

VINTAGE SEWING MACHINE ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

Want to buy a vintage sewing machine,
but don't know where to start?

Wondering how to assess a machine?

Don't fret, we've got you covered!

It can be exciting and sometimes a little overwhelming when you first set on eyes on a vintage sewing machine so it's important that you take the time to look closely at the machine before making an offer.

Here is what to look at/consider when assessing a vintage sewing machine:

- Is there rust on metal parts, and if so, is it surface rust or is the surface pitted?
- Are all parts attached to the sewing machine, such as spool pin, tension assembly, throat plate or thread guides?
- What is the condition of the wiring to the motor, to the machine, to the foot pedal and to light (if there is a light on the machine)?
- What is the condition of the foot pedal?
- Is the knee bar, if necessary, with the machine?
- What is the condition of the finish on the machine body – pin marks, chips, etc.?



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- What is the condition of the decals, if there are any on this model, for rubbing and wear?
- What is the condition of the bobbin winder tire (easily replaceable)?
- Is there a bobbin, and more importantly, a bobbin case, if it is a front-loading bobbin machine?
- Are attachments included with the sewing machine?
- Is there a manual for the sewing machine?
- What is the condition of the case, cover or cabinet?
- Are there any musty or smoky smells in the sewing machine, case, cover or cabinet?
- Check the serial number to confirm year of manufacture.

