

A member in our group, Kristen Klemm submits the following advice about newer models of Brother Serger Needleplate and Needleguard.

Please Note: Brother HQ in Japan and Brother USA here have not published this information on their website support pages for the Brother Serger Line of models. We are not suggesting this is an official “fix” or official advice. Use at your own discretion.



[Katharina Yazzie](#)

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Changing out my faceplate. Do I need to take the circled part off and put it on the new one? The screw is almost stripped so just wondering



Lauren Domingo Nope! Be sure to put your stitch finger in AFTER your plate is installed. The triangular tip of the stitch finger sits on TOP of the needle plate.



Kristen Klemm When they came out with a new plate, they came out with new parts to go with it. Many don't use these parts or know they exist. There is a new needle guard that fits the new plate and is sold separately. Many use without. It is a safeguard for your looper. If you choose to have the needle guard, the part number is X77618001. The screw is slightly different as well and named “screw flat M2X5 - part number 004020506. This info can also be found in the Brother Serger Part Guide.

The new plate does not have one “built in”.

Top is old, bottom new





Katharina Yazzie [Kristen Klemm](#) what does it actually do. You might of explained it but I don't know. What do you mean safeguard?



Kristen Klemm The fixed needle guard when adjusted correctly should deflect the needle from hitting your looper in a bad situation. On almost all sergers, there is a needle guard to protect the looper from the needle if it comes too close. Unfortunately, many poor techs and set up people at the factories, take advantage of these guards to save time, and create a bad situation. Their shortcut is to set the looper too close to the needle, so that it would actually touch. Then they use the guard to cause the needle to do a tiny deflection, so it will still pick up the loop but miss the looper. The bad part of this is that over time, the needle deflecting off of this guard will gradually "pound" the guard back, and eventually the needle will hit the looper, and there is a danger of a broken looper. Many times this can lead to bending forks and timing issues. It is good to check that clearance is optimal between your loopers, guard and needles.

Your machine actually has two needle guards. One "fixed" is on your stitch plate, the second "moveable" moves with your lower looper.



Katharina Yazzie [Kristen Klemm](#) thank you. So in your opinion do I need to get this other part or is it kinda a waste if I have clearance



Kristen Klemm In my opinion, it is there for a reason. I have seen MANY people use their sergers without and haven't seen people comment on issues because of this... I'm not positive if it is because they don't know that later problems are hand in hand with the lack of one or if there just is no issue going without. I run my serger with the new guard.

I want to say that I am not a tech of any kind, and just a lady who loves her machines. 😊 I tend to research a lot 😊 and harvest parts for my own, so I take a lot apart.

My machine actually came with the new plate and needle guard about 6 years ago. I have found the new needle guard here: <https://www.sewingpartsonline.com/needle-guard-brother...>
But I have not purchased as mine came with.

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Needle Guard, Brother #X77618-001



Katharina Yazzie [Kristen Klemm](#) I want my machine to last. Lol. I don't know why they just don't attach them. I guess later they just want people to buy new machines lol. I wonder if the newer models has hat peice attached

I might have to look and see if I actually have this piece in my stuff. I didn't have a new plate. I got mine about 1 or 2 years ago



Kristen Klemm I'm not sure why they don't sell as a set. I did replace my plate, but being as both were the new version, I was able to just move my guard over.

It has been hit or miss on if people get old or new plates with their new machines. I have two 1034Ds and both of mine came with new plates via Amazon. One purchased 6 years ago and the other 2.

Then they throw me a curve ball, and I get to have the strong and tough version, and that has a different plate from them all. 😊



Katharina Yazzie I will have to look if I got one. I got it off Amazon. If I did I wouldn't of known what it was 😊 now I do



Kristen Klemm You either get the old plate or the new. You got the old, so the parts for the new wouldn't have came with. There are a few videos on you tube that help with adjusting the fixed needle guard. So IF you decide to get one, search there.

Just so you have it. This has the part numbers. The old parts are crossed off the new are above them. This is direct from the Brother 1034D Parts manual.

20	100187004	HANDLER	
21	137 01 21 3	SCREW BUSH BUSH	
22	100386001	SPRING WASH BUSHING	
23	120690001	NEEDLE BAR CONNECTING STUB	
24	014006030	SET SCREW SOCKET CP-MS48	
25	000672001	NEEDLE BAR	
26	100170001	NEEDLE CLAMP	CHK
27	170215001	SET SCREW	
28	100100001	NEEDLE BAR THREAD GUIDE	CHK
29	100100001	NEEDLE BAR THREAD GUIDE	CHK
30	014006030	SET SCREW SOCKET CP-MS48	
31	100100001	NEEDLE PLATE ASSEMBLY	
32	100100001	NEEDLE PLATE ASSEMBLY	
33	100100001	NEEDLE PLATE ASSEMBLY	
34	100100001	NEEDLE PLATE ASSEMBLY	
35	100100001	NEEDLE PLATE ASSEMBLY	
36	100100001	NEEDLE PLATE ASSEMBLY	
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38	100100001	NEEDLE PLATE ASSEMBLY	
39	100100001	NEEDLE PLATE ASSEMBLY	
40	100100001	NEEDLE PLATE ASSEMBLY	
41	100100001	NEEDLE PLATE ASSEMBLY	



Katharina Yazzie Kristen Klemm awesome. Thank you!

Katharina Yazzie Kristen Klemm I am trying to look it up and it has one video just showing the needle bending and the rest is trying to show me how to replace needed this is what I typed in: how to adjust brother 1034d needle guard