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For Overlock Sewing Machines: Juki, Pegasus, Siruba, Yamata

1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Sharp #201121A Upper Knife is a precision-engineered replacement part designed for various industrial overlock sewing machines. This component is crucial for the cutting mechanism, ensuring clean and consistent fabric trimming during the overlocking process. Proper installation and maintenance are essential for optimal machine performance and stitch quality.

This upper knife is compatible with a range of popular overlock machine brands, including Juki, Pegasus, Siruba, and Yamata, specifically fitting Pegasus M700 series overlock machines.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Always prioritize safety when working with sewing machines and sharp components. Failure to follow safety guidelines can result in injury or damage to the machine.

- **Disconnect Power:** Before attempting any installation, adjustment, or maintenance, always turn off and unplug the sewing machine from its power source.
- Handle with Care: The upper knife has a sharp cutting edge. Handle it carefully to prevent cuts or injuries. Use appropriate protective gloves if necessary.
- Secure Components: Ensure all screws and fasteners are tightened correctly after installation to prevent parts from loosening during operation.
- Read Machine Manual: Refer to your specific overlock sewing machine's instruction manual for detailed safety procedures and knife replacement instructions pertinent to your model.

3. COMPATIBILITY

The Sharp #201121A Upper Knife is designed for use with various industrial overlock sewing machines. Verify your machine's model number against the following compatibility list:

- Juki Overlock Machines
- Pegasus Overlock Machines (specifically M700 series)
- Siruba Overlock Machines
- Yamata Overlock Machines

Always cross-reference the part number #201121A with your machine's manual or existing knife to ensure a

4. Installation (SETUP)

Replacing the upper knife requires careful attention to detail. Refer to your specific sewing machine's service manual for precise, model-specific instructions. The following steps provide a general guide:

- 1. Power Off: Ensure the sewing machine is turned off and unplugged from the power outlet.
- 2. Access Knife Area: Open the front cover or access panel of your overlock machine to expose the knife assembly.
- 3. **Remove Old Knife:** Locate the screws holding the upper knife in place. Using an appropriate screwdriver, carefully loosen and remove these screws. Gently remove the old upper knife.
- 4. Clean Area: Clean any lint, dust, or debris from the knife mounting area using a brush or compressed air.
- 5. **Install New Knife:** Position the new Sharp #201121A Upper Knife into its designated slot. Ensure it is seated correctly and aligned with the lower knife.
- 6. **Secure Knife:** Insert and tighten the retaining screws. Do not overtighten, but ensure the knife is firmly secured and does not wobble.
- 7. **Adjust Knife Position (if necessary):** Some machines may require fine adjustment of the upper knife's height or alignment relative to the lower knife for optimal cutting. Consult your machine's manual for specific adjustment procedures.
- 8. **Test Operation:** Close the machine's covers, plug it in, and perform a test run with scrap fabric to verify proper cutting action and stitch formation.



Figure 1: The Sharp #201121A Upper Knife. This image displays the metal upper knife, featuring the part number "201121A" etched on its surface and a mounting hole. The knife has a distinct L-shaped cutting edge designed for overlock sewing machines.

5. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance of the upper knife and surrounding area will prolong its lifespan and ensure consistent cutting performance.

- Cleaning: Periodically clean the knife and the area around it to remove lint and fabric fibers that can accumulate and hinder cutting efficiency. Use a small brush or vacuum cleaner.
- **Inspection:** Regularly inspect the cutting edge of the upper knife for signs of dullness, nicks, or damage. A dull knife can lead to frayed edges and poor stitch quality.
- **Replacement:** Replace the upper knife when it becomes dull or damaged, as sharpening is generally not recommended for these precision parts. The frequency of replacement depends on usage and fabric types.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you experience issues after installing the new upper knife, consider the following:

- Frayed Fabric Edges: This often indicates a dull knife or improper alignment between the upper and lower knives. Inspect both knives for sharpness and correct positioning.
- Fabric Not Cutting: Ensure the knife is installed correctly and securely. Check for any obstructions or excessive lint buildup. Verify that the upper and lower knives are making proper contact.
- **Unusual Noises:** If you hear grinding or scraping noises, immediately stop the machine. Recheck the knife installation and ensure no parts are loose or misaligned.

For persistent issues, consult your overlock machine's specific service manual or contact a qualified sewing machine technician.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Part Number	#201121A
Product Type	Upper Knife
Compatibility	Juki, Pegasus (M700 series), Siruba, Yamata Overlock Sewing Machines
Material	Metal (Precision Steel)
Dimensions	Approximately 3 x 2 x 1.5 inches (as per product specifications)
Weight	Approximately 0.64 ounces

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Information regarding specific warranty terms for the Sharp #201121A Upper Knife is not provided in the product details. For warranty inquiries or technical support, please contact the retailer or the manufacturer, Sharp Sewing, directly. You may find their contact information on their official website or through your purchase documentation. For additional resources and support related to your overlock sewing machine, refer to the machine's original manufacturer's website or authorized service centers.

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