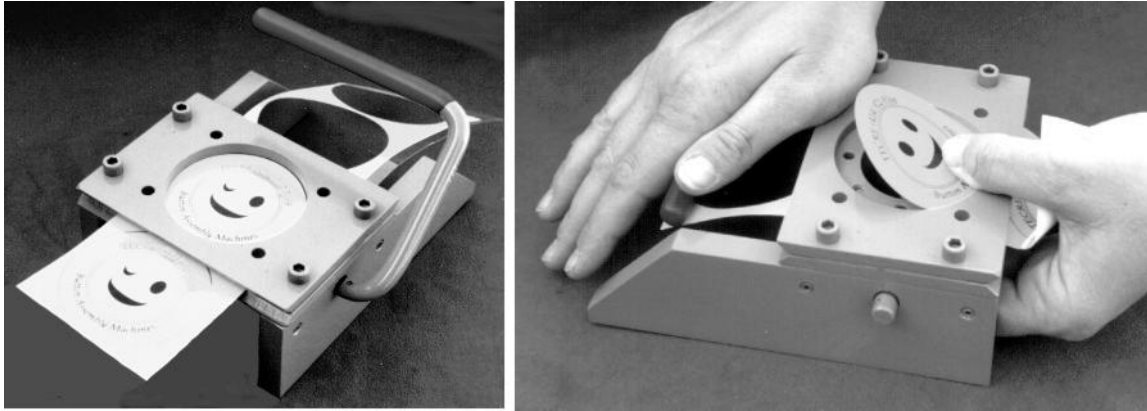


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Instructions for the Circle Punch



The circle punch is intended for punching paper circles (out of single sheets of paper) that will become the graphic or picture on buttons. The machine consists mainly of a round punch resting in a guide plate that is forced to rise when the operating handle is pressed downward. When the handle is released springs cause the handle to rise, which in turn allows the punch to lower. At this point the graphic material can be slipped between the two top plates of the punch. When the graphic is in the desired position, press the handle down as far as it will go. A finger can be passed thru the open center of the punch from the bottom up to lift the cut circle out of the punch plate. Small punches include a lifter for this purpose. **Please note: Insert only 1 sheet of paper into the punch at a time. Inserting multiple sheets of paper (or material other than paper) can damage the cutter.**

After releasing the handle to lower the punch, the scrap material can be slipped out from between the two top plates of the punch to complete the punching operation. If necessary, use a pair of scissors to rough-cut the graphic to a strip width that will fit into the punch.

Cutting paper requires an extremely close fit between the punch and die. This fit is achieved in assembly at the factory and no attempt should be made to adjust it by loosening the bolts that hold the die plate to the frame. Do not attempt to cut metal of any kind with this tool as permanent damage to the cutting edges could result.

If the punch tends to stick or fail to move up and down freely due to corrosion or accumulation of paper dust, lubricate it with silicone spray. Humid conditions can cause corrosion to occur when the unit is not being used. Applying the silicone spray at the end of use before storing it can minimize this. Of all the lubricants that might be used, silicone is least likely to stain the graphics especially if the excess is wiped away. The silicone spray lubricant is available in most hardware and auto supply stores. A few drops of light oil applied to the handle rod where it passes thru the frame and on the flat side of the rod under the press will reduce the effort necessary for operation.

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