



## P359 Pneumatic Powered Plastic Strapping Tool

### OPERATION MANUAL



<b>Machine</b>	Pneumatic Powered Plastic Strapping Tool
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## **1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Congratulations on the purchase of your Fromm Pneumatic Powered Plastic Strapping Tool. We trust you will have many years of packaging efficiency.

*Before proceeding with the operation or installation of your new tool please read this manual thoroughly and gain a full understanding of the requirements, features and operation of your new tool.*

### **1.1 Note of Installation**

To ensure your tool operates in a safe manner please review the following requirements:

1. Tool power is pneumatic air, 6.0 bars / 87 psi.
2. Keep work area clean.
3. Tool can operate in temperatures between -10°C and 45°C.
4. Please ensure you download and read our Install Guide before attempting it yourself.

### **1.2 Notice of Operation**

Before you start using the pneumatic tool, please review the following conditions:

1. Before operating, please read the operational manual carefully.
2. Ensure the switch is in the off position before connecting the air hose.
3. Avoid any damp object or water around the electric parts.
4. When a problem does occur, please check the troubleshooting section for more information and advice.

## 2. SPECIFICATION

### 2.1 Specification table

Model	P359
Strap Width	19-32mm
Strap Thickness	0.6-1.53mm
Strap Tension	4000-7000 Newtons
Tensioning Speed	60-120mm/s
Joint Strength	Approx. 75%
Tool Size	372mm(L)x176mm(W)x146mm(H)
Weight	8.2kg
Sound level	90dB
Air Pressure	6.0 bars / 87 psi
Joining Thread	G 1/4, minimum Ø inside 7.2mm
Air Flow of Air Unit	Min. 200 NI/min with a maximum pressure drop of 0.5 bar / 7.25 psi
Air Consumption	Tensioning: Approx. 6.5 NI uncompressed air /sec Sealing: Approx. 10.9 NI uncompressed air /sec
Oil for Air Unit	HL / CL ISO VG 10

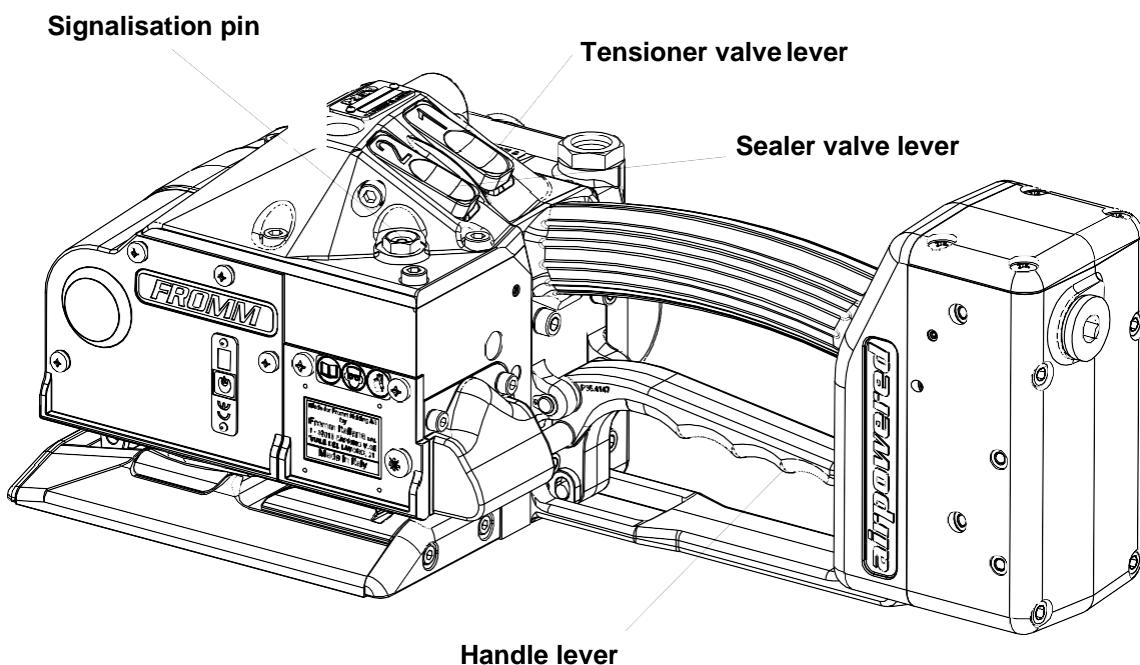
#### Accessories:

- Wearing Plate
- Protection Plate

### 2.2 Chart of Types

Item No.	Model	Strap Width	Strap Thickness	Max. Tension	Tensioning Speed
49.0503	P359/19/0.80-1.53	19.0 mm	0.80 - 1.53 mm	3500	120
49.0504	P359/19/0.80-1.53	19.0 mm	0.80 - 1.53 mm	7000	60
49.0511	P359/25/0.60-0.79	25.0 mm	0.60 - 0.79 mm	3500	120
49.0512	P359/25/0.60-0.79	25.0 mm	0.60 - 0.79 mm	7000	60
49.0513	P359/25/0.80-1.35	25.0 mm	0.80 - 1.35 mm	3500	120
49.0514	P359/25/0.80-1.35	25.0 mm	0.80 - 1.35 mm	7000	60
49.0521	P359/32/0.60-0.79	32.0 mm	0.60 - 0.79 mm	3500	120
49.0522	P359/32/0.60-0.79	32.0 mm	0.60 - 0.79 mm	7000	60
49.9523	P359/32/0.80-1.35	32.0 mm	0.80 - 1.35 mm	3500	120
49.0524	P359/32/0.80-1.35	32.0 mm	0.80 - 1.35 mm	7000	60

## 2.3 Tool Description

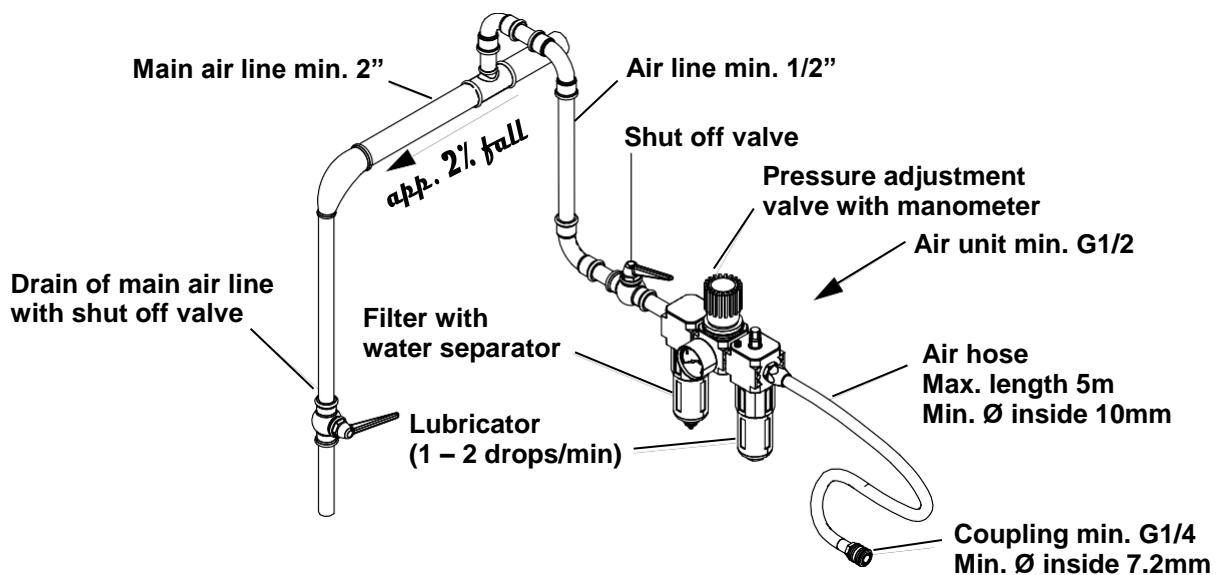


### 3. OPERATION DESCRIPTION

#### 3.1 Installation

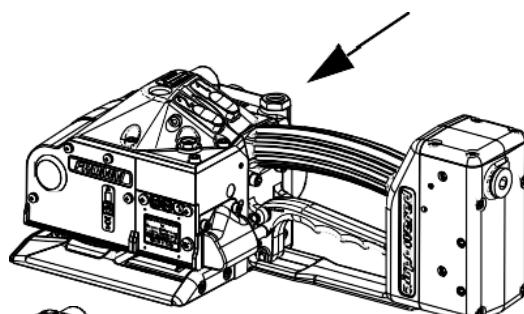
##### Compressed Air Connection

The compressed air should be connected to the tool preferably by a quick coupling. It is very important to clean the compressed air with an air unit consisting of a separator for water and dirt, a pressure regulator with a manometer and a lubricator (see sketch).

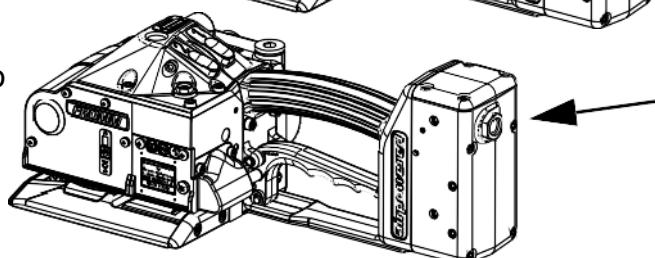


##### Possible Connections at the Tool

Factory produced the connection for the air supply is prepared from the top.

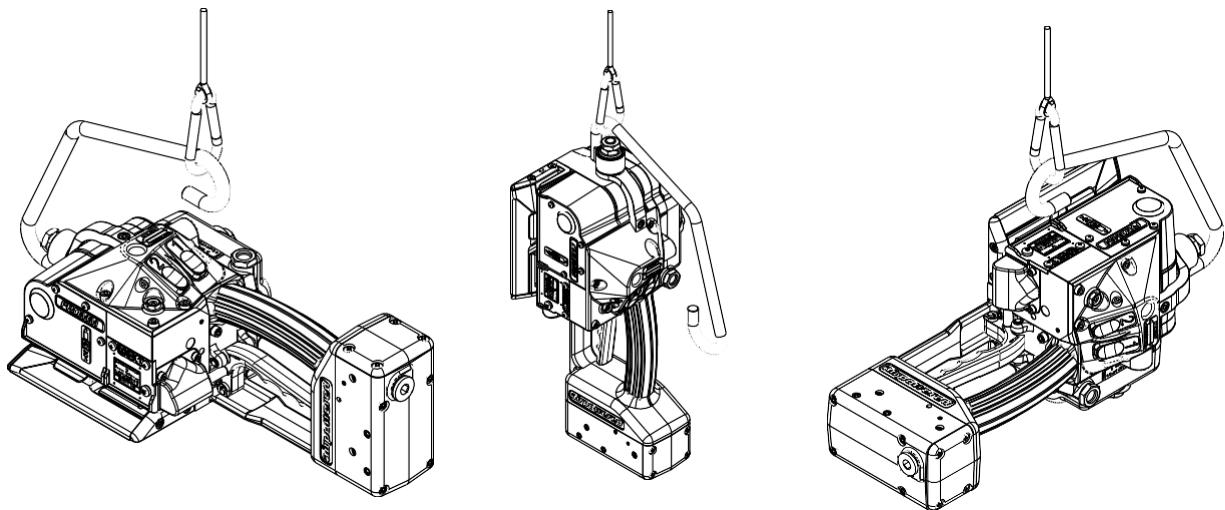


According to requirement the connection can also be assembled to the rear end of the tool.



### 3.2 Suspension of Tool

It is possible to suspend the tool on a spring loaded balancer using the suspension bracket which is supplied with the tool. The suspension bracket has been designed in such a way, that the tool can be used for all three working positions.



### 3.3 Adjustments

#### 3.3.1 Preselecting of Strap Tension and Tensioning Speed



Do not adjust the tensioning force too high.

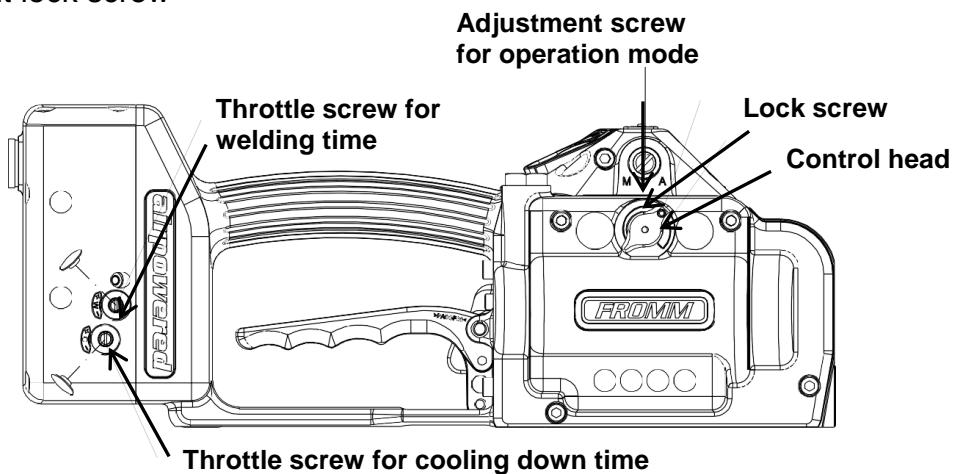
If the tensioning force is higher than the tensioning strength of the strap, the strap will tear while tensioning.

Tensioning force and tensioning speed can be preselected at the control head.

- Loose lock screw;
- Press the control head against the tool and turn it.

Turning clockwise increases; turning counterclockwise decreases the tensioning force and the tensioning speed resp..

- Tight lock screw



### 3.3.2 Adjusting the Welding Time

Depending on the size and quality of the strap, different welding times are required. The welding time can be set at the throttle screw using a screwdriver 4.5 x 0.8 mm.

- Remove the cap cover
- Turning the screwdriver clockwise increases the welding time.
- Turning the screwdriver counterclockwise decreases the welding time.

Adjustment in small steps is recommended.

### 3.3.3 Adjustment of the Cool Down Time

In order to obtain a high seal strength, the welded straps must cool down under pressure of the sealing jaws. The required cool down time between 1 to 5 seconds depends on the strap dimension, the strap quality and the strap tension.

The time can be adjusted at the throttle screw for cool down time using a screwdriver of 4.5 x 0.8 mm.

- Remove the cap cover
- Turning the screwdriver clockwise increases the welding time.
- Turning the screwdriver counterclockwise decreases the welding time.

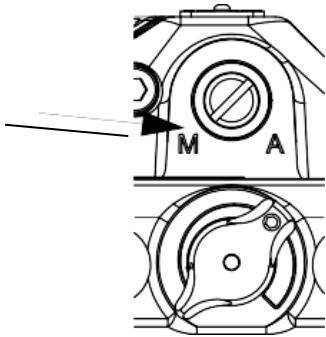
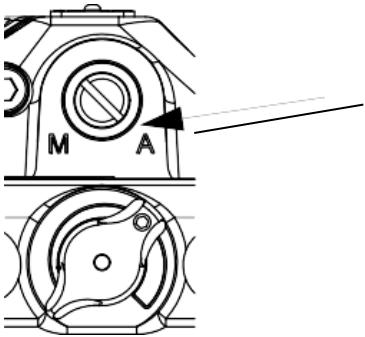
Adjustment in small steps is recommended.

### 3.3.4 Choose Operation Mode

There are 2 operation modes possible.

1. Manual - In this operation mode is the tensioning as well as the welding of the strap started by the operator.
2. Semi-Automatic - In this operation mode the welding of the strap is automatically started as soon as the preselected tension has been reached.

The choice of the operation mode can be made with the adjustment screw for operation mode.

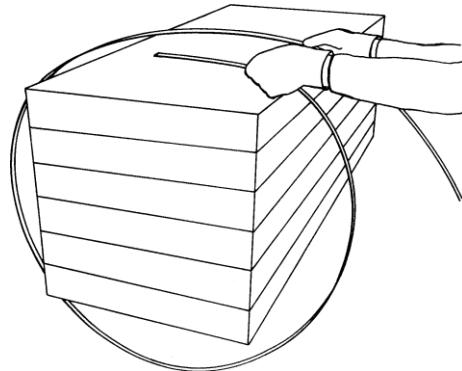
Operation Mode – Manual	Operation Mode – Semi-Automatic
	
Press adjustment screw in the tool and turn clockwise until it locks	Turn adjustment screw counter clockwise, the screw moves to the outside of the tool

### 3.4 Feeding the Strap Around the Package

The strapping is fed around the package as illustrated.

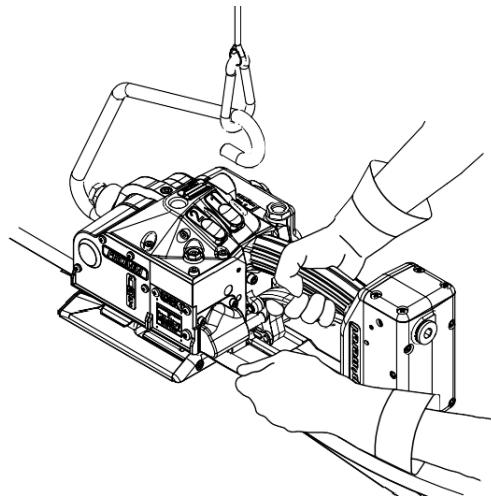


**Warning!** The plastic strap which will be welded must be free from oil, grease and other dirt. Dirty plastic straps can't be welded correct.



### 3.5 Inserting the Strap

- Pull up the handle lever firmly with your right hand.
- Insert the two straps well aligned on each other into the strap guide using your left hand. The lower strap end must slightly protrude the end of the base plate.
- Release the handle lever.

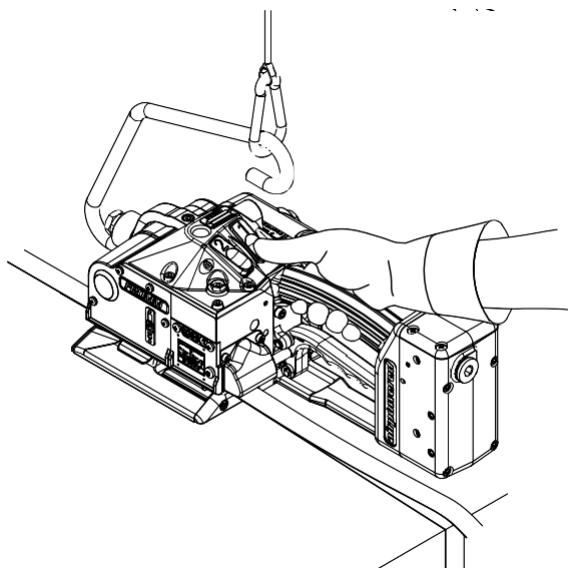


After welding of the strapping it is neither permitted to tension again nor to weld again. After welding and cooling the tool has to be removed from the strapping before a new strapping cycle is started. Disregard of this instruction can cause severe malfunction and damage to the tool.

### 3.6 Tensioning the Strap, Operation Mode – Manual

- Press the tension button and then release it again after the desired strap tension has been reached.

The tensioning operation can be interrupted and restarted at any time.



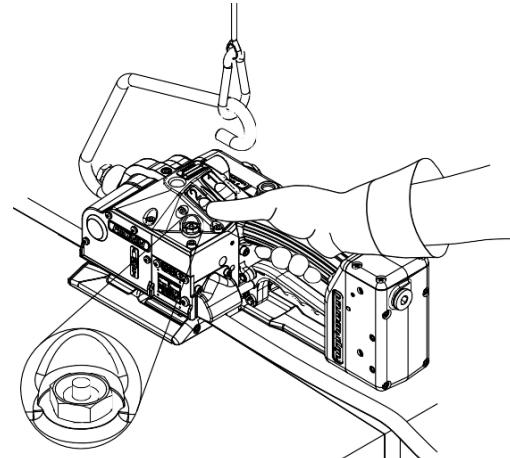
### **3.7 Sealing the Straps, Operation Mode – Manual**

- Press and release immediately the sealing button.

The plastic strap is welded and cut off from the rest of the strap.

The signalisation pin is extended.

After termination of the welding operation, the welding gripper and the signalisation pin remains in its position during the cooling down time. During that time the tool must not be removed from the sealed strap.



### **3.8 Tensioning and Sealing the Straps, Operation Mode – Semi-Automatic**

- Push tension button until the adjusted tension force is reached.

The tensioning operation can be interrupted and restarted at any time.

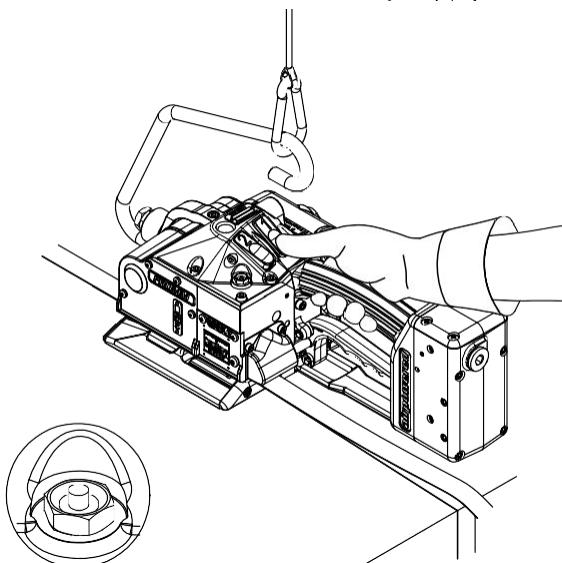
After reaching the adjusted strap tension the sealing cycle is initiated automatically.

- Release the tension button after the sealing process has been started.

The plastic strap is welded and cut off from the strap coil at the same time.

The signalisation pin is extended.

After termination of the welding operation, the welding gripper and the signalisation pin remains in its position during the cooling down time. During that time, the tool must not be removed from the sealed strap.



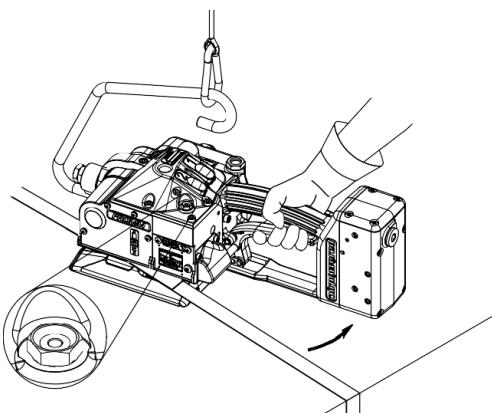
**The tool must not be removed from the strap as long as the cooling time is not finished. Disregard of this regulation is causing insufficient seal efficiencies, which can cause severe injuries.**

### **3.9 Removing the Tool**

After the expiration of the adjusted cooling time the welding jaw move upwards.

The signalisation pin is sunken. Now the tool can be removed from the strap.

- Pull up the handle lever,
- Pull the tool right / backwards and off the strapping.



### 3.10 Seal - Control

A regular control of the seal is necessary. The seal can be examined visually. Make a seal, peel it apart and examine it as follows:



#### Correct Seal

The seal must be completely welded over the whole width of the strap on a length of ca. 19mm. Minor quantities of fused plastic may overflow on sides.



#### Welding Time Too Short

The plastic strap is not welded over the whole width of the strap. The seal efficiency is insufficient.

Warning! Straps with insufficient seal strength must be removed from the package. Adjust the welding time (see 3.3.2).



#### Welding Time is Too Long

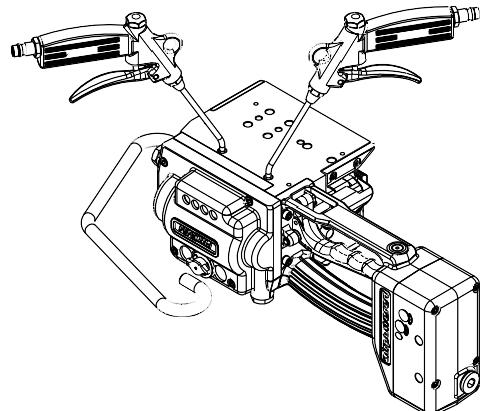
If the welding time is too long the straps are overheated. The fused plastic overflows on both sides of the straps. The seal efficiency is affected. Warning! Straps with insufficient seal strength must be removed from the package. Adjust the welding time (see 3.3.2).

### 3.11 Cleaning

Clean strap gripping parts from strap abrasion regularly using compressed air.

Do not use any mechanical tool for cleaning.

When cleaning the surface of the tool do not use water or aggressive solvents.



### 3.12 Air Unit

- Checking the air-pressure daily (never exceed 6 bar / 87psi)
- Checking oil-level daily
- The water separator must be emptied before it is full (unless automatic)
- The filter has to be cleaned following the instructions of the manufacturer of the air-unit
- Check the function and proper adjustment of the lubricator daily (approximately 1-2 drops/min.)

#### **4. SAFETY NOTICES**

1. It is not recommended to disassemble, modify or not respect the implemented safety measures. In that case, the manufacturer will not be held responsible for any possible damage caused.
2. Do not use the tool in a place where water and oil might splash.
3. Use personal protective equipment. Always wear eye protection.
4. Check tool regularly for broken or worn parts. Do not operate a tool with broken or worn parts.
5. Do not use the tool in any way which is not specified in this manual.
6. It is forbidden to exceed the limits of use and operation with regards to weights and sizes of loads.
7. For use with plastic (PET) strapping only.

## **5. SAFETY RULES FOR STRAPING TOOLS**

### **5.1 Joints**

You are fully responsible to review the joints made by your tool. Become familiar with the seal control and seal adjustment described in this operation manual.

Misformed joints may not secure the load and could cause serious injury. Never handle or ship any load with improperly formed joints.

### **5.2 Dispensing Strap**

Only dispense strap from a dispenser specifically designed for strap. Tuck strap end back into dispenser when not in use.

### **5.3 Strap Warnings**

Never use strap as a means of pulling or lifting loads. Failure to follow these warnings can result in severe personal injury.

### **5.4 Strap Breakage Hazard**

Improper operation of the tool, excessive tensioning, using strap not recommended for this tool or sharp corners on the load can result in a sudden loss of strap tension or in strap breakage during tensioning, which could result in the following:

- A sudden loss of balance causing you to fall.
- Both tool and strap flying violently towards your face.

Note as follows:

- If the load corners are sharp, use edge protectors.
- Place the strap correctly around a properly positioned load.
- Positioning yourself in-line with the strap, during tensioning and sealing, can result in severe personal injury from flying strap or tool. When tensioning or sealing, position yourself to one side of the strap and keep all bystanders away.
- Use the correct strap quality, strap width, strap gauge and strap tensile strength recommended in this manual for your tool. Using strap not recommended for this tool can result in strap breakage during tensioning.

### **5.5 Cutting Tensioned Strap**

When cutting strapping, use the proper strapping cutter and keep other personnel and yourself at a safe distance from the strap. Always stand to side of the strap, away from the direction the loosened strap end will fly. Use only cutters designed for strap and never hammers, pliers, hacksaws, axes, etc.

### **5.6 Fall Hazard**

Keep your working area tidy. Untidiness of your working area may cause a risk of injury. Maintaining improper footing and/or balance when operating the tool can cause you to fall. Before tensioning and especially in elevated areas, always establish good balance. Both feet should be securely placed on a flat, solid surface, especially when working in elevated areas. Do not use the tool when you are in an awkward position.

Pay attention to the rules and regulations for preventions of accident which are valid for the work place.

## **6. SUGGESTED MAINTENANCE & TROUBLE SHOOTING**

### **6.1 Suggested Maintenance**

Fromm Packaging Australia recommends servicing every six months as a minimum, but many tools have different service intervals depending on condition and throughput. It's best to discuss your servicing requirements with Fromm Packaging.

### **6.2 Warranty Periods**

To provide you with peace of mind all Fromm stretch wrapping, strapping and carton taping equipment includes a two year warranty from the date of delivery to your site. The warranty includes all deficiencies clearly resulting from poor manufacturing or faulty materials. Damage claims as a result of production shutdowns and claims for damage to persons and to property resulting from warranty deficiencies covering structural components and non-wearing parts effective from date of delivery to your site.

The warranty excludes:

- Wearing parts (tensioning wheels, cutters, punches, dies, notching knives, grippers and motors),
- Deficiencies resulting from improper installing, incorrect handling and maintaining the tool,
- Deficiencies resulting from using the tool without or with defective security – and safety devices,
- Disregard of directions in the operation manual,
- Arbitrary modifications of the tool,
- Deficient control or wearing parts,
- Deficient repair work to the equipment,
- Use of consumable products not recommended by the supplier of the equipment.

We reserve the right to modify the product at any time to improve the quality.

Please visit the Fromm website for the full terms of sale - [www.fromm-pack.com.au/terms-of-sale/](http://www.fromm-pack.com.au/terms-of-sale/)

### **6.3 Fromm Service Solutions**

Fromm service technicians are trained to service all stretch wrapping, strapping and carton taping machines which we sell and are your on-site expert support to optimise the performance and reliability of your packaging equipment.

With technical offices in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne metro areas we are on hand to ensure your equipment is running smoothly. Customers located outside metropolitan areas we offer phone support and can organise onsite technical support when needed.

## 6.4 Possible troubleshooting causes and remedies

### Troubleshooting

Tool Trouble	Possibilities	Solution
Tool doesn't tension, Tensioning motor runs	The tensioning wheel is packed with strap residue or is worn and mills on the strap	Clean tensioning wheel with compressed air or replace it
	Wrong tensioning wheel or tensioning wheel is assembled reversed	Correct assembling or use the correct tensioning wheel
	Grippers are dirty, worn or wrongly assembled	Replace grippers, clean them with compressed air or assemble correctly
	Gearing parts from the tensioning gear are defective	Check tensioning gear and replace defect parts
Tool doesn't weld, motor runs	Welding gripper is dirty or worn	Clean and check welding gripper and replace damaged one
	Welding stop gripper is dirty or worn	Clean and check welding stop gripper and replace damaged one
	Pinion P32.1123 lose at the motor of welding eccentric, resp. The journal at the welding eccentric is broken off	Check component parts and replace damaged ones
	Welding piston P35.0203 not down	Check component parts and replace damaged ones
Motor doesn't run	Motor defective	Check component parts and replace damaged ones
	Tensioning gear defective	Check component parts and replace damaged ones
	Needle free wheeling assembled reversed	Assemble correctly
	Welding mechanism defective	Check component parts and replace damaged ones
	Pneumatic control system is defective	Check component parts and replace damaged ones

<b>Tool Trouble</b>	<b>Possibilities</b>	<b>Solution</b>
Tensioning wheel turns back immediately after the tensioning cycle	Defective needle free wheeling	Check and replace if necessary
Gear noise	Tensioning or welding gear is worn	Check component parts and replace damaged ones
Motor does not stop	Welding motor valve jam, resp. the welding time valve is blocked	Check and clean parts, exchange damaged parts
	Diameter of the air supply hose is too small	Install air supply hose with a minimum inner diameter of 10mm
	Not enough air volume	Take care that there is enough air volume
Tool badly cuts the strap or doesn't cut at all	Cutter is worn or damaged	Replace cutter
	Wrong adjustment of the coupler P35.0227	Check the adjustment and readjust if necessary
	Welding gripper is worn	Replace welding gripper
	Welding time too short	Change adjustment (See 3.3.2)
	Defective pressure spring N2.5211	Replace pressure spring
Welding time not adjustable	Welding time valve dirty or damaged	Clean and check component parts and replace damaged ones
Tensioning force not adjustable	Tension force control valve dirty or damaged	Clean and check component parts and replace damaged ones

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