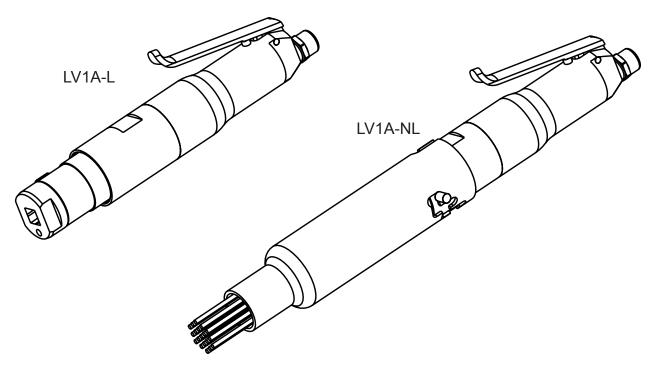




# **General Operators Instructions** and Maintenance Manual





LV1A Series Scalers / Needle Scalers								
Model Number	Throttle Type	Bore and Stroke	Blows per Minute	Weight	Overall Length	Body Diameter	Working Air Consumption	
LV1A	(L) Lever	1.0 Inch x 1.13 Inch (25 mm x 29 mm)	4050	5.5 Lb. (2.5 Kg)	9.7 Inches (245 mm)	1.9 Inches (48 mm)	20 cfm (9.4 L/S)	
LV1A-N	(K) Safety Lever		4650	8.1 Lb. (3.7 Kg)	15.8 Inches (400 mm)			

Read Safety Recommendations Before Operating Tool

# Operators Instructions and Safety Precautions

This is meant to highlight sections of safety standards published by the American National Standards Institute and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. This is not meant to replace those standards but only highlight certain areas.

When care is taken to ensure that the right tool is operated properly, and safety and maintenance procedures are followed, accidents can be avoided. Read and follow all instructions and directions. Comply with all rules governing the use of power tools, personal protective equipment and equipment guards.

Remember - machines, attachments and accessories must be used only for the purpose for which they were designed. Safety reasons and product liability prohibit any modifications to tools. Any attachments or accessories must be agreed to in advance with an authorized technical representative of T.C. Service Co.



Disconnect the tool from the air supply before doing any service. This prevents accidental start-ups.

Never start the tool with the butt or pein pointed at yourself or another person.



Airborne particulate resulting from the metal removal process can cause hazards. Wear appropriate protective equipment.



Always wear eye and hearing protection, and when necessary, other personal protective equipment such as gloves, an apron, and helmet. Properly fitted protective clothing cushion the operator from vibration exposure and help prevent minor scrapes that might occur as a result of guiding the tool along the work piece.

Additional information on eye protection is available in the following national regulatory standards.

1) Federal OSHA Regulations 29 CFR, Section 1910.133 (Eye and Face Protection)

2) ANSI Z87.1 (Occupational and Educational Eye and Face Protection)

Check hose size and air pressure. The air pressure at the tool shall not exceed 90 psi (6.2 bar). All hoses should be inspected regularly and kept away from heat, oil and sharp edges. Be sure the tool is secured to the air hose.

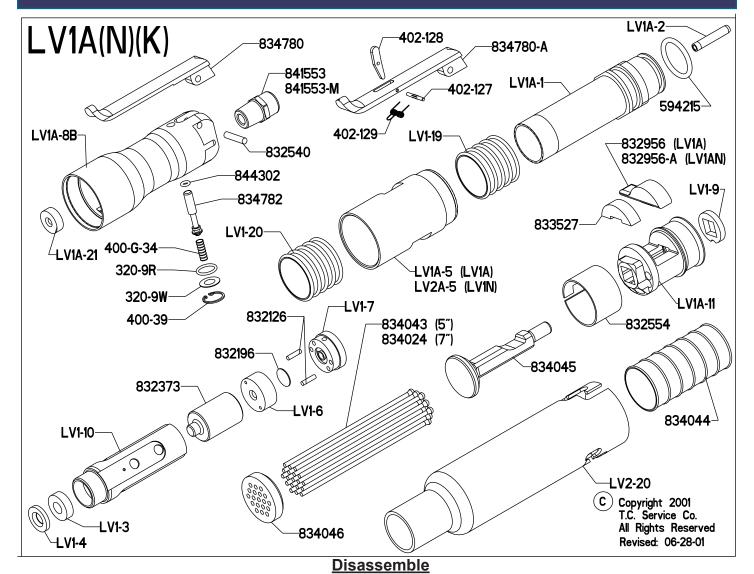
Proper mounting of butts and piens or other tooling is crucial to safe operation and efficient working conditions. Ensure the exhaust air is directed away from bystanders.

# Safety in Operation

The safety procedures for operating air tools are everyone's responsibility. The following lists several aspects of air tool safety that should be considered during operation. Please be aware of the these aspects and report any unsafe practice you see to a supervisor or safety officer immediately.

- 1) The inserted tool on heavy types of percussive, non-rotary power tools is exposed to heavy strains and can after long period of use break due to fatigue.
- 2) Unexpected tool movement or breakage of inserted tool may cause injury.
- 3) Unsuitable postures may not allow counteracting of normal or unexpected movement of the power tool. (A working position shall be adopted which remains stable in the event of a break up of the inserted tool.)
- 4) Support the work piece properly.
- 5) Holding the inserted tool by the free hand can be a source of vibration damage.
- 6) If the tool jams, shut off the power and ease the chisel or needles free. (Check the chisel for damage before continuing operation.)
- 7) Ensure that sparks from the process do not create a hazard to eyes or will ignite the environment.
- 8) Percussive tools shall not be used in potentially explosive atmospheres.
- 9) Pneumatically driven tools are nor generally insulated from coming into contact with electric sources. Be sure to avoid contact with wires or other possible current carrying sources.
- 10) The operator must check that no bystanders are in the vicinity.
- 11) Disconnect the power supply before servicing and changing of inserted tooling.
- 12) Release control device in case of interruption of energy supply.
- 13) Always keep the tool in a clean, dry place when not in use.
- 14) Do not hold tool near body when operating.
- 15) Keep firm grip on tool during operation.
- 16) Do not chisel toward your body.
- 17) If a guick disconnect hose fitting is used, insert a whip hose between coupling and the tool.
- 18) Never carry a tool by the hose.
- 19) Never yank the hose to disconnect it from the air supply.
- 20) Keep hoses away from heat, oil, sharp edges and in good repair inspect regularly.
- 21) Check to see that tool is securely fastened to air hose.
- 22) In air hoses larger than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, a safety excess flow valve must be installed at the source of the air supply to reduce pressure in case of hose failure.
- 23) Before operating the tool, see that a safety clip or retainer is installed and working to prevent attachments such as chisels, needles or other implement from being ejected from the tool when operated. Because these retaining devises receive substantial abuse and wear, they should be inspected regularly and replaced when damage or wear is noted.
- 24) Never leave a tool attached to supplied air unattended. Avoid accidental actuation.
- 25) Always disconnect the tool from the air supply or shut off and drain the air hose prior to changing chisels, needles or other implements.
- 26) Never point or direct a tool toward another worker or yourself.
- 27) When working in close proximity to other workers, suitable barriers may need to be erected around work areas to protect workers from possible tool ejections or flying pieces from the removal process itself.
- 28) Be sure to wear the properly fitted personal protective equipment required to guard against operator injury.
- 29) Immediately shut off the tool if unusual vibration or sound is detected. Inspect pistons, butts, piens, or other tooling and entire tool to determine cause of problem, and repair properly before returning tool to service.

# Maintenance



1. Disconnect tool from air supply and remove all accessories.

#### The Needle Shell Attachment

- 2. Grasp needle shell (LV2-20) with one hand and backhead (LV1A-8B) with the other.
- 3. Push and twist the needle shell until the shell mounting tabs are free from the shell.
- 4. Slide the internal parts from the needle shell.
- 5. Pull the tab of the wedge (832956-A) up on the tool and pull out the needle driver (834045). The Scaler
- 6. Clamp the tool in a vise vertically with the front of tool upward. Clamp onto the flats of the backhead.
- 7. Expand the retaining clip (832554) using internal expanding pliers. Remove the wedge (832956{A}) and buffer (833527).
- 8. Loosen and remove the forward shroud (LV!A-5 or LV2A-5) from the backhead. Remove from vise.
- 9. Place floating liner in vise with front of tool upward. Take care to not damage the stem on the rear of the floating liner. Loosen and remove front retainer (LV1A-11) from floating liner (LV1A-1). Remove rear buffer (LV1-9) from front housing. Remove 2 halves of rear buffer (LV1-3 & LV1-4) from liner.
- 10. Remove and label front spring (LV1-20). (Take care to keep separate from rear spring. They must be reassembled in the same order.)
- 11. Remove forward shroud (LV!A-5 or LV2A-5). Remove and label rear spring (LV1-19).
- 12. Remove from vise. Turn over floating liner & remove inner liner (LV1-10). The valve assembly and

piston should fall out. If piston (832373) sticks in the liner, remove it with a small punch or screwdriver. 13. Remove seal (LV1A-21) from rear of backhead if necessary to replace.

14. To check throttle valve, remove snap ring (400-39) with use of snap ring pliers. Lift out valve cover (320-9F), o-ring (320-9R), throttle valve spring (400-G-34) and throttle valve (834782). Replace o-ring (844302) if cracked or torn.

#### **Assembly**

1. Be sure all parts are clean and free of any abrasive.

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- 2. If stem (LV1A-2) was removed from floating liner (LV1A-1) clean threads on both pieces & put back together with thread locking compound. (Allow thread locking compound to cure fully before reassembly.) Put o-ring (594215) into groove on rear of floating liner.
- 3. Press the seal (LV1A-21) into the rear of the backhead (LV1A-8B) until flush, if removed. Reassemble backhead if disassembled.
- 4. Place the piston (832373) into the liner (LV1-10) (small end toward front of tool).
- 5. Support the lower valve block (LV1-6) under an arbor press. Press the pins (832126) into the blind holes of the lower valve block until they bottom. (The blind holes are those that are parallel to the axis of the part. The pins should bottom with a shoulder in the bottom of the holes.)
- 6. Place the valve (832196) into the recessed center of lower valve block.
- 7. Place upper valve block (LV1-7) onto valve assembly. Aligns the pins in the blind holes of the upper valve block. (The blind holes are those that are parallel to the axis of the part.)
- 8. Holding the liner (LV1-10) vertically, output down, place the valve block assembly on rear of liner. Place it on with lower valve block against liner.
- 9. Carefully slide floating liner over liner and valve assembly, until valve assembly is snug against the back of floating liner. (This technique of assembly will ensure the valve assembly does not separate during installation.)
- 10. Clamp the backhead into a vise with the rear downward. Clamp onto the flats of the backhead.
- 11. Apply a small amount of a light grease to the stem on the floating liner. Install the floating liner fully into the backhead, taking care to gently fit the stem on rear of floating liner into center of seal.
- 12. Place rear spring (LV1-19) over floating liner (taking care to use the correct spring).
- 13. Thread the forward shroud (LV!A-5 or LV2A-5) onto the backhead, and tighten with a wrench.
- 14. Place front spring (LV1-20) over floating liner (again, taking care to use the correct spring).
- 15. Place the rear buffer (LV1-3) into center recess of liner. Place the front half of the rear buffer (LV1-4) on top of rear buffer with the chamfer towards the front of the tool.
- 16. Place the front buffer (LV1-9) into recess on back side of the retainer (LV1A-11), taking care to line up the exhaust holes and chisel cutout on the two parts.
- 17. Thread the retainer onto the floating liner and tighten with a wrench.
- 18. Place the wedge (832956{A}) and buffer (833527) into the cut-out section of the retainer.
- 19. Expand the retaining clip (832554) and secure over wedge and buffer.
- 20. Pull the tab of the wedge up on the tool and slide in the needle driver (834045), or a chisel, into the retainer.

#### The Needle Shell Attachment

- 21. Slide 19 needles (834043 or 834024) into the needle holder (834046). The larger end of the needle should fall into the recessed holes of the needle holder.
- 22. Slip the spring (834044) over the front of the needles and up to the needle holder.
- 23. Drop the needle assembly into the rear of the needle shell (LV2-20).
- 24. Pull the tab of the wedge (8329556-A) up on the tool and slide in the needle driver (834045).
- 25. Grasp needle shell with one hand and backhead with the other. Push and twist the needle shell assembly until the tabs on the forward shroud engage the notches of the needle shell.
- 21. Attach tool to air supply. Run tool for a full minute away from yourself or anyone else to insure the chisel or needle shell assembly is firmly retained and the tool is functioning properly.

# Tool Parts Listing

<u>PART</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	NEEDLE ATT	NEEDLE ATTACHMENT PARTS		
LV1-3	REAR BUFFER	<u>PART</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>		
LV1-4	FRONT HALF	LV2-20	NEEDLE SHELL		
	OF REAR BUFFER	LV2A-5	FORWARD SHROUD		
LV1-6	UPPER VALVE BLOCK		FOR NEEDLE SCALER		
LV1-7	LOWER VALVE BLOCK	832956-A	CHISEL RETAINING WEDGE		
LV1-9	FRONT BUFFER		FOR NEEDLE SCALER		
LV1-10	LINER	834024	7 INCH NEEDLE (19 PER ASSY.)		
LV1-19	REAR SPRING	834043	5 INCH NEEDLE (19 PER ASSY.)		
LV1-20	FRONT SPRING	834044	NEEDLE HOLDER SPRING		
LV1A-1	FLOATING LINER	834045	NEEDLE DRIVER		
LV1A-2	STEM	834046	NEEDLE HOLDER		
LV1A-5	FORWARD SHROUD				
LV1A-8B	BACKHEAD	ASSEMBLIE	ASSEMBLIES		
LV1A-11	RETAINER	PART	DESCRIPTION		
LV1A-21	SEAL	AA-LV1A-8B	COMPLETE LEVER		
LV2A-5	FORWARD SHROUD FOR		BACKHEAD ASSY.		
	NEEDLE SCALER	AA-LV1AK-8E	3 COMPLETE SAFETY LEVER		
320-9R	O-RING		BACKHEAD ASSY.		
320-9F	BEARING COVER	AA-834780-A	SAFETY THROTTLE		
400-39	LOCK RING	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	LEVER ASSY.		
400-G-34	SPRING		LEVER/ROOT.		
402-127	SAFETY LEVER PIN	CHISELS			
402-128	LOCKOUT LEVER	PART	DESCRIPTION		
402-129	SAFETY LEVER SPRING	839051	FLAT 3/4" WIDE X 7" LONG		
594215	O-RING	839341	FLAT 3/4" WIDE X 12" LONG		
832126	VALVE BLOCK PIN (2 REQ.)	839335	FLAT 3/4" WIDE X 18" LONG		
832196	VALVE	839050	WIDE ANGLE 1-3/8" X 7" LONG		
832373	PISTON	839299	WIDE ANGLE 1-3/8" X 12" LONG		
832540	THROTTLE LEVER PIN	839334	WIDE ANGLE 1-3/8" X 18" LONG		
832554	RETAINING CLIP	839052	BLANK - 7" LONG		
832956	CHISEL RETAINING WEDGE	839053	BLANK - 12" LONG		
832956-A	CHISEL RETAINING WEDGE	839054	BLANK - 18" LONG		
00200071	FOR NEEDLE SCALER	839467	WIDE STRAIGHT		
833527	DRIVER RETAINING BUFFER	000407	1-3/8" X 7" LONG		
834780	THROTTLE LEVER	839469	WIDE STRAIGHT		
834780-A	SAFETY THROTTLE LEVER	000700	1-3/8" X 12" LONG		
834782	THROTTLE VALVE-	930469	WIDE STRAIGHT 2" X 7" LONG		
007102	INCLUDES 844302	839468	S & STYLES AVAILABLE		
841552	3/8 NPT TO 3/8 NPT BUSHING	OTHER SIZE	3 & 31 TLE3 AVAILABLE		
841553	3/8 NPT TO 3/6 NPT BUSHING				
041000	3/8 NPT TO 1/4 NPT BUSHING				

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**O-RING** 

3/8 NPT TO 3/8 BSP BUSHING

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844302

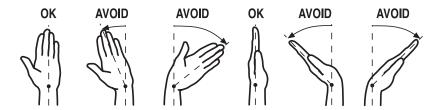
Flat Chisel

Blank Chisel

Wide Chisel

Wide Angle Chisel

# **Ergonomics - Work Healthy**



The following suggestions will help reduce or moderate the effects of repetitive work motion and/or extended vibration exposure:

- 1) Do not over-grip the machine/tool. Use only the force required to maintain control.
- 2) Keep hands and body dry and warm. (Blood flow is important exercise hands and arms as often as necessary.)
- 3) Keep wrists as straight as possible. (Avoid hand positions that require the wrist to be flexed, hyper extended or turned side-to-side.)
- 4) Avoid anything that may inhibit blood circulation such as smoking tobacco or cold temperatures.
- 5) Do not support body-weight on the tool during operation.
- 6) Maintain a stress-free posture for the entire body.

Prolonged exposure to vibrations created by vibrating sources may cause health hazards. There are gloves, handle wraps and other forms of protective measures available to help reduce the hazard. The fit and condition of any vibration abatement measure must be monitored.



# Installation and Maintenance Tips

Following the guidelines will help you to ensure the pneumatic tools your company uses are operating and are maintained in the very best of condition.

#### <u>Initial Inspection of a New Tool</u>

When a new tool is delivered to your facility, it is important to inspect the tool for any signs of damage that may have occurred during shipping. Here is a list of things to inspect:

- With the tool disconnected from the air supply, depress the throttle lever or trigger. The device should move freely and not become caught.
- Inspect the fit of the inserted tooling or needle driver into the tool. The inserted tooling or needle driver should fit properly into the front of the tool. It should move freely during installation and be fully retained when completely installed.

### Plumbing Installation

The tool must have fittings and connectors installed into the air inlet in order to connect with your companies air system. Your choice of fittings can greatly affect the performance of the tool.

#### Fitting Size

The size of the air inlet of the tool is the minimum size of fitting that will allow for proper airflow into the tool. Should a smaller fitting size be used such as reducers or adapters, this will constrict the airflow into the tool and reduce the overall performance.

### Coupling Size and Installation

The coupling size should be equal to or larger than the inlet size of the tool. If a smaller size coupling is used then the air supply volume may be reduced which may lead to reduced performance from the tool. The coupling should be installed near to the tool. It is important that the tool receive internal lubrication on a regular basis. Having the connection closer to the tool will promote regular lubrication, as the connection is easily accessible. Hose whips are often used between the tool and the coupling. Use thread sealant on all pipe threads and ensure a tight fit.

### **Operation Test**

After your initial inspection and installation of the plumbing connections, it is important to test for proper operation. Percussive tools for use with chisels will not function properly without an inserted tool or needle driver installed. Install a chisel or inserted tool into the front of the percusive tool and employ any safety retainers if the tool was so equipped. Needles scalers are designed to fuction with a front shell and a series of needles. The needle driver serves as the inserted tooling for this type of precusive tool. Support the inserted tool against a test plate and turn on the tool. The tool should

begin a regualr series of impacts. Run of a short time to ensure proper operation. Immediately shut off the tool if unusual sound or vibration is detected. Remove and inspect the butt or pein and the entire tool. Use of improperly functioning rammer or damaged tooling may result in serious injury.

### Mounting Inserted Tooling

The mounting of the inserted tooling used with the tool is very important to ensure safety for the operator and proper functioning of the tool. The following diagrams briefly describe the methods and equipment for mounting most inserted tooling.

#### Ensure Proper Pressure, Filtration & Lubrication

Properly lubricated pneumatic tools work better, last longer between maintenance intervals and are safer in general use. The maintenance costs are reduced dramatically when a little time is taken to regularly lubricate the tools. There are several ways to ensure proper lubrication.

#### 1) Filters, Regulators & Lubricators

These devices should be installed in the air system at each work station and inspected regularly to ensure proper operation. Each device in this set performs a vital task that greatly affects the performance of the tool and overall longevity of the component parts.

#### **Filters**

A filter is a device used to trap/contain particulate and liquid contaminants in the compressed air system. They generally have a cartridge or screen that requires cleaning or replacement regularly. Without this maintenance, the filtering device can become clogged and reduce the flow of air to the tool. A loss in performance can result.

### Regulators

A regulator adjusts the operating pressure supplied to the tool. This device generally is used with a pressure gauge that will indicate the current pressure setting. All Top Cat ® pneumatic tools are designed to operate at 90 PSI (6.2 bar) while the tool is running. The tool should never be run if the pressure should exceed 90 PSI (6.2 bar).

#### Lubricators

Lubricators are devices that induce a controlled amount of oil into the air supply for pneumatically driven tools. They generally contain a reservoir that one must keep filled with oil. A light grade oil such as Mobil DTE light or equivalent is recommended. There is a variable setting on the lubricator that will determine the amount of oil induced into the air supply. It is important to inspect both the setting and amount of oil in the lubricator regularly to determine proper functioning of the device. The lack of oil in

the air system will greatly reduce the performance and longevity of the pneumatically driven tool.

2) Direct injection of oil into the tool

A simple and easy way to ensure proper lubrication is to inject the oil directly into the tool air inlet. This should be performed prior to storage of the tool. To perform this task one must have a small container of the proper lubricating oil.

- Disconnect the tool from the air supply at the air coupling.
- Place a few drops of oil from the container into the air inlet of the tool directly.
- Reconnect the tool to the air supply.
- Direct the exhaust of the tool away from any bystanders or cover the exhaust with a shop rag.
- Run the tool until the oil has completely passed through the unit.

The best lubrication techniques include both methods.

#### What Conditions Indicate the Need for Maintenance?.

Pneumatic tools will exhibit several distinct signs that maintenance is required. Higher costs can be avoided if maintenance is performed when the first signs are evident. The following list details conditions that may indicate the necessity for service.

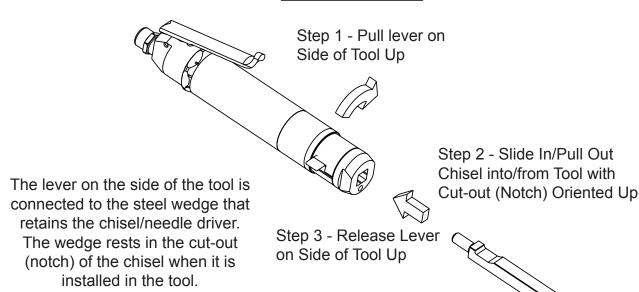
- 1) A reduction in power may indicate the necessity for maintenance.
- 2) Should the tool not maintain a uniform operating frequency, servicing may be required.

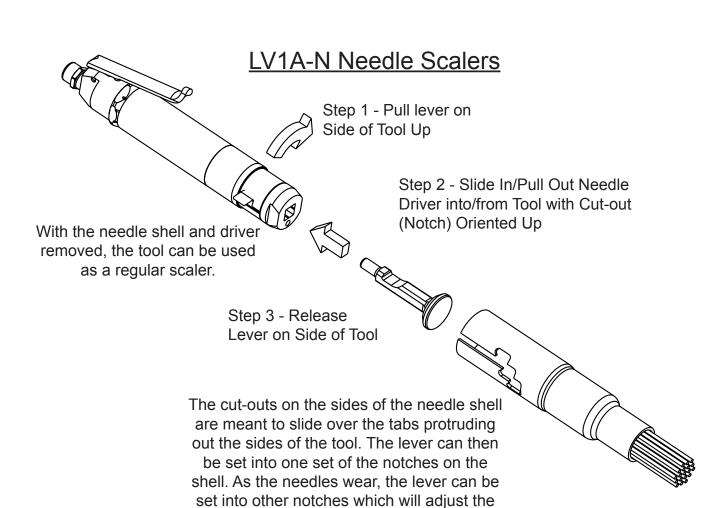
The most common wear item is the piston. Measure the large diameter of the piston at the center and each end. When this difference becomes 0.0015 inches or more, then the efficiency of the scaler is reduced to the point where one should replace the piston.

#### For More Information

- 1) General Industry Safety & Health Regulations 29 CFR, Part 1910 and where applicable Construction Industry Safety & Health Regulations 29 CFR, Part 1926 available from Superintendent of Documents, Gov't. Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.
- 2) Safety Code For Portable Air Tools, ANSI B186.1, B7.1 and Z87.1, available from American National Standards Institute, Inc. 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018

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length of the needles.

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