



**USER GUIDE
FOR STRIMECH
ATTACHMENTS**

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1. This guide is supplied with and applies to all Strimech attachments.

An additional detailed operator's manual is supplied with specific attachments:

- Bagezee
- Pole Planter
- Sweepers
- Work Platforms
- Pallet Fork Extensions
- Lifting Attachments

Both operator's guides and manuals are supplied with equipment at time of delivery. They are also available on CD on request from our sales office and can be downloaded from the Strimech website www.strimech.co.uk

2. It is important that both guides and manuals are read and understood before using the Strimech attachment. Additional assistance is available from your supplying Strimech dealer. Special attention should be made to all safety instructions displayed on your attachment.

3. It is imperative that the Strimech attachment is used correctly. Incorrect use could endanger the operator and any persons, animals, equipment or buildings in the vicinity. It is the machine owner and machine operator's joint responsibility to ensure the Strimech attachment is used correctly. Any claim resulting from the misuse of any Strimech attachment is the owner and operator's responsibility.

4. Strimech attachments must not be used for the transport of people and animals.

Safety

1. A suitably qualified operator can only use Strimech attachments.

2. The operator and owner are responsible for ensuring the attachment is correctly matched to the lift capacity of the machine it is fitted to. The attachment weight when full to its design capacity does not exceed the machine lift capacity. Reference should be made to the machine handbook and load chart for this information; the machine manufacturer supplies the handbook and load chart.

3. The Strimech attachment must be correctly coupled to the machine using the attachment brackets fitted to the attachment. It is the owner and operators responsibility to ensure the attachment is fitted securely and the machine/attachment interface (e.g. carriage, 3 point linkage or loader arms) and locking system are in safe working order.

4. The area between the Strimech attachment and machine is a crush zone. It is vital that people, animals or any equipment is excluded from this crush zone at all times. The length of the machine is increased when fitted with the Strimech attachment; care should be taken to allow for the increase in length when operating the machine. Visibility must be maintained at all times, ensure the Strimech attachment is positioned so not to restrict visibility.

5. It is the operator and machine owner's responsibility to ensure the current road traffic act is complied with before taking the machine fitted with the Strimech attachment on the public highway. Failure to comply with the road traffic act will endanger people, animals and property and could result in criminal prosecution and subsequent imprisonment.

6. Operators should be aware of any overhead cables and ensure the Strimech attachment does not contact any overhead cabling.

Maintenance of Strimech attachments

Before commencing any maintenance work the following procedures should be followed.

- Park the machine in a safe area suitable for maintenance work.
- Apply the machine handbrake.
- Position the attachment on the floor in a level and safe position.
- Remove the ignition key from the machine, key to be retained by person completing maintenance.
- Install signage on the machine displaying a warning that machine is under repair and should not be touched.
- The machine alternator and battery leads should be disconnected before carrying out any welding activity.
- All maintenance procedure and safety instruction labelling should be clearly visible.
 - Clean or replace to ensure all labels can be read. Replacement labels are available from Strimech.
- Clean all grease points before applying grease.
- All grease points should be greased with clean new grease to DIN standard DIN 51502 at daily intervals.
- Check security and condition of all pins and tines. Tighten all tines and bolts securing pins.
- Replace any items showing signs of wear.
- Contact Strimech for genuine replacement parts. A full parts listing is shown on our website www.strimech.co.uk

- Condition of all welds should be checked for fatigue cracking. A suitably qualified technician should repair any evidence of fatigue cracking.
- Strimech can provide on site product support with its fully qualified engineer for any of the work referred to in this user guide.
- Genuine spare parts from Strimech must only be used for repair work. The use of non-Strimech parts will leave the operator and owner responsible for subsequent claims from third parties in the event of a failure.

Hydraulic equipment (when fitted)

1. Hydraulic hose and connectors connecting the attachment to the machine should meet the specification of the machine's hydraulic system. Refer to machine handbook for specification details.
2. Check condition of all hoses and couplings. Any hoses or couplings showing signs of wear or leakage should be replaced immediately. Contact Strimech for genuine replacement parts.
3. The attachment must be safely parked on the ground before commencing work on the hydraulic equipment.
4. The hydraulic connection to the operating machine should be disconnected before working on the hydraulic equipment. First release the hydraulic pressure from the attachment hydraulic system. Switch off the engine of the operating machine and disconnect the hydraulic hoses. Work can now commence on the hydraulic system.
5. When reconnecting the hydraulic hoses to the machine ensure the pressure is released.
6. Hydraulic oil under pressure is dangerous, care should be taken not to contact hydraulic oil with the skin. Never touch a leaking hydraulic hose.



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