



Aba Daba Rents

4351 Auburn Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95841-4152
(916) 484-7368 Fax (916) 482-2552
www.abadaba.com

TILE STRIPPER

SAFETY

- * **ALWAYS** wear hearing & eye protection when operating this tool.
- * **NEVER** transport the Stripping Machine with the blade in place.
- * **TIGHTEN** blade bolts from under machine, making sure your hands and arms are always behind the cutting edge of blade. Use a box wrench so it will not slip off nuts or bolts and to prevent serious injury to yourself.
- * **DO NOT** cut off ground prong on power cord. Doing so is dangerous.
- * **REMOVE** the weight for safe handling.
- * **BE SURE** switch is off before plugging in cord.
- * **BEFORE** turning machine on, locate the machine a safe distance from the wall or other obstructions and tilt the machine back on its wheels to lift blade off the floor.

GENERAL SET-UP

1. **CONCRETE FLOORS-** Insert blade with bevel side **UP**.
 - a.) To remove tile, linoleum or vinyl, use 4" blade extended 1".
 - b.) To remove carpet, use 3" x 16" blade with blade stiffener.
2. **WOOD FLOORS-** Insert blade with bevel side **DOWN**. Run machine **WITH** the wood grain.
 - a.) To remove tile, linoleum or vinyl, use 5" blade extended 2". The longer blade is more flexible, less chance of gouging the wood floor.
 - b.) To remove carpet, use 3" x 16" blade with blade stiffener.
3. **HOW TO INSTALL BLADES-**
 - a.) To loosen or tighten nut bolts, tilt machine so it rests on handles. **Work from under the machine**, making sure your hands and arms are always behind the blade.
 - b.) Use a box wrench (1/2" and 9/16") to loosen or tighten nuts and bolts.
 - c.) Be sure the blade is straight
 - 1.) 4" or 5" blades should be flush with back of blade holder.
 - 2.) 3" x 16" blade **with blade stiffener**. The front 2 bolts of the blade holder should go through the 2 holes of the blade and stiffener.
 - d.) When tightening nuts and bolts, be sure blade is straight, tighten nuts and bolts evenly so the **BOTTOM** plate of the blade holder is **FLAT** against the blade.

HOW TO USE THE STRIPPING MACHINE

1. **TO REMOVE TILE**, use the 4" or 5" blade.
 - a.) When working on **WOOD** floors, run the machine **WITH** grain of wood, bevel **DOWN**.
 - b.) When working on **CONCRETE** floors, run the machine diagonally to the tile joints. It is faster and easier.
2. **TO REMOVE LINOLEUM OR VINYL SHEETGOODS**, use the 4" or 5" blade.
 - a.) When working on **WOOD** floors, run the machine **WITH** grain of wood, bevel **DOWN**.
 - b.) Pre-cut floor covering into 6" strips. (When working with sheet goods that have an asbestos felt backing, dampen floor before sweeping up waste material. **DO NOT** let asbestos dust become airborne; use a face mask.)
3. **TO REMOVE FOAM BACK CARPET**, use 3" x 16" blade and stiffener.

- a.) Either cut carpet into 16" strips or peel (by hand) carpet from foam back. **Note:** It is faster to use two people; one to run machine, the other to pull the debris away from machine.
- 4. **TO REMOVE DIRECT GLUE-DOWN CARPET** (carpet with no foam backing), use 3" x16" blade and stiffener.
 - a.) Cut the carpet every 16" the entire length. On wood floors, go **WITH** the grain of wood. **NOTE** it is faster to use two people; one to run the machine, the other to pull carpet away from the machine.
- 5. **TO ADJUST THE HANDLE:**
 - a.) Loosen thumb screws, and slide handle up or down till it is waist high. Tighten the thumb screws securely to prevent slippage.
 - b.) Slide the handle into the machine for easier transporting.

HOW TO OPERATE THE STRIPPING MACHINE

1. Adjust the handle
2. Place machine on material to be removed away from the wall at least 4' to 5'.
3. Be sure machine is turned off before plugging it into the wall socket.
4. Before turning machine on, tilt it to you on its wheels to lift the blade off the floor.
5. **HOW TO STAND:** Do not stand with feet parallel!!! Stand with one leg forward and the other backward (a boxer's stance). Hold the handle firmly with both hands and brace the handle against the forward part of your torso.
6. Turn the machine on and lower it **SLOWLY**. Brace yourself for a backward push.
7. If working on **CONCRETE** floor, lift the handle raising the wheels off the floor.
 - a.) This will put more weight on the blade. Lift up and down (while the machine is running) and you will find the angle at which the blade strips most efficiently.
8. When working on a **WOOD** floor, **DO NOT** raise the wheels.
9. Push forward, slow and steady
10. Keep the cord **AWAY FROM THE BLADE**.
11. Strip 3' to 6' at a time.
12. Strip about 2/3rds the width of the blade with each stroke.
13. When a strip is cut, lift the blade up. **TURN OFF** the machine, and walk back to the starting position.
14. When approaching a wall, strip up to the baseboard.