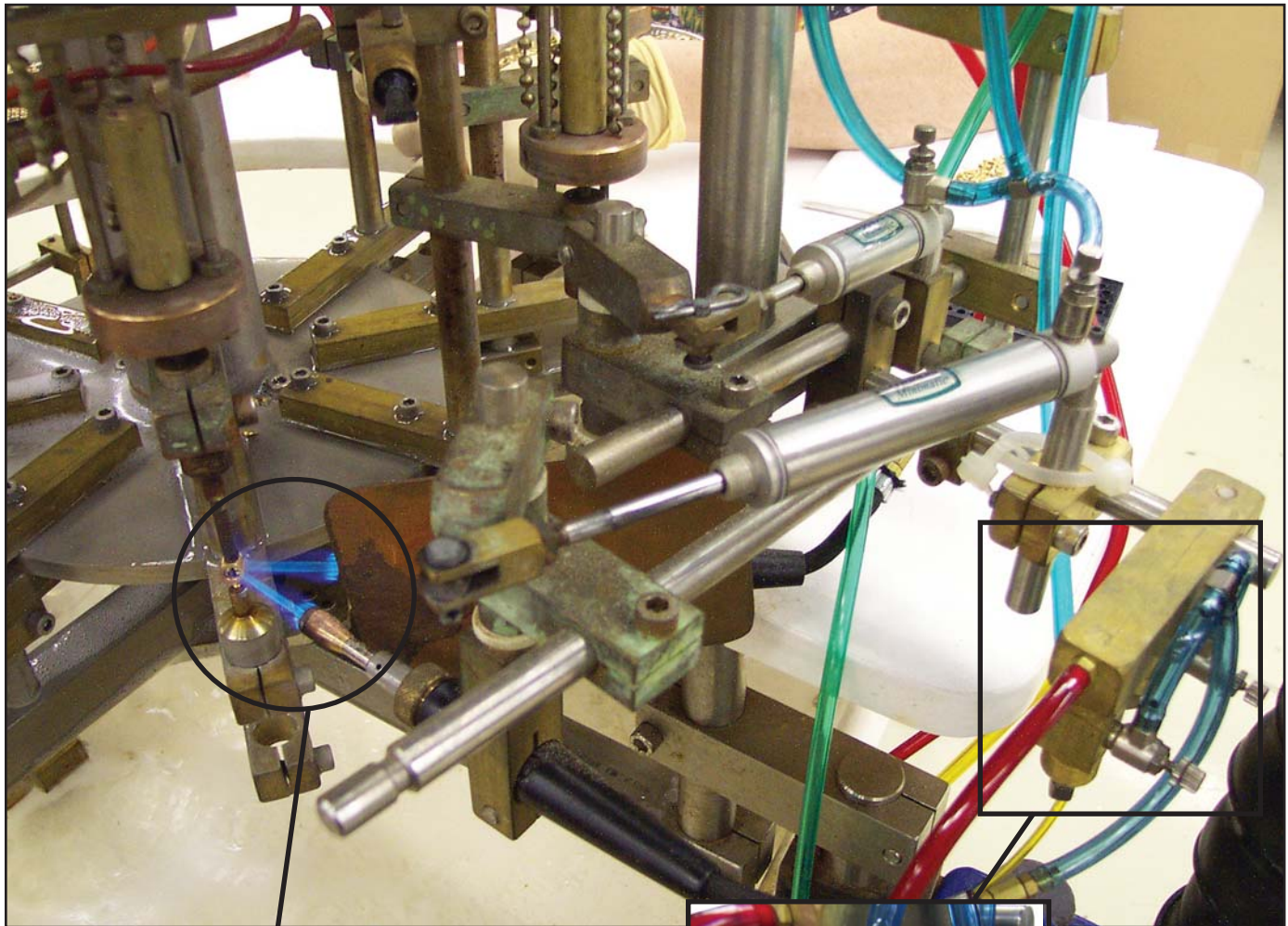
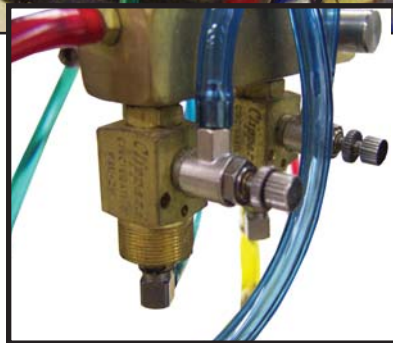


Clippard Slip-On Fitting Assembly

This semi-automatic rotary solder machine was designed and built in-house for the Clippard slip-on fitting product line. Incorporated into the design are Clippard modular valves, stainless steel cylinders, brass valves, flow controls, slip-on fittings, hose and super structure providing framework, control, indexing and parts handling.



The machine consists of a rotating center carousel with eight stations. The individual components of each slip-on fitting are loaded into clamp fixtures mounted on the carousel. The carousel indexes to each of the process stations: load, heat, cool, quench, and unload. The control and timing of the machine is accomplished using Clippard modular valves and brass limit valves. Each clamp fixture has its own control circuit for manual and automatic control. Sensors are also incorporated at each clamp fixture to sense the presence of a part.



The heat station uses MFC-3AK2's to meter propane, while PAV-2's turn the propane on and off. In addition, the torches are connected to cylinders so they are able to rotate for the heat cycle.