Read and understand all of the instructions and safety information in this manual before operating or servicing this tool.

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Description

The EK1230LX and EK1230CLX Crimping Tools are hand-held, self-contained, battery-powered tools intended to crimp aluminum and copper connectors onto electrical cable.

The EK1230CLX has a PVC-covered crimping heads. These tools have a retraction stop feature which allows the operator to stop the retraction motion of the ram to shorten cycle time.

The tool has a Bluetooth® connectivity and an LCD screen.

These tools are protected by U.S. Patent No. 6,206,663, 6,276,186, 6,401,515, and 6,718,870.

Model X—FCC ID: RFRMS42; IC ID: 4957A-MS42

USA requirements:
Responsible party: Greenlee Tools, Inc.
Rockford, IL 61109 USA

Note: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

This device complies with the RF exposure SAR test exclusion requirements for portable devices, if a minimum separation distance is kept. However, the device shall be used in such a manner that the potential for human contact during normal operation is minimized.

Canada requirements:
This device complies with Industry Canada's license-exempt RSSs. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:
(1) This device may not cause interference; and
(2) This device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes:
1) l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage;
2) l'utilisateur de l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement.

Safety

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

Purpose of this Manual

This manual is intended to familiarize all personnel with the safe operation and maintenance procedures for the following Greenlee tools:
• EK1230LBattery-powered Crimping Tool
• EK1230LX Battery-powered Crimping Tool
• EK1230CLBattery-powered Crimping Tool with PVC-covered Head
• EK1230CLX Battery-powered Crimping Tool with PVC-covered Head

Keep this manual available to all personnel.
Replacement manuals are available upon request at no charge at www.greenlee.com.

Do not discard this product or throw away!
For recycling information, go to www.greenlee.com.

All specifications are nominal and may change as design improvements occur. Greenlee Tools, Inc. shall not be liable for damages resulting from misapplication or misuse of its products.
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Bluetooth is a registered trademark of Bluetooth SIG, Inc.
Blackburn is a registered trademark of Thomas & Betts.
IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL

This symbol is used to call your attention to hazards or unsafe practices which could result in an injury or property damage. The signal word, defined below, indicates the severity of the hazard. The message after the signal word provides information for preventing or avoiding the hazard.

DANGER

Immediate hazards which, if not avoided, WILL result in severe injury or death.

WARNING

Hazards which, if not avoided, COULD result in severe injury or death.

CAUTION

Hazards or unsafe practices which, if not avoided, MAY result in injury or property damage.

WARNING

Read and understand all of the instructions and safety information in this manual before operating or servicing this tool.

Failure to observe this warning could result in severe injury or death.

WARNING

Electric shock hazard:

This tool is not insulated. When using this unit on or near energized electrical lines, use proper personal protective equipment.

Failure to observe this warning could result in severe injury or death.

WARNING

Wear eye protection when operating or servicing this tool.

Failure to wear eye protection could result in serious eye injury from flying debris or hydraulic oil.

WARNING

Skin injection hazard:

Do not use hands to check for oil leaks. Oil under pressure easily punctures skin. If injured, seek medical attention immediately to remove oil.

Failure to observe this warning could result in serious injury, gangrene, or death.

WARNING

Do not use solvents or flammable liquids to clean the tool body.

Solvents or flammable liquids could ignite and cause serious injury or property damage.

WARNING

An incomplete crimp can cause a fire.

• Use proper die, connector, and cable combinations. Improper combinations can result in an incomplete crimp.

• The relief valve sounds and the ram automatically retracts to indicate a completed crimp. If you do not hear the sound of the relieve valve or the ram does not automatically retract, the crimp is not complete.

Failure to observe these warnings could result in severe injury or death.

WARNING

Pinch points:

• Remove battery before changing dies, adapters, or jaws.

• Keep hands away from the crimping tool head when crimping.

Failure to observe these warnings could result in severe injury or death.
**IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION**

**WARNING**

Do not dispose of batteries in a fire. They will vent fumes and may explode.

Failure to observe this warning could result in severe injury from harmful fumes or burns from flying debris.

**WARNING**

Remove the battery before transporting the T version of this tool by air.

Failure to observe this warning could result in severe injury or death.

**WARNING**

- Inspect tool and dies before use. Replace any worn or damaged parts. A damaged or improperly assembled tool can break and strike nearby personnel.
- Carrying strap is for carrying only, not to be used to hang or suspend tool.

Failure to observe these warnings could result in severe injury or death.

**CAUTION**

Do not allow anything to contact the battery terminals.

- Do not immerse the batteries in liquid. Liquid may create a short circuit and damage the battery. If batteries are immersed, contact your service center for proper handling.
- Do not place the battery into a pocket, tool pouch, or tool box with conductive objects. Conductive objects may create a short circuit and damage the battery.
- Do not place a battery on moist ground or grass. Moisture may create a short circuit and damage the battery.

Failure to observe these precautions may result in injury or property damage.

**CAUTION**

- Do not use this tool for continuous use. After 30 to 40 cycles, allow the tool to cool for 15 minutes.
- Do not secure this tool in a vise. This tool is designed for hand-held operation.
- This tool may be used in damp or wet environments; however, air-drying is recommended before use if the tool becomes soaked. Damage may result when the tool is operated prior to thorough drying when electrical components are soaked.
- Use this tool for the manufacturer’s intended purpose only.

Failure to observe these precautions may result in injury or property damage.

**CAUTION**

Do not attempt to open the battery. It contains no user-serviceable parts.

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**CAUTION**

- Do not store the battery at more than 122 °F (50 °C) or less than –4 °F (–20 °C). Damage to the battery can result.
- Do not use another manufacturer’s charger. Other manufacturers’ chargers may overcharge and damage the battery.
- Do not attempt to open the battery. It contains no user-serviceable parts.

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Note: Keep all decals clean and legible, and replace when necessary.
Identification

1. LED Work Light (white)
2. Crimping Head
3. Die Release Buttons
4. Lanyard Ring
5. Housing
6. Retract Button
7. LED Indicator (red)
8. LCD Screen
9. Battery
10. Trigger

Specifications

Crimping Tool

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<tr>
<th>Specification</th>
<th>Measurement</th>
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<tr>
<td>Length</td>
<td>16.4&quot; (417 mm)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Width</td>
<td>3.00&quot; (76 mm)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Height (with battery)</td>
<td>13.00&quot; (331 mm)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Weight</td>
<td>15.2 lb (6.88 kg)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Crimping Force</td>
<td>12 tons (106 kN)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hydraulic Oil</td>
<td>52057878 biodegradable hydraulic fluid</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Recommended Operating Temperature Range</td>
<td>5 °F to 122 °F (-15 °C to 50 °C)</td>
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Crimping Capacities

Crimping Range                        | 8 AWG to 750 kcmil |

Battery Charger: Read the instructions supplied with the battery charger.

Battery Technology: MAKITA® LXT® Lithium ion BL1830, BL1840, BL1850
Operation

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Wear eye protection when operating or servicing this tool.

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**WARNING**

Pinch points:

- Remove battery before changing dies, adapters, or jaws.
- Keep hands away from the crimping tool head when crimping.

Failure to observe these warnings could result in severe injury or death.

**Charging the Battery**

Read the instructions supplied with the battery charger.

**LED Work Light (white)**

This LED automatically turns on when the trigger is pulled. It remains on for 10 seconds after the trigger is released.

**LED Indicator (red)**

This tool is equipped with a special circuit board incorporating several important features to inform the user about the current status of the unit. The LED signals in the following cases:

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<th>What happens</th>
<th>Signal</th>
<th>What it means</th>
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<tr>
<td>Constant light for 20 seconds at end of cycle</td>
<td></td>
<td>Battery charge is below 17 V at beginning of cycle*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tool will not start, and constant light for 20 seconds when trigger is released</td>
<td></td>
<td>Battery charge is below 16 V at beginning of cycle*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tool will stop, and constant light for 20 seconds after trigger is released</td>
<td></td>
<td>Battery voltage drops below 13 V during cycle*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tool will stop, and flashing light for 20 seconds when trigger is released</td>
<td></td>
<td>Motor current exceeds 20 A during cycle</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flashing light for 20 seconds at end of cycle</td>
<td></td>
<td>Circuit has become too hot</td>
</tr>
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</table>

* Running the battery below 16 V can damage the battery.
Operation (cont’d)

Pressure Sensor
This tool is equipped with a pressure sensor that alerts the user of an incomplete crimp.

- If the tool is manually retracted before completion of a crimp, the red LED and an audible beep will be active for 2 seconds.
- If the tool is unable to reach the required crimp force, the red LED, work light, and an audible beep will pulse until after the trigger is released.

Procedure
1. Clean the die seat area.
2. Install the proper size and type of crimping dies.
3. Press the release button on the C-head and slide one of the die halves into the jaw. Release the button and slide the die half until the retainer snaps and locks the die into place.
4. Press the release button on the ram body (located in the cutout) and slide the other die half in. Release the button and slide the die half until the retainer snaps and locks the die into place.
5. Follow the connector manufacturer’s instructions for appropriate cable strip length and surface preparation.
6. Insert cable fully into connector and center the connector between the dies.
7. Using the sequence illustrated here, press the trigger to advance the dies. Continue to crimp until the pressure relief valve activates.

   Note: Pressure relief occurs at approximately 106 kN (12 tons) and is indicated by an audible “pop.”
8. After achieving pressure relief, the ram automatically returns to the start position and the dies retract.
9. To stop the ram from returning fully, activate the trigger for a brief moment. This activation will close the retraction valve and stop the retraction motion.
10. When using KC12-type dies, complete the number of crimps listed on the “Connector Selection” chart in this manual. For other dies, complete the number of crimps specified by the manufacturer.
11. Remove the connector from the crimping tool.

Note: After completing the last crimp on an aluminum connector, wipe off the excess oxide inhibitor.

WARNING
An incomplete crimp can cause a fire.
- Use proper die, connector, and cable combinations. Improper combinations can result in an incomplete crimp.
- The relief valve sounds and the ram automatically retracts to indicate a completed crimp. If you do not hear the sound of the relieve valve or the ram does not automatically retract, the crimp is not complete.

Failure to observe these warnings could result in severe injury or death.
# Die Selection

Refer to "Connector Selection" for brand names and model numbers of appropriate lugs as well as crimping instructions.

Crimps made with this tool and KC12-type or KA12-type dies are cUL and UL classified when used with the appropriate conductor and connectors listed below.

## Connector Selection (NOT for use with flex, navy or welding wire)

**Tool Range:** 8 AWG to 750 kcmil

When used with KC12-type dies, this tool is cUL and UL classified for use with the following connector brands:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Connector Type</th>
<th>Barrel Type</th>
<th>Anderson</th>
<th>Blackburn®</th>
<th>Burndy</th>
<th>Ilsco</th>
<th>Panduit</th>
<th>T&amp;B</th>
<th>Penn-Union</th>
<th>Number of Crimp(s)*</th>
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<tr>
<td>Copper Splices</td>
<td>Short</td>
<td>VHSS</td>
<td>CSP</td>
<td>YS-L</td>
<td>CT</td>
<td>SCSS</td>
<td>54504 to 54923-TB</td>
<td>BCU</td>
<td>8 AWG to 250 kcmil: 1 crimp</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Long</td>
<td>VHS</td>
<td>CU</td>
<td>YS</td>
<td>CTL</td>
<td>SCL</td>
<td>54804 to 54923</td>
<td>BBCU</td>
<td>300 to 750 kcmil: 2 crimps</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Copper Lugs</td>
<td>Short</td>
<td>VHCS</td>
<td>CTL-2/CTL</td>
<td>YA-2/2L/YA-L-2L:YA-YA-L-2C</td>
<td>CMM, CMM-L/CRB-L</td>
<td>LAS</td>
<td>54104 to 5423-TB</td>
<td>BLU</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Long</td>
<td>VHCL</td>
<td>CTL-L/LCN</td>
<td>YA/YA-YA-2N/YAZ-2N/YAZ-2TC</td>
<td>CMM, CMM-L/CRB-L/CRB-2L</td>
<td>LCB</td>
<td>54930BE to 54988BE</td>
<td>BBLU</td>
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When used with KA12-type dies, this tool is cUL and UL classified for use with the following connector brands:

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<th>Anderson</th>
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<th>T&amp;B</th>
<th>Penn-Union</th>
<th>Number of Crimp(s)*</th>
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<tr>
<td>Dual-rated Aluminum Splices</td>
<td>VACS</td>
<td>ASP</td>
<td>YS-A</td>
<td>AS</td>
<td>ASN</td>
<td>SA</td>
<td>60501 to 60578</td>
<td>PIK</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dual-rated Aluminum Lugs</td>
<td>VACL</td>
<td>ATL</td>
<td>YA-A</td>
<td>ACL/ACN</td>
<td>2ACL/2ACN</td>
<td>LAA</td>
<td>60101 to 60176; 60230 to 60278</td>
<td>BLUA</td>
</tr>
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</table>

* Use the number of crimps listed in this column instead of the number provided with the connector.
LCD Screen

This tool has an LCD screen, which displays information about the tool. Turn on the screen by inserting the battery and jogging the tool. If there are any problems with the tool, an error code appears.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Error Code</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Overcurrent fuse</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Overcurrent comparator</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Overheated circuit board</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Overheated battery</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Battery empty; operation stops</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Faulty crimp; complete cycle</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Faulty crimp; incomplete cycle</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Low battery</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Battery empty; tool won’t run</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>Real-time clock battery low</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>Tool deactivated</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>Service necessary</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>Real-time clock not found</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>Bluetooth® unit not found</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>Pressure sensor not found</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td>Burst pressure exceeded</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>Battery temperature too low</td>
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</table>

If there is no error code, cycle through the various displays using the left and right buttons on either side of the screen. There are seven displays in total.

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<th>Display</th>
<th>Information Shown</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Bluetooth® status, battery charge, current pressure, max. pressure</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Firmware, available firmware update, serial number</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Current user. Press and hold both buttons to change user, select with right button, and confirm by jogging the tool.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Cycles until next service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Since manufacturing: operating hours, capacity, number of cycles</td>
</tr>
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Maintenance

**WARNING**

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- Keep hands away from the crimping tool head when crimping.
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**IMPORTANT**

Relief valve adjustments must be done by an authorized service center.

**Daily**

*Before use:*
1. Inspect the tool for wear or damage, such as cracks, gouges, or chips.
2. Inspect the tool for damage or leaks.
3. Inspect the rotation of the head assembly. Fully retract the ram. The head should rotate no more than 360°. If damage is detected, contact Greenlee customer service at 800-435-0786 for warranty service or repair.

*After use:*
1. Use a damp cloth and mild detergent to clean the housing. Allow the housing to dry.
2. Fully retract the ram. Place the tool in the carrying case and store in a cool, dry place.
3. If necessary, recharge the batteries. Refer to the instructions supplied with the battery charger.

**Monthly**

Thoroughly clean all surfaces.

**Annually or After 10,000 Crimps**

Contact Greenlee customer service at 800-435-0786 for warranty service or repair, and hydraulic oil replacement.
## Troubleshooting

### Before You Begin

1. Make sure that the battery is charged. Recheck the battery after several minutes to make sure the battery is holding its charge.

2. Use a nonflammable contact cleaner or pencil eraser to clean the electrical contacts on the battery and tool.

3. Reinstall the battery and check the tool again.

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<tr>
<th>Problem</th>
<th>Possible Cause</th>
<th>Probable Remedy</th>
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<tr>
<td>Tool is inoperative.</td>
<td>Battery charge low.</td>
<td>Charge or replace battery.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Dirt, contaminants, etc., in ram area of tool.</td>
<td>Clean tool.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Tool components worn or damaged.</td>
<td>Contact Greenlee customer service at 800-435-0786 for warranty service or repair.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Motor is inoperative.</td>
<td>Low or uncharged battery.</td>
<td>Try known charged battery. Inoperative battery may be discharged or may have reached life expectancy.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Broken switch components.</td>
<td>Contact Greenlee customer service at 800-435-0786 for warranty service or repair.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Motor runs but tool will not complete a cycle.</td>
<td>Oil level low.</td>
<td>Contact Greenlee customer service at 800-435-0786 for warranty service or repair.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Air in hydraulic system.</td>
<td>Pull trigger and hold retract button simultaneously. Run for approximately 10 seconds, and then attempt to crimp. If unsuccessful, contact Greenlee customer service at 800-435-0786 for warranty service or repair.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Cold oil.</td>
<td>Pull trigger and hold retract button simultaneously to warm oil. Store tool in warm area.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tool loses oil.</td>
<td>Damaged seal.</td>
<td>Contact Greenlee customer service at 800-435-0786 for warranty service or repair.</td>
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