

# **Rapidtool**® A U S T R A L I A



## **User's Guide**

**RAPIDTOOL** Industrial Rebar  
Benders & Cutters

# **WARNING: READ ALL SAFETY WARNINGS, INSTRUCTIONS, ILLUSTRATIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS PROVIDED WITH THIS POWER TOOL.**

*Failure to follow all instructions listed below may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury. Save all warnings and instructions for future reference.*

***Machine is not rated and should not be used for commercial rebar production purposes.***

***Do not operate bender and cutter at the same time.***

**FOR INDUSTRIAL USE ONLY.**

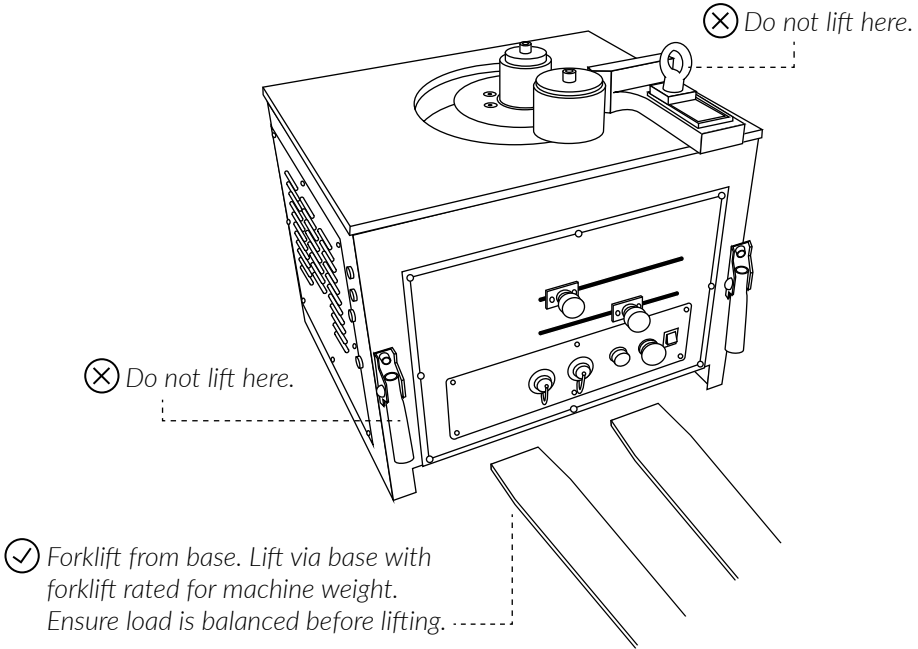
## **Rebar Bender Models**

### **1. Safety**

This machine is a high performance, industrial machine. Failure to follow safety instructions may result in serious injury or death.

1. Take note of all warning signs on machine.
2. Keep work area clean and free from obstruction.
3. Ensure safety guard is installed before operation.
4. Mount machine on even surface capable of carrying weight of machine. Machine must be mounted so supply disconnecting device, actuators, and emergency stop button is at least 600mm above servicing level. Machine should not vibrate on surface during operation.
5. Ensure power supply is properly earthed.
6. Keep body parts well clear of moving parts and protected areas when machine is switched on.
7. Authorized personal protective equipment must be worn when operating machine (minimum requirement - safety glasses (when operating cutter), protective gloves and class 2 hearing protection).
8. Indoor use only - never operate machine in wet or damp conditions.
9. Stand well clear of machine when in use (opposite the direction of bend).
10. Use away from others, particularly children.
11. Ensure power & pedal switch cords are securely fastened prior to switching on machine.
12. Use emergency stop button immediately if issues arise during operation.
13. Only lift via marked locations on base.
14. Never attempt to bend rebar outside of models prescribed diameter range (refer to table in Specifications & Parts section).
15. Do not bend short lengths.
16. Clean machine of loose debris after use.
17. Never attempt to service machine (other than general maintenance procedures outlined in Maintenance section). Contact supplier if issue arises.
18. Only use RAPIDTOOL approved spare parts and accessories with machine.
19. Keep away from sparks and naked flames.
20. Always check power cords for damage and safe placement prior to use.
21. Disconnect machine from power outlet when not in use.
22. Inspect machine before each use. Do not use when quality has been compromised.
23. Do not cover air vents on machine.
24. Store out of reach of children.

## 2. Transporting Machine



## 3. Specifications & Parts

### **Power Supply:**

Ensure machine is connected to correct power supply (check machine label to confirm power supply).

### **Extension Leads:**

Where possible, connect machine directly to power outlet. If an extension lead is required, ensure lead is under 50m in length. Minimum extension lead diameter are prescribed below:

Extension Lead Length (m)	Min Wire $\varnothing$ (mm <sup>2</sup> )
30m	2.5
50m	4.0

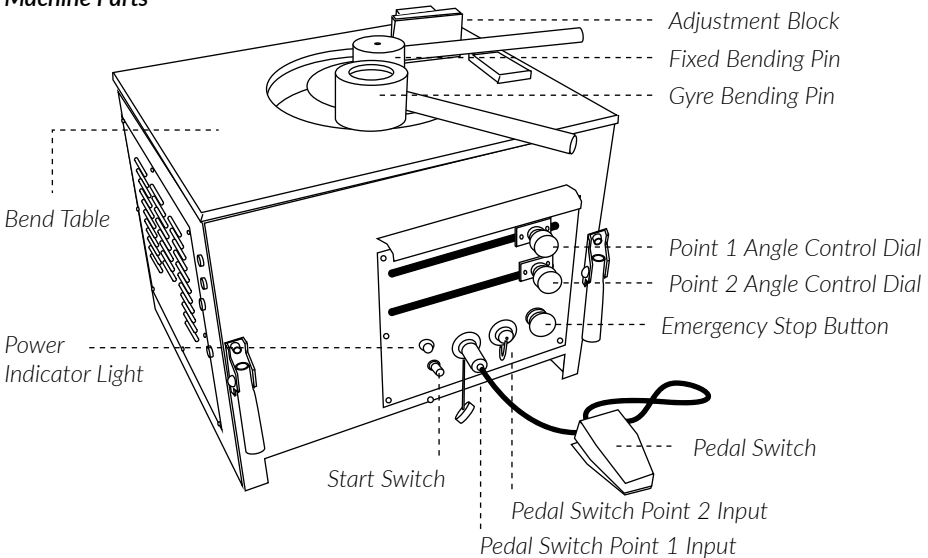
## Machine Specifications

Models		CRB-25	CRBC-25	CRB-32	CRBC-32A
Input Voltage - Single Phase		220-240V AC ~50Hz*			
Rated Input Power - Current <b>220-240V</b>	Bender	1050W - 4.4A	1050W - 4.4A	2400W - 10A	2400W - 10A
	Cutter	-	1550W - 6.5A	-	3000W - 12.5A
Net Weight		91kg	136kg	175kg	225kg
Dimensions (cm)		45L x 50W x 44H	50L x 45W x 79H	60L x 58W x 47H	60L x 58W x 98H
Bending Range		6-25mm**	6-25mm**	6-32mm**	6-32mm**
Cutting Range		-	4-25mm**	-	6-32mm**

\* Check machine label to determine correct power supply.

\*\* Refer to machine model data sheet for maximum tensile strength/grade.

## Machine Parts



**Note:** Location of features on machine face may vary with machine model.

## 4. Operating Machine

**Do not operate bender and cutter at the same time.**

### General notes:

Machine is equipped with an emergency stop button.

Ensure pedal switch cords are securely fastened to inputs (if pedal switch required).

Always ensure point 1 angle is set at least 5 degrees higher than point 2 angle.

Ensure angle control dials are securely fastened.

Wait until bending cycle is completed before starting new cycle.

If pedal switches are not required, press the start switch to bend to point 1 angle.

### Pre-use Checks

1. Check power supply is properly earthed.
2. Check that power cord is undamaged and plug is not loose (also applies for extension leads).

### Bending Procedure

1. Secure required fixed bending pin and gyre bending pin combination as per table below.
2. Modify adjustment block to suit required bar size.
3. Securely fasten pedal switch cords to machine inputs (if required).
4. Connect to power source and observe power indicator light on machine face indicating machine is ready for use.
5. Adjust point 1 and point 2 angle control dials to required angles ensuring point 1 angle is set at least 5 degrees higher than point 2 angle. Securely fasten angle control dial once required angles are set.
6. Stand well clear of machine (opposite direction of bend).
7. Press the pedal switch connected to pedal switch point 1 input to bend to point 1 angle.

**Note:** Pressing the start switch will also bend to point 1 angle.

8. Press the pedal switch connected to pedal switch point 2 input to bend to point 2 angle.
9. Bender/cutter model also has pedal switch point 3 input to operate cutter (see Additional Instructions for Rebar Cutter section).

### CRB-25/CRBC-25

Bar Diameter	Max. No. of Bars
12mm	4
16mm	2
20mm	1
24mm	1

### CRB-32/CRBC-32A

Bar Diameter	Max. No. of Bars
12mm	5
16mm	3
20mm	2
24mm	1
28mm	1
32mm	1

### CRB-25/CRBC-25

Fixed Bending Pin	Gyre Bending Pin
ø80	ø115
ø105	ø85

### CRB-32/CRBC-32A

Fixed Bending Pin	Gyre Bending Pin
ø80	ø165
ø120	ø110
ø140	ø75

**Note:** Refer to RAPIDTOOL specifications where fixed/gyre bending pin diameters provided are not included in tables above.

## 5. Working Conditions

*Do not use or store machine outside of environmental conditions below:*

Working Temperature	-10°C - +45°C
Humidity	<90% RH
Storage Temperature	-20°C - +65°C
Elevation	< 100m
Environment	Interior, waterproof, non-corrosive, non-flammable

## 6. Maintenance

**Always ensure power is disconnected before performing maintenance.**

### **Cleaning:**

Always wear gloves to protect hands from metal splinters when cleaning.

Wipe or brush away all dust and metal filings from Band Table after use to prevent debris entering the machine (can use compressed air).

### **Bend Table Bolts:**

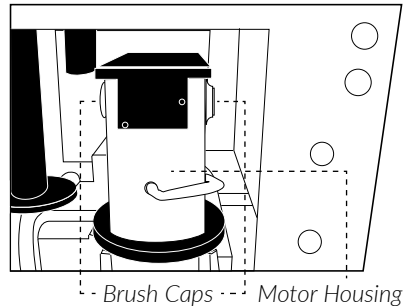
Ensure Bend Table Bolts are tightened before use.

### **Carbon Brushes:**

Inspect carbon brushes monthly. Worn brushes will result in power loss and cause irreparable damage to the armature's commutator. Check brushes immediately if a loss of power or electrical fault is experienced.

### **Replacing Carbon Brushes:**

1. Open the access side panel and locate the motor housing(s) with black lid.
2. Locate the brush caps on both sides near the top of the motor housing(s).
3. Open the brush caps with a screwdriver and remove carbon brushes from the machine.
4. Inspect the carbon brushes and replace where worn or damaged.
5. Reinstall new carbon brushes and brush caps securely.
6. Replace access side panel.

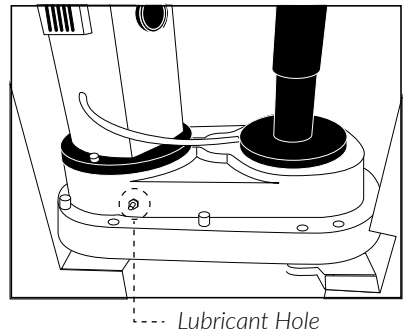


### **Lubrication:**

Lubricant shall be checked every 2 months for heavy usage or when loss of power is experienced.

Always use approved lubricant with high corrosion and friction resistance properties.

Apply lubricant via grease gun to lubricant hole to ensure lubricant chamber remains full.



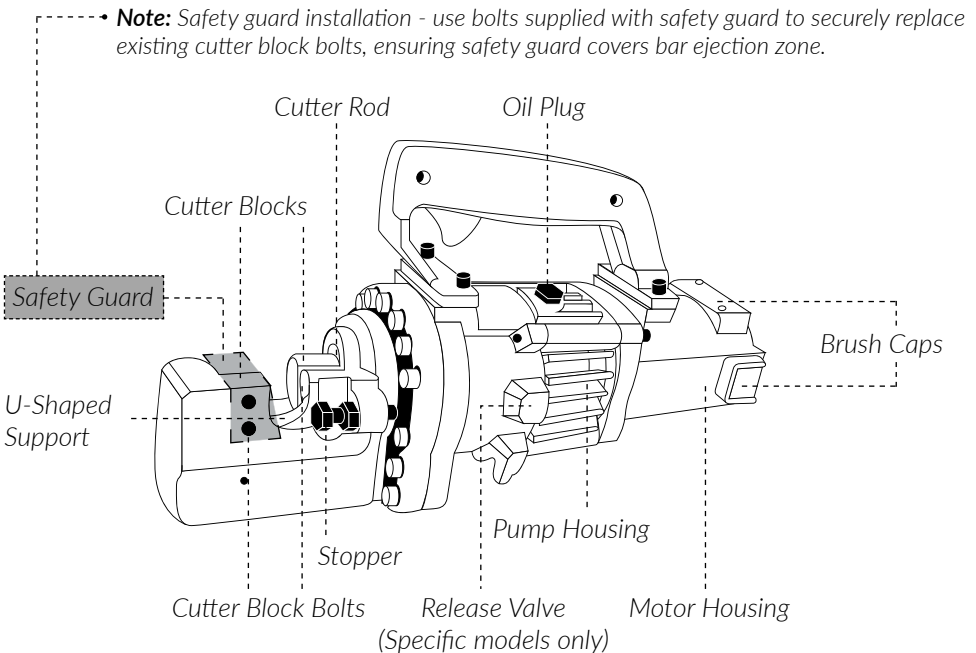
# Additional Instructions for Rebar Cutter (Rebar Bender/Cutter Model)

**Do not operate bender and cutter at the same time.**

## 1. Safety

1. Keep body parts well clear of cutting blocks when machine is switched on.
2. Never attempt to cut rebar outside of models prescribed diameter range (refer to table in Specifications & Parts section).
3. Do not cut short lengths.
4. Inspect cutter before each use (refer to Maintenance section). Do not use when quality has been compromised.
5. Beware of ejected objects during the cutting process. Always wear approved safety glasses.
6. Use protective gloves when cleaning machine or handling cutter blocks as edges are very sharp.
7. Do not touch pump housing after use as it will be hot. Wait for machine to cool.
8. Where available, safety guard should be installed.
9. Use Allen Key to loosed and activate Release Valve function when required.

## 2. Cutter Parts



**Note:** Cutter body varies with different models - use as a general guide.

# 3. Operating Machine

## Pre-use Checks:

Check condition of cutter blocks and tightness of cutter block bolts (refer to Maintenance section).

## Warm Up:

In cold weather, warm up cutter by repeating cut cycle for 60 seconds to ensure hydraulic oil reaches proper viscosity.

## Stopper Adjustment:

Adjustable stopper must be set in correct position dependent on size of rebar.

1. Insert rebar into U-shaped support.
2. Keeping rebar at 90° to machine, screw in stopper until it is just touching the rebar.

## Cutting Procedure:

1. Securely fasten pedal switch chord to pedal switch point 3 input.
2. Connect to power source and observe power indicator light on machine face indicating machine is ready for use.
3. Insert rebar between stopper and front cutter block, making sure it is horizontally seated in U-shaped support.
4. Press the pedal switch connected to pedal switch point 3 input while cutter rod advances and fully cuts rebar.
5. Release pedal switch only once rebar has been fully cut to allow cutter rod to retract.

**Note:** Power will be compromised if hydraulic oil exceeds 70°C. Allow machine to cool before resuming operation.

**Note:** Do not cut rebar on an angle. Incorrect placement of rebar may cause damage to cutter blocks and/or cutter rod, voiding warranty.

# 4. Maintenance

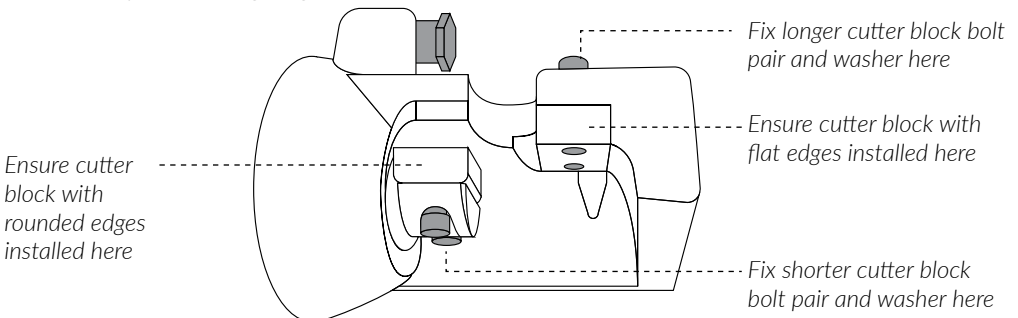
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## To access Rebar Cutter:

1. Open the access side panel and locate the rebar cutter with a black cover.
2. Remove the screws to lift cover and access rebar cutter.

## Cutter Blocks:

Check cutter blocks for damage before each use. If cutter block is damaged, replace block before next use as per following diagram:



Check cutter block bolts for tightness before each use. Use protective gloves when handling cutter blocks as edges are very sharp.



**Cleaning:**

Clean machine after each use.

Use protective gloves when cleaning to protect hands from metal splinters.

Do not use air gun as this may cause dust and metal filings to enter vents.

1. Extend cutter rod and disconnect from power source.
2. Wipe or brush away all dust and metal filings. Pay particular attention to lower half of cutter rod.
3. Connect to power source and press pedal switch to complete cut cycle.

**Oil Level Check:**

Check oil every 2 months or if loss of power apparent in rebar cutter.

Hydraulic oil is highly flammable; keep away from sparks and naked flame.

In case of ingestion or eye contact, consult a physician immediately.

1. Adjust stopper and make 3-4 cuts, noting exactly the point in which rebar is breaking.
2. Pinch next bit of rebar, stopping just before it breaks. Unplug machine from power source.
3. Turn unit over so oil plug is uppermost (if machine is hot allow to cool down first).
4. Remove oil plug and seal washer (never remove when machine is hot).
5. Check oil is level with bottom of plug hole. If oil is too low, top up with approved ISO VG46 oil.
6. Remove air bubbles - gently tilt cutter lengthways and return to level position. Top up and tilt cutter in opposite direction. Repeat this process until all air has been extracted.
7. Replace seal washer and oil plug.
8. Connect to power source and completely sever rebar.

**Oil Change:**

Change oil at least once a year or sooner if it appears dirty.

1. Unplug machine from power source.
2. Turn unit over so oil plug is uppermost (if machine is hot allow to cool down first).
3. Remove oil plug and seal washer (never remove when machine is hot).
4. Turn cutter over and drain oil into a suitable receptacle. When oil ceases to drain, tilt machine to rear to allow oil trapped in piston housing to drain out. When housing is empty, tilt unit in the opposite direction to empty the residue in the pump case.
5. Once all oil has been drained from the machine, turn unit over so oil plug is uppermost.
6. Slowly fill the machine with fresh oil and replace seal washer and oil plug.
7. Connect machine to power source and follow procedure for Oil Level Check.

**Note:** *Dispose of hydraulic oil in accordance with local regulations.*

**Bolt Tightness:**

All bolts should be checked for tightness on a weekly basis or after every 500 cuts (whichever comes first).

**Carbon Brushes:**

Inspect carbon brushes on a monthly basis. Worn brushes will result in power loss and cause irreparable damage to the armature's commutator. Check brushes immediately if a loss of power or electrical fault is experienced.

**Replacing Carbon Brushes:**

1. Unplug machine from power source.
2. Locate the brush caps on both sides near the back of the motor housing.
3. Open the brush caps with a screwdriver and remove carbon brushes from the machine.
4. Inspect the carbon brushes and replace where worn or damaged.
5. Reinstall new carbon brushes and brush caps securely.

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