

# **WARNING**

## **CARPET POWER STRETCHER SAFETY**

Any piece of equipment can be dangerous if not operated properly. **YOU** are responsible for the safe operation of this equipment. The operator must carefully read and follow any warnings, safety signs and instructions provided with or located on the equipment. Do not remove, defeat, deface or render inoperable any of the safety devices or warnings on this equipment. If any safety devices or warnings have been removed, defeated, defaced or rendered inoperable,

**DO NOT USE THIS EQUIPMENT!!!**

**DANGER!** The retractable gripper pins are extremely sharp.

### **APPLICATION:**

Used to stretch carpet over pins on tackless strip. To stretch carpet eliminating wrinkles, buckles and bulges, making a smooth firm installation of wall-to-wall carpet.

### **SAFETY:**

- Keep children away from stretcher head as the gripper pins can cause serious wounds.
- Power stretcher kits are heavy (80 to 120lbs.) and care should be used when lifting and lowering as not to cause injury.

### **USE HINTS:**

- It is advisable to use a knee kicker with the power stretcher. Set the adjustable pins on the head only far enough to penetrate into the backing on the carpet, **Not** so far as to penetrate through the backing and into the padding.

**NOTE:** Serious damage may occur to the wall you are pushing against unless a suitable board is used to protect the wall from collapsing between the studs. Use a 2x4, three to four feet long covered with remnant carpet or a towel to push against, protection the opposite wall from damage.

- Start at the center of one wall, push the carpet over the pins 6 to 12 inches and using a carpet chisel, drive the carpet down in between the tackless strip and the wall. Now, side kick along the wall until you are near the corners. Set up the power stretcher and stretch to the opposite wall.

**NOTE:** The power stretcher is used to stretch the carpet and the knee kicker is used to hook the carpet onto the tackless strip pins.

- When stretching the carpet, use caution when applying pressure as not to pull the carpet or tackless strip from the opposite wall.
- The use of the knee kicker at approximately a 45 degree angle against the head of the power stretcher will help you make your sideway stretches. When stretching head on, use the knee kicker over the top of the stretcher to attach the carpet on to the tackless strip. Work the carpet in small areas at a time. Use caution on the amount of tension on the stretcher and try to be uniform with the tension.

If the person receiving this handout will not be the user of the equipment, forward these instructions to the operator. If there is any doubt as to the operation or safety of the equipment,

**DO NOT USE!!! CALL A TOOL SHED IMMEDIATELY!!!**

**FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH**