

flows under a lesser pressure than that portion adjacent the region of liquid ingress. Accordingly, in such constant depth annular manifolds, the rate of flow of the liquid injected into the bore from the remotely located point is considerably less than the rate of flow adjacent the inlet, resulting in nonuniform wetting of the dry ingredients. It has been found that the tapering, progressively diminishing groove depth feature embodied in the present invention maintains manifold groove 58 completely filled with liquid throughout its circumferential extent, i.e. the liquid fills manifold groove 58 at the region thereof located remotely from the liquid inlet as readily as at the inlet region, to effect a constant flow of liquid at a uniform rate through passage 98 and through all of the passages 96 radially into the adaptor bore 52, thereby insuring uniform wetting of the dry material passing axially through bore 52. Also, the equally, circumferentially spaced ribs 65 on inclined shoulder 64 positively centers the coupling inclined surface 94 relative to inclined shoulder 64 to maintain the sizes of passages 96 equal in depth further insuring uniform radial flow of the liquid therethrough into adaptor bore 52.

At the initial stage of the blasting operation, the nozzle operator can thread coupling 12 relative to adaptor 10 in such a manner as to obtain an optimum water flow pattern. If the material issuing from nozzle 14 is too wet, coupling 12 is threaded further into opening 54 to compress bead 68 and ribs 65 thereby decreasing the size of passage 98 and passages 96 to restrict the flow of water therethrough. Annular relief recess 66 will accommodate the expansion of material in the area of end wall 56. If desired, the flow of liquid through passages 98 and 96 can be completely interrupted by still further threading coupling 12 into opening 54 to an extent closing passages 96. If the issuing material is not sufficiently wetted, coupling 12 can be threaded outwardly of opening 54 to enlarge passages 96 and 98, as required. These adjustments are made quickly and easily by the operator who need only rotate coupling 12 with one hand while holding nozzle 14 with the other. The flow of the liquid remains uniform at the selected rate throughout the circumferential extent of manifold groove 58 due to the progressively varying groove depth effected by the tapering bottom wall 100 of manifold groove 58 as hereinbefore described. Thus, a sensitive water control means is provided to produce a highly controlled cementitious material with very little rebound and dust.

While nozzle 14 and coupling 12 can be formed of the same material as adaptor 10, e.g. urethane or any other suitable resiliently yieldable material which is highly resistant to the abrasive action of the cementitious material passing therethrough and to the generation of static electricity normally accompanying such passage, it should be understood that adaptor 10 can be used with nozzles and couplings formed of any material, such as metal for example, which are widely used in industrial applications.

From the foregoing, it is apparent that the objects of the present invention have been fully accomplished. An improved liquid injection adaptor is provided for effectively controlling the flow of liquid at a uniform rate into a stream of dry material to uniformly wet the latter. A preferred embodiment of this invention having been described in detail, it is to be understood that this has been done by way of illustration only.

I claim:

1. An adaptor comprising: a body formed of a resiliently yieldable plastic material having a bore therethrough, an inlet end and an outlet end; a threaded opening communicating with said bore; an annular wall extending radially inwardly from the wall of said threaded opening toward said bore and having at least a portion thereof defining a seat; an inlet passage in said body; an annular manifold passage of a varying size for effecting a selected uniform rate of liquid flow therethrough; said manifold passage being spaced radially outwardly of said bore and communicating with said inlet passage; said annular wall and said seat defining flow control passage means adjacent said inlet end communicating between said manifold passage and said bore.

2. An adaptor according to claim 1 wherein said manifold passage progressively diminishes in size away from said inlet passage.

3. An adaptor according to claim 1 wherein said manifold passage has a tapering wall to effect a progressively diminishing cross sectional area thereof away from said inlet passage to effect a selected constant rate of flow of liquid therethrough.

4. An adaptor according to claim 1, said seat including an inclined shoulder having means centering the conical surface of a hose coupling threadable in said opening.

5. An adaptor according to claim 4 wherein said centering means comprises a plurality of circumferentially spaced ribs formed on said shoulder and defining therebetween a series of passages communicating with said bore, said series of passages being variable in size upon compression of said ribs to vary the rate of delivery of liquid therethrough.

6. An adaptor according to claim 1 wherein said flow control passage means includes means provided on said seat defining a series of passages communicating with said bore, said series of passages being variable in size upon axial compression of said inlet end to vary the rate of delivery of liquid therethrough.

7. An adaptor according to claim 6 wherein said passages defining means comprise a plurality of ribs on said seat whereby compression of said ribs toward said seat varies the size of said passages.

8. An adaptor according to claim 7 wherein said series of passages are inclined inwardly from said annular wall to said bore in the direction of said outlet end.

9. An adaptor according to claim 7, together with a hose coupling threaded in said opening and urged against said ribs to compress said ribs and thereby vary the size of said series of said passages.

10. An adaptor according to claim 6 wherein said flow control passage means included an annular passage communicating between said manifold passage and said series of passages, said annular passage being variable in size upon axial compression of said inlet end.

11. An adaptor according to claim 10 including an annular bead on said annular wall outwardly of said manifold passage, said bead forming an annular seat, said passages defining means comprising a plurality of ribs on said first mentioned seat, together with a hose coupling threaded in said opening and urged against said annular bead to form a fluid tight seal therebetween, said bead and said ribs yielding under compression upon further threading of said coupling into said