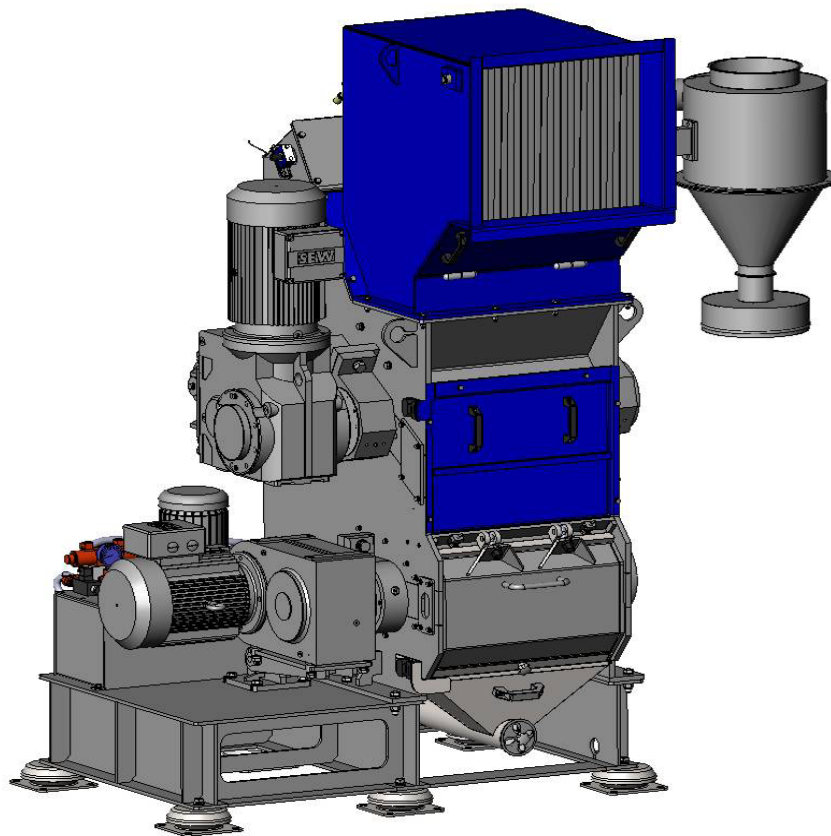


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## **1 INFORMATION ON THIS INSTRUCTION MANUAL**

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No part of this operation manual may be reproduced, distributed or used in any shape or form, stored in a data processing system or translated into another language without written permission.

This operation manual serves to help you to get to know your machine and how to make use of its application possibilities in accordance with the regulations.

The operation manual contains important information on how to operate the machine safely, correctly and economically. Following this advice will help you to avoid danger, minimize repair costs and down times and to increase the reliability and durability of the machine.

Before you begin to work on and with the machine, please read the operation manual thoroughly. Only after you have read and understood the contents of this operation manual may you begin work on and with the machine. Keep this operation manual at the application site for future reference.

References to chapters, plans and other documents as well as key markings are written in *italics*.

↓ Instructions on handling are marked in this way.

The machine is designed in modular system and offers a wide spectrum of variations to do justice to your expectations. In order that you receive with the delivery of your machine all the information relevant for you, this operation manual is divided into three parts:

1. Part A: Information of the basic machine.
2. Part B: Plans, operation manuals for systems from other manufacturers etc.

Should you wish to order further operation manuals, please quote the machine number.

We wish you every success with your new machine!

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**2 TECHNICAL DATA**

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<b>Shredder</b>		
Feeding chamber opening:	Data in mm:	570x490
Rotor dimension:	Diameter in mm:	310
	Width of cut in mm:	570
Rotor type E		
Rotor knives:	No. of rotor knives:	26
Stator knives:	No. of stator knives:	2
	Rows of stator knives:	1x2
Rotor speed (50 Hz):	rpm	60
Drive motor:	Power in kW:	11
Motor hydraulic unit:	Power in kW:	0.75
<b>Granulator</b>		
Rotor dimension:	Diameter in mm:	300
	Width of cut in mm:	540
Rotor type F3H		
Rotor knives:	Rows of knives:	3
	No. of rotor knives:	6
Stator knives:	No. of bed knives:	2
Rotor speed (50 Hz):	rpm	460
Drive motor:	Power in kW:	7.5
Screen:	Type and screen hole size dependent on the application and customer requirements.	Manual opening of screen holder
Machine weight:	In kg	Approx. 2060
Electrical connection data: markings are attached to the machine		
Noise level: Depends on plant location and type of grinding material!	Without noise equipment, in dB(A):	Approx. 90
	With noise equipment in dB(A):	depends on type of soundproof
Dimensions:	See Layout drawing	



### **3 GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **3.1 Copyright**

VIRTUS EQUIPMENT holds the copyright for these operation instructions, entrusted to the owner of the shredder for his personal use. These contains technical instructions and drawings which are not be copied complete or in part, distributed or used for reasons of unauthorized competition or for informing others.

#### **3.2 Application**

The shredder is designed for size-reduction of wood. The user is responsible for consequences resulting from incorrect operation: This will lead to the loss of the warranty as well as any compensation claims.



#### **3.3 Safety**

The shredder has been constructed in accordance to the general standards of technology and is fitted with safety devices to prevent accidents that could endanger the life or health of the operator. The company operating the unit is responsible for the compliance of the safety regulations. We recommend staff training courses at regular intervals subsequent to initial training during commissioning.

#### **3.4 Inspection of goods**

The goods must be inspected by the purchaser to ensure that the delivery is complete and free from damage during transport. In the event of any queries Virtus Equipment must be informed with regard to missing items or transport damage. In the event of actual transport damage, written notification including photographs should be made and sent to the transport company as well as sent to Virtus Equipment immediately after delivery.

## **4 GENERAL SAFETY ADVICE**

 <b>WARNING</b>	
	<p>The partly completed machinery must not be put into service until the final machinery into which it is to be incorporated has been declared in conformity with the provisions of Directive 2006/42/EC on Machinery, where appropriate, and until the EC Declaration of Conformity according to Annex II A is issued.</p>

### **4.1 Safe operation of the machine**

The machine is built according to the state of the art and recognised safety regulations.

It is equipped with protective devices; however, there is still the threat of danger in case of incorrect conduct or misuse:

- for the health of the operator and that of other persons,
- for the machine,
- for the environment,
- for material assets belonging to the company and the operator.

All persons involved in:

- transportation and storage,
- start-up and shutdown,
- operation,
- setting and fitting
- maintenance and waste disposal...

of the machine must carefully read and take note of the following advice. However, not only the general safety advice listed in this chapter has to be observed, but also the safety advice which is added specifically in the other chapters.

Failure to heed this safety advice can lead to loss of all compensation claims.

Furthermore, the existing rules and regulations for the prevention of accidents as well as in house company working, operational and safety regulations have to be observed.

## **4.2 Use in accordance with the regulations**

The operational safety of the delivered machine is only guaranteed for use in accordance with the regulations!

This regulation use is only achieved if the following points are observed and fulfilled.

### **Manufacturing process and grinding material**

The shredder is suitable exclusively for the grinding of material, which corresponds to the agreed customer-specific specifications in all points (see *Contract of sale*).

Any other work or design will differ from the specified requirements. Virtus Equipment Machinery & Recycling Technology will not be held responsible. The specified requirements also include all information found in the owner's manual such as maintenance and service.

Any change in the specifications or requirements must be brought to the attention of Virtus Equipment.

### **Discharge device**

The shredder must be operated with a suitable discharge device, such a belt conveyor or discharge screw.

 <b>WARNING</b>	
	<b>The machine is not allowed to run without suitable discharge device!</b>



### **Suction unit**

If emissions occur during grinding of material, which exceed the permissible legal values for contaminants in the air, the shredder may only then be operated when the customer on site has installed a suitable air suction device.

**Safety device for the in-feed hopper**

The shredder must be operated with a suitable feeding device, such a belt conveyor, loading crane or feeding screw.

 <b>WARNING</b>	
	<b>The machine is not allowed to run with manual material feed!</b>

 <b>WARNING</b>	
	<b>The shredder shall be installed so that no items can be thrown out of the discharge area causing hazards!</b>

**Connection of the Emergency Stop button**

The machine may only be operated with the installed Emergency Stop buttons. In case no Emergency Stop buttons have been installed, an Emergency Stop button must be mounted on the control cabinet, the second on the material in feed.

**Miscellaneous:**

- The working conditions and instructions specified in this operation manual must be adhered to.
- The machine is not suitable for operation in an explosive environment.
- Faults, which can impair safety, are to be reported immediately and eliminated by a trained and skilled specialist.
- The machine may only be used in the industrial application range.

**General Requirements Safety Information**

- The service and maintenance in this owner's manual must be performed on a regular basis.
- The machine is not designed for operation in a volatile environment.
- Faults that could be a safety hazard must be reported immediately and repaired by experienced personal.

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- The machine must only be installed in an industrial type building.

**Known uses not in accordance with the regulations**

Never shred materials, which do not correspond to the agreed customer-specific specifications. If this occurs, there could be a danger to persons and the possibility of the machine being damaged.

**Informal Safety Requirements**

The owner's manual should always be located near the machine. New excerpts or additions to the owners' manual must always be inserted to include any safety requirements or environmental requirements.

All safety or caution signs must be visible and easy to read.



### **4.3 Liability and Responsibility**

The General Conditions of Sale and Delivery basically apply. These conditions apply no later than the end of the contract. Liability and or responsibility to seller do not apply to the following;

- Equipment is not properly used for its specific application.
  - Non-conforming installation, commissioning or service of the machines.
  - Operation of the equipment without proper safety guards.
  - Not conforming to the directions of the owners' manual regarding transport, storage, installation, commissioning or servicing the equipment.
- Any designs alterations on the machine.
  - Any changes on the program logic which can alter the machine operation or electrical function.
  - Changes in the logic function.
  - In proper maintenance or serving the machines that can lead to extraordinary wear
- In proper serving of equipment
  - Spontaneous crashes caused by foreign objects falling into the machine or acts of God

We honor a 12 month guarantee valid after delivery under the conditions that originally delivery or original parts from VIRTUS EQUIPMENT Machinery & Recycling Technology are used or accepted for use in accordance with our owner's manual.

Otherwise the guarantee will be considered invalid. Excluded are wear and tear parts such as knives, screens, drive belts, bearings, etc.

#### **4.4 Structural changes, spare parts, accessories**

For reasons of safety, remodelling and modifications to the machine, in particular to the electrical devices, are only permissible by arrangement with the manufacturer!

Replace faulty parts immediately. Only use original spare parts or spare parts from other manufacturers, which correspond, to the original spare parts with regards to function, stress and safety. This applies in particular for reasons of EMC (electro-magnetic compatibility) for electrical components.

The use of unsuitable parts can impair resistance to rays and increase the emission of rays!

If parts are replaced which are relevant for safety, they must be checked afterwards for proper functioning.

Only use accessories, which have been approved by the manufacturer. Use of accessories can change work with the machine. You must therefore observe the additional advice for your work and your safety. Read *Part B: Accessories*, before you commission the machine.

#### **4.5 Operation manuals from other manufacturers**

Integrated in the machine are systems from other manufacturers. When working on or with these systems, please observe the advice in the operation manuals from the respective manufacturer. These operation manuals are enclosed with the machine documentation.

#### **4.6 Noise levels and noise control measures**

The SG600 series shredder standard design is without a sound proof enclosure.

The noise level of the shredder at idle speed is approximately 85 dB(A).

Especially by rigid materials soundproofing is recommended due to a noise level of up to 100 dB(A) when in operation.

In order not to exceed the noise level of 85 dB(A) is the purchaser required to provide soundproofing.

The noise level can be affected by foundation static or dynamic, aux. blowers etc. or other additional equipment. Therefore, it is necessary to actually determine if the noise level is directly coming from the machine or accessory equipment.

VIRTUS EQUIPMENT offers the following equipment to reduce the noise levels;

- Two piece soundproof box (one piece stationary, one piece moveable) also available with soundproof hopper.
- Walk-in type soundproof enclosure.

### **CAUTION**



**The user or purchaser is responsible for compliance with the instructions and procedures!**

#### **4.7 Work stations**

During normal operation, the work station is the station at the in feed of the grinding material.

For maintenance work, the whole area around the machine is at your disposal.



## 4.8 Remaining risks

The machine is constructed so that you are able to operate it safely. Structurally non-avoidable dangers are prevented as well as possible by the protective devices. A certain remaining risk does however always remain! Being aware of these remaining risks of the machine will help you to structure your work more safely and in so doing to avoid accidents.

To avoid danger, please observe in addition the specific safety advice in the individual chapters.

### 4.8.1 Mechanical dangers

<b>Type of danger:</b>	Danger of crushing by heavy parts falling down or falling over.
<b>Activity:</b>	Unloading and transporting the machine or machine components.
<b>Possible consequences:</b>	Serious injury could result.
<b>Preventative measures:</b>	Wear personal protective gear. Follow the instructions in this <i>Operation manual</i> .

<b>Type of danger:</b>	Danger of cutting caused by sharp cutting knives, even when the rotor is stationary.
<b>Activity:</b>	Knife replacement, knife setting, and knife sharpening, other maintenance work.
<b>Possible consequences:</b>	Serious injury, particularly to hands and fingers can result.
<b>Preventative measures:</b>	Wear personal protective gear. Follow the instructions in this <i>Operation manual</i> .

<b>Type of danger:</b>	Danger of crushing when opening/closing the maintenance doors on the front side of the machine.
<b>Activity:</b>	Maintenance work.
<b>Possible consequences:</b>	Serious injury can result.
<b>Preventative measures:</b>	Ensure that no persons are in the danger area while closing the door.

<b>Type of danger:</b>	Tripping over cables and other objects lying around.
<b>Activity:</b>	All activities.
<b>Possible consequences:</b>	Serious injury can result.
<b>Preventative measures:</b>	Lay cables in accordance with the regulations. Keep work station clean and tidy.

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<b>Type of danger:</b>	Danger of crushing, cutting and amputation caused by rundown of the rotor.
<b>Activity:</b>	Maintenance work.
<b>Possible consequences:</b>	Serious injury or death can result.
<b>Preventative measures:</b>	The maintenance doors must always be tightly locked during operation. Do not make the run down safety devices ineffective by using technical aids or other manipulations. Never check by hand whether the rotor has come to a stop.

<b>Type of danger:</b>	Danger of pulling in caused by running "V"-belts.
<b>Activity:</b>	All activities.
<b>Possible consequences:</b>	Hair, jewellery etc. can be pulled into the machine. Serious injury can result.
<b>Preventative measures:</b>	Never dismount "V"-belt protection and window.

**4.8.2 Electrical dangers**

<b>Danger:</b>	Direct or indirect contact with live parts in the terminal box.
<b>Activity:</b>	Maintenance work, start-up.
<b>Possible consequences:</b>	Serious injury or death.
<b>Preventative measures:</b>	Trained electricians may only carry out all work on the electrical equipment. If work is necessary on parts, which conduct dangerous voltage, a second person should be called in who can break the power supply in case of emergency. The yellow-marked lines conduct voltage even when the machine is switched off (main switch to 0). Only use original safety fuses with stipulated intensity of current. Faulty electrical components must be replaced immediately. If faults occur in the electrical energy supply, switch machine off immediately. The terminal box must be locked during operation. Before opening the terminal box: Main switch to 0.

**4.8.3 Dangers caused by the control system**

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<b>Type of danger:</b>	Danger caused by failure of the Emergency Stop function.
<b>Activity:</b>	All activities.
<b>Possible consequences:</b>	Serious injury or death.
<b>Preventative measures:</b>	It must be guaranteed that failure of an Emergency Stop button is displayed and leads to an immediate stop of the machine.

**4.8.4 Thermal dangers**

<b>Type of danger:</b>	Danger of fire and explosion caused by throwing dangerous objects (e.g. spray cans) into the shredder.
<b>Activity:</b>	Grinding.
<b>Possible consequences:</b>	Serious injury or death can result.
<b>Preventative measures:</b>	Only grind grinding material, which corresponds to the agreed customer-specific specifications in all points.

**4.8.5 Dangers caused by noise**

<b>Type of danger:</b>	Damage to hearing.
<b>Activity:</b>	All activities.
<b>Possible consequences:</b>	Diminished hearing, headaches, impaired balance, and deterioration of concentration.
<b>Preventative measures:</b>	Reduce noise emissions by taking suitable measures. Wear ear protection.

**4.8.6 Dangers caused by vibration**

<b>Type of danger:</b>	Instability of the machine caused by vibration.
<b>Activity:</b>	All activities.
<b>Possible consequences:</b>	Serious injury can result.
<b>Preventative measures:</b>	Install the machine according to the instructions of this <i>Operation manual</i> and the <i>Assembly drawing</i> .

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<b>Type of danger:</b>	Loosening of the cutting knife mountings caused by vibration.
<b>Activity:</b>	All activities.
<b>Possible consequences:</b>	Serious injury can result.
<b>Preventative measures:</b>	Check the cutting knife mountings regularly according to the instructions in this operation manual.

**4.8.7 Dangers caused by materials and substances**

<b>Type of danger:</b>	Inhalation of grinding dust.
<b>Activity:</b>	All activities.
<b>Possible consequences:</b>	Diseases of the respiratory tract etc.
<b>Preventative measures:</b>	Mount a suitable air suction device. Wear breathing equipment if necessary. When cleaning the machine do not blow out grinding dust, use suction instead.

**4.8.8 Danger caused by manipulation of the protective devices**

<b>Type of danger:</b>	Danger of crushing, cutting and amputation.
<b>Activity:</b>	All activities.
<b>Possible consequences:</b>	Serious injury or death can result.
<b>Preventative measures:</b>	Never make the protective devices ineffective. Check the protective devices regularly for proper functioning according to the specifications given in this operation manual.

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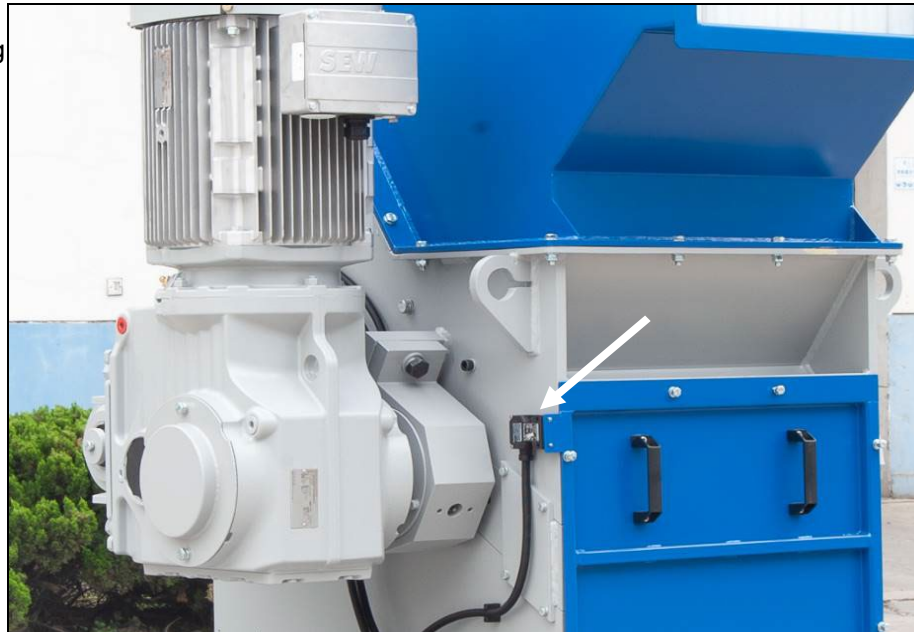
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#### 4.9 Protective devices

The machine may under no circumstances be operated without these protective devices or with faulty or manipulated protective devices.

##### 4.9.1 Safety device for shredder housing flap

Illustration:  
Safety device for housing  
flap



The shredder can only be operated if the housing flap is closed thus deactivating the safety switch. If the housing flap is opened, the contact is broken.

If the housing flap will be opened during operation, the safety switch is activated, thus switching off the machine.

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**4.9.2 Pusher protector**

Pusher protection is fixedly connected to the machine. It can be dismantled for installation and maintenance work. However, this may only then be carried out when all rotating parts have come to a complete standstill.

Illustration:  
Pusher cover



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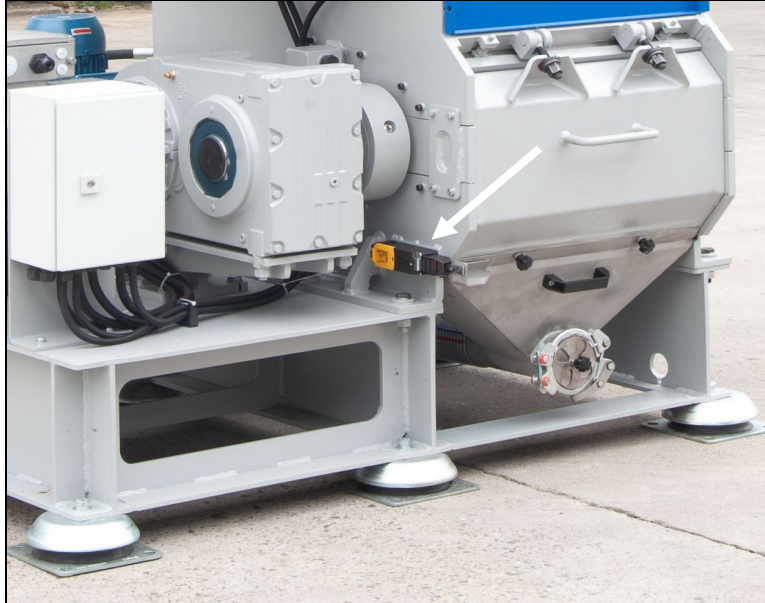
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#### 4.9.3 Safety device for granulator housing flap

Illustration:  
Safety device for housing  
flap



The shredder can only be operated if the housing flap is closed thus deactivating the safety switch. If the housing flap is opened, the contact is broken.

If the housing flap will be opened during operation, the safety switch is activated, thus switching off the machine.

#### 4.9.4 Safety markings

Safety markings are attached to the machine. If one of these markings becomes detached or is no longer recognisable, it must be replaced. You can order new markings at specialist shops or from us (see *Customer service and spare parts orders*).

#### **4.10 Authorized persons**

Authorized personnel may only carry out work on the machine. Observe the legally permissible minimum age!

As a basic rule, persons who have received training on the machine may only operate the machine.

Personnel, who are still to be trained or receive instruction on the machine, may only work on the machine under constant supervision by an experienced person.

The company operating the machine must make the operation manual accessible to the machine user and ensure that he has read and understood it. Only then may he put the machine into operation.

Responsibility for the different jobs on the machine must be clearly established and adhered to. There must be no unclear areas of authority, as this could endanger the safety of the machine user.

If several persons work on the machine, a detailed division of workstations should be set up.

Trained electricians may only carry out all work on the electrical equipment.

Authorized specialist personnel may only eliminate faults on the control system.

All work related to installation, trained specialist personnel having received instruction on the machine might only carry out fittings and maintenance of the machine.

The operator must make sure that only authorized person's work on the machine. He is responsible for the safety of third persons in the working area of the machine.



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**4.11 Personal protective gear**

Wear close-fitting clothing. Jewellery and hair must be worn so that they cannot be pulled into the machine by moving parts.

**The following protective gear must be worn when carrying out the following tasks:**

	<b>Safety helmet</b>	<b>Safety boots</b>	<b>Safety gloves</b>	<b>Safety goggles</b>	<b>Ear muffs</b>
Unloading machine.	x	x	x		
Connecting machine.		x			
Operation.		x	x	x	x
Cleaning.		x	x	x	
Maintenance of bearings.		x			
Screen replacement.		x	x		
Maintenance of "V"-belts.		x			
Maintenance of cutting knives.		x	x		
Knife sharpening.		x	x	x	x

If necessary, protect yourself (in addition to the air suction device) with breathing equipment before inhaling substances harmful to the health.

#### **4.12 Safety measures at the application site**

Requirements at the application site: see chapter *Initial Start-up*.  
The machine must be erected horizontally on a horizontal surface and in a stable manner.  
Ensure by means of appropriate in house orders and controls that the environment of the work station is always clean and clear of obstructions.

#### **4.13 Fire fighting agents**

In the case of fire, disconnect the power supply of the machine or pull out the mains plug. Extinguish the fire from a distance of several meters using a fire extinguisher suitable for the machine and the grinding material.

#### **4.14 Cleaning agents**

Only use suitable cleaning agents to clean the machine and in doing so, the advice of the manufacturer is to be heeded. Please be aware that unsuitable cleaning agents (e.g. thinners) can damage the paint of the machine as well as the cables and plastic parts.

#### **4.15 Conduct in case of an emergency**

The machine may only be operated with the installed Emergency Stop buttons. An Emergency Stop button must be mounted onto the control cabinet, the second onto the grinding material in feed.

##### **Emergency Stop:**

- ↓ In case of emergency, immediately press one of the *Emergency Stop buttons*.

## **CAUTION**

**The EMERGENCY STOP must be activated in all situations whereby injury or damage could result!**







##### **Reoperation:**



- ↓ Eliminate cause of Emergency Stop.
- ↓ Unlock **EMERGENCY STOP BUTTON**.
- ↓ Acknowledge fault.  
The machine is now ready for operation again.

#### 4.16 Classification of specific safety advice

The specific safety advices in the following chapters of this operation manual are classified as follows:

 <b>DANGER</b>	
	Indicates an immediately threatening danger. If you do not take avoiding action, death or serious injury will result.

 <b>WARNING</b>	
	Indicates a possibly dangerous situation. If you do not take avoiding action, death or serious injury could result.

 <b>CAUTION</b>	
	Indicates a possibly dangerous situation. If you do not take avoiding action, slight or minor injury could result.

This safety advice refers to the remaining risks for certain working steps and helps you to work safely with the machine. In addition to the safety advice above, there are also the hint and the tip.

### HINT



Indicates a possibly harmful situation. If you do not take avoiding action, the machine could be damaged.

### TIP



Indicates application tips and other particularly useful information.

## **5 DESCRIPTION OF THE MACHINE**

### **5.1 Functional description**

#### **5.1.1 Mechanical section**

After the machine has been switched on, a hydraulically controlled feeding unit pushes a quantity of material onto the slow-running profiled rotor. The in feed is controlled according to load.

The material can be placed unsorted in the hopper mounted on top of the machine. Attention must be paid that this material does not contain **any other metal parts** apart from staples and nails. The guarantee does not cover any damage to the machine as a result of metal parts being fed into the machine. The material in the hopper is shredded by the rotating knives on the rotor. This shredding process is repeated as often as required until the diameter of the sieve behind the rotor has been reached.

#### **5.1.2 Control**

The pusher feeds the shredding unit (rotor) with as much material as it is able to process. Upon reaching 70-90 % of rated current, the feeding of the pusher will be stopped and automatically started again after the power consumption has fallen by 20 % in comparison with rated current. If the high current is applied for longer than 0.7 - 1.5 sec., the main drive motor switches off and runs back after about 3 sec. standstill time. The pusher plate also runs back whilst the rotor runs back. The drive motor then stops for another 3 sec. before starting again.

Duration of pauses and return as well as the current settings can be adjusted.

**Any alterations, however, should only be carried out after consulting the manufacturer.**

## **5.2 Grinding material in feed**

The grinding material can be fed into the shredder in the following ways:

- Manual in feed of the grinding material directly into the in feed hopper.
- Manual in feed of the grinding material with the help of an additional in feed device (e.g. hydraulic feeding unit).
- Automatic in feed of the grinding material by means of an additional in feed device (e.g. conveyor belt).

### **5.2.1 In feed hopper**

The grinding material in feed ensues via an in feed hopper, which is formed so that the grinding material can be delivered correctly and safely.

Illustration:

Standard hopper

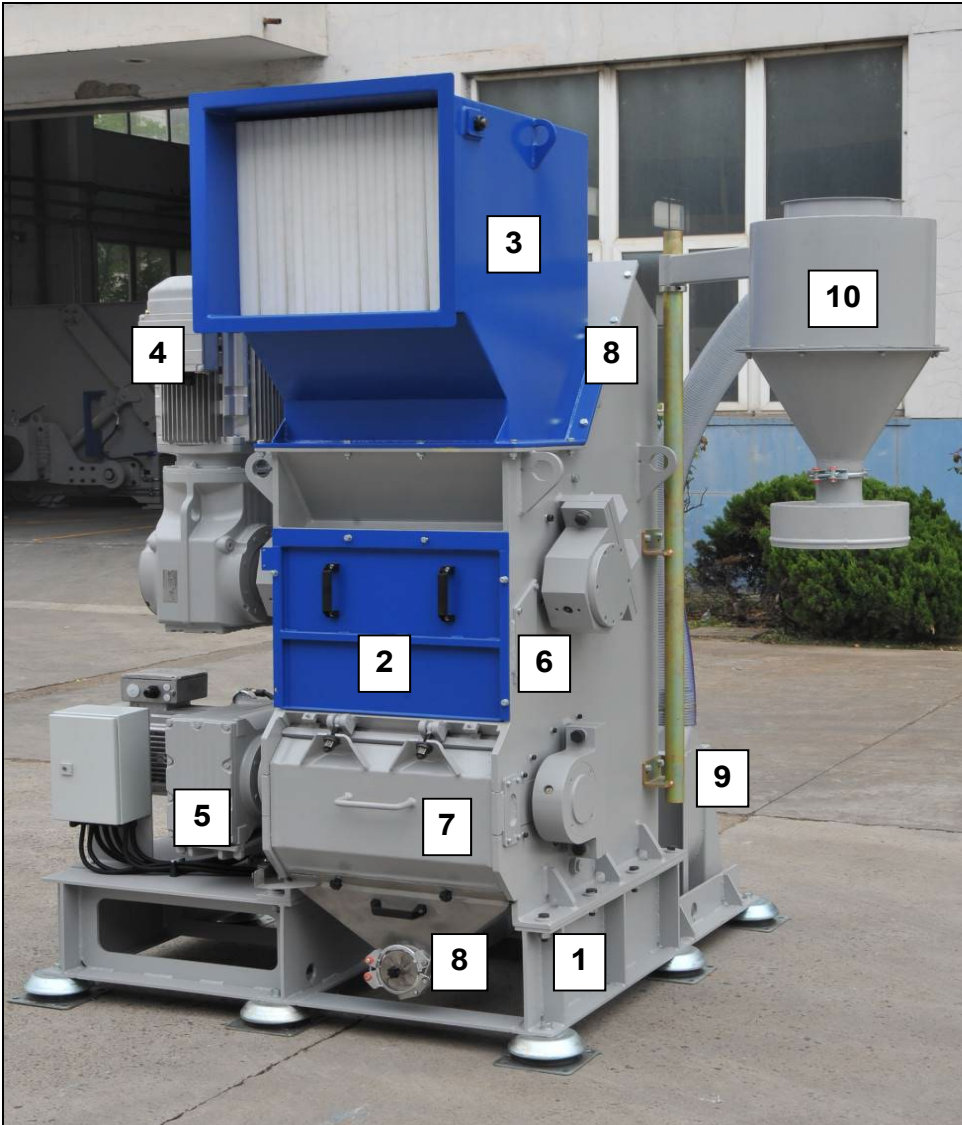


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**5.3 Machine (Standard execution)**

Illustration:

- (1) Base frame
- (2) Housing flap shredder
- (3) Hopper
- (4) Gear motor Shredder
- (5) Gear motor Granulator
- (6) Cutting Chamber
- (7) Housing flap Granulator
- (8) Suction bin
- (9) Blower
- (10)Cyclone



The machine housing, the drive motors, the gear box, the hydraulic system and the terminal box, for the electrical connections, are mounted on the base frame. The granulator unit is mounted to the discharge area of the shredder

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**5.4 Drive for Shredder**

The drive of the rotor ensues by means of an electric motor via gearmotor. The gearmotor is mounted directly onto the drive shaft of the rotor.

Illustration:  
Drive Motor and  
gear box



Please observe the operation manual from the manufacturer!

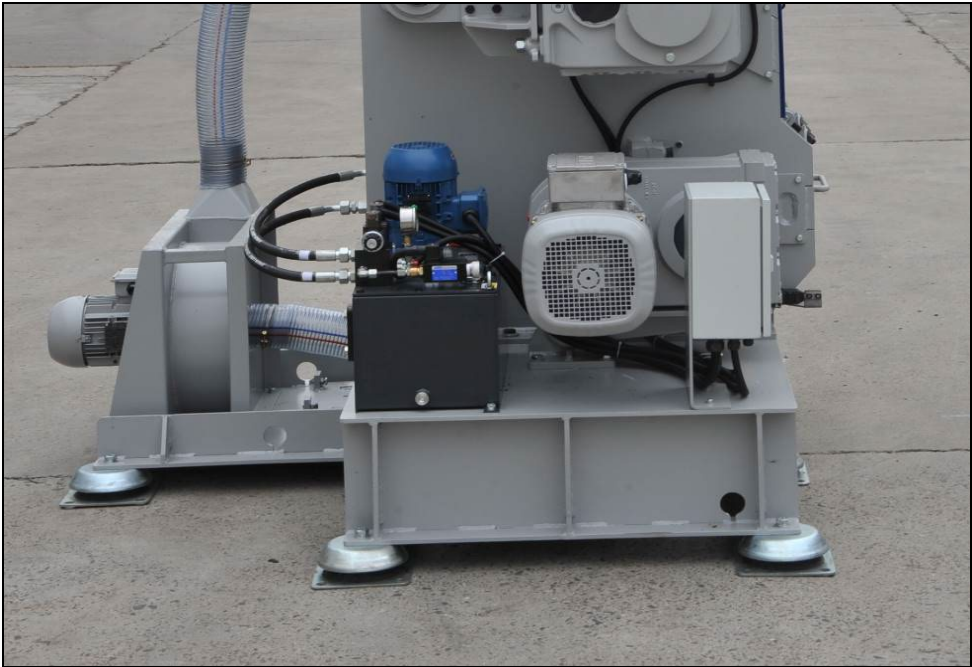
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**5.5 Drive for Granulator**

The drive of the rotor ensues by means of an electric motor via gearmotor. The gearmotor is mounted directly onto the drive shaft of the rotor.

Illustration:  
V-Belt-Drive



Please observe the operation manual from the manufacturer!



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**5.6 Rotor, knives and screen for shredder**

**5.6.1 Rotor and knives**

The material is ground between the knives assembled on the rotor and the stator knives which are mounted in a fixed position in the machine lower section.

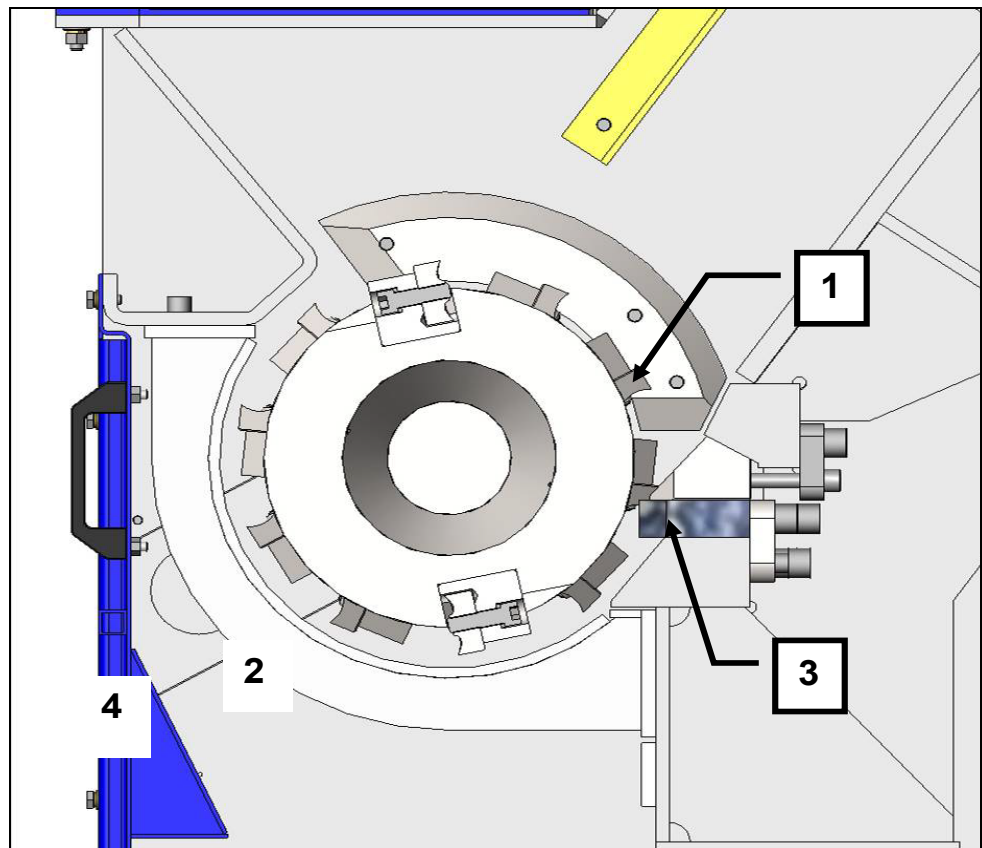
All rotors are equipped with square knives. These knives make light work of the heaviest pieces.

The knives have four corners, so that they can be easily turned once a corner has worn out.

The design of the rotor has a significant influence on the quality of the grinding process and its results. The rotor construction, the type of knife mounting and the number of knives have all been exactly matched to your task allocation.

Illustration:

- (1) Rotor knife
- (2) Screen
- (3) Stator knife
- (4) Housing flap



The rotor is accessible after opening the housing flap and removing the screen.

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#### 5.6.2 Screen

Illustration:

Standard screen



In the standard execution the screen and the screen support is welded together and fixed to the housing by screws.

The screen is slightly larger in its radius than the cutting circle of the rotor knives. The screen perforation is selected according to the desired grain size of the grinding material. All grinding material parts which are smaller than the screen perforation fall through the screen into the suction trough. The screen is replaceable and can be taken out after opening the lower housing flap.

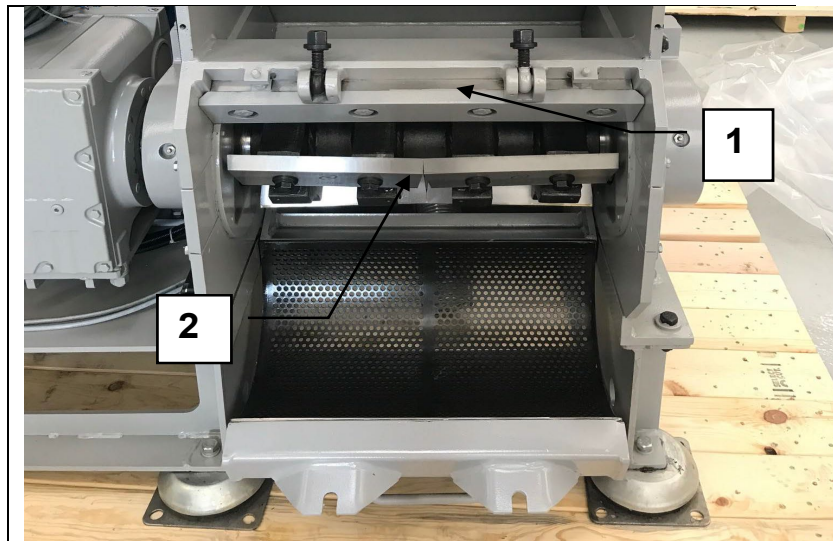
## **5.7 Rotor, knives and screen for Granulator**

The granulator lower section and the drive are mounted to the shredder unit. The rotor is arranged on bearings in the granulator lower section. The bearings lie outside the grinding chamber and are sufficiently sealed off against penetrating dirt. The bed knives which are installed in the granulator lower section are easily accessible and simple to install and dismantle. The ground material falls through a screen into the suction trough mounted underneath the rotor.

### **5.7.1 Rotor and cutting knives**

Illustration:

- (1) Stator knives
- (2) Rotor knives



The material is ground between the knives assembled on the rotor and the stator knives which are mounted in a fixed position in the housing.

All rotors are equipped with either a single or a v-shaped scissor cut to decrease the power consumption and to increase the capacity of the machine, while avoiding high amp-peaks.

The design of the rotor has a significant influence on the quality of the grinding process and its results. The rotor construction, the type of knife mounting and the number of knives have all been exactly matched to your task allocation.

The rotor is arranged on roller bearings, which are situated outside the housing. Gearmotor is attached to the rotor axis. The rotor is dynamically counter balanced and has vibration-free concentricity. The rotor is accessible after opening the granulator upper section.

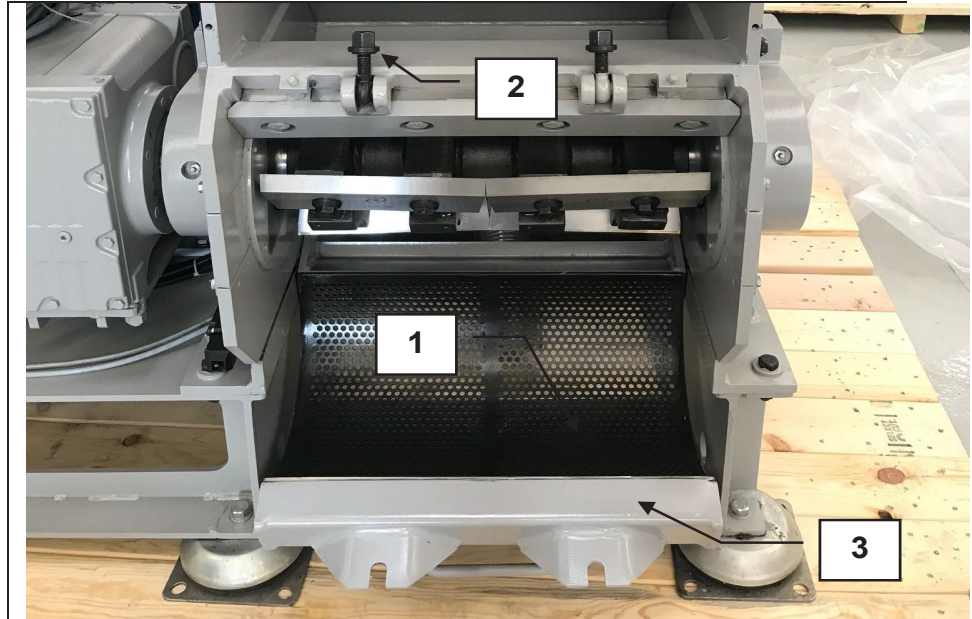
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**5.7.2 Screen and screen support**

The screen lies in the supporting screen support in the granulator lower section. This screen support is arranged on bearings which can be pivoted and screwed into the working position with the granulator lower section.

Illustration:

- (1) Screen
- (2) Screws for screen support
- (3) Screen support



The screen is slightly larger in its radius than the cutting circle of the rotor knife. The screen perforation is selected according to the desired grain size of the grinding material.

All grinding material parts which are smaller than the screen perforation fall through the screen into the suction trough. The screen is replaceable and can be taken out after the suction trough is taken out and the screen holder is lowered.

<b>⚠ CAUTION</b>	
	<p>Front door and hopper can only be opened after key switch “DOOR OPEN” has been activated. Before restart the machine Key switch “DOOR OPEN” need to be deactivated.</p>

**5.8 Discharge of grinding material**

 <b>WARNING</b>	
	<b>The machine is not allowed to run without suitable discharge device!</b>

Normally the ground material will be discharged by blower in the lower section of the machine.



**CAUTION**

**The discharge blower has to be installed at the discharge area that possible access into this discharging zone to reach the rotor is blocked.**  
**The installation of blower at the discharge area shall be according safety requirement category 3.**

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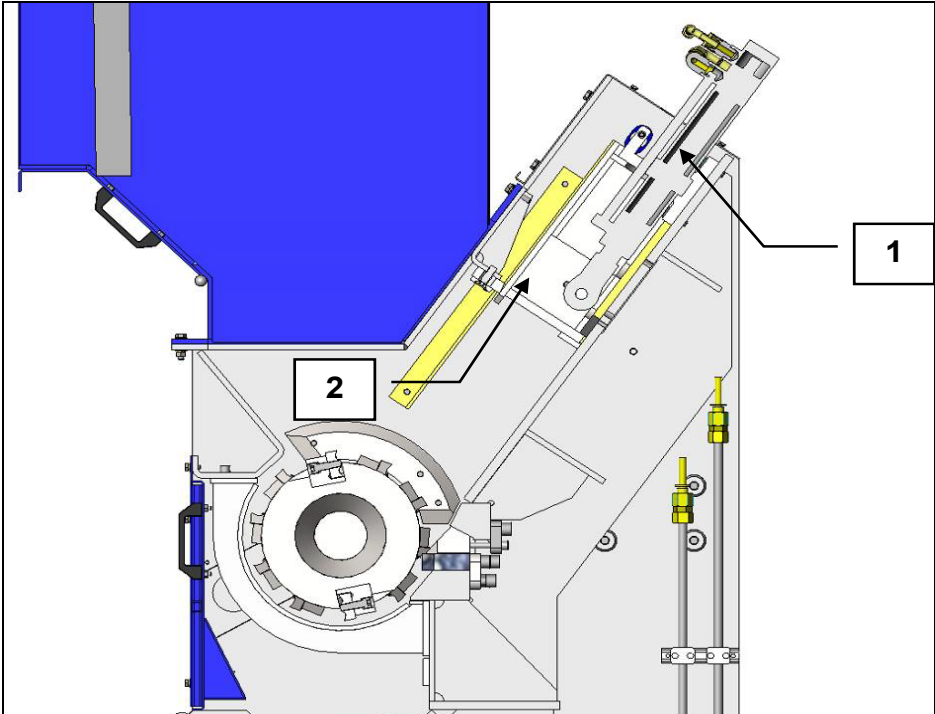
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**5.9 Hydraulic pusher**

The hydraulic pusher moves on roller bearings located on the sides of the pusher. Heavy duty hydraulic cylinder ensure that the ram moves forward and backwards. When the machine is operated in automatic mode the pusher moves automatically after switching on the hydraulic system and the shredder. If you run in manual mode the pusher can be moved by hand on the control panel.

Illustration:

- (1) Hydraulic cylinder
- (2) Pusher



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**5.10 Control panel**

Illustration:  
 Control panel

- (1) Emergency STOP
- (2) Operation Buttons
- (3) Ampere meters
- (4) Elapsed hour counter

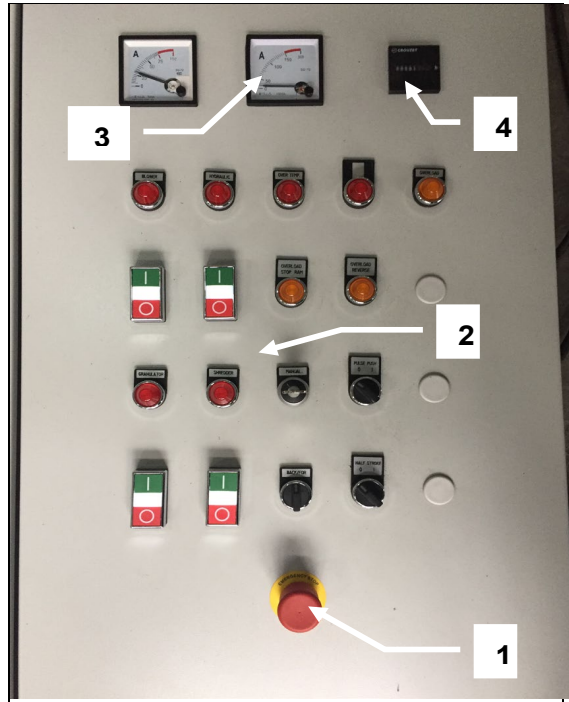
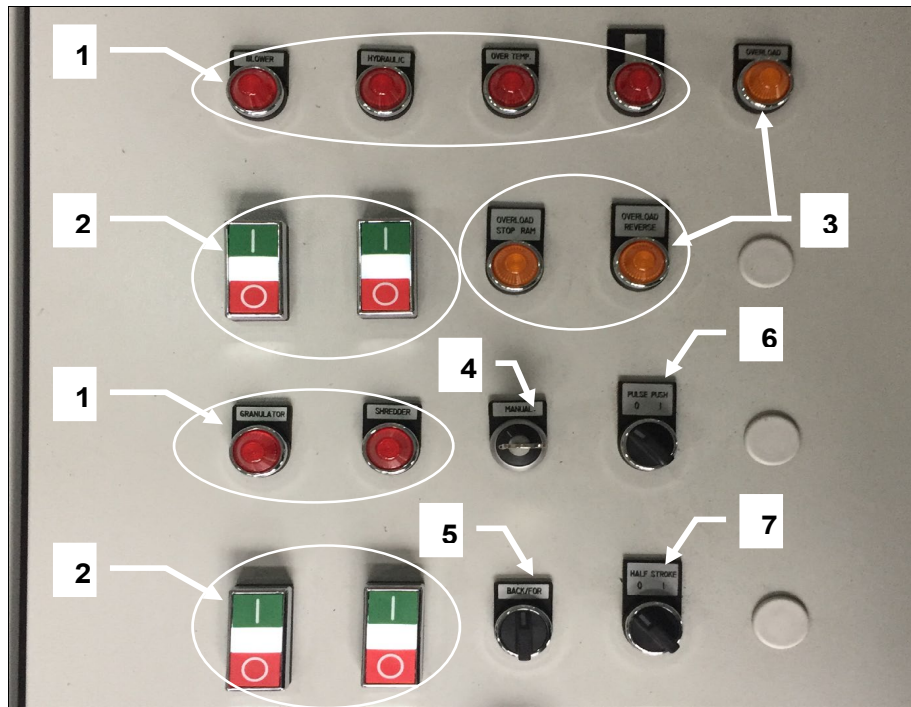


Illustration:  
 2 Operation Buttons

- (1) Error lights
- (2) Start/Stop buttons
- (3) Overload lights
- (4) Key switch for manual mode
- (5) Pusher manual
- (6) Puls/Push selection
- (7) Half stroke selection switch



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**5.10.1 Pulse/Push function**

In normal process mode the pusher pushes forward continuously till the pusher arm reaches the proximity switch which reverses the function and the pusher moves backwards.

By changing the switch (8) to “Pulse push” function on the main control board the pusher moves forward in steps. This means, after each step the pusher remains in his position for a small while before it moves forward again.

This function should be used for very heavy applications and in case of danger to overload the system









## **6 INITIAL STARTUP**



### **6.1 General Advice**

**All work related to start-up may only be carried out by trained specialist personnel.**

Check the machine for possible transportation damage or other damage. Should you determine damage, have this confirmed by the freight company and please report this to us in writing immediately after delivery. When starting up for the first time and after setting up ready for service, you must carry out the necessary checks according to the chapter *Machine Check prior to Initial Start-up*.

 <b>WARNING</b>	
	<p><b>Check the oil level of the gear box, before operating the machine.</b> <b>Please observe the operation manual from the manufacturer!</b></p>

 <b>WARNING</b>	
	<p><b>Fill oil into the hydraulic tank.</b> <b>Please observe the operation manual from the manufacturer!</b></p>

 <b>WARNING</b>	
	<p><b>The shredder shall be installed so that no items can be thrown out of the discharge area causing hazards!</b></p>




## **6.2 Requirements at the application site**

The site of application for the machine must exhibit the following features:



- Enclosed space.
- The ground must exhibit sufficient load-bearing capacity (you can find the machine weight in the *Chapter Technical Data*). The unevenness of the ground surface may not exceed 5 mm.
- The machine must be freely accessible from all sides.
- There must be sufficient room available for operating and service personnel.
- Spatial requirements: see *Assembly drawing*. All hinged parts must be able to be opened completely.
- Vibration-free environment.
- The application site must be well-lit.
- The machine may not be exposed to direct radiation caused by radiators or the sun.
- Room temperature: +5° to +40°C
- Relative atmospheric humidity according to DIN 40040:  
15 to 70 % (indoor)  
By humidity levels higher than 70 %, apply anticorrosive agent to the metallic-finished machine parts. Insulation for the tropics is also necessary.
- The machine may not be operated within range of static discharges or strong magnetic fields as this could lead to faults in the machine control system.

### 6.3 Unloading and installing the machine

The machine or the machine components are packed so that they arrive with you safely. To see how the machine is packed or should be packed, please see the *Packing plan*. For unloading the packaged machine or machine components you may use a suitable crane or forklift truck.

 <b>WARNING</b>	
	<p><b>Suspended load.</b> <b>Falling loads can cause serious injury or death.</b> <b>Only use a crane or a forklift which is suitable for the weight and the dimensions of the load.</b></p>
	<p><b>Also use a suitable stopping means and pay attention to the gravity centre location.</b> <b>Do not step under the suspended load.</b> <b>Wear a safety helmet in addition to your basic protective gear.</b></p>



- ↓ After unloading, remove the packaging material and all transportation safety devices.
- ↓ In the case that the shredder and its accessory components have been delivered as individual items, mount these at the site in accordance with the data given in the *Assembly drawing*. Only in this way it can be guaranteed that there are sufficient delivered piping parts, tubing and cable connections and that the linking places match.

 <b>WARNING</b>	
	<p><b>Overturning or falling machine.</b> <b>Serious injury or death can result.</b> <b>In the case that you wish to erect the granulator over a pit, on a frame or on a platform, you must secure the machine by putting mounting screws through the holes on the mounting pads (see <i>Assembly drawing</i>). If assembling the machine on solid ground, this safety device is not absolutely necessary.</b></p>

- ↓ Align the machine horizontally with the help of a suitable spirit level.  
Do not use blocks to place underneath the machine, use instead metal strips in order to prevent buckling of the base frame. Make sure that an even distribution of weight is achieved on all the points of support.

## 6.4 Electrical connection



Electrical connections should only be made by a qualified electrician.

 <b>WARNING</b>	
	<p><b>Dangerous voltage.</b> Touching live parts can lead to serious injury or death. All work which relates to the electricity of the machine may only be carried out by trained electricians. Observe the currently effective EMC regulations.</p>

Voltage, current, frequency and protection are marked on the *Type plate*. The voltage tolerance is  $\pm 10\%$ .

- ↓ For machines, which have been supplied none pre-wired by VIRTUS EQUIPMENT the electrical connection, is to be carried out in accordance with the enclosed *Wiring diagram* in the terminal box.

When doing this, the regulations of the local electricity authority are to be adhered to. The cable cross section required is to be determined according to the rated capacity of the units.

 <b>WARNING</b>	
	<p><b>When operating specific equipment caution must be taken to prevent electrical shock. Installation, service, alterations and or modifications must only be done by qualified personal and with up most safety. Not conforming to the requirements could result in bodily injury, death or costly damage.</b></p>

## HINT



Alterations to the wiring diagrams from VIRTUS EQUIPMENT require our approval. Failure to do this will exclude all guarantee claims.

The wiring schematics are located in the control panel in the event that the control panel is a part of the delivery.

**Connection of Emergency Stop button**

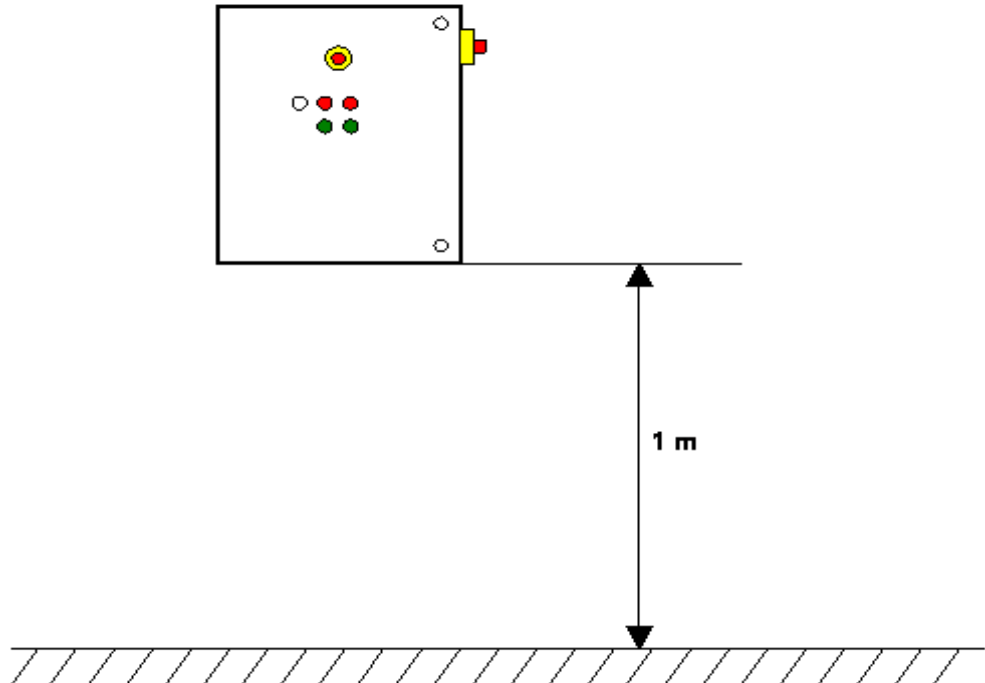
The machine may only be operated with installed Emergency Stop buttons. In the case that no Emergency Stop buttons have been installed at the factory, an Emergency Stop button must be installed at the control cabinet, the second at the grinding material in feed.



**HINT**

The control panel with the switches and Emergency Stop button should be installed nearby the machine. The distance should not exceed 5 m.

The distance between the floor and the lower edge of the control panel should be at least 1 m.



The connecting cables between control panel and machine have to be protected against damage (cable tray, protective sleeve).

If the control box cannot be installed according to this rules an additional Emergency Stop button has to be installed on the machine.

**Checking the rotational direction**

Checking the rotational direction is part of the machine checks before initial start-up (see chapter of same name). The steps prior to this check must be carried out beforehand.

- ↓ Switch the machine on and then immediately off again for a short time (see *Switch on machine* and *Switch off machine*).
- ↓ Observe whether the discharge air fan in the drive motor is rotating in the direction of the attached direction arrow.



**HINT**

**If running in the wrong direction, reconnect the motor connection immediately. Damage to the machine will result from operation in the wrong direction.**

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**6.5 Machine check prior to initial start-up**

<b>Check</b>	<b>See chapter</b>
1. When lower housing flap is opened, check the knife mounting screws using a torque wrench.	<i>Replacing and checking the cutting knife mountings.</i>
2. Search the grinding chamber for foreign matter.	<i>Cleaning the machine</i>
3. Open the lower housing flap and check whether the screen has been inserted in accordance with the regulations.	<i>Emptying the screen</i>
4. Close upper housing flap and fasten screws tightly.	
5. Check oil level of the gear box	<i>Hydraulic Maintenance</i>
6. Fill in oil into the hydraulic unit	<i>Hydraulic Maintenance</i>
7. Examine in feed device (accessories) for foreign matter.	<i>Part B: Accessories.</i>
8. Check that the <i>Emergency Stop buttons</i> are unlocked.	
9. Check all safety devices for proper functioning.	<i>Checking the protective devices.</i>
10. Switch on machine for a short time and check rotational direction. The rotational direction can be seen at the discharge air fan of the drive motor (observe running direction arrow).	<i>Electrical connection.</i>
11. Switch on hydraulic unit for a short time and check rotational direction.	<i>Hydraulic pusher</i>
12. Allow machine to run for approx. 10 minutes without grinding material.	<i>Switch on machine.</i>
13. Connect material discharge device (accessories) and in feed device (accessories), check rotational direction drives.	<i>Part B: Accessories.</i>
14. Feed grinding material uniformly. Too much grinding material can lead to overload of the machine.	<i>Manual in feed of grinding material.</i>
15. If necessary, check the temperature of the ground material.	
16. Monitor the ammeter. This displays the present current consumption and in this way gives information on the load of the machine.	

## **7 OPERATION**

Have you read and understood the operation manual, in particular the safety advice in the chapter four?  
You may not operate the machine until you have done so!

### **TIP**



Should faults occur during work with the machine, please observe the advice in the chapter *Working on the cutting knives for Granulator*

### **7.1 Machine checks before switching on the machine**

<b>Check</b>	<b>See</b>
1. The knives are properly set and the screws are tightened with the specified torque.	<i>Replacing and checking the cutting knife mountings.</i>
2. The screen is inserted into the screen support in accordance with the rules and the screen support is held fixedly at the end position due to the tightened mounting screws.	<i>Emptying the screen</i>
3. The grinding chamber is free of foreign matter.	<i>Cleaning the machine.</i>
4. The housing flap is closed.	
5. All safety devices including those of the installed grinding material in feed and discharge devices are checked and operative.	<i>Checking the protective devices.</i>

### **7.2 Switch on machine**



1. Switch on the grinding material discharge device.
2. Switch on Granulator.
3. Switch on the Shredder. Wait until the rotor has reached its full speed and switched from star to delta.
4. Switch on the hydraulic system.
5. Switch on the grinding material in feed device (accessories).



**7.3 Switch off machine**

- 1. Switch off the grinding material in feed device (accessories).
- 2. Wait until the remaining grinding material has been ground, and then switch off the shredder and then the granulator
- 3. Switch off the grinding material discharge device.



**7.4 Manual in feed of grinding material**

 <b>DANGER</b>	
	<p><b>Rotating knives.</b> <b>Can cause serious cutting and crushing injuries, possibly leading to death.</b> <b>Do not reach into the in feed hopper or lean in whilst the rotor is running (pay attention to the run down time). Only use approved grinding material.</b></p>

↓ Throw the grinding material into the in feed hopper.

The machine should be feed from the front.




If in your design of machine an additional in feed device is installed, please observe the additional information for work with and on the in feed device *Part B: Accessories*.

 <b>DANGER</b>	
	<p><b>Do not climb into the in feed hopper while operating the machine. You will die.</b></p>

## 8 MAINTENANCE

### 8.1 Safety advice

Trained specialist personnel may only carry out work included within the framework of maintenance.  
 Carry out the maintenance work within the specified time and document this. The machine will thank you for this by providing high reliability.

 <b>WARNING</b>	
	<b>Danger caused by electrical voltage and starting the machine during maintenance work. Mortal danger.</b>
	<b>Therefore, as a basic rule when carrying out maintenance work: Main switch to 0, safeguard using padlock and attach a warning sign.</b>

### 8.2 Maintenance plan

The tasks for maintenance work are described in detail in this chapter.

Maintenance work	Every Day	Every Week	Every Month
Check protective devices for proper functioning.	x		
Clean machine.			x
Check cutting knife mountings.	x		
Check the main bearings (bearing clearance, lubricant renewal).			x
Lubricant replacement, lubricant renewal	<b>See <i>Lubrication intervals</i>:</b>		
Check condition of cutting knives.	x		
Check all screws of the machine for a tight fit.		X	
Check wearing parts.		X	



#### Yearly maintenance

The purpose of yearly maintenance of the machine is primarily to check the general condition of the machine and to arrange for the supply of any necessary replacement parts in good time. A service engineer from VIRTUS EQUIPMENT Machinery & Recycling technology can also carry this out on request.

**8.3 Checking the protective devices**

Check the safety devices for:

- Stipulated condition,
- Stipulated location,
- Safe mounting,
- Stipulated function.



 <b>WARNING</b>	
	<p><b>Danger due to non-functioning protective devices. Serious injury or death can result.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Eliminate all defects before you put the machine into operation!</b></li><li>• <b>If defects occur during operation, stop the machine immediately and eliminate the defects!</b></li><li>• <b>Do not change or remove any protective devices. Do not put any protective devices out of action by modifying them.</b></li></ul>

## 8.4 Cleaning the machine

 <b>WARNING</b>	
	<p><b>Danger of cutting caused by sharp cutting knives, even when the rotor is at a standstill.</b> <b>Serious injury, particularly to hands and fingers, can result.</b> <b>Wear protective gloves.</b></p>

**Proceed as follows:**

- ↓ Switch off the machine at the main switch
- ↓ Safeguard main switch using a padlock.
- ↓ Open the housing flaps.
- ↓ Safeguard the housing flap.
- ↓ Remove the screens
- ↓ Empty the screens

 <b>WARNING</b>	
	<p><b>Inhalation of grinding dust which is dangerous to the health.</b> <b>This can result in injury to the respiratory tract.</b> <b>Never blow out the grinding material residue, use suction instead.</b> <b>Wear breathing protection if necessary.</b></p>

- ↓ Pre-clean the grinding chamber using a hand brush.
- ↓ Suck up the remaining grinding material residue using a suitable suction device.
- ↓ Remove clinging grinding material residue using a suitable wooden scraper.
- ↓ Put the screen back into its working position and fasten with the mounting screws
- ↓ Close the housing flaps
- ↓ Machine can be started again

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#### 8.4.1 Replacing the screen for shredder

In order to keep the throughput of the shredder and the quality of the grinding material constant, the condition of the screen must be checked regularly.

The screen may be damaged, dirty or not suitable for the grinding material:

- Screen holes too fine: overheating of the grinding material.
- Screen holes too coarse: parts in ground material which are too big.

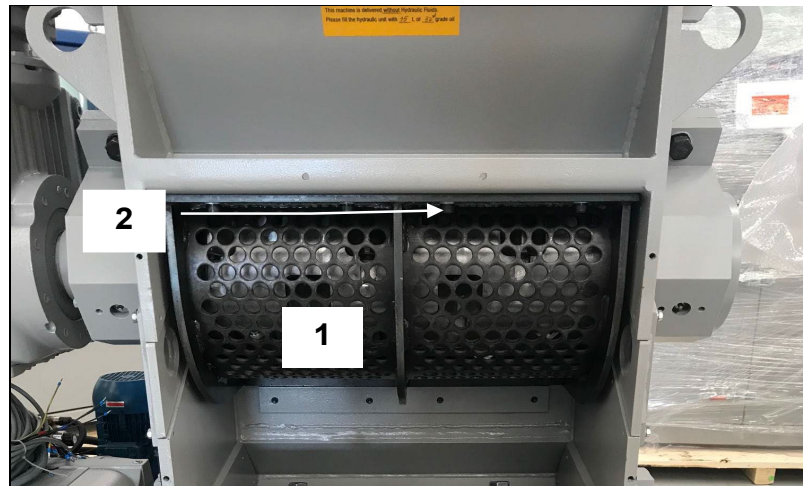
#### Proceed as follows:

##### Standard screen:

- ↓ Switch off the shredder at the main switch
- ↓ Safeguard main switch using a padlock.
- ↓ Open the lower housing flap.
- ↓ Safeguard the housing flap.
- ↓ Hold the screen with a forklift.
- ↓ Unfasten the screen mounting screws.

Illustration:

- (1) Screen
- (2) Screen mounting screws



- ↓ Remove the screen.
- ↓ Put in a new screen using a forklift
- ↓ Fasten the mounting screws.
- ↓ Close the housing flap.
- ↓ Shredder can be started again.

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#### 8.4.2 Replacing the screen Granulator

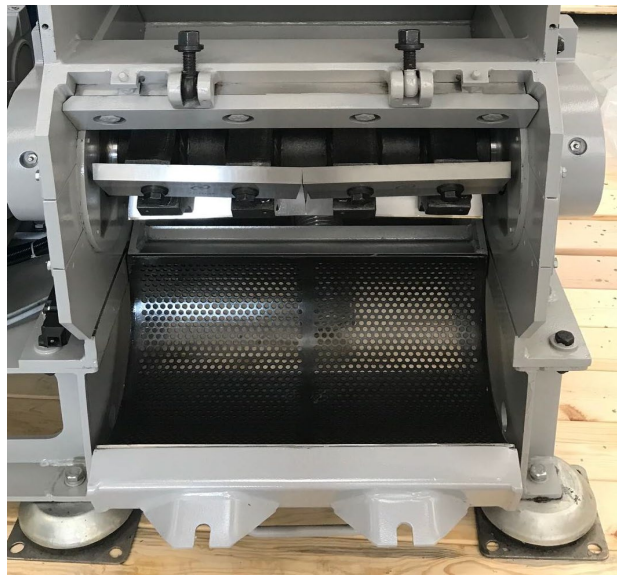
In order to keep the throughput of the granulator and the quality of the grinding material constant, the condition of the screen must be checked regularly.

The screen may be damaged, dirty or not suitable for the grinding material:

- Screen holes too fine: overheating of the grinding material.
- Screen holes too course: parts in ground material which are too big.

#### **Proceed as follows:**

- ↓ Switch off the granulator at the main switch, safeguard main switch using a padlock
- ↓ Activate the key switch “MAINTENANCE”
- ↓ Open the housing flap.
- ↓ Pull out the suction bin
- ↓ Unfasten the screen support mounting screws.



- ↓ Pivot the screen support downwards, by hand by using the handle
- ↓ Remove the screen.
- ↓ Put a new screen into the screen support.
- ↓ Pivot the screen support into the working position and fasten using the mounting screws.
- ↓ Slide in the suction bin
- ↓ Close the housing flap.
- ↓ Close the soundproof housing
- ↓ Deactivate the key switch “MAINTENANCE”
- ↓ Granulator can be started again.

## **8.5 Replacing the gearmotors**

The gearmotors are dimensioned so that a replacement is only necessary in exceptional cases. Dismounting and mounting of the gearmotors requires specialist knowledge and a careful working method. Therefore, please observe the instructions given in the installation manual of the gear box manufacturer or ask the VIRTUS EQUIPMENT service department for help.

### **8.5.1 Dismounting the gearmotors**

**To dismount the gearmotors proceed as follows:**

Please observe the manufacturers manual before starting

- ↓ Dismount the torque arm bolt together with the rubber bush
- ↓ Remove the shaft cover on the gearbox
- ↓ Loose the bolt on the shaft
- ↓ Remove the bolt and the washer which are connecting the gearbox with the shaft
- ↓ Hang on the gearmotor
- ↓ Use a hydraulic press to pull down the gearmotor pull down uniformly don't jam it
- ↓ Don't damage the gearmotor or the shaft

### **8.5.2 Mounting to the rotors**

**To mount the rotor proceed as follows:**

- ↓ Before mounting, clean the shaft surfaces and check the key.
- ↓ Lift the gearmotor using suitable lifting and stopping equipment and put carefully onto the shaft
- ↓ Attach a hydraulic press and press the gearbox onto the shaft Press on the ring of the hollow shaft
- ↓ Check that the gear is completely pressed onto the sleeve of the shaft
- ↓ Put back the washer and the bolt
- ↓ Tighten the bolt using a torque wrench
- ↓ Fix the torque arm and give some pre-pressure on the disc springs
- ↓ Carry out a test run.

## **8.6 Replacing the rotor for shredder**

The rotor is a heavy duty design so that a replacement is only necessary after a crash, e.g. a hammer fall inside. Dismounting and mounting of the rotor requires specialist knowledge and a careful working method.

### **8.6.1 Dismounting the rotor**

**To dismount the rotor proceed as follows:**

The parts which are marked with a part number are illustrated in the drawings of the spare parts list!

- ↓ Dismount the gearmotor (*see Replace the gearmotors*)
- ↓ Remove the screen
- ↓ Remove the rotor mounting slot cover plates from the housing.
- ↓ Screw in hooks on both shaft ends.
- ↓ Hang on rotor on both shaft ends.
- ↓ Remove the bearing housing fixing bolt.
- ↓ Carefully lift out the complete rotor using suitable lifting and stopping means.
- ↓ Lay the rotor down in a safe location. Suitable for this are timber beams of appropriate size.



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**8.6.2 Mounting the rotor**

**To mount the rotor proceed as follows:**

- ↓ Before mounting, clean the bearing seat surfaces and check the key.



**HINT**

- If the spare rotor is delivered without bearings, the bearings have to be mounted first (see Mounting the main bearings)
- ↓ Lift the rotor using suitable lifting and stopping equipment and put carefully into the bearing seats.
  - ↓ Attach the bearing housing to the bearing seats using screws.
  - ↓ Put the gear onto the rotor axis
  - ↓ Put back the rotor mounting slot cover plates
  - ↓ Put in the screen
  - ↓ Carry out a test run.

## **8.7 Replacing the main bearings for shredder**

The main bearings of the machine are dimensioned so that a bearing replacement is only necessary in exceptional cases. Dismounting and mounting of the bearings requires specialist knowledge and a careful working method. Therefore, in addition to the following advice, please observe the instructions given in the installation manual of the bearing manufacturer or ask the VIRTUS EQUIPMENT service department for help.

The bearings mounted in this machine are indicated in the spare parts list. A requirement for dismounting and mounting the bearings is a suitable pulling-off device.

### **8.7.1 Dismounting the main bearings**

#### **To dismount the bearings proceed as follows:**

The parts which are marked with a piece number are illustrated in the drawings of the spare parts list!

- ↓ Dismount the gearmotor (*see Replace the gearmotors*)
- ↓ Pull the distance sleeve (Pos.) off the rotor axis.
- ↓ Remove the screen
- ↓ Remove the rotor cover plates from the housing.
- ↓ Screw in hooks on both shaft ends.
- ↓ Hang on rotor on both shaft ends.
- ↓ Remove the bearing housing fixing bolt.
- ↓ Carefully lift out the complete rotor using suitable lifting and stopping means.
- ↓ Lay the rotor down in a safe location. Suitable for this are timber beams of appropriate size.
- ↓ Loose the bearings cover mounting screws and take off the bearing cover.
- ↓ Pull the bearing housing (Pos.) off with a pulling-off device.
- ↓ Pull the bearing (Pos.) off the rotor axis using a pulling-off device.

### 8.7.2 Mounting the main bearing

**To mount the bearings proceed as follows:**

- ↓ Before mounting, clean the bearing surfaces and the shaft surfaces thoroughly and grease lightly.
- ↓ Mount bearing in bearing housing.
- ↓ Attach the bearing with the bearing housing to the rotor axis.

## HINT



- During mounting, the mounting forces must always engage into the inner ring, otherwise the roller bodies will be damaged.
  - The hardened bearing rings are sensitive to impact stress. For this reason, never hit directly on the rings with the hammer, use instead preferably a brass arbor or better still a striking bushing (piping piece) made from a soft material. The inner diameter of the striking bushing should be only slightly larger than the diameter of the bearing base.
  - The bearing is then pushed onto the shaft using light blows. When doing this, the force of pressure must be evenly distributed on the circumference of the bearing ring.
- ↓ Lift the rotor using suitable lifting and stopping equipment and place carefully into the bearing seats
  - ↓ Attach the bearing housing to the bearing seats using screws.
  - ↓ Push the distance sleeve onto the rotor axis.
  - ↓ Put the gear onto the rotor axis
  - ↓ Put back the rotor cover plates
  - ↓ Put in the screen
  - ↓ Carry out a test run.

## **8.8 Replacing the main bearings for Granulator**

The main bearings of the machine are dimensioned so that a bearing replacement is only necessary in exceptional cases. Dismounting and mounting of the bearings requires specialist knowledge and a careful working method. Therefore, in addition to the following advice, please observe the instructions given in the installation manual of the bearing manufacturer.

The bearings mounted in this machine are indicated in the spare parts list. A requirement for dismounting and mounting the bearings is a suitable pulling-off device.

### **8.8.1 Dismounting the main bearings**

#### **To dismount the bearings proceed as follows:**

The parts which are marked with a piece number are illustrated in the drawings of the spare parts list!

- ↓ Dismount the gearmotor (*see Replace the gearmotors*)
- ↓ Pull the distance sleeve off the rotor axis.
- ↓ If the granulator is equipped with a disk fly wheel, dismount this in the same way as the "V"-belt pulley.
- ↓ Open the granulator upper section (*see Opening the granulator*).
- ↓ Dismount the cutting knives (*see Dismounting the cutting knives*).
- ↓ Unscrew the bearing housing from the granulator lower section.
- ↓ Carefully lift out the complete rotor using suitable lifting and stopping means.
- ↓ Lay the rotor down in a safe location. Suitable for this are timber beams of appropriate size.
- ↓ Loose the bearings cover mounting screws and take off the bearing cover.
- ↓ Pull the bearing housing off with a pulling-off device.
- ↓ Pull the bearing off the rotor axis using a pulling-off device.

### 8.8.2 Mounting the main bearing

**To mount the bearings proceed as follows:**

- ↓ Before mounting, clean the bearing surfaces and the shaft surfaces thoroughly and grease lightly.
- ↓ Mount bearing in bearing housing.
- ↓ Attach the bearing with the bearing housing to the rotor axis.

## HINT



- During mounting, the mounting forces must always engage into the inner ring, otherwise the roller bodies will be damaged.
  - The hardened bearing rings are sensitive to impact stress. For this reason, never hit directly on the rings with the hammer, use instead preferably a brass arbor or better still a striking bush (piping piece) made from a soft material. The inner diameter of the striking bush should be only slightly larger than the diameter of the bearing base.
  - The bearing is then pushed onto the shaft using light blows. When doing this, the force of pressure must be evenly distributed on the circumference of the bearing ring.
- ↓ Lift the rotor using suitable lifting and stopping equipment and put carefully into the receptacle of the granulator lower section.
  - ↓ Attach the bearing housing to the granulator lower section using screws.
  - ↓ Mount the cutting knives.
  - ↓ Close the granulator upper section (see *Closing the granulator*).
  - ↓ If the granulator is equipped with a disk flywheel:
    - ↓ Push the disk flywheel onto the rotor axis and tighten using the tensioning element.
    - ↓ Push the distance sleeve onto the rotor axis.
  - ↓ Carry out a test run.

## 8.9 Lubricating the main bearings

An important requirement for high operational safety and long service life of the arrangement of bearings is the correct lubricant supply. Every VIRTUS EQUIPMENT machine is greased and checked in test runs before delivery.

### HINT



**Unsuitable lubricant, lubricant deficiency, excessive lubrication or impurities in the lubricant lead to overheating and thus extreme wear of the bearings.**

#### 8.9.1 Lubrication intervals:

Shift operation	Replace lubricant	Check
One shift operation:	every 18 months	monthly
Two shift operation:	every 9 months	monthly
Three shift operation:	every 6 months	monthly

#### 8.9.2 Check lubricant quality

You can judge whether the lubricant needs to be replaced by checking for the following features:

- change in consistency,
- discolouration,
- degree of soiling.

#### 8.9.3 Replacing or refilling lubricant

### HINT



- Fill the bearings uniformly with grease, so that all operating surfaces are well greased.
- For the rotor bearings, a lubricant quantity of one third to a maximum of half of the bearing volume per bearing is required. If too much grease is filled in, the lubricant will become unusable as a result of excessive temperature.
- Only one type of grease may be used, mixing different types of grease is not allowed. The bearings have been filled at the factory with lithium base saponification roller bearing grease F3.
- To find out which lubricants from which manufacturers you can use, look in the *List of lubricants*.

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#### **Refilling lubricant**

The grease reaches through the circulating grooves and bores via lubrication nipples into the interior of the bearing.  
The greasing quantity is 60 to 100 g roller bearing grease F3 per bearing.

Illustration:  
Grease nipple



#### **Replacing lubricant**

Only in the case of unusual bearing noises or overheating is it also necessary to renew the lubricant between the specified intervals. Mounting and dismounting of the bearings is to be carried out in accordance with the instructions in this operation manual (see replacing the bearings).

- ↓ Open the bearing.
- ↓ Remove the bearing housing and the bearing cover.
- ↓ Clean the bearing carefully using petroleum ether.  
Petroleum ether, petroleum, spirit, aqueous neutral or alkaline cleaning agents may be used to clean the bearings. After washing out, the bearing must immediately be preserved using lubricant, in order to avoid corrosion.
- ↓ Fill bearing with approved lubricant (see *List of lubricants*).

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**8.9.4 List of lubricants**

<b>Country of manufacture / manufacturer</b>	<b>Roller bearing grease</b>
ARAL	ARAL Grease HL 3
BP	BP ENERGREASE LS 3
CASTROL	CASTROL SPHEEROL AP 3
ESSO	Beacon 3
FUCHS	FUCHS Grease 1200 FUCHS Grease FWA 220
SHELL	SHELL Alvania Grease 3
MOBIL-OIL	MOBILUX 3
WISURA	WISURA Liba L 3
Zeller & Gmelin	ZET GE Grease M 50
FAG	FAG L 71
ANTAR Petroles de l'Atlantique	ROLEXA
Holland, Beverol	Beverol Multi Purpose Grease
Italy, Agip	AGIP Grease 33 FD
Swede, NYNÄS	Nynäs FI 3-42



## **8.10 Working on the cutting knives for shredder**

In the case of shredders, the correct grinding properties, correct setting and mounting of the cutting knives are important factors to ensure perfect functioning and economic operation of the machine.

### **8.10.1 Replacing and checking the cutting knife mountings**

Due to their function, certain machine parts are subject to stress in their operating state as a result of vibrations, which can lead to loosening of the screw connections. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary to check the cutting knife mounting screws in accordance with the *Maintenance plan*.



- ↓ Tighten the mounting screws on the cutting knives using a torque wrench which is set to the required torque for the screw size.  
**The required torque for the knife fixing bolts is 120 Nm.**

You can find out the required torque from the following table. Take note too that the tightening capacity decreases of screws which have been loosened and tightened again several times. New screws of the same material quality must therefore replace the cutting knife mounting screws after they have been loosened and tightened several times.

#### **Torque:**

Bolt type	Grade 8.8		Grade 10.9		Grade 12.9	
	Nm	lbf ft	Nm	lbf ft	Nm	lbf ft
M8	25	18.4	35	25.8	41	30.2
M10	49	36.1	69	50.9	83	61.2
M12	86	63.4	120	88.5	145	106
M16	210	154	295	217	355	261
M20	410	302	580	428	690	508
M24	710	523	1000	737	1200	885

**8.10.2      Checking the condition of the cutting knives**

 <b>WARNING</b>	
	<p><b>Danger of cutting caused by sharp knives, even when the rotor is at a standstill.</b> <b>Serious injury, particularly to hands and fingers, can result.</b> <b>Wear protective gloves.</b></p>

The cutting knives become blunt after a certain number of operation hours. Therefore they should be checked regularly.

**Using blunt knives has the following consequences:**

- Decreased grinding capacity.
- Increased current consumption of the drive motor.
- Inexact cut.
- Overheating of the ground material.

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**8.10.3 Dismounting the rotor knives**

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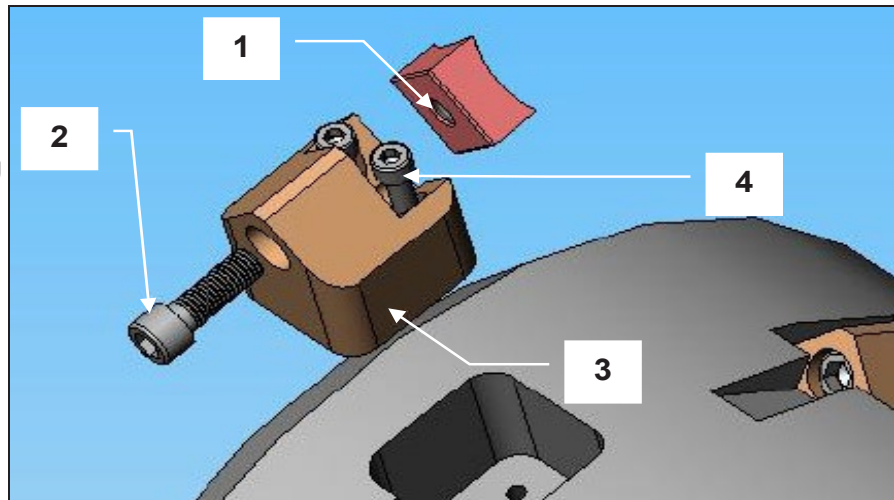


**Danger of cutting caused by sharp knives, even when the rotor is at a standstill. Serious injury, particularly to hands and fingers, can result. Wear protective gloves.**

**Proceed as follows:**

Illustration:

- (1) Rotor knife
- (2) Knife mounting screw
- (3) Knife holder
- (4) Knife holder mounting screws



- ↓ Switch off the shredder at the main switch
- ↓ Safeguard main switch using a padlock.
- ↓ Open the lower housing flap.
- ↓ Safeguard the housing flap.
- ↓ Remove screen

Although it is possible to reach the cutting shaft by climbing into the feeding chamber, we recommend accessing the knives through the front side door. The shaft can be rotated manually by turning the motor v-belt pulley.

- ↓ Clean the hexagon head socket of the knife fixing bolt (2).
- ↓ Loose the bolt using a high quality Allen key (10 mm). If necessary knock the Allen key lightly with a hammer to loose it.
- ↓ Take out the knife fixing bolt, the washer and the knife

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**8.10.4 Dismounting the rotor knife holders**

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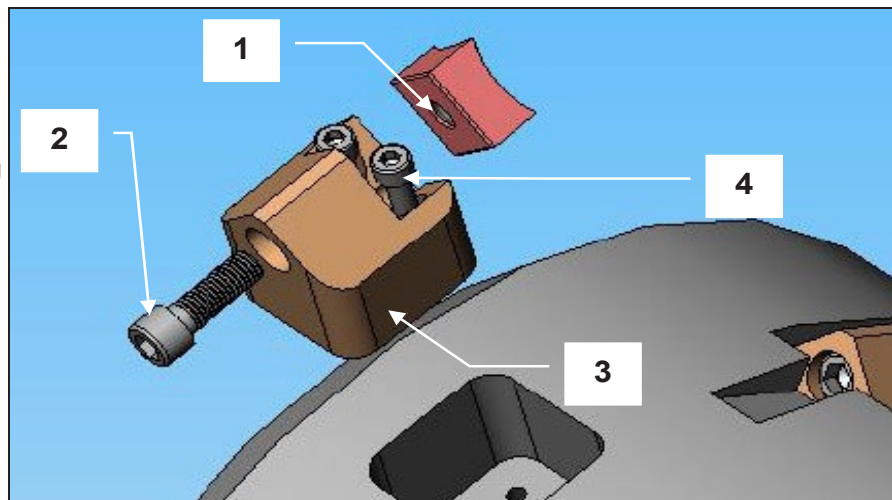


**Danger of cutting caused by sharp knives, even when the rotor is at a standstill. Serious injury, particularly to hands and fingers, can result. Wear protective gloves.**

**Proceed as follows:**

Illustration:

- (1) Rotor knife
- (2) Knife mounting screw
- (3) Knife holder
- (4) Knife holder mounting screws



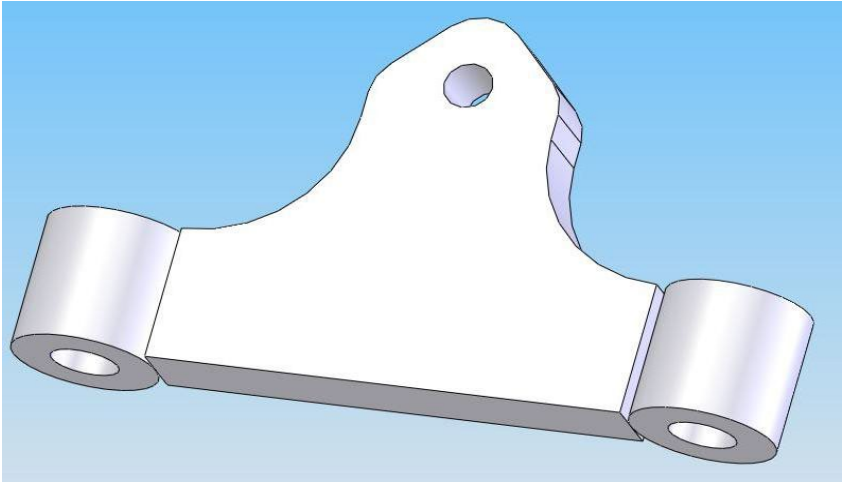
- ↓ Switch off the shredder at the main switch
- ↓ Safeguard main switch using a padlock.
- ↓ Open the lower housing flap.
- ↓ Safeguard the housing flap.
- ↓ Remove screen

Although it is possible to reach the cutting shaft by climbing into the feeding chamber, we recommend accessing the knives through the front side door. The shaft can be rotated manually by turning the motor v-belt pulley.

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- ↓ Clean the hexagon head socket of the knife fixing bolt (2).
- ↓ Loose the bolt using a high quality Allen key (10 mm). If necessary knock the Allen key lightly with a hammer to loose it.
- ↓ Take out the knife fixing bolt, the washer and the knife
- ↓ Clean the hexagon head socket of the knife holder fixing bolts (4).
- ↓ Loose the bolt using a high quality Allen key (6 mm). If necessary knock the Allen key lightly with a hammer to loose it.
- ↓ Take out the knife holder fixing bolts.
- ↓ Remove the knife holder with the delivered Extractor.

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**8.10.5 Dismounting the stator knives**

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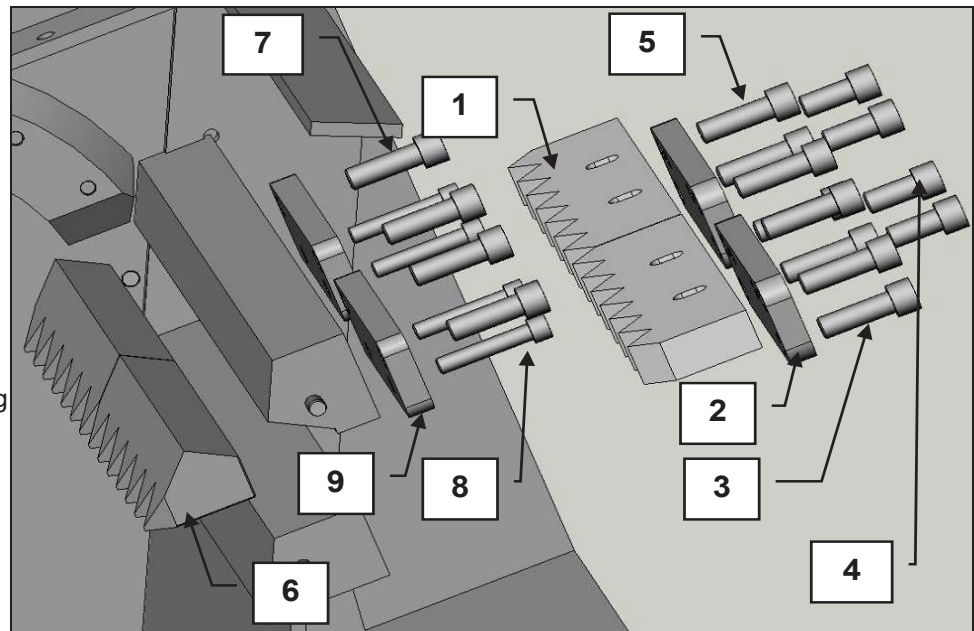


**Danger of cutting caused by sharp knives, even when the rotor is at a standstill. Serious injury, particularly to hands and fingers, can result. Wear protective gloves.**

**Proceed as follows:**

Illustration:

- (1) Stator knife
- (2) Knife holder
- (3) Knife holder fixing screws
- (4) Knife adjusting screw for pushing
- (5) Knife adjusting screw for pulling
- (6) Cover plates
- (7) Cover plate fixing screws
- (8) Cover plate holder fixing screws
- (9) Cover plate holder





- ↓ Switch off the shredder at the main switch
- ↓ Safeguard main switch using a padlock.
- ↓ Open the upper housing flap.
- ↓ Safeguard the housing flap.

Although it is possible to reach the knives by climbing into the feeding chamber, we recommend accessing the knives through the front side door.

- ↓ Clean the hexagon head socket of the knife fixing bolts (2) and the cover plates fixing bolts.
- ↓ Loose the cover plate fixing bolts using a high quality Allen key (10 mm). If necessary knock the Allen key lightly with a hammer to loose it.
- ↓ Take out the bolts and the cover plates
- ↓ Loose the knife adjusting screws for pulling and take them out  
Loose the knife fixing bolts using a high quality Allen key (10 mm).  
If necessary knock the Allen key lightly with a hammer to loose it.
- ↓ Take out the knife fixing bolt, and the knife.

8.10.6 Mounting the rotor knife holders

 <b>WARNING</b>	
	<p><b>Danger of cutting caused by sharp knives, even when the rotor is at a standstill.</b> <b>Serious injury, particularly to hands and fingers, can result.</b> <b>Wear protective gloves.</b></p>

**Proceed as follows:**

- ↓ Clean the knife pocket and the knife holder
- ↓ Insert knife holder into the pocket

**Knife holder must slide in easily. Do not damage the knife holder surfaces using a hammer.**

- ↓ Put in the knife holder fixing bolts (DIN912 – M8x25 – 12.9) and put some Loctite on them.
- ↓ **Make sure that the knife holder fits properly.**
- ↓ Tighten the knife fixing bolts using a torque wrench.

**The required torque for the knife holder mounting bolts is 39 Nm (also see the table under *Replacing and checking the cutting knife mountings*).**

8.10.7 Mounting the rotor knives

 **WARNING**



Danger of cutting caused by sharp knives, even when the rotor is at a standstill.  
Serious injury, particularly to hands and fingers, can result.  
Wear protective gloves.

**HINT**



The cutting knives, in particular the rotor knives, should only be sharpened or replaced in sets. There is a danger of balance error if a combination of rotor knives from different knife sets is used.

**Proceed as follows:**

- ↓ Clean the knife supporting surface and the hole on the knife holder
- ↓ Insert sharp knife or turn old knife and push against the knife holder surface.
- ↓ Put in the knife fixing bolt (DIN912 – M12x40 – 12.9) and the washer (DIN433 – 13 – 300HV).
- ↓ Screw in the mounting screws and tighten lightly first
- ↓ **Make sure that the knife fits planar in the seat**
- ↓ Tighten the knife fixing bolts using a torque wrench.

**The required torque for all knife mounting bolts is 120 Nm** (also see the table under *Replacing and checking the cutting knife mountings*).

- ↓ **Check whether the cutting gap is correct and whether the cutting knives do not collide as the rotor turns.**

**TIP**



Rotor knives from VIRTUS EQUIPMENT are reversible and have four symmetrical cutting edges.  
This makes it possible to turn the knives and only to sharpen after every fourth knife change.

- ↓ Remove tools and other objects from the cutting chamber.
- ↓ Put back screen and fix it
- ↓ Switch on the shredder for a short time without grinding material and listen for noises. If you hear unusual noises, determine the cause and eliminate it.



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**8.10.8 Mounting the stator knives**

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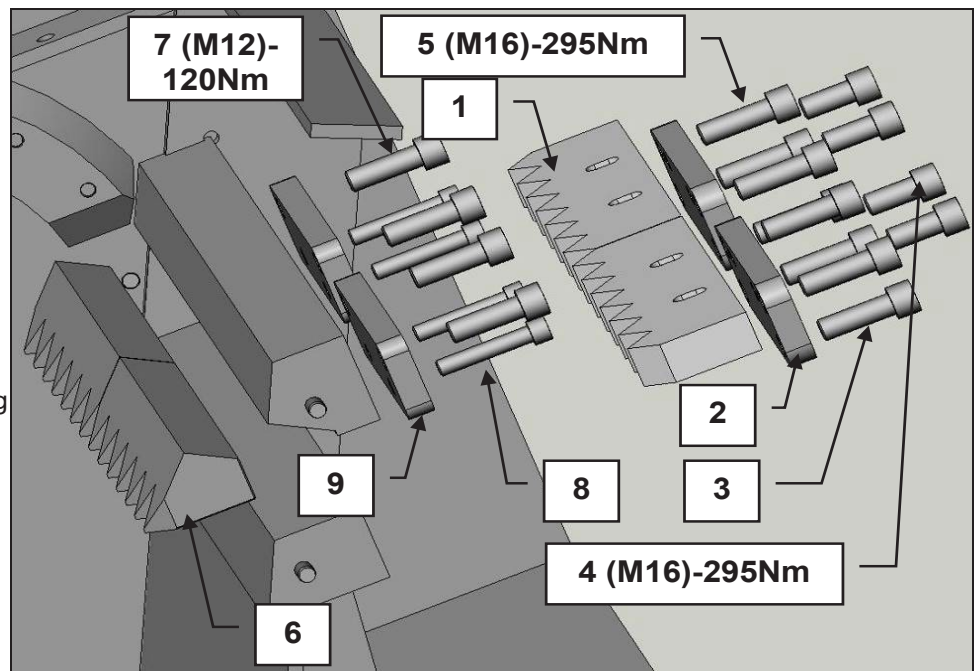


**Danger of cutting caused by sharp knives, even when the rotor is at a standstill. Serious injury, particularly to hands and fingers, can result. Wear protective gloves.**

**Proceed as follows:**

Illustration:

- (1) Stator knife
- (2) Knife holder
- (3) Knife holder fixing screws
- (4) Knife adjusting screw for pushing
- (5) Knife adjusting screw for pulling
- (6) Cover plates
- (7) Cover plate fixing screws
- (8) Cover plate holder fixing screws
- (9) Cover plate holder



- ↓ Remove old knives (see *dismounting the stator knives*)
- ↓ Insert sharp knife or turn old knife.
- ↓ Put in the knife adjusting bolts for pushing and adjust them roughly
- ↓ Put in the knife adjusting bolts for pulling and tighten lightly first

**Adjust the gap between rotor and stator knife to 0.8-1.0 mm by using the adjusting bolts.**

- ↓ Tighten constant both knife adjusting bolts for pulling by using a torque wrench.
- ↓ Tighten constant both knife adjusting bolts for pushing by using a torque wrench.

**The required torque for all knife mounting bolts M12 is 120Nm**  
**The required torque for all knife adjusting bolts M16 is 295Nm**  
(also see the table under Replacing and checking the cutting knife mountings).

- ↓ Turn the rotor by hand

- ↓ Check whether the cutting gap is correct and whether the cutting knives do not collide as the rotor turns.



## **TIP**

**Stator knives from VIRTUS EQUIPMENT are reversible and have two symmetrical cutting edges. This makes it possible to turn the knives and only to sharpen after every second knife change.**

- ↓ Put back the cover plates and fix them with the bolts
- ↓ Remove tools and other objects from the cutting chamber.
- ↓ Put back screen and fix it.
- ↓ Switch on the shredder for a short time without grinding material and listen for noises. If you hear unusual noises, determine the cause and eliminate it.

### 8.10.9 Sharpening cutting knives

Shredder rotor knives from VIRTUS EQUIPMENT have four cutting edges. This means they can be turned three times. After that they should be replaced with new ones. Stator knives can be turned two times.

## TIP



**Specialist sharpening of the cutting knives is part of the service offer of VIRTUS EQUIPMENT.**



## WARNING



**Danger of cutting caused by sharp knives, even when the rotor is at a standstill.  
Serious injury, particularly to hands and fingers, can result.  
Wear protective gloves.**

## HINT





**The cutting knives, in particular the rotor knives, should only be sharpened or replaced in sets. There is a danger of balance error if a combination of rotor knives from different knife sets is used.**

### Proceed as follows:

- ↓ Dismount the cutting knives (see *Dismounting the rotor knives*).
- ↓ Sharpen the cutting knives.  
A specialist in accordance with the sharpening plan using particular care should uniformly sharpen the cutting knives mechanically. It is important to make sure that sharpening takes place with small grinding allowance and sufficient coolant supply. The sharpening process is finished when the cutting edge is sharply cut. Not all indentations must be ground out, otherwise the number of possibilities for sharpening is unnecessarily reduced. For the sharpening process, use soft grinding wheels (Quality 40 H or 46 K). Knives, which have grinding cracks, are not to be reused due to danger of breakage during operation.
- ↓ Whet the cutting edges of the cutting knives using a whetstone.  
By taking these measures, the service life of the cutting knives can be increased.
- ↓ Set the cutting knives (see *setting the cutting knives*).
- ↓ Mount the cutting knives (see *mounting the stator knives*).

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**8.10.10 Setting the cutting knives**

 <b>WARNING</b>	
	<p><b>Danger of cutting caused by sharp cutting knives. Serious injury, in particular to hands and fingers, can result. Wear protective gloves.</b></p>

Rotor knives for the SG600 series shredder don't have to be adjusted. All adjustments have to be done with the stator knives. To simplify knife setting and shorten standstill periods when replacing the knives, Virtus Equipment stator knives have four adjusting screws, two for pulling two for pushing the knife. If you have several knife sets, you will also avoid standstill periods of the machine.

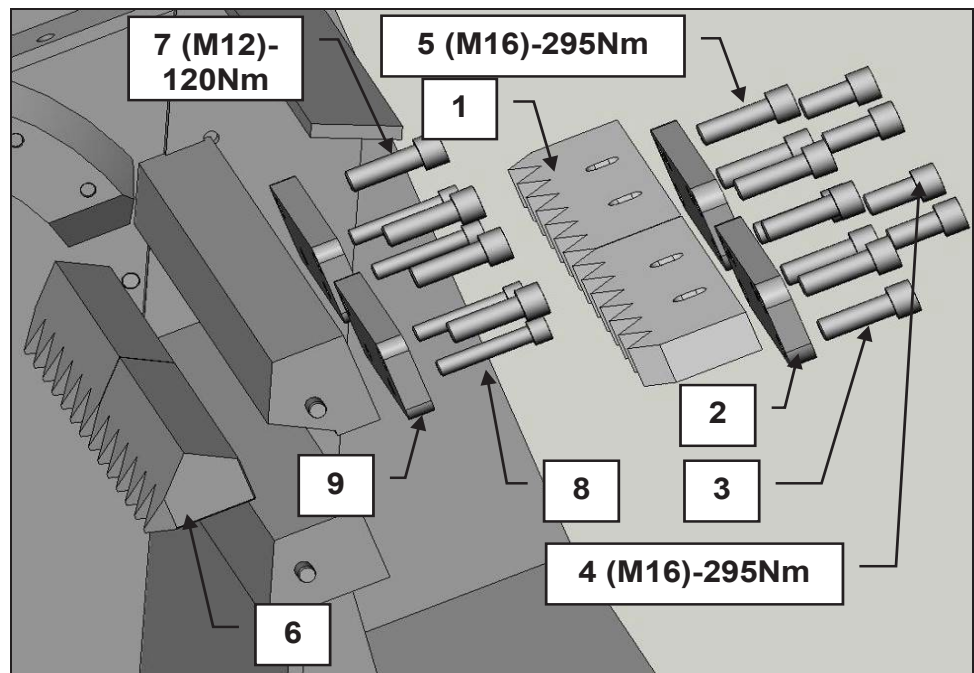
Correct and careful setting of the gap between the rotor knives and the stator knives (cutting gap) is an important requirement for the productive capacity of the shredder.

Factors for the size of the knife gap are the size of the rotor, the design of the rotor and the material to be ground.

**For setting the knives, proceed as follows:**

Illustration:

- (10) Stator knife
- (11) Knife holder
- (12) Knife holder fixing screws
- (13) Knife adjusting screw for pushing
- (14) Knife adjusting screw for pulling
- (15) Cover plates
- (16) Cover plate fixing screws
- (17) Cover plate holder fixing screws
- (18) Cover plate holder



- ↓ Remove old knives (see *dismounting the stator knives*)
- ↓ Insert sharp knife or turn old knife.
- ↓ Put in the knife adjusting bolts for pushing and adjust them roughly

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- ↓ Put in the knife adjusting bolts for pulling and tighten lightly first
- ↓ Adjust the gap between rotor and stator knife to 0.8-1.0 mm by using the adjusting bolts.
- ↓ Tighten constant both knife adjusting bolts for pulling by using a torque wrench.
- ↓ Tighten constant both knife adjusting bolts for pushing by using a torque wrench.



**The required torque for all knife mounting bolts M12 is 120Nm**  
**The required torque for all knife adjusting bolts M16 is 295Nm**  
(also see the table under Replacing and checking the cutting knife mountings).

- ↓ Turn the rotor by hand
- ↓ **Check whether the cutting gap is correct and whether the cutting knives do not collide as the rotor turns.**

**Recommended knife gap: 0.8 mm – 1 mm**

- ↓ Fix the knife cover plates

**8.10.11 Transporting and storing the cutting knives**

 <b>WARNING</b>	
	<p><b>Danger of cutting caused by sharp cutting knives. Serious injury, in particular to hands and fingers, can result. Wear protective gloves.</b></p> <p><b>Only transport and store the cutting knives packaged. Grease the cutting knives well, so that they do not rust. Protect the cutting edges with doubled cardboard and use adhesive tape to safeguard the knives against slipping out of the sides of the sheath.</b></p> <p><b>After unpacking, you must degrease the cutting knives so that they can be gripped safely.</b></p>

## **8.11 Working on the cutting knives for Granulator**

In the case of granulators, the correct grinding properties, correct setting and mounting of the cutting knives are important factors to ensure perfect functioning and economic operation of the machine.

### **8.11.1 Replacing and checking the cutting knife mountings**

Due to their function, certain machine parts are subject to stress in their operating state as a result of vibrations, which can lead to loosening of the screw connections. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary to check the cutting knife mounting screws in accordance with the *Maintenance plan*.



- ↓ Tighten the mounting screws on the cutting knives using a torque wrench which is set to the required torque for the screw size.  
**The required torque for the knife fixing bolts is 580 Nm.**

You can find out the required torque from the following table. Take note too that the tightening capacity decreases of screws which have been loosened and tightened again several times. New screws of the same material quality must therefore replace the cutting knife mounting screws after they have been loosened and tightened several times.

#### **Torque:**

Bolt type	Grade 8.8		Grade 10.9		Grade 12.9	
	Nm	lbf ft	Nm	lbf ft	Nm	lbf ft
M8	25	18.4	35	25.8	41	30.2
M10	49	36.1	69	50.9	83	61.2
M12	86	63.4	120	88.5	145	106
M16	210	154	295	217	355	261
M20	410	302	580	428	690	508
M24	710	523	1000	737	1200	885

**8.11.2 Checking the condition of the cutting knives**

 <b>WARNING</b>	
	<p><b>Danger of cutting caused by sharp knives, even when the rotor is at a standstill.</b> <b>Serious injury, particularly to hands and fingers, can result.</b> <b>Wear protective gloves.</b></p>

The cutting knives become blunt after a certain number of operation hours. Therefore they should be checked regularly.

**Using blunt knives has the following consequences:**

- Decreased grinding capacity.
- Increased current consumption of the drive motor.
- Inexact cut.
- Overheating of the ground material.

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**8.11.3 Dismounting the cutting knives**

**⚠ WARNING**

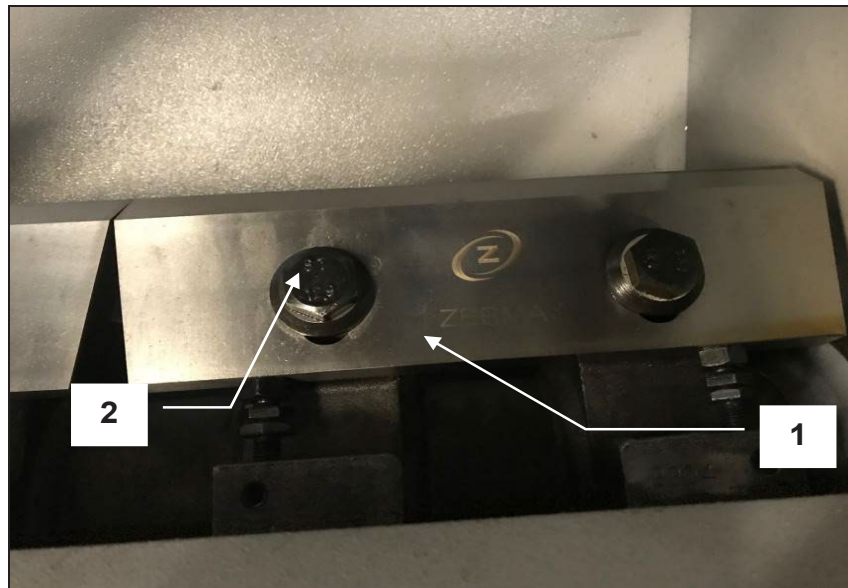


**Danger of cutting caused by sharp knives, even when the rotor is at a standstill. Serious injury, particularly to hands and fingers, can result. Wear protective gloves.**

**Proceed as follows:**

Illustration:



- (1) Rotor knife
- (2) Knife mounting screws



- ↓ Open the granulator
- ↓ Loosen the knife mounting screws.
- ↓ Take out the knife capping and knives.



#### 8.11.4 Mounting the cutting knives

 <b>WARNING</b>	
	<p>Danger of cutting caused by sharp knives, even when the rotor is at a standstill. Serious injury, particularly to hands and fingers, can result. Wear protective gloves.</p>

### HINT



The cutting knives, in particular the rotor knives, should only be sharpened or replaced in sets. There is a danger of balance error if a combination of rotor knives from different knife sets is used.

**Proceed as follows:**

- ↓ Clean the knife supporting surface and threaded holes.
- ↓ Insert sharp and preset knives and push against the setting surface.
- ↓ Put on the knife capping.
- ↓ Screw in the mounting screws and tighten using torque wrench.

**The required torque for all knife mounting bolts is 580 Nm** (also see the table under *Replacing and checking the cutting knife mountings*).

- ↓ **Check whether the cutting gap is correct and whether the cutting knives do not collide as the rotor turns.**

### TIP



Stator knives from VIRTUS EQUIPMENT have two symmetrical cutting edges.  
This makes it possible to turn the knives and only to sharpen after every second knife change.

- ↓ Remove tools and other objects from the grinding chamber.
- ↓ Close the granulator upper section (see Closing the granulator)
- ↓ Switch on the granulator for a short time without grinding material and listen for noises. If you hear unusual noises, determine the cause and eliminate it.

8.11.5 Sharpening cutting knives

## TIP



Specialist sharpening of the cutting knives is part of the service offer of VIRTUS EQUIPMENT.

## ! WARNING



Danger of cutting caused by sharp knives, even when the rotor is at a standstill. Serious injury, particularly to hands and fingers, can result. Wear protective gloves.

## HINT



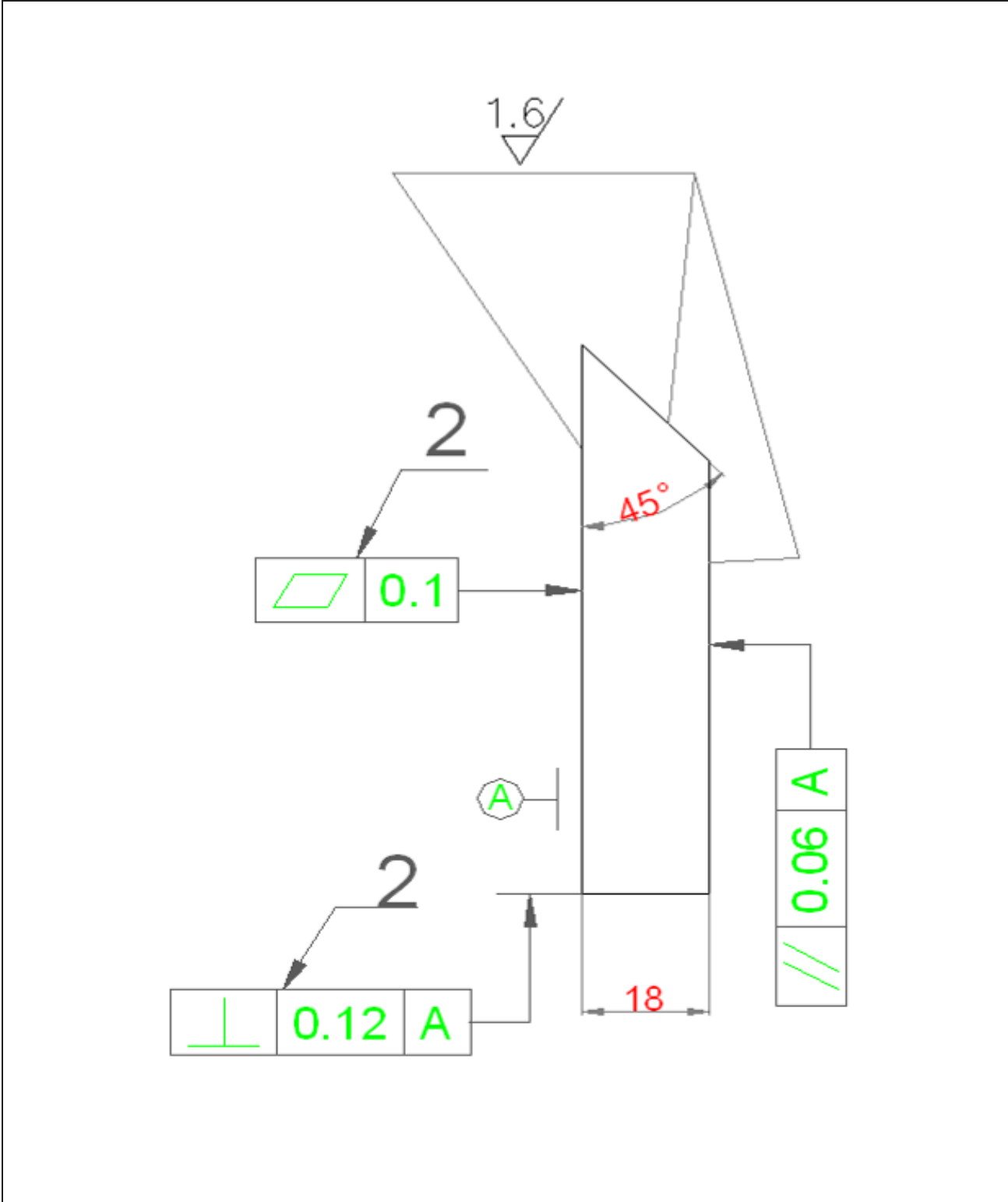
The cutting knives, in particular the rotor knives, should only be sharpened or replaced in sets. There is a danger of balance error if a combination of rotor knives from different knife sets is used.

### Proceed as follows:

- ↓ Dismount the cutting knives (see *Dismounting the rotor knives*).
- ↓ Sharpen the cutting knives.  
A specialist in accordance with the sharpening plan using particular care should uniformly sharpen the cutting knives mechanically. It is important to make sure that sharpening takes place with small grinding allowance and sufficient coolant supply. The sharpening process is finished when the cutting edge is sharply cut. Not all indentations must be ground out, otherwise the number of possibilities for sharpening is unnecessarily reduced. For the sharpening process, use soft grinding wheels (Quality 40 H or 46 K). Knives, which have grinding cracks, are not to be reused due to danger of breakage during operation.
- ↓ Whet the cutting edges of the cutting knives using a whetstone. By taking these measures, the service life of the cutting knives can be increased.
- ↓ Set the cutting knives (see *mounting the cutting knives*).
- ↓ Mount the cutting knives (see *mounting the cutting knives*).

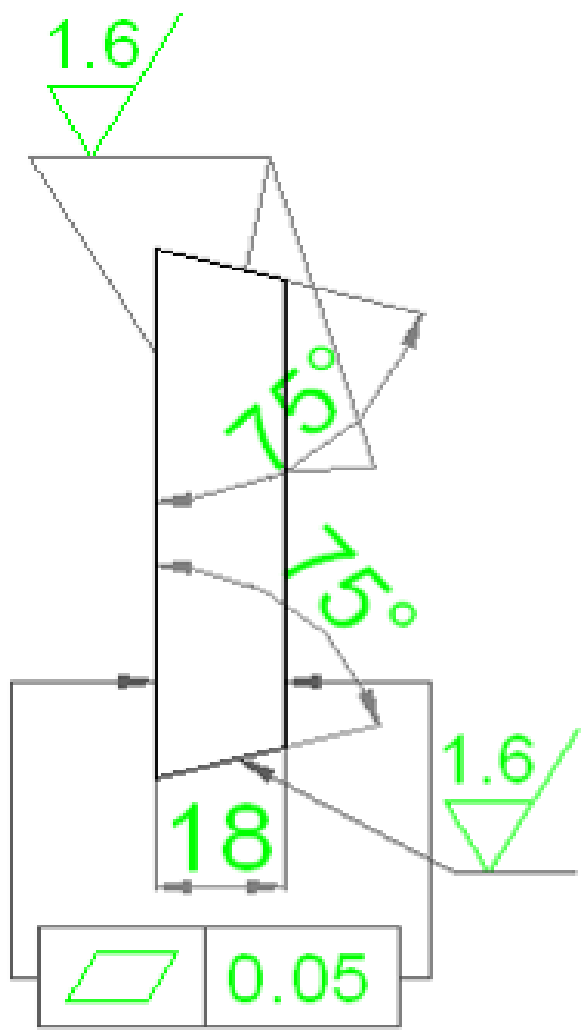
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Illustration: *Resharpener plan rotor knife*




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Illustration: *Resharpener plan stator knife*



**8.11.6 Setting the cutting knives**

<b>⚠ WARNING</b>	
	<p><b>Danger of cutting caused by sharp cutting knives. Serious injury, in particular to hands and fingers, can result. Wear protective gloves.</b></p>

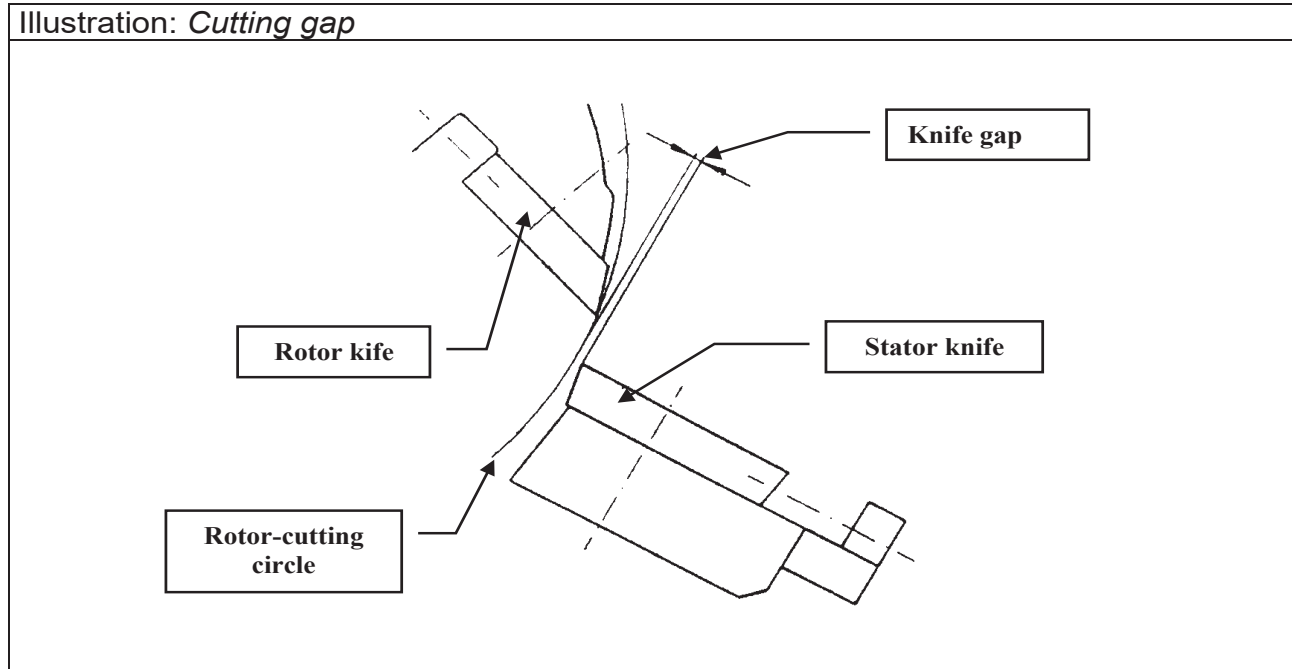
To simplify knife setting and shorten standstill periods when replacing the knives, a knife setting device is delivered together with rotors with adjustable knives.

Knife setting can be carried out easily outside the machine using this setting device. If you have several knife sets, you will also avoid standstill periods of the machine.

Correct and careful setting of the gap between the rotor knives and the bed knives (cutting gap) is an important requirement for the productive capacity of the granulator.

Factors for the size of the knife gap are the size of the rotor, the design of the rotor and the material to be ground.

The cutting gap is set using the knife gap of the rotor knives in the knife-setting device.



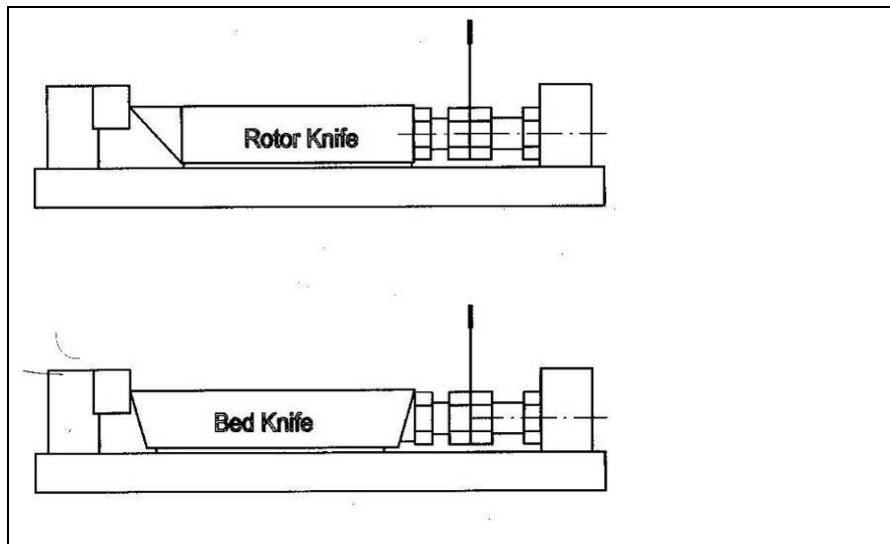
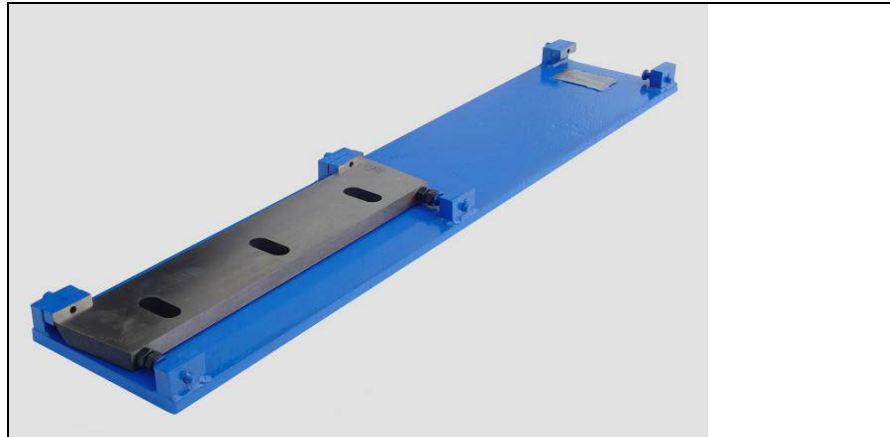
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**For setting the rotor knives, proceed as follows:**

Illustration:

Knife setting device



- ↓ Insert the knives into the knife setting device as shown.
- ↓ Select the guide calibre appropriate for the size of the knife gap from the delivered guide calibre set.  
The guide calibres are marked with numbers, which when divided by 100, give the thickness in mm.

**Further procedure for each setting screw:**

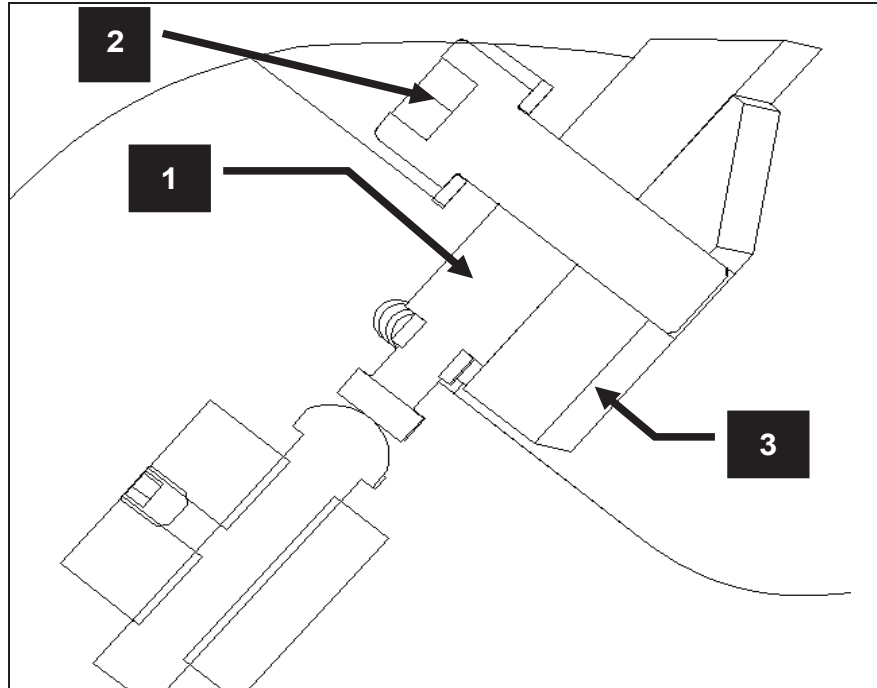
- ↓ Push the guide calibre between the stopper of the knife setting device and the setting screw of the cutting knife.  
Doing this, the knife edge must lie against the stopper.
- ↓ Unscrew the setting screw of the knife so far that the feeler gage is gently squeezed.
- ↓ Tighten the counter nut.
- ↓ Set all the setting screws as described.  
Check the knife gap at the end of setting and correct if required.

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**Recommended knife gap: 0,3mm**

Illustration:

- (1) Rotor knife
- (2) Knife fixing bolt
- (3) Cover plate



## HINT



In operating state, the granulator heats up and expands unevenly. Therefore, if the knife gap is too small this can lead to machine damage caused by the knives colliding.

As a basic rule, the knife gap between rotor knives and stator knives must be 0,3 mm.

### 8.11.7 Transporting and storing the cutting knives

## **WARNING**



**Danger of cutting caused by sharp cutting knives. Serious injury, in particular to hands and fingers, can result. Only transport and store the cutting knives packaged. Grease the cutting knives well, so that they do not rust. Protect the cutting edges with doubled cardboard and use adhesive tape to safeguard the knives against slipping out of the sides of the sheath.**

**After unpacking, you must degrease the cutting knives so that they can be gripped safely.**

## **9 TROUBLESHOOTING**

### **9.1 Machine blocks or switches itself off**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Possible causes</b>	<b>Remedy required</b>
9.1.1	Too much feed material.	Reduce grinding material in feed.
9.1.2	Screen blocked.	Clean screen, check condition, if necessary select larger screen perforation.
9.1.3	"V"-belts slip.	Check "V"-belt tension and condition and retighten if necessary or replace.
9.1.4	Knife condition.	Check knives and resharpen or replace if needed.
9.1.5	Cutting gap.	Check cutting gap and set according to the instructions in this operation manual.
9.1.6	Discharge blocked.	Check if discharge conveyor belt is running
9.1.7	Current failure.	Check limit switch for defective contact. Check electrical connection, if necessary tighten limit switch.
9.1.8	Fuse too small.	Fit larger fuse. <b>Only after consulting the service department of VIRTUS EQUIPMENT.</b>
9.1.9	Rotational direction of rotor.	Check motor and reverse polarity if necessary.
9.1.10	Rotor speed.	Change rotor speed. <b>Only after consulting the service department of VIRTUS EQUIPMENT.</b>

### **9.2 Rotor does not grip bulky material**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Possible causes</b>	<b>Remedy required</b>
9.2.1	Knife condition.	Check and sharpen if needed according to the instructions in this operation manual.
9.2.2	Protruding bed knife.	Chamfer bed knives; consult with service department of VIRTUS EQUIPMENT.
9.2.3	Knives not aggressive enough	Fit underlay plates below the knife holders

### **9.3 Overheating of the grinding material**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Possible causes</b>	<b>Remedy required</b>
9.3.1	See 9.1.1 to 9.1.5.	See 9.1.1 to 9.1.5.
9.3.2	Screen perforation too small.	Insert a screen with larger perforation.
9.3.3	Knives wrongly sharpened.	Modify knife finish. <b>Only after consulting the service department of VIRTUS EQUIPMENT.</b>
9.3.4	Material rubs against the housing wall.	Fit anti-winding device.
9.3.5	Insufficient cooling.	Fit rotor cooling

### **9.4 Unusual vibrations**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Possible causes</b>	<b>Remedy required</b>
8.4.1	Rotor out of balance.	Weigh knives, balance rotor.
8.4.2	Bearing damage.	Check bearings, replace bearings if necessary.
8.4.3	Anti vibration pads defective	Check mounting pads and renew these if necessary.



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**9.5 Extreme cutter wear**

No.	Possible causes	Remedy required
9.5.1	Bearing damage.	Check bearings, replace bearings if necessary.
9.5.2	Knife finish.	Check knife and sharpen or replace if necessary.
9.5.3	Wrong cutting gap.	Check cutting gap and set according to the instructions in this operation manual.
9.5.4	Foreign matter.	Fit feed device with a metal detector.

**9.6 Bearings too hot**

No.	Possible causes	Remedy required
9.6.1	Too much grease in bearing.	Reduce amount of grease.
9.6.2	"V"-belts too tight.	Reduce tension.
9.6.3	Rubbing on housing sealing ring.	Check sealing ring, oil or replace.
9.6.4	Bearing damage.	Check bearings, replace if necessary.
9.6.5	No grease in bearing.	Lubricate bearing.

**9.7 Too many fines in grinding material**

No.	Possible causes	Remedy required
9.7.1	Screen worn.	Renew screen, possibly using manganese steel.
9.7.2	Unsuitable screen perforation.	Replace screen after consulting VIRTUS EQUIPMENT service department.

**9.8 Cutting gap alters during operation**

No.	Possible causes	Remedy required
9.8.1	Knife mounting screws not tight.	Retighten using torque wrench in accordance with table in operation manual.
9.8.2	Screw fatigue.	Fit new screws.
9.8.3	Washers deformed.	Insert new washers.
9.8.4	Knife holder surface deformed	Insert new knife holders
9.8.5	Supporting surfaces not clean.	Clean and de-rust supporting surfaces.
9.8.6	Threads in housing worn.	Fit new bushes in housing.

**9.9 Screen damage**

No.	Possible causes	Remedy required
9.9.1	Screen inserted wrongly.	Fit screen correctly.
9.9.2	Screen support buckled.	Replace screen support.
9.9.3	Screen radius wrong	Correct it.

**9.10 Shredder does not start**

No.	Possible causes	Remedy required
9.10.1	Limit switches not activated.	Check position of limit switch and correct.
9.10.2	Main and control fuses.	Replace fuse.
9.10.3	Feed device not connected.	Switch on in sequence.
9.10.4	Material jam	Empty shredder before switching on.
9.10.5	Star delta connection.	Correct wiring on motor.
9.10.6	Motor protection switches off.	Check motor relay for correct setting and increase if necessary.
9.10.7	Star delta time relay.	Correct time.

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**9.11 Shredder blocks when under load**

No.	Possible causes	Remedy required
9.11.1	Feed starts too early.	Start feed only after switch over from star to delta.
9.11.2	Limit switch loose or wrongly set.	Reposition and tighten limit switch.
9.11.3	Fuse defective.	Replace fuse. Fit larger fuse. <b>Only after consulting the service department of VIRTUS EQUIPMENT GmbH.</b>
9.11.4	Motor fuse switches off - red indicator.	Reduce feed quantity of the grinding material, correct setting, replace fuse.

**9.12 Frequent switching off of grinding material in feed device**

No.	Possible causes	Remedy required
9.12.1	Current relay switches off.	Correct setting.

**9.13 Pusher does not work**

No.	Possible causes	Remedy required
9.13.1	pusher doesn't reach his end positions (upper and lower limit).	Check the function of the approximate switch sensors. If the LED indicator doesn't switch on the sensor is out of reach of the limit screws.
9.13.2	Hydraulic tank empty.	Check the hydraulic level of the tank.
9.13.3	Pusher stops at any position.	Check all the 24V relays for loosen connection.
9.13.4	Pusher stops at any position between upper and lower limit.	It could be a fail function or the LOGO inside the control panel, switch of the control panel, wait for ca.5 sec. and switch it on again. If the pusher doesn't go back to the ground position the RAM chip should be replaced.

## **10 STORAGE, DISPOSAL, TRANSPORTATION**

### **10.1 Storage**



Clean the machine (see Cleaning the machine). Preserve all polished metal surfaces using a suitable rust preventing agent. Store the machine in an enclosed, dry place. Cover the machine completely with a plastic sheet.




### **10.2 Disposal**



**Protect the environment.**

The disposal of machines, machine components and process materials is partially subject to legal controls. More detailed information is given at the relevant administrative authority (e.g. regional and national Water Conservation Bureaux and Environmental Protection Agencies). Only deposit the material to be disposed of at authorized drop-off points.

### **10.3 Transportation**

 <b>WARNING</b>	
	<p><b>Suspended load.</b> <b>Falling loads can cause serious injury or death.</b> <b>Only use a crane or forklift truck, which is suitable for the weight and dimensions of the loads.</b></p>
	<p><b>Also use suitable stopping means and pay attention to the gravity centre location.</b> <b>Do not step under the suspended load.</b> <b>Wear a protective helmet in addition to your basic protective gear.</b></p>

## **11 HYDRAULIC MAINTENANCE**

Before start-up of the machine, hydraulic oil has to be filled into the tank.

The type of oil which should be used depends on your location. We recommend oil of the type DIN 51524 HLP 32 for areas with temperatures below 0°C in the winter and HLP 46 for temperatures of around 30°C in the summer. For extremely hot tropical areas e. g. Thailand, Malaysia, Nigeria etc. we recommend to use HLP 68.

The first oil replacement should be done after 1000 operating hours and than after every 2,000 operating hours. The oil filter has to be replaced too.



### **HINT**

**If the oil will not be replaced after this time damage to the hydraulic system can occur, due to overheating of the oil and dirt in the oil. This can lead to a complete standstill of the machine.**

When adding hydraulic oil, attention must be paid that the same type of oil is used. If the same type of oil is not available, or if the type used is unknown, the oil in the tank and in the complete hydraulic system has to be removed and the complete system flushed carefully. The system may only be filled with new oil after this has been done. This is necessary to prevent gumming of the valves.

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**Hydraulic liquid recommendation:**

Designation to DIN 51 524	HLP 32
Ambient temperature:	-7 to +70°C
Supplier	Name of the oil
ARAL	Aral Vitam GF 32 Aral Vitam HF 32
BP	BP Energol HLP-D 32 BP Energol HLP 32 BP Energol SHF 32
ELF	Elfolna 32 Hydrelf 32
ESSO	Nuto H 32 HLPD-Oel 32
FINA	Fina Hydran 32
FUCHS	Renolin MR 10 Renolin B 10
MOBIL	Mobil DTE 24 Mobil DTE 17 Drucköl HLP 32 - C Hydrauliköl HLPD 32
TEXACO	Rando Oil HD A - 32 Rando Oil HD AZ - 32 Alcor Oil DD 32

## 12 CUSTOMER SERVICE AND SPARE PARTS ORDERS



Should problems occur during operation of the machine or if you have general questions about the machine which this operation manual cannot answer, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would be pleased to help you further in order to solve your problem as quickly as possible.

You can identify the spare parts you require using the spare parts list. Please quote the following information when making your order so that we can deliver the spare parts to you quickly:

- Company name and address.
- Contact person.
- Machine type.
- Machine number.
- Piece number of the spare part.
- Spare part reference.
- Subject number.
- Order quantity.

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### TIP



**The easiest way to order your spare parts is to copy the spare parts list and to fill in the order amount after the respective spare part.**

## **13 SPARE PARTS LIST**

Please refer to the packing list supplied with your delivery

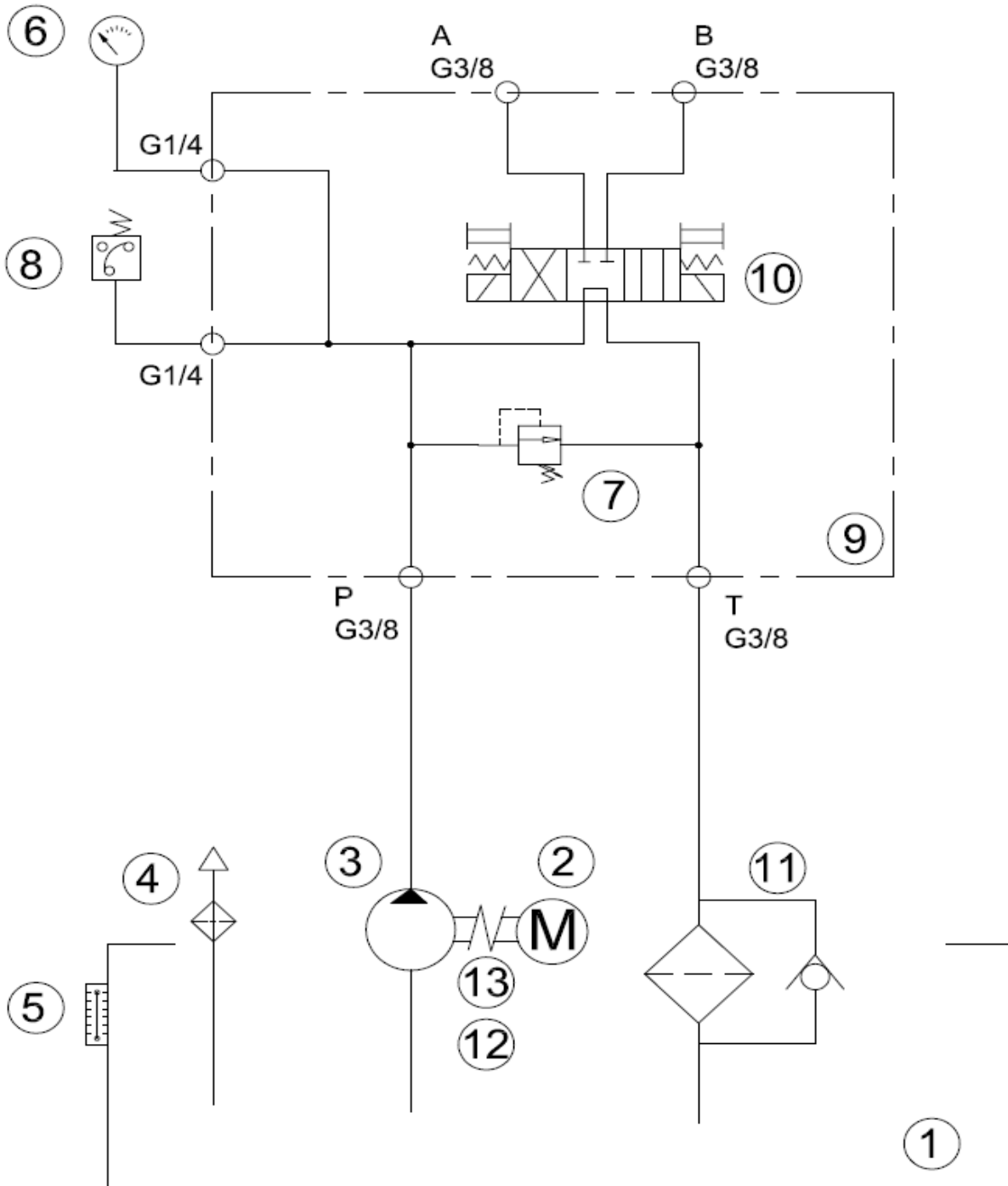


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**14 HYDRAULIC UNIT**

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**14.1.1 Hydraulic Diagram**





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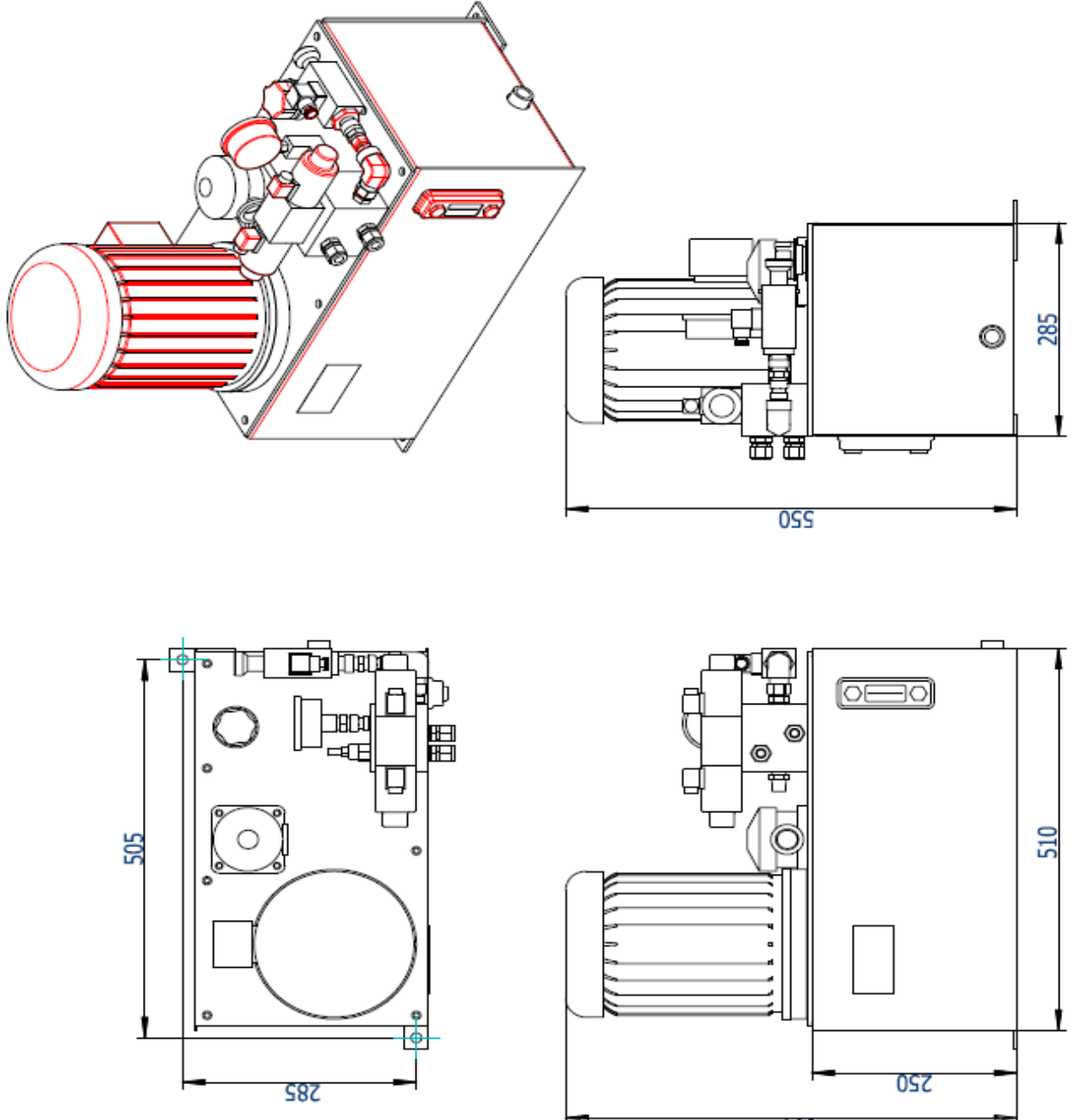
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**14.1.2 Spare parts list hydraulic unit**

No.	discription	specification	quantity
1	tank	SHD-371-00(HZ-YJ01)	1
2	motor	1HP*4P(400V,50Hz)-IE3	1
3	gear pump	1APF2.0L05P01	1
4	filler breather	HS-1162	1
5	level gage	LS-3	1
6	pressure gage	2.5"LA 0-25MPa G1/4	1
7	relief valve	RDBA-LBN	1
8	pressure switch	PS-02-2-10	1
9	block	MFB-D371-01	1
10	solenoid valve	DSD-G02-8C-DC24-90	1
11	return filter	RFA-25*10L(G3/8")	1
12	couple	ML1-YA19*40/YA12.7*19	1
13	spring	PK200(130-50.8-96)	1

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**14.1.3 Hydraulic Unit**



**15 CLARIFICATION FOR PERSONAL TRAINING**

This is to certify that I have attended an in company training for service and operation of the granulator and understand all safety regulations. Further to this I have read and understand the owners' manual.

<b>City</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Printed name</b>	<b>Signature</b>

## **16 ELECTRICAL CONNECTION**

The machine should be wired by a qualified electrician.

Please refer to the wiring diagram.

**17      ADDITION**

Documentation Main Drive Shredder  
(PART B)  
Delivery documentation:  
Gear Box manual

**ATTENTION:**

**The wiring schematics are located in the control panel in the event that the control panel is a part of the delivery**



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