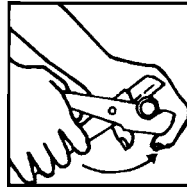# BRĀMEC® LI'L NIPPER™

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The cutter can be opened with one hand by drawing the end of the handles over thigh.

2. Either the cutter or the pipe must be turned (approximately 1/4 turn) for the cutter to cut most pipe properly. No turning is necessary to cut rubber hose or soft tubing.

3. CUTTING POLYETHYLENE: Squeeze and rotate the handles above.

4. CUTTING PVC PIPE: Start as illustrated above. Squeeze only hard enough-while rotating the handles to allow the blade to penetrate the pipe wall. If the blade has not penetrated through the wall in 3/4" to 1" travel, **BACK THE CUTTER UP** and repeat the cut in scored groove. This should be necessary only when the blade is dull or cutting 1-1/4" I.D. pipe. Once the blade has penetrated the pipe wall, a short up and down **rocking motion** on the handles (with little or no squeeze) will eliminate rotating the cutter or turning the pipe and provide a better cut. Excessive squeezing can cause some pipe to break.

5. USE CAUTION when cutting BRITTLE or COLD PVC PIPE. The pipe may break and cause a nick in the blade edge, making it necessary to resharpen or replace the blade.

6. For long blade life we recommend the following:
   DO NOT twist or pull the cutter handles parallel to the pipe.
   DO NOT snap-cut PVC pipe. Cut slowly at the end of the cut, rotating handles, not squeezing.
   DO NOT attempt to cut wire, metal or anything harder than plastic.

7. TO SHARPEN BLADE: Separate the handles by removing pivot screw. Start with a coarse hone. With the beveled portion of the blade flat on the hone, work the blade until a small burr forms on the opposite side you are working. Then work the other side the same way until you feel a small burr on the opposite side. Switching to a fine hone or a ceramic rod (using alternate strokes on opposite sides) stroke the hone at approximately 14° as though you were trying to slice it. When the burrs are gone and the blade feels sharp, it is ready to use again

8. **CAUTION:** BLADE IS VERY SHARP. KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN.