

USER'S MANUAL

Four Head Automatic Embroidery Machine With Flat

Six Head Automatic Embroidery Machine With Flat

SWF/K-Series



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CHAPTER 1

SAFETY RULES

The following set of safety rules categorized as DANGER, WARNING, and CAUTION indicates possibilities of physical or property damages if not fully observed.

- DANGER : These safety instructions MUST be observed to be safe from danger when installing, delivering, or repairing the machine.
- WARNING : These safety instructions MUST be observed to be safe from machine injuries.

CAUTION : These safety instructions MUST be observed to prevent predictable machine errors.



ONLY TRAINED AND EXPERIENCED PERSONS, FAMILIAR WITH THE RELEVANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS, SHOULD HANDLE THE MACHINE. MAKE SURE TO FULLY OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS.

1) Using a crane

Make sure that the crane is large enough to hold the machine. Use a nylon rope of sufficient strength. Place a wooden block at either side of the machine before tying the rope. The angle should be 40° or less. Make sure that the rope does not touch the table.













1-6) CONTENTS OF WARNING STICKERS	1) Warning
	Injury may be caused by winding. Be sure to turn off the power before cleaning, lubricating, adjusting or repairing.
	[Notice] Cover in the "WARNING" means all covers ne operating part of the machine.
	[®] MARNING
	Injury may be caused by moving needed by
	Fire or death may be caused by high
	Don't open the cover except for servi

CHAPTER **2**

INSTALLATION AND MACHINE ASSEMBLY

Install your machine in an appropriate environment and with adequate electrical supply. Failure to follow the directions may result in machine malfunction.

2-1) ENVIRONMENT

- 1) Temperature: ① $0 \sim 40^{\circ}$ C (32 $\sim 104^{\circ}$ F) when the machine is in operation
 - \bigcirc -25 ~ 55°C (-13 ~ 131°F) when the machine is not in operation
- 2) Humidity: 45 \sim 90% (relative)

[CAUTION]

- Do NOT let moisture drops on the machine.
- Provide air conditioning to control humidity and to prevent dust and corrosion.

3) Grounding: Ensure the electricity is properly grounded.



Properly ground the machine to avoid the possibility of electric shock. Use three-wire grounding (grounding resistance below 100 ohms).

- 4) Close any doors and windows near the machine to prevent direct light, dust, and humidity.
- 5) Foundation under the machine must be a sufficiently strong and flat concrete to support the weight of the machine.

2-2) ELECTRICITY

Check if the input voltage of the machine is in the right range of the voltage supply before installing or operating the machine. The voltage required is as follows:

- 1) Input voltage (to be adjusted when installing): 100V, 110V, 120V, 200V, 220V, 240V
- 2) Allowed range of voltage: within $\pm 10\%$ of the voltage set
- 3) Electric capacity and voltage consumption: 640VA 440W
- 4) Insulation resistance: over 10M ohms (measured with 500V insulation tester)



- Check the voltage supply where the machine will be installed.
- Install the cable away from the operator's work space to prevent accident or injury.

2-3) LEVELING THE MACHINE

The machine must be accurately leveled (especially front and back) to prevent the needle from moving out of position.

- 1) Use the adjusting bolts installed at the four stands to level the machine (front, rear, left, and right). Use a level gauge.
 - ① Check the voltage supply where the machine will be installed.
 - ② Install the cable away from the operator's work space to prevent accident or injury.
 - ③ If the difference in heights of the four bolts is over 10mm, place spacers beneath the lower adjusting bolts to make the heights even.



2) Use a nut to fasten the bolts when the machine is horizontally leveled.





3) Using the level gauge



[CAUTION]

The level gauge does not measure accurately on a square pipe or a table.



2-4) ASSEMBLY OF PERIPHERAL DEVICES

1) Assembling Upper Thread Stand



[Fig.2-4]

2) Assembling Operation Box



CHAPTER 3



PARTS OF THE MACHINE

- ① Machine Body
- ② Table
- ③ Upper thread stand
- 4 Main shaft drive motor
- ⑤ Rotary hook base
- ⁽⁶⁾ Trimming cam box
- ⑦ Arm
- ⑧ Color Change
- ③ Upper thread holder

- 1 Head
- 1 Thread tension adjustment board
- ② Sub-controller
- ③ X-axis driving system
- (1) Y-axis driving system
- (5) Bar switch
- 16 Frame
- D Main controller box
- ③ Operation box

- 19 Encoder
- 20 Main power switch
- 2 Lamp
- ② Supporting bolt
- ② Leveling base
- ② Thread detector
- 25 Emergency power switch
- 26 Transformer box

CHAPTER **4**

FEATURES AND SPECIFICATIONS

1) EXPANDED MEMORY SIZE

The machine can store a maximum of 100 designs. The basic memory size is 2 million stitches.

2) MIRROR IMAGE CONVERSION AND DESIGN DIRECTION

You can turn the design from 0° to 359° in the increments of 1° and also reverse the design in the X direction (mirror image).

- 3) ENLARGING AND REDUCING DESIGN You can reduce or enlarge the embroidery design in size from 50% to 200% by 1% along the X and Y axis.
- AUTOMATIC SELECTION OF NEEDLE BAR You can select the order of the needle bars up to the 99th bar.

5) GENERAL REPETITION WORK

The same design can be repeated up to 99 times along the X and Y axis.

6) AUTOMATIC OFFSET

The frame automatically returns to the offset point when the embroidery is finished to make it easier for you to switch the frames. You can select AUTOMATIC OFFSET at PARAMETER SELECT MODE to move the frame automatically to the desired point, making it easier to do appliques and to switch the frames.

7) MANUAL OFFSET

You can manually move the frame to the pre-selected point to do appliques or change the frames during embroidery work. The frame can be moved back to its original place by simply pressing the right buttons.

8) RETURN TO START

The frame can be moved back to the start point of the design during the embroidery work.

9) NON-STITCHING

The frame and the needle bar can move back and forth by the units of 1, 100, 1000, and 10000 stitches and by color without stitching.

10) FRAME REVERSAL

When the thread breaks or runs out of track, you can move the needle bar back to the starting point of the design in the units of one to ten stitches.

11) AUTOMATIC TRIMMING

The automatic trimming function, determined by the design and the machine set-up, enhances work productivity and quality of the finished product.

12) AUTOMATIC DETECTION OF UPPER AND LOWER THREAD BREAKS

The machine detects when the upper thread breaks or the lower thread is out of the needle and automatically stops the machine.

13) AUTOMATIC RETURN TO STOP POINT IN UNEXPECTED BLACKOUT

When the power fails unexpectedly, the frame moves back to the exact point where the stitching stopped. This helps reduce the number of defects.

14) 3.5" FLOPPY DRIVE (EMBEDDED)

A 3.5" floppy drive is embedded in the operation panel for you to read or store designs. Both 2DD and 2HD disks can be used.

15) EDITING

You can delete, change, or insert stitch data and function codes (jump, finish, trimming).

16) INDIVIDUAL HEAD OPERATION

You can work on the specific head with a broken thread.

17) MACHINE STOPPAGE

The screen will indicate why the machine has stopped.

18) RPM

The screen indicates rpm.

19) FRAME SPEED SET-UP

You can adjust the frame speed to high, medium, or low.

20) UNUSED MEMORY

The screen indicates the memory available for use.

21) TAPE CODE COMPATIBILITY

2-binary and 3-binary tape codes can be edited.

22) CODES FROM OTHER BRANDS

The machine can automatically read designs of various formats stored in the floppy disk. These formats include SST/ DST, DSB, DSZ/ TAP/ FMC, FDR/ ZSK/ 100/ EXP.

23) USB memory drive

Designs can be input, output, and deleted using the USB stick.

CHAPTER 5

FUNCTIONS FOR BASIC MACHINE OPERATION

5-1) EMERGENCY POWER AND START/STOP/BAR SWITCH

5-1-1) Emergency Power Switch

- Starting the machine in the initial stage
- ① Turn on the main power ([Fig.5-1]).
- (2) Press the emergency power switch (green color).
- ③ Emergency power switch will not turn on if the main power is off.



[NOTE]

Emergency power switch detects emergency stop failures and prevents accidents. Emergency power function detects the failure of the emergency stop function and prevents the machine from being switched on.

5-1-2) Start/Stop Buttons & Bar Switch



Use the START/STOP buttons and Bar switch to:

① Start the embroidery work or stop the machine during operation.

② Move the frame back during machine stop.

③ Move forward in design during machine stop (non-stitching)

- (4) Move backward in design during machine stop (non-stitching)
- 5 Do work other than embroidery

① START/STOP for starting embroidery and stopping the machine

BUTTON OPERATION	MACHINE OPERATION
Press START	Machine starts and embroidery work begins.
Hold START	Machine "inches (see Note1)" until you release the button.
Press STOP	Machine stops.

[NOTE 1]

You cannot perform non-stitching (floating) at the start of the embroidery because the function is not in the start menu. To perform floating at the start, press STOP to put the machine in STOP MODE. Then press button to select the non-stitching function.

② START/STOP during machine stop

BUTTON OPERATION	MACHINE OPERATION
Press STOP	Frame moves backward in selected movement units (see Note 2).
Hold STOP	Frame starts to move backward. If you press STOP before the machine goes 10 of the selected stitches, the machine will stop immediately (the machine moves back in the selected movement units). If you press STOP after the machine traveled 10 of the selected stitches, the machine will continue to move back.
Press STOP again	Press STOP one more time and the machine will stop moving backward.

③ START/STOP during forward non-stitching (during machine stop)

BUTTON OPERATION	MACHINE OPERATION
Press START	Frame moves forward in selected movement units (see Note 2)
Hold START	Frame starts to move forward. If you press START before the machine goes 10 of the selected stitches, the machine will stop immediately (the machine moves back in the selected movement units). If you press START after the machine traveled 10 of the selected stitches, the machine will continue to move forward.
Press START again	Press START one more time and the machine will stop moving forward.

(1) START /STOP during backward non-stitching (during machine stop)

- See (2) START/STOP during machine stop.
- ⁽⁵⁾ Performing Work Other Than Embroidery

If you want to perform a solenoid test, a thread break sensor test, or manual trimming, select the function and press START.

Select function



[NOTE 1]

'Inching" refers to low-speed embroidery at a 100 rpm range, performed for stable stitching when the machine is re-started after stop.

[NOTE 2]

'Frame movement unit" refers to the 'BK STITCH UNIT" in 'EMB FUNCTION." You can select from 1 to 10 stitches (by 1 stitch).



5-2) EMERGENCY STOP

Press EMERGENCY STOP if you have to stop the machine immediately, i.e. machine error.



[Fig.5-3]

- ① EMERGENCY STOP will turn off the machine.
- 2 To restart the machine, rotate the main shaft to 100° .
- ③ Turn the EMERGENCY STOP button off and then on again.



[Fig.5-4]

5-3) LAMP ON THREAD TENSION ADJUSTMENT BOARD

1) Switch

- ① For normal operation, turn the toggle switch on to turn on the indicator lamp.
- ② If the machine stopped after detecting a thread break, move the frame back to the location of the thread break using STOP button and restart the machine to pick up stitching (design edit).

[NOTE]

If you want to move the frame back for any reason when a thread break has NOT occurred, press the toggle twice (OFF and ON again).

③ To set the needle bar so a specific head does not work, turn the toggle switch off.

[CAUTION 1]

The take-up lever continues to operate even when the head is turned off. This movement can cause the upper thread to come out of the holder. Use a rubber magnet to fix the unused upper thread.

2) Thread Break Detector Lamp

Lamp on a specific head will blink when thread break is detected at the head, while lamps on other heads will be turned off. You cannot turn the lamp ON or OFF on the other heads using the toggle switch.

[CAUTION 2]

Foreign substances around the thread detector roller may block smooth rotation of the roller and cause wrong detection of thread break.



[Fig.5-5]

3) Deletion of Thread-Break Detection Function

Poor function of the thread detecting roller due to foreign substances around it may result in wrong and frequent detections, causing inefficiency of work. In this case, you can turn off the detecting function by turning off the toggle switch at the end of the thread tension adjustment board. This will turn off the detecting function on the head you are working with.



5-4) NEEDLE STOP CLUTCH

The needle bar moves when the red signal on the clutch is facing the operator ([Fig.5-6]). Turn the clutch 90° in the direction of the arrow to stop the needle bar.



[Fig.5-6]



5-5) UPPER THREADING AND TENSION ADJUSTMENT

1) Upper Threading



Do NOT stand on the table when threading the upper thread stand. The table may be damaged.



Threading the sub tension adjuster	Threading the thread detector roller	Threading the main tension adjuster	Threading around the needle
Thread Guide Disk (Pass through the middle of shaft)	Thread Sensing Roller One turn	One and half turn Rotary Tension Disk	Thread guide (lower) Thread holder spring
Wrap the thread clockwise around the thread guide disk.	Wrap the thread around the detector roller one time.	Wrap the thread 1.5 times around the rotary tension disk (V-shaped groove.)	Fix the upper thread between the thread holder spring of the lower thread guide.

[Fig.5-8]

2) Upper Thread Tension Adjustment

Thread tension adjustment is critical for producing high quality of the embroidery. A balance of 2/3 upper thread and 1/3 lower thread generally indicates good tension. If the tension is too loose, the upper thread will loop, causing thread tangles or breaks. If the tension is too tight, puckering may occur as well as thread and needle breaks.

- The upper thread tension is controlled by the sub and main thread tension adjusters. Turn clockwise to increase the tension and counterclockwise to decrease the tension.
- ② The sub-tension adjusters should control about 2/3 of the thread tension while the main adjuster should handle the other 1/3. Set the sub-tension adjuster so the upper thread flows smoothly through the rotary tension disks and into the rollers of the main tension adjuster.

[CAUTION]

- If tension at the sub adjuster is too loose, the detector roller may not rotate well and make wrong detections.
- After adjusting the tension, check if the upper thread tension is what can be pulled with little force of around 100-120g.

[CAUTION]

- After adjusting the tension, pull the upper thread to see if the detector roller rotates well.
- Adjust the tension according to the type of thread and fabric used.



[Fig.5-9]

3) Take-Up Spring





① Take-up Spring Functions

Difference in the length of the upper thread pulled by the take-up lever and pulled by the hook creates tension or looping. When the tension is too weak, the take-up spring handles the leftover length of the upper thread. Increase the tension or the stroke of the spring to form tight stitches on the embroidery.

- ② Take-up Spring Adjustment
 - (a) Tension on the take-up spring affects the thread tension. Turn the tension adjusting stud clockwise to increase the tension and counter-clockwise to decrease the tension.
 - Adjusting stroke of the take-up spring: To adjust the stroke of the spring during embroidery work, move the take-up spring stopper to right or left as shown in [Fig.5-11].





[Fig.5-11]



5-6) LOWER (BOBBIN) THREADING AND TENSION ADJUSTMENT

1) Lower Threading

- ① Use cotton yarn (#80-#120) for your lower thread.
- ② Threading the bobbin:
 - Insert the threaded bobbin into the bobbin case with the thread coming out from the case slot. Pull the thread through the thread guide. Check if the bobbin is rotating ([Fig.5-12]).
 - Thread the lower thread holder and trim the thread to 3-4cm before inserting the bobbin and the case into the hook assembly. Long tail can cause the thread to tangle during stitching.

[CAUTION 1]

Direction of the Bobbin Rotation: Make sure that the bobbin rotates clockwise when you pull the thread holding the bobbin case in your left hand.





2) Lower Thread Tension Adjustment

Adjust the tension of the lower thread using the nut on the tension spring on the bobbin case. Turn the nut clockwise to increase the tension and counterclockwise to decrease the tension.

[CAUTION 2]

For adequate bobbin thread tension, hold a thread from the bobbin and jiggle the bobbin case lightly up and down. The case should drop and the tension should be 25-35g.





5-7) THREAD WINDER

1) Lower thread winding

(1) Insert the bobbin into the thread winder shaft as in [Fig. 5-14]. Wind the bobbin 5-6 times by hand in the thread winding direction. Then press the start button, and the thread winding begins.



[Fig.5-14]

② If the thread winding status is poor, press the stop button. Then the winding stops immediately.

2) Adjustment of bobbin thread volume

① When winding thread around the bobbin, the thread volume should be some 80% of the bobbin size in terms of diameter as in [Fig. 5-15].

[CAUTION]

- 1. If the bobbin thread volume is too high, the lower thread is not properly released.
- 2. When the lower thread is wound by 80% of the standard bobbin size, it means some 80m.



[Fig.5-15]

② Bobbin thread volume is adjusted by the thread winder knob. When the knob is turned clockwise, the bobbin thread gets thicker. When the knob is turned counter-clockwise, the bobbin thread gets thinner.



[Fig.5-16]



- 3) Adjustment of bobbin thread status
 - The thread should be wound around the bobbin in parallel. Otherwise, loosen the tightening screw for the thread winder's tension adjusting holder and move the thread guide body left or right for adjustment.
 - ② Adjust the thread tension on the bobbin using a tension adjuster nut.



[CAUTION 1]

Winding the bobbin off-center or uneven as shown below can cause thread breaks, skipped stitches, or thread tangles.



[CAUTION 2]

Too tight tension of the bobbin thread may block smooth pulling of the thread and cause thread breaks or short tails.

[[]Fig.5-18]

5-8) PRECAUTIONS IN USING FLOPPY DISKS OR USB MEMORY STICKS

Make sure to meet the following conditions when using the above devices.



You can use pre-formatted disks, but be sure to use disks of recognized quality.
 You can use USB memory sticks of FAT 16 (file system). The machine does not accommodate FAT 32.

- ▶ When using floppy disks
 - Keep the disks away from objects with magnetic fields, i.e. televisions, radios.
 - Protect the disks from excess heat, humidity, and direct sunlight.
 - Do not place heavy objects on the disks.
 - Do not remove the disk from the drive while formatting, reading, or writing the disk.
 - Do not open the cover of the disk drive.
 - Data cannot be written onto the write-protected disks.
 - Repetitious reading and writing on a single disk may cause errors.
 - Save your important data on more than one disk for back up.
- ► When using USB memory sticks
 - Do not delete USB memory from the USB port when reading and writing with USB.



5-9) INSERTING FLOPPY DISKS AND USB MEMORY STICKS

- Inserting floppy disks
 Insert the disk in the indicated direction.
- Inserting USB memory sticks
 Insert the USB memory into the USB port.



5-10) DELETING FLOPPY DISKS AND USB MEMORY STICK

- To take out the disk from the floppy drive, press the OUT button.
- For USB, close the input/output window and delete the USB memory.



Be careful not to remove the floppy disk from the drive when formatting, reading, or writing in order to prevent loss of data.

5-11) READING AND WRITING OF EMBROIDERY DESIGNS

You can use external devices, such as floppy disks, USB memory, CF cards, and serial port to read designs into the operation box. For writing the designs onto floppy disks and USB memory sticks are available.

5-12) RETURN TO PREVIOUS LOCATION IN UNEXPECTED BLACKOUTS

Your SWF machine goes back to the location of stop to pick up stitching when the power comes back on after unexpected blackouts.

[CAUTION]

Make sure to turn OFF the power in unexpected blackouts until the power comes back on.

5-13) NEEDLE-HOOK TIMING CONTROL

1) Needle

- ① It is very important to select the right needle for the type of thread and fabric used.
- ② Inappropriate needle may cause bad embroidery, thread breaks, skipped stitches, etc.
- (3) For normal embroidery, use a $DB \times K5$ needle.

[CAUTION]

 $\mathsf{DB}\times\mathsf{K5}$ needle has an eye twice larger than that of DB1 (used for normal sewing). Use DB X K5 for normal embroidery.

2) Relationship between Needle and Thread

- ① Inadequate selection of thread and needle may result in thread breaks, skipped stitches, as well as in badquality embroidery.
- ② Refer to the following table of threads and needles used for normal embroidery.

Needle Size				Threa	d Size	
US	Japan	Germany	Cotton	Silk	Nylon	Rayon
0.25	9	65	70~80	100-120	130~150	70~100
0.27	10	70	10-00	100~120	130%130	70%100
0.29	11	75	50.00	80.100	100 120	100~130
0.32	12	80	50~60	80~100	100~130	100-100
0.34	13	85	50.00	00 70	00 100	400 450
0.36	14	90	50~60	60~70	80~100	130~150

[CAUTION]

Needle and thread most commonly used in embroidery are DB \times K5 #11 and rayon yarn 120d/2.

3) Changing the Needle

① Make sure the needle is completely clear of the needle plate before attempting to change it. If the needle is not clear of the plate, manually turn the main shaft with a hand lever to put the needle in the right location for change.



STOP the machine and turn OFF the power before turning the shaft manually. Immediately remove the lever afterward: it is dangerous to operate the machine with the lever inserted.





② When inserting the needle, make sure that the groove of the needle is facing front. Shaft of the needle should be inserted completely into the needle bar.



[Fig.5-21]

[CAUTION 1]

For special threads such as artificial silk, turn the needle slightly to the right to prevent thread breaks (see [Fig.5-22]).

[CAUTION 2]

If the needle is not inserted all the way to the top of the needle bar hole, timing of the machine will go off, causing broken needles and thread breaks.



[Fig.5-22]

4) Relationship between Needle and Hook

① Adjusting Timing between Needle and Hook

Default timing of the needle and the hook is set by the main shaft angle of 201° and varies as below.



a. At lower dead stop of the needle bar2.3~3.7 mmb. At needle-hook timing1.8~2.2 mmc. At needle-hook timing0.5~1.5 mm



2 Adjusting Gap between Needle and Hook Point



- Gap between the hook point and the scarf of the needle should be 0.1-0.3 mm minimum.
- Thread skip occurs due to thread looping or inadequate balance/gap between the needle and the hook. The closer the hook point is to the needle, the hook point will be inside the loop and threading will be more stable.

[Fig.5-25]







5) Relationship between the Take-up Lever and the Hook

Hook point timing is directly related to thread tension and thread breaks. The following pictures show the location of hook when the take-up lever starts to move up from the lower dead stop (main shaft rotation angle: 292°).



[CAUTION] In normal hook timing, the hook should be in the (C) range in the picture below.





5-14) ASSEMBLY AND FUNCTIONS OF THREAD DETECTOR

5-14-1) Functions of Thread Detector

Detection of the breaks of upper or lower threads prevents ill quality embroidery. The thread- break detector unit contains rollers that sense the smooth feeding of the thread. Any dust, thread remnants, etc. will interfere the rollers' rotation and may cause wrong detection.

5-14-2) Disassembling Thread Detector

You will need to disassemble the thread-break detector unit to clean. Remove the cover of the thread tension adjusting plate, separate the cables and unfasten the roller base joint screw. The entire unit will be disassembled including the rollers and bush bearing.



[CAUTION]

Make sure to correctly place the thread detecting roller to have the unit properly function. Check between the sensor groove and the film. If needed, unfasten the board base screw to adjust the board.

CHAPTER 6

MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION

Consumable parts shall not be guaranteed even in warranty period.

6-1) CHECK POINTS FOR REGULAR INSPECTION



Safety rules must be observed during the inspection.

- 1) Clean, oil, and grease the set parts of the machine on a regular basis.
- 2) Inspect tension of each driver belt.
- 3) Failure to perform regular inspections may cause the following:
 - Corrosion of P/C circuit board
 - Damage to the semi-conductor on P/C circuit board
 - Malfunction of the floppy disk drive
 - Ill connection of the connector
 - · Abnormal wear-out of machine parts due to insufficient oiling and greasing

6-2) CLEANING



SWF is not responsible for machine damages or malfunctions caused by insufficient cleaning or oiling.



Turn OFF the main power before inspecting or cleaning of the following parts.

NO	Important Parts for Cleaning	Cleaning cycle	Reference Fig.
1	Around the hook	Every day	1
2	Guide rail to the take-up lever	Once a week	2
3	Around the movable blade and the fixed blade	Once in 3-7 days	3
	 [How to Clean] Remove the needle plate and insert the bobbin (⑤) between the trimming solenoid flanger and stopper (④). Turn the main shaft with a lever and the movable blade ⑥ will move (see picture). Use the SWF brush to remove dirt and dust. 		
4	 X-Y drive pulley teeth and timing belt teeth [How to Clean] Unscrew the stainless cover so X-Y drive belt shows. Blow off the dust on the teeth of the timing pulley and the timing belt (turn the pulley once). Close the cover after cleaning. 	Once a month	







6-3) OIL SUPPLY



Make sure to turn the power OFF during oil supply.



Sun Star is not responsible for machine damages or wear-outs caused by insufficient oiling.

1) Oil supply

Use the SWF sewing machine oil (Spindle Oil) or ISO-standard VG18.

2) Manual oil supply

No.	Where to Oil	Oiling cycle	Ref. Fig.
		3-4 times a day	
1	Take the bobbin case out of the hook. Feed small amount of oil on the raceway.	* Over twice a day for the first month	١
2	Needle bar and needle bar shaft	Once a week	2
3	Inside the arm	Once a week	3, 4
4	Guide rail to the take-up lever	Once a week	5

[CAUTION]

- 1. Excess oil may stain the thread and the fabric.
- 2. Run the machine without stitching for 2-3 minutes after oiling.
- 3. Excessive oiling in the hook may cause trimming problems and thread breaks.





3) Semi-Automatic Greasing from Oil Tank

① Greasing Cycle: once in 2-3 days



[CAUTION]

- Use the SWF sewing machine oil (Spindle Oil) or ISO-standard VG18.Make sure to fill the oil tank to the middle point between HIGH and LOW.

⁽²⁾ Grease supply



Make sure to turn OFF the main power during the grease supply.

Use high-quality mineral-based lithium grease.

NO	Where to Grease	Greasing cycle	Reference Fig.
1	Inside the arm Take-up lever drive cam		1
	Needle bar drive cam	Once in 3 months	3
	Take-up lever drive roller	Once in 1 months	(4)
Z	Driving plate for the upper thread holder	Once in T months	(5)
3	Hook gear and lower gear in the rotary hook base	Once in 3 months	6 7
4	Gears in the blade cam and trimming cam box	Once in 3 months	8

Places for supplying synthetic TM grease

NO	Where to Grease	Greasing cycle	Reference Fig.
1	Color change cam, color change head roller	Once in 3 months	9
2	Hinge screw	Once in 1 months	10

[CAUTION]

Regular greasing prevents machine noise and abnormal wear-out.







Turn OFF the main power during the grease supply.

Use lithium-type grease (JIS No.2) - Albania No.2.

NO.	Where to Grease	Greasing cycle	Reference Fig.
1	Head drive LM guide	Once a month	0

[CATUION]

Do NOT grease the parts not indicated (needle bar, hook, etc.)



6-4) DRIVE BELT TENSION



Turn OFF the main power when inspecting drive belt tension.

Too weak or too tight tension on the drive belt may cause machine malfunction or damages (abnormal wear-out of drive unit). Inspect the driver belt on a regular basis.

NO.	Location for inspection	Inspection cycle	Inspection	Fig.
1	Belt on main shaft motor	Once in 3 months	① Belt tension	
2	Upper & lower shaft belt	Once in 3 months	② Belt crack	
3	X-axis timing belt	Once in 3 months	(a) Bearing damage	
4	Y-axis timing belt	Once in 3 months	Wear-outs of rotating parts	

[CAUTION]

Inspect the tension in the direction of the arrows in the picture below.



[Fig.6-6]

CHAPTER 7

MACHINE ADJUSTMENTS



Turn OFF the main power when adjusting the machine.

7-1) ADJUSTING THE TRIMMERS

7-1-1) Adjusting the Position of the Trimming Cam (Insert Angle of Movable Blade)

The movable blade is started by the trimmer cam in the angle it is inserted. As one of the basic trimming functions, it arranges the upper thread tails in the needle after trimming.

1) Adjusting the position of the movable blade

- ① Check if the movable blade is in the correct position.
- ② Tip of the movable blade should be around 1mm from the center of the fixed blade. Incorrect position of the movable blade can cause trimming errors or deviation of the upper thread.
- ③ Unfasten the crank screw to adjust the location of the movable blade (see [Fig.7-1]). Fasten the screws back.

2) Adjusting the angle of the movable blade

- ① Unfasten the screws on the blade cam directly connected to the lower shaft. Turn the lever to adjust the main shaft rotary angle at 295°.
- ② Press the trimming solenoid and insert the trimming cam roller into the trimming cam ([Fig.7-2]). Turn the cam and when the roller aligns with the curve of the cam, fasten the cam screws back.
- ③ Run the manual handle and check if the movable blade is well-inserted at 292°. Always check after the adjustment.



7-1-2) Adjusting Space between Movable Blade and Hook

To adjust a space between the movable blade and the hook, remove or insert a spacer (t 0.1) between the blade base and the hook base. In the case of spacer removal, make sure to check if the hook does not interfere with the movable blade.



[Fig.7-3]

7-1-3) Adjusting Blade Tension

Make sure to check and adjust the cross-tension of the movable and the fixed blades after replacement or repair.

- ① Checking the cross tension Manually move the movable blade and cut the upper and the lower threads. Check the crosssection of the thread cut.
- ② Adjusting the cross tension
- Adjust the cross tension using fixed blade tension control screws (see [Fig.7-4]).

Manually move the movable blade and adjust that it crosses in parallel with the cutting line of the fixed blade from its entry point to its return point. L-wrench Tension adjusting Screw Fixed blade Fixed blade Crank Screw Crank Screw Movable blade Fixed blade Fi

[NOTE]

Avoid excess cross-tension. It may cause the movable blade to wear out from overload at its entry or return point.



7-1-4) Adjusting Tension on Lower Thread Holder

By holding the thread coming from the bobbin case after trimming, the lower thread holder forms starting stitches after trimming.

- ① Unscrew the movable blade crank. Cut the lower thread with the movable blade and check the cross-section of the thread.
- ② If the lower thread tension is too weak or too tight, use the tension control spanner (included in the SWF basic kit) to unscrew the nut on the lower thread holder. Adjust the tension with the L-wrench.
- ③ Use the spanner to fasten back the nut.

[CAUTION]

Clean the thread debris around the lower thread holder on a regular basis.



7-2) ADJUSTING THE TRIMMER RETURN SPRING

1) Function

The trimmer return spring detects if the movable blade returns to the correct position after trimming. If the machine operates without the blade returned to its correct position, the needle and the blade may be damaged. The trimmer return spring detects and stops the machine if the blade has not returned.

2) Adjustment

- ① Adjust so that the sensor spring is around 2mm off the center of the sensor when the movable blade is in its correct position ([Fig.7-6]).
- 2 Adjust so that the sensor spring and the sensor are around 1mm apart.
- ③ Center of the sensor spring should align with the center of the sensor.



7-3) PICKER ADJUSTMENT

If the position or the starting height of the picker is incorrect, the machine may not be able to separate the upper and the lower thread and cut them both, resulting in short upper thread.

① Adjusting the picker position

Manually move the picker so it touches the bobbin. Using the picker screws, adjust so the tip of the picker is in the correct position as in [Fig.7-7].

⁽²⁾ Adjusting the starting height

Unfasten the screw on the picker stopper. Adjust eccentricity so that the picker softly touches the bobbin when pressed by hand.



7-4) ADJUSTING UPPER THREAD HOLDER

- ① Adjusting Sensor Adjustment Rings
 - Make the following adjustments if you find errors in the wiper return system.
 - (a) Open the cover of the wiper motor. Of the two sensor adjustment rings, align the center of the sensor screw in the rear ring with the #1 carve point on the fixed block on the cam shaft. Align the center of the sensor screw in the front ring with the #2 carve point on the fixed block on the shaft.
 - (b) Adjust so the wiper return sensor is 1-1.2mm from the upper head of the sensor screw. Make sure to check if the wiper return sensor turns on.







- ② If the wiper does not move well, unscrew the driver link and adjust the wiper lever up and down. Unfasten the bracket screw so there is lesser overload from upper thread holder bracket. Adjust and fasten the bracket back at the point where the wiper moves well.
- ③ After adjustment, run the color change to check if the wiper functions well at each needle bar.





- ④ If there occurs a trimming or jump problem on a particular head during the embroidery, operate the wiper clutch to protect the embroidery and the wiper.
 - Press and turn the wiper clutch counterclockwise to operate the wiper clutch. Press and turn it clockwise to stop the operation.





7-5) ADJUSTING HEIGHT OF PRESSER FOOT

1) Relationship between Presser Foot and Needle/ Embroidery Material

For stable stitching, the presser foot must be pressing the embroidery material before the needle pierces into the material. The same is true for when the needle comes out of the material.



2) When the Presser Foot is Too High

① Needle In

[Fig.7-13] shows the presser foot fails to press the work material when the needle pierces into the fabric, causing an unstable needlework.

② Needle Out

[Fig.7-14] shows the presser foot fails to press the work material when the needle comes out of the fabric. The embroidery material is lifted up along with the needle, making a gap between the fabric and the needle plate. This may cause thread breaks, skipped stitches, or unstable stitching.





3) Adjusting the Height of the Presser Foot

Check the relationship between the presser foot and the needle/embroidery material. Turn the main shaft lever to position the needle at the lowest point (178°). Remove the head cover and unfasten the screws on the presser foot so it moves up and down ([Fig.7-15]). Place a 1mm-thick gauge on the needle plat and lightly press the presser foot. Fasten the screws snugly when the presser foot touches the gauge.





7-6) CORRECT POSITION OF NEEDLE

① Make sure to check the position of the needle - it may change during machine delivery or leveling. First check if the needle is bent. Then turn the main shaft lever to set the shaft at around 130°. Position the needle at the lower dead stop and check if the needle is at the center of the needle hole on the plate.

[CAUTION]

Check the needle position on all heads.

② If the needle is not in the correct position, unscrew the brackets (two screws) to adjust the head and the needle (see [Fig.7-16]).



7-7) ADJUSTING HALF-TURN FILM FOR COLOR CHANGE

Adjust the half-turn film as below to align the needle to the center of the needle hole on the plate for automatic color change.

① Turn the hand lever for color change and align the roller at the center of the straight line of the cam (see [Fig.7-17]). Open the cover of the half-turn sensor and align the center of the half-turn sensor with the center of the film.



[CAUTION]

- Manual color change must be performed at the upper shaft angle of 100°.
- Manual color change at the upper shaft angles other than 100° may cause damage on the controller and the take-up unit.

7-8) ENCODER ADJUSTMENT

Adjust the encoder as below if the needle bar stops at an incorrect position.

- ① Unfasten the two encoder coupling screws.
- ② Turn the hand lever, fix the upper shaft angle at around 98°, and adjust the encoder as in [Fig.7-18]. Tighten the screws when FIX POS light is turned on.





7-9) JUMP SOLENOID ADJUSTMENT

Adjust the position of the jump solenoid if the solenoid has been replaced or it malfunctions.

1) Adjusting the Standby Position (assembling the solenoid and the bracket)

- ① Use the spanner for jump solenoid adjustment (included in the SWF basic kit) to unfasten the solenoid. Re-fasten the nut with the solenoid 3.5mm away from the bracket.
- ② If the space is larger than 3.5mm, the solenoid will interfere the needle. If the space is smaller than 3.5mm, the needle bar controller will hold the needle in the JUMP CODE.





2) Adjusting the Installation Position (assembling a solenoid-installed bracket on the base plate)

- ① Adjust so that the bracket is around 1.5mm from the base plate ([Fig.7-20]). Fasten the bracket screw.
- ② Incorrect position of the bracket will interfere with the needle movement, as the needle bar controller will hold the needle in the JUMP CODE.



[Fig.7-20]

CHAPTER 8

TROUBLESHOOTING

	Inspect/repair the machine by the guideline when in machine failures.
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Error Type	Cause	Inspection & Repair	Reference
Operation failure	 Loose belt tension / belt damage 	Adjust belt tension / change belt	
	② Power failure or short-circuit of fuse	Check fuse in main shaft motor and change fuse	
	③ Failure to sense signals for needle position or 1 rotation	Run manual color change and check if signal lamps (needle set lamp & needle position lamp) blinks at correct needle position. Adjust the half-turn film.	
	④ Red light on X/Y drive box	Address the cause and press RESET. Check if the lamp turns green.	
	⑤ Machine does not start at START	Check connection of START switch	
Incorrect Stop Position	 Loose tension on main driver belt 	Adjust belt tension	
	② Incorrect position of encoder or bad encoder	Adjust encoder position or change encoder	



Error Type	Cause	Inspection & Repair	Reference
Bad Color Change	 Incorrect position of needle stop 	Refer to user' s manual	Set main shaft angle back at 100°, if you manually moved it for cleaning, inspection or repair.
	② Failure to sense signals for needle position or 1 rotation	Run manual color change and check if signal lamps (needle set lamp & needle position lamp) blinks at correct needle position. Adjust the half-turn film.	
	③ Incorrect position of needle bar	Set it to the correct position	
	④ Incorrect position of take-up lever	Adjust so take-up lever is in line with other levers in stop position (upper shaft angle:100°)	Unscrew the lever and adjust so it is in line with the others on the guide rail.
			take-up lever screw
			take-up lever
	 (5) Failure in fuse for color change motor Bad connection 	Change fuse F3 in joint board or check connection	* Check fuse spec.

Error Type	Cause	Inspection & Repair	Reference
Poor detection of upper thread	 Failure of thread detecting roller 	Disassemble the roller and clean the roller and bush bearing.	
	② Poor connection & quality of tension adjusting plate	Check the plate connection and change the circuit board	
Bad jump	 Short-circuit of fuse for jump circuit 	Change front fuse F3 in joint board	* Check fuse spec
	② Bad solenoid and bad solenoid wiring	Check wiring and change solenoid	
	③ Bad connection	Check connection	
	④ Switch failure on tension adjusting board and bad circuit board	Change switch and circuit board	
Bad stitch quality	① Bad tape	Correct tape	
	 Inadequate tension on X- Y belt 	Adjust tension	
	③ Foreign substance in X-Y rail	Clean the rail	
	④ Failure of X/Y driver board	Change circuit board	
	⑤ Heavy load on frame	Reduce speed of main shaft	



Error Type	Cause	Inspection & Repair	Reference
Thread breaks	① Stitch is too small/dense for thread	Re-punch design tape	Check design
	② Frequent thread break in the same spot	 Re-punch after checking design Correct the stitches on operation box 	
	③ Inadequate needle size for thread	Change needle	
	④ Needle damage (bent, dent, worn)	Change needle	
	(5) Incorrect needle installation (height, direction, etc.)	Re-install needle	
	⑥ Dirty needle (adhesive, etc.)	Clean or change needle and hook	Use minimum adhesive for applique

Error Type	Cause	Inspection & Repair	Reference
	 ⑦ Bad thread (weak, uneven thickness, poorly twisted, old) 	Change thread	 Check the thread used * How to select thread Select soft thread with even thickness Choose left-twisted thread
	⑧ Right-twisted thread	Change to left-twisted thread	
			 Z-direction: left twist S-direction: right twist * left-twist prevents unraveling of the upper thread in the counter- clockwise rotation of the hook
		Adjust tension	
	① Tension imbalance between upper and lower threads		
	 Excessive tension & stroke on take-up spring 	Adjust tension and stroke	



Error Type	Cause	Inspection & Repair	Reference
	⑦ Dent on thread path on hook and bobbin case	Remove dent or change the case	
	③ Narrow space between hook holder and groove for hook holder (on hook)	Adjust space	Set it at 0.5-0.7mm for smooth feeding of upper thread
			Hook Holder
	() Insufficient oil in hook	Oil the raceway of hook	
	(5) Poor timing of needle and hook	Adjust timing	
	lncorrect lower dead stop	Adjust the lower dead stop	
	Dent on thread path	 * Check: Thread path in presser foot Around needle hole on needle plate Thread guide on the head Thread path in tension adjuster 	
	(8) Fabric moves on the frame	Fix the material firmly	
	 Inadequate height of presser foot (does not press the work material) 	Adjust height	

Error Type	Cause	Inspection & Repair	Reference
Skipped Stitches	① Bent needle		
	② Inadequate needle size for thread	Change needle	
	③ Incorrect installation of needle	Adjust installation	
	④ Poor timing of needle and hook	Adjust timing	
	(5) Large gap between needle groove and hook point		
	6 Incorrect lower dead stop	Adjust the lower dead stop	
	⑦ Damaged hook point	Use whetstone to adjust hook point or change hook	
	Thread feeding is interfered	 Adjust thread tension For upper thread, change bobbin or bobbin case 	
	 Inadequate thread (twist, elasticity, and flexibility) 	Select right thread for embroidery	
	① Excessive tension or stroke on the take-up lever spring	Adjust stroke or tension	
	 Fabric moves with needle - weak or damaged presser foot (spring) 	Change presser foot spring	



	Adjust tension	
② Uneven upper thread tension due to foreign substances	Clean main and sub tension adjusters in the thread tension adjusting plate	
③ Weak lower thread tension	Adjust tension	
④ Uneven lower thread tension	Clean bobbin case and check tension on bobbin spring	
(5) Thread thickness	Change to quality thread	
⑥ Poor timing of needle and hook	Adjust timing	
⑦ Insufficient oil in hook	Oil the raceway of hook	
① Bent needle		
② Bad quality needle	Change needle	
③ Tip of the needle is worn or bent		
④ Needle touches the hook point		
S Needle touches the hook point	Space the needle and the hook point	
⑥ Incorrect installation of needle	Correct the installation	
⑦ Needle touches the needle hole on the plate	Check if needle plate is unscrewedAdjust the position of the needle bar	
	 () Weak upper thread tension (2) Uneven upper thread tension (3) Weak lower thread tension (4) Uneven lower thread tension (5) Thread thickness (6) Poor timing of needle and hook (7) Insufficient oil in hook (9) Bent needle (9) Bent needle (9) Bad quality needle (9) Tip of the needle is worn or bent (9) Needle touches the hook point (9) Needle touches the hook point (9) Incorrect installation of needle (10) Needle touches the needle hole on the plate 	 (a) Heak lepter thread tension (b) Heak lower thread tension adjusters in the thread tension adjusters in the thread tension adjusting plate (c) Weak lower thread tension (c) Uneven lower thread tension (c) Thread thickness (c) Change to quality thread (c) Insufficient oil in hook (c) Needle touches the hook point (c) Needle touches the needle hole (c) Needle touches the needle hole (c) Needle touches the ne

Error Type	Cause	Inspection & Repair	Reference
Puckering	① Excessive thread tension	Adjust tension	
	② Excessive pressure of presser foot	Change presser foot spring	
	③ Needle failure - worn out/damaged needle tip needle is too large for thread	Change needle	
	④ Needle hole is too large for needle	Use adequate size of needle	% SWF/□ needle holes are 2.0mm
Trimming failure	 Short-circuit of trimming fuse 	Check and change fuse F1 in joint board	Check fuse spec
	② Poor connection/quality of trimming solenoid	Check and change solenoid and solenoid connection	
	③ Bad connection	Check connection	
	④ Trimming driver TR damaged	Change joint board	



Error Type	Cause	Inspection & Repair	Reference
Trimmer return failure	① Poor connection of sensor	Check connection	
	② Bad circuit board	Change circuit board	
	③ Bad sensor or sensor position. Dirty area around the sensor.	 change sensor clean around the sensor adjust location of the sensor unit 	
Short upper thread after trimming due to separation failure	① Movable blade is too fast or too slow to separate the upper thread	Adjust insert angle of movable blade (293°)	
	② Incorrect position of picker	Adjust picker position	
	③ Picker failure	 Check and change fuse F1, F3 Check/change solenoid and solenoid connection Check connection and change joint board 	* Check fuse spec.
Thread break before trimming	 Upper thread is too short check main and sub tension adjuster dent or damage to movable blade 	Adjust upper thread tension remove dent using whetstone or sandpaper or change movable blade	
	 ② Lower thread is too short doesn' t unwind smoothly too weak or too elastic 	 adjust or change bobbin case spring clean/check for dent in thread guide on the bobbin case Change lower thread 	Check for dent Too short lower thread cannot make stitches
			right after trimming

Cause	Inspection & Repair	Reference
① Upper thread is trimmed too short and comes unthreaded	 check upper thread tension set <u>LONG</u> or <u>MEDIUM</u> length of trimmed thread in data set-up 	The default is MEDIUM.
② Upper thread is trimmed too long and thread tail remains on the embroidery	 set <u>MEDIUM</u> or <u>SHORT</u> length of trimmed thread in data set-up if upper thread is held due to narrow velcro space in upper thread holder, clean the velcro 	
① Failure of movable and fixed blades	Check screws and crank driver clamp screws of the movable blade	
② Loose cross tension of the blades	Check tension of fixed blade	
③ Movable blade damaged	Change movable blade	
④ Incorrect return position of movable blade	Adjust the position of movable blade	
① Bad fuse in motor for upper thread holder and error in connector	Check and replace F1, FF2, and F3 on the joint board	* Check fuse spec
② Poor quality circuit board	Replace the joint board	
 Short strokes of upper thread holder 	Adjust stroke Adjust the workload	
② Upper thread holder overloaded		
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