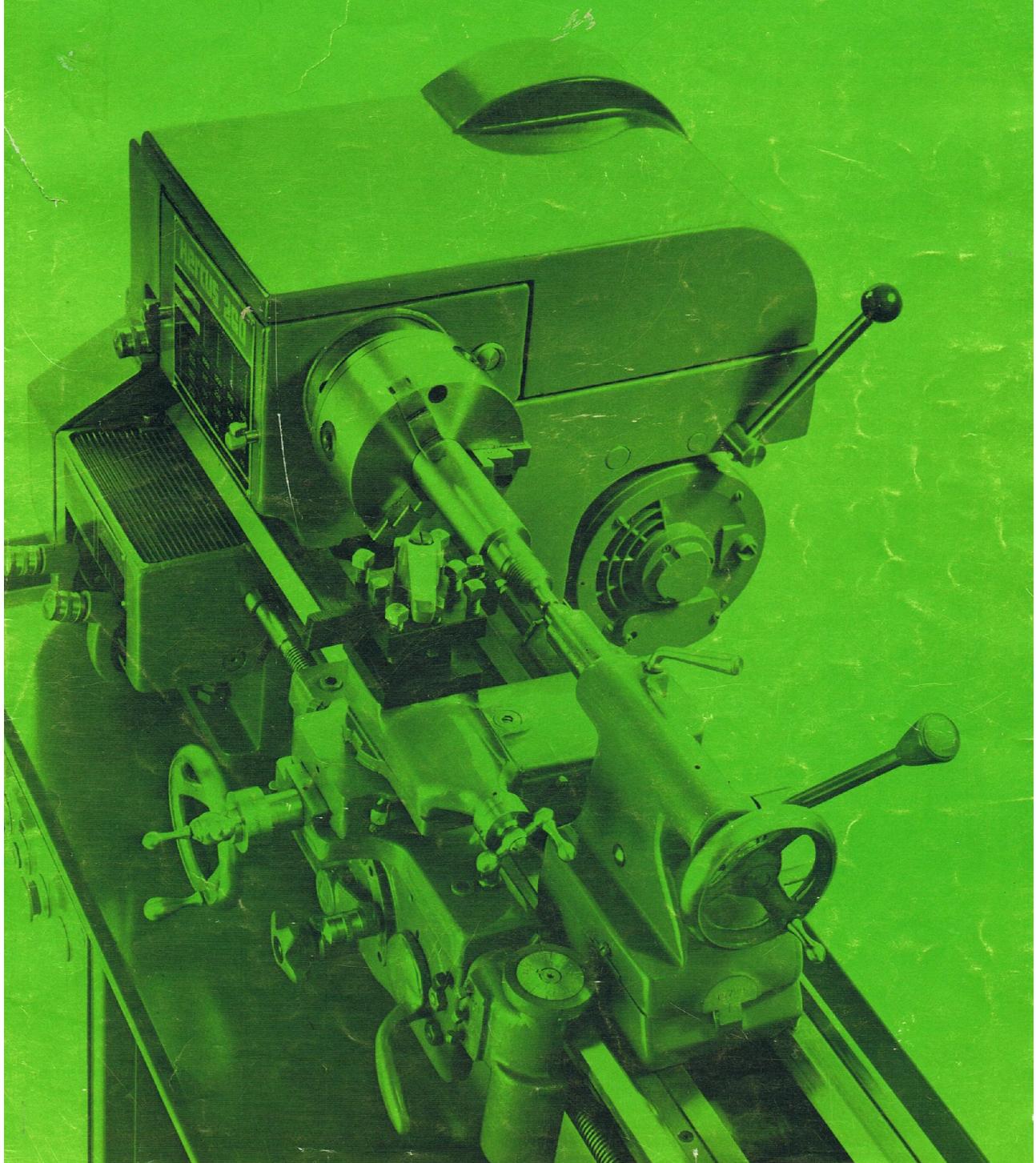


# HERCUS

## 260 LATHE

MODEL T

AT 450  
TAP 130  
FEED 105  
CUTTING 500



### The Hercus 260T Lathe

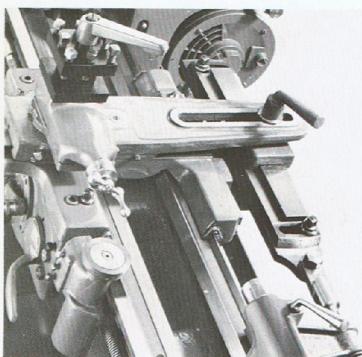
Is a precision machine tool built to high standards of accuracy and workmanship established during over fifty years of manufacturing experience. Designed to modern principles of safety and compactness this lathe is ideally suited for both Industrial and Technical Training purposes. Many years of dependable service with only a minimum of maintenance is built into every lathe and this is supported by a reliable spare parts service. The lathe can be supplied in several models to suit various requirements and a wide range of attachments and accessories are available to increase the scope of work that can be performed.

### The Inspection Record

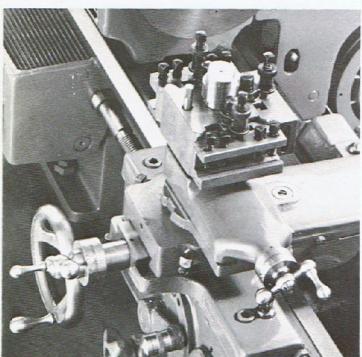
- Shows the normal accuracy standard and each lathe is supplied with its own inspection record.
- For instrument or toolroom work requiring higher precision the instrument version can be supplied which is aligned to half of normal accuracy standards.

### Lathes are Supplied

To operate on either the Inch or Metric system. This affects the screws and graduated collars of the cross slide and top slide as well as the leadscrew and associated change gears or gearbox. Completely different thread chasing dials are required for the inch and metric machines.



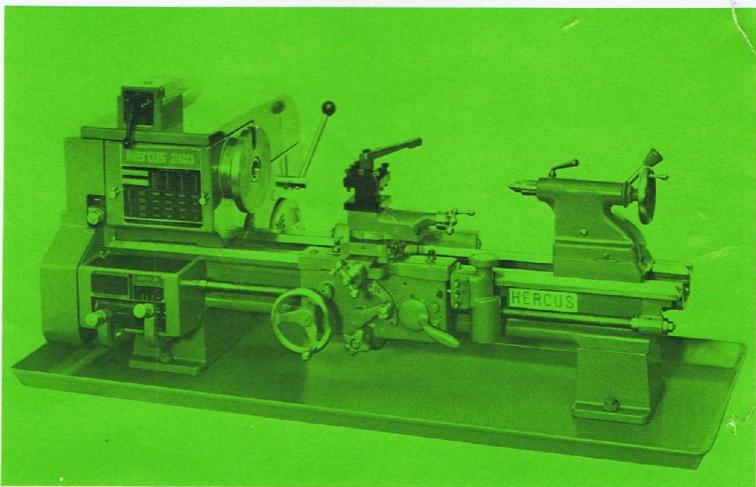
Taper Turning Attachment



Rapid Style

# 260T

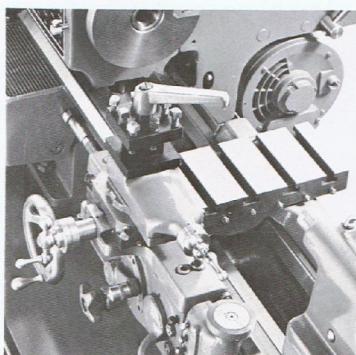
Belt Drive  
Back Geared Head



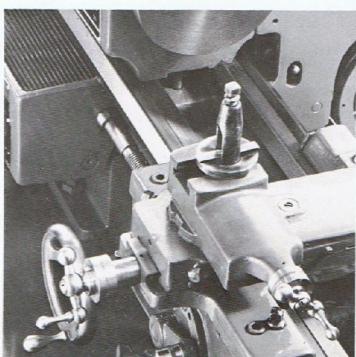
Model ATM Bench Mounting

### The Lathe Bed

Of close grained high quality cast iron is precision ground. The saddle is supported on the two outer vee ways while the inner vee and flat align the headstock and tailstock. Two lengths of bed are available and lathes can be supplied with flame hardened ways if required.



Extended Cross Slide



American Type Tool Post

### The Headstock

Is fitted with precision taper roller bearing and the spindle is of high tensile alloy steel. The large clearance bore through the spindle gives the lathe increased versatility. A total of 16 spindle speeds can be obtained through the vee belt drive and back gears. The quick action belt tensioning simplifies speed changing while ensuring vibration-free operation. The countershaft is mounted on ball bearings.

### The Tailstock

Can be set over for taper turning and has an eccentric locking lever for clamping it to the bed. The barrel has both inch and metric graduations and is self ejecting for the No. 2 Morse taper centre.

### The Saddle

Has a long bearing on the bed-ways and is hand scraped to obtain a good matching. The top slide swivels to any angle and is graduated through 360°. The extended cross slide can be fitted in place of the standard slide and has four tee slots which can accommodate another tool post or workpieces for boring or milling operations. Also a taper turning slide can be fitted in place of the standard slide.

### The Standard Lathe

Is supplied with a square tool post with both indexing and angular setting capabilities. Alternatively the lathe can be supplied with an American type tool post or a rapid style tool block.

### The Three Basic Lathe Models

Differ only with regard to the screwcutting and feed mechanisms.

#### The Model A

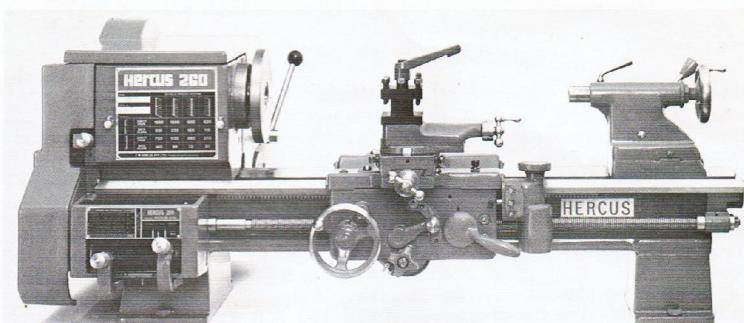
Has a quickchange gearbox and power feed apron. The gearbox enables a quick and simple selection of screw threads or feed rates while the apron may be used to either engage the leadscrew thread for screw-cutting or drive from the leadscrew keyway for power feeds. The power feed engaging lever can select either longitudinal or cross feeds and is interlocked with the thread half-nuts to prevent simultaneous engagement.

#### The Model B

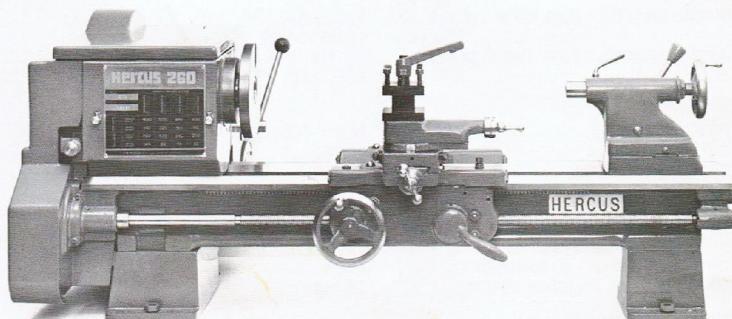
Has the same power feed apron but is not fitted with the quick change gearbox. Screw threads and feed rates are obtained by using a set of change gears.

#### The Model C

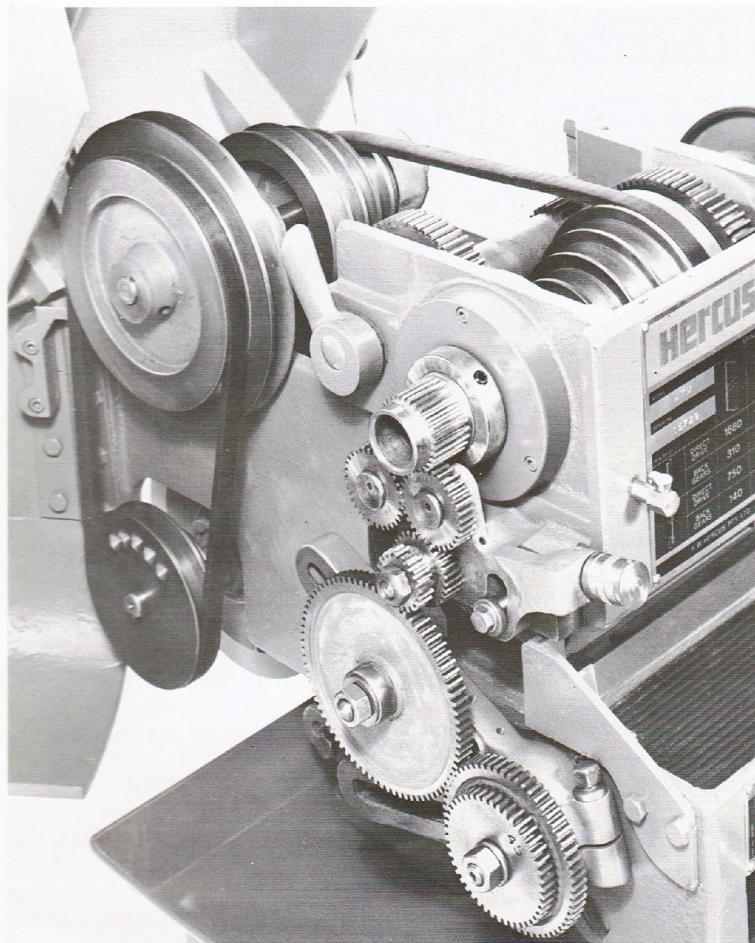
Is the simplest version having a plain apron which engages the leadscrew thread for screw cutting and also for a limited range of longitudinal feeds only. Screw threads and feed rates are obtained by using a set of change gears.



Model ATM



Model CTM



Headstock and Drive Unit

### Safety Requirements

Have been taken into account in the design of this Lathe. The headstock, drive unit and change gears are enclosed by two hinged guards which can be easily opened for belt or gear changing. When special protection is required an electrical safety switch can be fitted to stop the machine while the guards are open. The switch is operated by the top guard using a positive switching action which makes it impossible to start the motor while the guard is open. A mechanical interlock ensures that the top guard cannot be closed while the change gear guard is open. An adjustable stop at the rear of the saddle can be set to operate the same switch to limit the forward movement of the saddle. This safety switch requires the lathe to be fitted with a magnetic contactor switch.

### The 260 Lathe

Is basically a bench lathe but it can be supplied with a sturdy steel cabinet stand. To this stand an electrical panel can be fitted which includes a magnetic contactor with overload protection and no-volt release. Also a reversing switch, low volt light, coolant system and isolating switch can be added if required.

### Standard Equipment

For all lathes includes a drive plate, taper sleeve for headstock spindle, pair hardened centres working spanners and necessary change gears. Also each machine is supplied with an operators handbook and spare parts book.

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### Specifications

| Capacities              | Inch       | Metric           |
|-------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Swing over bed          | 10 1/4"    | 260 mm           |
| Swing over saddle wings | 10"        | 254 mm           |
| Swing over cross slide  | 6 1/4"     | 159 mm           |
| Admits between centres  | 21" or 30" | 535 mm or 765 mm |

### Headstock

|                                    |                 |   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Hole through spindle               | 1 1/8"          | 27 mm                                     |
| Taper in spindle                   | No. 4 Morse     | No. 4 Morse                               |
| Spindle nose                       | 1 3/4" 8 T.P.I. | 44.4 mm 8 T.P.I.                          |
| Number spindle speeds              | 16              | 16  |
| Spindle speeds r.p.m. direct drive | (50 Hz)         | 270, 390, 530, 620, 750, 890, 1200, 1680  |
| Spindle speeds r.p.m. back gears   | (50 Hz)         | 50, 72, 98, 115, 140, 165, 225, 310       |
| Spindle speeds r.p.m. direct drive | (60 Hz)         | 325, 465, 635, 740, 900, 1060, 1430, 2000 |
| Spindle speeds r.p.m. back gears   | (60 Hz)         | 60, 85, 116, 135, 165, 195, 270, 370      |

### Tailstock

|                    |             |             |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Spindle taper      | No. 2 Morse | No. 2 Morse |
| Spindle travel     | 2 1/8"      | 54 mm       |
| Tailstock set over | 5/8"        | 16 mm       |

### Slides

|                                |        |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Cross slide travel             | 6"     | 152 mm |
| Compound slide travel          | 2 1/4" | 57 mm  |
| Compound swivel graduated      | 360°   | 360°   |
| Base tool post to lathe centre | 1 1/8" | 18 mm  |

### Threads and Feeds

|                                      |                 |                     |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Leadscrew Acme thread                | 3/4" x 8 T.P.I. | 19 mm x 3 mm pitch  |
| Range screw threads:                 |                 |                     |
| Model A (36) 5 to 76 T.P.I.          | (35)            | 0.25 mm pitch       |
| Model B (41) 4 to 112 T.P.I.         | (44)            | 7.5 to 0.2 mm pitch |
| Model C (41) 4 to 112 T.P.I.         | (44)            | 7.5 to 0.2 mm pitch |
| Range longitudinal feeds:            |                 |                     |
| Model A (36) .0388-.0026 inches/Rev. | (35)            | 1.026-.051 mm/Rev.  |
| Model B (34) .0242-.0017 inches/Rev. | (36)            | .718-.041 mm/Rev.   |
| Model C (13) .0156-.0021 inches/Rev. | (13)            | .402-.054 mm/Rev.   |
| Range cross feeds:                   |                 |                     |
| Model A (36) .0123-.0008 inches/Rev. | (35)            | .257-.013 mm/Rev.   |
| Model B (34) .0077-.0005 inches/Rev. | (36)            | .180-.010 mm/Rev.   |

### Motor (if fitted)

|       |                 |                 |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Power | 1/2 or 3/4 h.p. | 0.37 or 0.56 kW |
| Type  | 4 pole          |                 |

### Standard Equipment

|                        |             |             |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Drive plate            | 5 7/8" dia. | 150 mm      |
| Spindle sleeve - taper | No. 2 Morse | No. 2 Morse |
| Centres (2)            | No. 2 Morse | No. 2 Morse |
| Spanners (2)           |             |             |

### Handbook

### Spare parts book

### Short Bed Bench Lathe

|                     |                 |                         |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Nett weight         | 342 lbs.        | 155 kg                  |
| Gross weight packed | 496 lbs.        | 225 kg                  |
| Case dimensions     | 54" x 32" x 26" | 1.37 x .81 x .66 metres |

### Short Bed Lathe on Cabinet

|                     |                 |                          |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Nett weight         | 485 lbs.        | 220 kg                   |
| Gross weight packed | 717 lbs.        | 325 kg                   |
| Case dimensions     | 54" x 32" x 56" | 1.37 x .81 x 1.42 metres |

### Long Bed Bench Lathe

|                     |                 |                         |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Nett weight         | 366 lbs.        | 166 kg                  |
| Gross weight packed | 540 lbs.        | 245 kg                  |
| Case dimensions     | 63" x 32" x 26" | 1.60 x .81 x .66 metres |

### Long Bed Lathe on Cabinet

|                     |                 |                          |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Nett Weight         | 518 lbs.        | 235 kg                   |
| Gross weight packed | 805 lbs.        | 365 kg                   |
| Case dimensions     | 63" x 32" x 56" | 1.60 x .81 x 1.42 metres |

### See separate leaflet for attachments

### Inspection Chart

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### HERCUS 260 PRECISION LATHE

Model ATM Machine No. 15729

### INSPECTION RECORD

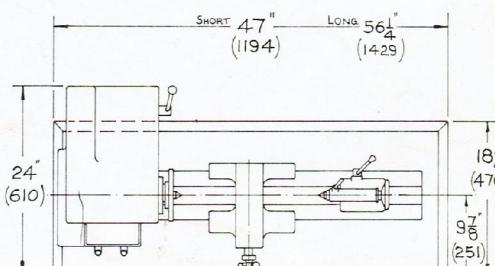
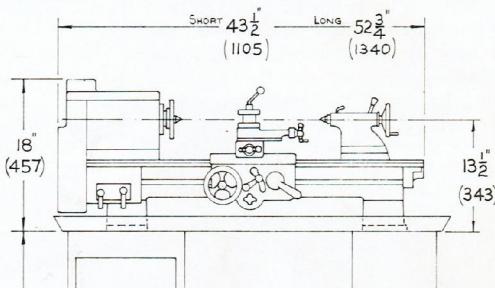
|  | Permissible Error | Test Record | Tested By |
|--|-------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>HEADSTOCK SPINDLE</b>   |                   |             |           |
| Spindle taper run-out - At end of 7" bar                                       | .001"             | .0003       |           |
| Test Bar parallel with bed -   | .0007"            | .0001       |           |
| Test Bar parallel with bed - Horizontal plane (free end inclined towards tool) | .0007"            | .0005       |           |
| Vertical plane (free end rising)   | .0007"            | .0004       |           |
| Axis Slop (Measured at two points displaced by 180°)                           | .0005"            | .0001       |           |
| <b>TAILSTOCK SPINDLE</b>   |                   |             |           |
| Test Bar parallel with bed - Horizontal plane (free end inclined towards tool) | .0004 in 2"       | .0003       |           |
| Vertical plane (tailstock end rising)  | .0004 in 2"       | .0002       |           |
| <b>AXIS OF CENTRES</b>   |                   |             |           |
| Horizontal plane (tailstock end inclined towards the bed)                      | .0005"            | .0004       |           |
| Vertical plane (tailstock end rising)  | .0005"            | .0004       |           |
| <b>CROSS SLIDE ALIGNMENT</b>   |                   |             |           |
| Lathe must concave only within .001 on 9" diam.                                |                   |             |           |
| Does saddle fit bed correctly, travel smoothly, and clamp correctly?           |                   | ✓           |           |
| Do Cross Slide and Compound Rest work smoothly?                                |                   | ✓           |           |
| Does Lead Screw turn freely and nut fit correctly?                             |                   | ✓           |           |
| Tailstock moves freely on bed and clamps firmly                                |                   | ✓           |           |
| Tailstock Centre moves freely and clamps correctly                             |                   | ✓           |           |
| Tailstock Centre knobs out   |                   | ✓           |           |
| Tailstock Centre knobs out correctly and graduations are correct               |                   | ✓           |           |
| Headstock gears work correctly   |                   | ✓           |           |
| Gear Box gears and Timbers all work correctly                                  |                   | ✓           |           |
| Apron Gears work correctly   |                   | ✓           |           |
| All Change Wheels and bushings have been tested and fit into place             |                   | ✓           |           |

REMARKS:

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### Dimension Drawing



The model designation of the 260 lathe is made up as follows:

Basic model is specified A, B or C  
All belt drive lathes have T  
If long bed required L  
If metric lathe required M  
If hardened bed required H  
If instrument version required N

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