

ANOTHER AMERICAN KNITTING COMPANY HELPER

MAINTAINING YOUR STRICK MATADOR KNITTING MACHINE AT HOME

On this sheet you will find ways of understanding your machine so as to enable you to save time. It will show you repairs that can easily be done in your own home swiftly and accurately, saving you the trouble of a trip to our office and giving you continuity in working time.

1. For the best performance the Strick Matador Knitting Machine must be cleaned thoroughly every four to eight hours of use. The best possible results will always be found if you use a vacuum cleaner or a long brass wire brush. Also take a cloth and wipe inside bottom of slide to remove old oil and yarn particles.
2. After thoroughly cleaning your machine, oil inside edge of both slide runners. Only apply enough oil to leave a light film.
3. The cam knobs on the slide should at all times be tight. This will prevent the cams from scraping the bed of the machine.
4. Always make sure the anchor wire goes through the entire width of the bed. This wire holds the anchors in place and can easily be checked and put in proper position by lightly tapping one end of the wire.
5. A bent needle can be found by using the #1 Tool. Place needles in out of work position, flip all latches forward so as to close needles, then flip latches in a reverse procedure to open; any latches that do not go down in an easy manner are either dirty or bent. Usually bent. To straighten just take bent latchet between thumb and forefinger and bend in opposite direction.

Broken needles are easily replaced by first unscrewing the two screws on front bar surrounding the broken needle and then unscrewing the 3rd closest screw. (Never loosen screws on the back bar). Take broken needle and put in front rest position, and lift so as to raise the front bar. Then place screw driver beneath to keep bar raised. If latchet is still on needle, close and pull out needle from behind bar. Take new needle and open latchet and place in groove from behind bar. Then pull out screwdriver and push all needles forward into rest position to make sure none of them have been caught under the bar. Now with one hand take and hold front and back bar in a vise like grip and tighten center screw. Then repeat this action with end screws. Now run slide back and forth to make sure there is no binding. If there is then the bar has spread and you must loosen the screws again and repeat tightening process of holding bars together.

Any other maintenance or repairs should be taken care of by an authorized Strick Matador Service Station. Keeping your machine in the best possible condition will insure longer lasting, finer, easier performance.