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6. To start the cutting process, LOWER THE CUTTER GENTLY onto the pipe; rough handling will damage the carbide teeth.

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7. Make sure the Cutter rotates in the cutting (clockwise) direction only. Rotating in the reverse direction will damage the carbide teeth. ALWAYS ROTATE CLOCKWISE.

8. Begin cutting the pipe with a SLOW FEEDSCREW RATE and light force to allow the Cutter to engage the pipe properly. Once all the cutter's teeth are cutting the pipe, make at least 2 quarter turns of the ratchet before applying more force on the feedscrew. TURN THE FEEDSCREW ONLY WHILE TURNING THE RATCHET.

9. When nearing the end of the cut, reduce the feedscrew rate and force to allow the cutter to finish the cut cleanly and to prevent pushing through the pipe. A clean cut will provide better coupon retention.

10. Coupon retention is enhanced by rotating the cutter in the clockwise direction during retraction.

Note: PVC Shell Cutters may require removing the shavings after making 3/8 to 1/2 of the cut through pipe walls 3/4" thick or more.



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