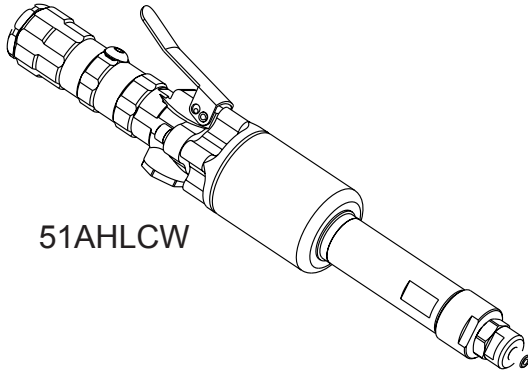
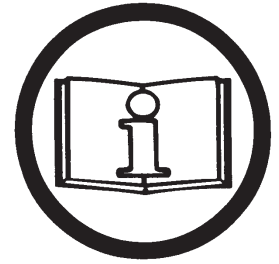
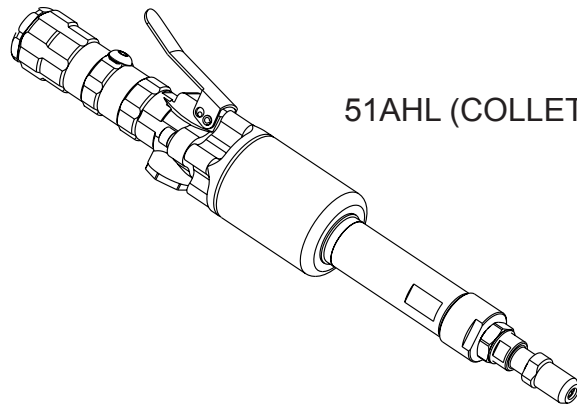




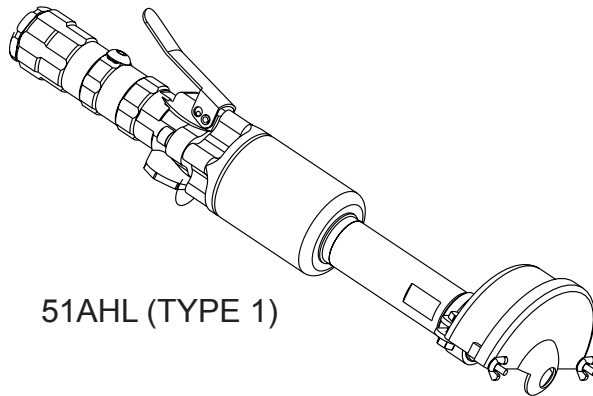
General Operators Instructions and Maintenance Manual



51AHL CW



51AHL (COLLET)



51AHL (TYPE 1)

Read Safety Recommendations Before Operating Tool

51AH Series Extended Grinders

Model Number	Exhaust Direction	Throttle Type	Rated Speed	Power Output	Case Material	Weight		Overall Length	Body Diameter	Working Air Consumption	Spindle Length & Thread
						Aluminum	Steel				
51AHL	(F) Front or Side	(L) Lever or (K) Safety Lever	12000 - 18000 R.P.M.	1.5 H.P. .1130 W	(S) Steel or Aluminum	5.9 Lb./2.9 Kg	7.2 Lb./3.3 Kg	18.2 Inch/ 463mm	2.5 Inch (63.5 mm)	35 cfm (16.5 L/s)	3/8-24 X 1.0 Inch (3/8-24 X 25 mm)
51AHK											
51AHB											
51AHBM											
51AHG											

Capacity

- 2 Inch (50 mm), 3 Inch (75 mm) or 4 Inch (100mm) Type 1 Wheels
- Burrs/Mounted Stones of shank size 1/4 Inch, 3/8 Inch, 6mm or 8 mm
- Any Type 16, 17, 17R, 18 or 18R Cone Wheels w/ 3/8-24 Mounting

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Operators Instructions and Safety Precautions

This is meant to highlight sections of safety standards published by the American National Standards Institute and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. This is not meant to replace those standards but only highlight certain areas.

When care is taken to ensure that the right tool is operated properly, and safety and maintenance procedures are followed, accidents can be avoided. Read and follow all instructions and directions. Comply with all rules governing the use of power tools, personal protective equipment and equipment guards.

Remember - machines, attachments and accessories must be used only for the purpose for which they were designed. Safety reasons and product liability prohibit any modifications to tools. Any attachments or accessories must be agreed to in advance with an authorized technical representative of T.C. Service Co.



The grinding equipment must be approved for the rated speed of the machine. The rated speed, marked on the machine, should not be exceeded. Be sure to learn the proper handling and storage of abrasive wheels and inserted tooling.

Inspect the wheel guard for any signs of wear and that it is properly mounted to the tool. Any guard showing signs of wear such as bends, chips, nicks, or cracks should be replaced.



Always wear eye and hearing protection, and when necessary, other personal protective equipment such as gloves, an apron, and helmet. Properly fitted protective clothing cushion the operator from vibration exposure and help prevent minor scrapes that might occur as a result of guiding the tool along the workpiece.

Additional information on eye protection is available in the following national regulatory standards.

- 1) Federal OSHA Regulations 29 CFR, Section 1910.133 (Eye and Face Protection)
- 2) ANSI Z87.1 (Occupational and Educational Eye and Face Protection)

Check hose size and air pressure. The air pressure at the tool shall not exceed 90 psi (6.2 bar). All hoses should be inspected regularly and kept away from heat, oil and sharp edges. Be sure the tool is secured to the air hose.



Measure the speed of grinders every 20 hours of actual use or once per week, whichever comes first.

Measure speed of all types of grinders after maintenance or repair, whenever a grinder is issued from the tool crib and at each wheel change. Several readings should be taken.

This form of inspection should be made with the grinding wheel or tooling removed.



Proper mounting of grinding wheels and inserted tooling is crucial to safe operation and efficient working conditions.

Ensure the exhaust air is directed away from bystanders.



Disconnect the tool from the air supply before doing any service. This prevents accidental start-ups.



Airborne particulate resulting from the grinding process can cause hazards. Wear appropriate protective equipment.

Safety in Operation

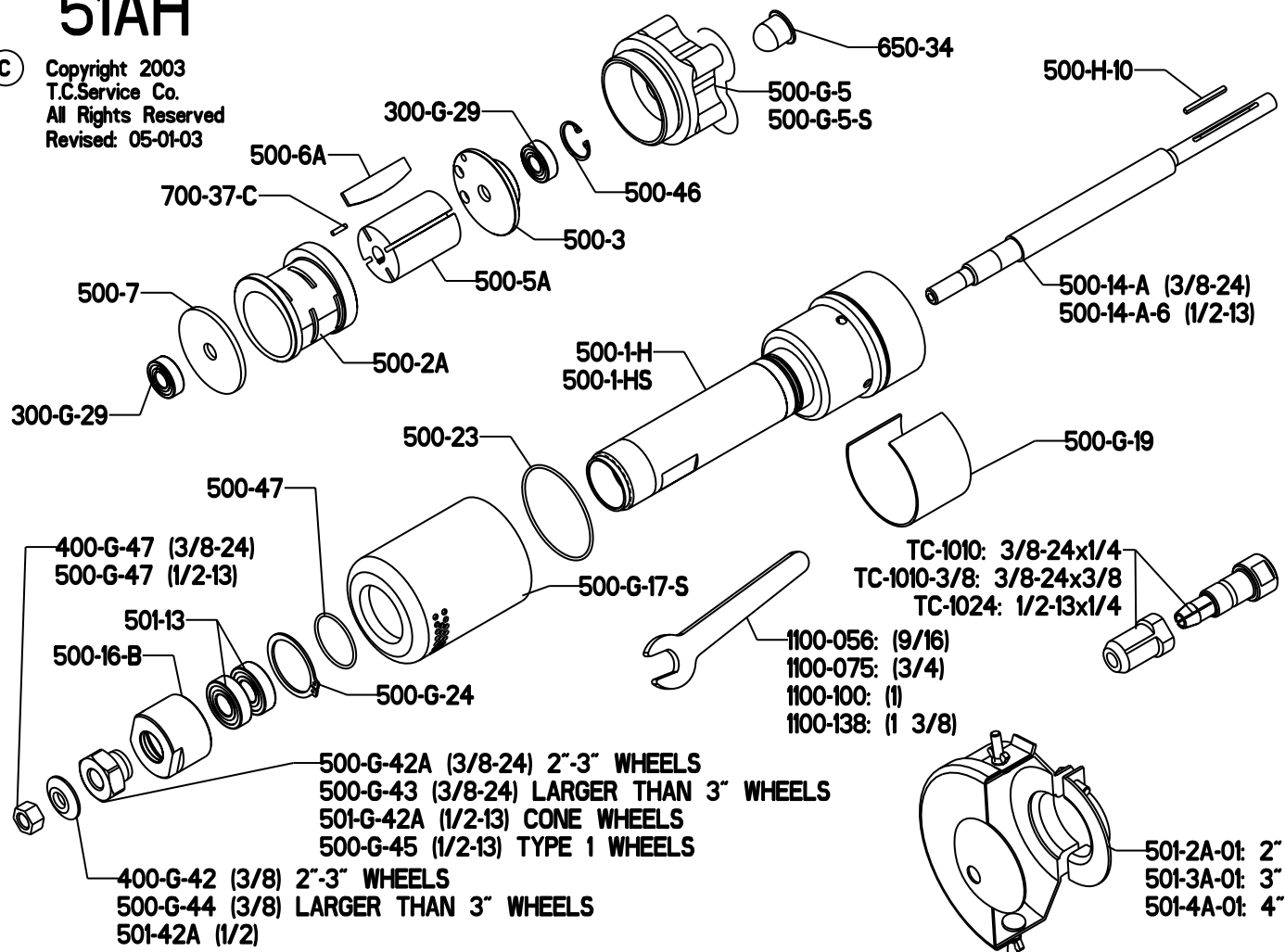
The safety procedures for operating air tools are everyone's responsibility. The following lists several aspects of air tool safety that should be considered during operation. Please be aware of these aspects and report any unsafe practice you see to a supervisor or safety officer immediately.

- 1) Start any new wheel under a bench and away from bystanders. (Run for a minimum of one minute.)
- 2) When starting a cold/new wheel, apply to the work slowly, allowing the wheel to warm gradually.
- 3) Support the work piece properly.
- 4) When cutting off, support the work piece so that a jamming of the wheel does not occur. (A Slot shall remain constant or become wider during operation.)
- 5) If a jamming of the wheel does occur during a cutting off operation, shut the air supply off to the tool and ease the wheel free. (Inspect the wheel for damage before continuing operation.)
- 6) Ensure that sparks from the process do not create a hazard to the eyes or will ignite the environment.
- 7) Grinders shall not be used in potentially explosive atmospheres.
- 8) Pneumatically driven tools are not generally insulated from coming in contact with electrical sources. Be sure to avoid contact with wires or other possible current carrying sources.
- 9) The operator must check that no bystanders are in the vicinity.
- 10) Remember that there is a running on after the throttle has been released.
- 11) If a grinder fitted with an abrasive wheel is dropped, the wheel must be thoroughly examined before re-use.
- 12) Disconnect the tool from the air source before servicing and changing wheels.
- 13) Release the control device in case of interruption of air supply.
- 14) Always keep the tool in a clean, dry place when not in use.
- 15) Beware of loose hair and clothing so as not to become tangled or trapped during operation.
- 16) Unexpected tool movement or breakage of inserted tooling may cause injuries to lower limbs.
- 17) Unsuitable postures may not allow counteracting of normal or unexpected movement of a power tool. (A working position shall be adopted which remains stable in the event of a break up of inserted tooling.)
- 18) Do not hold the tool near the body when operating.
- 19) Keep a firm grip on the tool body during operation.

Maintenance

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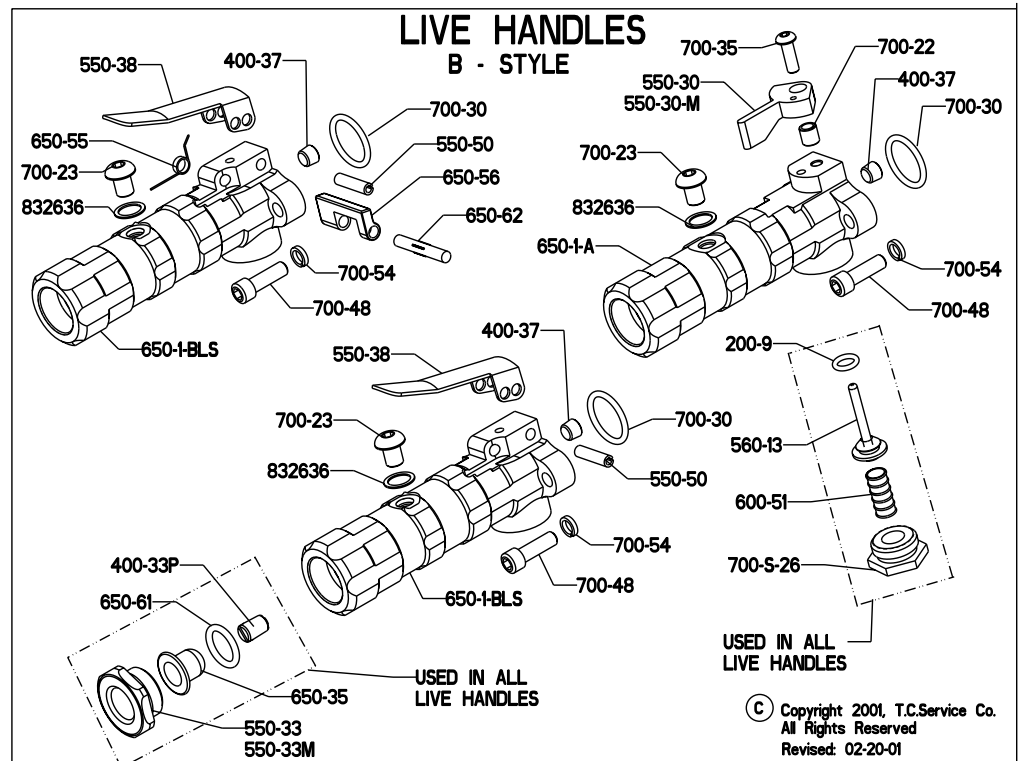
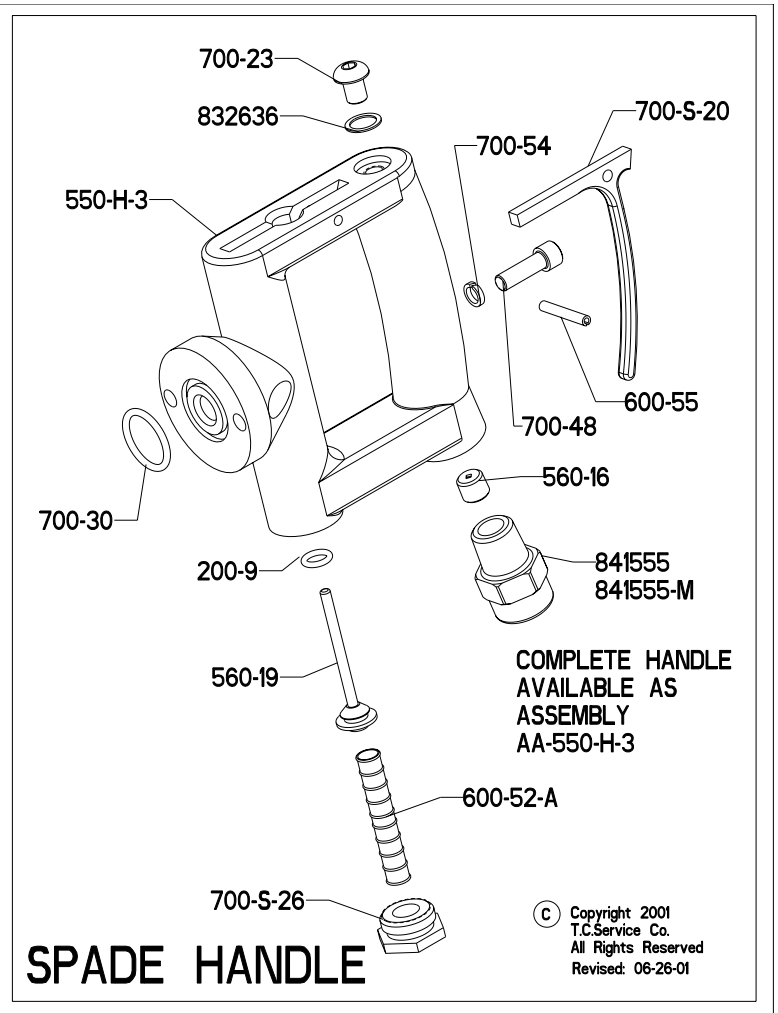


Disassembly

1. Disconnect air and remove all wheels and accessories.
2. Secure tool in vise vertically with output of tool oriented toward upward direction. Clamp onto the sides of the live handle (do not to clamp on lever).
3. Unscrew motor housing (500-H-1[S])(right hand thread) from back-head (500-G-5[S]) using flats on housing.
4. Remove snap ring (500-46) from groove in endplate (500-3). Remove from vise.
5. Rap sharply on the rear O.D. of the motor housing with plastic hammer. The rear end plate, cylinder (500-2A) and blades (500-6A) will dislodge and can be easily removed.
6. Move rotor (500-5A) back and fourth until it slides over the key (500-H-10). Remove rotor and key.
7. Rap rear O.D. of housing and the front endplate (500-7) will slide out.
8. Re-install key and slide spindle holder (1100-820) over the key. Make sure the holder goes all the way down into the case. Clamp holder in vise and remove front flange nut (500-G-42A/501-G-42A)(right hand thread).
9. Remove from vise. Remove spindle holder and key.
10. Secure the housing assembly in vise vertically with output of tool oriented toward downward direction. Clamp on flats of bearing cap (500-16B) in center of vise.
11. Loosen and unscrew housing (left hand thread). Remove from vise.
12. Press threaded end of spindle (500-14-A6/500-14A) through double bearing and housing. The rear spindle bearing (300-G-29) can now be pressed off spindle.
13. Remove double bearing by tapping on the O.D. of bearing through the housing with driver.
14. Remove ring (500-G-24) with snap ring pliers.
15. Slide exhaust deflector (500-G-17-S) off of housing. Remove o-rings (500-47 and 500-23).
16. To check throttle valve, unscrew plug (700-S-26) and lift out valve spring (600-51) and plunger (560-13). Replace o-ring (200-9) if cracked or worn.

Assembly

1. All parts should be clean and free of any abrasives.
2. Install o-rings (500-47 and 500-23) on housing (500-1-HS). Lightly oil inside of exhaust deflector (500-G-17) and slide over case. Install snap ring (500-G-24).
3. Press double bearing (501-13) into housing. Invert tool and support inner race of bearing (501-13). Press spindle (500-14-A6 /500-14A) through bearing pair. Place rear bearing (300-G-29) on spindle. Press bearing until it bottoms on shoulder in housing with bearing driver (1100-816).
4. Screw on front cap (500-16B) (left hand thread) and clamp in center of vise. Tighten down housing with flats provided.
5. Slide front end plate (500-7) over the spindle and into the housing.
6. Place key (500-H-10) in key slot and slide on spindle holder (1100-640). Secure spindle holder in vise and tighten flange nut (501-G-42-A/500-G-42-A). Do not over tighten. Remove spindle holder, but not the key.
7. Slide rotor (500-5A) over key.
8. Install cylinder (500-2A) with locating pin up.
9. Drop in the 4 blades (500-6A).
10. Install rear end plate (500-3)-be sure to align small locating hole with cylinder pin.
11. Secure flange nut in vise and drive bearing (300-G-29) onto the spindle. Install snap ring (500-46).
12. Clamp live handle (650-1-AL) and back-head assembly in vise.
13. Place a few drops of oil in the motor assembly and screw on the back-head.
14. Place wrench on the housing flats (500-1-HS). Run tool and tighten firmly.
15. Replace guard on tool.
16. Check RPM with a reliable tachometer. Tool must run at or below speed stamped on tool.



Tool Parts Listing

<u>PART</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
300-G-29	BEARING (2 REQ.)
400-G-42	3/8-24 OUTER FLANGE (2"-3" WHEELS)
400-G-47	3/8-24 JAM NUT
500-G-5	ALUMINUM BACKHEAD (SPECIFY SPEED)
500-G-5-S	STEEL BACKHEAD
500-G-17-S	EXHAUST DEFLECTOR
500-G-19	MUFFLER
500-G-24	LOCK RING
500-G-42A	3/8-24 INNER FLANGE (2"-3" WHEELS)
500-G-43	3/8-24 INNER FLANGE (4"-5" WHEELS)
500-G-44	3/8 ID OUTER FLANGE (4"-5" WHEELS)
500-G-45	1/2-13 TYPE 1 WHEEL INNER FLANGE
500-G-47	1/2-13 JAM NUT
500-H-10	KEY
500-1-H	ALUMINUM CASE
500-1-HS	STEEL CASE (SPECIFY SPEED)
500-2A	CYLINDER
500-2-C	CHROME CYLINDER
500-3	REAR ENDPLATE
500-5A	ROTOR
500-6A	BLADE (4 REQ.)
500-7	FRONT ENDPLATE
500-14A	3/8-24 SPINDLE
500-14-A5	1/2-20 SPINDLE
500-14-A6	1/2-13 SPINDLE
500-14HM	3/8-24 CONE WHEEL SPINDLE
500-16B	CAP
500-23	O-RING
500-46	LOCK RING
500-47	O-RING
501-G-42A	1/2-13 CONE WHEEL INNER FLANGE
501-G-47	1/2-20 JAM NUT
501-13	BEARING PAIR
501-42A	1/2" ID OUTER FLANGE
700-37C	ROLL PIN

TOOLS

490-3	PIN SPANNER
1100-056	9/16" WRENCH
1100-075	3/4" WRENCH
1100-100	1" WRENCH
1100-138	1-3/8" WRENCH
1100-816	300-G-29 BEARING DRIVER
1100-820	SPINDLE HOLDER

GUARDS

501-2A-01	2" TYPE 01 GUARD
501-3A-01	3" TYPE 01 GUARD
501-4A-01	4" TYPE 01 GUARD

ASSEMBLIES

510110	REPAIR KIT
AA-550-H-3	SPADE HANDLE ASSY.
AA-650-1A	BUTTON HANDLE ASSY.
AA-650-1-AM	MACHINE MOUNT HANDLE ASSY.
AA-650-1-BL	LEVER HANDLE ASSY.
AA-650-1-BLS	SAFETY HANDLE ASSY.
AA-650-1 BL-KN	KNURLED LEVER HANDLE ASSY.
AA-650-1-BL-KN-W	KNURLED LEVER HANDLE ASSY. W/ WRAP
AA-650-1-UK	PINNED/SAFETY LEVER HANDLE ASSY.
AA-650-1-UL	PINNED LEVER HANDLE ASSY.

PART

400-76J
400-76J-3/8
400-77
400-77J
400-78
400-87-S
1100-346
530196
530198
530200
530202
530204
530208
530210
530212
530214

COLLET ASSEMBLIES

AA-209-1/8	3/8-24 ERICKSON 3 PIECE--1/8" INSERT
AA-209-3/16	3/8-24 ERICKSON 3 PIECE--3/16" INSERT
AA-209-1/4	3/8-24 ERICKSON 3 PIECE--1/4" INSERT
AA-209-5/16	3/8-24 ERICKSON 3 PIECE--5/16" INSERT
AA-209-3/8	3/8-24 ERICKSON 3 PIECE--3/8" INSERT
AA-209-6MM	3/8-24 ERICKSON 3 PIECE--6MM INSERT
TC-1010	3/8-24 TO 1/4" I.D.- 2 PIECE HEAVY DUTY
TC-1010-3/8	3/8-24 TO 1/4" I.D.- 2 PIECE HEAVY DUTY
TC-1010-6MM	3/8-24 TO 6MM I.D.- 2 PIECE HEAVY DUTY
TC-1010-8MM	3/8-24 TO 8MM I.D.- 2 PIECE HEAVY DUTY
TC-1012A	3/8-24 TO 1/4" I.D.- 2 PIECE-SHORT-FITS C/W
TC-1012-6	1/2-13 TO 6MM I.D.- 2 PIECE HEAVY DUTY
TC-1012-8	1/2-13 TO 8MM I.D.- 2 PIECE HEAVY DUTY
TC-1024	1/2-13 TO 1/4" I.D.- 2 PIECE-SHORT-FITS C/W
TC-1045	1/2-13 TO 1/2 I.D.-2 PIECE HEAVY DUTY
TC-1055	1/2-13 TO 3/8 I.D.-2 PIECE HEAVY DUTY

DESCRIPTION

9/16 UNTHREADED SPACER
3/8 UNTHREADED SPACER
3/8-24 THREADED 9/16 SPACER (FOR C/W)
3/8-24 THREADED 3/8 SPACER
3/8-24 TO 5/8-11 ADAPTER
3/8-24 x 1/4 SET SCREW
3/8-24 THREAD TO 1" WIDE WHEEL ADAPTER
1/8" ROUNDED TAPER BURR
1/8" TAPER BURR
1/8" FLAME BURR
1/8" BALL BURR
1/8" CYLINDRICAL BURR
1/4" BALL BURR
1/4" CYLINDRICAL BURR
1/4" TREE BURR
1/4" FLAME BURR
OTHER SIZE BURRS AVAILABLE

ERICKSON PARTS

209-B	3/8-24 COLLET BODY
209-1	COLLET NUT
209-1/8	1/8" INSERT
209-3/16	3/16" INSERT
209-1/4	1/4" INSERT
209-5/16	5/16" INSERT
209-3/8	3/8" INSERT
209-6MM	6MM INSERT
209-8MM	8MM INSERT
	OTHER SIZE INSERTS AVAILABLE

Live Handle Parts Listing

<u>PART NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>		
200-9	THROTTLE VALVE O-RING		
400-33P	OILER PLUG		
400-37	SET SCREW		
550-30	OPERATING BUTTON		
550-30M	MACHINE MOUNT BUTTON		
550-33	ADAPTER CAP		
550-33M	METRIC ADAPTER CAP		
550-38	LEVER		
550-50	LEVER PIN		
560-13	THROTTLE VALVE ASSY (INCLUDES 200-9)		
600-51	THROTTLE VALVE SPRING		
650-1A	BARE BUTTON HANDLE		
650-1AT	BARE TURNED DOWN BUTTON HANDLE		
650-1B-KN	BARE KNURLED BUTTON HANDLE		
650-1-BLS	BARE LEVER HANDLE		
650-1-BLS-KN	BARE KNURLED SAFETY HANDLE		
650-1-U	BARE PINNED LEVER HANDLE		
650-35	SCREEN BASKET		
650-55	SAFETY LOCKOUT SPRING		
650-56	LOCKOUT		
650-61	O-RING		
650-62	SAFETY LEVER LOCKOUT PIN		
700-22	SPACER FOR BUTTON HANDLES		
700-23	OILER PLUG SCREW		
700-30	O-RING		
700-35	BUTTON HANDLE SCREW		
700-48	SCREW (2 REQ.)		
700-54	LOCK WASHER (2 REQ.)		
700-S-26	THROTTLE VALVE CAP		
832636	GASKET		

HANDLE ASSEMBLIES	
<u>PART NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
AA-650-1A	BUTTON HANDLE ASSY.
AA-650-1-AM	MACHINE MOUNT HANDLE ASSY.
AA-650-1-BL	LEVER HANDLE ASSY.
AA-650-1-BLS	SAFETY HANDLE ASSY.
AA-650-1 BL-KN	KNURLED LEVER HANDLE ASSY.
AA-650-1-BL-KN-W	KNURLED LEVER HANDLE ASSY. W/ WRAP
AA-650-1-UK	PINNED/SAFETY LEVER HANDLE ASSY
AA-650-1-UL	PINNED LEVER HANDLE ASSY

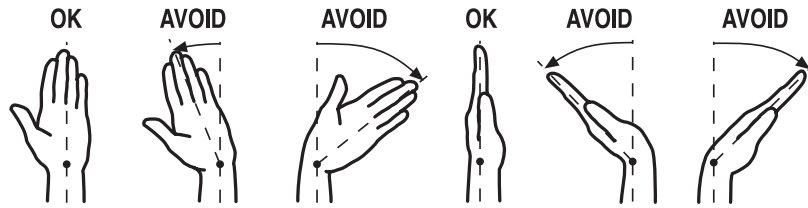
Spade Handle Parts Listing

<u>PART NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
200-9	THROTTLE VALVE O-RING
550-H-3	BARE SPADE HANDLE HOUSING
560-16	SET SCREW
560-19	THROTTLE VALVE (INCLUDES O-RING 200-9)
600-52A	THROTTLE VALVE SPRING
600-55	TRIGGER PIN
700-23	SCREW
700-30	O-RING
700-48	SCREW (2 REQ.)
700-54	LOCK WASHER (2 REQ.)
700-S-20	TRIGGER
700-S-26	THROTTLE VALVE CAP
832636	GASKET
841553	1/2 INCH NPT X 1/2 INCH NPT SCREEN HANDLE BUSHING
841553-M	1/2 INCH NPT X 1/2 INCH BSP SCREEN HANDLE BUSHING

HANDLE ASSEMBLIES

<u>PART NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
AA-550-H-3	SPADE HANDLE ASSY.

Ergonomics - Work Healthy



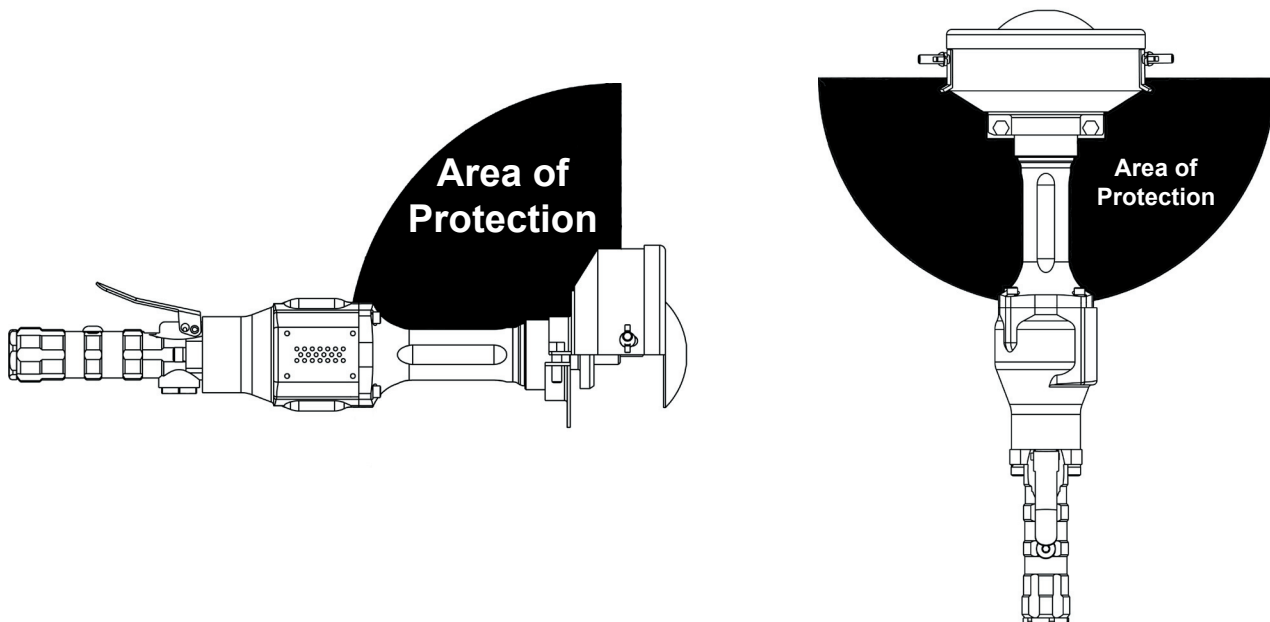
The following suggestions will help reduce or moderate the effects of repetitive work motion and/or extended vibration exposure:

- 1) Do not over-grip the machine/tool. Use only the force required to maintain control.
- 2) Keep hands and body dry and warm. (Blood flow is important - exercise hands and arms as often as necessary.)
- 3) Keep wrists as straight as possible. (Avoid hand positions that require the wrist to be flexed, hyper extended or turned side-to-side.)
- 4) Avoid anything that may inhibit blood circulation such as smoking tobacco or cold temperatures.
- 5) Do not support body-weight on the tool during operation.
- 6) Maintain a stress-free posture for the entire body.

Prolonged exposure to vibrations created by vibrating sources may cause health hazards. There are gloves, handle wraps and other forms of protective measures available to help reduce the hazard. The fit and condition of any vibration abatement measure must be monitored.

Guarding

Always make sure the wheel guard is positioned between the operator and the wheel. Flying debris from the workpiece and/or the wheel can cause a hazard. The guard should be positioned so to deflect debris from the grinding surface away from the operator. The diagram below details the proper positioning of the guard to protect any handles the operator might grip and the area where the operator stands.



Installation and Maintenance Tips

Following the guidelines will help you to ensure the pneumatic tools your company uses are operating and are maintained in the very best of condition.

Initial Inspection of a New Tool

When a new tool is delivered to your facility, it is important to inspect the tool for any signs of damage that may have occurred during shipping. Here is a list of things to inspect:

- With the tool disconnected from the air supply, depress the throttle lever or trigger. The device should move freely and not become caught.
- Inspect the guard of the tool, if so equipped. The guard should be free of any chips, nicks or dents.
- Inspect the spindle of the tool. The threads should show no signs of bends or chips. Grasp the spindle by hand and spin. The spindle should turn freely with no resistance.

Plumbing Installation

The tool must have fittings and connectors installed into the air inlet in order to connect with your companies air system. Your choice of fittings can greatly affect the performance of the tool.

Fitting Size

The size of the air inlet of the tool is the minimum size of fitting that will allow for proper airflow into the tool. Should a smaller fitting size be used such as reducers or adapters, this will constrict the airflow into the tool and reduce the overall performance.

Coupling Size and Installation

The coupling size should be equal to or larger than the inlet size of the tool. If a smaller size coupling is used then the air supply volume may be reduced which may lead to reduced performance from the tool. The coupling should be installed near to the tool. It is important that the tool receive internal lubrication on a regular basis. Having the connection closer to the tool will promote regular lubrication, as the connection is easily accessible. Hose whips are often used between the tool and the coupling. Use thread sealant on all pipe threads and ensure a tight fit.

Operating Speed Test

After your initial inspection and installation of the plumbing connections, it is important to test for the operating speed of the tool. This test should be performed before you install any abrasive or tooling. Each tool is stamped with a maximum operating speed. This speed determines the highest rotational speed in R.P.M.'s that the tool will turn when it is functioning properly. This speed was set from the factory and is closely related to the operating speed of the abrasive used with the tool. This relationship will be discussed in the "mounting abrasives" section.

Find the maximum operating speed stamped onto the tool. Connect the tool to an air supply that provides 90 psi and secure the tool in a vise. A lower or higher air pressure will result in a false speed test and may create a hazardous situation. Depress the throttle lever or trigger and run the tool. Use a properly calibrated tachometer to determine the actual operating speed of the tool. The actual operating speed on the tachometer should be no more than 95% of the maximum free speed stamped on the tool. If this is not the case then contact the distributor or tool manufacturer immediately. The tool must not be put into service if the actual speed is over 95% of the stamped maximum speed.

Example:

Tool rated at 6000 R.P.M.

95% of 6000 (.95 x 6000) = 5700

The tool should run no faster than 5700 when tested with a tachometer.

Mounting Abrasives

The mounting of the abrasive used with the tool is very important to ensure safety for the operator and proper functioning of the tool. There are strict rules for mounting wheels that are outlined in ANSI B7.1-2000. The following diagrams briefly describe the methods and equipment for mounting most abrasives.

Each wheel/mounted stone is labeled with a maximum operating speed. It is extremely important to compare this rating with the maximum operating speed of the tool. Never mount a wheel on a tool where the maximum operating speed of the tool is higher than the maximum operating speed of the wheel. This can cause an over speed situation and can result in injury.

The following list details specific items one should inspect and be aware of when mounting abrasives.

- The maximum operating speed marked on the wheel must be equal to or higher than the rated spindle speed (free speed) of the tool.
- Check the wheel dimensions so that it fits within the guard properly.
- Do not use any wheel that shows cracks, chips or evidence it has been soaked in fluids.
- Wheel flanges should have flat contact surfaces and be without cracks or burrs.

Testing the Mounted Wheel

Start any new grinder with a new wheel under a bench and away from any bystanders. Run at full speed for one minute.

HORIZONTAL TOOL FOR USE WITH TYPE 1 WHEELS

400-G-42 (3/8 I.D. -- 2-3 Inch Wheels)
500-G-44 (3/8 I.D. -- 4 Inch Wheels)
501-42A (1/2 I.D.)

400-G-47 (3/8 I.D.)
500-G-47 (1/2 I.D.)

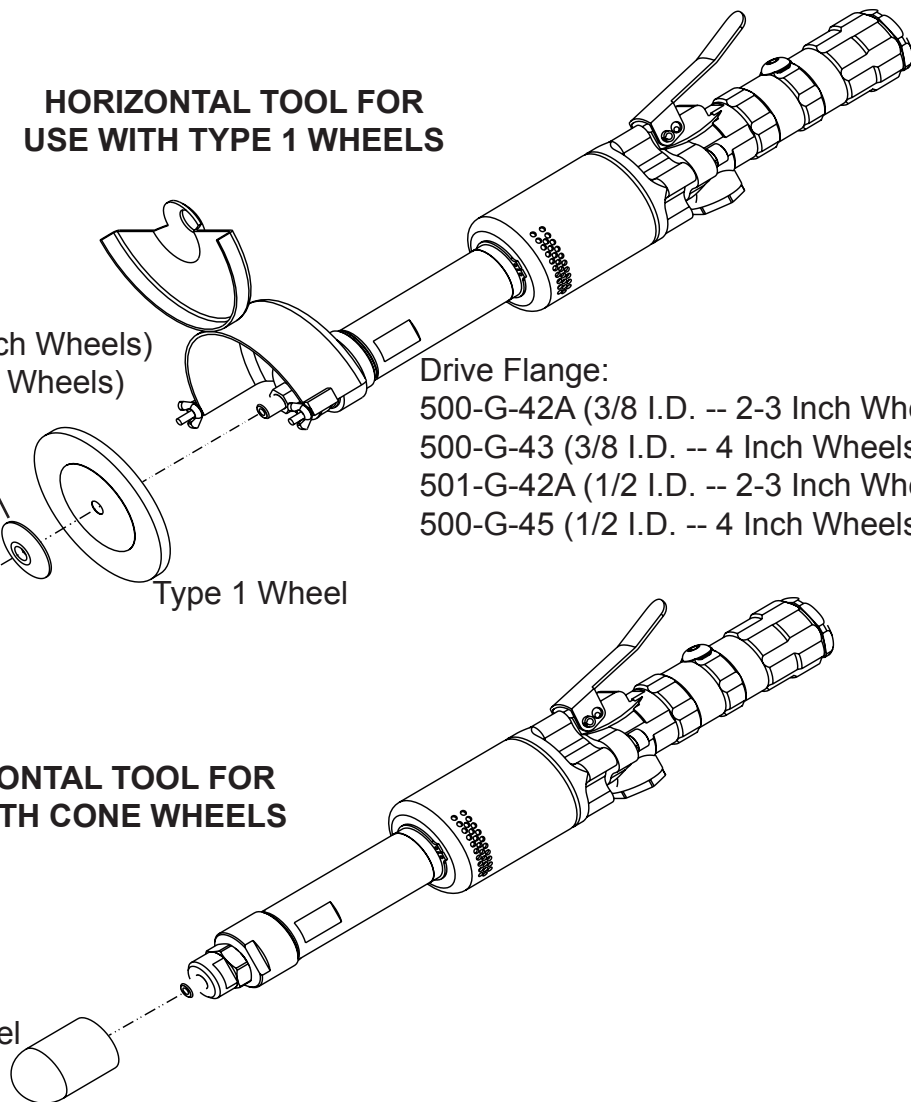
Drive Flange:

500-G-42A (3/8 I.D. -- 2-3 Inch Wheels)
500-G-43 (3/8 I.D. -- 4 Inch Wheels)
501-G-42A (1/2 I.D. -- 2-3 Inch Wheels)
500-G-45 (1/2 I.D. -- 4 Inch Wheels)

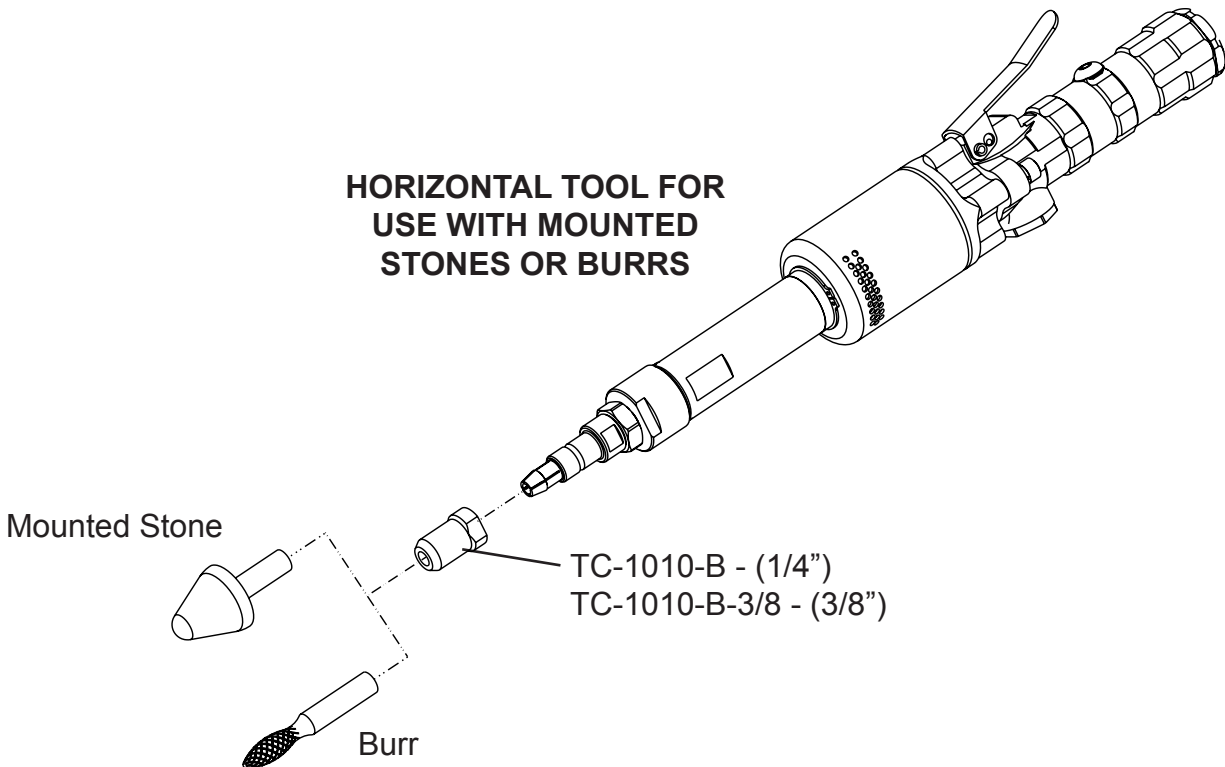
Type 1 Wheel

HORIZONTAL TOOL FOR USE WITH CONE WHEELS

Cone Wheel



HORIZONTAL TOOL FOR USE WITH MOUNTED STONES OR BURRS



Ensure Proper Pressure, Filtration & Lubrication

Properly lubricated pneumatic tools work better, last longer between maintenance intervals and are safer in general use. The maintenance costs are reduced dramatically when a little time is taken to regularly lubricate the tools. There are several ways to ensure proper lubrication.

1) Filters, Regulators & Lubricators

These devices should be installed in the air system at each grinding station and inspected regularly to ensure proper operation. Each device in this set performs a vital task that greatly affects the performance of the tool and overall longevity of the component parts.

Filters

A filter is a device used to trap/contain particulate and liquid contaminants in the compressed air system. They generally have a cartridge or screen that requires cleaning or replacement regularly. Without this maintenance, the filtering device can become clogged and reduce the flow of air to the tool. A loss in performance can result.

Regulators

A regulator adjusts the operating pressure supplied to the tool. This device generally is used with a pressure gauge that will indicate the current pressure setting. All Top Cat ® pneumatic tools are designed to operate at 90 PSI (6.2 bar) while the tool is running. The tool should never be run if the pressure should exceed 90 PSI (6.2 bar).

Lubricators

Lubricators are devices that induce a controlled amount of oil into the air supply for pneumatically driven tools. They generally contain a reservoir that one must keep filled with oil. A light grade oil such as Mobil DTE light or equivalent is recommended. There is a variable setting on the lubricator that will determine the amount of oil induced into the air supply. It is important to inspect both the setting and amount of oil in the lubricator regularly to determine proper functioning of the device. The lack of oil in the air system will greatly reduce the performance and longevity of the pneumatically driven tool.

2) Direct injection of oil into the tool

A simple and easy way to ensure proper lubrication is to inject the oil directly into the tool air inlet. This should be performed prior to storage of the tool. To perform this task one must have a small container of the proper lubricating oil.

- Disconnect the tool from the air supply at the air coupling.
- Place a few drops of oil from the container into the air inlet of the tool directly.
- Reconnect the tool to the air supply.
- Direct the exhaust of the tool away from any bystanders or cover the exhaust with a shop rag.
- Run the tool until the oil has completely passed through the unit.

The best lubrication techniques include both methods.

What Conditions Indicate the Need for Maintenance?.

Pneumatic tools will exhibit several distinct signs that maintenance is required. Higher costs can be avoided if maintenance is performed when the first signs are evident. The following list details conditions that may indicate the necessity for service.

- 1) With the tool disconnected from the air supply, grasp the spindle and spin in the direction of operation. The spindle should spin freely with no resistance.
- 2) With the tool disconnected from the air supply, grasp the spindle by hand. Attempt to move the spindle from side to side and back and forth. Excess play can be a sign that service is required.
- 3) A reduction in power may indicate the necessity for maintenance.
- 4) Should the tool not maintain a uniform operating speed, servicing may be required.

For More Information

1) General Industry Safety & Health Regulations 29 CFR, Part 1910 and where applicable Construction Industry Safety & Health Regulations 29 CFR, Part 1926 available from Superintendent of Documents, Gov't. Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

2) Safety Code For Portable Air Tools, ANSI B186.1, B7.1 and Z87.1, available from American National Standards Institute, Inc. 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018

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