

Clarke®



CARPET KNEE KICKER

MODEL NO: CHT403
PART No: 1801403

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS



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Please read these instructions carefully before operating the tool

Thank you for purchasing this **CLARKE Carpet Knee Kicker**

Before using the device, please read this manual thoroughly and carefully follow all instructions given. This is for your own safety and that of others around you, and is also to help you achieve long and trouble free service from your new tool.

CLARKE GUARANTEE

This CLARKE product is guaranteed against faulty manufacture for a period of 12 months from the date of purchase. Please keep your receipt as proof of purchase.

This guarantee is invalid if the product is found to have been abused or tampered with in any way, or not used for the purpose for which it was intended.

Faulty goods should be returned to their place of purchase, no product can be returned to us without prior permission.

This guarantee does not affect your statutory rights.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model : CHT403

Part No : 1801403

Overall Length : 470 - 545mm

Features

- Teeth Depth Adjustment
- Overall length Adjustment

This Carpet Kicker allows you to manoeuvre the carpet into its final position and 'knee-kick' the edge onto the gripper rail with ease and precision.

It is suitable for use with carpets that are intended to be fitted by means of a gripper rail. You should check to ensure that your carpet may be fitted using a carpet kicker.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

IMPORTANT

Failure to follow these precautions could result in personal injury, and/or damage to property.

1. Take care handling the kicker. The head has sharp blades and teeth.
2. Never leave the kicker with the gripper pad and teeth facing upwards when the safety cover is not fitted.
3. **ALWAYS** concentrate on the job in hand, no matter how trivial it may seem. Be aware that accidents are caused by carelessness due to familiarity.

PREPARATION FOR USE



The Carpet Kicker is used for the final fitting of a carpet, and the following conditions are therefore assumed to be in effect.

1. The gripper rail has been correctly positioned around the edges of the room and properly secured to the floor.
2. The underlay has been laid and secured to the floor in the area bounded by the gripper rail.
3. The carpet has been cut oversize according to the required room shape.
4. The carpet has been correctly orientated and placed approximately in position in the room where it is to be laid.
5. The carpet has been spread out in the room so that it is flat to the underlay.

The length of the kicker can be adjusted to best suit the user's preference and working space.

The teeth can be set to protrude to a depth to best suit the thickness of the carpet to be fitted.

The protection cover should always be fitted when the kicker is not in use and should be left in place whilst adjusting the kickers' length. The teeth must be retracted (setting 0) for the cover to be fitted. Keep the cover handy for re-use during the job.

To remove the cover, grip it and pull it away from the kicker head.

LENGTH ADJUSTMENT

The telescopic steel tube is locked by means of spring pins. The captive pins lock the tubes in position through holes in the tubes. There are two locking pins. These allow the kicker to be adjusted in length from 470 mm to 545 mm (18½ to 21½ inches).

To adjust the length:

1. Press the two pins inwards and hold them in this position whilst rotating one tube so the pins are out of alignment so they remain depressed.
2. Adjust to the required length by moving the ends of the kicker closer together or further apart, as required, then rotate the tubes until the holes and pins are realigned. The pins will spring out and lock the tubes in position.



TEETH DEPTH ADJUSTMENT

The teeth depth may be adjusted by means of the rotary depth control knob.

There are eight settings, 0 to 7. The lowest setting is '0' for thin pile carpets. The maximum setting is '7' for deep pile carpets.

Determine the teeth depth required for the carpet to be laid.

To do this, test on an off-cut of carpet to ensure teeth depth selection is correct.

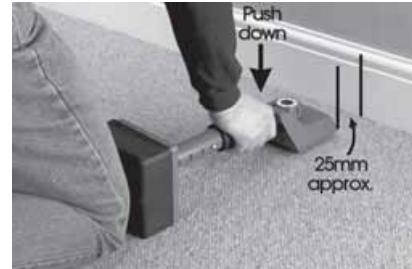
The teeth should be adjusted to grip the base material of the carpet and not to pierce it, as this could damage the underlay.

Rotate the adjuster knob to raise or lower the teeth.



METHOD OF USE

1. Set the teeth to a depth to suit the carpet thickness, as described previously.
2. Kneel close to one corner of the longest edge of the carpet and place the kicker about 25 mm from the edge of the gripper rail and facing the skirting board.
3. Sink the teeth into the carpet and apply reasonable downward pressure on the handle-grip.
4. Use your knee to 'kick' the padded end of the kicker so as to jog the carpet forward, whilst pushing down on the edge of the carpet so that it is held by the carpet gripper
5. Work your way along this edge repeating the operation, then cut and tuck the carpet edge between the gripper rail and skirting board.
6. Repeat along the opposite edge of the carpet other edges as required.
7. If in doubt about the fitting procedure please contact an experienced fitter.



MAINTENANCE

The only maintenance required is to ensure that after use, any carpet pile that may have attached itself to the gripper pad is completely removed, and the Kicker is stored with the grippers teeth protection cover in place.

Gripper teeth and Gripper Blade pad assemblies are available from your CLARKE dealer - please see 'SPARE PARTS' for details.

Renewing a Gripper Pad Assembly

Two gripper blade pad assemblies are each secured in place with two screws.

Firstly, remove each Gripper Blade Pad assembly, as follows:

1. Turn the teeth setting knob fully clockwise so that the teeth are fully retracted.
2. Undo the two screws using a cross-head screwdriver.
3. Lift off the assembly.



Replace the pads, ensuring the blade points face away from the padded end and is fully and properly seated in the recess.

Refit the screws and tighten using a cross-head screwdriver.

Removing the Teeth Block

To remove the Teeth Block, firstly remove the gripper pads as described previously, then, using a protective glove or similar to hold the teeth block, rotate the teeth setting adjuster knob **anticlockwise** until it becomes fully disengaged from the adjuster assembly, then lift it free.

Replace in reverse order, screwing the adjuster knob clockwise fully, until the '0' on the knob dial aligns with the marker on the body.

Finally, refit the gripper pads as described above.



SPARE PARTS

The following parts are available:

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| • Teeth Assembly | Part No: CHT41001 |
| • Gripper Blade Pad Assembly | Part No: CHT40102 |
| • Gripper Blade fixing screws (x2) | Part No: Cht40103 |

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