Crimper

The Crimper is one of the most ingenious gadgets we have ever made. Crimping wire and the method of doing it is quite old hat. Hand-wire crimpers with nylon wheels are commonly used by electricians. What we have done is develop a special hardened-steel crimper for use in beekeeping to suit our high tensile wire.



TO USE THE CRIMPER - Stand the frame on the end of the bench with the lug of the top bar over the edge. Lightly squeeze the wire between the rollers, and run the crimper down the wire. We suggest you do the top and bottom wires first, and then the other two.

EMBEDDING - The wire can be embedded normally into the foundation with a spur wheel embedder or an electric embedder, and of course it is much more securely held.

NEW FRAMES - Wire your frames comfortably hand-tight. You do not need to strain the wire tightly and you will be surprised how much slack the crimper will take up.

OLD FRAMES - If the wires are intact, run the crimper along them, and those old frames are ready to be put straight back into production. Sure beats piling them up in the corner of the shed till you can find time to re-wire them.

ADVANTAGES -

Makes wiring frames much quicker and easier. No time spent straining the wire tight, and no sore hands.

Crimped wire holds foundation much more securely, as there is so much more surface embedded into the sheet.

CAUTION - Repeated use of the crimper over the same piece of wire will sometimes break the wire. If the rollers catch the wire so as to force it to bend more than 90 degrees one way, and then more than 90 degrees the reverse way, it may break.

REPLACEMENT ROLLERS - If, after several years of consistent use, the rollers are worn out, they can be replaced.



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