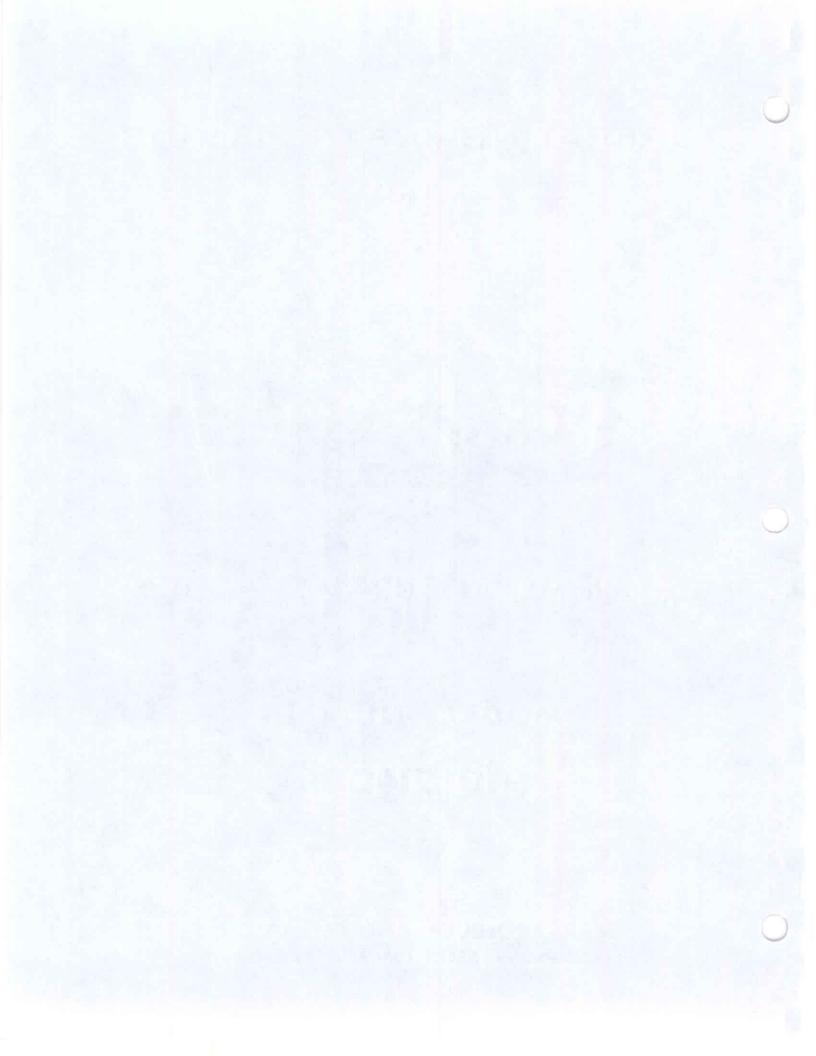
OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS and PARTS LIST



6-inch METAL TURNING LATHES

MODEL NUMBER
101.21400

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Craftsman Six-Inch Metal Turning Lathe

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This is the Model Number of your lathe. It will be found on a plate attached to the right end of the bed. Always mention this Model Number when communicating with us regarding your lathe or when ordering parts.

HOW TO ORDER REPAIR PARTS

All parts shown on the following list and illustrated on the parts diagrams may be ordered through any Sears Retail or Mail Order Store. In ordering parts by mail from the Mail Order Store which serves the territory in which you live, selling prices will be furnished on request, or parts will be shipped at prevailing prices and you will be billed accordingly. When ordering repair parts always give the following information:

- 1. The Part Number in this list.
- 2. The Part Name in this list.
- 3. The quantity desired.
- 4. The Model Number 101.21400

This list is valuable. It will assure your being able to obtain proper parts service at all times. We suggest that you keep it with other valuable papers.

ASSEMBLY AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CRAFTSMAN SIX-INCH METAL TURNING LATHE

DESCRIPTION

This lathe is designed to be run by a 1/3 H.P. 1740 R.P.M. motor. We recommend motors of the type shown in our catalog.

After removing the lathe from the crate, clean it thoroughly. Remove the rust-proof coating from the bed ways with a cloth soaked in kerosene.

Floor legs and table boards make an ideal stand for the lathe. If the lathe is to be mounted on a bench, use one that is solidly built, well braced and with a good dry lumber top at least two inches thick. The precision of any lathe, regardless of size depends a great deal upon the rigidity of the base under the lathe.

LEVELING THE LATHE - Important - See mimeographed sheets. Mount the countershaft on the bench, making sure the countershaft is parallel with the spindle and the pulleys are in line. Have the rockershaft handle in off-tension position when mounting the counter-

OPERATION AND CONTROLS

The following controls should be tested until the operator is thoroughly familiar with their use.

(1) The large handwheel on the front of the carriage propels the carriage ing the bed.

(2) The ball-crank is used for cross-feeding and the two-handle crank operates the compound rest. Both are graduated in thousands of an Inch. The compound feed can be turned in a complete circle, by simply loosening the two Allen set screws, and is graduated in degrees from 0° to 180° so that any angle can be cut.

(3) The lever on the right front side of the carriage operates the halfnut mechanism. When this lever is moved into the downward position, it engages the half-nut with the lead screw causing the carriage to travel along
the bed. CAUTION: Before engaging the half-nut with the lead screw, be
sure that the square head cap screw on the right top side of the carriage is
loose (item 39, page 5), otherwise the carriage is locked and serious damage
may result to the half-nut mechanism.

(4) The lever (item 111, page 6) with the small knob, located at the head-stock end of the lathe, is the reverse gear tumbler lever. This lever is used to reverse or stop the rotation of the lead screw. Three holes are drilled in the headstock providing three positions for the lever. The center hole is neutral and the upper and lower holes are either forward or reverse positions, depending upon the gear set-up.

(5) The belt tension lever located on the countershaft regulates the tension of the spindle belt. To tighten the belt move the lever backward. Move forward to locsen the tension, thereby allowing the belt to be easily changed to the different pulley steps.
(6) The handwheel on the tailstock operates the tailstock ram. To advance the ram, turn the handwheel in a clockwise direction.

(7) The small lever at the top of the tailstock is the tailstock ram clamp handle. It locks the ram in place when tightened. Note: Before attempting to move the ram, loosen the ram clamp.

ADJUSTMENTS

(1) SPINDLE BEARING ADJUSTMENT: Adjustment of the Timken Bearing is not often necessary, but if the spindle spins too freely or play is noticeable when the spindle is pushed back and forth, the following simple procedure will adjust the headstock bearings:

Run the lathe between thirty minutes and an hour to warm up the spindle. Then loosen the set screw on the thrust nut at the extreme left end of the spindle, and turn it up to a point where no play can be detected in the spindle. Advance this thrust nut 1/16 turn past that point (equal to two teeth on the spindle gear) in order to provide the correct pre-load. Tighten the set screw.

(2) ADJUSTMENTS OF THE CARRIAGE: If any horizontal play develops between the carriage and the bed it can be taken up by screwing the four gib screws up tighter against the gib. These screws should be tightened just enough to give a firm sliding fit between the carriage and bed.

Bearing plates on the carriage, which bear on the under side of both the front and the back of the bed ways, anchor the carriage firmly to the bed in a vertical direction. The bearing plates have laminated shims for adjustment of possible wear.

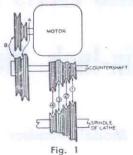
The gibs on the cross feed slide and the compound feed slide should be adjusted at regular intervals. The cross feed gib should always fit snugly, because the cross slide is in almost continual use.

(4) The ball and crank handles on the cross feed screw and the compound feed screw can be adjusted for play with the two nuts on the hubs of the handles. To adjust, tighten the inner nut and lock the outer nut. An extremely tight fit is likely to result in a jerky feedthe turning force keeps these slides firm against the screw, and play in the handles does not affect the accuracy of the work. A nice working, snug fit is ideal.

(5). On the tailstock, two gib screws are provided, one on each and of the gib which regulates the tightness of the tailstock between the bed ways. These two screws should be adjusted evenly so that both ends of the gib will bear against the way with the same amount of pressure.

The tailstock can be set over $\frac{9}{15}$ " for turning tapers. This is done by simply adjusting the two headless screws after loosening the tailstock clamp nut.

PROPER CUTTING SPEEDS



| Spindle Spe | ed in R | evolutio | ns per | Min. |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------|--------|------|
| DIE | RECT CC | NE DR | IVE | |
| Motor Belt Position | Spindle Belt Position | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| A | 380 | 540 | 835 | 1185 |
| В | 975 | 1380 | 2150 | 3050 |
| Motor Belt | ACK GE Spi | AR DRI | 11.00 | tion |
| Position | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| A | 55 | 82 | 125 | 185 |
| В | 145 | 210 | 315 | 465 |

Much of the success in metal cutting depends upon the choice of the cutting speeds. Too slow a speed not only wastes time, but leaves a rough finish-too high a speed burns the tool. The chart above shows the different speeds available and the set-up for each.

READING THE GEAR CHART

To simplify gear set-ups the three different gear bracket positions have been assigned letters. These designations will be found in Figure 1 on the Threading Chart as positions A, B, and C.

"Back position" means the position TOWARD the headstock. "Front position" is the position AWAY FROM the headstock.

One representative set-up is given in detail below.

GEAR SET-UP FOR 36 THREADS PER INCH (See Figure 2)

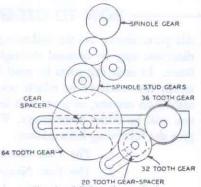


Fig. 2-36 threads per inch

(1) Place 36 tooth gear on front position of screw stub.

(2) Place 20 tooth gear and 32 tooth gear on sleeve and mount in Position C on gear bracket with 32 tooth gear in front position. Tighten so that 32 tooth gear meshes with gear in screw position. The 20 tooth gear is a spacer.

(3) Place 64 tooth gear and a steel spacer on sleeve and mount in Position A on gear bracket with 64 tooth in front position. Tighten so that 64 tooth gear meshes with 32 tooth gear in Position C.

(4) Swing entire gear brack-et upward and tighten so that the 64 tooth gear meshes with the 16 tooth spindle gear.

When setting up the gear train be sure to allow sufficient clearance be-tween two meshing gears. Gear clearance does not reduce the accuracy of a thread cutting operation because all the back lash in the gears is taken up one direction

MOUNTING THE WORK

Whenever practicable, the work is held between centers. There are two steps in mounting work between centers: Locating the center points at each end of the work, and countersinking and drilling the ends to accommodate the lathe centers.

On round work, centers are usually located with either the hermaphrodite caliper or the center head attachment for a steel square. On the centering of square, hexagon and other regular-sided stock, lines are scribed across the ends from corner to corner. The work is then center punched at the point of intersection, A little chalk rubbed over the end of the work before scribing makes the marks easily seen.

After the ends have been countersunk, the work is mounted between centers. Be sure that the "tail" or bent portion of the lathe dog fits into the face plate slot without resting on the bottom of the face plate slot.

Bring the tailstock up close to the end of the stock and lock in ce. Turn the tailstock center into the countersunk hole and lock in such a position that the play is taken up between centers but not so tight that the work will not freely rotate. PLACE PLENTY OF WHITE LEAD AT POINT OF BEARING ON TAILSTOCK CENTER.

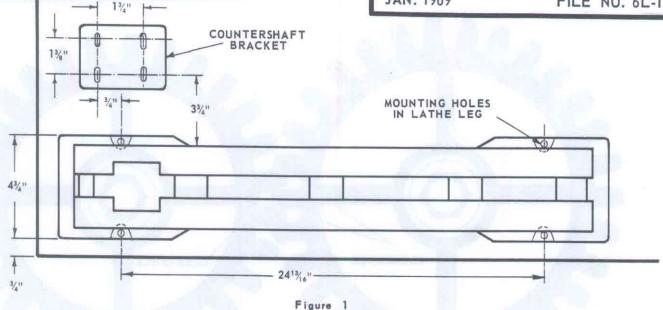
Much of the work to be turned or threaded on the lathe is not of a size or shape which permits mounting between centers. In such cases it is customary to mount the work on a face plate or hold it in a chuck, a device with laws which grips the work rigidly while it is being machined

INSTRUCTIONS

NO. 6L-1 SIX INCH LATHE MOUNTING

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MOUNTING LATHE

MOUNTING COUNTERSHAFT

Place lathe on bench in approximately position shown in figure 1. Bench top should be at least 20 by 34 inches. Front edges of legs should be about 3/4" from front of bench top. Mark positions of four holes in lathe legs and drill holes to accommodate either lag screws or bolts as desired.

Next, bolt lathe to bench top and level bed by carefully following instructions contained in bulletin "PROPERLY LEVEL THE LATHE BED". This is a most important step and should not be slighted.

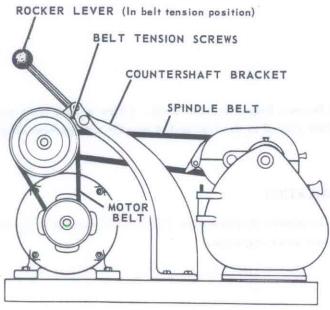


Figure 2

The four holes for the countershaft bracket may now be located and drilled by following the dimensions in figure 1. With countershaft belt tension screws (refer to figure 2), in about the midway position, place spindle belt on smallest step of countershaft pulley and largest step of spindle pulley. Bolt countershaft bracket lightly to bench.

Put rocker lever in tension position, that is, so that the belt tension screws (refer to figure 2) rest on the smaller of the two flat spots on rocker shaft. Now move countershaft bracket on its slotted holes so that countershaft spindle is parallel with lathe spindle. Move bracket away from lathe until belt is tight and tighten the four mounting bolts. With belt tension screws, adjust belt so that with a moderate amount of pressure belt can be depressed about 1" in the center. Lock this adjustment by tightening locknuts on belt tension screws.

MOUNTING MOTOR

Before mounting motor, make all electrical connections.

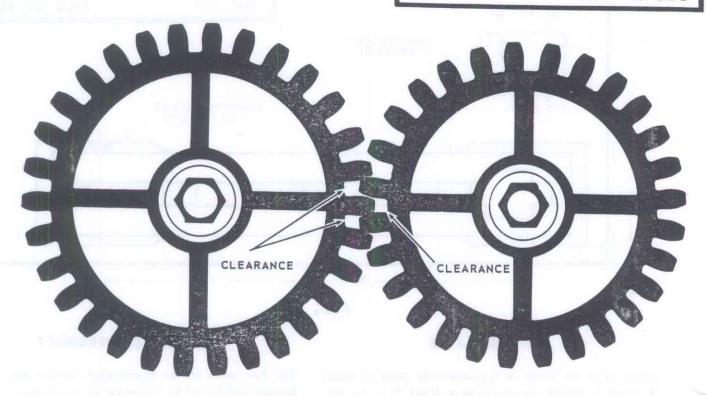
Slide pulley on motor shaft so that small step is toward motor. Place motor in position shown in figure 2, with belt on small step of motor pulley and on large step of countershaft pulley. Be sure rockershaft is still in tension position and pull motor as close to countershaft bracket as belt will allow, line up belt and bolt motor to bench. Check tension and alignment of both belts, then tighten all mounting screws or bolts securely.

INSTRUCTIONS

NO. 6L-2 GEAR CLEARANCE

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View of two meshing gears showing gear clearance.

When setting up gear train, sufficient clearance must be allowed between two meshing gears. Gear clearance does not reduce accuracy of a thread cutting operation because all play, or back lash, is taken up in one direction.

A SUGGESTED METHOD TO OBTAIN PROPER GEAR CLEARANCE IS:

- 1. Place a sheet of thick wrapping paper between the teeth of two meshing gears.
- 2. Tighten gears in position.
- 3. Remove paper.

Clean gears occasionally to remove any chips which become lodged in gear teeth. Chips in gear teeth result in inaccuracies when cutting screw threads. A wad of cloth placed in the rear end of spindle will prevent chips from working into gear teeth.

LUBRICATION

A small amount of S.A.E. No. 30 oil or grease (we recommend Keystone No. 122 Gear Lubricant or equivalent applied to gear teeth, will aid in obtaining smoother, more quiet operation.

NOTE: Remove oil and dirt before applying grease.

IT IS

Your Responsibility

To

PROPERLY LEVEL THE LATHE BED

Do It RIGHT! Keep It RIGHT!

Because:

- ★ A properly leveled lathe is the first essential for accurate work and long service life.
- ★ The built-in accuracy of the lathe can be permanently destroyed by improper leveling.
- ★ Satisfactory performance is impossible if the lathe bed is out of level as little as one thousandth of an inch.

AN IMPROPERLY LEVELED LATHE WILL

CHATTER - TURN TAPER - BORE TAPER - FACE CONVEX OR CONCAVE - SCORE BED AND CARRIAGE WAYS - SCORE SPINDLE-RUIN SPINDLE BEARINGS - MAKE CARRIAGE BIND - TWIST HEADSTOCK AND SPINDLE, BED, CARRIAGE AND TAILSTOCK OUT OF ALIGNMENT RESULTING IN EXCESSIVE UNEVEN WEAR.

WHAT IS A PROPERLY LEVELED LATHE?

On an accurately leveled lathe the bed ways are parallel or level with each other both lengthwise and crosswise.

To do it <u>RIGHT</u> and keep it <u>RIGHT</u> — Carefully follow instructions on reverse side of sheet.

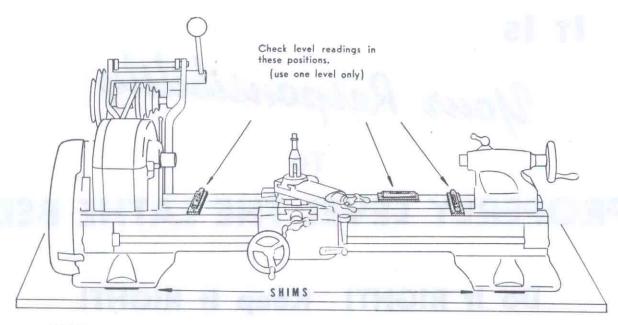


FIGURE 1. Positions for checking level readings

LATHE BENCH REQUIREMENTS

- A rigid bench or floor stand must be used for mounting the lathe. Bench top must have a clear semi-hard or hardwood top at least 1-5/8" thick, cleated or well doweled to form a rigid table. Do not use soft-woods or boards not cleated together.
- Bench legs should be of heavy construction, preferably 4" x 4" lumber, well braced and securely anchored to bench top. Provide legs with lugs for bolting bench securely to floor. Overall height of bench should be approximately 30 or 32 inches.
- 3: Level the floor stand or bench before mounting lathe, this will omit excessive shimming when leveling lathe bed. Use a precision machinists level, placing shims as required between bench legs and floor to accurately level bench top. BOLT BENCH TO FLOOR.
- Mount the lathe on the floor stand or bench. If bench is used, mark and drill four 3/8" diameter holes in bench top under corresponding holes in lathe legs. Do not bolt lathe securely in position.

HOW TO LEVEL THE LATHE BED

- Using only a precision machinists spirit level, check level readings at the positions shown in Figure 1 above. A VERY SENSITIVE LEVEL MUST BE USED. A sensitive level should move the bubble approximately 1/8" when a .003" shim is placed under one end of lathe.
- Level readings in the four positions must be identical. Compensate variations of bubble readings with thin metal shims placed around bolts between lathe legs and bench top until bubble readings are identical. See Figure 2 for approximate size of shim.
- 3. Shim should be the only contact point with the bench

- top. If outer or inner edges of bench legs bear on bench top, bed is apt to be bowed or twisted when lathe is bolted down.
- Bolt lathe securely in position and recheck level readings.
 Variations in bolt pressure may twist the lathe bed out of level.
- The levelness of the lathe should be inspected at frequent intervals, especially before and after machining heavy work

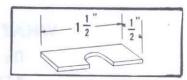


FIG. 2. Approximate shim dimension.

IF SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE IS NOT OBTAINED OR OPERATING INACCURACIES OCCUR—CHECK THE LATHE BED AND MAKE SURE IT IS PERFECTLY LEVEL.

If only one chuck is to be purchased, it should be the four-jaw indepen-dent chuck. The four-jaws are adjusted separately and are reversible so that work of any shape can be clamped from the inside or the outside.

Mounting work in the four-jaw chuck is largely a matter of centering. Determine the portion of the rough work that is to run true, then clamp the work as closely centered as possible, using as a guide the concentric rings on the face of the chuck. Test for trueness, marking the high spots with chalk rested against the tool post or a tool bit mounted in the tool post. The chuck jaws should be adjusted until the chalk or tool bit contacts the entire circumference of the work.

Boring operations require only slightly different tools and methods than those for external turning. With the round tool shank parallel to the lathe center line, set the boring tool into the work with the shank below the center line. Then by putting the cutting edge on exact center line, the correct amount of back rake is provided. The general rules for the use of the external tools apply to boring tools. For maximum rigidity, choose the largest possible boring tool. Take several light cuts rather than a heavy one when boring.

CUTTING TOOL BITS

It is wise for the unskilled worker to purchase already formed tools for the particular operations he wishes to perform. Tool bits are not expensive and the purchase of a set of these will probably prove the cheapest and most satisfactory way out in the long run.

ANGLE OF TOOL TO WORK

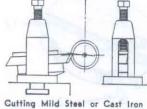
The angle of the cutting tool to the work varies according to hardness of the metal being cut. The accompanying drawings show in general the proper angles to be used for the different classes of metals. Refer to these drawings before taking a cut until you are sure you know the proper angle for each metal.

CUTTING SPEEDS

The speed a cut is taken varies according to the kind of metal being cut and the kind of cut—whether roughing or finishing. Brass may be cut faster than steel and a light cut faster than a heavy one.



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SETTING THE TOOL TO THE WORK

Cuts, especially heavy ones, should always be made toward the headstock. In this way most of the pressure is toward the live center which revolves with the work. Cutting toward the teilstock puts a heavy additional pressure on the tailstock center and is quite likely to damage the center.

The type of tool holder, and the way it is set into the work, should always be such that it tends to swing away from the work on heavy cuts. When cutting at an angle with the compound rest, the tool should be set at a right angle to the surface of the cut, not at a right angle to the center line of the lath. ter line of the lathe.

Facing cuts represent different cutting relations and tool angles, and tools should preferably be special ground, for that purpose. Smoother cutting and a finer finish can be obtained generally by cutting toward the outside—that is, feeding from the center of work out.

If the tool is ground properly, the point of the tool will not have to be set above or below the center line of the work, but should be set on the center line.

INDEXING

The spindle pulley is provided with 60 indexing holes which may be engaged by means of the knurled pin on the upper right end of the headstock. These indexing holes are useful for such operations as spacing, fluting, reeding, serrating, sprocket and spoke-spacing, etc.

INDEXING TABLE

1 2 3 4 5 6 60 30 20 15 12 10 Divisions Desired 1 6 10 12 15 20 30 60 No. of Spaces 6 Degrees of Arc 360 180 120 90 72 60 36 30 24

THREADING*

Only the operation connected with the cutting of the 60 degree thread will be described.

After the work has been properly prepared for threading, set the compound rest at a 29 degree angle so that the tool bit faces in the direction the carriage will travel. Mount the tool holder in the tool post so that the point of the tool is exactly on the lathe center line—tighten the tool post screw just enough to hold the tool holder. Then use a center or thread gauge to set the tool point at an exact right angle to the work. Tap lightly on the back of the tool holder when bringing into position. With the tool point at an exact right angle to the work, recheck center line position and tighten tool post screw.

Check the change gear assembly and the tumbler gear lever so that carriage will move in the proper direction. Adjust belts for a speed of 54 R.P.M.

Set the compound rest approximately in the center of its ways and advance the cross feed so that it is set at 0 with the tool close to the work. With the point of the tool about an inch to the right of the start of the thread, advance the tool with the compound rest so that the first cut will be about .003 inch.

Start the lathe and engage the half-nut lever on the carriage. Apply plenty of lubricant to the work. When the tool point has traveled the desired length along the work, raise the half-nut lever, back out the cross feed a turn or two, and return the carriage by hand to the starting point.

Advance the cross feed to its original position at 0, advance the compound rest for the desired depth of cut, and engage the half-nut lever for the second cut. All feeding is done with the compound rest. Follow the same routine on all succeeding cuts.

RULES FOR THE USE OF THE THREADING DIAL

When cutting an even-numbered thread such as 8, 10, 12, 14, etc., (per inch), engage the half-nut lever when the stationary mark on the threading dial is in line with any one of two opposing marks on the rotating dial.

When cutting any other threads (9, 11, 13 and 27 per inch) engage the half-nut lever when the stationary mark on the threading dial is in line with the same mark on the rotating dial.

Precautions: Never disengage the half-nut lever in the middle of the thread without first backing out the tool with the cross-feed.

LUBRICATION CHART

See Fig. 6

Use No. 10 motor oil or equivalent throughout unless otherwise specified. Place a few drops of oil on the rockershaft bearings and cam every time the lathe is in use.

2. Countershaft Bearings-Oil every time lathe is used.

3. Motor Bearings—Sleeve type motors have two oil cups which round be filled once a week with S.A.E. No. 10 motor oil or equivalent. Earli bearing motors have a sealed-in type bearing—every six months the small it adias screw in these bearings should be removed and a moderate quantity of automotive cup grease forced around the bearings.

4. Left and Right Headstock Bearings-Oil every time the lathe is used.

Spindle Pulley—Every time the lathe is used in back gear, remove the all screw in the bottom of the second step of the idler pulley and oil freely. Replace screw.

 Back Gears and Change Gears—A small amount of grease, preferably graphite grease, applied to the gear teeth will aid in obtaining smoother, more quiet operation.

Change Gear Bearings—Put a few drops of oil on the change gear bearings each time lathe is used.

Lead Screw Bearings (left and right)—Put a few drops of oil in the oil hole of the bearing every time the lathe is used.

Carriage Traverse Gear Bracket—Every time lathe is used put a few drops of oil in oil hole on top of gear bracket on back of carriage apron.

II. Carriage Handwheel Bearing—Put a few drops of oil in oil hole every time lathe is used.

12. Half-nut Lever Bearing-Put a few drops of oil in the oil hole every time lathe is used.

Lead Screw — About once a month clean the lead screw threads with kerosene and small stiff brush and apply a small amount of oil.

14. Rack (on bed, under front way)—About once a month apply a small amount of cup grease to the rack after cleaning with kerosene and a small stiff brush.

15. Place a few drops of oil between the handwheel and screw bearing when ever using lathe.

16. Tailstock Ram-Keep the outside surface of the tailstock ram well oiled. 17. Lathe Bed Ways—Keep the lathe bed ways oiled at all times and free from chips. Wipe off the ways before using and cover with fresh oil. Always leave a generous film of oil on the ways when the lathe is not in use. The lathe should be completely covered when not in use.

18. Compound Slide Screw—Every time lathe is used put a few or between the graduated collar and bearing plate and on the thread-

19. Cross Slide Screw—Put a few drops of oil in the oil hot whose the front cross slide screw bearing after removing the small screw. Disgo the screw. This should be done every time the lathe is used. Cieva the cross slide screw regularly with a small stiff brush. Oil the screw threads by running compound rest back and forth.

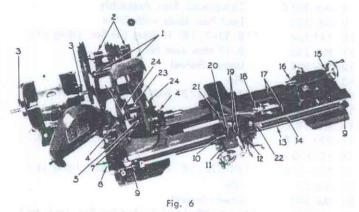
Cross Slide Ways-Clean regularly and apply a liberal quantity of oil to the ways whenever the lathe is used.

Compound Slide Ways—Clean regularly and apply a liberal quantity of oil to the ways whenever the lathe is used.

22. Thread Dial-Once a week put a few drops of oil around the rim of the

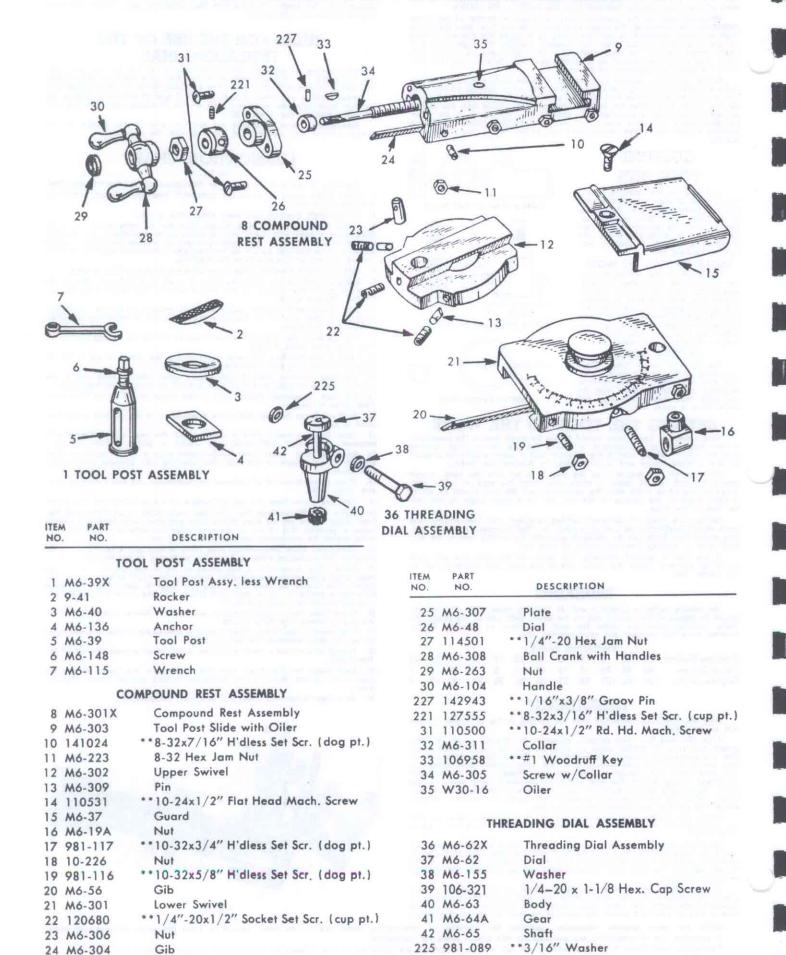
Back Gear Spindle—Every time the back gears are used, remove the small screw in the center of the back-gear spindle and oil freely. Replace

24. Back Gear Eccentrics (right and left)-Oil occasionally,

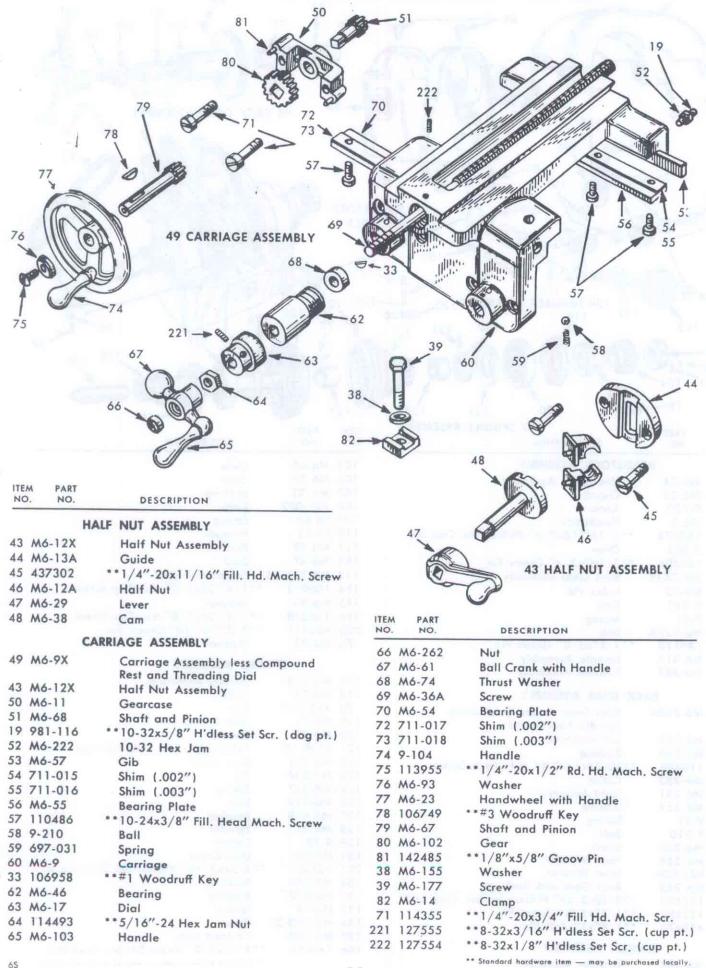


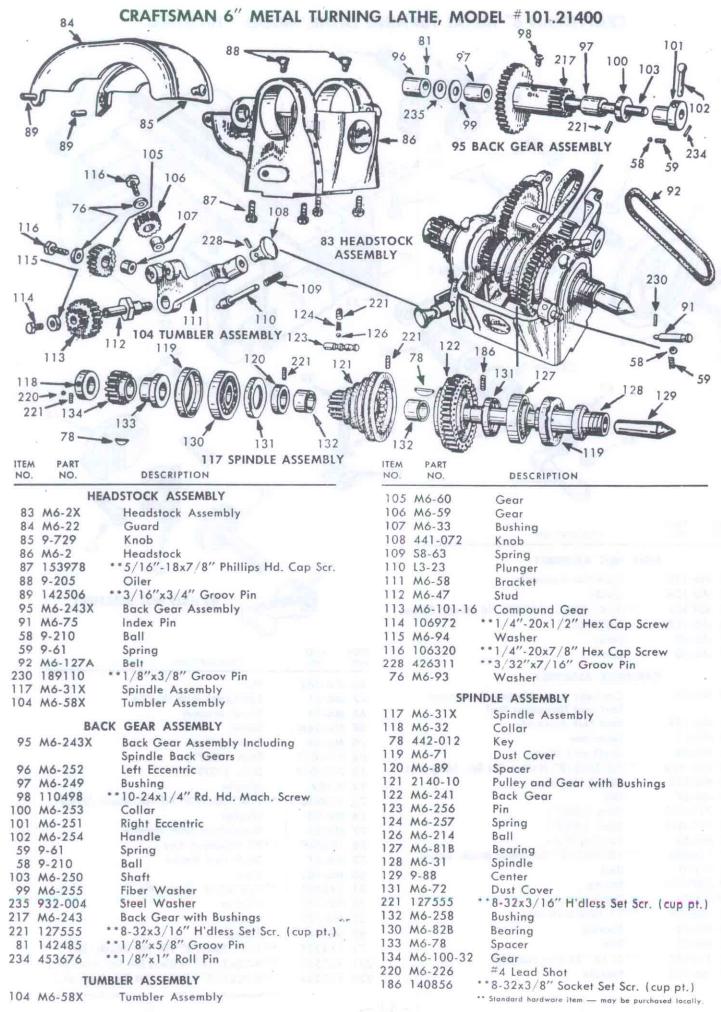
NOTE: For more complete information regarding the operation of metal-cutting lathes refer to the Sears' Manual of Lathe Operation furnished with lathe. A complete line of accessories are available for this lathe. Write for information. * Complete information for thread cutting and coil winding operations are contained in the "Threading Information" booklet supplied with this Lathe.

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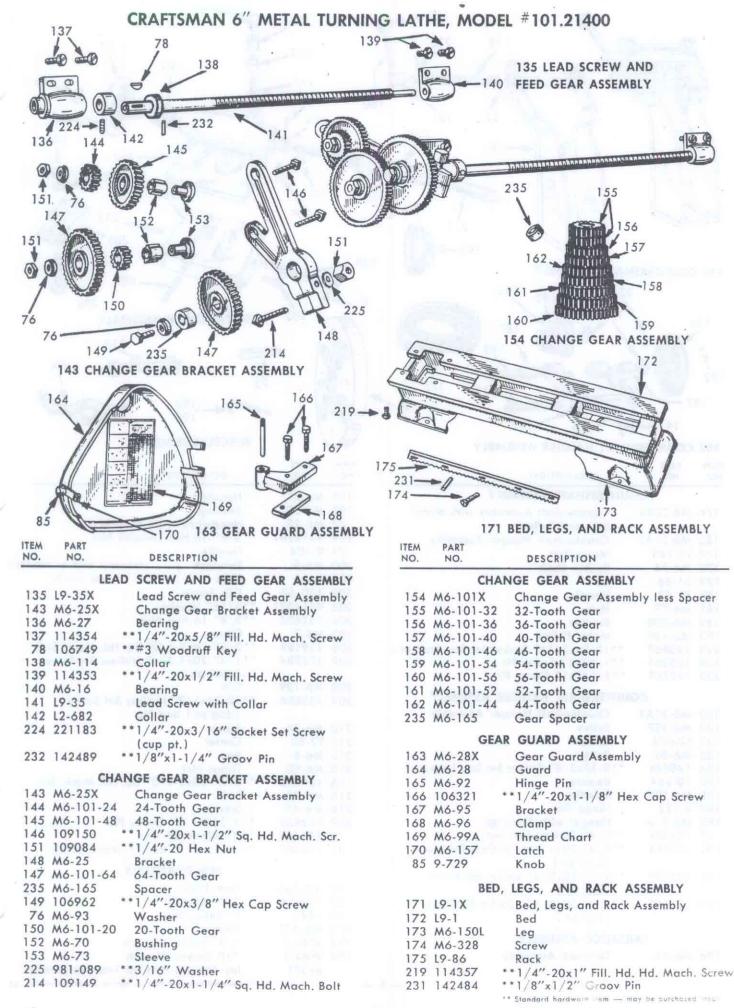


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