

Design review of our gripper components for the BK800 gripper system

Cancellation of the BK800 gripper

We would like to inform you of an adaptation of the gripper heads and components of our current BK800 gripper system. This change was made necessary due to steadily decreasing amounts of positioning grippers for the BK800 gripper system (Part No. 7012975 / 7048013) ordered and the subsequent significant increase in sales prices. The modification is also relevant if your BK600 has been converted to BK800 gripper heads.

To remedy this development our aim is to be able to equip the BK800 gripper system with our state-of-the-art gripper heads that are already installed in our BK860/880 gripper systems. Following this change there would only be one version of type 5.1 and 6.1 gripper heads - merely the base plates will be different for each type of loom.

Replacement of the gripper heads against our state-of-the-art gripper heads requires small adaptations and is not possible „plug-and-play“. We will be communicating the necessary adaptations via a mounting instruction sent alongside the conversion kit for the upgrade to the BK860 gripper system which includes all components necessary for the upgrade.

Please note that two conversion kits are available – one for upgrading the original BK800 gripper system and one for upgrading the BK800 gripper system used in older BK600 looms. These two conversion kits slightly differ from each other.

Procedure

The conversion can be carried out in a short period of time by your own service personnel, closely following the mounting instruction sent alongside the conversion kit.

We strongly recommend that you convert all affected machines to the new system. When placing the order, please state the machine number for which the kit is to be used to ensure a smooth changeover.

If you still have a stock of the old gripper heads we recommend ordering the conversion kit on short notice and upgrading your loom to the new gripper system once your stock levels of old gripper heads are depleted.

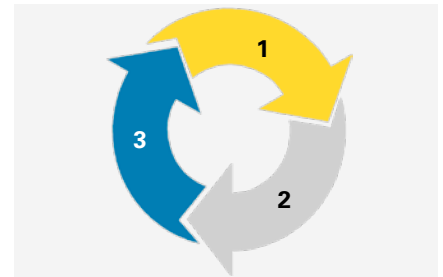
We will be stopping supply of the old gripper heads with immediate effect.

From now onwards we will only be supplying the BK860/880 gripper heads. Adapter plates for the old versions will still be available in sufficient number to bridge the time in which your stock levels are being depleted.

Benefits!

- **Standardized gripper heads for all looms of the BK600 and BK8xx series**
- **Lower costs for spare gripper heads**
- **Better spare part availability**

Conversion at a glance



1) Schlatter supplies the required components

BK800:
Conversion kit Part No. 7591183
+ positioning gripper Part No. 7075590

BK600:
Conversion kit Part No. 7591193
+ positioning gripper Part No. 7075590

2) The components can be installed on site by your technician according to the instructions. If support is required, our service team will be happy to help you.

3) Adapt stockkeeping to the new article numbers and stock only one variant.

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