

Mark 5/V Changes over the years

- 1953 Shopsmith Mark 5 introduced in Shopsmith Shavings Issue No. 8
- 1954 Shopsmith Mark 5 for sale in March (source - Shopsmith Shavings Issue #8) Belt cover with 8 screws to attach to headstock/motor pan. Changed to 6 sometime on "A" Headstocks.
- 1955 June, Beginning with Serial number 298476 the Eccentric Bushing included a set screw. Mark 5's before this used "rocker shaped" bearing retainers. Other 1955 changes included a hole behind the rear nameplate (A to B Headstock, Oct.) and a change in the retainer on the motor shaft.
- 1958 Belt cover changed from 6 to 2 screws to attach to headstock/motor pan.
- 1959 The nylon cap was added to the drive sleeve to reduce noise.
- 1959-1960 Bench Tubes changed from 1-7/8" diameter to 1-3/4" diameter, Base and Headrest also changed for smaller size bench tubes. Accessory Mount Locks from wide rib to narrow rib.
- 1960 Saw table now has a separate guide bar and the 90-degree tilt stop bolts changed to nylok eliminating the jam nut. The lathe tool rest arm and post are now separated.
- Year? Extra saw blade slot added in the table. (By Oct. 1960 Serial Number 368624, mine restored)
- 1961 Gilmer Drive changed to Poly V Drive. Serial numbers above 371347 are Poly V and 371347 and below are Gilmer Drive. Units with a "C" at the end of their Serial number during this time require a special Quill.
- 1962 Motor changed from 3/4 HP to 1-1/8 HP (S/N 388978 3/4 HP made in 62)
- 1973 Beginning with Serial number SS1001 the front underside of the table is being machined for positive setting of the guide bar and requires three spacing washers. The carriage stop ring for the way tube replaced the bolt and jam nut.
- 1973 Beginning with Serial number SS3191 the spring case was replaced with a washer on the motor shaft. Padlock holes added to switch side guards.
- 1980 Name on the machine was changed from Mark 5 to Mark V between January and March. Documents dating back to at least 1974 call it Mark V.
- 1984 September, Two Bearing Quill replaced single bearing quill in headstocks Serial number 190000 & above.
- 1985 Mark V model 510 introduced (also 505) - larger table system with floating tables (510 only), early and late version table & fence tubes. Mark V's with original table system now model 500.
- 1986 Mark V model 510 tube mounting changed on the tables, requires different 510 to 520 upgrade.
- 1990 Model 500 Extension table widened from 4 1/4" to 7 1/2"
- 1991 "C" Headstock introduced with the red safety key switch. (Serial Number 010191 and above)
- 1999 Mark V model 520 introduced - Pro Fence System
- 2001 Paint formulation changed for the gray color, Oct. 1 2001
- 2010 Mark 7 introduced

50th Golden Anniversary Serial Numbers 11-13-01 (mine), 01-30-02, 03-25-03, 11-24-04. 50th Anniversary catalog dated 03/01.

- ? Model 505 discontinued
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Headstock changes – unknown dates, Belt cover attached with 2 screws down from 6 down from 8, change affected headstock, motor pan and belt cover. Padlock holes added to switch side guards (1973). Belt Guard motor shaft hole and cap discontinued sometime between July 1987 and Dec 1988. Speed Control opening changed – sideways “Y” shape changed to rectangle.