



OPERATOR'S MANUAL

ACCU-CUT ARCHER

Carpet and Vinyl Cut & Roll Machine

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INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on the purchase of your Accu-Cut Archer carpet and vinyl cutting and rolling machine. Your Accu-Cut machine has been carefully engineered and manufactured to provide you with many years of dependable service and trouble free operation.

Proper operation and maintenance is essential to ensure precise and dependable operation of your Accu-Cut. We encourage you and your employees to read this manual carefully and become familiar with the operating and maintenance procedures for this machine.

This manual is designed to cover all areas of operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting in order to minimize problems. Always follow safety rules and precautions when operating or performing maintenance work on the machine.

Again, congratulations and thank you for choosing Brockie International to provide you with quality equipment and quality service. The confidence you and thousands of others have placed in us has helped to make Accu-Cut the most respected name in floor covering cutting equipment. Should you ever have any questions or concerns regarding your Accu-Cut please do not hesitate to contact us.

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SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

In order to avoid personal injury, make sure the operator(s) and/or maintenance person(s) of the machine have been oriented with the machine's operating procedures and are aware of all safety precautions.

- 1. Unplug power cord before making any adjustments or repairs.**
- 2. A qualified electrician should perform electrical repairs.**
- 3. Do not operate machine on a wet floor.**
- 4. Use extreme caution when replacing cutter blades.**
- 5. Keep hands clear of all moving components while machine is running.**
- 6. Keep loose clothing and articles away from all moving components while machine is running.**
- 7. Keep machine unplugged while not in use.**
- 8. Do not allow children near the machine.**
- 9. Keep machine clean of all plastic wrap, carpet fibers, and all other debris.**
- 11. Ensure machine is stationary and will not roll on casters.**
- 12. Do not remove chain covers except for servicing.**
- 13. Keep space beside cradles (dumping areas) clear.**

ABOUT THE MACHINE

The Accu-Cut Archer cut and roll machine consists of two sets of steel rollers that are referred to as cradles. The side where material is loaded is the **load side cradle**, while the opposite side is the **roll up cradle**. The roll up cradle is designed to run slightly faster than the load side to ensure a tight roll up of material. Each cradle is chain driven by heavy duty UL & CSA approved electric motors.

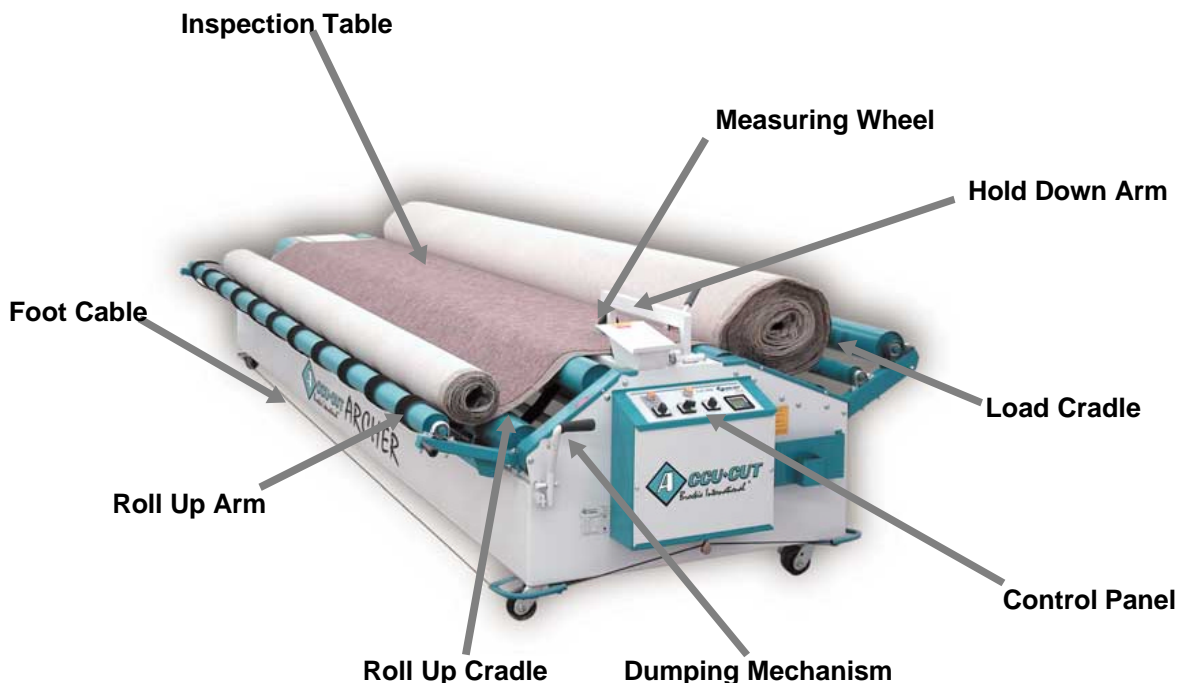
The Archer is operated from the **control panel**, which includes the **directional controls**, **cutter controls**, and the **electronic counter**.

The Accu-Cut Archer measuring system is extremely accurate. It consists of a large diameter, knurled **measuring wheel** located in a cutout of the **inspection table** below the **hold down arm**. The measuring wheel is connected to an advanced encoder which communicates with the electronic counter to provide you with an accurate measurement.

The cutter assembly on the Archer consists of two, standard, slotted blades positioned within a cutter assembly inside the **cutting track**. The cutter assembly is chain driven by a dedicated cutter motor. The rubber o-rings on the wheels of the cutter assembly are removable and are mainly beneficial when cutting vinyl - they are not required when cutting carpet.

A wrap around **foot control cable** is provided to operate the machine "hands free" while inspecting wrapping, unwrapping, or tending the roll.

The Archer also includes a **dumping mechanism** on the **roll up cradle** that will quickly and simply off-load the cut material onto the floor allowing another cut to be made without using a forklift to unload the cut piece.



OPERATING PROCEDURES

PROCEDURES FOR UNROLLING AND CUTTING

Loading the material

Place the material on the **load side cradle**, making sure the leading edge of the material is feeding across the **inspection table** from the **bottom of the roll** with the **pile side up and the backing down** – vinyl can be measured pattern up or down. Make sure the roll is positioned so that the edge of the material is between the **measuring wheel** and the **cutter assembly** (see photo 1A).



Photo 1A

Unwrapping new rolls and tightening loose rolls

After loading the wrapped roll, cut the plastic the full length of the roll and at each end. Position the load cradle **roller directional switch** in the reverse position, and then step on the **foot cable control** while pulling off the plastic wrapping.

If you have a loose roll, run the **load cradle** rollers in reverse by placing the load cradle **roller directional switch** in the reverse position and pressing the **jog button** or stepping on the **foot cable control** to activate the load cradle rollers. Continue to run the rollers in reverse until the roll has tightened.

Positioning the material

Raise the **hold down arm**, lifting it off the **measuring wheel**. Set both **roller directional switches** to forward. Step on the **foot cable control** or press the **jog button**, advancing the material to the center of the **cutting track** (see photo 3A). Now lower the **hold down arm** back on to the **measuring wheel**. Failure to lower the **hold down arm** will result in an inaccurate measurement.

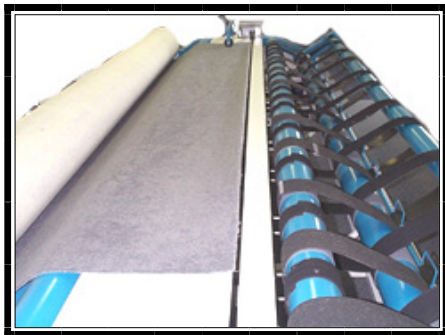


Photo 3A

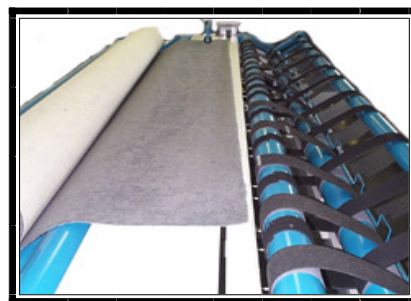


Photo 3B

Note: If the material is off square, line the trailing edge of the material with the **cutting track** (see photo 3B).

Entering the cut length

With the material lined up in the center of the **cutting track** the counter must now be reset to zero by pressing the reset/clear button on the counter. The desired cut length can now be programmed.

On the display:

“C” = count

“P₁” = programmed measurement

Note: If P₁ is not shown press the + or—buttons until the counter displays P₁.

To enter your desired cut length:

1. Press select — P₁ digits begin to flash
2. Press select until the desired digit is flashing then press the + or—button to reach the desired value.
3. Press select to move to the next numeral then press + or—to set value
4. Repeat process until desired measurement is programmed then press enter

The desired cut length is now entered into the counter and the roll up process can begin.



Photo 4

Note: The Archer does not feature an auto-slow down and stop feature. The counter simply shuts down the machine when the programmed measurement is reached. Momentum often causes the material to continue to advance across the measuring wheel. You can compensate for this by either programming your desired length a few inches short and jogging the material to the desired length or by reversing the material to the desired length once the machine has stopped.

Rolling up the material

After setting the **counter**, either press the **hand control button** or step on the **foot cable control**, while pulling the material across the inspection table and under the hold down arm by hand. Advance the leading edge of the material until it is half way between the last two rollers on the **roll-up cradle** (see *photo 8A*). Pulling up the **roll-up arm** will fold over the material and start the roll-up procedure. If using a tube, place the tube on top of the material, then pull up the **roll-up arm** folding the material over the tube (see *photo 8B*).



Photo 8A



Photo 8B

Continue to apply pressure with the **roll-up arm** until the material has made six or seven revolutions (see *photo 8C*). At this time the **roll-up arm** can be lowered to its original position (see *photo 8D*). Now the machine can be operated while stepping on the **foot cable control** allowing the roll to easily be monitored and adjusted if necessary.



Photo 8C



Photo 8D

Monitoring the roll

Make sure the roll-up is started tight and square. If the roll begins to “walk” one way or the other, move to that end of the roll and push the roll in towards the **inspection table** as it rolls. This will cause the side walking to catch up with the other side straightening the roll and reducing any “coning” of the roll. Do not be concerned if the roll appears somewhat loose. After the cut has been made, or the end of the roll is reached, continuing to rotate the roll in the **roll-up cradle** will cause the material to tighten.

Cutting the material

When the counter reaches the programmed measurement the machine will shut off. However, due to the momentum of the roll the material may continue to advance across the measuring wheel. Before activating the cutter ensure your measurement is correct and the material is tight across the **cutting track**. If your measurement is not at the desired length use **hand control button** to jog the material forward or backward until the measurement is the length desired. If the material is not tight, positioning the roll-up cradle **roller directional switch** in forward and the load cradle **roller directional switch** in reverse and briefly pressing the **hand control button** will tighten the material across the **inspection table**.

Once the material is tight across the **cutting track**, engage the cutter by turning and holding the **cutter directional switch** to the direction desired then press and hold down the **cutter safety button**. Releasing the button or switch will stop the cutter. When the cutter has reached the end of the **cutting track** it will automatically come to a stop. The cutter cuts in both directions allowing it to be left at either end of the machine after a cut has been made.

Note: When processing 15' wide material the cutter must be stored at the **control panel** end of the machine. If the cutter is left at the far end of the machine it will interfere with the material as it moves across the **inspection table**.

Wrapping the cut length

To wrap the cut length, keep the roll-up cradle **roller directional switch** in the forward position and place the load cradle **roller directional switch** in the off position. Place the wrapping material inside the flap of the material you are wrapping. Stepping on the **foot cable control** will rotate the roll, letting you wrap the material while it is still on the machine.



Photo 11A



Photo 11B

Caution: Keep hands and all loose clothing away from moving parts.

Dumping the cut length

The cut length can be dumped on to the floor by pulling the **dumping mechanism** that lowers the **roll-up arm** into the dump position. When the **roll-up arm** is in the dump position the cut length will fall to the floor. For smaller cut lengths it may be necessary to engage the roll-up side cradle to dislodge the material from the cradle to the floor or simply push the material to the floor by hand.



Photo 12A

Dumping
mechanism



Photo 12B



Photo 12C

Caution: Make sure the area is clear before dumping the cut length.

MEASURING ROLL BALANCES

To determine the balance remaining on a roll or to check the length of a new roll perform the following procedures:

- ◆ Program the counter following the steps detailed under 'Entering the cut length' on page 7. **Enter a large number i.e. 250'** – since the length of the roll is unknown it is necessary to enter a number larger than the estimated length of the roll
- ◆ Line up the edge of the material to be measured to the center of the **measuring wheel** pile side up. (see photo 13)
- ◆ **Press reset/clear** to reset the counter to zero
- ◆ Follow the procedures for "Rolling up the material" detailed on page 8
- ◆ Continue rolling up the material until the end of the roll it is centered with the **measuring wheel**.
- ◆ The measurement indicated on the counter is the length of the material.



Photo 13

PROCEDURES FOR REVERSE ROLLING

Reverse rolling is an effective manner of merchandising remnants. Several dealers even merchandise full rolls pile side out. An optional **top counter** and **pinch roller** may be necessary for reverse rolling full rolls. Contact your Accu-Cut representative for details on these options.

The procedures for reverse rolling are identical to the procedures for “*Measuring roll balances*” (page 10) with the following exceptions:

Rolling up the material

After setting the **counter**, either press the **hand control button** or step on the **foot cable control**, while pulling the material across the inspection table and under the hold down arm by hand. Advance the leading edge of the material until it is half way between the last two rollers on the **roll-up cradle** (see photo 14A). Position the material on top of the tube. Use of a tube is strongly recommended.

Leave the load cradle **roller directional switch** in the forward position but place the **roll-up cradle roller directional switch** in the reverse position.

Pull up the **roll-up arm** and engage the rollers by stepping on the **foot cable control** or pressing the **jog button**. The **roll-up arm** will cause the material to begin rolling in reverse around the cardboard tube and start the roll-up procedure. (see photo 14B). After the material has made several revolutions lower the roll-up arm. (see photo 14C).

NOTE: If the material is walking up on the inspection table momentarily shut off the roll-up cradle to allow load cradle to catch up.



Photo 14A



Photo 14B



Photo 14C

A few words about reverse rolling

Reverse rolling is a simple process but often takes time to perfect and learn – be patient. There are numerous times when and how reverse rolling can occur. We have tried to list the most common below.

Reverse rolling the balance of a roll after making a cut:

After removing the cut length from the roll-up cradle, reverse the material in the load cradle so that the leading edge is centered with the measuring wheel. Reset the counter to zero then follow the steps at the top of the page. The measurement indicated on the counter is the length of the material.

Reverse rolling with the material coming off the top of the roll and pile side down:

If the length of a roll is already known, some operators will choose to reverse roll the material having the material feed from the top of the roll with pile side down. This method allows the operator to keep roll-up cradles in the forward position, load side reverse and use the roll-up arm in the same manner as when making a cut. *Please note that it is not possible to get an accurate measurement with the pile side down.*

PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

Weekly:

1. **Check conditions of belts and belt lacing.** Repair, if possible, any damaged belt lacing contact Accu-Cut for replacement belts.
2. **Check control switches** for proper operation.
3. **Check operation of counter assembly.**
 - ◆ Check that measuring wheel is secure and does not have any cracks or excessive wobble.
 - ◆ Check the “grooves” or “knurls” on the measuring wheel. Ensure the wheel does not have smooth or bald spots.
 - ◆ Make sure wheel is at proper height above opening in the table. Wheel must be at least a credit card thickness above opening or the pads on either side of the opening.
 - ◆ Check condition of measuring wheel shaft and its connection to the counting device. Make sure the shaft is secure and not bent.
4. **Clean machine** of debris and/or carpet fibers, particularly on or around the motor areas, chains, sprockets and cutting track.
5. **Check tension on all cables and chains.** Adjust as necessary for proper operation.
6. **Check calibration of counter.** Follow the Test Strip Instruction sheet in this manual to check your calibration. Contact your Accu-cut Service Representative before attempting re-calibration.

Monthly:

1. **Check the alignment** of all sprockets, pulleys and rollers for proper operation.
2. **Check allen screws** on all sprockets, pulleys and locking collars.
3. **Check condition of the electrical outlet** on machine. Ensure outlet is secure.
4. **Check gearboxes** for proper oil level. Use 90-weight gear oil, if needed.
5. **Lubricate all drive chains** with light oil.

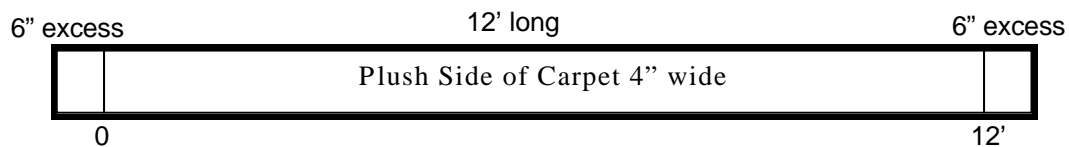
Yearly:

1. **Lubricate all roller bearings** with grease gun
2. **Lubricate all bearings for cutter drive assembly** with grease gun.
3. **Lubricate counter shaft bearings** with grease gun.
4. **Lubricate swivel castor wheels** with grease gun.

TEST STRIP INSTRUCTIONS

How to make a test strip:

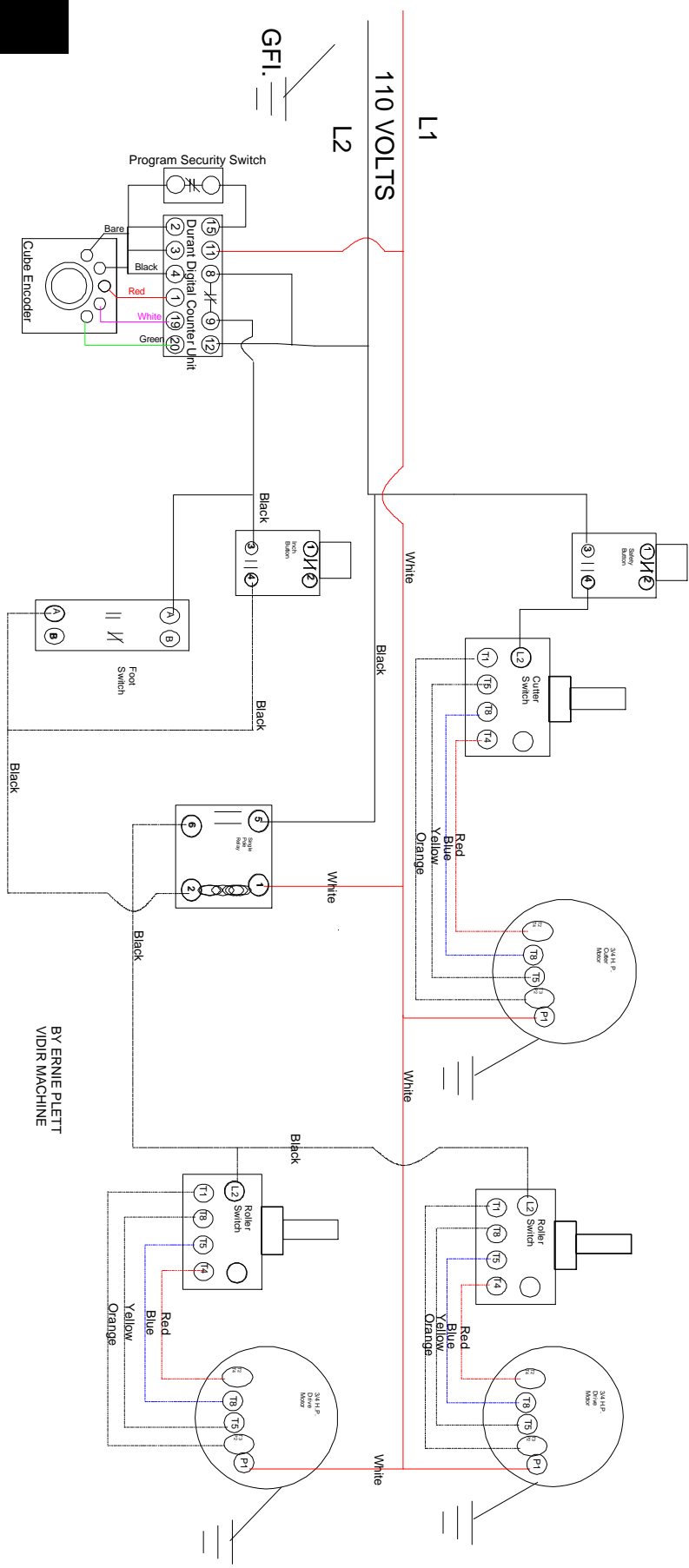
1. Cut a strip of carpet that is 4 " wide by 13' long.
2. Center your tape measure on strip of carpet.
3. Draw a line at 0 and a line at 12'.
4. DO NOT cut off excess material.



How to use a test strip:

1. Unwind test strip plush side up, line up the black hold down arm over wheel with 1st black line on test strip.
2. Reset counter to zero.
3. Slowly pull test strip across the measuring wheel.
4. Stop at 2nd black line, counter should read 12 feet.
5. Repeat the test 3 or 4 times.
6. If measurement is off contact your Accu-Cut Service Representative.

ELECTRICAL DIAGRAM



'Archer 2000' model

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