BELT CARE AND MAINTENANCE

The Flat Belt on your lathe has been especially selected for its special quality and elasticity to transmit power efficiently and will give excellent service if kept clean and the tension properly adjusted. The performance of your lathe will depend greatly on the condition and tension of the belts on your lathe. If your lathe has lost its pulling power, your Flat Belt is probably slipping because the tension is not great enough, or the Flat Belt may be worn out or oily. Many believe that the Flat belts that are used on lathes should last forever, but belts wear out the same as other moving parts. When the Flat Belt has become oil soaked or stretched it should be replaced with a new Flat Belt.

SUGGESTIONS

1. Keep Flat Belt clean. Remember, belts wear out. They cost little. Use the recommended Flat Belt and replace as frequently as necessary.
2. Maintain proper Belt tension.
3. Do not run Lathe with too much tension on belt.
4. Release Belt Tension Lever, taking strain off Belt when Lathe is not operating.
5. When ultimate of belt tension adjustment has been reached, replace with new Flat Belt. Order the correct belt from your nearest South Bend Distributor or direct from our factory.

BELT ADJUSTMENTS

CONE PULLEY BELT—Belt tension release lever “A” permits releasing cone pulley belt tension for shifting belt to change spindle speeds. Screw “C” adjusts tension of the cone pulley flat belt. This adjustment must be made with lever “A” in the down position.

MOTOR V-BELT—Screw “B” adjusts tension of the motor V-belts. Turn nuts above and below motor mounting plate.

Belts should be just tight enough to transmit the required power without slipping. Pressing the hand against a properly adjusted flat belt near the cone pulley should depress belt about 1/16”. The V-belt, midway between pulley, should depress about 1”. Belts may be cleaned with naphtha or benzol.

Maintaining the proper running tension for the flat belt and V-belts is very important. Belts which are allowed to run loose will creep and slip and cause an over-all loss in the cutting efficiency of the lathe. Belts which are run under too much tension, overload the lathe and lathe drive. This results in loss of power, excessive bearing wear, causes the motor to run hot, and abnormal stretching of flat belt. Routine checking and adjustment of the belt tension, according to instructions, will keep the lathe efficiency high and repair expenses low.

LUBRICATION CHART

FOR

10", 13", 16" & 16-24" LATHES
AND
10", 13", & 16" Turret Lathes

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PROPER MAINTENANCE OF YOUR LATHE WHICH WILL HELP TO PROLONG THE ORIGINAL ACCURACY, ITS SERVICEABLE LIFE AND ITS EASE OF OPERATION.

SET-UP PROCEDURE

1. Look carefully in all packages for small parts, instruction material, etc.
2. Study all reference books and instruction sheets carefully.
3. Clean lathe thoroughly.
5. Level lathe. (See instructions inside)
6. Lubricate lathe. (See lubrication chart inside)

OPERATIONAL MAINTENANCE

1. Keep your lathe clean.
2. Keep your lathe lubricated as recommended.
3. Keep belts clean and properly adjusted at all times.
4. When your lathe is setting idle keep it covered with one of our service covers. Write for accessory catalog.
5. Recheck lathe leveling periodically.

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LEVELING THE LATHE

The correct installation and leveling of the lathe is more important than is generally realized. Precision tolerances can be maintained only when the lathe is mounted on a solid foundation and properly leveled according to the following instructions.

FOR LATHES WITHOUT TAILSTOCK LEVELING LEG SCREWS
(With or Without Center Leg)

1. Clean all dirt, chips, etc., from bed ways.
2. Place precision level squarely across V-ways at "A". (Use South Bend 12" Precision Level, Cat. No. CE22218, or equal.)
3. Drive shims under cabinet leg at "B" until bubble on the level is approximately central. Carefully note the exact position of the bubble in relation to graduations on the level.
4. Move level and place squarely across V-ways at "C". Do not turn level end for end.
5. Drive shims under leg at "D" until bubble comes to rest at exactly the same position in relation to graduations as when level was at "A".
6. Repeat steps 2, 3, 4, and 5, until level readings at "A" and "C" are identical.
7. To 10", 12" and 14" lathes beds with center leg, move level and place directly over center leg at "E" using saddle wings to position lever at right angle to bed ways.
8. Adjust the elevating screws at "F" until level reading is the same as when level was at "A" and "C". Do not hump center of bed when adjusting center leg leveling screws.
9. Repeat steps 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8, until level readings are identical at points A, C, and E.
10. Fasten Legs at "B" and "D" only, to floor.
11. Check again at "A" and "C" (also at "E" if lathe has center leg) to see if level readings have remained the same. If not, the leveling procedure must be repeated. THE LEVEL READINGS SHOULD BE EXACTLY ALIKE AT ALL POSITIONS AFTER THE LATHE IS FASTENED TO THE FLOOR, OTHERWISE THE LATHE WILL NOT TURN OR BORE ACCURATELY.

FOR LATHES WITH TAILSTOCK LEVELING LEG SCREWS
(With or Without Center Leg)

1. Clean all dirt, chips, etc., from bed ways.
2. Place precision level squarely across V-ways at "A". (Use South Bend Precision Level, Cat. No. CE22218 or equal.)
3. Drive shims under cabinet leg at "B" until bubble on the level is approximately central. Carefully note the exact position of the bubble in relation to graduations on the level.
4. Loosen leveling leg screws both front and rear at "C" (also "D" if with Center Leg).
5. Drive shims under leg pad "E" so lathe will set firmly on floor at points "B" and "E".
6. Move level and place squarely across V-ways at "G". Do not turn level end for end.
7. Adjust leg leveling screws at "C" until bubble comes to rest at exactly the same position as level readings at "A".
8. For lathes with 10", 12" and 14" beds. Move level to "H" squarely across V-ways using saddle wings to position lever at right angle to bed way. Adjust the elevating screws at "F" so the lathe will set firmly on floor. Do not hump center of bed when adjusting these screws.
9. Adjust center leg leveling screws at "D" until lever reading is the same as when level was at "A" and "G".
10. Repeat steps 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 until reading at "A", "H" and "G" are identical.
11. Fasten legs at "B" and "D" only, to floor.
12. Check again at "A", "H", and "G" to see if level readings have remained the same. If not, the leveling procedure must be repeated. NOTE — THE LEVEL READINGS SHOULD BE EXACTLY ALIKE AT ALL POSITIONS AFTER THE LATHE IS FASTENED TO THE FLOOR, OTHERWISE THE LATHE WILL NOT TURN OR BORE ACCURATELY.