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MACHINE: Model C Spike Driver

SERIAL NUMBER(S): S/N 410200 - 410296

SUBJECT: Spike Feed Reduced Pressure Kit – P/N 98410113

Starting with machine s/n 410297, we have reduced the pressure used by the Spike Feed Cylinders from 2500 psi to 1500 psi. This was done to improve the service life of the spike feed components, particularly the Pusher Block Cylinder, p/n 96350523 and Pusher Block Link, p/n 47706083.

Earlier machines may be modified in the field using the Spike Feed Reduced Pressure Kit, p/n 98410113. This kit contains the necessary hoses, fittings and Installation instructions. After conversion, the Joystick Pressure Reducing Valve on the LH Main Manifold will control the spike feed pressure. This valve is set to 1500 psi. Installation of the kit should take about an hour.

(Note: This modification will not affect spike-driving performance.)