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Model: J206-8C

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Klein Tools J206-8C All-Purpose Pliers are a professional-grade hand tool designed for electricians and tradesmen. This single tool integrates the functionality of long-nose pliers and a wire stripper, offering efficiency and convenience. Its robust construction ensures durability and consistent performance for various tasks including cutting, stripping, looping, and shearing.



Image: Klein Tools J206-8C All-Purpose Pliers, closed position.

KEY FEATURES

- **Versatile Cutting and Stripping:** Strips and cuts 8-16 AWG solid wire and 10-18 AWG stranded wire.
- **Extended Reach and Precision:** Long nose design for precise grabbing and looping of wire.
- **Hard Wire Capability:** Induction-hardened cutting knives for cutting hard wire.
- **Screw Shearing:** Integrated holes for shearing 6-32 and 8-32 screws.
- **Smooth Action:** Hot-riveted joint ensures smooth operation without handle wobble.
- **Spring-Loaded Design:** Spring-loaded for self-opening action, enhancing usability.
- **Durable Construction:** Forged steel construction with dual-material Journeyman handles for maximum durability and comfort.

**KLEIN
TOOLS** 

Since 1857

JOURNEYMAN™

**Dual Material
Handles** Comfort
and durability

**Cuts, Strips,
& Loops**
8-16 solid;
10-18 stranded

**MADE IN
USA** 

Hot-Riveted
Smooth action;
no wobble

Long nose Extended reach,
grabbing and looping wire



Image: Diagram highlighting key features of the Klein Tools J206-8C, including wire stripping gauges, hot-riveted joint, and long nose design.

SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING:

- These pliers are NOT insulated. Plastic-dipped or slip-on plastic handles are NOT intended for protection against electrical shock.
- Never use on or near live electrical circuits.
- Always wear approved eye protection when using this tool.

SETUP

The Klein Tools J206-8C All-Purpose Pliers require minimal setup. Upon receiving the tool, inspect it for any signs of damage from shipping. Ensure the handles are securely attached and the pivot joint operates smoothly. The spring-loaded mechanism should allow the jaws to open freely when pressure is released.

Before first use, it is recommended to wipe down the tool with a clean, dry cloth to remove any manufacturing residues or protective coatings. A light application of lubricating oil to the pivot joint can enhance smooth operation and prevent corrosion over time.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Wire Stripping and Cutting

To strip wire, identify the appropriate stripping hole on the pliers for your wire gauge (8-16 AWG solid or 10-18 AWG stranded). Insert the wire into the correct hole, ensuring only the insulation is within the cutting edges. Squeeze the handles firmly to cut through the insulation, then pull the wire to remove the stripped section. For cutting wire, place the wire within the cutting knives near the pivot point and squeeze the handles until the wire is severed.



Image: Close-up of the pliers being used to strip wire insulation.

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Video: Demonstration of the Klein Tools J206-8C All-Purpose Pliers in use, showcasing its various functions including wire stripping and cutting.

Grabbing and Looping Wire

The long, narrow nose of the pliers is ideal for reaching into tight spaces, grabbing small components, and bending or looping wire. To loop wire, grip the end of the wire firmly with the tip of the pliers and rotate the pliers to form the desired loop shape. The serrated jaws provide a secure grip on various materials.

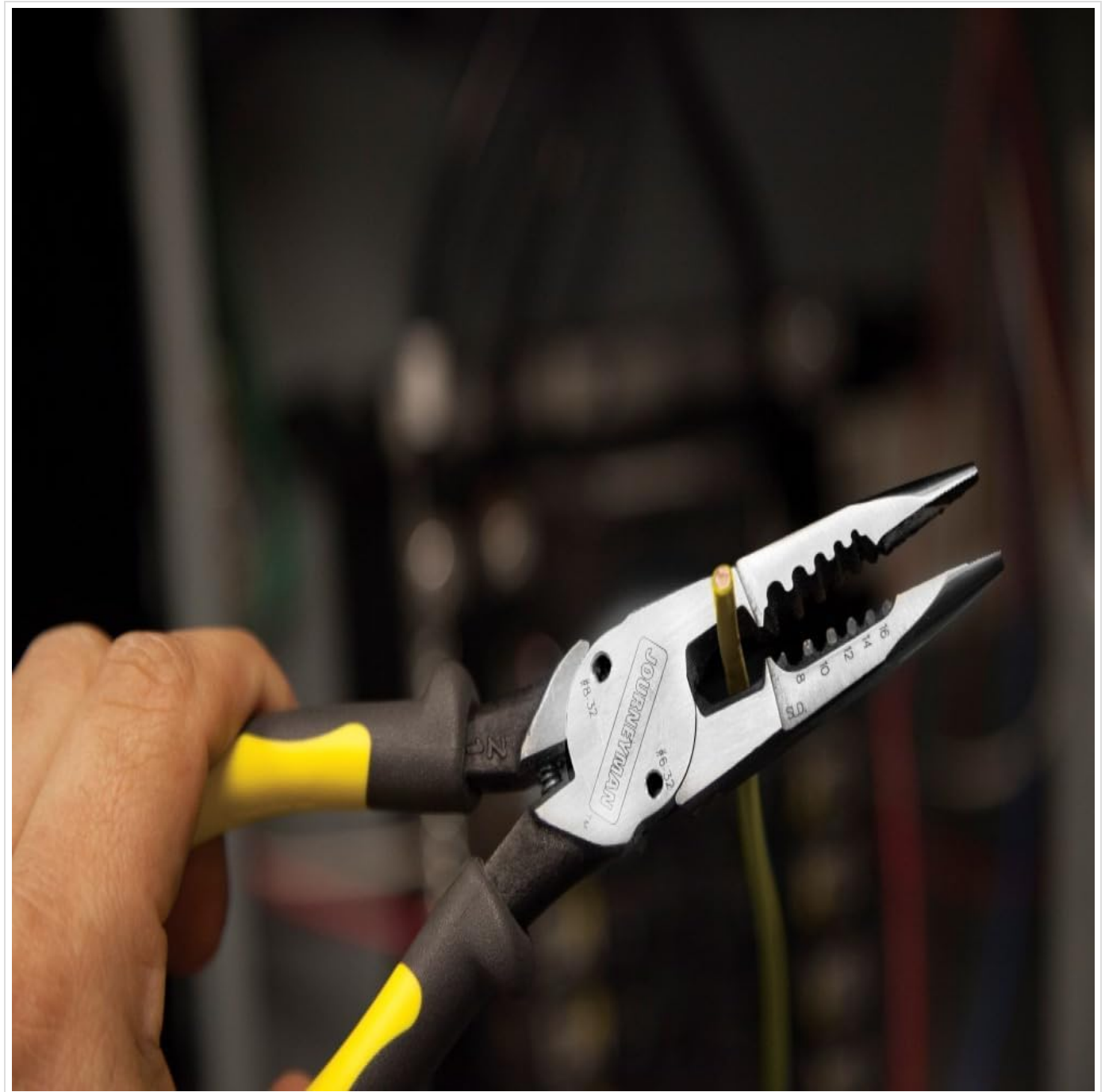


Image: The pliers' long nose gripping a wire for manipulation.

Shearing Screws

The pliers feature dedicated shearing holes for 6-32 and 8-32 screws. To shear a screw, thread the screw into the appropriate hole until the desired length is exposed on the opposite side. Squeeze the handles firmly to cleanly shear the screw. Ensure the screw is fully seated in the hole before applying pressure to prevent damage to the tool or the screw threads.



Image: The pliers being used to shear a screw using the integrated shearing holes.

MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance will extend the life and performance of your Klein Tools J206-8C pliers:

- **Cleaning:** After each use, wipe the pliers clean with a dry cloth to remove dirt, debris, or moisture. For stubborn grime, use a mild solvent and then dry thoroughly.
- **Lubrication:** Periodically apply a few drops of light machine oil to the pivot joint to ensure smooth operation and prevent rust. Work the handles back and forth to distribute the oil.
- **Storage:** Store the pliers in a dry environment to prevent corrosion. Avoid storing them in damp toolboxes or areas with high humidity.
- **Inspection:** Regularly inspect the cutting edges for nicks or dullness. While designed for durability, extreme use can affect sharpness.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Most issues with hand tools like these pliers are related to wear and tear or improper use. Here are some common concerns and their solutions:

- **Stiff Joint:** If the pliers feel stiff or difficult to open and close, apply a generous amount of light machine oil to the pivot joint and work the handles repeatedly until the movement is smooth. Remove any excess oil.
- **Dull Cutting Edges:** Over time, cutting edges may become dull, especially if used on materials harder than intended. While minor dullness can sometimes be addressed with a fine sharpening stone, significant damage or dullness may require professional sharpening or replacement of the tool.
- **Damaged Handles:** If the dual-material handles show signs of significant wear, cracking, or detachment, the tool should be replaced, especially if the damage compromises grip or safety.
- **Ineffective Wire Stripping:** Ensure you are using the correct stripping hole for the wire gauge. If the wire is not stripping cleanly, the cutting edges within the stripping holes may be worn.

SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Value
Brand	Klein Tools
Model Number	J2068C
Material	Alloy Steel
Product Dimensions	11.25"L x 4"W
Color	Yellow/Black
Item Weight	9.6 Ounces
Grip Type	Ergonomic
Country of Origin	USA
Special Features	Spring Loaded For Opening Action

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Klein Tools stands behind the quality of its products. The manufacturer’s warranty for the J206-8C All-Purpose Pliers can be requested directly from Klein Tools customer service. For specific warranty terms, conditions, and to initiate a warranty claim, please contact Klein Tools customer support through their official website or contact channels.

For technical assistance, product inquiries, or additional support, please refer to the contact information provided on the official Klein Tools website.

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