# Owner's Manual & Safety Instructions

Save This Manual Keep this manual for the safety warnings and precautions, assembly, operating, inspection, maintenance and cleaning procedures. Write the product's serial number in the back of the manual (or month and year of purchase if product has no number). Keep this manual and the receipt in a safe and dry place for future reference.

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# PREMIUM RATCHETING TUBE BENDER KIT FOR SIZES 1/4" TO 7/8"



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When unpacking, make sure that the product is intact and undamaged. If any parts are missing or broken, please call 1-888-866-5797 as soon as possible.

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Tools required for assembly and service may not be included.

## **AWARNING**

Read this material before using this product. Failure to do so can result in serious injury. SAVE THIS MANUAL.

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WARNING SYMBOLS AND DEFINITIONS		
A	This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.	
<b>▲</b> DANGER	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.	
<b>▲</b> WARNING	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.	
<b>ACAUTION</b>	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.	
NOTICE CAUTION	Addresses practices not related to personal injury.	

# **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION**

## **AWARNING**

Read all safety warnings and all instructions.

Failure to heed these markings may result in personal injury and/or property damage.

- Wear ANSI-approved safety goggles, heavy-duty work gloves, and steel-toe work boots during set up and/or use.
- To prevent injury from burns, do not apply heat to pipe.
- 3. Use only on free standing pipe. Do not use on pipe that is part of an assembly or that is installed into a structure.
- Use for aluminum and copper tubing only
- 5. Study, understand, and follow all instructions before operating this device.
- Inspect lines carefully after forming; discard damaged or malformed lines.
- Do not use on painted pipe or pipe that has debris on it.
- 8. Keep bystanders out of work area.

- Inspect before every use; do not use if parts are loose, damaged.
- 10. No alterations shall be made to this product.
- 11. This product is not a toy. Keep it out of reach of children.
- Maintain labels and nameplates. These carry important safety information. If unreadable or missing, contact Harbor Freight Tools for a replacement.
- 13. The warnings, precautions, and instructions discussed in this instruction manual cannot cover all possible conditions and situations that may occur. It must be understood by the operator that common sense and caution are factors which cannot be built into this product, but must be supplied by the operator.



# SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

#### **Specifications**

Mandrel Range	1/4", 5/16", 3/8", 1/2", 5/8", 3/4", 7/8"
Max. Bending Angle	90 degrees
Pipe Type	Soft aluminum and soft copper tube

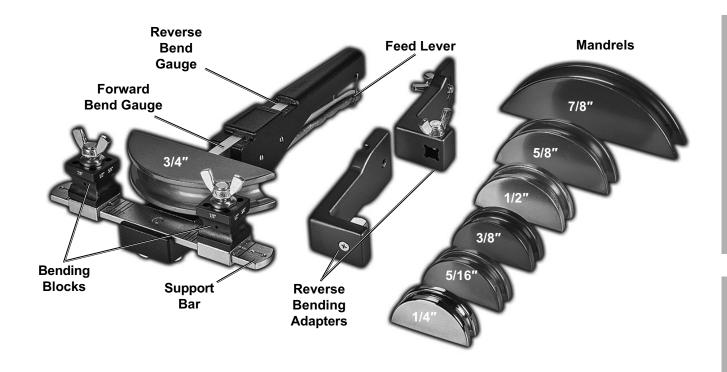
#### **Setup - Before Use:**



Read the <u>ENTIRE</u> IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION section at the beginning of this manual including all text under subheadings therein before set up or use of this product.

**<u>Note:</u>** For additional information regarding the parts listed in the following pages, refer to *Parts List and Diagram on page 6*.

#### **Functions**



#### **Operating Instructions**

## **Forward Tube Bending**

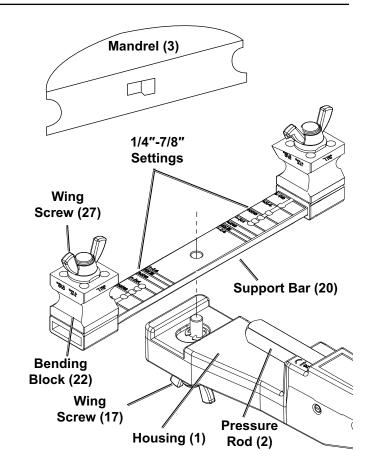
<u>CAUTION!</u> TO PREVENT INJURY: Only use soft aluminum and soft copper tube.

**<u>Note:</u>** Practice on scrap work pieces until familiar with Tube Bender capabilities.

- Release Feed Lever (8) and then hold Housing (1) upright to allow Pressure Rod (2) to retract with gravity.
- 2. Slide desired size Mandrel (3) onto Pressure Rod.
- Loosen two Wing Screws (27) on Bending Blocks (22) then set Bending Blocks on Support Bar (20) settings to match Mandrel size.

**Note:** Bending Blocks will rotate freely after Wing Screws are tightened.

- 4. Tighten two Wing Screws.
- 5. Place Support Bar Assembly onto Housing.
- 6. Tighten Wing Screw (17).
- Match Bending Block size to Mandrel size by rotating Bending Blocks until correct size is facing Mandrel.



<u>Note:</u> Use only with tube size that matches the Mandrel size exactly. Tube will deform significantly if it does not match the Mandrel size exactly.

- 8. Place tube between Mandrel and Bending Blocks.
- 9. Squeeze Feed Lever repeatedly until tube is bent to desired angle.

#### **Reverse Tube Bending**

<u>CAUTION!</u> TO PREVENT INJURY: Only use soft aluminum and soft copper tube.

**Note:** Practice on scrap work pieces until familiar with Tube Bender capabilities.

- Release Feed Lever (8) and then hold Housing (1) upright to allow Pressure Rod (2) to retract with gravity.
- 2. Place Reverse Adapter 2 (5) onto Pressure Rod.
- 3. Place Reverse Adapter 1 (4) onto Housing.
- 4. Tighten Wing Screw (17).
- Place desired size Mandrel (3) onto Reverse Adapter 1.
- 6. Place Support Bar (20) Assembly onto Reverse Adapter 2 upside down.
- 7. Tighten Wing Screw (27).

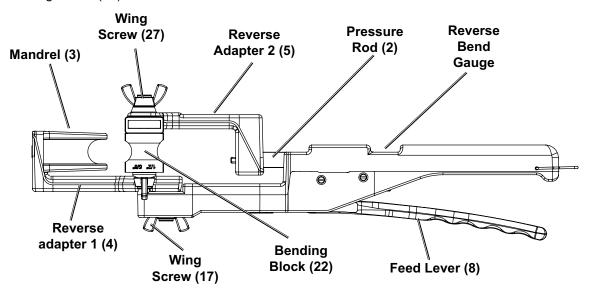
8. Loosen two Wing Screws (27) on Bending Blocks (22) then set Bending Blocks on Support Bar settings to match Mandrel size.

<u>Note:</u> Bending Blocks will rotate freely after Wing Screws are tightened.

- 9. Tighten two Wing Screws.
- Match Bending Block size to Mandrel size by rotating Bending Blocks until correct size is facing Mandrel.

<u>Note:</u> Use only with tube size that matches the Mandrel size exactly. Tube will deform significantly if it does not match the Mandrel size exactly.

- 11. Place tube between Mandrel and Bending Blocks.
- 12. Squeeze Feed Lever repeatedly until tube is bent to desired angle.



## Maintenance and Servicing Instructions



Procedures not specifically explained in this manual must be performed only by a qualified technician.

# **AWARNING**

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM TOOL FAILURE: Do not use damaged equipment. If abnormal noise or vibration occurs, have the problem corrected before further use.

- BEFORE EACH USE, inspect the general condition of the Tube Bender. Check for:
  - · loose hardware,
  - · misalignment or binding of moving parts,
  - · cracked or broken parts,
  - any condition that may affect its safe operation.

If a problem occurs, have the problem corrected before further use.

Do not use damaged equipment.

2. **AFTER EACH USE**, wipe with a clean cloth. Store indoors out of children's reach.

#### PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY

THE MANUFACTURER AND/OR DISTRIBUTOR HAS PROVIDED THE PARTS LIST AND ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM IN THIS MANUAL AS A REFERENCE TOOL ONLY. NEITHER THE MANUFACTURER OR DISTRIBUTOR MAKES ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND TO THE BUYER THAT HE OR SHE IS QUALIFIED TO MAKE ANY REPAIRS TO THE PRODUCT, OR THAT HE OR SHE IS QUALIFIED TO REPLACE ANY PARTS OF THE PRODUCT. IN FACT, THE MANUFACTURER AND/OR DISTRIBUTOR EXPRESSLY STATES THAT ALL REPAIRS AND PARTS REPLACEMENTS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY CERTIFIED AND LICENSED TECHNICIANS, AND NOT BY THE BUYER. THE BUYER ASSUMES ALL RISK AND LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF HIS OR HER REPAIRS TO THE ORIGINAL PRODUCT OR REPLACEMENT PARTS THERETO.

#### **Parts List**

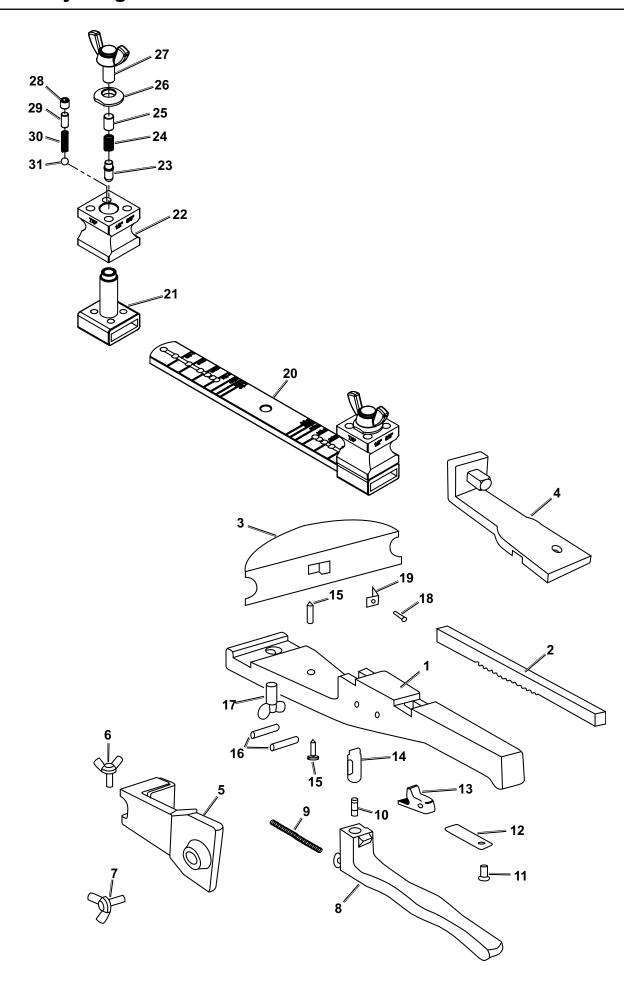
Part	Description	Qty
1	Housing	1
2	Pressure Rod	1
3	Mandrel	7
4	Reverse Adapter 1	1
5	Reverse Adapter 2	1
6	Wing Screw	1
7	Wing Screw	1
8	Feed Lever	1
9	Spring	1
10	Pressure Spring	1
11	Head Screw	1
12	Flat Spring	1
13	Catch Lever	1
14	Catch Bolt	1
15	Fillister Head Screw	2
16	Spiral Pin	2

Part	Description	Qty
17	Wing Screw	1
18	Sheet Metal Screw	1
19	Clamping Spring	1
20	Support Bar	1
21	Sliding Block	2
22	Bending Block	2
23	Indexing Head	2
24	Spring	2
25	Pin	2
26	Cap	2
27	Wing Screw	2
28	Spring	2
29	Pin	2
30	Spring	2
31	Steel Ball	2

Record Product's Serial Number Here:

**Note:** If product has no serial number, record month and year of purchase instead.

<u>Note:</u> Some parts are listed and shown for illustration purposes only, and are not available individually as replacement parts. Specify UPC 193175443724 when ordering parts.



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