How To Use a Manual Strapping Tool

Manual strapping tools are an economical way to secure low volumes of products. Don’t feel helpless when it comes time to use your manual strapping tool, with just a few simple steps you will be on your way to successfully securing your product for shipment.

During this “How-To” I will be using Dynaric X5650 plastic strapping, Dynaric SHD-1 manual strapping tool, SHD-2 Crimping tool and the 4025 open end seal. Most manual strapping tools will have the same or similar setup.

1. **Handle**: The handle is used to tension the strap around the product and to release the strap after cutting
2. **Tension Wheel**
3. **Gripper**: the gripper keeps the strap in place as you begin applying tension
4. **Cutter**: the cutter is to remove access strap that was used during the tensioning process.

**Step 1:**
- After feeding the plastic strapping around the box press down on the handle to open the gripper.
- Insert the end of the plastic strapping under the gripper and under the cutter assembly.
- Leave a tail about 4-6 inches long hanging out past the cutter assembly.

**Step 2:**
- Make sure the plastic strapping is pushed back against the body of the strapping tool.
- Release the handle.
Step 3
- Lift the handle up and forward to open the cutter.
- Slide the other end of the plastic strapping through the cutter assembly and through the tension wheel.

Step 4
- Use the handle to tension the plastic strapping by moving it back and forth.

Step 5
- Place the two plastic bands into the seal through the open end.

Step 6
- Open the crimping tool and place over the seal.
- Check to make certain the seal has both plastic straps through it.
- Pull the two crimping tool handles together.
- Push the two handles apart and remove the tool from the seal.

Step 7
- Inspect to make certain the seal is properly crimped.
- Push down on the handle of the SHD-1 manual strapping tool to cut and release the plastic strapping.