Collet Replacement & Collet Gripping Pressure Adjustment for H.52, H.53, H.52D, & H.52SJ Handpieces

Pilers and 3/8" or 20mm spanner wrenches required.

Adjust the Shaft and Sheath
It is important to check the shaft and shaft tip and properly adjust them before attaching this handpiece to your Foredom flexible shaft tool. The tip of the flexible shaft should extend 3/4" beyond the end of the sheath. This adjustment is made by loosening the set screw in the motor connector and moving the sheath in or out while the motor and shaft and sheath are hanging fully extended or laying on a flat surface. When the shaft is adjusted correctly, tighten the set screw in the motor connector. Always make sure your power tool is unplugged during any maintenance procedure.

Attach Handpiece to Flexible Shaft
Before attaching the handpiece, connect the motor to the speed control and plug into power source.

To Attach Handpiece: While holding the black colored metal outer sheath tip facing upward, turn the control so that the motor is running at about half speed and then turn it off. While the inner key tip is still rotating, grip the handpiece and push it onto the shaft tip with one firm motion until it snaps into place. This procedure will align the key tip into the keyway slot (shown at right). To verify this, with an accessory in the chuck, turn on control to a low speed and observe that the accessory rotates smoothly.

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To Remove Handpiece from Flexible Shaft:
1. First make sure your power tool is unplugged.
2. To remove, simply pull the handpiece off the shaft and sheath with a firm grip.

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Maintenance and Lubrication
Handpieces H.52 and H.52SJ do not require any lubrication. Putting oil or grease into the front or back of these handpieces will damage their prelubricated ball bearings.

Lubrication of Duplex Connection on the H.52D Handpiece
Apply 2 drops of oil in oil hole on rear of duplex connection after approximately every 20 hours of use.

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The collet gripping pressure is preset at the factory during assembly. After a period of use it may be necessary to readjust the collet chuck nut to compensate for normal collet wear which reduces the gripping pressure or when the collet is replaced. Follow the instructions below when replacing or adjusting collet gripping pressure. An online instructional video at www.foredom.net showing Collet Replacement & Collet Gripping Pressure Adjustment may also be helpful.

1. Remove handpiece from the flexible shaft before disassembly and remove bur or accessory from the collet.
2. Unthread the nose cone using a 3/4" or 20mm spanner wrench while holding the handpiece at the front knurled section. Turn counterclockwise to untread.
3. Pull chuck nut forward while holding front sleeve and rear knurl and then push back to expose the chuck nut and front bearing.
4. Remove the chuck nut by holding the bearing retaining nut with a 3/8"(10mm) spanner wrench and unthreading counterclockwise the chuck nut with a spanner wrench (3/8" or 7mm depending on nut style) or pair of pliers on its flats. This exposes the collet for cleaning or replacement.
5. Gripping pressure is adjusted by moving the adjusting nut down (to increase pressure) or up (to reduce pressure) on the threaded spindle/ collet holder. Make the adjustment in small increments (about one half turn of the nut). A half turn may be sufficient to increase or decrease gripping pressure.
6. Tighten the chuck nut down so that it touches the adjusting nut while holding the bearing retaining nut with the 3/8" wrench.

Reprinted Part Description Part No.
3/32"(2.35mm) Front Collet HP5262
Chuck Nut HP5266
Nose Cone HP5270
Adjusting Nut HP5257
Catch Spring HP43
Catch Ball HP48

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