BATTERY OPERATED HYDRAULIC CRIMPING TOOL

B1500A    B1500NA

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL
FIG. 1a

Metabo battery

B1500A

FIG. 1b

Makita battery

B1500NA

FIG. 2

semi-circular slotted "U" dies

FIG. 3

"P" dies

14

AU150-C adapter

15

FIG. 4

12

6
FIG. 5

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3. LED WORKLIGHT
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### WARNING SYMBOLS

#### Tool

- Before using the tool, carefully read the instructions in this manual.

- When operating the tool, keep hands away from the danger zone.

- Do not operate when dies are not in place.

- User information applies in member states of the European Union (Directives 2011/65/EU and 2012/19/EU).

#### Battery

- Never throw batteries into fire or water.

- Always recycle the batteries.

- Do not discard batteries into domestic refuse or waste disposal.
# 1. GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

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<th>Application range</th>
<th>B1500A</th>
<th>B1500NA</th>
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<tr>
<td>suitable for installing electrical compression connectors for Copper conductors up to 800 mm² (1500 MCM) and for Aluminum conductors up to 630 mm² (1250 MCM)</td>
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| Type of acceptable dies: | accepts all “P” type dies commonly used in industry and the semi-circular slotted dies (U-dies) common to most 12 ton tools and 14,6 ton Cembre tools | |

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<th>Rated crimping force</th>
<th>kN (US sh. ton)</th>
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<td>Minimum crimping force</td>
<td>kN (US sh. ton)</td>
<td>134.3 (15.1)</td>
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<td>Minimum operating pressure</td>
<td>bar (psi)</td>
<td>742 (10762)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dimensions (Fig. 8 page 14)</td>
<td>mm (inches)</td>
<td>525 x 251 x102.5 (20.6 x 9.9 x 4)</td>
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<td>Weight with battery</td>
<td>kg (lbs)</td>
<td>9.7 (21.3)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Motor</td>
<td>V DC</td>
<td>18</td>
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<tr>
<td>Operating temperature</td>
<td>°C (°F)</td>
<td>-15 to +50 (+5 to +122)</td>
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<td>Recommended oil</td>
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<td>ENI ARNICA ISO 32 or equivalents</td>
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<tr>
<td>Operating speed</td>
<td>twin speed operation and automatic switching from a rapid advancing speed of the ram to a slower, more powerful crimping speed</td>
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<tr>
<td>Safety</td>
<td>maximum pressure valve</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rechargeable battery</td>
<td>type</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>V / Ah (Wh)</td>
<td>18 / 4.0 / (72)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Acoustic noise</td>
<td>dB</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>L_{pCpeak} 86.9 (C)</td>
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<td>Vibration</td>
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<td>ASC30-36</td>
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<tr>
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<td>V / Hz</td>
<td>115 / 60</td>
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(1) Directive 2006/42/EC, annexe 1, point 1.7.4.2 letter u

L_{PA} = weighted continuous acoustic pressure level equivalent.

L_{pCPeak} = maximum value of the weighted acoustic displacement pressure at the work place.

L_{WA} = acoustic power level emitted by the machine.

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(2) Directive 2006/42/EC, annexe 1, point 2.2.1.1

Weighted root mean square in frequency of the acceleration the upper limbs are exposed to for each biodynamic reference axis. Tests carried out in compliance with the indications contained in EN ISO 5349-1/2 Standard and under operating conditions much more severe than those normally found.
WARNING

Do not use the tool for purposes other than those intended by Cembre. The operator should concentrate on the work being performed and be careful to maintain a balanced working position.

Before starting work on electrical equipment, please ensure that either there are no live parts in the immediate working area or that precautions are taken for working near live parts in accordance with EN50110-1.

Do not use this tool on or near energised conductors without proper personal protective equipment. Failure to observe this warning could result in severe injury or death.

The tool is unsuitable for continuous use and should be allowed to cool down following uninterrupted, successive crimping operations; for instance, having exhausted a fully charged battery in one session, delay battery replacement for a few minutes.

Protect the tool from rain and moisture. Water will damage the tool and battery. Electro-hydraulic tools should not be operated in pouring rain.

2. INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

IMPORTANT: Never pressurise the tool without inserting the dies, this could cause damage to the head and the ram.

The part reference includes the following:
- Hydraulic crimping tool (B1500NA is fitted with adapter to use Makita battery).
- Li-Ion rechargeable battery (2 pcs) (model depends on the tool version).
- Battery charger (model depends on the tool version).
- Shoulder strap.
- Metal carrying case.
- USB cable (Ref. to § 6 page 13).

2.1) Preparation

The tool can be easily carried using either the main handle (13) or the shoulder strap attached to the two rings (8) (Ref. to Fig. 8). The main operating positions are: horizontal standing on its feet and vertical standing on its battery. In addition to the main handle (13) the lower handle (6) allows a safer and more balanced grip when using two hands to hold the tool (Ref. to Fig. 4).

Before starting any work, check the battery charge (Ref. to § 2.8) and recharge if necessary. Refer to the manufacturer's instructions for the correct use of battery and battery charger.
To replace the battery, grip the tool as illustrated in the Figures 1a and 1b.

**B1500A:** grip the tool as illustrated in Fig 1a, press the release button (10) and push the battery downward unlocking it.

**B1500NA:** position the tool as illustrated in Fig 1b, press the release button (10) and pull the battery unlocking it.

Insert a charged battery from the bottom by sliding it into the guides until it locks.

- The display shows the operational parameters of the tool; to customise them proceed as described in § 2.7.
- Select the appropriate die set for the connector to be crimped and insert them into the tool head as described in § 3.

**When introducing or changing dies, the battery must first be removed from the tool.**

- Insert the conductor into the connector and position the connector between the die; if necessary open the tool head by means the locking pin (4) (Ref. to Fig. 2).
- Ensure the correct location of the crimp.

**NOTE:** when more compression is required, proceed according to the sequence and direction indicated in the figure, uniformly spacing the compressions.

**Before carrying out further crimping operations make sure the locking pin (4) is completely inserted: its partial insertion may damage the tool head.**

2.2) Die advancement
- Press operating button (1) to activate the motor-pump and advance the lower die.
- To halt the advancement, release operating button and the motor will cut out.

*Make sure the dies are exactly positioned on the desired crimp point otherwise re-open dies following instructions as per § 2.4 and reposition the connector.*

2.3) Compression
- By keeping operating button (1) pressed, the motor continues to operate: the ram will gradually move forward until the two dies touch.
- The motor will stop automatically when the set pressure has been reached.

*To perform proper compression, press and hold the operating button (1) until the motor stops automatically.*
NOTE: To display the momentary force or pressure during the work cycle, select the appropriate display from the menu (Ref. to § 4). When the operating button is released before the motor stops automatically, the display will show the peak force (Fp) or the peak pressure (Pp) reached at that instant.

To complete the work, press the operating button again until the motor stops automatically; the display will show the maximum force or pressure reached followed by ‘OK’ to confirm correct operation.

The display ‘ERROR’, combined with a beep and the LEDs flashing, indicates an incorrect crimping procedure caused by the work cycle being interrupted before the control parameters (force/pressure) of the tool are reached. This error appears when the pressure release button has been operated and the tool has already reached a pressure > 100 bar. In this case, repeat the compression by pressing and holding the operating button until the motor stops automatically.

2.4) Release of dies

► By operating the pressure release button (2), the ram will retract and open the dies.
► To take the dies off their guide, it is sufficient to press the pins and slip them from the head.

2.5) LED Worklights

Whilst the tool is in operation, the compression area is illuminated by two high luminosity LED Worklights that switch off automatically at the end of the cycle.

The LED Worklights can be disabled by following the procedure described in § 4.2.

2.6) Head rotation

For ease of operation, the tool head can rotate through 180°, allowing the operator to work in the most comfortable position.

Do not attempt to rotate the head when the hydraulic circuit is pressurised.
2.7) Capacitive touch button for menu selection
This button is located under the display and allows selection of various screens (Ref. to § 4); it only works when the display is on. Wearing gloves or using other objects may inhibit the operation of the button, therefore use a bare finger to apply only a light touch.

⚠️ Do not apply pressure to or stab at the touch button, a light touch using a bare finger is sufficient. The command pulse is sent when the finger releases the button.

2.8) Battery status
With the battery inserted into the tool, the remaining battery life can also be checked on the display, via touch button selection (Ref. to § 4).

The screen shown alongside indicates that the battery voltage has dropped below a minimum safety threshold; under these conditions the tool will not start, and it is necessary to recharge or replace the battery.

2.9) Using the battery charger
Carefully follow the instructions in the battery charger user manual.

3. DIE AND ADAPTER ASSEMBLES

B1500A and B1500NA tools directly accept all “P” type dies commonly used in industry and when used with adapter AU150-C (optional accessory) will accept semi-circular slotted dies (U-dies) common to most 12 ton tools and 14,6 ton Cembre tools. Depending on the dies to be used, please proceed as follows:

3.1) Use of “P” dies (Ref. to Fig. 3a)
Press pins (14) and insert half of the “P” die into the upper seat of the head and the other half into the lower seat of the ram; to disassemble them press the pins (14) and slip them from the head.

3.2) Use of semi-circular slotted dies (“U” dies) (Ref. to Fig. 3b)
- Insert the 2 parts of the AU150-C adapter following the instructions as § 3.1.
- Select the appropriate “U” die set for the connector to be crimped.
- Press pins (15) and lock the parts of the “U” dies into the upper and lower parts of the AU150-C.
4. DISPLAY

The OLED display (9) switches on automatically when the operating or pressure release buttons are pressed, and off after 60 seconds of non-operation.

The display shows:

- The main operational parameters of the tool processed by the circuit board, such as peak pressure or force reached.
- Information on the condition of the tool, such as the charge level, the battery temperature and maintenance requirements.
- Any operational or procedural ERRORS.

Use the touch button (7) to navigate through the menu screens to manage INFORMATION AND SELECTION:

4.1) INFORMATION SCREENS: display a pre-determined parameter which will then appear each time the tool is started and during the entire work cycle.

- **Fm = 134.3 kN**
  - Fm: Minimum set force, expressed in kN.
  - Fp: Peak force reached, expressed in kN, (screen as factory setting).

- **Fm = 15.1 ton**
  - Fm: Minimum set force, expressed in USA sh. tons.
  - Fp: Peak force reached, expressed in USA sh. tons.

- **Pm = 742 bar**
  - Pm: Minimum set pressure, expressed in bar.
  - Pp: Peak pressure reached, expressed in bar.

- **Pm = 10762 psi**
  - Pm: Minimum set pressure, expressed in psi.
  - Pp: Peak pressure reached, expressed in psi.

- **Battery**
  - Battery charge level.

- **1000 -29000**
  - No. of cycles performed.
  - No. of cycles before scheduled recommended maintenance.

- **Cembre logo, tool model.**
  - Tool serial no.
To make a selected screen operational and appear at each start-up of the tool, operate the touch button for at least 3 seconds; a continuous beep will confirm the setting.

*The capacitive menu selection button may not work if touched using objects or when wearing gloves, therefore always operate it using a bare finger.*

4.2) **SELECTION SCREENS:** control parameters that cannot be set as automatic upon start-up of the tool, can be changed by operating the touch button:

**Enabling/disabling the LED Worklights** (factory setting LED ON)

When the screen is displayed, touch the button for at least 3 seconds to deactivate for reactivate operation of the LED Worklights during tool use; a continuous beep will confirm the setting.

**Return to original factory settings / firmware version**

When the ‘RESET’ screen is displayed, return the tool to its factory setting by operating the touch button for at least 3 seconds; a beep will confirm the setting.

The RESET screen also shows the firmware version of the circuit board.

4.3) **WARNINGS:** these appear during operation and notify the operator of the status of the tool:

- **LOW BATTERY:** replace the battery.
  
  *NOTE:* when the battery Vage falls below a minimum safety threshold, the tool will not start; although it is still possible to end the work cycle in progress.

- **BATTERY TEMPERATURE HIGH:** remove the battery and wait until it cools down.

- **NO. OF CYCLES TO MAINTENANCE REACHED:**
  
  the tool continues to work however, it is recommended that it is sent to **Cembre** for a complete overhaul (see § 7).

  *NOTE:* this message, together with a beep, will reappear when the tool has been idle for 30 seconds.
4.4) **ERRORS**: these appear during operation, combined with a beep and flashing LED Worklights, to notify the operator of procedural or operational errors.

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<th>Solution</th>
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<td><img src="image" alt="ERROR" /></td>
<td>The pressure release button (2) was pressed before the control parameters were reached (Force/Pressure).</td>
<td>Repeat the work cycle and wait for the motor to stop automatically.</td>
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<td><img src="image" alt="001" /></td>
<td>Abnormal power consumption of the motor for more than 3 seconds. The tool stops.</td>
<td>Wait for the display to turn off (60 sec.) or remove and re-insert the battery, then re-start the tool. If the error occurs frequently, contact <strong>Cembre</strong>.</td>
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<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="002" /></td>
<td>Output voltage of the pressure transmitter is out of the pre-set range.</td>
<td>Repeat the work cycle; if the error occurs frequently, contact <strong>Cembre</strong>.</td>
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<td><img src="image" alt="003" /></td>
<td>Failure to reach the set pressure within 30 seconds of continuous operation of the machine.</td>
<td>Repeat the work cycle; if the error occurs frequently, contact <strong>Cembre</strong>.</td>
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<td><img src="image" alt="004" /></td>
<td>Overcharging of the battery with protection tripping. The tool stops.</td>
<td>Wait for the display to turn off (60 sec.) or remove and re-insert the battery, then re-start the tool. If the error occurs frequently, contact <strong>Cembre</strong>.</td>
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*Errors are displayed for about 30 seconds before being reset, but will display repeatedly in the event of permanent anomalies.*

5. **MAINTENANCE**

The tool is robust, completely sealed, and requires very little daily maintenance. Compliance with the following points, should help to maintain its optimum performance:

5.1) **Thorough cleaning**

Dust, sand and dirt are a danger for any hydraulic device.

Every day, after use, the tool must be wiped with a clean cloth taking care to remove any residue, especially close to pivots and moveable parts.

Do not use hydrocarbons to clean the rubber parts.
5.2) Storage case
When not in use, the tool should be stored and transported in the metal case, to prevent damage. Metal case: VAL-B1500, size 565x410x132 mm (22.2x16.1x5.2 in.), weight 6.7 kg (14.7 lbs).

6. CONNECTION TO COMPUTER

The memory card integrated in the tool records operating data for transfer via the USB cable supplied. To view and manage this data, go to www.cembre.com and register in the dedicated area, then download the free Cembre software CEM_SWBT01. Keeping the Firmware of the tool updated, via free of charge download from here, will optimise the tool’s performance.

B1500NA: To access the mini-USB port (Ref. to fig. 7) and connect the USB cable to the computer it is necessary to remove CBA-MTMK battery adapter. Remove the screws (Ref. to fig. 6 and 6a) and slide the adapter out.

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Following information applies in member states of the European Union:

USER INFORMATION in accordance with “Directives 2011/65/EU and 2012/19/EU.”
The ‘Not in the bin’ symbol above when shown on equipment or packaging means that the equipment must, at the end of its life, be disposed of separately from other waste. The separate waste collection of such equipment is organised and managed by the manufacturer. Users wishing to dispose of such equipment must contact the manufacturer and follow the prescribed guidelines for its separate collection. Appropriate waste separation, collection, environmentally compatible treatment and disposal is intended to reduce harmful environmental effects and promote the reuse and recycling of materials contained in the equipment. Unlawful disposal of such equipment will be subject to the application of administrative sanctions provided by current legislation.
7. RETURN TO **Cembre** FOR OVERHAUL

In the case of a breakdown contact our Area Agent who will advise you on the problem and give you the necessary instructions on how to dispatch the tool to our nearest service Centre; if possible, attach a copy of the Test Certificate supplied by **Cembre** together with the tool or fill in and attach the form available in the “ASSISTANCE” section of the **Cembre** website.

**B1500A**

![Diagram of B1500A](image)

**B1500NA**

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**FIG. 8**

mm (inch)