

KLEIN TOOLS VDV200-010

Klein Tools VDV200-010 Ratcheting Crimper Frame Instruction Manual

1. INTRODUCTION

This instruction manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use of the Klein Tools VDV200-010 Ratcheting Crimper Frame. This tool is designed for professional-grade connector installations across various applications, including CATV, electrical, home theater, satellite, and security systems. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating the tool to ensure proper function and user safety.

The VDV200-010 frame is engineered for durability and precision, featuring a full-cycle ratchet action to ensure complete and accurate crimps. Its design allows for quick and easy changes of compatible die sets (sold separately) using thumb-screws.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING: Failure to follow these safety instructions may result in serious injury or property damage.

- Always read and understand all instructions before using this tool.
- Wear approved eye protection at all times when operating the crimper.
- This tool is NOT insulated. It will NOT protect against electrical shock. Never use on or near live electrical circuits.
- Use caution when tightening thumb-screws to prevent thread damage or stripping. Hand-tighten only; do not over-tighten the thumb-screws. Over-tightening can damage the tool and/or the die set.
- Keep hands and fingers clear of the crimping jaws during operation.
- Inspect the tool and die set for any damage before each use. Do not use damaged tools.
- Store the tool in a dry, secure location, out of reach of children.

3. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Klein Tools VDV200-010 Ratcheting Crimper Frame is a robust tool designed for interchangeable die sets. Its primary components include the main frame, ratcheting mechanism, ergonomic handles, and

thumb-screw fasteners for securing die sets.



Figure 1: Klein Tools VDV200-010 Ratcheting Crimper Frame in a closed position, showing the overall design with black and yellow ergonomic grips.



Figure 2: Klein Tools VDV200-010 Ratcheting Crimper Frame in an open position, highlighting the VDV200-010 model number and 'ALWAYS WEAR EYE PROTECTION' engraving on the tool body.

4. SETUP: INSTALLING DIE SETS

The VDV200-010 frame is designed for use with various interchangeable die sets (sold separately). Follow these steps to install or change a die set:

1. Ensure the crimper frame is fully open.
2. Loosen the two thumb-screws located on the side of the crimper frame. If Phillips head screws are present, use an appropriate screwdriver.
3. Carefully remove the existing die set, if any.
4. Align the new die set with the mounting holes on the crimper frame. Ensure the die set is oriented correctly for your application.
5. Insert the thumb-screws through the die set and into the frame.
6. Hand-tighten the thumb-screws securely. Do not over-tighten, as this can damage the threads or the die set.
7. Test the crimper by closing and opening it a few times to ensure the die set is properly seated and operates smoothly.



Figure 3: Angled view of the Klein Tools VDV200-010 Ratcheting Crimper Frame, illustrating the area where interchangeable die sets are installed and secured with thumb-screws.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once the correct die set is installed, follow these general steps for crimping:

- 1. Select the Correct Die Cavity:** Identify the appropriate crimping cavity on your die set for the specific connector and wire gauge you are using. Refer to your die set's instructions for guidance.
- 2. Position the Connector:** Place the connector into the selected die cavity. Ensure it is seated properly and held securely.
- 3. Insert the Wire:** Insert the stripped wire into the connector.
- 4. Initiate Crimping:** Begin to close the handles of the crimper. The ratcheting mechanism will engage, preventing the handles from opening until a full crimp cycle is completed.
- 5. Complete the Crimp:** Continue squeezing the handles until the ratcheting mechanism releases, indicating a full and precise crimp has been achieved.
- 6. Inspect the Crimp:** After the crimp is complete, remove the connector and visually inspect it to ensure a secure and proper connection.
- 7. Safety Crimp Release:** If a crimp needs to be aborted before completion (e.g., due to incorrect positioning), locate and activate the safety crimp release lever (if present on your specific die set or frame) to open the jaws. This feature helps prevent rejected terminations.

6. MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your Klein Tools VDV200-010 Ratcheting Crimper Frame:

- Cleaning:** After each use, wipe down the tool with a clean, dry cloth to remove any dirt, debris, or residue. For stubborn grime, a mild solvent can be used, ensuring it does not damage the grips.
- Lubrication:** Periodically apply a light coat of machine oil to the pivot points and moving parts of the ratcheting mechanism to ensure smooth operation. Avoid excessive lubrication.
- Inspection:** Regularly inspect the frame and die sets for wear, damage, or corrosion. Pay close attention to the crimping surfaces of the dies and the integrity of the handles.
- Storage:** Store the crimper in a dry environment to prevent rust and corrosion. Keep it in a tool bag or

box to protect it from impacts and contaminants.

- **Die Set Care:** Keep die sets clean and free of debris. Store them properly to prevent damage to the crimping cavities.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Klein Tools VDV200-010 Ratcheting Crimper Frame, consider the following:

- **Incomplete Crimp:**
 - Ensure the correct die cavity is selected for the connector and wire.
 - Verify that the handles are squeezed completely until the ratcheting mechanism releases.
 - Check for any obstructions in the die set or frame.
- **Crimper Jams or Sticks:**
 - Clean the tool and apply a light lubricant to moving parts.
 - Ensure the die set is correctly installed and the thumb-screws are not over-tightened.
 - Do not force the tool. If it remains jammed, carefully inspect for foreign objects.
- **Die Set Not Fitting Properly:**
 - Confirm that the die set is compatible with the VDV200-010 frame.
 - Ensure the die set is oriented correctly and aligned with the mounting holes.
 - Check for any burrs or damage on the die set or frame mounting points.
- **Loose Thumb-Screws:**
 - Hand-tighten thumb-screws regularly. Avoid over-tightening.
 - Replacement thumb and Phillips screw sets (e.g., VDV999-033) are available if screws are lost or damaged.

If problems persist, contact Klein Tools customer support for assistance.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Brand	KLEIN TOOLS
Model Number	VDV200-010
Item Weight	1.2 Pounds (0.54 kg)
Product Dimensions	6 x 4 x 2 inches (15.24 x 10.16 x 5.08 cm)
Handle Material	Alloy Steel
Grip Type	Ergonomic
Color	Black/Yellow
Power Source	Hand-powered
Included Components	VDV200-010 Crimper Frame (Die sets sold separately)

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

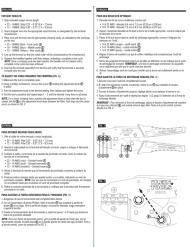
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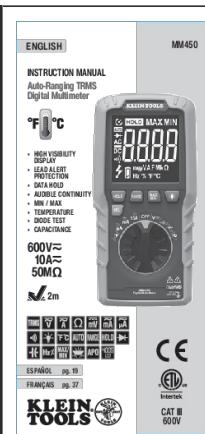
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