

TIMBERLINE
TOOL®

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

**MODEL TR250
TOPREACH CLAMP**

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For your personal safety
READ and UNDERSTAND
instructions before using tools.



SAVE these instructions
for future reference.

SPECIFICATIONS

*Table 1 : Squeeze-off Tool for 1/2" to 2" (15mm - 63mm) PE Pipe **



NOTE

Length:	6.5 ft **	2.0 m **
Width:	10.4 in	26.4 cm
Weight:	19.0 lb	8.62 kg

Table 2 : Rate of Closure

Pipe Size	# of Revolutions to Close	Maximum # of Revolutions per minute to Close per ASTM Specifications	Max Revolutions per second
1/2" CTS	53	106	1.7
1/2" IPS	53	106	1.7
1/2" SIDR	53	106	1.7
3/4" CTS	53	70	1.1
3/4" IPS	53	70	1.1
3/4" SIDR	53	70	1.1
1" CTS	53	53	.8
1" IPS	53	53	.8
1" SIDR	53	53	.8
1-1/4" CTS	53	42	.7
1-1/4" IPS	53	42	.7
1-1/4" SIDR	53	42	.7
1-1/2" CTS	53	35	.5
1-1/2" IPS	53	35	.5
1-1/2" SIDR	53	35	.5
2" CTS	53	26	.4
2" IPS	53	26	.4
2" SIDR	53	26	.4

* Manufacturer reserves the right to change specifications without notice.

** Additional handle extensions may be added to increase the reach of the tool.

INTRODUCTION

Timberline squeeze-off tools are designed to temporarily stop the pressurized flow of liquid or gas in polyethylene (PE) pipe.

Squeeze-off is a technique used to control the flow of gas or liquid in polyethylene pipe by compressing the pipe between parallel bars until the inside surfaces make contact. The flexibility and toughness of most polyethylene pipes allow the pipe to recover from a properly made squeeze-off without a measurable loss in service life. Squeeze-off is useful for making installation tie-ins and emergency repairs.

Timberline squeeze-off tools are made from high strength aluminum for superior durability and will not bend or break under normal use. However, care must be taken to ensure that the pipe is free of foreign material and the slap on jaw matches the diameter and wall thickness / SDR of the pipe to be squeezed. *

Please read the following suggested procedure for squeezing off polyethylene plastic pipe using Timberline Squeeze-off Tools.

GENERAL SAFETY RULES

For all Tools

READ and UNDERSTAND all instructions. Failure to follow all instructions listed below may result in serious personal injury and/or damage to the tool.

The following ASTM standards provide guidance and requirements for squeeze-off tools, operating procedures, and qualification procedures.

- ASTM F1041, "Standard Guide for Squeeze-off of Polyolefin Gas Pressure Pipe and Tubing"
- ASTM F1563, "Standard Specification for Tools to Squeeze-Off Polyethylene (PE) Gas Pipe or Tubing"
- ASTM F1734, "Standard Practice for Qualification of a Combination of Squeeze Tool, Pipe, and Squeeze-Off Procedures to Avoid Long-Term Damage in Polyethylene (PE) Gas Pipe"

* The SDR is the ratio of pipe diameter to wall thickness. SDR can be expressed as $SDR = D/s$ where D = pipe outside diameter and s = pipe wall thickness.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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Static Electricity Safety



WARNING

Use a proper grounding rod at all times to insure personal safety.

PE pipe is a relatively low conductor of electricity. As a result PE pipe does build up a static charge when it is in gas service due to the gas flow on the inside of the pipe. During squeeze-off a larger amount of static charge builds up.

In addition to the potential for pipe damage due to static discharge, the build up of a static charge represents an ignition source. Timberline Tool recommends that you follow all of your company grounding techniques and that all personnel involved in squeeze-off operations receive training on those grounding procedures so that they understand the hazards involved.

Workplace Safety



CAUTION

Prior to using any squeeze-off tool, consult ASTM Standards F1041-02, F1563-01 and F1734-03.

Always follow applicable company and OSHA safety procedures.

Observe pipe manufacturers' recommendations and precautions for squeeze-off of polyethylene pipe, exercising particular caution when leaking gas is present.

Safety first. Timberline squeeze-off tools must be used by qualified, trained personnel only and must never be left on the pipe unattended. Refer to pipe manufacturers' recommendations for locating squeeze-off distances from fittings and joints.

Personal Safety



WARNING

Stay Alert, watch what you are doing, and do not use tools while tired or under the influence of narcotics, alcohol, or medication.

Use proper clothing, eye protection, and safety equipment when using squeeze-tools.

A moment of inattention while operating squeeze-off tools may result in personal injury.

Store idle tools out of reach of children and other untrained persons.

Specific Tool Safety



If you have used other Timberline products please be aware that the operation of this tool may differ from others and that you may need to follow different rules. Always consult the manual to insure you are following the correct safety instructions to avoid personal injury.

Tool Usage Safety

Do not force the tool to perform a squeeze-off. The tool will operate safer and better if the rate of squeeze in these instructions is followed.

Maintain the tool with care. A properly maintained tool will be less likely to cause damage and is easier to control.

Check for misalignment, binding of parts, breakage of parts, and other conditions that might affect the operation of the tool. Accidents may be caused by improperly maintained tools.

Always use the Timberline Tr250 with the grounding rod inserted in the ground when working with natural gas, or any other flammable substance.

Use only the accessories, slap-on jaws, or extension handles that correspond to your product. Accessories specific for one tool may be hazardous if used on a different tool.

Failure to use the Tr250 in the manner specified in this manual may result in injury and/or permanent damage to the tool.

This tool complies with ASTM F1563-01.



Always make sure to use the slap-on jaw that corresponds to the pipe size and SDR or wall thickness of the pipe to be squeezed-off.

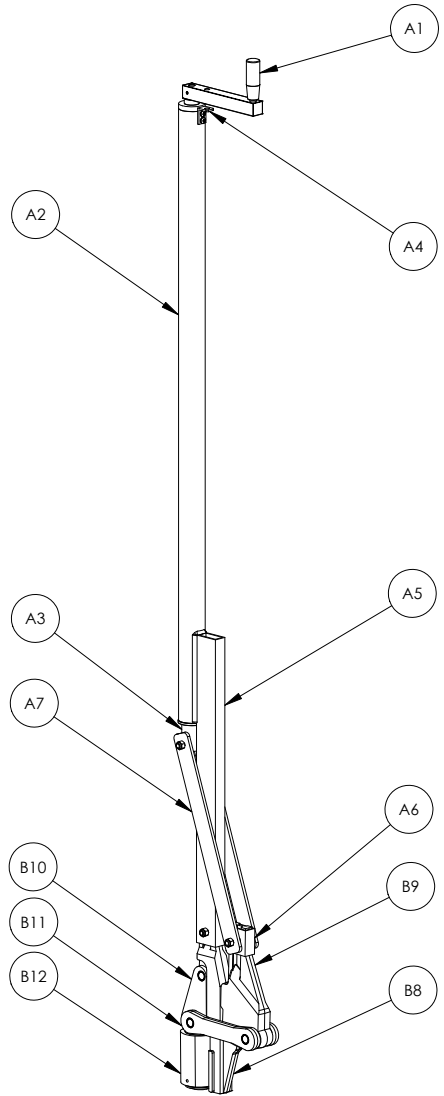
Tool Service Safety



Tool service must only be performed by qualified repair personnel. Service or maintenance performed by unqualified personnel could result in a risk of injury.

TR250 DIAGRAM

- A1 – Rotating Handle
- A2 – Outer Tube
- A3 – Inner Tube
- A4 – Lock-out Tab
- A5 – Top Jaw Attachment Tube
- A6 – Top Handle Attachment Tube
- A7 – Extension Links
- B8 – Top Jaw
- B9 – Top Handle
- B10 – Bottom Jaw
- B11 – Links
- B12 – Rotating Jaw Sleeve



NOTE

Familiarize yourself with all parts, names, and numbers. Refer to this diagram for the assembly and operation procedures that follow.

OPERATING PROCEDURE



Remember this is only a recommended procedure for a safe and effective squeeze-off. Always follow your specific company safety rules when working around natural gas.

1. Ground the tool with the **Grounding Rod**.
2. Rotate the **Jaw Sleeve** so the correct pipe size lines up with the pipe size indicator arrow shown on the **Tool Link**. (*Fig 1*)
3. Turn the **Rotating Handle** counter clockwise to open the TR250. (*Fig 2*)



Fig 1

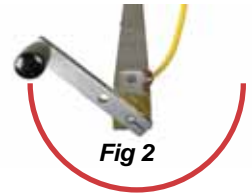


Fig 2



Make sure the pipe is clear of any debris, rock, dirt, etc.

4. Place the tool over the pipe until the **Tool Links** are tight against the pipe. (*Fig 3*)
5. Turn the **Rotating Handle** clockwise until the pipe is squeezed-off. Refer to Table 2 on Page 2 for the suggested rate of closure per ASTM specifications. (*Fig 4*)



Fig 3



Fig 4



Do not over tighten – squeeze off is complete when the jaw hits its' mechanical stop.

6. Place a lock-out/tag-out through the holes in the rotating handle and the lock-out tab to prevent accidental release of the tool during service operations. (*Fig 5*)
7. When removing the tool from the pipe turn the rotating handle counter clockwise at half the closing rate per ASTM Specifications.



Fig 5



If recommended, re-round the pipe according to instructions provided by the manufacturer. Mark the location to avoid a future squeeze at the same location.

SERVICE

After every 10 uses:

1. Lubricate the pins and bushings with light oil. **(Fig 6)**
2. Lubricate the rotating jaw sleeve with a small amount of light oil. **(Fig 7)**
3. Lubricate the collar at the top of the outer tube with light oil. **(Fig 8)**



Fig 6



Fig 7



Fig 8



If you have questions, please feel free to contact our customer service representative at 1-800-735-6845 or by email at service@timberlinetool.com

ACCESSORIES



Any accessories or attachments recommended for use with your Timberline Tool are specified in this manual. The use of any other accessories or attachments might present the risk of injury. Only use accessories or attachments for their stated purpose.

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Warranty Policy

Every product manufactured by Timberline Tool is thoroughly inspected and tested before leaving the factory. Our products are warranted to be free of defects from workmanship and materials for the period of ONE YEAR from the date of original purchase. Should any trouble develop with our tools, handles, or accessories during this one-year period please call 800.735.6845 to obtain return authorization for repair. If inspection shows the trouble is caused by defective workmanship or material, Timberline Tool will repair or, at our option, replace the product without charge.

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