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**WIRE ROPE CUTTER RCV115**

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR INSTALLATION,  
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE**

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## Description

This cutter is primarily intended for use on steel wire rope, having a maximum tensile strength of 1770N/mm up to 115mm diameter. It may be used on alternative materials, such as electrical power or communication cables, again up to a maximum of 115mm diameter. Where smaller diameters are to be cut, effort should be made to place the material centrally along the anvil to minimise any offset loading.

### IMPORTANT

If it is required to extend the recommended use of the cutter, for instance to cut solid steel bar or wire rope with a greater strength, please refer to the manufacturer, Allspeeds Ltd, with full details of material size and tensile strength. Cutting unsuitable materials could result in damage to the tool.

### 1. SAFETY

Before operation, read and understand this operations manual.

Whilst the tool is intended for remote or local operation sub-sea, there is no reason why it should not be used above surface.

Ensure that the tool, hoses and pump are in good condition and properly connected.

Ensure that suitable pressure regulation equipment is used and that the unit is not subjected to pressures higher than those stated in section 3

In all cases, where an operator is present, the safety aspects must be reviewed before the cutting operation is commenced.

No attempt should be made to cut any material that is under tension.

Ensure that the operator is shielded from the cutting blade during the cutting operation.

When cutting near the very end of hose fragments can be expelled from the tool, please ensure that the operator is shielded from these.

If in doubt please contact the manufacturer (Allspeeds Ltd) or an authorized distributor for assistance.

If at any time it is necessary to carry out proof tests on the tool, e.g. after service on the hydraulic cylinders, it must be returned to the supplier for testing where the following procedures apply.

The maximum proof test pressure should not exceed 125% of the maximum working pressure and this should only be done by Allspeeds using our specially adapted test rig.

The tool should be guarded during the proof test operation, and be carried out in a safe working environment.

The proof pressure should be applied gradually, until the maximum pressure is reached.

**Important:** Please note this tool is designed for intermittent subsea use. Please refer to the manufacturer (Allspeeds Ltd) or an authorized distributor should you wish to use this tool subsea for any period over 14 days.

**CAUTION** – Any modification made to this tool will invalidate the warranty and may lead to equipment failure or personal injury. If in doubt please contact the manufacturer (Allspeeds Ltd) or an authorised distributor for assistance.

### **INSPECT THE TOOL BEFORE USE**

With the cutter isolated from the hydraulic supply, check the condition of the blade edge. If the blade is damaged or blunt replace with a fresh blade before cutting. This procedure is as described in section 8.

Ensure that care is taken when checking the blade as the edge may be sharp

Check the condition of the anvil. It is normal that the anvil will show an indent where the blade has pressed down into it and can withstand multiple cuts, but any excessively damaged anvil should be replaced. This procedure is as described in section 7

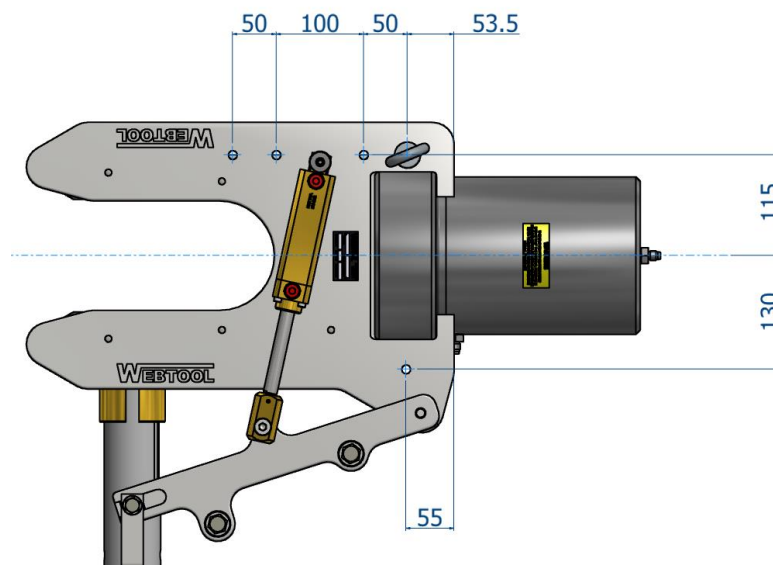
### **CAUTION – USE OF BLADES AND PARTS NOT APPROVED BY WEBTOOL MAY RESULT IN TOOL FAILURE AND CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGE**

## **2. CUTTING CAPACITY**

The cutter is primarily intended for use on steel wire rope, having a maximum tensile strength of 1770N/mm and will cut ropes up to 115mm diameter. It may be used on alternative materials, such as electrical power or communication cables, again up to a maximum of 115mm diameter. Where smaller diameters are to be cut, effort should be made to place the material centrally along the anvil to minimise any offset loading.

## **3. INSTALLATION**

Tapped Holes, M12, are provided in the tool body (see sketch) which can be used for any attachment necessary to mount the cutter. The cylinder is a pressure vessel and is not recommended as a mounting point, the cylinder should not be drilled, machined, mutilated or damaged in any way, any warranty could be invalidated by such actions.

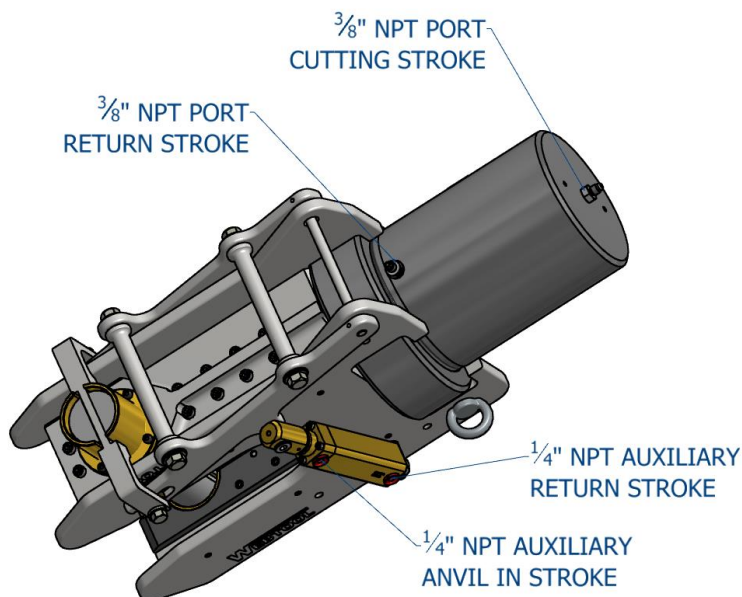


Two hydraulic supplies are required, ported as shown below. The maximum working pressures are shown in the table below and pressure limiting valves must be fitted into the supply to limit the pressures to these levels. The weight of the tool is 125kg.

**TABLE 1.**

Function	Max. Working Pressure		Swept Volume		Port Tapping
	psi	bar	ml.	U.S. Gallon	
Main Ram Working Stroke	10,000	690	2125	(0.561)	3/8" NPT
Main Ram Return Stroke	10,000*	690*	810	(0.214)	3/8" NPT
Auxiliary Cylinders Out Stroke (to retract anvil)	2,750	190	100	(0.026)	1/4" NPT
Auxiliary Cylinders Instroke (to reset anvil)	2,750	190	60	(0.016)	1/4" NPT

**\*N.B.** Actual pressure required to return Ram < 200 psi (14 bar)

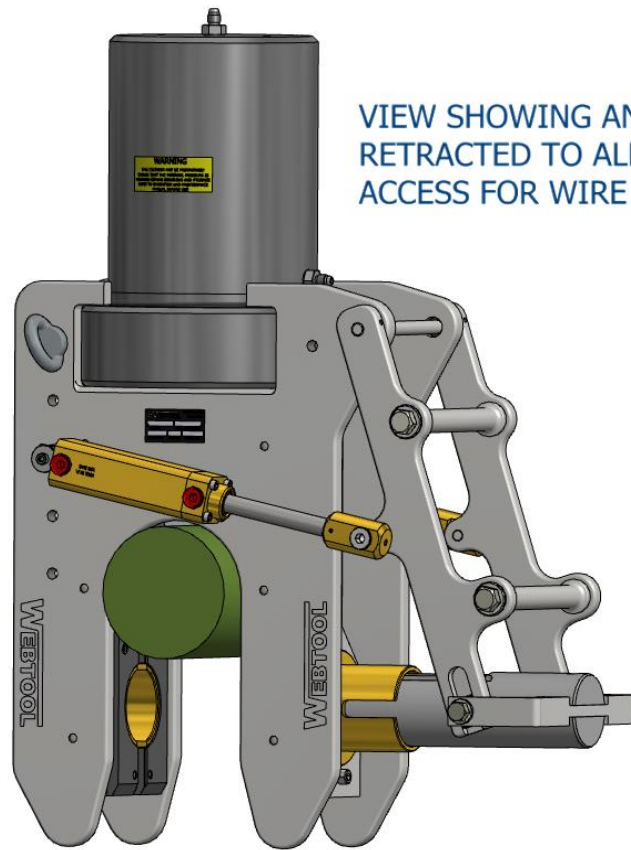


#### **4. OPERATION**

Before deployment, function test the tool and ensure that all operators are familiar with this procedure. ROV observation of the tool should be maintained at all time during operation. Prior to use, ensure no damage has occurred to the blade or anvil. Ensure the anvil is fully retracted.

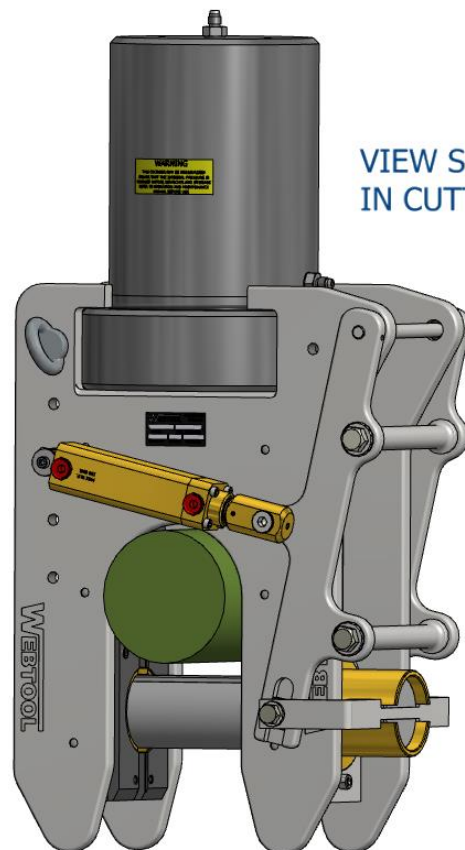
##### **DEPLOYMENT**

Prior to use, the auxiliary cylinder outstroke should be operated to withdraw the anvil. This clears access for the cutter to be placed over the wire rope. Place the cutter over the wire rope. Ensure that the wire rope is as far into the cutter as possible so that the anvil does not foul as it is reset. Place the cutter over the wire rope. Ensure that the wire rope is as far into the cutter as possible



VIEW SHOWING ANVIL FULLY  
RETRACTED TO ALLOW  
ACCESS FOR WIRE ROPE

Operate the auxiliary cylinder in stroke to position the anvil fully home under the wire rope, the main ram should not be activated until the auxiliary cylinders are operated to the full extent of their stroke.



VIEW SHOWING ANVIL  
IN CUTTING POSITION

Operate the main ram down-stroke to sever the wire rope. Once the wire rope is severed, Pressurize the main ram retract port to withdraw the cutting blade. Then, and only then, retract the anvil. It is important not to operate the anvil cylinder whilst the main ram and blade are in the fully extended position.

If a further cut is required, the above procedure should be repeated.

**N.B.** Do not operate the auxiliary cylinders when the main ram is fully extended since this would damage the anvil.

## **TROUBLESHOOTING**

If the wire rope does not cut through completely on the first attempt, cycle the blade by retracting it slightly and then attempting the cut again.

If the wire rope does not completely cut after multiple cycles of the blade, check the Input pressure to the main input of the cylinder. This can be a maximum of 700 bar (10,000psi).

If the wire rope to be cut is still not severed after multiple cycles and at a pressure of 700 bar, Retract the blade and then the anvil and return the tool to the surface for inspection of the blade and anvil, replace if necessary.

**IMPORTANT NOTE – ENSURE THAT THE BLADE IS FULLY RETRACTED AND THAT ALL PRESSURE TO THE CUTTER IS RELIEVED AS IT IS RAISED TO THE SURFACE. FAILURE TO DO THIS CAN LEAD TO A DANGEROUS BUILD UP OF PRESSURE IN THE CYLINDER.**

## **5. AFTER USE**

When the tool is retrieved, it should be hosed off with clean water, allowed to drain and sprayed externally with a de-watering fluid. Before storage, inspect the general condition of the tool. Particular attention should be paid to the anvil and blade. The anvil should be clean and free from any damage or bruising on the outside diameter that would prevent it from retracting properly. The blade edge should be smooth and free from any serrations. Note that a slight ripple to the blade edge is acceptable and will not cause problems. Any minor damage can be smoothed off with an oil stone if necessary.

## **6. SERVICE**

It is unlikely that service would be required on the hydraulic components of the tool under normal circumstances, but a seal spares kit is available if required. The only parts that would need intermittent replacement would be the anvil, blade and wear plates, depending on the frequency of use and materials being cut. These parts can be ordered up on the following spares reference numbers, but in addition please quote the tool serial number.

<b>Seal Kit</b>	Part Number	<b>995290</b>
<b>Anvil</b>	Part Number	<b>SSC6475</b>
<b>Blade</b>	Part Number	<b>705036C</b>
<b>Wear Plate Kit</b>	Part Number	<b>995079</b>

We advise that any servicing should be carried out by an authorised distributor only.

If required, the tool can be returned to the manufacturer, Allspeeds Ltd, for servicing and testing.

If servicing is to be undertaken by the user, please see note on proof testing under SAFETY (Chapter 1), and the following:-

All servicing operations should be carried out in a clean environment to prevent contamination of the oil and mating components.

Care should be taken with all mating areas ie. threads and sealing faces, as any damage or abrasive contamination could cause galling or seizing on re-assembly.

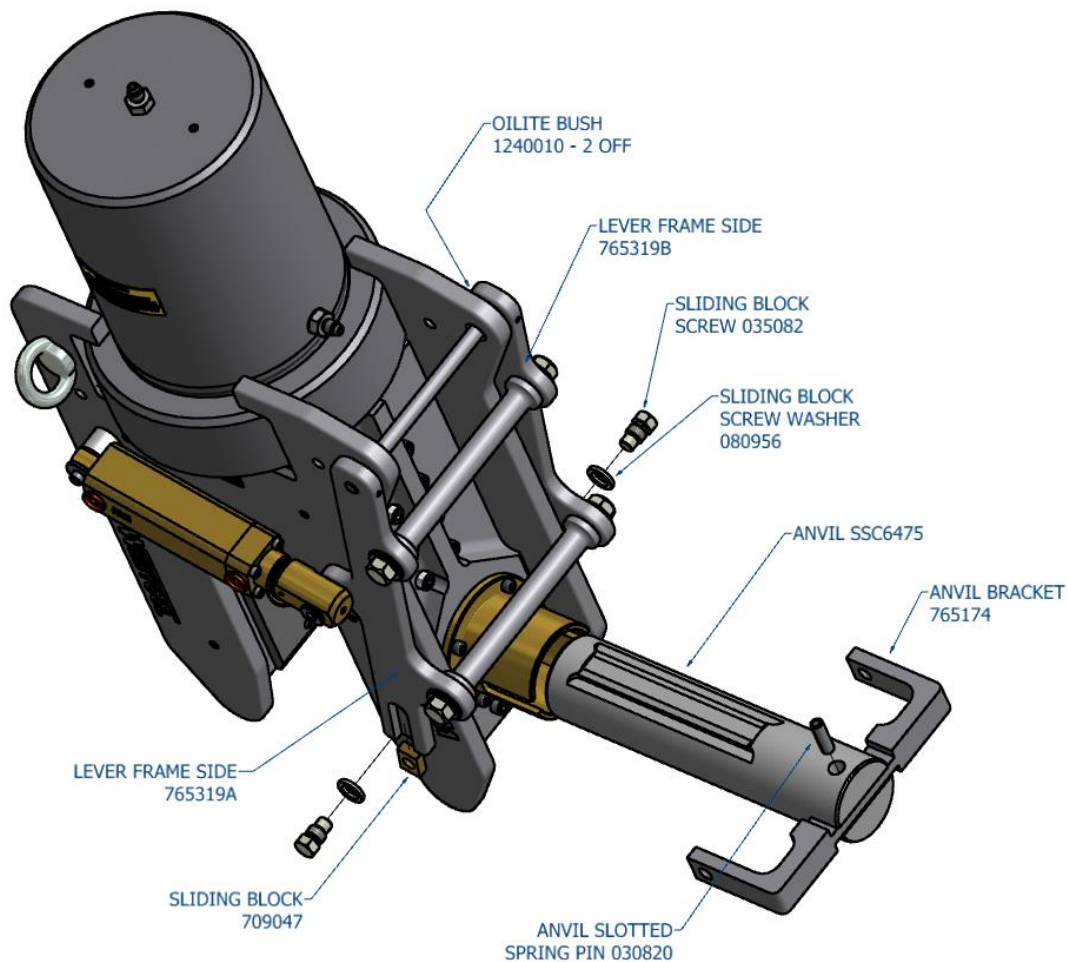
The cylinder is a pressure vessel and should not be drilled, machined, mutilated or damaged in any way for mounting purposes or to assist in its removal for servicing, any warranty could be invalidated by such actions.

The use of stilsons to remove the cylinder is not recommended as damage will occur.

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## 7. REPLACEMENT OF THE ANVIL

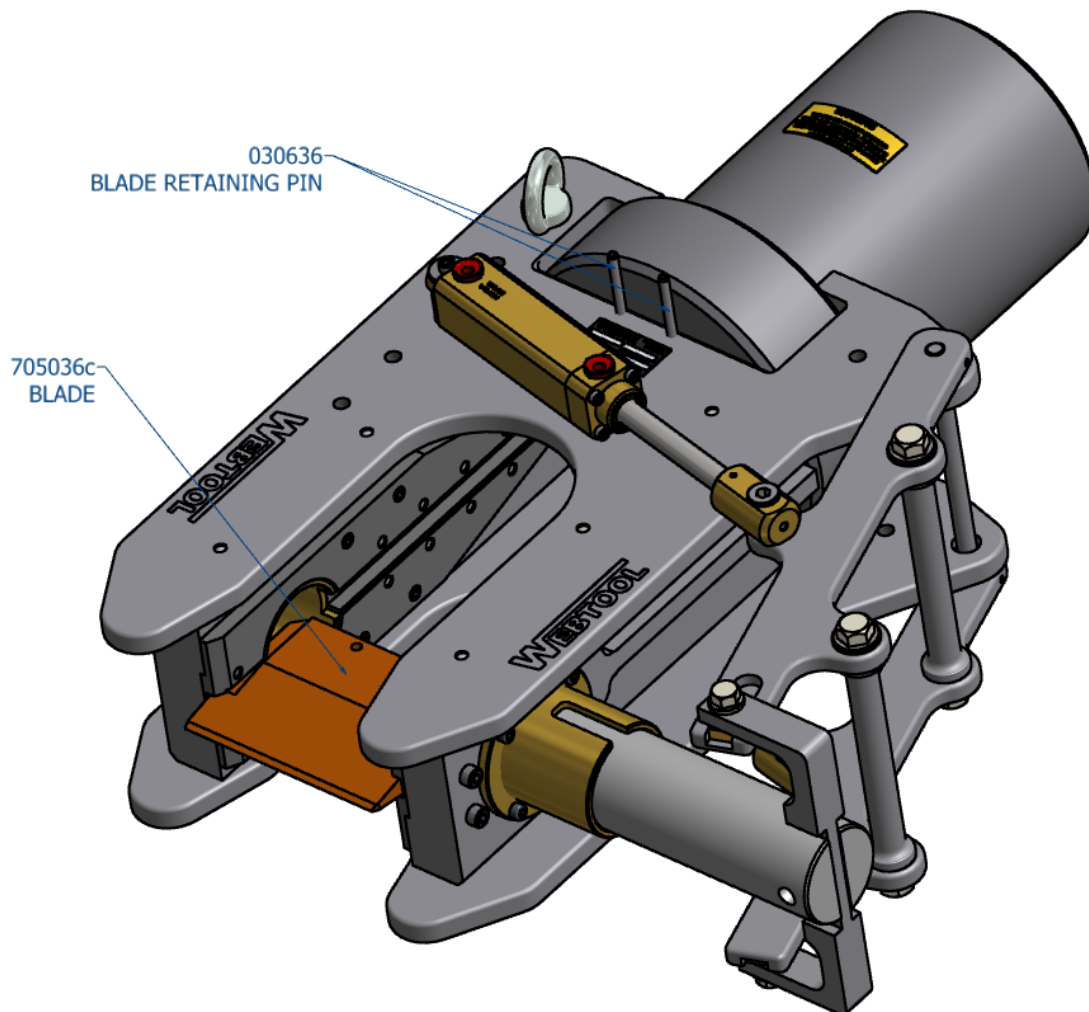
Remove the two Sliding Block Screws, Washers and Sliding Blocks 035082, 080956 and 709047. The Anvil SSC6475 can now be removed attached to the Anvil Bracket 765174, knock out the Slotted Spring Pin 030820 this will disconnect the Anvil Bracket and free the Anvil. Re assembly is the reverse of the above.



## 8. REPLACEMENT OF THE CUTTING BLADE

First withdraw the anvil as shown below by applying pressure to the auxiliary ports. Pump out the main ram until the blade spring pins 030636 can be seen in the opening of the cutter body.

The two pins are ¼" (6.35mm) diameter and they should be knocked out enough to release the blade.



With the pins removed the blade can be taken from the cutter, gloves should be worn to prevent cuts from any sharp edges that may be present on the blade after use. Re-assembly is the reverse of the above process.

## 9. REMOVAL OF THE MAIN CYLINDER

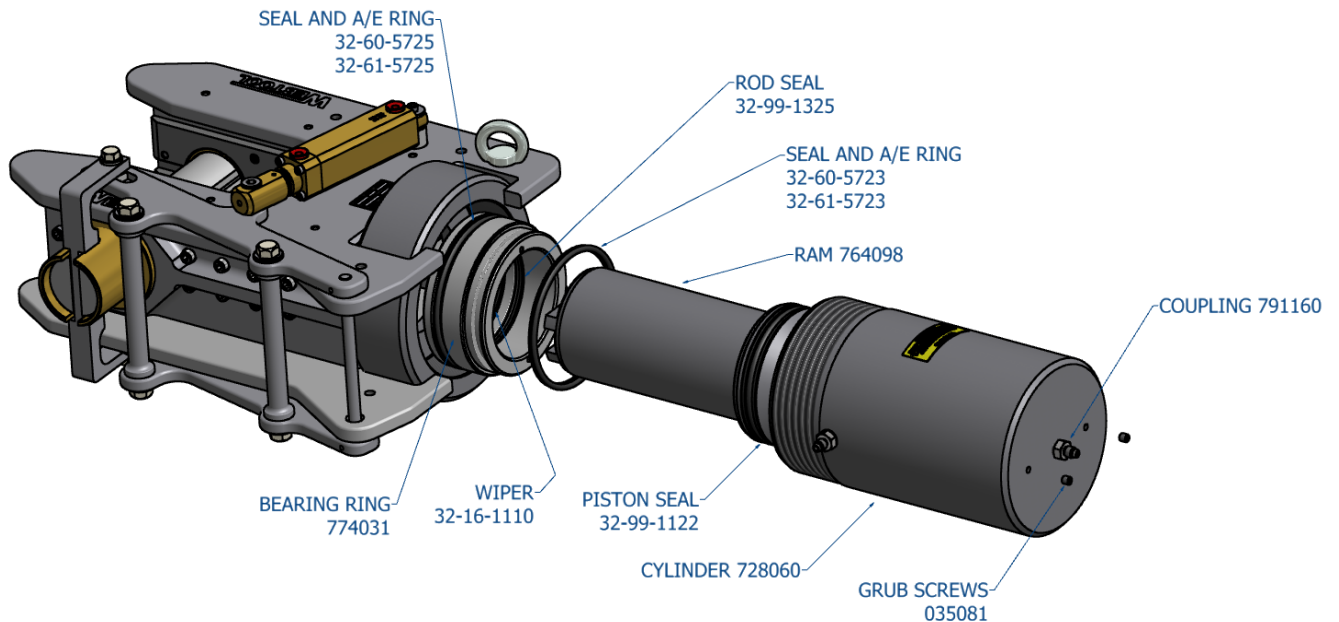
If it is necessary to renew the hydraulic seals, the cylinder must be removed from the tool. As an aid to this, 2 off tapped holes are provided in the cylinder end face. These are M8 x 8 deep on 100mm centres.

First, pump out the ram and remove the blade, again as described above in section 8.

To use the holes in the top of the cylinder first remove any couplings, then the blanking screws 035081 and fasten a piece of flat bar, typically 30x10mm section and 900mm long centrally to the top of the cylinder. This can be used to loosen or re-tighten the cylinder. Do not use Stilsons to remove the cylinder as damage will occur.



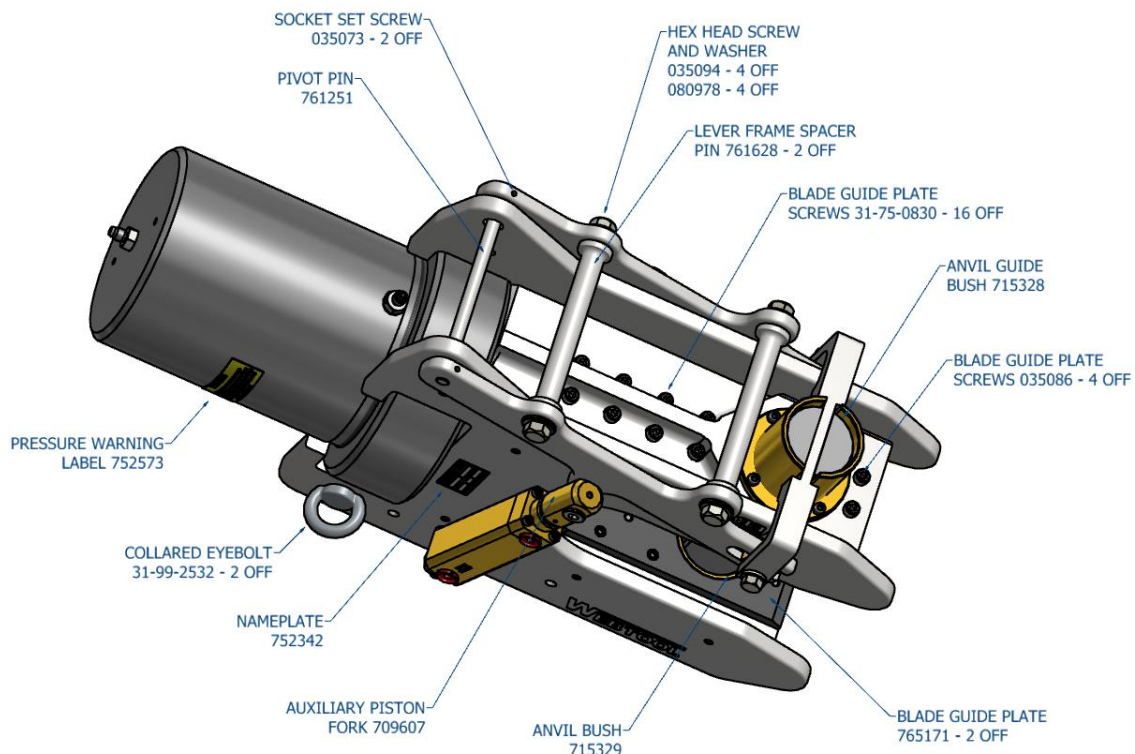
Unscrew the cylinder 728060 and remove from the assembly, it will come free but still attached will be the ram 764098.

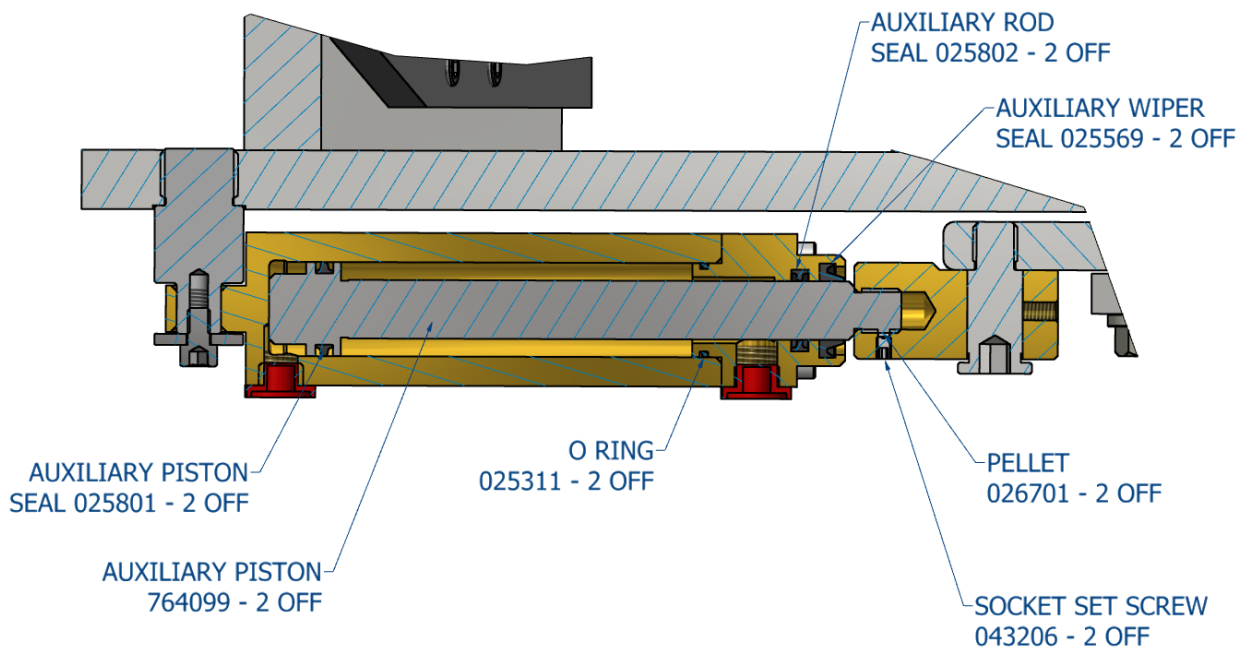
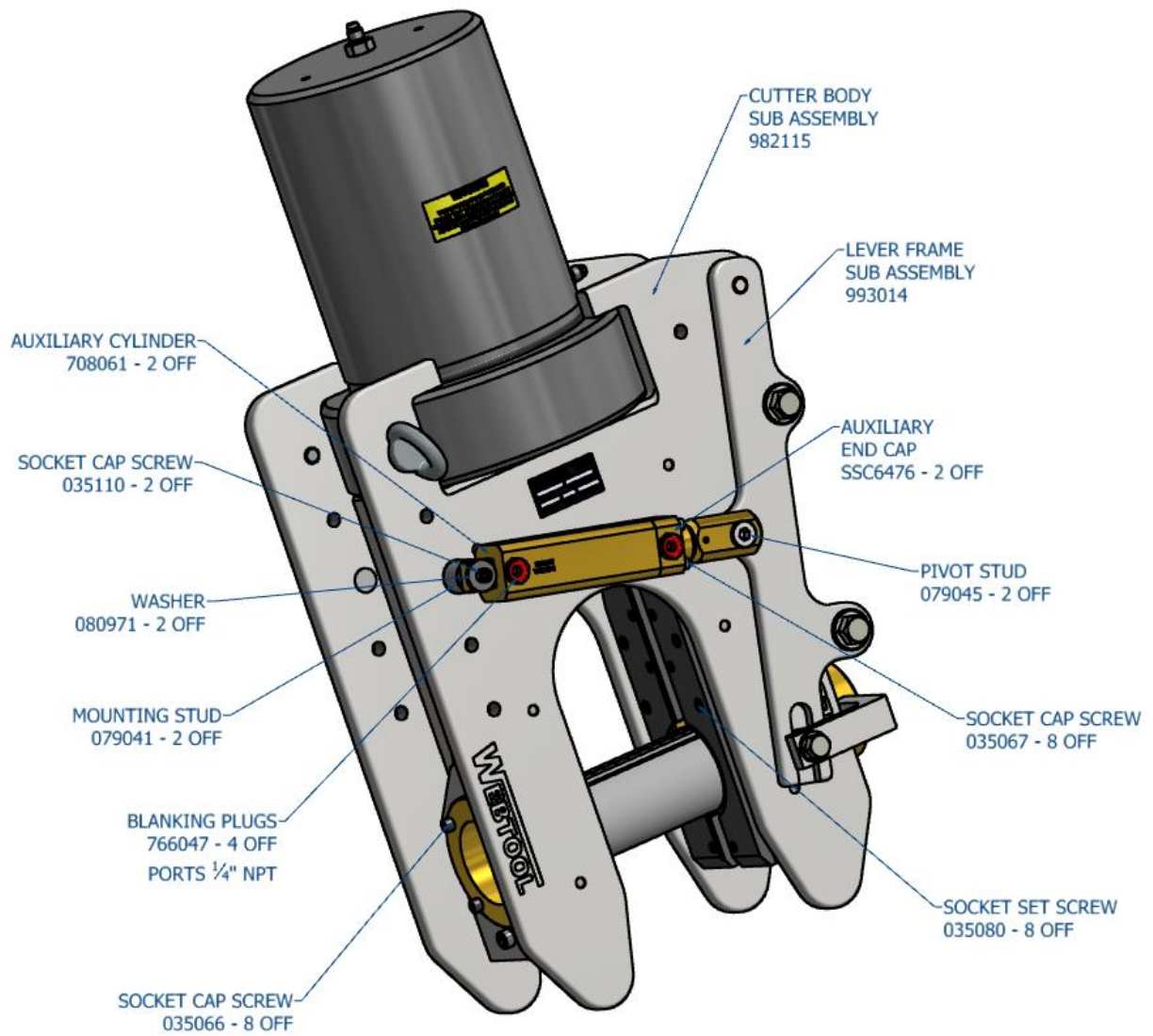


Put the assembled parts into a plastic dust bin or similar vessel, fit the coupling to the top of the cylinder, attach a hand pump to the coupling and pump out the ram, importantly, **by hand**. The ram will now be free of the cylinder and all seals will be accessible.

To re assemble, fit the ram into the assembly, locate the blade and fit the spring pins, put grease on the threads and screw in the cylinder using the two tapped holes and the flat bar, remove the bar, replace the screws and fit the coupling and bonded seal. The tool is now ready for use.

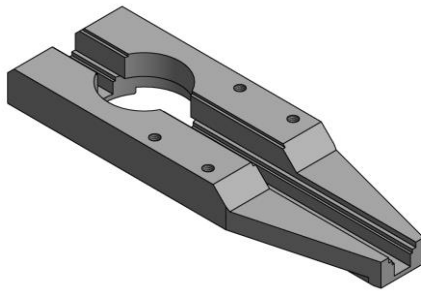
Views below shows other components in the cutter not previously mentioned with their part numbers.





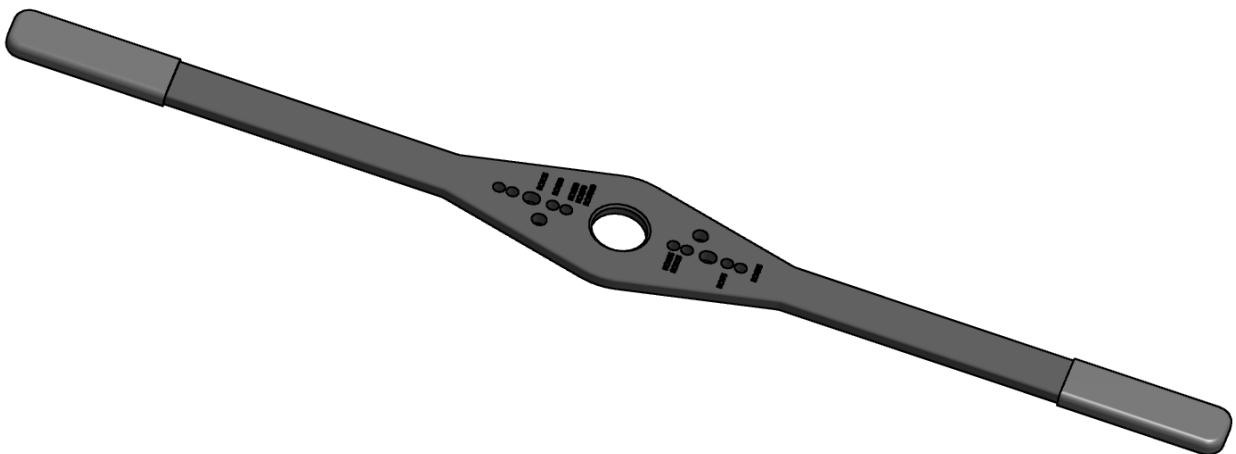
This RCV115 cutter is compatible with the following optional extras, not supplied as standard.

A set of thicker wear plates **995148** are available and shown below, these would replace the existing wear plates and reduce the width of the throat of the cutter by 40mm to ensure that the item being cut would be held central to the cutter



#### **Cylinder Assembly Tool - SK4377A**

This tool can be used on RCV75, RCV75HD, RCV115, RCV135, RCV155, RCV190, HCV100, HCV120, HCV250 and HCV270 cutting tools



#### **Webtool Hydraulic Intensifier – HP690A** *(available in a range on intensification ratios)*



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<b>Lever Frame Sub Assembly</b>		<b>993014</b>
<b>Part No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Qty</b>
030820	Anvil spring pin	1
035073	Socket cap screw M6 x 10 stainless steel	2
035082	Sliding block screw	2
035094	Hexagon head screw M10 x 20 stainless steel	4
043206	Socket set cup point M4 x 6 stainless steel	2
080956	Washer – sliding block screw	2
080978	Lever frame washer	4
709047	Sliding block	2
709607	Auxiliary piston fork	2
761251	Pivot pin Ø12mm x 190mm long	1
761628	Lever frame spacer pin	2
765174	Anvil bracket	1
765319A	Lever frame side plate A	1
765319B	Lever frame side plate B	1

<b>RCV 115 – Full Part List excluding seals</b>		<b>980290</b>
<b>Part No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Qty.</b>
728060	Cylinder	1
764098	Ram	1
765171	Blade guide plate	2
SSC6475	Anvil	1
774031	Bearing ring	1
705036c	Blade	1
715328	Anvil guide bush	1
715329	Anvil bush	1
079041	Mounting stud	2
079045	Pivot stud for auxiliary	2
080971	Special washer M6	2
035066	Socket cap screw M6 x 20 stainless 316	8
035110	Socket cap screw M6 x 10 stainless 316	2
035081	Socket cap screw M8 x 8 stainless 316	2
31-75-0830	Socket cap screw M8 x 30 stainless 316	16
035086	Socket cap screw M8 x 50 stainless 316	4
035080	Socket set screw M10 x 12 stainless 316	8
752342	Nameplate	1
766047	Blanking plug	4
791160	Coupling	2
791161	Coupling Cap	2
030636	Spring pin ¼" x 2"	2
31-99-2832	Eye bolt M12	2
1240010	Oilite sintered bronze bush	2
752573	Pressure warning label	1
982116	Auxiliary cylinder assembly	2
982115	Body assembly	1
993014	Lever frame assembly	1
995290	Seal kit	1

<b>Seal Kit – Part List</b>		<b>995290</b>
<b>Part No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Qty.</b>
025311	Seal, 'O' ring, end cap	2
025569	Scraper, rod	2
025801	Seal, piston	2
025802	Seal, rod	2
32-99-1122	Main piston seal	1
32-99-1325	Main rod seal	1
32-60-5723	Seal O ring 134.3mm i/dia	1
32-16-1110	Main wiper seal	1
32-61-5723	A/E ring for O ring	1
32-60-5725	Seal O ring 144.3mm i/dia	1
32-61-5725	A/E ring for O ring 32-60-5725	1

<b>Auxiliary Cylinder – Part List</b>		<b>982116</b>
<b>Part No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Qty.</b>
728061	Cylinder	1
SSC6476	End cap	1
764099	Piston	1
035067	Socket cap screw M5 x 30	4
025311	Seal, 'O' ring, end cap	1
025569	Scraper, rod	1
025801	Seal, piston	1
025802	Seal, rod	1
026701	Pellet	1



## **CUTTING EDGE TECHNOLOGY**

Webtool specialises in engineering powerful hydraulic tools for cutting and gripping rope, cable and umbilicals.

Models designed for use in subsea environments by ROV's, and surface applications in hostile environments.

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- Wire Rope Cutters (RCV) – capable of cutting steel wire rope up to 190mm diameter
- Cable Cutters (HCV) – capable of cutting cable, umbilical and armoured flexible pipe lines up to 330mm diameter
- Softline Cutters (SL) – capable of cutting fibre ropes in various sizes
  - Wire Rope / Cable Grippers
    - Wire Rope Clamps
    - Automatic Shackles

### **Application specific solutions**

Our in house design and manufacturing capability means we can quickly and efficiently develop a solution to suit your particular application. Contact our engineering department to discuss how we can help.

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