

## STAPLER—P AT-8971

### 1. GENERAL

1.01 This section provides information on the P stapler.

1.02 Whenever this section is reissued, the reason(s) for reissue will be listed in this paragraph.

### 2. IDENTIFICATION

#### PURPOSE

2.01 To drive K, L, and M staples used for fastening H- and D-station wire or small gauge ground wire.

#### ORDERING GUIDE

- Stapler, P
- Staple, K (zinc or ivory)
- Staple, L (copper)
- Staple, M (monel or monel beige)

#### (a) *Replacement Part*

- Rod Pusher, for P Stapler

#### DESIGN FEATURES

2.02 The designated P Stapler is a universal designation used by all manufacturers for the stapler using K, L, and M staples to fasten D- and H-station wire. The appearance may differ from the illustration (Fig. 1) but its basic design features and operation will be the same.

2.03 The stapler is a hand-operated tool. Depressing the operating handle actuates a spring-driven hammer which drives the staple from the stapler, and after retracting the hammer, the automati-

cally fed magazine places a staple into the driving position.

2.04 The magazine has a capacity of approximately 84 staples which are kept under pressure toward the hammer position by a spring on the pusher rod.

2.05 The 7-1/4 inch overall length of the P Stapler also serves as a guide in spacing staples when fastening station wire. Staples should be placed every 7-1/4 to 8 inches on horizontal or vertical runs of station wire.

#### OPERATING FEATURES

2.06 To drive a staple, place the stapler with the concave area squarely over the wire and hold firmly against the surface into which the staple is to be driven. Depress the handle. Pressure is maintained at the hammer end of the stapler during the driving operation. This minimizes any tendency of the tool to recoil or bounce.

2.07 To load stapler magazine, disengage the pusher rod and withdraw. With stapler in a horizontal position, staples should slide into the magazine freely. Replace pusher rod and check that it is properly secured.

### 3. MAINTENANCE

#### CLEANING AND LUBRICATING

3.01 The stapler magazine should be free from lubricant at all times.



***The stapler should be operated only when staples are being driven to attach wire. When cleaning, inspecting, or testing for smoothness of action, be certain that the head of the tool is in a position that will prevent possible accident hazard.***

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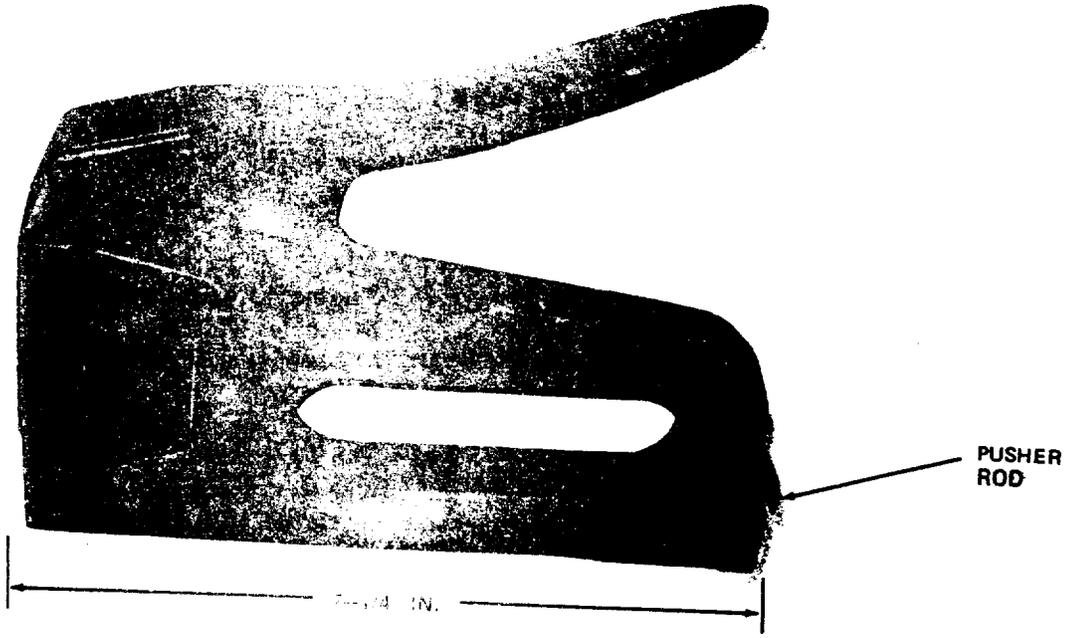


Fig. 1 — P Stapler