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## Singer sewing machine parts catalog

As a trusted brand in the sewing world, Singer produces some of the most reliable machines on the market. Whether you're a beginner who's hoping to sew your first pillowcase or an advanced user who's ready to start a home-based business, chances are there's a Singer sewing machine waiting for you. There are Singer machines with the latest in sewing technology like mirror imaging and stitch elongation, but don't worry if that sounds like too much for you. The company's basic and advanced machines are reliable, which is far more important than any extra features. We've put together a shopping guide to help you narrow down your choices until you find the machine that's perfect for you. Be sure to take a look at our top five picks for the models we think give you the best value for your dollar. Key considerationsComputerized vs. mechanical One of the biggest decisions you'll make is between computerized and mechanical sewing machines because it directly affects features and price. Take a good look at the type of sewing you do and how often you do it. That information should give you a good indication of which type of machine you want. Mechanical sewing machines are by far the most economical option. These have manual dials and levers to make stitch changes and tension adjustments. Mechanical machines have fewer stitch options but are typically easier to maintain because of their simplicity. A heavy-duty mechanical sewing machine can handle both thick fabrics like denim and delicate fabrics like silk. Computerized sewing machines have a higher price tag, but they also have a long list of features. Many models can automatically thread needles, cut thread, and adjust tension and stitch length at the touch of a button. These machines have many more stitch options, including more buttonhole styles. Some computerized machines offer better speed control, too. The truth is that many computerized machines have far more stitches than most people will ever use. Beginners who won't be sewing very often may find a simple mechanical machine far more efficient than a computerized model. However, if you like having more stitch options (and you know you'll use them), and you don't want to mess with manually adjusting dials, a computerized machine might be the right choice. Singer sewing machine featuresBuilt-in stitches All Singer sewing machines can do the basic five stitches: straight, zigzag, three-step zigzag, blind hem, and overlock. Any stitches other than these are considered decorative or specialty stitches that you may or may not use. It's worth buying a machine with a few extra stitches if you know you'll use them, but you don't need to splurge on a machine with hundreds of stitches if simple hems are all you'll ever sew. Buttonhole options If you'll be sewing garments, you're going to want at least one buttonhole option. More advanced machines may have multiple buttonhole options like square, round, or keyhole. Extension table Do you want to monogram items or make quilts? Large projects benefit from the extra sewing space and stability offered by an extension table. Some models have an extension table while others can be fitted with one that's sold separately. Presser feet The right presser foot makes sewing much easier. Basic Singer sewing machines include an all-purpose foot, zipper foot, and buttonhole foot. Advanced models may include over ten presser feet, such as a blind hem, open toe, satin stitch, or embroidery. While you can always buy extra presser feet separately, you'll save money by purchasing a model that already includes the presser feet you use most. Sewing speed and speed control Sewing machines are so much more efficient than hand sewing that it's hard to imagine that sewing speed could really make that much difference. However, if you're trying to crank out a sewing project on a deadline, you know the value of a fast machine. Speeds of 850 stitches per minute or higher (some home models go well above 1,000 stitches per minute) get the job done more quickly. Keep in mind that you'll only be able to use the top speed on straight stretches. You'll have to slow down on intricate details and curves. Frame material Singer sewing machines have either a metal or plastic interior frame. Metal frames are more durable and last longer, but they're also heavier. You might have to find a balance between durability and portability. Free arm You can access the free arm of a modern sewing machine by removing part of the base, which leaves a narrow portion of the machine underneath the needle and feed dog. With a narrower base, you can sew smaller, tubular pieces of fabric like sleeves and pant legs. Some Singer machines have a free arm while others don't, so if you sew garments, you'll definitely want to get a machine with a free arm. Ease of use All sewing machines have quirks, but some models are notorious for rethreading or tension issues. Many Singer models have threading diagrams on the machine, taking the headache out of this task. Models with drop-in bobbins are also generally easier to use. To get the best use out of your machine, we recommend reading through the owner's manual to get an idea of what's possible with your sewing machine. Expert TipSTAFFBestReviewsInexpensive Singer produces some excellent machines at very reasonable prices. A lightweight, basic machine with up to 36 stitches starts at under \$100. These aren't heavy-duty machines, but for light general sewing, one of these inexpensive models performs well for the price. Mid-range These machines cost between \$100 and \$200 and are where Singer truly shines. These machines balance price with durability and reliability. There are heavy-duty, high-speed models with up to 60 built-in stitches. Jams and threading problems happen less often with these machines than with less expensive models. Expensive At \$200 and up, you'll find professional-grade machines with hundreds of built-in stitches, embroidery capabilities, and multiple buttonhole styles. With some of these machines, you can create your own stitch patterns or manipulate existing ones to create one-of-a-kind designs. Tips Use high-quality thread and needles. Poor thread leaves behind more lint, which eventually clogs your machine. Bent and broken sewing needles can throw off the timing, which means a visit to the repairman. Use the lint brush. The lint brush is included for a reason. Open the casing and clean your machine frequently to prevent lint buildup. Don't forget to clean out the bobbin area, too. Use the right needle. The right needle makes a difference in the success of your sewing projects. Knit needles, for example, have a rounded tip to prevent snags in knit fabrics. Delicate fabrics need a thinner needle, while denim takes a thicker one. Other products we consideredSinger has a long list of sewing machine models that cater to everyone from beginner to advanced. We've picked machines that we feel best represent the different sewing levels – beginning, intermediate, and advanced. However, there are some great machines that didn't quite make the list. The Singer Simple 3232 Portable Sewing Machine is another great option for beginners or casual users. It has 32 built-in stitches and automatic needle threading, but accessing the bobbin can be an issue. Nostalgia buffs might want to take a look at the Singer Heritage Electronic Sewing Machine. The body style mimics classic Singer machines, but the performance is definitely modern. FAQQ. Do Singer sewing machines handle heavy fabrics like denim and canvas? A. Heavy fabrics can be a challenge for an underpowered sewing machine. While not all Singer machines do well with these fabrics, there are some that sew through them without trouble. Machines with a metal interior frame and heavy-duty and/or professional grade models do best on heavy fabrics. You'll also need to have a denim needle and thread that's intended for heavy fabric, too. Q. Do Singer sewing machines come with hard covers/cases? A. Some models have a hard cover and some have a soft dustcover. Hard covers obviously offer more protection, but if the model you want doesn't have one, you can buy it separately. Soft covers may not protect your machine in a fall, but it will keep dust off, which is important for the long-term functionality of the sewing machine. Q. Can a Singer sewing machine sew knit fabrics? A. Any sewing machine can do knits, although some sew them better than others. However, you'll need the right needle. Ballpoint needles, sometimes called jersey needles, have a rounded tip to prevent snags. You might also need a walking foot to prevent the fabric from stretching while you sew. Without replacement parts for cars, machinery, equipment and other essentials, the world's landfill issues would turn from serious to catastrophic. Responsible consumers and companies want to extend the life of the goods they buy. Help them out by being the genius behind an easy-to-read, easy-to-navigate catalog that makes shopping easy. Maximize the sales potential of your parts catalog by apportioning products in your inventory into these categories: "Stars" earmarked for prominent placement; standard bearers that consistently sell; and items proving to be a drag on space and money that are best liquidated. Create a rudimentary mock-up by importing photos of parts onto the pages of a word processor or page layout program. Alternately, make a simple paper guide to help your art director figure out how many products they'll be dealing with. 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Like the automobile, the cotton gin and countless other innovations from the past 300 years, the sewing machine takes something time-consuming and laborious and makes it fast and easy. With the invention of the mechanized sewing machine, manufacturers could suddenly produce piles of high-quality clothing at minimal expense. Because of this technology, the vast majority of people in the world can now afford the sort of sturdy, finely-stitched clothes that were a luxury only 200 years ago.In this article, we'll take look at the remarkable machine that makes all of this possible. As it turns out, the automated stitching mechanism at the heart of a sewing machine is incredibly simple, though the machinery that drives it is fairly elaborate, relying on an assembly of gears, pulleys and motors to function properly. When you get down to it, the sewing machine is among the most elegant and ingenious tools ever created.Sewing machines are something like cars: There are hundreds of models on the market, and they vary considerably in price and performance. At the low-end of the scale, there are conventional no-frills electric designs, ideal for occasional home use; at the high-end, there are sophisticated electronic machines that hook up to a computer. Textile companies have many machines to choose from, including streamlined models specifically designed to sew one particular product.But just like cars, most sewing machines are built around one basic idea. Where the heart of a car is the internal combustion engine, the heart of a sewing machine is the loop stitching system. The conventional electric sewing machine is a fascinating piece of engineering. If you were to take the outer casing off, you would see a mass of gears, cams, cranks and belts, all driven by a single electric motor. The exact configuration of these elements varies a good deal from machine to machine, but they all work on a similar idea.The electric motor is connected to a drive wheel by way of a drive belt. The drive wheel rotates the long upper drive shaft, which is connected to several different mechanical elements. The end of the shaft turns a crank, which pulls the needle bar up and down. The crank also moves the thread-tightening arm. Moving in sync with the needle bar, the tightening arm lowers to create enough slack for a loop to form underneath the fabric, then pulls up to tighten the loop after it is released from the shuttle hook.The thread runs from a spool on the top of the machine, through the tightening arm and through a tension disc assembly. By turning the disc assembly, the sewer can tighten the thread feeding into the needle. The tension must be tighter when sewing thinner fabric and looser when sewing thicker fabric.The first element along the shaft is a simple belt that turns a lower drive shaft. The end of the lower drive shaft is connected to a set of bevel gears that rotates the shuttle assembly. Since both are connected to the same drive shaft, the shuttle assembly and the needle assembly always move in unison.The lower drive shaft also moves linkages that operate the feed dog mechanism. One linkage slides the feed dog forward and backward with each cycle. At the same time, another linkage moves the feed dog up and down. The two linkages are synchronized so that the feed dog presses up against the fabric, shifts it forward, and then moves down to release the fabric. The feed dog then shifts backward before pressing up against the fabric again to repeat the cycle.The motor is controlled by a foot pedal, which lets the sewer vary the speed easily. The cool thing about this design is that everything is linked together, so when you press on the pedal, the motor speeds all of the processes up at the same rate. The process is always perfectly synchronized, no matter how fast the motor is turning.The sewing machine shown in the diagram can only produce a straight stitch – a simple stitch that binds fabric with a straight seam. Most modern machines are a lot more flexible; they can produce a variety of stitches and, in some cases, can make complex designs. In the next section, we'll see how modern machines pull this off.

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