

RMG Pointing Equipment

Rockford Manufacturing Group provides the best solutions for all of your off-line push pointing or pull pointing needs. Our wire pointers, electric and hydraulic powered, cover a wire range of .020" (0.5 mm) to 1.750" (45.0 mm) diameter and are proven to increase production up-time.

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It is always necessary to provide a pointed end when setting up a wire drawing machine. Although butt-welding a slightly smaller wire to the head end of the wire to be drawn represents one common method of providing the pointed end, under some circumstances it is more practical to use a pointer. This technique "necks down" a section of the parent wire and permits it to be inserted through the drawing die for initial set

up. For small wire sizes, .060" (1.5 mm) to .250" (6.4 mm), two common methods are *pull pointing and roll pointing*. Pull pointers can be mounted on each wire drawer but, because the capstan is used to power the pointer, pull pointers interfere with production. Roll pointers stand alone allowing the wire to be pointed ahead of string-up and, one unit can service several wire drawers.

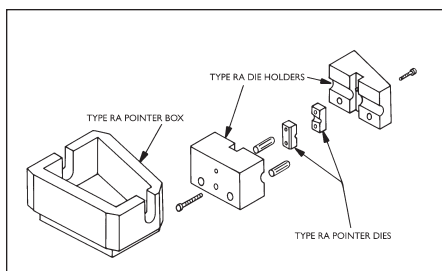
For medium wire sizes, .250" (6.4 mm) to .500" (12.7 mm), the pull pointer is

a good inexpensive method because it uses the capstan to provide the substantial pull required. However, as mentioned before, the pull pointer interrupts production.

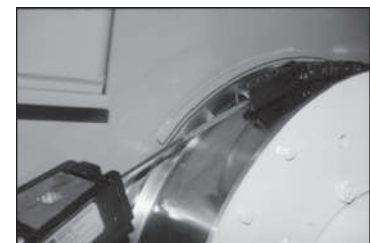
For large wire sizes, .500" (12.7 mm) to 1.00" (25.4 mm), the self-contained hydraulic push pointer will provide the power necessary, and pointing can be accomplished "off-line" as with a roll pointer.

RMG Pull Pointing Operation

Type RA Pull Pointer



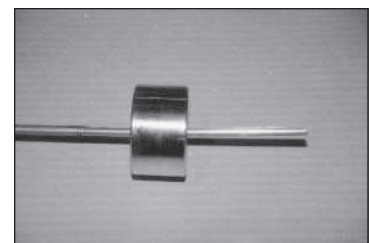
1. The head end of the wire is inserted through the Type RA pointer assembly. The gripper is attached to the wire.



2. The machine is jogged and about 6" (150 mm) of wire is reduced to a diameter about .006" (.15 mm) to .010" (.25 mm) smaller than the finished wire diameter.



3. The reduced portion is cut with bolt cutters before removing the gripper chain and before removing the wire from the pointer assembly. Any residual fins are removed by filing.



4. This operation results in a reduced diameter on the head-end of the wire, which can be inserted through the drawing die.

Description	.250" (6.4 mm) Max. Part #	.450" (11.4 mm) Max. Part #	.550" (14.0 mm) Max. Part #	.650" (16.5 mm) Max. Part #
Box only (no tools)	D1392.03	D1592.02	D1592.12	D3582
Die Holder	D1393	D1593	D4804	D4804
Stock Dies	D1341	D1541	D3575	D3575
Die Dimensions (in.)	.37x.50x1.25	.62x.75x1.62	.75x1.0x2.25	.75x1.0x2.25