



Crimping Tool



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INTRODUCTION

SCOPE OF MANUAL:

This manual contains the information necessary to understand, install, operate and maintain the Crimping Tool. This information is intended for the use by both the operator and service personnel. However, certain procedures within the manual should be performed by service personnel only. These procedures are identified by a warning instruction.

Refer to the table of contents for a breakdown of each subject matter covered in each section.

WARNINGS, CAUTIONS, and NOTES within the text of this manual are used to emphasize important and critical instructions.

WARNING: An operating procedure, practice, etc. which if not carefully followed, could result in personal injury, or affect the operator's health.

CAUTION: An operating procedure, practice, etc. which, if not strictly observed, could result in damage of equipment.

NOTE: An operating procedure, condition, etc. which it is essential to highlight.

We recommend that the operators and service personnel responsible for maintenance of the FCI hand tools become thoroughly familiar with all aspects of the hand tool construction and operation. If operational or maintenance problems arise which are beyond the scope of this manual, contact your district service representative.

HAND TOOL FEATURES:

The HT-2234: Designed to terminate a single 22 – 30 awg pre-stripped discrete wire to a loose-piece 22 – 30 awg Dubox™ terminal, P/N 76357-x01LF. Two sets of crimp tooling are provided: One set is used to terminate 22 – 24 awg wires while the other is utilized to terminate 26 - 30 awg wires. Labeling above each set of crimp tooling indicates the appropriate wire range for that location.

The HT-2234 hand tool used to ergonomically terminate 1 crimp per cycle without lengthy set-up times.

- A terminal holder is provided with two cavities that correspond to the conductor size being terminated.
- Ratcheting handle ensures the complete crimping process has been fully completed and can be released if required.
- Spring-loaded wire-stops are installed on each tooling cavity to assist with correct wire placement.
- The tool head can be easily separated from the handles for cleaning and tool maintenance.

SPECIFICATIONS:

Length	197.5 mm (7.78”)
Width	65.2 mm (2.57”)
Height	145.5 mm (5.72”)
Weight	240 grams (.53 lbs)
Color	Black with Blue Handles

CRIMP SPECIFICATIONS: Refer to FCI application specification “TA-317”

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

CAUTION: Verify that the hand tool is free of any debris, such as wire strands and that it manually operates correctly.

CAUTION: This tool is designed to be operated by hand. Never install the HT-2234 hand tool in an air or pneumatic assisted device as damage to the tool and increased safety concerns will result.

CAUTION: It is suggested to wear lightweight gloves when handling hand tools and terminals.

SETTING UP THE HAND TOOL:

ATTACHING THE TOOL HEAD:

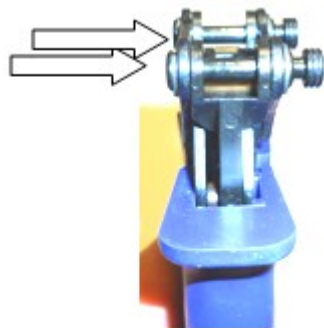


Figure 1

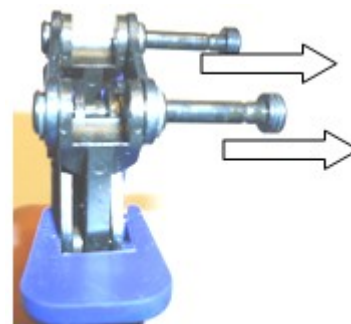


Figure 2

1. Push on both attachment pins from the front to disengage the locking feature of the pins, as shown in **Figure 1** above. Turn the tool around and manually pull out on each of the pin heads to fully retract the pins until each pin locks into the retracted position, as shown in **Figure 2** above.

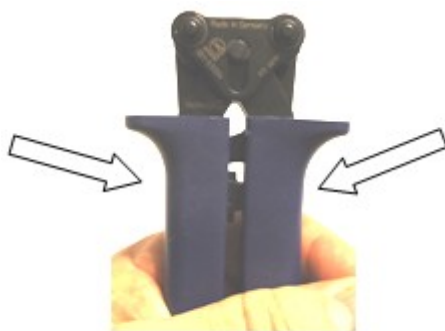


Figure 3



Figure 4

2. Fully close the handles until the ratchet mechanism releases to allow opening of the handle assembly, as shown in **Figure 3** above. Fully open the previously released handle assembly, as shown in **Figure 4** above.

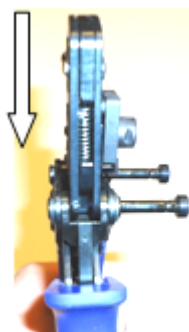


Figure 5



Figure 6

3. Position the crimp tooling assembly and insert this assembly into the handle cavity, as shown in **Figure 5** above. Following the example provided in **Figure 6** above, align the mounting pin holes of the crimp tooling assembly with those of the attachment pins and fully insert each of the two (2) pins until each of the pins have passed through the crimp tooling assembly and handle, locking into the closed position. Following this step, the heads of each of the two (2) pins will once again be fully seated against the frame of the handle and locked into the closed position.

Note: The crimp tooling assembly will install and function correctly when the head is reversed from the steps covered above.

4. Without a terminal or wire in place, dry cycle the assembled tool to verify the tooling is free to fully close and open.

CRIMPING PROCEDURES:

LOADING THE DUBOX™ TERMINAL:

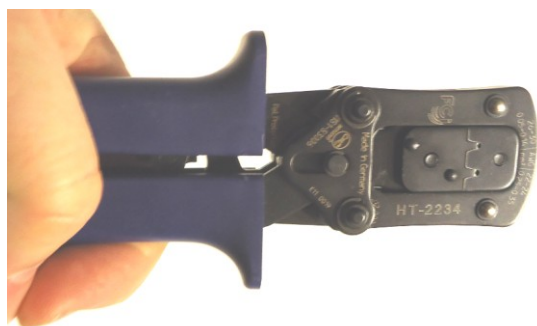


Figure 6



Figure 7

1. Verify that the crimp tool is open. If not, manually close the handle, as shown in **Figure 6** above, until you observe the last ‘click’. Release of the levers as illustrated in **Figure 7** will allow the crimping die(s) to open automatically.



Figure 8

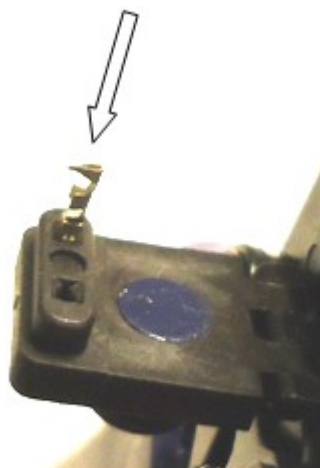


Figure 9



Figure 10

2. Rotate the locator outward and down to its ‘load position’, as shown in **Figure 8**. Insert the Dubox™ contact into the required cavity with the crimp features facing away from the tool (outward), as shown in **Figure 9** above for 22 – 24 awg conductors. Rotate the locator upward until the locator comes to a hard stop and is held in place with the magnet feature, as show above in **Figure 10**.

Note: This is only possible when the crimping die is in the fully open position.

CRIMPING PROCESS:

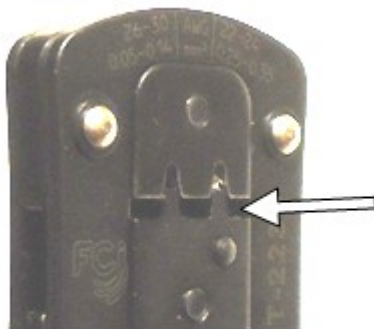


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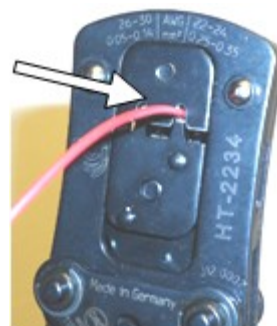


Figure 12

1. Close the hand tool till you observe the first ‘click’ of the ratchet, as indicated in **Figure 11** above. Using the correct wire gauge for the selected tooling cavity, insert the stripped wire into the slot of the appropriate wire stop until the insulation makes contact with the wire stop, as shown in **Figure 12**.

Note: To determine the stripping length, please refer to the application specification for the Dubox™ terminal, TA-317.



Figure 13



Figure 14

2. While continuing to lightly hold the wire in position against the wire stop, close the levers as shown in **Figure 13** until the levers are fully closed and the ratchet makes the final “click”, releasing the hand levers (handles) and die set to open as shown above in **Figure 14**.

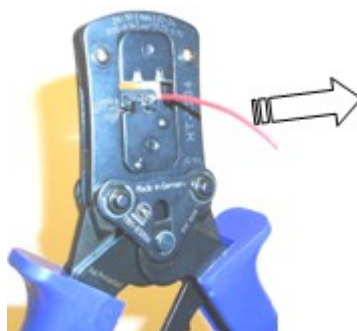


Figure 15

3. Remove the terminated contact by pulling the terminated wire straight from the hand tool.

TERMINAL HOLDER ADJUSTMENT(S):

TERMINAL HOLDER ALIGNMENT(S): The terminal holder assembly is designed to locate a loose-piece Dubox™ terminal within the tooling to obtain a satisfactory termination form. When the terminal holder is fully closed, a magnet stops against a setscrew to position the terminal over the anvils and obtain the optimal crimp form. Slight adjustment of 1/16th of a turn either clockwise or counter-clockwise to the installed setscrew with a 1.5mm Allen wrench will alter the configuration of both the front and rear bellmouths.

- ❖ NOTE: Terminate a sample and review before making additional adjustment(s).

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

1. Use of a small brush and vacuum are the preferred methods to keep the hand tool clean of debris and should be performed each shift, or sooner if necessary.
2. Lightly lubricate the top tooling and handle assemblies on a monthly schedule with light weight oil.