



Before Use
Read the operating instructions



Operating Instructions – AWEX carton-stripper

AWEX-8AC · AWEX-T3 · AWEX-T4 · AWEX-T2 · AWEX-T2D

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Note regarding the translation

Please read before using the device

These operating instructions have been translated from the original German version using artificial intelligence (AI).

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Device Specifications and Safety at a Glance

Select the model and version; enter the device details in full.

☐ AWEX-8AC ☐ AWEX-T3 ☐ AWEX-T4 ☐ AWEX-T2 ☐ AWEX-T2D

☐ Standard Operation ☐ Two-Hand Safety Operation

Serial number		Year of manufacture	
Customer			
Country		Date of Purchase	

PDF distribution and download: The customer must complete any missing device information before use. The details provided must match the actual device; see section 1.1.

		
Read the operating instructions	Wear safety goggles	Wear hearing protection
		
Wear close-fitting gloves	Wear suitable work clothing	Wear slip-resistant safety shoes
		
Use suitable respiratory protection	Secure long hair with a hairnet	Alternatively, use a cap or head covering
		6.3 bar (approx. 91.4 psi) Operating pressure Maximum 6.5 bar (approx. 94.3 psi)
Do not touch the toothed chain when compressed air is connected	Disconnect the compressed air supply before any work	

Important: Long hair must not be left loose. Use a hairnet, cap, or hood to keep hair securely covered. Select appropriate respiratory protection based on dust exposure levels and company requirements.

WARNING: Read and understand this operating manual before putting the device into service. Observe all safety instructions and keep the manual with the device.

Important: An upstream compressed-air service unit—consisting of a water separator, pressure regulator, and lubricator—is mandatory. Check the oil supply before every use. Damage to motor vanes and other motor components resulting from a lack of lubrication or insufficient lubrication is excluded from the warranty. The same applies to damage to the motor, motor vanes, and valves caused by the presence of water in the compressed air supply.

WARNING: Before performing cleaning, chain maintenance, servicing, or adjustments, switch off the unit, wait for it to come to a complete stop, and disconnect the compressed air supply.

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1 Information Regarding the Manual and the Device

1.1 Scope

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This operating manual, including its operating and safety instructions, applies to the pneumatic carton-stripping tools (blank removers) AWEX-8AC, AWEX-T3, AWEX-T4, AWEX-T2, and AWEX-T2D—both in their standard configurations and in versions equipped with two-hand safety controls. Notes specific to certain models or configurations are identified in the relevant sections.

Before use, verify that the model, the information on the nameplate, and the manual all correspond. In the event of any discrepancies, please contact AWEX. Although the AWEX-T2 and AWEX-T2D are no longer in production, this manual remains applicable to units that have already been delivered.

In the case of PDF delivery or downloads, the customer must enter the device-specific data before use, unless it has already been filled in by AWEX. The model, configuration, and serial number must match the information on the nameplate or the device itself. For new deliveries, AWEX will complete the device-specific Declaration of Conformity prior to handover. When using replacement manuals or downloads, verify the entries against the declaration originally supplied. Request any missing or ambiguous declarations of conformity from AWEX.

1.2 Intended Use

The AWEX carton-stripper is designed exclusively for the mechanical removal of external die-cut waste from stacked sheets made of paper, paperboard, cardboard, micro-flute, corrugated board, corrugated cardboard, PP (polypropylene) corrugated board, and laminated paper or paperboard. The outer waste trim must be divided into individual segments by means of auxiliary cuts; see Chapter 4.

Removing waste from within the interior of the stack is not possible. Do not use the device for any other tasks. When selecting a model, take into account the material, as well as the width and position of the die-cut waste.

1.3 Operating Principle

A pneumatic motor drives a rotating toothed chain. As the device is guided downward along the stack, the toothed chain removes the external die-cut waste in sections. The chrome-plated protective guard shields the die-cut blanks and facilitates smooth movement along the stack.

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2 Technical Data

Dimensions are specified as length × width × height. The tables distinguish between the standard version and the version with two-hand safety controls.

AWEX-8AC

Feature	Standard version	Two-hand operation
Pneumatic motor	Atlas Copco	Atlas Copco
Power	500 W	500 W
Air consumption	14 l/s (840 l/min)	14 l/s (840 l/min)
Weight	3.16 kg (6.97 lb)	3.73 kg (8.22 lb)
Dimensions	38 × 15 × 20 cm (14.96 × 5.91 × 7.87 in)	43 × 15.5 × 20 cm (16.93 × 6.10 × 7.87 in)

AWEX-T3

Feature	Standard version	Two-hand operation
Pneumatic motor	Atlas Copco	Atlas Copco
Power	500 W	500 W
Air consumption	14 l/s (840 l/min)	14 l/s (840 l/min)
Weight	4 kg (8.82 lb)	4.55 kg (10.03 lb)
Dimensions	38 × 15 × 20 cm (14.96 × 5.91 × 7.87 in)	43 × 15.5 × 20 cm (16.93 × 6.10 × 7.87 in)

AWEX-T4

Feature	Standard version	Two-hand operation
Pneumatic motor	Atlas Copco	Atlas Copco
Power	650 W	650 W
Air consumption	17 l/s (1,020 l/min)	17 l/s (1,020 l/min)
Weight	4.7 kg (10.36 lb)	5.3 kg (11.68 lb)
Dimensions	47 × 15 × 20 cm (18.50 × 5.91 × 7.87 in)	48 × 15.5 × 20 cm (18.90 × 6.10 × 7.87 in)

AWEX-T2

Feature	Standard version	Two-hand operation
Pneumatic motor	BOSCH	BOSCH
Power	400 W	400 W
Air consumption	11 l/s (660 l/min)	11 l/s (660 l/min)

No longer in production. Service, repairs, and spare parts remain available.

AWEX-T2D

Feature	Standard version	Two-hand operation
Pneumatic motor	Atlas Copco	Atlas Copco
Power	840 W	840 W
Air consumption	16.5 l/s (990 l/min)	16.5 l/s (990 l/min)

No longer in production. Service, repairs, and spare parts remain available.

Important: Required operating pressure: 6.3 bar (approx. 91.4 psi), measured at the compressed air inlet while the device is running. Maximum permissible pressure: 6.5 bar (approx. 94.3 psi). Do not exceed.

Important: A compressed air service unit—consisting of a water separator, pressure regulator, and lubricator—is mandatory for all listed devices.

3 Noise and Vibration

Noise emission values, determined in accordance with EN ISO 15744. The A-weighted noise level of the pneumatic AWEX carton-stripping tools is typically:

Measured parameter	Value
Sound pressure level	75 dB(A)
Sound power level	86 dB(A)
Uncertainty K	2.5 dB

Total vibration value a_h (vector sum of three directions) and uncertainty K, determined in accordance with EN 28927 during the stripping of carton and paperboard:

Measured parameter	Value
Total vibration value a_h	9 m/s ²
Uncertainty K	1.4 m/s ²

The stated vibration level was measured in accordance with a standardized test method as defined in EN ISO 11148. It is also suitable for a preliminary assessment of vibration exposure.

The values represent the primary application of the device. Lack of maintenance or defects can significantly increase noise and vibration exposure during operation.

When assessing vibration exposure, also take into account periods when the device is switched off or running without performing actual work. These periods can reduce the total exposure over the entire working duration.

Observe the protective measures against noise and vibration exposure provided in section 5.8.

4 Prerequisites for the Break-out Process

Divide the outer waste margin into individual segments using auxiliary cuts. This division is strictly necessary for the device to function correctly. If required, equip the die-cutting tools with the necessary knives for this purpose.

SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM

Die-cut sheet with two folding carton blanks

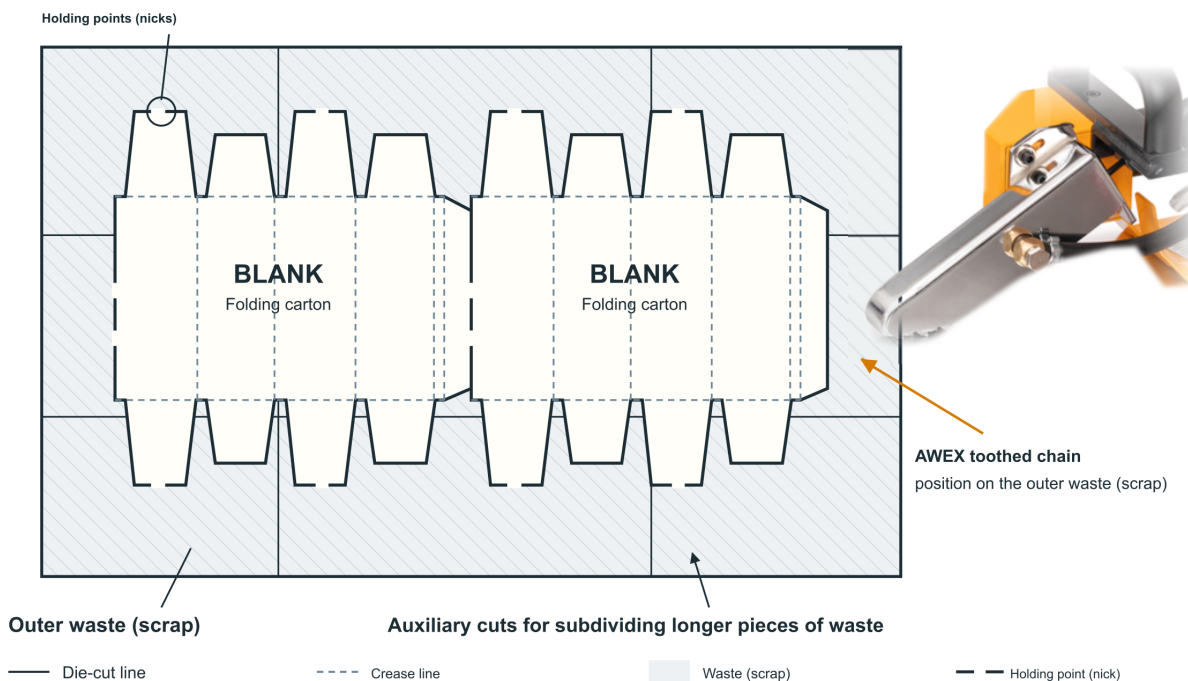


Figure 1 Schematic diagram showing blanks, outer die-cut waste, nicks (holding points), and auxiliary cuts

- Wherever possible, the individual segments should not exceed 400 mm in length.
- Reduce the number of nicks (holding points) to the absolute minimum required.
- The minimum width of the outer waste margin is approximately 8 mm for cardboard and micro-flute corrugated board, and approximately 20 mm for corrugated board.

Area density	Width of the holding points
Up to 300 g/m ²	approx. 0.5 mm
Up to 600 g/m ²	approx. 0.8 mm

5 Safety Instructions

WARNING Failure to follow the safety instructions may result in serious injury. Read and understand all instructions before using, repairing, or maintaining the device, or changing accessories.

5.1 Personnel and Responsibility

Before using the device for the first time, every operator must read and fully understand this instruction manual and become familiar with the device and its controls. Operating and maintenance personnel must be physically capable of safely handling the device, taking into account its size, weight, and performance.

Keep the manual in a safe place and provide it to the operator. If necessary, obtain written confirmation that the manual has been read and understood. A replacement copy in PDF format can be obtained from AWEX.

Work attentively. Do not use the device if you are tired or under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Likewise, do not use it while under the influence of any medication that may impair your consciousness, alertness, or reaction time. Keep bystanders, children, and visitors away from the work area.

The supervisor or the designated safety officer must ensure that every operator—including new personnel—has thoroughly familiarized themselves with this manual and the device before beginning work. Clarify any outstanding questions before use. Additionally, observe all company-specific instructions and safety measures. Legally required workplace training remains mandatory; reading this manual does not serve as a substitute for such training.

5.2 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Follow your employer's instructions as well as all applicable occupational health and safety regulations. Always wear impact-resistant eye protection when operating the device, performing repairs or maintenance, or changing accessories. Assess the level of protection required for the specific task at hand.

- Suitable safety goggles and hearing protection
- Close-fitting gloves and standard long work trousers
- Suitable respiratory protection against the dust generated
- Slip-resistant safety footwear

Do not wear jewelry, scarves, neckerchiefs, loose or overly long jackets, or any other loose-hanging clothing that could be caught by the toothed chain. Standard long work trousers are sufficient; specialized cut-resistant trousers are not required. Strips of paper or cardboard may have sharp edges and can cause cuts. Keep hair, clothing, and gloves away from rotating parts. Secure long hair completely inside a hairnet or under a suitable cap, hood, or hat to ensure that no hair can come into contact with the toothed chain.

5.3 Workplace

Remove any punching waste regularly. Prevent slippery floor surfaces and avoid tripping hazards caused by the compressed air hose. Ensure a stable stance and maintain your balance.

Do not use the device in potentially explosive environments containing flammable liquids, gases, or dust in explosive concentrations. Avoid contact with live electrical lines; the device is not electrically insulated.

5.4 Safe handling of compressed air

Never direct compressed air or exhaust air toward yourself or other people. Direct cold air away from your body. Do not inhale exhaust air directly, and avoid contact with your eyes. Exhaust air may contain water, oil, and contaminants.

Check connections and supply lines. Service units, couplings, fittings, and hoses must be rated for the pressure and air volume required by the specific tool. Insufficient pressure impairs performance, while excessive pressure can cause property damage and personal injury.

Protect hoses from kinks, constrictions, solvents, and sharp edges. Keep them away from heat sources and rotating parts. Replace any damaged hoses, connections, or couplings immediately. Damaged lines may whip around; stirred-up dust and debris can cause eye injuries.

Check hose clamps to ensure they are secure and undamaged. Loose or damaged hose clamps can cause compressed air to escape uncontrollably. Never carry the tool by its hose.

Important: An upstream compressed-air service unit—consisting of a water separator, pressure regulator, and lubricator—is mandatory. Check the oil supply before every use. Damage to motor vanes and other motor components resulting from a lack of lubrication or insufficient lubrication is excluded from the warranty. The same applies to damage to the motor, motor vanes, and valves caused by the presence of water in the compressed air supply.

5.5 Preventing accidental activation

Do not press any operating levers when connecting the compressed air supply. Remove all adjustment tools beforehand. Tools left in or near rotating parts can be ejected, potentially causing injuries.

Release the operating levers and wait until the chain mechanism has come to a complete stop. Disconnect the tool from the compressed air supply—at the air connection point—before making adjustments, changing accessories, performing maintenance, transporting the tool, or leaving it unused for an extended period. To do this, disconnect the quick-release coupling from the plug-in nipple. Simply releasing the operating levers is not a substitute for disconnecting the compressed air supply.

5.6 toothed chain and Reaction Forces

WARNING High risk of injury: Never touch the toothed chain while the tool is connected to the compressed air supply. Before touching, tensioning, or replacing the toothed chain, the tool must be disconnected from the compressed air supply—simply switching it off is not sufficient. Keep your hands and other parts of your body away from the moving toothed chain.

In the event of a chain break, the chain or parts of the chain may be ejected downward from the protective guard. Keep other people away from the work area. Be prepared for unexpected movements and kickback when applying the tool to a workpiece, in the event of the chain becoming jammed, or if the chain breaks. Hold the tool securely and position your arms and body in a way that allows you to withstand reaction forces.

If the toothed chain becomes jammed, immediately release the operating levers and disconnect the tool from the compressed air supply. Only clear the cause of the jam while the tool is disconnected; see Chapter 12. Also, immediately release the operating levers if the compressed air supply is interrupted or reduced. If the compressed air supply is restored while the motor lever is depressed, the standard version may start up automatically. In the case of the two-hand-operated version, this applies if both operating levers remain depressed. Therefore, do not keep the levers depressed during an interruption. Only resume work once the tool is functioning correctly and the operating pressure is at 6.3 bar (approx. 91.4 psi).

5.7 Dust and Exhaust Air

Dust and a light oil mist may be generated during breaking or cutting operations. Work in well-ventilated areas and use appropriate respiratory protection capable of filtering fine dust particles. The risk of developing health issues depends, among other factors, on the frequency and duration of exposure.

If dust extraction or collection equipment can be fitted, connect it and use it correctly. An appropriately configured exhaust air ducting system can further reduce exposure; see Chapter 6.

5.8 Noise and Vibrations

Operate the tool only when a functional silencer is installed. Use appropriate hearing protection. Vibrations can cause nerve damage and impair blood circulation in the hands and arms.

Adopt a comfortable, secure working posture and change your body position regularly during extended periods of work. Keep your hands warm: The handles can become cold due to the flow of compressed air. Wear close-fitting gloves; loose-fitting or oversized gloves could be caught by the rotating toothed chain.

Hold the tool securely, but without a cramped grip. An excessively tight grip can increase the transmission of vibrations. Whenever possible, use a suitable spring balancer or another balancing device to support the weight of the tool.

Stop working if you experience persistent discomfort, physical complaints, throbbing, pain, tingling, numbness, a burning sensation, stiffness, or if your fingers turn white. Inform your employer and consult a physician.

5.9 Tool Condition and Repairs

Do not overload the tool. Use the tool and its accessories only in accordance with these instructions and with due regard for the specific working conditions. This helps to minimize the generation of dust, vibrations, and noise. Do not use a tool with a faulty operating lever or with components that compromise its safe operation. Any tool that cannot be reliably switched on or off must be repaired.

Check moving parts for proper movement and signs of damage. Inspect the mounting of the protective guard and the bow handle, as well as the condition of the toothed chain. Have any damage repaired before further use. Keep the toothed chain sharp and clean.

Do not tamper with or bypass the two-hand safety control system. Use only appropriate, original AWEX spare parts. Any modifications must not compromise the protective function of the tool. The customer-performed tasks described in this manual are permitted. Any further repairs must be carried out exclusively by qualified technical personnel or AWEX, using appropriate original AWEX spare parts. Keep unused equipment out of the reach of unauthorized persons.

5.10 Procedure in the event of an accident

In the event of an accident, stop work immediately. Release the operating levers and disconnect the equipment from the compressed air supply, provided it is safe to do so. Do not touch the toothed chain until it has come to a complete standstill and the compressed air supply has been disconnected. Secure the equipment to prevent it from being used again. Initiate first aid and, if necessary, seek medical assistance in accordance with the company's emergency response plan. Do not return damaged or malfunctioning equipment to service until it has been inspected and repaired by a qualified professional.

6 Connecting the compressed air supply

Important: An upstream compressed-air service unit—consisting of a water separator, pressure regulator, and lubricator—is mandatory. Check the oil supply before every use. Damage to motor vanes and other motor components resulting from a lack of lubrication or insufficient lubrication is excluded from the warranty. The same applies to damage to the motor, motor vanes, and valves caused by the presence of water in the compressed air supply.

6.1 Supply requirements

The pressure values refer to gauge pressure (overpressure).

Specification	Requirement
Operating pressure	6.3 bar (approx. 91.4 psi) at the compressed air inlet while the tool is running
Maximum permissible pressure	6.5 bar (approx. 94.3 psi) – do not exceed
Hose inner diameter	9 mm (approx. 0.354 in) for the included safety quick-release coupling; for all listed models and versions
Total hose length from the service unit	Maximum 7 m (approx. 23 ft), including all spiral hoses
Compressed air quality	Free from foreign particles and moisture; lubricated via an oiler

The 7 m (approx. 23 ft) limit applies to the entire hose assembly, from the compressed air service unit to the tool. Add together the lengths of all hose sections. Any coiled hose present must be included in the total—this also applies to the coiled hose on the AWEX Premium spring balancer. It must not be used in addition to a supply line that is already 7 m (approx. 23 ft) long.

The included safety quick-connect coupling requires a compressed air hose with an internal diameter of 9 mm (approx. 0.354 in). Ensure you use a hose that meets this specification. This requirement applies to all models—both standard and two-hand versions—listed in this manual. The quick-connect coupling and the tool connection must be compatible with the hose and rated for the required air volume. Any restrictions caused by crushing, kinking, or stretching will reduce performance. In case of doubt, check the pressure using a pressure gauge at the air inlet while the tool is running.

6.2 Making the connection

1. Have the compressed air system, service unit, hoses, and couplings installed by qualified personnel.
The compressed air hose must be equipped with an appropriate quick-connect coupling and a hose clamp. All connections must be rated for the pressure and air volume required by the tool.
2. Adjust the pressure and oil flow rate at the service unit as described in Chapter 7. Check the oil level.
3. Ensure that no operating lever is being pressed and that all adjustment tools have been removed.
4. Attach the quick-connect coupling to the plug-in nipple on the tool. Verify that the coupling clicks firmly into place.

6.3 Exhaust Air Ducting

Appropriate exhaust air ducting can direct oil-laden exhaust air away from the workplace, reduce the stirring up of dust, and improve noise dampening. If necessary, have the exhaust air ducting adapted to local conditions by a specialist in compressed air installations. AWEX does not supply exhaust air ducting.

7 Adjusting the Compressed Air Service Unit

Important: Use the service unit whenever the device is in operation. A water separator does not replace an lubricator. Both functions are necessary for compressed air conditioning and motor lubrication.

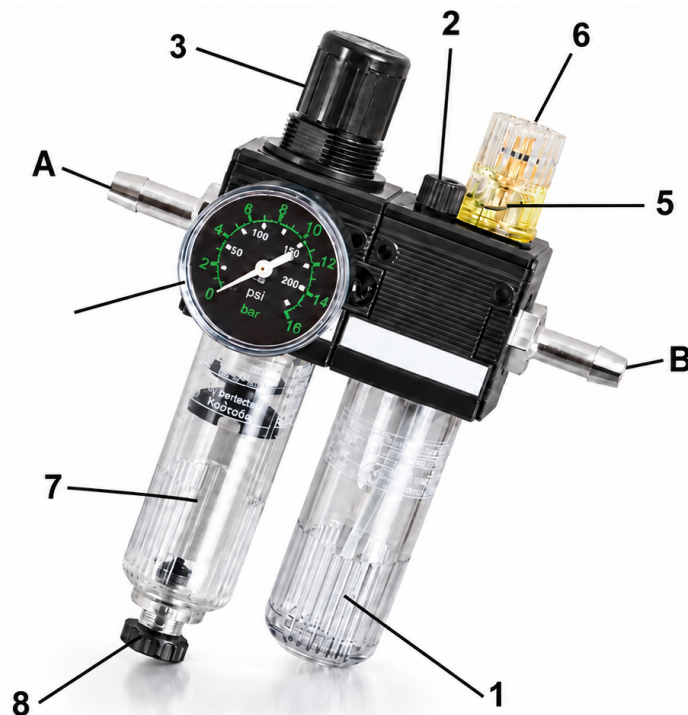


Figure 2: Example of a compressed air service unit with a water separator, pressure regulator, and lubricator. Operating pressure shown: 6.3 bar (approx. 91.4 psi). Figure 2: A = Compressed air inlet; B = Compressed air outlet to the device.

Position	Component
1	Oil reservoir
2	Oil filler screw
3	Pressure regulator adjustment cap
5	Oiler sight glass
6	Oil adjustment screw
7	Water separator reservoir
8	Drain screw

The illustration shows an example of a service unit offered by AWEX. If a different model is used, follow the manufacturer's instructions provided with that unit. The AWEX specifications regarding operating pressure, oil quantity, and maximum hose length remain authoritative.

7.1 Filling the Oil Reservoir

Before filling, disconnect the service unit from the compressed air supply on both sides and ensure it is completely depressurized before opening. Refer to the manufacturer's instructions for this procedure. Fill the oil reservoir (1) via the filler screw (2) or the designated removable reservoir.

Use SAE 10 or SAE 20 motor oil, or a pneumatic tool oil suitable for high-speed pneumatic tools and motors (designed for speeds of approximately 2,400 rpm or higher). Consult a specialist retailer for guidance on your selection. Pneumatic oils certified as food-safe are also available if required.

7.2 Adjusting the operating pressure

1. Lift the adjustment cap (3).
2. Adjust the pressure by turning the cap toward the + or – symbol.
3. Check the pressure while the device is running: The specified operating pressure is 6.3 bar (approx. 91.4 psi) at the compressed air inlet. The pressure must never exceed 6.5 bar (approx. 94.3 psi).
4. Press the adjustment cap back down to lock the setting in place.

7.3 Adjusting and checking the oil quantity

For all devices listed in this manual, set the oil feed to approximately one drop per minute. This applies to both the standard version and the two-hand control version.

1. While the device is running, adjust the oil regulating screw (6) so that approximately one drop of oil per minute can be seen dripping from the tube inside the sight glass (5).
2. Check the oil level and the oil feed setting before every use.
3. Ensure that the total length of the hose between the service unit and the device does not exceed 7 m (approx. 23 ft), in order to guarantee proper lubrication. Include every spiral hose in your count, especially the one on the Premium spring balancer.

7.4 Checking the water separator

Regularly drain any accumulated water using the designated drain plug (8). Follow the instructions provided for the service unit. Water in the compressed air supply can damage the motor.

Water and dirt particles cause rust and wear on motor vanes, bearings, motor components, and valves. Therefore, always use an upstream service unit equipped with a water separator and lubricator.

Important: An upstream compressed-air service unit—consisting of a water separator, pressure regulator, and lubricator—is mandatory. Check the oil supply before every use. Damage to motor vanes and other motor components resulting from a lack of lubrication or insufficient lubrication is excluded from the warranty. The same applies to damage to the motor, motor vanes, and valves caused by the presence of water in the compressed air supply.

Angle gears and planetary gears are permanently lubricated with fluid grease. No maintenance or periodic grease replacement by the user is required. AWEX will inspect and replenish the lubricant as needed during maintenance or repairs.

8 Operating the device

8.1 Checks before each use

- The model, nameplate, and instruction manual all correspond.
- The device, protective cover, bow handle, operating lever, and chain are all undamaged.
- The mounting screws are tight, and the chain tension is correct.
- The compressed air hose and couplings are undamaged and securely connected.
- The service unit is connected, the oil level is sufficient, and the oil feed rate is correctly set.
- The outer waste rim is divided into segments; the workspace is clear of loose debris.
- The required personal protective equipment (PPE) is being worn.

For tools equipped with a two-hand safety control system, verify the shut-off function before every use, as described in section 8.3. If the function does not operate correctly, the tool must not be used.

8.2 Holding the tool securely

Grasp the motor housing—which features the operating lever—with your right hand. Hold the black bow handle located above the housing with your left hand. No specific version for left-handed users is available.

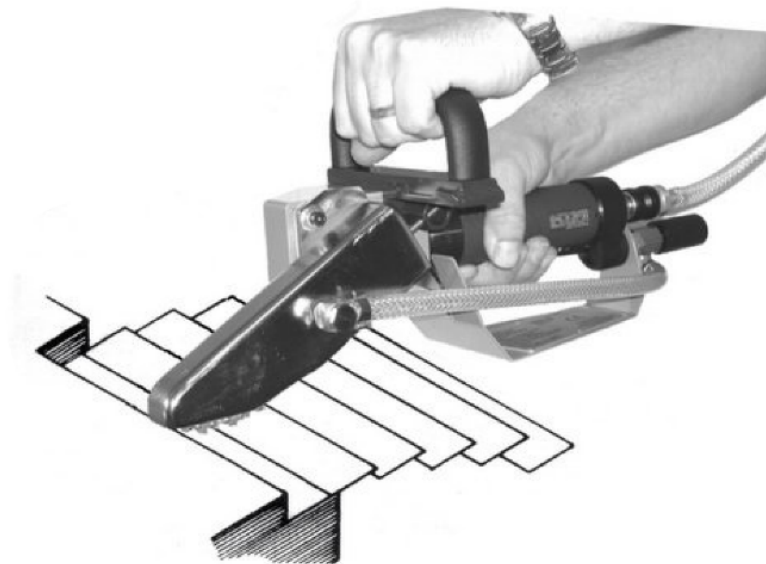


Figure 3: Example of how to hold the tool and the working position for trimming external scrap material

8.3 Switching on and off

Press and hold the operating lever on the motor to switch the tool on. Release the lever to switch it off. The drive will shut down; in the manufacturer's tests, the toothed chain came to a complete stop in approximately 0.5 seconds.

WARNING – Wait for a complete stop: Keep both hands on the designated grip areas until the toothed chain has come to a complete standstill. Ensure that no other persons reach into the work area. Before touching the toothed chain, also disconnect the compressed air supply from the tool.

When using the two-hand safety control system, the tool will only operate as long as both operating levers—the one on the motor and the one on the bow handle—are pressed and held. They may be engaged in any order. As soon as you release either lever, the air supply to the drive is cut off. The same instructions regarding bringing the tool to a stop (as mentioned above) apply here. Never tamper with or bypass this safety function.

Functional test of the two-hand safety control

Hold the device with both hands using the designated handles. The toothed chain must be able to move freely and must not come into contact with any persons or objects. Wear the required protective equipment.

1. Press only the lever on the motor housing. The device must not start. Release the lever.
2. Press only the lever on the bow handle. The device must not start. Release the lever.
3. Press and hold both levers. The device must start.
4. Release the lever on the motor housing while continuing to hold the lever on the bow handle. The drive must switch off; the toothed chain should then only coast to a stop. Wait until it has come to a complete standstill. Then, release the other lever as well.
5. Press both levers again. This time, release the lever on the bow handle while continuing to hold the lever on the motor housing. The drive must switch off; the toothed chain should then only coast to a stop. Wait until it has come to a complete standstill. Then, release the other lever as well.

WARNING If the device starts running when only one lever is operated, or if the toothed chain continues to move after a lever is released, stop the test immediately and disconnect the device from the compressed air supply. Mark the device as DEFECTIVE and secure it to prevent further use. Have the fault repaired by qualified personnel or AWEX before using the device again.

8.4 Performing the stripping process

1. Adopt a stable stance and hold the device with both hands, without switching it on.
2. Position the working area of the toothed chain against the outer waste material, applying light pressure.
3. Operate the lever on the motor; if the device is equipped with a two-hand safety control, also operate the lever located in the bow handle.
4. Always keep the device in a horizontal position and guide it steadily downwards along the stack. The waste material is removed layer by layer. As you gain experience, you can adjust the working angle—relative to the material and the stack—to achieve the best possible stripping results.
5. Depending on the length of the waste sections and the number of connecting points (nicks), apply the device alternately to the left and right sides as needed.
6. Once the stripping process is complete, release the operating lever and wait for the toothed chain to come to a complete stop.

WARNING Do not move the device into waste material that is already lying on the floor. Narrow pieces of waste can enter the protective guard and jam the toothed chain. Avoid any contact with pallets or the floor: nails and hard surfaces can damage or dull the toothed chain.

Remove any debris regularly to ensure a stable footing.



Figure 4: Example of a breakout operation on a stack

Important: In the event of a malfunction, switch off the device immediately and disconnect it from the compressed air supply. Refer to Chapter 12 for troubleshooting information.

9 Maintenance and Cleaning

WARNING: Before performing any maintenance, cleaning, adjustments, or changing accessories, disconnect the device from the compressed air supply at the device connection point. Detach the quick-release coupling from the plug-in nipple.

Perform only the maintenance tasks described here yourself. For more extensive maintenance or repairs, contact qualified technical personnel or, upon prior notification, AWEX. Use only original spare parts.

Users are permitted to replace toothed chains (as described in Chapter 11), repair broken chain links and rivets using the AWEX repair kit (following the included instructions), and—for models T2, T3, and T4—replace the chain guide bearing set. If necessary, request the relevant work instructions from AWEX. If you are unsure, please notify AWEX and send the device in for repair.

Before connecting the compressed air supply, ensure that all operating levers move freely and spring back to their original position when released. This applies to all motors; for the two-hand control version, it also applies to the bail-handle lever. Note that this mechanical reset does not replace a functional test performed under pressure. See Chapter 8. If the levers are stiff or fail to return to their original position, do not connect the tool; have it repaired before further use.

If the drive does not switch off when the lever is released, hold the tool securely by its designated grip points and keep the chain away from people and objects. Disconnect the compressed air supply from the tool as soon as it is safe to do so. For versions with two-hand operation, release both levers. Do not touch the chain until it has come to a complete stop and the compressed air supply has been disconnected. Take the tool out of service until it has been repaired.

9.1 Regular Inspections

Timing	Check or action
Before each use	Check the condition of the tool, fasteners, toothed chain, and chain tension; check the oil level and oil output of the service unit.
Regularly	Clean the air inlet strainer; empty the water separator; check the protective cover for dust, debris, and foreign particles.
Whenever the chain is changed or if any irregularities are observed	For models T2, T2D, T3, and T4 only: Check the chain guide ball bearings for wear and damage; replace if necessary.
At the end of a shift	Lightly lubricate the toothed chain with a suitable oil; see Chapter 10.

Clean the tool—after disconnecting it from the air supply—using a dry cloth. Cleaning agents are not required. The warnings regarding the handling of compressed air provided in Chapter 5 also apply during cleaning.

9.2 Cleaning the Air Inlet Strainer

A dirty or clogged strainer can lead to a loss of performance.

1. Disconnect the tool from the compressed air supply.
2. Unscrew the quick-connect nipple. For tools with two-hand safety controls, the valve on the motor must be unscrewed to access the strainer.
3. Remove dust and dirt from the strainer.
4. Screw the plug-in nipple or valve back on securely.

9.3 Checking the toothed chain and chain guide

Keep the toothed chain sharp and clean. Do not continue to use the chain if it is broken, has damaged links, cracked rivets, or severely dulled teeth. Replace the chain or repair it—to the extent permitted—following the instructions provided with the AWEX repair kit. Only the AWEX-T2, AWEX-T2D, AWEX-T3, and AWEX-T4 models (including their various operating configurations) feature a set of three ball bearings and an axle on the chain guide; the AWEX-8AC does not have this bearing set. Inspect the bearings whenever the chain is replaced, or if the chain sags, runs unevenly, jerks, knocks, or scrapes against the protective cover. Before doing so, disconnect the compressed air supply and wait for the tool to come to a complete stop. Defective bearings can create the appearance of chain elongation and may damage the chain, protective cover, and chain guide. Resolve the underlying issue before resuming operation.

Use only the appropriate AWEX toothed chains; the length, number of links, and pitch must match the specific model. If the tool becomes jammed with material residue, disconnect the compressed air supply, wait for the tool to come to a complete stop, and remove the protective cover, chain guide, and chain as described in Chapter 11. Clear away the debris and reassemble the unit completely. The protective cover and chain guide are designed as an integrated system; the tool is not operational unless the unit is fully assembled.

Important: An upstream compressed-air service unit—consisting of a water separator, pressure regulator, and lubricator—is mandatory. Check the oil supply before every use. Damage to motor vanes and other motor components resulting from a lack of lubrication or insufficient lubrication is excluded from the warranty. The same applies to damage to the motor, motor vanes, and valves caused by the presence of water in the compressed air supply.

9.4 Inspection and Maintenance by AWEX

You may also have the device inspected and serviced by AWEX—even in the absence of a defect—by prior arrangement. We will clarify the scope of work and any potential inspection costs beforehand. Recommended maintenance or repair tasks will only be carried out once you have approved the quote.

The need for maintenance depends on the level of strain, duration of use, and care provided. An annual inspection can help identify emerging defects early, thereby avoiding subsequent costs. Additionally, please observe the maintenance and care instructions provided in this manual. Please notify us before sending in the device; see section 13.3.

10 Care and Storage

10.1 Oiling the Toothed Chain

Apply a light coating of oil to the toothed chain at the end of each shift. This reduces friction between the rivet and link connections, delaying wear and elongation. AWEX recommends using Ballistol Universal Oil. Do not use WD-40 as a lubricant for the toothed chain.

WARNING: Only apply oil when the toothed chain is completely stationary and the compressed air supply has been disconnected. Never apply oil while the toothed chain is in motion.

1. Disconnect the device from the compressed air supply and wait until it has come to a complete stop.
2. Apply a light coating of oil to the accessible section of the toothed chain.
3. Briefly reconnect the compressed air supply to advance the chain, and operate the device. Keep both hands on the designated handles while doing so, and—if applicable—operate both levers.
4. Release the levers, wait for the device to come to a complete stop, and disconnect it from the compressed air supply again.
5. Lightly lubricate the next accessible section of the chain. Repeat this process until as much of the entire toothed chain as possible has been lightly lubricated.

Apply only a small amount of oil. Avoid excess oil, and when cleaning, follow the instructions in Chapter 9, as well as the guidelines for the safe handling of compressed air in Chapter 5.

10.2 Storing the device

- Disconnect the device from the compressed air supply.
- Store it in a dry, clean environment at a temperature between +5 °C (+41 °F) and +50 °C (+122 °F).
- Place it on a soft surface—such as wood, rubber, or cardboard—to protect the toothed chain from damage or becoming dull.
- If necessary, secure the device against unauthorized access.

10.3 Transporting the device safely

Release the operating levers, wait for the toothed chain to come to a complete stop, and disconnect the compressed air supply directly at the device. Carry the device using the designated handles; never carry it by the hose or the toothed chain. Pack and secure the device to ensure it cannot shift, and to prevent the toothed chain from causing injury to people or sustaining damage itself.

10.4 Decommissioning and disposal

Permanently disconnect the device from the compressed air supply and secure it against further use. If necessary, have the device disassembled by qualified personnel for disposal. Separate metals and other materials and send them for appropriate recycling. Collect any residual oil and oil-contaminated cleaning materials separately and dispose of them in accordance with local regulations; do not allow them to enter the soil or the sewage system.

11 Tensioning and replacing the toothed chain

WARNING High risk of injury: The device must be disconnected from the compressed air supply before touching, tensioning, or replacing the toothed chain. Release the operating levers, wait until the device has come to a complete stop, and disconnect the quick-release coupling from the unit. Only then may you touch the toothed chain. Simply switching the device off is not sufficient. Use the tool set provided.

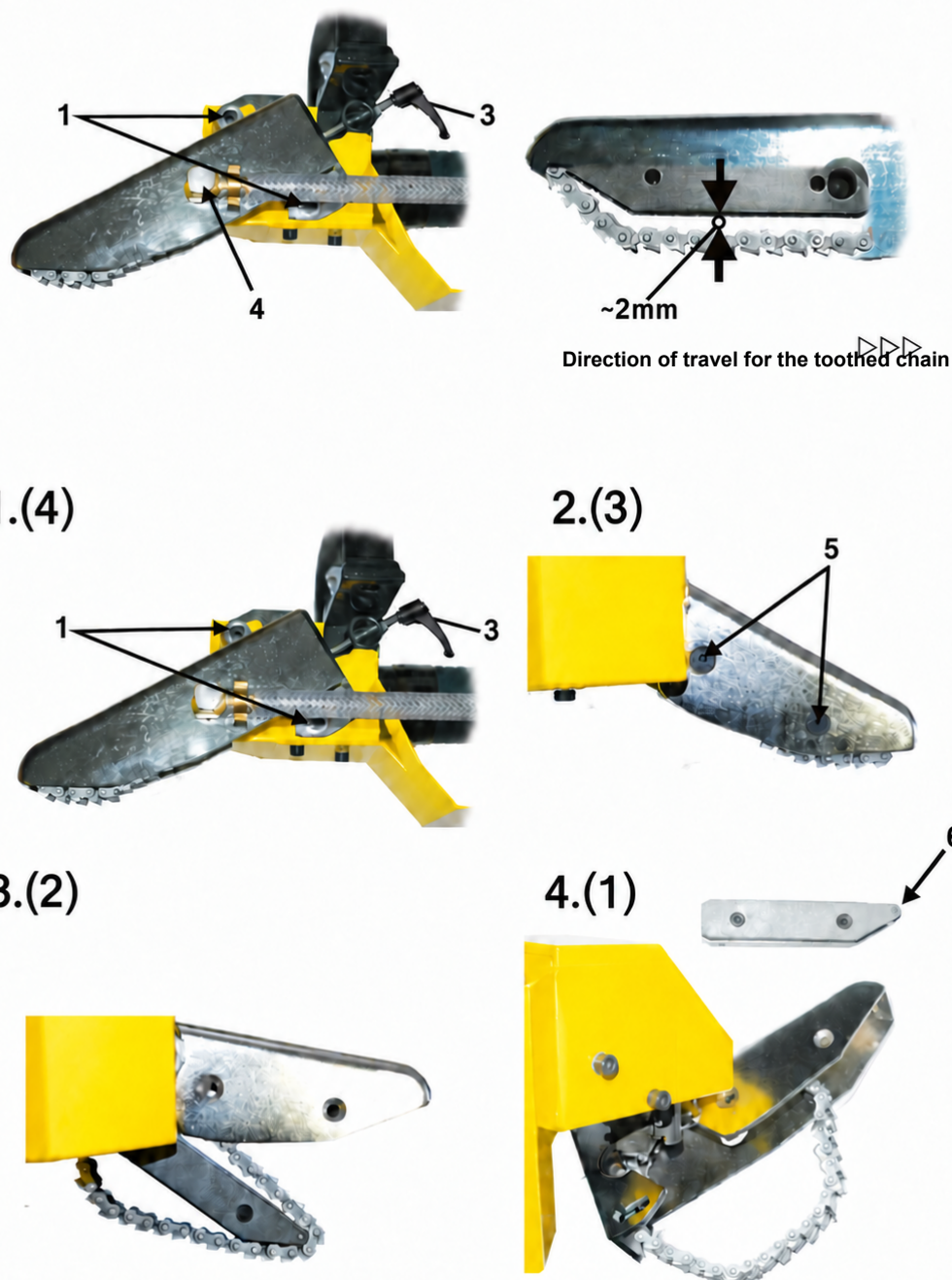


Figure 5 Disassembly: large image numbers 1 → 2 → 3 → 4. The text regarding tensioning and disassembly can be found on the opposite page (on the right). The numbers next to the arrows identify the components.

Tensioning and Disassembly

11.1 Tensioning the toothed chain

Every new device is supplied with a tool set. Use the appropriate tool for the hex socket screws. The hex socket head screws (1) are located at the front of the protective cover; these must be tightened securely. The hex socket countersunk screws (5) are located at the rear; these should only be tightened until hand-tight.

Check the chain tension before every use. The item numbers refer to Figure 5.

1. Disconnect the tool from the compressed air supply.
2. Loosen the two front socket-head cap screws (1) slightly, without removing them completely.
3. Loosen the lock nut and turn the clamping lever (3) to the right. This shifts the toothed chain assembly forward and tensions the chain.
4. Hold the device in a horizontal position. The tension is correctly adjusted when the visible section of the chain sags by approximately 1 to 2 mm.
5. Tighten the two front socket-head cap screws (1) to slightly beyond hand-tight. Do not use excessive force, as this could damage the screws or the threads.
6. Turn the clamping lever (3) until it rests lightly against the protective cover, then tighten the lock nut. You can adjust the position of the clamping lever by pulling and turning it.

If the chain is too loose, it may damage the protective cover and become dull. If the chain tension is too high, it may obstruct the chain's movement, preventing the toothed chain from rotating. Furthermore, this increases friction at the riveted joints, leading to premature wear and rapid elongation.

11.2 Identifying the wear limit

New toothed chains tend to elongate slightly during initial use. Therefore, check the tension regularly, especially with new chains. If the chain begins to sag over time and can no longer be tensioned using the clamping lever, it must be replaced with a new toothed chain.

Never shorten a chain that has stretched by removing individual links. The worn pitch will no longer match the sprocket; this can damage both the sprocket and the drive mechanism. For models T2, T2D, T3, and T4, check the bearings first (9.3).

11.3 Removing the toothed chain

1. Disconnect the tool from the compressed air supply.

Image 1: Detach the air-blast hose and the front fasteners

2. Unscrew the hollow bolt (4) for the exhaust hose—located on the side of the protective cover—using the 14 mm open-end wrench provided. Keep all small parts in a safe place.
3. Turn the clamping lever (3) counter-clockwise, unscrewing it approximately 2 cm out of the hexagonal tensioning piece.
4. Remove the two front hex-socket head screws (1) along with their washers.

Image 2: Loosen the countersunk screws on the rear side

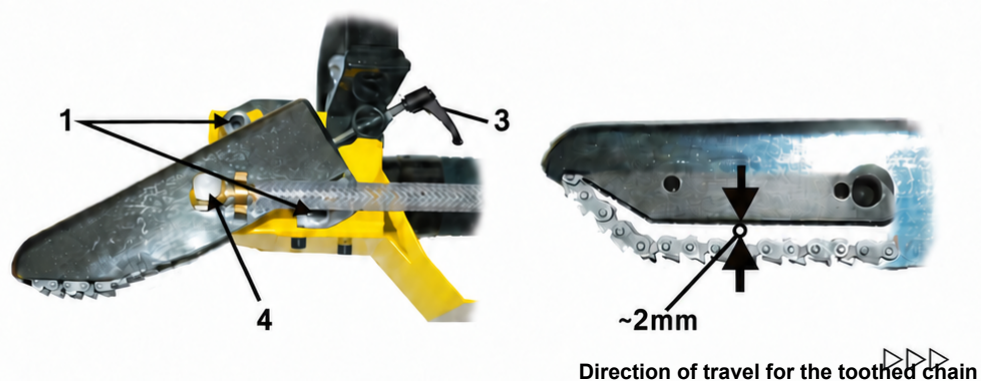
5. Remove the two hex-socket countersunk screws (5) located on the back of the protective cover.

Images 3 and 4: Remove the chain guide and the toothed chain

6. Remove the chain guide from the protective cover. Carefully maneuver the protective cover and chain until both can be lifted off the sprocket.

11.4 Installing the silent chain – image overview

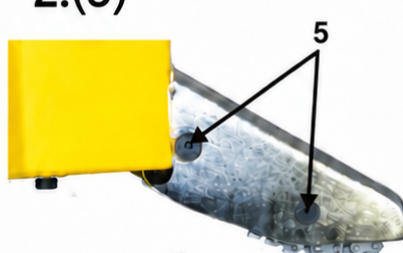
The device must remain disconnected from the compressed air supply throughout the entire installation process. Pay attention to the direction of travel of the silent chain.



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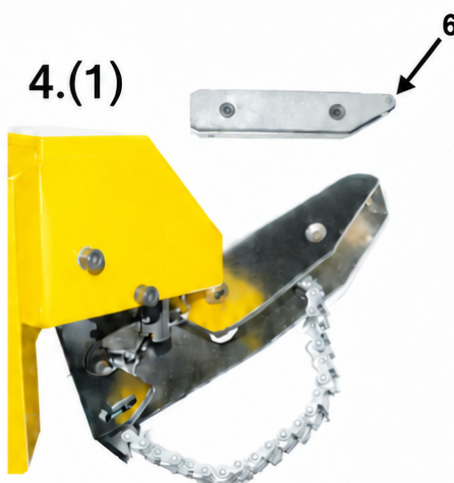


Figure 6 Installation: numbers in parentheses (1) → (2) → (3) → (4). The corresponding steps can be found on the opposite page (on the right). The sequence of images is the reverse of that for disassembly.

11.4 Installing the toothed chain

WARNING: The device must be disconnected from the compressed air supply throughout the entire installation process. Ensure the toothed chain is oriented in the correct direction of travel, as shown in Figure 6.

Image (1): Insert the toothed chain and the protective cover

1. Place the new or repaired toothed chain into the protective cover, ensuring it is oriented in the correct direction of travel.
2. Position the protective cover—with the toothed chain inside—over the sprocket by tilting it into place. Ensure that the teeth of the sprocket engage correctly with the chain.
3. Insert the two front socket-head cap screws (1) along with their washers, and tighten them only slightly at this stage.

Image (2): Check the chain guide and the bearing

4. Allow the toothed chain to protrude slightly from the protective cover. Insert the chain guide into the toothed chain.
5. Check the installation position of the chain guide. For models T2, T2D, T3, and T4 only: Inspect the ball bearings (6) and replace any that are defective; see section 9.3.
6. Slide the toothed chain, together with the chain guide, into the protective cover.

Image (3): Insert the screws on the rear side

7. Secure the protective cover using the two rear countersunk socket-head screws (5). Tighten them only until hand-tight.

Image (4): Tension the chain and attach the air-blast hose

8. Adjust the chain tension using the clamping lever (3) in accordance with section 11.1. Then, fully tighten the socket-head cap screws (1).
9. Reattach the exhaust hose to the side of the protective cover using the hollow bolt (4).

Important: When using new toothed chains, check the tension regularly. Keep the toothed chain clean and lightly oiled; see chapter 10.

AWEX offers repair and resharpening services for toothed chains, provided their condition allows for it. Resharpening can help improve cutting performance. However, the original sharpness of a new chain cannot be fully restored. Please notify us before sending in a unit for repair. For on-site repairs, an optional chain repair kit with separate instructions is available.

12 Troubleshooting

WARNING: In the event of any malfunction, visible damage, or unusual behavior, stop work immediately and disconnect the tool from the compressed air supply. If a unit cannot be repaired immediately, mark it as DEFECTIVE to prevent others from using it.

12.1 Chain runs slowly or stops when pressure is applied

With the compressed air supply disconnected, check the hoses, the strainer, and the mechanical components. Only measure the operating pressure once the chain can run freely and all protective guards have been reinstalled. Hold the tool as you would during normal operation when taking measurements.

- Check the operating pressure: 6.3 bar (approx. 91.4 psi) at the compressed air inlet while the tool is running.
- Inspect the hoses for kinks or damage.
- Check the strainer at the compressed air inlet for debris and clean it if necessary; see section 9.2.
- With the compressed air supply disconnected, remove the chain and check the protective cover for any debris or waste that might be causing a blockage.
- Check the chain tension and adjust if necessary; see section 11.1. Excessive tension can cause the chain to seize.
- For models T2, T2D, T3, and T4 only: Check the chain guide ball bearings for defects; see 9.3. Defective bearings can cause the chain to seize.

A broken tensioning sleeve can cause the pinion to rotate freely on the drive shaft. With the compressed air supply disconnected, have the drive component inspected by qualified personnel or AWEX.

Another possible cause is defective motor vanes. These should only be replaced by qualified personnel or AWEX, as the process requires specialized knowledge and tools.

12.2 Toothed chain does not start moving when the levers are operated

First, check the points mentioned in section 12.1. Excessive chain tension can prevent the toothed chain from starting; with the compressed air supply disconnected, adjust the tension as described in section 11.1. Also, check whether a broken chain is blocking the drive mechanism. Replace any defective toothed chain in accordance with Chapter 11.

Once the toothed chain has been removed, qualified personnel can inspect the drive component on the pinion. A broken tensioning sleeve can cause the pinion to rotate freely on the shaft. Other potential issues include defects in the motor vanes, gearbox, pneumatic motor, operating levers, or valve. Such repairs must only be performed by qualified personnel or AWEX.

12.3 Toothed chain fails to remove scrap or requires high pressure

- Check the running direction of the toothed chain and correct it if necessary; see Chapter 11.
- Check the material, material thickness, and number of holding points. Reduce the number of holding points to the absolute minimum required, and ensure that a sufficiently powerful model is being used.
- Check the toothed chain for dullness and replace it with a sharp one. Depending on the degree of wear, repair or resharpening may be possible through AWEX.

13 Warranty, Rights Regarding Defects, and Repairs

The following information summarizes the AWEX General Terms and Conditions (GTC), as of October 22, 2026. The full text can be found at www.awex.de/agb.html. The terms effectively agreed upon for the respective contract, along with any individual agreements, shall prevail. This updated manual does not retroactively alter existing contracts.

13.1 Statutory Rights Regarding Defects

Statutory rights regarding defects exist independently of the voluntary manufacturer's warranty. Time limits, exceptions, and rights are governed by Section 5 of the effectively agreed-upon GTC and mandatory legal provisions. The statutory provisions specified therein apply to defects in paid repair services.

Normal wear and tear resulting from use does not constitute a basis for claims regarding defects. There is no liability for defects if the damage is caused by the customer—for example, through improper use, incorrect maintenance, or unauthorized modifications—provided the damage is attributable to such actions. Claims concerning unrelated material defects remain unaffected.

13.2 Voluntary Manufacturer's Warranty

AWEX provides a voluntary manufacturer's warranty to commercial end customers for new AWEX carton-stripping tools and new accessories: 24 months for end customers within the European Union, and 12 months for end customers outside the European Union. The end customer's country of residence is the determining factor. New spare parts sold separately and refurbished units as a whole do not come with an additional manufacturer's warranty; however, statutory rights regarding defects remain unaffected.

The warranty period begins on the date of the original AWEX invoice issued to the immediate purchaser—or, in the case of sales through a dealer, on the date of the AWEX invoice issued to the dealer. Storage or resale does not initiate a new warranty period. The end customer is entitled to the remainder of the original warranty term; the start date and the remaining duration must be disclosed transparently to the customer prior to purchase.

The warranty covers material and manufacturing defects in the covered products that arise during the warranty period. Excluded from this coverage are the protective guard, toothed chain, chain guide ball bearings, chain guide, chain sprocket, and motor/rotor vanes, as well as any damage resulting from misuse or inadequate maintenance.

Important: An upstream compressed-air service unit—consisting of a water separator, pressure regulator, and lubricator—is mandatory. Check the oil supply before every use. Damage to motor vanes and other motor components resulting from a lack of lubrication or insufficient lubrication is excluded from the warranty. The same applies to damage to the motor, motor vanes, and valves caused by the presence of water in the compressed air supply.

Damage to the pneumatic motor or its motor/rotor vanes caused by "dry running"—resulting from a lack of lubrication or insufficient oiling—is excluded from this voluntary manufacturer's warranty. The same applies to damage to the motor, motor vanes, or valves caused by the presence of water in the compressed air supply due to improper air preparation. Such damage does not give rise to statutory claims for defects, insofar as it is attributable to this type of misuse. Claims regarding unrelated defects remain unaffected.

Damage caused or exacerbated by unauthorized repairs to the gearbox or the internal components of the pneumatic motor is not covered. The routine replacement of the toothed chain, as intended by the product design, does not constitute such an unauthorized intervention. Statutory rights regarding defects remain unaffected.

Warranty claims must be reported during the warranty period and must include the model, serial number, and proof of the original AWEX invoice date. AWEX generally provides service in the form of repairs free of charge. Replacement shipments are subject to individual agreement; the provision of a loaner device is not guaranteed. A repair does not initiate a new voluntary warranty period. Any remaining warranty and statutory rights remain unaffected.

13.3 Registering repairs

Before sending in a device for repair, please register it—ideally via email at info@awex.de, or alternatively by phone—providing the device name, serial number, and a description of the fault. If the item was purchased through a retailer, please coordinate the process with that retailer first. Confirm the shipping address and receiving hours in advance, and wait for a response before proceeding.

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Telephone support is available in German. For assistance in English, please contact us via email.

Pack and cushion the device and all individual components securely. Remove any heavy soiling and loose scraps of paper or cardboard. Do not clean areas affected by oil or grease leaks, so that the source of the leak remains identifiable. Include a delivery note containing the company address, a contact person, email address, telephone number, a description of the fault or the work requested, and a return address.

Coordinate the delivery date with AWEX prior to shipment and ensure that the item is handed over personally to an authorized member of staff. AWEX has not granted any parcel service provider permission to leave packages unattended on its premises. Leaving items unattended, as well as deliveries on weekends or during company holidays, is not permitted without prior express agreement. AWEX assumes no liability for loss or damage resulting from a package being left unattended without prior agreement, unless AWEX is responsible for the damage.

13.4 Inspection, Approval, and Shipping Costs

Before the inspection begins, the customer will receive a quote for potential inspection and shipping costs, which must be confirmed via email. Cost estimates for repairs are provided free of charge. Repairs and additional work falling outside the approved scope will only be carried out once the customer has provided explicit approval.

Inspection fees and shipping costs are determined based on the previously confirmed quote and sections 10 and 11 of the agreed-upon General Terms and Conditions (GTC). If a repair is commissioned and carried out, no separate inspection fee will be charged. Valid statutory claims for defects and services covered under warranty may not be charged with unauthorized inspection or repair costs.

In the case of approved warranty claims, AWEX will cover the cost of return shipping. For valid warranty claims or statutory claims under consumer protection laws, necessary shipping costs will be reimbursed, provided there is an obligation to do so. Please submit verifiable documentation for this purpose. There is no flat-rate maximum limit of 35 euros. Statutory obligations regarding the bearing of costs remain unaffected. In the absence of a valid claim for reimbursement, the customer shall bear the agreed-upon shipping costs.

14 Spare Parts and Service

14.1 Ordering Spare Parts

A spare parts list specific to the device is included with this instruction manual as a separate attachment—provided as a printed document in the case of a hard copy, or as an additional PDF file if sent electronically. You may also request the spare parts list in PDF format from AWEX by emailing service@awex.de.

Please order spare parts using the spare parts list and the exploded-view drawings provided for your device. Pre-assembled components or complete spare part sets are also available upon request.

Use only original AWEX spare parts for any repairs. Spare parts are generally available for delivery within one to two business days. If payment is made in advance, the delivery time may be extended by a few business days.

14.2 Accessories

You can find suitable accessories at www.awex.de. Repair kits for toothed chains allow for the on-site repair of compatible toothed chains. Spring balancers help support the weight of the device, making operation easier. Please refer to the respective instructions for each item.

14.3 Contact and Delivery Address

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Please notify us in advance before sending any equipment in for repair; see section 13.3.

EC Declaration of Conformity



in accordance with the EC Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC of May 17, 2006, Annex II A

We hereby declare that the machine described below, in its design and construction as well as in the version placed on the market by us, complies with the essential health and safety requirements of the EC Directive 2006/42/EC.

This declaration shall become invalid if any modifications are made to the machine without our prior consent. The manufacturer bears sole responsibility for the issuance of this Declaration of Conformity.

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Description and Identification of the Machine

AWEX carton-stripper

Pneumatic handheld tool featuring a rotating toothed chain, designed for stripping external die-cut waste from stacks of paperboard and cardboard.

Select the model and version; enter the device details in full.

☐ AWEX-8AC ☐ AWEX-T3 ☐ AWEX-T4 ☐ AWEX-T2 ☐ AWEX-T2D

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