DX6® AngLock® Vise
Base Assembly

Operating Instructions Manual
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CAUTION:
Is used when your action or lack of action may cause serious injury.

Vise Data
Use this to fill out information about your vise for quick reference.

Purchase Date: _______ - _______ - _______
Purchase Order: ____________________________
Purchased From: ____________________________
Delivery Date: ______________________________
Serial No.: _________________________________

Note:
Make sure to register your warranty online at kurtworkholding.com
Introduction
Thank you for purchasing a Kurt vise. You have just purchased one of the best machine vises in the industry. The D-Series AngLock vise has a time proven design. The outstanding accuracy of this product is second to none. Backed by a lifetime warranty, this product will last forever when used and maintained properly.

The original Kurt Anglock vises are designed for precision clamping on basic machine tools such as knee-type mills, grinders and machining centers. They can be used for but are not limited to operations like precision boring, drilling, tapping, grinding & finishing.

The patented Anglock design allows the movable jaw to advance in such a way that each pound of force forward induces a $\frac{1}{2}$ pound force downward which minimizes the jaw lift and increases accuracy. This combined with larger needle bearings and the “Pull Type Design” increases jaw clamping pressure. Other features include: 80,000 psi ductile iron body, hardened vise bed & jaw plates, semi-hard steel screw.

Each pound of force in this direction.

Induces 1/2 pound of force in this direction.

Spherical segment (hardened) produces “all directional” alignment.
**Set-up Instructions**

Now that you have your new Kurt Vise, it’s time to set-up and begin using it. You will see that your new vise comes with a Kurt swivel handle, chip guard and instruction manual (available online @ kurtworkholding.com) in the shipping carton. The chip guard rests between the ways of the vise and can be trimmed to size (see pg, 7) to help keep the chips out of the screw. The handle is specifically designed to provide maximum torque to your vise (clamping force provided below). Your vise should be mounted to a clean, flat surface. The surface and the vise must be free of any chips, dirt or debris of any kind. The mounting surface can be honed if necessary. Clean the bottom of the vise with solvent or other cleaner if needed.

To minimize vise bed deflection, clamp your Kurt vise to your machine table, pallet, or sub-plate using the built-in clamping slots or thru the body holes provided.

Additional clamping can be used, but may not be necessary. Please be sure to exercise good judgment when securing your vise to the mounting surface. Be sure your vise is secured and will not move when applying the machine pressure.

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**Manual Vise Clamping Force**

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Operating Instructions
For proper vise operation insert the handle on to the hex end of the vise. Rotate clockwise to clamp and counterclockwise to unclamp your vise. This handle, combined with the correct amount of torque will provide you with all the clamping force you will need to machine your parts. **DO NOT** use any other type of pressure to open or close your vise.

The uses of handle extensions, air impact wrenches, breaker bars or hammer strikes are not recommended and will **void the warranty if used**. This will also cause damage to the thrust bearing and screw threads. If you need more clamping force you may require a larger vise.

To properly clamp a part in your Kurt vise you should place the part in the center of the jaws resting on the ways of the vise. Clamping only on one side or above the movable and stationary jaws can result in jaw lift or loss of accuracy. *(See Fig. 1 on next page)*

If one-sided clamping is necessary you **MUST** use a dummy part on the other side. When using parallels or step jaws you must select a size that keeps the bottom of the clamped part at or below the top of the movable and stationary jaws. Always use jaw plates for clamping. If jaw plates are not used damage to the mounting surface of the movable and stationary jaw will occur. This will result in reduced clamping accuracy and repeatability.
Fig. 1

**Sketch #2A**
Incorrect part clamping.

Vise width centerline

**Sketch #2B**
Correct part clamping.

**Sketch #2C**
Correct part clamping.

**Sketch #2D**
Correct part clamping.

Non-machined spacer
Surface mount using Sine Keys

Mounting the new DX6 with keys requires the uses of sine keys in stead of standard hex keys. They are available in several different sizes ranging from .4995 x .5620 to .8745 x 09995. We also have them in metric as well. The keys are sold separately and in sets of 2 per package.

Proper Chip Guard installation and usage

CAUTION:
Chip Guard stock shown above is provided to keep chips from the nut and screw assembly and must be cut and deburred to meet your application and safety needs. *This Chip Guard stock should be cutoff to fill the opening between jaw plates.

Example: Part plus 1 1/2 inches = Length of Chip Guard stock.

Note: Remove Chip Guard stock to lift vise. Corners of Chip Guard stock if left extended as shown above could cause injury.
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*DX6-KIT Includes. 1-D60-9 1-D80-41 2-3600V-42 1-3600V-99 1-3600V-128 2-3600V-147 2-D688-211 2-DX6-311
**Maintenance Schedule**

It is very important to perform regularly maintenance on your Kurt vise to assure proper operation. Improper maintenance will result in poor vise performance and may void your warranty.

**Daily/ Weekly**
1. Remove chips from surface of vise.
2. Visually inspect for chips, seals for damage and cleanliness.
3. Visually inspect for chip entrapments and remove when necessary.
4. Air-dry and apply rust inhibiting oil to the machined surface of the vise.

**Monthly**
1. Open the vise to the maximum opening.
2. In the back of the movable jaw (handle end, center hole) loosen the socket head set screw (approx. 6 turns) With the hex key (Allen wrench) in the set-screw socket lift up and forward to pivot the Jaw off of the vise bed.
3. Slide the Jaw slightly toward the stationary jaw and lift up to remove the jaw from the “hook” of the nut. Note: A spherical segment (shaped as ½ of a steel ball) is inside the cavity of the movable jaw and may fall out as the jaw is removed. Take care not to lose or misplace the spherical segment.
4. Turn the movable jaw over and clean the inside cavity. Also clean the spherical segment.
5. Remove chips, clean and apply a light coat of machine oil to the machined surface of the following item:
   a. Nut & Screw assembly (clean exposed threads on the screw)
   b. Bed of vise (top of “rails”)
   c. Inside of the vise between the center ways.
6. To re-assemble the movable jaw, apply a “glob” of grease to the under side of the movable jaw in the pocket. Place the spherical segment in the mating pocket and push into the grease. The grease will hold the segment in place when the jaw is turned over to replace.
7. Tip the jaw so the front of the jaw (the side with the jaw plate) is on the vise bed. Lower the jaw on to the bed so that the segment contact the hook part of the nut and rest the jaw on to the vise bed.
8. Tighten the setscrew to firmly contact the nut. Back off the setscrew \( \frac{1}{4} \) turn (approx.) note: DO NOT leave the setscrew tightened firmly to the nut as this may cause improper operation. The movable jaw is designed to move slightly (pivot side to side) so maximum jaw plate contact is maintained when clamping out-of-parallel, sawed, or cast parts.

9. Your vise is now ready for use. Open and close your vise to check for proper operation. Center the part to be clamped in the vise and close. Your parts should be centered from side to side to insure proper clamping. (See Fig. 2 below)
**3 to 6 months**

1. Open vise to maximum opening.
2. Loosen the set-screw and remove the movable jaw.
3. Remove spiral-retaining ring from handle end of the vise screw.
4. Remove the screw support from the vise body.
5. Remove the two-piece locking collar by removing the four SHCS.
6. With one screw still half way out spin off the first collar.
7. Using a pin or screw reach into the second collar and spin it off exposing the bearings.
8. Remove the thrust bearing assembly consisting of (2) thrust washers and (1) thrust bearing from the counter bore in the end of the body.
9. Clean and inspect the counter bore, thrust washers and thrust bearing.
10. Apply water resistant grease to the thrust washer (i.e. marine grade grease)
11. Install thrust bearing assembly on the screw in the reverse manner.
12. Install the first collar by spinning on the screw until it stops. *(Items 7 — See Fig. 3)*
13. Install the second collar behind the first and spin on until it stops. At this point the screw holes may or may not be lined up.
14. Turn the second collar counterclockwise until a hole lines up.
15. Then turn the collar back TWO (2) more screw holes. This will allow proper distance for the collar to lock on the threads and keep the bearings firmly in place. *(Items 15-16 — See Fig. 4)*
16. Install the four SHCS and make tight.
17. Install the screw support in the body on the screw (Hex end).
18. Your vise is now ready to use.

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**Fig. 3**

*Diagram showing inside and outside collar positions.*

*0.030 min.*
Troubleshooting Tips

The Kurt D-Series vise will operate mostly trouble free for many years. If properly maintained, this product is indestructible. In some cases it will be necessary to troubleshoot. Use the information below to help in the process.

**Problem:** My vise turns hard.
**Tip:** As a new vise the brush seal could be stiff. Allow for break in of vise.  
**Tip:** As a used vise, it could be filed with chips and threads could be jammed. Properly clean and grease vise.

**Problem:** My vise will not turn in either direction.  
**Tip:** The vise is jammed with debris. Disassemble and clean as needed.

**Problem:** My vise won’t hold tolerance.  
**Tip:** You may be experiencing jaw lift from clamping too high or on one side of the jaw. Lower the part in the vise jaw and clamp more material.

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**Fig. 4**

[Diagram of a vise showing arrows indicating turning directions.]
Maintenance Log/Notes:
Thank you for your purchase!
If you have any feedback or questions.

Please contact us at:
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or
1-877-226-7823

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