

JUKI DNU-1541

JUKI DNU-1541 Industrial Walking Foot Sewing Machine User Manual

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and efficient operation, setup, and maintenance of your JUKI DNU-1541 Industrial Walking Foot Sewing Machine. The JUKI DNU-1541 is a single-needle, straight stitch machine designed for sewing heavyweight fabrics such as leather, canvas, and upholstery materials. Its walking foot mechanism ensures consistent feeding of multiple layers without slippage.



Figure 1: JUKI DNU-1541 Industrial Walking Foot Sewing Machine. This image displays the complete machine head, highlighting the needle area, thread tension assembly, and the JUKI branding.

2. SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Always observe the following safety precautions to prevent injury and ensure proper machine function:

- Read this manual thoroughly before operating the machine.
- Ensure the machine is properly grounded to prevent electrical shock.
- Disconnect power before performing any maintenance, cleaning, or when leaving the machine unattended.

- Keep fingers and loose clothing away from the needle, handwheel, and other moving parts during operation.
- Wear appropriate eye protection.
- Do not operate the machine if any parts are damaged or missing.
- Industrial clutch motors produce noise; consider hearing protection during extended use.

3. SETUP

The JUKI DNU-1541 is typically supplied as a complete unit, including the machine head, table, stand, and motor. Minor cosmetic blemishes on the table or legs may occur during manufacturing and do not affect machine performance.

3.1 Power Connection

1. Ensure the power switch is in the OFF position.
2. Connect the machine's power cord to a grounded 110V electrical outlet.

3.2 Needle Installation

Use only **135 X 17** type needles for this machine.

1. Turn the handwheel to raise the needle bar to its highest position.
2. Loosen the needle clamp screw.
3. Insert the new needle with the long groove facing left and the scarf facing right, pushing it up as far as it will go.
4. Tighten the needle clamp screw securely.

3.3 Threading the Machine

Follow the numbered thread guides from the spool pin through the tension discs, take-up lever, and down to the needle eye. Ensure the thread is properly seated in all guides and tension components for optimal stitch formation.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Basic Operation

1. Turn on the power switch.
2. Place your material under the presser foot.
3. Lower the presser foot using the knee lift or lever.
4. Gently press the foot pedal to start sewing. The machine's maximum sewing speed is 2500 stitches per minute.
5. Release the foot pedal to stop sewing.

4.2 Stitch Length Adjustment

The stitch length can be adjusted using the stitch length dial, typically located on the front of the machine head. Rotate the dial to select the desired stitch length, up to a maximum of 9mm. Larger numbers indicate longer stitches.

4.3 Presser Foot Pressure Adjustment

To adjust the pressure of the presser foot on the material, locate the presser foot pressure regulating screw, usually on top of the machine head. Turning the screw clockwise increases pressure, while turning it counter-clockwise decreases pressure. Adjust as needed for different material thicknesses to prevent marking or uneven feeding.

5. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your JUKI DNU-1541.

5.1 Lubrication

The machine requires regular oiling. Refer to the oiling points indicated in the machine's detailed diagram (if available) or consult a service technician. Use only high-quality sewing machine oil. Monitor oil flow to prevent excessive oiling, which can lead to staining of materials.

5.2 Cleaning

Regularly clean lint and dust from the bobbin case, feed dogs, and tension discs using a brush or compressed air. Disconnect power before cleaning.

5.3 Needle Replacement

Replace needles frequently, especially when sewing dense or heavy materials, or if the needle shows signs of bending or dullness. A dull or bent needle can cause skipped stitches, thread breakage, and damage to the fabric.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter. For complex problems, contact a qualified service technician.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Skipped Stitches	Incorrect needle installation, bent needle, wrong needle type, improper threading.	Reinstall needle correctly, replace needle, check threading path.
Thread Breakage	Incorrect tension, poor quality thread, burrs on thread path, bent needle.	Adjust tension, use quality thread, inspect thread path for rough spots, replace needle.
Uneven Stitching	Improper presser foot pressure, inconsistent material feeding.	Adjust presser foot pressure, ensure material is fed smoothly.
Machine Noise	Lack of lubrication, loose parts, normal operation of clutch motor.	Lubricate machine, check for loose screws, note that industrial clutch motors are inherently noisy.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Model Number	DNU-1541
Max. Sewing Speed	2500 stitches/minute

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Max. Stitch Length	9mm
Needle System	135 X 17
Power Supply	110V with industrial clutch motor
Unit Dimensions (LxWxH)	48 inches x 20 inches x 48 inches (approximate)
Item Weight	80 pounds (machine head only)
Manufacturer	JUKI

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information, technical support, or service inquiries, please contact your authorized JUKI dealer or the seller from whom the machine was purchased. It is recommended to seek assistance from companies specializing in industrial sewing machines for any complex issues or repairs.