



Better Pack® 333 *Plus*

Operator's Manual



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I. Unpacking Notes

After removing the machine from the carton, check the following items before discarding the shipping carton and packing materials.

1. Brush Tank and 2 Moistening Brushes. These are packed inside the rear of the machine.
2. Plastic Water Bottle. This is packed inside the rear of the machine.
3. The Upper Tape Plate (**see figure #1**). This is held in position by packing material but may have come dislodged in shipping. Remove tape, etc. before using machine.



Figure # 1

II. Installation and Setup Instructions

1. If the upper tape plate has been dislodged in shipping, replace as follows:

With the slot towards the front of the machine, slide under feed wheel shaft from rear until the cut-out portions are over the retaining 'buttons'. Allow the plate to slide in place so that the front end of the plate is under the rod and the rear portion is under the 'buttons' (**see figure # 2**).



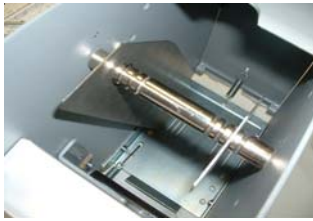
Figure # 2

2. Wash out the moistening brushes in soap or mild detergent and place in the tank so the angle on the brushes slopes towards the rear of the tank (**see figure # 3**). Insert the tank into the opening in front of the machine being sure the tank is behind the upward lip on the tank shelf.



Figure # 3

3. Fill bottle with water and place in bottle holder so that the spout of the bottle is in the tank. Set correct water level.
4. Adjust roll guide to proper width for tape.
5. Loading tape: Take the roll of tape and peel off about 18 inches. Place the roll of tape in the basket so that the strip of tape unwinds off the rear of the roll as the leading end is brought toward the front of the machine with the gummed side down. Thread tape over the black roller at the upper rear and slide leading edge forward under upper tape plate and feed wheel. Close front and rear cover (see figure # 4A & 4B).



Figures # 4A & 4B

III. Adjustments

1. For Tape Width

The adjustable roll guides in the tape basket should be properly set for the width of tape being dispensed. The roll of tape should be centered between the frames by confining the tape loosely between the roll guides which engage in slots in the basket and roll guide separator.

To set the roll guides in position, lift them out of the slots in the basket and tie rod. Slide to the desired position and drop into the slots in the basket and tie rod (see figure # 5).



Figure # 5

2. Water Level Adjustments

The amount of water required for proper moistening of different grades and types of tape will differ. Heavier glues or reinforced tapes will normally require a higher water level.

Water level is controlled by water level adjustment screw located in the projecting portion of the water tank (see figure # 6).



Figure # 6

Water Adjustment Screw

To raise the water level, turn the screw out in the counter clockwise direction. To decrease the water level, turn the screw in the opposite direction.

3. Repeat Length Stop

Repeat lengths: The Better Pack® 333 *Plus* is equipped with a feed stop. To set for desired length, pull outwardly on the feedstop knob until the pin disengages the hole in the drum skirt. Then slide the feed stop assembly until the length desired is set on the scale just above the feed stop assembly. Release the knob, being sure the pin on the feed stop engages with the proper hole in the skirt (**see figure # 7**).



Figure # 7

4. Spring Tension Adjustment

Both operating springs can be seen by turning the Better Pack® 333 *Plus* upside down after first removing the water tank and bottle (**see figure # 8**).

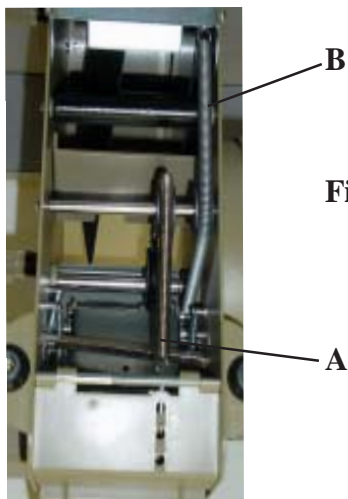


Figure # 8

- A. The handle return spring (A) is the long spring terminating in a hook type clip positioned in one of three holes underneath the water tank platform. The other end is attached to the hammer-cam on the crankshaft.
- B. The feed wheel tension spring (B) has one end attached to the rocker carrying the shear blade and the opposite end attached to a hook positioned in one of several holes in the basket. Care should be taken not to interchange the two springs. The feed wheel tension spring (B) is the longer of the two springs. It is also made from heavier wire.
- C. Adjustments of the handle spring (A), to increase tension on the handle return for faster handle return or for cutting extremely short lengths, insert the hook on the spring clip in the second or third hole.
- D. Should it ever become necessary to increase the feed wheel tension to compensate for feed wheel wear, unhook the spring at the basket and move it to the hole nearer the rear of the machine. For lighter tension, move the spring nearer the front of the machine.
- E. Note that both the above springs act together and that increasing tension on the feed wheel tension spring may make necessary additional adjustments of the handle return spring especially if it is desired to cut extremely short lengths of tape.

5. **Blade Adjustments (See figure # 9)**

The adjustment is made at the factory and it should not be necessary to change it unless difficulty is encountered in cutting certain tapes.

Lift the front cover and look directly down on the moving and stationary shear blades. When the operating crank is back against its 'stop', the two shear blades should only be contacting one another on the right side, point A. There should be a gap between the blades at the left side, point B, and the gap should decrease in width until the point of contact is reached on the right side. Ordinarily this gap is about 1/32 of an inch on the left side. At no time should the shear blades be parallel.

If it becomes necessary to readjust the shear blades, proceed as follows:

- A. Locate the shear adjusting screw on the right side of the machine just in back of the tank (this screw has a washer under it).
- B. Loosen the screw only slightly so it can be slid up or down.
- C. If it is desired to increase the gap, slide the adjusting screw upward. To decrease the gap, slide the screw downward.
- D. Retighten the screw securely and try dispensing tape. If adjustment is correctly made, tape should be cut easily and cleanly.

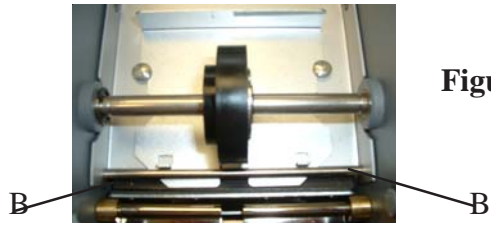


Figure # 9

6. **Crank Handle**

If desired, the crank handle grip can be reversed.

7. **Pressure Plate Weights (See figure # 10)**

The pressure plate, which rests on top of the brushes has removable weight. The number of weights can be varied to suit the tape being dispensed. Heavy weight tapes require more weight inserts than lighter tapes. The suggested number of weights is as follows:

35 lb. kraft tape:	0 to 1 slug
60 lb. kraft tape:	1 to 2 slugs
Reinforced tape:	2 to 3 slugs

The weights can be added or removed by pushing them in or out from each side. If the machine consistently jams, there is too much weight on the pressure plate and some should be removed.



Figure # 10

Weights

8. **To Clean Blade**

Where reinforced tapes are used, it may be necessary to clean accumulation of laminate from the cutting blade from time to time. The blade on the Better Pack® 333 *Plus* has been especially accessible for this purpose. To clean the blade, follow these simple steps:

- A. Remove water bottle and water tank assemblies.
- B. Depress rocker stop rod protruding from the right side of the machine with right hand and keep it in this position until the blade (blade assy.) has been released (**see figure # 11**).
- C. Reach inside the machine where tank was removed, pull knife assembly down and swing out to cleaning position (**see figure 12**).

- D. To clean blade, wipe off with suitable solvent. **DO NO SCRAPE WITH HARD OBJECTS** as resulting scratches will quick accumulation of adhesive. When adhesive is removed, wipe with lightly oiled cloth.
- E. Reinsert the blade to cutting position by depressing rocker rod. Tip the blade up into cutting position and push upward so the blade will come between the stationary blade and guide rollers. Release rocker stop rod.
- F. Try feeding and cutting tape to check if parts are in proper position.
- G. Instal tank and water bottle.



Figure # 11

Rocker Stop

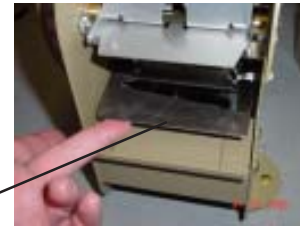


Figure # 12

Knife Assy

IV. Maintenance

The best way to secure long & carefree service from your Better Pack® 333 **Plus** is to **KEEP IT CLEAN**. Tape dust, adhesive accumulation and other foreign matters are harmful as they get into the working parts of the machine. Likewise, be sure to wash the brushes out thoroughly at least once a week to insure perfect moistening, being careful to replace them with the lower bevel to the back of the machine.

Rotating parts of the Better Pack® 333 **Plus** are equipped with the finest of oil-less bearings and require no lubrication. However, all other working parts should occasionally receive a few drops of oil. The gear mechanism (underneath the gear cover on the left side of machine) is packed in Gredag # 53 Grease and will not require lubrication more than once or twice a year.

Thank you for your purchase and we know you will enjoy the performance of your new Better Pack® 333.

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