

# NOTICE

## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR HAND TOOLS, SEALS & STRAPPING

### **IMPORTANT** **DO NOT DESTROY**

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CUSTOMER TO ENSURE THAT  
ALL OPERATORS AND SERVICE PERSONNEL HAVE FULLY READ  
AND UNDERSTOOD THIS DOCUMENT

**READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE OPERATING STRAPPING  
TOOLS. FAILURE TO FOLLOW ANY OF THESE GUIDELINES  
COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS OR FATAL INJURY**



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## IMPORTANT



To ensure operator safety, it is important that all personnel use proper strapping products and strap handling procedures. This safety booklet is designed to educate operators on the safe use of strapping products. All personnel must read and understand this booklet prior to using any strapping product. Failure to follow any of the recommendations in this pamphlet can result in serious injury or death.

Please make copies of this booklet available to all employees who work with or around strapping products. Additional copies of this booklet may be obtained from your Sales Representative.

### **ALWAYS USE PROPER STRAPPING AND SEALS**

Use of strapping, seals, or replacement parts not specifically manufactured or specified by the manufacturer for this tool could result in strap breakage or seal joint separation while applying strapping to a load or during normal shipping and handling.

### **IMPROPER USAGE COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH**

## READ THE MANUAL

Before operating strapping tools, read, and understand all safety, operation, and maintenance information provided in the manual which is packaged with the tool. If you do not have a manual or need extra copies, please contact your Sales Representative.

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## READ PRODUCT SAFETY LABELS

- Read and understand all safety labels on the tool
- Replace all damaged or missing labels

## WEAR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

### *Safety Glasses*

Failure to wear safety glasses with side shields could result in serious eye injury or blindness. Operators and bystanders must always wear safety glasses with side shields which conform to ANSI Standard Z87.1 or “European Norm 166”.

### *Gloves*

Handling strap or sharp parts could result in cut hands or fingers. Wear protective gloves.

### *Safety Shoes*

Wear steel-reinforced shoes to help protect feet from injury.



## OPERATOR TRAINING

Strapping tools must never be used by persons not properly trained in their use. The tool manual provides safe operating and maintenance procedures. Be certain that you receive proper training from your employer. If you have any questions, please contact your Sales Representative.

## AVOID LOOSE CLOTHING & JEWELRY

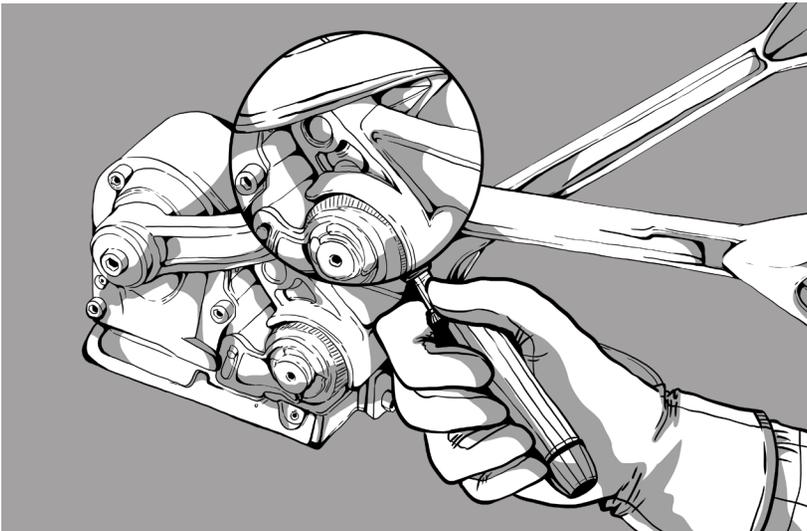
Shirt sleeves must be buttoned up or rolled up tightly. Shirt tails must be tucked in to prevent them from being caught in the hand tool. Remove all rings and other hand jewelry which could impede on safe operation of the tool.



## INSPECT THE TOOL DAILY

Inspect and clean the tool daily. Replace all worn or broken parts. Lubricate all moving parts daily. Do not operate the tool if you are uncertain about its condition.

*It is the responsibility of the customer to keep daily logs of daily tool inspections.*

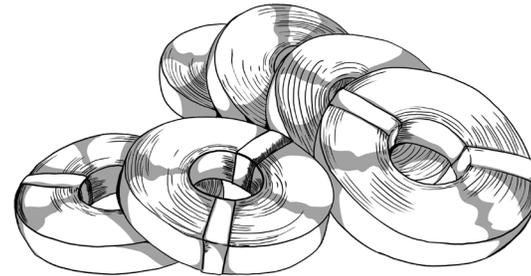


## MAINTAIN PROPER OPERATING POSITION

Establish proper footing, balance, and position to prevent injury from loss of balance. Position yourself to one side while tensioning strapping. If the strap breaks, slips in the tool, or disengages, you won't be in direct line of the recoiling strap.



## USE ONLY NEW STRAPPING



Use only new strapping to secure loads. While used strapping might look good, it may be damaged. This could result in strap breakage. Never splice two lengths of strapping together.

## DETERMINE LOAD REQUIREMENTS

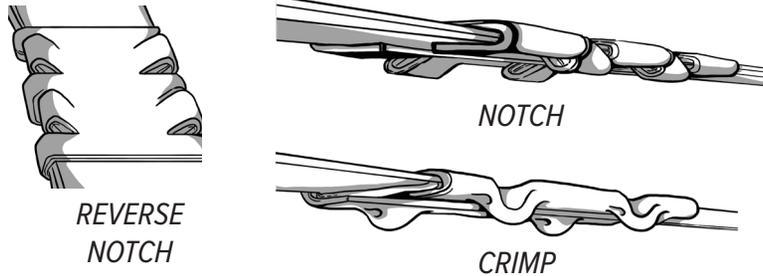
Work with your strap provider to determine load requirements. The amount it will hold will determine the strap type.



## INSPECT THE SEAL JOINT

The most commonly used seal joints are the notch, reverse notch, and crimp.\*

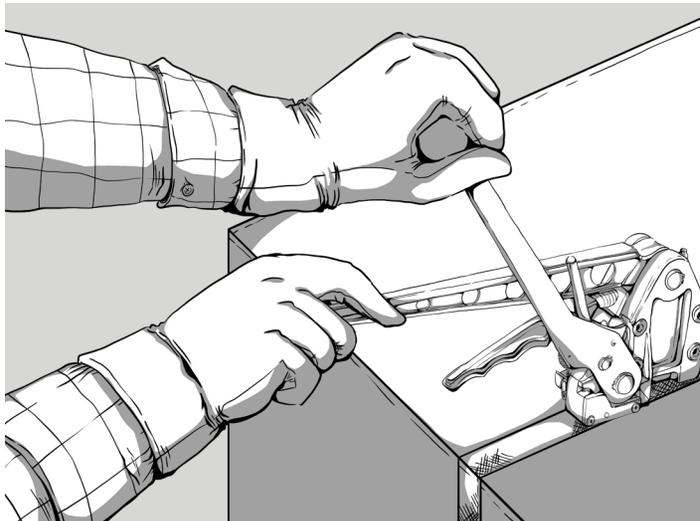
\* For information regarding other joint types (i.e., friction weld, heat seal, seal less, etc.), contact your Sales Representative



An improperly formed seal joint, or a seal joint with an incorrect number of notches or crimps could result in strap separation. Before moving any package, be certain that the seal joint is formed.

If not, remove the strap and check the tool for worn or broken parts. Repair the tool before applying another strap.

Failure to follow this procedure could result in serious injury or death. If you have questions regarding proper joint formation, contact your Sales Representative.

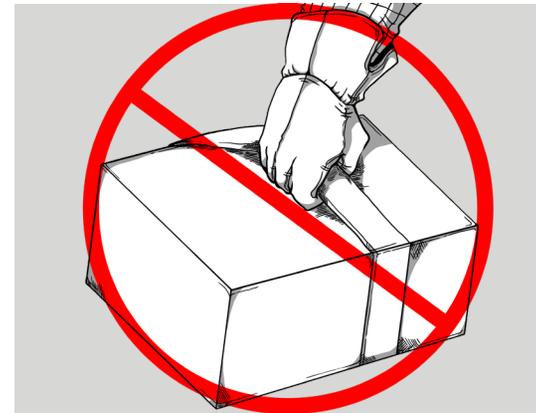


## DO NOT MODIFY TOOLS

Never make any changes to the tool such as lengthening the tool's tensioning handle with a pipe or other device. The extension may appear to be an advantage, but will increase the possibility of the strap breaking during tensioning.



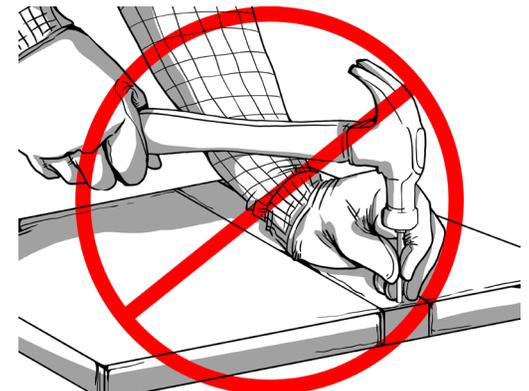
## IMPROPER STRAP USAGE



Never pull or lift by the strap. Pulling or lifting by the strap can result in a fall or hands slipping off the strap. This could result in serious injury or death.

## DO NOT DRIVE NAILS INTO STRAPPING

Never drive nails or staples through strapping. The strap could ricochet and/or the strapping can become weakened. If the strapping must be nailed, use pre-punched strapping.

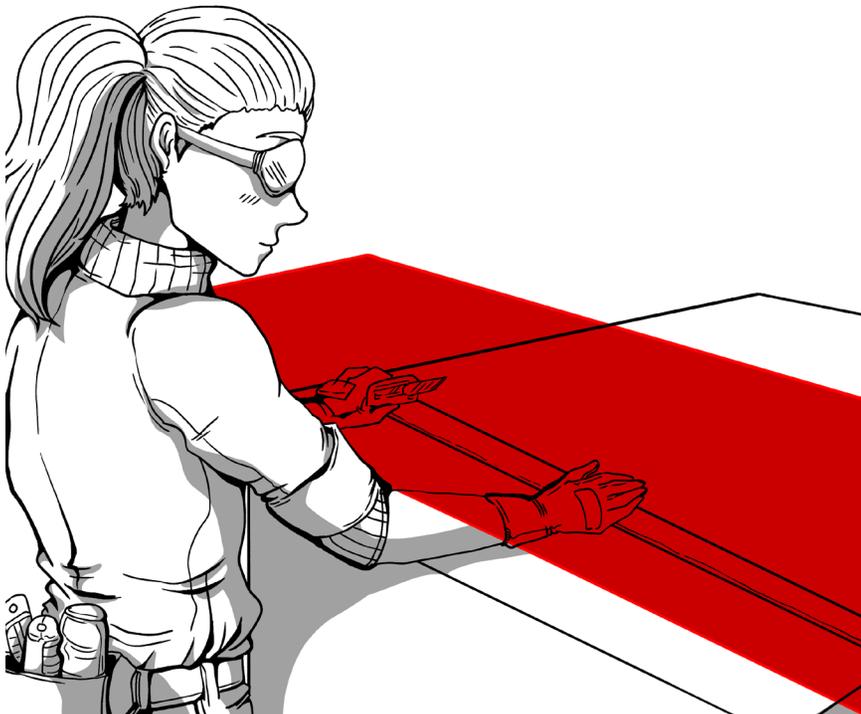


## HOW TO CUT TENSIONED STRAP

Use only cutter specifically designed for strap cutting. Claw hammers, crow bars, chisels and axes will cause tensioned strapping to hazardously fly apart.

### HOW TO USE A SINGLE HANDLE STRAP CUTTER

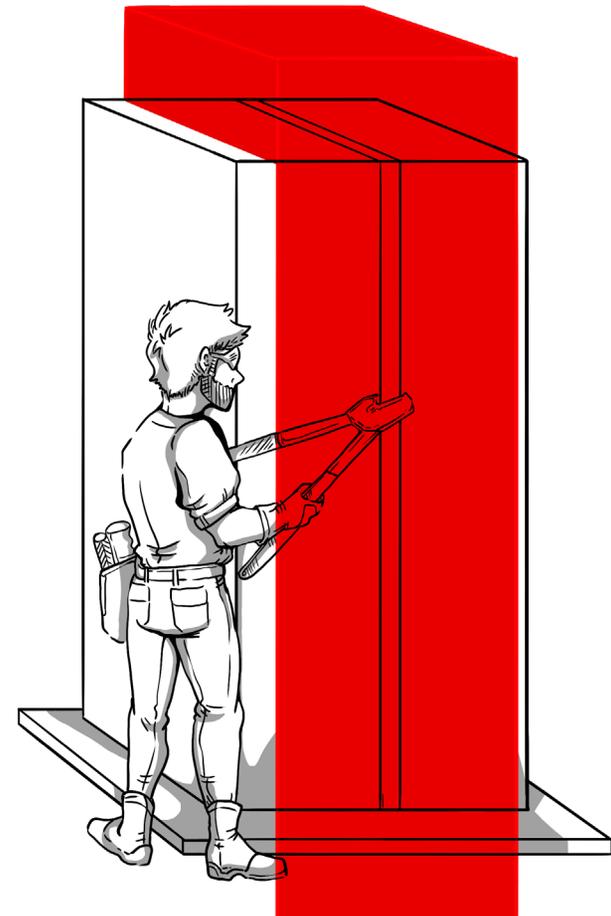
- 1) Keep all bystanders at a safe distance, away from the danger zone (red area) and possible flying strap ends.
- 2) Stand to one side of the strap being cut - outside of the danger zone (red area). Ricocheting straps can cause serious injury, always wear PPE such as safety glasses.
- 3) Hold the strap firmly against the package - above the cutter.
- 4) Then, with a firm grip, safely cut the strap.



## HOW TO CUT TENSIONED STRAP CONTINUED

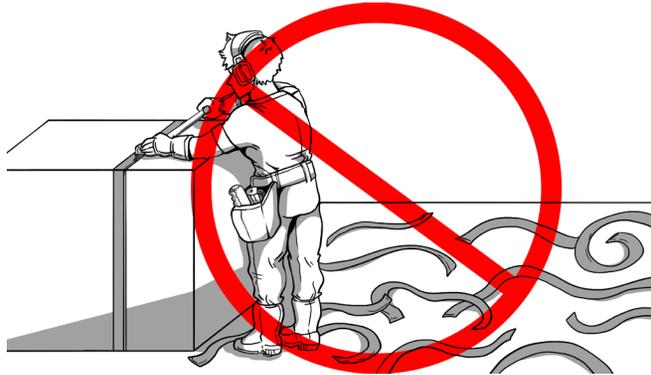
### HOW TO USE A TWO HANDLE STRAP CUTTER

- 1) Keep all bystanders at a safe distance, away from the danger zone (red area) and possible flying strap ends.
- 2) Stand to one side of the strap being cut - outside of the danger zone (red area). Ricocheting straps can cause serious injury, always wear PPE such as safety glasses.
- 3) Then, with a firm grip, safely cut the strap.



## KEEP THE FLOOR CLEAR AND CLEAN

Clear your working area of all loose strapping. Broken or used strapping can create a safety hazard for yourself and those around you.



## DISPOSE OF STRAPPING PROPERLY



Always dispose used strapping in a container designated for disposal or recycling. Or use a strap chopper (a device that is specially designed for strapping disposal).

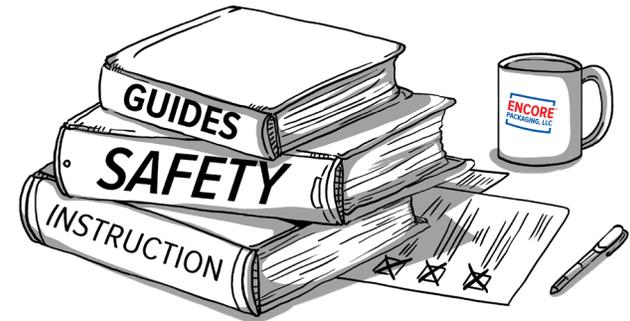
PET, which is often used in strapping, is fully recyclable and should never end up in the landfill. Recycling metal products allows for re-purposing and helps preserve the environment.

***Never reuse strapping.***

## QUESTIONS? ASK YOUR SALES REPRESENTATIVE

If you have any questions concerning the safe operation and use of strapping or hand tools, your Sales Representative will be glad to provide you with answers.

This booklet, coupled with the training provided by your Sales Representative, will help you use strapping tools in a safe manner. Share this important information with all personnel who use strapping and hand tools.



## CONTACT US

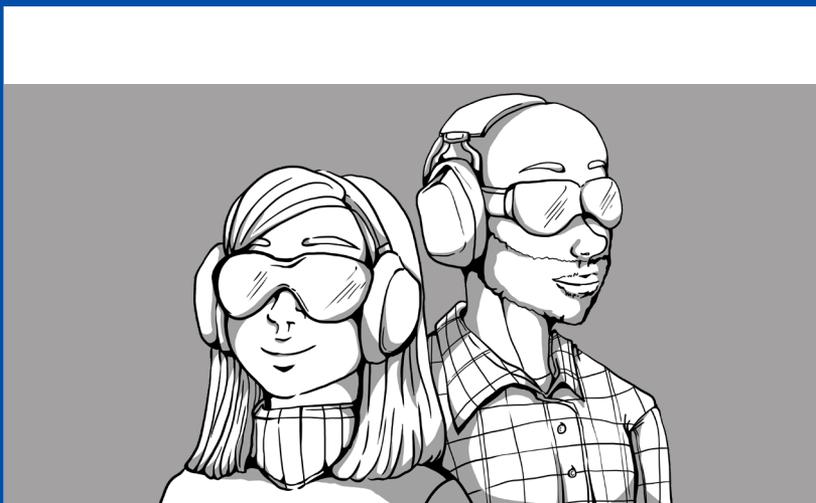
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