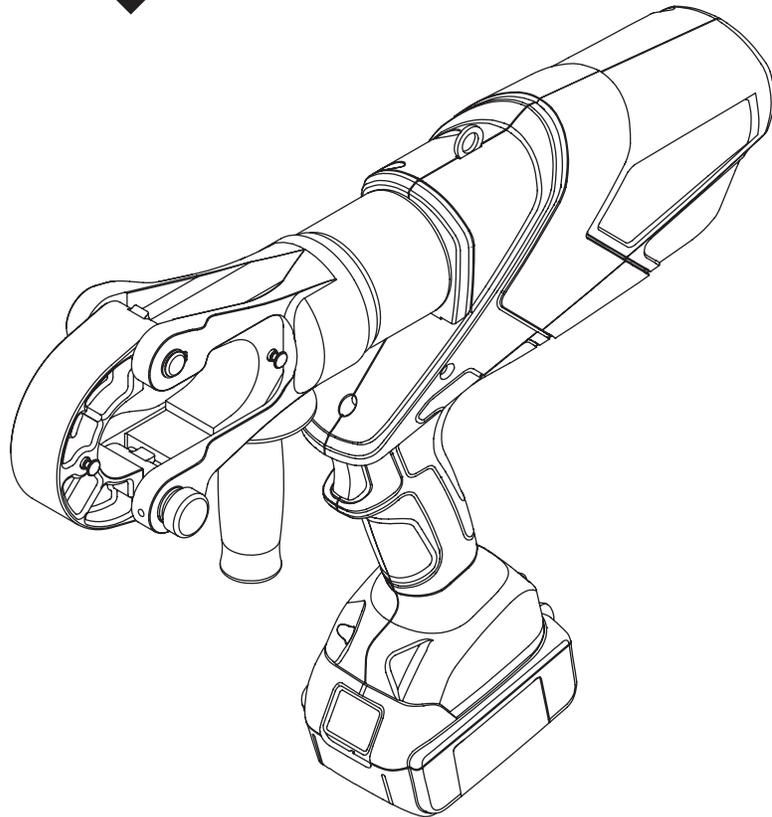


OPERATION MANUAL



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EK1550FLT and EK1550FLX GATOR[®] Battery-powered, 15-ton Crimping Tools



Read and understand all of the instructions and safety information in this manual before operating or servicing this tool.

Register this product at www.greenlee.com



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Description

The EK1550FLT and EK1550FLX Battery-powered, 15-ton, High-speed Crimping Tools are hand-held, self-contained crimping tools intended to crimp aluminum and copper connectors onto electrical cable.

These tools have a retraction stop feature which allows the operator to stop the retraction motion of the ram to shorten cycle time.

Both the T and X versions of this tool have Bluetooth® connectivity and an LCD screen. Only the T version has GPS tracking.

These tools are protected by U.S. Patent No. 6,206,663, 6,276,186, 6,401,515, and 6,718,870.

EK1550FLT – FCC ID: 2AGL2COM; IC ID: 20646COM
EK1550FLX – FCC ID: 2AGL2CFM; IC ID: 20646CFM

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Safety

Safety is essential in the use and maintenance of Greenlee tools and equipment. This manual and any markings on the tool provide information for avoiding hazards and unsafe practices related to the use of this tool. Observe all of the safety information provided.

Purpose of this Manual

This manual is intended to familiarize all personnel with the safe operation and maintenance procedures for the following Greenlee tools:

- EK1550FLT Battery-powered Crimping Tool
- EK1550FLX Battery-powered Crimping Tool

Keep this manual available to all personnel.

Replacement manuals are available upon request at no charge at www.greenlee.com.



Do not discard this product or throw away!
For recycling information, go to www.greenlee.com.

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IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION



SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL

This symbol is used to call your attention to hazards or unsafe practices which could result in an injury or property damage. The signal word, defined below, indicates the severity of the hazard. The message after the signal word provides information for preventing or avoiding the hazard.

⚠ DANGER

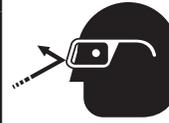
Immediate hazards which, if not avoided, **WILL** result in severe injury or death.

⚠ WARNING

Hazards which, if not avoided, **COULD** result in severe injury or death.

⚠ CAUTION

Hazards or unsafe practices which, if not avoided, **MAY** result in injury or property damage.



⚠ WARNING

Wear eye protection when operating or servicing this tool.

Failure to wear eye protection could result in serious eye injury from flying debris or hydraulic oil.



⚠ WARNING

Skin injection hazard:

Do not use hands to check for oil leaks. Oil under pressure easily punctures skin. If injured, seek medical attention immediately to remove oil.

Failure to observe this warning could result in serious injury, gangrene, or death.



⚠ WARNING

Do not use solvents or flammable liquids to clean the tool body. Solvents or flammable liquids could ignite and cause serious injury or property damage.



⚠ WARNING

Read and understand all of the instructions and safety information in this manual before operating or servicing this tool.

Failure to observe this warning could result in severe injury or death.



⚠ WARNING

Electric shock hazard:

This tool is not insulated. When using this unit on or near energized electrical lines, use proper personal protective equipment.

Failure to observe this warning could result in severe injury or death.

⚠ WARNING

An incomplete crimp can cause a fire.

- Use proper die, connector, and cable combinations. Improper combinations can result in an incomplete crimp.
- The relief valve sounds and the ram automatically retracts to indicate a completed crimp. If you do not hear the sound of the relieve valve or the ram does not automatically retract, the crimp is not complete.

Failure to observe these warnings could result in severe injury or death.



⚠ WARNING

Pinch points:

- Remove battery before changing dies, adapters, or jaws.
- Keep hands away from the crimping tool head when crimping.

Failure to observe these warnings could result in severe injury or death.



IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

⚠ WARNING

Do not dispose of batteries in a fire. They will vent fumes and may explode.

Failure to observe this warning could result in severe injury from harmful fumes or burns from flying debris.

⚠ WARNING

Remove the battery before transporting the T version of this tool by air.

Failure to observe this warning could result in severe injury or death.

⚠ WARNING

- Inspect tool and dies before use. Replace any worn or damaged parts. A damaged or improperly assembled tool can break and strike nearby personnel.
- Carrying strap is for carrying only, not to be used to hang or suspend tool.

Failure to observe these warnings could result in severe injury or death.

⚠ CAUTION

- Do not use this tool for continuous use. After 30 to 40 cycles, allow the tool to cool for 15 minutes.
- Do not secure this tool in a vise. This tool is designed for hand-held operation.
- This tool may be used in damp or wet environments; however, air-drying is recommended before use if the tool becomes soaked. Damage may result when the tool is operated prior to thorough drying when electrical components are soaked.
- Use this tool for the manufacturer's intended purpose only.

Failure to observe these precautions may result in injury or property damage.

⚠ CAUTION

Do not allow anything to contact the battery terminals.

- Do not immerse the batteries in liquid. Liquid may create a short circuit and damage the battery. If batteries are immersed, contact your service center for proper handling.
- Do not place the battery into a pocket, tool pouch, or tool box with conductive objects. Conductive objects may create a short circuit and damage the battery.
- Do not place a battery on moist ground or grass. Moisture may create a short circuit and damage the battery.

Failure to observe these precautions may result in injury or property damage.

⚠ CAUTION

- Do not store the battery at more than 122 °F (50 °C) or less than -4 °F (-20 °C). Damage to the battery can result.
- Do not use another manufacturer's charger. Other manufacturers' chargers may overcharge and damage the battery.
- Do not attempt to open the battery. It contains no user-serviceable parts.

Failure to observe these precautions may result in injury or property damage.

⚠ CAUTION

Do not perform any service or maintenance other than as described in this manual. Injury or damage to the tool may result.

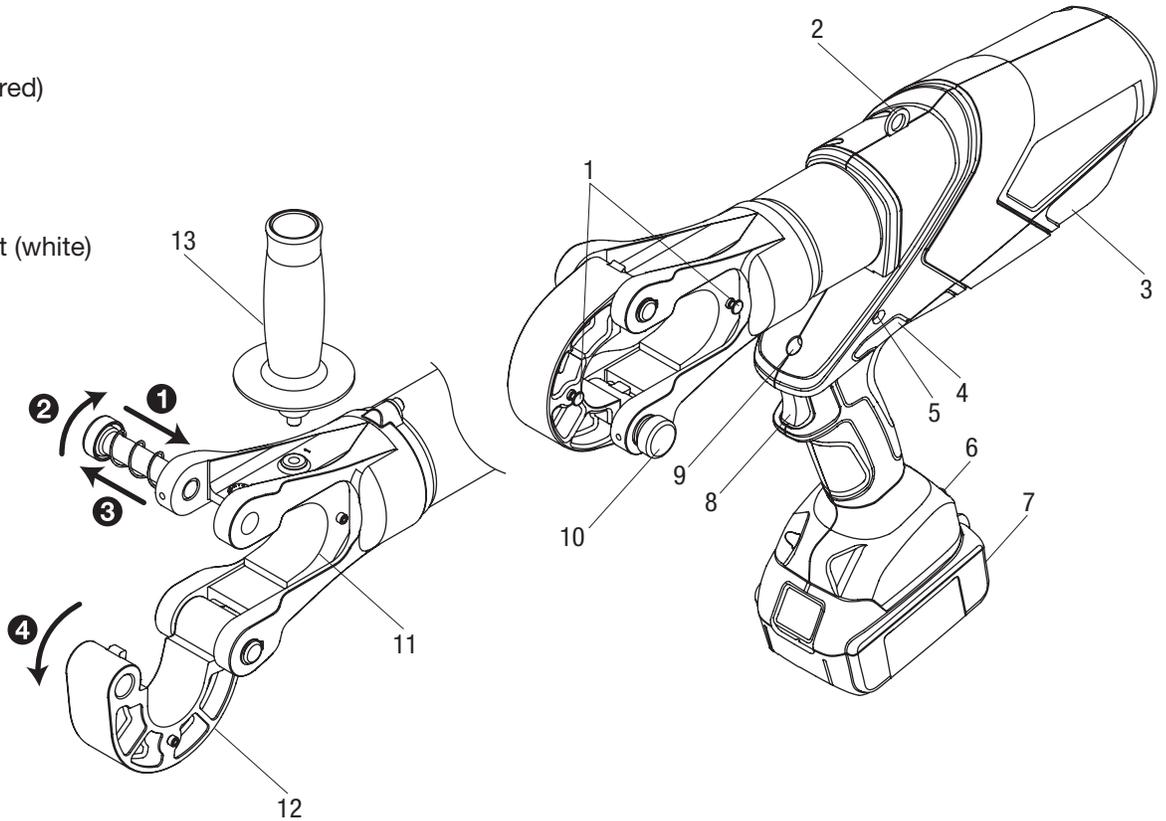
Failure to observe this precaution may result in injury and property damage.

Note: Keep all decals clean and legible, and replace when necessary.



Identification

- 1. Die Release Buttons
- 2. Lanyard Ring
- 3. Housing
- 4. Retract Button
- 5. LED Indicator (red)
- 6. LCD Screen
- 7. Battery
- 8. Trigger
- 9. LED Work Light (white)
- 10. Pull Pin
- 11. Ram
- 12. Flip-top Head
- 13. Handle



Specifications

Crimping Tool

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| Length | 19.00" (483 mm) |
| Width | 3.00" (76 mm) |
| Height (with battery)..... | 13.5" (342 mm) |
| Mass/Weight (with battery) | 18.2 lb (8.25 kg) |
| Crimping Force | 15 tons (135 kN) |
| Hydraulic Oil..... | 52057878 biodegradable hydraulic fluid |
| Recommended Operating Temperature Range..... | 5 °F to 122 °F (-15 °C to 50 °C) |

Battery Charger

Read the instructions supplied with the battery charger

Crimping Capacities

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|---------------------------|------------|
| Maximum Crimping Capacity | |
| Aluminum..... | 1250 kcmil |
| Copper..... | 1500 kcmil |

With "P" Style Dies (no adapter kit needed):
 1250 kcmil aluminum and
 1500 kcmil copper fittings

With 52060610 Die Adapter Set
 for 12-ton "U" Style Dies:
 500 kcmil copper splices,
 750 kcmil copper terminals,
 350 kcmil aluminum splices,
 750 kcmil aluminum terminals

Note: Do not use non-butting dies (crimps controlled by tonnage) in this tool, as damage could occur to connectors and/or conductors.



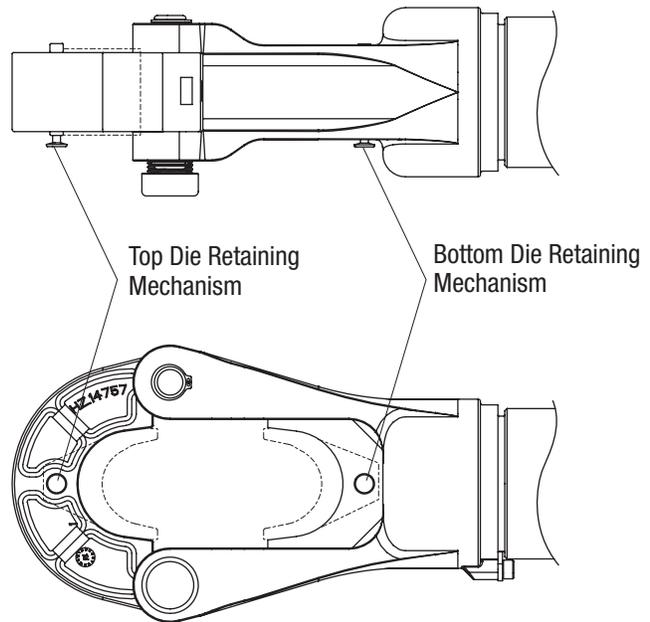
Adapter Kits

Procedure for Using Burndy Y46 Dies and “P” Style Dies

1. No die holder assemblies are needed. Dies fit directly into tool.
2. Select proper die set for fitting to be crimped.

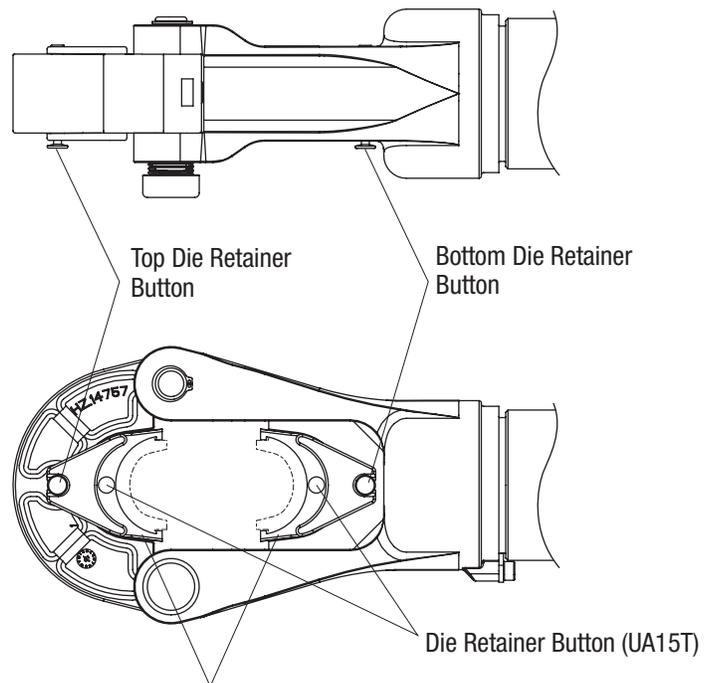
Note: Do not use non-butting dies (crimps controlled by tonnage) in this tool, as damage could occur to connectors and/or conductors.

3. Slide top die into place in die holder while simultaneously squeezing retainer button. Release button and allow die to snap into place. Repeat operation for other die entry.



Procedure for Using 12-ton “U” Style Dies with 52060610 Die Adapter Set

1. Slide a die adapter assembly into the flip-top head while depressing the die retainer button. Release the retainer button while the adapter snaps into place. The die adapter should be locked in position.
2. Repeat Step 1 to install the other die adapter into the ram end.
3. Select the proper “U” die set for the connector to be crimped.
4. Slide the “U” die into the die adapter while depressing the die retainer button. Release the die button while it snaps into place, locking the die into position.
5. Repeat Step 4 with other “U” die.



**12-ton “U” Die Adapter Set UA15T (52060610)
(contains two die adapters)**



Setup

1. Select the die set that corresponds to the size, type, and manufacturer of connector to be crimped.
2. Determine if the die adapter set is required:
 - “P” style dies—no die adapters required
 - 12-ton “U” style dies—52060610 die adapter set
3. Install proper size crimping dies in crimping head. Be sure die seat area is clear of debris.

Operation

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| ⚠ WARNING | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspect tool and dies before use. Replace any worn or damaged parts. A damaged or improperly assembled tool can break and strike nearby personnel. • Carrying strap is for carrying only, not to be used to hang or suspend tool. | |
| Failure to observe these warnings could result in severe injury or death. | |

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| | ⚠ WARNING |
| | <p>Electric shock hazard:</p> <p>This tool is not insulated. When using this unit on or near energized electrical lines, use proper personal protective equipment.</p> <p>Failure to observe this warning could result in severe injury or death.</p> |

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| | ⚠ WARNING |
| | <p>Wear eye protection when operating or servicing this tool.</p> <p>Failure to wear eye protection could result in serious eye injury from flying debris or hydraulic oil.</p> |

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| | ⚠ WARNING |
| | <p>Pinch points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove battery before changing dies, adapters, or jaws. • Keep hands away from the crimping tool head when crimping. <p>Failure to observe these warnings could result in severe injury or death.</p> |

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| ⚠ CAUTION |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not use this tool for continuous use. After 30 to 40 cycles, allow the tool to cool for 15 minutes. • Do not secure this tool in a vise. This tool is designed for hand-held operation. • This tool may be used in damp or wet environments; however, air-drying is recommended before use if the tool becomes soaked. Damage may result when the tool is operated prior to thorough drying when electrical components are soaked. • Use this tool for the manufacturer’s intended purpose only. <p>Failure to observe these precautions may result in injury or property damage.</p> |

Charging the Battery
 Read the instructions supplied with the battery charger.

LED Work Light (white)
 This LED automatically turns on when the trigger is pulled. It remains on for 10 seconds after the trigger is released.

LED Indicator (red)
 This tool is equipped with a special circuit board incorporating several important features to inform the user about the current status of the unit. The LED signals in the following cases:

| What happens | Signal | What it means |
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| Constant light for 20 seconds at end of cycle | █ | Battery charge is below 17 V at beginning of cycle* |
| Tool will not start, and constant light for 20 seconds when trigger is released | █ | Battery charge is below 16 V at beginning of cycle* |
| Tool will stop, and constant light for 20 seconds after trigger is released | █ | Battery voltage drops below 13 V during cycle* |
| Tool will stop, and flashing light for 20 seconds when trigger is released | ● ● ● ● | Motor current exceeds 20 A during cycle |
| | | Circuit has become too hot |
| Flashing light for 20 seconds at end of cycle | ● ● ● ● | Send tool in for service |

* Running the battery below 16 V can damage the battery.



Operation (cont'd)

Pressure Sensor

This tool is equipped with a pressure sensor that alerts the user of an incomplete crimp.

- If the tool is manually retracted before completion of a crimp, the red LED and an audible beep will be active for 2 seconds.
- If the tool is unable to reach the required crimp force, the red LED, work light, and an audible beep will pulse until after the trigger is released.

IMPORTANT

For a cUL or UL classified crimp, see the connector table in this instruction manual.

Preparation

Note: When using KC12-type dies, complete the number of crimps listed on the "Connector Selection" chart in this manual. For other dies, complete the number of crimps specified by the manufacturer.

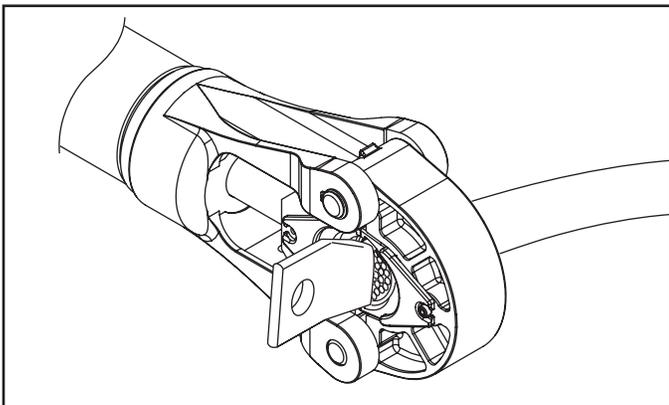
1. Select a proper size and type of connector to correspond with the wire or cable.
2. Strip the cable to an appropriate length. Follow the connector manufacturer's instructions.

Note: Apply an oxide inhibitor, if required. See the connector manufacturer's instructions.

3. Clean the die seat area.

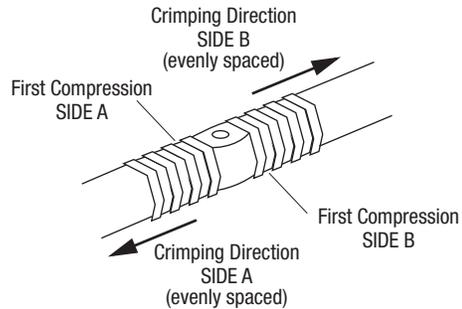
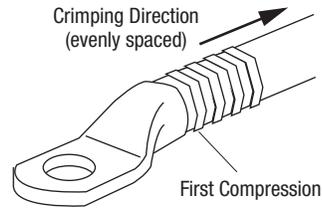
Crimping

1. Insert the cable fully into the connector.
2. If open, close the flip-top head and engage the pull pin. Make sure the pull pin is fully engaged.
3. Align the connector between the crimping dies as shown below.



4. For a UL or cUL classified crimp, complete the number of crimps specified under "Connector Selection".

5. For a single crimp, position the connector so the crimp will be located at the center of the barrel.



6. Depress the trigger to advance the ram. Hold the trigger down until the ram automatically begins to retract.

Notes: If the crimping tool does not automatically retract, the crimp is incomplete.

It is normal for the battery load display to light at both the beginning and near the end of the crimping cycle.

7. Release the trigger until the ram retracts completely.
8. To stop the ram from returning fully, activate the trigger for a brief moment. This activation will close the retraction valve and stop the retraction motion.

Note: if it is necessary to retract the ram before a crimp cycle is complete, push the retract button. Pushing the retract button will result in complete retraction of the ram.

After completing the last crimp on an aluminum connector, wipe off the excess oxide inhibitor.

⚠ WARNING

An incomplete crimp can cause a fire.

- Use proper die, connector, and cable combinations. Improper combinations can result in an incomplete crimp.
- The relief valve sounds and the ram automatically retracts to indicate a completed crimp. If you do not hear the sound of the relieve valve or the ram does not automatically retract, the crimp is not complete.

Failure to observe these warnings could result in severe injury or death.



Die Selection

Refer to “Connector Selection” for brand names and model numbers of appropriate lugs as well as crimping instructions.

Crimps made with this tool and KC12-type or KA12-type dies are cUL and UL classified when used with the appropriate conductor and connectors listed below.

Dies for Copper Connectors

| Catalog No. | UPC No. | Cable Size | Color Code | No. of Crimps |
|-------------|---------|------------|------------|---------------|
| KC12-8 | 10996 | 8 AWG | Red | 1 |
| KC12-6 | 10997 | 6 AWG | Blue | 1 |
| KC12-4 | 10998 | 4 AWG | Gray | 1 |
| KC12-2 | 10999 | 2 AWG | Brown | 1 |
| KC12-1 | 11003 | 1 AWG | Green | 1 |
| KC12-1/0 | 11004 | 1/0 AWG | Pink | 1 |
| KC12-2/0 | 11007 | 2/0 AWG | Black | 1 |
| KC12-3/0 | 11010 | 3/0 AWG | Orange | 1 |
| KC12-4/0 | 11011 | 4/0 AWG | Purple | 1 |
| KC12-250 | 11012 | 250 kcmil | Yellow | 1 |
| KC12-300 | 11013 | 300 kcmil | White | 2 |
| KC12-350 | 11014 | 350 kcmil | Red | 2 |
| KC12-400 | 11015 | 400 kcmil | Blue | 2 |
| KC12-500 | 11016 | 500 kcmil | Brown | 2 |
| KC12-600 | 11018 | 600 kcmil | Green | 2 |
| KC12-750 | 11020 | 750 kcmil | Black | 2 |

Dies for Aluminum Connectors

| Catalog No. | UPC No. | Cable Size | Color Code | No. of Crimps |
|-------------|---------|------------|------------|---------------|
| KA12-8 | 22084 | 8 AWG | Blue | 1 |
| KA12-6 | 22085 | 6 AWG | Gray | 1 |
| KA12-4 | 22086 | 4 AWG | Green | 1 |
| KA12-2 | 22087 | 2 AWG | Pink | 1 |
| KA12-1 | 22088 | 1 AWG | Gold | 1 |
| KA12-1/0 | 22089 | 1/0 AWG | Tan | 1 |
| KA12-2/0 | 22090 | 2/0 AWG | Olive | 2 |
| KA12-3/0 | 22121 | 3/0 AWG | Ruby | 2 |
| KA12-4/0 | 22122 | 4/0 AWG | White | 2 |
| KA12-250 | 22123 | 250 kcmil | Red | 2 |
| KA12-300 | 22124 | 300 kcmil | Blue | 2 |
| KA12-350 | 22125 | 350 kcmil | Brown | 2 |
| KA12-400 | 22126 | 400 kcmil | Green | 3 |
| KA12-500 | 22127 | 500 kcmil | Pink | 3 |
| KA12-600 | 22128 | 600 kcmil | Black | 3 |
| KA12-750 | 22129 | 750 kcmil | Yellow | 3 |

Connector Selection

Tool Range: 8 AWG to 750 kcmil

When used with KC12-type dies, this tool is cUL and UL classified for use with the following connector brands:

| Connector Type | Barrel Type | Anderson | Blackburn® | Burndy | ILSCO | Panduit | T&B | Penn-Union | Number of Crimps* |
|----------------|-------------|----------|------------|---|---|----------------------------|---|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Copper Splice | Short | VHSS | CSP | YS-L | CT | SCSS SCS | 54504 to 54523-TB | BCU | 8 AWG to 250 kcmil: 1 crimp |
| | Long | VHS | CU | YS | CTL | SCL SCH | 54804 to 54823 | BBCU | |
| Copper Lugs | Short | VHCS | CTL-2/CTL | YA-2LN/ YA-L/YA-2L; YA/YA-L-TC/ YA-L-2TC | CSW CRA/CRB CRC | LCAS LCA LCD LCAN | 54104 to 54123-TB; 54204 to 54223 | BLU | 300 to 750 kcmil: 2 crimps |
| | Long | VHCL | CTL-L/LCN | YA/YAZ YA-2N/YA-2TC YAZ-2N/YAZ-2TC | CLN, CLW CRA-L/CRB-L CRA-2/CRB-2L CRC-2L | LCB LCC | 54930BE to 54923BE; 54850BE to 54880BE | BBLU | |

When used with KA12-type dies, this tool is cUL and UL classified for use with the following connector brands:

| Connector Type | Anderson | Blackburn® | Burndy | ILSCO | Panduit | T&B | Penn-Union | Number of Crimps* |
|----------------------------|----------|------------|----------------|--|------------|---|------------|--|
| Dual-Rated Aluminum Splice | VACS | ASP | YS-A | AS ASN | SA | 60501 to 60578 | PIK | 8 to 1/0 AWG: 1 crimp |
| Dual-Rated Aluminum Lugs | VACL | ATL | YA-A YA-ATN | ACL/ACN 2ACL/2ACN ALNS/ALNN/ALND | LAA LAB | 60101 to 60176; 60230 to 60278 | BLUA | 2/0 AWG to 350 kcmil: 2 crimps 400 to 750 kcmil: 3 crimps |



* Use the number of crimps listed in this column instead of the number provided with the connector.



LCD Screen

This tool has an LCD screen, which displays information about the tool. Turn on the screen by inserting the battery and jogging the tool. If there are any problems with the tool, an error code appears.

If there is no error code, cycle through the various displays using the left and right buttons on either side of the screen. There are seven displays in total.

| Error Code | Meaning |
|------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Overcurrent fuse |
| 2 | Overcurrent comparator |
| 3 | Overheated circuit board |
| 4 | Overheated battery |
| 5 | Battery empty; operation stops |
| 6 | Faulty crimp; complete cycle |
| 7 | Faulty crimp; incomplete cycle |
| 8 | Low battery |
| 9 | Battery empty; tool won't run |
| 10 | Real-time clock battery low |
| 11 | Tool deactivated |
| 12 | Service necessary |
| 13 | Real-time clock not found |
| 14 | Bluetooth® unit not found |
| 15 | Mobile unit not found |
| 16 | Pressure sensor not found |
| 17 | Burst pressure exceeded |
| 18 | Battery temperature too low |

| Display | Information Shown |
|---------|--|
| 1 | Bluetooth® status, battery charge, current pressure, max. pressure |
| 2 | Firmware, available firmware update, serial number |
| 3 | Current user. Press and hold both buttons to change user, select with right button, and confirm by jogging the tool. |
| 4 | GSM/CDMA signal strength |
| 5 | GPS signal status |
| 6 | Cycles until next service |
| 7 | Since manufacturing: operating hours, capacity, number of cycles |

Note: Tool data transmission starts with production of the tool, independent of registration on i-connect, but only for the T version of this tool.



Maintenance

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| | <p>Do not use solvents or flammable liquids to clean the tool body. Solvents or flammable liquids could ignite and cause serious injury or property damage.</p> |

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| | <p>Pinch points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove battery before changing dies, adapters, or jaws. • Keep hands away from the crimping tool head when crimping. <p>Failure to observe these warnings could result in severe injury or death.</p> |

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| IMPORTANT |
| Relief valve adjustments must be done by an authorized service center. |

Daily

Before use:

1. Inspect the tool for wear or damage, such as cracks, gouges, or chips.
2. Inspect the tool for damage or leaks.
3. Inspect the rotation of the head assembly. Fully retract the ram. The head should rotate no more than 360°. If damage is detected, contact Greenlee customer service at 800-435-0786 for warranty service or repair.

After use:

1. Use a damp cloth and mild detergent to clean the housing. Allow the housing to dry.
2. Fully retract the ram. Place the tool in the carrying case and store in a cool, dry place.
3. If necessary, recharge the batteries. Refer to the instructions supplied with the battery charger.

Monthly

Thoroughly clean all surfaces.

Annually or After 10,000 Crimps

Contact Greenlee customer service at 800-435-0786 for warranty service or repair, and hydraulic oil replacement.



Troubleshooting

Before You Begin

1. Make sure that the battery is charged. Recheck the battery after several minutes to make sure the battery is holding its charge.
2. Use a **nonflammable** contact cleaner or pencil eraser to clean the electrical contacts on the battery and tool.
3. Reinstall the battery and check the tool again.

| Problem | Possible Cause | Probable Remedy |
|--|--|--|
| Tool is inoperative. | Battery charge low. | Charge or replace battery. |
| | Dirt, contaminants, etc., in ram area of tool. | Clean tool. |
| | Tool components worn or damaged. | Contact Greenlee customer service at 800-435-0786 for warranty service or repair. |
| Motor is inoperative. | Low or uncharged battery. | Try known charged battery. Inoperative battery may be discharged or may have reached life expectancy. |
| | Broken switch components. | Contact Greenlee customer service at 800-435-0786 for warranty service or repair. |
| Motor runs but tool will not complete a cycle. | Oil level low. | Contact Greenlee customer service at 800-435-0786 for warranty service or repair. |
| | Air in hydraulic system. | Pull trigger and hold retract button simultaneously. Run for approximately 10 seconds, and then attempt to crimp. If unsuccessful, contact Greenlee customer service at 800-435-0786 for warranty service or repair. |
| | Cold oil. | Pull trigger and hold retract button simultaneously to warm oil. Store tool in warm area. |
| Tool loses oil. | Damaged seal. | Contact Greenlee customer service at 800-435-0786 for warranty service or repair. |

