

# HOW TO Make Your Own Bushing Tool and Install Bushings

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*This article is for beginners and half (or less) experts. Most experts have their own way of installing bushings. However, whatever accomplishes the purpose properly is good.*

*Here you will find plans to make your own bushing tool, with a little*

*help from a machine shop, at a cost a lot less than the commercial tools.*

*This article will also tell you how to use the tool to install commercial bushings. You will get enough basic knowledge so that with a little practice you too, will be an expert.*

## Bushing Tool: Bill of Materials

A	Plywood base	$\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 x 12	or to suit
B	Pipe flange	$\frac{3}{4}$	
C	Short nipple	$\frac{3}{4}$	
D	Tee	$\frac{3}{4}$	2 pcs.
E	Nipple	$\frac{3}{4}$ x 3	2 pcs.
F	Ell	$\frac{3}{4}$ x 90°	2 pcs.
G	Nipple	$\frac{3}{4}$ x 8	
H	Pipe plug, solid	$\frac{3}{4}$	brass or steel
J	Reducer	$\frac{3}{4}$ x $\frac{3}{8}$	brass or steel 2 pcs.
K	Shaft	$\frac{1}{2}$ x 10	brass or steel
L	Bar	$\frac{1}{8}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5	brass or steel
M	Handle or ball	to suit	
N	Spring, compression	$\frac{1}{2}$ ins. dia. x 3	
P	Disc, knurled	$\frac{5}{8}$ dia. x 3/16 thk.	thread for #6-32
R	Clamp base	$\frac{1}{8}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10	brass or steel
S	Clamp base	$\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 x 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 pcs.
T	Clamp	$\frac{3}{8}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$ x 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 pcs.
U	Wheel	1 dia.	4 pcs.
W	Anvil	$\frac{3}{4}$ dia.	3 pcs.
Y	Centers	5/32 dia. x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 pcs.

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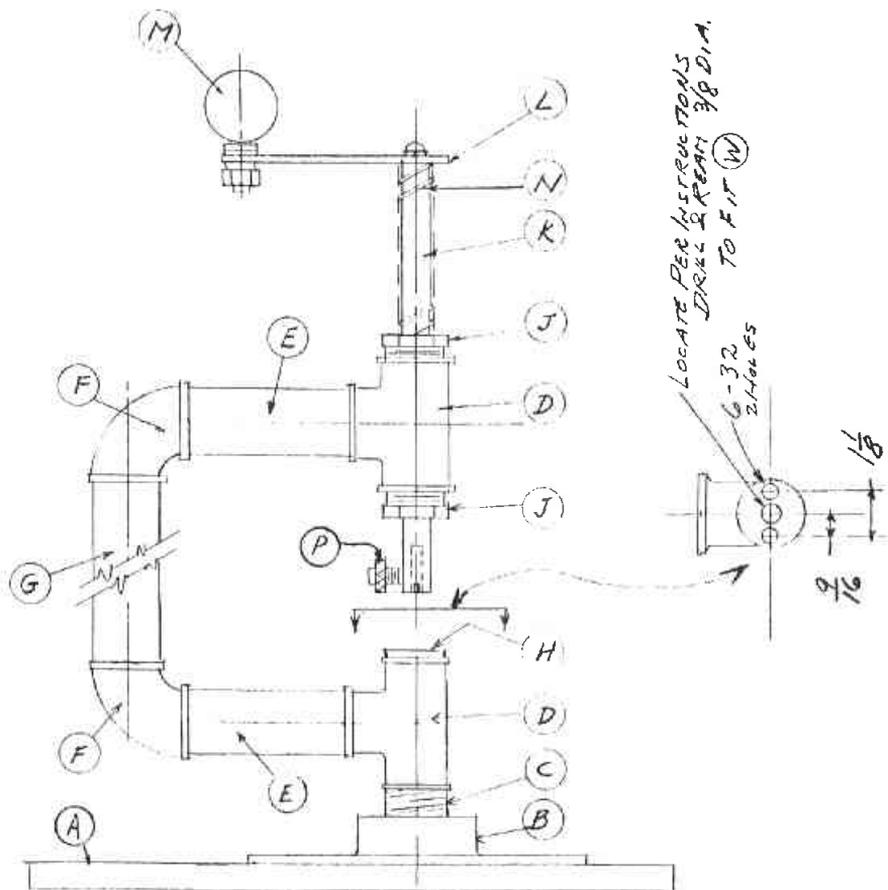


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### BRIEF ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Make all parts first; vary to suit. True-up flange B bottom surface. Assemble D and H TIGHT then mount on C and B. True-up surface of H flush with D and all true to flange on B. Drill and tap #6-32 two holes in common surface of D and H on  $1\frac{1}{2}$  centers and perpendicular to the horizontal leg of the tee D.

Assemble two parts J into the other tee D TIGHT. Drill and ream straight through  $\frac{1}{2}$  + or - .005 dia. through the two parts J.

Assemble all parts shown in sketch 1 tightly. Use a square to get shaft vertical, K to H. Put the pointed locating center in the shaft K and tighten P to hold center. Carefully locate the center point on the assem-

bled H in D. Loosen parts enough to drill and ream  $\frac{3}{8}$  dia. in center located above. Realign assemble using square with everything TIGHT.

Assemble clamp base R to D and H. Assemble clamp wheels U with  $\frac{1}{4}$ -28 flat-head screws and stake screws into wheels. Assemble clamps and balance of assembly.

### INSTALLATION OF BUSHINGS

First determine the correct size for the new bushing. To do this, measure the pivot in millimeters and look in the table for KWM bushings which gives the instructions for the bush selection and for the correct drill (reamer).

Rather than buy all the bushings offered, I find the three assortments circled will fit almost all the pivots



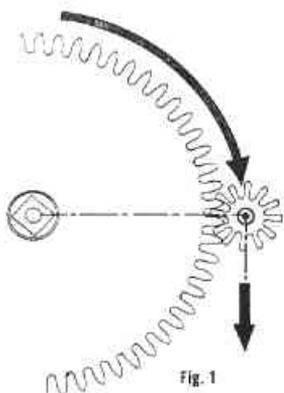


Fig. 1

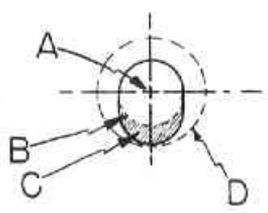


Fig. 2

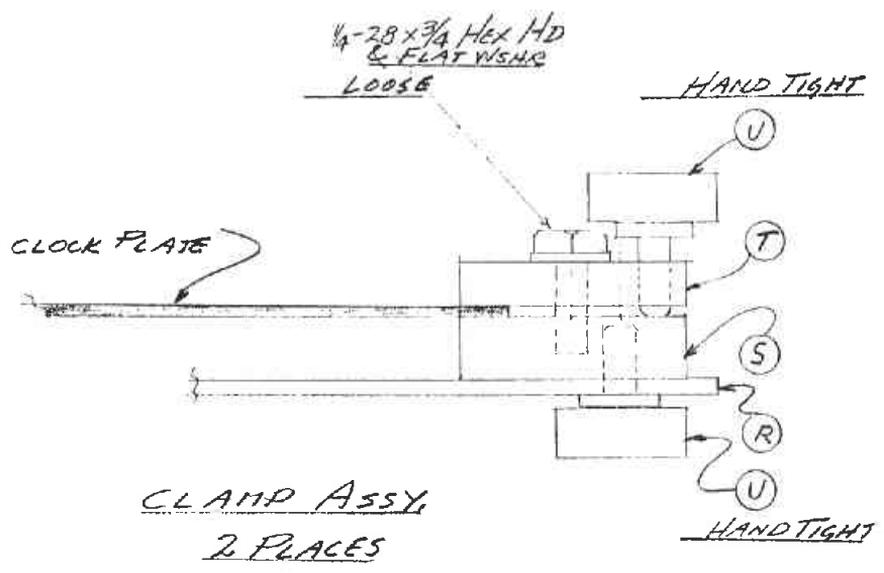
required for clocks. The range of pivots covered by these three assortments is from .3mm to 2.8mm. The part numbers for these are 72-215, 72-216, 72-216A, and will give you 27 different sizes and a total of 300 bushes. All are 1.9 mm high but may be filed off after installation of the bush if desired. The table shows that drill numbers II, III, and IV will drill the proper size holes for these assortments. The chamfering tool will also be needed.

After selecting the proper bushing and drill, there are three things to look at: 1. Finding the true center of the worn pivot hole. 2. Holding the

clock plate firm so that the drilling operation for the new bushing will be at the correct center and at right angles to the plate. 3. Drilling the hole and pressing in the bushing.

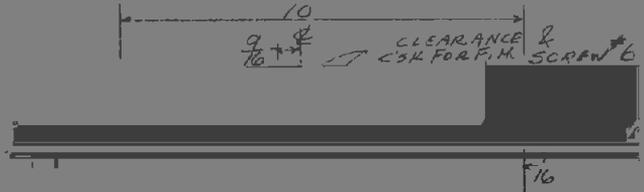
An example for finding the true center is shown in the sketches (Figures 1 and 2). It is a good idea to lightly scribe the true or old center on the plate. This should be done before disassembling the movement.

To drill the hole for the new bush in the correct center, insert anvil W 2 or W 3 in place in the base and put the clock plate in the bushing tool in the approximately correct location.



10-32  
 1/2 DP

SHAFT (K)  
 1/2 STOCK + POLISH FOR GOOD FIT IN BUSHINGS J



(R) ADJUSTABLE CLAMP BASE 1 REQD BRASS 1/8 x 1 1/2

1 3/4



CLAMP BASE - 2 REQD  
 1/2 BRASS STOCK

(T) CLAMP - 2 REQD  
 3/8 BRASS STOCK

Clamp the upper 2 screws but leave the lower 2 slightly loose. The plate should be in the tool with the outside up. Put the pointed locating center, Y 1, in the tool and tighten the disc, P, to hold it in place in the shaft, K. Now locate the scribed or correct center exactly under the point of the center Y 1 and tighten the clamps to hold the plate in place. Remove the centering point and insert the proper drill and tighten it in place.

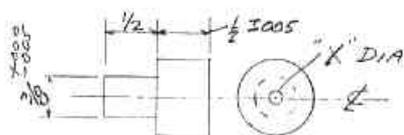
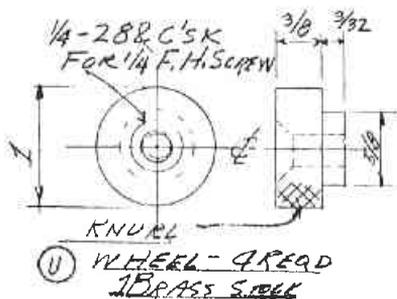
Slowly rotate the shaft and drill by the ball or handle and press down at the same time until the drill enters the plate fully. You now have the correct hole for the selected bush. Remove the drill and insert the chamfering tool and put a slight chamfer on the hole to ease the entering of the bush. To insure that the bush will be flush on the inside of the plate, unclamp the

plate and remove the anvil used. Place the anvil W 1 in the tool and again clamp the plate in place making sure that the inside of the plate is down. Use rounded locating center, Y 3, to locate the plate exactly. Change the center to the pusher, Y 2, and place the bush with the oil cup side up, into the chamfered hole.

Gently bring down the pusher onto the bush and push or tap the bush in place. You will feel the bush come firm against the anvil when it is flush with the inside of the plate.

The bush is now firm in place, upright to the plate, and flush to the inside of the plate.

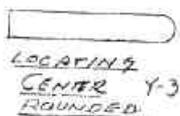
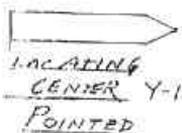
Some plates will be difficult to locate correctly with the outside of the plate up. If so, work from the inside of the plate for inserting the bush. After inserting the bush, make sure



(W) ANVIL - GEAR  
3/4 DIA BRASS STOCK

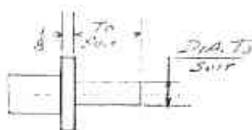
W-1 1 PC X = 0  
W-2 1 PC X = 1/8  
W-3 1 PC X = 5/16

(Y) PUSHER Y-2  
5/32 x 1/2 STEEL STOCK



the bush and the plate are flush and smooth on the inside of the plate.

Additional anvils will sometimes be needed, especially where the escape wheel pivot is on a bridge rather than in the plate. Your ingenuity will help you to design these along the line sketched here.



DIMENSIONS NOT SHOWN - SAME AS (W)

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Sincerely,



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