WARNING CARPET TRIMMER

Any piece of equipment can be dangerous if not operated properly. **YOU** are responsible for the safe operation of this equipment. The operator must carefully read and follow any warnings, safety signs and instructions provided with or located on the equipment. Do not remove, defeat, deface or render inoperable any of the safety devices or warnings on this equipment. If any safety devices or warnings have been removed, defeated, defaced, or rendered inoperable,
DO NOT USE THIS EQUIPMENT!!!

⚠️**WARNING:** This product can expose you to chemicals including Chromium from steel products, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to **www.P65warnings.ca.gov**

Use extreme caution: The blades used in this tool are very sharp!

Keep your hands, feet and all other body parts clear of the blade at all times.

Never operate equipment of any kind if you are tired or if you are under the influence of alcohol, drugs, medication, or any substance that could affect your ability or judgment. Be alert! If you get tired while operating this equipment, take a break. Tiredness may result in loss of control.

Be sure to read and follow all instructions and information on the following page.

If the person receiving this handout will not be the user of the equipment, forward these instructions to the operator. If there is any doubt as to the operation or safety of the equipment, **DO NOT USE!!! CALL A TOOL SHED IMMEDIATELY!!! FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH**

FEATURES:

- Easy top-loading blade holders and a simple shim height adjustment system.
- Four-position adjustable throat opening to accommodate varying pile height and density.
- Designed to trim in both directions.
- Vinyl-coated ratchet handle can fold down for trimming under toe spaces (see figs.1 and 2).
- The wall runner has a plastic protective pad and is angled away from the wall to help reduce marking of the baseboards (see fig. 10).

USING THE TRIMMER:

HANDLE ADJUSTMENT:

The handle on the No. 245 Deluxe Trimmer is designed to fold down for trimming under toe spaces. To adjust, loosen the 3-Arm Knob at the handle, press the top of the handle down. The downward pressure spreads the arms of the handle. Rotate the handle up or down, and retighten the knob.
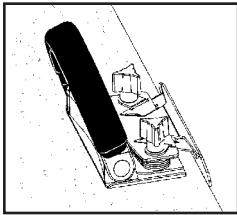
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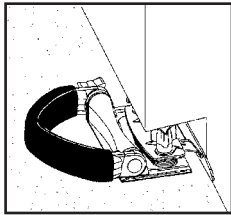Upright handle position for normal use

FIG. 2
Fold down handle position for using under toe space.

USE ONLY TRIMMER BLADES:

Unlike utility blades, trimmer blades are beveled on one side only (see figure 3). It is important to keep the beveled edge of the trimmer blade up. This causes the nap of the carpet being cut to be deflected up and away from the trimmer.

With the beveled edge of the blade down, the cut nap will be pushed down, underneath the blade holder, causing the tool to rise and giving you a longer cut than desired.
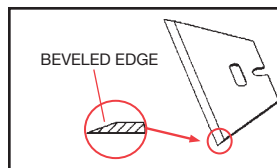
BEVELED EDGE

FIG. 3

BLADE CHANGING:

REMOVING: It is best to change blades one at a time (see figure 4). Loosen one of the knobs, then lift and turn the blade holder out of the way. Next, push the blade back towards the handle as far as possible, then turn the tool

upside down and tap on the backside. Blade should fall out easily.

INSERTING: To insert blade, place blade flat in the holder slot, and push it forward as far as possible so that the front edge contacts the wall runner. A rectangular hole near the handle becomes visible. Replace the blade holder over the slot, making sure its back depression seats in the rectangular hole. Re-tighten the knob.
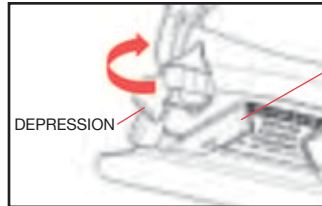
FIG. 4
RECTANGULAR HOLE: When replacing blade holder make sure back depression seats here.

When moving the blade clamp to change blades, it is best to do this one at a time.

DEPRESSION

ADJUSTING THE TRIMMER:

The actual cut is determined by both the THROAT OPENING and the BLADE HEIGHT.

The THROAT OPENING holds carpet in proper position.

The BLADE HEIGHT determines where the blade will cut.

For example: A wide opening (throat position at #4 hole) used on a thin carpet will give you a shorter cut, because the carpet is not held upright, but allowed to lay on an angle (see figures 8 and 9).

NARROW THROAT OPENING
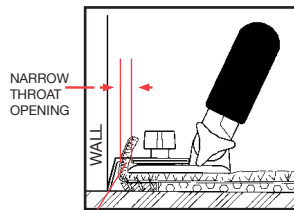WALL

WIDE THROAT OPENING
WALL

FIG. 8
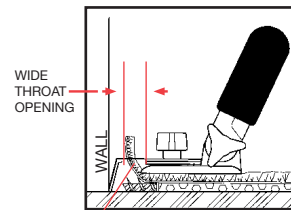Narrow throat opening holds carpet upright, allowing a longer cut.

FIG. 9
Wide throat opening allows carpet to lay at an angle, making a shorter cut.

The best multi-purpose setting for trimming most of today's carpets is:

THROAT OPENING: AT #2 HOLE
BLADE HEIGHT: 4 SPACERS

THROAT ADJUSTMENT:

There are 4 width adjustments for the throat opening to accommodate various thicknesses of carpet (see figure 5). First, loosen and then press down on both 3-Arm Knobs to disengage the positive lock pins in the bottom plate. Now you can move the wall runner from the first (#1 hole) for thin carpet through the fourth (#4 hole) for thicker carpets (see figure 6).
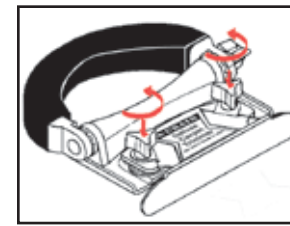
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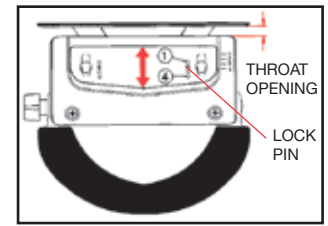Loosen and press down on both knobs to disengage the lock pins

FIG. 6
THROAT OPENING
LOCK PIN
Throat adjustment:
#1 hole = Thin carpet
#4 hole = Thick carpet

BLADE HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT:

Adjusting the blade height is accomplished by adding or removing the five spacers (or shims) located underneath the wall runner (see figure 7). One spacer gives the shortest cut, and five spacers gives the longest cut.
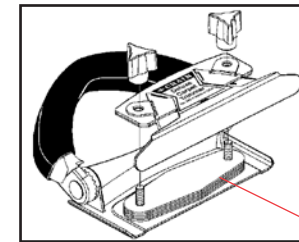
FIG. 7
Blade height adjustment:
1 spacer = Shortest cut
5 spacers = Longest cut

SPACERS (5)

OPERATING:

1. Two or three feet from the corner, make a starter cut three to four inches long, leaving excess carpet running up the wall.

2. Place the trimmer into the cut. Keep the bottom of the trimmer flat against the carpet, and the bottom edge of the wall runner at the junction of the floor and the wall (see fig. 10).

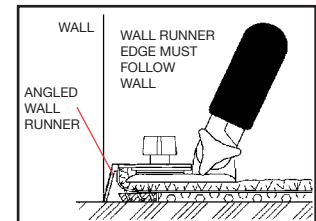WALL
WALL RUNNER EDGE MUST FOLLOW WALL
ANGLED WALL RUNNER

FIG. 10

3. Push the trimmer along the wall with your outside hand. Using your inside, or wall-side hand, pull the carpet being trimmed (see fig. 11). The pulling tension on the cut-off piece makes trimming easier.
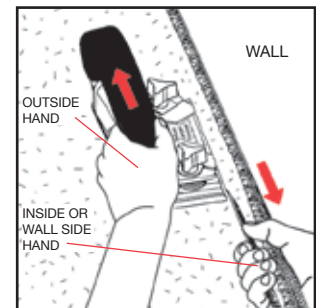
4. For a clean, smooth, finished edge, the excess is tucked into the gully between the wall and tackless with a stair tool.

WALL
OUTSIDE HAND
INSIDE OR WALL SIDE HAND

FIG. 11