

Important Model "A" Pump Safety Notice Model 535, 500, 500A Threading Machines

All Model 535, 500, and 500A RIDGID Threading Machines now should have a tube extension on the oil pump priming port, as well as a top cover access hole, so the oil pump can be primed without removing the top cover of the machine. This will prevent the Operator from contacting the internal gearing of the machine which could result in serious injury.

Because of the importance of this priming port in possibly protecting the Operator from serious injury, Ridge Tool has adopted the following retrofit policy:

- If the RIDGID machine was manufactured prior to Jan 1, 1978, Ridge Tool will provide and install the oil pump priming extension tube and a new top cover at no charge.
- If the machine was manufactured after Jan 1, 1978, it came with a oil pump priming extension that is accessible through a hole in the top cover. If the priming extension tube has been removed, we strongly recommend it be replaced.
- Any Model 535 machine manufactured after June 1, 1996, has a new Model "MJ" gerotor pump. This new design does not require priming.

Eligible Products for Free Priming Extension and Top Cover

Model 535	All units prior to Serial Number 366,940
Model 500	All units Qualify (Serial Numbers start at 1,001)
Model 500A	All units Qualify (Serial Numbers start at 20,001 or 500,001)

To retrofit a machine, it should be taken to your nearest RIDGID Authorized Independent Service Center. If you have any questions regarding this policy or procedure, call the Technical Service Department of the Ridge Tool Company at 1-800-519-3456.