MODEL G0973
40" HEAVY-DUTY ENGLISH WHEEL
OWNER'S MANUAL
(For models manufactured since 09/23)

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******Keep for Future Reference******

⚠ WARNING!

This manual provides critical safety instructions on the proper setup, operation, maintenance, and service of this machine/tool. Save this document, refer to it often, and use it to instruct other operators.

Failure to read, understand and follow the instructions in this manual may result in fire or serious personal injury—including amputation, electrocution, or death.

The owner of this machine/tool is solely responsible for its safe use. This responsibility includes but is not limited to proper installation in a safe environment, personnel training and usage authorization, proper inspection and maintenance, manual availability and comprehension, application of safety devices, cutting/sanding/grinding tool integrity, and the usage of personal protective equipment.

The manufacturer will not be held liable for injury or property damage from negligence, improper training, machine modifications or misuse.

⚠ WARNING!

Some dust created by power sanding, sawing, grinding, drilling, and other construction activities contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. Some examples of these chemicals are:

- **Lead from lead-based paints.**
- **Crystalline silica from bricks, cement and other masonry products.**
- **Arsenic and chromium from chemically-treated lumber.**

Your risk from these exposures varies, depending on how often you do this type of work. To reduce your exposure to these chemicals: Work in a well ventilated area, and work with approved safety equipment, such as those dust masks that are specially designed to filter out microscopic particles.

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Contact Info

We stand behind our machines! If you have questions or need help, contact us with the information below. Before contacting, make sure you get the **serial number** and **manufacture date** from the machine ID label. This will help us help you faster.

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We want your feedback on this manual. What did you like about it? Where could it be improved? Please take a few minutes to give us feedback.

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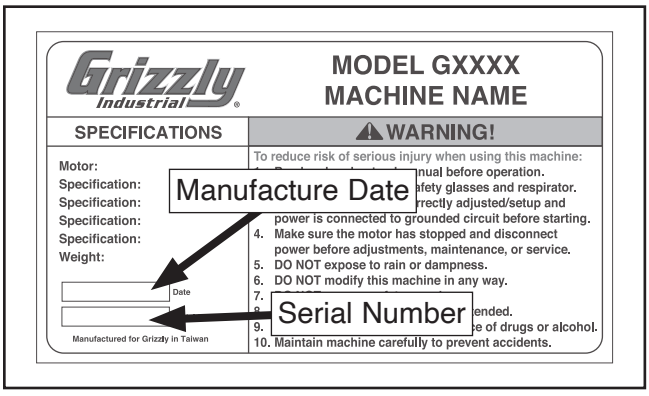
Manual Accuracy

We are proud to provide a high-quality owner's manual with your new machine!

We made every effort to be exact with the instructions, specifications, drawings, and photographs in this manual. Sometimes we make mistakes, but our policy of continuous improvement also means that **sometimes the machine you receive is slightly different than shown in the manual**.

If you find this to be the case, and the difference between the manual and machine leaves you confused or unsure about something, check our website for an updated version. We post current manuals and manual updates for free on our website at **www.grizzly.com**.

Alternatively, you can call our Technical Support for help. Before calling, make sure you write down the **manufacture date** and **serial number** from the machine ID label (see below). This information is required for us to provide proper tech support, and it helps us determine if updated documentation is available for your machine.



Identification

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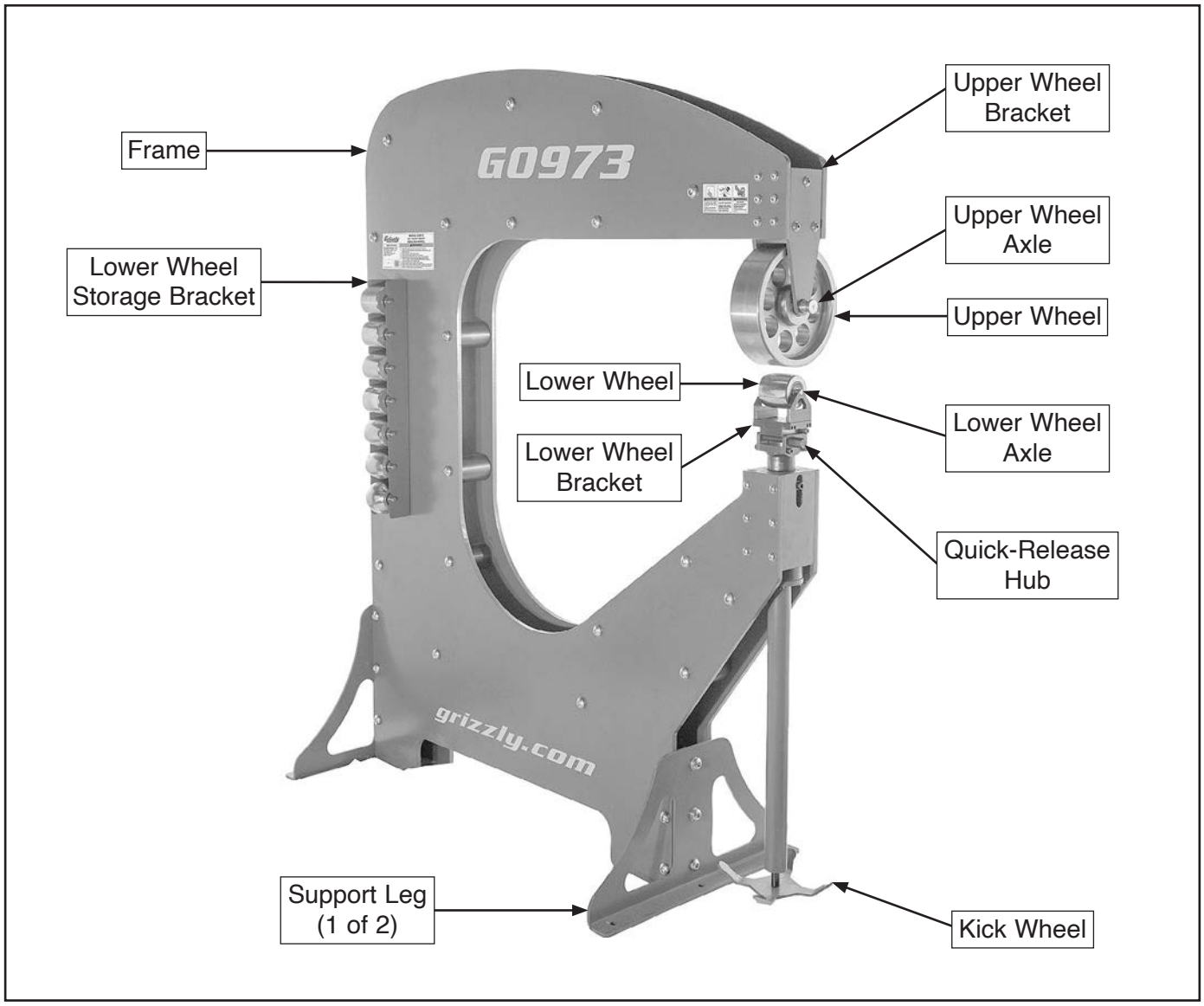

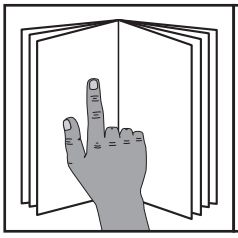

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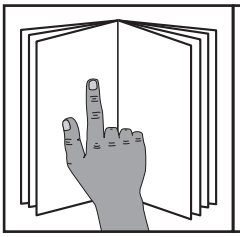
Controls & Components



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Refer to the following figures and descriptions to become familiar with the basic controls and components of this machine. Understanding these items and how they work will help you understand the rest of the manual and minimize your risk of injury when operating this machine.

Main Components

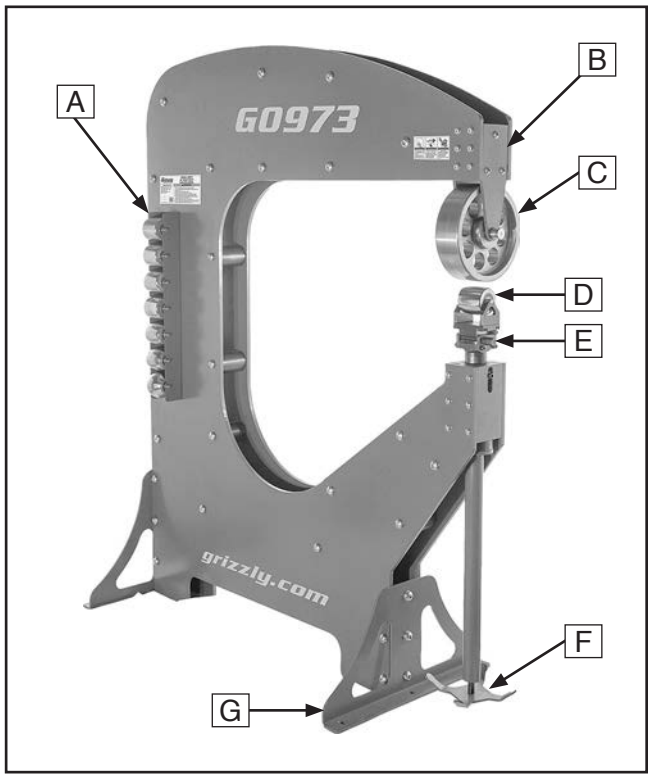


Figure 1. Main components.

A. Lower Wheel Storage Bracket: Stores lower wheels when not in use.

B. Upper Wheel Bracket: Secures upper wheel with included upper wheel axle.

C. Upper Wheel: 10" flat wheel braces workpiece against lower wheel during forming operations.

D. Lower Wheel (1 of 8): Produces workpiece curvature and contour shape. Different wheel sizes create different shaping results (see **Selecting Lower Wheels** on **Page 17**).

E. Quick-Release Hub: When rotated with combo tool, raises or lowers lower wheel bracket. Raise to pinch workpiece between upper and lower wheels.

F. Kick Wheel: Rotate clockwise to raise lower wheel, and counterclockwise to lower the lower wheel.

G. Support Leg (1 of 2): Stabilizes frame and provides mounting holes for securing machine to floor.

MACHINE DATA SHEET

Customer Service #: (570) 546-9663 · To Order Call: (800) 523-4777 · Fax #: (800) 438-5901

MODEL G0973 40" HEAVY-DUTY ENGLISH WHEEL

Product Dimensions:

Weight	1081 lbs.
Width (side-to-side) x Depth (front-to-back) x Height	35-1/2 x 61 x 73-1/2 in.
Footprint (Length x Width)	31-1/2 x 49 in.

Shipping Dimensions:

Type	Wood Crate
Weight	1213 lbs.
Length x Width x Height	81 x 65 x 15 in.
Must Ship Upright	Yes

Main Specifications:

Operation Information

Number of Upper Wheels	1
Upper Wheel Diameter	10 in.
Number of Lower Wheels	8
Lower Wheel Diameters	(7) 3 in., (1) 3-1/2 in.
Maximum Workpiece Capacity (Mild Steel)	16 Gauge
Maximum Workpiece Capacity (Aluminum, Copper)	14 Gauge
Throat Depth	40 in.

Construction

Frame	Steel
Kick Wheel	Steel
Wheels	Hardened Steel
Paint Type/Finish	Powder Coated

Other Specifications:

Country of Origin	China
Warranty	1 Year
Approximate Assembly & Setup Time	10 Minutes
Serial Number Location	ID Label
ISO 9001 Factory	Yes

Features:

Quick-Release Lower Anvil
Locking Ram
Auxiliary Wheel Storage Rack Mounted to Frame
Assorted Lower Wheel Shaping Radii (2", 4", 6", 8", 12", 24", 36", and Flat)

Accessories:

(1) 10 in. Upper Wheel: Flat
(7) 3 in. Lower Wheels: Flat, Dome (4", 6", 8", 12", 24", 36" Radius)
(1) 3-1/2 in. Lower Wheel: Dome (2" Radius)
Combo Tool
Hex Wrenches 3, 5, 6, 8mm

SECTION 1: SAFETY

For Your Own Safety, Read Instruction Manual Before Operating This Machine

The purpose of safety symbols is to attract your attention to possible hazardous conditions. This manual uses a series of symbols and signal words intended to convey the level of importance of the safety messages. The progression of symbols is described below. Remember that safety messages by themselves do not eliminate danger and are not a substitute for proper accident prevention measures. Always use common sense and good judgment.

⚠DANGER **Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, WILL result in death or serious injury.**

⚠WARNING **Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, COULD result in death or serious injury.**

⚠CAUTION **Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, MAY result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.**

NOTICE **Alerts the user to useful information about proper operation of the machine to avoid machine damage.**

Safety Instructions for Machinery

⚠WARNING

OWNER'S MANUAL. Read and understand this owner's manual BEFORE using machine.

TRAINED OPERATORS ONLY. Untrained operators have a higher risk of being hurt or killed. Only allow trained/supervised people to use this machine. When machine is not being used, disconnect power, remove switch keys, or lock-out machine to prevent unauthorized use—especially around children. Make your workshop kid proof!

DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENTS. Do not use machinery in areas that are wet, cluttered, or have poor lighting. Operating machinery in these areas greatly increases the risk of accidents and injury.

MENTAL ALERTNESS REQUIRED. Full mental alertness is required for safe operation of machinery. Never operate under the influence of drugs or alcohol, when tired, or when distracted.

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT INJURY RISKS. You can be shocked, burned, or killed by touching live electrical components or improperly grounded machinery. To reduce this risk, only allow qualified service personnel to do electrical installation or repair work, and always disconnect power before accessing or exposing electrical equipment.

DISCONNECT POWER FIRST. Always disconnect machine from power supply BEFORE making adjustments, changing tooling, or servicing machine. This prevents an injury risk from unintended startup or contact with live electrical components.

EYE PROTECTION. Always wear ANSI-approved safety glasses or a face shield when operating or observing machinery to reduce the risk of eye injury or blindness from flying particles. Everyday eyeglasses are NOT approved safety glasses.

⚠WARNING

WEARING PROPER APPAREL. Do not wear loose clothing, gloves, neckties, or jewelry that can become entangled in moving parts. Always tie back or cover long hair. Wear non-slip footwear to reduce risk of slipping and losing control or accidentally contacting cutting tool or moving parts.

HAZARDOUS DUST. Dust created by machinery operations may cause cancer, birth defects, or long-term respiratory damage. Be aware of dust hazards associated with each workpiece material. Always wear a NIOSH-approved respirator to reduce your risk.

HEARING PROTECTION. Always wear hearing protection when operating or observing loud machinery. Extended exposure to this noise without hearing protection can cause permanent hearing loss.

REMOVE ADJUSTING TOOLS. Tools left on machinery can become dangerous projectiles upon startup. Never leave chuck keys, wrenches, or any other tools on machine. Always verify removal before starting!

USE CORRECT TOOL FOR THE JOB. Only use this tool for its intended purpose—do not force it or an attachment to do a job for which it was not designed. Never make unapproved modifications—modifying tool or using it differently than intended may result in malfunction or mechanical failure that can lead to personal injury or death!

AWKWARD POSITIONS. Keep proper footing and balance at all times when operating machine. Do not overreach! Avoid awkward hand positions that make workpiece control difficult or increase the risk of accidental injury.

CHILDREN & BYSTANDERS. Keep children and bystanders at a safe distance from the work area. Stop using machine if they become a distraction.

GUARDS & COVERS. Guards and covers reduce accidental contact with moving parts or flying debris. Make sure they are properly installed, undamaged, and working correctly BEFORE operating machine.

FORCING MACHINERY. Do not force machine. It will do the job safer and better at the rate for which it was designed.

NEVER STAND ON MACHINE. Serious injury may occur if machine is tipped or if the cutting tool is unintentionally contacted.

STABLE MACHINE. Unexpected movement during operation greatly increases risk of injury or loss of control. Before starting, verify machine is stable and mobile base (if used) is locked.

USE RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES. Consult this owner's manual or the manufacturer for recommended accessories. Using improper accessories will increase the risk of serious injury.

UNATTENDED OPERATION. To reduce the risk of accidental injury, turn machine ***OFF*** and ensure all moving parts completely stop before walking away. Never leave machine running while unattended.

MAINTAIN WITH CARE. Follow all maintenance instructions and lubrication schedules to keep machine in good working condition. A machine that is improperly maintained could malfunction, leading to serious personal injury or death.

DAMAGED PARTS. Regularly inspect machine for damaged, loose, or mis-adjusted parts—or any condition that could affect safe operation. Immediately repair/replace BEFORE operating machine. For your own safety, DO NOT operate machine with damaged parts!

MAINTAIN POWER CORDS. When disconnecting cord-connected machines from power, grab and pull the plug—NOT the cord. Pulling the cord may damage the wires inside. Do not handle cord/plug with wet hands. Avoid cord damage by keeping it away from heated surfaces, high traffic areas, harsh chemicals, and wet/damp locations.

EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES. If at any time you experience difficulties performing the intended operation, stop using the machine! Contact our Technical Support at (570) 546-9663.

Additional Safety for English Wheels

⚠WARNING

Fingers can be broken or severely pinched if caught between wheels during operation. Severe cuts can occur from sliding along or pushing against sharp workpiece edges. To minimize risk of injury, anyone operating this machine MUST completely heed the hazards and warnings below.

PINCHING/CRUSHING HAZARD. The rolling momentum of wheels can pull your fingers between them, resulting in pinching or crushing injuries. Always keep your hands away from wheel path when moving workpiece through wheels.

METAL EDGES. The sharp edges of sheet metal can quickly cut your fingers or hands. Always wear heavy leather gloves when handling sheet metal. Always chamfer and deburr sharp metal edges before inserting them into english wheel.

TOOL USAGE. This english wheel was designed only to form curves in sheet metal material such as steel, aluminum, and copper. Do not attempt to process any other material (e.g., glass, ceramic, plastic, etc.) that could result in material or tool breakage. Do not modify this tool in any way and do not exceed the capacity listed in the **Machine Data Sheet**.

CRUSHING HAZARD. If wheels or frame should unexpectedly fall, crushing injuries could result. Always make sure frame is correctly mounted to bench or floor, as appropriate. Make sure wheels are properly installed on support brackets or storage racks. Wear steel-toed boots.

BODY POSITION. Losing your balance while tracking could result in impact injuries or cuts from sheet metal. Make sure your body and footing are balanced and in a good position to support your movement and momentum while tracking.

TOOL INSPECTION. Using english wheel with excessively worn or damaged parts could cause tool to fail and present injury hazards, as well as yield poor results. Always inspect each part of English Wheel before beginning operations.

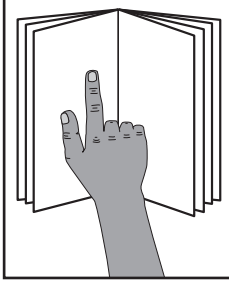
⚠WARNING

Like all machinery there is potential danger when operating this machine. Accidents are frequently caused by lack of familiarity or failure to pay attention. Use this machine with respect and caution to decrease the risk of operator injury. If normal safety precautions are overlooked or ignored, serious personal injury may occur.

⚠CAUTION

No list of safety guidelines can be complete. Every shop environment is different. Always consider safety first, as it applies to your individual working conditions. Use this and other machinery with caution and respect. Failure to do so could result in serious personal injury, damage to equipment, or poor work results.

SECTION 2: SETUP

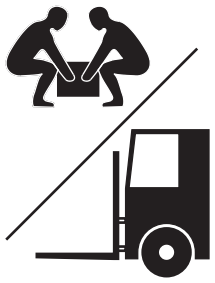


⚠WARNING

This machine presents serious injury hazards to untrained users. Read through this entire manual to become familiar with the controls and operations before starting the machine!

⚠WARNING

Wear safety glasses during the entire setup process!



⚠WARNING

HEAVY LIFT!

Straining or crushing injury may occur from improperly lifting machine or some of its parts. To reduce this risk, get help from other people and use a forklift (or other lifting equipment) rated for weight of this machine.

Needed for Setup

The following are needed to complete the setup process, but are not included with your machine.

Description	Qty
• Forklift or Hoist (rated for 1520 lbs.)	1
• Lifting Strap (rated for 1520 lbs.)	1
• Additional Person	1
• Safety Glasses (for each person)	1
• Rubber Mallet	1
• Hex Wrench 10mm	1
• Cleaner/Degreaser (**Page 11**)	As Needed
• Disposable Shop Rags	As Needed
• Disposable Gloves	As Needed
• Mounting Hardware (**Page 14**)	As Needed

Unpacking

This machine was carefully packaged for safe transport. When unpacking, separate all enclosed items from packaging materials and inspect them for shipping damage. ***If items are damaged, please call us immediately at (570) 546-9663.***

IMPORTANT: Save all packaging materials until you are completely satisfied with the machine and have resolved any issues between Grizzly or the shipping agent. *You MUST have the original packaging to file a freight claim. It is also extremely helpful if you need to return your machine later.*

Inventory

The following is a list of items shipped with your machine. Before beginning setup, lay these items out and inventory them.

If any non-proprietary parts are missing (e.g. a nut or a washer), we will gladly replace them; or for the sake of expediency, replacements can be obtained at your local hardware store.

NOTICE

If you cannot find an item on this list, carefully check around/inside the machine and packaging materials. Often, these items get lost in packaging materials while unpacking or they are pre-installed at the factory.

Wood Crate Inventory (Figure 2)	Qty
A. English Wheel Frame	1

Loose Inventory (Figure 3)	Qty
B. Lower Wheel Storage Bracket	1
C. Kick Wheel	1
D. Hairpin	1
E. Upper Wheel Axle	1
F. Upper Wheel, Flat, 10" Diameter	1
G. Support Legs	2
H. Hex Wrenches 3, 5, 6, 8mm	1 Ea.
I. Combo Tool	1

Lower Wheel Inventory (Figure 4)	
J. Lower Wheel, Flat, 3" Diameter	1
K. Lower Wheel, 36" Radius, 3" Diameter	1
L. Lower Wheel, 24" Radius, 3" Diameter	1
M. Lower Wheel, 12" Radius, 3" Diameter	1
N. Lower Wheel, 8" Radius, 3" Diameter	1
O. Lower Wheel, 6" Radius, 3" Diameter	1
P. Lower Wheel, 4" Radius, 3" Diameter	1
Q. Lower Wheel, 2" Radius, 3½" Diameter	1

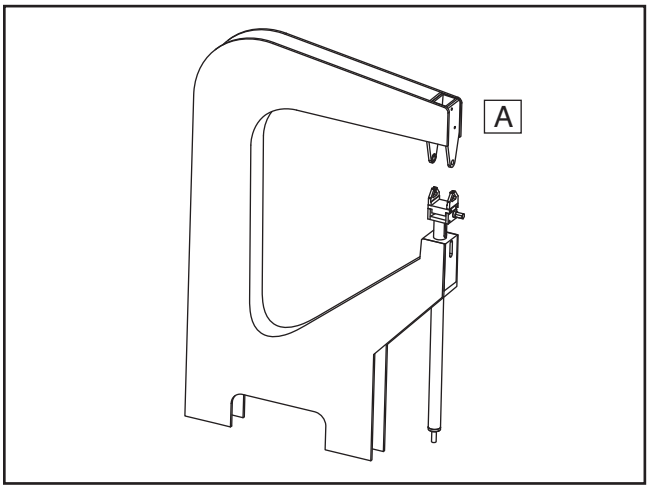


Figure 2. Wood crate inventory.

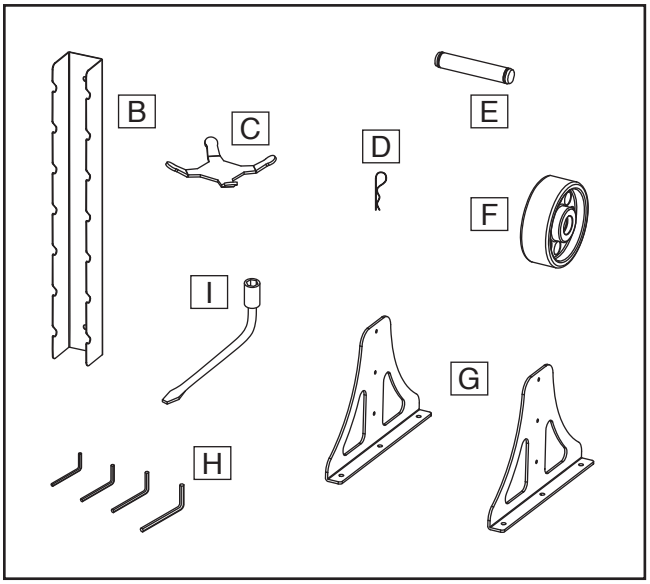


Figure 3. Loose inventory.

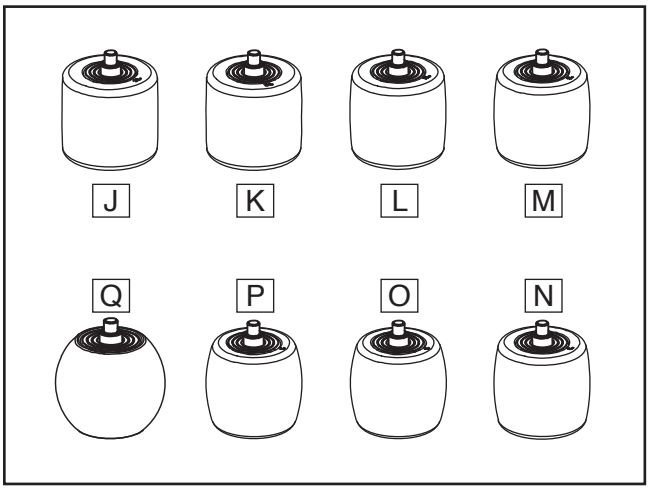


Figure 4. Lower wheel inventory.

Cleanup

The unpainted surfaces of your machine are coated with a heavy-duty rust preventative that prevents corrosion during shipment and storage. This rust preventative works extremely well, but it will take a little time to clean.

Be patient and do a thorough job cleaning your machine. The time you spend doing this now will give you a better appreciation for the proper care of your machine's unpainted surfaces.

There are many ways to remove this rust preventative, but the following steps work well in a wide variety of situations. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions with any cleaning product you use and make sure you work in a well-ventilated area to minimize exposure to toxic fumes.

Before cleaning, gather the following:
- Disposable rags
- Cleaner/degreaser (WD•40 works well)
- Safety glasses & disposable gloves
- Plastic paint scraper (optional)

Basic steps for removing rust preventative:

1. Put on safety glasses.

2. Coat the rust preventative with a liberal amount of cleaner/degreaser, then let it soak for 5–10 minutes.

3. Wipe off the surfaces. If your cleaner/degreaser is effective, the rust preventative will wipe off easily. If you have a plastic paint scraper, scrape off as much as you can first, then wipe off the rest with the rag.

4. Repeat **Steps 2–3** as necessary until clean, then coat all unpainted surfaces with a quality metal protectant to prevent rust.

⚠WARNING

Gasoline and petroleum products have low flash points and can explode or cause fire if used to clean machinery. Avoid using these products to clean machinery.

⚠CAUTION

Many cleaning solvents are toxic if inhaled. Only work in a well-ventilated area.

NOTICE

Avoid harsh solvents like acetone or brake parts cleaner that may damage painted surfaces. Always test on a small, inconspicuous location first.

T23692—Orange Power Degreaser
A great product for removing the waxy shipping grease from the ***non-painted*** parts of the machine during clean up.

Figure 5. T23692 Orange Power Degreaser.

Site Considerations

Physical Environment

The physical environment where the machine is operated is important for safe operation and longevity of components. For best results, operate this machine in a dry environment that is free from excessive moisture, hazardous chemicals, airborne abrasives, or extreme conditions. Extreme conditions for this type of machinery are generally those where the ambient temperature range is outside 41°–104°F; the relative humidity range is outside 20–95% (non-condensing); or the environment is subject to vibration, shocks, or bumps.

Space Allocation

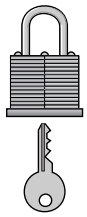
Consider the largest size of workpiece that will be processed through this machine and provide enough space around the machine for adequate operator material handling or the installation of auxiliary equipment. With permanent installations, leave enough space around the machine to open or remove doors/covers as required by the maintenance and service described in this manual. **See below for required space allocation.**

Weight Load

Refer to the **Machine Data Sheet** for the weight of your machine. Make sure that the surface upon which the machine is placed will bear the weight of the machine, additional equipment that may be installed on the machine, and the heaviest workpiece that will be used. Additionally, consider the weight of the operator and any dynamic loading that may occur when operating the machine.

Lighting

Lighting around the machine must be adequate enough that operations can be performed safely. Shadows, glare, or strobe effects that may distract or impede the operator must be eliminated.



⚠CAUTION

Children or untrained people may be seriously injured by this machine. Only install in an access restricted location.

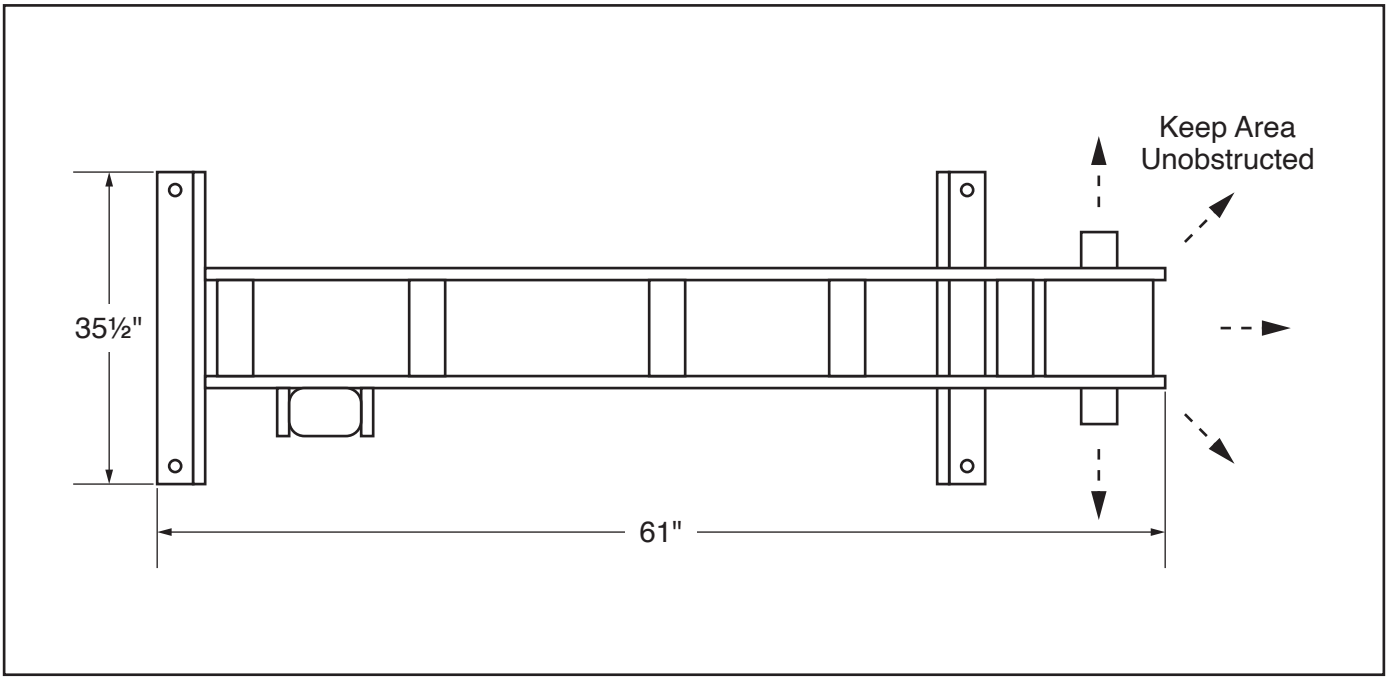


Figure 6. Working clearances.

Lifting & Placing

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The Model G0973 requires the use of lifting equipment such as a forklift, engine hoist, or boom crane. DO NOT attempt to lift or move machine without necessary assistance from other people. Each piece of lifting equipment must be rated for **at least 1520 lbs.** to support dynamic loads that may be applied while lifting.

To lift and place machine:

1. Move crate to desired location.

2. Remove crate top and sides, any blocks around machine, then remove straps securing machine to shipping pallet.

3. Route lifting straps through top machine frame to prevent straps from separating during lifting (see **Figure 7**).

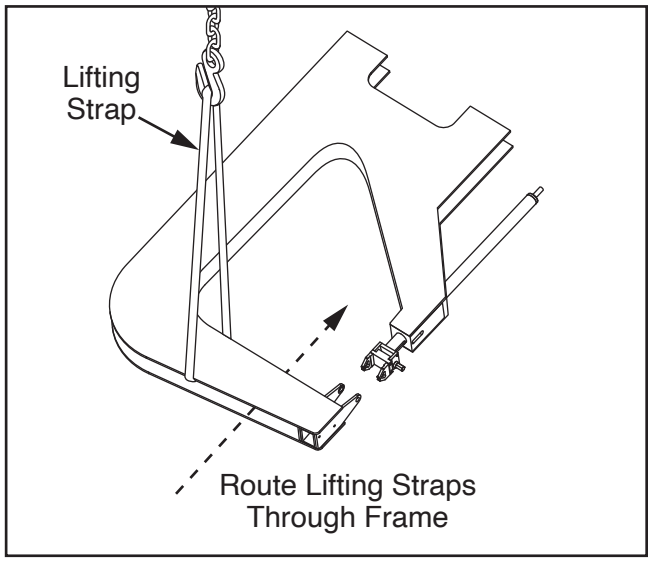


Figure 7. Routing lifting straps.

4. With help from another person, use lifting equipment to raise machine frame upright and lift it just enough to clear shipping pallet, then remove pallet.

5. Fully lower machine onto floor, but continue supporting machine upright with lifting straps.

6. Install and secure (2) support legs on machine using (7) button head cap screws, lock washers, and flat washers pre-installed on frame (see **Figure 8**).

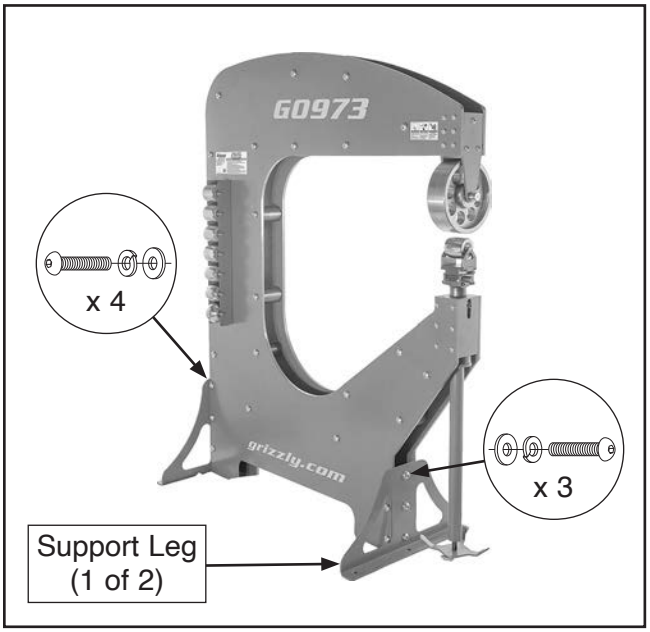


Figure 8. Support legs installed.

7. Remove lifting straps.

8. Mount machine to floor as recommended in **Anchoring to Floor** on **Page 14**.

Anchoring to Floor

Number of Mounting Holes 6
Diameter of Mounting Hardware..... ½"

Anchoring machinery to the floor prevents tipping or shifting and reduces vibration that may occur during operation, resulting in a machine that runs slightly quieter and feels more solid.

If the machine will be installed in a commercial or workplace setting, or if it is permanently connected (hardwired) to the power supply, local codes may require that it be anchored to the floor.

Anchoring to Concrete Floors

Lag shield anchors with lag screws (see below) are a popular way to anchor machinery to a concrete floor, because the anchors sit flush with the floor surface, making it easy to unbolt and move the machine later, if needed. However, anytime local codes apply, you MUST follow the anchoring methodology specified by the code.

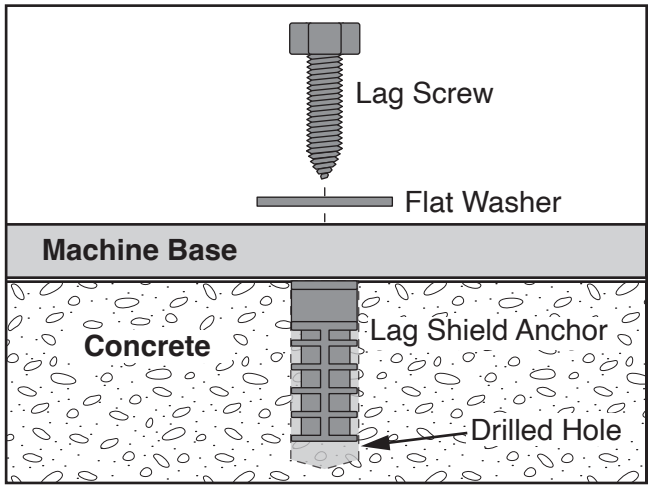


Figure 9. Popular method for anchoring machinery to a concrete floor.

Assembly

⚠WARNING
This machine and its components are very heavy. Get lifting help or use power lifting equipment such as a forklift to move heavy items.

The machine must be fully assembled before it can be operated. Before beginning the assembly process, refer to **Needed for Setup** and gather all listed items. To ensure the assembly process goes smoothly, first clean any parts that are covered or coated in heavy-duty rust preventative (if applicable).

To assemble machine:

1. Attach lower wheel storage bracket to left side of frame using (2) cap screws and flat washers pre-installed on machine (see **Figure 10**).

   Note: *Verify axle channels on storage bracket are facing up before installation.*

2. Place lower wheels in storage bracket as desired (see **Figure 10**).

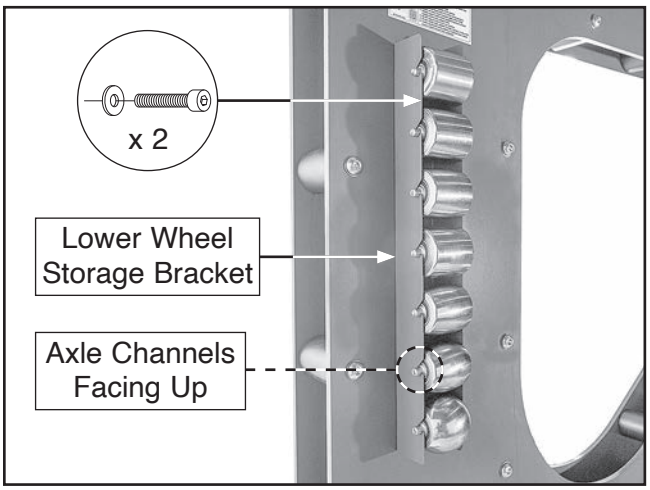


Figure 10. Example of lower wheel storage bracket installed.

3. Install kick wheel on lower wheel adjustment shaft using (1) cap screw and flat washer pre-installed on shaft (see **Figure 11**).

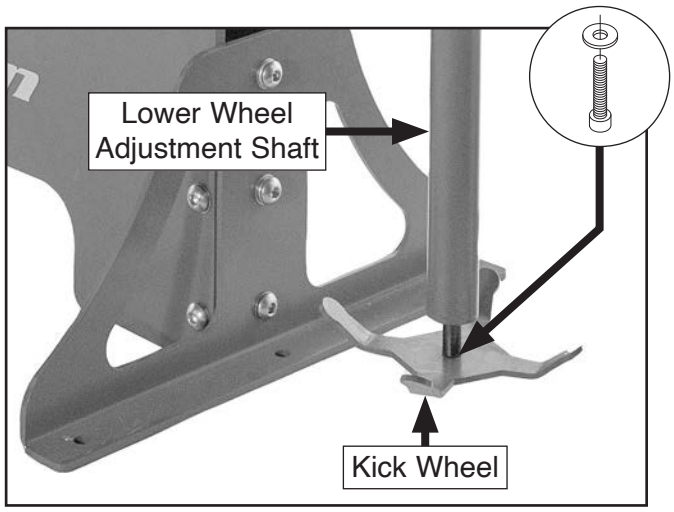


Figure 11. Kick wheel installed.

⚠CAUTION

CRUSHING HAZARD! Hold upper wheel securely when installing or it may fall on your foot! Always wear steel-toed footwear when operating this machine.

4. Have an assistant hold upper wheel in upper wheel bracket, then install upper wheel axle (see **Figure 12**).

   IMPORTANT: Use a rubber mallet to help seat axle in upper wheel. DO NOT force upper wheel axle through wheel bearings or damage to bearings may occur.

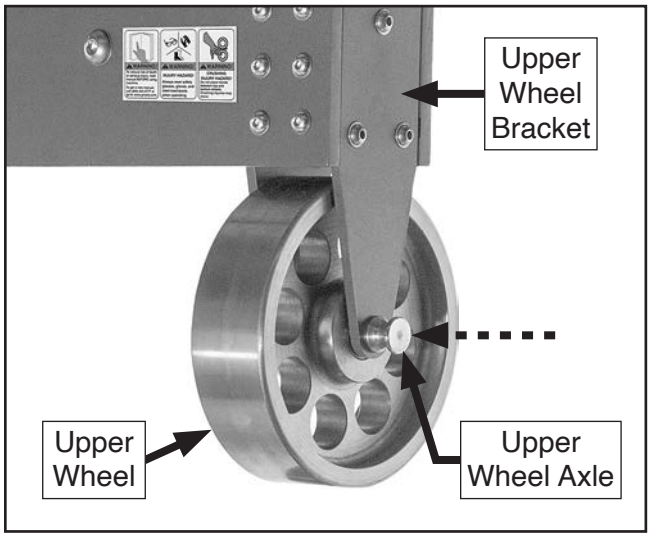


Figure 12. Upper wheel installed.

5. Install hairpin in upper wheel axle to secure upper wheel (see **Figure 13**).

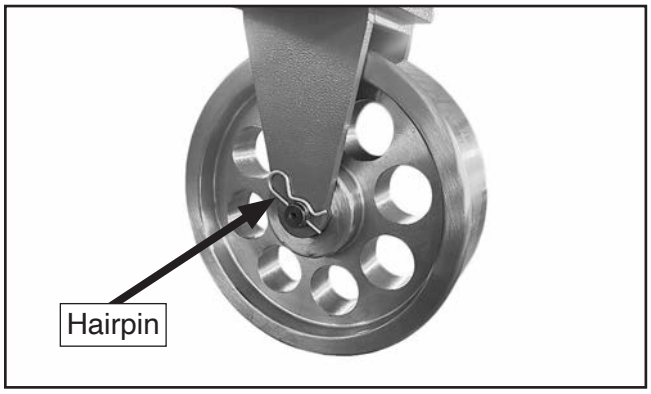


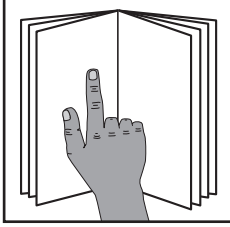
Figure 13. Hairpin securing upper wheel.

SECTION 3: OPERATIONS

Operation Overview

The purpose of this overview is to provide the novice machine operator with a basic understanding of how the machine is used during operation, so the machine controls/components discussed later in this manual are easier to understand.

Due to the generic nature of this overview, it is **not** intended to be an instructional guide. To learn more about specific operations, read this entire manual, seek additional training from experienced machine operators, and do additional research outside of this manual by reading "how-to" books, trade magazines, or websites.



⚠WARNING

To reduce your risk of serious injury, read this entire manual BEFORE using machine.

⚠WARNING

Bodily injury could result from using this machine. Always wear safety glasses, leather gloves, and steel-toed footwear when operating machine or handling sheet metal.

NOTICE

If you are not experienced with this type of machine, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND that you seek additional training outside of this manual. Read books/magazines or get formal training before beginning any projects. Regardless of the content in this section, Grizzly Industrial will not be held liable for accidents caused by lack of training.

To complete a typical operation, the operator does the following:

1. Puts on safety glasses, leather gloves, and steel-toed footwear.
2. Deburrs sharp edges (see **Accessories** on **Page 25** for optional deburring tool).
3. Cleans workpiece and wheels thoroughly and removes all abrasive particles.
4. Installs lower wheel with greatest radius (least amount of curve).
5. Rotates kick wheel until distance between bottom of upper wheel and top of lower wheel are about a ½" apart.
6. Marks approximate 1" frame around workpiece (see **Page 20**), then inserts workpiece between wheels.
7. Rotates quick-release hub to operating position until there is just enough pressure to prevent workpiece from skipping or slipping.
8. Moves workpiece back and forth between wheels using a tracking pattern (see **Tracking Patterns** on **Page 21**), rolling it up to an edge, rotating it slightly, then pulling it back.
9. When workpiece no longer stretches, rotates kick wheel clockwise just enough to slightly increase pressure.
10. When workpiece no longer moves through wheels, operator rotates quick-release hub and changes lower wheel to next lowest radius.
11. Repeat **Steps 3–10** until curve is attained.

Selecting Lower Wheels

Choose a lower wheel that will produce the contour you desire (see **Figure 14**).

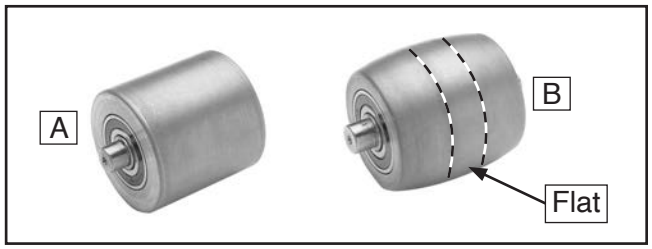


Figure 14. Lower wheels.

Flat lower wheels (see **Figure 14**, **A**) are good for adding gentle curves to large metal panels; these wheels have large flat surfaces and square ends.

Domed lower wheels (see **Figure 14**, **B**) create tighter curves; flat areas at the center range from ⅛" to 1¼" wide. The wider the flat area, the wider the track produced on the workpiece.

See **Figure 15** for more detailed specifications of each wheel included with the Model G0973.

WHEEL DESIGNATION	FLAT	DIAMETER	WIDTH	EDGE RADIUS	CROWN RADIUS
Upper Wheel					
Flat 10"	3"	10"	3"	0.125"	—
Lower Wheels					
Flat 3"	3"	3"	3"	0.125"	—
Domed 2" Radius	0.125"	3.5"	3"	—	2"
Domed 4" Radius	0.25"	3"	3"	0.065"	4"
Domed 6" Radius	0.375"	3"	3"	0.065"	6"
Domed 8" Radius	0.5"	3"	3"	0.065"	8"
Domed 12" Radius	0.75"	3"	3"	0.065"	12"
Domed 24" Radius	1"	3"	3"	0.065"	24"
Domed 36" Radius	1.25"	3"	3"	0.065"	36"

Figure 15. Upper and lower wheel specifications.

Installing/Removing Lower Wheel

Any one of the lower wheels can be installed and removed quickly to accommodate different operations. See **Selecting Lower Wheels** on **Page 17** to select a lower wheel that best forms the intended contour.

⚠CAUTION

CRUSHING HAZARD! Hold lower wheel securely when installing/removing or it may fall on your foot! Always wear steel-toed footwear when operating this machine.

Tools Needed	Qty
Combo Tool	1
Hex Wrench 3mm	1

Installing Lower Wheel

1. Rotate kick wheel a few turns to lower the lower wheel bracket (see **Figure 16**).

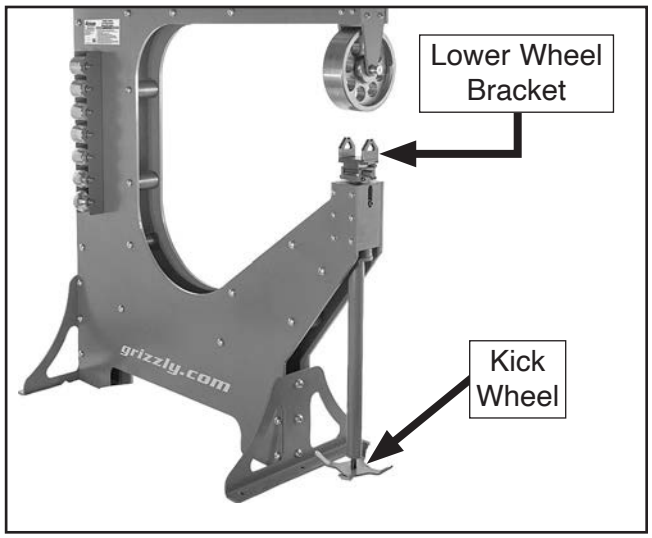


Figure 16. Lower wheel components location.

2. Verify set screws in lower wheel bracket are positioned below wheel axle yokes (see **Figure 17**).

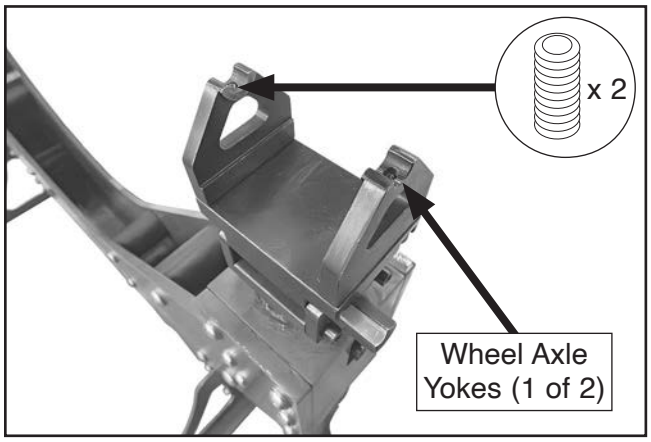


Figure 17. Set screws positioned below wheel axle yokes.

3. Install lower wheel in lower wheel bracket and make sure lower wheel axles are fully seated in wheel axle yokes (see **Figure 18**).

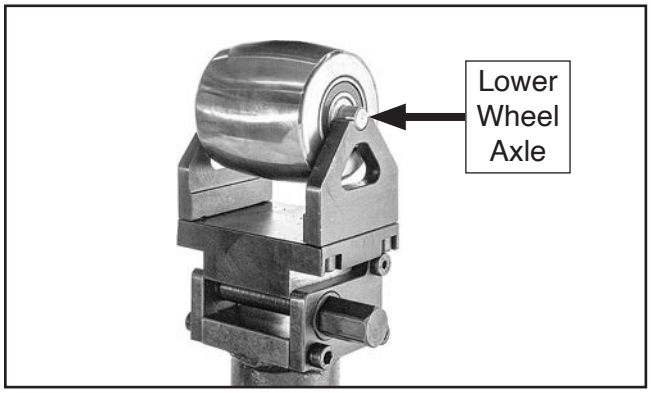


Figure 18. Lower wheel axle fully seated in wheel axle yokes.

Removing Lower Wheel

1. With a firm grasp on workpiece, use kick wheel to lower the lower wheel bracket until workpiece can be removed.

2. With a firm grasp on lower wheel, lift up to remove it, or lift up on left side of lower wheel bracket to tilt lower wheel off of wheel axle yokes (see **Figure 19**).

   Note: *If lower wheel is too difficult to remove, tighten (2) set screws on wheel axle yokes to assist with removal (see **Figure 19**).*

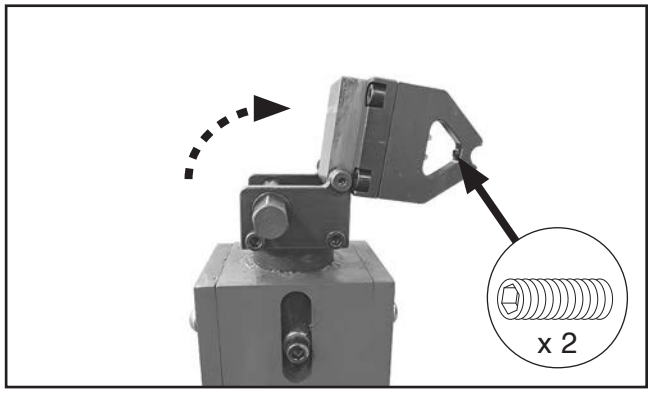


Figure 19. Lower wheel bracket tilted.

3. Return lower wheel bracket to its upright position for lower wheel installation.

Adjusting Quick-Release Hub

The quick-release hub can be engaged or disengaged to help release a workpiece, or increase pressure during operations. Rotating the hub raises/lowers the lower wheel approximately 3/16".

Tools Needed	Qty
Combo Tool	1

To adjust quick-release hub:

1. Turn quick-release hub clockwise or counterclockwise to tilt lower wheel bracket (see **Figure 20**).

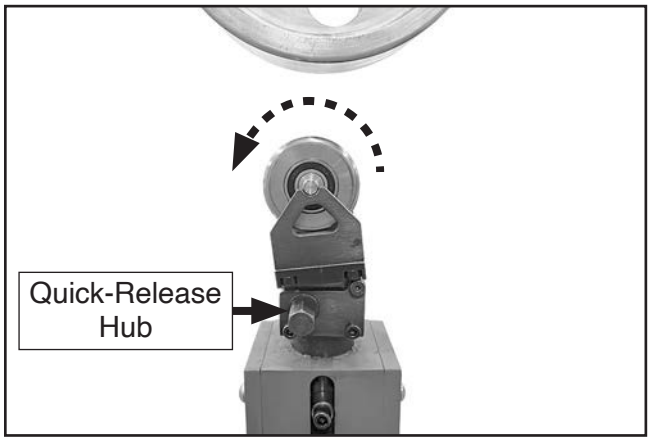


Figure 20. Lower wheel bracket tilted down.

2. Use kick wheel to raise lower wheel until there is just enough pressure to prevent workpiece from skipping or slipping, then rotate quick-release hub until lower wheel is level on quick-release hub (see **Figure 21**).

   Note: *Quick-release hub has a flat surface which will face up when properly positioned (see **Figure 22**).*

Figure 21. Lower wheel in operating position (workpiece removed for clarity).

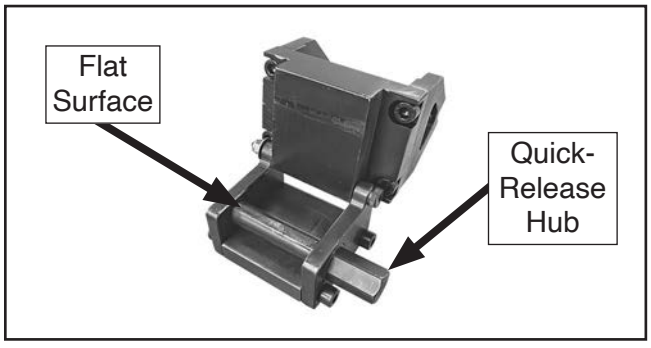


Figure 22. Quick-release hub components.

Tracking Tips

- Stretching metal into a curve should be a gradual process. Always start with just enough wheel pressure to prevent the workpiece from skipping or slipping through the wheels. After the initial curve has formed, increase the pressure slightly and continue stretching the metal. Repeat this process until the desired curve is attained. Using too much pressure will damage the workpiece surface and produce poor results.

- Start with the lower wheel that has the greatest radius (least amount of curve), then decrease the wheel radius a step at a time until the desired curve is reached.

- Mark the workpiece with a non-permanent marker to make it easier to follow tracking patterns or contour the metal.

- Practice with a scrap piece that is the same material and thickness as the final workpiece.

- Leave a frame around the workpiece of approximately 1" that does not go through the wheels (see **Figure 23**). As the center of the workpiece stretches and the frame does not, the metal is forced to bend into a curve. Some workpieces may need a larger frame to accommodate expansion of the metal and removal of excess material, if needed.

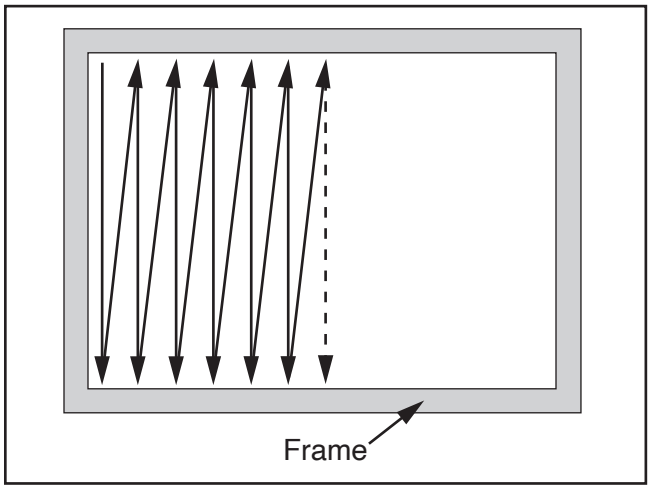


Figure 23. Example of frame around workpiece and basic back-and-forth tracking pattern.

- Overlap each pass with the previous one in a smooth, back-and-forth movement through the wheels, as shown in **Figure 23**. There are many patterns of tracking that will produce different results. Refer to **Page 21** for additional tracking patterns. Choosing the correct pattern for your operation is a matter of research and experience.

- Try using the lightest wheel pressure possible to shape the workpiece. Too much pressure may crease or damage the metal. Light pressure is best for smoothing; higher pressure is best for rough shaping.

- Take your time. Start rolling slowly and increase your speed. Many passes through the wheels with gradual increases in pressure and lower wheel radii will produce good results and reduce the risk of damaging the workpiece surface.

Tracking Patterns

As metal passes between the upper and lower wheels, a "track" or shiny line is pressed into the metal. Various tracking patterns can be used to shape workpieces depending upon their shape or size.

Note: *Most of the figures in this section are shown without a frame for clarity, but we recommend leaving about a 1" border around the workpiece (see **Figure 24**) so the metal bends correctly.*

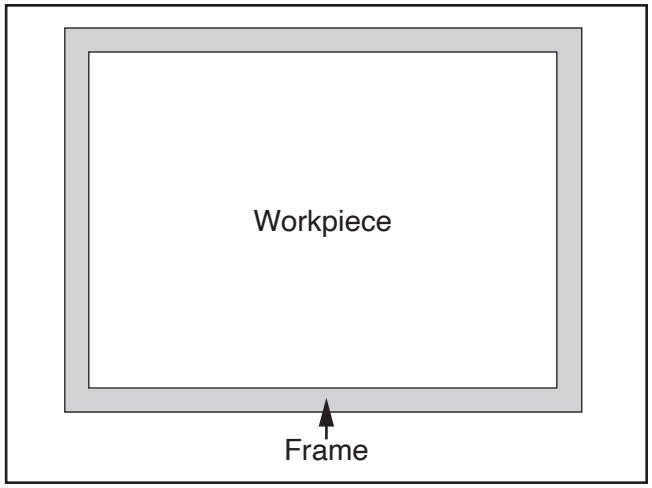


Figure 24. Example of frame around workpiece.

Zigzag Pattern

This patterns resembles the closely-spaced tracks of a lawn mower cutting a lawn. It can be used for a variety of workpiece shapes.

To use zigzag tracking pattern:

1. Insert workpiece between wheels at point **A**, and start rolling it along left edge, as shown in **Figure 25**.

   CAUTION: Move your hands out of wheel pathway so you do not pinch them!

2. Push workpiece forward to stop point (see **Figure 25**).

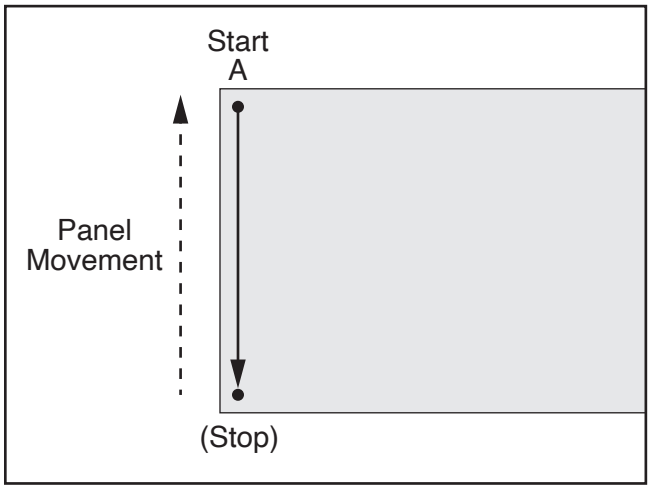


Figure 25. Starting zigzag pattern.

3. Turn workpiece counterclockwise slightly (see **Figure 26**).

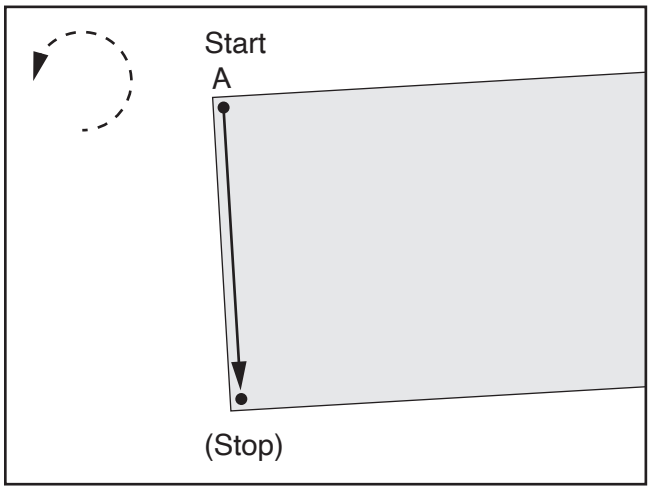


Figure 26. Workpiece turned counterclockwise.

4. Pull workpiece back until it reaches next point near far edge, as shown in **Figure 27**.

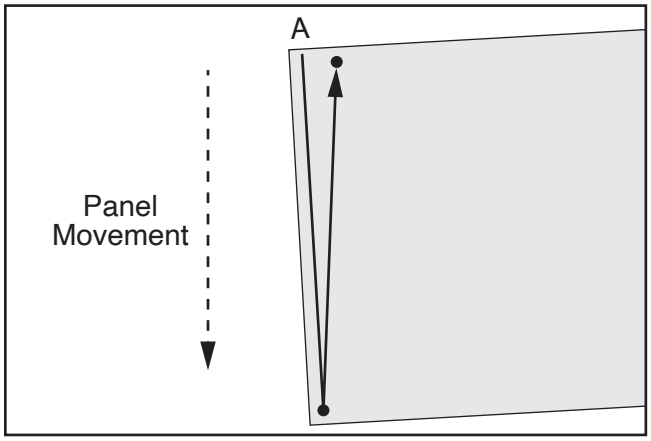


Figure 27. Wheels moved to next point.

5. Turn workpiece clockwise (see **Figure 28**).

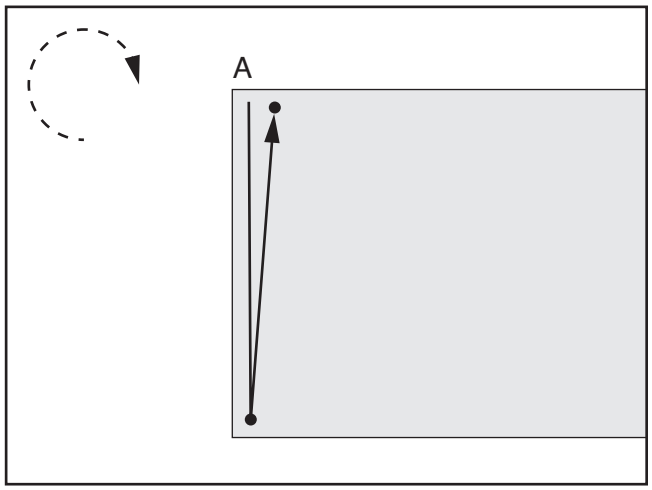


Figure 28. Workpiece turned clockwise.

6. Continue feeding workpiece to other side in same manner, following pattern shown in **Figure 29**.

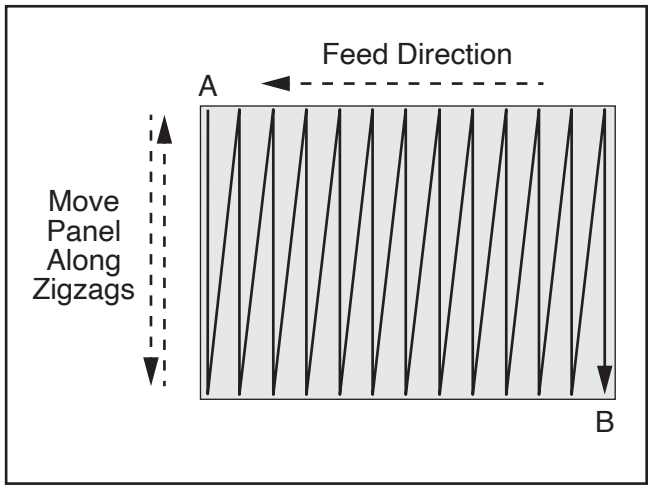


Figure 29. Zigzagging while feeding workpiece to other side.

Note: *Try keeping tracks close to each other. Use a non-permanent marker to mark lines in a consistent pattern.*

7. When wheels reach point **B**, reverse feed direction (see **Figure 30**) and return to point **A**.

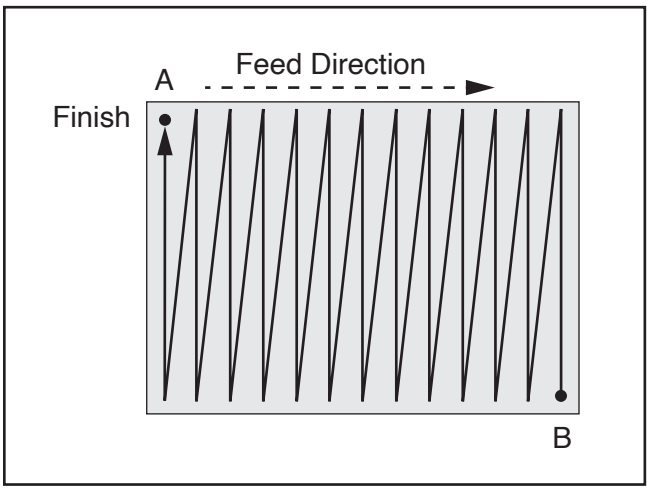


Figure 30. Zigzagging while feeding workpiece to right.

Star Pattern

The star pattern (see **Figure 31**) is useful for shaping round workpieces.

Note: *Avoid rolling directly over center of workpiece. Making excessive passes could overstretch metal.*

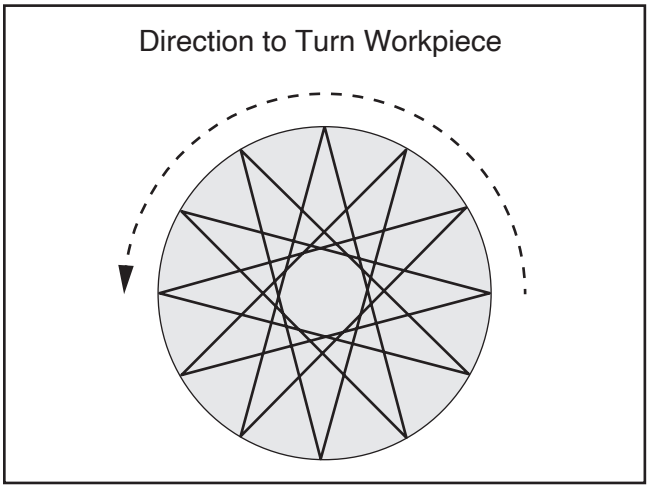


Figure 31. Star pattern.

Staggered Stop Pattern

With this pattern, the track alternates between three different sets of lines, helping reduce ridges that may form at the stopping point of tracks. This technique is useful on larger workpieces.

Note: *It may help to draw lines on the workpiece with a non-permanent marker so you can see the outside, middle, and inside lines more clearly. Clean the wheels and workpiece when finished.*

To use staggered stop pattern:

1. From starting point, roll workpiece from outside line on one side to outside line on opposite side (see **Figure 32**).

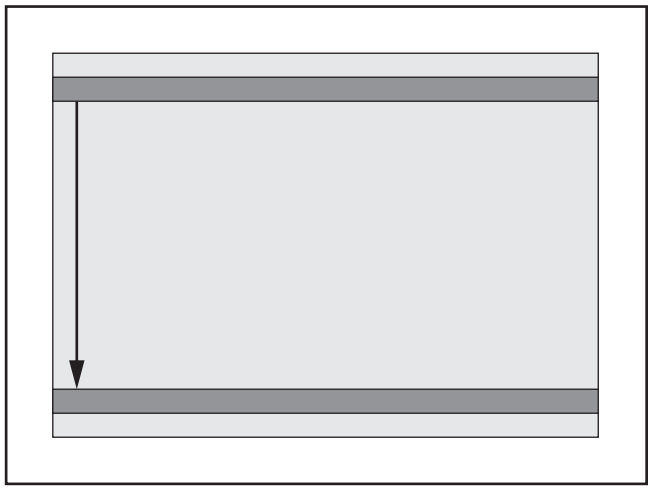


Figure 32. Example of rolling outside to outside line.

2. Roll workpiece from middle line on one side to middle line on opposite side, as shown in **Figure 33**.

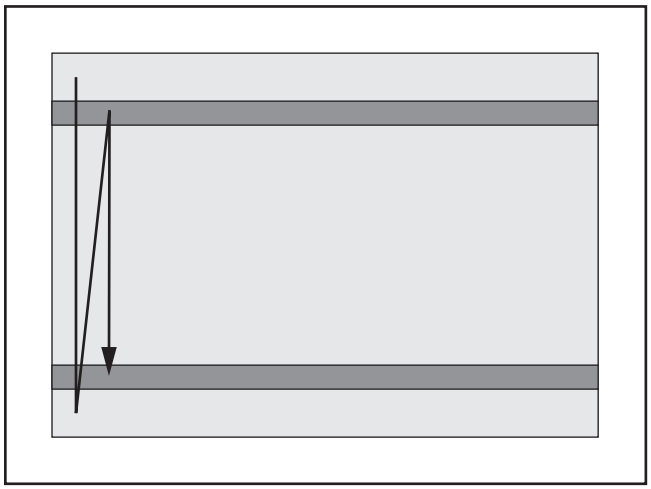


Figure 33. Example of rolling middle to middle line.

3. Roll workpiece from inside line on one side to inside line on opposite side (see **Figure 34**).

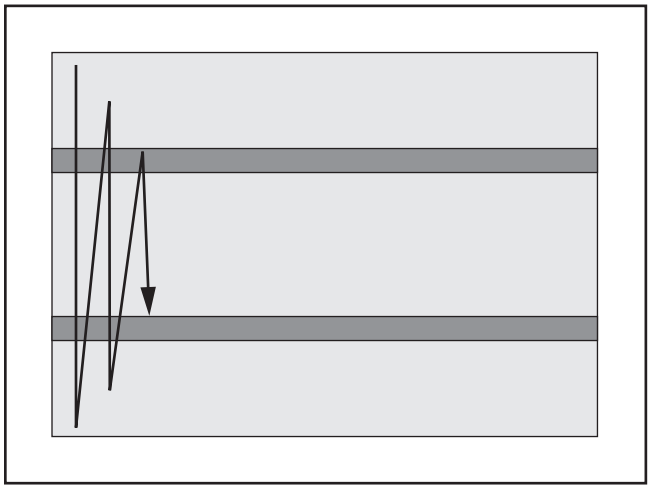


Figure 34. Example of rolling inside to inside line.

4. Repeat **Steps 1–3**, as you move across workpiece, randomly alternating between outside, middle, and inside lines, as shown in **Figures** below.

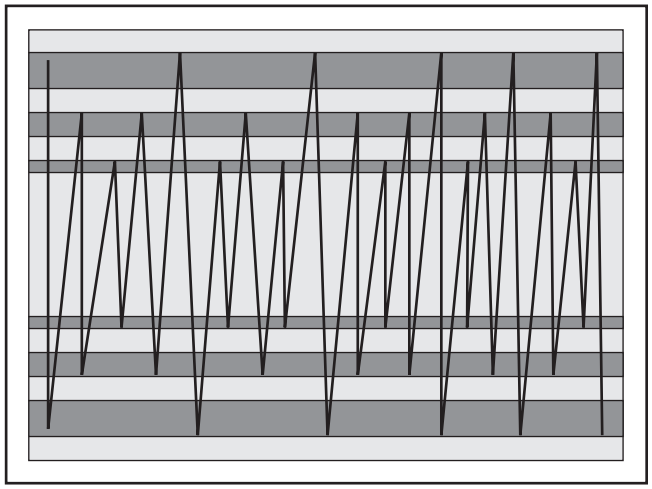


Figure 35. Staggered pattern, showing line sets.

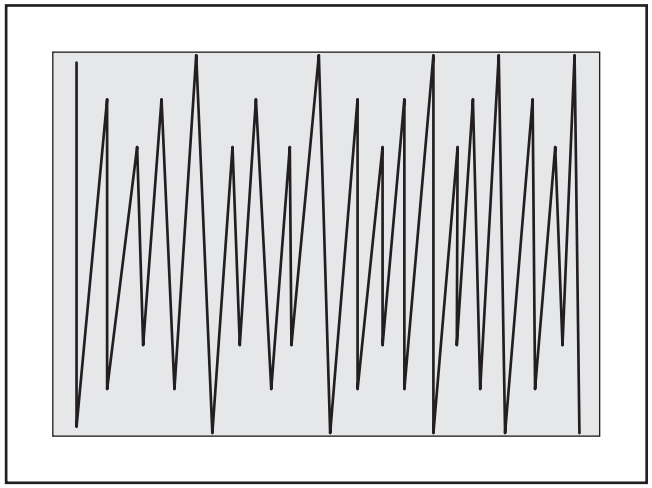


Figure 36. Staggered pattern shown without line sets.

Crisscrossing Tracks

Crisscrossing tracks can help produce smoother curves in your workpiece when using the zigzag or staggered stop pattern.

After running tracks along one length of the workpiece (see **Figure 37**, **A**), turn the metal sheet 90° and run tracks along the opposite length (see **Figure 37**, **B**) so the workpiece is equally covered by both sets of tracks (see **Figure 37**, **C**).

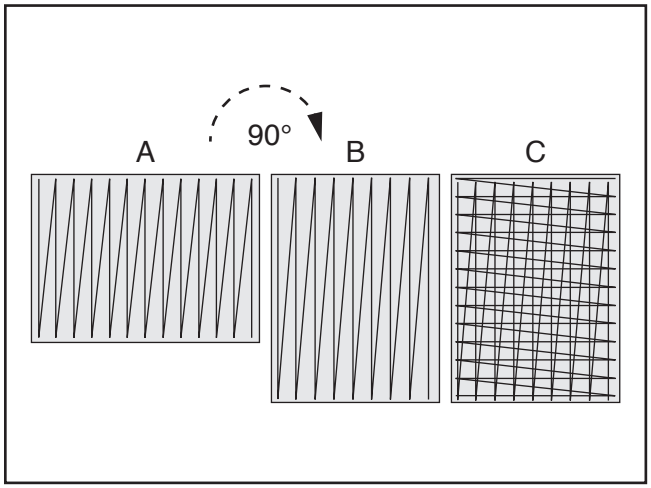


Figure 37. Crisscrossing tracks.

SECTION 4: ACCESSORIES

⚠WARNING

Installing unapproved accessories may cause machine to malfunction, resulting in serious personal injury or machine damage. To reduce this risk, only install accessories recommended for this machine by Grizzly.

NOTICE

Refer to our website or latest catalog for additional recommended accessories.

G5618—Deburring Tool w/Two Blades
The quickest tool for smoothing freshly sheared metal edges. Comes with two blades, one for steel and aluminum, and one for brass and cast iron.

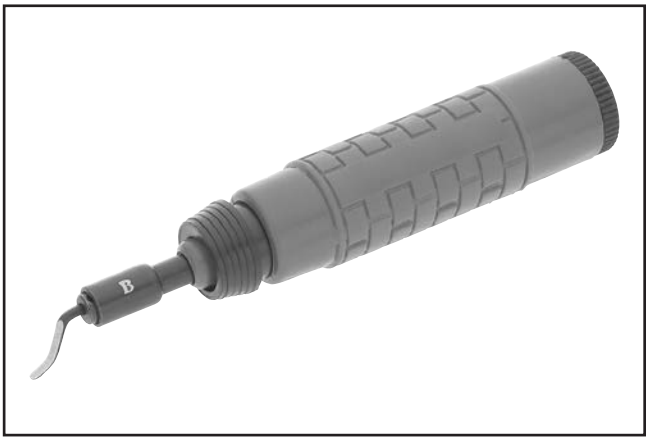


Figure 38. G5618 Deburring Tool.

H5503—Electric Sheet Metal Shear
This electric sheet metal shear features a ½ HP, 110V, 2500 RPM, 3.8 amp motor with a 360 degree adjustable swivel head and variable speed range from 0 to 2500 SPM. Cuts up to 14 gauge in mild steel and 18 gauge in stainless, at up to 150 inches per minute.

Figure 39. H5503 Electric Sheet Metal Shear.

T30673—Heavy-Duty Roller Stand
This stand comes with 2" steel ball bearing rollers that assist with infeed and outfeed support. With the heavy-duty cast-iron base, this stout roller stand helps support lumber, piping, and more up to 2000 pounds! With three holes on the base, it can even be bolted to the floor for increased stability. Height can be easily adjusted from 24" to 38", and the stand measures 14" wide.

Figure 40. T30673 Heavy-Duty Roller Stand.

G5748—Steel Stamping Set - ⅛" A-Z
These hardened steel stamping letters span the entire alphabet (A–Z).

Figure 41. G5748 Steel Stamping Set.

D4132—4-Head Suction Cup
Handle plate glass, glass mirrors, and sheet metal with safety and security. Simple lever action provides tremendous gripping power on any flat, smooth material. Weight Capacity: 260 lbs.

Figure 42. D4132 4-Head Suction Cup.

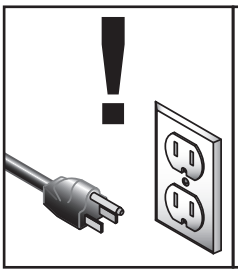
T10718—50" Deluxe Pan and Box Brake
This deluxe pan and box brake is used to make straight bends, boxes, pans, and trays in sheet metal that is 16-gauge or thinner.

Figure 43. T10718 50" Deluxe Pan and Box Brake.

G0878—40A Plasma Cutter
The G0878 40 Amp Plasma Cutter is a compact 25-pound unit with the cutting power to quickly cut through steel up to ½" thick. Just attach the unit to your air compressor with the easy-to-attach ¼" NPT fitting, plug the cutter into your standard 120V household power, and you're ready to go.

Figure 44. G0878 40A Plasma Cutter.

SECTION 5: MAINTENANCE



⚠WARNING
To reduce risk of shock or accidental startup, always disconnect machine from power before adjustments, maintenance, or service.

Schedule

For optimum performance from this machine, this maintenance schedule must be strictly followed.

Ongoing
To minimize your risk of injury and maintain proper machine operation, stop using the machine immediately if you ever observe any of the items below, and fix the problem before continuing operations:

- Damaged or dirty wheels.
- Damaged or cracked frame.
- Hardware/fasteners for security.
- Any other unsafe condition.

Daily Maintenance
- Clean and protect wheels.

Monthly Maintenance
- Clean and lubricate lower wheel bracket.
- Clean and lubricate lower wheel adjustment shaft bushing and leadscrew.

Cleaning & Protecting

Cleaning the Model G0973 is relatively easy. Periodically wipe down the machine to remove dust and debris—this ensures rust-promoting material does not remain on bare metal surfaces.

Since all bearings on the Model G0973 are sealed and permanently lubricated, simply leave them alone until they need to be replaced. DO NOT lubricate them.

Protect the unpainted metal surfaces with regular applications of products like SLIPIT®, as shown in **Figure 45** below.

Recommended Metal Protectants
G5562—SLIPIT® 1 Qt. Gel
G5563—SLIPIT® 11 Oz. Spray

Figure 45. Recommended products for protecting unpainted cast iron/steel parts on machinery.

Lubrication

When lubricating this machine, first clean the components before lubricating them. This step is critical because grime and dust build up on lubricated components, which makes them hard to move. Simply adding more lubricant will not result in smooth moving parts.

T26685—Moly-D ISO 32 Multi-Function Oil
T26419—Syn-O-Gen Synthetic Grease

Figure 46. Recommended lubrication products.

Wheels

Lubrication Type ....T26685 or ISO 32 Equivalent
Lubrication Amount .....Thin Coat
Lubrication Frequency ..... Daily

To protect against rust, apply a thin coat of oil to the upper and lower wheels when they are not being used or before storing them. Remove any excess oil before using the wheels.

Quick-Release Hub

Lubrication Type ... T26419 or NLGI#2 Equivalent
Lubrication Amount .....Thin Coat
Lubrication Frequency .....Monthly

Apply a thin coat of grease to the quick-release hub where it contacts the bottom of the lower wheel bracket, as shown in **Figure 47**.

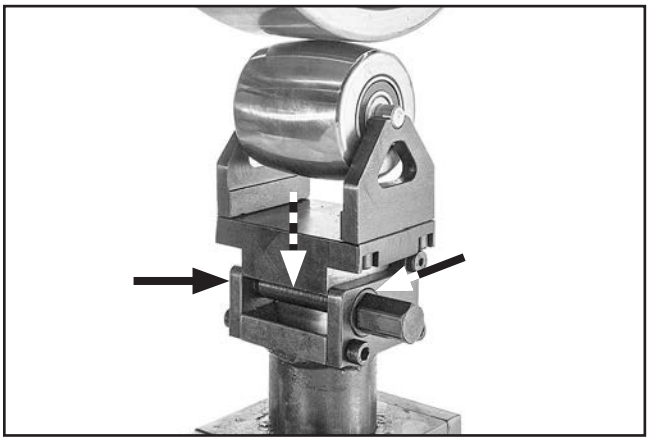


Figure 47. Quick-release hub lubrication points.

Lower Wheel Adjustment Shaft

Lubrication Type ... T26419 or NLGI#2 Equivalent
Lubrication Amount .....Thin Coat
Lubrication Frequency .....Monthly

Use mineral spirits to clean any debris and built-up grease from the adjustment shaft bushing and leadscrew, then wipe them dry (see **Figure 48**). Brush a thin coat of grease on the adjustment shaft bushing and the threads of the leadscrew, then raise and lower the adjustment shaft through its full range of motion to distribute the grease.

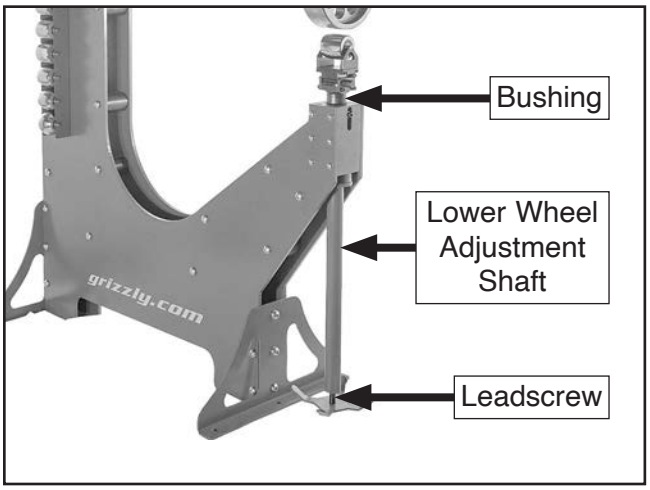


Figure 48. Lower wheel adjustment shaft lubrication points.

SECTION 6: SERVICE

Review the troubleshooting procedures in this section if a problem develops with your machine. If you need replacement parts or additional help with a procedure, call our Technical Support. **Note:** *Please gather the serial number and manufacture date of your machine before calling.*

Troubleshooting

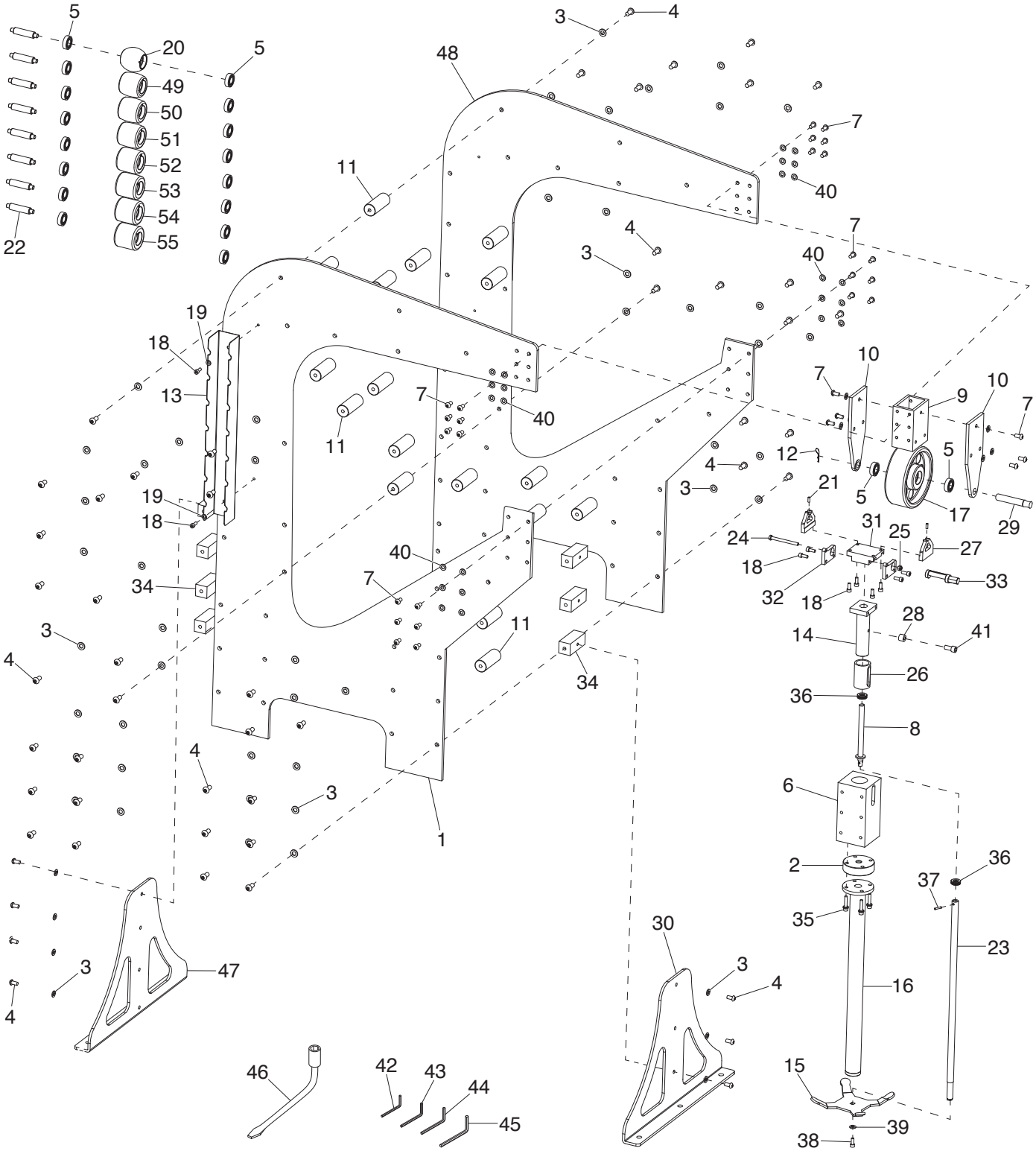
Operations

Symptom	Possible Cause	Possible Solution
Workpiece surface is marred or scratched.	1. Too much wheel pressure. 2. Wheels are dirty. 3. Wheel is damaged.	1. Reduce wheel pressure. 2. Clean and protect all wheel surfaces (**Page 28**). 3. Replace wheel (**Page 18**).
Workpiece has wrinkles.	1. Tracking pattern at fault. 2. Too much wheel pressure.	1. Use a consistent and smooth tracking pattern that overlaps with each back-and-forth pass (**Page 21**). 2. Start with least amount of pressure, then gradually increase pressure when curve stops forming (**Page 20**).
Excessive force required to move workpiece through wheels.	1. Too much wheel pressure. 2 Wheel bearings at fault.	1. Reduce wheel pressure. 2. Replace wheel bearings.
Workpiece curve is too high.	1. Lower wheel radius is too small.	1. Use a lower wheel with a larger radius (less crown).
Workpiece curve is not high enough.	1. Lower wheel radius is too large.	1. Start with lower wheel of largest radius (least curve) and work up to correct radius for operation.
Workpiece curve will not form.	1. Not enough wheel pressure. 2. Lower wheel has flat surface.	1. Start with least amount of pressure, then gradually increase pressure when curve stops forming (**Page 20**). 2. Use lower wheel(s) with a radius (crown).
Wheel does not shape workpiece.	1. Workpiece is too thick. 2. Crown is too low; incorrect wheel selection. 3. Incorrect pressure.	1. Use sheet metal of appropriate thickness (**Page 5**). 2. Use a lower wheel with a higher crown. 3. Increase pressure on workpiece.
Quick-release hub will not engage, or has trouble engaging.	1. Lower wheel bracket binds. 2. Quick-release hub binds.	1. Lubricate quick-release hub components (**Page 28**). 2. Lubricate quick-release hub components (**Page 28**).

SECTION 7: PARTS

We do our best to stock replacement parts when possible, but we cannot guarantee that all parts shown are available for purchase. Call **(800) 523-4777** or visit **www.grizzly.com/parts** to check for availability.

Main



Main Parts List

REF	PART #	DESCRIPTION
1	P0973001	LEFT FRAME
2	P0973002	ADJUSTMENT SHAFT PLATE
3	P0973003	FLAT WASHER 16MM
4	P0973004	BUTTON HD CAP SCR M16-2 X 30
5	P0973005	BALL BEARING 6004ZZ
6	P0973006	SLIDE BLOCK
7	P0973007	BUTTON HD CAP SCR M10-1.5 X 25
8	P0973008	LEADSCREW
9	P0973009	UPPER WHEEL BRACKET
10	P0973010	UPPER WHEEL PLATE
11	P0973011	FRAME SPACER
12	P0973012	COTTER PIN M3 X 64 HAIRPIN
13	P0973013	LOWER WHEEL STORAGE BRACKET
14	P0973014	GUIDE SHAFT
15	P0973015	FOOT WHEEL
16	P0973016	TUBE
17	P0973017	UPPER WHEEL, 10" FLAT
18	P0973018	CAP SCREW M8-1.25 X 20
19	P0973019	FLAT WASHER 8MM
20	P0973020	LOWER WHEEL, DOMED 2" RADIUS
21	P0973021	SET SCREW M6-1 X 20
22	P0973022	LOWER WHEEL AXLE
23	P0973023	ADJUSTMENT SHAFT
24	P0973024	SHOULDER SCREW M6-1 X 10, 8 X 80
25	P0973025	LOCK NUT M6-1
26	P0973026	BUSHING, COPPER
27	P0973027	WHEEL AXLE YOKE
28	P0973028	SPACER

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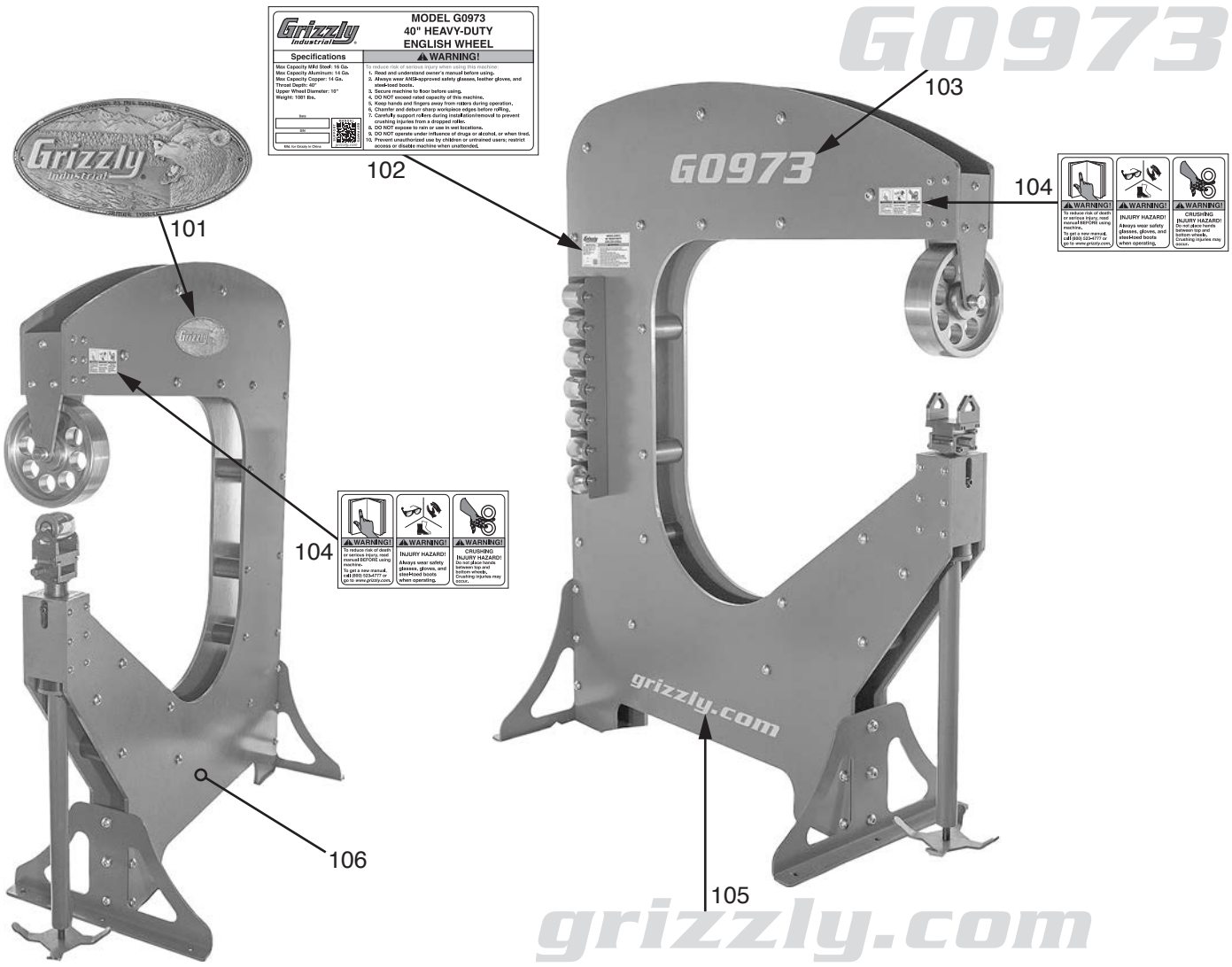
29	P0973029	UPPER WHEEL AXLE
30	P0973030	FRONT SUPPORT LEG
31	P0973031	LOWER WHEEL BRACKET
32	P0973032	LOWER SIDE PLATE
33	P0973033	CAMBER ADJUSTMENT BOLT
34	P0973034	MOUNTING BLOCK
35	P0973035	CAP SCREW M8-1.25 X 50
36	P0973036	THRUST BEARING 51103
37	P0973037	DOWEL PIN 6 X 20
38	P0973038	CAP SCREW M6-1 X 10
39	P0973039	FLAT WASHER 6MM
40	P0973040	FLAT WASHER 10MM
41	P0973041	CAP SCREW M10-1.5 X 20
42	P0973042	HEX WRENCH 3MM
43	P0973043	HEX WRENCH 5MM
44	P0973044	HEX WRENCH 6MM
45	P0973045	HEX WRENCH 8MM
46	P0973046	LUG NUT WRENCH, SLOTTED W/SOCKET
47	P0973047	REAR SUPPORT LEG
48	P0973048	RIGHT FRAME
49	P0973049	LOWER WHEEL, DOMED 4" RADIUS
50	P0973050	LOWER WHEEL, DOMED 6" RADIUS
51	P0973051	LOWER WHEEL, DOMED 8" RADIUS
52	P0973052	LOWER WHEEL, DOMED 12" RADIUS
53	P0973053	LOWER WHEEL, DOMED 24" RADIUS
54	P0973054	LOWER WHEEL, DOMED 36" RADIUS
55	P0973055	LOWER WHEEL, 3" FLAT

Labels & Cosmetics



REF	PART #	DESCRIPTION
101	P0973101	GRIZZLY NAMEPLATE - LARGE
102	P0973102	MACHINE ID LABEL
103	P0973103	MODEL NUMBER LABEL

REF	PART #	DESCRIPTION
104	P0973104	COMBO WARNING LABEL
105	P0973105	GRIZZLY.COM LABEL
106	P0973106	TOUCH-UP PAINT, GRIZZLY GREEN

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