



Checklist

Serger Quick-Start & Troubleshooting

Part 1: Pre-Sewing Setup (For Every Project)

- [] **Change Needles:** Start with fresh needles appropriate for your fabric (e.g., ballpoint for knits, universal for wovens).
- [] **Clean Machine:** Use a brush to remove lint from the feed dogs, loopers, and blade area.
- [] **Correct Threading Order:** Thread in the exact order specified by your manual (usually: Upper Looper, Lower Looper, Right Needle, Left Needle).
- [] **Check Thread Path:** Ensure thread is correctly seated in all guides and tension discs.
- [] **Test on a Scrap:** Always serge on a folded scrap of your project fabric before starting on the garment.

Part 2: Solving Common Problems

Problem	Quick Fix Checklist
Wavy, Stretched Seams (Knits)	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Differential Feed (to 1.5 or 2.0). <input type="checkbox"/> Lower the presser foot pressure if possible.
Puckered Seams (Wovens)	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Differential Feed (to 0.7). <input type="checkbox"/> Lengthen the stitch length slightly.
Skipped Stitches	<input type="checkbox"/> Insert new needles. <input type="checkbox"/> Re-thread the machine completely. <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure needles are fully inserted and facing the correct way.
Loops Hanging Off Fabric Edge	<input type="checkbox"/> Check your cutting blade width; it may be too wide. <input type="checkbox"/> Adjust looper tensions slightly (tighten the looper whose thread is hanging off).
Thread Breaking	<input type="checkbox"/> Check for snags in the thread path. <input type="checkbox"/> Use quality thread; old or cheap thread can shred. <input type="checkbox"/> Loosen the tension on the thread that is breaking.

