

Tips

What's the most common problem?

Failure to lubricate blades and cutters often enough with a #10 white clipping oil.

Why don't users oil more often?

1. Some assume water (in wet wool) is a lubricant. It's a myth. Water is a coolant only.
2. Some fear that excess oil will stain white wool or hair. To prevent this apply only 3 drops of a white oil to the blade or cutter tips more often. Then run the machine for 3 seconds. Finally, use a rag to wipe surplus oil from the blades. Then resume work.

Why is rust a concern?

1. Rusty blades and combs are harder to push through fiber and wool.
2. Rusted blades, combs or cutters do not take or hold a cutting edge. Rust can start on high carbon steel in less than 3 hours. Just the weak acid from your fingers on blade or comb steel that's not protected by lubricant is enough to cause rusting. So, it's critical, after every use, to clean blades with hot water, dry and coat them with real oil (not spray-on coolants).

Spray-on coolants or lubricants?

Coolants rapidly lower blade/comb/head temperatures...but they are not lubricants. So use coolants in addition to, not in lieu of, high-quality oil. Lubricants in spray cans/bottles vary a great deal in the % of useful oil in them. The higher the % of oil the better the result will be.



Example of
severe rust



Example of
dirty blades/light rust

To prevent rust...

Never leave blades and/or combs more than an hour without a protective oil cover.

After every use, clean, dry and coat them with oil (clipping or motor). Do not use spray-on coolants for this.

Benefits

How good is our resharpener?

The number of blades, combs and cutters that we sharpen is now tens of thousands a year—and growing rapidly. The rising demand speaks to the skill of our technicians and our service. Large blades are sharpened on a \$65,000 automated lapping machine (we never grind them). The result is equal to (or better) than new. Combs and cutters are done on a high speed grinder.

Beware: Blades, combs & cutters are easily damaged during sharpening by those without proper machines and methods.

Precision finish...

Most large clipper blades are sharpened on automated machines. Blades for camelids are double ground for a superior edge (if requested). Combs and cutters are sharpened on high-speed grinding wheels by our sharpening experts.

How good is our service?

Good enough that we now sharpen over 50,000 blades, combs and cutters a year.

24 Hour Turnaround

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Warning: Blade sets, cutters and combs that have been sharpened by inferior methods or inexperienced people may be damaged to such an extent that they can never be restored to a satisfactory cutting capability. The same is true of blades that have become too heavily pitted by rust.