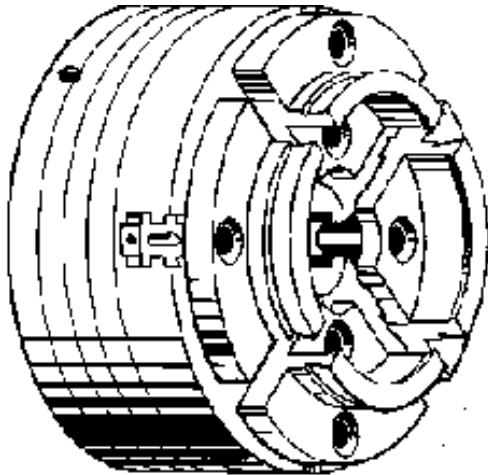


# SuperNova<sup>®</sup> Geared Chuck MANUAL

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BECOME THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH  
CHUCK OPERATIONS BEFORE USE.



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Thank you for purchasing our Teknatool SuperNova Geared Chuck. We are confident it will help to enhance and advance your woodturning. The Teknatool SuperNova Chuck is a very versatile unit, designed to offer a wide range of workholding modes. The SuperNova has a powerful grip while being quick and easy to use.

It combines the best features of our Nova Chuck and similar woodturning chucks (wide jaw movement, quick two way grip) with the advantages of the Tuff Lock geared action (Patent App. 314589) which gives significantly enhanced gripping power and a convenient one handed operation. The SuperNova also has some special safety features: a travel stop on the jaws and a contracting scroll jaw action to centre under power with no work mounted. This means that there is very little chance of the jaws flying out of the chuck - a common hazard with many chucks.

The SuperNova Chuck can accept a wide variety of add on accessory jaws. These jaws are specially designed to expand into into recesses or contract around round/square wood spigots of varying sizes and applications. Some irregular pieces can also be gripped. The chuck can swap from the expansion/dovetail mode to the spigot mode and back, instantly with no adjustments or extra fittings being necessary. In both modes, any spigot or recess size can be selected between the minimum and maximum range of the jaws.

With the add on accessory jaws removed, the jaw slides can be used to grip quite small spigots. The chuck also utilizes a powerful Woodworm screw for screw chuck work.

The SuperNova is very adaptable and is designed to accept a range of accessories to further extend its use. These accessories are included at the back of the manual. However the range is steadily being expanded to include more options. Check with your reseller for the latest accessories.

As a valued customer, we would be pleased to hear from you and how you found your SuperNova. Any comments on the chuck or accessory ideas would be very welcome so that we can continue to offer what we believe is the best woodturning chucking system available.

Accuracy: The SuperNova Chucks are sample tested from each batch and are made to run within the following tolerance limits: Face Runout Maximum: 0.1mm (0.0039 inch)  
Radial Runout Maximum: 0.13mm (0.005 inch)

The testing is performed with the chuck mounted on a standard insert. To ensure accuracy when mounted on a lathe refer to page 6.

It is well to note that wood is quite a plastic material - with different densities even in the same piece, and liable to warp out of place while turning. This is a part of the beauty and appeal of working with such a medium. However, under these circumstances pursuing accuracies as quoted above can be very difficult to achieve. For most woodturning situations (with some expectations) there is little need to achieve such tolerances.

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## SAFETY

**DANGER: THIS CHUCK IS CAPABLE OF CONTRIBUTING TO SERIOUS INJURY, AS WITH ANY OTHER POWER TOOL ACCESSORY, IF USED IMPROPERLY ON THE LATHE.**

**Before using the SuperNova Chuck, read and understand this instruction manual. Read and understand also the lathe owner's manual. If you do not have a manual, contact the supplier of your lathe to obtain one before using the lathe and chuck.**

User must be professionally trained to use this chuck. Vocational school courses recommended.

As with other chucking methods, an extremely cautious and sensible approach is necessary. With the SuperNova Chuck it is not possible to give exact directions as to the amount of tightening pressure required for workholding. Follow closely strict guidelines in this manual for different jaw types on wood blank diameters and length, plus turning speed.

### **BEFORE USING SuperNova CHUCK MAKE SURE THAT -**

- ALWAYS WEAR EYE PROTECTION WHICH COMPLIES WITH CURRENT ANSI STANDARD Z87.1 (USA). WE RECOMMEND THAT A FULL FACE SHEILD IS USED AT ALL TIMES.
- Chuck is properly secured on lathe spindle. Follow mounting instructions for your lathe for faceplates and other spindle fixtures.
- For safety, DO NOT ROTATE CHUCK UNDER POWER WITHOUT WOOD BEING GRIPPED.
- **WARNING:** EXCESSIVE SPEED IS A SERIOUS LATHE HAZARD. ALWAYS TURN AT THE SLOWEST SPEED POSSIBLE.

Speed will vary with wood blank size. The larger the blank the slower the speed.

Consult your lathe manual or lathe information plate for speed guidelines.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO USE THE CHUCK UNLESS THE LATEH SPEEDS ARE KNOWN.

YOU MUST STRICTLY FOLLOW THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS SET OUT IN THE OPERATING SECTION OF THIS MANUAL. DO NOT EXCEED THEM UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

- EXAMINE WOOD CAREFULLY. ONLY MOUNT WOOD THAT IS SOUND. If any cracks, splits, or weakness is found in wood - DO NOT MOUNT ON CHUCK. DO NOT MOUNT ANY WOOD THAT IS LIKELY TO BREAK UP DURING TURNING (E.G. ROTTEN OR SPONGY WOOD). DO NOT USE POORLY JOINTED LAMINATED WOOD.
- Make sure wood is clamped firmly. Follow mounting instructions for differnt gripping modes and jaw types. In the expansion mode do not use undue force or jaws may split the wood.
- Do not exceed maximum guideline in this manual for wood blank diameters/length set out in this manual for different modes and jaw types. **DO NOT USE WITH ANY COPYTURNER OPERATIONS**

### **OPERATIONS**

- Check wood is securely held in chuck, before operation. Check grip by vigorously wrenching wood blank back and forth. If any loosening occurs, re-examine holding area for adequate grip (Following mounting guidelines) and any damage to holding area. Rotate manually to make sure of clearance before switching power on.
- WARNING FOR SAFE OPERATION. DO NOT EXTEND JAW SLIDES BEYOND CHUCK BODY UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. ONLY OPERATE CHUCK WITH JAW SLIDE STOP SCREW IN PLACE AND TEST TO MAKE SURE IT IS ADJUSTED OUT TO STOP JAW SLIDE. This prevents jaw slides from dislodging from chuck.
- Irregular or out of balance stock needs to be turned at the slowest possible speed until it is in balance.
- For use on outboard/left hand rotation - MAKE SURE INSERT IS SECURELY LOCKED WITH GRUBSCREW BEFORE USE.
- Use only hand held woodturning chisels to shape wood being held in chuck.
- USE THE RIGHT CHISEL FOR THE JOB AND DO NOT FORCE TOOLS.

Use safe and commonly approved chisel techniques.

Wherever possible stand to one side of the revolving wood.

- WEAR PROPER CLOTHING. Do not wear any loose clothing, neck ties, gloves, bracelets, rings or other jewelry that could get caught in moving parts. Wear protective hair covering to contain lock hair.
- DRUGS, ALCOHOL, MEDICATION. Do not operate chuck or lathe while under the influence of drugs, alcohol or any medication.
- KEEP CHILDREN AND VISITORS AWAY. All children and visitors should be kept safe distance from the work area. Make workshop childproof with padlocks, master switches, or by removing starter keys.
- MAKE WORKSHOP CHILD PROOF - With padlocks, master switches, or by removing starter keys.

## SuperNova Models

There are three models of the SuperNova Chuck designed to meet various woodturning requirements.

### COMPANION MODEL:

The Companion SuperNova Model is a stripped down version for those who already have the Nova Chuck. The kit is without the Woodworm screw, 50mm standard jaws and Allen keys etc which the woodturner would have as part of their Nova Chuck kit. Does come however with a complementary set of jaw screws to mount any Nova Chuck accessory jaws. The SuperNova is fully compatible with the Nova Chuck.

Companion Accessory Kit: 1x M6 Grubscrew, 2 x Fibre washers, 1 x pinion handle, 8 x M6x10 Jaws screws, SuperNova Chuck Manual.

### STANDARD MODEL:

The Standard SuperNova has a similar kit option to the Nova Chuck. This kit has both the Woodworm screw for screw chucking and the general purpose 50mm standard jaws.

Standard Accessory Kit: 1x M6 Grubscrew, 2 x Fibre washers, 1 x pinion handle, 8 x M6x10 Jaws screws,

1 x Woodworm screw, 1 x 50mm jaw set, 1 x M4 Allen key, 1 x M3 Allen key, SuperNova Chuck Manual.

### PREMIER MODEL:

This has a special Powergrip add on jaw set for heavy duty spigot turning and heavy bowl work. These jaws really match the tremendous gripping power of the SuperNova Chuck.

Premier Accessory Kit: 1x M6 Grubscrew, 2 x Fibre washers, 1 x pinion handle, 8 x M6x10 Jaws screws, 1 x Woodworm screw, 1 x Powergrip jaw set, 1 x M4 Allen key, 1 x M3 Allen key, SuperNova Chuck Manual.

## CHUCK OPERATION

Adjustment: A handled chuck pinion key is provided for adjustment of chuck action. Please refer to diagram (Page 5) for location of the two key positions.

### TO OPERATE JAWS:

Insert the pinion key into one of the two 22mm guide holes in the SuperNova body.

**IMPORTANT!! MAKE SURE THE PINION GEAR IS FULLY HOME AND ENAGED WITH THE SCROLL GEAR. TO RETAIN ENAGEMENT MAINTAIN A SLIGHT DOWNWARD PRESSURE ON HANDLE SO THAT THE END OF THE PINION IS ALWAYS LOCATED IN THE HOLE ON THE CHUCK BOSS**

If not engaged properly tightening power will be reduced and could result in damage to gear teeth.

### TO CONTRACT JAWS:

**Turn the handle in an anti clockwise direction to contract the jaws.**

When the action takes up against the piece held give an extra nip up so jaws securely engage with wood.

### TO EXPAND JAWS:

**Turn the handle in a clockwise direction to expand jaws.**

When the action takes up against the piece held give an extra nip up so jaws securely engage with wood.

### NOTE:

These directions are the opposite action to other common appliances e.g. water taps.

To enable you to get used to the action it would be useful to mark directions on the chuck body until you get used to them.

The reason they are opposite is an extra safety feature incorporated in the SuperNova:

The jaws with no work held will, because of the gear direction tend, to track to centre with the chuck under power using the inboard spindle (the most common situation). This is an extra safeguard to prevent the jaws flying out of the chuck should the stop screw, for some reason, not be in place.

## MOUNTING CHUCK ON LATHE

There are two versions of the SuperNova Chuck: an insert version for all threads up to 27mm (1 1/8") and threaded versions for dedicated threads up to 38mm (1 1/2").

**CORRECT MOUNTING OF CHUCK TO INSERT (WITH INSERT VERSION) AND LATHE SPINDLE IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ACHIEVE ACCURACY.**

**INSERT VERSION:** Check that the correct insert has been supplied to match your lathe spindle thread. The code of the insert is on a label on the plastic insert cover and stamped on one of the flats of the hexagon section of the insert. A list of thread sizes that can be fitted with an insert plus the larger dedicated threads is provided opposite. If you find your lathe thread is not listed check with your supplier to see if there have been more recent additions to the thread range. Failing that, you may have a blank insert or blank chuck machined to your requirements at your own expense.

**WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE CHUCK IS NOT USED ON LATHE SPINDLES UNDER 16mm (5/8").**

**FITTING TO CHUCK:** Check that the internal spigot of chuck body plus insert threads are clean and that the spigot end of the insert is free from damage. Any dents or nicks must be carefully filed off so the insert can be fully screwed home in chuck body. Refer to diagram opposite.

The tolerances of chuck body and insert are a tight fit to ensure accuracy. This means that the insert may be difficult at first to engage with the chuck body thread. One way is to grip the chuck body in a vice (pad against damage) and screw in insert using a 1 1/2" AF spanner. Care needs to be taken that the outer male insert thread is engaged properly at the start with the female body thread. Screw insert fully into body recess. This is important to ensure running.

Refer to diagram.

Insert can now be locked to chuck body by means of the M6x6 grub screw provided. Make sure that the fibre washer is inserted first to act as a buffer between the grub screw and insert thread. **DO NOT SCREW IN GRUBSCREW BEFORE INSERT IS SCREWED HOME IN CHUCK.**

**IMPORTANT: LH THREAD INSERTS MUST BE LOCKED TO CHUCK BODY OR CHUCK BODY COULD UNWIND FROM INSERT.**

**FITTING CHUCK TO LATHE:** Correct fitting of chuck to lathe spindle is important to ensure accuracy. The chuck body must contact an accurate shoulder on the lathe spindle or bearings (as on Teknatool Nova 3000) to ensure chuck will run true.

There can be a wide variety of lathe spindle thread and spigot dimensions even within the same thread size. The internal thread size is kept to standard tolerances. The internal thread length and spigots of SuperNova inserts are manufactured to cover as wide a range of variations as possible. This will mean that in most situations you should be able to get a satisfactory match.

### CHECK THE FOLLOWING:

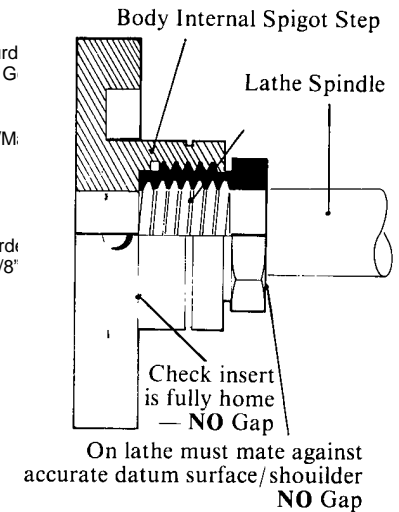
Although the insert may screw on part way it may not contact properly with spindle spigot - a spacer or some further modification of the insert may be necessary. This would be the responsibility of the chuck user. Make sure the chuck is screwed to lathe thread properly - a good check is to see whether it screws home on the spindle the same as another lathe fixture such as a faceplate. **POOR FIT OF CHUCK TO LATHE SPINDLE CREATES A SERIOUS HAZARD WHERE CHUCK COULD DISLodge FROM LATHE. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO USE CHUCK UNLESS THE CHUCK IS CORRECTLY FITTED TO LATHE SPINDLE.**

Threads covered by the Insert System (Threads up to 28mm (1 1/8"))

Insert 2	(I2NS)	: M20x2 Tyme Cub
Insert 3	(I3NS)	: M20x1.5 Electra Beckum Multico Sumaro
Insert 5	(I5NS)	: 3/4" 16TPI 1/8" spigot
Insert 6	(I6NS)	: 3/4" Plain Bore
Insert A	(IANS)	: 3/4" 14TPI BSP RH Teknatool (Pre 1986)
Insert B	(IBNS)	: 3/4" 14TPI BSP LH Teknatool (Pre 1986)
Insert C	(ICNS)	: 1" 10TPI BSF RH Teknatool Woodfast Durd
Insert D	(IDNS)	: 1" 8TPI BSW RH General Rockwell Delta G
Insert E	(IENS)	: 1" 12TPI RH Myford MLS
Insert F	(IFNS)	: 5/8" Plain Bore Shopsmith
Insert G	(IGNS)	: 3/4" 16TPI UNF RH Sears Coronet Minor/M
Insert H	(IHNS)	: 3/4" 10TPI BSW RH Rockwell Homecraft
Insert I	(IINS)	: M24x3 RH B Line Arundel K600 K450
Insert J	(IJNS)	: 1 1/8" 12TPI RH Myford Mystro
Insert K	(IKNS)	: M18x2.5 ELU DB180
Insert M	(IMNS)	: 1" 10TPI BSF LH Teknatool Woodfast Durd
Insert N	(INNS)	: Blank. Can be threaded up to 28mm (1 1/8")
Insert O	(IONS)	: 1 1/8" BSW RH Morton
Insert U	(IUNS)	: 1 1/8" UNF RH Taiwanese
Insert V	(IVNS)	: 7/8" 14TPI NF RH
Insert W	(IWNS)	: M25x2 RH Tyme Avon

Thread Direct to Chuck

D Chuck	(NSCD)	: 1" 8TPI BSW RH
		Note: Maximum spindle length 25.4mm
4 Chuck	(NSB4)	: M33x3.5
5 Chuck	(NSC5)	: 3/4" 16TPI UNF 1/8" spigot
P Chuck	(NSBP)	: 1 1/2" BSW RH Tanner Union Graduate
		Wadkin Bursgreen
Q Chuck	(NSBQ)	: Woodfast Vicmarc
R Chuck	(NSBR)	: Blank. For threads up to 30mm
X Chuck	(NXBS)	: 1 1/2" 8TPI NF Conover
Y Chuck	(NYBS)	: 1 1/4" *TPI UNS



## MAINTENANCE

**CLEANING CHUCK:** Inspect chuck periodically for build up of wood dust inside scroll and cavity of chuck body. Wood dust build up can make the jaws difficult to move. To clean out the wood dust build up, the following method can be used. Remove Jaw Slides. (First removing stop screw as explained in previous section) then using a piece of wood (match stick size) insert in the bottom of scroll and rotate scroll ring. This will scrape out build up of wood dust.

To disassemble chuck: (Refer to exploded chuck diagram, Page 5). Use expanding circlip pliers to remove circlip securing scroll. The scroll can then be removed and the jaws slipped out of the chuck. Clean scroll and jaws with kerosene. Dry with cloth and lightly oil components. Do not over oil this will cause a more rapid build up of wood dust again. After cleaning - to reassemble, replace scroll and secure with circlip. Re insert jaw slides as per instructions.

**Remember to replace jaw travel stop screw.**

## STOP ON JAW TRAVEL

Stop screw is located at the end of the number one slideway in the body section of the chuck. The screw prevents jaw slides being unwound from the chuck. Do not exert pressure against the screw with pinion action. If screw is removed for disassembly it must be replaced before use. Refer exploded view diagram on page 5 of the manual, and to drawing accompanying insertion of jaw slides below.

## JAW SLIDES

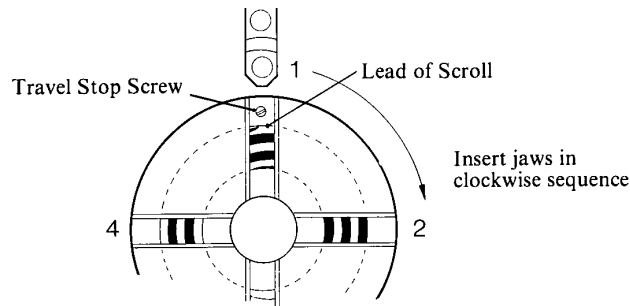
Caution: Do not close jaw slides to a diameter less than 8mm (5/16") for workholding. Do not close jaw slides to fully closed position because jaw slides could over travel on scroll and become disengaged.

## INSERTION OF JAW SLIDES

Jaw slides are numbered 1 - 4 (numbering on end of slide). (Note: Travel stop screw at the end of No.1 body slide needs to be removed. Refer to previous jaw slide travel lock section). When the jaws are removed from the body they need to be reset in sequence. To reset jaws in chuck body, rotate with pinion gear until the lead of the scroll (like a thin wedge) appears in the opening of the slide way with '1' marked beside it. (For Nova chucks with '1' not marked on chuck face, any slideway may be selected. See diagram below).

**CAUTION: IT IS IMPORTANT TO ROTATE THE LEADING EDGE OF THE SCROLL BACK SLIGHTLY TO CLEAR THE SLIDEWAY BEFORE SLIDE CAN BE INSERTED. FAILURE TO ROTATE THE SCROLL BACK COULD RESULT IN DAMAGE TO SCROLL.**

Now insert No.1 slide into slideway and rotate scroll in a clockwise direction (chuck facing you) until the lead of the scroll appears at the next slideway. Now engage No.2 scroll in the same manner as No.1. Proceed in the same way in a clock-wise sequence with No.3 and No.4 slides. Refer to the diagram.



## MOUNTING 50MM JAWS

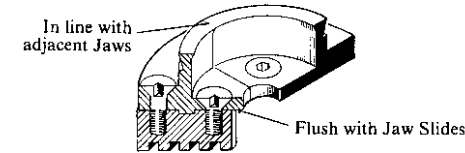
Your standard Nova Scroll Chuck is provided with 50mm add-on jaws. They need to be located and screwed on to the jaw slides of the chuck. The same procedure outlined below must be followed for all accessory jaws as well.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO LOCATE JAWS PROPERLY IN THE JAW SLIDES FOR THE CHUCK TO FUNCTION ACCURATELY.

Follow the method set out below -

1. You notice that the back of the jaws have a stepped location ring. This location ring is designed to fit into the grooved section of the jaw slide for precision location. Ensure that the jaw slide and collet back are clean and free from any burrs or damage that might affect location. Place the jaw segment over the hole positions on the jaw. Press the jaw segment firmly onto the jaw slide. For the first few times you may need to GENTLY tap the jaws into the locator slot with a block of wood. The screws can now be screwed in, using the 4mm Allen Key provided. Lightly grease or oil screws under heads under heads before use to prevent screws locking onto jaw. Preferably use an anti-seize compound e.g. ROCOL J 166 Anti-Seize Compound. Do all screws up finger tight and then back them off one quarter to half turn.

3. Wind the mounted jaws into the centre of the chuck until they all butt against the other. Now finally tighten screws, starting with centre screws and then outside screws. Nip screws up firmly but DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.
4. Check there is no light between jaw slides and add on jaw segments or that one or more segments is not higher or lower than the rest. If this is the case repeat procedure above.



## OPERATING MODES

**SCREW CHUCK:** This is a convenient mounting method. The woodworm screw is purpose - designed for screw chucking.. It is a cylindrical screw which maintains its full holding power along the whole length, unlike normal tapered screws. The thin thread form is specially designed to cause minimum damage to wood fibres. They grip better than screws with thicker threads because there is a larger volume of undamaged wood retained within the screw.

The woodworm screw is made complete with the boss section in one piece. The woodworm screw is designed to be used with the 50mm jaws remaining in place on the chuck. This facility is very convenient for remounting work directly onto the jaws after the screw is removed.

To convert to this operation, place the boss section into the centre of the chuck making sure flat shanks are aligned to the jaw slides and close jaws around it. BEFORE FINAL TIGHTENING MAKE SURE THAT THE FRONT OF THE BOSS SECTION OF THE SCREW IS SEATED BEHIND AND AGAINST THE 50MM JAWS. This will prevent any tendency for the boss section to creep forward when the screw is being used.

The front face of the 50mm jaws has been machined to provide an accurate backing surface. This is quite an advantage, providing a much tighter fit and wider tolerance for irregularly faced stock. This feature is also quite an advantage when using the screw to mount a bowl for first stage bowl turning - forming the outside of the bowl straight onto the jaws (the screw is first removed) after the recess has been formed.

**SCREW DEPTH:** The screw provides 19mm (3/4 inch) of thread beyond the 50mm jaws. With all wood blocks over 150mm (6 inches) in diameter the full thread depth of 19mm should be used.

(2 inches) can be directly clamped in jaws. Irregular, rough tree blanks (e.g. small sections of tree limbs) not exceeding the above sizes can be held quite firmly BUT caution must be exercised. Check for adequate contact

**CAPACITY :** DO NOT USE THE SCREW FOR VERY LARGE WOODBLANKS.

Its use is intended for small bowl and screw chucking work. The maximum capacity which should be mounted on the screw -

250mm (10 inches) diameter x 100mm (4 inches)  
DO NOT EXCEED 600 RPM FOR THIS OPERATION  
Use tailstock support

**PREPARATION:** The 10.5mm thread requires a drilled hole about 7mm (9/32") in diameter. For soft woods a 6.35mm (1/4") drilled hole could be used. The screw has considerable holding power and it is sometimes difficult to unscrew, so wax or oil the thread before mounting the wood.

**CARE:** The threads are fine and can be damaged by mishandling. DON'T hammer into wood! DO screw into a pre drilled hole. Any nicks on the threads can be removed by carefully filing.

## DOVETAIL OPERATION

Expansion of the jaws into a recess. This function is for bowl and platter turning where the projection (depth) of the wood blank is not too great i.e. up to 100mm (4 inches). Characteristically these items have a parallel wood grain. IT MUST NOT BE USED FOR ANY LONG WORK (OVER 100MM) AS THERE WOULD BE GREAT DANGER OF WOOD TEARING OUT AND DISLODGING FROM CHUCK.

Instructions below apply to the standard 50mm jaws but the general technique is the same with other accessory jaws. However the maximum size of wood blank that can be mounted, the maximum turning speed and recess size varies with the different accessory jaws. Consult specific instructions included for each jaw set.

This strong holding method. Using the standard 50mm jaws bowls up to 310mm (12 inches) in diameter can be turned. DO NOT EXCEED 600RPM WITH THIS OPERATION. OUT OF BALANCE STOCK MUST BE TURNED AT THE SLOWEST SPEED POSSIBLE.

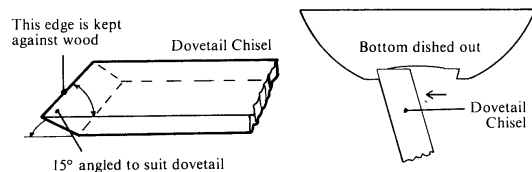
50mm jaws: Any recess can be turned between 50mm (2 inches) and 75mm (3 inches) diameter. Choose the diameter which suits your bowl design. However, bear in mind that best work holding will be achieved around 50mm - keep your recesses between 50mm and 60mm where ever possible. Extra care must be taken while turning with recesses above 60mm. The depth of the dovetail recess can be varied according to the size and mass of the workpiece. The larger bowl blanks or softer woods will require a deeper recess up to the maximum of 6mm (1/4 inch). HOWEVER YOU MUST USE THE MAXIMUM RECESS DEPTH ON ALL RECESSES OVER 64mm (2.5 inches) diameter OR ANY WORK WITH A DIAMETER OVER 150mm (6 inches).

For smaller lids and thin platters (not exceeding 150mm diameter) only a shallow recess of around 3mm (1/8 inch) is necessary. It will be matter of gaining experience as to what combinations and sizes will best suit.

## FORMING RECESS

The jaw dovetail has been designed for use with a standard skew scraper. This chisel will make recess to the angle required. FOR SAFETY REASONS WE STRONGLY ADVISE AGAINST USING ANY OTHER TOOL. A profile of this chisel is shown opposite. It is best to work with a tool which is already ground to the correct angle. All that is necessary then is to keep the leading edge of the chisel flat on the wood, moving forward and out to form the recess to the required diameter and depth.

Mount bowl blank on screw as described in previous section. It may be convenient to first mark out with a pencil, a circle on the bowl blank. To mark out the recess diameter with pencil: hold pencil point to desired radius, supported on the toolrest. Then revolve blank by hand thus creating a pencilled circle.



However, as specified above, any recess diameter can be made between 50mm (2 inches) - 75mm (3 inches) (standard 50mm jaws) so exact sizing of the recess is unnecessary.

Before scraping out the recess, slightly hollow out the centre of the bowl blank with a bowl gouge or round nose scraper. The purpose is to relieve the centre so that when the recess is scraped out only half the chisel edge needs to be used. We recommend this to reduce tearing of the wood by scraping action; and to make the recess a little more finished to give a better effect to the overall bowl. Extra embellishments can also be made to the recess to enhance the bowl.

After the recess is finished and the outside of the bowl is turned to shape, wind bowl back off screw. Bowl blank is now ready to be reversed into the jaws. Expand the jaws into the recess. When the jaws are expanded out into the recess, screw the wood blank gently back and forth to make sure it is seated properly on the bottom face of the jaws.

**WARNING: MAKE SURE THE JAWS ARE SEATED PROPERLY IN THE RECESS AND THAT THE BOWL IS NOT INCORRECTLY RIDING ON THE FLAT SHOULDER SECTION OF THE JAWS BEHIND THE DOVETAIL. THIS COULD LEAD TO THE BOWL DISLODGING FROM CHUCK. LOOSEN JAWS AND REMOUNT CORRECTLY.**

Now give a few gentle raps with the end of a chisel handle or wooden mallet around centre of bowl. Use pinion handle to give an extra nip up. Refer to chuck operation Page 4. Refer again to safety before operation.

## SPIGOT OPERATION

This is where the jaws contract around a wooden spigot for grip. This function is mainly for box, goblet and vase turning, that is, endgrain items with a fair degree of overhang.

This situation is one of the most difficult to provide secure holding no matter what fixing method is used. EXTREME CAUTION WITH THIS OPERATION MUST BE EXERCISED. DO NOT EXCEED 850 RPM FOR THIS OPERATION. If used properly the SuperNova Chuck however, provides a very powerful and secure grip in this mode.

Instructions below apply to the standard 50mm jaws but the general spigot technique is the same for other jaw types. However, maximum turning speed and recess size varies with different jaw types. Consult accessory jaw manual or instruction sheets.

With the standard set of 50mm jaws a maximum size woodblank of 100mm (4 inches) diameter (NOT spigot size) by 150mm (6 inches) length can be turned. Square timber of same length and between 40mm (1.5 inches) to 50mm and grip of all four jaws into wood. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE AN ADEQUATE GRIP BEFORE OPERATION by vigorously wrenching the limb mounted on chuck. If any loosening occurs DO NOT PROCEED with operation. Repeat tightening procedure and retest grip.

**SPIGOT SIZE:** Standard Jaws will grip a round spigot between 45mm (1 9/16 inches) to 65mm (2 9/16 inches) approx. Square timber between 40mm (1 3/8 inches) to 50mm square approx. Jaw slides only: With the 50mm add-on jaws removed, the jaw slides will grip either round or square timber down to 8mm (5/16 inch). Length limits same for spigot work. Small work not greater than this diameter can be turned at a speed NOT EXCEEDING 1800 RPM. Larger work held in the jaw slides should not exceed 850 RPM.

**FORMING SPIGOT:** When selecting wood make sure it is sound without splits or weakness - especially around the area where the spigot is to be formed. REMEMBER WITH FREE END TURNING THIS IS THE ONLY AREA GRIP. IF ANY WEAKNESS IS FOUND, DO NOT PROCEED. Mount wood between centres and turn the spigot area. Make the spigot as parallel as possible to maximise the efficiency of the clamping action. Only approximate sizing of the spigot is necessary as the jaws will accommodate a wide range of spigot diameters within the spigot limits stated above. The 50mm standard jaw has a thin lip or shoulder at the front face. This is designed to bite into the timber as the jaws are tightened. DO NOT CUT A RECESS FOR THE LIP TO FIT INTO AS THIS WILL REDUCE GRIPPING POWER.

## TROUBLE SHOOTING GUIDE

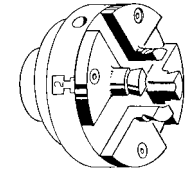
FAULT	REMEDY
1. Insert jams when partially threaded into body	Check insert thread and chuck body thread are free from damage. Check insert has engaged with chuck body thread correctly. See 'Fitting to Chuck' Page 6. Make sure the grub screw has not been SCREWED IN.
2. Chuck body appears not to be true	Check insert is properly home in chuck body. Check that the insert is correctly screwed onto lathe spindle. Insert must back against accurate face/register or bearing on lathe spindle. See Page 7.
3. 50mm Add on jaws do not run true	Check 50mm jaws are mounted correctly on jaw slides. For method see Page 9. For accuracy parameters see Page 2. When the jaws are expanded beyond a 50mm circle they will appear to be running out but in fact are maintaining concentricity. Always evaluate runout from turned wood clamped in jaws.
4. Jaw Slides closed to centre and No. 1 slide stays in centre when jaws are expanded again	Jaw Slide(s) have overtravelled from scroll. It will be necessary to tap back No 1 jaw slide until it has re-engaged. See page 8 for 'insertion of jaw slide'.
5. Chuck very stiff to operate or jammed	Wood dust and shavings can clog the chuck in use. The chuck should be cleaned. Follow instruction page Page 7
6. Jaw Slides when wound to centre do not meet	Slides have not engaged sequentially in clockwise order with scroll - 1-2-3-4. Jaw Slides could have been inserted out of order. Check insertion procedure Page 8.
7. When chuck is being removed from spindle the body unwinds from insert	Either lock insert in body using grub screw and fibre washer provided or use spanner on the insert to wind chuck off lathe.
8. Chuck jams on lathe spindle	This is a common problem with fixtures on a lathe. Use piece of wood & knock against base of pinion gear in anticlockwise direction to jar loose from spindle. To help prevent it try a plastic or fibre washer between insert/chuck and spigot shoulder of a spindle. Use of washer could affect accuracy.
9. Woodworm screw creeps forward or is not seated properly in chuck	Make sure woodworm screw boss is placed correctly between jaw slides and behind 50mm jaws. See Page 9
10. Wooden spigot shifts during turning	Check that the spigot area is made correctly for jaws to grip. Check that the spigot is not oversize. See spigot operation instruction Page 11. Use careful chisel techniques that do not exert too much pressure. Irregular rough wood blanks need to be checked to see whether there is enough jaw contact.
11. Wood blank does not seat properly in internal dovetail mounting	Check the angle of the dovetail recess made is the same angle as the jaws. Make sure the bottom of the recess is flat and square to face. See dovetail operation Page 10. Check that the bowl is not incorrectly riding on the flat shoulder of jaws behind the dovetail.

## SuperNova Chuck OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

The SuperNova Chuck is one of the most versatile chucking systems. It is fully compatible with the Nova Chuck and shares the same extensive accessory range. SuperNova accessories include over 16 different jaw sets and other items to enable you to explore all areas of turning with your SuperNova Chuck.

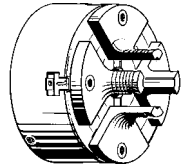
### JS25N 25mm Jaw Set

Designed for small bowl (expanding dovetail mode) and small spigot (contracting mode) free end turning work below the size that can be handled by the standard 50mm jaws.



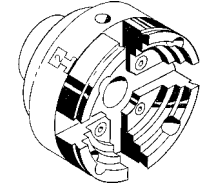
### JSPIN Pin Jaw Set

These special 25mm extended jaws are designed to act like a pin chuck - expanding into a pre-bored hole. This is a useful technique for free form edge bowls. The real advantage though is you don't have to bore an exact size as with pin jaws. The longer jaws allow for a very powerful spigot grip for smaller work like lace bobbins etc. It also has a small dovetail to mount small bowls.



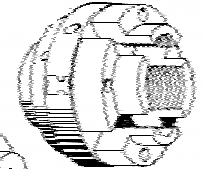
### JS75N Step Jaw Set

Designed primarily to grip footed bowls in the contracting mode. Provides for optimum grip of three different size foot diameters. Also dovetail mode.



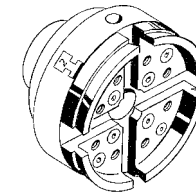
### JS-SP35 35mm Spigot Jaws & JS-SP45 45mm Spigot Jaws.

These two jaws provide a very powerful contracting spigot grip with the SuperNova Chuck. For long unsupported spigot turning applications.



### JS100N 100mm Jaw Set

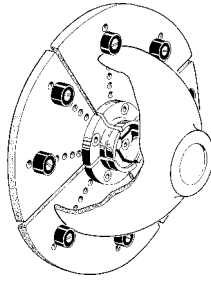
Have an expanding dovetail grip, strong reverse dovetail grip for footed bowls. Made for a larger range of work than either the 50mm or Step jaws.



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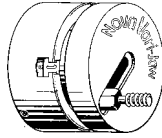
### JSCOLE Cole Jaw Set

A versatile set designed primarily for rechucking of bowls to remove chuck marks or re-shape the bottoms of the bowls that have already been turned. Most other jaws sets can be mounted on top of the Cole Jaws for a combination jaw facility.



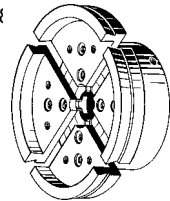
### Vari Jaw

For off centre/eccentric turning. It works on being able to adjust the centre mounting screw (included with jaw) to create multiple centres. This provides for a almost limitless range of special effects.



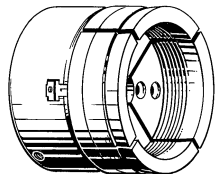
### JS130N 130mm Jumbo Jaws

Essentially the big brother to the 100mm jaws these are designed to handle large work up to 750mm in diameter. An ideal 'companion' jaw to the SuperNova as the extra power of the SuperNova matches the big capacity of these jaws. No need to consider larger chucks for those special jobs - the Jumbo Jaws will perform just as well. Has a dovetail recess facility up to 149mm (5.9").



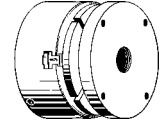
### POWERGRIP JAWS

Available soon for the Premier SuperNova and also available as an accessory jaw set. These will provide for much larger and longer spigot work plus a dovetail facility with up to 120mm (5") recess.



### Vacuum Faceplate

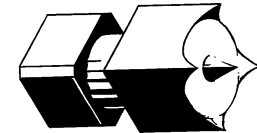
Designed to fit onto the 50mm Jaws. This provides a faceplate facility to enable you to vacuum chuck. You provide a custom designed MDF/wood disk backed with rubber to screw onto faceplate to seat bowls for vacuum chucking. Can be used in conjunction with Handwheel and Vacuum Coupler unit for our Nova 3000 or TL1500 woodlathes.



### Spur Centre

This is a rugged 4 pronged spur drive with a 19mm square shank which fits snugly into the SuperNova jaws. Creep of the spur is prevented as the shank is slotted to allow the chuck jaws to close over it.

This spur is the answer for turners who use their SuperNova almost all of the time but want to be able to do those odd spindle jobs without removing the chuck from the lathe.



**Other Accessories: Woodworm Screw RH & LH versions, Woodworm Screw RH & LH for Cole Jaws, SuperNova/Nova ChuckFastening Spares Kit, 100mm Jaws Fastening Kit.**

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