

# Potting machine TM 1810F



## Operating instructions

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Before the initial start-up, read and keep at the machine for future use.



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# 1 Product description

## 1. Intended use

The Mayer TM 1810F potting machine may be used for planting and replanting plants with a minimum of working force and of time.

Other means of use of the machine, besides the ones listed here, are not permitted – and they are not the usage for intended purpose.

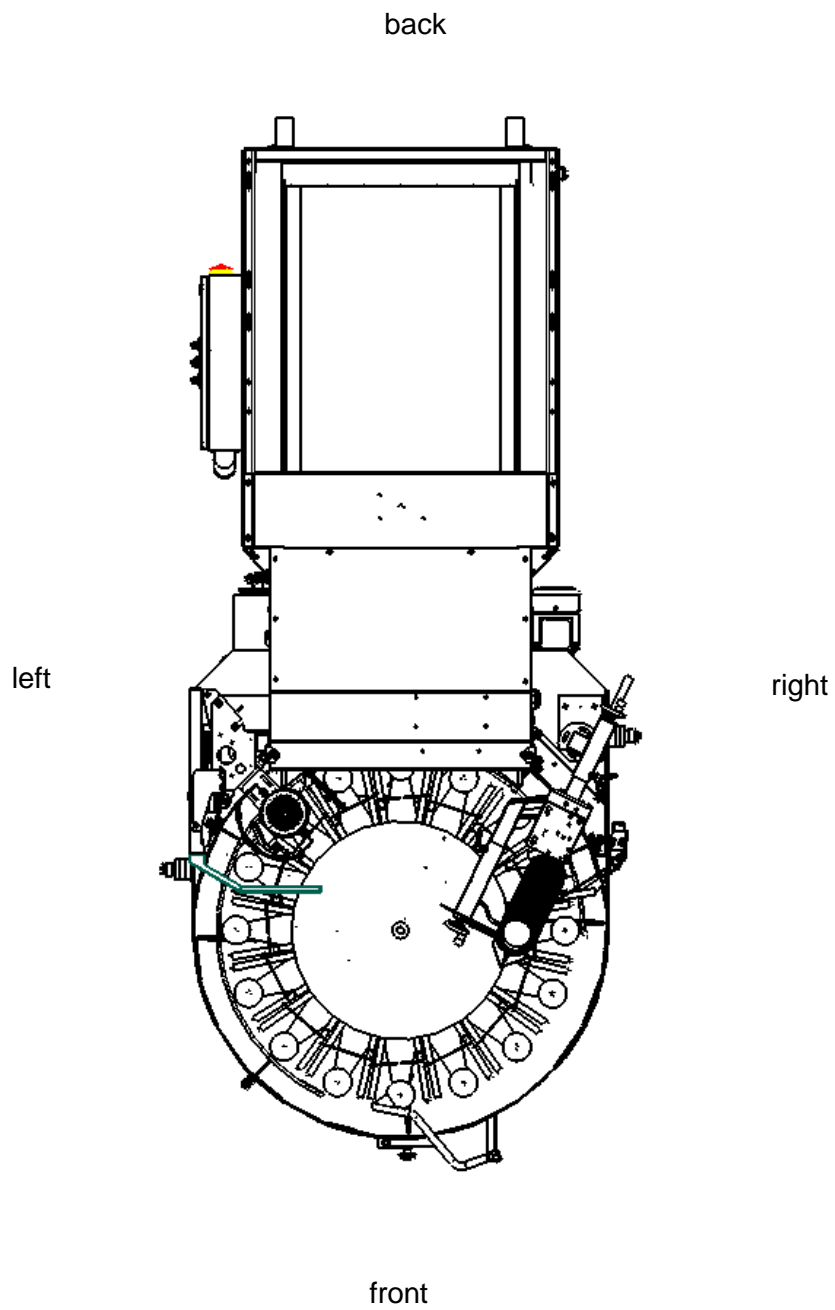
If the Mayer TM 1810F potting machine is not used in accordance with the regulations, the safe operation of the machine is not guaranteed.

The usage for intended purpose involves the reading of the operating instructions, and the compliance of the regulations, especially safety regulations stated in it. Furthermore, every inspection and maintenance should be performed in specified time.

The manufacturer accepts no liability for damages resulting from improper use. The operator of the Mayer TM 1810F is solely responsible for personal injuries or property damages.

## 2. Structure

### Plan view of potting machine TM 1810F



### 3. Functional description

#### a) Working without automatic pot dispenser

When there is no pot dispenser installed then empty pots are loaded by one person on the turntable located on the right side of the machine when it is viewed from front side.

The turntable is driven by a worm drive mechanism and is moved intermittently in counter clockwise.

The pots are forwarded under the elevator.

Plates are fixed on endless chains located in the elevator housing which take the soil from the hopper. When the plates reach the upper turning point the soil falls into pot being there.

A controlled conveyor belt is installed into the soil hopper which forwards the soil always towards the elevator.

The turntable is inched and a drilling motor being synchronous with the inching mechanism drills a hole into the soil that's inside the pot by means of a replaceable drill.

One or several person(s) standing around the machine may plant plants into the pots. Plant holding trays may be located either beside the machine or in a separate storing place or on top of the turntable.

A pot take-off is installed to remove the planted pots from the turntable and to push them on a conveyor belt connected to the machine.

**Warning!**

**When there is no automatic pot dispenser installed, special care shall be taken on section 2 „General safety instructions”.**

#### b) Working with automatic pot dispenser

When there is an automatic pot dispenser installed then feeding by hand is not necessary and one person may be saved.

Further instructions are detailed in Operation instructions of pot dispenser.

#### 4. Technical data

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|--|---|
| <b>Make:</b>                             | <b>Mayer</b>  |
| <b>Machine type:</b>                     | <b>Potting machine</b>                              |
| <b>Series:</b>                           | <b>TM 1810F</b>                                     |
| <b>Length / width / height:</b>          | 360 / 170 / 175 cm                                  |
| <b>Weight:</b>                           | 880 kg  |
| <b>Working height:</b>                   | approx. 85 cm                                       |
| <b>Power connection:</b>                 | 400V/50Hz, 5-pole                                   |
| <b>Power input:</b>                      | 3 kW  |
| <b>Pot size:</b>                         | T=16: 5 to 22 cm diameter for round and square pots |
| <b>Capacity of soil hopper:</b>          | 1,25 m <sup>3</sup>                                 |
| <b>Production speed:</b>                 | max. 3600 pots                                      |
| <b>Usable drill sizes:</b>               | 2 -13 cm  |
| <b>Workplace related emission value:</b> | 73dB (A)  |

**Available accessories** (for an additional charge)

- fertiliser dosing dispenser
- pot dispenser with storage belt
- conveyor belts

**Important note!**

**When placing repeat orders for accessories and spare parts, make sure to have information about the machine type and number at your hand!**

## 5. EU declaration of conformity

According to Appendix IIA of the EU Machinery Directive (2006/42/EC)

The manufacturer:

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hereby attests that the machine described in the following:

**Make: Mayer**  
**Model: Potting machine**  
**Series: TM 1810F**  
**Year constructed: From 2022**

fulfils the safety and health requirements of the following EU Machinery Directive:

**2006/42/EC**

*Harmonised standards applied:*

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| EN ISO 12100:2011      | Safety of machinery. General principles for design. Risk assessment and risk reduction (ISO 12100:2010)                        |
| EN 60204-1:2010        | Safety of machinery. Electrical equipment of machines. Part 1: General requirements (IEC 60204-1:2005, modified)               |
| EN ISO 13849-1:2016    | Safety of machinery. Safety-related parts of control systems. Part 1: General principles for design (ISO 13849-1:2015)         |
| EN ISO 13850:2008      | Safety of machinery. Emergency stop. Principles for design (ISO 13850:2006)  |
| EN ISO 13857:2008      | Safety of machinery. Safety distances to prevent hazard zones being reached by upper and lower limbs (ISO 13857:2008)          |
| EN ISO 14119:2014      | Safety of machinery. Interlocking devices associated with guards. Principles for design and selection (ISO 14119:2013)         |
| EN 349:1993+A1:2008    | Safety of machinery. Minimum gaps to avoid crushing of parts of the human body   |
| EN ISO 14120:2016      | Safety of machinery. Guards. General requirements for the design and construction of fixed and movable guards (ISO 14120:2015) |
| EN 1037:1995+A1:2008   | Safety of machinery. Prevention of unexpected start-up   |
| EN 1005-2:2003+A1:2009 | Safety of machinery. Human physical performance. Part 2: Manual handling of machinery and component parts of machinery         |



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| EN ISO 13855:2010   | Safety of machinery. Positioning of safeguards with respect to the approach speeds of parts of the human body (ISO 13855:2010)                             |
| EN 618:2002+A1:2011 | Continuous handling equipment and systems. Safety and EMC requirements for equipment for mechanical handling of bulk materials except fixed belt conveyors |
| EN 619:2002+A1:2011 | Continuous handling equipment and systems. Safety and EMC requirements for equipment for mechanical handling of unit loads                                 |
| EN ISO 14738:2009   | Safety of machinery. Anthropometric requirements for the design of workstations at machinery (ISO 14738:2002 + Cor. 1:2003 + Cor. 2:2005)                  |
| EN 1005-5:2007      | Safety of machinery. Human physical performance. Part 5: Risk assessment for repetitive handling at high frequency   |
| EN ISO 4414:2011    | Pneumatic fluid power. General rules and safety requirements for systems and their components (ISO 4414:2010)  |

**Any design alterations that effect the technical specifications given in the Operating Instructions or the intended use, i.e. change the machine substantially, will invalidate this EU Declaration of Conformity.**



Heidenheim, 01. 10. 2022

Geschäftsführer | Managing Director

## 2 General safety instructions

### 1. Due diligence of the operating company

The Mayer TM 1810F potting machine was designed and built taking a danger analysis into consideration and after careful selection of the harmonised standards to be complied with as well as other specifications. It therefore meets the state of the art and guarantees a maximum degree of safety.

However, only if all the measures required for such are taken can this safety be achieved in actual operational practice. Planning these measures and checking their implementation is subject to the operating organisation's duty to take due care.

#### **The operating organisation must in particular guarantee that:**

- ... the machine is only used in accordance with its intended use (cf. the Product description section).
- ... the machine is only operated when in flawless working order and, especially, that the working order of the safety equipment is regularly checked.
- ... the Operating Instructions are always available in legible condition and complete at the location where the machine is used.
- ... only sufficiently qualified and authorised personnel operate, service and repair the machine.
- ... these personnel are regularly instructed about all relevant matters concerning industrial safety and environmental protection and that they know the Operating Instructions and especially the safety instructions they contain.
- ... none of the safety and warning signs attached to the machine are removed and that all remain legible.
- Users must obligate themselves only to ever operate the machine when it is flawless condition.
- No unauthorised conversions or alterations are allowed that influence the machine's safety.
- Only when it has stopped, must any work ever be carried out on the machine.



- Before beginning with any work on the machine, secure its drives and accessory parts against being switched on unintentionally.
- The protective devices may only be removed when the machine has been stopped.
- Local safety and accident-prevention regulations always apply to any operation of the machine.
- The machine may not be started if any safety devices are removed.
- In the working area the operator is responsible for other people.
- **In case of non-compliance with any one of the points cited above, the manufacturer shall be released from all liability.**

## 1. Explanation of the safety symbols used

The safety symbols along with the text of the safety instructions are meant to point out unavoidable residual dangers that exist when dealing with this machine. These residual hazards relate to:

- People
- The machine
- Other things and objects
- The environment

The following safety symbols are used in these Operating Instructions:

This symbol indicates that there are dangers to the machine, things and the environment, but that no dangers to people are to be expected.

If these instructions are not followed, it might result in malfunctions and damage to the machine. Property damage and environmental damage might also come about



This symbol identifies instructions contributing to better understanding of the machine information that helps you to use the machine in optimum fashion. This symbol does not identify safety instructions.



This symbol warns against the danger of electric shock.



Be sure to also note that a safety symbol can never replace the text of safety instructions—the text of safety instructions must therefore always be read completely!

### 3. Basic safety precautions

#### Always be sure that:

- ... tight-fitting working clothes are worn at all the workplaces.
- ... it is not allowed to wear chains, rings, bracelets or wristbands.
- ... for operationally relevant reasons, it is not possible to completely cover the compost hopper.
- ... it is not allowed to reach into the compost hopper (to push in more soil, for example), because when doing so there would be a danger of getting caught by the scraping chain.
- ... it is not allowed to get into the compost hopper while the machine is running.
- ... it is not allowed to reach into the turntable or pot dispenser while the machine is running.
- ... it is not allowed to reach into the drilling stand while the machine is running.
- ... it is not allowed to reach into the pot transfer while the machine is running.
- The machine can ONLY be operated with a key locked door.



#### 4. Machine-related safety precautions

The workplaces are spread over various areas of the potting machine.

a) Feeding pots into the rotating assembly (for a machine without pot dispenser) or feeding pots into the pot dispenser (for machines with pot dispenser) on the right side of the panel.

b) Filling the soil hopper with substrate from the rear or from the right or left side.

c) Potting plants on the front left of the panel, between drilling stand and pot transfer. Alternatively, they can also be potted on the conveyor belts.

Responsibilities for the various activities must be clearly defined and complied with. Unclear competencies represent a safety risk.

Persons who are engaged in putting single pots into the rotating assembly must have been given separate training, during which it was pointed out to them that there is a potential danger of being drawn into the machine if they got stuck at the rotating assembly.

For procedural reasons it is not possible for the rotating assembly to be covered.

When potting at the rotating assembly, there is a potential hazard of getting stuck in there due to carelessness or wearing further additional clothing or jewellery.

In case of malfunctions during the work flow it is forbidden to touch the running machine in order to resolve the malfunction.

It must always be possible to access the emergency cut-off switch.

The emergency cut-off switch should always be located on the relevant workplace (during normal operation preferably on the panel, next to the right of the worker).

It is forbidden to climb onto the running machine.

The machine must be set up on even and solid surface so that it stands securely in place.

There is danger of life in case of a machine falling over.

The floor (workplaces at the machine and traffic routes) must be regularly cleaned from dirt and water in order to avoid danger of slipping.

Stumbling blocks in the form of cables connected to the energy supply systems must be avoided

All feed lines to the machine must be protected against damage.

Only a skilled electrician is allowed to carry out works on the electrical equipment.

Protection devices

- are fitted for the safety of operating personnel
- must in no case be changed, removed or evaded by modifications to the machine.

Frequency converters can cause fault currents that are not detected by means of a standard earth leakage circuit breaker. So the machine may be operated with an AC/DC sensitive RCCB (residual-current circuit-breaker) only.

Frequency converters have built-in capacitors that discharge after switching off the machine. The machine's connecting plug may be pulled out of the outlet not before approx. 1 to 2 minutes after switching off the main circuit breaker.



## 5. Demands on operating personnel

The machine may only be operated by personnel who have been trained for such, shown what is involved and are authorised to do so. These individuals have to know and act in accordance with the Operating Instructions. The respective authorisations for the operation personnel must be clearly prescribed.

In addition to this, special qualifications are required for the following activities:

Operation personnel being trained may at first only work with the machine under the supervision of an experienced individual. It should be confirmed in

writing that the training has been successfully completed.

Only trained personnel may ever operate any of the control and safety equipment.

All individuals that carry out any activities with the machine have to read the Operating Instructions and confirm by their signature that they have understood the Operating Instructions.

## 3 Transport

**To prevent damage to the machine as well as injuries while transporting the machine, it is absolutely necessary to comply with the following points:**

- The transport work may only be carried out by individuals qualified to do so, complying with the safety instructions.
- The machine may only be lifted by the supporting points provided for such.
- Only the load-lifting devices and tackle specified here may be used to transport the machine.

- Be sure to also read the "General Safety Instructions" section.

**When transporting the machine, the following special dangers must be expected:**

- Suspended loads can drop, which would be a lethal danger – never go under suspended loads!
- If load-lifting equipment other than that specified here, severe damage to the machine may result.

### 1. Transport

When the machine is transported special care shall be taken to avoid damage of the machine during loading or unloading.

During transport fixings according to type of transport shall be implemented.

Moisture condensation caused by temperature difference during transport as well as shocks during transport shall be avoided.

The machine shall be operated with usual care.

It is recommended to use a relevant attachment when loading or unloading the machine by means of a forklift



## 2. Handling

The potting machine is fitted with 2 pneumatic tyres on one axle on the front and 2 castors with handbrake on the soil hopper. The weight of the empty machine is balanced on the axle.

If the machine is to be moved over an inclined plane, it is necessary:

- to completely empty the soil hopper,
- to make sufficient safety precautions in order to prevent the machine from accidentally rolling away.

Such precautions may include:

- enough personnel
- to secure the wheels using a wedge
- and so on..



## 3. Storage

When the machine or its parts are not reassembled right after transport, then they shall be carefully stored on a protected area. It shall regularly be covered and protected against dust and moisture.

Tasks for putting out of operation are detailed in section 6.3.



## 4 Installation

### 1. General notes

a)

To protect the machine against weather caused damages it is suggested to use and store it inside.

b)

Electrical connection: 400V/50Hz.

Connection is permitted only to socket-outlets which are protected by an AC/DC sensitive RCCB (residual-current circuit-breaker).

c)

Be sure that enough space is assured for feeding and filling pots. Same care shall be taken in case of machines connected in front of or behind it.

d)

In order to capacity of the machine to be used efficiently it is suggested the soil mixture, seedling, plants, pots, trays to be prepared on the best place and in sufficient quantity.

It is not suggested to under-estimate job to remove and transport the filled pots, since an insufficient solution may considerably decrease efficiency of the machine.

## 2. Installing the machine

A hard soil surface shall be provided under the machine to prevent the wheels from sinking into the soil.



## 3. Measures for the machine's stability against overturning

There is no need to carry out other activity for erecting the machine than it is described in section 4.2.

## 4. Disassembly and disposal of the machine

After completion of its full time of operation, the machine must be duly separated from energy supply systems and disposed of according to valid legal regulations.

## 5 Initial start-up

It is absolutely necessary to comply with the following safety instructions for the initial start-up of the machine. This will prevent injury to individuals, damage to machinery and other property damage.

- The initial start-up may only be carried out by qualified individuals, complying with the safety instructions.
- Before the first start-up, check whether all the tools and parts not belonging in it have been removed from the machine.
- Before the first start-up, check the electrical connections.
- Activate all the safety equipment and EMERGENCY SHUT-OFF switches before the initial start-up.
- Also read the section "General Safety Instructions".



### 1. Check prior to first start

Prior to starting up the machine, the following must be checked:

- are all safety devices available?
- was the machine damaged during transport?
- all visible bolted joints must be checked for tight seat.
- Prior to putting the machine into operation, the machine's connecting cable and the cable of the emergency cut-off switch (if existing) must be checked for damages.

## 1. Starting the machine for the first time

After reassembly the machine shall be checked as per the following:

a)

Be sure not foreign materials, such as tools or similar, are left in the soil hopper, in the elevator or on the turntable.

b)

Put main switch of the machine to OFF („Null”) position before plug of the connection cable would be connected to the socket.

c)

When the machine is connected, put the switch to „1 ON” position.

d)

Put switch of turntable to „1 ON” position, while switch of elevator and conveyor belt to right to position „1” or „2”, as well as switch of drill to position „2”. Press pushbutton „Start” on „Start-Stop” switch of swinging cable and the turntable starts to rotate counter clockwise.

If it would rotate clockwise then call for an electrician to change phases at the connecting cable.

Plates of the elevator shall be forwarded from bottom towards top seeing from side of soil hopper.

Care shall be taken on the following:

With the switch, “Soil” means:

- turn to the right, position "1"  
> smaller amount of soil
- turn to the right, position "2"  
> larger amount of soil

### Warning!

- Switch position to right: elevator and conveyor belt are moved in normal operational direction.
- Switch position to left: conveyor belt is moved in normal operational direction while elevator is moved in opposite direction.

Changeover switch „Drill” (“Bohrer”):

- switch position „2”: drill is rotated clockwise  
> it excavates the soil.
- switch position "1" : drill is rotated counter-clockwise > it compacts the soil.

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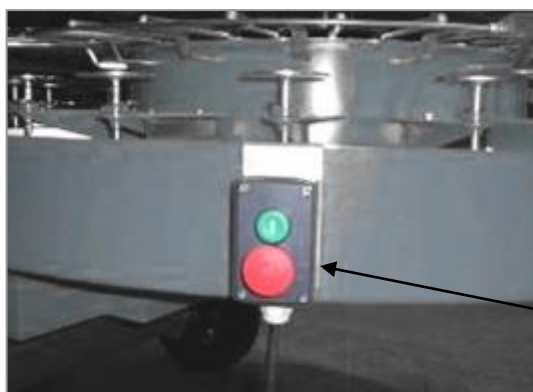
In case of there were no problems found or unusual noises heard during test operation, the machine may be put into operation as it is described in section „Operation”.



Emergency stop



Main switch



Flexible start/stop with emergency cut-out

### **3. Stopping the machine**

There are two ways provided to switch off the machine.

a)

In normal case by switch „Stop” mounted on the swinging cable.

b)

In emergency case by „Emergency Stop” switch.

**Note:**

**See also section "6.2 – Shutting down the machine"**



## 6 Operation

### 1. Normal operation

#### a) Before starting operation the following shall be checked:

- Are pots, plants and soil mixture available in sufficient quantity?

Care about the following

- Soil transport
- Plant feeding and unloading
- Pot preparation
- Use the shortest transport routes

#### b) Adjusting or shifting the pot turntable

- Release clamping lever below the box support.
- Open the pot receptacle by moving the pot holding disk.



- Place the required pot on the pot support.
- Adjust the pot support height such that the clips of the pot holding disk are a little below the pot edge.
- Adjust the rear stop so that the pot is in the middle of the pot support.
- Move the pot holding disk again to close the pot receptacle so that there is a little space left on the sides between the pot and the clips of the pot holding disk.
- Retighten the clamping lever.
- Adjust pot scraper in such a way that excessive soil is scraped from the pot.
- Adjust lower scraper brush in such a way that it cleans the pot support.
- Adjust upper scraper brush in such a way that it cleans the clamps of the pot holding discs.





### **c) Soil feeding and emptying the machine**

The soil hopper contains 1250 litres and can be fed in various ways without the work flow at the machine being disturbed or interrupted.

Feeding can take place:

- manually by means of a shovel
- using a wheelbarrow
- using a conveyor belt
- using a shovel loader

The remaining soil can be conveyed out of the machine by opening the soil flap. If the soil heap gets too high in front of the soil flap opening, the potting machine must be pulled back a bit. Cleaning of the elevator deflection also takes place by means of the soil flap opening.



### **d) Adjusting drill depth and pressure intensity of down holders**

After the size of the soil drill and the down holder matching it are fixed, the drilling depth must be set according to the bale's height of the product to be potted.

During this, proceed as follows:

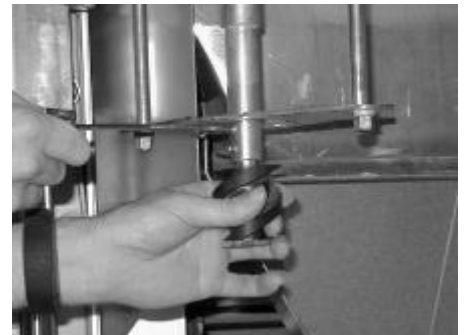
- Screw on down holder to the holding down bars using self-locking nuts.



- Set the drilling slide to lower position



- Apply a suitable spindle on the drill and slide them on shaft of the motor then fix them by means of a threaded pin
- Set roughly the required drilling depth by using an empty pot



- Drilling depth may be adjusted by shifting the rod in the sleeve and fixing them to each other by means of the threaded pin
- Then make a test drilling with pot filled up with soil and check the drilling depth, readjust if it is required



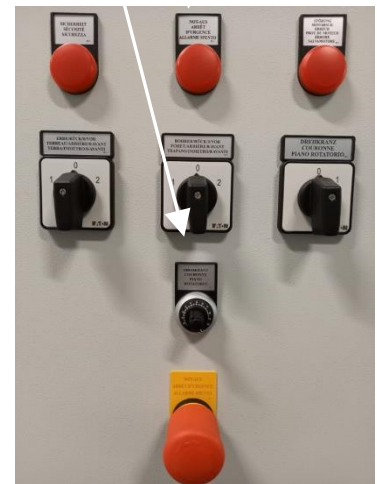
- When soft plastic, grided or Jiffy type pots are used, pressing force of the press plate shall be set by using clamping pieces

### e) Adjusting the speed of operation (hourly output)

In standard construction of the potting machine, a filling capacity of 1000-2800 pots per hour may be reached by using an **infinitely variable drive**.

The infinitely variable drive unit may only be set when the machine is switched on by turning the potentiometer according to the scale from 1 to 10 to slower or faster.

For initial work with the potting machine, we recommend starting with a low hourly output until all workers have complete command of individual work steps.



### f) Adjusting the soil amount

Supply of soil from the soil hopper to the elevator takes place by means of a continuous rubber conveyor belt, running on carrier rollers in the soil hopper.

There are 3 options to control the soil amount to be fed:

I.

By setting different switch positions on the elevator and rubber conveyor belt:

- position „1“ to right > small amount of soil
- position „2“ to right > large amount of soil



#### Caution!

**Right switch setting means: Elevator and conveyor belt run into work flow direction.**

**Left switch setting means: Elevator runs against work flow direction and conveyor belt runs into work flow direction.**

II.

Speed of the belt may be increased or decreased by rotating the star wheel as it is marked.

Before setting is started, clamping lever of spindle of the star wheel shall be loosened and when the required speed is set it shall be tightened. Thus the continuously moved elevator plates carry larger or smaller quantity of soil.

When quantity of soil is set, always make setting by only one or two rotations and then wait until 40-50 pots are filled. Then correction may be made if it is necessary.



III.

Number of elevator plates may be doubled on charge of extra costs.

Note:

Care shall be taken to set right the required soil quantity. Thus you save the elevator and it results in longer lifetime.

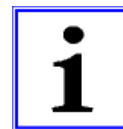
**g) Setting compactness of the soil (in the pot)**

Special feature of Mayer potting machines is to set compactness of the soil in the pot. This depends on:

1. Drilling in or out the soil mixture.
2. Setting the filling quantity by setting the drawer.
3. Type and size of pressing plate.

**Comment to 1:**

Depending on the relevant setting of the drill motor's reverse switch, you can operate an anti-clockwise or clockwise rotation of the drill.



When it is rotated clockwise it drills out the soil, and when it is rotated counter clockwise it drills in the soil (compacts). Cross shaped plate of standard drill bit distributes the soil in the pot.

The standard drill may be used in both directions. Special drills may only be used for drilling out. Flat edge of the drill bit and deep grooves are especially favourable in case of thick soil mixtures, pine-needles and for loose filling.

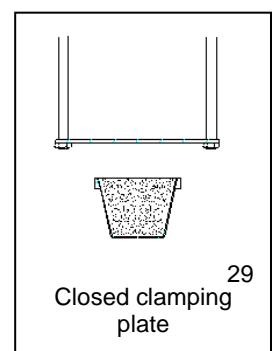
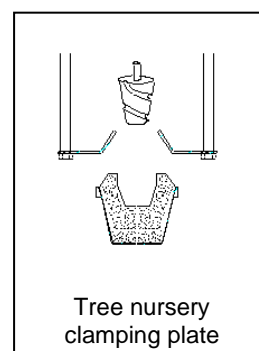
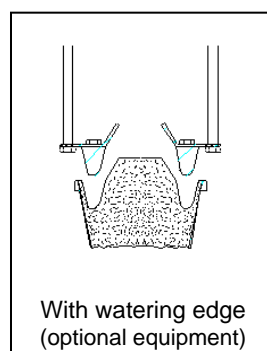
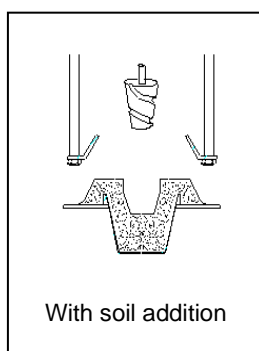
**Comment to 2:**

Filled in quantity may be set by drawer with adjustable height. Larger quantity of soil results in more compact filling while soil filling drawn down at edge of the pot results in loose filling.

**Comment to 3:**

Function of the pressing plate is to hold the pot and to keep rest of the soil during drilling. When gap between outside diameter of the drill and hole of pressing plate (e.g. 6 cm dia. drill with pressing plate hole dia. of 7 cm) is small then only a few quantity of soil is removed and the filled soil is compact. When this gap is larger (e.g. 6 cm dia. drill with pressing plate hole dia. of 9 cm), larger quantity of soil is removed and the filled soil is less compact. The pressing plate with soil addition leaves a soil heap on the pot which may be compacted by repressing. Special accessories shall be used for special tasks and for special pots.

**Various designs of plates:**



## 2. Shutting down the machine

There are two ways provided to switch off the machine.

a)

In normal case by pressing switch „**Stop**” mounted on the swinging cable.

In this case the machine may be restarted by pressing switch „Start”.

b)

In emergency case by „**Emergency Stop**” switch.

When push button „Emergency Stop” is pressed the machine stops immediately and remains stopped. After „Emergency Stop” is eliminated the machine may be started by pressing push button „Start”.

## 3. Measures prior to and after a longer shutdown

### a) Before a long shutdown

- Clean carefully the machine.
- Grease and oil certain parts of the machine according to maintenance plan.
- Protect against dirt and moisture (to be covered)
- Disconnect the machine from power lines (electricity, compressed air)

### b) After a long shutdown

- Grease and oil certain parts of the machine according to maintenance plan.
- Visually check the machine.
- Connect the machine to required energy sources.
- Start the machine as it is described in section „Initial start-up”.

## 7 Malfunctions

To prevent damage to the machine as well as injuries while remedying malfunctions at the machine, it is absolutely necessary to comply with the following points:

- Only eliminate a malfunction if you have the qualification specified to do so.
- Also read the section "General Safety Instructions".
- When eliminating malfunctions with the machine, the following special dangers have to be expected:
- Accidentally switching on the power sources can result in injuries to people as well as damage to the machine.
- In case of unprotected manual operation, there is an increased risk of injuries through bruising.

### 1. Behaviour in case of malfunctions

If any malfunctions should occur while the machine is in operation, proceed as follows:

1. Stop the machine either using the STOP button or EMERGENCY SHUT-OFF, depending on the situation.
2. When necessary for the safety of people or of the machine, immediately cut off the machine from the power system it has.
3. Troubleshooting > If necessary, then by qualified personnel
4. Error correction > If necessary, then by qualified personnel
5. Starting up the machine



## 2. Possible malfunctions and trouble shooting

### a) Mechanical malfunctions

| Failure/Malfunction                       | Cause                                       | Trouble shooting   |
|---|---|--|
| Noise in the elevator                     | Jammed stone or wooden piece                | Remove cause for malfunction. Possibly by running elevator backwards (turn switch left to position "1" or "2") |
| Rotating assembly has too much clearance. | Worn shifting roll or carrier bolt          | Replace shifting roll or carrier bolt.   |
|   | Chains are too loose                        | Retighten chains.  |
| Erratic filling of pots                   | Matter in elevator                          | Remove source of interference.   |
|   | Soiled buckets                              | Clean buckets.   |
| No soil supply                            | Soil hopper empty                           | Fill hopper.   |
|   | Broken return spring at switch neutral gear | Replace spring.  |
|   | Free wheel hub is defective                 | Replace free wheel hub   |
| Pot supply interrupted                    | Wrong settings                              | Check settings.  |

### b) Electrical malfunctions

| Failure/Malfunction                     | Cause                | Trouble shooting   |
|---|----------------------|--|
| Motor protection switches off           | Fault in electronics | Electronic parts shall be checked by a skilled electrician |
|   | Mechanic overload    | Remove the foreign material causing overload               |
| Frequency converter shows a malfunction | Overload             | Remove the foreign material                                |
|   |                      | Remove compressed soil                                     |
|   |                      | Clean shovels  |



## 8 Maintenance

When carrying out maintenance for the machine, it is absolutely necessary to comply with the following safety instructions. Doing so will prevent injuries to people, damage to the machine and other damage to property as well as the environment.

- **Cleaning, lubricating and maintenance work may only be carried out by authorised operating personnel. The Operating Instructions must be complied with exactly.**
- Only trained electricians may ever carry out any of the work on the machine's electrical equipment.
- Switch off all sources of voltage and secure the sources of voltage against them being accidentally switched back on.
- Release pressure of every unit that is under pressure.
- Only Mayer GmbH & Co. KG may ever manipulate the machine's control programme.
- All un-recycled operational materials, lubricants and supplies must be disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner.
- Also read the section "General Safety Instructions"

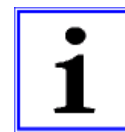
When carrying out maintenance on the machine, the following special dangers have to be expected.

- Installing incorrect spare parts or wearing parts can cause severe damage to the machine.
- Accidentally switching on the power source can result in severe bodily injuries and damage to the machine.
- There is a danger of getting injured on sharp-edged machine parts/tools that are exposed.
- Lubricants or fertilisers that have escaped can result in caustic burns on direct contact with the skin.
- When unsecured manual operation is carried out, there is an increased risk of injury through crushing.

## 1. General notes

**We recommend an annual inspection of the entire machine by our customer service.**

**For service or repair work, order our customer service at one of our service workshops.**



**Spare parts have to meet the technical requirements of the machine's manufacturer. This is guaranteed with original spare parts from Mayer.**

## 2. Inspection and preventative maintenance

### 2.1 Elevator chains

Chains may be retensioned by means of tensioning bearings located on two sides of the elevator. Check regularly if the chains are tensioned properly. When the chain is too loose the plates may jam with edge of the housing.

Overtensioned chain requires an excess of driving power and causes too quick wear. When the chains are retensioned both of them shall have the same tightness. With the soil hopper being completely empty and the elevator being at the height of the pot holder, normal tension is available when the chain can be moved about 3-4 cm by hand.



**Grease elevator chain prior to a longer shutdown!**



## 2.2 Conveyor belt

**Generally the conveyor belt requires no retensioning.**



However if the belt should be readjusted caused for example by remedy works carried out on the machine, follow the process described below:

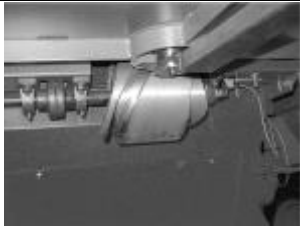




Tensioning of the belt may be adjusted by means of tensioning nuts located at end of soil hopper. It is important that both sides of the belt are tensioned by the same force.

Beyond the above care shall be taken on grooves of driving and guiding drum not to be filled up with soil. Regularly clean the grooves when it occurs.

**Follow the maintenance schedule.**



### 3. Maintenance schedule

| Description  | Interval  |   |
|--|-----------|---|
| Grease shifting roll's groove and drive chains                     | quarterly |    |
| Grease holding-down bar at drill                                   | monthly   |   |
| Clean and grease elevator chain, for example with WD-40 or Caramba | monthly   |  |
| Grease the brake (grease nipples on back side of turntable)        | quarterly |  |
| Grease all bearings fitted with grease nipples                     | yearly    |  |

## 9 Part list

## **10 Circuit diagrams for electric and pneumatic system**

## 11 Guarantee

### **Horticultural machinery and special machinery**

We will accept liability for faults in the supplied goods and for any failure to provide features for the existence of which an express assurance had been given. In such a case we undertake – to the exclusion of all further claims – to improve or re-supply (at our discretion) free of charge any parts which have revealed themselves to be unserviceable or subject to a not inconsiderable impairment in serviceability due to faults in their material, manufacturing process or design within twelve months (or within six months for multi-shift operation) of their arrival on the customer's premises. For parts which we do not manufacture ourselves (e.g. motors), we can only accept liability for the same scope and length of time which the subcontractor has accorded to us.

Any replaced parts shall become our own property. No warranty claims can be accepted if the fault occurs as a result of the customer having mistreated or neglected the products delivered by us, made modifications or undertaken repairs incorrectly or without our prior approval, or had third parties undertake such work.

The customer's entitlement to assert claims due to faults shall in all cases lapse six months following a complaint made within the required time period, however no sooner than the end of the compulsory warranty period. We are not responsible for correcting faults unless the customer has fulfilled its obligations due to us up to the point when the fault became apparent.

## **Changes in the design and shape of horticultural machinery and equipment**

We reserve the right to make changes in design and shape, in particular with regard to deviations from the drawings and descriptions etc. during the delivery period, provided that the purchased object is not thereby significantly altered, rendered less effective or reduced in value and the customer can reasonably be expected to accept the modifications.

**You have chosen to purchase a product of true quality.**

**We wish you every success with your product.**

**We would be most grateful if you would recommend our products to others.**

**Thank you**

**Your Mayer-TEAM**

