1. Position tool approximately 12 inches away from buckle. Hold lever in downward position to open gripper foot. Place strap under cutter, under drum and under gripper foot. Release lever to clamp gripper foot down onto strap.

2. Place tail through cutter and drum.

3. Crank lever back and forth to tension strap. Tensioning is complete when top leg of buckle closes down and touches base of buckle.

4. Push lever down to cut tail and open gripper foot. Hold lever in downward position and rotate tool to the side to remove tool from strap.