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Brand: OTC | Model: 7248

INTRODUCTION

The OTC 7248 C-Frame Press is a versatile automotive tool designed for the removal and installation of various press-fit components. This manual provides detailed instructions for its safe and effective use in servicing universal joints, brake anchor pins, wheel studs, and ball joints on a wide range of vehicles.



Image: The OTC 7248 C-Frame Press, a robust tool for pressing automotive components.

SAFETY INFORMATION

Always observe the following safety precautions when using the OTC 7248 C-Frame Press:

- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including safety glasses, gloves, and sturdy footwear.
- Ensure the vehicle is properly supported on jack stands or a lift before beginning any work.
- Inspect the tool for any damage or wear before each use. Do not use if damaged.
- Keep hands and fingers clear of pinch points during operation.
- Apply steady, controlled force. Do not use excessive force or impact tools unless specifically instructed.
- Refer to the vehicle manufacturer's service manual for specific procedures and torque specifications.
- Keep children and bystanders away from the work area.

PRODUCT COMPONENTS

The OTC 7248 C-Frame Press consists of a robust C-shaped frame and a threaded forcing screw. Additional adapters (such as OTC No. 6935 for Dana 60 4WD front drive axles) may be required for specific applications and are sold separately.

SETUP AND PREPARATION

Before using the C-Frame Press, ensure the work area is clean and well-lit. Gather all necessary vehicle-specific adapters and receiving cups. Lubricate the forcing screw threads with a suitable lubricant to ensure smooth operation and prolong tool life.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

A. Universal Joint Removal and Installation

This tool is effective for removing and installing U-joints with needle bearings, including GM plastic pin CV U-joints.

1. Remove retaining clips or fasteners securing the U-joint.
2. Position the C-frame press over the U-joint, ensuring the forcing screw is aligned with one bearing cup and a suitable receiving cup is placed on the opposite side.
3. Slowly turn the forcing screw to press the bearing cup out of its bore.
4. Once one cup is removed, reposition the tool to press out the remaining cups.
5. For installation, reverse the process, carefully aligning new bearing cups and pressing them into place. Ensure needle bearings remain in position.
6. Install all retaining clips or fasteners.

B. Brake Anchor Pin Removal

The press can be used to remove heavy-duty truck brake anchor pins.

1. Identify the brake anchor pin to be removed.
2. Position the C-frame press with the forcing screw aligned to push the anchor pin, and a suitable receiving cup on the opposite side to allow the pin to exit.
3. Apply steady pressure with the forcing screw until the anchor pin is dislodged.

C. Wheel Stud Installation

This tool can press in new wheel studs.

1. Clean the wheel hub bore where the new stud will be installed.
2. Insert the new wheel stud into the bore.
3. Position the C-frame press with the forcing screw against the head of the stud and a flat plate or large washer on the

opposite side of the hub to provide a stable pressing surface.

4. Slowly turn the forcing screw to pull the stud fully into its seated position.

D. Ball Joint Removal and Installation

The OTC 7248 allows for removal and installation of press-fit type ball joints on most cars and light trucks without removing the control arm from the vehicle.

1. Remove any retaining nuts or bolts from the ball joint.
2. Select the appropriate receiving tubes and removal adapters for the specific ball joint.
3. Assemble the C-frame press with the chosen adapters around the ball joint, ensuring proper alignment.
4. Turn the forcing screw to press the ball joint out of its bore.
5. For installation, select the appropriate receiving tubes and installation adapters.
6. Carefully align the new ball joint and press it into place using the C-frame press.
7. Reinstall all retaining nuts or bolts and torque to vehicle manufacturer specifications.

MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your OTC 7248 C-Frame Press:

- After each use, clean the tool thoroughly to remove dirt, grease, and debris.
- Regularly lubricate the forcing screw threads with a high-quality grease to prevent corrosion and ensure smooth operation.
- Store the tool in a dry environment to prevent rust.
- Inspect the C-frame and forcing screw for any signs of bending, cracking, or excessive wear. Replace the tool if any damage is observed.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues while using the OTC 7248 C-Frame Press, consider the following:

- **Difficulty turning forcing screw:** Ensure threads are clean and well-lubricated. Check for proper alignment of the tool and adapters. The component may be seized; apply penetrating oil and allow time to work.
- **Component not moving:** Verify that all retaining fasteners have been removed. Ensure the correct adapters and receiving cups are being used for the application. Increase pressure gradually.
- **Tool slipping:** Confirm that the tool is securely seated on the component and adapters. Ensure surfaces are clean and free of excessive grease.

For persistent issues or complex repairs, consult a professional automotive technician or refer to specialized service manuals.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	OTC
Model Number	7248
Item Weight	0.143 ounces (Note: This weight seems unusually low for a tool of this type and may be a data entry error. Refer to product packaging for accurate weight.)
Product Dimensions	7.4 x 2 x 11.8 inches

Country of Origin	China
Primary Function	Removal and installation of U-Joints, Brake Anchor Pins, Wheel Studs, and Ball Joints

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For information regarding product warranty, technical support, or to purchase additional adapters and accessories, please contact OTC customer service or visit the official OTC website. Keep your purchase receipt for warranty claims.

While a "Complete Protect" plan may be available for purchase separately, this is distinct from any manufacturer's warranty.

Always verify warranty terms directly with the manufacturer.