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## ROCKWELL/DELTA 12" GAP BED WOOD LATHES

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VARIABLE SPEED MODEL



FOUR SPEED MODEL

# INTRODUCTION

Like any fine woodworking machine, your Delta 12" Wood Lathe must be installed properly and kept in adjustment.

Although it was test run and adjusted at the factory, it should be thoroughly checked and readjusted if necessary.

PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE MANUAL BEFORE INSTALLING OR OPERATING THE LATHE, so that you become thoroughly familiar with the adjustments and understand the functions of your lathe.

If you do not understand any portion of these instructions, please write to:

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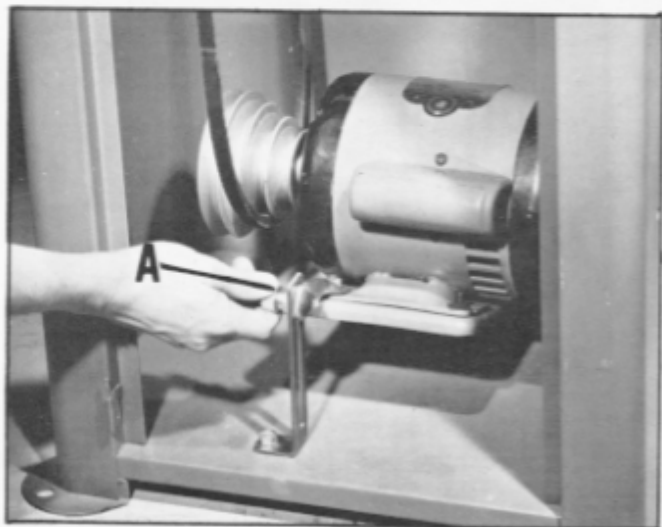
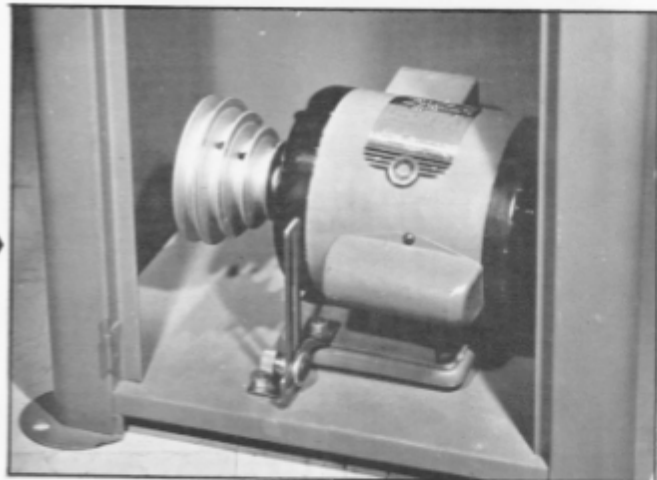
If there are any features you particularly like or any you do not like, we would also appreciate hearing from you. Be sure to tell us whether your lathe is used in a cabinet or pattern shop, school shop, homeworkshop, etc.

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## ASSEMBLING CABINET STAND

1. If you purchased the Variable Speed Lathe, you may disregard these instructions as your lathe and stand, were shipped completely assembled.
2. If you purchased the Four Speed Lathe, with the Cat. #50-150 Cabinet Stand, assemble the shelves to the leg of the stand, using nuts, screws, and washers provided, as shown in the parts drawing on Page 16.
3. Assemble the chip guard (Ref. #91) Page 16, to the cabinet as shown.

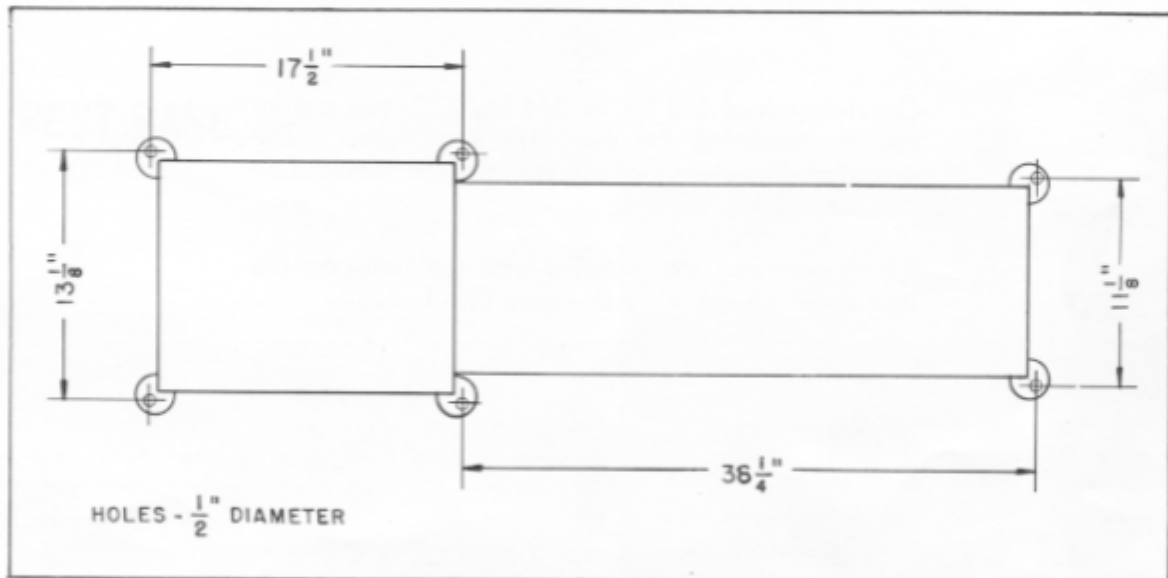
4. Mount the motor to the motor mounting plate and assemble the motor pulley to the motor as shown.



5. When changing speeds on four speed model lathes, merely loosen the knurled hand knob (A) and raise the motor to release belt tension.

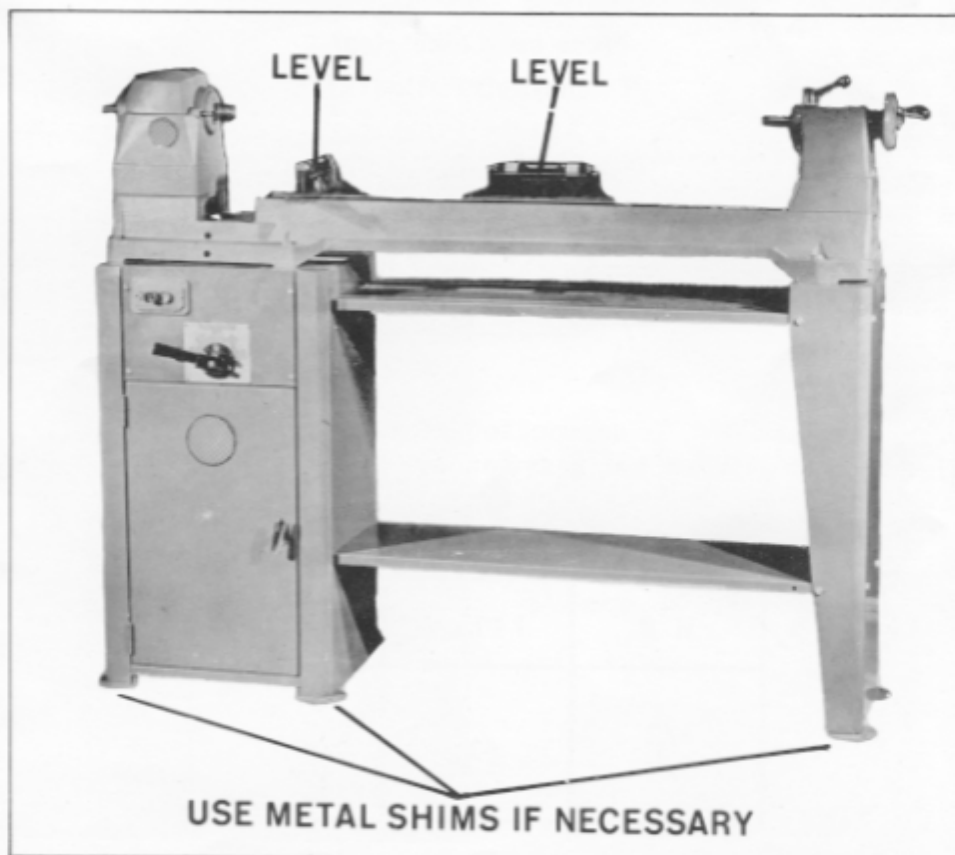
# INSTALLATION

1. Select a suitable location and remove wood skids.



LOCATION OF FLOOR MOUNTING HOLES

2. Make sure lathe is level if you wish to fasten it to the floor.

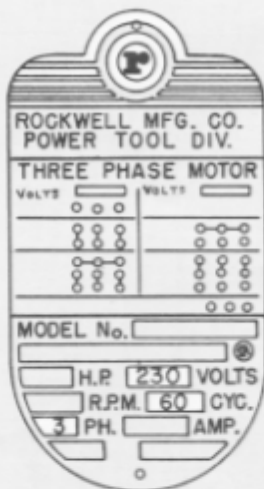


3. Remove the rust preventive from the machined surfaces using kerosene or similar solvent. CAUTION: Do not use acetone, gasoline, or lacquer thinner for this purpose.

# ELECTRICALS

Constant speed 1/2 hp, or 3/4 hp, 1725 rpm motors are recommended for use with your lathe. The mounting dimensions of the motor plate accommodate Delta 6" frame motors.

Wiring diagrams are included with the Delta Switch kits made available for use with this lathe.



Nameplate on motor.

Make sure electrical characteristics are the same.



To connect to power source use heavy enough wire.

3 PHASE  
230 VOLT  
60 CYCLE  
POWER  
SOURCE

Your power source.

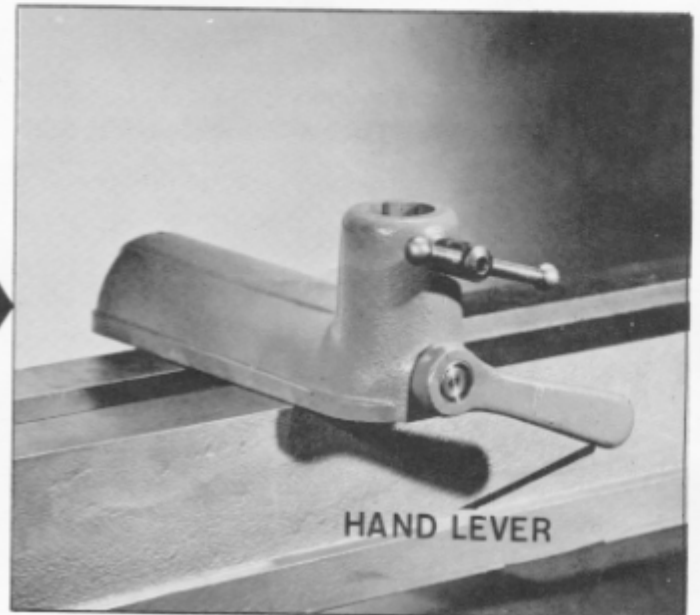
H. P	1 Phase	3 Phase
1/2 3/4	#14	#14

# GENERAL ADJUSTMENTS

The following is an explanation of the general adjustments of the Delta 12" Wood Lathe. The operator should check these adjustments carefully before turning on the power, to avoid damage to the lathe or injury to himself.

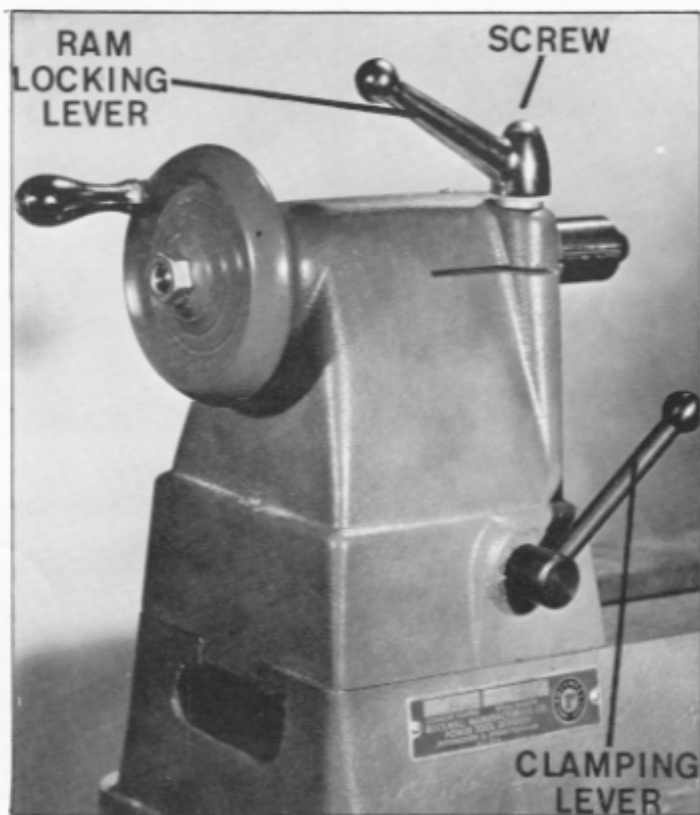
## TOOL REST BASE

1. The tool rest base is equipped with a cam type clamping device which is actuated by turning the hand lever downward.



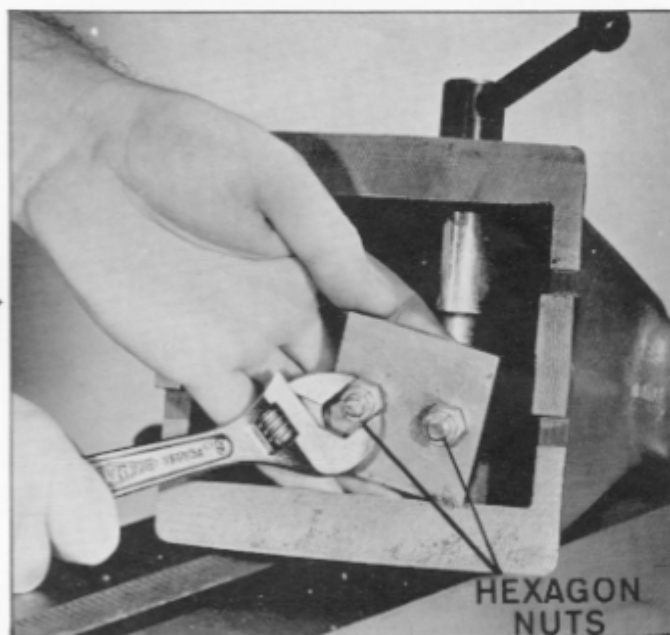
2. The clamping device has been set at the factory, however should it be necessary to reset, adjust the two hexagon nuts accordingly.

## TAILSTOCK



1. The ram is locked by turning the ram locking lever to the right. It has been set at the factory so as to lock in a convenient position. If repositioning becomes necessary, remove screw, lift off handle and reposition.
2. The tailstock also is equipped with a cam type clamping device which is actuated by moving the clamping lever, in either direction.

3. The clamping device has been set at the factory, however should it be necessary to reset, adjust the two hexagon nuts accordingly.





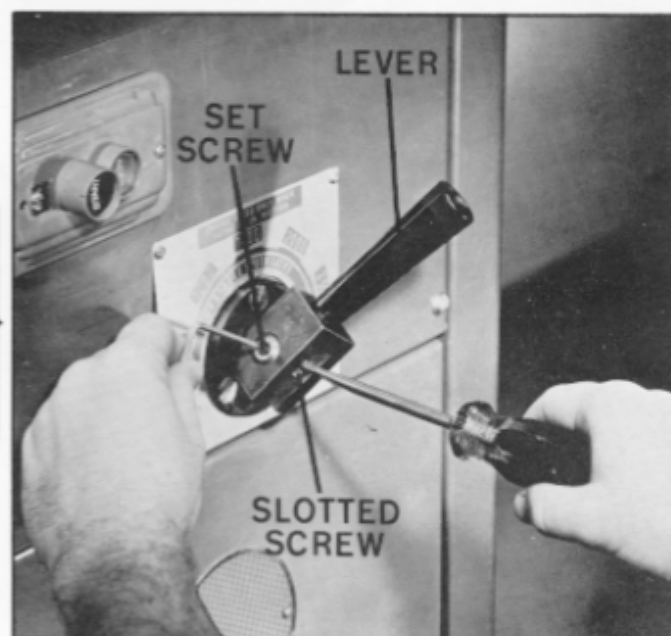
### VARIABLE SPEED CONTROL HANDLE



1. The variable speed control lever pivots and must be pulled out when changing speeds. When the desired speed is obtained, the lever is pushed in and automatically locks in position. It is only necessary to exert slight pressure to push the lever into the locked position.

If after a long period of time slight wear may occur on some of the parts, causing the lever not to lock sufficiently, an adjustment can be made.

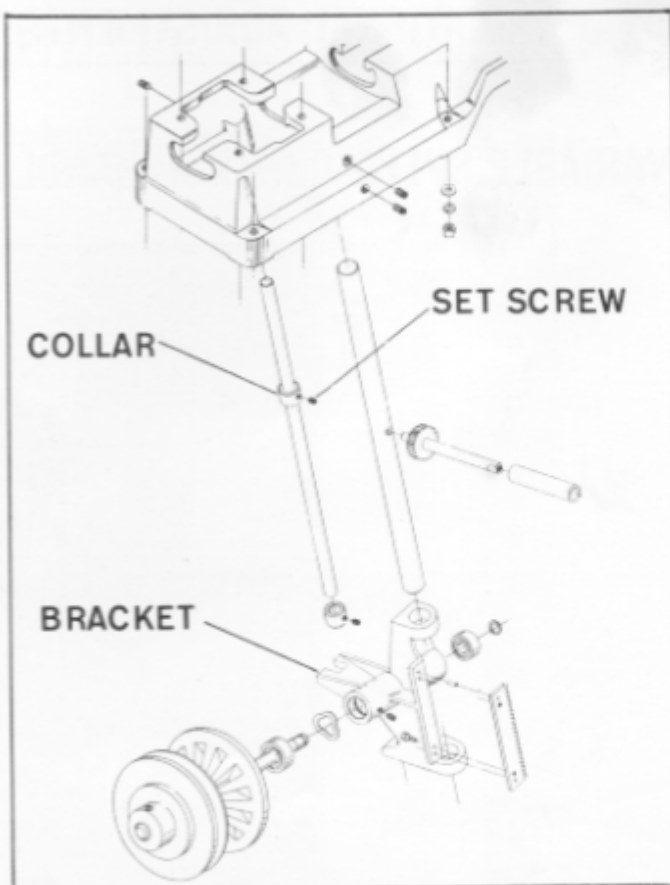
1. Pull lever out.
2. Loosen set screw with allen wrench.
3. Turn slotted screw slightly to the right.
4. Push lever in, and if it locks sufficiently, tighten set screw. If you are unable to push handle all the way in, back off slotted screw until correct adjustment is made.



## SPEED LIMIT CONTROL

Should you wish to limit the top speed lower than the maximum, an adjustment can be made.

1. Run the machine up to the desired speed and DISCONNECT MOTOR FROM POWER SOURCE.
2. Loosen set screw in top limit collar and lower the collar until it rests on bracket. Then tighten set screw.



## SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Make sure tailstock is securely locked in position and work is properly supported.
2. Always rotate work by hand to make sure it does not strike tool rest or bed.
3. Always keep tool rest as close to work as possible.
4. Do not use the index pin as a lock to hold the pulley stationary while unscrewing faceplates or other attachments.
5. Do not drive wood into drive center when it is in headstock. Set drive center into wood with a soft mallet prior to installing it in the lathe.
6. Never loosen tailstock ram while work is turning.
7. Never adjust tool rest while work is turning.
8. Never try to move index pin while spindle is turning.
9. Do not wear necktie, loose shirt sleeves or other loose clothing while working on the lathe.
10. Safety glasses or a face shield should be worn while working on lathe.
11. For inboard or outboard face plate turning, be sure material is securely fastened to the faceplate.
12. If you are not thoroughly familiar with the operation of power tools, obtain advice from your supervisor or instructor.



# MAINTENANCE

## CLEANING

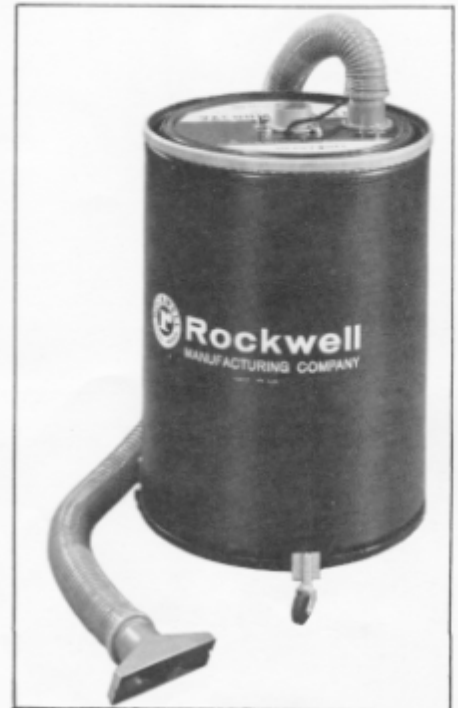
Although the variable speed mechanism and motor are protected from chips and dust, a small amount is bound to filter inside the cabinet. Frequently clean out this accumulation. Rockwell has a fine line of Vacuum Cleaners that are ideal for cleaning out the cabinet and also for cleaning dust and chips that accumulate in your workshop.



Model 49-253  
5-gallon capacity  
vacuum cleaner  
(casters extra).



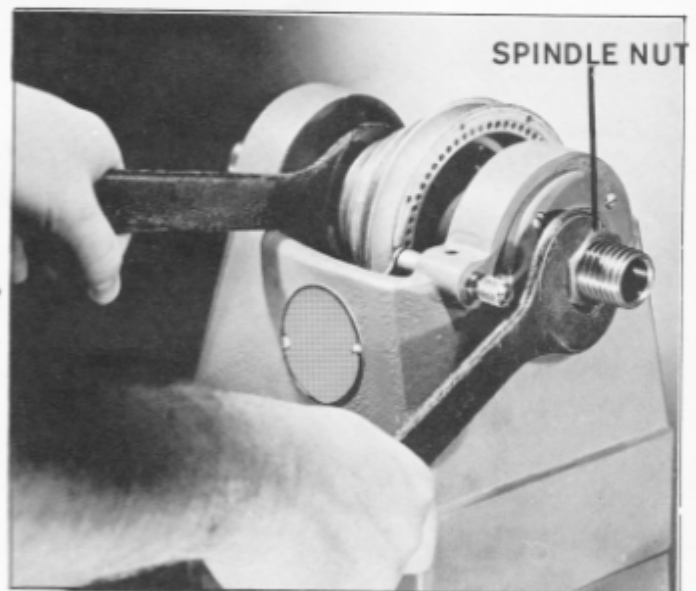
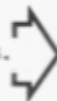
Model 49-254  
18-gallon capacity  
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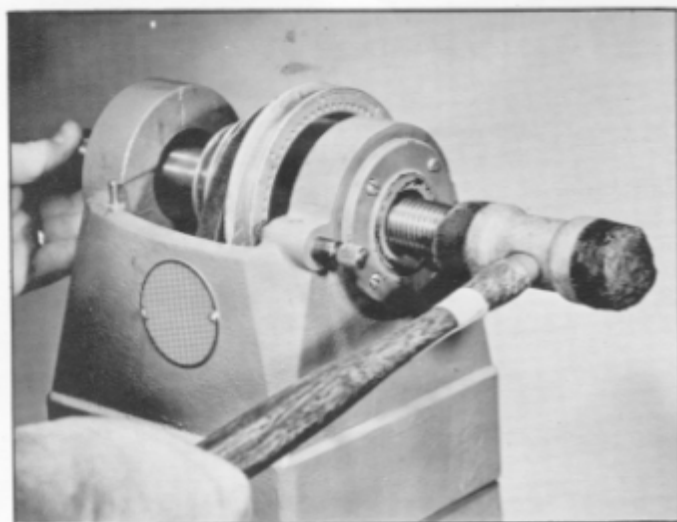
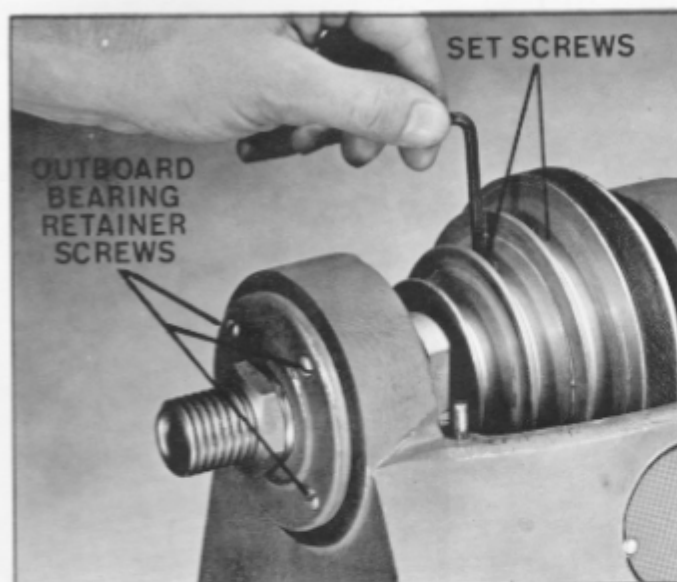
Model 49-255  
28-gallon capacity  
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## REPLACING BELTS

1. Unscrew spindle nut using two wrenches.

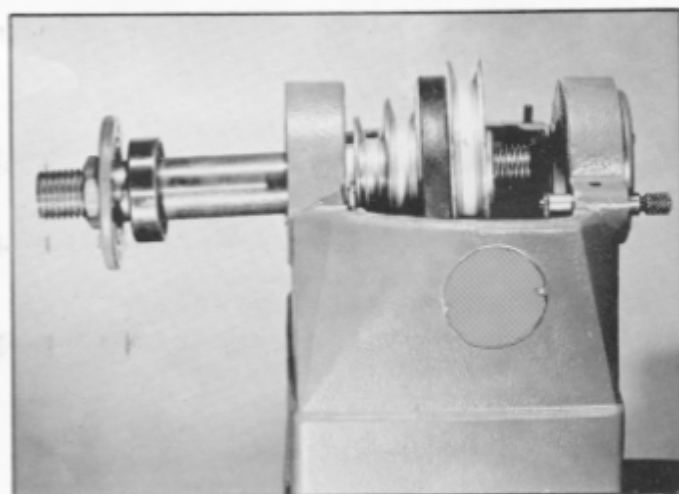


2. Loosen two set screws in pulley and remove four outboard bearing retainer screws. }



3. Use soft hammer or block of wood and gently tap spindle. <

4. Move spindle to the left far enough to remove and replace the belt. }

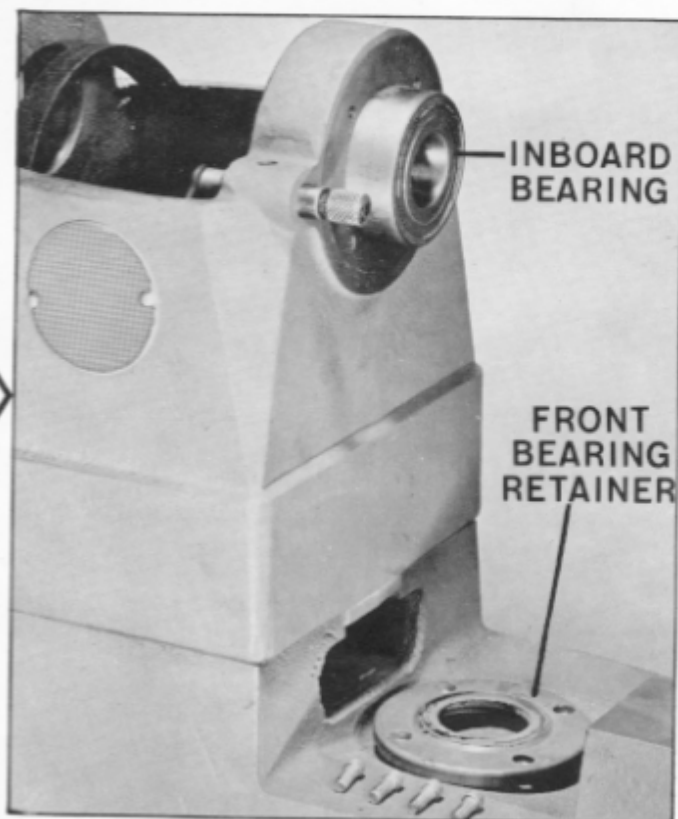


5. When reassembling, make sure the set screws in the spindle pulley are tightened against the flat surface of the spindle. Also recheck pulley alignment. NOTE: On variable speed models it may be necessary to readjust the limit stops when replacing belts.

## REPLACING BEARINGS

1. Repeat STEPS 1, 2, 3, and 4 under REPLACING BELTS.
2. Remove spindle, outboard bearing, spring washer, and spindle pulley completely from headstock.

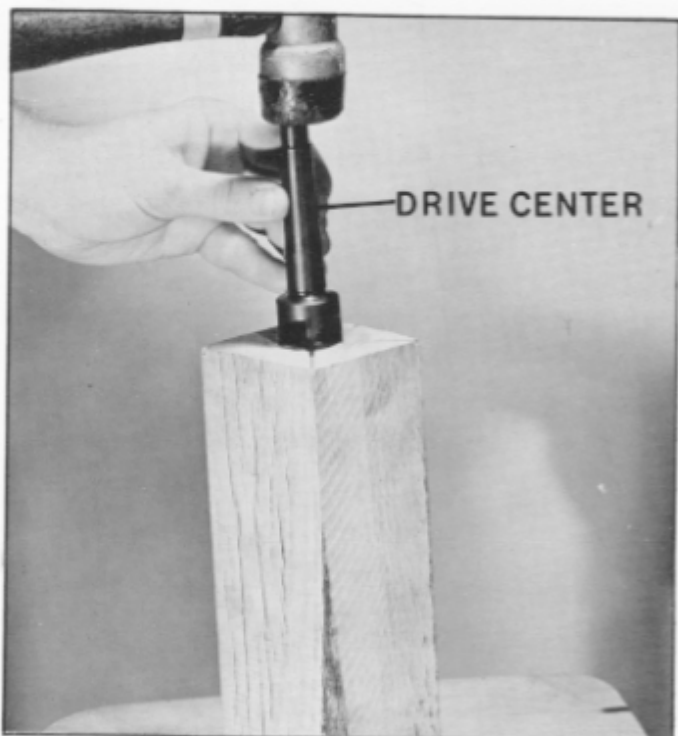
3. Remove front bearing retainer and inboard bearing.



4. When replacing bearings, make sure to replace required spring washer removed in STEP 2.

## BASIC OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### DRIVE CENTER



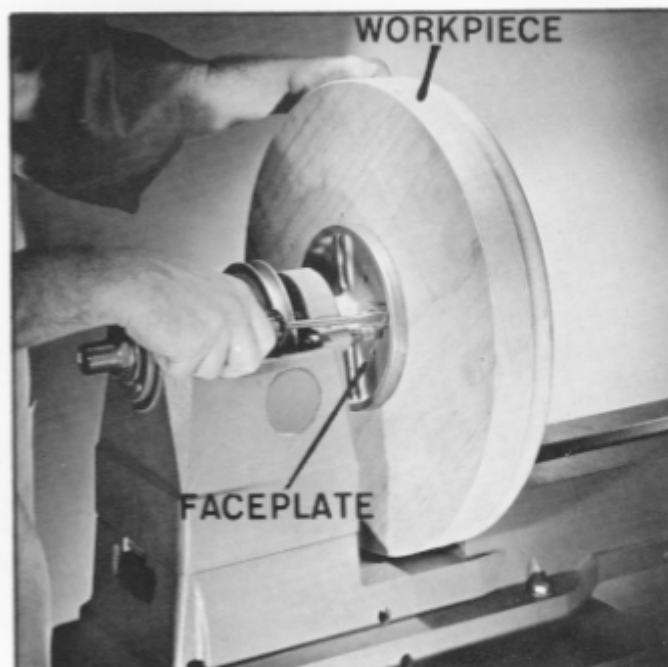
The drive center should be driven into the workpiece with a soft hammer or a block of wood. NEVER pound the drive center with a steel hammer. On hard woods, diagonal saw cuts should be made to receive the spurs.

## LARGE FACEPLATE WORK

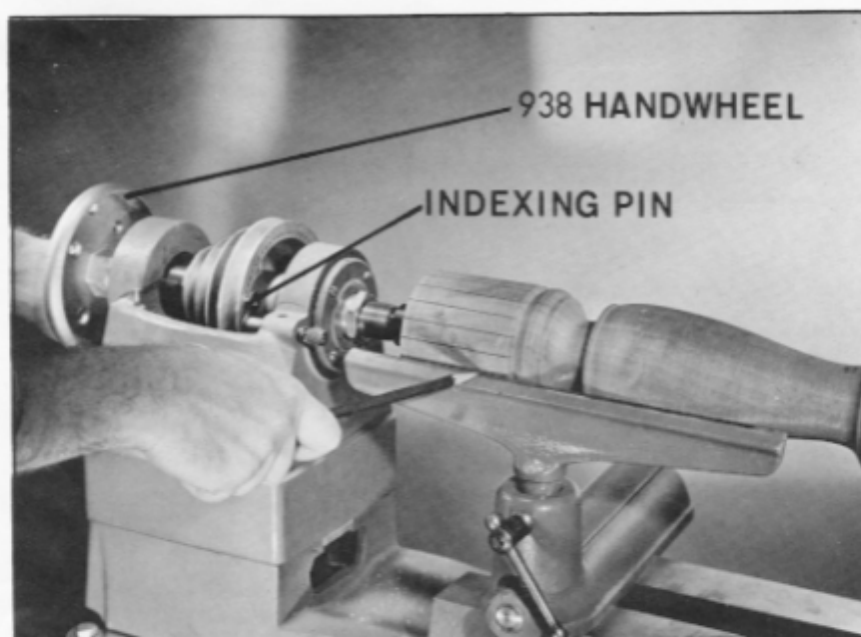
The maximum capacity for faceplate turnings in the gap is 16" dia. x 2 1/2" thick.

1. Bandsaw the workpiece accurately round.
2. Mark the location of the faceplate on the workpiece and drill the holes for the screws.
3. Screw the face plate on the spindle and fasten the workpiece with the necessary screws.

NOTE: Illustrated is Delta Cat. #937 face plate, 6" in diameter, available as an accessory. It contains double threads both right hand and left hand and can be used on either end of the spindle.



## INDEXING



The spindle pulley has a row of 60 and a row of 8 holes accurately spaced around the rim of the pulley. This feature makes it possible to make evenly spaced divisions on turnings which could be fluted, grooved, or holes drilled at these points.

The 60 holes are spaced 45 degrees apart. The indexing pins on the side of the headstock has a short lever on the end which can be turned to engage any hole in either inner or outer row.

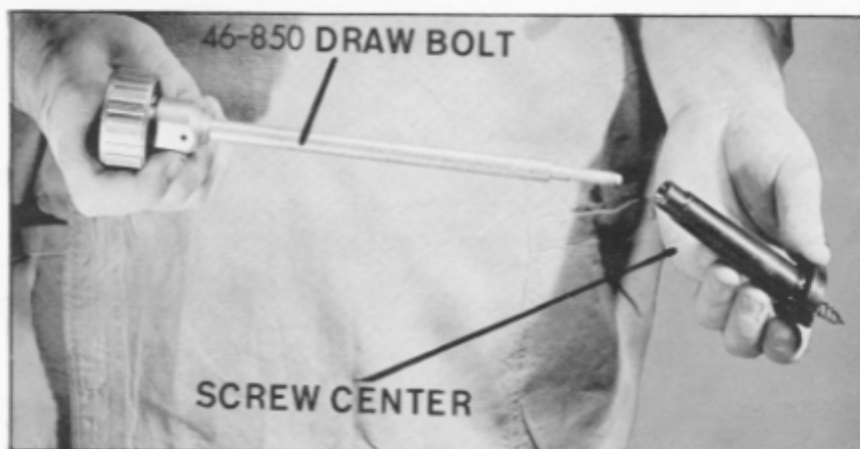
Illustrated is Delta Cat. #938 handwheel, available as an extra accessory. It is ideal for turning the lathe by hand while inspecting the work, or for bringing the lathe to a quick stop after the power has been turned off.

## #46-905 KNOCKOUT BAR

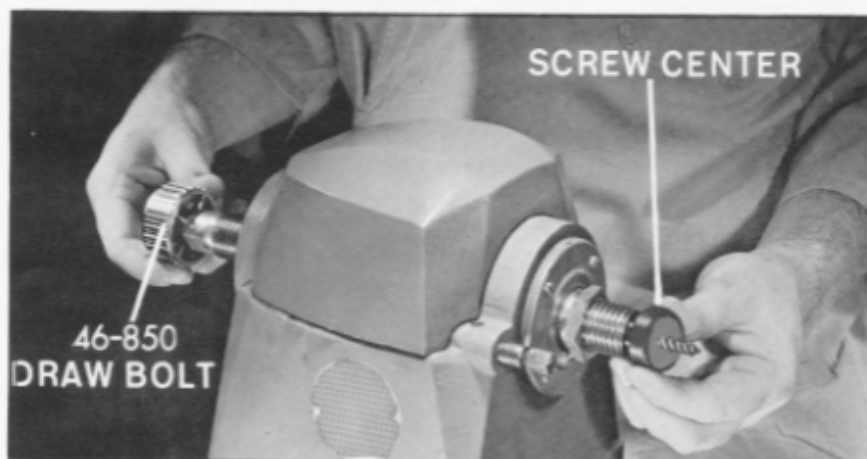


To remove tapered shank accessories from the headstock spindle, use a dowel rod 1/2" diameter or a piece of soft metal rod. The Delta Cat. #46-905 Knockout Bar illustrated is ideal for this purpose. It is available as an extra accessory. It is equipped with a brass plug on one end and a comfortable plastic knob on the other.

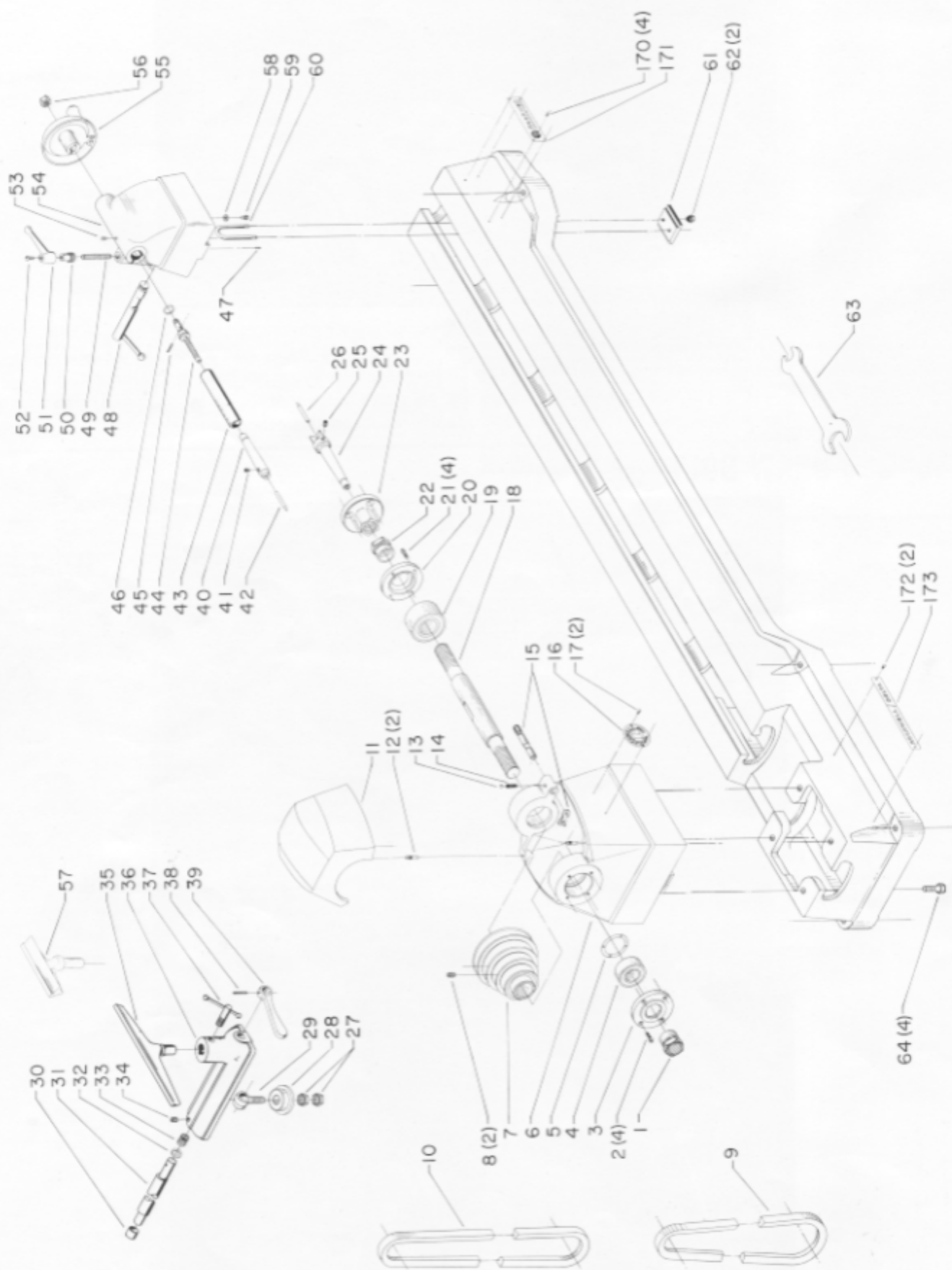
## #46-850 DRAW BOLT



Certain tapered shank accessories like the #940 screw center, #163 and #164 sanding drum, and the #935 adapter, are used in the lathe usually without the assistance of the tailstock. These accessories can work loose and come out of the spindle while the lathe is in operation. Therefore they must be securely held in the spindle. These accessories have a 1/4" 20 threaded hole in the tapered end and should only be used together with the Delta #46-850 Draw Bolt.



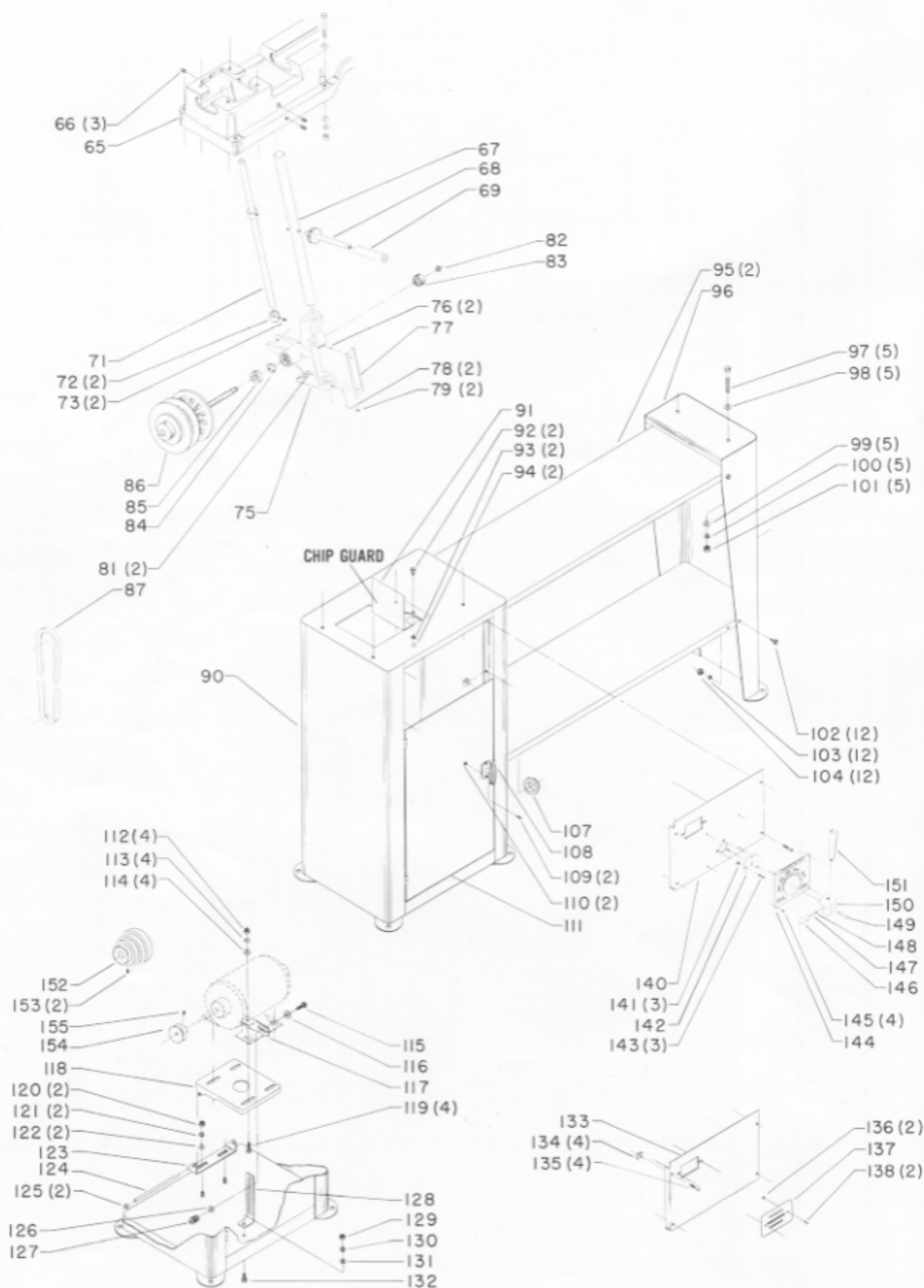
1. Place the accessory in the spindle and insert the draw bolt from the opposite end, threading it into the accessory, and tighten.





## Replacement Parts

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# Replacement Parts

Ref. No.	Part No.	Description	Ref. No.	Part No.	Description
65	434-04-006-5001	Lathe Bed	121	SP-2086	5/16" Split Lockwasher
66	SP-1112	3/8-16 x 1/2" Soc. Set Scr.	122	240-21	13/32 x 1 x 5/32" Washer
67	434-04-089-5001	Shaft Support*	123	402-04-072-5006	Plate
68	434-04-406-5001	Shaft Assembly	124	DP-517	Pin
69	434-04-104-5001	Spacer	125	SP-7035	Retaining Ring
71	434-04-055-5001	Guide	126	SP-1605	3/8 x 7/8 x 1/16" Washer
72	H-5	Collar	127	NJ-283	Hand Knob
73	SP-205	5/16 - 18 x 1/4" Soc. Set Scr.	128	434-04-014-5003	Bracket
75	434-04-014-5001	Pulley Support	129	SP-1300	5/16" - 18 Hex Nut
76	SP-2729	3/16 x 1/2" Roll Pin	130	SP-2086	5/16" Split Lockwasher
77	434-04-051-5001	Gear Rack	131	SP-1605	3/8 x 7/8 x 1/16" Washer
78	402-04-063-5001	Insert	132	SP-607	5/16 - 18 x 3/4" Hex Hd. Scr.
79	SP-9415	1/4 - 20 x 1/4" Soc. Set Scr.	133	434-04-031-5008	Cover
81	SP-611	1/4 - 20 x 1/2" Hex. Hd. Scr.	134	902-03-010-2968	Speed Nut
82	SP-7412	Retaining Ring	135	SP-535	1/4 - 20 x 1 1/4" Rd. Hd. Scr.
83	920-04-021-6618	Bearing	136	SP-1215	#6-32 Hex. Nut
84	NL-306	Spring Washer	137	DP-572	Switch Cover Plate
85	SP-5384	Bearing	138	SP-564	#6-32 x 3/8" Rd. Hd. Scr.
86	434-04-406-5002	Variable Speed Pulley Assembly	140	434-04-031-5005	Cover (Variable Speed)
87	Cat. #49-167	Motor Belt (Variable Speed)	141	SP-9152	1/4" - 20 Hex Jam Nut
	Cat. #50-150	Cabinet Complete (Four Speed)	142	434-04-089-5002	Support
		Consisting of:	143	SP-403	1/4 - 20 x 5/8" Fil. Hd. Scr.
90	434-04-318-5003	Cabinet	144	960-04-012-1427	Speed Plate
91	434-04-054-5002	Chip Guard	145	SP-3000	#6-32 x 1/4" Self-Tapping Scr.
92	SP-611	1/4 - 20 x 1/2" Hex. Hd. Scr.	146	414-02-071-5018	Pin
93	SP-1702	1/4" Split Lockwasher	147	MCL-161	Plug
94	SP-1034	1/4" - 20 Hex. Nut	148	SP-208	1/4 - 20 x 1/4" Soc. Set Scr.
95	434-04-015-5001	Shelf	149	SP-3803	5/16 - 18 x 1" Fil. Hd. Scr.
96	434-04-366-5001	Leg Assembly	150	434-04-019-5002	Cam
97	SP-644	3/8 - 16 x 2 1/2" Hex Hd. Scr.	151	931-01-071-9408	Lever
98	SP-1615	13/32 x 13/16 x 1/16" Washer	152	Cat. #41-732	Motor Pulley - Four Speed (1/2" Bore), Including:
99	SP-1605	3/8 x 7/8 x 1/16" Washer			5/16-18 x 5/16" Soc. Set Scr.
100	SP-1704	3/8" Split Lockwasher	153	SP-201	Motor Pulley - Four Speed (5/8" Bore), Including:
101	SP-5900	3/8" - 16 Hex Nut	152	Cat. #41-733	5/16-18 x 5/16" Soc. Set Scr.
102	SP-611	1/4 - 20 x 1/2" Hex Hd. Screw			Motor Pulley - Four Speed (3/4" Bore), Including:
103	SP-1702	1/4" Split Lockwasher	153	SP-201	5/16-18 x 5/16" Soc. Set Scr.
104	SP-1034	1/4" - 20 Hex Nut	152	Cat. #41-734	Motor Pulley - Four Speed (3/4" Bore), Including:
107	438-01-011-0020	Insulator			5/16-18 x 5/16" Soc. Set Scr.
108	369-13	Door Handle	153	SP-201	Motor Pulley - Variable Speed,
109	SP-553	#6 - 32 x 1/4" Rd. Hd. Scr.	154	Cat. #41-052	(1/2" Bore,) Including:
110	SP-1215	#6-32 Hex. Nut			5/16-18 x 5/16" Soc. Set Scr.
111	434-04-331-5001	Door W/Hinges	155	SP-206	Motor Pulley - Variable Speed,
112	SP-1300	5/16 - 18 Hex Nut	154	Cat. #41-053	(5/8" Bore), Including:
113	SP-2086	5/16" Split Lockwasher			5/16-18 x 5/16" Soc. Set Scr.
114	SP-1605	3/8 x 7/8 x 1/16" Washer	155	SP-206	Motor Pulley - Variable Speed
115	SP-808	5/16 - 18 x 1" Carriage Bolt	154	Cat. #41-054	(3/4" Bore), Including:
116	SP-1638	15/32 x 59/64 x .065" Washer			5/16-18 x 5/16" Soc. Set Scr.
117	424-04-014-5002	Bracket	155	SP-206	
118	DP-515	Motor Plate			
119	SP-834	5/16 - 18 x 3/4" Carriage Bolt			
120	SP-1300	5/16" - 18 Hex Nut			

\* These parts also included with Variable Speed Model.

# AUTHORIZED PARTS DISTRIBUTORS

Authorized Parts Distributors stock a complete line of replacement parts. To save time and shipping cost send your parts orders to your nearest distributor and in most cases they will be filled and shipped within 48 hours. We do not fill any parts orders direct from the factory.

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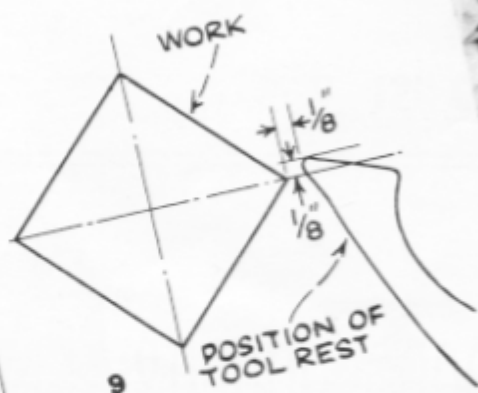
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comes difficult to turn the work, slack off on the feed about one-quarter turn and lock the tailstock spindle.

**Tool Rest Position.** The tool rest is now mounted in place, about  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. away from the work and  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. above the work centerline, as shown in Fig. 9. This position may be varied to suit the work and the operator. A guide mark to show the most suitable working position can be placed on the tool rest shank, as shown in Fig. 10, as an aid to quick and accurate re-setting. Once some experience has been obtained, the setting of the tool rest will become almost second-nature.

**Roughing a Cylinder.** The large gouge is used in the first turning operation of roughing-off the sharp corners



Figs. 11-13 show right and wrong methods in roughing a cylinder with a large gouge.

There are numerous operations which can be performed on your Delta Lathe. We show you how simple these operations are in our Deltacraft publication No. 4703, "GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR LATHE".

Above is only one page from this book. It contains hundreds of illustrations, charts and many helpful hints.



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### MOTORS

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