



**5003**  
**STRINGING MACHINE**  
**6 POINT SC MOUNTING**



**OWNER'S MANUAL**  
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### LIMITED WARRANTY

GAMMA SPORTS ("GAMMA") warrants to the original purchaser that the GAMMA 5003 stringing machine ("EQUIPMENT") purchased is free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of five (5) years from the date of original purchase for mechanical parts and for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase for string clamps. Should any defects develop under normal use within the specified time periods, GAMMA will at its option, repair or replace the defective EQUIPMENT provided it is returned to GAMMA prepaid at the purchaser's expense. This warranty does not apply to any damage or defect caused by negligence, abuse, misuse, unauthorized alteration, shipping, handling or part wear and tear as a result of normal use.

Routine maintenance, adjustment and cleaning required to ensure proper operation are the responsibility of the purchaser and are not covered under the terms of this warranty. These include, but are not limited to: Linear Gripper Plate adjustment, as described on page 8, String Clamp adjustment, as described on page 16, tension calibration, as described on page 14, and Tensioner Brake adjustment, as described on page 15.

GAMMA's obligation under this warranty is limited to repair or replacement of defective EQUIPMENT, and no one is authorized to promise any other liability. GAMMA shall in no event be liable for any incidental or consequential damages.

To return defective EQUIPMENT, a return authorization (RA#) must be obtained from a GAMMA customer service representative by calling 1-800-333-0337. The RA# must be marked on the outside of the shipping carton being returned. All returns must be shipped prepaid by the customer to GAMMA. Please retain the original shipping carton and packing materials for any future shipments.

A GAMMA Care Service Plan is also available through GAMMA customer service, call 880.333.0337 for details.

# FEATURES



## MACHINE FEATURES

- ❖ Manual Spring Tension Winder w/ 11 to 89 lbs Tension Range
- ❖ Patented Roller Guide for Maximum Accuracy and Consistency
- ❖ Parallel Jaw Gripper w/ Diamond Dust Coated Gripping Surfaces
- ❖ Professional Six Point Self-Centering “*Quick Mount*” Racquet Mounting System- Accommodates All Racquets
- ❖ Professional “*Quick Action*” Dual Action, Rotating, Metal Fixed String Clamps w/ Diamond Dust Coating
- ❖ Full 360 Degree Turntable Rotation
- ❖ Large Convenient 141 sq. in. Tool Tray
- ❖ Height Adjustable from 36” to 48”



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## Unpacking Instructions & Contents

### Instructions for Unpacking and Preparing for Assembly

The stringing machine is shipped in two cartons, a Master carton has the stringing machine floor stand, base legs, tensioner and accessories. The Mounting System Carton has the turntable, clamps and mounting system. **Please save the cartons and packing materials for possible shipments in the future.** Gamma Sports cannot be responsible for machines that are not returned, shipped in their original, undamaged packaging. The tools you will need to assemble the machine are provided with the machine.

Once the cartons are opened, remove all parts and check to be sure that all parts are present and accounted for.

#### Contents of Master Carton

- (1) Lower Column Support Post
- (1) Upper Column Support Post
- (3) Short Legs w/ Adjustment Feet
- (1) Long Leg w/ Adjustment Foot
- (1) Bellows Set
- (1) Tool Tray w/ Pad
- (1) Tensioner Assembly
- (1) Tensioner Track
- (4) M8 x 25 Flat Head Screws
- (4) M8 x 30 Cap Screws
- (1) Tool Kit (contains side cutter, bent nose pliers & needle nose pliers)
- (1) Straight Stringers Awl & (1) Pathfinder Specialty Awl
- (1) Tools for assembly and maintenance

#### Contents of Mounting System Carton

- (1) Turntable Assembly w/String Clamp Bases and Mounting Stands w/ Frame Support Slide, Side Supports and Adapters
- (2) String Clamps
- (1) Package of Spare plastic adapters for mounting system supports
- (1) 17mm Socket wrench

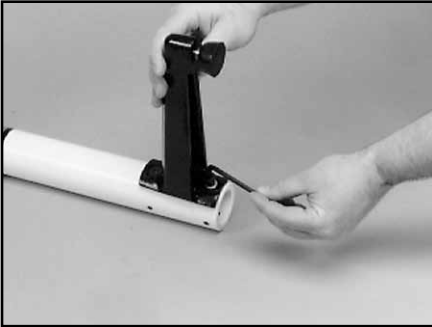
# ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS



## Base Leg Assembly

The stringing machine uses a four leg base design. The legs must be assembled to the lower column support before use. This is the larger of the two posts with the GAMMA label.

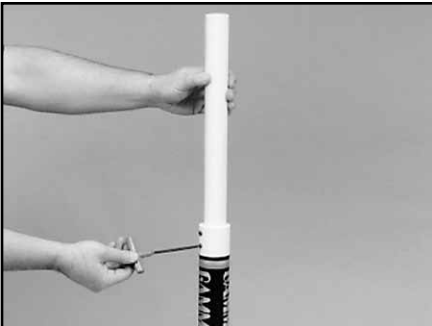
**Note:** For illustration purposes, the support column has been painted white for these instructions.



Align the holes in the leg flange with the matching holes in the lower column support post. Secure the leg with one FLAT HEAD cap screw through the upper hole, and one SOCKET HEAD cap screw through the bottom hole. Repeat this procedure for the three remaining legs.

## Base Foot Height Adjustment

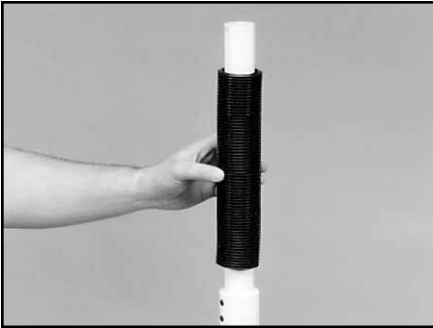
Each foot of the Base Stand can be adjusted to compensate for uneven surfaces.



## Upper Column Support Assembly

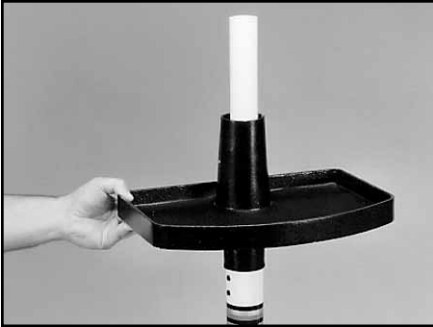
The upper column support is shipped inside of the lower column support. Unloosen the two set screws at the top of the lower column support / base leg assembly. Extend the upper column to the maximum height and lock in place with the two set screws located at the top of the lower column support.

# ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS



## Bellows Installation

The bellows assembly is supplied in two pieces and should be assembled as follows. Place the bellows section with the flange over the upper support column with the flange on the top. Place the remaining bellows over the upper support column and mate it with the flange on the lower bellows.



## Tool Tray Installation

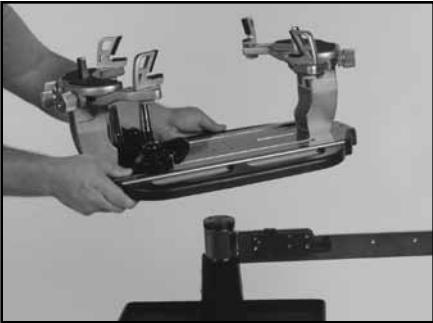
Lower the tool tray over the top of the upper column support and let it rest loosely on the bellows assembly.



## Tension Track Installation

Place the tube of the tension track assembly over the top of the upper column support and align the tension track with the long leg of the base. Securely tighten the two socket set screws on the tension track assembly tube, locking it to the upper column support. Align the notch in the tool tray with the tension track bar while raising the tool tray. Secure the tray with the set screws in the side of the tray casting.

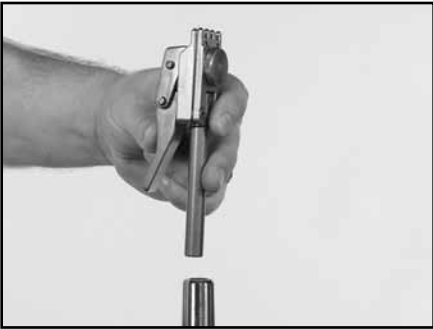
# ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS



## Turntable and Mounting System Installation

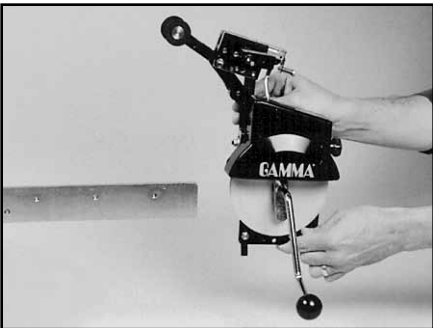
To install the turntable remove the four nuts holding the mounting bolts in place during shipment. Position the turntable over the turntable pin and align the bolts with the holes in the flange. Secure them with the included allen wrench.

**Caution:** If the mounting bolts are removed or fall out during assembly be sure that the bolts pass through the spacer inside the turntable before securing the turntable to the turntable pin.



## String Clamp Installation

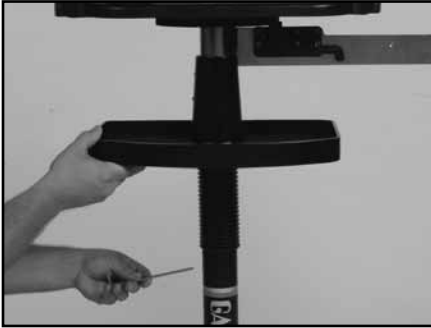
The post of the string clamp and tube of the string clamp base are treated with grease to provide protection against corrosion during shipping. Remove any excessive grease with a clean cloth prior to use. The post and tube may also be cleaned with isopropyl alcohol. After this type of thorough cleaning, the post and tube should be treated with a light coating of machine oil to protect the surfaces against corrosion and to ensure smooth operation.



## Installing the Tensioner

Remove the button head screw and washer located at the end of the tensioner bar with the 3mm hex wrench provided. Slide the tensioner onto the bar, being careful to align the bar with all of the bearings and the drive gear with the gear track. Replace the button head screw and washer in the end of the tensioner bar.

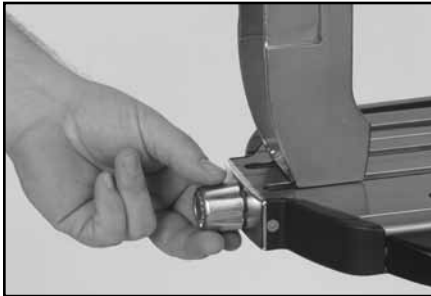
# ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS



## Height Adjustment

The turntable height can be adjusted to suit the stringer. To adjust, loosen the two set screws on the lower column support post below the bellows assembly. Adjust the amount of engagement between the upper and lower column supports until the desired height is attained. Make sure that the tension track is still aligned with the long leg of the base and tighten the two set screws to lock the upper support column into place.

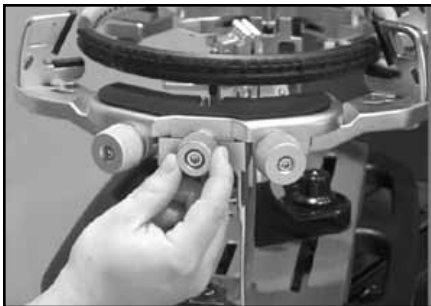
## MOUNTING THE FRAME



## Mounting Stand Adjustment

Position the racquet frame over the mounting stands and adjust the spacing between the stands so the posts of the frame support slides fit inside the head of the racquet. By turning one of the knobs located at either end of the turntable counter clockwise the stands move closer together. Turning clockwise will increase the separation between the stands. With the stands positioned so the posts of the frame support slides are completely within the head of the racquet frame, turn one of

the knobs clockwise until they contact the inside of the racquet head at 6 and 12 o'clock.



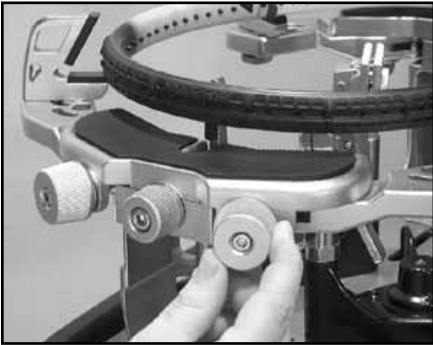
## Tightening the Frame Supports

Tighten the frame support slides by turning the adjustment knob clockwise until snug against the racquet frame and slight resistance is felt.

**Caution:** Overtightening the center supports will stretch the head of the racquet and could cause racquet damage.

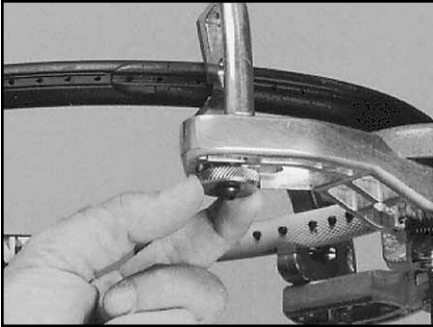


# MOUNTING THE FRAME



## Adjusting the Frame Shoulder Supports

Being sure the shoulder supports are free to swivel in their mountings, simultaneously rotate the shoulder support adjustment knobs clockwise until both shoulder supports gently and squarely contact the frame.



## Securing the Frame

Lock the shoulder supports in position by turning the knob at the base clockwise.

Repeat the adjustment procedure for the remaining support post.

Re-tighten all of the frame supports in the same order as before.

**Caution:** Do not overtighten any of the supports as racquet damage may occur.

The supports should be tightened to the point where the racquet frame will not move in the

mounting system when the handle is grasped and attempts are made to move it. Should any supports lose contact with the frame while stringing, they should be re-tightened.

# BADMINTON MOUNTING



## Badminton Shoulder Support Protection Pad Installation

Slide the badminton shoulder support cover over the shoulder supports. There is no need to remove the tennis shoulder supports.

**Note:** An optional badminton frame support for the head of the racquet is available.

# STRINGING THE FRAME



## Clamp Base Operation

To lock the string clamp base to the turntable, rotate the clamp base locking lever clockwise. To release the string clamp base from the turntable, rotate the clamp base locking lever counter-clockwise.

The locking lever should be tightened enough to prevent clamp base slippage on the turntable when the desired tension is placed on the string.

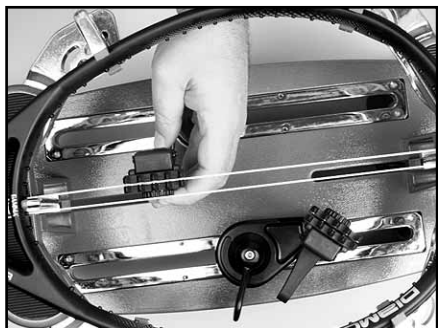


## String Clamp Operation

The string clamps are a dual action design where the string clamp and clamp base operate independently of one another.

To clamp a string, lift the string clamp, place the string between the jaws and depress the string clamp lever to secure the string. The clamping pressure applied to the string should be adjusted to provide sufficient pressure to secure the string when subjected to the desired pulling tension. The diamond coated gripper plates provide for increased friction between the clamps and the string to allow

for reduced clamping pressure while securing and holding the string under tension.

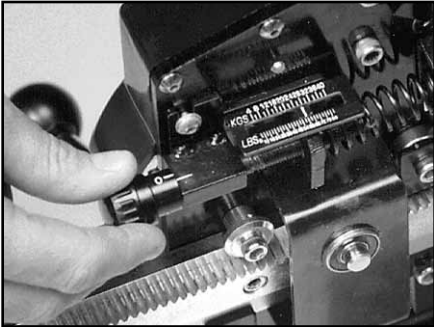


## Clamping the First Main String

To begin stringing the main strings, thread the two ends of the string through the two center holes at the appropriate end of the frame and continue through the opposite center holes. Thread one end of the string through the adjacent grommet hole and pull excess by hand.

Secure one of the strings using a string clamp.

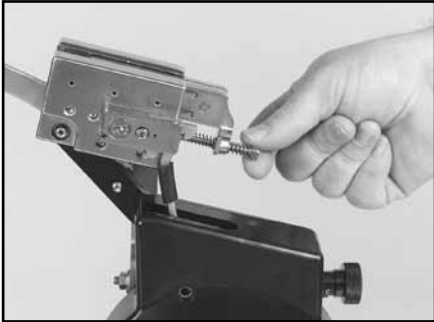
# STRINGING THE FRAME



## Setting Tension

The tensioner utilizes a rotary adjusting knob along with a linear tension scale to indicate the tension setting. The scale is divided into 3 lb. increments and each 1/3 turn of the tension knob changes tension by 1 lb. To set the desired tension, rotate the tension knob and align the mark on the spring guide with the desired tension setting on the scale. When the "0" mark on the knob aligns with the line on the knob support the tension will be that indicated on the scale. To increase tension by 1 or 2 lbs turn the knob counterclockwise

until the "1" or "2" mark on the knob aligns with the line on the knob support. To decrease tension by 1 or 2 lbs, turn the knob clockwise until the "2" or "1" mark on the knob aligns with the line on the knob support.



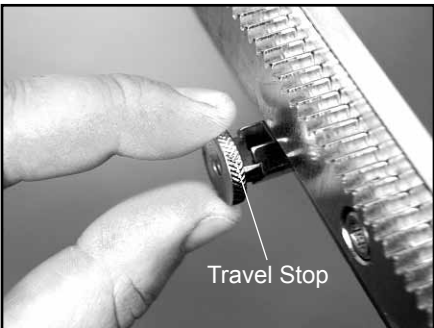
## Setting the Gripper Jaw Spacing

The gripper jaws of the tensioner are adjustable to accommodate varying string gauges.

If the string slips through the gripper jaws while pulling tension, rotate the gripper jaw adjustment screw counter-clockwise.

If the string is damaged while pulling tension, rotate the gripper jaw adjustment screw clockwise.

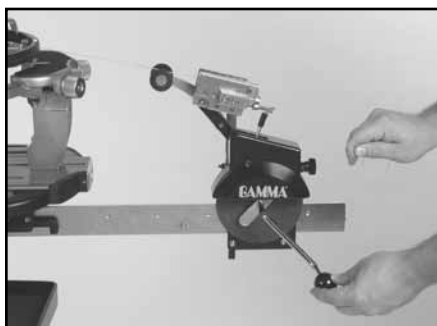
The jaws will be properly adjusted when there is enough pressure to securely grip the string without causing damage to the string.



## Tensioner Travel Stop

To prevent contact between the tension head and the racquet and/or turntable, a travel stop is located about midpoint along the tensioner bar below the gear track. In the event the tension head must be moved closer to the racquet, pull and turn the travel stop 90 degrees. To re-engage the travel stop, simply pull and turn the travel stop 90 degrees.

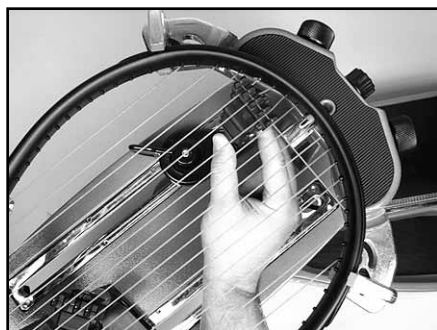
# STRINGING THE FRAME



## Pulling Tension

Wrap the loose section of string once around the roller guide and insert the string between the diamond dust coated string gripper plates. Pull the string perpendicular to the gripper plates while slowly rotating the tensioner crank clockwise until the brake lever pops out of the latching block. The string is now tensioned and can be clamped in place with the remaining fixed clamp.

Repeat the above steps until all main strings are installed. Tie off ends of main strings as per racquet manufacturers recommendations.



## Weaving the Cross Strings

Weave the cross strings over and under the main strings being careful to alternate the weave direction of each consecutive cross string so as to be opposite of the previously installed cross string.

Once the final cross string is tensioned and clamped, tie off at the appropriate hole specified by the racquet manufacturer. Remove the frame from the mounting system by loosening the shoulder supports and frame supports.

# ADDITIONAL FEATURES



## Locking the Turntable

The turntable may be locked in any position.

The turntable winged lock knob is packed separately. Install the lock knob into the threaded hole located on the side of the tensioner bar post.

Rotate the knob clockwise to lock the turntable, and counter-clockwise to release the turntable.

# PATHFINDER AWL

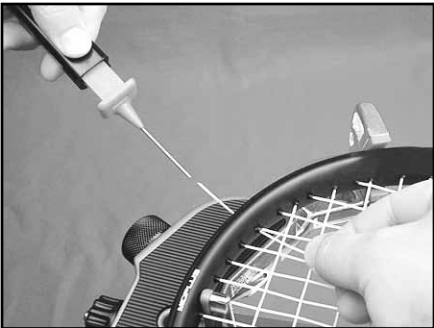


The machine includes the pathfinder stringing awl which creates a pathway between or around strings to make inserting a string through blocked grommets easier and quicker.

Insert the awl through the grommet hole in the same manner as for traditional awls. The pathfinder awl must be in the closed position before insertion.

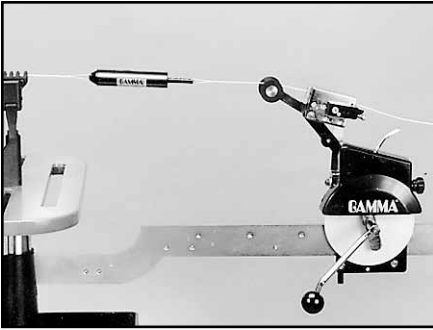


Once the awl is inserted, pull the handle of the awl outward while holding the tip section in place. This leaves the outer sheath in the grommet hole. Insert the end of the string into the outer sheath.



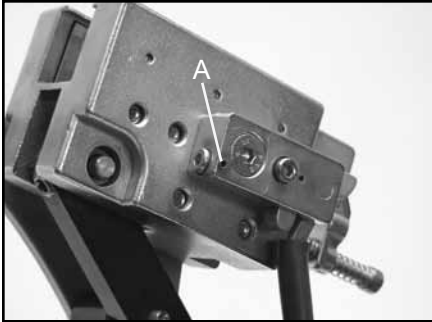
While holding the string, slowly pull the sheath out of the grommet hole to leave the free end of the string exposed.

# MAINTENANCE & ADJUSTMENT

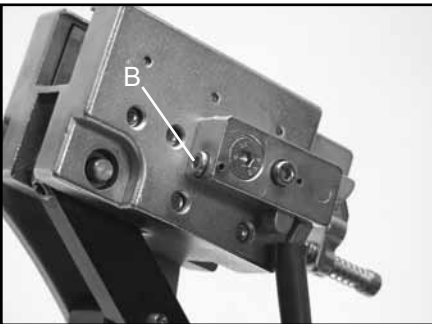


## Tension Calibration Procedure

Set the tension to 60 lbs. as indicated by the linear scale and rotary knob. Place the string on one end of a tension calibrator into a string clamp and secure. Place string located on the other end of the calibrator into the string tensioner and apply tension. If the brake lever releases before or after 60 lbs., the tension head should be calibrated as follows.



Loosen the 1.5 mm locking set screw (A) located on the side of the latching block as shown. The set screw is used to hold the adjustment screw in place.

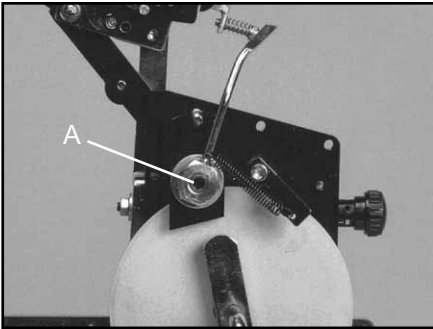


If the lever releases before 60 lbs., using the supplied L-shaped hex wrench, turn the adjustment screw (B) located on the left side of the latch block counter-clockwise to increase the engagement of the brake release latch with the brake lever. Repeat step 1 and adjust until the correct tension is indicated on the calibrator.

If the tension indicated in step 1 is greater than 60 lbs., turn the adjustment screw clockwise to reduce the engagement of the brake release latch with the brake lever. Repeat step 1 and adjust until the correct tension is indicated on the calibrator.

Tighten locking set screw (A) when finished.

# MAINTENANCE & ADJUSTMENTS

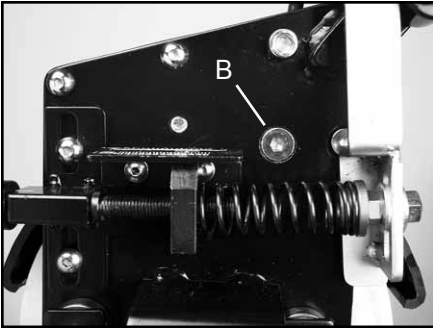


## Adjusting the Tensioner Brake

After stringing many racquets, the brake of the tensioner may need to be adjusted.

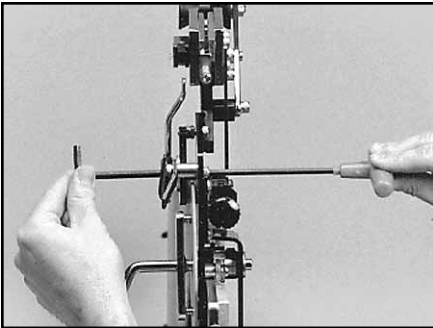
With the brake lever engaged in the latch, insert the 5mm allen wrench into the bolt (A) located at the base of the brake lever. It can be accessed through the hole on the face of the tensioner cover (above the 'GAMMA' logo).

**Note:** The tensioner cover does not need to be removed for the adjustment. The cover has been removed in the pictures for illustration purposes.



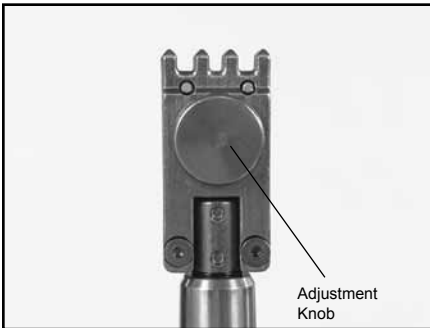
While holding the 5mm brake lever adjustment bolt (A), loosen the hex bolt (B) located on the back side of the tensioner frame with the 4 mm allen wrench.

**Note:** The hex bolt should only be loosened and must not be completely removed.



To tighten the braking mechanism, turn the set screw (A) counter clockwise by about 1/8 turn. Re-tighten the allen screw (B) on the back side of the tensioner frame and check for brake tightness. The tensioner should move freely along the track with the brake lever engaged and should hold tension with the brake lever released. If more adjustment is needed, repeat steps above until properly adjusted.

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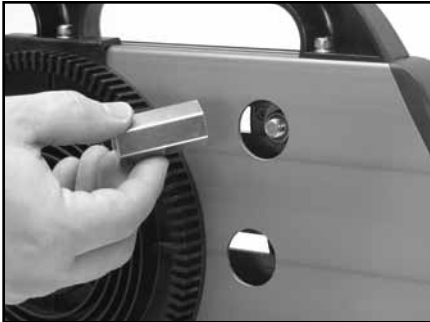


## Adjusting the String Clamp Jaw Spacing

The string clamps will need minor adjustments according to what string type, construction, and gauge you are using.

To adjust the gap (clamping pressure) between the clamp jaws, insert the string through the racquet as if you were beginning the main strings. Clamp the strings and pull tension. If the string slips through the jaws of the clamp, tighten the clamp by squeezing the clamp jaws together by hand while turning the Adjustment Knob, in the clockwise direction.

If the clamp leaves impressions or damages the string, it may be excessively tight and should be adjusted by turning the Adjustment Knob counter clockwise to open the gap between the jaws. The clamp jaws should be cleaned periodically to be free from dirt, oil, and any string coating residue to grip properly. Knife sharpening stones are excellent for removing build-up on the diamond coated surfaces and are available.



## Adjusting the Clamp Base Locking Nut

In the event the Locking Lever rotation is insufficient to ensure smooth operation of the clamp base, very minor adjustments to the Clamp Base Locking Nut can be made with the supplied 17mm socket wrench. Tighten or loosen the locking nut in very small increments to provide more clamping pressure or running clearance as needed.



## Quick Action Clamp Base Removal

Quick Action clamp bases can be removed from the turntable for maintenance or cleaning by removing clamp stop located at the end of the slot in the turntable. To remove the clamp stop, remove the two screws holding the clamp stop in place from the underside of the turntable. Lift the clamp stop out of the slot, slide the clamp base to the end of the slot and lift it out. Replace the clamp base and clamp stop in reverse order.



# TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS

<u>PROBLEM</u>	<u>SOLUTION</u>
String slips in clamps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Adjust gap between clamp jaws</li><li>- Clean clamp jaws</li></ul>
String slips in gripper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Clean gripper jaws</li><li>- Adjust gripper jaw stop screw</li></ul>
String clamp base slips on turntable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Clean bottom of clamp &amp; top of turntable with alcohol</li><li>- Adjust clamp base locking nut</li></ul>
String tension too tight or too loose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Check tension using a tension calibrator, adjust machine calibration if necessary</li></ul>

## CARE & CLEANING

With time and use, the clamping surfaces of your machine may become oily or dirty and result in string or clamp slippage while stringing. Periodic cleaning of the String Clamps, String Clamp Base and String Gripper is recommended. Knife sharpening stones work well for cleaning the diamond coated string clamping surfaces. Cleaning with a solvent such as isopropyl alcohol and a mild abrasive tool such as a toothbrush also works well to remove oily or greasy build up.

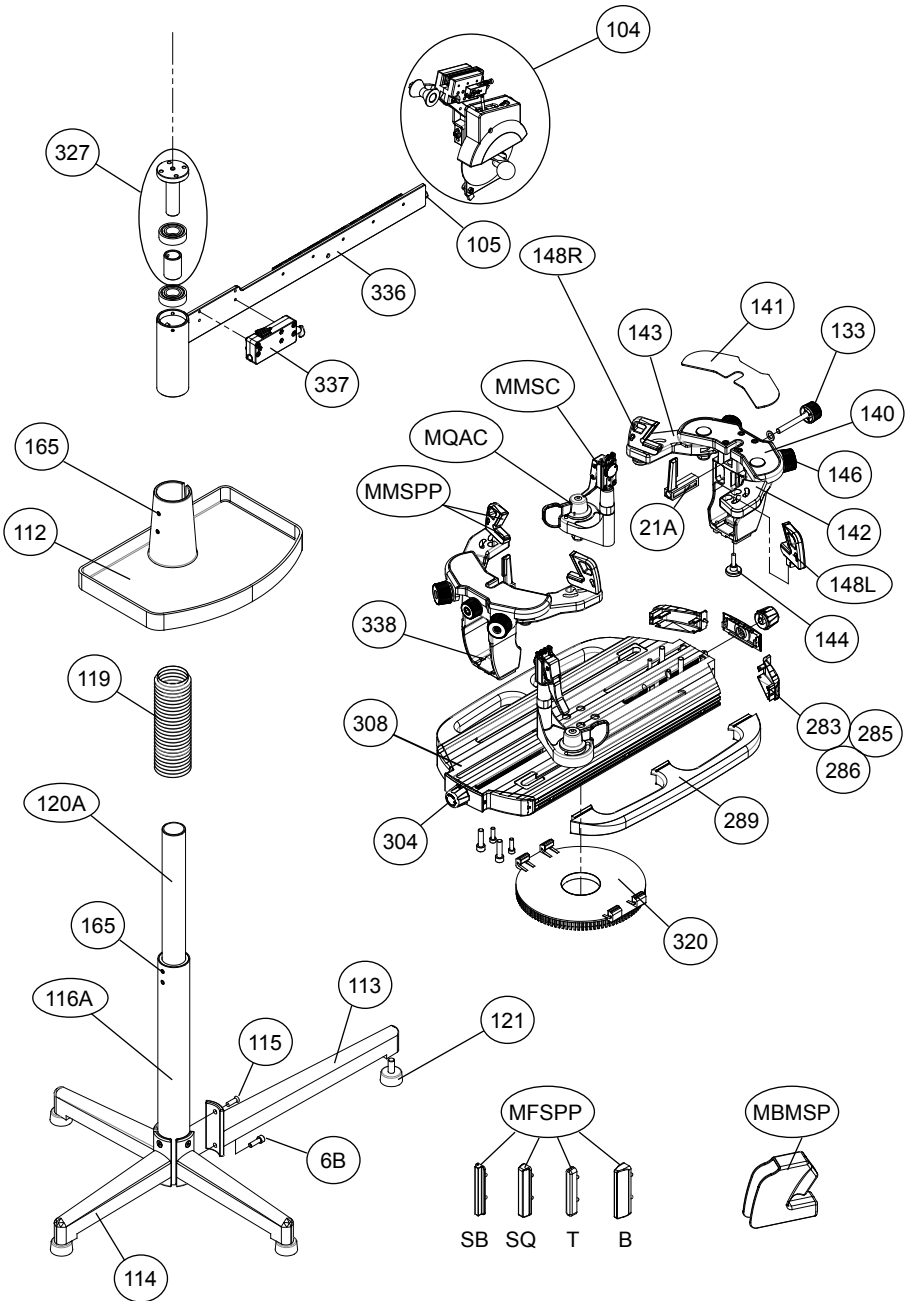
# PARTS LIST

PART #	DESCRIPTION	TOOLS & ACCESSORIES	
6B	CAP SCREW- M8x30	98	10MM WRENCH*
21A	FRAME SUPPORT SLIDE	109	NEEDLE NOSE PLIERS*
104	TENSIONER ASSEMBLY	110	BENT NOSE PLIERS*
105	RETAINER SCREW	171	DIAGONAL CUTTERS*
112	TOOL TRAY	196	17MM SOCKET*
113	LONG LEG	251	HEX WRENCH SET*
114	SHORT LEG	MA	STRINGER'S AWL*
115	FLAT HEAD SCREW- M8x25	MFSP	FRAME SUPP PADS
116A	LOWER COLUMN SUPPORT		SHORT BADMINTON (SB)
119	BELLOWS		SQUASH (SQ)
120A	UPPER COLUMN SUPPORT		TENNIS (T)
121	LEVELING FOOT		TAPERED BADMINTON (B)
133	FRAME SUPP SLIDE SCREW	MMSP	TENNIS SHLDER SUPP PADS
140	MTNG STAND TOP PLATE	MBMSP	BADM SHLDER SUPP COVER
141	MTNG STAND TP PAD	MPSA	PATHFINDER AWL*
142	SUPPORT ARM- LEFT		*(NOT SHOWN)
143	SUPPORT ARM- RIGHT		
144	SHLDER SUPP LOCK KNOB		
146	SUPP ARM ADJUST KNOB		
148	SHOULDER V-CLAMP (L or R)		
165	SET SCREW- M8x10	MBFS-11	BADM HEAD FRAME SUPP
203	TT SCREWS*	MFSC	FLOOR STAND CASTERS
283	TT END CAP	MGSMC	MACHINE COVER
285	TT END CAP- RIGHT	MPG	STARTING CLAMP
286	TT END CAP- LEFT	MTC	CALIBRATOR
289	TT HANDLES	SGSM	STRINGER'S MAT
304	SC TT KNOB		
308	SC TURNTABLE		
320	BRAKE RING		
327	TT PIN		
336	WINDER BAR		
337	BRAKE BOX		
338	SC SUPPORT POST		
MMSC	UNIVERSAL STRING CLAMP		
MQAC	TALL QA BASE CLAMP		

## OPTIONAL TOOLS & ACCESS

MBFS-11	BADM HEAD FRAME SUPP
MFSC	FLOOR STAND CASTERS
MGSMC	MACHINE COVER
MPG	STARTING CLAMP
MTC	CALIBRATOR
SGSM	STRINGER'S MAT

# PARTS DRAWING





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