



CLAY TARGET MACHINES

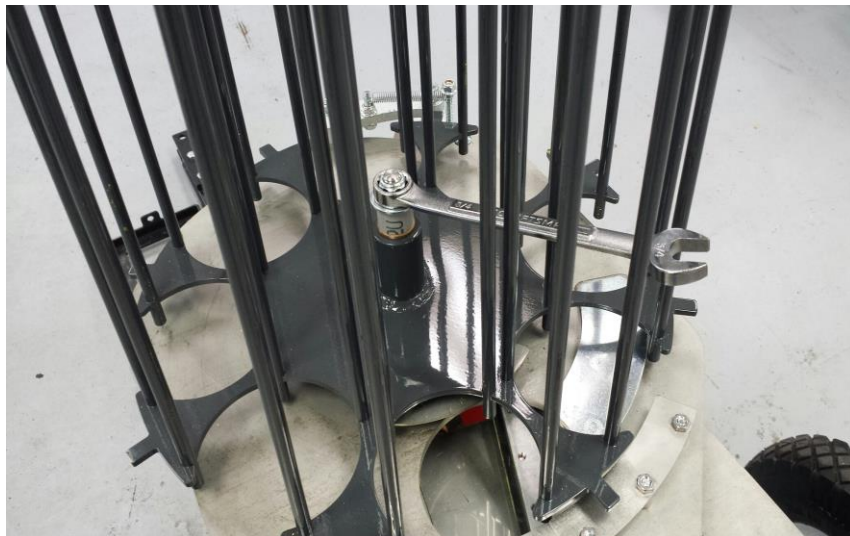
OWNERS MANUAL FOR MEC MODELS 306, 408 SPORTER

CAUTION: ANY MEC CLAY TARGET MACHINE MUST BE IN THE DISARMED STATE WITH THE BATTERY DISCONNECTED PRIOR TO MAKING ANY ADJUSTMENTS, LOADING THE CLAY TARGETS OR TRANSPORTATION OF MACHINE.

Step 1 – Securely set the machine on level ground, either on the optional T Cart with hardware supplied or a pallet. If using a pallet, please make sure that it is fastened with clamps to keep machine from tipping. **IF NOT FASTENED SECURELY, SERIOUS INJURY OR DAMAGE TO MACHINE CAN OCCOUR!!!**

DO NOT CONNECT THE BATTERY. Ensure that the machine is in the **DISARMED/SAFE** position.

Step 2 – In most cases, your machine has been supplied to you ready to fire. If so, please proceed to **Step 3**. If your machine is supplied in a box without its carousel (shown below) fitted, you will need to attach it to the machine. Simply slide the carousel weldment onto the top plate shaft. If no grease is present, please add a little bit to the shaft. You may have to spin/rotate the carousel for it to slide on. Next, place the gray plastic collar over the shaft and onto the flange bearing in the carousel. Now place the $\frac{3}{4}$ " washer and nut onto the threads and tighten. Do not over tighten. You want a little bit of resistance there, but not too much. You shouldn't be able to spin the carousel with one finger.





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Step 3 – Check the height / clearance of the knife-edges by placing a clay in the carousel. Rotate the carousel so that the clay starts to pass underneath the inner and outer knife separator blades. The clay must pass freely under the knife separator blades without binding but with the minimum of clearance. Adjust if necessary with 7/16" open ended wrench. The height on both the inner and outer knife edge will need to be adjusted. Photos below show adjustment with carousel fitted, but you can remove the carousel to make adjustment easier if preferred.

**Please note that all MEC Clay Target Machines are set for White Flyer "BIO" targets. If you choose to use a different brand of target, you may need to adjust the knives to that targets thickness for optimal results.*



Step 4 – Now, you can lay out the battery terminals and control box at the back of the machine. DO NOT CONNECT BATTERY AT THIS POINT.

Step 5 – Connect the terminals from the wire harness to the battery, (a fully charged, good quality, deep cycle marine battery is recommended.) It is imperative that the "RED" wire go to the Positive Post and the "BLACK" wire go to the Negative Post. Never hammer the terminals onto the posts of the battery, or over tighten the terminals. Once the battery is connected you can connect the handheld to the machine.

Step 6 – Visually check, from the rear of the machine, that the motion of the Throwing Arm is not restricted or blocked in any way.

CAUTION: ALWAYS OPERATE THE MACHINE FROM BEHIND, NEVER FROM THE FRONT OR THE SIDES OF THE MACHINE.



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KEEP HANDS AND BODY PARTS AWAY FROM THE MACHINE WHEN ARMING, RELEASING AND DISARMING.



Shown above is your new handheld. The **Yellow** button on the left is your “ARM” button, and the **Green** button on the right is your “FIRE” button.

Step 7 – Standing at arm’s length behind the machine, and making sure that all body parts are clear, push the Yellow “ARM” button to ready the Clay Target Machine. To continue in test firing the machine, push the Yellow “ARM” button a second time, as this ensures the machine will not cycle for a second time. Follow this by pushing the Green “FIRE” button to send the throwing arm through the throwing plate, as to simulate the action of throwing a target.

Disconnect the terminals from the battery to ensure that the machine is not accidentally armed while adjusting and loading the machine.

Step 8 – Adjust the machines elevation by loosening the black tilt handle. There is no need to loosen the $\frac{3}{4}$ ” Nylon nuts as they are loose enough to allow the machine to be elevated. Tip machine backwards to the desired angle and then retighten the handle.



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Step 9 – Adjust machine tilt by loosening the black tilt handle. There is no need to loosen the $\frac{3}{4}$ " Nylon nuts as they are loose enough to allow the machine tilt. Tilt machine to desired angle, then retighten handle.





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Step 10 - Carefully load carousel with clays, removing any clays that show signs of damage. Load clays as evenly as possible and do not over load.

Step 11 – Your machine is now loaded and ready to fire. Make sure that the machine is pointed in a safe direction.

Step 12 – Standing at arm's length behind the machine, press the yellow “ARM” button. The machine will load a clay and come to the armed position, and is now ready to fire and must be treated with **EXTREME CAUTION**.

Step 13 – To check for clay flight and direction, you will need to follow these steps to throw one target at a time without rearming the machine.

- 1) Push and release the Yellow “ARM” button again to turn off the red “ARMED” light.
- 2) Push and release the Green “FIRE” button, this will fire one clay without re-arming the machine. Adjust pitch and angle of the machine and repeat these steps until desired clay path is achieved.

Step 14 – You can adjust the distance that the clay is thrown by extending the spring. This is achieved by winding tension on or off the main spring using a $\frac{3}{4}$ ” wrench or the optional $\frac{3}{4}$ ” extended socket which can be attached to an impact drive. This should be done with the machine in the disarmed/safe condition for small adjustments. After adjusting the main spring for the correct throwing distance, the nuts on the spring stud must be tightened securely against each other.



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Step 15 – The pull cord or optional radio release can now be connected to the machine.

Step 16 – The machine is now ready for use, continue by pressing the Yellow “ARM” button on your handheld remote (this will allow you to fire from a pull cord or radio release.)

Step 17 – With the machine pointed in a safe direction, press the fire button on the pull cord or radio release. This will cause the machine to fire a clay and then reset to the firing position. Pressing the fire button again will do the same as above. Pressing and holding the fire button will continuously fire clays without delay.



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Your machine is now operating smoothly and ready for use. It is critical that you never load or make adjustment to the machine unless it is disarmed and the battery disconnected. While in storage, the machine must be left in the disarmed state and the battery disconnected. Any spring tension does not need to be released.

Thanks for choosing MEC! Every machine is hand set and tested prior to leaving our shop to ensure quality. We take pride in our products, so you can have a better experience in the field. Your patronage is very much appreciated!

For any questions regarding setup or use of any MEC Clay Target Machines, please call our toll-free number listed below, or visit us on the web to watch our setup and demonstration videos.

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