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1. Turn the handle on the threaded rod counter-clockwise until the jaws and pin are exposed.

2. Remove the pin and slip the jaw over the pad eye.

3. Replace the pin and turn the handle on the threaded rod clockwise until the jaw retracts and the cylinder is tight against the pad eye base.

4. Tighten the valve on the hydraulic cylinder and pump the handle until the pressure on the gauge is at the desired tons. Use the indication on the inside ring of the gauge which shows up to 20 tons.

5. After test, release the valve on the hydraulic cylinder which will release the tension.

6. Turn the handle on the top of the threaded rod in a counter-clockwise direction until the jaws and the pin are exposed.

7. Remove the pin and the tester is ready for the next pad eye test.