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WHEELS & LOOMS



All products evolve and so it has been with the Ashford Traditional spinning wheel

1938


Walter Ashford develops a kitset spinning wheel for the New Zealand Home Journal Magazine which is much in demand during the war to create knitting yarn. Initially with a double drive flyer, Walter then introduces a pig-tail flyer (photo 1) before his father, the Rev. Dudley Ashford, invents the Ashford flyer (photo 2).This single drive flyer allows the quick and easy bobbin change without the need to remove the drive belt. this wonderfully effective innovation will appear in many different brands of spinning wheels in the future.

1964


3 knob spoke, hub screwed together, simple maid uprights, leather flyer bearings, tension knob outside maiden bar.

1967

Jumbo flyer introduced, maid uprights have knob added to make it easier to twist.

1975

Hard-wearing and consistently high quality nylon, impregnated with graphite, replaces the leather as the flyer bearing. A spring supplants the rubber band on the scotch tension.

1982

Two speed flyer introduced, more contouring on the maid uprights make them easier to turn and the tension knob moves closer to the spinner.

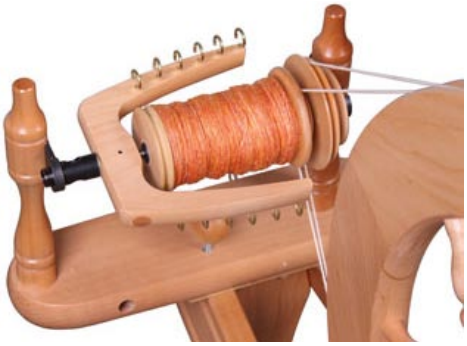
1991

The wheel rim is now finger jointed for extra strength. New lathes allow more detailed spokes and maid uprights, and the click fit bearings allow the bobbins to be changed without turning the maid uprights.

2000

Now the Traditional spinning wheel features: 3 speed flyer allow for a wide variety of yarn to be spun, with ratios of 6.5, 12.5 & 17.5:1 to enable spinners to spin fast and fine. Horizontal adjustment of the maiden bar allows perfect alignment with the 3 speed whorl. Ball bearings and large 56cm (22ins) wheel makes treadling smooth and effortless and easy to maintain a steady speed. Factory assembled treadle board & rails, maiden bar and adjusting bar.

Double drive



The same popular wheel as the scotch tension traditional, but with the benefits of both double drive. The double drive produces a fine, firm-twist yarn particularly suited for fine wools and exotic fibres. One adjustment controls both drive band and bobbin take-up. Easily converted to scotch tension with the option attached to the wheel. With ball bearings and its large drive wheel treadling is smooth and effortless and the treadling speed is easily controlled.

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