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	Tro	EXT	Par	Dis Ass	Axle	
Hub	page	page	page	page	page	Thread Size
Bendix Torpedo (see Sachs Torpedo)						
Sachs (F & S) Torpedo				-	5	
515	5-5	5-28	5-29	similar to	H3111	<sup>13</sup> / <sub>32</sub> " x 26 TPI
H3111	5-5	5-28	5-29	5-28	5-30	<sup>13</sup> / <sub>32</sub> " x 26 TPI
415 (no brake)	5-5		5-31	similar to	H3111	<sup>13</sup> / <sub>32</sub> " x 26 TPI
H3102 (no brake)	5-5	5-30	5-31	similar to	o H3111	<sup>13</sup> / <sub>32</sub> " x 26 TPI
Shimano						
3CC	5-4	5-8	5-9	5-14	5-17	∛" x 26 TPI
3SC	5-4	5-8	5-9	510	5-13	∛" x 26 TPI
333 Trimatic (similar to 3SC)						
Sturmey-Archer						
AWC	5-6	5-18	5-19			<sup>13</sup> / <sub>32</sub> " x 26 TPI
S3C	5-6	5-18	5-19	5-20	5-23	<sup>13</sup> / <sub>32</sub> " x 26 TPI
TCW-III	5-6		5-19	similar to	o S3C	<sup>13</sup> / <sub>32</sub> " x 26 TPI

## WHEEL MOUNTING

Hubs with coaster brakes have a brake arm that prevents the left-hand cone and axle from turning. Attach the brake arm and axle nuts finger tight before cinching down either. Make sure the brake arm clamp will not pull the brake arm out of line as this will cause severe bearing alignment problems. Tighten axle nuts first, then brake arm clamp.

## TRIGGER INTERCHANGEABILITY

Triggers are not interchangeable between brands (except Bendix and Sachs, which are copies). See pages 1-2 thru 1-6 at the beginning of the Hubs section for trigger, cable, indicator and bell crank interchangeability within each brand.

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## CABLE ADJUSTMENT

Improper adjustment is the most common cause of problems with 3-speed coaster brakes. Many people have quit riding bikes because their hub slipped out of gear when they were standing up in the pedals. Always check trigger and cable operation before deciding to overhaul a hub.

To have a cable that is in proper adjustment and will *stay* that way, all fittings must be tight enough not to creep along the frame, the cable must be free of kinks and knots, the pulley must operate smoothly and the bell crank or indicator chain must not be twisted. (Always back off a thread-on bell crank or an indicator chain 1/8 of a turn from finger tight.)

## Shimano (3CC and 3SC)

All Shimano hubs use a bell crank and push rod arrangement; coaster brake hubs take the bell crank on the *left* end of the axle. For installation and interchangeability see pages 1-4 and 1-5. Note that push rod length is critical and depends on the length of the axle used.

*Positron bell crank.* Positron bell cranks must be used with Positron triggers and single-strand, pushpull Positron cable; the combination, however, can be used on any Shimano hub. The end of the axle must rest against the bell crank stopper section (as visible through inspection hole). To adjust, move the shifter to the 3 position, loosen the cable, click the bell crank to position marked SET (push hard) and retighten the cable.

Lockbolt and threaded bell cranks. Check for proper installation (pages 1-4 and 1-5). Move paddle to make sure push rod is not missing. Threaded bell crank should be  $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $\frac{5}{8}$  of a turn from finger tight (pin or set screw bottoming on end of axle with axle locknut loose). Lockbolt bell crank slips on without axle locknut; make sure stopper section contacts the end of the axle, as visible through inspection hole. Adjust cable with trigger in N or 2 position so that the circled N on the bell crank paddle is centered in its window (see illustration).

## **Push Rod Length**

When loosely inserted, proper length push rod protrudes 10-12 mm $1^{3}/_{32} - 1^{5}/_{32}$ "





#### **Sturmey-Archer (S3C)**

Make sure that indicator rod is backed off from 1/8 to 5/8 of a turn from finger tight. Adjust cable so that the end of the indicator rod is just even with the end of the axle with the shifter in the N position.<sup>1</sup> This method may not work with a non-standard indicator chain or axle. If it cannot be used, adjust the cable so that the "dead spot" (pedals freewheeling forward) falls exactly halfway between N and H shift trigger positions. This is best done by moving the pedals quickly back and forth with one hand while slowly pushing the trigger from H toward N. Count indicator chain links as they come out of the axle before the *beginning* of the dead spot; continue moving the pedals and advancing trigger, and count the number of links that emerge between the end of the dead spot and the click as the trigger goes to N. If these two counts are not the same, adjust the cable and try again. In no case should either gear be closer than  $\frac{1}{2}$  link to the dead spot. Tighten knurled locknut against adjuster.



### Sachs (F&S) Torpedo H3111, 415 and 515

Sachs (F&S) and Bendix hubs are copies with all parts interchangeable. To adjust, shift into 3rd gear and turn pedals at least one full turn. Slacken cable, then tighten until indicator chain just begins to move at the point where it emerges from axle nut. Check adjustment by shifting into 1st gear (turn pedals) and pulling on cable by hand; indicator chain should not move.

'If the end of the axle is not visible in the axle nut window, indicator chain will bottom at last link in low gear. Install a spacer under axle nut.



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# STURMEY-ARCHER AWC, S3C and TCW-III 3-SPEED COASTER BRAKES TROUBLE CHART

	Possible Causes <sup>1</sup>				
Symptom	Resulting from wear, improper lubrication or abuse	Resulting from improper assembly or installation			
		Planet cage (12) pawl ring pawls installed in gear ring (20*)			
2nd gear instead		Ratchet ring (20) improperly installed: dogs <i>beside</i> gear ring (17) tabs rather than <i>engaging</i> <i>slots</i> in tab			
of 1st	Clutch spring (32*) bent or too long	No washer (4*) under right- hand axle nut (31*): indicator chain bottoms out at last link			
to 2nd	Cable too loose Indicator (32) threads stripped	Indicator (32) not fully screwed in			
Slips in 2nd	Gear ring (17) dogs worn				
	Clutch (31) worn Pinion pin (14) ends worn				
2nd gear instead of 3rd Jumps from 3rd to 2nd	Gear ring pawl ring (18) pawls faulty or worn, pawl springs weak or broken	Gear ring pawl ring (18) pawls or springs improperly installed			
Slips in 3rd	Cable too tight				
	Dirt between axle (29) and clutch(31)				
Sluggish shifting	Weak or bent clutch spring (32*)				
Slips in 1st	Right-hand cone (5*) too loose				
	Cable sticks; indicator chain twisted				
cont.) Next Page	Planet cage pawl ring (12) pawls sticking or pawl springs weak	Planet cage pawl ring (12) pawls or springs improperly installed			

<sup>1</sup>Parts numbers followed by \* refer to AW parts p. 4-17, others to S3C/TCW-III parts chart on p. 5-9.

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# STURMEY-ARCHER AWC, S3C and TCW-III 3-SPEED COASTER BRAKES TROUBLE CHART (cont.)



	Possible Causes <sup>1</sup>				
Symptom	Resulting from wear, improper lubrication or abuse	Resulting from improper assembly or installation			
	Chain too tight	Spring cap (33*) pinched			
	One pawl of a pair sticking	between right-hand cone and driver (22)			
	Chainstay ends not parallel	Too many balls in ball ring (2)			
	Loose or broken parts inside hub	AW ball ring (21) installed in S3C			
	Dust caps distorted	Ball retainer reversed			
Stiff running	• Ball retainer damaged or broken	One pawl of a pair improperly installed			
	Corroded parts; improper or no lubrication	Wider TCW brake band (5) in S3C			
	Axle (29) bent	Brake actuating spring (7)			
Brake will not ———————————————————————————————————	Left-hand cone (3) brake band (5) or thrust plate(8) tapered surfaces rough burred	reversed			
3 3	Brake arm (1) forcing left-hand cone (3) out of line				
ſ	Cones too tight				
Too much back-		Wide S3C ball ring (21) on TCW III			
	Improperly lubrication — too slippery				
Weak brake	Brake band (5) or hub shell (11) worn or glazed				
	Thrust plate (8) or planet cage (12) threads chipped				
No brake	Brake actuating spring (7) worn or damaged	Brake actuating spring (7) missing			
(pedals slip back)	Driver (22) pawls or pawl springs faulty, broken (S3C)	Driver (22) pawls missing, backwards; pawl springs			
Intermittent brake	Cable misadjusted (TCW III)	improperly installed			

<sup>1</sup> Parts numbers followed by \* refer to AW parts chart, others to S3C/TCW III parts chart.