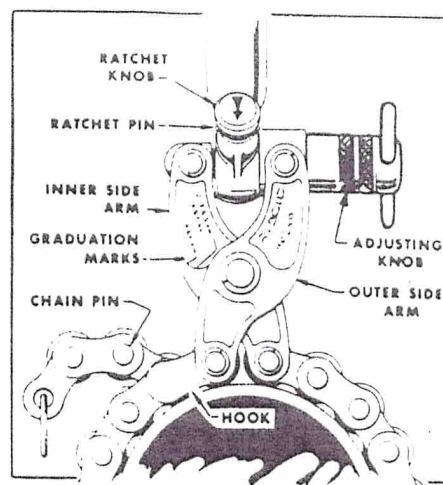
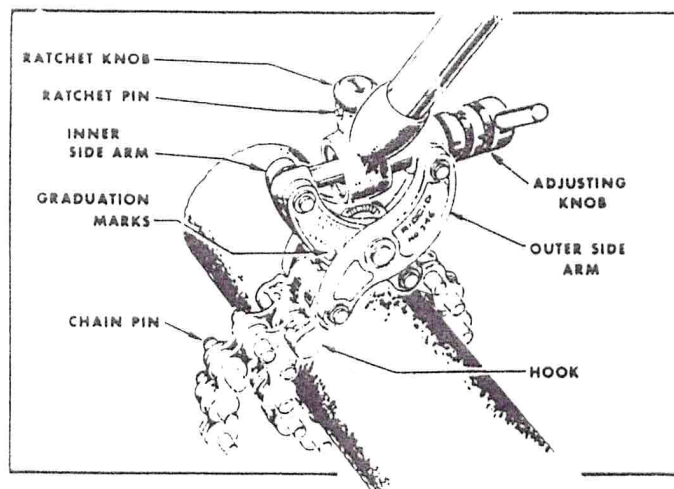


OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR RIDGID No. 246 SOIL PIPE CUTTER

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Important

If ratcheting action stops before pipe is severed, you have jammed the cutter. DO NOT force the handle or Adjusting Knob, simply lift, turn and hold Ratchet Knob so that arrow points to word "Open" on Ratchet Housing. Push in Ratchet Knob to insure engagement of Pawl. Use a pumping action in direction indicated by arrow to release the chain — Reset Cutter using proper Chain Pin in Hook to assure ample travel for cutting action.

To Set Cutter

1. Lift and turn Ratchet Knob to neutral position (Pin not in groove).
2. Turn Adjusting Knob until Side Arms are fully open.
3. When working conditions permit, place cutter on pipe with Adjusting Knob to the right, while straddling the long end of the pipe.

To Adjust Chain

4. After cutter is properly set, wrap chain around pipe snugly. Set proper Chain Pin into Hooks. Note which Reference Mark on Inner Side Arm lines up with edge of Outer Side Arm. Cutter can be pre-adjusted to this setting for all subsequent cuts on same size pipe. (Reference Marks are designated A, B, C, D and E). Turn Adjusting Knob counterclockwise until chain is tight.
5. Turn Ratchet Knob so that arrow points to word "Cut" on Ratchet Housing. Chain must be properly set to assure ample travel for cutting action.

To Cut Pipe

6. Use ratcheting motion in direction indicated by arrow on Ratchet Knob, until pipe is severed. For greater ease of operation, keep body weight above handle while ratcheting. Raising handle too close to vertical position makes pumping action more difficult.

Note: Keep tool clean. Wire brush dirt from Chain.

Occasional application of oil to pins and cutting wheels will assure continued freedom of action.

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