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INTRODUCTION

The Cricut Expression Personal Electronic Cutter is an innovative crafting machine designed to cut various materials for creative projects. This machine allows for precise cuts ranging from 0.25 inches up to an impressive 23.5 inches. With its six modes and four functions, it offers extensive customization capabilities for your cutting needs. Unlike traditional die-cutting machines, the Cricut Expression is portable and facilitates quick and easy cutting, making it a versatile tool for crafters.

SETUP AND FIRST USE

1. Unpacking and Component Identification

Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Verify that all parts are present:

- Cricut Expression 1 Electronic Cutting Machine
- Power Adapter
- USB Cable (if included)
- 12" x 12" Cutting Mat
- Blade Housing with Blade



Figure 1: Cricut Expression 1 Electronic Cutting Machine and included accessories.

2. Power Connection

1. Connect the power adapter to the power port on the back of the Cricut Expression machine.
2. Plug the power adapter into a standard electrical outlet.
3. Press the Power button on the machine to turn it on.

3. Blade and Mat Installation



Figure 2: Front view of the Cricut Expression 1 machine, showing the cutting area.

1. Open the lid of the machine to access the cutting carriage.
2. Insert the blade housing into the carriage clamp. Ensure it is seated firmly.
3. Peel off the protective cover from the 12" x 12" cutting mat.
4. Place your desired material onto the sticky surface of the cutting mat.
5. Align the cutting mat with the mat guides on the machine and press the "Load Mat" button.

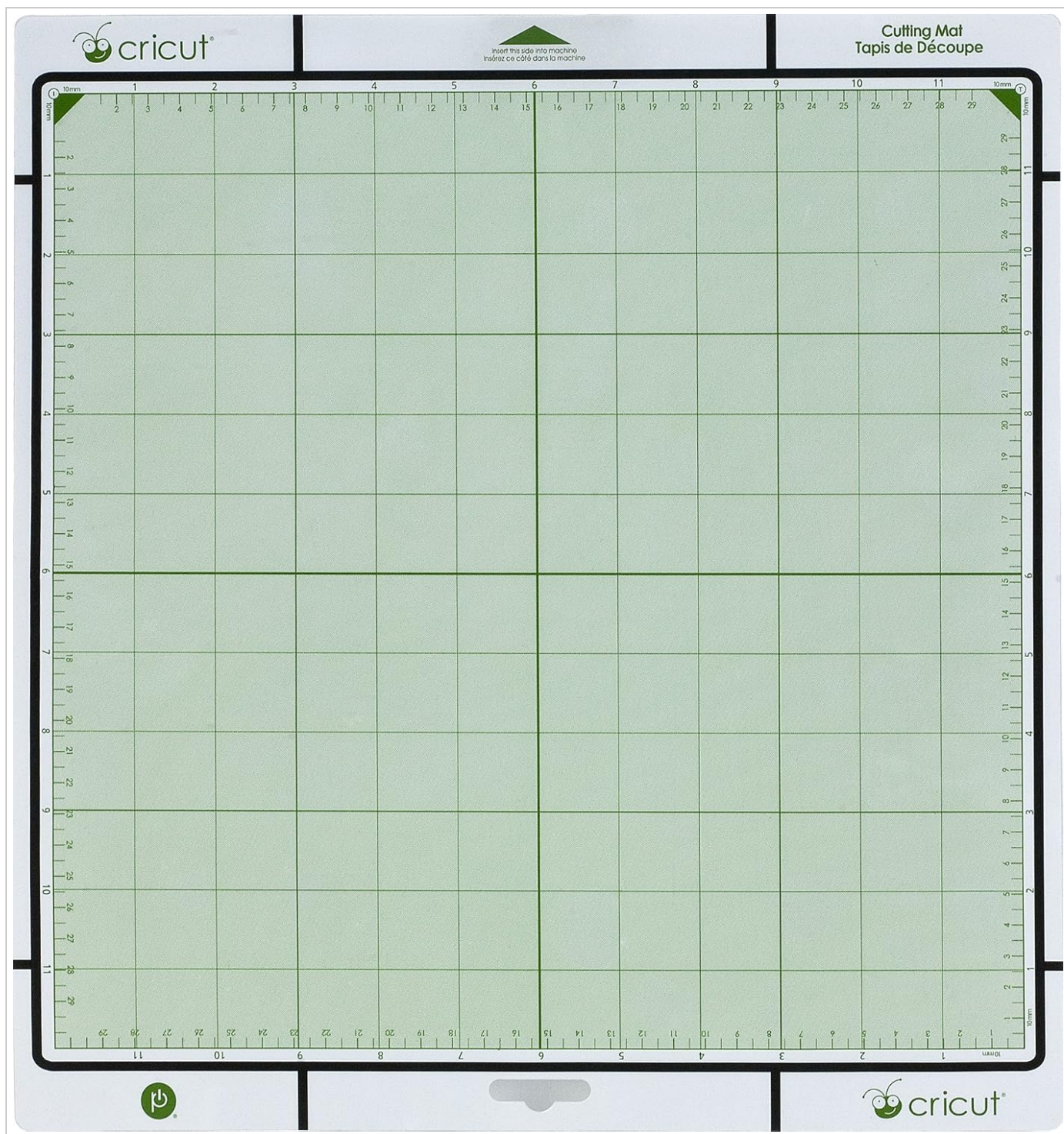


Figure 3: The 12" x 12" standard grip cutting mat.

OPERATING THE MACHINE

1. Using Cartridges

The Cricut Expression 1 machine operates using physical Cricut cartridges. Each cartridge contains a collection of images, fonts, and shapes. To use a design, insert the desired cartridge into the cartridge slot on the machine.

2. Selecting Designs and Settings

1. Once a cartridge is inserted, use the machine's keypad and LCD screen to browse and select your desired image or font.
2. Adjust the cutting size. The machine supports cuts from 0.25 inches up to 11.5 inches.
3. Utilize the six modes and four functions available on the machine to customize your cuts, including features like **Fit**

to **Page**, **Quantity**, **Mirror Image**, and **Auto Fill**.

- 4. Set the appropriate blade depth and pressure based on the material you are cutting. Refer to the material settings guide (usually provided with cartridges or online resources).

3. Initiating a Cut

After selecting your design and adjusting settings, ensure the mat is loaded correctly. Press the "Cut" button to begin the cutting process. The machine will precisely cut the design onto your material.

MAINTENANCE

1. Cleaning the Machine

- Regularly wipe down the exterior of the machine with a soft, dry cloth.
- Periodically clean the cutting area and rollers to remove any debris or material scraps that may accumulate. Use a soft brush or compressed air.
- Ensure the machine is unplugged before cleaning.

2. Blade Care and Replacement

The cutting blade is a consumable part and will dull over time, especially with frequent use or cutting thicker materials. A dull blade can lead to incomplete cuts or ragged edges.

- Inspect your blade regularly for signs of wear.
- To replace the blade, carefully remove the blade housing from the carriage.
- Press the plunger at the top of the housing to release the old blade.
- Insert a new Cricut compatible blade into the housing.
- Reinsert the blade housing into the machine's carriage.

3. Cutting Mat Care

- Always replace the protective plastic sheet on the cutting mat when not in use to maintain its stickiness and prevent dust accumulation.
- If the mat loses its stickiness, it can often be cleaned with warm water and mild soap, then air-dried.
- Replace the cutting mat when it no longer holds material securely.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Machine not powering on.	Power cable not connected, faulty outlet.	Ensure power cable is securely connected to the machine and a working electrical outlet. Test the outlet with another device.
Cuts are incomplete or ragged.	Dull blade, incorrect blade depth/pressure, worn cutting mat.	Replace the blade. Adjust blade depth and pressure settings. Ensure the cutting mat is sufficiently sticky to hold the material.
Machine makes grinding noise.	Internal mechanical issue, obstruction.	Turn off the machine and inspect for any visible obstructions in the carriage path. If the noise persists, contact customer support.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Shapes come out distorted or incorrect size.	Incorrect settings, material shifting on mat.	Verify all settings (size, mode) on the machine's display. Ensure material is firmly adhered to the cutting mat and not shifting during the cut.

SPECIFICATIONS

Brand: Cricut
Model Number: 2002560
Color: Grey Starter Bundle
Active Surface Area: 144 square inches
Operation Mode: Automatic
Item Weight: 17.5 Pounds (7.94 kg)
Manufacturer: Provo Craft & Novelty
UPC: 093573321733
Product Dimensions: 22.88 x 11 x 9.25 inches (58.1 x 27.9 x 23.5 cm)
Date First Available: February 28, 2010

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For information regarding product warranty, please refer to the warranty card included with your purchase or visit the official Cricut website. For technical support, troubleshooting assistance beyond this manual, or to inquire about replacement parts, please contact Cricut customer service directly. You can find more information and support resources on the official [Cricut Store on Amazon](#).

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