

# **Instruction Manual**

# S272 Series 2" x 72" Belt Grinder

Covers: S272, S272S AND S272V BELT GRIDERS

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#### **GENERAL POWER TOOL SAFETY WARNINGS**



WARNING: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR SHOCK HAZARD, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS EQUIPMENT TO RAIN, LIQUID, OR MOISTURE.

#### READ AND SAVE ALL WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

## **Precautions (Grinding & Power Tool Use)**

Personal protective equipment (PPE)

#### Work area & environment

- Keep the area clean, dry, and well-lit; remove trip hazards.
- Never operate in explosive atmospheres (flammable liquids, gases, or dust).
- Keep children, bystanders, and pets away from the work zone.
- Provide adequate ventilation and, where possible, use dust collection.
- Keep a Class ABC fire extinguisher within reach and know how to use it.

## Clothing & personal safety

- Tie back or cover long hair; remove jewelry and secure hoodie strings.
- Wear close-fitting clothing—no loose sleeves or dangling items near moving parts.
- Use non-slip, closed-toe footwear.

#### Machine & accessory checks (before powering on)

- Verify guards, tool rests, and spark deflectors are installed and adjusted correctly.
- Inspect sanding belts/pully/contact wheel for damage, cracks, or wear; replace if questionable.
- Confirm tracking and tension on belts.
- Ensure workpieces and fixtures are secure and clear of the belt/wheel path.
- Check power cords, plugs, and switches.

#### After use & maintenance

- Power off and unplug/lock out before changing belts/wheels or performing maintenance.
- Allow parts and accessories to stop completely and cool before handling.
- Clean the work area, empty spark/dust collectors safely, and store tools properly.
- Repair any damage before the next use.

#### **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

- Stand to the side of the belt/contact wheel on start-up and allow it to reach full speed before contacting the work.
- Maintain a firm grip; keep hands and fingers clear of pinch points.
- Apply even pressure—do not force the tool or stall the motor.
- Grind on the intended surface of the accessory; avoid side-loading unless rated for it.
- Never remove guards or defeat safety devices.
- Keep sparks directed away from yourself, others, and combustibles.
- Disconnect power before making any adjustments
- Abrasive belt rotation is clockwise. If the abrasive belt is lap spliced, be sure of correct rotation Butt spliced belts are bi-directional.
- Belt tension is factory pre-set with the tension handle (29) and can be easily adjusted as needed.
- Belt changing Disconnect power. Release belt tension by lowering the tension handle (29).
   Remove the old belt and install the new one. Raise the tension handle (29) to reapply tension, then retrack the belt as needed.
- Belt tracking With power disconnected, hand-rotate the belt to center it; Turn tracking knob (27) in or out to "track" the belt.
- Examine the abrasive belt carefully before use. Never use an abrasive belt with a nicked or cut edge, crease, or handling damage.
- When operating the S272V with its vacuum base, the dust collector and steel mesh filter must be emptied
  and cleaned frequently to maintain efficiency and prevent the buildup of combustible materials. Do not mix
  different materials in the collector. Thoroughly clean the machine and collector before grinding a different
  material.

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## S272 and S272V 2" x 72" Industrial Belt Grinders - Machine Overview

## **Description:**

The Kalamazoo Industries S272 & S272V 2" x 72" industrial belt grinders are heavy-duty, multi-purpose machines built for fast, cool metal removal and long-term reliability. Powered by an industrial 1 HP motor with 7200 SFPM belt speed, they feature quick-change 3" and 1.5" contact wheels, a rotating platen, and an adjustable work table for maximum versatility in grinding, deburring, and finishing applications. The S272V adds an integrated vacuum base with reusable steel mesh filter to help capture metal grinding dust and maintain a cleaner work area.

#### Intended Use:

The Kalamazoo Industries S272 and S272V 2" x 72" industrial belt grinders are designed for metalworking professionals, fabricators, and maintenance shops. These machines are suited for grinding, shaping, deburring, and finishing both ferrous and non-ferrous metals. Typical applications include tool sharpening, weld preparation, edge finishing, and surface conditioning. Their compact footprint allows integration into small or large workshops while still delivering industrial-grade performance, with the S272V adding an integrated vacuum base to help capture grinding dust and support a cleaner work area.

## **Key Benefits:**

- Versatile Grinding Capability Performs grinding, deburring, shaping, sharpening, and finishing on both ferrous and non-ferrous metals.
- Industrial-Grade Performance Powered by a robust 1 HP motor with 5400 SFPM belt speed for fast, efficient material removal.
- Quick Belt Changes Belt tracking and tension system allows rapid belt swaps to minimize downtime.
- Multiple Grinding Options Equipped with a rotating platen, 3" bottom contact wheel, 1.5" top contact
  wheel, and an optional 5" OD x 2" serrated 70-durometer contact wheel (Part No. CW-5) for expanded
  grinding versatility.
- Smooth, Stable Operation Heavy-duty construction and precision-balanced wheels ensure reduced vibration and consistent results.
- Compact Footprint Fits easily in small or large workshops without sacrificing performance.
- Enhanced Dust Collection (S272V only) Integrated vacuum base with reusable steel mesh filter helps maintain a cleaner, safer work environment.
- Made in the USA backed by Kalamazoo Industries' reputation for quality and performance.

## Setup and Installation - S272 & S272V 2" x 72" Industrial Belt Grinders

## **Uncrate and Inspection**

- Carefully remove the grinder from its shipping container.
- Inspect for any shipping damage before discarding packaging materials.
- Verify that all components, hardware, and accessories are included.

## **Mounting the Grinder**

- S272: Securely mount the S272 to a stable, level workbench or table using appropriate fasteners.
- S272V: Install the S272V on a stable, level floor surface and secure the unit as required for safe operation.
- Ensure the mounting surface can support the grinder's weight and resist vibration during operation.
- Confirm that the unit is positioned for safe and convenient access to the on/off switch and belt area.

## **Electrical Connection**

- Verify that the available power supply matches the voltage and phase rating on the grinder's motor nameplate.
- Have a qualified electrician perform all electrical connections in accordance with local electrical codes.
- Ensure the grinder is properly grounded before use.

#### **Belt Installation**

- Release belt tension by rotating the tension lever.
- Install a 2" x 72" abrasive belt over the contact wheel, idler, and drive pulley.
- Reapply tension and check that the belt tracks properly before operation.
- Adjust the tracking as needed to ensure the belt runs centered on all pulleys.

## **Pre-Operation Check**

- Verify that all guards and covers are securely in place.
- Confirm that work tables and tool rests are adjusted to the correct position and locked.
- Run the grinder briefly to check for smooth, vibration-free operation.
- Adjust tracking if needed before beginning work.

## **Troubleshooting**

#### Grinder will not start:

- Verify power supply matches motor voltage and phase requirements.
- Check that power cord and plug are in good condition.
- Ensure switch is in the ON position.
- Inspect circuit breaker or fuse and reset or replace as necessary.

### Belt slips or will not track properly:

- Check belt tension and adjust as needed.
- Inspect tracking knob and collar for proper adjustment.
- Ensure pulleys and contact wheels are clean and free of debris.
- Verify belt is installed correctly and not worn or stretched.
- Crown on the idler pulley is worn (needs to be replaced)
- Contact wheel is damanged (needs to be replaced)

#### **Excessive vibration or noise:**

- Confirm grinder is securely mounted to a stable surface.
- Check belt for damage, uneven wear, or improper tension.
- Inspect contact wheel and pulleys for balance or bearing wear.
- Tighten all mounting and guard fasteners.

## **Poor grinding performance:**

- Replace worn or glazed abrasive belt.
- Verify correct belt grit and type for the material being ground.
- Check that belt tracking is properly centered.
- Clean buildup from contact wheel and work surface.
- Check for damanaged contact wheel and or idler pully.

#### **Preventive Maintenance**

## Daily:

- Inspect abrasive belt for wear, damage, or loading; replace if necessary.
- Check belt tracking and tension before operation.
- Ensure all guards and covers are securely in place.
- Clean dust and debris from around the grinder, pulleys, and motor vents.
- Verify on/off switch operates properly.
- S272V only Vacuum System: Empty the dust collector and clean the steel mesh filter as needed to maintain airflow and prevent buildup of combustible dust.

#### Weekly:

- Inspect all contact wheels and pulleys for wear or buildup; clean as needed.
- Check fasteners and mounting bolts to ensure the machine is securely tightened.
- Inspect electrical cord and connections for signs of wear or damage.
- Confirm belt alignment and tracking knob function smoothly.
- S272V only Vacuum System: Inspect vacuum and connections for leaks, cracks, or clogs; clean and repair as needed.

## Monthly:

- Inspect motor ventilation openings and clean thoroughly to help prevent overheating.
- Examine machine frame and stand for signs of vibration fatigue or loose hardware.
- Check overall grinder performance for unusual noise or vibration and address issues promptly.
- S272V only Vacuum System: Thoroughly clean the integrated vacuum chamber and housing, and inspect the steel mesh filter for damage or excessive wear; replace if necessary.

## **General Tips:**

- Always disconnect power before performing maintenance.
- Use only recommended replacement belts and parts.
- Keep maintenance records to track performance and part replacement intervals.
- S272V only Vacuum System: Do not mix different materials in the dust collector; thoroughly clean the
  collector and vacuum system before grinding a different material. Dispose of collected dust in accordance
  with local regulations and material safety data.

## Technical Information - S272 & S272V 2" x 72" Industrial Belt Grinders

Belt Size: 2" x 72" abrasive belt

- Motor (S272): 1 HP, TEFC, available in 1PH 230V or 3PH 230/460V (specify phase and voltage at order)
- Motor (S272V): 1 HP, single-phase 230V with integrated vacuum base (current offering internal choice, even though legacy literature mentions other voltages).
- Belt Speed: 5400 SFPM (single speed)
- Contact Wheels (Standard both models):
  - 3" serrated contact wheel, 70 durometer
  - 1.5" serrated contact wheel, 70 durometer
  - Quick-change mounting on rotating platen

## **Optional Contact Wheel:**

5" OD x 2" serrated 70-durometer contact wheel, Part No. CW-5

## **Platen Assembly:**

- Adjustable and replaceable steel platen
- Platen rotates 360° to accommodate various part shapes and grinding angles

#### Work Table:

- Adjustable cast-iron work table
- Miter gauge slot for angular work support

#### **Dust Collection (S272V only):**

- Integrated DCV-6 vacuum base with metal grinding dust collector
- Reusable steel mesh filter
- Separate ON/OFF switches for grinder and dust collector

#### **Shipping Data:**

- S272: Shipping weight approx. 150 lb; shipping dimensions L 28" x W 39" x H 26"
- S272V: Shipping weight approx. 350 lb; shipping dimensions L 33" x W 43" x H 52"

Country of Origin: Made in USA

## Technical Information - BG272 2" x 72" Industrial Belt Grinder

## **Replacement Belts and Parts**

Contact Kalamazoo Industries, Inc. for parts, accessories, or technical support.

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