



**PLEASE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS MANUAL  
BEFORE USING SAVA RATCHET BELTS**

## **SAVA RATCHET BELT OPERATION AND USE INSTRUCTIONS**

(Applicable to all Sava ratchet belts regardless of size or color)



NON-COMPLIANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS FOR SAFE OPERATION OF RATCHET BELTS CAN DAMAGE PRODUCTS, PROPERTY AND CAUSE SERIOUS BODILY INJURIES.

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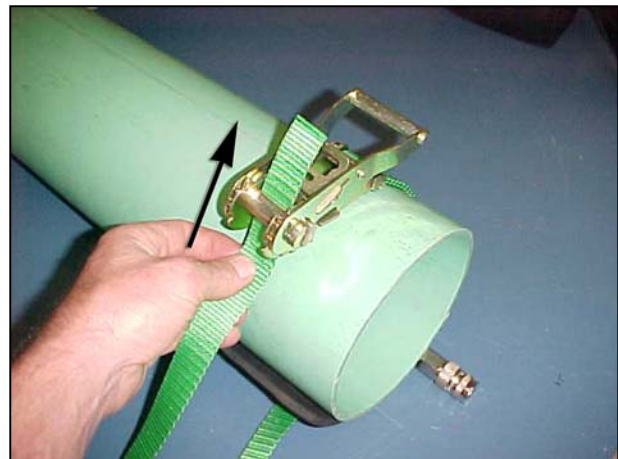


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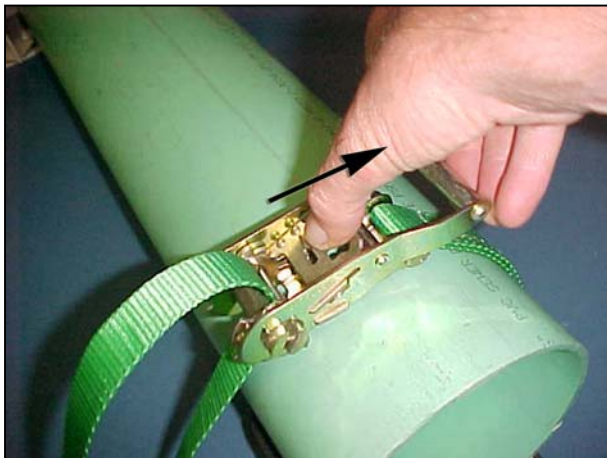
IN ADDITION TO THESE INSTRUCTIONS, READ, UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW ANY OTHER INSTRUCTIONS THAT WERE INCLUDED WITH THE EQUIPMENT IN USE

- Inspect belts and ratchets before and after use for damage, rotting, chemical or U/V sun degradation. Replace if damaged. Clean with soap and water if dirty. Air-dry immediately after cleaning. Store in a clean, dry and dark place.
  - Do not use if the belts or ratchet mechanisms are not clean and in good working condition.
1. Determine and use the proper size equipment for the job.
  2. Determine if the equipment will be exposed to an environment that could damage it or degrade its performance. For instance; chemical corrosives, excessive heat, etc.

Typically, the ratchet belt is shipped and stored in the locked down position.



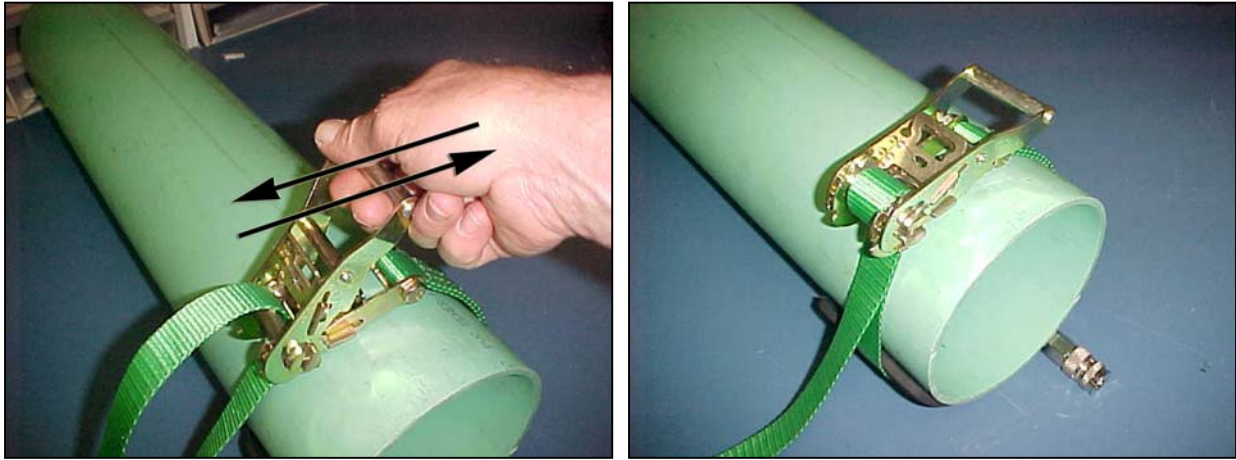
Place the Sealing Bag around the object as desired and insert the end of the belt into the reel slot. It is recommended to leave a little slack (2 inches) in the belt before tightening.



Pull the ratchet lever locking buckle to release the ratchet handle.



Crank the lever back and forth to tighten the belt. It is not necessary to hold the release buckle while ratcheting the lever.



Return the handle to the locked position when the belt is sufficiently tight. This will prevent the belt, reel and ratchet handle from moving or loosening.

Some Sava buckles require the locking buckle to be pulled again to return the lever all the way down to the locked position.

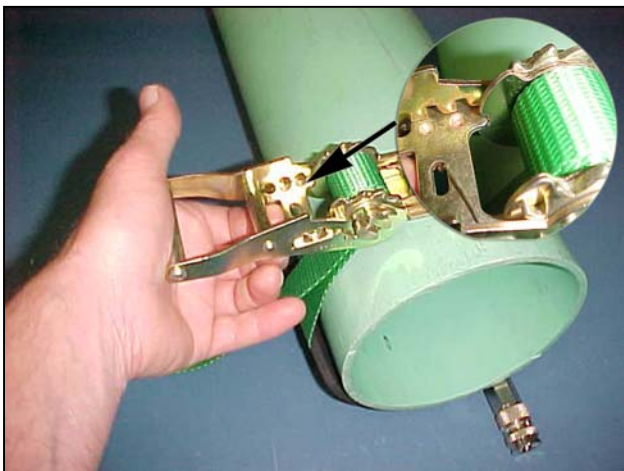
The Sealing Bag is now ready for use. Inflate the Sealing bag (not shown) to the required pressure.

Refer to the Sealing Bag instruction manual for the proper inflation and use of that equipment.

## Releasing the belt for removal:

Before releasing the belt, make sure all air is deflated from the sealing bag first.

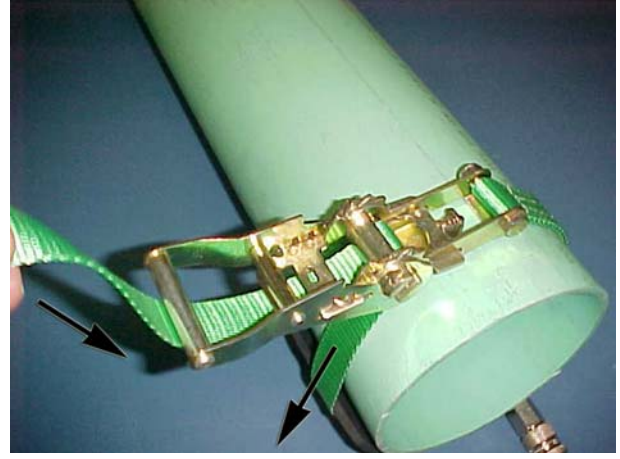
**Caution: protect yourself from pressure-release spray before deflating.**



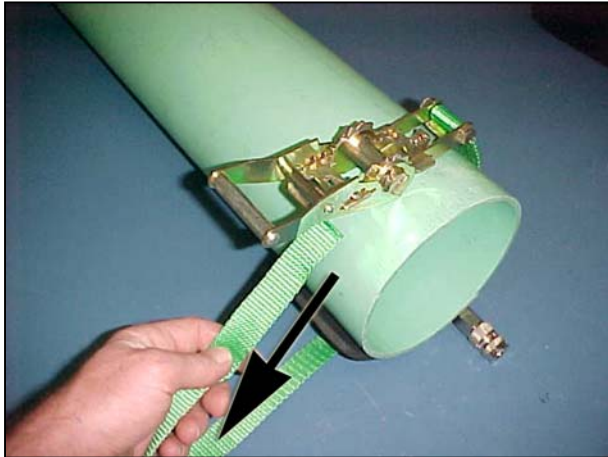
To release the mechanism and to loosen the belt for removal or adjustment, pull the locking buckle while moving the handle to this position. Then release the locking buckle so the ratchet locking cam can seat into the release groove. Note: the position of the locking cam disengages with the ratchet sprocket so the belt will release and unwind.



Pull on the belt to unwind it from the reel.



Pull the belt out of the slot to remove it.



**Troubleshooting:**

If the reel does unwind freely, check to be sure the locking cam is fully disengaged from the reel ratchet sprocket teeth; and set into the groove so it cannot slip back into the ratchet teeth. If it is set properly, you need to pull the belt more sharply in a quick, jerking motion. Then remove the loose belt from the reel slot.

For questions or comments please call us. If in doubt, do not guess...call us.

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