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C400 Gear Operated Squeeze Off Tool

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Preliminary Assembly

To connect the C615-A105 static grounding kit, mount the grounding tool lead to the upper bar, left hand corner with the 1/4" hardware supplied (see attached). Clean all connections prior to assembly. If you are using the optional grounding spike C615-A105 fully install the grounding spike into **firm** ground near the tool. Moist soil is required. Soak the area that the grounding spike will be inserted into if necessary. This is critical as this grounding system will direct any static electric charge that is created when the flow of gas is cut off during the squeeze operation.

Mounting Tool to Pipe (Refer to Figure 1 – tool drawing on page 3)



With Locking Pin (7) disengaged and Sliding Gate (5) engaged with the Front Drive Hex (6), rotate the Top Drive Hex (4), counterclockwise until the opening between the Sliding Bar (10) and the Stationary Bar (1) allows the pipe to be inserted. Ensure the roll pin on the Locking Pin (7) is facing down while opening the tool. Swing open the Stationary Bar (1) and lower the unit over the pipe. Swing the Stationary Bar closed and lock it into position by slightly lifting the bar over the Rod Nut (2). Ensure the recessed pocket in the Bottom Bar has <u>fully engaged</u> and seated with the End Washer/Nut or tool damage could result. (See Pictures 1 and 2)



Picture 1

Picture 2

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Squeezing Pipe

Set the Gauge Plates (3) on each side of the tool to the specific pipe size and SDR value. (See Picture 3) Ensure desired the setting points down and will make contact with the of the lower top squeeze bar. Both gauge plates must be set at the same setting or tool damage and/or an improper squeeze may result.



Picture 3



Picture 4

WARNING: Never squeeze a pipe in the same place twice or pipe damage may result. Stay at least four pipe diameters away from any previously squeezed areas, fittings or fusion areas. Consult your local utility regarding their specific recommendations regarding this procedure. The pipe must be accurately centered between the two side shafts. (See Picture 4) An arrow is machined into the Sliding Bar indicating this center position and the upper radius of the pipe should be in contact at this point. During the squeeze, keep the tool at a right angle to pipe. To operate the Top Drive (4) move the Sliding Gate (5) to the right and engage it with the Front Drive Hex (6). Make sure that the Locking Pin (7) is disengaged with the Power Screw (8). Using a ratchet wrench & drive socket, begin to squeeze the pipe by rotating the Top Drive (4) clockwise. Do not exceed a squeeze rate of 2 inches (50mm) per minute (this maximum rate is specified by the Gas **Research Institute).** Consult your local utility regarding their specific recommendations regarding this procedure. In cold weather conditions, below 0 °C (32 °F), squeeze rates should be slower. Pneumatic Impact Guns are not to be used under any circumstances as both pipe and tool damage could result. Pneumatic Nut Runners may be used as long as their rotation speeds are

limited in such a manner that they do not exceed the squeeze rates for the pipe.

When it becomes too difficult to squeeze the pipe using the Top Drive, rotate the Power Screw (8) until the indicator bar on the Power Screw aligns with the arrow on the locking pin retaining block.



(See Picture 5) Engage the Locking Pin (7). Move the Sliding Gate (5) to the left. This will allow the Front Drive (6) to rotate. (See Picture 6)



Picture 6

Picture 5



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Once the Power Screw (8) is locked with the Locking Pin (7), rotation of the Front Drive (6) (See Picture 7) will advance the squeeze bars through the internal worm gear reduction. Begin advancing the squeeze bars again by rotating the Front Drive in a clockwise direction. Slow squeeze rates are necessary to allow time for the pipe to change shape or "flow". The less time that is given for a pipe to flow, the more force will be required to make the pipe change shape. Also, the more force that is put into changing the pipe shape, the more stress there will be in the pipe. In colder conditions, the pipe will flow more slowly and thus more time must be given in squeeze rates

to allow this flow to occur. The squeezing should

stop just as the Gauge Plates (3) touch the Stationary Bar (1). (See

Picture 8) Do not over squeeze beyond this limit as tool damage may occur. Do not use extensions on the wrench handle to get more squeeze as tool damage may result.



Squeezing Large Diameter Pipe

Picture 7

With Pipe diameters larger than 3" (75mm), the squeezing

process should be paused at intervals to allow the pipe material time to "cold flow" from the squeeze zone. Consult your local utility regarding their specific recommendations regarding this procedure. These waiting periods should be extended in cold weather conditions.



Figure 1 – Tool Drawing



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Releasing Pipe

When the pipe is ready to be released from the squeeze, rotate the Front Drive (6) in the opposite direction. In releasing a pipe from a squeeze, there should be a release rate of no more then **0.5 inches (12.5mm) per minute (this maximum rate is specified by the Gas Research Institute).** Consult your local utility regarding their specific recommendations regarding this procedure.

At some point in the releasing process when loading appears minimal, the operator may wish to switch to using the Top Drive to release the pipe. To operate the Top Drive (4), rotate the Front Drive (6) until the Slide Gate (5) can be engaged with the hex. Disengage the Locking Pin (7) from the Power Screw (8). Then the Top Drive can be rotated in the counterclockwise direction to release the pipe. Again, do not exceed the .5 inches (12.5mm) per minute release rate. In the squeezing of a pipe, a slow release rate is required to allow the plastic to flow and thereby avoid pipe damage. When releasing the pipe in cold weather conditions, below 0 $^{\circ}$ C (32 $^{\circ}$ F), the release rate should be reduced further.

WARNING

Do not exceed the recommended squeeze and release rates. Temperatures below $32^{\circ}F$ ($0^{\circ}C$) will require slower squeeze and release rates. Release is more critical than squeeze, thus slower rates are required.



When performing a squeeze, stay a minimum of 12" or 3 times the pipe diameter, which ever is greater away from fittings, fusion or previously squeezed areas.



To ensure the removal of any static electric charge buildup, ensure the grounding system is properly planted in the soil. Your tool can easily be fitted with a grounding stake if not so equipped. Contact your FOOTAGE TOOLS dealer for installation instructions and

parts.

Tool Maintenance

- 1. **IMPORTANT: Keep the Power Screw (8) thread clean and dry whenever squeezing or opening the tool.** Use a stiff nylon (not wire) brush to clean the threads. This is essential as any debris caught in the threads will track into the female thread and cause binding which will result in excessive forces being required to operate the tool. Do not lubricate this thread with grease or oil. Use only a "Dry" Spray Lubricant.
- 2. IMPORTANT: The two cavities where the Rod Nuts (2) engage the Stationary Bar (1) must be kept clean and free of debris. Inspect before each use and clean as required.
- 3. Keep the side shafts clean.
- 4. Lubrication:

<u>Thrust Bearing in Sliding Bar (10)</u> - Clean the area around the Locking Pin (7) Retaining Plate. Remove the two Cap screws that hold this plate on. Retract the Power Screw (8). While keeping the area clean, coat all bearing surfaces and pack cavity with "Molyslip" #3352 Anti-scuff Paste. Reassemble.

<u>Front Drive (6) Gearbox</u> - With tool flipped upside down (Top Drive (4) down), on a level surface, remove Shoulder Bolt (11) (i.e.: the bolt nearest the Power Screw (8)). The fluid must be up to this level. If low, top up with a mixture of:

10 parts - 75W90 Gear oil 1 part - "Molyslip G" #53422 Molybdenum Disulfide Oil

Important Notice

If you experience difficulty obtaining flow control when squeezing HDPE pipe, we recommend you perform a double squeeze and vent to atmosphere.

Please consult your local Utility for their specific operating procedure.



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