

Choosing a suitable linker for my knitting machine



The Hague D280 Linking Machine is available in 3 different gauges, standard 7pt, fine 10pt, and fine 12pt.

D001 - HAGUE D280H HAND LINKER

D002 - HAGUE D280E ELECTRIC LINKER

Both these linkers are Standard Gauge and have 7 Points per inch (25mm), and are suitable for all standard gauge knitting machines, such as all Brother Standard Gauge Punch Card & Electronic Machines KH830, 836, 840, 860, 864, 869, 881, 890, 891, 900, 910, 940, 950, 950i, 965, 965i & 970. Or Standard Gauge Knitmaster/Silver machines SK210, 260, 280, 360, 580, 600, 700, 840, Zippy & Creative 245. Plus all other makes of Standard Gauge knitting machines.

D004 - HAGUE D280FE10 FINE GAUGE ELECTRIC LINKER

This linker is a Fine Gauge and has 10 Points per inch (25mm), and is suitable for all fine gauge knitting machines, such as Silver SK270, SK830, plus other 7g fine gauge machines

D004A - HAGUE D280FE12 FINE GAUGE ELECTRIC LINKER

This linker is a Fine Gauge and has 12 Points per inch (25mm), and is suitable for fine gauge knitting machines and some professional knitting machines.

The most popular domestic knitting machines are standard gauge; these have needles that are 4.5mm apart. On fine gauge knitting machines the needles are either 3.5 or 3.6mm apart. On chunky/bulky knitting machines the needles are 9mm apart.

Once the garment is knitted it is placed onto the linkers "point ring" (needle bed) to join the seams together. The gauge of a knitted fabric can vary depending on the pattern, the kind of yarn used, and the tension it is knitted at.

Most machine knitters mainly use the linker on closed edges such as side seams, arms etc. where the gauge of the linker is not quite as important, but if you are going to link open stitches and do stitch for stitch linking it is important that the linker is the correct gauge, otherwise you may find you will have to stretch the knitting too far or you may struggle to get the open stitches on the linker.

THE STITCH GAUGE

If you are unsure which linker would be most suitable for your knitting, check the gauge of your knitting. Knit a sample of knitting (a swatch), ideally in the stitch pattern and tension to be used in the garment. The swatch edges affect the reading of the gauge, so it's best that the swatch be at least 4" square. Then remove it from the machine and place it on the table, now using a ruler count the number of stitches per 1 inch / 25mm, this is the stitch gauge of the sample. You can then choose the linker with the nearest number of points per 1" / 25mm, which would be the most suitable for your machine.

Unfortunately we no longer make a Chunky gauge domestic linker, but if you are knitting on a chunky/bulky knitting machine, or hand knitting, you can still join the seams together on our standard gauge linker, but you will have to use a thinner yarn of the same colour (no thicker than a 4ply) to join the seams. You can also link open stitches by placing them on alternate points.

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