# BAS-300G BAS-311G BAS-326G

**Basic Operation Manual** 

### DIRECT DRIVE PROGRAMMABLE ELECTRONIC PATTERN SEWER

Please read this manual before using the machine. Please keep this manual within easy reach for quick reference.

> This basic operation manual describes basic operations including sewing machine operations. For cleaning, standard adjustments and more details, please refer to the instruction manual contained in the Document CD.





Thank you very much for buying a BROTHER sewing machine. Before using your new machine, please read the safety instructions below and the explanations given in the instruction manual.

With industrial sewing machines, it is normal to carry out work while positioned directly in front of moving parts such as the needle and thread take-up lever, and consequently there is always a danger of injury that can be caused by these parts. Follow the instructions from training personnel and instructors regarding safe and correct operation before operating the machine so that you will know how to use it correctly.

## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

#### [1] Safety indications and their meanings

This instruction manual and the indications and symbols that are used on the machine itself are provided in order to ensure safe operation of this machine and to prevent accidents and injury to yourself or other people.

The meanings of these indications and symbols are given below.

#### Indications

The instructions which follow this term indicate situations where failure to follow the instructions will result in death or serious injury.
The instructions which follow this term indicate situations where failure to follow the instructions could result in death or serious injury.
The instructions which follow this term indicate situations where failure to follow the instructions may result in minor or moderate injury.

#### Symbols



This symbol ( $\triangle$ ) indicates something that you should be careful of. The picture inside the triangle indicates the nature of the caution that must be taken. (For example, the symbol at left means "beware of injury".)



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This symbol ( $\bigcirc$ ) indicates something that you <u>must not</u> do.



This symbol (●) indicates something that you <u>must</u> do. The picture inside the circle indicates the nature of the thing that must be done. (For example, the symbol at left means "you must make the ground connection".)

#### [2] Notes on safety

## DANGER

Wait at least 5 minutes after turning off the power switch and disconnecting the power cord from the wall outlet 4\ before opening the cover of the control box. Touching areas where high voltages are present can result in severe injury.

## 🕰 WARNING



Do not allow any liquids to get onto this sewing machine, otherwise fire, electric shocks or operating problems may occur.

If any liquid gets inside the sewing machine (machine head or control box), immediately turn off the power and disconnect the power plug from the electrical outlet, and then contact the place of purchase or a qualified technician.



## Environmental requirements

Use the sewing machine in an area which is free from sources of strong electrical noise such as electrical line noise or static electric noise. Sources of strong electrical noise may cause

problems with correct operation.



Any fluctuations in the power supply voltage should be within  $\pm 10\%$  of the rated voltage for the machine. Voltage fluctuations which are greater than this may cause problems with correct operation.

The power supply capacity should be greater than the requirements for the sewing machine's power consumption.

Insufficient power supply capacity may cause problems with correct operation.

The pneumatic delivery capability should be greater than the requirements for the sewing machine's total air consumption.

Insufficient pneumatic delivery capability may cause problems with correct operation.



The ambient temperature should be within the range of 5°C to 35°C during use.

Temperatures which are lower or higher than this may cause problems with correct operation.



The relative humidity should be within the range of 45% to 85% during use, and no dew formation should occur in any devices.

Excessively dry or humid environments and dew formation may cause problems with correct operation.



In the event of an electrical storm, turn off the power and disconnect the power cord from the wall outlet. Lightning may cause problems with correct operation.

## Installation



Machine installation should only be carried out by a qualified technician.



Contact your Brother dealer or a gualified electrician for any electrical work that may need to be done.





Hold the machine head with both hands when tilting it back or returning it to its original position.

Furthermore, do not apply excessive force when tilting back the machine head. The sewing machine may become unbalanced and fall down, and serious injury or damage to the sewing machine may result.

Be sure to connect the ground. If the ground connection is not secure, you run a high risk of receiving a serious electric shock, and problems with correct operation may also occur.



All cords should be secured at least 25 mm away from any moving parts. Furthermore, do not excessively bend the cords or secure them too firmly with staples, otherwise there is the danger that fire or electric shocks could occur.

Install the safety covers to the machine head and motor.





Be sure to wear protective goggles and gloves when handling the lubricating oil and grease, so that they do not get into your eyes or onto your skin. If the oil and grease get into your eyes or onto your skin, inflammation can result.

Furthermore, do not drink or eat the lubricating oil or grease. They may cause diarrhea or vomiting. Keep the oil out of the reach of children.



#### [3] Warning labels

The following warning labels appear on the sewing machine.

Please follow the instructions on the labels at all times when using the machine. If the labels have been removed or are difficult to read, please contact your nearest Brother dealer.



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\*Safety devices

Devices such as eye guard, finger guard, thread take-up cover, motor cover, tension release solenoid cover, inner cover, outer cover, fixed cover and gas spring support cover

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Be careful not to get your hand caught when tilting back the machine head and returning it to its original position.



Be sure to connect the ground. If the ground connection is not secure, you run a high risk of receiving a serious electric shock, and problems with correct operation may also occur.



Direction of operation



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## **1. NAMES OF MAJOR PARTS**



- (1) Power switch
- (2) Control box
- (3) CF slot
- (4) Operation panel
- (5) Foot switch (motor-driven work clamp specifications)
- (6) Work clamp switch (pneumatic work clamp specifications)
- (7) Start switch (pneumatic work clamp specifications)
- (8) STOP switch
- (9) Thread wiper switch
- (10) Pulley
- (11) Cotton stand
- (12) Solenoid valve (pneumatic work clamp specifications)

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#### Safety devices:

- (13) Finger guard
- (14) Eye guard
- (15) Thread take-up cover
- (16) Motor cover

## 2. USEFUL FUNCTIONS FOR OPTIMUM SEWING



Easy threading in threading mode

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When using threading mode for threading, the tension discs will open so that the thread can be threaded more easily.

Furthermore, threading mode is safe because the sewing machine will not start even when the foot switch is depressed.

#### Presser foot height can be set easily using the panel

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The height of the presser foot can be set simply by entering a numeric value at the panel, without the need for tools.

Furthermore, you can use user programs to set the presser foot height to the desired height separately for each sewing program.

#### Easy and accurate feed plate replacement

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The feed plate installation position can be obtained accurately by using the panel, which makes feed plate replacement much easier.



Feed plate installation mode

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The work clamp lift amount can be set simply by entering a numeric value at the panel, without the need for tools. Furthermore, you can use user programs to set the work clamp lift amount to the desired height separately for each sewing program.

using the panel (motor-driven work clamp specifications)

### 6-2. Setting memory switches, 6-3. List of memory switch settings You can select one of three different types of work clamp lowering operation by changing memory switch settings.

- [1] Analog dropping, where the work clamp drops smoothly in direct proportion to the pedal depression amount
- [2] 1 step drop, where the work clamp drops from the highest position A to the lowest position C in a single movement
- [3] 2 step drop, where the work clamp drops from the highest position A to pause at an intermediate position B, then drops to the lowest position C.



3 types of work clamp lowering operation (motor-driven work clamp specifications)

## **3. INSTALLATION**

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qualified technician. Contact your Brother dealer or a qualified electrician for any electrical work that may need to be done.

Machine installation should only be carried out by a

The sewing machine head weighs approximately 88kg. The installation should be carried out by two or more people.

Do not connect the power cord until installation is complete.

If the foot switch is depressed by mistake, the sewing machine might start operating and injury could result.



Hold the machine head with both hands when tilting it back or returning it to its original position.

Furthermore, do not apply excessive force when tilting back the machine head. The sewing machine may become unbalanced and fall down, and serious injury or damage to the sewing machine may result.



All cords should be secured at least 25 mm away from any moving parts. Furthermore, do not excessively bend the cords or secure them too firmly staples, otherwise there is the danger that fire or electric shocks could occur.

Be sure to connect the ground. If the ground connection is not secure, you run a high risk of receiving a serious electric shock, and problems with correct operation may also occur.

motor.



### 3-1. Table processing diagram

- The thickness of the table should be at least 40 mm, and it should be strong enough to bear the weight and vibration of the sewing machine.
- If the distance A between the insides of the legs is less than 740 mm, move the control box installation position to the left (B = 261mm).
- Check that the control box is at least 10 mm away from the leg. If the control box and the leg are too close together, it may result in incorrect sewing machine operation.



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## 3-2. Installing the control box



Remove the eight screws (1), and then remove the control box cover (2).

- (3) Control box
- (4) Bolts [4 pcs.]
- (5) Plain washers [4 pcs.]
- (6) Spring washers [4 pcs.]
- (7) Nuts [8 pcs.]

(8) Power switch(9) Wood screws [2 pcs.](10) Staples [4 pcs.]

## 3-3. Installing the oil pan



For motor-driven work clamp specifications, install the treadle unit mounting bolt (A) before installing the oil pan.

(Refer to "3-7. Installing the treadle unit (motor-driven work clamp specifications)".)

- (1) Oil pan
- (2) Nails [7 pcs.]
- (3) Rubber cushions [4 pcs.]
- (4) Waste oil tank

## 3-4. Installing the machine head



- (1) Pins [2 pcs.]
- Set screws [2 pcs.] (2)
- (3) Hinge rubber assemblies [2 pcs.]

Place the machine head gently on top of the oil pan and the rubber cushions.

#### NOTE:

- · Be careful not to get the cords clamped between the machine head and the oil pan.
- When holding the machine head, do not hold it by the pulse motor. This may cause problems with operation of the pulse motor.



- Bolts [4 pcs.] (5)
- (6) Plain washers [4 pcs.] Nuts [4 pcs.]
- (7) (8) Head rest
- (9) Bolts with washer [4 pcs.]





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(10) Auxiliary plate

(11) Bolts with washer [4 pcs.]

Loosen the four bolts with washer (11), and adjust so that the auxiliary plate (10) is 0 to 0.5 mm above the needle plate.

#### NOTE:

Install the auxiliary plate (10) so that it is horizontal.

If the auxiliary plate (10) is lower than the needle plate, the feed plate may get caught on the needle plate.

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(10) Auxiliary plate

(11) Bolts with washer [10 pcs.]

Loosen the six bolts with washer (11) and the four bolts with washer (12), and adjust so that the auxiliary plate (10) is 0 to 0.5 mm above the needle plate.

#### NOTE:

Install the auxiliary plate (10) so that it is horizontal.

If the auxiliary plate (10) is lower than the needle plate, the feed plate may get caught on the needle plate.

Move the work clamp arm all the way to the right when looking from the front of the sewing machine (the direction of the arrow in the illustration), and then gently tilt back the machine head.

#### NOTE:

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Two or more people should tilt back the machine head, and it should be tilted gently while being held with both hands.





- (14) Spacer
- (15) Bolt
- (16) Nut
- (17) Gas spring
- (18) Shaft collars [2 pcs.]
- (19) Gas spring shaft D
- (20) Plain washers [2 pcs.]
- (21) Retaining rings E [2 pcs.]
- (22) Bolts [2 pcs.]
- (23) Plain washers (medium) [2 pcs.]
- (24) Plain washers (large) [2 pcs.]
- (25) Spring washers [2 pcs.]
- (26) Nuts [2 pcs.]
- (27) Gas spring shaft U
- (28) Set screw

#### NOTE:

For motor-driven work clamp specifications, the bolts (22), plain washers (23), plain washers (24), spring washers (25) and nuts (26) in the places marked with \* are also used to install the treadle unit. (Refer to "3-7. Installing the treadle unit (motor-driven work clamp specifications)".)







• Gently return the machine head to its original position.

- Loosen the screw (31). Move the machine head switch (32) to the position shown in the illustration, and then secure the machine head switch (32) with the screw (31) and the accessory M3x16 screw (33).
- Check that the machine head switch (32) is turned on as shown in figure 1.

#### NOTE:

If the machine head switch is not turned on, errors "E050", "E051" and "E055" will be generated.

### 3-5. Tilting the sewing machine head



- 1. Move the work clamp arm (1) as far as it will go in the direction of the arrow in the illustration (to the right when looking from the front of the sewing machine).
- 2. Stand at the left side of the table, and gently tilt the machine head towards you.

#### NOTE:

Always be sure to move the work clamp arm (1) all the way to the right before tilting back the machine head. If you try to tilt back the machine head while the work clamp arm (1) is still on the left side, it may damage the outer cover L (2).

## 3-6. Installing the operation panel

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- (1) Operation panel set
- (2) Panel rubber
- (3) Plain washers [6 pcs.]
- (4) Bolts [3 pcs.]
- (5) Nuts [6 pcs.]
- Insert the cord from the operation panel (1) which has been passed through the hole in the table into the control box through the hole in the side of the control box.
- (6) Staples [3 pcs.]

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- (1) Operation panel base
- (2) Cushion A
- (3) Plain washers (medium) [3 pcs.]
- (4) Bolts [3 pcs.]
- (5) Cushions B [3 pcs.]
- (6) Plain washers (large) [3 pcs.]
- (7) Nuts [6 pcs.]

Tighten until the thickness of cushion B (5) is about 1 mm.

- (8) Operation panel
- (9) Operation panel stand
- (10) Bolts [3 pcs.]
- (11) Rubber seat
- (12) Bolt
- Pass the cord from the operation panel (8) through the operation panel stand (9) and the rubber seat (11).
- Fit the operation panel stand (9) into the operation panel base (1), and then secure it with the bolt (12).
- Pass the cord from the operation panel (8) through the hole in the table, and then insert it into the control box through the hole in the side of the control box.

(13) Staples [3 pcs.]

## 3-7. Installing the treadle unit (motor-driven work clamp specifications)



- (1) Treadle unit
- (2) Bolts [3 pcs.]
- (3) Plain washers [3 pcs.]
- (4) Spring washers [3 pcs.]

### (5) Nuts [3 pcs.]

#### NOTE:

- Install the bolt for mounting hole A before installing the oil pan. (Refer to "3-3. Installing the oil pan.")
- Mounting hole B is used to install the gas spring supports with the bolt, plain washer, spring washer and nut. (Refer to "3-4. Installing the machine head".)
- \* Use a commercially-available foot switch and connecting rod.
- \* If changing the mounting position for the treadle unit, use the accessory bolts, plain washers, spring washers and nuts.

#### <Foot switch operating method>

When the foot switch is depressed to the 1st step, the work clamp is lowered, and when it is depressed to the 2nd step, the sewing machine starts sewing.



### 3-8. Installing the two-pedal foot switch (pneumatic work clamp specifications)

(1) Foot switch

Insert the connector for the foot switch (1) into P6 (FOOT) on the main PCB. (Refer to "3-9. Connecting the cords".)

Be sure to make the ground connection. (Refer to "3-10. Connecting the ground wire".)

#### <Foot switch operating method>

When the work clamp switch (left) is depressed, both work clamps are lowered, and when the start switch (right) is depressed, the sewing machine starts sewing.

\* The work clamp lowering method can be changed using memory switch No. 002. (Refer to "6-3. List of memory switch settings" in the instruction manual CD.)



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### 3-9. Connecting the cords



#### 1. Gently tilt back the machine head.

- 2. Pass the cord bundle through the hole in the work table.
- 3. Loosen the two screws (1), and then open the cord presser plate (2) in the direction of the right arrow and pass the cord bundle through the opening.
- 4. Securely connect the connectors as indicated in the table below.

#### NOTE:

- Check that the connector is facing the correct way, and then insert it firmly until it locks into place.
- Secure the cables with cable ties and cord clamps, while being careful not to pull on the connector.

#### <Main PCB>

#### NOTE:

- Check that the connector is facing the correct way, and then insert it firmly until it locks into place.
- Secure the cables with cable ties and cord clamps, while being careful not to pull on the connector.
- \*1: Be sure to make the ground connection. (Refer to "3-10. Connecting the ground wire".)



Connector	Connection location on main PCB	Cord clamp
X pulse motor encoder 5-pin white	P20 (X-ENC)	(3)
Y pulse motor encoder 5-pin blue	P4 (Y-ENC)	(3)
Work clamp pulse motor encoder 5-pin black	P5 (P-ENC)	(3)
Foot switch 10-pin	P6 (FOOT)	(3)
Operation panel 8-pin	P1 (PANEL)	(3)
Machine head switch 3-pin	P9 (HEAD-SW)	(4)
Home position sensor assembly 12-pin	P8 (SENSOR1)	(4)
STOP switch 6-pin	P13 (HEAD)	(4)
Valve harness 12-pin (pneumatic work clamp specifications)	P12 (AIR1)	(4)
Programmer relay harness 8-pin	P7 (PRG)	(3)
Solenoid selection harness 4-pin	P3 (CUTTER)	_

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- 5. Close the cord presser plate (2) in the direction of the left arrow, and secure it by tightening the two screws (1).
  - **Note:** Close the cord presser plate (2) securely so that no foreign objects, insects or small animals can get inside the control box.
- 6. Check that the cords do not get pulled, and then gently return the machine head to its original position.

## 3-10. Connecting the ground wire

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Be sure to connect the ground. If the ground connection is not secure, you run a high risk of receiving a serious electric shock, and problems with correct operation may also occur.



- (1) Ground wire from upper shaft motor harness
- (2) Ground wire from the machine head
- (3) Ground wire from operation panel
- (4) Ground wires from two-pedal foot switch harnesses (2 wires) [for pneumatic work clamp specifications only]
- Tighten the control box cover with the eight screws. Check that the cords are not clamped by the cover at this time.

NOTE: Make sure that the ground connections are secure in order to ensure safety.

## 3-11. Connecting the power cord



## 3-12. Installing the cotton stand



- 1. Attach an appropriate plug to the power cord (1). (The green and yellow wire is the ground wire.)
- 2. Insert the plug into a properly-grounded AC power supply.
- \* The inside of the control box uses single-phase power.

#### NOTE:

Do not use an extension cord. If this is not observed, it may cause problems with correct operation.

(1) Cotton stand

#### NOTE:

Fit the washer (2), and then securely tighten the nut (3) so that the cotton stand does not move.

## 3-13. Installing the pneumatic unit (pneumatic work clamp specifications)



Install underneath the work table.

- (1) Solenoid valve assembly
- (2) Washers [2 pcs.]
- (3) Wood screws [2 pcs.]
- (4) Rubber hose

After installing the pneumatic unit, adjust the air pressure.

(Refer to "10-16. Adjusting the air pressure" in the instruction manual CD.)

#### NOTE:

Make sure that the pneumatic unit does not touch the control box or the work table leg.



- When the upper knob is tightened, the lifting speed becomes slower. When it is loosened, the lifting speed becomes faster.
  When the lower knob is tightened, the lowering speed becomes slower. When it is loosened, the lowering speed becomes
- When the lower knob is tightened, the lowering speed becomes slower. When it is loosened, the lowering speed becomes faster.

You can operate the work clamp while the power is turned off by pressing the manual button.

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## 3-14. Installing the eye guard

Attach all safety devices before using the sewing machine.

If the machine is used without these devices attached, injury may result.



- (1) Screw (loosen)
- (2) Eye guard (tilt forward)
- (3) Eye guard assembly
- (4) Plain washers [2 pcs.]
- (5) Screws [2 pcs.]

After installing the eye guard assembly (3), return the eye guard (2) to its original angle, and then tighten the screw (1) to secure it in place

### 3-15. Installing the motor cover



- (1) Motor cover R
- (2) Screws [4 pcs.]
- (3) Motor cover L
- (4) Screws [4 pcs.]
- (5) Motor cover(6) Screws [4 pcs.]

#### NOTE:

Be careful not to clamp the cords when installing the motor cover.

## 3-16. Lubrication

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Do not connect the power cord until lubrication is complete.

If the foot switch is depressed by mistake, the sewing machine might start operating and injury could result.

Be sure to wear protective goggles and gloves when handling the lubricating oil and grease, so that they do not get into your eyes or onto your skin. If the oil and grease get into your eyes or onto your skin, inflammation can result. Furthermore, do not drink or eat the lubricating oil or grease. They may cause diarrhea or vomiting. Keep the oil out of the reach of children.

The sewing machine should always be lubricated and the oil supply replenished before it is used for the first time, and also after long periods of non-use.

Use only the lubricating oil <JX Nippon Oil & Energy Corporation Sewing Lube 10N; VG10> specified by Brother.

\* If this type of lubricating oil is difficult to obtain, the recommended oil to use is <Exxon Mobil Essotex SM10; VG10>.



- 1. Fill the arm-side oil tank with oil.
- Move the work clamp arm (1) as far as it will go to the right when looking from the front of the sewing machine, and then slide the outer cover L (2) into the inner cover L (3) so that the lubrication hole in the bed is visible. Pour oil into the bed side oil tank through this hole.

#### NOTE:

Be sure to fill the machine with oil when the oil level is down to about one-third full in the oil sight glass. If the oil drops below the one-third level, there is the danger that the machine may seize during operation.



3. Pour oil in through the two holes of the shuttle race base assembly so that the felt (4) is lightly moistened. **NOTE:** 

- The two pieces of felt (4) should normally project by 0 to 0.5 mm from the hook race. Be careful not to push in the felt (4) when lubricating.
- If there is no more oil on the felt (4) of the shuttle race base assembly, problems with sewing may result.
- 4. If using the needle cooler (5), fill it with silicon oil (100 mm<sup>2</sup>/s). (Refer to "4-2. Threading the upper thread".)

## 4. PREPARATION BEFORE SEWING

## 4-1. Installing the needle

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Turn off the power switch before installing the needle.

If the foot switch is depressed by mistake, the sewing machine might start operating and injury could result.



- 1. Loosen the set screw (1).
- 2. Insert the needle (2) in a straight line as far as it will go, making sure that the long groove on the needle is at the front, and then securely tighten the set screw (1).

## 4-2. Threading the upper thread

Thread the upper thread correctly as shown in the illustration below.

When using threading mode for threading, the tension discs (1) will open so that the thread can be threaded more easily. (Refer to following page.)



- Turn the machine pulley (2) and raise the thread take-up (3) to its highest position before threading the upper thread. (This will make threading easier and it will prevent the thread from coming out at the sewing start.)
- When threading the thread through the needle, allow a distance of approximately 40 mm between the needle hole and the end of the thread.

If the trailing length of the thread is too long, it may cause the thread to become tangled.

#### <Threading mode>

Threading mode is safe because the sewing machine will not start even when the foot switch is depressed.



### 4-3. Winding the lower thread



Do not touch any of the moving parts or press any objects against the machine while winding the lower thread. Injury or damage to the sewing machine may result.





- 1. Place the bobbin onto the bobbin winder shaft (1).
- 2. Thread the thread as shown in the illustration, wind the thread around the bobbin several times, and then press the bobbin presser arm (2).
- 3. Turn on the power switch.
- Depress the foot switch to the 2nd step. (If using a two-pedal foot switch, lower the work clamp before depressing the start switch.)
  - The feed mechanism will move to the home position.
- Check that the needle does not touch the work clamp, and then while pressing the TENSION/WIND key (3), depress the foot switch to the 2nd step.

(If using a two-pedal foot switch, lower the work clamp before depressing the start switch.)

 Release the TENSION WIND key (3) after the machine starts operating, and keep depressing the foot switch until the lower thread stops being wound onto the bobbin.

(If you release the foot switch before winding is complete, and then depress it again while pressing the TENSION/ WIND key (3), winding will start again.)

- Once winding of the set amount of lower thread (80 -90% of the bobbin capacity) is completed, the bobbin presser arm (2) will return automatically.
- 8. Remove the bobbin, hook the thread onto the knife (4), and then pull the bobbin in the direction of the arrow to cut the thread.

#### Adjusting the bobbin winding amount

Loosen the screw (5) and move the bobbin presser (6) to adjust.

#### If the thread winds onto the bobbin unevenly

Loosen the set screw (7) and move the bobbin winder tension assembly (8) up and down to adjust.

 For case A, move the bobbin winder tension assembly (8) down, and for case B, move it upward.

### 4-4. Installing the bobbin case

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Turn off the power switch before installing the bobbin case.

If the foot switch is depressed by mistake, the sewing machine might start operating and injury could result.



- 1. Pull the shuttle race cover (1) downward to open it.
- 2. While holding the bobbin so that the thread winds to the right, insert the bobbin into the bobbin case.
- 3. Pass the thread through the slot (2) and pull it out from the thread hole (3).
- 4. Check that the bobbin turns in the direction of the arrow when the thread is pulled.
- 5. Pass the thread through the lever thread hole (4), and then pull out approximately 30 mm of thread.
- 6. Hold the latch on the bobbin case and insert the bobbin case into the rotary hook.

## 4-5. Thread tension

#### [Thread tension reference]

Specifications	Heavy-weight materials (-01[])	Medium-weight materials (-02[])	Seatbelt (-03[])
Upper thread	#20 or similar	#50 or similar	#4 or similar
Lower thread	#20 or similar	#50 or similar	#4 or similar
Upper thread tension (N)	1.4 – 1.8	0.8 – 1.2	1.2 – 2.0
Lower thread tension (N)	0.2 – 0.3		1.0 – 1.5
Pre-tension (N)	0.1 – 0.6	0.1 – 0.3	0.3 – 0.6
Needle	DP x 17 #19	DP x 5 #16	DP x 17 #25
Normal sewing speed	2,000 sti/min	2,000 sti/min	1,300 sti/min

### 4-5-1. Lower thread tension



turning the thread tension nut (1) until the bobbin case will not drop by its own weight while the thread end coming out of the bobbin case is held.

Adjust the thread tension to the weakest possible tension by

## 4-5-2. Upper thread tension



- 1. Turn the tension nut (1) (main tension) to adjust the tension as appropriate for the material being sewn.
- 2. Use the tension nut (2) (sub tension) to adjust the upper thread trailing length to about 40 mm.

## 4-6. Home position detection



Before starting home position detection, check that the needle bar is at its highest position.

Turn the pulley (1) in the direction of the arrow until the ridge at the bottom of the thread take-up (2) is aligned with the processed line on the arm.

1. Turn on the power switch.

The power indicator (3) will illuminate, and the model number will appear in the PROGRAM No. display (4) and the specifications class will appear in the menu display (5).

Specifica	ations
Motor-driven work clamp	[ELEC]
Pneumatic work clamp	[ Air]

After this, the program number will flash in the PROGRAM No. display (4).

2. Depress the foot switch to the 2nd step.

(If using a two-pedal foot switch, lower the work clamp before depressing the start switch (6).)

The sewing machine will move to the home position and the work clamp will rise.

\* For programs with a large number of stitches, the buzzer will sound after the home position is detected, and then the feed mechanism will move to the sewing start position.

#### NOTE:

If error "E110" appears when the foot switch is depressed, turn the pulley (1) in the direction of operation to clear the error.

## 5. USING THE OPERATION PANEL (BASIC OPERATIONS)

## 5-1. Name and function of each operation panel item



- (1) Power indicator
- Illuminates when the power is turned on. (2) CAUTION indicator
- Illuminates when an error occurs.
- (3) RESET key
- Used to reset errors.
- (4) TEST key Used to start test mode.
- (5) TEST indicator
- Illuminates when the TEST key (4) has been pressed. (6) THREAD/CLAMP key
- Used to start threading mode or work clamp height setting mode. (7) THREAD/CLAMP indicator
- Illuminates when the THREAD/CLAMP key (6) has been pressed.(8) TENSION/WIND key
- Used to wind the lower thread.
- (9) TENSION/WIND indicator
- Spare
- (10) X-SCALE indicator
- Illuminates when the SELECT key (15) is pressed to shown the X-scale setting.
- (11) Y-SCALE indicator
  - Illuminates when the SELECT key (15) is pressed to shown the Y-scale setting.

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(12) SPEED indicator

Illuminates when the SELECT key (15) is pressed to shown the sewing speed setting. (13) COUNTER indicator

- Illuminates when the SELECT key (15) is pressed to shown the lower thread or production counter setting. (14) SPLIT No. indicator
- Illuminates when the SELECT key (15) is pressed to show the split setting when split data (for specifying a pause while the program is running) exists.
- (15) SELECT key
- Used to select a menu (X-scale, Y-scale, sewing speed and counter).
- (16) Menu display
- Displays information such as menu setting values, memory switch settings and error codes.
- (17) Setting keys ▼ ▲
   Used to change the value which is displayed in the menu display (16).
   In addition, it is used to move the needle position forward and back when sewing has been paused.
- (18) PROGRAM No. display Displays information such as program numbers.
- (19) Setting keys  $\nabla \Delta$ Used to change the value which is displayed in the PROGRAM No. display (18).
- (20) CF media indicator
- Illuminates when a CF card (external media) is inserted while the power is turned on.
- (21) FD media indicator
- Illuminates when a floppy disk (external media) is inserted while the power is turned on. [Option compatibility] (22) Function keys [F1, F2, F3, F4]
- Used to select user programs and to set and select cycle programs. (23) R/W key
  - Used to read data from and write data to external media.

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## 5-2. Loading sewing data

Refer to "5-8. Notes on handling CF cards (sold separately)" for details on using CF cards.



Turn off the power switch, remove the CF card, and then close the cover of the CF slot.

## 5-3. Setting the program number



- 1. Press the  $\Delta$  or  $\nabla$  key (1) to select the program number that is loaded into the internal memory.
  - The program number will flash in the PROGRAM No. display (2).
  - "---" will appear at the time of shipment from the factory. (For checking feed home position)
- 2. Depress the foot switch to the 2nd step.
  - (If using a two-pedal foot switch, lower the work clamp before depressing the start switch.)
    - The feed mechanism will move to the home position and the program number will be accepted.
  - The program number will stop flashing and illuminate steadily.

#### NOTE:

After completing the setting, be sure to refer to "5-6. Checking the sewing pattern" to check that the needle drop position is correct.

### 5-4. Setting the X-scale and Y-scale



## 5-5. Setting the sewing speed



The scales are set to 100 (%) at the time of shipment from the factory.

- 1. Press the SELECT key (1) so that the X-SCALE indicator (2) (for X-scale setting) or the Y-SCALE indicator (3) (for Y-scale setting) is illuminated.
  - The setting value (%) will appear in the menu display (4).
  - \* When memory switch no. 402 is set to "ON", the settings will be displayed in units of mm.
- 2. Press the  $\blacktriangle$  or  $\triangledown$  key (5) to set the scale (0 400).
- The program number will flash in the PROGRAM No. display (6).
- 3. Depress the foot switch to the 2nd step.

(If using a two-pedal foot switch, lower the work clamp before depressing the start switch.)

- The feed mechanism will move to the home position and the scale will be accepted.
- The program number will stop flashing and illuminate steadily.

#### NOTE:

After completing the setting, be sure to refer to "5-6. Checking the sewing pattern" to check that the needle drop position is correct.

The sewing speed is set to 2000 (sti/min) at the time of shipment from the factory.

- 1. Press the SELECT key (1) until the SPEED indicator (2) illuminates.
  - The setting value (sti/min) will appear in the menu display (3).
- Press the ▲ or ▼ key (4) to set the sewing speed. (Sewing speed setting: 400 – 2700)

### 5-6. Checking the sewing pattern

Use test feed mode to check the needle movement with only the feed mechanism operating. Check that the needle hole does not come out from the frame of the work clamp.



## 5-7. Setting the work clamp lift amount

The setting for the work clamp lift amount can be changed using the operation panel.

\* For pneumatic work clamp specifications, only threading mode and intermittent presser foot height setting mode will be available.





## 5-8. Notes on handling CF cards (sold separately)

- Use a CF card with a memory capacity of 32, 64, 128, 256, 512 MB, 1GB or 2GB. (CF cards with a capacity of more than 2GB are not supported.)
- Do not disassemble or modify the CF card.
- Do not bend, drop or scratch CF cards or place heavy objects on top of them.
- Avoid contact with liquids such as water, oil, solvents or drinks.
- Use and store CF cards in locations that are free from strong static electricity and electrical interference.
- Do not use or store CF cards in places where they may be subject to vibrations or shocks, direct sunlight, high temperature or humidity or strong magnetic fields from equipment such as speakers, or places which are dusty from thread scraps, etc.
- Do not subject CF cards to shocks or impacts or remove them from the sewing machine while data is being loaded or written.
- The data on the CF cards may become lost or corrupted due to some malfunction or accident. It is recommended that you make a backup of important data.
- CF cards should only be removed after the power for the sewing machine has been turned off.
- CF cards are already formatted when they are purchased, and so you should not reformat them.
- The recommended CF cards are commercially-available ones from SanDisk or HAGIWARA SYS-COM. CF cards from
  other manufacturers can be used, but different formatting methods may mean that loading from or writing to such cards
  may not be possible.

For more information, refer to the documentation provided with the CF card.

- \* This product is compatible with CF cards that have been formatted using the FAT16 method. Cards that have been formatted using the FAT32 method cannot be used.
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## 6. SEWING

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Do not allow any liquids to get onto this sewing machine, otherwise fire, electric shocks or operating problems may occur.

If any liquid gets inside the sewing machine (machine head or control box), immediately turn off the power and disconnect the power plug from the electrical outlet, and then contact the place of purchase or a qualified technician.

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Turn off the power switch at the following times.

If the foot switch is depressed by mistake, the sewing machine might start operating and injury could result.

- When threading the needle
- When replacing the bobbin and needle
- When not using the machine and when leaving the machine unattended



## 6-1. Sewing



## 6-2. Using the STOP switch

If you press the STOP switch (1) while sewing or test feeding is in progress, the CAUTION indicator (2) will illuminate and the sewing machine will stop immediately.



#### <Continuing sewing from a stopping point>

If you have pressed the STOP switch (1) at times such as if the thread breaks while sewing or the lower thread runs out, you can resume sewing from the point where the thread ran out.



### 6-3. Using the thread wiper switch



The thread wiper switch (1) can be used to turn the thread wiper (2) on and off.

<Clearing>

1. Press the RESET key (3).

- The thread will be trimmed, and then the CAUTION indicator (2) will switch off and the buzzer will stop
- soundina. 2. If you do not wish to continue sewing, press the RESET key (3) once more.
  - The program number will flash. Carry out preparation for the next sewing.

## **Document CD**



For cleaning, standard adjustments and more details, please refer to the instruction manual contained in the Document CD.

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## **Contents of the Document CD**

The following documents are contained in PDF format.

- Basic Operation Manual
- Instruction Manual
- Parts Book

## **Recommended system configuration for using the Document CD**

OS:	Windows® XP Service Pack 2, Windows Vista®, Windows® 7
Browser version:	Microsoft® Internet Explorer 6 Service Pack 1 or higher
Screen resolution:	1024 x 768 pixeles or more
Plug in (required to access):	Adobe Reader 8.0 or higher

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