

## Arrow Fastener GEPK532

# Arrow GEPK532 Eyelet Tool Kit Instruction Manual

Model: GEPK532 | Brand: Arrow Fastener

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Arrow GEPK532 Eyelet Tool Kit is designed for easily setting 5/32-inch (4mm) diameter eyelets in various materials. This kit is suitable for DIY projects involving leather, canvas, plastic, vinyl, cardboard, and other fabrics. The pliers feature a heavy-duty, spring-tension design for efficient operation and comfortable, non-slip grips to reduce hand fatigue during use. This manual provides detailed instructions for the proper and safe use of your eyelet tool kit.

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read and understand all safety instructions before operating the tool. Failure to follow these instructions may result in injury or damage to the tool or material.

- Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment, such as safety glasses, when using hand tools.
- Keep hands and fingers clear of the working area of the pliers to prevent pinching.
- Ensure the material being worked on is stable and secure.
- Do not force the tool. Apply steady, even pressure.
- Keep the tool out of reach of children.
- Inspect the tool for any damage before each use. Do not use if damaged.
- Use only 5/32-inch (4mm) eyelets with this tool. Using incorrect eyelet sizes may damage the tool or result in improper setting.

## 3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Your Arrow GEPK532 Eyelet Tool Kit includes the following items:

- 1 x Arrow GEPK532 Eyelet Pliers
- 100 x 5/32-inch (4mm) Assorted Eyelets (Gold, Silver, Bronze colored plated alloy steel)



Figure 3.1: The Arrow GEPK532 Eyelet Tool Kit as packaged, showing the pliers and included eyelets.

## 4. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The GEPK532 Eyelet Pliers are designed for ease of use and durability. Key features include:

- **Heavy-Duty, Spring Tension Pliers:** Ensures quick action open and release for efficient eyelet setting.
- **Non-Slip Rubber Grip Handles:** Provides comfort, control, and reduces hand fatigue during prolonged use.
- **Compatible with 5/32" (4mm) Eyelets:** Specifically designed for this common eyelet size.



**ARROW**  **EYELET PLIERS KIT**  
HOW IT ALL COMES TOGETHER **GEPK 532**

**1** HEAVY-DUTY, SPRING TENSION PLIERS FOR QUICK ACTION OPEN AND RELEASE

FOR SETTING SMALL EYELETS IN LEATHER, PLASTIC, RUBBER, CANVAS, AND CARDBOARD **2**

**3** NON-SLIP GRIP RUBBER HANDLES FOR COMFORT AND CONTROL

INCLUDES 100 MULTI-COLORED 5/32" (4MM) DIAMETER OPENING EYELET ASSORTMENT **4**

The image features a pair of silver metal eyelet pliers with red rubberized handles. The handles have the 'ARROW' logo on them. To the right of the pliers is a pile of multi-colored (gold, silver, and copper) eyelets. The background is a light gray gradient with a red and white geometric shape in the bottom left corner.

Figure 4.1: Key features of the Arrow GEPK532 Eyelet Pliers, including heavy-duty construction and non-slip grips.



Figure 4.2: Approximate dimensions of the Eyelet Pliers: 5 3/4 inches (146 mm) in length and 2 1/2 inches (64 mm) in width.

## 5. SETUP

Before using the eyelet tool, ensure your workspace is clear and you have all necessary materials.

1. **Prepare Material:** Select the material (leather, fabric, canvas, etc.) where you intend to set the eyelet. Ensure it is clean and free of obstructions.
2. **Select Eyelet:** Choose a 5/32-inch (4mm) eyelet from the included assortment or other compatible eyelets.
3. **Inspect Pliers:** Verify that the pliers are clean and the setting dies are free from debris.

## 6. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps to properly set an eyelet using the Arrow GEPK532 Eyelet Tool Kit:

1. **Create a Pilot Hole (if necessary):** For thicker materials, it may be beneficial to create a small pilot hole where the eyelet will be placed. The pliers themselves can often punch through thinner materials.

2. **Position the Eyelet:** Place the eyelet into the lower jaw of the pliers, ensuring the flange (wider part) is facing downwards and the barrel (tube part) points upwards.
3. **Insert Material:** Carefully slide your material over the barrel of the eyelet, aligning the desired placement with the eyelet.
4. **Align Pliers:** Position the pliers so that the upper die is directly above the eyelet's barrel, with the material sandwiched between the eyelet flange and the upper die.
5. **Apply Pressure:** Firmly and steadily squeeze the handles of the pliers together. The pliers will crimp the eyelet's barrel, securing it to the material. Continue squeezing until the eyelet is fully set and the pliers' jaws meet.
6. **Release and Inspect:** Release the handles and carefully remove the material. Inspect the eyelet to ensure it is securely fastened and evenly crimped. If not, repeat the process with a new eyelet or apply more pressure if the eyelet is not fully set.



*Figure 6.1: Demonstrating the eyelet pliers being used to set eyelets on a fabric belt.*



Figure 6.2: The eyelet pliers setting eyelets on a leather watch strap.





Figure 6.3: A close-up view of the pliers in action, securing an eyelet.

## 7. MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance will extend the life of your Arrow GEPK532 Eyelet Tool Kit.

- **Cleaning:** After each use, wipe the pliers clean with a dry cloth to remove any dust or material residue.
- **Lubrication:** Periodically apply a small amount of light machine oil to the pivot points to ensure smooth operation.
- **Storage:** Store the tool in a dry place, away from moisture and direct sunlight, to prevent rust and degradation of the rubber grips.
- **Eyelet Storage:** Keep eyelets in their original packaging or a sealed container to prevent tarnishing and loss.

## 8. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues while using your eyelet tool, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

- **Eyelet not setting properly or crimping unevenly:**
  - Ensure the eyelet is correctly positioned in the pliers before squeezing.
  - Apply firm and even pressure. Insufficient pressure can lead to incomplete crimping.
  - Verify that you are using 5/32-inch (4mm) eyelets. Incorrect sizes will not set correctly.
  - Check the material thickness. Very thick or very thin materials might require careful alignment or a different approach.
- **Pliers feel stiff or difficult to operate:**
  - Apply a small amount of light machine oil to the pivot points and work the handles to distribute the lubricant.
  - Check for any debris or foreign objects obstructing the pliers' mechanism.
- **Eyelets are getting stuck in the tool:**
  - Ensure the eyelet is fully released after crimping. The self-opening feature should assist with this.
  - Clean the setting dies to remove any residue that might cause sticking.

## 9. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	GEPK532
Brand	Arrow Fastener
Eyelet Size Compatibility	5/32 inches (4mm) diameter opening
Included Eyelets	100 assorted gold, silver, and bronze colored plated alloy steel eyelets
Material (Pliers)	Steel with Rubber/Plastic handles
Pliers Dimensions (Approx.)	5 3/4" (146 mm) Length x 2 1/2" (64 mm) Width
Item Weight	5.4 ounces
Grip Type	Ergonomic, Non-slip Rubber
Power Source	Hand Powered
UPC	<a href="#">079055665328</a>

## 10. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Arrow Fastener products are manufactured to high-quality standards. For specific warranty information, product support, or to inquire about replacement parts, please contact Arrow Fastener customer service directly. Contact details can typically be found on the manufacturer's official website or product packaging. Visit the [Arrow Fastener Store on Amazon](#) for more products and information.

