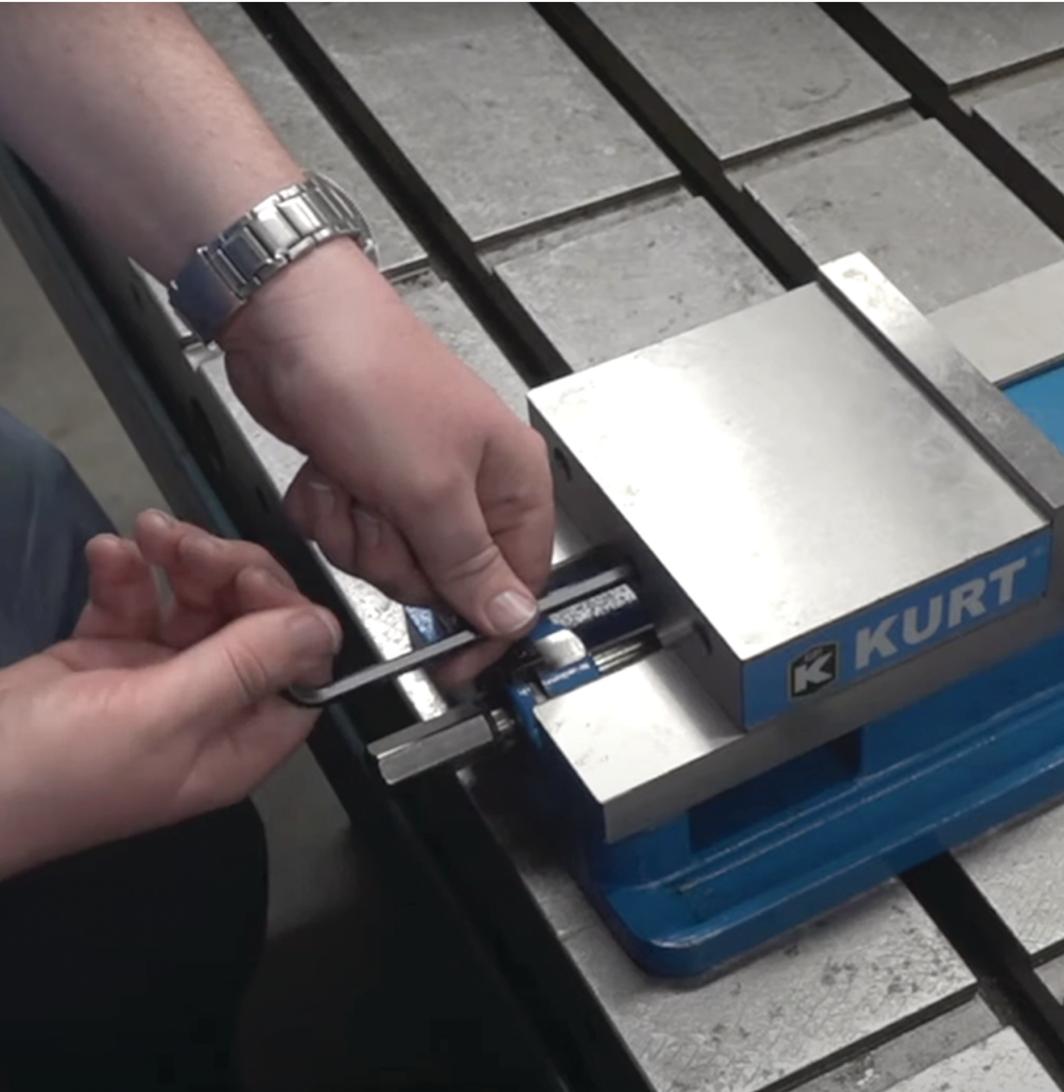


VICE MAINTENANCE & TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS



Maintenance Schedule

It is very important to perform regular maintenance on your Kurt vise to ensure proper operation. Improper maintenance will result in poor vise performance and may void your warranty.

Daily/ Weekly

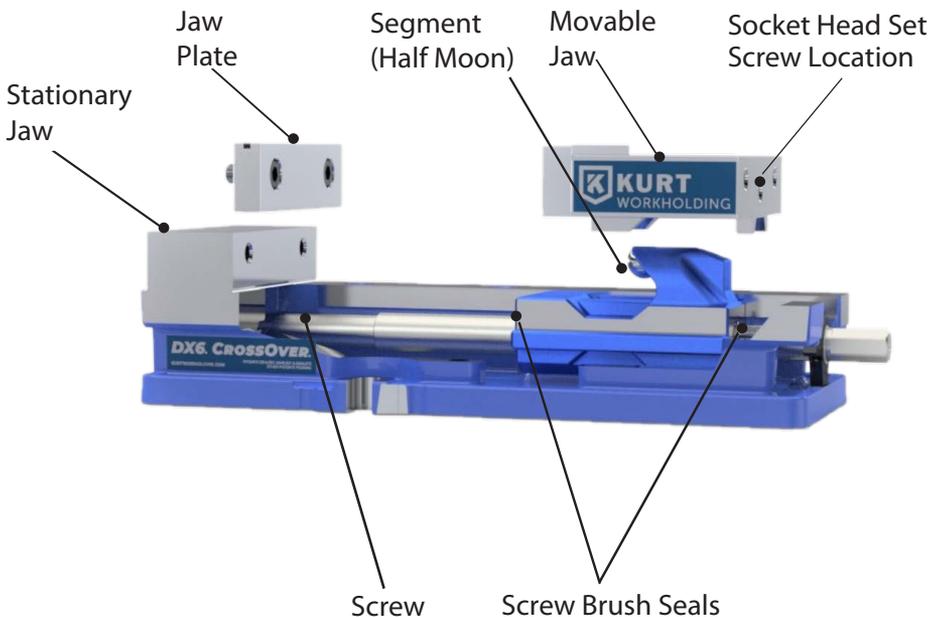
1. Remove chips from surface of vise.
2. Visually inspect seals for damage and cleanliness.
3. Visually inspect for chip entrapments and remove when necessary.
4. Air-dry and apply rust inhibiting oil to the machined surface of the vise.

Monthly

1. Open the vise to the maximum opening.
2. In the back of the movable jaw (handle end, center hole) loosen the socket head set screw (approx. 6 turns). With the hex key (Allen wrench) in the set-screw socket, lift up and forward to pivot the Jaw off of the vise bed.
3. Slide the Jaw slightly toward the stationary jaw and lift up to remove the jaw from the “beak” of the nut.
Note: A spherical segment (shaped as $\frac{1}{2}$ of a steel ball) is inside the cavity of the movable jaw and may fall out as the jaw is removed. Take care not to lose or misplace the spherical segment.
4. Turn the movable jaw over and clean the inside cavity. Also clean the spherical segment.
5. Remove chips, clean and apply a light coat of machine oil to the machined surface of the following item:
 - a. Nut & Screw assembly (clean exposed threads on the screw)
 - b. Bed of vise (top of “rails”)
 - c. Inside of the vise between the center ways.
6. To re-assemble the movable jaw, apply a “glob” of grease to the under side of the movable jaw in the pocket. Place the spherical segment in the mating pocket and push into the grease. The grease will hold the segment in place when the jaw is turned over to replace.

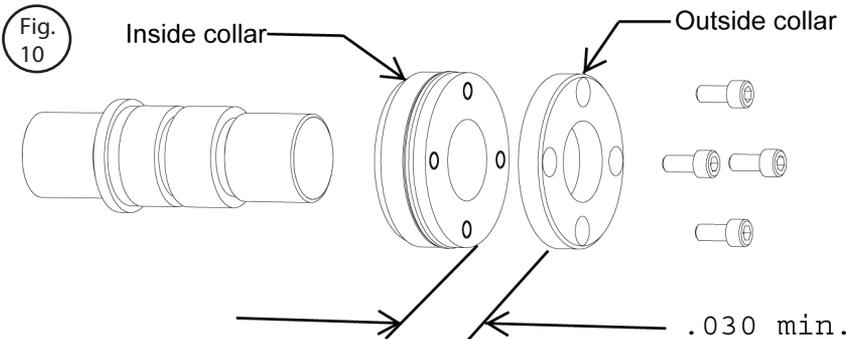
7. Tip the jaw so the front of the jaw (the side with the jaw plate) is on the vise bed. Lower the jaw on to the bed so that the segment contacts the hook part of the nut and rest the jaw on to the vise bed.
8. Tighten the setscrew to firmly contact the nut. Back off the setscrew $\frac{1}{4}$ turn (approx.).
Note: DO NOT leave the setscrew tightened firmly to the nut as this may cause improper operation. The movable jaw is designed to move slightly (pivot side to side) so maximum jaw plate contact is maintained when clamping out-of-parallel, sawed, or cast parts.
9. Your vise is now ready for use. Open and close your vise to check for proper operation. Center the part to be clamped in the vise and close. Your parts should be centered from side to side to ensure proper clamping.

Fig.9



3 to 6 months

1. Open vise to maximum opening.
2. Loosen the set-screw and remove the movable jaw.
3. Remove spiral-retaining ring from handle end of the vise screw.
4. Remove the screw support from the vise body.
5. Remove the two-piece locking collar by removing the four SHCS.
6. With one screw still half-way out spin off the first collar.
7. Using a pin or screw reach into the second collar and spin it off to expose the bearings.
8. Remove the bearing assembly consisting of (2) thrust washers and thrust bearing from the counter bore in the end of the body.
9. Clean and inspect the counter bore, thrust washers and thrust bearing.
10. Apply water resistant grease to the thrust washer (i.e. marine grade grease)
11. Install thrust bearing pack on the screw in the reverse manner.
12. Install the first collar by threading the screw until it stops. (See Fig. 10)
13. Install the second collar behind the first and thread on until it stops. At this point the screw holes may or may not be lined up.
14. Turn the second collar counterclockwise until a hole lines up.
15. Then turn the collar back TWO (2) more screw holes. This will allow proper separation for the collar sections to lock on the threads and keep the bearings firmly in place. (See Fig. 10)
16. Install the four SHCS and tighten in a star pattern.
17. Install the screw support in the body on the screw (Hex end) and secure using the spiral retaining ring.
18. Your vise is now ready to use.



Troubleshooting Tips

If properly maintained, The Kurt DX6 Series vise will operate trouble free for many years. In some cases, it will be necessary to troubleshoot. Use the information below to help in the process.

Problem: My vise turns hard.

Tip: As a new vise the brush seal could be stiff. Allow for break in of vise.

Tip: As a used vise, it could be filled with chips and threads could be jammed. Properly clean and grease vise.

Problem: My vise will not turn in either direction.

Tip: The vise is jammed with debris. Disassemble and clean as needed.

Problem: My vise won't hold tolerance.

Tip: You may be experiencing jaw lift from clamping too high or on one side of the jaw. Lower the part in the vise jaw and clamp more material.

Problem: My vise is stiff when clamping on a part or is difficult to back off a part.

Tip: The vises thrust bearing pack may need to be replaced.

Problem: My vise is not clamping at a high clamping force.

Tip: The vises thrust bearing pack may need to be replaced.