ELECTRIC PORTABLE TYPEWRITER

Operation
Repair parts

CAUTION: Read Rules for Safe Operation and Instructions Carefully

Sears, Roebuck and Co., Chicago, Ill. 60684 U.S.A.
Your new Sears Electric Typewriter has been designed to provide you with easy, safe and trouble free operation. To get the most out of your typewriter, read this Owner's Manual carefully.

1. Power Space Bar and Repeat Spacer
2. Power Shift Key
3. Shift Lock
4. Back Space Key
5. Ribbon Spool Covers
6. Platen Knob and Variable Line Spacer
7. Line Space Lever
8. Line space Selector
10. Margin Stops
11. Scaled Paper Bail
12. Erasing Table
13. Paper Support
14. Paper Table
15. Platen Roller
16. Paper Release Lever
17. Carriage Release Lever
18. Line Indicator and Alignment Scale
19. Ribbon Color Selector
20. Margin and Typebar Release Key
21. Power Switch
22. Tabulator

Sears typewriter stands are designed to give you comfort by providing the proper height for the typewriter when typing.

A Sears typewriter stand also provides you with a convenient storage location for your typewriter when it is not being used.
RULES FOR SAFE OPERATION

1. Your new electric typewriter uses standard U.S.A. power (115 volt, 60 Hz AC).

2. The typewriter must be unplugged before any adjustments or repairs are attempted.

3. Never insert tools into the typewriter when the machine is turned on. This could cause damage to the typewriter, physical injury or fatal shock.

4. Be sure that the top cover is properly attached to the rear of the machine and the front is securely attached before picking up the machine. Improper closing may cause the machine to fall from the case, resulting in damage.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Power Space Bar and Repeat Spacer: A gentle touch to the Space Bar gives a quick single spacing. When the Space Bar is depressed all the way down, carriage keeps traveling until released.

2. Power Shift Key shifts carriage upward for typing capital letters and uppercase characters.

3. Shift Key Lock permits typing capital letters and uppercase characters continuously. The lock is disengaged by pressing either Shift Key.

4. Back Spacing: Depress the back-space key when you want to move your typing position back towards the left margin.

5. Ribbon Spool Cover provides quick and easy access to ribbon and for routine cleaning. Lift away from cover.

6. Platen Knob and Variable Line Spacer: Platen Knob rotates Platen. To disengage the Platen from the spacing mechanism, press the Variable Line Spacing Button in the left hand side Platen Knob.

7. Line Space Lever returns carriage and revolves Platen for line spacing.

8. Line Space Selector has four settings 1, 1½, 2, and free movement. Setting it at “1” gives you no blank lines between the typed lines. At “1½” a ½ space is between the typed lines. At “2” a whole blank line is between the typed lines. Setting the lever at “0” gives you a “soft roller” which allow you to move the roller freely by hand.

9. Sliding Paper Guide: To mark the position at which the paper has been inserted (so that subsequent pages can be put in the same position), slide this Paper Guide so that it is flush with the left-hand edge of the paper.

10. Margin Stops set both starting and ending points of lines.

11. Paper Bail and Alignment Guide provides an indicator for perfect alignment of paper. Also holds paper firmly against Platen.
12. **Erasing Table** provides for erasing errors. To erase, first move carriage to extreme right or left. This prevents erasure dust from falling into typing mechanism.

13. **Paper Support** supports paper while typing.

14. **Paper Pan**: Paper should be inserted between Platen and Paper Pan. Paper Pan has a paper alignment scale that serves as a guide for setting equal margins.

15. **Platen Roller** supports the paper and provides a base for finest electric typing.

16. **Paper Release Lever** releases paper for aligning in correct position or removal. When moving the lever backward, Paper Bail and Alignment Guide is properly lifted up at the same time to free paper for repositioning or removal.

17. **Carriage Release Lever** allows carriage to move freely (right or left) to any desired position.

18. **Line Indicator** is used for drawing vertical or horizontal lines. Simply insert pencil or pen into the guide hole in the line indicator and move carriage to the left or right for horizontal lines, or turn Platen Knob for vertical lines. The line indicator can also be used for lining up previously typed words.

19. **Ribbon Color Selector** allows you to type in red or black by positioning the lever at the corresponding color mark, for stencil cutting, move the lever to the white mark.

20. **Margin and Release Key** allows typing beyond both margins by depressing the key. Warning Bell sounds approximately six spaces before end of right margin.

21. **Power Switch** controls the power.

22. **Tabulator** gives carriage travel of one inch (space of 10 letters) for every push, enabling you to type columns of figures and for indenting paragraphs. Press Tab key and the carriage will move to the next preset number.

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**GENERAL CARE OF YOUR SEARS TYPEWRITER**

**Before You Start Typing**

1. Place typewriter on a firm, flat surface.

2. Depress buttons on both sides of the handle, lift and remove the Self Lid.

3. Depress two Margin Stops (10) positioned in the center of the scaled Paper Table (14) and slide them to desired positions. Left margin determines a starting point while right margin gives an ending point (Picture 1).

4. Insert cord to power inlet on the rear side of the machine and connect machine to electric outlet.

5. Lift up the Paper Support (13) behind the Paper Table (14).

6. Insert Paper around the Platen Roller (15) and adjust it by depressing Paper Release Lever (16) away from you.

7. Turn on the machine by depressing the Power Switch (21).

**How to Get Uniform Margin Setting**

Left edge of paper should align with “O” on the scaled Paper Pan (14). To set left margin, depress the left Margin Stop and slide it to the desired point on the scaled Paper Pan. To set right margin, slide the right Margin Stop to the point same distance from the paper edge as the left margin. Both margins are now set and uniform. (Picture 1).
Changing the Ribbon

STEP ONE: Turn off power. Lift the Ribbon Spool Covers Move the carriage to the center. Wind either spool until all of the used ribbon is wound on one spool and a small metal ring appears in the center of the ribbon. Lift the ribbon from guides (23) and complete the unwinding. Move Ribbon Tension Arms (24) away from both spools. (Picture 2 and 3)

Lift both spools and disengage the ribbon from empty spool. Keep empty spool for reuse. Discard spool loaded with used ribbon.

STEP TWO: Attach end of new ribbon to the hook of the empty spool and wind until the small metal ring is wound onto the core of the spool (Picture 4).

Place spools on shafts while holding Ribbon Tension Arms open.

STEP THREE: Thread ribbon through the ribbon guides. Replace the Ribbon Spool Covers. (Picture 3)

Special Conveniences

Automatic Repeat Keys: Hyphen, underline, crossout (x) and period key have automatic repeat action when depressed all the way down. (Picture 5)

Automatic Ribbon Release. The ribbon automatically reverses itself after the full length of the ribbon has been used on either spool. If you want to reverse by hand, simply either move ribbon guide to the opposite position.

Variable Line Spacer: When you press the button in the left Platen Knob, the Platen is out of click and also out of spacing, allowing free movement of the paper up or down. Very convenient for correcting the text additionally or typing column totals, captions and notes. (Picture 6)
Problems and Cures

If your typewriter doesn’t operate, be sure to check the following:
1. The cord should be firmly plugged into a proper electrical outlet.
2. Switch in the “ON” position.
3. Insure that Margin Stops are not pushed together.
4. Be sure Ribbon Color Selector is not on stencil.
5. Be sure unpaking instructions were correctly followed.

Cleaning Instructions

Dust off the exterior of your typewriter with a dry lint-free cloth.
CAUTION: Certain cleaning fluids may have a harmful effect on the plastic and painted parts of the typewriter. Use of mild detergent is recommended.
Never erase directly over the printing point. Move the carriage to either side to prevent erasure grit from falling into the mechanism. Clean the typeface regularly with a stiff brush and commercial type cleaner.

Use light strokes and brush lengthwise and never crosswise on the typefaces (Picture 7). Clean the Platen Roller with an ammonia base detergent or alcohol.
Have your typewriter lubricated at least once a year by a Sears trained typewriter technician.

After Using the Typewriter and To Store

1. Turn off the Power Switch and disconnect power cord.
2. Move the carriage to the center. (Picture 8)
3. Fold down Line Space Lever and Paper support.
5. Replace Self Lid and fasten securely.
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**WARRANTY**

FULL ONE YEAR WARRANTY

For one year from the date of purchase, we will repair this typewriter, free of charge, if defective in material or workmanship.

LIMITED WARRANTY

After one year and until five years from the date of purchase, we will furnish replacements for any defective parts (except the motor on electric models). You will be charged for labor.

This warranty service is available by simply returning the typewriter to any Sears store in the United States.

Your Sears merchandise takes on added value when you discover that Sears has over 2,000 Service Units in the country. Each is staffed by Sears-trained professional technicians using Sears approved parts and methods.

For replacement parts of service not shown above, contact your nearest Sears Service Center.
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Now that you have purchased your typewriter, should a need ever exist for repair parts or service, simply contact your nearest Sears store or Service center. Be sure to provide all pertinent facts when you call or visit.

All parts listed herein may be ordered from any Sears, Roebuck and Co. store or service center.

WHEN ORDERING REPAIR PARTS, ALWAYS GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
1. PART NUMBER
2. PART DESCRIPTION
3. MODEL NUMBERS 161.53201
4. NAME of ITEM—Electric Portable Typewriter

If the parts you need are not stocked locally, your order will be electronically transmitted to a Sears Repair Parts Distribution Center for expedited handling.
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* Press buttons ① to open up self-lid. Discard two cushion blocks inside the self-lid. Remove protection sheet and adhesive tape.

* Slide margin stops ① to the far left and right respectively.

* Remove side protectors ① at both ends. Remove reinforced tape from carriage release lever ②. Depress carriage release ② and move carriage to left. Remove rubber pad ③. Move carriage to right and remove rubber pad.

* Remove typebar guard ①.

Be sure to read your instruction book thoroughly before operating the machine.