

OWNER'S MANUAL

Footage

IMPORTANT

DO NOT OPERATE THIS TOOL UNLESS THESE INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTOOD.



8" - 12" Hydraulic Steel Squeeze Off Tool

This Footage Tools' C812S Steel Squeeze Off Tool is sold with one pump configuration only. The tool is also equipped with a One Way needle valve, which in closed position allows the oil to pass through in one direction only.

The C812S tool is powered by an air operated hydraulic pump, which is a two speed pump that gives the high pressures needed to squeeze a steel pipe. Requiring 60 to 120 psi air supply pressure to operate, this pump is safer than an electrically operated pump in the potentially explosive atmosphere near a gas main.



The air filter/regulator/lubricator is located next to the pump to ensure it will operate properly.

Ensure the filter/regulator/lubricator is in good operating condition and filled with air tool oil.

The pump contains a 3-position control valve. Shifting the control valve lever to "SQUEEZE" will allow oil to be pumped through the needle valve and effect the squeezing operation of the tool. Similarly, shifting the control valve lever to "RELEASE" will allow oil to be pumped to release

(open) the tool. The "NEUTRAL" position will release any pressure that is in the hoses. An internal bypass valve, set at 10,000 PSI, is built into the pump to prevent over-pressurization of the pump and tool.

Preliminary Assembly:

1) Ensure the pump is filled with good quality, ISO 32 weight, hydraulic oil. To check or refill, connect the pump to the tool and close the tool till bars almost touch, and release system pressure. (Failure to follow this instruction may result in overfilling the reservoir – this could result in reservoir failure due to excessive pressure and possible injury.) Remove cap and fill up to 1 1/2" from top, with the pump level and resting horizontally on the base and recap. **Cleanliness is critical while checking and refilling. Use a funnel with a filter. Do not allow any dirt to enter the reservoir.**



2) If motion of the tool seems jerky, bleeding air from the system may be necessary. To accomplish this, join the two hoses together, eliminating the tool as shown in the photo. Ensure the reservoir oil is topped up. Place the pump control valve to "SQUEEZE" and pump for 1 minutes. Place the pump control valve

to "RELEASE" and pump for 1 minutes. Return the valve to the "NEUTRAL" position. Disconnect the hoses and assemble them to the tool. Ensure tool is lower than pump then cycle the tool fully open, to fully closed. Repeat if necessary. Ensure the reservoir is topped up again, having the tool in the closed position.

Operating Instructions:

INSTALLATION ON PIPE

- 1) Inspect the tool to ensure that it is clean and free from any dirt that may hinder proper operation. Pay particular attention to the bottom bar locking mechanism (See Picture 1) and hydraulic connections. Clean if necessary.
- 2) Using a lifting device, attach device to the lifting eye and carefully lift the tool in vertical position. The tool is equipped with a second connection point, which if necessary can be used to position the tool in an angle over the pipe.
- 4) Carefully inspect the hydraulic hoses on the pump kit, to ensure there are no cuts or leaks. Make certain the hydraulic couplings are clean and then connect the hydraulic hoses from the pump to the squeeze off tool (See Picture 2). **Ensure the threaded collar is fully threaded on so no red paint is visible**, to enable the hydraulic oil to pass through pressure to reach the tool.
- 5) Open the tool by turning the needle valve (located on the tool) all the way (counter-clockwise) and placing the pump control valve into the "RELEASE" position and operate the pump.
- 6) Pull and remove the pin to release locking mechanism then open bottom bar. **Be aware that the balance of the tool will shift because of the change in position of the lower bar.** Swing it to open position and place the tool over the pipe. Now swing bottom bar back into place and make certain bottom bar is fully engaged on the side shaft – install the pin through the locking plate into the bar. (See picture 3).

SQUEEZING THE PIPE

- 1) Whenever steel pipe is squeezed-off and the pipe seam location can be determined, the seam shall be centered on the jaws of the squeeze-off tool. This reduces the stress that may cause the pipe to split.



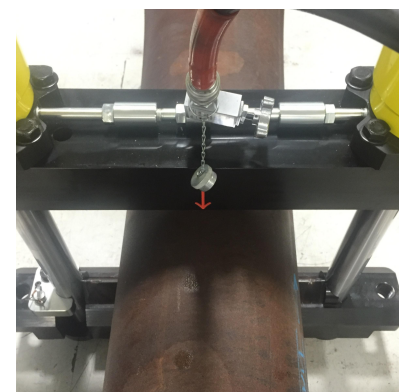
Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3



Picture 4

- 2) If the seam cannot be determined, squeeze the pipe and in the event of a split seam, rotate the tool 90 degrees and perform the squeeze again.
- 3) Depending on the age of the pipe, internal or external corrosion and metal content, steel pipe will typically squeeze to 98% closed.

4) General recommendations:

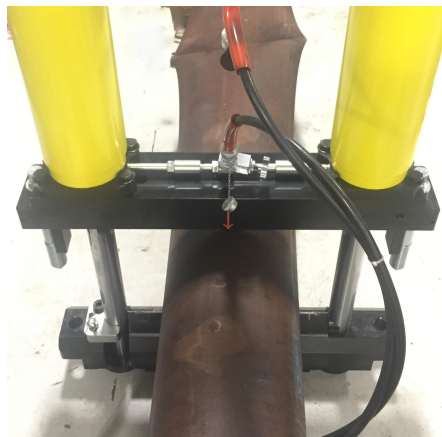
- **Ensure that area of pipe chosen to squeeze off is free from excessive corrosion, welds, seams branch tees, etc.**
- **Remove coatings and or pipe wraps if required or possible**
- **Do not exceed the minimum pressure required to effectively stop or reduce the flow of gas to a safe workable environment**
- **Due to the nature of steel pipe and its fondness to corrode both internally and externally, steel pipe can either shear or split with no warning**
- **Bubble tight results can in no way be guaranteed due to the age of the pipe, condition of the pipe both inside and out along with the pipes metal integrity which can vary on any given portion of the pipe being squeezed**
- **With blocks or sling, fully support the full weight of the tool to prevent any damage to pipe and or tool as pipe is being squeezed**

5) Make sure the pipe is centrally located between the bars and 90 degrees to tool. Use a tape measure to help center the pipe (See *Picture 4*). This will ensure a proper squeeze and will prevent damage of the tool.

6) Close the needle valve by rotating valve fully clockwise to a finger tight tension only. Move the control lever on the pump to the "SQUEEZE" position.

7) Start operating the pump to advance the squeeze bars toward the pipe. Ensure the tool remains positioned centrally and in a perpendicular position on the pipe. **If this is not done, tool and pipe damage may result.** (See *Picture 5 & 6*)

8) As hydraulic pressure increases and the safety lock down bolts start to rise up, start threading safety lock down bolts into lower bar. Doing so will ensure that squeeze bars will remain safely fixed in the unlikely event of a hydraulic failure. (See *Picture 7*)



Picture 5

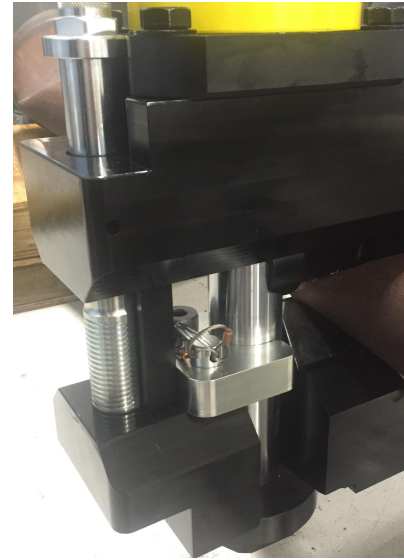


Picture 6

9) Continue squeezing the pipe until the flow is shut down, a workable environment has been achieved or until the bars come in contact with the safety stops. **Note: once bars have reached the stops, DO NOT CONTINUE TO PUMP,** as damage to the tool may result.

10) Continue to thread the lock down bolts until they are snug with the surface of the top bar. The tool is now safely secured to the pipe. Use the ratchet and socket to gently tighten the bolts. (See Picture 8)

11) If the hydraulic pressure requires to be release, first open the needle valve from the tool, followed by switching the control valve in release position. Now the hoses and the pump can be disconnected from the tool and removed from work area.



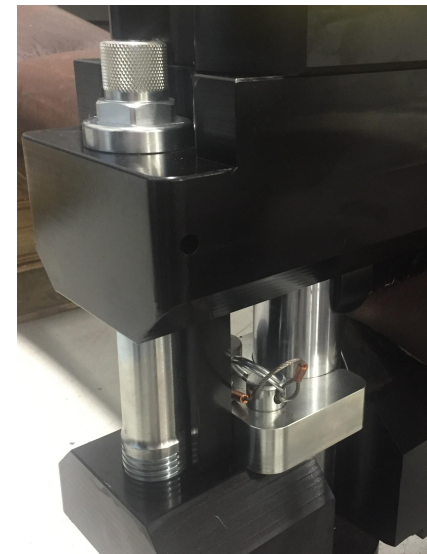
Picture 7

WARNING: DO NOT DISCONNECT THE PUMP FROM THE TOOL UNTIL THE HYDRAULIC PRESSURE HAS BEEN RELEASED

12) Perform desired work on the pipe.

RELEASING THE PIPE

1) Connect the lifting device to the tool. If the hydraulic pump has been disconnected, re-connect, as per procedure in section 2 from operating instruction. Once the hydraulic pump is securely attached, ensure that the needle valve is closed (clockwise and finger tight). Note: It is necessary to apply hydraulic pressure on the tool, in order to free the lock down bolts. Once the bolts are fully disengaged and they can be lifted up by hand, the releasing process can start. (See picture 7).



Picture 8

2) **Ensure the needle valve is fully closed.** Move the pump control valve handle from "SQUEEZE" to "NEUTRAL" to "RELEASE". Slowly open the needle valve and the tool will start to open immediately. Should the operator want to stop the release, close the needle valve or return the pump control valve handle to the "SQUEEZE" position. As the pipe opens slightly, the pressure in the tool will decrease. Once the pipe has stopped opening at its now crimped state, the tool will not open any further. The operator can then toggle control lever 2 or 3 times between the "SQUEEZE" and "RELEASE" positions to equalize any remaining pressure within the pump, lines and tool. Then the operator can **fully** open (counterclockwise) the needle valve, place control lever in the "RELEASE" position then operate the pump to open tool for removal from pipe. Continue to open the tool until it can be removed from the pipe. **Once the tool is fully open, do not continue to pump. Continuing to pump will cause hydraulic oil to be vented from the relief valve to prevent tool damage.**

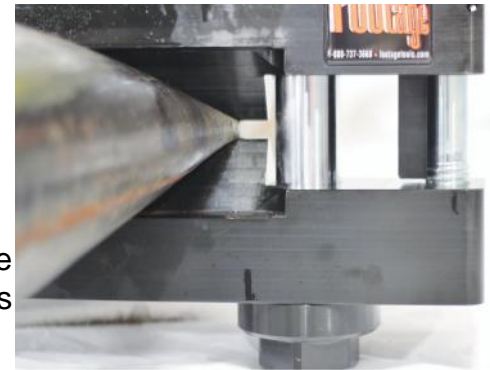
3) To remove the tool from the pipe let the upper bar rest against the pipe. Pull and remove the pin from the locking mechanism then rotate the bottom bar clear of the pipe. The tool may now be lifted clear of the pipe. Close and secure bottom bar.

Be aware that the balance of the tool will shift because of the change in position of the lower bar.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

WARNING:

When squeezing the pipe, **DO NOT** continue to squeeze after the bars come in contact with the safety stops. This may cause damage to the tool (See Picture 9).



Picture 9

WARNING:

When performing a squeeze, position the tool properly centered over the pipe, so the pipe will be in the middle of the jaws.

If it is necessary to perform a squeeze on a pipe that was previously squeezed, position the tool at least 3 diameters from the previous squeeze, to ensure the tool will remain perpendicular to the pipe during the squeezing process (See Picture 10).



Picture 10

WARNING:

All operators and personnel must wear their PPE (personal protective equipment) while operating or around hydraulic tool, pump and hoses.

Always keep in mind that high pressure hydraulic equipment can cause serious injury if not properly maintained.

Repair any leaks or damage to system prior to use of these tools.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

For squeezing all types and sizes of steel pipe, the customer SHOULD consider regular training and testing on sample pipes used in their gas network.

This will allow for familiarity of required hydraulic pressures for given pipe sizes as well as any sounds the pipe may or may not make while being squeezed or released.

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MAINTENANCE

This section contains maintenance instructions for the tool. Do not attempt any maintenance which you do not fully understand or that you cannot do accurately and safely with the tools and equipment available to you. If you encounter a problem that you do not understand or cannot solve, contact your Footage Tools dealer.

Ensure the tool is in good operating order by routinely:

Cycle pump monthly	See section # 2 in Preliminary Inspection section
Inspecting pump fluid level (See Preliminary Assembly)	Top up as needed
Bleeding air from hydraulic system.	Position tool lower than the pump. Without squeezing a pipe, open and close the tool to release any air into the reservoir. Top up the pump fluid level.
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Inspecting tool, pump, valves, gauge and hoses for oil leakage.	Tighten, repair or replace as required
Inspecting squeeze bars and inserts for damage.	Replace if needed
Inspecting the lock-down bolts for damage. Ensure proper engagement	Replace if needed
Inspecting lock pin & locking gate for damage.	Replace if needed
Inspect cylinder rods for dirt	Clean as needed.
Ensure that no dirt has accumulated between bottom bar and rod nuts	Clean as needed.

SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL	C812S
Max Steel SCH20 & 40 Pipe Diameter:	12"
Weight of tool:	920 lbs.
Operating Pressure (max):	10,000 PSI
Max. air pressure for air / hydraulic pump:	120 PSI
Accessory Kit (pump, 20' hoses, 10,000 psi gauge, air filter/regulator/lubricator:	C812S-AK1

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