Mini Butt Welding Kit Instructions



A proper butt weld will yield 100% of the non-reinforced belt's ultimate tensile strength. Note: A clean environment is necessary for a good weld. Make sure the area is well ventilated and free of dirt, dust and draft. Note: This mini clamp is suitable for use with round belts up to and including 8mm or 5/16" diameter and 3L, Z/10 and A/13 cross section V-belts. For larger profiles, use Fenner Drives heavy-duty butt welding clamp.

Using the Mini Butt Welding Kit

- 1. Examine the coated hot knife blade for scratches. A damaged hot knife can negatively affect weld results.
- 2. Plug the hot knife into 110/120V outlet and preheat for approximately ten minutes. Once hot, use a clean, dry cloth and gently remove any residue on the blade from previous welding. Warning: Do not use a hard object to scrape polyurethane from hot knife blade.
- 3. Using the cutting shears provided, cut each end of the belt perfectly square. Note: Consult Fenner Drives for instructions on determining correct belt length.
- 4. Loosen the nut on the side of the mini welder to provide some space between the two hold-down clamps.
- 5. Loosen the clamp nuts on top of the mini welder and place the belt ends into each of the clamping grooves. Warning: Make sure there are no twists in the belt. Position each belt end in the clamping groove, leaving approximately 1/8" belt overhang in clamp (see Figure 1) and a 5/32" gap between the two belt ends (see Figure 2).
- 6. Insert the hot knife blade between the two belt ends and then squeeze the spring-loaded sides together until firm resistance is felt (see Figure 3). Continue to close the sides of the mini clamp until approximately a 1/8" melted bead appears on both ends. Hold the hot knife in place for the required heating time; refer to Table 1.
- 7. Release the pressure on the mini clamp sides, quickly remove the hot knife blade and then quickly squeeze the two mini clamp sides back together. Important: This sequence must be done very quickly.
- 8. Tighten the nut on the side of the mini clamp to secure the belt tightly and allow the welded joint to cure for a minimum of three minutes. Warning: Allow the belt to cure for a minimum of ½ hour prior to installing, tensioning or straining the belt weld. Note: While the belt is cooling, use a clean, dry cloth to remove any residue from the hot knife blade. When finished, unplug the hot knife.
- 9. Loosen the clamp nuts on top of the mini welder and remove belt from clamp. Using the flash cutters, remove the bead from the splice; see Figure 4.







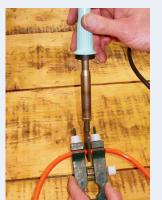




Figure 4

Figure 3

| Belt Size | Estimated Heating Time |
|---|------------------------|
| 2mm – 6mm; ³ / ₃₂ " - | - 1/4" 10 seconds |
| 7mm – 8mm; ⁵ /16" | 10 – 20 seconds |
| 3L & Z/I0 section | 10 – 20 seconds |
| A/I3 section | 21 – 30 seconds |

Table I

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