

# ***GAMMA***®

## **X-STRINGER**

### **X-6**

### **STRINGING MACHINE**



## **OWNER'S MANUAL**

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## **LIMITED WARRANTY**

GAMMA Sports (GAMMA) warrants to the original purchaser that the X-STRINGER 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 (excluding any electrical parts and string clamps), and for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase for any electrical parts and 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: String Clamp adjustment, as described on page 13, Turntable Bushing Adjustment, as described on page 13 and the Rotational String Gripper.

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. 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. GAMMA will not be responsible for machines which are not sent in the original undamaged packaging.

A GAMMA Care Service Plan is also available through GAMMA customer service, call 800.333.0337 for details.

# FEATURES



## MACHINE FEATURES

- ❖ Drop Weight Tensioner with 8 to 90 lbs Tension Range and Permanently Engraved Weight Scale
- ❖ Professional Six Point "Quick Mount" Racquet Mounting System- Accommodates All Racquets
- ❖ Parallel Jaw Rotating Ratchet Gripper with Diamond Dust Coated Gripping Surfaces
- ❖ Two Composite Floating Clamps with Thumb Screw Adjustment
- ❖ High Strength Extruded Aluminum Base with Durable Anodized Finish and Convenient Padded Tool Tray
- ❖ Unique Internal Drawer System for Storing Tools and Adaptors

# ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS



## Winder Support Stand Installation

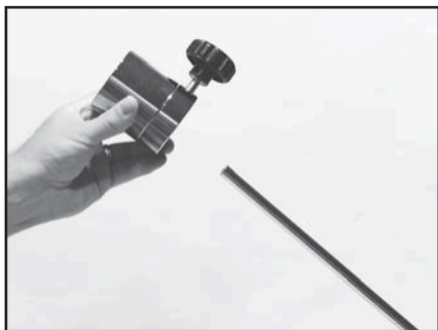
Remove the M5 bolts from the 2 brackets located in the rear slots of the machine base using the 5MM hex key. Slide the brackets to the right end of the base and position the winder stand over the brackets aligning the holes in the base of the winder stand with the holes in the brackets. Attach the winder support stand using the M5 bolts. Install all 4 bolts loosely at first and then tighten all securely.



## Engaging the Drop Weight Bar Stop

The stringing machine is shipped with the drop weight bar in the horizontal position. To limit the rotation of the drop weight bar and prevent racquet damage during stringing, the bar stop must be engaged.

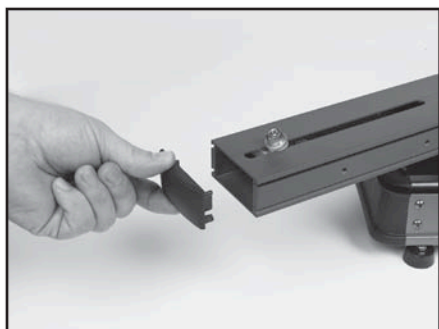
Hold the drop weight bar in the vertical position as shown while turning the 5mm stop screw located on the back side of the winder stand clockwise.



## Installing the Drop Weight

Remove the end cap from the tension bar and slide the drop weight onto the bar. The weight should be oriented with the knob end closest to the string winder. Replace the end cap.

# ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

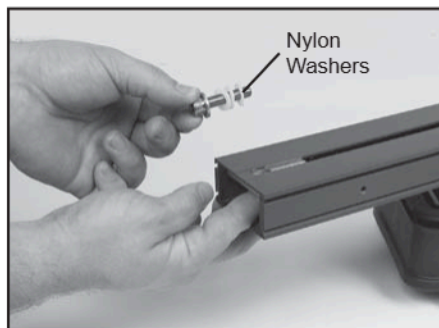


## Support Post Installation

To install the support posts you must first remove the turntable end cap by grasping the sides of the end cap and removing it, to gain access to the inside of the turntable.

Repeat procedure on the opposite side of the turntable.

If end caps are tight, a flat blade screw driver may be used to pry the end caps off.

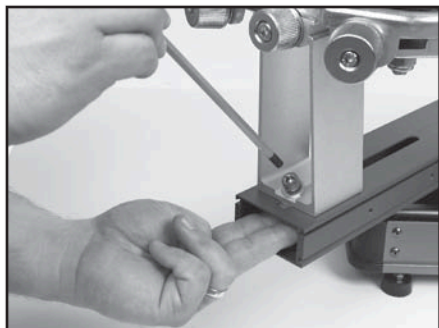


## Remove Mounting Bolts

While holding the mounting plate on the inside of the turntable remove the support post mounting bolts.

**Note:** There are two Nylon washers that are included for shipping purposes only. Remove and discard the nylon washers.

Repeat procedure on the opposite side of the turntable



## Installing the Frame Support Posts

Place the support post onto the central slot of the turntable. While holding the mounting plate against the inside top surface of the turntable with your fingers, align the hole in the support post with the hole in the mounting plate. Install the mounting bolt through the support post and into the plate by hand and tighten with the 6 mm hex wrench. Re-install the turntable end caps.

Repeat procedure on the opposite side of the turntable

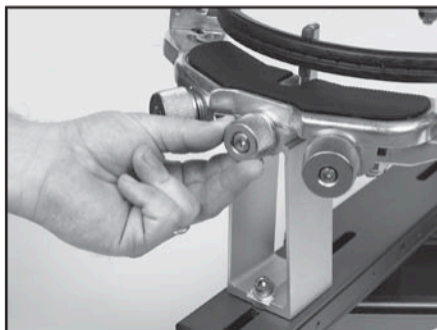
# MOUNTING THE FRAME



## Adjusting the Frame Support Posts

Loosen the lock bolts of the frame support posts and space them apart with the frame support slides separated by the approximate length of the racquet head. Although it is not required, it is good practice to center the support posts on the turntable. Lock one of the posts in position by tightening the lock bolt and position the other post until the frame support slide is positioned near the inside surface of the racquet frame. Securely tighten the lock bolt of the second support post.

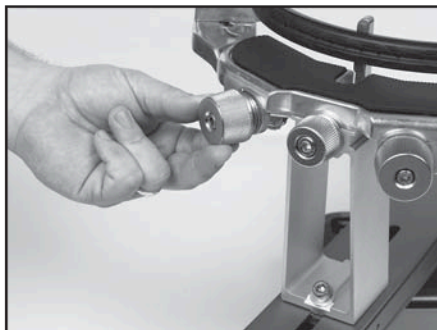
**Caution:** To avoid racquet damage, the center posts should not contact the racquet prior to locking down the support posts.



## 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.



## Frame Shoulder Support Arm Adjustment

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.

# MOUNTING THE FRAME



## Frame Shoulder Support Adjustment

The shoulder supports are designed to rotate and can be adjusted to provide maximum support to the racquet frame. Rotate the support so that the pads contact the frame squarely when the arms are closed against the racquet.



## Securing the Frame

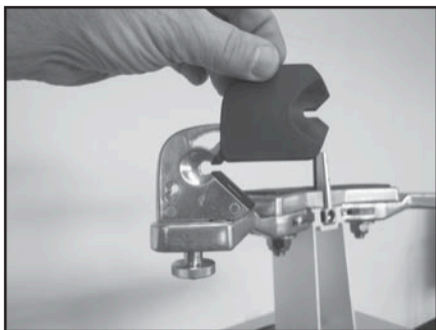
Lock the shoulder supports in position by turning the knob at the base clockwise.

Repeat the adjustment procedure for the remaining support post.

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

*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 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



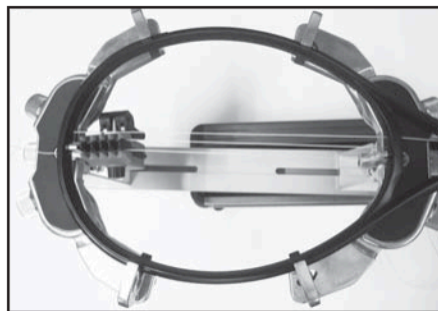
## Setting Tension

To set the stringing tension, loosen the locking knob on the side of the drop weight. Slide the weight in the appropriate direction until the face **closest** to the string gripper is indexed with the desired tension mark on the tension bar.



The drop weight is of a two piece design. When assembled, it will accommodate tensions from 20 to 90 lbs. For tensions from 8 to 20 lbs, remove the 5mm bolt on the face of the drop weight, and use the smaller portion of the weight as described above.

**Note:** Tensions above 77lbs require the removal of the drop weight bar end cap.

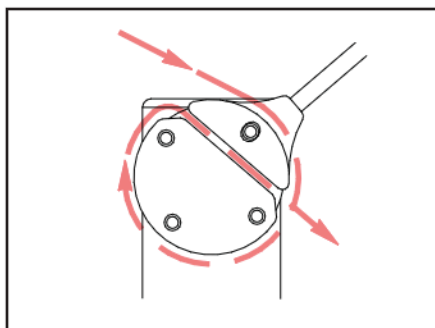


## Clamping the First Main String

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 the excess by hand. Using a floating clamp, secure the center and the adjacent string to each other on the inside of the frame.



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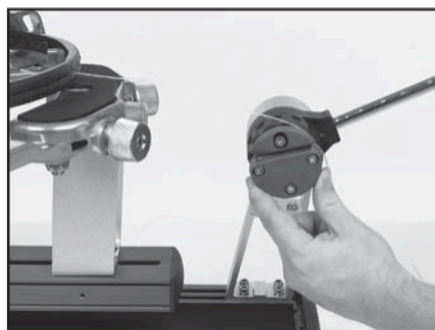


## Gripping the String

While holding the tension bar slightly above horizontal, wrap the free string clockwise around the gripper drum once and position between the gripper jaw.

Gently turn the gripper clockwise while squeezing the jaws together until all slack in the string is removed.

**Note:** For proper operation, the string gripper jaw must be in the position shown. The tension in the string provides the clamping force to the jaws.



## Pulling Tension

While securely holding the string gripper drum with your hand, lift the tension bar above horizontal and gently lower the bar under its own weight. If the tension bar drops below horizontal, repeat the above action until the bar comes to rest parallel to the racquet.

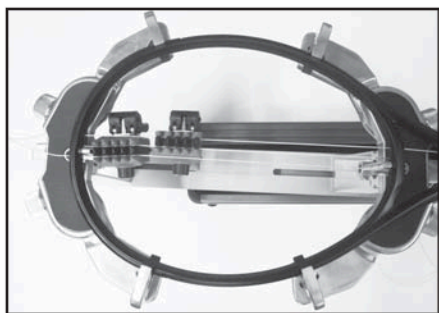
***WARNING: TO AVOID INJURY, KEEP FINGERS AWAY FROM GRIPPER JAWS WHILE TENSIONING STRING.***



When the correct tension is attained, the drop weight bar will rest horizontally as shown. For accurate tensioning, it must be lowered and come to rest at horizontal without assistance. Manually forcing the tension bar to the horizontal position will greatly increase the string tension and may result in racquet damage.

If the tension bar comes to rest above horizontal, release the string by lifting the bar and re-pull the string.

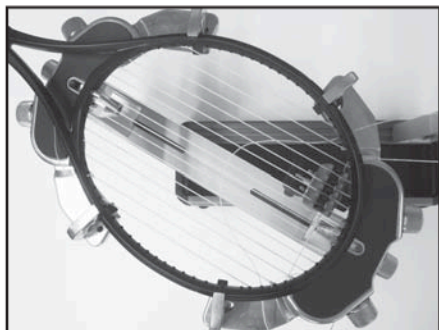
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## Clamping the String

Clamp the tensioned string to the next adjacent string using the second string clamp. Release the string from the gripper by raising the tension arm.

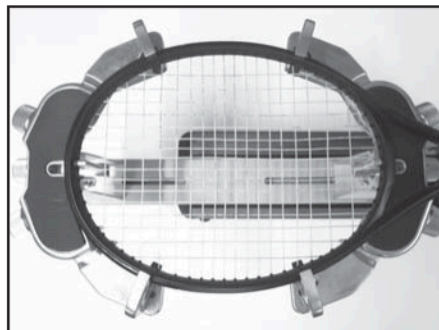
Repeat the procedure for all of the remaining main strings and tie off following the racquet manufacturers recommendations.



## Weaving the Cross Strings

Follow the manufacturer's recommended stringing pattern for one or two piece stringing. This will determine the starting point for the cross strings. If applicable, tie the first cross string using an appropriate starting knot.

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



## Completing the String Job

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



### Storage Drawers

There is one storage drawer located in the base of the machine. The drawer opens from the right side of the base and lock into the end cap with a spring loaded latch.

To open the drawer depress the latch in the face of the drawer and slide it to the right.

To close the drawer simply slide the drawer back inside the base and the latch will automatically lock into place.

# PATHFINDER AWL

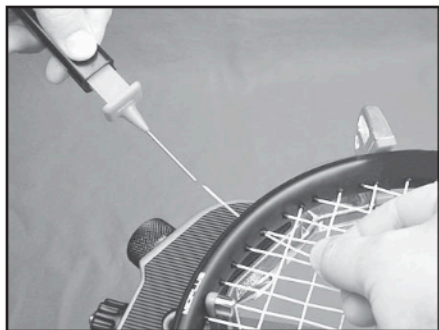


The machine includes the pathfinder stringing awl which creates a pathway between or around strings to make inserting a string through blocked grommets easier and quicker.

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 & ADJUSTMENTS



## Turntable Bushing Adjustment

The turntable bushing is adjusted at the factory for optimum performance. After time and use, the turntable bushings may need minor adjustment. An adjustment is indicated when noticeable turntable looseness or wobble occurs while stringing.

To adjust the fit between the turntable pin and the bushings, tighten the set screw at the top of the bushing using a 3mm hex wrench. Tighten until the turntable rotates smoothly without excessive free play.



## Adjusting the Clamps

The clamps provided with your stringing machine will need minor adjustments according to string type, construction, and gauge. To adjust, route 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 turning the adjustment knob opposite of the handle, in the clockwise direction. If the clamp leaves impressions or damages the string, it is too tight and must be adjusted by turning the adjustment knob counterclockwise.

The clamp jaws must be clean and free from dirt, oil, and any string coating for them to grip properly. Clean the clamp jaws with alcohol.

**Note:** The string clamps supplied with your stringing machine can accommodate tight string patterns such as badminton. Depending on the string pattern, the clamp will spread the strings slightly which will not compromise the quality of the string job.

# TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS

## PROBLEM

String slips in clamps

String slips in gripper

## SOLUTION

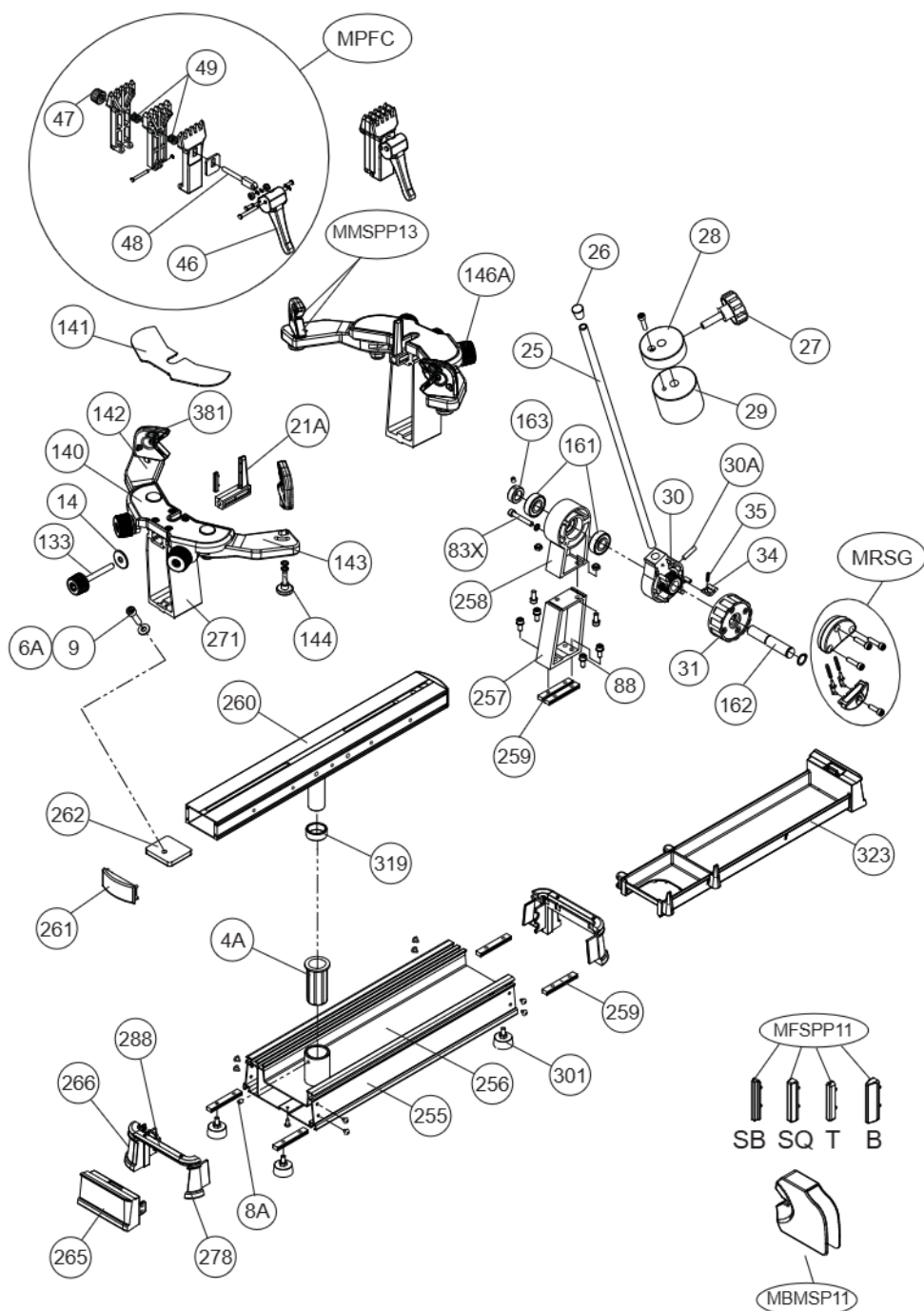
- Adjust gap between clamp jaws
- Clean clamp jaws

- Clean gripper jaws
- Make sure string is wrapped over top gripper prior to inserting between gripper jaws

# PARTS LIST

PART #	DESCRIPTION	PART #	DESCRIPTION
4A	TURNTABLE BUSHING	265	LEFT DRAWER END CAP
6A	CAP SCREW	266	BASE CORNER CAP
8A	SET SCREW- M5x6	271	SUPPORT POST
9	WASHER	278	BASE CORNER CAP
14	WASHER	288	BASE END CAP
21A	FRAME SUPPORT SLIDE	301	RUBBER FOOT
25	TENSION BAR	319	TT RISER RING
26	TENSION BAR CAP	323	SMALL DRAWER
27	DROP WEIGHT KNOB	381	SHOULDER V-MOUNT
28	FRONT WEIGHT- BADM	MPFC	FLOATING CLAMP
29	BACK WEIGHT- TENNIS	MMSG	ROTATIONAL GRIPPER
30	TENSION BAR DRUM		
30A	SET SCREW	<b>TOOLS &amp; ACCESSORIES</b>	
31	STRING GRIPPER DRUM	69	3MM HEX WRENCH*
34	RATCHET TEETH	71	6MM T-HANDLE HEX WRENCH*
35	RATCHET TEETH SPRING	98	10MM WRENCH*
46	FLOATING CLAMP HANDLE	108	UTILITY KNIFE*
47	FLOATING CLAMP KNOB	109	NEEDLE NOSE PLIERS*
48	SWING BOLT	229	5MM HEX WRENCH*
49	RETURN SPRING	MA	STRINGER'S AWL*
83X	TENSION BAR STOP SCREW	MBMSP11	BADM SHOULDER SUPP COVER
88	CAP SCREW	MFSP11	FRAME SUPPORT PADS
133	FRAME SUPP SLIDE SCREW		SHORT BADMINTON (SB)
140	MTNG STAND TOP PLATE		SQUASH (SQ)
141	MTNG STAND TOP PAD		TENNIS (T)
142	SUPPORT ARM- LEFT		TAPERED BADMINTON (B)
143	SUPPORT ARM- RIGHT	MMSPP13	TENNIS SHLDER SUPP PADS
144	SHLDER SUPP LOCK KNOB	MPSA	PATHFINDER AWL*
146A	SUPP ARM ADJUST KNOB		* (NOT SHOWN)
161	WINDER BEARING		
162	GRIPPER PIVOT PIN	<b>OPTIONAL TOOLS &amp; ACCESS</b>	
163	PIVOT PIN RETAINER COLLAR	MBFC	BADM FLOATING CLAMP
255	BASE	MBFS11	BADM FRAME SUPP
256	TRAY PAD	MBMSS11	BADM MOUNTING SYS UPG
257	LOWER WINDER STAND	MDCSC	BADM FIXED CLAMP
259	SLIDE BRACKET	MPMC	MACHINE COVER
260	TURNTABLE	MPG	STARTING CLAMP
261	TURNTABLE END CAP	MPS	CLEANING STONE
262	SUPP POST MT PLATE	MPXFS	FLOOR STAND
		SGSM	STRINGER'S MAT

# PARTS DRAWING







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