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Vandercook Manual

Operation — Maintenance
Parts List

MODEL NO.  SP15

SERIAL NO.  22327

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Vandercook SP15 Proof Press Operating and Maintenance Instructions

INSTALLATION

Uncrate the press and remove all protective paper. Leave the press on its skids until it has been moved to its approximate location. Clean thoroughly, particularly all machined surfaces, using kerosene and rags.

Remove skids and set press on synthetic rubber pads furnished—one under each leg of press. Bolt the feed board to the top of the leg, using the four hollow head cap screws and wrench furnished. Place a precision level on the bed, and level the press by putting metal or cardboard shims under the rubber pads where necessary.

CONTROLS

INKING ROLLER TRIP LEVER (A)

Lever "A" lifts form rollers and separates steel vibrator and rider from form rollers.

CYLINDER TRIP (B)

Cylinder is on trip when the lever "B" is in the position shown in the illustration. Moving the lever to its forward position will cause the cylinder to print on its travel away from the feed board. The cylinder is always automatically tripped on its travel back to the feed board.

GRIPPERS (C)

Press is equipped with automatic and foot operated (C) grippers. Grippers open automatically to release the sheet after printing.

AUTOMATIC WASHUP LEVER (D)

Moving lever "D" up brings washup doctor blade into contact with the motor driven ink drum. Doctor blade should be brought into contact with drum only when cylinder is at feed board.
LUBRICATION

All Oil Holes
At least once a week. Use S.A.E. #20 Oil.

Vibrator Worm
Keep covered with a petroleum jelly product, such as vaseline.

Vibrator Shaft
At least once a week. Use S.A.E. #20 Oil.

Bed and Cylinder Bearers
Wipe bearers with slightly oiled rag daily.

Cylinder Guide Plates
At least once a week, using S.A.E. #20 Oil.

Under Rails
Under rails should be wiped clean and well oiled daily.

For further instructions on lubrication, refer to repair parts sheets.

ADJUSTING FORM ROLLERS

Form rollers are adjusted by turning the black knobs to the right to raise the rollers, and to the left to lower them. The adjusting knobs can be made to turn tighter or looser by means of the clamping screws on the side of the form roller bearing assembly. A wrench is supplied for adjusting these screws.

When using synthetic form rollers, they should be adjusted to leave a streak ½" on the Vandercook NuWay Roller Setting Gauge furnished. For glue composition rollers, a ¼" wide streak is better to properly ink plate or form. There are no other adjustments to make in the inking system.

CHANGING FORM ROLLERS

Form rollers can be changed in a few seconds by merely lifting out the assembly of rollers, ball bearings and adjusting mechanism.

For color proofs, it is an excellent idea to have at least one extra set of rollers equipped with bearings, adjusting mechanism and driving gear.

CYLINDER PACKING

The cylinder bearers are .040" higher than the body of the cylinder. The cylinder packing, plus the stock to be printed on, should be approximately .003" over the cylinder bearers.

To change packing, move cylinder to center of bed (on trip, if there is a form or plate on the bed) so that real rod is in up position. Unlatch reel rod ratchet with wrench provided, and loosen drawsheet from reel rod. With left hand, grasp packing and, as cylinder is returned to feed board, lay packing on feed board.

To change the drawsheet, loosen the filister head screws in the gripper bar. Unless overlays are used, only the drawsheet is held by this bar.

When moving cylinder to center of bed to secure packing, hold packing in position by smoothing out with left hand. Secure drawsheet to reel rod. Be sure packing is tight to cylinder at both sides of gripper edge. There is sufficient side play in the reel rod to correct a small amount of unevenness in packing.
Crescent or worm replacement instructions

Assembly (not shown):

Above instructions apply 450 to 20.003 crescent and holder

Note - crescent and holder assembly as shown is part no. M-69A. The
cart vibration work with graphite grease or vaseline.

Both directions:

Worm (0) to rotate free of any brake, traveling pull length

With 250-200 M. set screw (C). This setting must allow

Shank (B) then back off 5/4 of a turn and lock holder

Adjust crescent holder (A) until it touches end of crescent

Partial Section View of Ink Drum Vibrator Assembly

[Diagram with labeled parts: CRESCENT, VIBRATION ASSEMBLY, VIBRATION SHAIL]