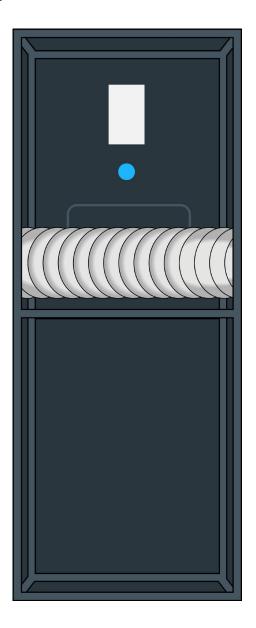
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- 3. Do not operate the Blower Door or DuctBlaster® fan unattended.
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- 5. Do not operate the Blower Door or DuctBlaster® fan if the motor, controller or any of the electrical connections are wet.
- 6. Disconnect the power plug from the Blower Door or DuctBlaster® fan receptacle before making any adjustments to the fan motor, blades or electrical components

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Chapter 1: Parts List and Assembly Instructions

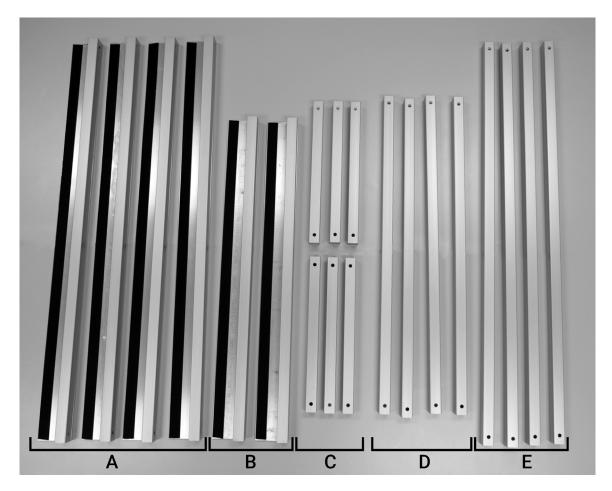
1.1 Parts List

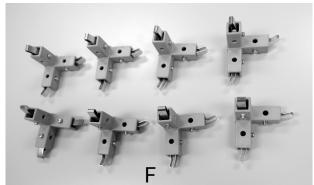
Hard-Shell Carrying Case with Frame - corner connectors (detailed in section <u>1.2</u> included in the hard-shell carrying case.		
Accessory Case – contains nylon cover, plates, flex ductwork assembly, white atta gauge bar and Blower Door Ring C.		
Nylon Cover – fits over assembled frame	to create the enclosure.	
Leak Adjustment Windows and Adjustation windows attach over the openings in the kind The plates can be adjusted within the windleaks in the enclosure.	olack nylon cover using Velcro.	
White Attachment Plate – Attaches to the using Velcro and provides a flat surface for square transition piece.		
Flex Ductwork with Transition Pieces – used for duct leakage testing and is instal using Velcro. The flex ductwork contains a 3") located in the middle of the ductwork.	led on the inside of the enclosure	
Tubing Kit contains: Red - 48" Red - 120" Clear - 72"	 Green - 30" (2) Yellow - 120" Blue - 24" Blue - 48" 	
Blower Door Ring C - used for Blower D for Duct Leakage to Outside tests.	oor test with one hole open, and	
Extra Gauge Hanger Bar – used to mour gauge and fan speed controller. You show with your Blower Door aluminum frame.		

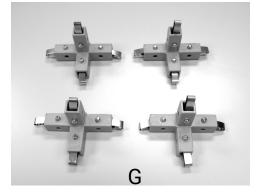
1.2 Frame Components

The TEC Trainer frame consists of the following pieces:

- A. Four (4) 38.5" square aluminum extrusions with Velcro flange
- B. Two (2) 30" square aluminum extrusions with Velcro flange
- C. Six (6) 14" square aluminum extrusions
 D. Four (4) 30" square aluminum extrusions
- E. Four (4) 38.5" square aluminum extrusions
- F. Eight (8) quick-release 3-way corner connectors
- G. Four (4) quick-release 4-way corner connectors







1.3 Assembling the Frame and Nylon Cover

- Follow the diagram on opposite page for assembly by inserting the quick release corner connectors inside the aluminum extrusion pieces.
 - O Use the 38.5" aluminum extrusion pieces for all vertical pieces.
 - Use the 30" aluminum extrusion pieces for all pieces across the width of the frame.
 - Use the 14" aluminum extrusion pieces for all pieces across the depth of the frame.
 - The aluminum extrusion pieces with Velcro hook flanges are installed on the front of the frame for securing the black nylon cover as shown in the photo below and diagram on the opposite page.
 - The snap pins in the quick release connectors can be rotated as needed to align with the holes on the aluminum extrusion.

Attach Black Nylon Cover to Frame

Pull the black nylon cover over the assembled aluminum frame. The cover is first installed over the rear frame pieces without Velcro flange and then pulled over the front frame pieces and connected to the Velcro on the inside of the front flange.

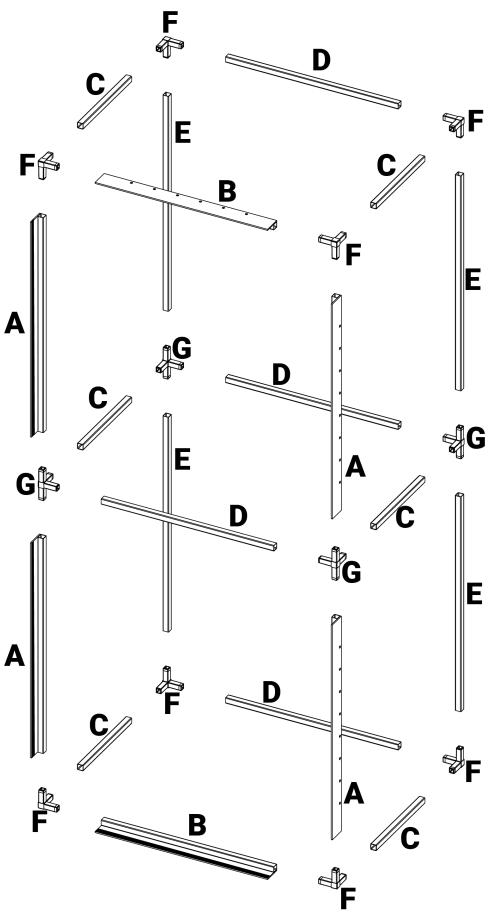




Install the 3 Leak Adjustment Windows and Plates

Attach the 3 windows and black adjustment plates to the outside of the 3 holes in the black nylon cover. Line up the hole from the window with the hole in the cover. Firmly press the Velcro from the window to the Velcro on the cover





Chapter 2: Blower Door Tests

The TEC Trainer is an excellent way of displaying the setup and operation of the Blower Door system in a classroom setting. It can also be used to give students some hands-on practice setting up and running a Blower Door test. You may want to use the DG-1000 Simulator software (available from the TEC website www.energyconservatory.com) to project the DG-1000 on a screen during your demonstration.

Tests can be performed by using the Blower Door to either pressurize or depressurize the Trainer enclosure. Blower Door tests should typically be done <u>without</u> the flex ductwork installed inside the enclosure.

2.1 Recommended Testing Configurations

- a. For a One-Point CFM50 test (pressurization and depressurization) choose between:
 - All 3 Holes Open
 - 2 Holes Open (back hole sealed)
 - 1 Hole Open (leave any one of the holes open)
- b. For a Multi-Point CFM50 test (pressurization) choose between:
 - All 3 Holes Open
 - 1 Hole Open (leave any one of the holes fully open)
- c. For a Multi-Point CFM50 test (depressurization):
 - 1 Hole Open (leave any one of the holes fully open)

d. Range of Typical Expected Blower Door Test Results

Results will vary due to variations in actual hole sizes in the enclosure, choice of pressure tap on the enclosure, installation of frame and fan, and pressurization vs. depressurization testing:

- All 3 Holes Fully Open: (700 to 800 CFM50) <u>Use Ring B on Blower Door fan.</u>
- 2 Holes Fully Open (back hole sealed): (500 to 575 CFM50) <u>Use Ring B on Blower</u> Door fan.
- 1 Hole Fully Open (leave any one of the holes open): (250 to 325 CFM50) <u>Use Ring</u>
 <u>C on Blower Door fan</u>

2.2 Pressurization Test of the Enclosure

Install Blower Door Frame and Panel in the TEC Trainer Enclosure

Install the Blower Door frame and nylon panel into the enclosure opening. Be sure the Blower Door frame is installed all the way into the enclosure opening and up against the Trainer frame. Install the Blower Door fan so that the Flow Rings are on the <u>outside</u> of the enclosure, and that the air from the fan will be blowing <u>into</u> the enclosure. Refer to the Blower Door Operation Manual for frame and fan installation instructions.

Install Gauge Mounting Board

- Insert the gauge hanger bar into the side of the Blower Door aluminum frame.
- 2. Attach the gauge board with a DG-1000 gauge and Blower Door fan speed controller to the gauge hanger bar.





Connect Tubing and Cabling

- 1. Connect one end of a 30" piece of **Green** tubing to the **Channel A Input** tap.
- Connect other end of the Green tubing to one of the Green pressure taps on the outside upper side of the Trainer enclosure.
 - ** **Channel A** on the Blower Door gauge is now set up to measure enclosure pressure with reference to the room you are standing in.
- 3. Connect one end of the 48" **Red** tubing to the **Channel B Input** tap.
- 4. Connect the other end of the **Red** tubing to the Blower Door fan pressure tap on the electrical box.
- 5. Connect the speed controller to a wall outlet and to the Blower Door fan.
- 6. If you will be using Cruise Control, connect the fan control cable between the DG-1000 gauge and the fan speed controller.
- 7. If you will be performing an automated multi-point test, make the necessary connections between the gauge and your laptop computer running the TECTITE software.





Set Leak Adjustment Windows

- You can choose to open one, two or three openings. Adjustments are made by sliding the black adjustment plate up and down. If you are leaving two holes open, you should leave the two side holes open.
- Close zippered opening on the rear of TEC Trainer. Note: The zippered opening is used to gain access to the inside of the enclosure, and is also used in some duct leakage tests. Blower Door tests should normally be performed without the flex ductwork system installed.





Conduct the Pressurization Test of the Enclosure

- 1. Conduct your one-point or multi-point pressurization test using standard test procedures.
- 2. **Channel A** on the Blower Door DG-1000 gauge is measuring enclosure pressure and **Channel B** on the Blower DG-1000 is measuring airflow through the Blower Door fan.
- 3. You will be pressurizing the enclosure to 50 Pa and measuring the airflow through the Blower Door fan that it took to generate the 50 Pa enclosure pressure.
- 4. You can conduct a manual control test, a cruise control test, or a fully automated test using TECTITE software and a laptop computer. Consult the Blower Door Operation Manual or TECTITE software for testing instructions.
- 5. If you are conducting a test with either 2 or 3 holes in the enclosure fully open, use Ring B on the Blower Door fan.
- 6. If you are conducting a test with just one hole fully open, use Ring C on the Blower Door fan.

2.3 Depressurization Test of the Enclosure

A depressurization test of the enclosure is very similar to a pressurization test. Follow the pressurization test instructions above (2.2) with the following changes/additions:

Install the Blower Door Fan to Depressurize Enclosure

Install the Blower Door fan so that the Flow Rings are on the <u>inside</u> of the enclosure, and that the air from the Blower Door fan will be blowing <u>out</u> of the enclosure.



Additional Tubing Connections

- Connect one end of the 72" Clear tubing to the Channel B Reference tap.
- 2. Run the other end of the **Clear** tubing through the patch in the lower left corner of the Blower Door panel so the tubing extends into the enclosure about a 1/2".



Chapter 3 : Duct Leakage Testing

The TEC Trainer can be used to demonstrate both Total Duct Leakage tests, and Duct Leakage to Outside tests. Duct Leakage testing requires installation of the flex ductwork assembly that came with the TEC Trainer. The flex ductwork assembly consists of a 32" section of flex ductwork with a black square transition piece attached to either end. The ductwork assembly contains a small non-adjustable hole (approximately 1" x 3") located in the middle of ductwork.

Tests can be performed to either pressurize or depressurize the ductwork.

3.1 Recommended Testing Configurations

a. For a One-Point CFM25 Total Leakage test, or a One-Point CFM25 Leakage to Outside Test choose between:

- Adjustable Outside Leakage Hole open 1".
- Adjustable Outside Leakage Hole open 4"
- Adjustable Outside Leakage Hole fully open (8")

b. Range of Typical Expected Duct Leakage Test Results

Total Leakage:

- Adjustable Outside Leakage Hole open 1" (60 to 70 CFM25) Use Ring 3 on DuctBlaster® fan.
- Adjustable Outside Leakage Hole open 4" (120 to 135 CFM25) Use Ring 2 on DuctBlaster® fan,
- Adjustable Outside Leakage Hole fully open (200 to 235 CFM25) <u>Use Ring 2 on DuctBlaster®</u> fan.

Leakage to Outside:

- Adjustable Outside Leakage Hole open 1" (30 to 40 CFM25) <u>Use Ring 3 on DuctBlaster® fan.</u>
- Adjustable Outside Leakage Hole open 4" (90 to 100 CFM25) Use Ring 2 on DuctBlaster® fan,
- Adjustable Outside Leakage Hole fully open (160 to 195 CFM25) <u>Use Ring 2 on DuctBlaster®</u> fan.

3.2 Setting Up for a Duct Leakage Test

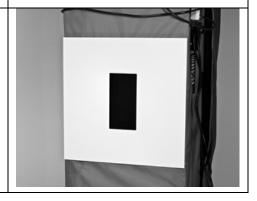
Attach the Flex Ductwork Assembly to the Inside of the TEC Trainer

- The flex ductwork can be installed through the main enclosure opening (no Blower Door installed), or through the zippered opening in the back of the enclosure if the Blower Door is already installed.
- Attach the two square transition pieces from the ductwork assembly to the sides of the enclosure using the Velcro attachments. Firmly press the Velcro on the panel to the Velcro on the square transition pieces. **Note:** Be sure the non-adjustable hole in the ductwork is facing up.
- Attach one end of the 24" Blue tubing to the plastic pressure tap on the ductwork assembly (located on one of the square transition pieces). Connect the other end of the Blue tubing to the Blue pressure tap on the inside back side of the enclosure.



Install the White Attachment Plate to the Outside of the Enclosure

Remove the Leak Adjustment Window from one of the side enclosure openings. Now install the White Attachment Plate directly over the outside of the enclosure opening. Line up the hole from the attachment plate with the hole in the enclosure and firmly press the Velcro from the attachment plate against the Velcro on the outside of the enclosure. **Note:** The attachment plate should be installed on the opposite side of the flex ductwork assembly that contains the pressure tap connected to the blue tubing.



Install Blower Door Frame and Panel in the TEC Trainer Enclosure

Install the Blower Door frame and nylon panel into the enclosure opening. Be sure the Blower Door frame is installed all the way into the enclosure opening and up against the Trainer frame.

Install Gauge Mounting Boards

- 1. Connect two gauge hanger bars to the Blower Door aluminum frame, one on either side.
- 2. Attach the gauge board with the Blower Door DG-1000 gauge and fan speed controller to one hanger bar, and the gauge board with the DuctBlaster® DG-1000 gauge and fan speed controller to the other hanger bar. **Note:** The DuctBlaster® gauge board should be installed on the same side of the enclosure as the White Attachment Plate.

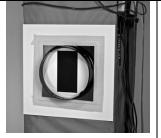




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Connect the DuctBlaster® Flex Duct to the Enclosure

- Tape the square transition piece from the DuctBlaster® system to the White Attachment Plate.
- Connect the DuctBlaster® flex duct to the square transition piece using the Velcro strap on the flex duct.

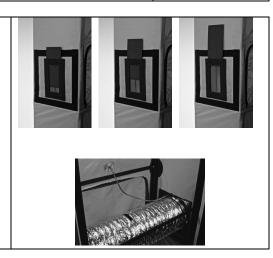




Set Outside Duct Leakage Adjustment Window

- A Leak Adjustment Window should be installed on the opposite side of the enclosure from the White Adjustment Plate. Adjust the hole in this window by moving the adjustable plate up or down. We recommend one of the following settings:
 - Up 1"
 - Up 4"
 - Up 8" (fully open).

Note: The flex ductwork assembly installed inside the enclosure contains a fixed inside duct leak (approx 3" x 1" hole). The Total Leakage test will measure both the inside and outside duct leakage. The Duct Leakage to Outside test will measure only outside duct leakage.



Chapter 4 : Total Duct Leakage Test

The Total Duct Leakage test will measure all leaks in the duct system, including leaks inside the enclosure and leaks to outside of the enclosure. This test can be performed both by pressurizing or depressurizing the ductwork. The Blower Door will <u>not</u> be running during the Total Duct Leakage test.

4.1 Total Duct Leakage Pressurization Test

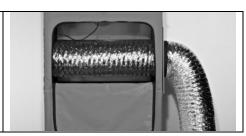
Set Up DuctBlaster® Fan for Pressurization Test

Attach the DuctBlaster® fan to the flex duct for a pressurization test. The DuctBlaster® will be blowing air into the flex ductwork assembly. Refer to the DuctBlaster® Operation manual for fan setup instructions.

Open Zippered Opening

Open the zippered opening on the back of the enclosure to prevent changes in enclosure pressure when the DuctBlaster® is running.

Note: You may either remove the Blower Door fan or keep it in place for the Total Leakage test.



Connect Tubing and Cabling

- Connect one end of the 48" Blue tubing to Channel A Input tap on the DuctBlaster® DG-1000 gauge.
- Connect the other end of the 48" Blue tubing to the Blue pressure tap on the outside back side of the Trainer enclosure.
- Connect one end of a 30" piece of Green tubing to Channel A Reference tap on the DuctBlaster® DG-1000 gauge.
- Connect other end of the Green tubing to the Green pressure tap on the outside upper side of the Trainer enclosure.
 - ** **Channel A** on the DuctBlaster® gauge is now set up to measure duct pressure with reference to the enclosure.
- 5. Connect one end of the 120" **Red** tubing to the **Channel B Input** tap on the DuctBlaster® DG-1000 gauge.
- 6. Connect the other end of the **Red** tubing to the brass pressure tap on the DuctBlaster® fan.
- Connect the fan speed controller to a wall outlet and to the DuctBlaster® fan.
- 8. If you will be using Cruise control, connect the fan control cable between the DG-1000 gauge and the DuctBlaster® fan speed controller.







Conduct the Total Duct Leakage Pressurization Test

- 1. Conduct your One-Point CFM25 Total Leakage test using standard test procedures.
- 2. **Channel A** on the DuctBlaster® DG-1000 gauge is measuring duct system pressure and **Channel B** on the DuctBlaster® DG-1000 is measuring airflow through the DuctBlaster® fan.
- 3. You will be pressurizing the duct system to 25 Pa and measuring the airflow through the DuctBlaster® fan that it took to generate the 25 Pa duct system pressure.
- 4. You can conduct a manual control test, or a cruise control test. Consult the DuctBlaster® Operation Manual for testing instructions.
- 5. If you conduct the test with the outside leakage hole open 1" use Ring 3 on the DuctBlaster® fan.
- 6. If you conduct the test with the outside leakage hole open 4" or 8" use Ring 2 on the DuctBlaster® fan.

4.2 Total Duct Leakage Depressurization Test

A Total Duct Leakage depressurization test is very similar to a pressurization test. Follow the Total Duct Leakage Pressurization Test instructions above (4.1) with the following changes/additions:

Install the DuctBlaster® Fan to Depressurize the Ductwork

Install the DuctBlaster® fan to pull air out of the ductwork (depressurize) – see DuctBlaster® Operation manual for instructions.





Additional Tubing Connections

- 1. Connect one end of the 120" **Yellow** tubing to the **Channel B Reference** tap on the DuctBlaster® DG-1000 gauge.
- 2. Connect the other end of the **Yellow** tubing to the pressure tap on the round transition piece on the DuctBlaster® flex duct.



When conducting a depressurization test, the DuctBlaster® flex duct should be stretched relatively straight for about 4 feet from the front of the DuctBlaster® fan.



Chapter 5: Duct Leakage to Outside Test

The Duct Leakage to Outside test will measure only leaks in the duct system that are to outside of the enclosure. This test requires simultaneous use of both the DuctBlaster® and Blower Door systems. During the test, a Blower Door fan is used to pressurize (or depressurize) the enclosure while the DuctBlaster® fan is used to pressurize (or depressurize) the duct system to the same pressure as the enclosure. Because the duct system and the enclosure will be at the same pressure, there will be little or no leakage between the duct system and the enclosure during the test.

5.1 Duct Leakage to Outside Pressurization Test

Set Up DuctBlaster® Fan for a Pressurization Test

Attach the DuctBlaster® fan to the flex duct for a pressurization test. The DuctBlaster® will be blowing air into the flex ductwork assembly. Refer to the DuctBlaster® Operation manual for fan setup instructions.

Install Blower Door Fan to Pressurize the Enclosure

Install the Blower Door fan so that the Flow Rings are on the <u>outside</u> of the enclosure, and that the air from the Blower Door fan will be blowing <u>into</u> the enclosure. Refer to the Blower Door Operation Manual for installation instructions. Install Ring C on the Blower Door fan.





Completely close the zippered opening on the back of the enclosure. **Note:** You can either close the Leak Adjustment Window on the back of the enclosure, or leave it open – the test results will be the same. If the rear leak adjustment window is left open, the Blower Door fan simply needs to run at a higher fan speed during the test.



Connect Tubing and Cabling to the DuctBlaster® System

- Connect one end of the 48" Blue tubing to Channel A Input tap on the DuctBlaster® DG-1000 gauge.
- 2. Connect the other end of the 48" **Blue** tubing to the **Blue** pressure tap on the outside rear of the Trainer enclosure.
- Connect one end of a 30" piece of Green tubing to Channel A Reference tap on the DuctBlaster® DG-1000 gauge.
- Connect other end of the **Green** tubing to the **Green**pressure tap on the outside upper side of the Trainer
 enclosure.
 - ** **Channel A** on the DuctBlaster® gauge is now set up to measure duct pressure with reference to the enclosure.
- Connect one end of the 120" Red tubing to the Channel B Input tap on the DuctBlaster® DG-1000 gauge.





- 6. Connect the other end of the **Red** tubing to brass pressure tap on the DuctBlaster® fan.
- 7. Connect the DuctBlaster® speed controller to a wall outlet and to the DuctBlaster® fan.
- 8. If you will be using Cruise Control for the DuctBlaster® fan, connect the fan control cable between the DG-1000 gauge and the DuctBlaster® fan speed controller.



Connect Tubing and Cabling to the Blower Door System

- 1. Connect one end of a 30" piece of **Green** tubing to **Channel A Reference** tap on the Blower Door DG-1000 gauge.
- 2. Connect the other end of the **Green** tubing to the remaining **Green** pressure tap on the outside upper side of the Trainer enclosure.
 - ** **Channel A** on the Blower Door gauge is now set up to measure enclosure pressure with reference to the room you are standing in.
- 3. Connect the Blower Door fan speed controller to a wall outlet and to the Blower Door fan.
- 4. If you will be using Cruise Control for the Blower Door fan, connect the fan control cable between the DG-1000 gauge and the Blower Door fan speed controller.
 - **Note:** You will <u>not</u> be measuring airflow through the Blower Door fan for this test procedure, therefore you do not need to make any tubing connections to **Channel B**.

Conduct the Duct Leakage to Outside Pressurization Test

- 1. Conduct your One-Point Duct Leakage to Outside pressurization test.
- 2. **Channel A** on the DuctBlaster® DG-1000 gauge is measuring duct system pressure with reference to the enclosure, and **Channel B** on the DuctBlaster® DG-1000 is measuring airflow through the DuctBlaster® fan.
- 3. **Channel A** on the Blower Door DG-1000 gauge is measuring the enclosure pressure with reference to the room.
- 4. You will be simultaneously pressurizing the enclosure to 25 Pa with the Blower Door fan, and pressurizing the duct system so that the duct system and the enclosure are at the same pressure.
- 5. You can manually control the Blower Door and DuctBlaster® fans, or you can use Cruise Control on both fans. Consult the DuctBlaster® Operation Manual for testing instructions.
- 6. If you are conducting the test with the outside leakage hole open 1" use Ring 3 on the DuctBlaster® fan
- 7. If you are conducting the test with the outside leakage hole open 4" or 8" use Ring 2 on the DuctBlaster® fan.
- 8. Use Ring C on the Blower Door fan.

5.2 Duct Leakage to Outside Depressurization Test

A Duct Leakage to Outside depressurization test is very similar to a pressurization test. Follow the Duct Leakage to Outside Pressurization test instructions above (5.1) with the following changes/additions:

Install the DuctBlaster® Fan to Depressurize the Ductwork

Install the DuctBlaster® fan to pull air out of the ductwork (depressurize) – see DuctBlaster® Operation manual for instructions.





Install the Blower Door Fan to Depressurize Enclosure

Install the Blower Door fan so that the Flow Rings are on the <u>inside</u> of the enclosure, and that the air from the Blower Door fan will be blowing out of the enclosure.



Additional Tubing Connections for DuctBlaster® Gauge

- 1. Connect one end of the 120" **Yellow** tubing to the **Channel B Reference** tap on the DuctBlaster® DG-1000 gauge.
- 2. Connect the other end of the **Yellow** tubing to the pressure tap on the round transition piece on the DuctBlaster® flex duct.



When conducting a depressurization test, the DuctBlaster® flex duct should be stretched relatively straight for about 4 feet from the front of the DuctBlaster® fan.

