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Model: GH-1340W, GH-1440W

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe operation, setup, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your Jet GH-1340W and GH-1440W Lathes. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating the machine to ensure proper use and to prevent injury or damage.

This document is a high-quality reprint of the original publication M-321810, dated 6-00, ensuring accuracy and comprehensive guidance for your lathe models.

2. SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Always prioritize safety when operating any machinery. Failure to follow these safety guidelines can result in serious injury or death.

- **Read the Manual:** Understand all instructions and warnings before operating the lathe.
- **Wear Eye Protection:** Always wear safety glasses or a face shield.
- **Proper Attire:** Do not wear loose clothing, gloves, ties, or jewelry that can get caught in moving parts. Tie back long hair.
- **Work Area:** Keep the work area clean, well-lit, and free from obstructions.
- **Machine Condition:** Inspect the lathe for damage or loose parts before each use. Do not operate a damaged machine.
- **Emergency Stop:** Know the location and operation of the emergency stop button.
- **Unplug Before Adjusting:** Disconnect power before making adjustments, changing tools, or performing maintenance.
- **Secure Workpiece:** Ensure the workpiece is securely clamped in the chuck or collet.
- **Never Leave Running:** Do not leave the lathe unattended while it is running.

3. SETUP

Proper setup is crucial for the safe and accurate operation of your lathe.

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove the lathe from its packaging. Retain all packing materials for future transport if needed.
2. **Placement:** Position the lathe on a sturdy, level workbench or stand capable of supporting its weight. Ensure adequate clearance around the machine for safe operation and maintenance.
3. **Leveling:** Use a spirit level to ensure the lathe bed is perfectly level. Adjust the leveling feet as necessary.
4. **Power Connection:** Connect the lathe to a grounded electrical outlet with the correct voltage and amperage as specified in the machine's electrical requirements. Consult a qualified electrician if unsure.
5. **Initial Cleaning:** Remove any protective coatings or grease from machined surfaces using a suitable solvent. Lubricate all moving parts as indicated in the maintenance section.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

This section covers the basic steps for operating your Jet lathe.

4.1 Powering On/Off

- To turn on, press the green "ON" button.
- To turn off, press the red "OFF" or "STOP" button. In an emergency, press the large red emergency stop button.

4.2 Speed Control

The spindle speed can be adjusted using the speed selector levers or variable speed control dial, depending on your specific model. Always adjust speed when the machine is stopped or at its lowest RPM to prevent damage.

4.3 Workpiece Mounting

Securely mount the workpiece in the chuck. Ensure the jaws are tightened evenly and the workpiece is centered. For longer workpieces, use the tailstock for support.

4.4 Basic Turning Operations

Familiarize yourself with the carriage, cross-slide, and compound rest controls. Practice moving them manually before engaging power feeds. Always take light cuts initially to understand the material and machine response.

5. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your lathe. Always disconnect power before performing any maintenance.

5.1 Daily Maintenance

- Clean chips and debris from the lathe bed, carriage, and chuck.
- Wipe down all exposed machined surfaces with a clean cloth and apply a light coat of machine oil to prevent rust.

5.2 Weekly Maintenance

- Lubricate all oil points as indicated in the lubrication chart (refer to original manual for specific points).
- Check and adjust belt tension if necessary.
- Inspect electrical cords and connections for damage.

5.3 Monthly Maintenance

- Clean and lubricate lead screws and feed screws.
- Check for excessive play in the spindle bearings and adjust if required (consult a qualified technician if unsure).

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section provides solutions to common issues you might encounter with your lathe.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Lathe does not power on.	No power supply; Emergency Stop engaged; Faulty switch.	Check power cord and outlet; Disengage Emergency Stop; Inspect power switch.
Excessive vibration during operation.	Unbalanced workpiece; Loose mounting; Worn bearings.	Balance workpiece; Re-secure workpiece and machine; Inspect and replace bearings if necessary.
Poor surface finish on workpiece.	Dull cutting tool; Incorrect speed/feed; Machine vibration.	Sharpen or replace tool; Adjust speed and feed rates; Address vibration issues.
Carriage or cross-slide difficult to move.	Lack of lubrication; Chips/debris on ways; Overtightened gibs.	Clean and lubricate ways; Adjust gibs for proper tension.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Key specifications for the Jet GH-1340W and GH-1440W Lathes.

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Note: Detailed machine specifications such as swing over bed, distance between centers, spindle bore, and motor horsepower are typically found within the original manual's specification section. This manual reprint contains those details.

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For specific warranty information regarding your Jet GH-1340W or GH-1440W Lathe, please refer to the documentation provided with the original machine purchase. This instruction manual reprint does not include warranty details for the machine itself.

For technical support or parts inquiries, please contact Jet customer service directly or visit their official website. Keep your machine's serial number readily available when contacting support.

