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# FLOORSTANDING LATHE OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

MODEL: W880



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This manual contains information that is important for you to know and understand. This information relates to protecting YOUR SAFETY and PREVENTING EQUIPMENT PROBLEMS. To help you recognize this information, we use the symbols to the right. Please read the manual and pay attention to these sections.

- FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, READ THE INSTRUCTION MANUAL BEFORE OPERATING THE MACHINE.
- Learning the machine's application, limitations, and specific hazards will greatly minimize the possibility of accidents and injury.
- WEAR EYE PROTECTION. ALWAYS USE SAFETY GLASSES. Also use face or dust mask if cutting operation is dusty. Everyday eyeglasses are NOT safety glasses. USE CERTIFIED SAFETY EQUIPMENT.
- WEAR PROPER APPAREL. Do not wear loose clothing, gloves, neckties, rings, bracelets, or other jewelry which may get caught in moving parts. Nonslip footwear is recommended. Wear protective hair covering to contain long hair.
- 4. DO NOT USE THE MACHINE IN A DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENT. The use of power tools in damp or wet locations or in rain can cause shock or electrocution. Keep your work area well-lit to prevent tripping or placing arms, hands, and fingers in danger.
- MAINTAIN ALL TOOLS AND MACHINES IN PEAK CONDI-TION. Keep tools sharp and clean for best and safest performance. Follow instructions for lubricating and changing accessories. Poorly maintained tools and machines can further damage the tool or machine and/or cause injury.
- 6. CHECK FOR DAMAGED PARTS. Before using the machine, check for any damaged parts. Check for alignment of moving parts, binding of moving parts, breakage of parts, and any other conditions that may affect its operation. A guard or any other part that is damaged should be properly repaired or replaced. Damaged parts can cause further damage to the machine and/or injury.
- KEEP THE WORK AREA CLEAN. Cluttered areas and benches invite accidents.
- KEEP CHILDREN AND VISITORS AWAY. Your shop is a potentially dangerous environment. Children and visitors can be injured.
- REDUCE THE RISK OF UNINTENTIONAL STARTING. Make sure that the switch is in the "OFF" position before plugging in the power cord. In the event of a power failure, move the switch to the "OFF" position. An accidental start-up can cause injury.
- USE THE GUARDS. Check to see that all guards are in place, secured, and working correctly to prevent injury.
- 11. REMOVE ADJUSTING KEYS AND WRENCHES BEFORE STARTING THE MACHINE. Tools, scrap pieces, and other debris can be thrown at high speed, causing injury.

- USE THE RIGHT MACHINE. Don't force a machine or an attachment to do a job
  for which it was not designed. Damage to the machine and/or injury may result.
- 13. USE RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES. The use of accessories and attachments not recommended by Delta may cause damage to the machine or injury to the user.
- 14. USE THE PROPER EXTENSION CORD. Make sure your extension cord is in good condition. When using an extension cord, be sure to use one heavy enough to carry the current your product will draw. An undersized cord will cause a drop in line voltage, resulting in loss of power and overheating. See the Extension Cord Chart for the correct size depending on the cord length and nameplate ampere rating. If in doubt, use the next heavier gauge. The smaller the gauge number, the heavier the cord.
- SECURE THE WORKPIECE. Use clamps or a vise to hold the workpiece when practical. Loss of control of a workpiece can cause injury.
- 16. FEED THE WORKPIECE AGAINST THE DIRECTION OF THE ROTATION OF THE BLADE, CUTTER, OR ABRASIVE SURFACE. Feeding it from the other direction will cause the workpiece to be thrown out at high speed.
- DON'T FORCE THE WORKPIECE ON THE MACHINE. Damage to the machine and/or injury may result.
- DON'T OVERREACH. Loss of balance can make you fall into a working machine, causing injury.
- NEVER STAND ON THE MACHINE. Injury could occur if the tool tips, or if you
  accidentally contact the cutting tool.
- 20. NEVER LEAVE THE MACHINE RUNNING UNATTENDED. TURN THE POWER OFF. Don't leave the machine until it comes to a complete stop. A child or visitor could be injured.
- 21. TURN THE MACHINE "OFF", AND DISCONNECT THE MACHINE FROM THE POWER SOURCE before installing or removing accessories, before adjusting or changing set-ups, or when making repairs. An accidental start-up can cause injury.
  22. MAKE YOUR WORKSHOP CHILDPROOF WITH PADLOCKS, MASTER SWITCHES, OR BY REMOV-ING STARTER KEYS. The accidental start-up of a machine by a child or visitor could cause injury.
- 23. STAY ALERT, WATCH WHAT YOU ARE DOING, AND USE COMMON SENSE. DO NOT USE THE MACHINE WHEN YOU ARE TIRED OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS, ALCOHOL, OR MEDICA-TION. A moment of inattention while operating power tools may result in injury.
- 24. TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST DUST INHALATION. The dust generated by certain woods and wood products can be injurious to your health. Always operate machinery in well-ventilated areas, and provide for proper dust removal. Use wood dust collection systems whenever possible.

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according to the instructions.

SERIOUS INJURY.

- OBTAIN ADVICE from your supervisor, instructor, or another qualified person if you are not familiar with the operation of this machine.
- FOLLOW ALL WIRING CODES and recommended electrical connections.
   ROUGH CUT THE WORKPIECE as close as possible to the finished shape before
- installing it on the faceplate.

  5. EXAMINE THE WORKPIECE FOR FLAWS and test glue joints before mounting
- the workpiece on machine. DO NOT mount a split workpiece or one containing a knot.
- SECURELY FASTEN THE WORKPIECE to the faceplate prior to faceplate turning Use the appropriate size faceplate to properly support the workpiece. Do not let the
- screw fasteners interfere with the turning tool at the finished dimension of the workpiece.

  7. NEVER DRIVE THE WORKPIECE into the drive center while the drive center is in
- the headstock. Set the drive center into the workpiece with a soft mallet prior to installing it on the headstock.

  8. SNUG THE TAILSTOCK CENTER against the workpiece and lock it. Lubricate the
- tailstock center if it is not a ball bearing center.

  9. PROPERLY ADJUST THE TOOL REST HEIGHT.
- 10. ADJUST THE TOOL REST so it is as close to the workpiece as possible.
- TIGHTEN ALL CLAMP LOCKING HANDLES before operating.
   ROTATE THE WORKPIECE BY HAND to check clearance before turning the
- machine "ON".
- 13. CLEAR THE LATHE BED OF ALL OBJECTS (tools, scraps of wood, etc.) before turning the machine "ON". FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN
- EXAMINE THE SET-UP CAREFULLY before turning the machine "ON".
- STAND CLEAR, AND KEEP ALL OBSERVERS AND PASSERSBY clear of rotating path of workpiece to avoid injury from flying debris.
- USE THE LOWEST SPEED when starting a new workpiece. NEVER EXCEED recommended speeds.
- 17. NEVER ADJUST THE TOOL REST while the workpiece is turning.
- 18. NEVER LOOSEN THE TAILSTOCK SPINDLE or the tailstock while workpiece is
- turning.

  19. MOVE THE CUTTING TOOL INTO THE WORK-PIECE SLOWLY, and cut small
- amounts when roughing.
- 20. REMOVE THE TOOL REST before sanding or polishing.
- NEVER PERFORM LAYOUT, assembly, or set-up work on the table/work area when the machine is running.
- 22. TURN THE MACHINE "OFF" AND DISCONNECT THE MACHINE from the power source before installing or removing accessories, before adjusting or changing set-ups, or when making repairs.
- 23. TURN THE MACHINE "OFF", disconnect the machine from the power source, and clean the table/work area before leaving the machine. LOCK THE SWITCH IN

THE "OFF" POSITION to prevent unauthorized use.

 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding the safe and proper operation of power tools.

All grounded, cord-connected machines: In the event of a malfunction or breakdown, grounding provides a path of least resistance for electric current to reduce the risk of electric shock. This machine is equipped with an electric cord having an equipment-grounding conductor and a grounding plug. The plug must be plugged into a matching outlet that is properly installed and grounded in accordance with all local codes and ordinances. Do not modify the plug provided - if it will not fit the outlet, have the proper outlet installed by a qualified electrician. Improper connection of the equipment-grounding conductor can result in risk of electric shock. The conductor with insulation having an outer surface that is green with or without yellow stripes is the equipment-grounding conductor. If repair or replacement of the electric cord or plug is necessary, do not connect the equipment-grounding conductor to a live terminal.

Check with a qualified electrician or service personnel if the grounding instructions are not completely understood, or if in doubt as to whether the machine is properly grounded.

#### FOREWORD

The Woodlathe MC1200 adjustable speed wood lathes is a big capacity machine, designed for industry, commercial shops, and schools, or wherever a demand exists for continued accuracy and long life through safe, heavy-duty operation.

#### UNPACKING AND CLEANING

Carefully unpack the tool and all loose items from the shipping container(s). Remove the protective coating from all unpainted surfaces, especially on the bottom side of the bedways, the clamp plates under the headstock, the tool rest base, and the tailstock. This coating may be removed with a soft cloth moistened with kerosene (do not use acetone, gasoline or lacquer thinner for this purpose). After cleaning, cover the top surface of the bed with a good quality paste wax.

### Contents of the Shipping

#### Containers

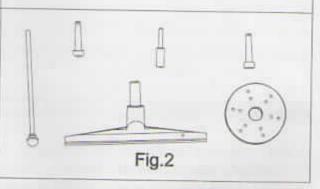
- 1. Lathe
- 1. Tailstock
- 1. Headstock
- Tool Rest Body
   Owner's Manual & Warranty Card



Fig.1

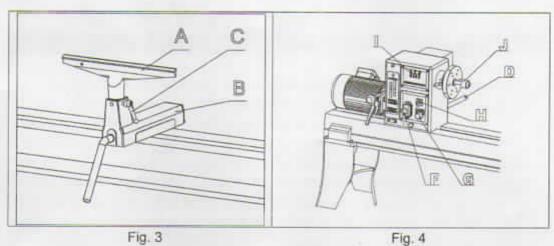
#### Accessory Package Box

- 1. Live Center
- Spur Center
   Index Pin
- 1. Face Plate
- 1. Knockout Rod Headstock
- 1. Tool Rest



Stock Number	MC1200F
Over Bed	460mm (18")
Swing Over Tool Rest Base	356mm (14")
Distance Between Centers	
Speeds (RPM)	0-1200 & 0-3200
Spindle Nose	
Drive Spindle Through Hole	10mm (3/8")
Tailstock Spindle Through Hole	10mm (3/8")
Tailstock Spindle Travel	110mm (4")
Tool Rest	355mm (14")
Face Plate	152mm (0*)
Headstock Taper	152mm (6°)
Tailstock Taper	MT-2
Spindle Center to Floor (approx.)	1120
Motor	
Inventer	VED M 4 First Inch D CORN (C)
Net Weight (approx.)	VPD-M-1.5kW input Power 230V Only
Shipping Weight (approx.)	190 kgs.
Shipping Weight (approx.)	

Secure tool rest (A, Fig. 3) to tool rest body (B, Fig. 3) by tightening handle(C, Fig. 3).



# **CONTROLS & FEATURES**

- Headstock Lock Handle: (D, Fig.4) Locks head in position. Unlock handle to position the head along lathe bed. Tighten handle when properly positioned.
- Headstock On/Off Button: (F, Fig.4) Pull the button out to turn "ON" the lathe. Push the button in to turn the lathe "OFF".
- 3 Headstock RPM Knob: (G. Fig. 4) Turn knob to desired RPM. There are two speed ranges offering "speed" (330-3200) and "torque" (100-1200).
- Headstock For/Rev Switch: (H. Fig. 4) Use the toggle switch to change the direction the spindle turns. Only change direction when the spindle has stopped.
- 5. Headstock RPM Readout: (I, Fig. 4) Displays the spindles RPM, see Figure 5.
- Headstock Spur Center: (J, Fig. 6) Used for turning between centers. Spindle taper is MT-2. Remove spur center by inserting drift rod through the opposite end of the spindle and knocking spur center out.

Diameter of Work	Roughing RPM	General Cutting RPM	Finishing
Under 2*	1520	520 3200	
2 to 4"	760	1600	2480
4 to 6"	510	1080	1650
5 to 8"	380	810	1240
8 to 10"	300	650	1000
10 to 12"	255	540	830
12 to 14"	220	460	710
14 to 16"	190	400	620

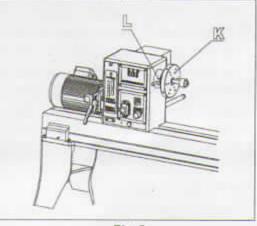


Fig. 5

Fig. 6

Headstock Faceplate: (K, Fig. 6) Used for turning bowls and plates. There are a number of screw holes for mounting the workpiece. Thread the faceplate onto the spindle in a

- clockwise direction, and tighten two set screws. Remove the faceplate by loosening two set screws. Push in headstock spindle lock and use the provided rod in faceplate holes to unthread the faceplate.
- 8. Headstock Indexing Hole: (L., Fig. 6) Thread indexing pin into the indexing hole making sure that it locates in the spindle hole. There are 12 holes in the spindle 30° apart. There are three holes in the headstock casting that accept the indexing pin. These holes are 20° apart. The combination of holes will allow you to mark your work piece for evenly spaced features.

# CAUTION! Never start the lathe with the index pin engaged in the spindle!

- Tool Rest Body Lock Handle: (M, Fig. 7) Locks the tool rest body in position. Unlock handle to position the tool rest in any location along lathe bed. Tighten handle when properly positioned.
- Tool Rest Lock Handle: (N, Fig. 7 Locks the tool rest in position. Unlock the handle to position tool rest at a specific angle, or height. Tighten handle when properly positioned.
- Tailstock Lock Handle: (O, Fig. 8) Locks the tailstock in position. Unlock handle to
  position the tool rest in any location along lathe bed. Tighten handle when properly
  positioned.
- Tailstock Quill Lock Handle: (P. Fig. 8) Locks the tailstock quill in position. Unlock handle to position the quill. Tighten handle when properly positioned.
- Tailstock Quill Handwheel: (Q, Fig. 8) Turn the handwheel to position the quill. The tailstock quill lock handle must be loose to position quill.
- 14. Tailstock Live Center: (R, Fig. 8) Used for turning between centers. Quill taper is MT-2. Remove live center by retracting the quill until live center loosens. Remove, or add different tips to the live center by inserting the provided rod through

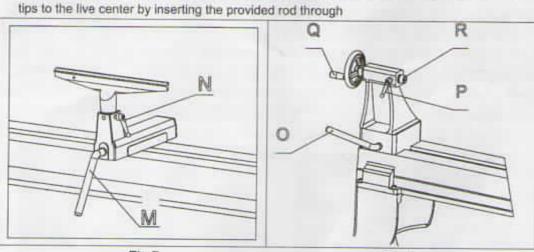


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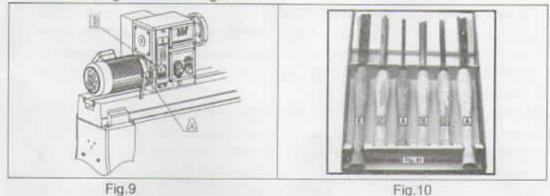
Fig.8

### 1. Disconnect the machine from the power source!

- Loosen the locking handle (A, Fig. 9).
- 3. Lift up on the tensioning handle (B, Fig. 9) to remove tension from the poly v-belt. You can now position the belt in the desired speed range. It is pictured in the low speed pulley range. Note: The "High" speed range (330-3200) provides maximum

speed, where as the "Low" speed range (100-1200) will provide maximum torque.

 Lower the tensioning handle so that the weight of the motor provides the needed tension and tighten the locking handle.



The following directions will give the inexperienced operator a beginning point for common lathe operations. Practice on scrap material before attempting serious work.

#### LATHE TOOLS

Standard wood turning tools come in several different configurations (Fig. 10). The majority of turnings will require the gouge tool (A) Fig. 10. This round nosed hollow chisel is used for roughing cuts, cove cuts and other operations. The skew chisel (B) is a double-ground flat chisel, with an angled end. This tool is used for smoothing cylinders, for cutting shoulders, beads, vee grooves, etc. The parting tool (C) is a double-ground chisel, used for cutting-off, or for making straight incisions or sizing cuts to any required diameter. The round nose scraper (D) is used for mostly hollowing work, while the square-end scraper is mainly used for the outside of bowls.







Fig. 12

### **HOW TO TURN SPINDLES**

Working with any material that is attached to the lathe centers is called a spindle turning. This is the principal type of wood turning (chair and table legs, lamp stems, etc.) The turning of spindles can be done with either a scraping or cutting technique.

The cutting technique, by virtue of faster wood removal and a cleaner surface, is the preferred method.

#### CENTERING THE WORK

Wood stock for any spindle turning should be approximately square, and the ends should be square with the sides. Two common methods of determining the center are shown in Figs. 11 and 12. In Fig. 11, a distance a little more or a little less than one-half the width of the stock is set off from each of the four sides. The small square set off in the center can then be used in marking the true center. The diagonal method, Fig. 12, consists of drawing lines from corner to corner, with the intersection marking the center of the work.





Fig.13 Fig.14

After marking each end, mark the true center with a punch awl or dividers (Fig. 13). If the stock is hardwood, the centers should be drilled to a depth of about 1/8". The spur or live center is then placed against one end of the work and seated by striking with a mallet (Fig. 14). In hardwood, make a starting seat for the spur center by sawing on the diagonal lines, and drilling a small hole at the intersection. After driving the center, hold the center and the work together and fit both immediately to headstock spindle. If you are not using a ball bearing center, the end of work at tailstock center should be oiled. Place the lubricant on the wood either before or after it is put on the lathe. Many turners use beeswax, tallow, or a wax-and-oil mixture as a lubricant. A ball bearing center is ideal because it eliminates lubricating. If the work is to be removed from the lathe before completion, an index mark should be made as a guide for re-centering (Fig. 15). A permanent indexer can be made by grinding off one corner of one of the spurs.



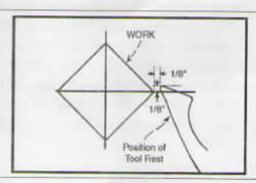


Fig.15

Fig.16

#### TOOL REST POSITION

Mount the tool rest in place about 1/8" away from the work and 1/8" above the work centerline (Fig. 16.) This position may be varied to suit the work and the operator. Place a guide mark on the tool rest shank as an aid to quick and accurate resetting.





Fig.17

Fig.18

# ROUGHING A CYLINDER

The large gouge is used in the first turning operation by smoothing the sharp corners of the work. Run the lathe at low speed and hold the gouge in the manner shown in Fig. 17 The cut starts about 2 inches from the tailstock end and continues from this point to the end of the tailstock. Make the second pass beginning about 2" or 3" to the left of the first cut. Advance again toward the tailstock, and merge with the previous cut. Toward the end of the live center, roll the gouge in the opposite direction (Fig. 18) to carry the final cut off the live center end of the work. The roughing cut should not be carried out with one continuous movement, because this would tear long slivers from the corners of the work. Neither should the cut be started directly at the end of the stock for the same reason. The cut can be safely carried from the center of the stock toward and off either end once the first roughing cuts have been made. The position of the gouge involves two or three important angles. (1) The tool may be advanced along the work either from right to left or from left to right. Left to right (from headstock to tailstock) is preferred since this action throws chips clear of the operator. (2) The gouge is rolled over slightly in the same direction it is advancing. (3) The tool is held well up on the work, with the bevel or grind tangent to the revolving surface (Fig. 19). This position will give a clean shearing cut. When pushed straight into the work (Fig. 19), the gouge has a scraping action, (normally a poor practice in spindle turning). The roughing cut is continued until the work approaches 1/8" of the required diameter. Once a cylindrical form has been obtained, the turning speed can be moved to the second or third speed setting. NOTE: Continue to move the tool rest inward toward the work piece to keep the safe distance between the two.







Fig.19

Fig.20

#### POSITION OF HANDS

While turning, the hand that holds the tool handle should be in a natural position. This hand provides the leverage for the tool by either moving in toward the chisel or moving out. The position of the tool rest hand is more a matter of individual preference, rather than a "set" or "proper" position. However, a palm-up grip (Fig. 20) is generally considered best. In this position, the first finger acts as a guide, sliding along the tool rest as the cut is made. The alternate position is a palm-down grip (Fig. 21). In this position, the heel of the hand or the little finger serves as a guide. The palm-down position is solid and positive — excellent for roughing or heavy cutting. Most beginners start with the palm-down grip, switching later to the palm-up position for better manipulation of the chisel.



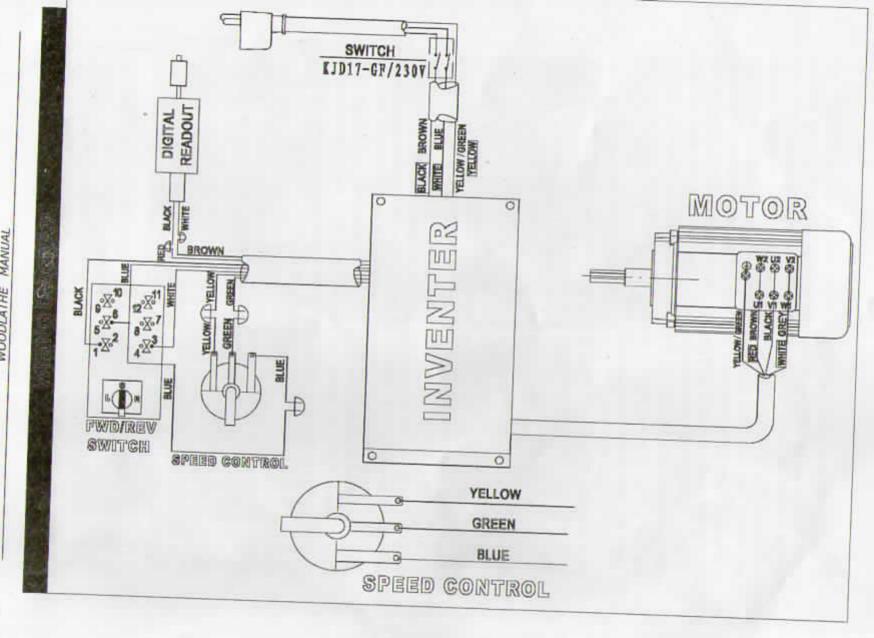


Fig. 21

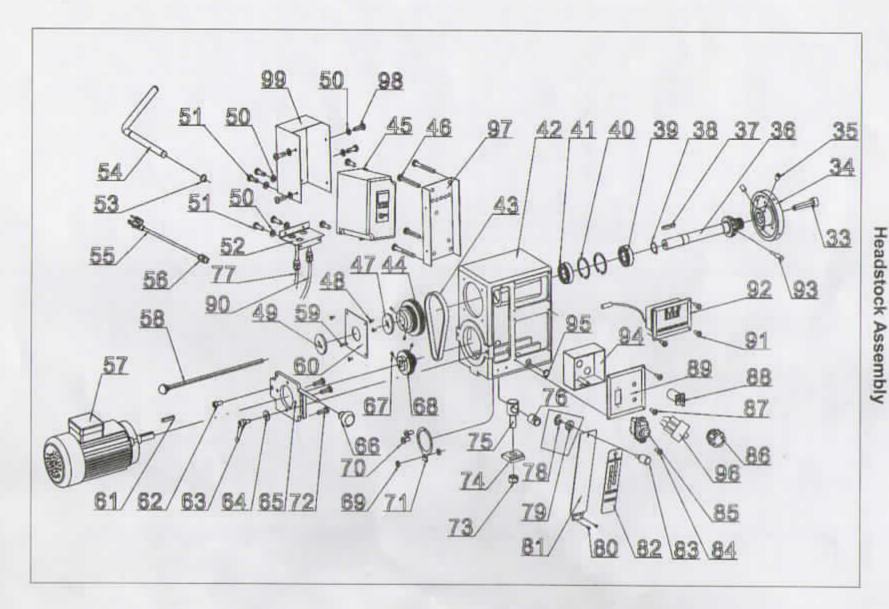
Fig.22

#### SMOOTHING A CYLINDER

To smooth a cylinder, use a large skew chisel. This requires practice, but experience with this tool is very important. Place the cutting point near the center of chisel and high on the work (Fig. 22). Sometimes, in striving for a certain position in relation to the work, the beginner will often overlook this all-important point. Raising the handle will increase the depth of cut while lowering the handle, of course, does the opposite. As with the gouge, the skew can be advanced in either direction. The center of the skew toward the heel does the actual cutting. The back portion of the grind or bevel supports the tool, while the handle-hand controls the depth of cut by rocking the chisel on this pivot point. Because of this, keep the skew bevel perfectly flat.



Problem	Possible Cause	planing, bandsawing, or		
Excessive Vibration.	Work piece warped, out of round, has major flaw, or was improperly prepared for turning     Worn spindle bearings     Worn belt     Motor mount bolt or handle loose     Lathe on uneven surface			
Motor or Spindle Stalls or Will not Start	Excessive cut     Worn motor     Broken belt     Worn spindle bearings     Improper cooling on motor	Reduce cut depth     Replace motor     Replace belt     Replace bearings     Clean sawdust from motor fan		
Motor fails to develop full power.	Power line overloaded     Undersize wires in supply system     Low voltage     Worn motor	Correct overload condition     Increase supply wire size     Request voltage check from power company and correct low voltage condition     Replace motor		
Tools tend to grab or dig in.	Dull tools     Tool support set too low     Tool support set too far from work piece     Improper tool being used	Sharpen tools     Reposition tool support height		
Digital readout does not work	Digital readout sensor out of position	Open the belt access and position the sensor so that it reads the bolts.		



# Parts List for the MC1200F Woodworking Lathe

NO.	DESCRIPTION	Q'TY	NO.	DESCRIPTION	Q'TY
1	STAND	2	50	WASHER	8
2	BED	1	51	SCREW M4x8	8
3	SCREW M5x12	4	52	CORD BRACKET	1
4	SPRING WASHER 5	4	53	C-RING C-19	2
5	BAFFLE	2	54	LEVER	1
6	SPRING WASHER 10	8	55	POWER CORD	1
7	CAP SCREW M10x35	8	56	STRAIN RELIEF	5
8	C-RING C-19	2	57	MOTOR	1
9	SET SCREW M5x10	4	58	KNOCKOUT ROD	1
10	BAFFLE TOOL PERT PORY	1	59	SCREW M5x12	4
11	TOOL REST BODY	1	60	PLATE	1
12	TOOL REST	1	61	KEY 6X6X48	1
13	TOOL SUPPORT HANDLE	1	62	CAP SCREW M10x30	1
14	TOOL SUPPORT ROD	1	63	HANDLE	- 1
15	CENTER	1	64	WASHER 10	2
16	QUILL	1	65	MOTOR ASSEMBLY PLATE	- 1
17	LEAD SCREW	1	66	KNOB	1
18	TAILSTOCK ROD	1	67	SET SCREW M6X12	2
19	TAILSTOCK QUILL HANDLE	1	68	MOTOR PULLEY	1
20	SET SCREW M8X12	1	69	NUT M12X1	2
21	HANDLE	1	70	SCREW M4x8	2
22	HANDLEWHEEL	1	71	BRACKET FOR SENSOR	4
23	TAILSTOCK	1	72	SET SCREW M8X20	4
24	PIN	1	73	HEX NUT M18	1
25	C-RING C-19	2	74	CLAMP	1
27	CLAMP BOLT	2	75	CLAMP BOLT	- 1
	BUSHING	1	76	BUSHING	1
28	SHAFT	2	78	WASHER	1
30	HEX NUT M18	2	79	WASHER	2
	BUSHING	1	80	SCREW M5x12	2
31	CLAMP	2	81	BELT DOOR	- 1
32	SUPPORT BRACKET	1	82	SPEED LABEL	- 1
33	The state of the s		83	KNOB OR SCREW M5X12	- 1
34	FACEPLATE	1	84	SCREW M4x10	4
35	SET SCREW M6X12	2	85	ON/OFF SWITCH KJD17B	- 1
36	SPINDLE	1	86	VARIABLE SPEED KNOB	1
37	KEY C 8X7X45	1	87	SCREW M4x10	
38	C-RING C-30	1	88	FWD/REW SWITCH ZH-A	. 1
39	BEARING 6206	1	89	PANEL COVER	1
40	C-RING C-62	2	90	SCREW M4x10	2
41	BEARING 6206	1	91	SCREW M4x10	4
42	HEADSTOCK	1:	92	DIGITAL READOUT	1
43	POLY-V BELT 530J6	1	93	HEX HEAD BOLT	1
44	SPINDLE PULLEY	1	94	SWITCH BOX	2
45	INVERTER	1	95	C-RING C-19	1
46	SCREW M5x30	4	96	VARIABLE SPEED CONTROL	1
47	COVER A	1			
48	SCREW M5x12	2			
19	COVER B	1			