



Pre-Gouging Machine Instructions

(#H-42, #H-43, #I-40)

Operating Instructions

Lay a piece of cane (trimmed to length) in the bed, press down on the left end (near the blades) and turn the crank clockwise. Once the cane starts to be cut by the first blade, let up on the crank momentarily, press down on the right end of the cane and resume cranking. (This last step sounds unnecessary, but plenty of good looking cane is not as flat as we would wish.) Continue cranking until the push rod reaches its limit, then reverse the crank and load a new piece, which will eject the first piece.

To get the last piece of cane out when all the cane is done, use a piece that's already been through, but crank only until the pieces butt under the round blade, when they can both be easily pulled out, one to the left and one to the right. CAUTION! Cane can have very sharp edges. If the piece you are pulling out doesn't slide out easily, don't grit your teeth and pull harder, take the easy way and grab it with a pair of pliers.

Adjustment

If you prefer the pre-gouged cane a little thicker, install the included shims under the round blade.

Maintenance

When the flat blade becomes dull it can be removed and rotated once for a new edge. When both edges are dull, replace the blade.

When the round blade becomes dull it can be rotated 3 times for new edges. After all edges are dull, replace the blade.

If you pre-gouge wet cane (which we recommend), when finished smear a little oil on the blades.

The moving parts should be oiled occasionally, a drop or two of oil in the oil holes every month will suffice.