Issues: Older Style Hinge required too much maintenance causing:

1. Inconsistent Wire Drive/Straightness/Length.
2. Poor operation from excess wear of the older woodruff-key style Rear Hinge parts.
3. Excess repair time and costs maintaining the parts required for smooth operation.

Solution:

A low-cost direct-fit replacement Retro-Fit Rear Hinge is available.

Assembly # 10.09.004

It comes with an easily-greasable hardened shaft, and needle bearing.

It is a very important improvement to the wire feed system, that is economical, and greatly reduces the required maintenance to keep the wire drive, straightness, and length consistent.

We are recommending this upgrade to all our customers still operating the older woodruff-key style rear hinge, as it will improve the operation, longevity, and consistency of the wire feed, while greatly reducing the required maintenance.
The older woodruff-key type idler roller and shaft in the rear hinge, also known as the rear feed roller, would wear and require replacing about twice a year. Replacement required changing the shaft, the key, often the bearings, and eventually the feed roller as well. When maintained properly, one could expect to get 3 or 4 idler shafts to one rear feed roller. However, when neglected, the feed roller required replacement every time.

Retrofit Includes

- Hinge casting with Pivot Bushings and Pin Rear Feed Roller Gear
- Cover
- Needle Bearing with Integral Seals
- Fixed & Hardened Idler Shaft with Easy Access Grease fittings

Key Benefits

- The Sealed Bearing and Greasable Hardened Shaft last much longer, with better performance.
- Fewer parts to maintain.
- There is no wear to the bore of the rear feed roller, which was the major cause of premature replacement of the older style roller.
- The shaft and bearing are much more easily changed.
- Can expect 1 to 2 years of improved operation, with monthly greasing of the shaft, before changing the bearing and the shaft.
- Direct replacement fit on any One-Gallon Bail-O-Matic.
1 Gallon Bail-O-Matic

Retro-Fit Rear Hinge AUS .098” or 2.5mm Wire