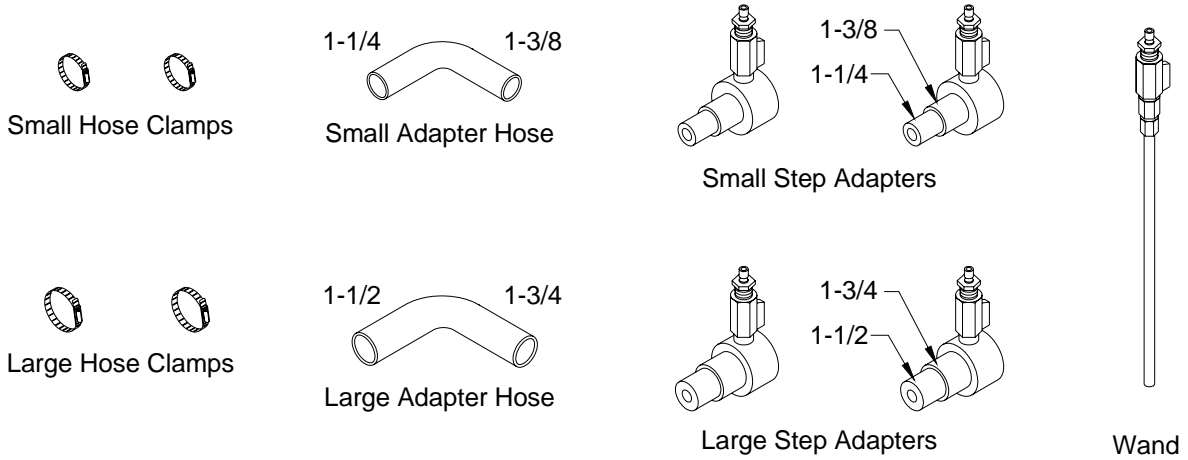
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# COMPONENT DESCRIPTION

Unpack all components and verify quantities per this illustration.

Contact RTI if any items are missing or damaged.



New Coolant Tank  
(Qty=2)

# SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

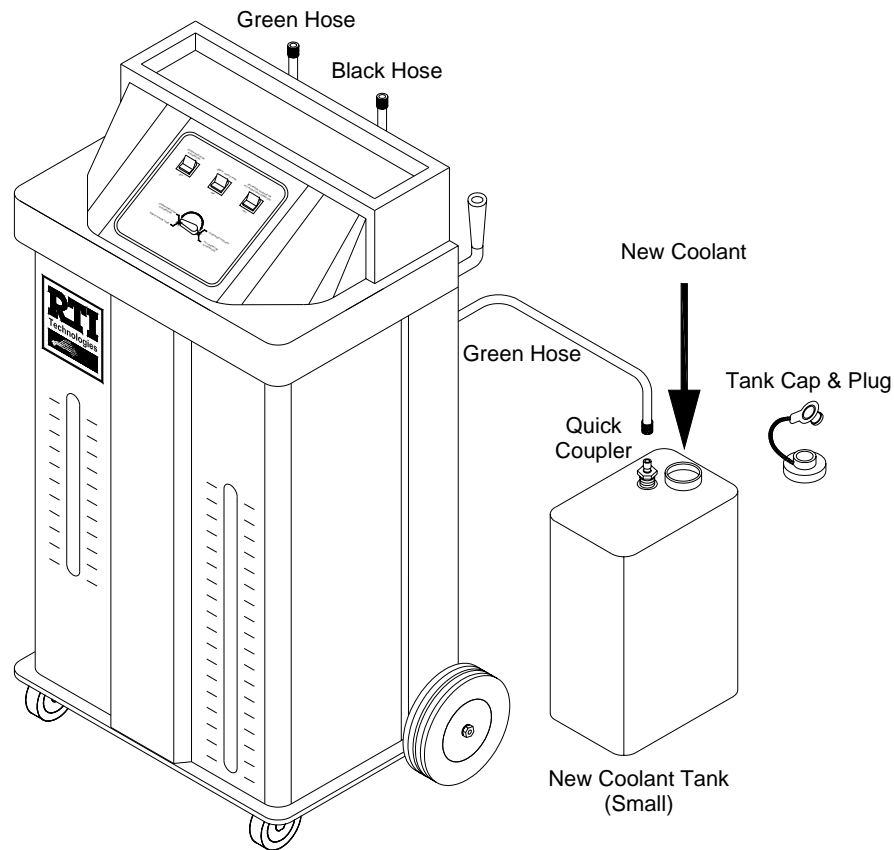
**WARNING: FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE PRECAUTIONS CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.**

- Read and understand the Operation Manual completely before operating this unit.
- Always wear proper eye and skin protection when operating and maintaining this equipment.
- Take precautions to keep clothing, hair, hands, hoses, etc. away from all moving parts on the vehicle.
- Automotive cooling systems can be under pressure and extremely hot. Allow the cooling system to cool down and use extreme caution when removing caps and hoses.
- Coolants are poisonous to people and animals and are also corrosive. Clean up any spills immediately.

**CAUTION: FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE PRECAUTIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE OPERATION MANUAL CAN RESULT IN DAMAGE TO THE ENGINE, VEHICLE OR EQUIPMENT WHICH WILL NOT BE SUPPORTED OR COVERED UNDER WARRANTY.**

- Do not allow waste coolant tank to overflow. Immediately clean up any coolant spills. Damage to the vehicle and equipment can result from the corrosiveness of coolant.
- Continuous monitoring of the coolant replacement process is required.

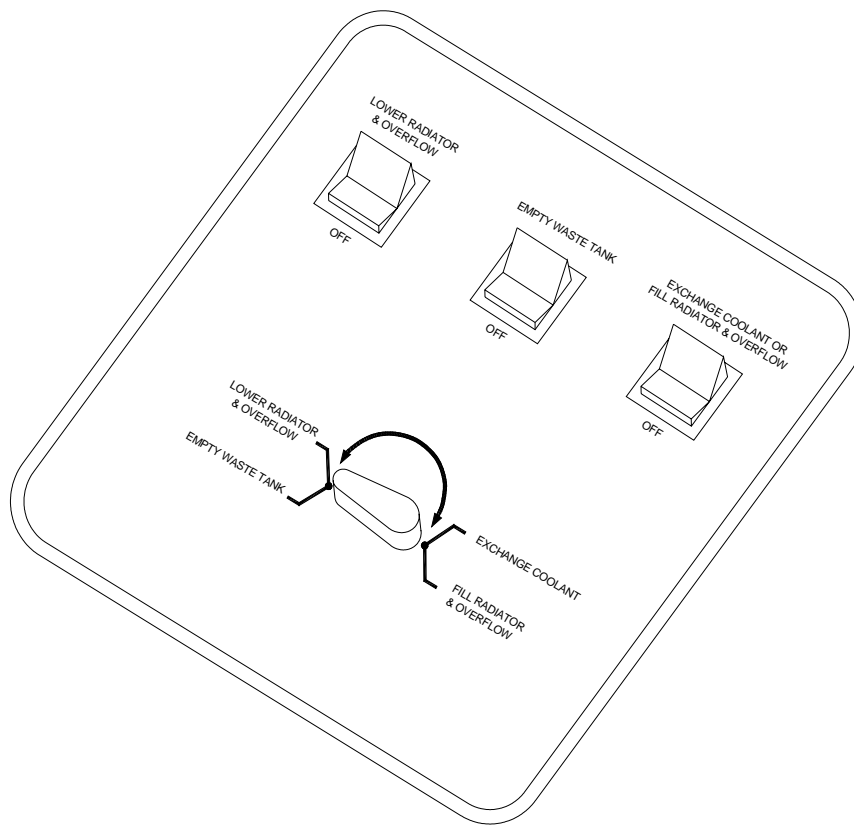
# SET UP



The MCX-1 has two tanks (plus an extra New Coolant Tank) which are installed and connected from the rear. Quick connect couplers are mounted on the hoses which connect these tanks to the MCX-1. A green hose connects to the small New Coolant Tank and a black hose connects to the large Waste Tank.

1. Slide the New Coolant Tank to the rear and sit it on the floor.
2. Remove the tank cap and fill the tank with new coolant and water in the proportions specified by the coolant supplier. The tank can be disconnected and moved to a bulk storage and fill area if desired. A plug is provided on the cap to prevent spillage during transport.
3. Replace the tank cap and position the tank in the MCX-1. Make sure the green hose is securely connected. Slide the tank to the front so the liquid level can be seen through the front panel slot.
4. **Make sure the plugs are removed from the caps on the waste tank and the new coolant tank. This is required for venting the tanks during operation.**
5. Fasten the clips on the tank strap to secure the tanks in the MCX-1.

# CONNECTION TO POWER

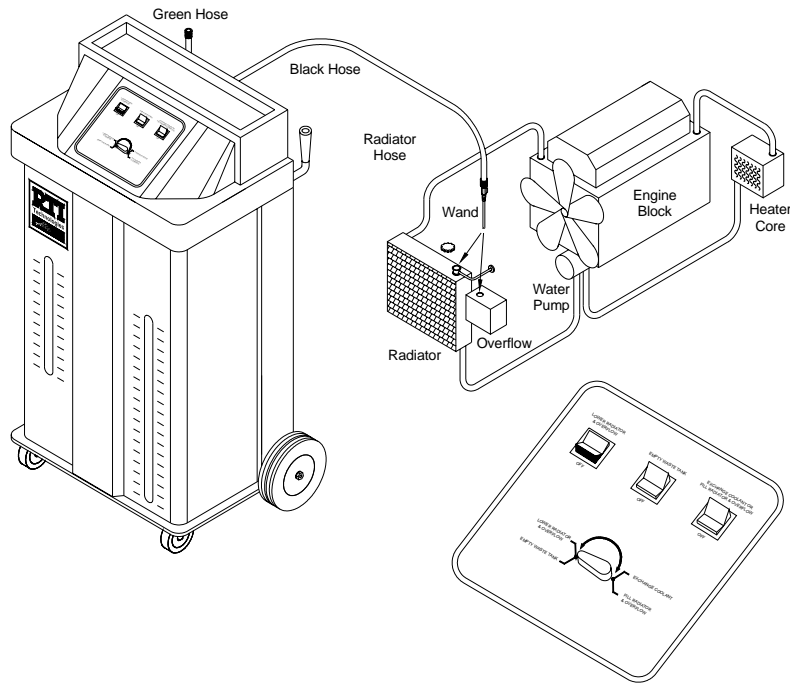


The MCX-1 control panel is illustrated above. Note that the bottom of all three selector switches has been pressed which turns all functions off. **Make sure all switches are off before connecting the battery cable clips to the battery of the vehicle.**

**WARNING:** Handle battery connection cable with extreme caution. Batteries generate explosive gases during normal operation. Working in the vicinity of a lead-acid or other automotive battery is dangerous. Wear eye protection. Never smoke or allow a spark or flame in the vicinity of the battery. Do not connect the black power clip to the negative post of the battery to avoid a spark.

1. Verify that all switches are in the off position.
2. Connect the red power clip to the “+” (positive) post of the vehicle battery. The battery must be 12 volt.
3. Connect black power clip to an engine ground (not the negative post of the battery).

# LOWERING COOLANT LEVEL



**WARNING: Coolant in the vehicle cooling system may be extremely hot and under great pressure. Wear safety glasses and use protective clothing and gloves. Use extreme caution when removing radiator cap and hoses.**

1. Slowly and carefully remove the cap from the radiator.
2. Remove cap from overflow container.
3. Attach the wand to the black hose. Close the valve.
4. Turn control valve to LOWER RADIATOR & OVERFLOW.
5. Press the top of LOWER RADIATOR & OVERFLOW selector switch to turn on pump.
6. Use the Wand to empty the overflow container and lower the level of coolant in the radiator to a level just below the upper hose connecting the radiator to the engine. Open valve on wand as required.

## VERY IMPORTANT

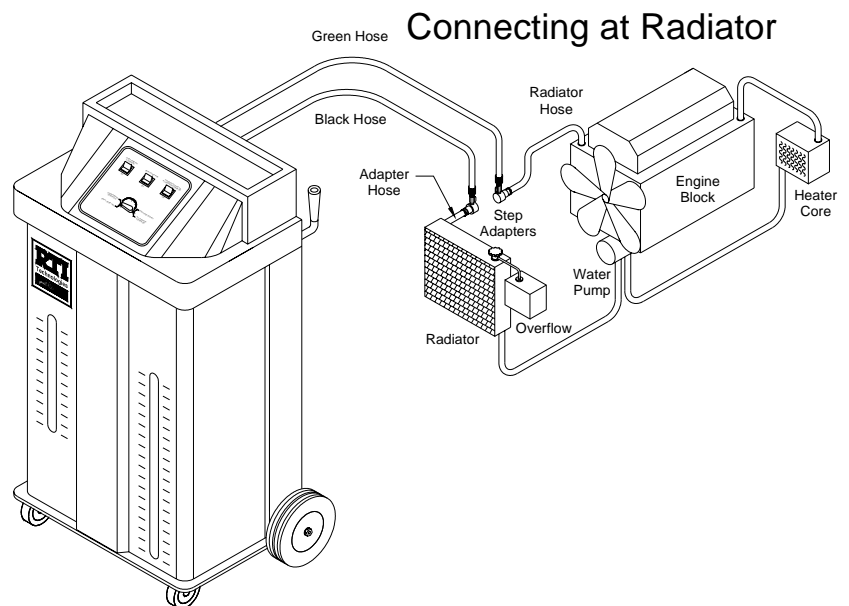
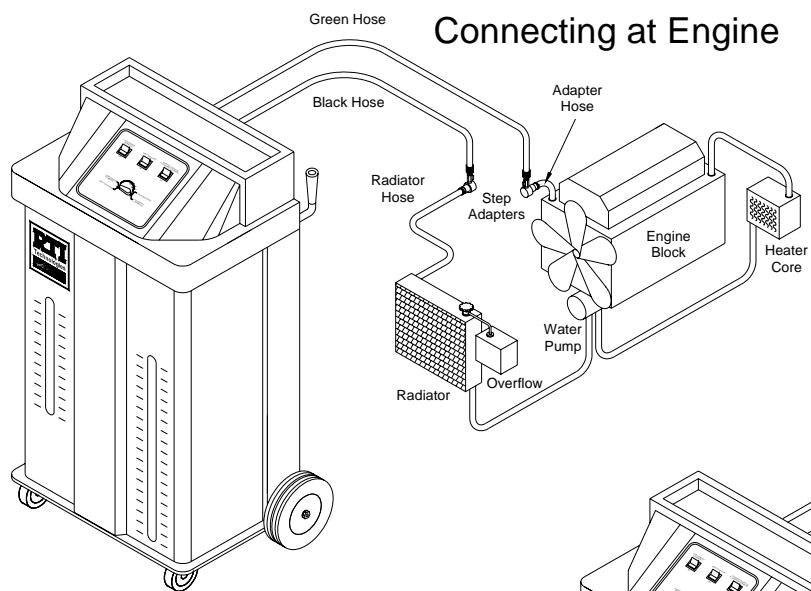
**Open valve on wand only while end is in fluid.  
Do not suck air as the pump may loose its prime.**

7. Press bottom of LOWER RADIATOR & OVERFLOW selector switch to turn off pump.
8. Replace caps on the radiator and overflow container.

# CONNECTING TO THE COOLANT SYSTEM

The MCX-1 can be connected to the cooling system in either of the configurations shown below. The choice is dependent on the ease of accessibility to the hose connections.

1. Disconnect the radiator hose from either the engine or the radiator.
2. Select an Adapter Hose with the same inner diameter as the radiator hose and connect at the point the radiator hose was disconnected using a clamp.
3. Install Step Adapters in the Adapter Hose and the radiator hose using clamps. Make sure the outside diameter of the Step Adapters is the same as the inner diameter of the radiator hose.
4. Connect the Green and Black hoses from the MCX-1 to the two Step Adapters as shown in the following illustration. **See next page for special hookups.**
5. Open the valves on the two Step Adapters.



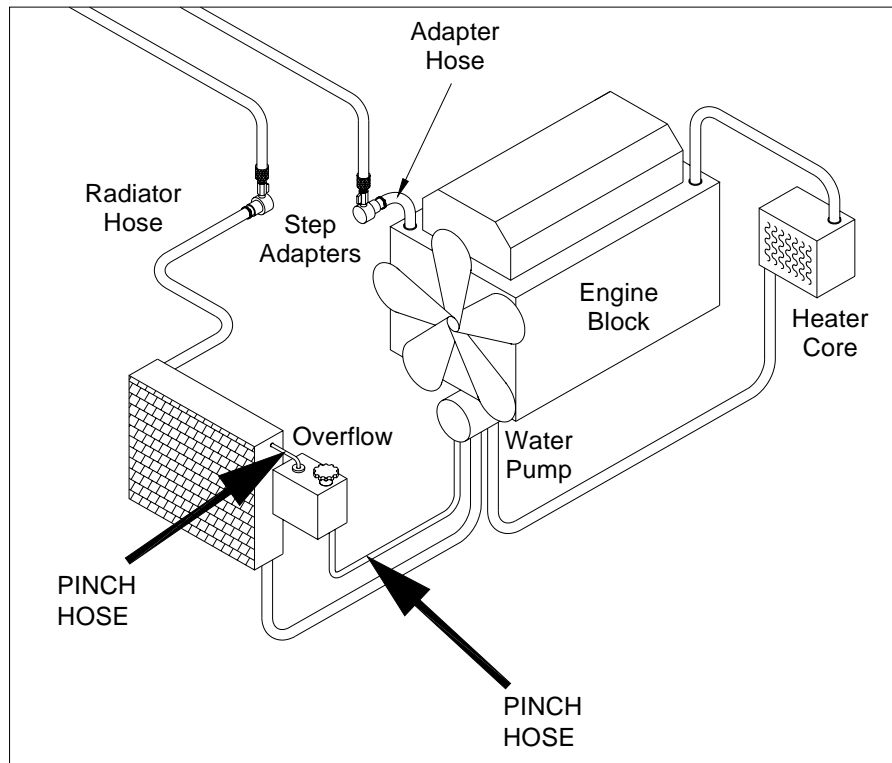
# SPECIAL HOOKUPS

Special Hookup 1) It may be necessary to reverse the hoses during the coolant replacement procedure on the next page for systems with a reverse-connected thermostat. See note after Step 6 on next page for the symptoms of this situation.

Special Hookup 2) Some cooling systems do not have a cap on the radiator. Instead, there is a single cap on the overflow tank as shown in the illustration below.

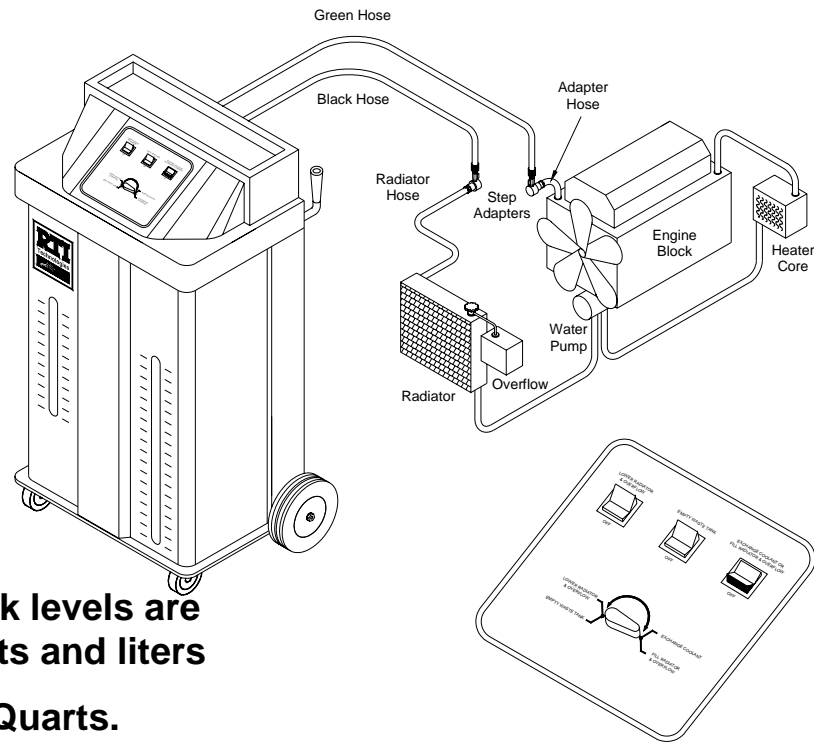
The hoses to and from the overflow tank must be pinched using hose pinching pliers during the coolant replacement procedure on the next page.

Failure to pinch these hoses will cause fluid to be forced out of the vented cap on the overflow tank during the coolant replacement procedure.



# COOLANT REPLACEMENT

Once the MCX-1 is connected as described on the preceding pages it is ready to replace the old coolant with new coolant.



**Scales for the tank levels are graduated in quarts and liters**

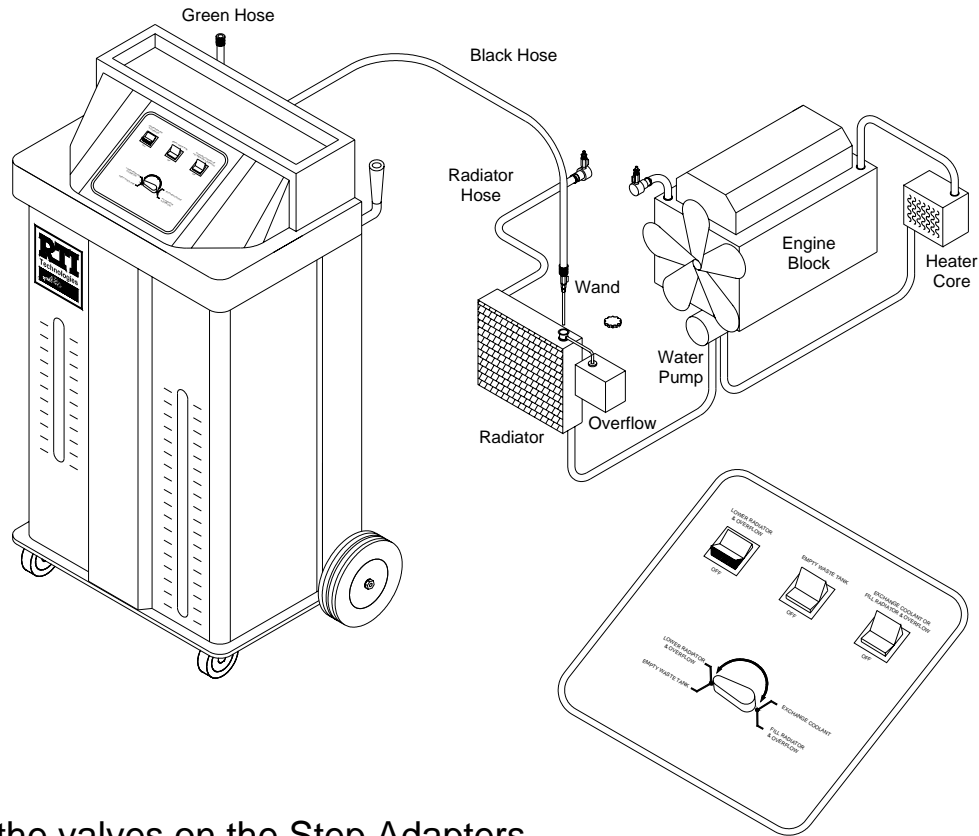
**1 Gallon = 4 Quarts.**

1. Determine the capacity and type of coolant for the vehicle cooling system. Refer to the vehicle Owner's Manual.
2. Make sure the New Coolant Tank (left slot on front) is filled with the correct coolant and at a level higher than the amount required to fill the coolant system to full capacity.
3. Check the Waste Tank (right slot on front) to make sure the level is low enough to accept the full capacity of coolant in the vehicle cooling system.
4. Turn control valve to EXCHANGE COOLANT.
5. Press the top of EXCHANGE COOLANT OR FILL RADIATOR & OVERFLOW selector switch to turn on the pump.
6. Watch the level of coolant as it lowers in the New Coolant Tank. Press the bottom of the EXCHANGE COOLANT OR FILL RADIATOR & OVERFLOW selector switch when it reaches the correct level. This will stop the transfer of coolant.

If the pump is running and the new coolant level does not go down:  
Try reversing the connections of the green and black hoses.

# COMPLETING THE JOB

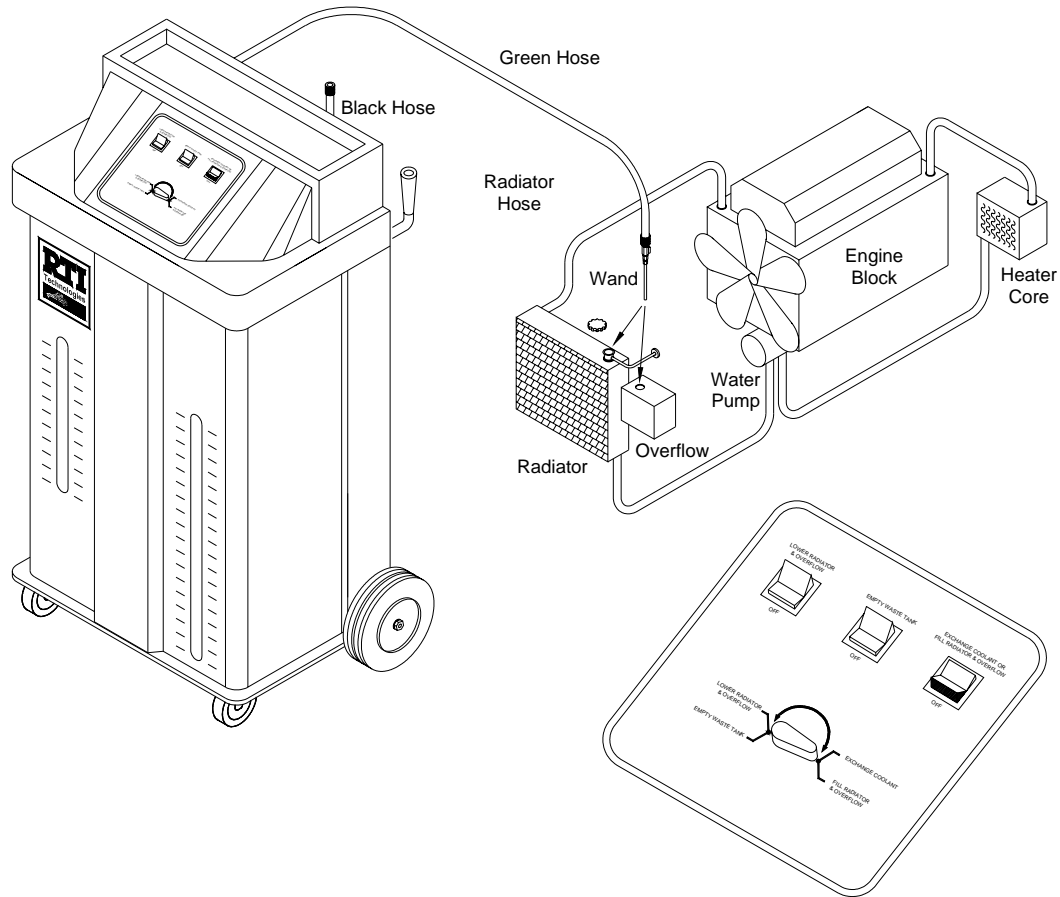
All used coolant in the vehicle cooling system has now been replaced with new coolant. The following steps will complete the job.



1. Close the valves on the Step Adapters.
2. Disconnect the black and green hoses from the Step Adapters.
3. Install Wand on black hose. Close the valve.
4. Remove the cap from the radiator.
5. Turn control valve to LOWER RADIATOR & OVERFLOW.
6. Press top of LOWER RADIATOR & OVERFLOW selector switch to turn on pump.
7. Use the Wand to lower the level of coolant in the radiator to a level just below the upper hose where the Step Adapter is attached. Open valve on Wand as required.

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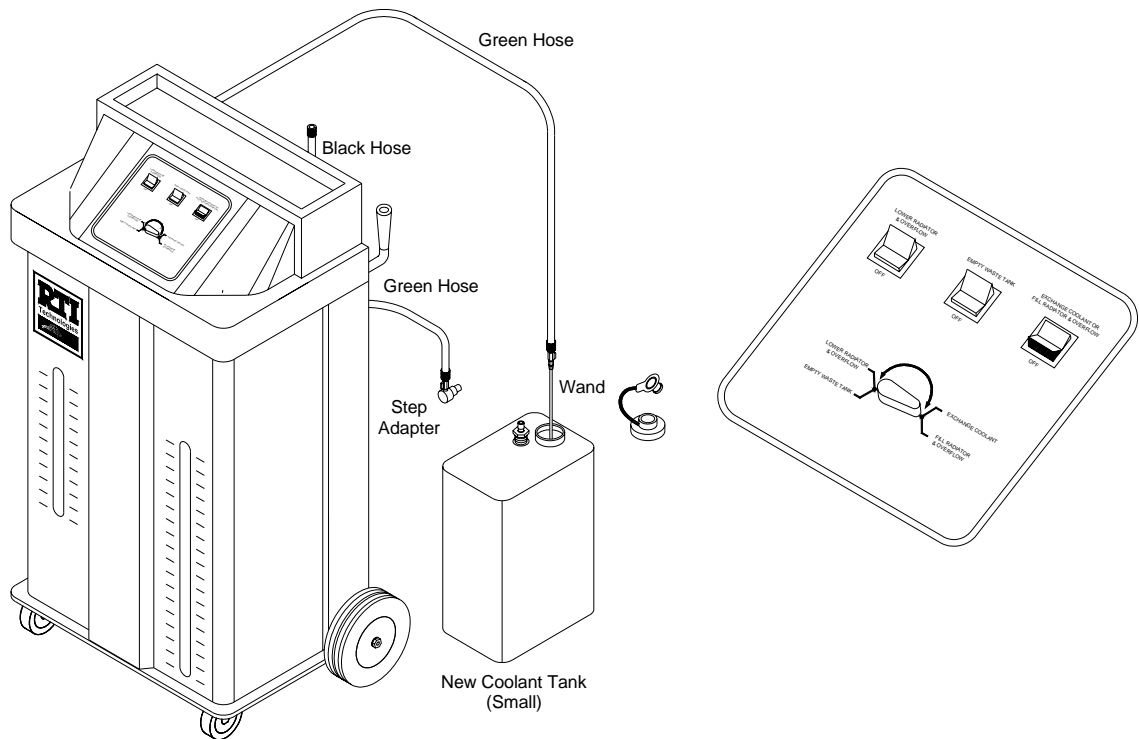
# COMPLETING THE JOB



8. Remove the Step Adapters from the radiator hose and the Adapter Hose.
9. Remove the Adapter Hose and reattach the radiator hose.
10. Remove the overflow container cap.
11. Install the Wand on the green hose. Close the valve.
12. Turn control valve to FILL RADIATOR & OVERFLOW.
13. Press the top of EXCHANGE COOLANT OR FILL RADIATOR & OVERFLOW selector switch to turn on the pump.
14. Open the valve on the Wand to fill the radiator and overflow container to the recommended levels.
15. Replace the radiator cap and overflow container cap.
16. Press the bottom of the EXCHANGE COOLANT OR FILL RADIATOR & OVERFLOW selector switch and disconnect power cord.

# CHANGING COOLANT TYPE

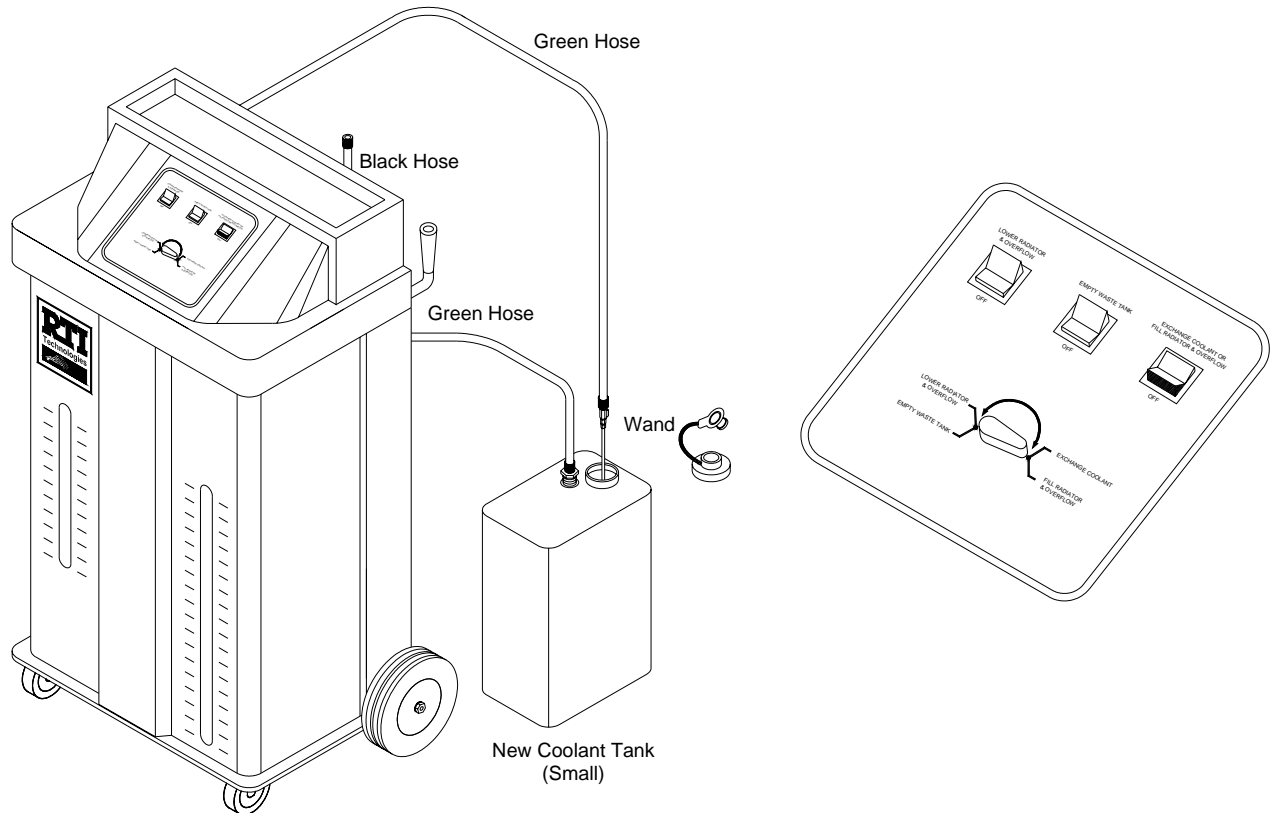
The MCX-1 has a means for easily using different types of coolants. A special feature is the clearing process which purges coolant from the hoses and pumps prior to changing the new coolant tank. The MCX-1 must be connected to a battery during this procedure.



1. Slide the New Coolant Tank to the rear and sit it on the floor.
2. Disconnect the green hose from the tank and install a Step Adapter on the end. Close the valve on the Step Adapter.
3. Close the valve and install the Wand on the long green hose.
4. Turn control valve to FILL RADIATOR & OVERFLOW.
5. Press the top of the EXCHANGE COOLANT OR FILL RADIATOR & OVERFLOW selector switch to start the pump.
6. Insert the end of the Wand in the fill port on the New Coolant Tank. Open the valve on the Wand and then open the valve on the Step Adapter. All coolant in the hoses and pump will be emptied into the New Coolant Tank.
7. Close the valve on the Wand and Step Adapter. Press the bottom of the EXCHANGE COOLANT OR FILL RADIATOR & OVERFLOW selector switch to turn off the pump.
8. Remove the Step Adapter from the green hose and connect a New Coolant Tank with a different type of coolant.

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# CHANGING COOLANT TYPE

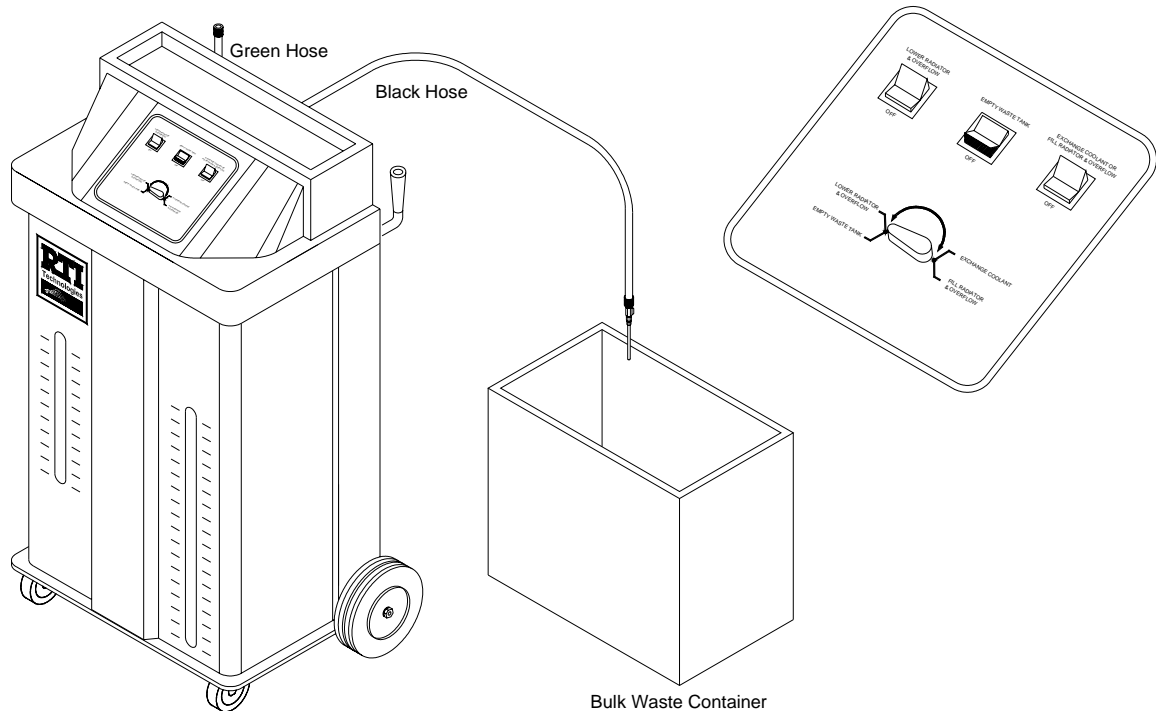


9. Press the top of the EXCHANGE COOLANT OR FILL RADIATOR & OVERFLOW selector switch to start the pump.
10. Insert the Wand in the fill port of the New Coolant Tank. Open the valve on the Wand.
11. The pump will prime and hoses will fill with the new coolant.
12. Close the valve on the Wand when new coolant starts flowing.
13. Press the bottom of the EXCHANGE COOLANT OR FILL RADIATOR & OVERFLOW selector switch to turn off the pump.
14. Place the cap on the New Coolant Tank and slide it into the MCX-1.

# EMPTYING THE WASTE TANK

The Waste Tank can be emptied two different ways.

- A. The Waste Tank can be removed from the MCX-1 and transported to the area where it is to be emptied. A quick connect coupler is installed on the black hose to make this disconnection quick and clean.
- B. The MCX-1 can be used to pump the waste coolant directly from the Waste Tank into another waste collection tank. A 12 volt battery will be required to power the MCX-1.



1. Install the Wand on the black hose.
2. Turn control valve to EMPTY WASTE TANK.
3. Press the top of the EMPTY WASTE TANK selector switch to start the pump.
4. Hold the Wand over the Bulk Waste Container and open the valve.
5. Waste coolant will be pumped directly from the MCX-1 Waste Tank into the Bulk Waste Container.

**Do not leave the MCX-1 unattended while emptying the waste tank. The pump will be destroyed if allowed to run for more than one minute after waste tank is empty.**

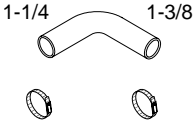

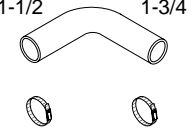

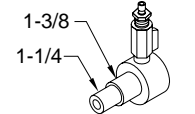

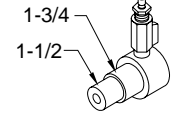
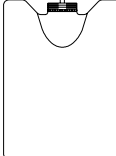
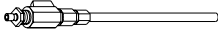

6. Close the valve on the Wand immediately after waste tank is emptied.
7. Press bottom of the EMPTY WASTE TANK selector switch to stop the pump.

# REPLACEMENT PARTS

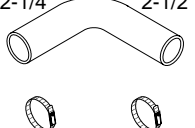
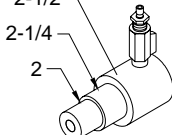
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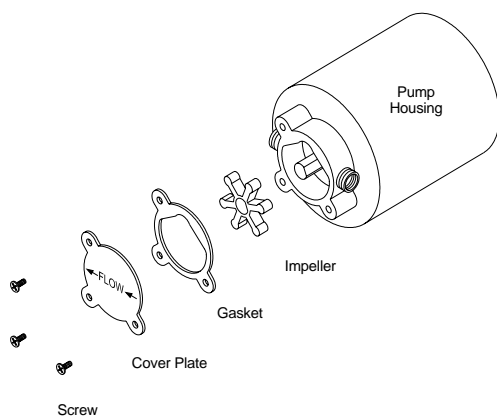
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# WASTE PUMP IMPELLER REPLACEMENT

The waste pump impeller may require periodic replacement. The concentration of impurities in recovered old coolant affects the life of the pump impeller. Changing the impeller is quick and easy as follows:

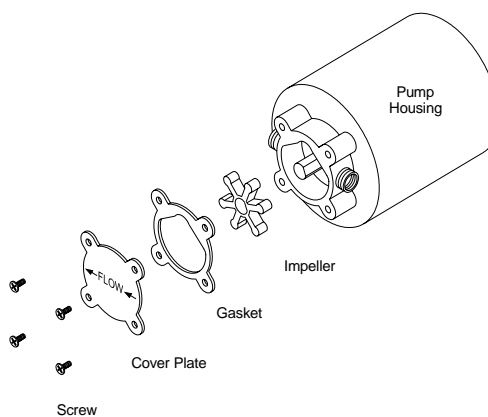
1. Remove Hose Holder on rear of unit to access the end of the Waste Pump.
2. Remove screws.
3. Remove cover plate, gasket and worn impeller.
4. Coat new impeller with Vaseline<sup>®</sup> petroleum jelly.
5. Align flats and press impeller onto shaft.
6. Attach new gasket and cover plate.
7. Replace Hose Holder.



## 3-Bolt Style

Impeller & Gasket

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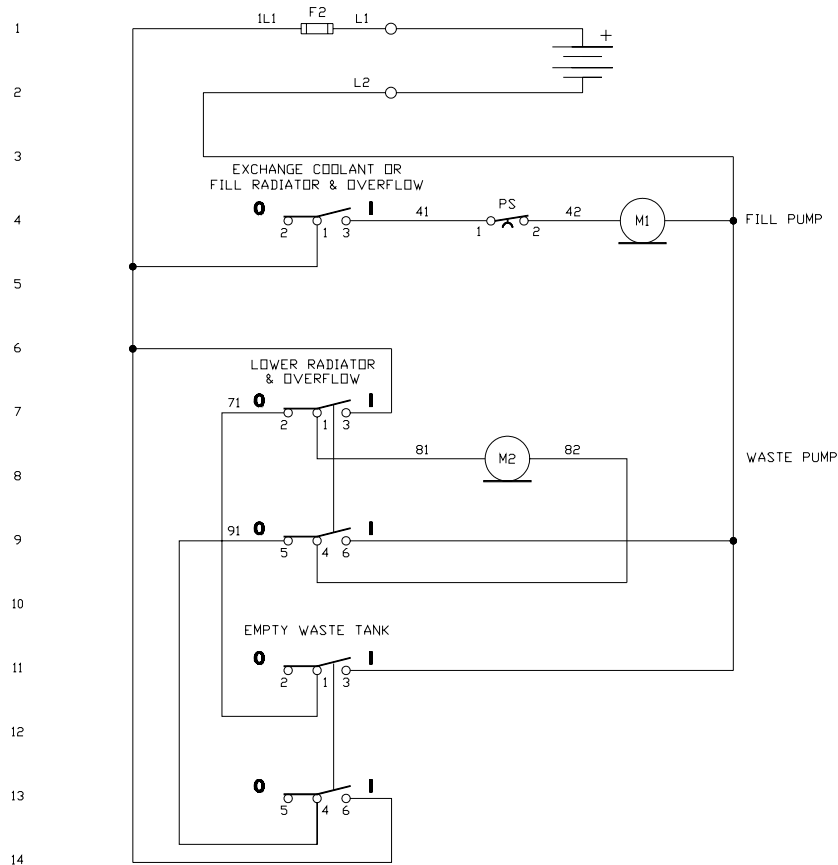
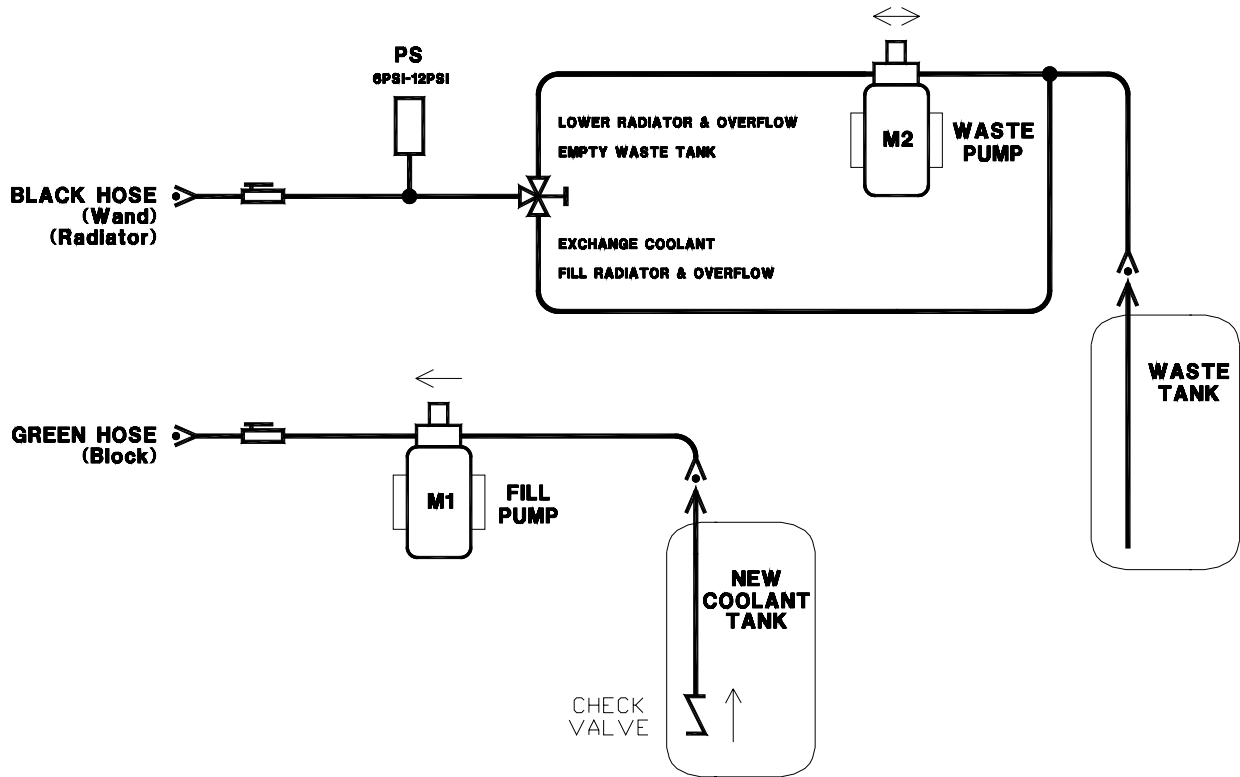


## 4-Bolt Style

Impeller & Gasket

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# FLOW & WIRING DIAGRAM



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