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Your comprehensive guide to operating and maintaining your Kenmore sewing machine.

MANUAL COVER OVERVIEW

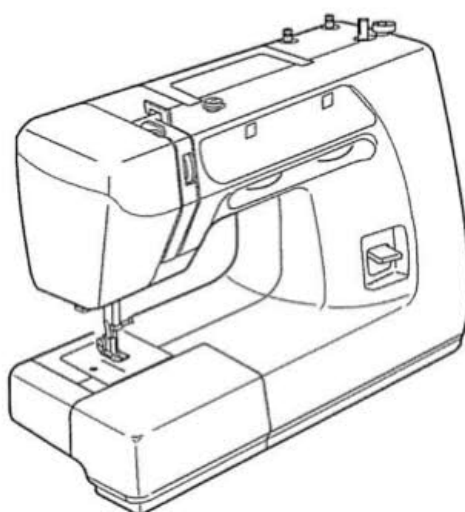
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SEWING MACHINE
MAQUINA DE COSER
MACHINE À COUDRE

Model	}	385.12912 385.12916
Modelo		
Modèle		



CAUTION:

Before using this sewing machine, read this manual and follow all Safety Rules and Operating Instructions.

- Safety Instructions
- Warranty
- Specifications
- Operation
- Care and Maintenance
- Troubleshooting

Sears, Roebuck and Co., Hoffman Estates, IL 60179 U.S.A.

This image displays the front cover of the Kenmore Sewing Machine Owner's Manual, featuring the Sears and Kenmore logos, the title 'Owner's Manual' in English, Spanish, and French, and the model numbers 385.12912 and 385.12916. An illustration of the sewing machine is prominently featured, along with a 'CAUTION' notice and a list of manual contents including Safety Instructions, Warranty, Specifications, Operation, Care and Maintenance, and Troubleshooting. The bottom of the cover indicates 'Sears, Roebuck and Co., Hoffman Estates, IL 60179 U.S.A.'

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Before operating this sewing machine, carefully read all instructions in this manual. Adhere to all safety rules and operating guidelines to prevent injury and ensure proper machine function.

- Always unplug the machine from the electrical outlet immediately after using and before cleaning, lubricating, or making any user servicing adjustments.
- Keep fingers away from all moving parts. Special care is required around the sewing machine needle.

- Never operate the sewing machine if it has a damaged cord or plug, if it is not working properly, or if it has been dropped or damaged.
- Do not use outdoors or operate where aerosol (spray) products are being used or where oxygen is being administered.
- Use this appliance only for its intended use as described in this manual. Use only attachments recommended by the manufacturer.

INITIAL SETUP

This section guides you through preparing your Kenmore sewing machine for its first use.

1. **Unpacking and Inspection:** Carefully remove the machine from its packaging. Inspect for any visible damage. Retain packaging for future transport or storage.
2. **Power Connection:** Connect the power cord to the machine and then to a suitable electrical outlet. Ensure the voltage matches your machine's requirements.
3. **Foot Pedal Connection:** Plug the foot pedal into its designated port on the machine.
4. **Needle Installation:** Refer to the specific instructions for installing the sewing needle correctly, ensuring the flat side of the needle faces the back.
5. **Bobbin Winding:** Follow the steps to wind the bobbin evenly with your chosen thread.
6. **Threading the Machine:** Guide the upper thread through the machine's tension discs and thread guides, down to the needle, as illustrated in the detailed diagrams within this manual.

OPERATING YOUR SEWING MACHINE

Learn how to use your Kenmore sewing machine for various sewing tasks, from basic stitching to more advanced functions.

- **Basic Stitch Selection:** Turn the stitch selector dial to choose your desired stitch pattern (e.g., straight stitch, zigzag).
- **Adjusting Stitch Length and Width:** Use the corresponding dials to set the appropriate stitch length and width for your fabric and project.
- **Fabric Handling:** Place your fabric under the presser foot, aligning the edge with the seam guide.
- **Starting and Stopping Sewing:** Gently press the foot pedal to start sewing. Release the pedal to stop.
- **Reverse Stitching:** Press and hold the reverse lever or button to sew backward, securing your stitches at the beginning and end of a seam.
- **Changing Presser Feet:** To change the presser foot, raise the needle and presser foot lever, then detach the current foot and snap on the new one.
- **Buttonholes and Zippers:** Consult the specific sections in this manual for detailed instructions on using specialized presser feet and settings for buttonholes and zipper insertion.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

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

- **Cleaning the Machine:** Regularly remove lint and dust from the bobbin case, feed dogs, and tension discs using a small brush or lint remover. Always unplug the machine before cleaning.
- **Lubrication:** Refer to your machine's specific lubrication points and frequency. Use only recommended sewing machine oil.
- **Needle Replacement:** Replace the needle frequently, especially after 8-10 hours of sewing or if it

becomes bent or dull, to prevent skipped stitches and fabric damage.

- **Storage Guidelines:** When not in use, cover your sewing machine to protect it from dust. Store it in a dry, stable environment.

TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

This section addresses common issues you might encounter and provides solutions to help you resolve them.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Machine not turning on	Power cord not connected, outlet issue, power switch off	Check power cord connection, test outlet with another appliance, ensure power switch is on.
Skipped stitches	Incorrect needle, bent needle, improper threading, incorrect tension	Replace needle with the correct type and size, rethread the machine carefully, adjust tension settings.
Thread breaking	High tension, poor quality thread, burr on needle/machine parts, incorrect threading	Reduce upper thread tension, use good quality thread, check for rough spots, rethread completely.
Fabric not feeding	Feed dogs lowered, presser foot pressure too low, lint in feed dogs	Raise feed dogs, increase presser foot pressure, clean feed dogs.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Key technical details for Kenmore Sewing Machine Models 385.12912 and 385.12916.

- **Brand:** Kenmore
- **Model Numbers:** 385.12912, 385.12916
- **Type:** Household Sewing Machine
- **Power Source:** Electric (Refer to machine label for specific voltage/wattage)
- **Features:** Multiple stitch patterns, Free arm sewing, Built-in light (features may vary slightly between models).

WARRANTY INFORMATION

For detailed warranty terms and conditions, including coverage period and what is covered, please refer to the original purchase documentation that came with your Kenmore sewing machine. Alternatively, you may contact Kenmore customer support directly for the most current warranty information.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For assistance, parts, service, or any inquiries regarding your Kenmore sewing machine, please contact Sears, Roebuck and Co.

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