

IX. CARE (continued)

WATCO Danish penetrating oil, natural finish. They also make a carnauba wax which is compatible with the oil, applies very easily, and does a great job in completing the finish and protecting the loom. Occasional reoiling may be necessary (don't use any other oil over the Watco), but can be avoided if the wax is applied as needed. The Watco oil is available at many paint stores and woodworking supply stores. One sure source is:

Woodcraft Supply
313 Montvale Avenue
Woburn, Massachusetts 01801

Your loom should not need any other time-consuming care. Occasionally, the bolts may need retightening. This will be especially true during severe changes in weather conditions. It is advisable to keep a socket wrench of the proper size for the large floor loom (7/16" socket fits most structural bolt heads) or a good screwdriver for small floor looms. It is never necessary to tighten any bolts more than snugly.

If extreme warmth or moisture should expand the wood in your loom, some of the pivoting parts (hinges and folding frame parts) may tighten up. You need only back off the nuts on their respective bolts to get them swinging freely once again.

If you have any questions, comments, complaints, please feel free to contact me, and enjoy your loom!

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For Those Looms with Rear-mounted Treadles:

Depending on the size of your loom, it may be shipped with the treadles in place. This creates a very large crate which may cause handling problems and increases the danger of damage during shipping. More than likely, the rear treadles will be removed and packed separately in the crate.

To assemble the rear treadles to the main loom frame, start by laying out the entire treadle assembly on the floor under the loom. The pivot bar extends out beyond the back of the loom. The screw eyes on the treadles should face up and the short pedals attached to the support should be on the right hand side of the loom. These are the brake release pedals. Unscrew the nuts from the inside of the rear loom base bolts (3/8") (this will require a 9/16" socket and either a wrench, pliers, or a 9/16" socket or box wrench on the inside). Slide the bolts out enough to move the treadle pivot bar supports into place and push the bolts back through the supports. Replace the nuts but do not tighten all the way.

Set the entire assembly in the position shown below and then tighten the nuts as much as you can. The treadles should pivot on top of the bar, which puts the treadles at a height allowing them to be level throughout their length. Thus all the tie-up chains are the same length.

All that is left is to attach the brake release chain(s) to the brake release pedal(s). You are now ready to weave.

