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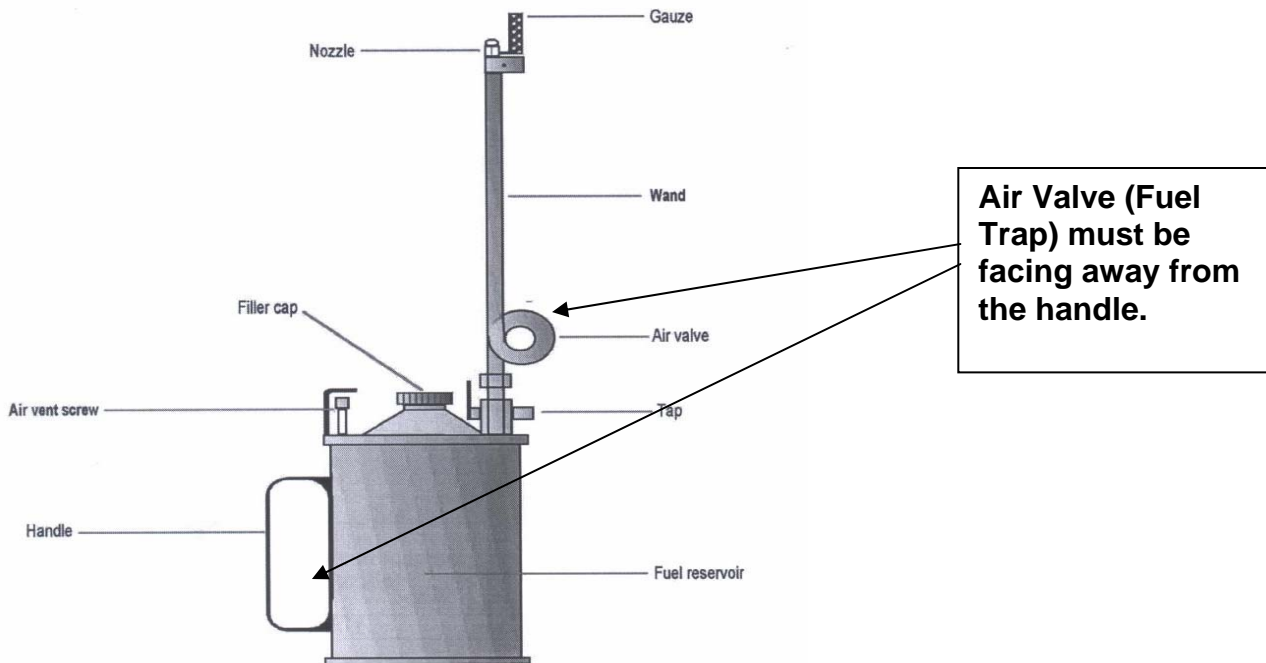
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Fire Bug Drip Torch

The Physical Resources Branch has been informed of a significant safety issue relating to the Fire Bug Drip Torch. The issue involves the positioning of the fuel trap loop when operating the drip torch.

It is important when the Fire Bug Drip Torch is in use that the fuel trap loop is positioned towards the ground away from the operators handle (see figure one). The fuel trap is designed to alleviate the potential of a flashback into the fuel reservoir. All Fire Bug drip torches should be inspected by the OIC to ensure the fuel trap is positioned properly. If not, the position of the fuel trap must be corrected immediately. This can be achieved by loosening the lock nut at the base of the wand and rotating the wand until the fuel trap loop is in the correct position as seen below. Once this has occurred the locknut should be re-tightened.



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If you have any queries related to this circular please call Brian Ryan on 9323 9487.

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