MODEL 78048 SHOP PRESS BLANKET
OPERATING & MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

Note: Revision letters (A, B, C, D etc.) after model numbers have been omitted as they do not affect the setup, operating and maintenance instructions of a particular product unless otherwise noted.

IMPORTANT: READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE OPERATING

BEFORE USING A PRESS, READ THIS MANUAL COMPLETELY AND THOROUGHLY, UNDERSTAND ITS OPERATING PROCEDURES, SAFETY WARNINGS AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD CAUSE ACCIDENTS RESULTING IN SERIOUS OR FATAL PERSONAL INJURY AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

The use of hydraulic shop presses is subject to certain hazards that cannot be prevented by mechanical means, but only by the exercise of intelligence, care, and common sense. It is therefore essential to have owners and personnel involved in the use and operation of equipment who are careful, competent, trained, and qualified in the safe operation of the equipment and its proper use. Examples of hazards are part breakage resulting in flying parts, slipping and dropping of components to be pressed caused primarily by not using guards or protective blankets over the components, improperly securing adjustments on the press, improperly securing components to be pressed, overloading and off-center loads.

It is the responsibility of the owner to make sure all personnel read this manual prior to using this device. It is also the responsibility of the device owner to keep this manual intact and in a convenient location for all to see and read. If the manual is lost or not legible, contact Norco Industries, Inc. for a free replacement. If the operator is not fluent in English, the product and safety instructions shall be read to and discussed with the operator in the operator's native language by the purchaser/ owner or his designee, making sure that the operator comprehends its contents. Protective blankets may afford protection from injuries to users and others should part breakage occur. Because of the variety of situations that require guarding, it is the user’s responsibility to determine the best method of protection.

WARRANTY
This press blanket is covered by a Limited Lifetime Warranty. For details see the back cover of Norco’s product catalog.

WARNING
• Always use a guard or protective blanket during pressing applications to avoid possible injury caused by flying parts. There are a multitude of possible press uses, therefore it is impossible to design a guard that will meet every application. The press owner must provide his own guarding or protective blanket.
• Do not use press beyond its rated capacity.
• Wear protective eye wear during press operation. If possible position the press in an isolated area and shield it to prevent possible injury to others.
• Use only Norco adapters and accessories.
• During the press operation, keep hands out of the area between the press head channel and press bed. Also keep body parts out from under the press bed.
• Make sure setup is stable. Components to be pressed shall be well supported and aligned to prevent slippage and breaking. Make sure press bed pins are inserted in the upright frame holes all the way and the pins are fully supporting the press bed channel flanges before pressing.
• Press owners are responsible for the placement, maintenance and safe operation of the press in accordance with federal (OSHA), state, and local safety standards.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
Make sure the press work setup is in accordance with all the warnings previously mentioned in the “WARNING” section of this manual. Wrap the blanket around the work to be performed and secure with the straps provided. Once the operation is complete, always reduce the force from the workpiece prior to removing the blanket.

PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE
1. Always store the press blanket in a well protected area where it will not be exposed to inclement weather, corrosive vapors, abrasive dust, or any other harmful elements.
2. Every press blanket owner is responsible for keeping the label clean and readable. Use a mild soap solution to wash external surfaces of the press but not any moving hydraulic components. Contact Norco Industries for a replacement label if your press blanket label becomes unreadable.
3. Inspect the press blanket before each use. Do not use the press blanket is cracked, torn, or shows sign of damage.

REPAIR SERVICE
If your Norco product requires service or repair, contact the Norco Customer Service Department for the location of the nearest Norco Authorized Service Center.

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It will be necessary to provide the Norco Authorized Service Center with a copy of the bill of sale if requesting warranty repair. If the authorized service center determines your product is eligible for warranty repair, the repair will be made at no charge and returned freight prepaid. The cost of non-warrantable service, repair, and return freight is the customer’s responsibility.