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Cutex 795821103

User Manual: Cutex Bobbin Case

Model: 795821103 | Brand: Cutex

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the proper use and maintenance of your Cutex Bobbin Case. Designed for compatibility with most Kenmore 158 and 385 series front-loading sewing machines, this high-quality bobbin case ensures smooth and consistent stitching performance. Please read these instructions carefully before installation and operation to ensure optimal results and prolong the life of your sewing machine and bobbin case.

SETUP

Before installing the new bobbin case, ensure your sewing machine is turned off and unplugged for safety. Identify the bobbin area, typically located under the needle plate or in the front-loading compartment.

Identifying Your Bobbin Case

The Cutex Bobbin Case is specifically designed for front-loading Kenmore sewing machines from the 158 and 385 series. Verify your machine's model number against the compatibility list provided in the product description to ensure a proper fit.



Figure 1: The Cutex Bobbin Case. This component holds the bobbin and regulates the lower thread tension in compatible Kenmore sewing machines.

Installation Steps

1. **Prepare the Machine:** Lift the needle to its highest position. Open the bobbin compartment cover on your sewing machine.
2. **Remove Old Bobbin Case (if applicable):** If there is an existing bobbin case, carefully remove it. Note its orientation for reference.
3. **Insert Bobbin:** Place a wound bobbin into the Cutex Bobbin Case. Ensure the thread unwinds in the correct direction (usually counter-clockwise when viewed from the top, but refer to your sewing machine's manual for specific guidance).
4. **Thread the Bobbin Case:** Guide the bobbin thread through the tension spring slot on the bobbin case until it clicks into place. A slight tug on the thread should feel a gentle resistance, indicating proper tension.
5. **Install Bobbin Case into Machine:** Hold the bobbin case by its latch. Carefully insert the bobbin case into the bobbin compartment of your sewing machine. Ensure it seats firmly and the latch aligns correctly with the machine's mechanism. You may hear a click when it is properly seated.
6. **Close Compartment:** Close the bobbin compartment cover.

OPERATING

Once the bobbin case is installed with a wound bobbin, you are ready to begin sewing. The bobbin case's primary function is to hold the bobbin securely and provide consistent lower thread tension.

Thread Management

- **Upper Threading:** Ensure your sewing machine's upper thread is correctly threaded through all guides and the needle, following your machine's specific instructions.
- **Bringing Up Bobbin Thread:** Hold the upper thread lightly. Turn the handwheel towards you (counter-clockwise) to lower the needle into the needle plate and then bring it back up. The upper thread will catch the bobbin thread, forming a loop. Pull this loop up through the needle plate with a pin or small scissors.
- **Positioning Threads:** Pull both the upper and bobbin threads under the presser foot and towards the back of the machine, leaving about 4-6 inches of tail.

The bobbin case is a passive component during sewing, but its correct installation and proper thread tension are crucial for balanced stitches. If stitches are uneven or looping, check both upper and lower thread tension settings.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance of your bobbin case will ensure its longevity and consistent performance.

Cleaning

- **Frequency:** Clean the bobbin case periodically, especially after projects that produce a lot of lint (e.g., quilting, fleece).
- **Procedure:** Remove the bobbin case from the machine. Use a small brush (often supplied with sewing machines) or a lint roller to remove any accumulated lint, dust, or thread snippets from the bobbin case, especially around the tension spring. Avoid using compressed air directly into the bobbin case as it can push debris further into mechanisms.
- **Inspection:** While cleaning, inspect the bobbin case for any signs of damage, burrs, or nicks, particularly on the edges and around the tension spring. These can snag thread and cause issues.

Storage

When not in use, store the bobbin case in a clean, dry place, preferably within a sewing machine accessory box or a dedicated bobbin case holder to protect it from dust and damage.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues while sewing, the bobbin case can sometimes be a contributing factor. Here are common problems and troubleshooting steps related to the bobbin case:

Problem	Possible Cause (Bobbin Case Related)	Solution
Skipped Stitches	Bobbin case not seated correctly; incorrect bobbin thread tension; damaged bobbin case.	Re-seat the bobbin case firmly. Check bobbin thread tension. Inspect for damage and replace if necessary.
Thread Nesting/Tangles (Bird's Nest)	Incorrect bobbin insertion; bobbin thread not through tension spring; lint/debris in bobbin case.	Ensure bobbin is inserted correctly and thread is through the tension spring. Clean the bobbin case thoroughly.
Uneven Stitches / Looping	Bobbin thread tension too loose or too tight; burrs on bobbin case.	Adjust the bobbin case tension screw slightly (turn clockwise to tighten, counter-clockwise to loosen). Inspect for burrs and smooth them if possible, or replace the case.
Bobbin Case Jams	Incorrect bobbin size; thread caught in bobbin case; debris.	Ensure you are using the correct bobbin type for your machine. Remove any caught threads. Clean the bobbin area.

Note: Many sewing issues are related to upper threading or needle problems. Always check these first before focusing solely on the bobbin case.

SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Product Name	Cutex Bobbin Case
Model Number	795821103
Compatibility	Most Kenmore 158 and 385 Model Front-Loading Sewing Machines (e.g., 117.74, 148.11010, 158.1010180, etc.)
Product Dimensions	4 x 3 x 1 inches
Item Weight	0.634 ounces
Manufacturer	Cutex Sewing Supplies
Country of Origin	China
ASIN	B075KFKRG3

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Specific warranty details for the Cutex Bobbin Case are not provided within this manual. For information regarding product warranty, returns, or technical support, please contact Cutex Sewing Supplies directly or refer to the product listing on the retailer's website where the item was purchased.

You can often find contact information for Cutex Sewing Supplies through their official website or by searching for "Cutex Sewing Supplies" on your preferred search engine.

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