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**112W140**

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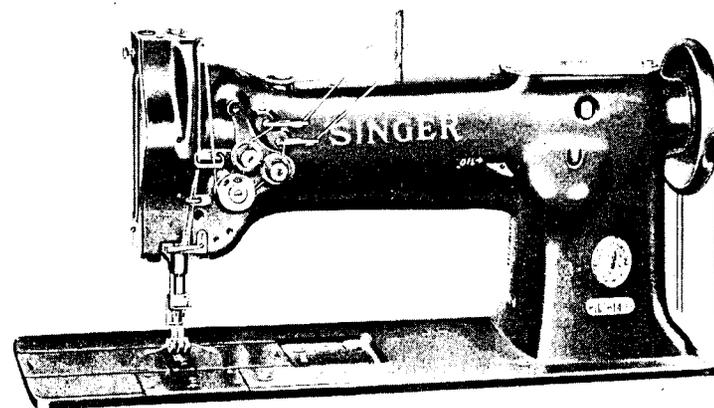
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## INSTRUCTIONS

FOR USING

# **SINGER**\* SEWING MACHINE



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## DESCRIPTION

MACHINE 112W140 has two needles and two belt-driven rotary sewing hooks on vertical axes, and makes the lock stitch. It has a compound feeding mechanism consisting of needle and drop feed, and is designed for stitching overalls, coats, and other work in light and medium weight fabrics requiring a compound feed.

The machine may be furnished in gauges from 1/32 to 1 1/2 inches, as ordered.

### Needles

Needles for Machine 112W140 are of Class and Variety 135 x 7 and are made in sizes Nos. 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 and 24, also the 135 x 11 needles, sizes Nos. 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20, which are used for corset work.

The size of the needle to be used should be determined by the size of the thread which must pass freely through the eye of the needle. If rough or uneven thread is used or if it passes with difficulty through the eye of the needle, the successful use of the machine will be interfered with.

Orders for needles must specify the quantity required, the size number, also the class and variety numbers separated by the letter x.

The following is an example of an intelligible order:

"100 No. 14, 135 x 7 Needles."

The best results will be obtained in using the needles sold only by Singer Sewing Machine Company.

### Speed

The machine should be driven at a speed not exceeding 3000 revolutions per minute for the first two or three days, after which it can be driven up to its maximum speed of 3500 revolutions per minute, depending on the nature of the work and the ability of the operator. When the machine is in operation, the top of the balance wheel must turn toward the operator.

### CAUTION

After setting up, do not start the machine, not even to test the speed, until it has been thoroughly oiled, as instructed on pages 4 and 5.

## To Oil the Machine

When the machine is received from the factory, it should be thoroughly cleaned and oiled.

Use "TYPE B" or "TYPE D" OIL sold only by Singer Sewing Machine Company. For description of oils, see inside of front cover.

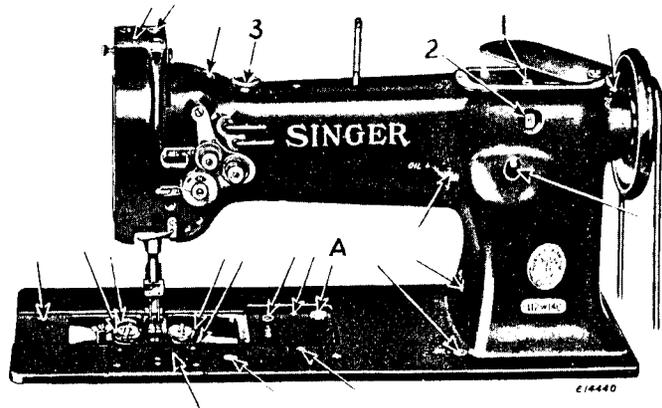


Fig. 2. Oiling Points at the Front of the Machine

All parts of this machine can be oiled without turning the machine back on its hinges. Oil should be applied at each of the places designated by arrows in Figs. 2, 3, 4 and 5. When the machine is in continuous use, it should be oiled at least twice a day (FOUR TIMES a day at point 3 in Fig.2). Pull out the attachment slide in front of the needles and oil the feed rock shaft through the large hole in the bed.

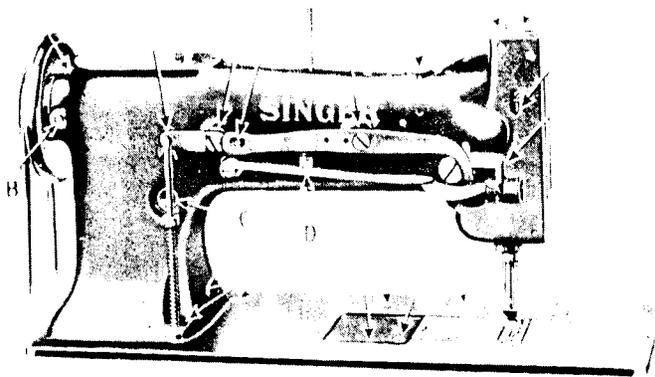


Fig. 3. Oiling Points at the Back of the Machine  
Also Adjustments on the Machine

Loosen the thumb screw in the upper end of the face plate, turn the face plate upward and oil the wick and moving parts which

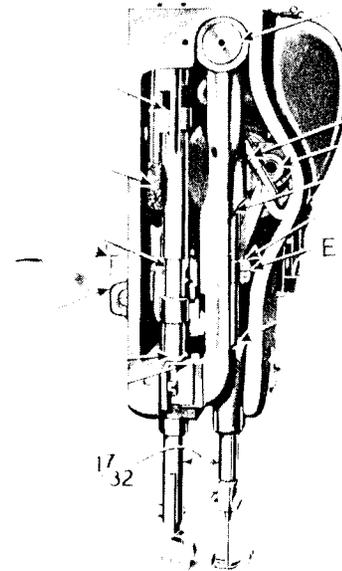


Fig. 4. End View of Machine, Showing Oiling Points

are thus uncovered, then turn down the face plate and tighten the thumb screw.

**HOOKE LUBRICATION.** The "X-ray" view, Fig. 5, shows the means for oiling the ball bearing hook saddles. Oil should be placed in the oil well (F, Fig. 5), from whence it will flow to both upper and lower bearings and also will lubricate the mechanical opener mechanism.

The small green felt pads (G, Fig. 7) on the side of each bobbin case should be kept wet with oil to lubricate the hook races. When these pads are wet they appear nearly black, and when they appear light green it indicates that they are dry. When a machine is new, oil should be applied to these felt pads each time a bobbin is replaced.

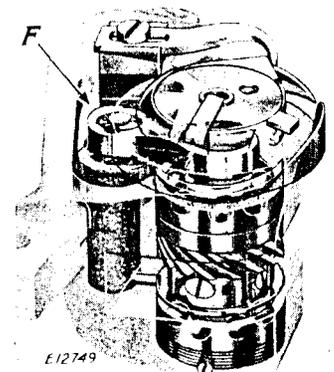


Fig. 5  
Hook Lubrication

## Thread

Use left twist thread for both needles. Either left or right twist thread may be used for the bobbins.

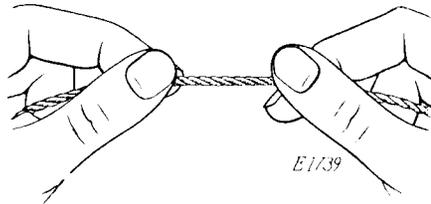


Fig. 6. How to Determine the Twist

Hold the thread as shown above. Turn the thread over toward you between the thumb and the forefinger of the right hand; if left twist, the strands will wind tighter; if right twist, the strands will unwind.

## The Relative Sizes of Needles and Thread

The following sizes of needles and thread are recommended:

SIZES OF NEEDLES	COTTON	SILK
12	70, 80	00, 0
14	60, 70	C, A
16	40 to 60	A, B
18	30 to 40	B, C
20	24, 30	D, E

## To Set the Needles

Turn the balance wheel over toward you until the needle bar moves up to its highest point; loosen the set screws in the needle holder and put the needles up into the holder as far as they will go. the inside needle or the one nearest the upright part of the arm having its long groove toward the left, and the outside needle or the one farthest from the upright part of the arm having its long groove toward the right, the eyes of both needles being directly in line with the machine bed, then tighten the set screws.

## To Remove the Bobbins

Draw out the slide plates in the bed of the machine. Turn the balance wheel over toward you until the needle bar moves up to its highest point. Place the thumb or finger under the bobbin case latches as shown in Fig. 7, raise the latches and lift out the bobbins.

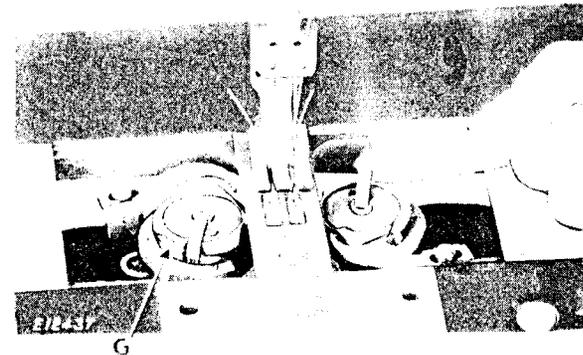


Fig. 7. Removing the Bobbins

## To Wind the Bobbin

(See Fig. 8)

Fasten the bobbin winder to the table with its driving pulley in front of the machine belt, so that the pulley will drop away from the belt when sufficient thread has been wound upon the bobbin.

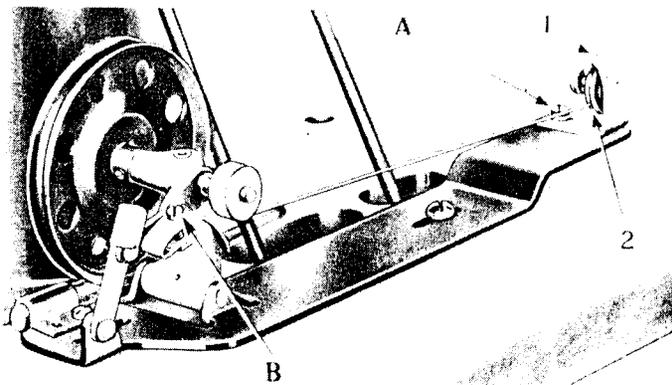


Fig. 8. Winding the Bobbin

Place the bobbin on the bobbin winder spindle and push it on as far as it will go.

Pass the thread down through the thread guide (1) in the tension bracket, around back and between the tension discs (2). Then wind the end of the thread around the bobbin a few times, push the bobbin winder pulley over against the machine belt and start the machine.

When sufficient thread has been wound upon the bobbin, the bobbin winder will stop automatically.

If the thread does not wind evenly on the bobbin, loosen the screw (A) in the tension bracket and move the bracket to the right or left as may be required, then tighten the screw.

The amount of thread wound on the bobbin is regulated by the screw (B). To wind more thread on the bobbin, turn the screw (B) inwardly. To wind less thread on the bobbin, turn the screw outwardly.

Bobbins can be wound while the machine is stitching.

## To Replace the Bobbins and Thread the Bobbin Cases

The following instructions apply to both bobbin cases.

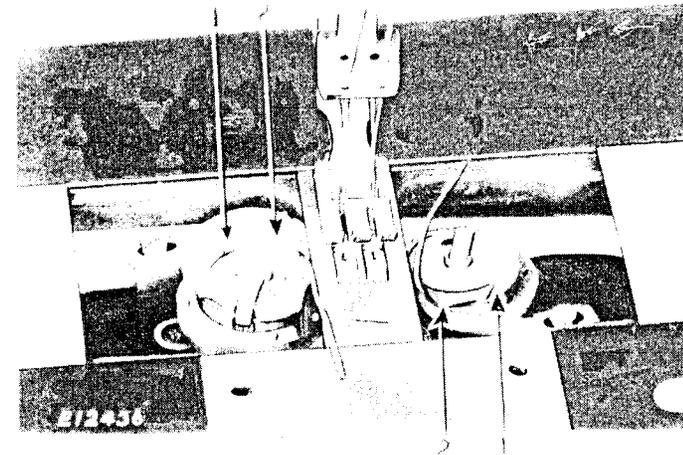


Fig. 9. Threading the Bobbin Cases

Hold the bobbin between the thumb and forefinger of the right hand, the thread drawing on the bottom from left to right, and place it on the center stud of the bobbin case, then push down the latch as shown in Fig. 9. Draw the thread into the slot (1) in the edge of the bobbin case and back of the projection (2), leaving a loose end of thread about two inches long above the slide. When closing the slides, leave just enough space for the threads to pass through.

### Upper Threading

To thread the outside needle or the one farthest from the upright part of the arm, pass the thread from the left spool on the

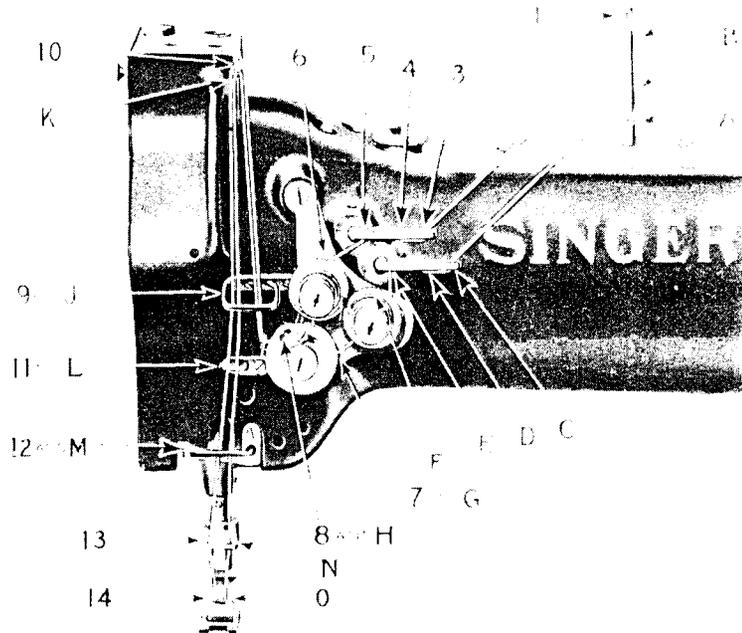


Fig. 10. Upper Threading

spool stand, through the left guide at the top of the spool stand, down and from back to front through the hole (1) in the pin on top of the machine, then from right to left through the hole (2) in the pin, down through the hole (3), up through the hole (4), down through the hole (5) in the thread guide at the front of the machine, over from right to left between the left tension discs (6), down under from right to left around the thread controller (7), up into the fork (8) of the thread controller against the pressure of the wire controller spring, up through the thread guide (9), up and from right to left through the upper hole (10) in the end of the thread take-up lever, down through the thread guide (9) again and through the two thread guides (11 and 12), down through the left hole (13) in the needle holder and from right to left through the eye of the left or outside needle (14).

To thread the inside needle or the one nearest the upright part of the arm, pass the thread from the right spool on the spool stand, through the right guide at the top of the spool stand, down, and from back to front through the hole (A) in the pin on top of the machine, then up and from right to left through the hole (B) in the pin, down through the hole (C), up through the hole (D) and down through the hole (E) in the thread guide at the front of the machine, under from right to left between the right tension discs (F), down under from right to left around the thread controller against the pressure of the wire controller spring, up through the thread guide (J), up and from right to left through the lower hole (K) in the end of the thread take-up lever, down through the thread guide (J) again and through the two thread guides (L and M), down through the right hole (N) in the needle holder and from left to right through the eye of the right or inside needle (O).

Draw about three inches of thread through the eye of each needle with which to commence sewing.

### To Prepare for Sewing

With the left hand hold the ends of the needle threads, leaving them slack from the hand to the needles. Turn the balance

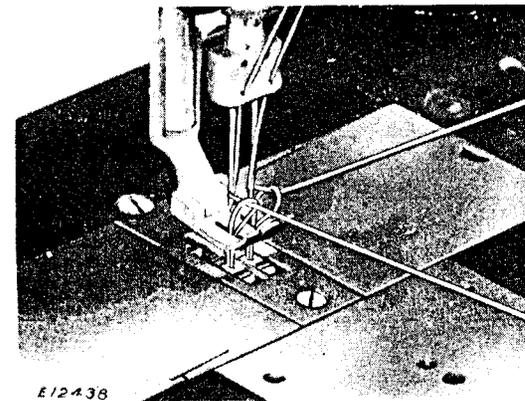
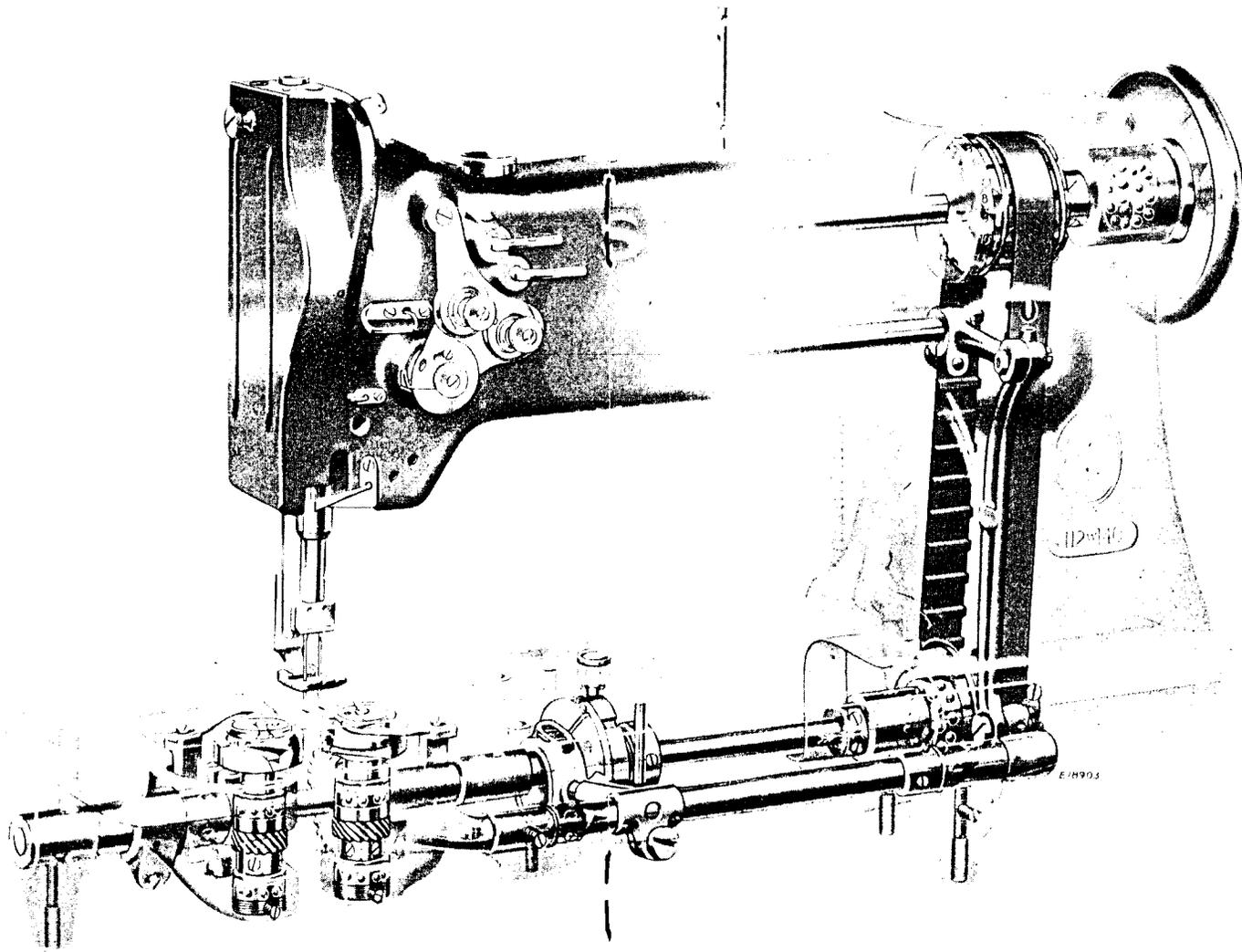


Fig. 11. Drawing Up the Bobbin Threads

wheel over toward you until the needles move down and up again to their highest point, thus catching the bobbin threads; draw up the needle threads and the bobbin threads will come up with them through the holes in the feed dog (see Fig. 11). Lay the threads back under the presser foot and close the slides.



"X-Ray" View of Machine 112w140  
Showing Ball Bearings and Simplified Feed Mechanism

### To Commence Sewing

Place the material beneath the presser foot, lower the presser foot and commence to sew, turning the balance wheel over toward you.

### To Remove the Work

Have the thread take-up lever at the highest point, raise the presser foot, draw the work back and cut the threads close to the goods. Lay the ends of the threads back under the presser foot.

### Tensions

The needle and bobbin threads should be locked in the center of the thickness of the material, thus:



Fig. 12. Perfect Stitch

If the tension on the needle thread is too tight, or if that on the bobbin thread is too loose, the needle thread will lie straight along the upper surface of the material, thus:

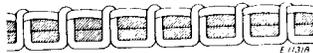


Fig. 13. Tight Needle Thread Tension

If the tension on the bobbin thread is too tight, or if that on the needle thread is too loose, the bobbin thread will lie straight along the under side of the material, thus:



Fig. 14. Loose Needle Thread Tension

### To Regulate the Tensions

The tensions on the needle threads are regulated by the two thumb nuts (B-2, Fig. 15) at the front of the tension discs on the front of the machine. To increase the tension, turn these thumb nuts over to the right. To decrease the tension, turn the thumb nuts over to the left.

The tensions on the bobbin threads are regulated by means of the screw nearest the center of the tension spring on the outside of each bobbin case. To increase the tension, turn the screw nearest the center of the tension spring over to the right. To decrease the tension, turn the screw over to the left.

### To Regulate the Length of Stitch

The number of stitches per inch is stamped on the stitch indicating disc (1, Fig. 2) located on the arm shaft.

To change the length of stitch, press down the plunger (A, Fig. 2) in the bed of the machine and at the same time turn the balance wheel slowly until the plunger enters a notch in the adjustable feed eccentric cam. Still holding the plunger, turn the balance wheel over a part of a revolution until the number of the stitches per inch desired can be seen through the hole in the front of the arm at 2, Fig. 2, then release the plunger.

### To Regulate the Pressure on Material

The pressure on the material is regulated by the screw (D, Fig. 3, page 4), at the back of the machine, the screw acting on a flat spring. To increase the pressure, turn this screw downward. To decrease the pressure, turn this screw upward. The pressure should be only heavy enough to enable the feed to move the work along evenly.

## TO RE-ENGAGE THE SAFETY CLUTCH

(If Machine Is So Fitted)

When safety clutch has dis-engaged, first check to see that the bed shaft turns freely. Remove any thread that may have become jammed in the hooks. To re-engage the clutch, press down the plunger A, Fig.2 in the bed of the machine and at the same time turn the balance wheel slowly until the plunger enters a notch in the feed driving eccentric cam. Turn the balance wheel away from you until the safety clutch is re-engaged. Then re-set the length of stitch as described on Page 15 "To Regulate the Length of Stitch."

## INSTRUCTIONS

FOR

## ADJUSTERS AND MACHINISTS

### Thread Controller

The function of the thread controller spring is to hold back the slack of the needle threads until the point of each needle reaches the goods in its descent, as without this controlling action of the spring, the slack thread or silk (more especially silk) will sometimes be penetrated by the point of the needle as the needle is descending.

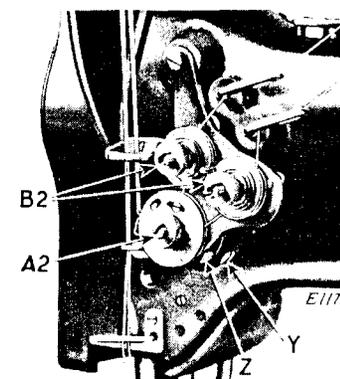


Fig. 15. Adjustment of Thread Controller

To change the thread controller stop for more controller action on the threads, loosen the set screw (Z, Fig. 15) and turn the thread controller spring stop to the right; for less action, turn the thread controller spring stop to the left, after which securely tighten the set screw (Z).

It may be found advisable to increase the tension of the spring for coarse thread, or to lessen it for fine thread.

To increase the tension of the thread controller on the threads, loosen the tension stud set screw (Y, Fig. 15), located nearly under the tension stud, and turn the tension stud (A2) slightly to the left with a screw driver, or to decrease the tension, turn it to the right and retighten the stud set screw (Y).

### To Set the Needle Bar

See that the needles are up in the holder as far as they will go. There are two lines across the needle bar about two inches above the lower end. When the needle bar is at its lowest position, the upper mark should be just visible at the end of the needle bar frame.

In case the needle bar is not correctly set, loosen the needle bar connecting stud pinch screw (E, Fig. 4, page 5) and place the needle bar in the correct position as directed above, then re-tighten the screw (E).

**TO SET A NEEDLE BAR WHICH HAS NO MARK.** Set the feed eccentric so that there is no feeding motion, then set the needle bar so that when it rises .080 inch from its lowest position, and the points of the sewing hooks are at the centers of the needles, the eyes of the needles will be about 1/16 inch below the points of the hooks.

### Relative Positions of Needle Bar and Presser Bar

The distance between the needle bar and presser bar, after adjusting the feed eccentric so that there is no feed movement, should be 17/32 inch as shown in Fig. 4, page 5.

If the distance between the needle and presser bars is more or less than 17/32 inch, insert a screw-driver in the hole (C, Fig. 3) at the rear of the machine and loosen the screw therein. While this screw is loose, the needle bar frame can be moved forward or backward, as may be required, until the distance between the needle and presser bars is 17/32 inch. A piece of sheet metal 17/32 inch wide may be used to determine the correct distance. When making this adjustment be sure to see that the feed eccentric is set so that there is no feeding movement. When the adjustment has been made, securely tighten the screw at C (Fig. 3).

### To Set the Sewing Hooks To or From the Needles

To prevent the points of the hooks from dividing the strands of the threads, they should run as close to the needles (within the scarf) as possible.

Turn the balance wheel over toward you until the points of the sewing hooks are at the centers of the needles. Loosen the four screws (P, P and Q, Q, Fig. 16) underneath the bed of the machine and move the hook saddles to the right or left, as may be required,

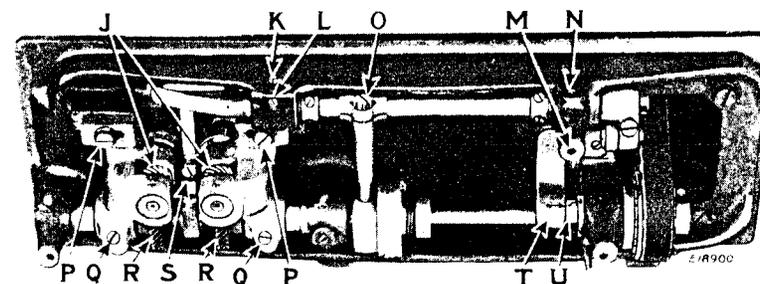


Fig. 16. Adjustments Underneath the Machine

until the points of the hooks are as close to the needles as possible without striking them, then securely tighten the four screws (P, P and Q, Q).

The function of the hook washer (needle guard) (AA, Fig. 18), which is attached to the bottom of the sewing hook, is to prevent the point of the hook from striking the needle if, when passing through the material, the needle is deflected toward the hook.

The needle guard can be bent with a small pair of pliers until it prevents the hook point from striking the needle, but it should not be bent outward enough to deflect the needle from its normal path.

### To Time the Sewing Hooks

Adjust the feed eccentric so that there is no feeding motion.

Remove the throat plate and turn the balance wheel over toward you until the lower mark across the needle bar is just visible at the end of the needle bar frame on the upward stroke of the needle bar. If the needle bar and sewing hooks are correctly timed, the point of each hook will be at the center of its needle and about 1/16 inch above the eye.

In case the sewing hooks are not correctly timed, turn the balance wheel over toward you until the needle bar has descended to its lowest point and has risen until the lower timing mark across the needle bar is just visible at the end of the needle bar frame. Loosen the two screws in the hub of each hook shaft gear (J, Fig. 16) and turn the hooks until the point of each hook is at the center of its needle. Then securely tighten the two set screws in each hook shaft gear (J).

### To Remove the Bobbin Cases from the Sewing Hooks

Remove the four hook gib screws (W, Fig. 17) from the sewing hooks, lift off the hook gibs (Z, Fig. 18) and remove the bobbin cases (X, Fig. 17).

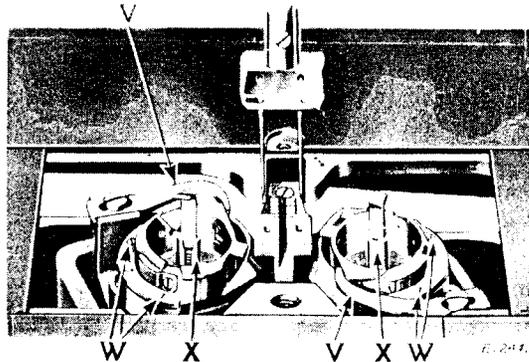


Fig. 17

### To Remove the Sewing Hooks from the Machine

Remove the throat plate, feed dog, and the two bobbin case opening levers (V, Fig. 17). Then turn back the machine and loosen the four screws in the hubs of the hook shaft gears (J, Fig. 16) and place the end of a small screwdriver against the shaft end of the hooks, tapping with the palm of the hand to drive out the sewing hooks.

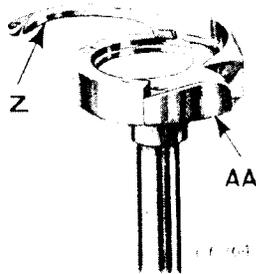


Fig. 18. Sewing Hook Removed from Machine  
Showing Hook Washer

To remove the ball bearing from the hook, rest the bearing on two pieces of sheet metal across the open jaws of a vise with the shaft end up, tap shaft until bearing is removed.

Puller T343B is recommended to facilitate the removal of the hook and bearing from the hook saddles and for removing the ball bearing from the hook shaft.

### To Adjust the Bobbin Case Opener

The bobbin case opener (V, Fig. 17) should be set so that it touches the bobbin case as lightly as possible, yet turns the bobbin case enough to make a sufficient opening for the free passage of the thread between the throat plate and the bobbin case.

### To Adjust the Feed Rock Shaft Bearings

The feed rock shaft is carried in split bushings which can be adjusted to take up any wear which may occur. Loosen the two lock screws (L and N, Fig. 16) and turn in the two adjusting screws (K and M, Fig. 16) until all lost motion of the rock shaft has been eliminated, then securely tighten the lock screws (L and N).

### To Raise or Lower the Feed Dog

Usually when the feed dog is at its highest position, it should show a full tooth above the throat plate.

Remove the throat plate; clean the lint and dust from between the feed points and replace the throat plate; tip the machine back and turn the balance wheel towards you until the feed dog is at its highest position; loosen screw (S, Fig. 16) in the feed lifting cam fork and raise or lower the feed dog, as may be required, then retighten the screw (S).

When raising or lowering the feed dog, be careful that its underside does not drop low enough to strike the sewing hooks.

The feed dog should be set so that when the needles are down they will be slightly in front of the center of the needle holes (toward the operator). In case the needles do not enter the holes in the feed dog correctly, loosen the pinch screw (O, Fig. 16) and adjust the feed dog as required, then securely tighten the pinch screw (O), and check the relative position of the needle and presser bars as instructed on page 18.

### To Remove the Needle Bar Rock Frame Rock Shaft

Remove the face plate and needle bar rock frame, then loosen the clamp screw at (C, Fig. 3, page 4) and draw out the rock shaft.

### The Feed Eccentric

The feed eccentric is provided with a gib (B1, Fig. 19) which can be adjusted to take up any wear or loose motion between the feed eccentric and the eccentric body. To adjust the gib, loosen the two locking screws (C1, Fig. 19) nearest the gib, then turn in the two adjusting screws (D1) against the gib until all play is eliminated and the eccentric fits snugly in the slot in the eccentric body. Securely tighten the two locking screws (C1).

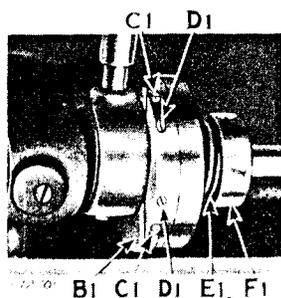


Fig. 19. Feed Eccentric

The spring (E1) presses against the feed eccentric cam to prevent it from moving out of position while the machine is operating. The collar (F1) may be moved to the right or left to change the spring pressure. It should ordinarily be set flush with the end of the hub of the eccentric body.

### To Adjust the Stitch Length Indicator

Set the machine to produce eight measured stitches to the inch. Then loosen the set screw in the stitch indicating disc (1, Fig. 2), press down the plunger (A, Fig. 2) in the bed of the machine and at the same time turn the balance wheel slowly until the plunger enters the notch in the adjustable feed eccentric cam. With the machine in this position, the stitch indicating disc (1, Fig. 2) should be set so that the figure "3" can be seen through the hole (2, Fig. 2) in the front of the arm, then tighten the set screw in the stitch indicating disc (1, Fig. 2).

### To Replace the Arm Shaft Connection Belt

Loosen the two set screws (at the right of the upper belt pulley in the arm) which fasten the inner race of the ball bearing to the arm shaft. After loosening these screws, remove the balance wheel, then loosen the screw (B, Fig. 3) at the rear of the machine, which holds the ball bearing container. The entire ball bearing assembly can then be removed from the machine. Remove the belt from the lower pulley, then lift the belt up through the arm cap hole as far as possible and draw it out through the space normally occupied by the ball bearing assembly.

Owing to the fact that the sewing hooks make two revolutions to one revolution of the hook shaft, and that the feed eccentric is on the hook shaft, it is possible to have the sewing hooks correctly timed without having the feed eccentric correctly timed. To overcome this, the plate (T, Fig. 16) is attached to the underside of the bed of the machine. This plate is marked with an arrow and the collar (U, Fig. 16) on the hook shaft is also marked with an arrow.

After replacing the belt over the arm shaft, replace the arm shaft bearing and securely fasten it in position by the screw (B, Fig. 3) and the two set screws in the inner race; replace the balance wheel, place the belt on the upper pulley, and turn the balance wheel over toward you until the thread take-up lever is at its highest point. Then turn the hook shaft with the fingers until the arrow on the collar (U, Fig. 16) is directly in line with the arrow on the plate (T). Now, without disturbing either the arm shaft or the hook shaft, slip the belt over the lower pulley. The feed will then be correctly timed with the needle bar.

**CAUTION-DO NOT PINCH BELT** in handling, as this will put a permanent kink in the wire reinforcements. Do not store near radiator or other hot place, preferably in a cool, dark place until belt is installed in machine.