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Model: FAIFGMELL14

1. INTRODUCTION

The Faithfull FAIFGMELL14 Fencing Mule is a specialized tool designed for efficiently driving wooden fencing posts into the ground. Its robust construction and balanced design facilitate accurate and effective post installation. This manual provides essential information for the safe and proper use, maintenance, and storage of your fencing mule.



Image 1: The Faithfull FAIFGMELL14 Fencing Mule, featuring a black head and a yellow fiberglass shaft with a black grip.

2. SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Always prioritize safety when using any hand tool. Failure to follow these instructions may result in injury or damage to the tool.

- **Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** Always wear safety glasses, gloves, and appropriate footwear when operating the fencing mule.
 - **Intended Use:** This fencing mule is designed exclusively for driving **wooden fencing posts**.
 - **WARNING: Do NOT use this fencing mule for driving metal fencing posts.** Using the tool on metal posts can cause damage to the tool, the post, and may result in serious injury due to material failure or ricochet.
 - **Inspect Before Use:** Before each use, inspect the tool for any signs of damage, such as cracks in the shaft, loose head, or worn grip. Do not use a damaged tool.
 - **Maintain a Secure Grip:** Ensure a firm, non-slip grip on the handle during operation.
 - **Clear Work Area:** Keep the work area clear of bystanders, pets, and obstructions.
 - **Proper Stance:** Maintain a stable and balanced stance to prevent loss of control.
 - **Avoid Overexertion:** Use controlled swings and avoid overexertion to prevent fatigue and potential injury.
 - **Storage:** Store the tool in a dry, secure location, out of reach of children and unauthorized users.
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3. SETUP

The Faithfull FAIFGMELL14 Fencing Mule comes pre-assembled and ready for use. No additional assembly is required.

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove the fencing mule from its packaging.
 2. **Initial Inspection:** Before first use, thoroughly inspect the tool as described in the "Safety Instructions" section. Verify that the head is securely attached to the shaft and that the shaft and grip are free from damage.
 3. **Familiarization:** Hold the tool to get a feel for its weight and balance. The handle length is 820mm (32 inches) and the total weight is 6.35kg (14lb).
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4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps for effective and safe operation of your fencing mule:

1. **Prepare the Post:** Ensure the wooden fencing post is positioned correctly and is stable before driving.
 2. **Grip the Handle:** Hold the fibreglass shaft firmly with both hands, utilizing the soft-grip, non-slip handle for maximum control.
 3. **Positioning:** Stand with a stable stance, directly facing the top of the post. Position the large, flat striking face of the mule head squarely over the top of the wooden post.
 4. **Striking Motion:** Lift the fencing mule and bring it down with a controlled, even motion, aiming to strike the center of the post's top surface. The large flat striking faces are designed to apply an even blow, minimizing damage to the post.
 5. **Repeat:** Continue striking the post with controlled blows until it reaches the desired depth. Periodically check the post's alignment to ensure it is being driven straight.
 6. **Avoid Off-Center Strikes:** Striking the post off-center can damage the post and reduce the effectiveness of the driving action.
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5. MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance will extend the life of your Faithfull FAIFGMELL14 Fencing Mule.

- **Cleaning:** After each use, wipe down the head and shaft with a clean, dry cloth to remove dirt, debris, and moisture.
- **Inspection:** Regularly inspect the tool for any signs of wear or damage, especially the connection between the head and the fiberglass shaft. Check the grip for tears or looseness.
- **Storage:** Store the fencing mule in a dry environment to prevent rust on the head and degradation of the handle materials. Hang the tool or store it in a way that prevents it from falling or being damaged.
- **Do Not Modify:** Never attempt to modify the tool. Any modifications can compromise its structural integrity and safety.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common concerns regarding the Faithfull FAIFGMELL14 Fencing Mule.

- **Tool Head Appears Loose:** If the head of the fencing mule feels loose or shows any movement relative to the shaft, discontinue use immediately. A loose head poses a significant safety risk. The tool should be replaced.
- **Shaft Damage (Cracks, Splinters):** The fiberglass shaft is designed to be durable. However, if you observe any cracks, splinters, or significant damage to the shaft or its polypropylene coating, cease using the tool. Continued use with a damaged shaft can lead to breakage.
- **Ineffective Post Driving:**
 - Ensure you are striking the post squarely and centrally.
 - Verify the ground conditions are suitable for driving posts. Extremely hard or rocky ground may require pre-drilling or a different method.
 - Confirm the post material is wood and not excessively hard or knotty.
- **Grip Deterioration:** If the soft-grip handle becomes excessively worn, torn, or loses its non-slip properties, it may affect control and safety. Consider replacing the tool if the grip compromises safe handling.

For issues not covered here, or if you are unsure about the safety of your tool, contact the retailer or manufacturer for guidance.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	FAIFGMELL14
Brand	Faithfull
Head Weight	6.35 kg (14 lb)
Handle Length	820 mm (32 inches)
Overall Dimensions (L x W x H)	Approx. 34.65 x 5.31 x 5.12 inches (880 x 135 x 130 mm)

Shaft Material	70% Solid Core Fibreglass with Polypropylene Coating
Handle Grip	Soft-grip, Non-slip
Head Style	Flat Striking Faces
Intended Use	Driving wooden fencing posts

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information, please refer to the documentation provided at the time of purchase or contact your retailer. Faithfull Tools aims to provide high-quality products. If you encounter any issues or require technical assistance, please contact the authorized Faithfull Tools distributor or your point of purchase for support. Keep your proof of purchase for any warranty claims.