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# How To Select, Service, Repair & Maintain Your Vintage Sewing Machine



## Synopsis

Finally a sewing machine repair book for the Home Sewer. This book focuses on vintage sewing machines pre-1960, and will tell you how to select, service, repair & maintain your vintage sewing machine. Packed with easy to follow instructions and pictures, this book will guide you in servicing your own sewing machine with confidence.

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## Customer Reviews

Somehow I have ended up with quite a few vintage machines, and am in the middle of nowhere, the only repair shop is an hour away, when I found the author, and she was telling that this book was now available in print, I immediately ordered it, and it came today. It covers the questions I have, and the pictures go step by step so that you can look at your machine, and then look at the picture and make sure you are right on track. While there are thousands of YouTube videos for all aspects of owning a vintage machine, I hate trying to sift through them, listening to someone drone on, and I want an actual book in my hands to peruse and digest at will. I cannot recommend this book enough to anyone that has older sewing machines. I now feel like I can do what needs to be done on my 1908-13 Singer 9W, my Singer hand-wheel 28K, my Singer 1953 99K, my Singer knee control 1934 99-13, and my electric potted motor '46 and '54 15-91. I also have an Universal, circa late 50, and a mid 60's Brother. This book is a must have.

A succinct but very well written, richly illustrated introduction to vintage sewing machine maintenance and repair. Annotated with many web links and resources for finding additional

information on specific manufacturers/brands, parts, tools, supplies and manuals. Superb photographic images and repair-how-to illustrations, of machines from the 1890s to the late 1960s. Specific chapters cover such topics as machine dating, maintenance procedures, timing, motors, restoration, refurbishing, storage, packaging/shipping and general topics such as threading and needle/thread/fabric combinations. If you own or collect older classic, made-to-last vintage machines, then this book belongs in your library.

My husband & I both enjoy sewing - and tinkering. We have at this moment seven vintage (1905-1967) sewing machines, acquired through inheritance, Ebay (well-researched and under-priced work horses), thrift sales and free-for-the-hauling. Beyond general cleaning instructions, we were on our own - until this wonderful book! Features include clear, well-labelled, up-close photos and detailed, orderly instructions for servicing, as well as URLs to resources I hadn't been able to find. The sections on motors were thorough from cleaning to re-wiring. This is way better than poorly filmed and unedited YouTubes you have to replay to decipher the audio. We may even resuscitate a White Family Rotary treadle machine - I couldn't believe there was a threading diagram for our machine. You must have this book before you purchase a vintage machine, if only to refer the seller to the vastly important, but all too often skipped, packaging steps. [We're on our way to competing with our friend who has \*15\* machines! But you have to divide our collection by 2...] Armed with this book, we're prepared for the maintenance tasks ahead. Onward to sewing adventures!

Wonderful book with great detailed pictures to show you "how to." Many wonderful resources listed to find things you are looking for with your vintage machine. The author is extremely helpful if you have any questions. Great buy, great read!

I own several older machines and want to start doing my own maintenance on them due to the high cost of service in my area. Several people in my online groups raved about this book and it has lived up to my expectations. Great close up photos to show you what she is talking about. I hope she comes out with a sequel and more in depth repairs.

Got it for my husband who bought a 1917 Belgium made Singer machine. It was a good general guideline, but was more focused (he said) on the later electrified machines than the older treadle machines.

I actually purchased this book for my husband as I mentioned to him I love my "old" machines (at the time I had 2- one I've owned since I was 12 yrs old). Well he has since acquired the "bug" and looks for me machines, cleans them, services them and is even considering going into it as a side-business! When I received the book in the mail- I sat down and started reading- it is so easy to follow and I learned SO much!!! Excellent resource for the novice and advanced collector! Can't wait for edition 2! :)

I bought the book after reading some of the other reviews. I am not disappointed. I have a few vintage sewing machines that I want in proper working order. My husband (the ultimate handy-man) will be taking on this task. And I have no doubt this book will be a tremendous help for him. I just love all the pictures, what an asset.

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