

## CRIMPING TOOL FOR UNINSULATED ELECTRICAL TERMINALS MODEL CT-38 (Part Number 500.038)



## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE**

Model CT-38 (part No. 500.038) is a heavy-duty non-ratcheting manual crimping tool for uninsulated (solderless) copper or brass electrical terminals, for wire /cable sections 8 to 2AWG (10 to 35 mm<sup>2</sup>).

The tool has a rotating die with 4 indents, marked respectively: 8 - 14 - 22 - 38. The markings are visible from the reverse side of the tool (where the imprint "CT-38" is visible on the head of the tool), **above** the respective die.

Shape of indent: "C" shape with double inner indent

Range of operation (crimping jaw):

- Die #1 marked "8": max 10 mm2 ~ 8 AWG
- Die #2 marked "14": max 16 mm2 ~ 6 AWG
- Die #3 marked "22": max 25 mm2 ~ 4 AWG
- Die #4 marked "38": max 38 mm2 ~ 2 AWG

Type of wire: copper, solid or stranded, uninsulated or insulated

Width of crimp imprint: approx. 10mm

**Tool length:** approx. 580 mm **Tool weight:** approx. 1.500 kg

## How to use:

To select the die:

- 1) open the handles of the tool
- 2) loosen the knurled screw on the head of the tool, allowing the die to rotate freely
- 3) rotate the die until the appropriate indent presents itself face to the compressing piece
- 4) tighten the knurled screw (by hand only)

## To crimp:

- 1) Strip the wire for insertion in the terminal (length to be stripped depending on the terminal)
- 2) Twist the exposed strands and insert them into the barrel of the crimp terminal
- 3) Place wire and terminal into the proper die
- 4) Depress the handles until the jaws have firmly gripped the terminal, but not enough to leave an indent mark
- 5) Ensure that the barrel of the terminal is centered in the jaw
- 6) Firmly depress handles until a full compression cycle has been completed. Release the jaws, remove the crimped terminal from the jaw
- 7) Do a quick pull test of the crimped terminal
- 8) Should the crimped terminal come off the wire during the pull test, do not crimp again the same terminal. Instead, repeat the entire process using a new terminal



- Maintenance: This tool needs no special maintenance. Always keep the tool and its moving parts clean, occasionally wiping the tool with a lightly oiled cloth before storing it. Should cracks or damages occur to any part of the tool, discard the same immediately.
- Warning: do not use this crimping tool for crimping other types of terminals, or uninsulated terminals of sizes different from those specified. Use of the tool for such purpose may cause breakage or personal injury and void all warranties.
- Warning: never use any crimping tool on LIVE electrical wires. Always make sure that all sources of power are disconnected before intervening on any electrical conductor.
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