

# OWNER'S MANUAL



## IMPORTANT

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## *C1200 Hydraulic Squeeze Off Tool*

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This Footage Tools' Hydraulic Squeeze Off Tool is sold in one configuration; fine controlled release. This fine controlled unit has a needle valve with a built-in orifice in the high-pressure pump line.

The tool is powered by an air operated, hydraulic pump which is a single speed pump that gives the high pressures needed to squeeze large diameter pipe. Requiring 40 to 120 psi air supply pressure to operate, this pump is safer than an electrically operated pump in the potentially explosive atmosphere near a gas main. The pump is equipped with an air filter/regulator/lubricator to ensure it will operate properly. **Ensure the filter/regulator/lubricator is in good operating condition and filled with air tools oil.**

The pump contains a 3-position control valve. Pushing the control valve lever clockwise will allow oil to be pumped through the needle valve and to effect the squeezing operation of the tool. Similarly, pulling the control valve lever fully counter-clockwise will allow oil to be pumped to release (open) the tool. The neutral position (center) will release any pressure that is in the hose.



**HYDRAULIC PUMP OIL LEVEL**

A bypass valve, set at 10,000 PSI, is built into the pump to prevent over-pressurization.

**PRELIMINARY ASSEMBLY:**

1) Ensure the pump is filled with good quality, ISO 32 weight, hydraulic oil. To check or refill, connect the pump to the tool, retract the cylinder, and release system pressure. (Failure to follow this instruction may result in overfilling the reservoir – this could result in the fill cap venting excessive oil and creating a spill.) With the pump level and resting horizontally on the base, remove cap and fill up to 3/4" from top. (When a single tool is in the fully open position the oil should be 1-7/8" from top. When two tools are fully open the oil level should be 3" from top.) **Cleanliness is critical while checking and refilling oil. Use a funnel with a filter. Do not allow any dirt to enter the reservoir.**

2) If motion of the tool seems jerky, bleeding air from the system may be necessary. To accomplish this, join the two hoses together, eliminating the tool as shown in the photo.



**BLEEDING OF THE HYDRAULIC SYSTEM**

Ensure the reservoir oil is topped up. Fully open needle valve by turning knob counter clockwise. Place the pump control valve to "squeeze" and pump for 2 minutes. Place the pump control valve to "Release" and pump for 1 minute. Return the valve to the "Neutral" position. Disconnect the hoses and assemble them to the tool. Pressurize the tool in the "squeeze" mode for 5 minutes. Cycle the tool fully open, to fully closed, a few times. Repeat if necessary.

Ensure the reservoir is topped up again, having the tool in the closed position.

3) If you purchased the optional C615-A105 grounding tool, mount the grounding tool lead to the squeeze off tool using the supplied 1/4" hardware in the 1/4" X 20 tapped hole in the body of the tool. This hole is located in the top bar, below and to the left of the "Footage Tools" name plate as shown in photo at right.



LOCATION OF GROUNDING SPIKE

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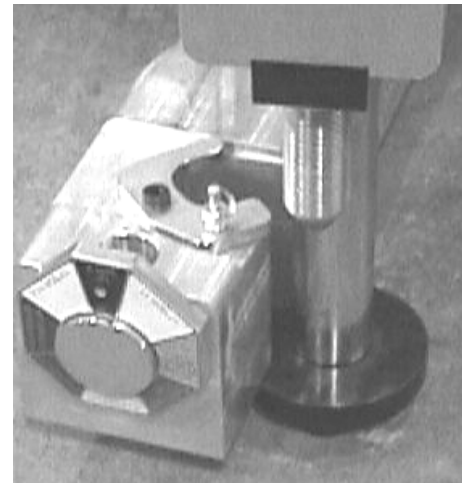
#### INSTALLATION ON PIPE

1) Fully install the grounding spike in firm soil near the tool and work area. Moist soil is required to ensure good contact to ground. Soak the area if necessary where the spike will be inserted. This is critical as this grounding system should remove any static electric charge that is created when the flow of gas is cut-off during the squeeze operation, thereby reducing the chances of sparks being created.



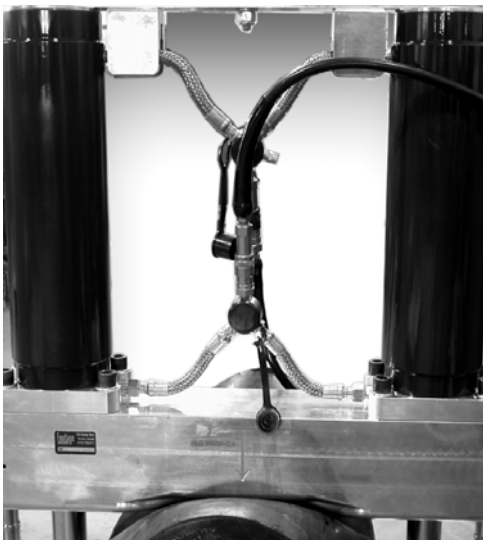
#### WARNING:

2) **Inspect the tool to ensure that it is clean and free from any dirt that may hinder proper operation. Pay particular attention to the locking mechanism on the lower bar where the side shaft engages. It is critical that bar is clean and free of debris. Clean if necessary.**



LOCKING DEVICE & SLOT

Ensure the hydraulic couplings are clean and connect the two hoses from the pump to the squeeze off tool.



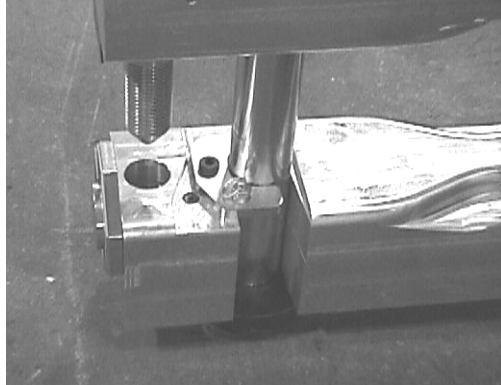
ATTACHMENT OF HYDRAULIC COUPLINGS

Notice the hoses have a male and female end attached to them

that fit with mating parts on the squeeze off tool, so the hoses cannot be connected incorrectly.

4) Open the tool by placing the pump control valve in the release position. **Caution: Ensure the needle valve is fully open.** Pump until the squeeze bars are sufficiently open to allow the pipe to be inserted. **Once the tool is fully open, do not continue to pump.** Continuing to pump will cause hydraulic oil to be vented from the relief valve to prevent tool damage.

5) Lift the locking plunger and swing the bottom bar out and place the squeeze off tool over the pipe. Swing back the bottom bar and lock into position over the rod nuts on the cylinder rods. Full engagement is critical or tool damage may result. **The operator should visually check to ensure that the plunger has engaged in the slot of the bar so that the locking plate will hold the lower bar in the closed position.**



**LOWER BAR IN CLOSED POSITION**

The plunger should be in the closed position and there should

not be any gap between the side shaft and the lower bar. This is important so that the tool cannot open accidentally and ensure that there is equal load on both sides. Failure to comply with this step may result in tool damage.

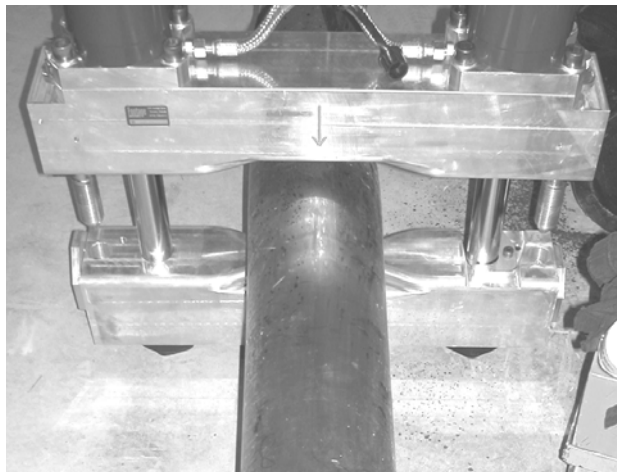


**LIFT LOCKING PLUNGER**

### **SQUEEZING THE PIPE**

1) Set the gauge plate stops on each side of the unit to the proper pipe size and SDR setting. **(Ensure both sides are identical or tool damage may result.)** Position the stops on the gauge plates such that they face the other squeeze bar.

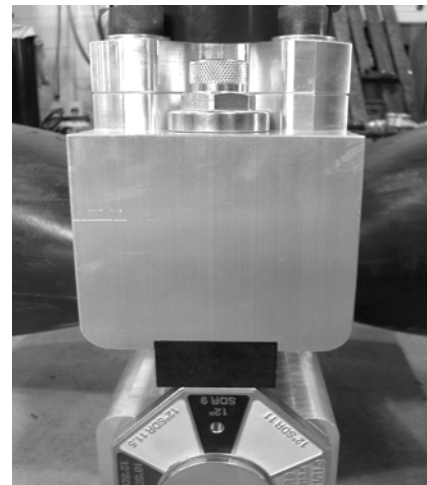
2) Close the needle valve and move the control lever on the pump to the squeeze position.



**POSITION TOOL CENTRALLY ON PIPE**

3) Close the tool with the pump until the bars start to touch the pipe.

Position the tool centrally on the pipe. The squeeze bars must be at right angles to the pipe. The arrow on the top bar indicates the central position. If this is not done, satisfactory flow control may not be achieved.



**GAUGE PLATE**

4) The rate of squeeze is very important in preventing pipe damage. Do not exceed 2" per minute squeeze rate. The pump does not exceed the prescribed 2" per minute squeeze rate. Consult your local utility for their specific recommendations regarding the prescribed squeeze rate.

5) Continue slowly squeezing until the gauge plate stops just come in contact with the bottom bar. Slower rates should be used below 32°F (0°C).

**Keep in mind it may not be necessary to squeeze the pipe all the way to the gauge stops to obtain satisfactory flow control.**

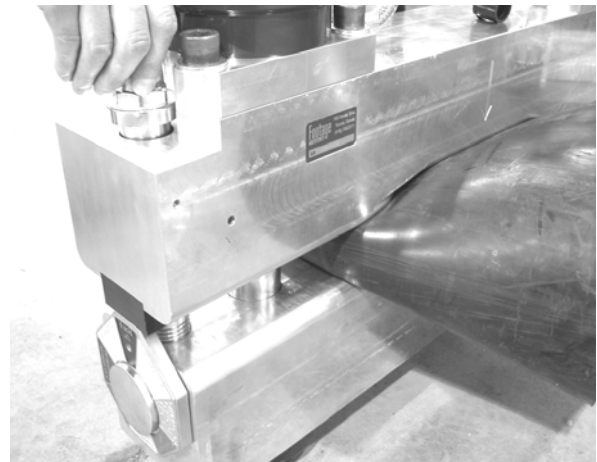
**CAUTION:**

6) **Because of the size and power of this tool (312,000 Lb force), it is important to stop squeezing when the gauge plates reach the contact plate (on the upper bar), otherwise tool damage may result.**



**WARNING:  
LOCK-DOWN BOLTS**

**This hydraulic squeeze off tool features a steel lock down bolt at each end of the top bar, to allow the tool to be locked on a squeeze and the hydraulics detached or in the event that hydraulic pressure is lost with a minimum loss of flow control. To engage, screw the bolts into the bottom bar. The bolts need only be tightened by hand, not with a wrench. They are not intended to assist in squeezing the pipe. The squeeze off tool has more than enough power available to satisfactorily squeeze the pipe. Start threading the bolts into the bottom bars as the squeeze nears completion (approx. 1" before reaching the stops) to assist with alignment into the steel barrel nuts in the bottom bar. Thread the bolts as the tool continues to squeeze the pipe. Once the tool has reached the stops on both sides, the lock-down bolts should be completely threaded until the hex end is flush with the top bar.**



**ENGAGEMENT OF LOCK-DOWN BOLTS**

**DISCONNECTING HYDRAULIC PUMP KIT**

Once the tool has achieved satisfactory flow control and the Lock-down bolts are fully engaged, it is now safe to remove the hydraulic pump kit. First, make sure the pressure is released from the hydraulic system, by cycling the control lever from squeeze to released position twice, and stop it in neutral. Once the system is neutralized, both hydraulic fittings can be removed. Should the operator wish to re-connect to another tool, please refer to instructions on page #2.

### RELEASING THE PIPE

1) Unscrew the lock-down bolts located at each end of the clamping bars. It will be necessary to place the pump control valve into the "squeeze" mode and apply more pressure to the tool to relieve the upward strain on the bolts created by the pipe trying to bounce back.

2) To avoid any damage to the pipe it is critical that a slow release rate be achieved. A release rate of 1/2 inches per minute is recommended. This time allows for the PE pipe to "flow" minimising the chances of pipe damage. Below 32°F (0°C), the release rate should be slower. Consult your local utility for their specific recommendations regarding their prescribed release rate.



### WARNING:

3) **Ensure the needle valve is fully closed.** Move the pump control valve handle from "squeeze" to "neutral". As this is done, the tool will start to open immediately. Should the operator want to stop the release, return the pump control valve handle to the squeeze position. The orifice in the needle valve controls the release rate. As the pipe opens, the pressure in the tool will decrease and the release rate will slow down. Once the pipe is sufficiently relaxed and the tool does not open any further, the operator can then **fully** open the needle valve to raise the bars more rapidly for a complete release. **By opening the needle valve early, a large amount of oil will enter into the pump and cause it to overflow, which may result in seal damage to the pump.** Switch the pump control valve handle to the release position and start to pump. Continue to open the tool until it can be removed from the pipe. **Once the tool is fully open, do not continue to pump.** Continuing to pump will cause hydraulic oil to be vented from the relief valve to prevent tool damage.

4) To remove the tool from the pipe let the upper bar rest against the pipe. Pull and hold up the plunger then rotate the bottom bar clear of the pipe. The tool may now be lifted clear of the pipe. **Be aware that the balance of the tool will shift because of the change in position of the lower bar.**

5) If re-rounding of pipe is not to be performed, the grounding spike may now be removed and the tool can be repacked into its shipping container, in the open position.

### RE-ROUNDING THE PIPE, IF REQUIRED

Once the tool is fully open reposition the tool 90° from the original squeeze on the top of the peaks of the squeeze. Squeeze the pipe back to its original shape as outlined in "Installation on Pipe" and "Squeezing the Pipe" detailed above. Consult your local utility for their specific recommendations regarding this procedure. The grounding spike may now be removed and the tool can be repacked into its shipping container, in the open position.

### SAFETY PRECAUTIONS



**WARNING:**

Do not exceed the 2" per minute squeeze and the ½" per minute release rates. Temperatures below 32°F (0°C) require slower squeezes and releases. Releases are more critical than squeezes; thus slower rates are required. Consult your local utility regarding their specific recommendations for this procedure.



**WARNING:**

When performing a squeeze, stay a minimum of 12" or 3 times pipe diameter, whichever is greater from fittings, fusions or previously squeezed pipe.



**WARNING:**

Ensure the grounding system is properly planted in moist soil to reduce chances of sparking.



**WARNING:**

Keep away from any high-pressure hydraulic leaks. A high-pressure jet of oil can cause serious injury. Repair immediately.

### MAINTENANCE

This section contains maintenance instructions for the tool. Do not attempt any maintenance which you do not fully understand, nor that you cannot perform accurately and safely with the tools and equipment available to you. If you encounter a problem that you do not understand or cannot solve, contact your Footage Tools dealer. **(Note that item 11 is pre-calibrated at the factory for proper operation of the tool and it should NOT be tightened.)**

**(Ensure the tool is in good operating order by routinely checking the following:)**

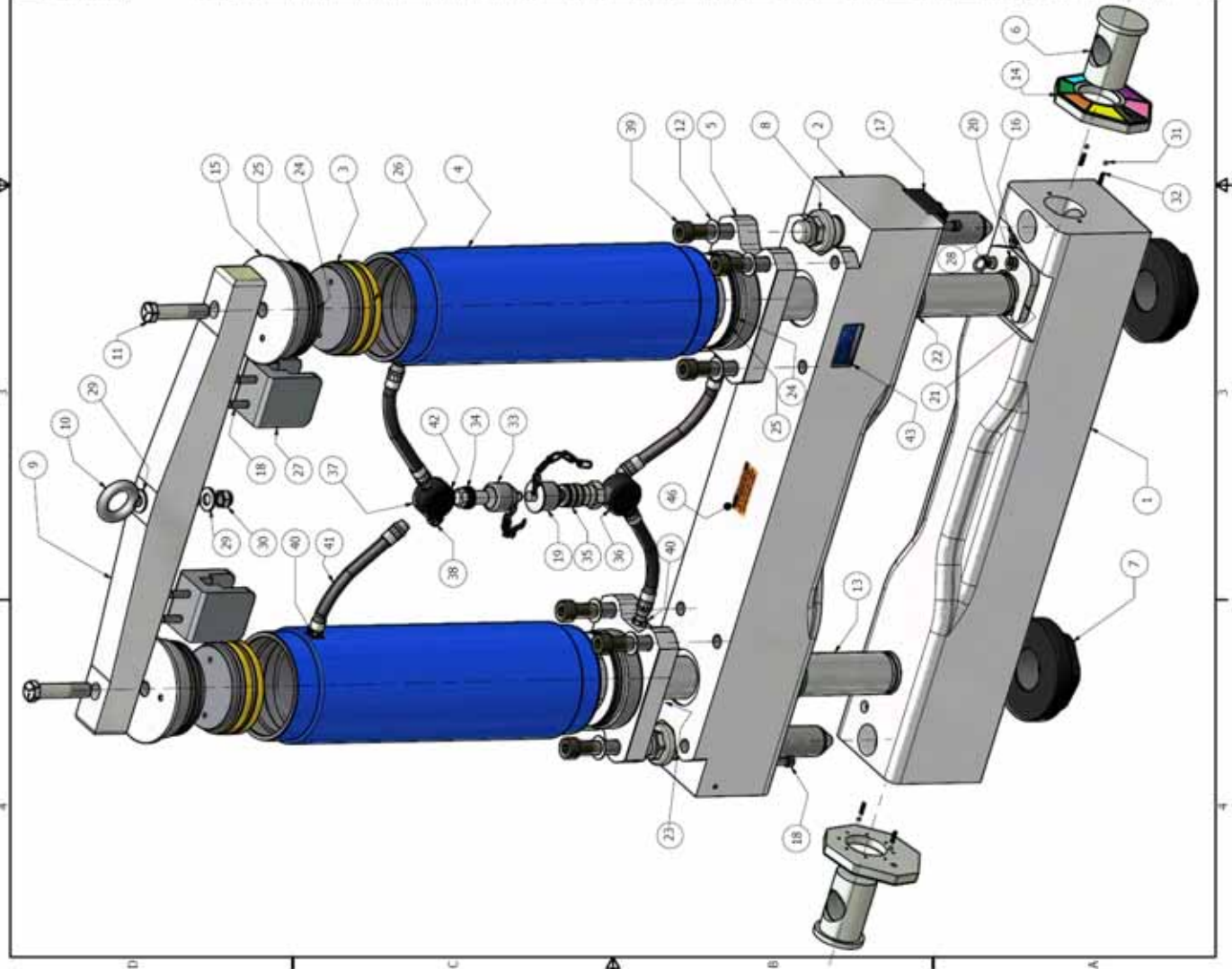
Inspect the pump fluid level (See Preliminary Assembly)	Top up as needed
Inspect the cylinder rods for damage.	Replace if needed
Inspect the tool, pump, valves and hoses for oil leakage.	Tighten, repair or replace as required
Inspect the squeeze bars for damage.	Replace if needed
Inspect the lock-down bolts for damage.	Replace if needed
Inspect the Gauge Plates for dirt.	Clean as needed.
Inspect cylinder rods for dirt.	Clean as needed.

### SPECIFICATIONS

<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>C1200</b>
Max Pipe Diameter:	12"
Weight:	525 lbs.
Operating Pressure (max):	10,000 psig
<b>OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES</b>	
Grounding Spike Kit (5 or 10 foot)	C615-A105/C615-A110
Grounding Spike Kit (5 or 10 foot) heavy duty	C615-HD105/C615-HD110
Accessory Kit (pump, 20' hoses, needle valve w 0.009" orifice, 10,000 psi gauge, air filter/regulator/lubricator & box)	C1200-25

REVISION HISTORY			
REV	DESCRIPTION	ECN	DATE
-	ISSUED FOR PRODUCTION	1638	1/28/03
A	ADDED ITEM # BOX AND HYD Y CONNECTOR TO BOM	1663	9/24/03
B	REMOVED ITEM # WAS SAFETY BAR	1683	2/18/03
C	REMOVED BOLT PIN 1/4 X 2 LG	1688	11/5/03
D	ADDED METAL CAPS, PZ CHANGE FOR THREADED CONNECTORS	1709	01/06/04

Parts List			
QTY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	ITEM#
1	008	WARNING LABEL - OWNERS MANUAL	46
1	C1200-BOX	CONTAINER FOR C1200 - BOX	45
1	C1200-BASE	CONTAINER FOR C1200 - BASE	44
1	003	FOOTAGE TOOLS INC. DECAL	43
4	99-200-00-0006	NIPPLE, 3/8"INPT X 3/8"INPT	42
4	C1200-20	HOSE ASHL 3/8"INPT TO M16X1.5	41
4	C1200-20	ADAPTER 3/8"INPT TO M16X1.5	40
8	99-107-00-1224	SHCS 3/4-16 X 3 LG	39
1	C648-50	PRESSURE RELIEF VALVE	38
1	C1200-30	HYDRAULIC MANIFOLD	37
1	C016-11	HYD. Y-CONNECTOR, 10K PSI	36
1	D-30-300	FEMALE HYD. CONNECTOR - THREADED	35
1	D-31-300	MALE HYD. CONNECTOR - THREADED	34
1	D-31-300C	METAL DUST CAP FOR MALE CONNECTION	33
4	C100-21	SPRING	32
4	99-157-00-0006	CHROME BALL 3/16	31
1	99-129-00-0010	LOCK NUT 5/8-11	30
2	99-141-00-0010	FLAT WASHER 5/8 GALVANIZED	29
1	C1200-19	RETRACTABLE PLUNGER	28
2	C1200-28	HOSE GUARD	27
2	C1200-17	PISTON SEAL TPO 47	26
4	C1200-16	BACK-UP RING #405	25
4	99-400-00-0425	O-RING #425 50 DURO	24
2	C1200-15	ROD SEAL THROZ	23
2	C1200-18	WIPER SEAL AN-23	22
1	C1200-10	LOCKING PLATE	21
1	99-114-00-0610	SHOULDER BOLT 1/2 X 1.25	20
1	D-30-300C	METAL DUST CAP FOR FEMALE CONNECTION	19
8	99-106-00-0624	SHCS 3/8-16 X 1.5 LG	18
2	C1200-14	CONTACT PLATE	17
2	99-114-00-0522	SHOULDER BOLT 3/8 X 2.75	16
2	C1200-09	CYLINDER CAP - TOP	15
2	C1200-09	GAUGE PLATE	14
2	C1200-04	CYLINDER ROD	13
8	99-141-00-0012	WASHER, FLAT, ZN PLATED 3/4	12
2	99-100-05-1228	HEX BOLT 3/4-10UNC X 3.5 LG	11
1	C1200-21	LIFTING EYE	10
1	C1200-13	HANDLE	9
2	C1200-07	LOCK DOWN BOLT - 12"	8
2	C1200-06	ROD NUT	7
2	C1200-08	BARREL NUT	6
2	C1200-05	CYLINDER CAP - BOTTOM	5
2	C1200-03	CYLINDER BODY	4
2	C1200-12	PISTON ASH	3
1	C1200-02	UPPER BAR	2
1	C1200-01	LOWER BAR	1



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**C1200-A1 ASSEMBLY DWG**

**12" HYD. SQUEEZE OFF TOOL**

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