8. CARING FOR YOUR SEWING MACHINE

Cleaning and lubricating the machine

How often you will need to clean and lubricate your machine will depend on how often you use it. The following general guidelines assume that you will be sewing several times a week. But if you use the machine more frequently, lubricate it more often than the guidelines suggest.

EVERY FEW WEEKS

Remove lint or fluff from exposed parts.

With a soft cloth, clean:

- Tension discs
- Take-up lever and thread guides
- Presser bar and needle bar
- Bobbin case (if there is an excessive amount of lint in the area, remove the bobbin case for cleaning and oiling. See next page for instructions.)
- Machine arm and bed

If necessary, dampen the cloth and use a mild soap to clean the machine surface.

Remove throat plate, as instructed on page 17, and clean:

- Feed dog
- Rotating hook (area under throat plate and slide plate)

After each cleaning, apply a drop (**but no more than a drop**) of SINGER oil to the areas indicated. Then sew a line of stitching on a scrap of material to remove excess oil.