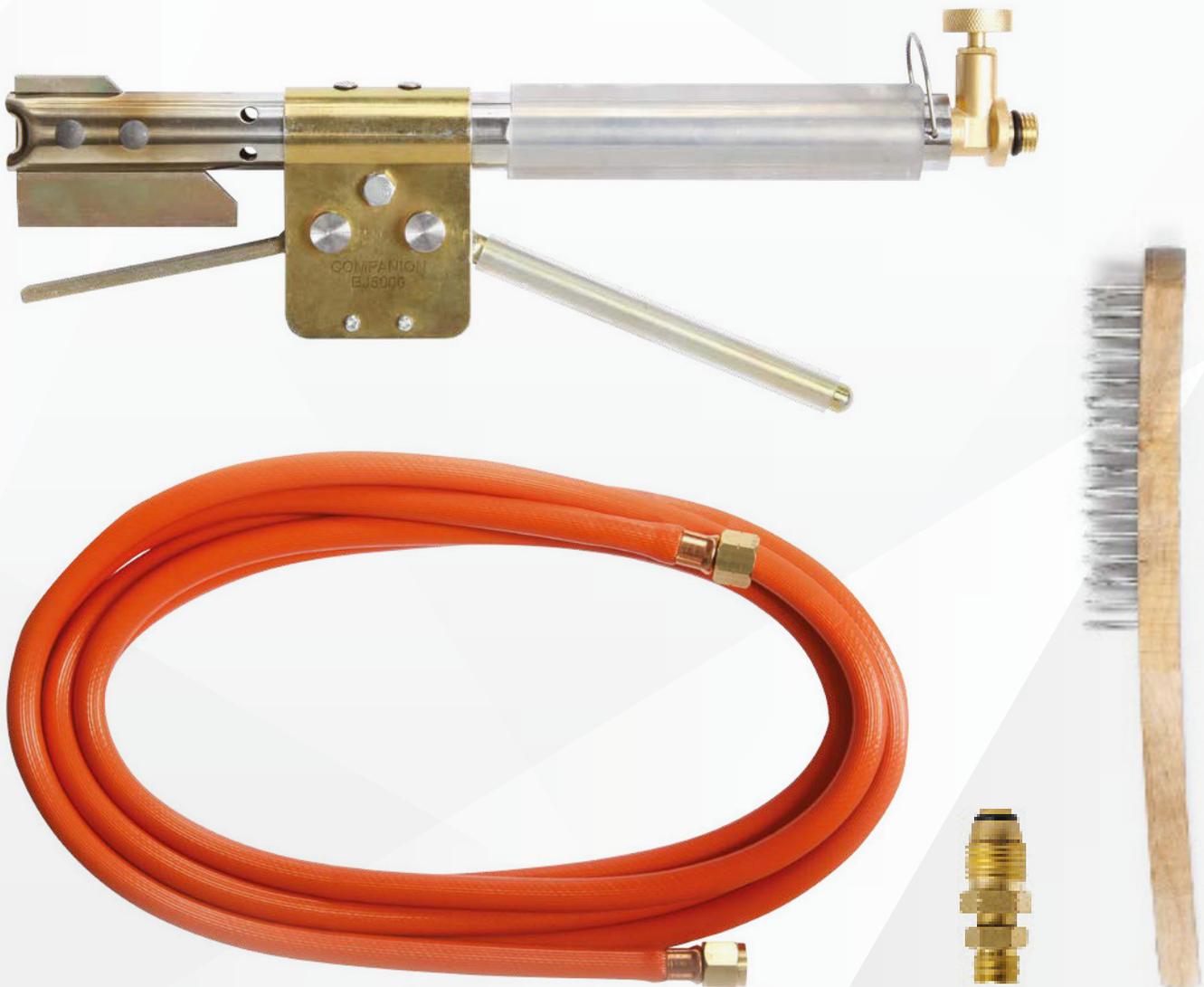


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## OWNERS MANUAL

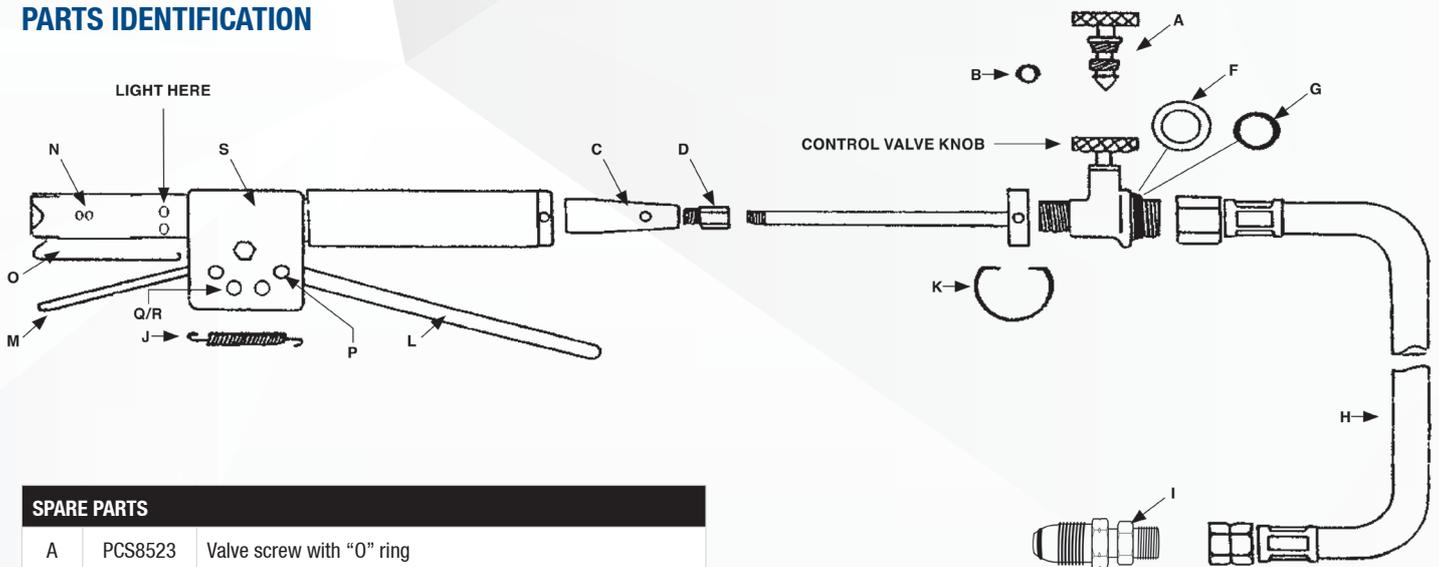
Shoof Code: 204 172



**IMPORTANT:** Read these instructions before operation.

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## PARTS IDENTIFICATION



### SPARE PARTS

A	PCS8523	Valve screw with "O" ring
B	PCS8307	"O" ring
C	PCS4015	Pinpoint burner
D	PCS8624	Jet ( <b>Shoof Code: 204 178</b> )
E	PCS4001	Flame control valve & tube
F	PCS8303	Rubber packing, flat
G	PCS8306	"O" ring
H	PCS4002	3m hose assembly without valve
I	POL21	POL cylinder adaptor
J	PCS4003	Spring
K	PCS4004	Retaining Clip

L	PCS4007	Lever handle
M	PCS4008	Jaw
N	PCS4009	Blade retaining rivet
O	PCS4010	Blade
P	PCS4011	Cam roller
Q	PCS4012	Spring washer
R	PCS4013	Clevis pin
S	PCS4014	Lever mechanism body (one piece)

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

**Assembly** – Ensure that the control valve on iron and cylinder control valve on hose are OFF by turning knobs fully clockwise. Attach hose to iron and to cylinder, ensuring that flat rubber washers (F) on both valves are firmly seated against hose and couple and neck of cylinder respectively.

**Lighting** – Open cylinder control valve by turning knob anti-clockwise. Open valve on Iron by turning knob anti-clockwise and immediately light burner through holes in burner tube. Increase flame intensity by turning knob on valves anti-clockwise. Decrease flame intensity or extinguish by turning knob clockwise.

**Operating the Iron** – Allow Iron to pre-heat for approximately two minutes. The operator will quickly discover the temperature at which the Iron is most effective. If the blade is too hot it will cut the tail off too quickly and fail to cauterise small blood vessels, thus impeding fast sealing of the wound. Normally skin will start to cover the wound in a matter of hours. If the blade is not hot enough the operating will be too slow and cauterising of the wound less effective.

The joint where docking is to take place should be located by pushing the skin towards the lamb's body. Position the blade on the joint and apply just sufficient hand pressure on the lever to allow the blade to cut through the tail, an operation which should take approximately two seconds on the average tail. Always remember that speed is not important compared with the life of a valuable lamb. On completion of the job, close cylinder and control valve and allow gas in hose to burn off before closing valve.

### TIPS

Keep the blade clean with the brush provided. Work with the gas cylinder off the ground to avoid lambs tangling with the hose. A 44 gallon drum is ideal for this purpose and is also a convenient place to rest the hot iron.

Check rubber "O" rings and washers regularly and replace if worn or broken.

Annual servicing is recommended. Contact the Shoof service department on **0800 800 801**