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GUIDE



HQ Capri 18™

18-INCH LONGARM + TABLE PACKAGE

Imagine yourself quilting up to 2,200 stitches per minute, easily manipulating your bed-sized quilt within the roomy 18-inch throat space. Choose from 4-22 stitches per inch for all types of quilting motifs. The HQ InSight™ stitch regulator takes away the fear of finishing. The HQ Capri includes lots of light, so you can see your beautiful stitches. Integrated technology and engineering provide the functionality that quilters demand, paired with the smoothest stitch in the industry.

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- HQ Capri 18" longarm machine
- 36-inch by 32-inch HQ InSight Table with built-in HQ InSight Stitch Regulation
- LED light ring, throat lighting, and bobbin light
- Easy-Set Tension™
- Color touch screen with user-friendly icon display
- Quick Reference Card
- Accessory pack: Open-toe foot, 20 needles, 4 bobbins, thread sampler pack, EZ pen oiler
- Adjustable, auto-stop bobbin winder

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Demo Ready

- Insert HQ needle, size 110/18
- Have available several small, basted quilt sandwiches with solid-color top fabric (spray basting shows best)
- Thread machine with top thread that contrasts with top fabric
- Match color of bobbin thread to top thread
- Bobbin thread brought to top, tied off, tails trimmed, ready to stitch
- Set machine to Manual Mode
- Check tension and stitch quality and adjust bobbin and top tensions if necessary

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Introduction and Manual Speed Control

- Press foot pedal
- Point out speed limit on screen

We're using manual mode where you are in control of the stitch length by the speed at which you move the fabric, just like when you quilt on your domestic machine. The machine is in Manual mode when the M is green.

The speed control helps with regulating your stitch size. When you put the "pedal to the metal", the machine will stay at the designated speed. This way, all you have to think about is your hands.

You change the speed with the plus and minus buttons. There are 2 presets that you can customize to your own liking. They let you quickly switch between speed preferences.

InSight Stitch Regulation

- Point out the components of the InSight regulator, the two sensors on either side of the needle
- Select Regulated and Precision on the touchscreen
- Set SPI to 10

- Select Regulated and Cruise
- Set Cruise speed to 150

The InSight stitch regulator keeps your stitch length uniform as you quilt, so that you can concentrate on executing your designs.

The InSight regulator is built into the InSight table for effortless stitch regulation. You have full visibility as you are stitching. There are 2 modes of stitch regulation. Let's start with Precision. The foot pedal is now an on/off switch. When you press the pedal all the way to the floor the machine will be on.

The Capri will not start stitching until your fabric moves across the table. And as you start moving the fabric, it will adjust to the selected stitches-per-inch. You will notice a different sound of the machine. That is the stitch regulator speeding up or slowing down the machine, as you move the fabric faster or slower.

If Cruise mode is selected, the machine will immediately begin stitching at the speed (stitches per minute) indicated in the box when the foot pedal is pressed or the play button is selected. And as you start moving the fabric, it will adjust to the selected stitches-per-inch.

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Threading, Adjustable Tension, and Easy-Set Tension

- Make sure machine is threaded properly
- If you have any tension problems while demoing, adjust as you go, explaining what you're doing

The HQ Capri is easy to thread. The thread path is very similar to your home sewing machine.

It has an M-class bobbin, the largest on the market. When using bobbin-weight thread, it holds almost twice as much as your domestic machine bobbin. Fewer bobbin changes!

Tension is easy to adjust by turning the dial. The Capri includes the Easy-Set Tension feature, a numeric value displayed on screen that indicates your top thread tension. Make a note of the thread type (weight, brand, color) and the tension value to quickly and easily set the tension when this same thread is used again in the future.

The beauty of these machines is that you can use any high-quality thread and simply make adjustments to the bobbin case and the top tension knob to accommodate.

Adjustable Lighting

- Select Tools on the main screen
- Select Lighting
- Use the slider or buttons to adjust the lighting
- Select Home

The HQ Capri has bright LED lighting that puts light right where you need it most. The brightness portion of this screen has two buttons and a sliding control. The LED Light Ring at the needle and light bar along the throat can be turned on or off with the switch button associated with the LED location. Use the slide bar to adjust the brightness of each light.

Low-Bobbin Alarm

- Select Tools
- Select Bobbin
- Select Home

The Capri comes with a bobbin use estimator and indicator. You can record the bobbin capacity for any particular thread. You can save 3 values. When you put in a new full bobbin, choose the thread, press new bobbin and press the alarm button.

As you quilt, the machine will estimate how much thread remains on the current bobbin. The Bobbin Thread Indicator box on the main screen shows how much bobbin thread remains. When you reach the capacity value, an alarm will sound warning that the bobbin is nearly out of thread.

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Calculator

- Access calculator from the Tools screen

It also comes with a built-in calculator for easy math. Figuring out quilt size or how many repeats of a design you need to fill a border. And it is always right where you can find it!

System Information

- Select “i” icon
- Select Home button to return to main menu screen

System Information is where you will find identifying information for your machine.

Lifetime Stitch Counter - The Lifetime count is the total number of stitches made since the machine was built. The Lifetime counter cannot be reset and should be used as an indicator to determine when general machine maintenance should be performed by an authorized Handi Quilter Technician.

Foot Controller and Left and Right Sensor Status lets you know if these are working properly. A red X will appear if there is an issue.

Electronics Board and Firmware versions for the machine, display, and sensors, are shown in the white boxes

Timer and Stitch Count

- Select Tools
- Select Timer/Stitch Count

You have two timer options on the HQ Capri

1. The top timer is similar to a kitchen timer. Set it for how long you want to quilt and it will count down after pressing the green play button.

2. The lower timer is like a stopwatch. It will time how long it takes you to quilt. It only counts while the machine is actually running, once you push the green play button. This is handy for keeping track of how many hours you have invested in quilting a particular project.

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Cleaning and Maintenance

- Remove bobbin
- Show where the drop of oil goes on the rotary portion of the bobbin basket

Handi Quilter longarms use the largest bobbin in the industry, the M-class.

User maintenance is very simple. Just keep it clean by dusting out the bobbin area and put a drop of oil in the bobbin area with every bobbin change.

We recommend bringing your machine in for lubrication and service every 1-2 years depending on how much you quilt.

InSight Table

- Have basted quilt sandwiches ready to go

The InSight table is a roomy 36 inches by 32 inches.

The table is height adjustable from 25.5 to 39.5 inches. You can easily adjust it to your desired height for quilting. When you have the right posture, you can stitch for hours in comfort.

The smooth surface allows your project to glide easily under the needle.

Optional 18 x 30 inch side extensions are available if you would like extra room to support large quilts.

Warranty

- Warranty paperwork is filled out and sent in by the shop

- 90-day limited warranty (parts and labor)
- 10-year limited manufacturer's warranty on machine head casting
- 5-year mechanical warranty on parts
- 5-year electronic/electrical warranty

Why Buy From (Insert shop name here)

- Show store documents

Mention education, training, technical service and support. Any awards (HQ Way, Top Sales).

Mention discounts, included classes, set up, anything special about your shop.

If your staff actually quilts on Handi Quilter machines, make sure customers know it.

Why Handi Quilter?

Quilters around the world have made us the number-one choice in longarm quilting machines. Handi Quilter is committed to continually improving our products, customer service, technical solutions and the quality of all aspects of our business.

Designed by a Quilter, for Quilters is more than just a motto. It encompasses why we do what we do, on a daily basis. We talk with quilters, listen to quilters, and we are quilters. Every day, we work to produce the world's finest longarm quilting machines, so quilters everywhere – with different skill levels, quilting ambitions, space, and budgets – can select the machine that best meets their unique needs.

Included With Every HQ Machine

Handi Quilter understands what quilters need – a reliable, low-maintenance quilting machine that not only makes it easy for you to finish more quilts, but also looks great in your studio. Handi Quilter's innovative technology and quality engineering provide all the functionality that quilters demand along with the smoothest stitch in the industry.

You can be sure that you have purchased the highest quality product, backed by the trusted HQ warranty, and the largest network of local authorized retailers.

ALL HANDI QUILTER LONGARMS FEATURE:

- HQ nationwide retailer support
- HQ Warranty: 10 years casting, 5 years electrical and mechanical
- Compliance with our seven-point quality control process
- Training provided with purchase
- Educational opportunities
 - + Videos, tutorials and tips available at HandiQuilter.com
 - + More video resources at YouTube.com/c/HandiQuilter
 - + Retreats taught by world-class instructors
- Hands-on experience for students at major quilt shows nationwide and around the world
- 400+ trained authorized retailers in the U.S.A. and Canada
- HQ Customer Care and Technical Support



HQ Moxie®

Up to 1,800 SPM

Choose from the HQ Little Foot Frame or 8-foot Loft Frame



HQ Simply Sixteen®

Up to 1,800 SPM

Choose from the HQ Little Foot Frame, 8-foot Loft Frame, or 10-ft or 12-ft HQ Studio2 Frame



HQ Capri

Up to 2,200 SPM

Includes the innovative InSight table with built-in InSight stitch regulation



HQ Amara™

Up to 2,500 SPM

Choose from the 10-ft or 12-ft HQ Studio2 Frame, or Little Foot Frame



HQ Forte®

Up to 2,500 SPM

Choose from the 10-ft or 12-ft HQ Gallery2 Frame



HQ Infinity®

Up to 3,100 SPM

Choose from the 10-ft or 12-ft HQ Gallery2 Frame



Pro-Stitcher®

Digital Quilting

Compatible with most HQ movable longarm machines