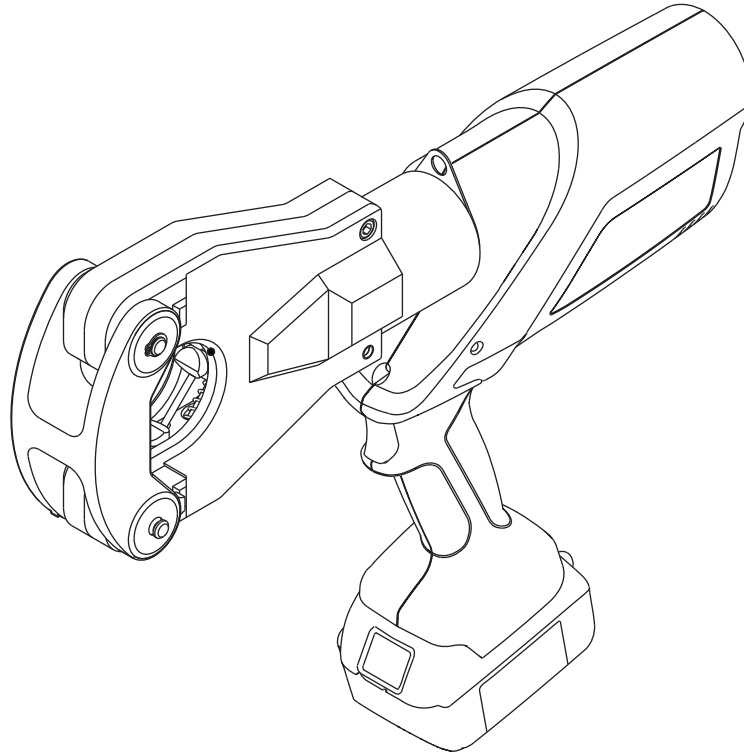


# OPERATION MANUAL



**GREENLEE®**  
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## **GATOR® EK06FTL Battery-powered Crimping Tool**



**Read and understand** all of the instructions and safety information in this manual before operating or servicing this tool.

Register this product at [www.greenlee.com](http://www.greenlee.com)

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## Description

The EK06FTL Battery-powered, High-speed Crimping Tool is a hand-held, self-contained, dieless crimping tool intended to crimp aluminum and copper connectors onto electrical cable.

This tool has a retraction stop feature which allows the operator to stop the retraction motion of the ram to shorten cycle time.

This tool is protected by U.S. Patent No. 6,206,663, 6,276,186, and 6,401,515.

## Safety

Safety is essential in the use and maintenance of Greenlee tools and equipment. This manual and any markings on the tool provide information for avoiding hazards and unsafe practices related to the use of this tool. Observe all of the safety information provided.

## Purpose of this Manual

This manual is intended to familiarize all personnel with the safe operation and maintenance procedures for the following Greenlee tool:

EK06FTL Battery-powered Crimping Tool

Keep this manual available to all personnel.

Replacement manuals are available upon request at no charge at [www.greenlee.com](http://www.greenlee.com).



**Do not discard this product or throw away!**

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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION



### SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL

This symbol is used to call your attention to hazards or unsafe practices which could result in an injury or property damage. The signal word, defined below, indicates the severity of the hazard. The message after the signal word provides information for preventing or avoiding the hazard.

#### ⚠️ DANGER

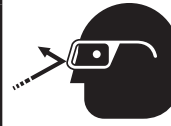
Immediate hazards which, if not avoided, **WILL** result in severe injury or death.

#### ⚠️ WARNING

Hazards which, if not avoided, **COULD** result in severe injury or death.

#### ⚠️ CAUTION

Hazards or unsafe practices which, if not avoided, **MAY** result in injury or property damage.



#### ⚠️ WARNING

Wear eye protection when operating or servicing this tool.

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#### ⚠️ WARNING

Read and understand all of the instructions and safety information in this manual before operating or servicing this tool.

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#### ⚠️ WARNING

Electric shock hazard:

This tool is not insulated. When using this unit on or near energized electrical lines, use proper personal protective equipment.

Failure to observe this warning could result in severe injury or death.


#### ⚠️ WARNING

An incomplete crimp can cause a fire.

- Use proper die, connector, and cable combinations. Improper combinations can result in an incomplete crimp.
- The relief valve sounds and the ram automatically retracts to indicate a completed crimp. If you do not hear the sound of the relieve valve or the ram does not automatically retract, the crimp is not complete.

Failure to observe these warnings could result in severe injury or death.

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION**

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|  | <b>⚠ WARNING</b>   |
|   | Pinch points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remove battery before changing dies, adapters, or jaws.</li><li>• Keep hands away from the crimping tool head when crimping.</li></ul> Failure to observe these warnings could result in severe injury or death. |

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| <b>⚠ WARNING</b>  |
| Do not dispose of batteries in a fire. They will vent fumes and may explode.<br>Failure to observe this warning could result in severe injury from harmful fumes or burns from flying debris. |

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| <b>⚠ WARNING</b>  |
| Inspect tool and dies before use. Replace any worn or damaged parts. A damaged or improperly assembled tool can break and strike nearby personnel.<br>Failure to observe this warning could result in severe injury or death. |

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| <b>⚠ CAUTION</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do not use this tool for continuous use. After 30 to 40 cycles, allow the tool to cool for 15 minutes.</li><li>• Do not secure this tool in a vise. This tool is designed for hand-held operation.</li><li>• This tool may be used in damp or wet environments; however, air-drying is recommended before use if the tool becomes soaked. Damage may result when the tool is operated prior to thorough drying when electrical components are soaked.</li><li>• Use this tool for the manufacturer's intended purpose only.</li></ul> Failure to observe these precautions may result in injury or property damage. |

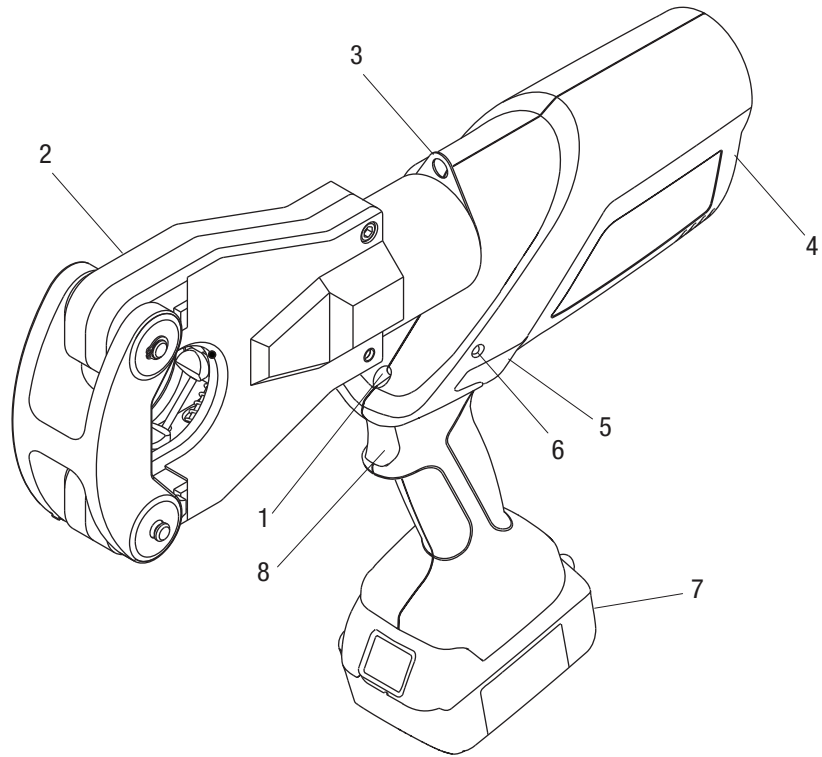
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| <b>⚠ CAUTION</b>  |
| Do not allow anything to contact the battery terminals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do not immerse the batteries in liquid. Liquid may create a short circuit and damage the battery. If batteries are immersed, contact your service center for proper handling.</li><li>• Do not place the battery into a pocket, tool pouch, or tool box with conductive objects. Conductive objects may create a short circuit and damage the battery.</li><li>• Do not place a battery on moist ground or grass. Moisture may create a short circuit and damage the battery.</li></ul> Failure to observe these precautions may result in injury or property damage. |

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| <b>⚠ CAUTION</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do not store the battery at more than 122 °F (50 °C) or less than -4 °F (-20 °C). Damage to the battery can result.</li><li>• Do not use another manufacturer's charger. Other manufacturers' chargers may overcharge and damage the battery.</li><li>• Do not attempt to open the battery. It contains no user-serviceable parts.</li></ul> Failure to observe these precautions may result in injury or property damage. |

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| <b>⚠ CAUTION</b>   |
| Do not perform any service or maintenance other than as described in this manual. Injury or damage to the tool may result.<br>Failure to observe this precaution may result in injury and property damage. |

*Note: Keep all decals clean and legible, and replace when necessary.*

**Identification**



**EK06FTL and EK06FTCL**

- 1. LED Work Light (white)
- 2. Crimping Head
- 3. Lanyard Ring
- 4. Housing
- 5. Retract Button
- 6. LED Indicator (red)
- 7. Battery
- 8. Trigger

**Specifications**

**Crimping Tool**

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|--|--|
| Length .....                                 | 14.87" (377.7 mm)                      |
| Width .....                                  | 2.87" (72.9 mm)                        |
| Height (with battery) .....                  | 12.25" (311 mm)                        |
| Weight .....                                 | 11 lb (5 kg)                           |
| Crimping Force.....                          | 6.2 tons (55 kN)                       |
| Hydraulic Oil.....                           | 52057878 biodegradable hydraulic fluid |
| Recommended Operating Temperature Range..... | 5 °F to 122 °F (-15 °C to 50 °C)       |

**Crimping Capacities**

**Crimping Range**

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Copper .....   | 4 AWG to 750 kcmil |
| Aluminum ..... | 6 AWG to 750 kcmil |

Battery Charger .....Read the instructions supplied with the battery charger

|          |                                |          |  |
|----------|--------------------------------|----------|--|
| 52047087 | 120 VAC corded adapter         | 52049202 | 230 VAC, 18 V charger                          |
| 52047088 | 230 VAC corded adapter         | 52049204 | 12 VDC, 18 V charger                           |
| 52049189 | 18 V, 3 Ah lithium-ion battery | 52054992 | Li (18 V) to NiCd, NiMH (12 V) charger adapter |
| 52049201 | 120 VAC, 18 V charger          | 50122746 | Carrying strap                                 |

## Operation

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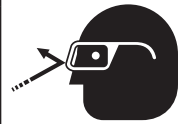
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### Charging the Battery

Read the instructions supplied with the battery charger.

### LED Work Light (white)

This LED automatically turns on when the trigger is pulled. It remains on for 10 seconds after the trigger is released.

### LED Indicator (red)

This tool is equipped with a special circuit board incorporating several important features to inform the user about the current status of the unit. The LED signals in the following cases:

| What happens   | Signal  | What it means   |
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| Flashing light for 2 seconds   | ● ●     | Battery is inserted in tool   |
| Constant light for 20 seconds at end of cycle  | ▬       | Battery charge is below 17 V at beginning of cycle                    |
| Tool will <b>not</b> start, and constant light for 20 seconds when trigger is released | ▬       | Battery charge is below 16 V at beginning of cycle                    |
| Tool will stop, and constant light for 20 seconds after trigger is released            | ▬       | Battery voltage drops below 13 V during cycle                         |
| Tool will stop, and flashing light for 20 seconds when trigger is released             | ● ● ● ● | Motor current exceeds 20 A during cycle<br>Circuit has become too hot |

### Pressure Sensor

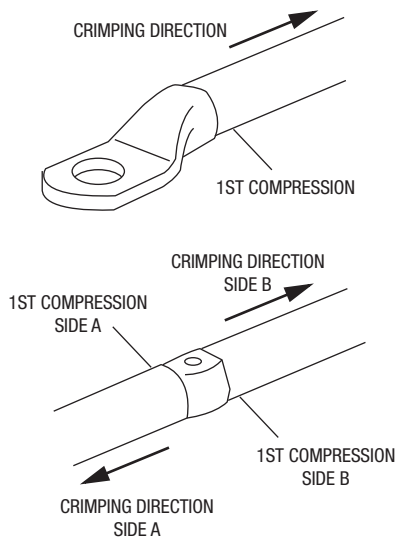
This tool is equipped with a pressure sensor that alerts the user of an incomplete crimp.

- If the tool is manually retracted before completion of a crimp, the red LED and an audible beep will be active for 2 seconds.
- If the tool is unable to reach the required crimp force, the red LED, work light, and an audible beep will pulse until after the trigger is released.

## Operation (cont'd)



### Preparation

Follow the lug manufacturer's instructions for appropriate cable strip length.



### Crimping Procedure

1. Insert cable fully into connector. Center the connector between the nibs.

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|  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RIGHT</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WRONG</b></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>⚠ CAUTION</b></p> <p>Small connectors may become wedged between the nibs of the tool. Center the connector between the four nibs before crimping.</p> <p>Failure to observe this precaution may cause property damage.</p> |
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2. Pull the trigger to advance the nibs. Hold the trigger down until the pressure relief valve activates.
 

*Note: Pressure relief occurs at approximately 690 bar (10,000 psi) and is indicated by an audible "pop."*
3. After achieving pressure relief, the ram automatically returns to the start position and the nibs retract.
4. To stop the ram from returning fully, activate the trigger for a brief moment. This activation will close the retraction valve and stop the retraction motion.
5. Complete the number of crimps specified by the connector manufacturer.

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## Connector Selection

**Tool Range:** Copper — 4 AWG to 750 kcmil (except as noted Δ)  
 Aluminum — 6 AWG to 750 kcmil (except as noted □)

This tool is cUL and UL classified for use with the following connector brands:

| CONNECTOR TYPE              | BARREL TYPE | ANDERSON | BLACKBURN®             | BURNDY  | ILSCO   | PANDUIT                      | T&B   | PENN-UNION        | NO. OF CRIMPS* |   |
|-----------------------------|-------------|----------|------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|---|-------------------|----------------|---|
| Copper Splices              | Short       | VHSS     | CSP <sup>Δ</sup>       | YS-L <sup>Δ</sup>                                     | CT <sup>Δ</sup>                                       | SCSS/SCS <sup>Δ</sup>        | 54507-54523TB <sup>Δ</sup>                      | BCU               | A              |   |
|                             | Long        | VHS      | CU <sup>Δ</sup>        | YS <sup>Δ</sup>                                       | CTL <sup>Δ</sup>                                      | SCL/SCH <sup>Δ</sup>         | 54807-54823 <sup>Δ</sup>                        | BBCU              |                |   |
| Copper Lugs                 | Short       | VHCS     | CTL-2/CTL <sup>Δ</sup> | YA-2LN/YA-L/YA-2L <sup>Δ</sup><br>YA/YA-L-TC/YA-L-2TC | CSW <sup>Δ</sup><br>CRA/CRB                           | LCAS/LCA <sup>Δ</sup><br>LCD | 54107-54123TB <sup>Δ</sup><br>54207-54223       | BLU               |                |   |
|                             | Long        | VHCL     | CTL-L/LCN <sup>Δ</sup> | YA-2N <sup>Δ</sup>                                    | CLN, CLW <sup>Δ</sup><br>CRA-L/CRB-L<br>CRA-2L/CRB-2L | LCB/LCC <sup>Δ</sup>         | 54933BE-54923BE <sup>Δ</sup><br>54855BE-54880BE | BBLU              |                |   |
| Dual-rated Aluminum Splices | —           | VACS     | ASP <sup>□</sup>       | YS-A <sup>□</sup>                                     | AS  | SA <sup>□</sup>              | 60507-50578                                     | PIK <sup>□</sup>  |                | B |
| Dual-rated Aluminum Lugs    | —           | VACL     | ATL <sup>□</sup>       | YA-A <sup>□</sup><br>YA-ATN                           | ACL/ACN<br>2ACL/2ACN                                  | LAA <sup>□</sup><br>LAB      | 60106-60178<br>60230-60278                      | BLUA <sup>□</sup> |                |   |



\*Use the number of crimps listed in the last column instead of the number provided with the connector:

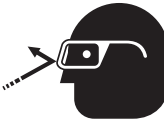
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| <b>A</b> — 4 to 4/0 AWG: 1 crimp | <b>B</b> — 6 to 1 AWG: 1 crimp |
| 250 to 600 kcmil: 2 crimps       | 1/0 AWG to 350 kcmil: 2 crimps |
| 750 kcmil: 3 crimps              | 400 to 600 kcmil: 3 crimps     |
|                                  | 750 kcmil: 4 crimps            |


Δ 2 AWG to 750 kcmil


□ Blackburn: 4 AWG to 750 kcmil  
 Burndy: 4 AWG to 750 kcmil  
 Panduit: 4 AWG to 500 kcmil  
 Penn-Union: 6 AWG to 500 kcmil




## Maintenance

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| <b>IMPORTANT</b>   |
| Relief valve adjustments must be done by an authorized service center. |

### Daily

#### Before use:

1. Inspect the tool for wear or damage, such as cracks, gouges, or chips.
2. Inspect the tool for damage or leaks.
3. Inspect the rotation of the head assembly. Fully retract the ram. The head should rotate no more than 360°. If damage is detected, send the tool to a Greenlee Authorized Service Center for inspection.

#### After use:

1. Use a damp cloth and mild detergent to clean the housing. Allow the housing to dry.
2. Fully retract the ram. Place the tool in the carrying case and store in a cool, dry place.
3. If necessary, recharge the batteries. Refer to the instructions supplied with the battery charger.

### Monthly

1. Thoroughly clean all surfaces.
2. Check the oil level.

### Annually or After 10,000 Crimps

1. Replace the hydraulic oil.
2. Send the tool to a Greenlee Authorized Service Center for inspection.

### Checking the Oil Level

1. Remove the screws holding the housing cover together.
2. Point the crimping head downward and remove the oil reservoir plug. Fill reservoir if necessary.
3. Replace the oil plug and housing cover.

## Troubleshooting

### Before You Begin

1. Make sure that the battery is charged. Recheck the battery after several minutes to make sure the battery is holding its charge.
2. Use a **nonflammable** contact cleaner or pencil eraser to clean the electrical contacts on the battery and tool.
3. Reinstall the battery and check the tool again.

| Problem  | Possible Cause                                 | Probable Remedy   |
|--|--|---|
| Tool is inoperative.                           | Dirt, contaminants, etc., in ram area of tool. | Clean tool.   |
|  | Tool battery contacts damaged.                 | Reform contacts.  |
|  | Tool components worn or damaged.               | Return tool to a Greenlee Authorized Service Center.  |
| Motor is inoperative.                          | Low or uncharged battery.                      | Try known charged battery. Inoperative battery may be discharged or may have reached life expectancy.   |
|  | Broken switch components.                      | Return tool to a Greenlee Authorized Service Center.  |
| Motor runs but tool will not complete a cycle. | Oil level low.                                 | Return tool to a Greenlee Authorized Service Center.  |
|  | Air in hydraulic system.                       | Pull trigger and hold retract button simultaneously. Run for approximately 10 seconds, and then attempt to crimp. If unsuccessful, return tool to a Greenlee Authorized Service Center. |
|  | Cold oil.                                      | Pull trigger and hold retract button simultaneously to warm oil. Store tool in warm area.   |
| Dies stop during operation.                    | Oil level low.                                 | Return tool to a Greenlee Authorized Service Center.  |
|  | Air in hydraulic system.                       | Pull trigger and hold retract button simultaneously. Hold for approximately 10 seconds.   |
| LED glows for 20 seconds.                      | Battery charge low.                            | Charge or replace battery.  |
| Tool loses oil.                                | Damaged internal seal.                         | Return tool to a Greenlee Authorized Service Center.  |





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