

Treadle Sewing Machine Restoration



When looking to restore a treadle sewing machine to full function and also looking good, here are options to consider for both the machine and the cabinet.

For the Sewing Machine

Functional Restoration A functional approach to get the machine running. Includes inspection, cleaning, lubrication, and testing. Additional charges may apply for parts, rust treatment, or significant grime. The machine exterior will be cleaned, but the finish will not be altered significantly.
\$130

Cosmetic Conservation A preservation approach to improve the appearance of the machine. Usually paired with Functional Restoration. The machine exterior is cleaned, and damaged or crazed existing clear lacquer is removed. Touch-up black lacquer is applied to bare metal, and fresh shellac is applied via French polish. Wear on the decals will be visible, but the new finish prevents further degredation.
\$350

Repainting A complete refinishing of the machine's exterior. The machine is disassembled, stripped, primed, painted, and new decals are applied. All mechanical parts are cleaned before reassembly and testing, and nickel-plated covers are cleaned and polished. The machine body appears new.
\$1,500

Before Conservation



After Conservation



Before Repainting



After Repainting



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For the Cabinet

Basic Maintenance	Gentle cleaning and wax finish for wood surfaces, and cleaning and lubrication for iron components. Includes new belt. Additional charges may apply for parts or rust treatment.
Conservation & Reconditioning	Everything in Basic Maintenance plus wood components get water mark and surface blemish treatment, and rejuvenating stain treatment and touch-up to even up the appearance of the stain. Leg irons will get gold emblems touched-up with fresh metallic gold paint, and leg irons will get reblacked and treated for rust. For later model machines with painted treadle bases (not cast iron), painted surfaces will get touch up paint as needed and fresh clear coat applied.
Refinishing	Includes stripping, sanding, staining and waxing the wood components. Leg irons will get gold emblems touched-up with fresh metallic gold paint, treated for rust, and reblacked or repainted depending on their condition.
Additional Services	Wood Repair Includes replacing missing veneer, filler, repair or replacement of broken components like drawers, pitman, and wood carving details. Cost will vary based on the wood and condition. Hardware Replacement Replacement of missing or damaged hardware like knobs, pulls, and hinges. This cost will depend on the replacement hardware.

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