

Marie's Quick Troubleshooting Guidelines

1. IF MACHINE DOES NOT SEW

- Make sure the plug is properly connected into wall outlet.
- Check to insure that the clutch release knob is tightened after winding bobbin.

2. IF MACHINE DOES NOT SEW PROPERLY

- Check upper threading making sure the thread is fed through the tension thread dial.
- Check lower threading making sure thread is snapped into the tension spring.
- Always make sure presser foot is lowered before starting to sew.
- Be certain that stitch length is set according to the stitch you selected.
- Insure that needle is not bent.
- Needle clamp screw may be loose. If this is the case, the upper and lower thread will not form a lock stitch.
- The needle size in combination with the type of fabric used are an important factor when you sew. A general guideline for needle size and fabric weight is as follows: for lightweight fabric: size 11 needle; for medium weight fabric: size 14 needle; for heavy weight fabric: size 16 needle

3. IF NEEDLE BREAKS

- Always make certain the presser foot is the correct one for the stitch being sewn.
- The flat side of the needle should face toward the back of the machine.
- Machine may not be threaded correctly.
- Guide fabric gently through machine: pulling excessively will cause the needle to bend and then break.
- Check that the tension is set between 4-5

4. IF LOOPS FORM ON FABRIC

- Tension on upper thread or lower thread may be set incorrectly. Insure tensions are not set too loose.

5. IF FABRIC PUCKERS

- Tension on upper thread or lower thread may be set incorrectly. Insure tensions are not set too tight.
- If the bobbin case is not properly set into the shuttle, the thread will jam. Check to make sure the bobbin case is inserted tightly and cannot move from side to side.
- Again, use the correct needle size in combination with the fabric.

6. IF MACHINE DOES NOT WIND BOBBIN

- Make sure the bobbin winder shaft is pushed to right.
- Make sure the clutch release knob is loosened.

7. IF THE UPPER THREAD BREAKS

- Examine the following: upper threading; bent or improper insertion of needle; check tension setting

8. IF LOWER THREAD BREAKS

- Examine the following: lower thread may be entangled in shuttle; bobbin is not threaded properly in bobbin case; lower thread tension may be too tight, always clean lint from shuttle area

9. IF MACHINE SKIPS STITCHES

- Examine the following: needle may be bent, dull or inserted backwards; check that the correct needle size is used in combination with the fabric; check upper threading; remove needle plate and brush clean any lint accumulation

10. IF MACHINE DOES NOT MAKE BUTTON HOLE

- Check to make certain that the buttonhole foot is attached.
- Carefully follow the instructions in your owners manual. Every machine functions differently for making a buttonhole.

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How Often Should You Service Your Sewing Machine?



If you do a lot of sewing,

- Lint, thread and broken needles can collect in the needle bar, hook, and feed mechanism, causing problems ranging from noise to more serious problems that can stop the machine from sewing.
- Heavy use can remove the oil that the machine uses to run smoothly.
- Lint or thread pieces can cause serious tension problems.

If you sew occasionally,

- Lint, thread and broken needles can still collect in the needle bar area and in the gears of the thread-handling mechanism.
- Even moderate use necessitates oiling of moving parts of the sewing machine.
- A small piece of thread in the tension unit will necessitate cleaning and recalibration of the tension.

If your sewing machine has been in the closet for a few years and you want to sew again,

- The machine should be tuned up so that you will have peak performance and trouble-free sewing.
- Even sitting in the closet, the oil in the machine will dry out.
- Thorough servicing by your independent sewing machine dealer once every 12 months will eliminate all of these problems and guarantee trouble-free sewing. Feel free to stop by and have your sewing machine inspected. Our friendly staff will be happy to answer your questions and provide advice to keep your sewing machine performing at its best. If repairs or service are needed, a complete estimate will be given prior to any work performed.

Note: These Operating Guidelines are not to replace your Owners Manual. For detailed instructions refer to your original manual.

