

WILLIAM GORDON SPINNING WHEELS

GUIDANCE NOTES

The wheel itself, whilst strong in construction, is made with slender sections of timber "Felloes" cut with the grain across the curve, it will continue to run true provided it is not subjected to excessive temperature changes, and is kept in a moderate atmosphere NOT in a hot dry room. Friends will be even more impressed when you bring out your wheel to show them.

Wheels in the past left out as show pieces were seldom working wheels.

Keeping the wheel in a heated area will cause the timbers to dry right out no matter how well seasoned and you will soon have loose joints and a warped rickety wheel.

- DO Keep the wheel in a moderate temperature.
- DO Oil moving parts regularly.
- DO Slack off tension when leaving wheel or slip off band.
- DO Wax the wood regularly.
- DO Keep the bobbin, spindle whorl and wheel groove clean.
- DO Use light pressure on the foot treadle.
- DO Keep flyer spindle clean.
- DO Keep spindle hole through bobbin clean.
- DO Wax end of bobbin and spindle whorl.
- DO Oil the tensioner thread.

DO NOT Keep, store, wheel in a centrally heated or hot room in direct sunlight, by a radiator, fire or boiler.

DO NOT Apply wax in any of the driving band grooves.

DO NOT Stitch a replacement driving band until it has stretched.