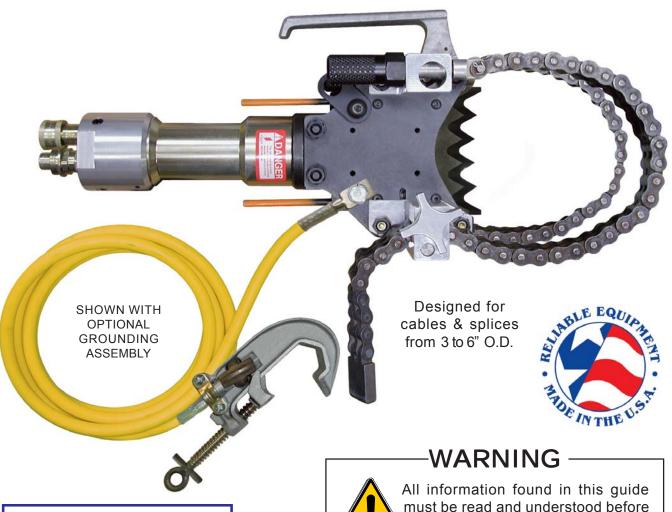
# OPERATOR'S GUIDE

## REL-117STM

DOUBLE ACTING HYDRAULIC SPEARING TOOL



NOTE: This tool MUST be used in accordance with the safty guidelines established by your respective utility.

must be read and understood before use or testing of this tool.

Failure to read and understand these warnings and safe handling instructions could result in severe personal injury and or death.



## **DISTRIBUTED BY**

## REGISTRATION

UPON RECEIPT OF THIS TOOL, COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION BELOW.

COMPANY		 
ADDRESS		
PHONE	FAX	
SERIAL NUMBER		
DATE OF PURCHASE		 
DEALER NAME		 



The information in this manual is intended to guide the user in the use and application of this tool. It is not intended as a substitute for proper training and experience in safe work practices for this type of equipment.

Consult your supervisor or safety personnel if you have any questions regarding the safe operation of this tool.

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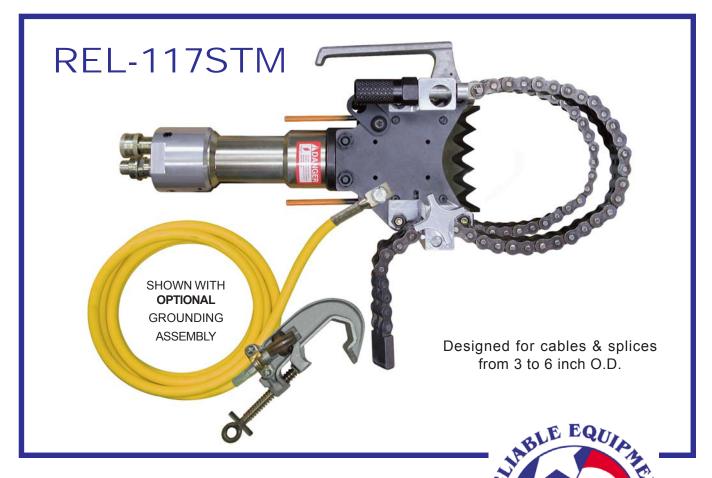
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#### THIS SYMBOL INDICATES ITEMS OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE.

Safety of user and others may be in jeopardy if these instructions are not read and understood.

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The REL-117SM double acting hydraulic spearing tool was designed to drive a serrated piercing blade into the conductor or joint ensuring that the conductor is out of service prior to beginning work.

Designed to accommodate electrical cables from 3 to 6" O.D. This double acting tool has the ability to advance and retract, eliminating hang-up. The specially designed serrated piercing blade guarantees contact when a multi-bundled conductor is spiked.

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WEIGHT: 30 LBS. LENGTH: 14 INCHES

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**INCHES** 

WIDTH:

NOTE: This tool MUST be used in accordance with the safty guidelines established by your respective utility.



**WARNING** 

BEFORE USING THIS TOOL, READ THE WARNINGS and the recommended practices described in this manual. Failure by the operator to read and fully understand these warnings will leave this person unqualified to use and operate this tool. Property damage, severe personal injury, and/or death could result by not following these warnings.

These warnings will appear in appropriate locations when they are pertinent to the particular subject being shown. Read each one carefully and follow them strictly.



Eye Protection

#### WARNING

Always wear eye protection to avoid injury from flying debris or hydraulic oil leaks. Failure to do so can result in serious personal injury.



#### WARNING

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Oil and lubricants may cause irritation. Use care to prevent contact with skin. In case of accidental contact, wash affected area immediately



#### **Hard Hat**

WARNING

Always wear a hard hat to avoid injury from falling debris. Failure to do so can result in serious personal injury.



# Foot Protection

Skin

Irritation

WARNING

Always wear foot protection.

Failure to do so can result in serious personal injury.



## Hearing Protection

WARNING

Always wear hearing protection, to avoid hearing loss due to long term exposure to high noise levels.



# Protective Gloves

WARNING

Always wear protective gloves Failure to do so can result in serious personal injury.



#### **SAFE OPERATION & CARE**

USE THIS TOOL FOR ITS INTENDED PURPOSE ONLY Any other use can result in personal injury or property damage. INSPECT TOOL BEFORE USE. Replace any worn, damaged or missing parts. A damaged or improperly assembled tool may malfunction, injuring operator and/or nearby personnel.

INSPECT HYDRAULIC HOSES AND COUPLINGS before each use. Repair or replace if any cracking, leakage, wear or damage is found. Worn or damaged hoses may fail resulting in personal injury or property damage.

CLEAR WORK AREA of all bystanders and unnecessary personnel before operating this tool.

KEEP ALL PARTS OF THE BODY AWAY FROM MOVING PARTS.

Failure to observe this warning could result in serious injury.



#### HYDRAULIC POWER SUPPLY

DO NOT attempt to make any changes to any of the component parts or accessories when connected to the power source.

DO NOT adjust, inspect, or clean tool while the tool is connected to the power source. The tool could accidentally start up and cause serious injury.

DO NOT lock the tool in the On Position. In an emergency, serious damage or injury could occur during the time required to stop the tool.



#### **OIL INJECTION INJURY**

Hydraulic oil or fluid under the skin is a serious injury. Oil under pressure can penetrate the skin and may cause dismemberment or loss of life. Seek medical assistance immediately if such an injury should occur.

Always wear safety gloves, eye protection and all required safety equipment when operating or handling this tool. DO NOT use fingers or hands to attempt to locate a leak. DO NOT handle hoses or couplers while system is pressurized. NEVER open or service the system before depressurizing.



## **HOSES AND FITTINGS**

There exists the potential for shock in using anything other than certified nonconductive hoses and hydraulic oil with dielectric properties, when using system components near energized electrical lines. Failure to recognize these conditions could cause electrocution.

Hoses and fittings used with this tool must comply with S.A.E. J1273 which covers recommended practice for selection, installation, and maintenance of hose and hose assemblies. The correct hoses and fittings are available from your supplier.

**WARNING:** Failure to comply with these warnings could result in severe bodily injury.



## UNIT/HOSE CONNECTIONS

ALWAYS DISCONNECT pump/power source and move toggle switch to OFF before connecting or disconnecting any components. ALWAYS DEPRESSURIZE hydraulic system, before slowly disconnecting this unit or any of the systems components. ALWAYS TIGHTEN couplings completely. Loose or improperly tightened couplings will not allow fluid to pass through the hose creating a blockage in the supply or return line.

**ALWAYS INSPECT HOSES AND CONNECTORS** before connection to tool. Replace or repair if any leakage is evident. Leakage is a sign of deterioration in component parts. Worn or leaking parts must be repaired or replaced, or tool damage or severe injury could result.



## HOSE INSTALLATION

#### **ALWAYS ENSURE CONNECTORS ARE CLEAN**

CAUTION

**DOUBLE ACTING** - Care must be taken to assure the correct connection of the hoses to the pressure and return (tank) ports. Connect the return hose to the return (tank) port on the power source, then to the return port on the tool.

Connect the pressure hose to the pressure port on the tool, then to the "P" pressure port on the power source.

Operation with hydraulic flow reversed can cause malfunction. Failure to fully comply can result in severe injury or death.



Operation/Safety methods may vary in accordance with the working guidelines established by each utility or contractor.

For your own safety, ensure that you fully comply with all safe operation guidelines required by your employer.



#### **ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD**

Always wear and use the necessary clothing, equipment and safety practices to protect against electrical shock. Failure to follow these rules can result in serious personal injury or death.



## **GENERAL SAFETY**



**USE ALL APPROPRIATE AND APPLICABLE PERSONAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT** as required by the operating company.

**ALWAYS INSPECT** TOOL for wear or deterioration every day. Replace all parts that show signs of wear or damage.

**KEEP ALL PARTS OF THE BODY AWAY** from moving parts of the tool.

KEEP HANDS OUT FROM BETWEEN FIXED AND MOVING BLADES AT TOOL HEAD.
HANDS SHOULD BE OUTSIDE DANGER ZONE PRIOR TO ACTIVATING BLADE.

MAKE SURE there is no person in close proximity to you or the tool who could be injured by any operation being performed, tool malfunction or flying debris.

**DO NOT OVEREXTEND** your position by overreaching or unbalancing the footing necessary to maintain physical control of your body.

**ALWAYS MAINTAIN** a firm grip on the tool to avoid loss of control during an operation, causing property damage, serious injury or death.

USE THIS TOOL FOR THE MANUFACTURERS' INTENDED PURPOSE ONLY.

OBSERVE CLOSELY ALL SAFETY RULES FOR A PARTICULAR JOB CLASS

FAILURE TO HEED THESE WARNINGS COULD RESULT IN PROPERTY DAMAGE, SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.

### DAILY MAINTENANCE

The life, reliability, and safety of the tool is dependent on proper maintenance. Clean all surfaces including head, blade, couplers (if coupled), threads, and handles. Inspect for wear and damage. Worn or damaged parts may malfunction during operation. All parts must be replaced with new parts if signs of wear or damage are evident. Keep Label Set clean and legible. Replace decals when necessary.

## **REL-117STM OPERATION**

Read entire manual prior to using this tool. (Refer to all safety recommendations and warnings)

Observe all safety precautions and procedures required by the operating company.

Before spearing, ensure conductor is within the capacity listed for this tool.

Tool must be used in conjunction with a hydraulic system rated at, and adjusted to, 10,000 psi. Any system not operating at 10,000 psi may cause damage to the tool and result in serious injury to the operator.

Use threaded ground lug holes to attach grounding set (If required by intended application)

Connect the tool head to the control valve or hose set. (Refer to warnings on page 6 & 7)

Turn chain adjusters counter clockwise until adjuster reaches the end of travel.

Position tool against cable or joint.

Wrap chains around cable or joint and insert lugged ends into chain lock.

Pull both chains tight and rotate locking knob 180° to secure chains in position.

Tighten chain adjusters to remove any remaining slack.

The material to be speared MUST be at a 90° angle to the blade. This will ensure a proper penetration with minimal distortion. Severe blade damage may occur if material is speared at any other angle.

To ensure completion, continue operation until control valve pops back to neutral position. If you are using a hand operated pump, operate pump until bypass occurs and handle operation becomes very easy.

Continue until spearing operation is complete.

Use valve or pump to retract blade.



**IMPORTANT**: The greatest cause of hydraulic pump failure is dirt. Prevent the introduction of foreign matter into the unit via hydraulic fluid, dirty connections or accumulation of sediment.

## **MAINTENANCE**

Complete disassembly is not recommended. Return the unit to an authorized dealer for total disassembly and/or repair.

All maintenance or disassembly should take place on a flat, clean work surface covered with towels or wipers so as to have a clean space for the disassembled parts.

Inspect each part during disassembly for wear, scratches, and cuts. Discard the worn or damaged parts and replace with new factory authorized parts.

O-rings are sensitive to sharp edges. Inspect closely for cuts or damage. A small cut will cause a leak. When assembling or disassembling O-rings, use hydraulic fluid as a lubricant to help disassembly or installation.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF THIS TOOL CONTACT RELIABLE EQUIPMENT AT 800-966-3530



WARNING

BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT READ THE SAFETY WARNINGS

and recommended practices described in the manual. Failure by the operator to read and fully understand the warnings will leave this person unqualified to use and operate the tool.

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safe operation guidelines established by your respective power utility.



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#### **Maintenance Records**

Parts or Service Required

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