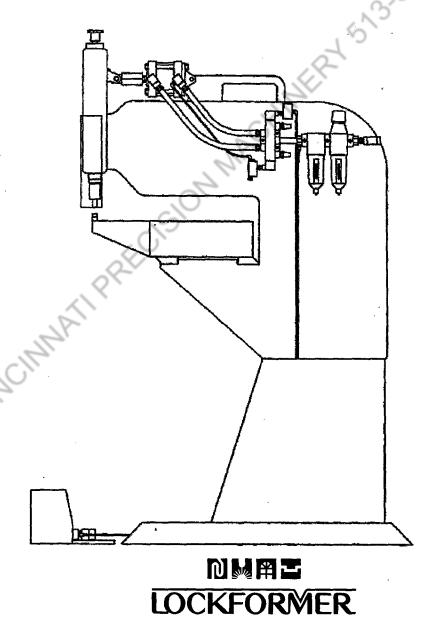
Quiclok Medium Duty INSTRUCTION MANUAL



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WARNING

THIS EQUIPMENT IS DESIGNED TO BE OPERATED WITH ALL COVERS SECURED IN PLACE. OPERATION WITHOUT THESE SAFEGUARDS MAY RESULT IN CONDITIONS WHICH ARE HAZARDOUS TO THE OPERATOR AND OBSERVERS.

SAFETY GUIDELINES

Before operating the machine, study and follow the safety precautions in this section. These precautions are intended to prevent injury to you and your fellow workers. They cannot, however, cover all possible situations. Therefore, EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION before performing any procedure or operation.

Safety Precautions Before Starting The Machine(s)

Protect yourself. Wear safety glasses. Do not wear loose clothing, neckties, or jewelry. If long sleeves must be worn, avoid loose cuffs and buttons. Tie back and contain long hair.

Keep your work area clean. Remove all scrap, oil spills, rags, tools and other loose items that could cause you to slip, trip and fall.

Make sure that hydraulic and pneumatic pressures are at specified levels before operating this equipment.

Be sure all guards and covers are in place.

Keep this equipment properly maintained.

Be alert for loose, worn or broken parts. Do not attempt to operate any machinery with such parts present or if the machinery is making unusual noises or actions.

Be sure that this Instruction Manual is kept near the machine so the operator can refer to it when necessary.

Be aware of the locations of the Power Off or Emergency Stop button in case of an emergency.

Safety Precautions While Operating The Machine(s)

Always turn the air shut-off valve OFF before performing any maintenance or adjustments so accidental start-up cannot occur.

Always be alert whenever operating any machinery.

Only one person should control the machine(s). Never allow anyone to operate the controls while you are working on this equipment. In addition to disconnecting air, always use lock-outs and warning signs to indicate that you are working on the machines(s).

Keep your hands and arms away from any pinch points when starting, running or stopping.

Never leave the work area while the equipment is in operation.

When cleaning the machine or any of its components, do not use toxic or flammable substances. Do not perform any cleaning while the equipment is running.

Never over-ride or disable any safety switch or safety interlock.

UNPACKING AND INSPECTION

The following items should be found shipped with your Quiclok machine:

- Complete assembly with punch and die of choice
- Foot Pedal
- Tools
- Manual with Parts List
- Button Lok Samples (for reference)
- Spare Dies (if ordered)

Unpack unit and inspect for any damage during shipping.

Please record Serial Number stamped on the side face of the Quiclok frame:

Serial #

INSTALLATION

Using the frame floor tubes, use fork truck to remove machine from shipping skid, and level the machine to the floor area where it will be operated.

Connect 1/2" air supply hose from the main supply line and directly to the shut-off valve provided.

SERVICE

For factory service inquiries contact the Lockformer Service Department at (630) 964-8000.

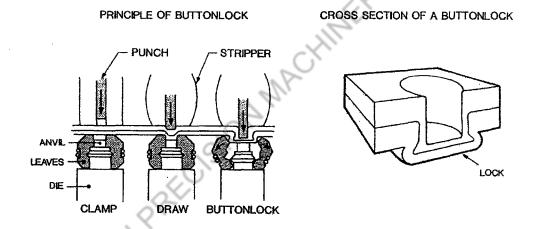
AIR SUPPLY

Connect air hose to the inlet shut-off valve of the equipment (1/2" is the minimum diameter recommended). Set the air regulator to 75 psi by turning the dial on top of the regulator clockwise. The filter should be clean and light lubrication is recommended. With the unit operating with a stroke of 3/4", the unit uses approximately 48 cubic inches of air at 75 psi per buttonlok. A 1 horse power compressor in good condition should be capable of sixty buttonloks per minute with a 50% duty cycle.

BUTTONLOK DESCRIPTION

Principle of the Buttonlok

In order to get the best out of your Quiclok, a basic understanding of the buttonlok is advised. The reference numbers in brackets (#), refer to the parts shown on illustrations 1 and 2.



The button is formed when the upper squeezes the two layers of material to be joined between the punch and the die. The amount of squeeze is very important to the strength of the buttonlok and to the life expectancy of the punch and the die.

The amount of this squeeze is controlled by adjusting the punch either towards the die or away from the die, with a cam adjusting screw. For thin material, the punch will have to be lowered (moved towards the die) and for thick material, the punch will have to be raised (moved away from the die).

The correct punch depth is the most critical adjustment on the unit. Please read the punch depth adjustment section of this manual.

MATERIALS TO BE JOINED

The Quiclok is capable of joining two ply commercial quality mild steel, from 28 gauge to 16 gauge. Both layers of material should be of the same or similar thickness.

If different thicknesses are to be joined (not recommended) the best results will normally be found with the thicker material on the top (punch) side of the two ply.

The top (punch side) material should not be more than twice the thickness of the lower material (die side) and the combined thickness of the two layers should not exceed 0.125".

Other materials can be joined with the Quiclok as long as they are not harder than commercial quality mild steel. In most cases, both plies should be of the same hardness, but if a different hardness is used for each ply (not recommended) the harder material should be on the top (punch side).

Gommon Materials	Button Quality
Drawing Quality Steel	Recommended
Commercial Quality Steel	ОК
Copper	ок
Aluminum	Usually OK
Brass	Usually OK
Stainless Steel	Not Usually Possible
High Carbon Steel	Not Usually Possible

DIE SELECTION

There are three sizes of dies required to cover the complete range of material that the Quiclok can handle. The punch in the upper tooling remains the same. The die selection chart on the next page can be used to find which die will be most suitable for your application, however, the chart is a guide only. Different types of material may require a different size die.

#50 die	2 ply 16 gauge max	2 ply 18 gauge min
#40 die	2 ply 20 gauge max	2 ply 24 gauge min
#30 die	2 ply 26 gauge max	2 ply 30 gauge min

DIE SELECTION CHART

Please Note:

- 1. Die Size (denoted by color) directly relates to the anvil depth.
- 2. The thicker the material, the greater the anvil depth.
- 3. All punches are the same; 0.187" tip diameter, 0.015" chamfer radius.

Condens	ed Die <i>I</i> Gauge Cha	rt - Reference
#50 DIE (Red)	16-18 GAUGE	C/Q
#40 DIE (Blue)	20-22-24 GAUGE	C/Q
#30 DIE (Yellow)	26-28 GAUGE	C/Q
#30 DIE (Yellow)	30* GAUGE	D/Q (Recommended)
C/Q = Commercial Quality Mild Steel D/Q = Drawing Quality Mild Steel		

<u>DETAILED DIE SELECTION CHART</u> (For Reference Only)

Drawing Quality of material will determine the most successful die/gauge combination. This chart is a guide only. Some materials will require a different anvil depth.

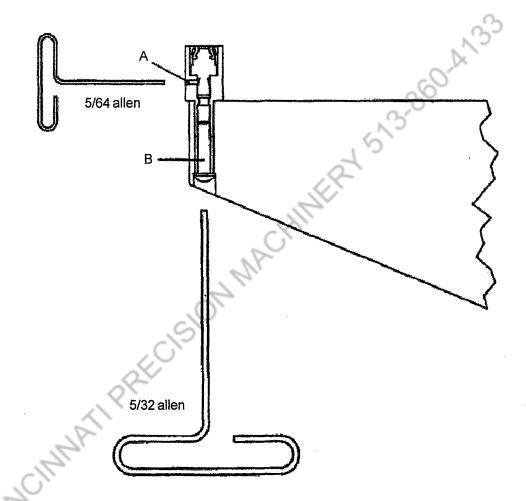
Material Thickness (T=B)	Gauge (Top - Bottom)	Die (Anvil Depth)	Material
0.063 - 0.063	16-16	#50 (Red)	C/Q
0.063 - 0.052	16-18	#50 (Red)	C/Q
0.063 - 0.040	16-20	#50 (Red)	C/Q
0.052 - 0.052	18-18	#50 (Red)	C/Q
0.052 - 0.040	18-20	#50 (Red)	C/Q
0.040 - 0.040	20-20	#40 (Blue)	C/Q
0.040 - 0.034	20-22	#40 (Blue)	C/Q
0.040 - 0.028	20-24	#40 (Blue)	C/Q
0.034 - 0.034	22-22	#40 (Blue)	C/Q
0.034 - 0.028	22-24	#40 (Blue)	C/Q
0.034 - 0.022	22-26	#40 (Blue)	C/Q
0.028 - 0.028	24-24	#40 (Blue)	C/Q
0.028 - 0.022	24-26	#40 (Blue)	C/Q
0.022 - 0.022	26-26	#30 (Yellow)	C/Q
0.022 - 0.018	26-28	#30 (Yellow)	C/Q
0.022 - 0.016	26-30*	#30 (Yellow)	C/Q-(*D/Q)
0.018 - 0.018	28-28	#30 (Yellow)	C/Q
0.018 - 0.016	28-30*	#30 (Yellow)	C/Q-(*D/Q)
0.016 - 0.016	30-30	#30 (Yellow)	D/Q

REMOVING THE DIE / DIE HOLDER ASSEMBLY

CAUTION!

SHUT OFF AIR SUPPLY VALVE BEFORE REMOVING DIE (AIR WILL BLEED OFF AUTOMATICALLY)

The buttonlok die may be removed by simply removing the Die Securing Set Screw (A). See illustration below.



REPLACING THE DIE HOLDER

- 1. Remove the die holder retaining screw
- 2. Install new die holder and tighten the Die Holder Retaining Screw
- 3. Replace the Plastic Guard (if removed).
- 4. Turn on the Air Supply.

BUTTON STRENGTH

There are two ways to measure the strength to a buttonlok joint, shear (pull) and peel (see illustration 3 on page 8).

Pull is almost always stronger than peel and is less sensitive to die adjustment. Typical button strengths for properly adjusted dies are given for commercial quality mild steel. These should be used as a guide only, different material will affect the button strength.

Material Thickness	Bufton St	rength (lbs.)	Recommended
Each / Two Ply	Shear	Peel	Die i
.062"	450	175	#50
.032"	375	85	#40
.022"	300	70	#30

BUTTON FAILURE

If pulled hard enough, any buttonlok will pull apart (fail). There are two usual ways for a buttonlok to fail;

- 1. The two halves of the button will pull apart, leaving a male button half (punch side) and a female button half (die side).
- 2. The button will tear out of the top layer (punch side) leaving a hole in it. The button joint will remain in the lower layer (die side).

A correctly formed button will usually fail by tearing (2) in the pull test. The button strength usually increases as the die is adjusted towards the punch, however, it is easy to over adjust the die and overload the punch and die; reducing their life.

In the peel test, however, an under adjusted button (die too far away from the punch) will fail and an over adjusted button (die too close to the punch) will fail.

The correct adjustment is when the lock fails in peel.

If the peel strength of a correctly adjusted button is much less than shown in the chart above (for mild steel only), and the button tends to tear apart, the incorrect die may have been selected:

Change #50 die to #40 die. Change #40 die to #30 die.

If this does not improve the peel strength of the button, then the material is not suitable for buttonloking - probably too hard.

BUTTON FAILURE (CONTINUED)

If the peel strength of a correctly adjusted button is much less than shown in the preceding chart (for mild steel only), and the button does not tear apart, the incorrect die may have been selected:

Change #30 die to #40 die. Change #40 die to #50 die.

If this does not improve the peel strength of the button, then the material is not suitable for buttonloking - probably too soft.

TESTING BUTTON STRENGTH

The best method of testing button strength is to pull the button apart in both shear (pull) and peel and measure the force required with a pull tester.

In production, however, an indication of the button strength can be found by measuring the diameter of the button cap (see illustration 3 on page 8).

If a button is tested in shear and peel with a pull tester and the upper and lower limits of the button strength are found, the cap diameters for these two limits can be measured.

Calipers can then be used in production to see if the cap diameter is within the measured limits.

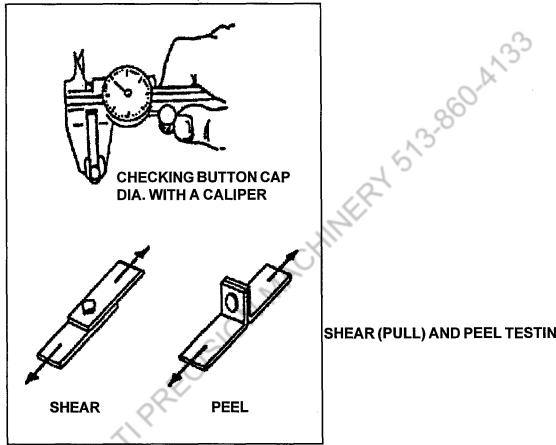
NOTE: If the material changes or the die # is changed, the button cap diameters will change (see illustration 3 on page 8). When using the button cap diameter, shear and peel tests should also be used occasionally to confirm strengths.

THREE PLY MATERIAL

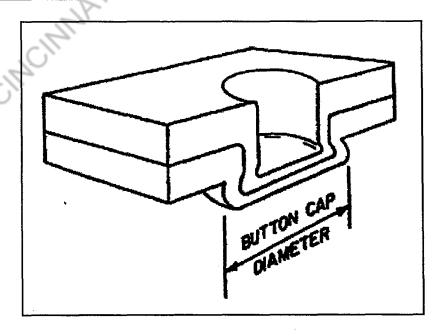
The Quiclok is primarily designed to join two ply material up to a maximum combined thickness of 0.125". It is possible to join three ply material up to a combined thickness of 0.125" however the strength of the top ply button joint (punch side) will be reduced.

It is possible to increase the strength of the top layer by using a punch with a larger punch tip radius, however this will slightly weaken any two ply joints formed with the new punch. Consult Lockformer if you have any problems with three ply material.

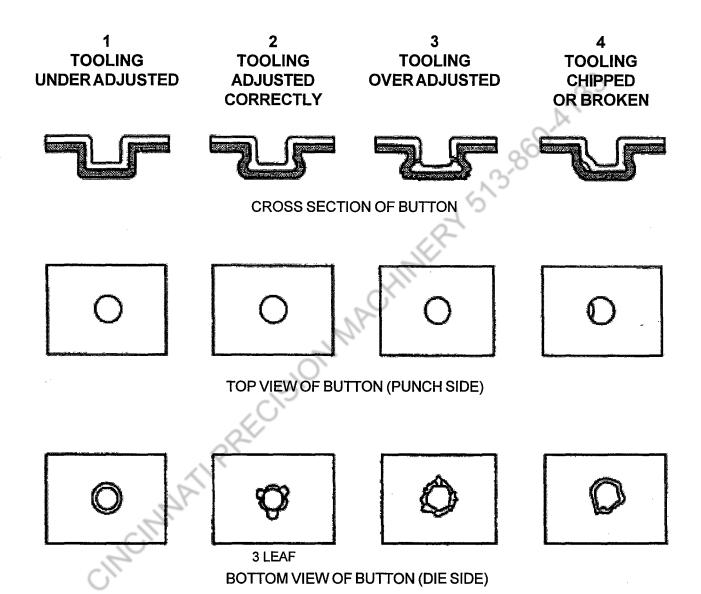
METHODS OF TESTING BUTTON STRENGTH **ILLUSTRATION 3**



SHEAR (PULL) AND PEEL TESTING



BUTTON VIEWS ILLUSTRATION 4



AUTOMATIC RETURN ADJUSTMENT

The Quiclok press is equipped with a pressure sensing sequence valve that automatically retracts the punch when the forming is complete. When the foot pedal is depressed, the punch will close on the die and release when the preset pressure is reached. The punch will not retract, however, unless the foot pedal has been released. To adjust the release pressure, there is an adjusting screw on the bottom of the Auto Return Unit.

To increase the release pressure - turn the adjuster screw clockwise

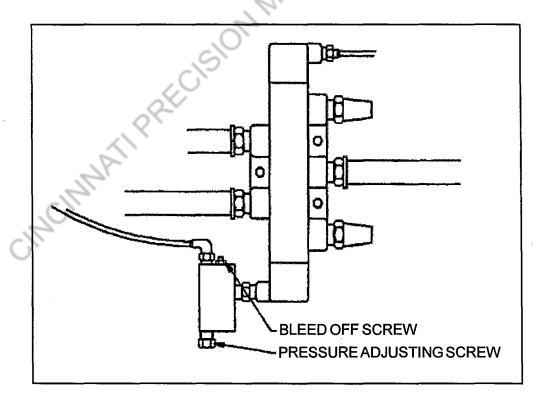
To decrease the release pressure - turn the adjuster screw counterclockwise

IMPORTANT: If the punch release pressure is too low, the machine will produce a weak buttonlok. Therefore, the button should be checked after any Auto Return Adjustment.

NOTE: If the adjuster screw is turned fully clockwise (increasing), the unit will not return automatically.

Adjustment of the Bleed Off Screw:

Turn screw clockwise until tight and back out 1/2 turn.



MAINTENANCE

"C" FRAME

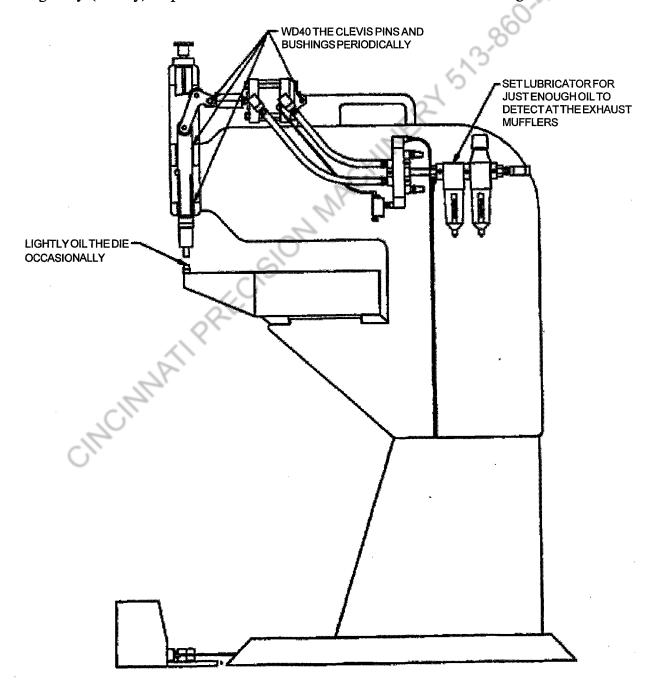
Visually inspect the frame for signs of damage or fatigue.

FILTERS AND MUFFLERS

Drain the filter regulator daily by opening the valve underneath the filter cup. Leave open until all the moisture has drained out, then close.

HOSES AND QUICK CONNECTS

Regularly (weekly) inspect all hoses and check 5/32 control lines for damage.



Medium Duty Quiclok Specifications		
Description	Medium Duty Quicklok	
Frame	Steel "C" Frame	
Throat	18 or 24	
Stroke	3/4 Standard setting	
Capacity	Two ply 16 gauge mild steel (#50 Die) Two ply 22 gauge mild steel (#40 Die) Two ply 26 gauge mild steel (#30 Die)	
Power Unit	4" Bore x 2" Stroke Air Cylinder	
Die Type	55734 (anvil depth .030) yellow 55735 (anvil depth .040) blue 55736 (anvil depth .050) red	
Punch Type	86255 3/16 diameter	
Cycle Speed	120 buttons/minute (3/4 Stroke)	
Duty Cycle	100%	
Air Requirements	75 psi (minimum)	
Air Consumption	0.025 cu. ft. air per button (Approx. 1 hp @ 60 buttons per minute)	
Approx. Weight	MDQL 18 - 1139 lbs. MDQL 24 - 1679 lbs.	

TROUBLESHOOTING

Total Failure of Joint (See also Troubleshooting Section DISTORTED JOINTS)			
Problem	Cause	Solution	
No button formed	Broken punch or die	Replace tool	
,	High pressure too low	Increase pressure to 75 PSI Re-adjust automatic return	
Button partially formed no squeeze	Metal not of specified thickness	Use specified metal or use proper tooling	
	Pressure drop	Restore pressure	
	Incorrect tooling for metal being used	Verify joint data, change tooling if necessary	
	Incorrect shut height adjustment	Adjust shut height for correct clearance	
Piercing/cracking of punch side	Metal not of specified thickness	Use specified metal or change to correct tooling	
·	Incorrect tooling for metals	Verify joint data/change tooling if necessary	
	Weak or broken springs	Replace spring(s)	
	Punch/die not concentric	Realign tooling	

Intermittent Failure		
Problem	Cause	Solution
Same tooling produces intermittently good and bad parts	Parts do not fit gauging	Re-adjust shut height with top adjusting knob
	Parts interfere with tooling operation	Correct parts configuration

TROUBLESHOOTING

Deformed or Distorted Joints			
Problem	Cause	Solution	
Cracks appear on button	Metal not of specified thickness or hardness	Use specified metal or use proper tooling	
	BD too large, tooling over adjusted	Back off shut height adjustment	
	Incorrect tooling for metals	Verify joint data, change tooling if necessary	
	Punch/die not concentric	Realign tooling	
	Excessive deflection	Check for damage	
Cracks appear inside joint cup	Metal not of specified thickness or hardness	Use specified metal or use proper tooling	
	Tooling incorrect for metals	Verify joint data, change tooling if necessary	
	Punch/die not concentric	Realign tooling	
Lump or irregularity on button	Chipped punch or die	Replace	
Button tearing	Shut height to shallow	Re-adjust shut height	
16,		Check controls or operator	
No backflow of button (refer to page 9, illustration 4, no. 2)	Shut height to shallow Material not drawing quality	Re-adjust shut height	
Partial backflow of button (refer to page 9, illustration 4, no. 4)	Die leaf missing or opened before joining	Replace leaf if missing or check for interface causing leaf to open on part loading	
	Deflection in force frame or tool holder	Check for damage	

TROUBLESHOOTING

Deformed or Distorted Joints (Continued)		
Problem	Cause	Solution
Dimpling and unformed button	Die leaf missing	Replace leaf
	Retaining ring leaf open	Replace ring
Button not round	Leaf not operating	Check for interference
	Deflection is binding leaves	Check leaf guarding
	Flexing of force frame	Check for damage
	Punch and die are not concentric	Realign tooling
Parts are distorted during joining	Insufficient stripper force	Replace stripper spring (if broken)
	Shut height to deep	Re-adjust shut height
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AND ALIGNMENT PROCEDURE MANDREL/DIE REPLACEMENT SET SCREW TO FRONT WILL MOVE DIE TO RIGHT OR LEFT LISE SET SCREWS LOOSEN 3/4" BOLT

- AND REPLACE
- DOWN SO
- NTIL STRIPPER VISUALLY LIGNS WITH DIE HOLDER ELACE PUNCH AND INSTALL (1AKE TEST PUNCH WITH ONE PIECE OF METAL RIGHT OR LEFT
- DIE
- INSPECT FORM TO DETERMINE IF
- 8) ALIGN FRONT TO BACK POSITION FIRST
 BY LODSENING DIE HOLDER RETAINING SCREW
 AND ADJUSTING DIE IN CORRECTIVE DIRECTION
 9) MAKE NEW TEST PUNCH AND
 ADJUST MANDREL RIGHT OR LEFT
 IN CORRECTIVE DIRECTION
 10 >REPEAT STEPS 9 AND 10 UNTIL
 PUNCH FORM LODKS CENTERED______
- 11 MAKE TEST PUNCH WITH DESIRED
 TWO PIECES OF METAL AND
 INSPECT FOR SIGNS OF MISALIGNMENT
 (2) MAKE MINOR ALIGNMENT CHANGES
 UNTIL FIDM ' TENDALIGNMENT CHANGES

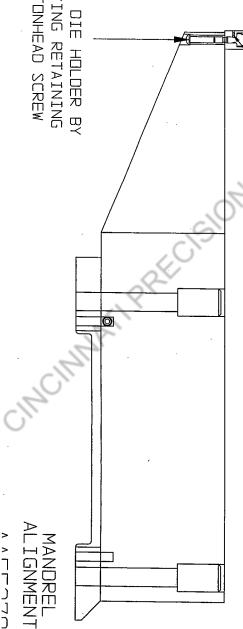
SET SCREW

EXTREME FRONT POSITION

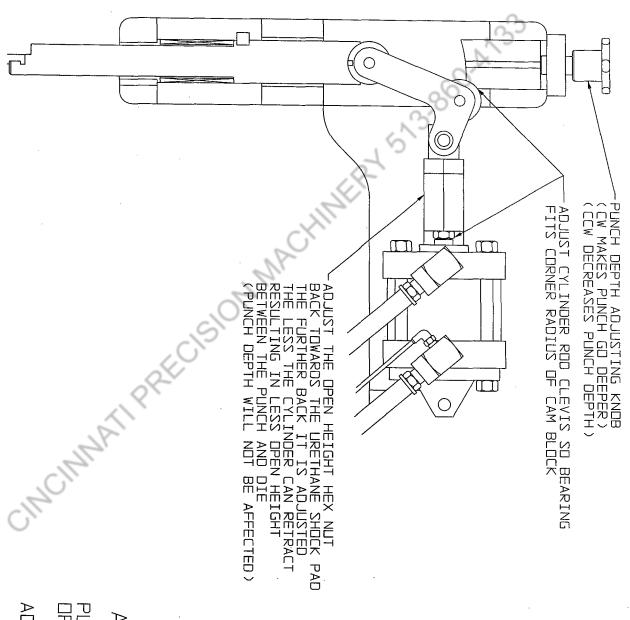
(RE-TIGHTEN 3/4" BOLT) TO ADJUST MANDREL/DIE AND

DIE SET TO EXTREME REAR POSITION SCREW TO REAR WILL MOVE

FRONT TO BACK ADJUSTMENT PLACE SCREW ON SIDE WILL DIE IN CENTER OF



REMOVE DIE HOLDER BY REMOVING RETAINING BUTTONHEAD SCREW



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PUNCH DEPTH

OPEN HEIGHT

& CLEVIS

ADJUSTMENTS

