Ideal execution and latch bearing

Minimal initial latch play guarantees long service life, maximum machine speeds and process security in production.

**Precise latch guidance of Groz-Beckert needles – for optimum results**

**Minimal latch play**
Exact execution of the latch fixing, and minimal play of the latch in axial and radial direction, guarantee ideal latch guidance.

Excessive axial latch play can cause the latch to be deflected sideways to such an extent that the side of the latch head contacts the sinkers.

Consequences: Yarn damages, latch spoon breakages and fabric defects.

**Precise latch guidance**
If the latch play is too wide, the latch does not hit the hook in its center but deflects laterally.

Consequences: Increased wear to the latch spoon, latch shank and needle hook resulting in a significantly lower service life of the needle.

In the extreme case the latch deflects to an extent that the latch goes under the hook.

Consequences: Fabric defects, machine stops, and hook breakages.
Latch executions
If the latch strikes the hook at speeds of up to 200 kph, a high impact force is generated. In order to distribute this force over the largest possible area, Groz-Beckert needles have a precisely fitting latch shapes. This reduces surface pressure and consequently diminishes the amount of wear.

Application
The spoon latch is the most versatile of the latch executions.

Latch with spoon

Application
The prim latch execution with a groove in the hook is particularly suitable for high performance circular knitting machines, seamless bodysize machines and fine gauges.

Prim latch

Characteristic
Spoon-shaped latch head

Advantages
Ideal covering of the hook
Large contact surface of the latch on the hook

Customer benefits
Excellent plating results
• Reduced risk of fabric defects
• Long service life
• Top process security

Characteristic
Slim, cylindrical latch head

Advantages
More space between needle latch and sinker
No sharp-edged rims of the latch spoon, even after long usage
Gentle transition between latch shank and latch head protecting the loop

Customer benefits
• Longer lifecycle
• Ideal for fine gauges
Prevention of filament and elastane cutting
Yarn-friendly loop formation

Service:
• Global sales network for fast delivery and reduced warehousing costs
• Research and development – development partnership from prototype to market introduction
• Process optimization by laboratory services
• Technical knowledge and understanding of quality with training offered by the Groz-Beckert Academy
• Further information under www.groz-beckert.com and in the “myGrozBeckert” app

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