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PLEASE KEEP INSTRUCTIONS SAFE FOR FUTURE USE. ONLY LIFT OR MOVE THE EUROPA CUTTER RAIL USING THE CIRCULAR GRIP ON THE TOP OF THE RAIL. IF YOU NEED TO HANDLE THE CUTTER IN ANY OTHER WAY OR IF YOU NEED TO MOVE IT AWAY FROM ITS CUTTING TABLE, THE BLADE MUST BE REMOVED FIRST.

## 1. CONTENTS

After unpacking the EUROPA Cutter rail, check to make sure that you have all the parts and that there is no damage to the machine.

### 1.1 EUROPA Cutter rail components:

Rail and cutting head already assembled	One (1) blade cartridge	Box of 100 utility blades
One (1) scoring blade	One (1) textile blade cartridge	One (1) textile blade
One (1) allen key (2mm)		

## 2. OPERATION

2.1 It is important that the EUROPA Cutter rail is used on a flat surface. A warped or bowed table top can induce a twist in the rail resulting in a curved cut. Always use a cutting mat or other sacrificial material unless the cutter is being used with the EUROPA Table mount.

2.2 Loosen the BLADE CLAMP THUMB SCREW (See 1 below) and insert a cartridge. The utility blade and scoring blade cartridges are inserted from the rear of the holder (See 2 below), the textile blade cartridge is inserted from the front (See 3 below).

2.3 **UTILITY BLADE** - The utility blade can be located in any one of 4 positions depending on the thickness of material being cut (See 4 below). Fine adjustment can be carried out by undoing the BLADE CLAMP THUMB SCREW (See 1 below) and moving the cartridge itself. To cut lightweight materials, place your right hand on the cutter head, depress the cutter and pull the cutting head towards you (See 8 below). To cut heavyweight materials, place your left hand on the circular grip and apply downward pressure, place your right hand on the cutter head, depress the cutter with the palm of your hand and push away from you to cut (See 9 below). Multiple passes may be needed for thicker materials. **SCORING BLADE** - The scoring blade should be located in the cartridge as shown in 5 below. To score fracture sensitive plastics such as acrylic use the same technique as used for cutting heavyweight materials (see above). To break, move the material so that the score line runs along the front edge of the table and using the cutter as a clamp, apply downward pressure to the overhanging plastic to break. (SAFETY GLASSES AND GLOVES SHOULD BE WORN) **TEXTILE BLADE** - To cut, use the same technique as used for cutting lightweight materials (see above). Blades can be replaced by undoing the knurled brass knob on the rear of the unit.

## 3. GENERAL MAINTENANCE

- 3.1 Regularly clean the EUROPA Cutter rail using a dry cloth, stubborn stains can be removed with a cloth dampened with a little water/detergent.
- 3.2 Silicon spray can be used to lubricate the cutting head slideway. NEVER USE OIL OR SPIRITS TO LUBRICATE OR CLEAN THE EUROPA CUTTER RAIL, SOME OF THE PLASTIC COMPONENTS AND BEARINGS MAY BE DAMAGED.

## 4. ADJUSTING THE CUTTING HEAD BEARINGS

- 4.1 The bearings used to control the CUTTING HEAD are made from a high quality polymer and under normal use will last for an extremely long time. As they settle into position you may find a slight amount of side play, this can be removed by tightening the two adjustment screws (See 7 below).

## 5. SPARE PARTS

- 5.1 Spare parts can be obtained by visiting our website at [www.trimalco.com](http://www.trimalco.com)

