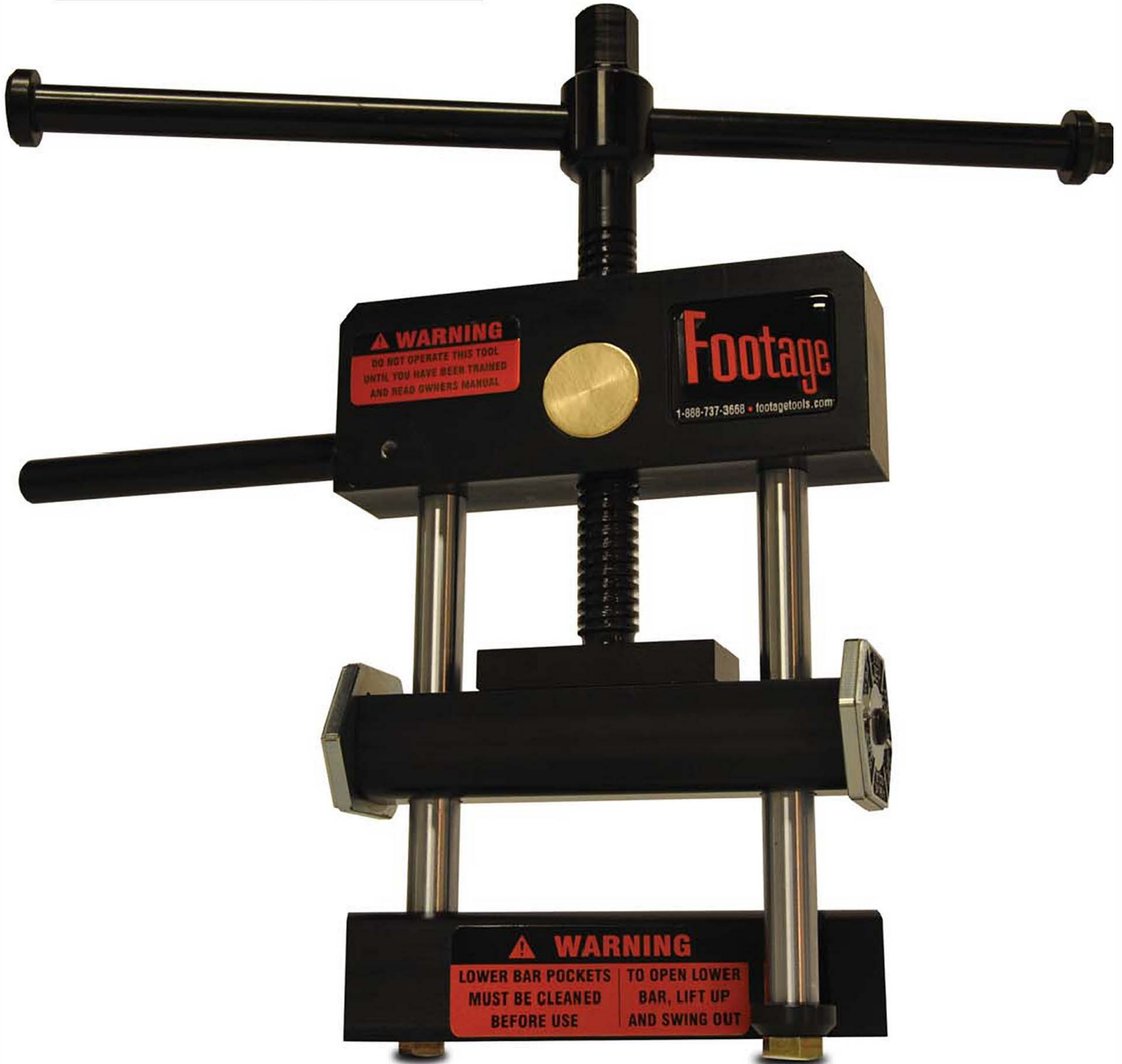


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C100-B001 Manual Squeeze Off Tool



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Preliminary Assembly:



Location of ground spike

If you purchased the optional grounding tool C615-A105, mount the grounding tool lead to the head with the 1/4" hardware supplied (see attached). Clean all connections before assembly. If not using a ratchet to power the drive screw by the top hex, insert the "T" handle into the cross hole in the top of the power screw and thread the bolt into the end to secure it. **Do not use extension on the "T" handle.** The tool as supplied by the manufacturer has sufficient leverage to perform the task it was designed for.

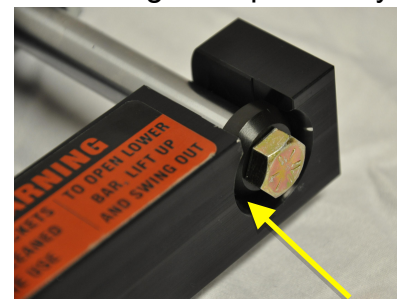
Operating Instructions:

A) Installation on Pipe

- 1) Inspect the tool to ensure that the tool is clean and free from any dirt that may hinder proper operation. The power screw must be clean, free of dirt and debris and lubricated to function properly. Pay particular attention to the lower bar pockets (2) where the end nuts on the side shafts engage. It is critical that these pockets are clean and free of debris. Clean if necessary.
- 2) Open the tool sufficiently by unscrewing the power screw. Once the sliding bar touches the top bar, stop unscrewing the power screw. Excessive torque on the power screw with the sliding bar touching the top bar may cause damage to the bearing retaining hardware.
- 3) Lift and swing out the bottom bar and place the squeeze off tool over the pipe. Swing back the bottom bar and lock into position over the end nuts of the side shafts. Full engagement of these nuts into the bottom bar pockets is critical or tool damage may result.

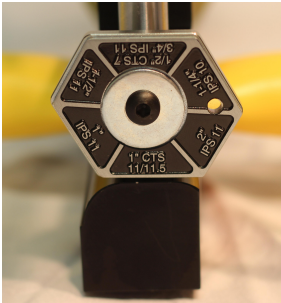


Lower bar pocket



End washer inside bottom bar pocket

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Gauge Plate

B) Squeezing the Pipe

- 1) Set the gauge plate stops on either side of the unit to the proper pipe size and SDR setting. Ensure both sides are identical or tool damage may result. Position the arrow on the gauge plates such that they face the other squeeze bar.
- 2) Fully install the grounding stake into **firm** ground near the tool. Moist soil is preferred if available. This is critical as this grounding system will remove any static electric charge that is created when

the flow of gas is cut off during the squeeze operation, thereby reducing the chances of sparks being created.

- 3) Tighten the power screw until the bars start to touch the pipe. Position the tool centrally on the pipe. There should be an equal space on both sides between the pipe wall and side shafts. Adjust as needed. If the tool is not centered on the pipe, tool and pipe damage may result.



Place tool centrally on pipe & at 90° to pipe

- 4) The rate of squeeze is very important in obtaining good plastic flow in the pipe material. A slow squeeze rate minimises the damage to the pipe walls. Advance the squeeze bars until 50% of the original diameter of the pipe has been squeezed. At this time, it is important to wait a few minutes so that the pipe material has a chance to relax (2 minutes is recommended). Increase this time in colder weather, below 32 deg. F.
- 5) Continue squeezing the pipe slowly until a further 25% of the pipes original diameter has been squeezed. Again, pause and let the pipe have time to relax. (2 minutes).
- 6) Continue slowly squeezing until the gauge plate stops just come in contact with the bottom bar. The squeeze rate for this last portion should be approximately 1/2 inch per minute, no faster. Slower rates should be used below 32 deg. F. **DO NOT CONTINUE TO SQUEEZE ONCE THE GAUGE STOPS HAVE BEEN REACHED OR TOOL DAMAGE MAY RESULT.** Keep in mind, it may not be necessary to squeeze the pipe all the way to the gauge stops to obtain satisfactory flow control. **NOTE: TOOL MAY NOT GIVE ADEQUATE FLOW CONTROL ON HIGH DENSITY PIPE.**

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C) Releasing the Pipe

- 1) To avoid any damage to the plastic pipe, it is critical that a slow release rate be achieved. A release rate of 1/2 inches per minute is acceptable. This time allows for the plastic to "flow" decreasing the chances of material failure. Below 32 deg. F., the release rate should be slower.
- 2) Unscrew the power screw slowly, not exceeding the release rate. Continue to open the tool at this rate until it can be removed from the pipe.

D) Re-rounding the Pipe if required

Once the tool is fully open, reposition the tool 90 degrees from the original squeeze, on top of the peaks of the squeeze. Squeeze the pipe back to its original shape. It should also be noted that PE pipe rebounds on it's own to its near original shape very well. Squeeze points on the pipe are typically marked in some fashion for future reference. Consult your local utility as to their specific procedure for this operation.

E) **WARNING**



Do not exceed the recommended squeeze and release rates. Temperatures below 32 deg. F. require slower squeezes and releases. Releases are more critical than squeezes; thus, slower rates are required.



When performing a squeeze, stay a minimum of 12" or 3 times the pipe diameter, whichever is greater from fittings, fusions or previously squeezed pipe.



Ensure the grounding system is properly planted in the soil to reduce the chances of static discharge.

F) **Maintenance**

Ensure the tool is in good operating order by routinely:

Inspect the power screw for dirt.	Clean and lubricate
Inspect the power screw thread for damage.	Repair or replace as needed
Inspect the tie rods for dirt and/or damage	Clean, repair or replace as needed
Inspect the squeeze bars for surface damage	Replace if needed
Inspect the Bottom Squeeze Bar pockets (2) for debris	Clean as needed

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