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## Shark 380

# Instruction Manual

## SHARK EURO-PRO DENIM SEWLUTION 380 SEWING MACHINE

Model: 380

### 1. Introduction and Overview

This manual provides detailed instructions for the safe and efficient operation of your Shark Euro-Pro Denim Sewlution 380 Sewing Machine. Designed for both beginners and experienced users, this machine offers 21 utility and decorative stitch functions, making it suitable for a wide range of sewing projects, from delicate silks to multiple layers of denim.

Please read this manual thoroughly before using the machine to ensure proper setup, operation, and maintenance. Keep this manual for future reference.



Figure 1: Shark Euro-Pro Denim Sewlution 380 Sewing Machine. This image displays the overall view of the sewing machine, highlighting its compact design and main operational areas such as the stitch selector dial and the sewing bed.

## 2. Important Safety Instructions

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When using an electrical appliance, basic safety precautions should always be followed, including the following:

- Read all instructions before using this sewing machine.
- Keep fingers away from all moving parts. Special care is required around the sewing machine needle.
- Always use the proper needle plate. The wrong plate can cause the needle to break.
- Do not use bent needles.
- Do not pull or push fabric while stitching. This may deflect the needle, causing it to break.
- Switch the sewing machine off and unplug it from the electrical outlet when making any adjustments in the needle area, such as threading the needle, changing the needle, threading the bobbin, or changing the presser foot.
- Always unplug the sewing machine from the electrical outlet when removing covers, lubricating, or when making any other user servicing adjustments mentioned in the instruction manual.
- Never drop or insert any object into any opening.
- Do not use outdoors.
- Do not operate where aerosol (spray) products are being used or where oxygen is being administered.
- To disconnect, turn all controls to the off position, then remove plug from outlet.
- This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.

## 3. Package Contents and Accessories

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Carefully unpack your sewing machine and ensure all listed accessories are present. If any items are missing or damaged, please contact customer support.

### Included Accessories:

- Seam Ripper
- Cleaning Brush
- Oiler
- Set of Needles
- Snap-on Zigzag Foot (regular foot, pre-installed on machine)
- Bobbins
- Screwdriver
- Felt Pads
- Zipper Foot
- Buttonhole Foot
- Button Sewing Foot
- Blind Hemming Foot
- Dust Cover
- Illustrated Instruction Booklet (this manual)

## 4. Setup

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Before you begin sewing, follow these steps to set up your machine.

### 4.1 Power Connection

1. Place the machine on a stable, flat surface.
2. Ensure the power switch is in the "OFF" position.
3. Connect the power cord to the machine's power input and then to a suitable electrical outlet.
4. Connect the foot controller plug to the machine's foot controller jack.

## 4.2 Needle Installation

1. Turn off the power switch and unplug the machine.
2. Loosen the needle clamp screw by turning it counter-clockwise.
3. Remove the old needle (if applicable).
4. Insert the new needle with the flat side facing the back of the machine, pushing it up as far as it will go.
5. Tighten the needle clamp screw securely.

## 4.3 Bobbin Winding

1. Place a spool of thread on the spool pin.
2. Guide the thread through the thread guide and tension disc for bobbin winding.
3. Place an empty bobbin onto the bobbin winder spindle.
4. Wrap the thread around the bobbin a few times, then push the bobbin winder spindle to the right.
5. Press the foot controller gently to start winding. Stop when the bobbin is full.
6. Cut the thread and push the bobbin winder spindle back to the left.

## 4.4 Threading the Machine (One-Motion Threading)

1. Raise the presser foot and needle to their highest positions.
2. Place a spool of thread on the spool pin.
3. Follow the numbered threading path indicated on the machine, guiding the thread through all guides and the tension assembly.
4. Pull the thread through the take-up lever.
5. Thread the needle from front to back.
6. Insert the wound bobbin into the drop-in bobbin case, ensuring the thread feeds correctly.
7. Close the bobbin cover.
8. Hold the upper thread, turn the handwheel towards you to lower and raise the needle, catching the bobbin thread. Pull both threads under the presser foot towards the back.

## 5. Operating Instructions

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This section details how to use the various functions of your sewing machine.

### 5.1 Stitch Selection

Your machine offers 21 utility and decorative stitch functions. To select a stitch:

1. Turn the stitch selector dial to the desired stitch pattern.
2. Refer to the stitch chart on the machine or in this manual for recommended stitch length and width settings for each pattern.

### 5.2 Stitch Length and Width Adjustment

- Use the stitch length dial to adjust the length of your stitches. Shorter lengths create denser stitches, while longer lengths create looser stitches.

- The stitch width is typically adjusted automatically with stitch selection, but some decorative stitches may allow for manual adjustment via a dedicated dial if present.

### 5.3 Reverse Sewing

To reinforce stitches at the beginning and end of a seam:

- Begin sewing forward for a few stitches.
- Press and hold the reverse lever to sew backward.
- Release the lever to resume forward sewing.

### 5.4 Automatic Buttonhole Function

The machine features an automatic buttonhole function for consistent buttonholes.

1. Attach the buttonhole foot.
2. Select the buttonhole stitch pattern on the stitch selector dial.
3. Place the button you are using into the buttonhole foot's sizing mechanism (if applicable) or mark the desired buttonhole length on your fabric.
4. Lower the presser foot and begin sewing. The machine will automatically sew the buttonhole to the correct size.

### 5.5 Free Arm Sewing

To sew cylindrical items like cuffs, sleeves, or pant hems:

- Slide off the accessory compartment/slide-out sewing table. This exposes the free arm.
- Place the cylindrical item around the free arm and sew as usual.

## 6. Maintenance

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Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your sewing machine.

### 6.1 Cleaning

1. Always turn off and unplug the machine before cleaning.
2. Remove the needle, presser foot, and needle plate.
3. Use the provided cleaning brush to remove lint and dust from the bobbin case area, feed dogs, and other accessible parts.
4. Wipe the exterior of the machine with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use harsh chemicals.

### 6.2 Oiling

Your machine comes with an oiler. Refer to your machine's specific oiling points, typically indicated in the detailed diagram of the original manual. Apply a small drop of sewing machine oil to these points periodically, especially if the machine feels stiff or noisy.

- Ensure the machine is unplugged.
- Apply 1-2 drops of sewing machine oil to the designated oiling points.
- Run the machine for a few minutes on scrap fabric to distribute the oil and absorb any excess.

### 6.3 Needle Replacement

Replace needles regularly, especially when they become dull, bent, or if you notice skipped stitches or fabric damage. Always use the correct needle type and size for your fabric.

## 7. Troubleshooting

Refer to this section for solutions to common issues.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Skipped Stitches	Incorrect needle, bent needle, improper threading, wrong needle size for fabric.	Replace needle, re-thread machine, ensure correct needle type/size.
Thread Breaking (Upper)	Incorrect upper thread tension, improperly threaded, burr on needle eye or thread path, poor quality thread.	Adjust tension, re-thread, check for burrs, use quality thread.
Thread Breaking (Bobbin)	Improperly wound bobbin, incorrect bobbin tension, lint in bobbin case.	Re-wind bobbin, check bobbin tension, clean bobbin case.
Fabric Puckering	Too much tension, incorrect stitch length, dull needle.	Reduce tension, adjust stitch length, replace needle.
Machine Not Starting	Power cord not plugged in, power switch off, foot controller not connected.	Check all connections, ensure power switch is on.

If you encounter a problem not listed here or cannot resolve an issue, please contact customer support.

## 8. Specifications

<b>Model Number</b>	380
<b>Brand</b>	Shark (Euro-Pro)
<b>Stitch Functions</b>	21 (Utility and Decorative)
<b>Construction Material</b>	Solid Metal
<b>Power Source</b>	Corded Electric
<b>Item Weight</b>	20 Pounds (approx. 9.07 kg)
<b>Product Dimensions (L x W x H)</b>	17.1 x 14.2 x 9.8 inches (approx. 43.4 x 36.1 x 24.9 cm)
<b>Special Features</b>	Automatic Buttonhole, One-Motion Threading, Foot Pressure Regulator, Free Arm, Drop-in Bobbin
<b>UPC</b>	622356211383
<b>ASIN</b>	B000068U5Y

## 9. Warranty and Support

Your Shark Euro-Pro Denim Sewlution 380 Sewing Machine is covered by a **25-year warranty against defects**. This warranty covers manufacturing defects under normal household use.

For warranty claims, technical assistance, or to purchase replacement parts, please refer to the contact information provided on your warranty card or visit the official Shark/Euro-Pro website. Please have your model number (380) and purchase date available when contacting support.

For more information, you may visit the [Shark Store on Amazon](#).