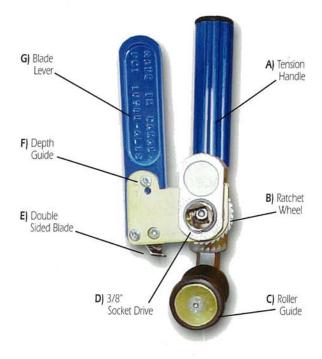
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### **ALIS Tool**

ALIS is a mechanically assisted, hand operated tool that is designed to longitudinally slit long lengths of innerduct or cable duct.



#### Description

- A) Tension Handle Used to adjust the tool to different duct diameters. Turning the handle counterclockwise increases the opening, whereas clockwise decreases the opening.
- B) Ratchet Wheel The serrated teeth on the wheel propels the tool along the duct when used with a standard 3/8" ratchet drive
- C) Roller Guide Works to reduce friction and keep the tool moving in a straight line.
- D) Socket Drive A square hole which accepts a standard 3/8" socket drive.
- E) Double -Sided Blade Performs the actual slitting.
- F) Depth Guide Used to adjust blade cutting depth.
- G) Blade Lever It is manually activated by the operator when entering or exiting a duct at mid-span.

#### **General Operation**

#### Prior to starting the slitting operation:

- The operator must determine the outside diameter of the duct to be slit, the wall thickness, and whether the ALIS tool will enter the duct on an open-end, or midspan.
- The blade setting is then adjusted to the thickness of the duct wall.
- Setting #1 is the minimum, and is used on thin walls, while setting #2 is used on the thicker walls. It is suggested that the ALIS tool be tried on setting #1 first at all times to ensure that cable located inside of the duct is not damaged. Should the ALIS tool not successfully penetrate the duct wall, move to setting #2 and retry.



# Entering & exiting the duct

#### For an open end:

- Place the ALIS tool on the edge of the duct, with the blade resting against the cut or open end.
- Tighten the tension handle so that the tool is snug with the duct, insert the 3/8" ratchet drive, and start to ratchet the tool (ccw) so that it moves towards the user.

#### For a mid-span incision:

- Loosen the tension handle so that the tool can be placed around the duct at the required starting position.
- Once ALIS is in position, turn the tension handle in a clockwise direction until the tool fits snug on the duct.

- Insert the 3/8" ratchet drive, and at the same time as the operator is ratcheting the handle towards themselves, they are pushing the blade lever away, and into the duct.
- After three, or four pulls the blade should have fully penetrated the duct wall.
- Ratchet to desired exiting location.
- The first step to removing the ALIS from the duct is to ensure that the tool is very tight against the wall by turning the tension handle in a clockwise direction.
- The operator then turns the knob on the 3/8" ratchet drive to reverse the ratcheting direction, so that the ratchet wheel will now move in the opposite direction.

## The following operations **MUST** now be preformed at the same time.

- While operating the socket drive in the reverse direction, PULL the blade lever in the forward direction.
- The blade lever and ratchet drive should now be moving towards each other, and this action will cause ALIS to move backwards, effectively "popping" the blade out of the innerduct.

**NEVER** attempt to remove the blade by twisting the tool, as the blade will break.

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