

CONVEYER TYPE NEEDLE DETECTOR
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I N S T R U C T I O N M A N U A L



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This Detector aims at decreasing the numbers of straying needles.

Perfect detection of needles is not warranted.

In the event of any doubt arising, the original INSTRUCTION MANUAL in Japanese is to be final authority.

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CAUTIONS FOR SAFE OPERATION



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Cautions For Safety

Be very careful not to get caught in the conveyer belt, rollers and other rotating and moving parts. Make sure to observe the following cautions.

Working Clothes:

Do not wear a necktie, muffler, scarf or other hanging articles and be careful not to get sleeves, cuffs, skirt and other parts of the clothes caught in the Detector.

Cleaning the Detector:

Before checking or cleaning the belt, rollers and other rotating parts always turn off the power source switch and pull the plug out of the receptacle.

Grounding the Detector:

The green lead wire on the power plug is the grounding conductor. Always connect it for safety's sake and to prevent receiving an electric shock.



Cautions For Use

Only needles, pins and other articles made of iron (Ferromagnetic materials) can be detected.

Weakly magnetic articles such as those of stainless steel and non-magnetic articles can not be detected.

Always use articles made of iron

Use metal buttons, fasteners, hooks and other garment fastenings and accessories that have been treated previously for detection support, that is, Needle Care (NC) products. (See page 12)

Before and after needle detecting work, always check and adjust the sensitivity of the Detector with the attached test pieces by the specified method.

Detection sensitivity of needles, broken needles and iron pieces differs with their size, quality, passing height and direction. Use the Detector after surely checking with actual articles.

A strong magnetic field is being generated from the detection unit. Clocks and watches, diskettes, credit cards, etc. may go out of use because of the magnetic field, so be sure to keep them away from the Detector.



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This mark indicates that the text concerns matters in which there is danger of being caught in rotating and moving parts.

1 . APPLICATIONS AND FEATURES

APPLICATIONS

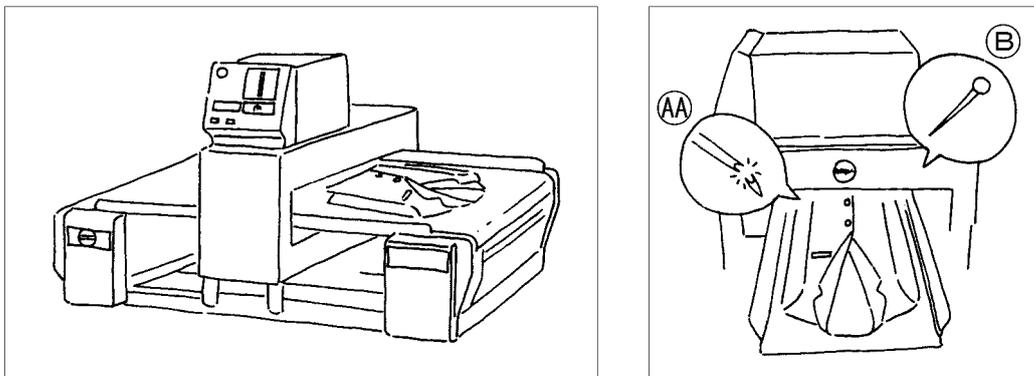
This Detector is for detecting needles straying in sewn garments such as women's, children's and men's clothings, uniforms, working clothes, etc. Pay particular attention to the following points.

CAUTIONS

Use detection support type accessories, that is, Needle Care (NC) products. (See Page 12).

Make sure at the design stage that such garment accessories as iron and electrolytic nickel-plated articles that react to the Detector will not be used.

Always use iron needles and pins (ferromagnetic materials: those that will be strongly attracted to permanent magnets) for sewing and other work. Stainless steel and other non-magnetic metals can not be detected.



SENSITIVITY AA : Broken sewing machine needle

(Equal to broken tips of Industrial sewing machine needle No.7 to 9.)

B : Iron-made standard marking pin (0.6×L33 mm)

FEATURES

- A. Broken sewing machine needles and iron-made marking pins etc. can be detected by only placing sewn garments on the conveyer belt. When any needles are detected, the conveyer belt will stop automatically.
- B. It is efficient because straying needles can be inspected under the condition of only 1 sheet but also bundled and packed sheets.
- C. As the detection area is tunnel shape, the difference of the detecting sensitivity by the thickness of the objects to be inspected is very few.
 Straying needles can be detected at each sensitivity as follows.
 Sensitivity AA : Broken sewing machine needle
 (Equal to broken tips of Industrial sewing machine needle No.7 to 9.)
 B : Iron-made standard marking pin (0.6×L33 mm)
- D. The sign to commence the detecting work can be recognized visually by providing with the LED while standing by, the detector can be used simply and conveniently.

2 . INSTALLATION OF THE DETECTOR

PREPARATION

1. Selection of Location • Notices

1-1 Measures against Vibration

Choose a place indoors that has no vibration. A concrete floor gives the best results.

When the Detector has to be placed on a wooden floor, first place thick plywood, etc.

(example, 10 to 15 mm thick concrete panels) on the floor to prevent direct transmission of any vibration.

This usually suffices to make the Detector serviceable, although the best thing to do would be to reinforce the wooden floor against vibration.

1-2 Effect of Metallic Products and Machinery

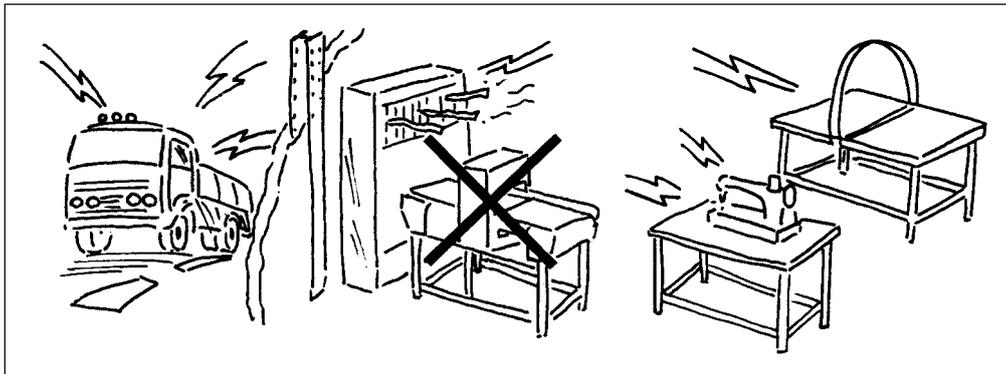
There should be no metallic desks, chairs, lockers, building pillars, reinforcing bars and other metallic objects within 1 meter from the detection unit. Also, keep air-conditioners, sewing machines, cutters, packing machines and other moving metallic objects **at least 4 meters away**.

Detector may react when through near needle detecting part holding metal materials such as scissors, stapler and so on inside a pocket of apron etc.

1-3 Electric Wave Interference

Keep cellular phone, machines and devices that let off sparks, high-frequency wrapping machines, and other machines that could interfere with the normal operation of the Detector **as far as 10 meters or more away**.

Also avoid places near roads and rails on which cars and electric trains travel.



1-4 Ambient Conditions

Select a place where is at **normal temperature, little humidity and dust etc.**

1-5 Influence on Others

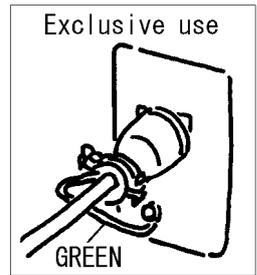
A strong magnetic field is generated from the detection unit. **Clocks and watches, diskettes, credit cards, etc. may go out of use**, so be sure to keep them away from the Detector.

2. Power Source

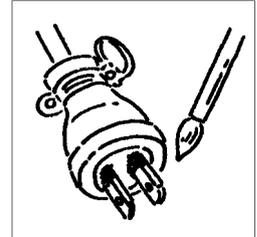
Use a exclusive power source for the Detector.

Wire (or pipe) the power source to a 100V/220V AC receptacle equipped with a grounding terminal. The receptacle should have a breaker that is independent from other machines.

Always connect the green grounding terminal of the power source plug of the Detector to the receptacle.



Dust adhered to the prongs of the power source plug could be the cause of fire, so wipe them clean.



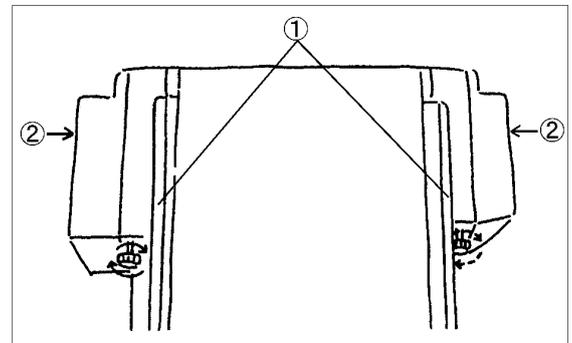
INSTALLATION

1. Cautions for moving the Detector

After unpacking the Detector, move it to its place of installation with the casters provided for that purpose.



Do not push or pull on the plastic guides ① and roller covers ② on both ends as they are liable to be damaged.

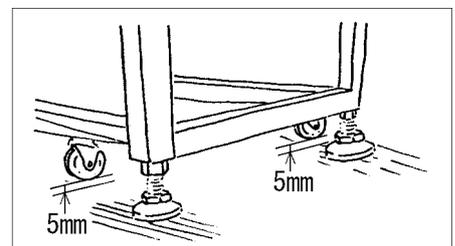


2. Securing method

Adjust the nuts of the four levelling bolts with a spanner so that ***the wheels of casters are clear of the floor by about 5mm each.*** Refer to the right figure.



The detector may malfunction unless the four levelling bolts are in full contact with the floor.



3. Cleaning

As small pieces of metal may be sticking to the surface and/or reverse side of the belt, joints and rollers as a result of handling and transporting the Detector, clean those ***parts carefully*** with a vacuum cleaner and a clean piece of cloth.



For safety's sake, be sure to unplug the Detector when doing the cleaning.

4. Adjusting Level

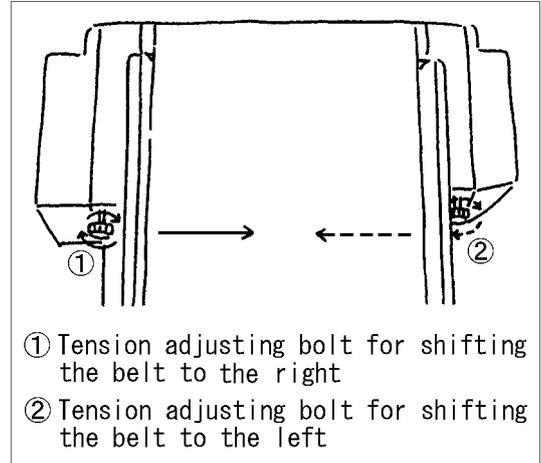
The conveyer belt has been adjusted for tension and meander on a level floor before the detector is shipped. Therefore, if the belt meanders to one side, the cause is that the floor is inclined or that the levelling bolts have been improperly adjusted, so adjust those as follows.

* Note that adjusting may take many attempts and several hours to accomplish.

4-1 Gradually raise the two levelling bolts on the guide side to which the belt has shifted or lower the levelling bolts on the opposite side. (See 2. Securing Method on Page 5)

4-2 As this adjustment can mostly be done with these four levelling bolts, go about the job patiently.

4-3 When adjustment by the above procedure is difficult, adjust by turning clockwise a little at a time the tension adjusting bolt on the side to which the belt shifts.



5. Confirming workings of the control unit

If the conveyer belt travels properly, carry out the following checks.

5-1 Change the sensitivity push button switch on the control panel to AA, turn the sensitivity adjusting knob to 7 to mark (8), and then make the conveyer belt travel by pressing the power source key and the conveyer key ON.

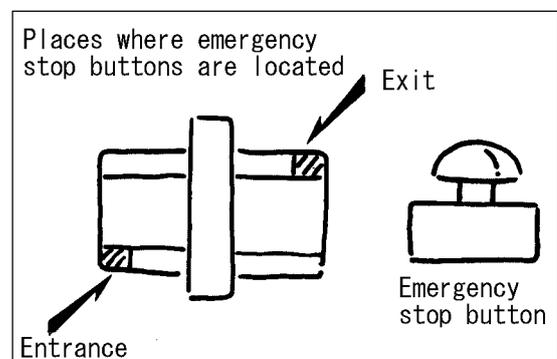
5-2 Walk around the Detector checking how the detection level LED go on to see how much vibration there is. If all the detection level LED go on, the buzzer sounds and the conveyer belt stops, **it means there is too much vibration from the floor, so reinforce the floor.**
 (See 1-1 on Page 4)

6. Confirming workings of the emergency stop buttons (Option)

Emergency stop buttons are located at the entrance and at the exit of the conveyer. Check their operation.

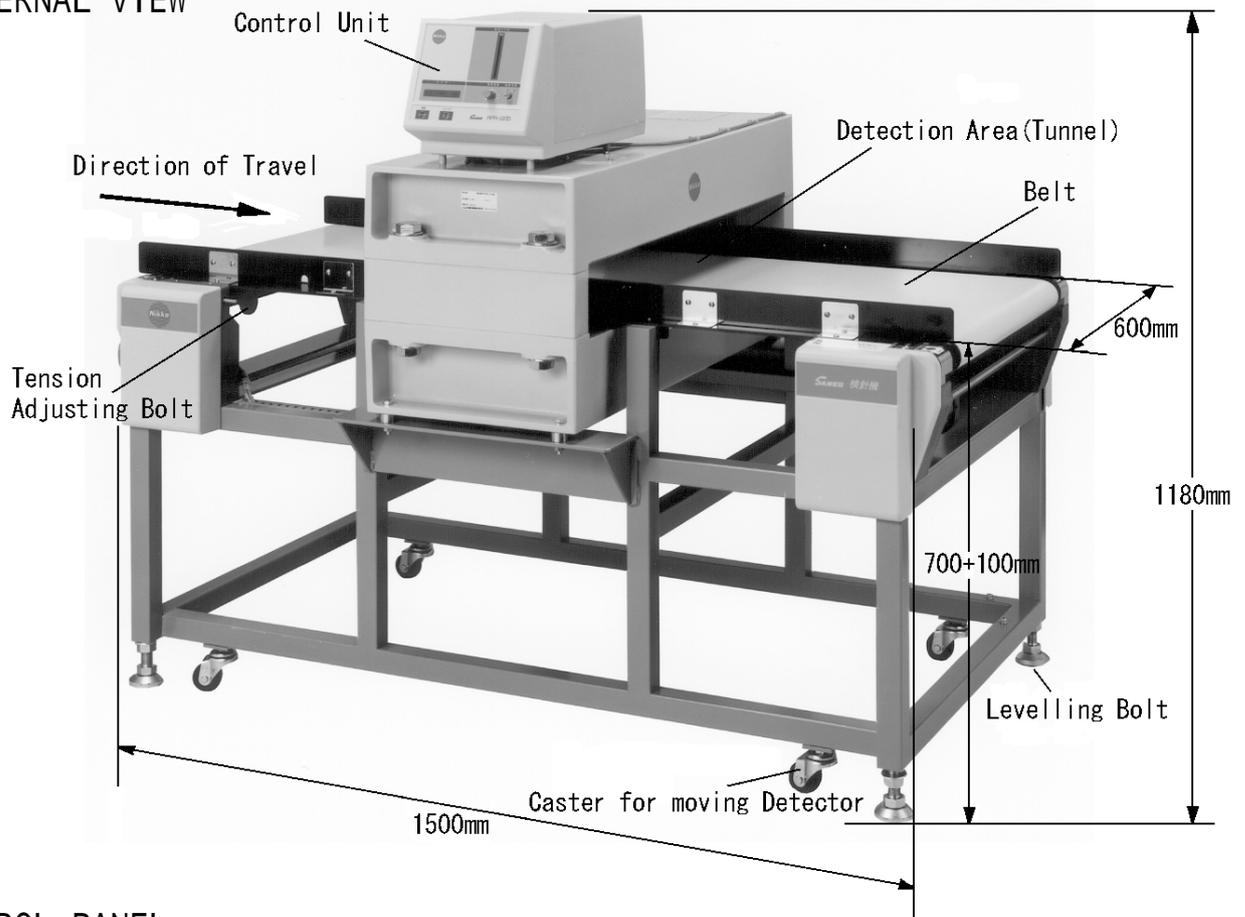
6-1 Press either one and, all power sources are shut off.

6-2 When make the Detector restart, press the emergency stop button once again and press the power source key on the control panel.



3 . NAME OF PARTS

EXTERNAL VIEW



CONTROL PANEL

Operation Indicator Lamp(LED)

The characters(letters) go on after belt starts.(denoting that detection is possible)

Standby Indicator Lamp(LED)

When belt starts, the characters go on.(detection is not possible during the several seconds while this lamp is flashing)

Power Source Indicator Lamp(LED)

The characters(letters) go on while power is ON.

Detection Level Indicator Lamps(LED)

When a needle or some such object is detected, all 12 green, blue, and red lamps go on. The noise signal such as vibration etc. also can be seen by eyes.

Sensitivity Conversion Push Button Switch

Sensitivity AA is to detect broken sewing machine needles.

Sensitivity B is to locate marking pins, etc.

Sensitivity Adjusting Knob

Sets detection sensitivity. Normally at mark (8).

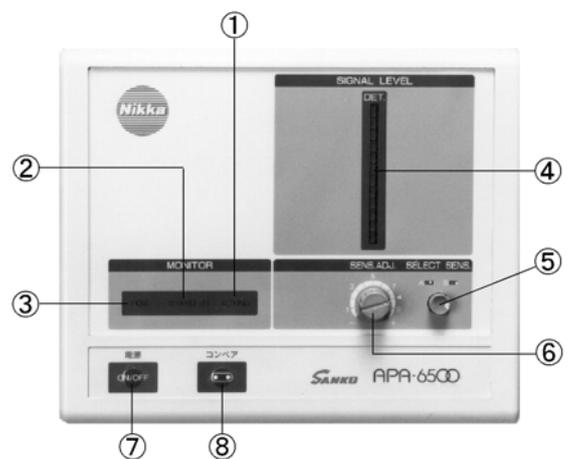
Power Source Key

Pressing this turns the electricity to the electronic circuit ON or OFF.

Conveyer Key

The conveyer belt travels or stops by each press.

Please note that the appearance etc. might be changed to improve the products.



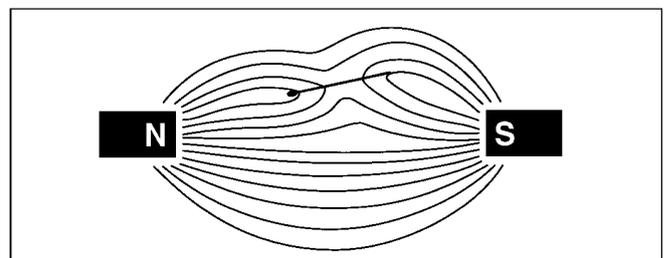
4 . SPECIFICATIONS AND PRINCIPLE

SPECIFICATIONS

Detecting Method	Magnetic induction
Detecting Ability (Needle Detection)	With sensitivity conversion function. With attached test pieces for confirming the set sensitivity Sensitivity AA : Steel ball Fe ϕ 1.0 (Equal to broken tip of industrial sewing machine needle No.7 to 9) Sensitivity B : Steel ball Fe ϕ 2.5 (Equal to Standard iron marking pin ϕ 0.6 x L33 mm) (See 6.Detection Standards on page 12)
Effective Detecting Width	600 mm
Detecting Height	100 mm
Alarms	Electronic buzzer, Detection level LED, Belt stop
Belt Speed	20 m / min. (50 Hz) and 24 m / min. (60 Hz)
Power Source	100V AC 50 / 60 Hz Approx. 200W
Dimensions and Weight	1500(W) \times 1180(H) \times 940(D) mm, Approx. 230 kgs.
Accessories	Test pieces Fe ϕ 1.0 (for Sensitivity AA) Fe ϕ 2.5 (for Sensitivity B) Fuse, Instruction manual
Options	Bell-mouth guide, Emergency stop buttons, Printer, Stabilizing transformer

PRINCIPLE

When a ferromagnetic substance such as needle, iron piece, etc. moves in a static magnetic field, a little electromotive force generates in a coil. This electromotive force is amplified, converted to sound and light and advise us the existence of the substances.



5 . OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Operating Method



For safety, the operator must not wear a necktie, muffler, scarf and the like and should be very careful not to get his or her sleeve, skirt, etc. caught in the Detector.

Operations	Cautions
<p>1. Insert the power source plug in the AC 100V receptacle.</p> <p>2. Press the power source key.</p> <p>3. Put the sensitivity conversion push button switch on AA or B, turn the sensitivity adjusting knob slowly and set it at 7 to mark (8) on the dial.</p> <p>4. Press the conveyer key.</p> <p>5. Place one of the attached test pieces on the conveyer belt. (How to use the test piece is shown on the test piece) For Sensitivity AA, use Fe ϕ 1.0 For Sensitivity B, use Fe ϕ 2.5</p> <p>6. Press the conveyer key.</p>	<p>Use an exclusive AC100V receptacle. At the same time, connect to the ground. (See 2. Power Source on Page 5)</p> <p>The power source LED in the monitor goes on. 2 or 3 minutes later, the electronic circuit will stabilize and the Detector is ready for use. The flashing of several detection level LED does not mean that there is something wrong.</p> <p>Position AA of the sensitivity conversion push button switch is for detecting broken sewing machine needles and position B is for detecting standard iron marking pins. (See 6. Detection Standards on Page 12)</p> <p>The conveyer belt starts to travel. The standby LED in the monitor blinks and then, several seconds later, the operation LED goes on.</p> <p>When the test piece is detected, the electronic buzzer sounds and the travelling belt stops at the same time. When the test piece is not detected, sensitivity is insufficient, so slowly turn the sensitivity adjusting knob slightly to the right (clockwise) and retest. Repeat the tests until <i>the respective test pieces are properly detected without fail.</i></p> <p>The belt restarts and <i>the standby LED in the monitor blinks at the same time.</i> <i>For the few seconds while blinking, the detection circuit is on hold and can not detect any left-over needles or other objects.</i> Always confirm that the standby LED goes out and the operation LED goes on before placing the objects to be inspected on the belt.</p>

3. Needle Detection

Operations	Cautions
<p>Place a sewn garment on the travelling belt.</p>  <p>Do not touch the traveling belt (especially near the roll part). It may cause injury.</p> <p>Place a proper table on exit side and take garments on the table is recommended.</p>	<p><i>When the sensitivity conversion push button switch is on AA, the purpose is to detect broken sewing machine needles.</i></p> <p>Carry out needle detection on a finished garment with all fasteners, front hooks and other accessories attached.</p> <p><i>When the sensitivity conversion push button switch is on B, the purpose is to detect standard iron marking pins . (0.6 x L33 mm).</i></p> <p>Carry out detection on a garment at the final stage after buttons etc. have been attached.</p> <p>(For and see 6. Detection Standards on page 12)</p> <p>When a needle, broken needle, iron piece, pin, or other iron object is detected, the electronic buzzer sounds and the belt stops. Check the garment carefully and remove the needles etc.</p> <p><i>Several needles may be left in the garment.</i></p> <p>Retest the garment even after a needle etc. have been removed from it.</p> <p>Objects smaller than the standard sensitivity value (Sensitivity AA by ϕ 1.0 steel ball or Sensitivity B by ϕ 2.5 steel ball) can not be detected.</p> <p>However, since left-over needles and other objects have a thickness and a length, they may or may not be detected depending on how they pass through the detection unit even though they may be smaller than the standard value which they are converted to steel balls.</p> <p>Check with actual objects beforehand.</p> <p>(See 6. Detection Standards on Page 12 and 2. Detecting Ability on Page 13)</p> <p>When the location of a left-over broken needle or other steel object is needed to know quickly, use of the handy type Sanko Needle Detectors TY-20R/TY-30(Optional) is recommended.</p>

4. End of Work

Operations	Cautions
<p>When the needle detecting work is finished, always press the conveyer key and power source key OFF.</p> <p>After the work is over, cover the Detector to prevent from dust.</p>	<p>When the Detector is not in use, always pull out the plug from the receptacle.</p> <p>There are dust, iron powder and other fine particles floating in the air.</p>

7 . OPTIMUM USE OF THE DETECTOR

1. The Needle Detector helps to raise the efficiency in needle detecting work

The Needle Detector was designed and developed to simplify and to raise the efficiency of the work of detecting of pins, broken needles and other objects inadvertently left in garments by workers in the process of sewing apparel. Therefore, in order to eliminate left-over needles, make a general study of the entire sewing process giving consideration to the following points, together with the installation of the Detector.

- 1-1 Assign a person to be responsible for the detecting work and have him give instructions and guidance to others on the correct use of the Detector.
- 1-2 Always restrict and control needles, marking pins, etc. to be used to those made of iron.
- 1-3 When a needle breaks in the sewing operation, make it rule that the search for the broken pieces must be continued until every piece is found to restore the needle to its original form, and supervise the implementation of that rule.
- 1-4 Control metallic garment accessories to the use of only detection support type (NC products).
(See NC Products on Page 12).

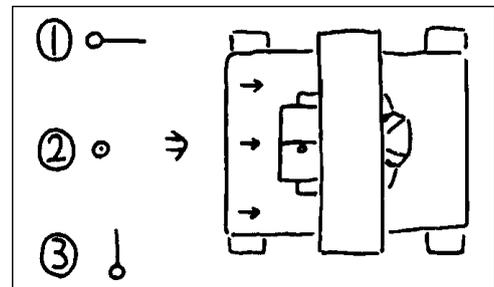
2. Detecting Ability

- 2-1 Strictly speaking, the detecting sensitivity of the detection unit is not uniform, there is a slight difference depending on the position and direction of the passing needle. Therefore, setting of sensitivity with the test pieces is done by having them pass through the center part of the height where is the lowest part of the sensitivity.

(See 1- on Page 10)

The sensitive level in each direction of passing direction of an actual needle is shown in the right figure, where:

highest close to highest lowest



- 2-2 The electronic circuit has been adjusted for detecting sensitivity in accordance with the speed of travel of the belt. Therefore, even though manually passing a once-inspected garment to and from through the detection unit, all the detection level LED will not always go on.

3. Reacts for Nothing?

When the Detector reacts for nothing, there are surely causes. Refer to the following.

- 3-1 A garment is supposed to have non-magnetic metallic buttons, front hooks, fasteners and other accessories attached to it. However, an accessory that has not been made detection support treatment has been included and the Detector has found it.
- 3-2 Iron powder from a cutter blade that is sharpened or powder from the whetstone is adhering to the garment being checked, and the Detector may have found that powder.
Be extra careful when handling cloth cutters that operate while the blade is being sharpened.
- 3-3 Even oil stains are detected. When machine oil is adhering to the garment being inspected, the Detector may detect the metallic powder that is mixed in with the oil.
- 3-4 Metallic rust may be adhering to the garment being examined.

8 . DAILY INSPECTION AND REPAIR

1. Are the casters off the floor or is there any play or rattle in the conveyer? Adjust the levelling bolts.
2. Has a sewing machine, cutter, packing machine or other moving metallic object been newly installed within 4 meters of the detection unit? Cause of malfunction. Keep away.
3. Operate with no load under normal operating conditions.



When checking and cleaning the belt, rollers and other rotating parts, for safety's sake always unplug the Detector.

3-1 *Are the bearings and other rotating parts making a strange noise?*

.....If so, clean off any waste yarn and dust on the rotating parts with a cloth and apply 2 or 3 drops of sewing machine oil or other machine oil to the parts.

Note: Avoid applying oil except when there is a strange noise. Dust and oil stain that stick to the belt during cleaning may cause malfunction of the Detector..

3-2 *Two-thirds or more of the detection level LED go on.*

.....A needle, pin or other metallic object has fallen into the detection unit.

In particular, they may be adhering to the upper part of the tunnel which contains a magnet. Check and remove whatever is adhering to it.

Note: As the Detector may be reacting to a wristwatch and magnetic cards etc with the body, remove them and check.

3-3 *Many detection level LED go on or the belt stops always at the same spot of the belt.*

.....As this is because small metallic particles are adhering to the belt, first turn the sensitivity adjusting knob slightly to the right and raise the sensitivity until the belt always stop. Put a mark with water paint or the like on the place where the belt stops and check several times.

Thoroughly check both sides of the belt at the marked spot and remove all metallic particles that are found. If none can be found, those can be occasionally removed by wiping carefully with a clean and moistened cloth.

Note that the conveyer belt is recommended to replace every two years and the drive belt, once a year. *(Belts are treated as consumable supplies.)*

3-4 *The belt sometimes shifts to the side and contacts the guide.*

.....Wipe off dust and waste yarn from reverse side of the belt and the roll parts with a clean, moistened cloth and then make the Detector travel with no load for a few minutes.

If that does not seem to work normally, adjust by turning the tension adjusting bolts. (See 4. Adjusting Level on Page 6)

4. Do not place anything on the Needle Detector.

- 4-1 When the Detector is not in use, cover it with a vinyl sheet, cloth or the like to keep out dust, metal powder and other unwelcome objects.

9 . TROUBLESHOOTING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

Cause		Nature of trouble	The belt conveyer does not travel	There is a strange noise from the belt conveyer	The belt shifts to one-side	The power source LED does not go on	The standby LED does not go on	The test piece is not detected when it passes through	When the belt stops, most of the detection level LED go on	When the belt is travelling with no load, most of the detection level LED go on	Something is detected for almost all garments that are examined	Corrective Action	Reference page
The power source plug is not connected to the receptacle												Insert the plug into the receptacle	9
The emergency stop button(Optional)												Press the emergency stop button and power source ON again	6
The conveyer key is defective												Contact us	9
Insufficient oil or wear of bearings and other rotating parts												If not restored after oiling, contact us	14
Tension of the belt is not uniform												Adjust by turning the tension adjusting bolt	6
Setting of the sensitivity adjusting knob	Low											Turn the sensitivity adjusting knob to the slightly right	9
	High											Turn the sensitivity adjusting knob to the slightly left	9
A metallic particle is adhering to the belt												Clean both sides of the belt and rollers	14
A needle or other metallic object is sticking in the detection unit												Remove the objects and clean the inside	14
There is a large source of noise near the Detector												Move the source of noise and the Detector away from each other	4
There is a moving metallic object near the Detector												Move the moving metallic object and the Detector away from each other	4
The garments to be examined have been changed												Check the metallic accessories attached to the garment	10
The fuse has blown												If the condition is not restored after replacing with the spare fuse, contact us	16
The control unit circuit is defective												Contact us	16

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1 0 . AFTER-SALES SERVICE

Before requesting inspection and repair

1. Read "8. DAILY INSPECTION AND REPAIR" on Page 14 and "9. TROUBLESHOOTING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION" on Page 15, and recheck once more.

Then contact the nearest Office of Nikka Densoku Limited or Sanko Electronic Laboratory Co., Ltd.

2. When requesting inspection and repair, give the Model No. and a detailed explanation of the trouble.

Places to Contact:

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