MH860® · MH800
MH820 · MH992 · MH999

Instruction Manual

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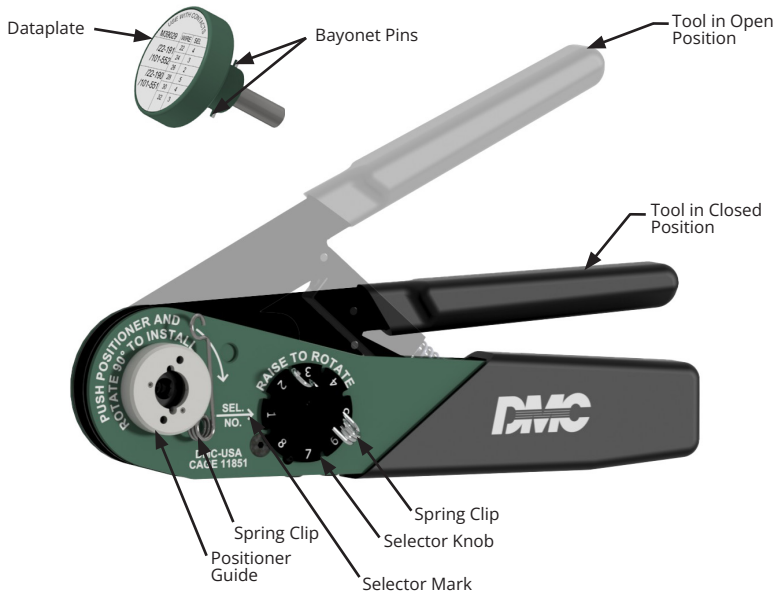

GENERAL INFORMATION

This instruction manual provides technical information for a series of manual indent crimp tools designed for precision and reliability in wire termination applications. Each tool features four symmetrically arranged precision indenters to ensure uniform crimping. A positive ratchet mechanism guarantees the completion of the full crimp cycle before the tool can be reopened, promoting consistent performance and process integrity. Selector settings allow the user to control the depth of the indenters, accommodating a range of contact and wire sizes. The tools covered in this document are suitable for use in high-reliability environments where consistent, repeatable crimps are critical.

The information in this data sheet pertains to the MH860®, MH860-CC, MH800, MH820, MH992, and MH999.

Crimp Application	Machined Contacts
Power Supply	Manual
Ratchet Configuration	Full-cycle, not releasable

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TOOL SPECS

MH860®

- 32 to 16 AWG
- M22520/7-01
- 86 Positioners

Length	7.5”
Width	2.4”
Height	.8”
Weight	10 oz

MH860-CC

- 32 to 16 AWG
- 86 Positioners
- Cycle Counter

Length	7.5”
Width	2.4”
Height	1”
Weight	11 oz

MH800

- 32 to 20 AWG
- Select K Positioners
- Fine Tipped Indenters

Length	7.5”
Width	2.4”
Height	.8”
Weight	10 oz

MH820

- 32 to 20 AWG
- AC Positioners
- S5 Steel Indenters

Length	7.5”
Width	2.4”
Height	.8”
Weight	10 oz

MH992

- 32 to 20 AWG
- Select K Positioners
- Fine Tipped Indenters

Length	7.5”
Width	2.4”
Height	.8”
Weight	10 oz

MH999

- 32 to 20 AWG
- Select K Positioners
- Ultra Precision Indenters

Length	7.5”
Width	2.4”
Height	.8”
Weight	10 oz

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INSTALLATION / REMOVAL OF ACCESSORIES

POSITIONER INSTALLATION

1. Squeeze the handles to open the tool and remove the spring clip from positioner guide. (Fig. 1)
2. Line up the bayonet pins with the slots in the positioner guide and insert the positioner. (Fig. 2)
3. Push down and rotate 90 degrees clockwise until the bayonet pins lock. Replace the clip in the positioner guide. (Fig. 3)

Fig. 1

Fig. 2

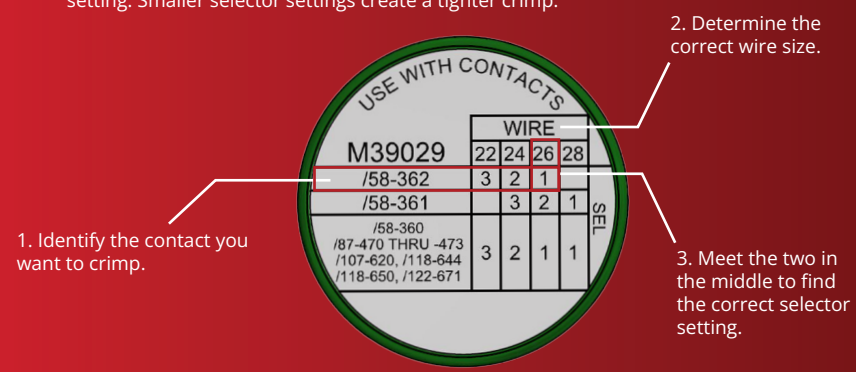
Fig. 3

POSITIONER REMOVAL

1. Squeeze the handles to open the tool and remove the spring clip.
2. Push down on the positioner to release the bayonet pins from the positioner guide.
3. Rotate 90 degrees counter-clockwise and remove the positioner from tool. Replace the spring clip in the positioner guide.

HOW TO READ A POSITIONER

Technicians must take into consideration contact part number and wire size when crimping contacts in order to determine the correct selector setting. Smaller selector settings create a tighter crimp.



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CRIMPING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Reference the dataplate on the positioner to select the correct number on the selector knob that correlates with the wire size. (Fig. 4)
2. Remove the spring clip, then raise and rotate the selector knob to the appropriate setting. Reinsert the spring clip. (Fig. 5)

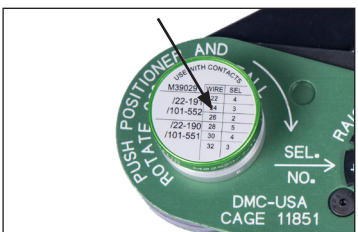

Fig. 4

Fig. 5

3. Insert the contact and prepared wire through the indenter opening into the positioner. (Fig. 6)
4. Squeeze the handles together until the ratchet releases. The handle will return to the open position once fully crimped. (Fig. 7)

Fig. 6

Fig. 7

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GAUGING INSTRUCTIONS

It is recommended to verify tool calibration using a GO/NO-GO gage. This can be achieved by adjusting the selector setting and inserting the specified gage listed on the following page.

GO

1. Actuate the tool to the fully closed position.
2. With firm hand pressure on the tool handles, insert the "GO" gage end as shown. The gage must pass freely between the indenter tips.

⚠ DO NOT crimp the gage.

NO-GO

1. Actuate the tool to the fully closed position.
2. With firm hand pressure on the tool handles, try to insert the "NO-GO" gage end as shown. The "NO-GO" gage may partially enter the indenter opening, but must not pass completely through.

⚠ DO NOT crimp the gage.

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GAUGING LIMITS

Use the chart below to pair the recommended GO/NO-GO gage with the indenter gauging limits.

Tool	Selector Setting	Gauging Limits	GO/NO-GO Gage
MH860 MH860-CC	1	.0160-.0210	G228
	2	.0190-.0240	G229
	3	.0220-.0270	G230
	4	.0250-.0300	G231
	5	.0290-.0340	G232
	6	.0330-.0380	G233
	7	.0370-.0420	G234
	8	.0410-.0460	G145
MH800	1	.0140-.0160	G248
	2	.0170-.0190	G249
	3	.0200-.0220	G100
	4	.0230-.0250	G250
	5	.0270-.0290	G251
	6	.0310-.0330	G252
	7	.0350-.0370	G253
	8	.0400-.0420	G254

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Tool	Selector Setting	Gauging Limits	GO/NO-GO Gage
MH820	1	.0110-.0140	G1383
	2	.0130-.0160	G1384
	3	.0160-.0190	G1385
	4	.0190-.0220	G864
	5	.0230-.0260	G865 or G1386
	6	.0270-.0300	G1387
	7	.0310-.0340	G811
	8	.0350-.0380	G212
MH992 **MH999**	1	.0070-.0090	G1170
	2	.0095-.0115	G1138
	3	.0120-.0140	G987
	4	.0150-.0170	G548
	5	.0180-.0200	G862
	6	.0225-.0250	G210
	7	.0260-.0285	G211
	8	.0305-.0330	G822

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TOOL ENHANCEMENTS

Enhance your tool's functionality with the added benefit of a cycle counter. This feature provides a reliable method for monitoring tool usage, scheduling preventative maintenance, and conducting calibration verification.

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CYCLE COUNTER MAINTENANCE

To reset the counter, remove the two screws holding it to the tool. Then loosen the two set screws holding the display into the housing. The display can then be taken out of the housing far enough to be reset. Hold the display, and use a small screwdriver to push the battery completely out of the battery holder. Re-insert the battery, and the counter will go back to 0. Replace the display, tighten the screws, and re-mount the housing to the tool. To replace the battery, follow the same steps and insert a new type 386 or SR43 battery.

TOOL CARE

Virtually no maintenance is required for this tool; however, it's good practice to keep indenter tips free of residual deposits and other debris by using a small wire brush. We strongly recommend that you:

- DO NOT immerse tools in cleaning solution.
- DO NOT spray oil into tool to lubricate.
- DO NOT attempt to disassemble tool or make repairs.
- Only use tools for their intended purposes.

CALIBRATION & REPAIR

We offer comprehensive calibration and repair services. Our technicians will inspect the tool, replace worn components, and ensure it meets factory specifications.

To begin the calibration or repair process, scan the QR code. U.S. Customers will be directed to the appropriate forms to initiate service through DMC. Customers outside of the U.S. may contact authorized repair centers near them.

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SAFETY

Safety is essential in the use and maintenance of DMC tools and equipment. This manual and any markings on the tool provide information for avoiding hazards and unsafe practices related to the use of these tools. Observe all of the safety information provided below:

Use proper connector and cable combinations. Improper combinations can result in an incomplete crimp. Failure to observe this warning could result in severe injury or death.

Inspect tool before use. If any parts are worn or damaged, send the tool for repair.

Avoid use of any powered “press” as defined by OSHA CFR 1910.211 (46).

Ensure the tool is in the open position whenever the positioner is being installed or removed.

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