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V-C3 TECHNICAL TRAINING

OPTIONAL FOLDER UNIT (D454)

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INTRODUCTION

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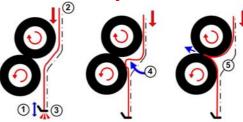


What does the Folder do? This unit folds the printout. There are six types of folding. FM1: Z-Fold FM2: Half-fold FM3: Letter Fold-out FM4: Letter Fold-in FM5: Double-parallel Fold FM6: Gate Fold FM6: Gate Fold

- ☐ The names of these fold types are the same as the names shown in the operation manual and on the display.
- ☐ The numbers FM1 to FM6 appear in the SP mode. The names (z-fold, etc) appear on the operation panel.
- ☐ Stapled sheets cannot be folded.



How is the Paper Folded? (1)



- ☐ A stopper fence (3) is raised or lowered (1) to the correct height for the size of the paper and the type of fold to be done.
- ☐ A sheet of paper (2) descends, hits the stopper and stops.

 However, the upstream rollers continue to rotate. This causes the paper (4) to bend toward the rotating fold rollers on the left.
- ☐ When the paper reaches the rollers, it feeds into the nip (5). The rollers catch the paper, pull it into the nip, and form the fold.
- ☐ There are three fold stoppers placed at strategic positions in the fold path. Not all the stoppers are used in each job. Only the stoppers needed for the type of folding are used.

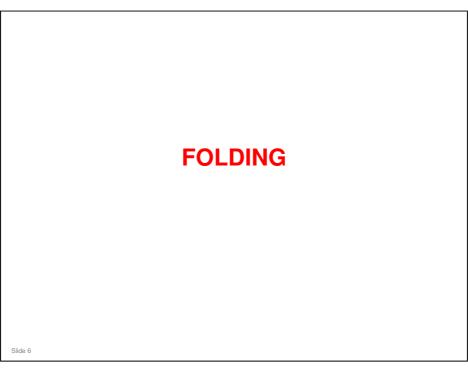
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- ☐ This method is known as the 'flex-nip' method.
- ☐ This is a bit different from previous folders.

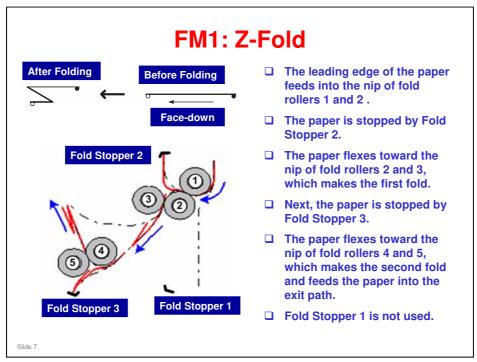


How is the Paper Folded? (2) ■ When two or more sheets are fed together, a plate (1) pushes the paper toward the rotating fold rollers. • This plate is only present at the first fold rollers. ☐ The plate is used only when more than one sheet of paper is fed at a time. ■ Maximum number of sheets that can be folded at one • Three (half-fold, letter foldin, letter fold-out) • One (z-fold, double-parallel fold, gate fold) Slide 5



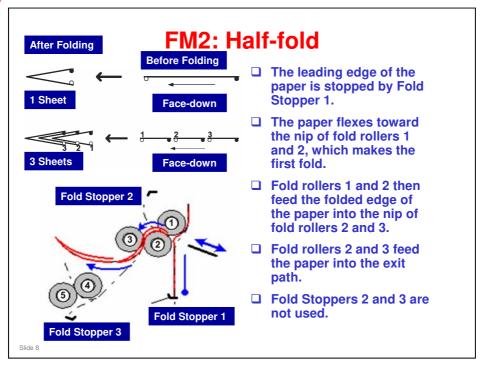






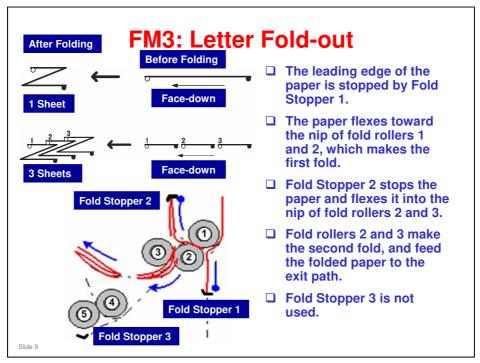
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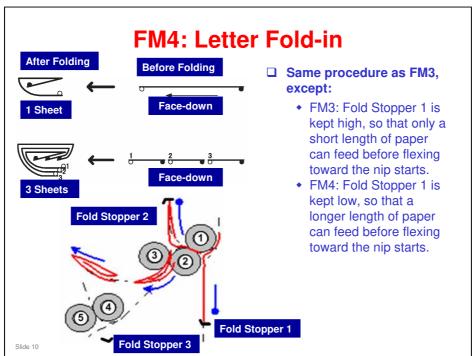
- ☐ This folds the sheet exactly in half.
- ☐ The paper does not go through fold rollers 4 and 5.





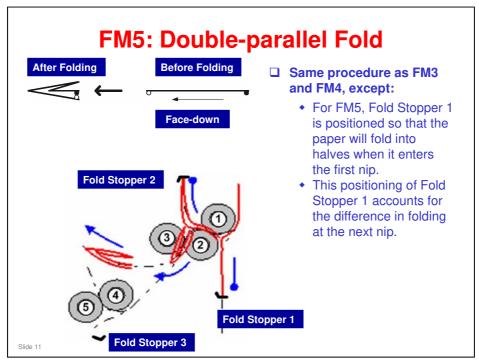
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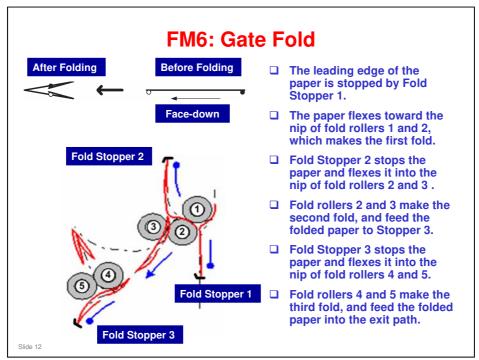
- ☐ This positioning of Fold Stopper 1 accounts for the difference in folding at the next nip.
- ☐ The paper does not go through fold rollers 4 and 5.





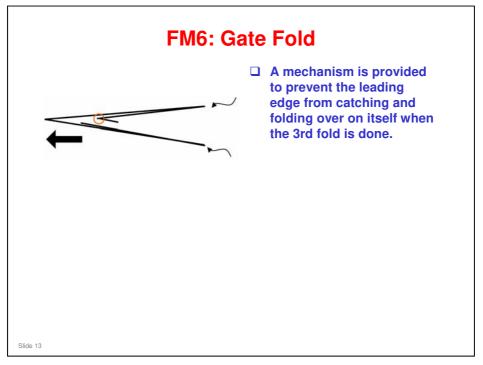
- ☐ The paper does not go through fold rollers 4 and 5.
- ☐ The drawing at the upper left does not show the double parallel fold accurately. The widths of all four segments should be the same.





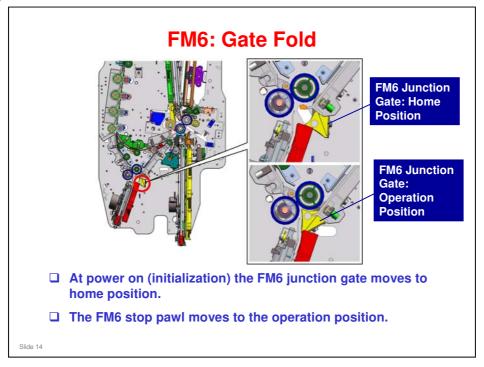
- ☐ All three stoppers are used with this method.
- ☐ The drawing at the upper left does not show the gate fold accurately. The widths of all four segments should be the same.



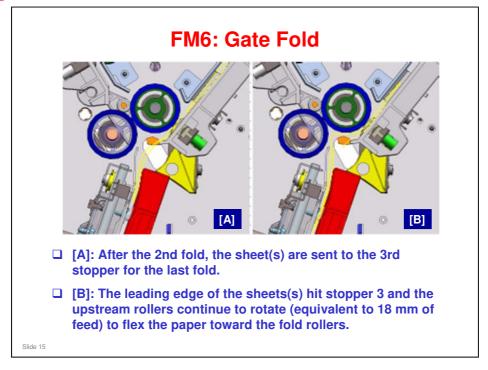


☐ The paper is likely to fold over on itself at the location indicated by the red circle. The mechanism explained on the next few slides prevents this.



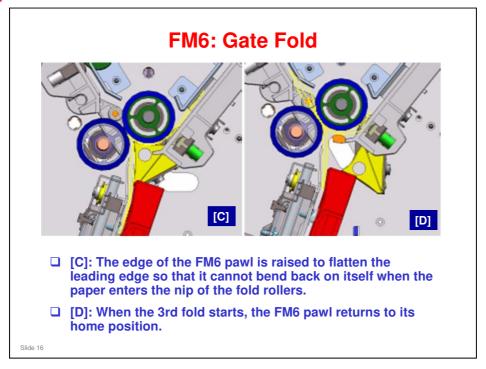






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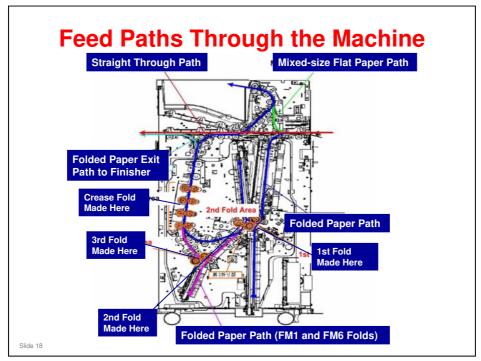


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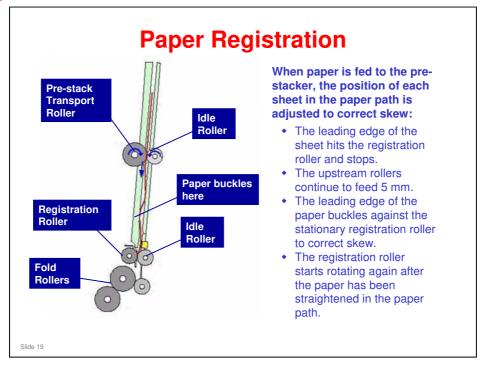
PAPER PATH





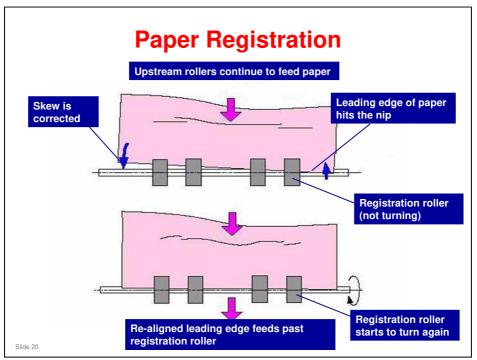
- Only FM1 (Z-fold) can be fed out of the finisher exit; other folds must be fed to the top tray.
- ☐ The capacity of the tray on the top of the folder depends on fold type, paper size, and paper weight. For details, see the specifications table in the service manual for the main machine.





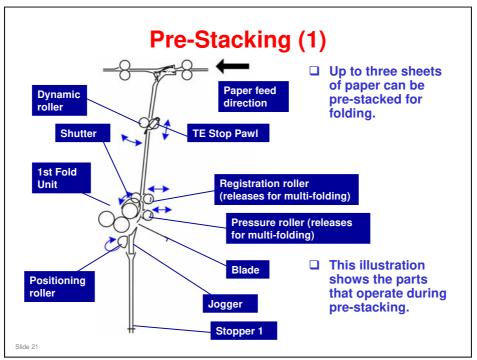
☐ In this diagram, the paper is shown in red.





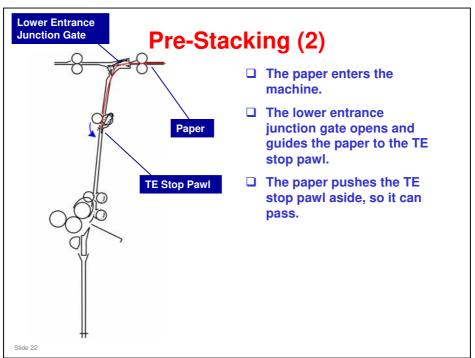
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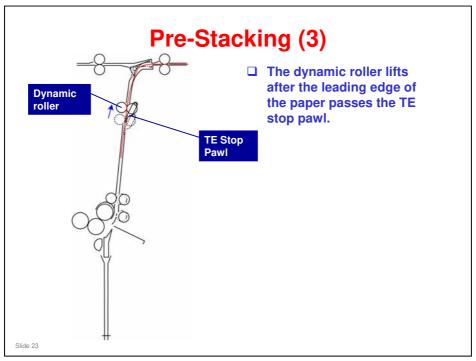
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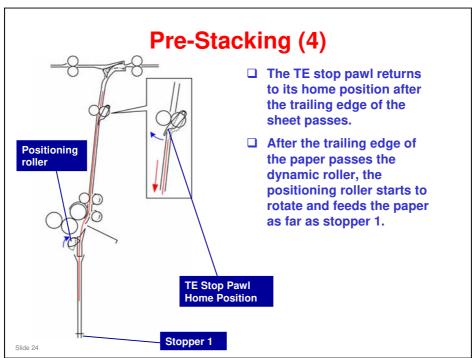
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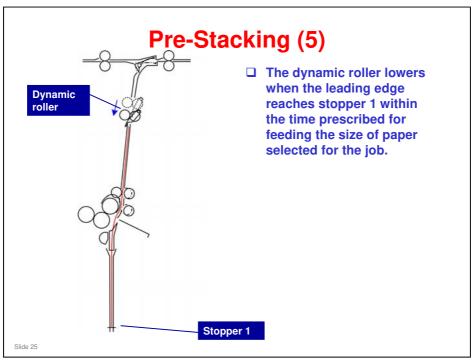
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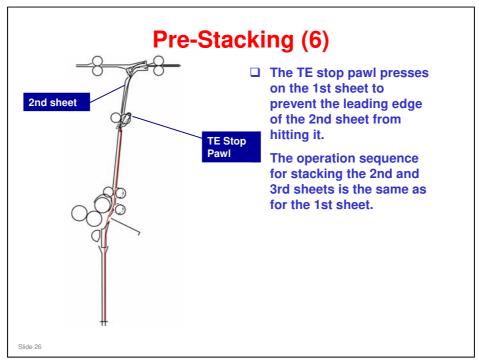
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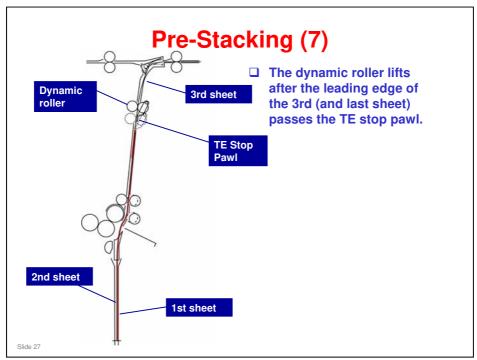
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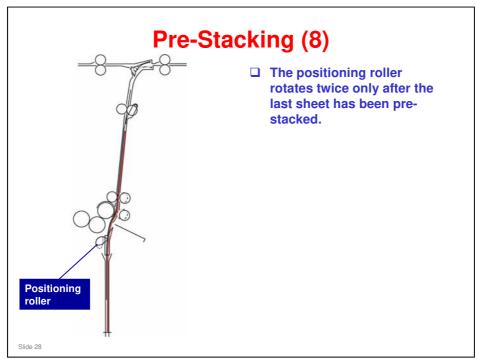
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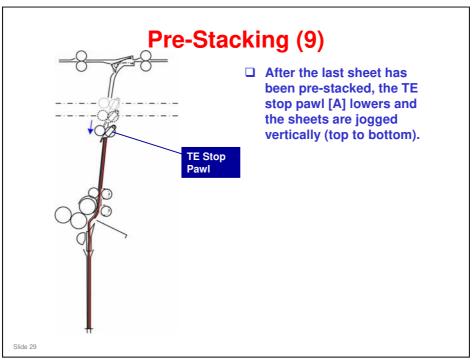
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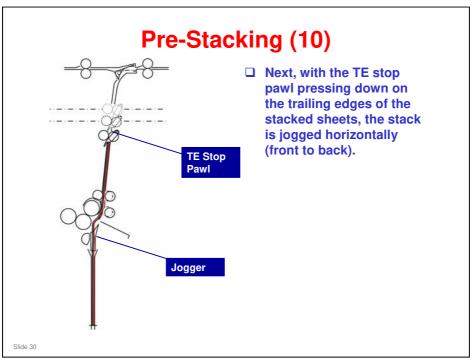
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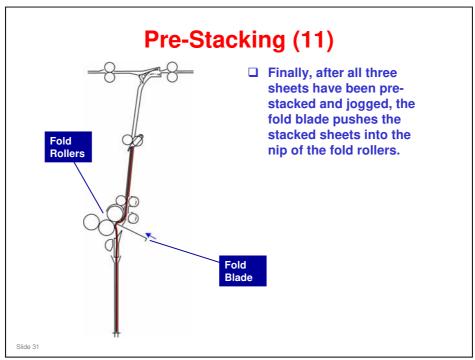
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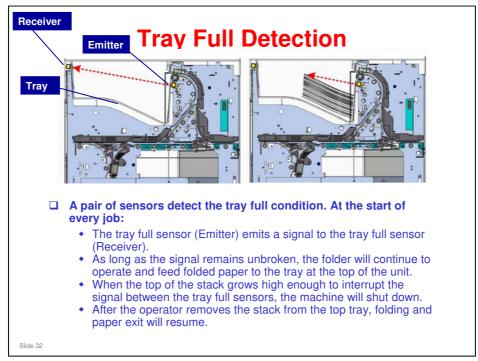
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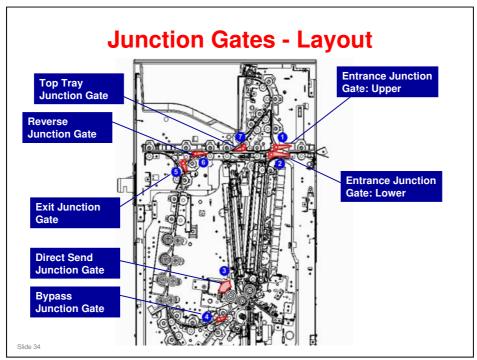




JUNCTION GATES

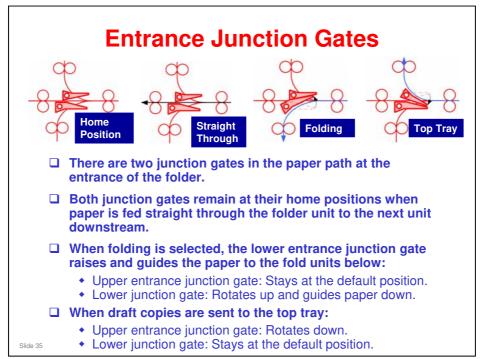
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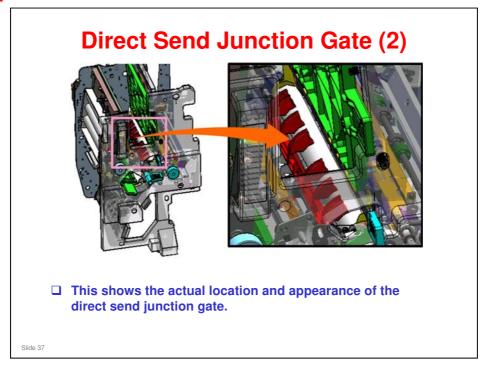






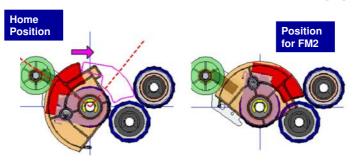
Direct Send Junction Gate (1) Home Position The junction gate rotates to the right and paper is sent downstream without passing stopper 2. It moves down for FM2 mode only when the paper is folded into equal halves.







Direct Send Junction Gate (3)

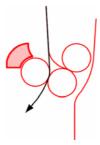


- ☐ For all fold modes other than FM2 (Half Fold), the direct send junction gate remains at its home position.
 - For FM2, the direct send junction gate motor rotates the junction gate by about 90 degrees.
 - After the job is finished, the motor rotates the junction gate back to its home position.

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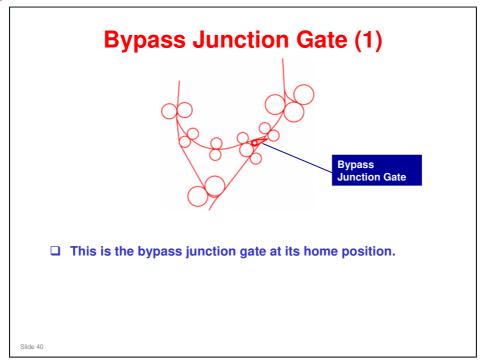
Direct Send Junction Gate (4)



☐ For the other fold modes (FM1, FM3 to FM6), the junction gate remains at its home position and does not touch the paper.

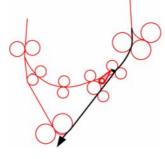
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Bypass Junction Gate (2)

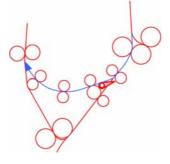


☐ When FM1 (Z-fold) or FM6 (Gate Fold) is selected, the bypass junction gate raises and allows paper to pass to folder unit 2.

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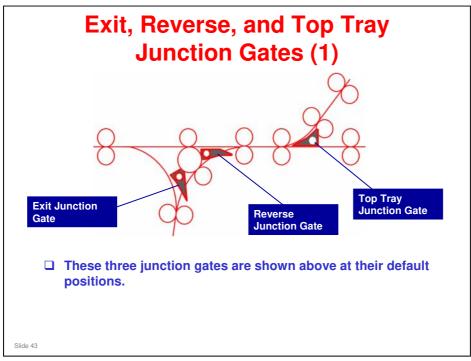
Bypass Junction Gate (3)



- ☐ For fold modes other than FM1 or FM6, the bypass junction gate remains at the default position.
- ☐ Paper passes over the top of the bypass junction gate and into the bypass paper path.

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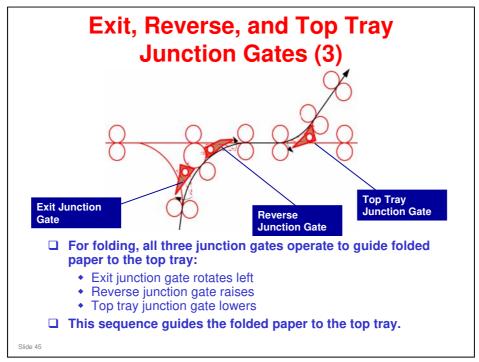






Exit, Reverse, and Top Tray Junction Gates (2) - For straight-through paper feed, the junction gates remain at their home positions. - Paper passes straight through the folder to the next peripheral unit downstream.





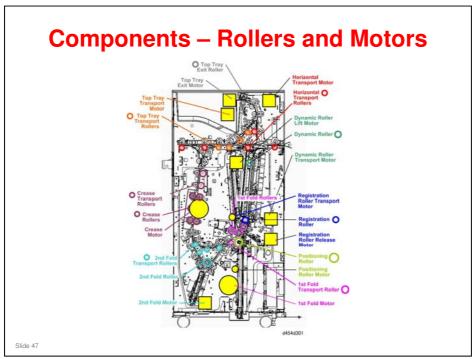
□ Note: Only Z-folded paper is allowed to exit the multi-folder and pass downstream to other peripheral units. In this case, the junction gates remain at their default positions. The exit junction gate guides the paper toward the multi-folder exit above.



COMPONENTS

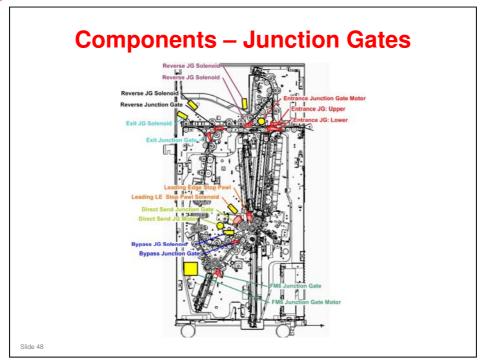
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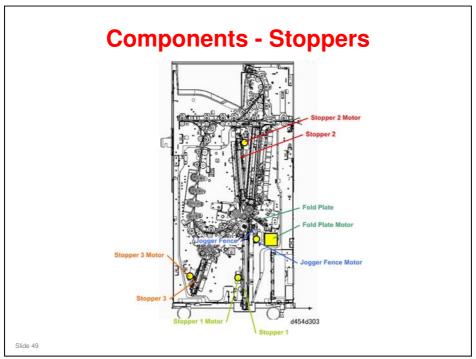
- ☐ The illustration above shows the roller groups and their related motors.
 - > For example, the motor with the name in red controls the components with the names in red.





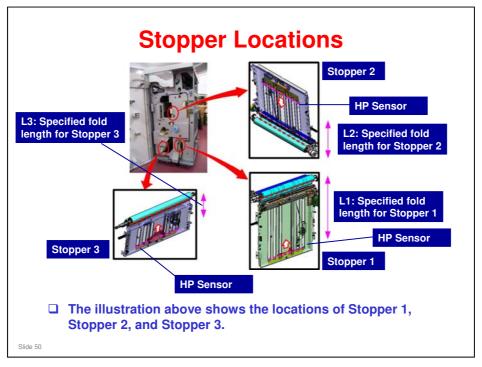
☐ The illustration above shows the paper path junction gates and the solenoids and motors that operate them.





 $\hfill\square$ The illustration above shows the stoppers and the motors that operate them.







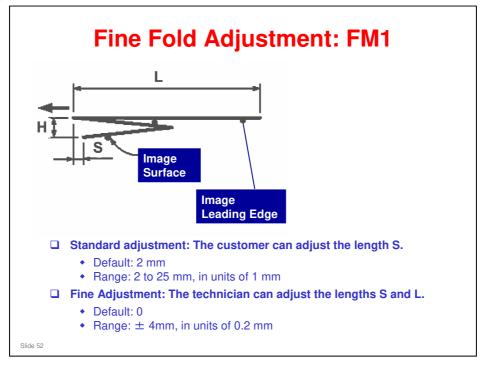
ADJUSTMENTS

User Tool and SP Mode Adjustments

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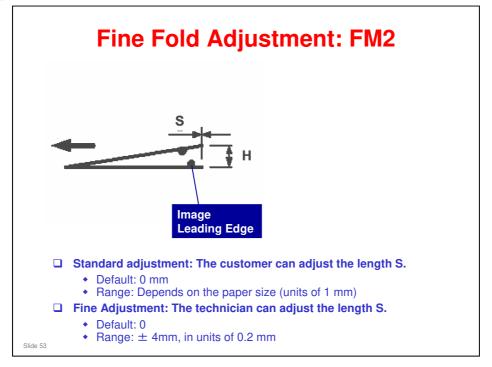
This section explains how to adjust the positions of the folds.





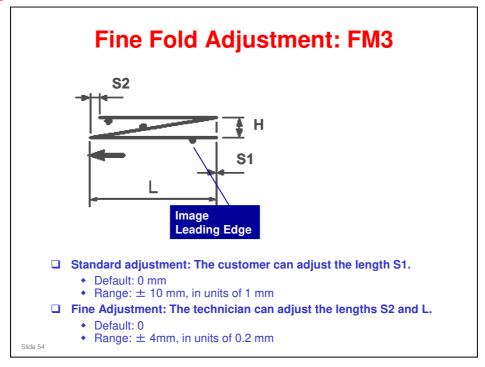
- ☐ FM1: Z-folding
- ☐ For the adjustment ranges and default settings for each paper size, see the Replacement and Adjustment section of the service manual.





- ☐ FM2: Half-fold
- ☐ For the adjustment ranges and default settings for each paper size, see the Replacement and Adjustment section of the service manual.

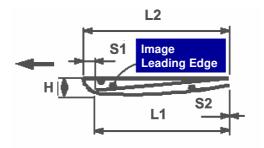




- ☐ FM3: Letter Fold-out
- ☐ For the adjustment ranges and default settings for each paper size, see the Replacement and Adjustment section of the service manual.



Fine Fold Adjustment: FM4

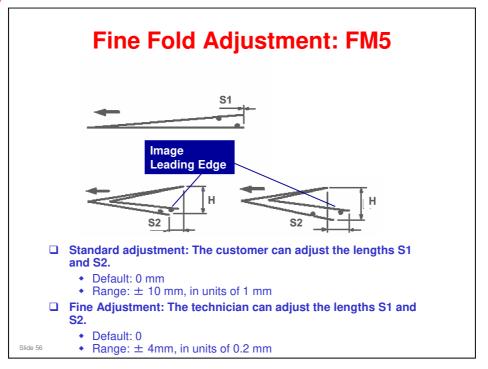


- ☐ Standard adjustment: The customer can adjust the length S1.
 - Default: 2 mm
 - Range: From 2 to 7 mm, in units of 1 mm
- ☐ Fine Adjustment: The technician can adjust the lengths L1 and L2.
 - Default: 0
 - Range: ± 4mm, in units of 0.2 mm

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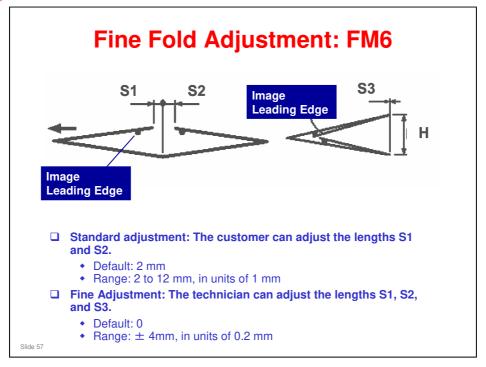
- ☐ FM4: Letter Fold-in
- ☐ For the adjustment ranges and default settings for each paper size, see the Replacement and Adjustment section of the service manual.





- ☐ FM5: Double-parallel Fold
- ☐ For the adjustment ranges and default settings for each paper size, see the Replacement and Adjustment section of the service manual.





- ☐ FM6: Gate Fold
- ☐ For the adjustment ranges and default settings for each paper size, see the Replacement and Adjustment section of the service manual.



SP Codes for Fold Adjustments

- ☐ The fold positions can be adjusted in one of two ways
 - User Tools (System Settings General Features)
 - Engine SP modes 6312 to 6323
- ☐ The user tool adjustment is the standard adjustment, and the SP mode is a fine adjustment.

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ADJUSTMENTS

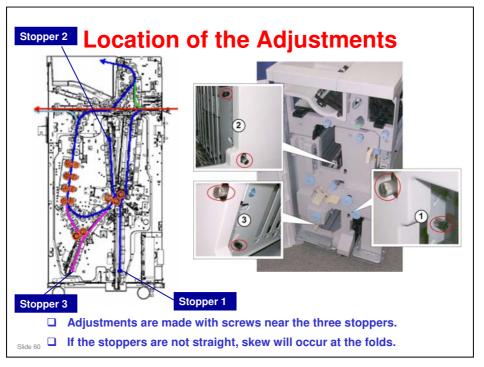
Manual Adjustments

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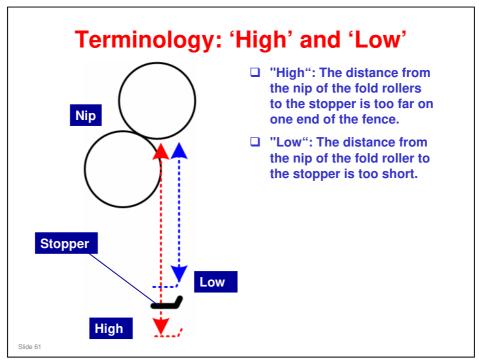
This section explains how to adjust the machine if the folds are not straight (skewed folding).

In the specifications, tolerance for skew is within 2 mm of the paper width.



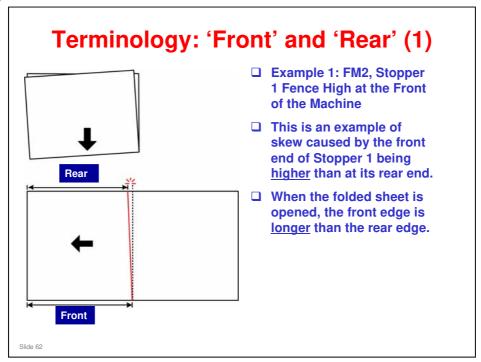






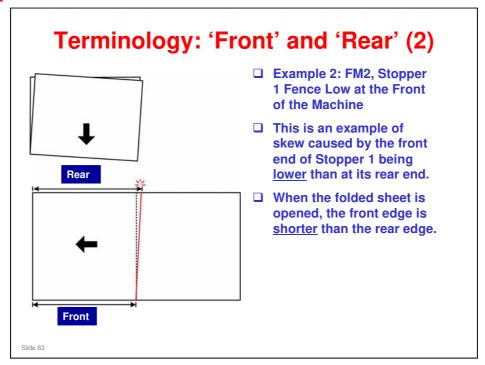
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- ☐ The terms "Front" and "Rear" are critical to understanding how paper is skewing during folding.
- ☐ These terms are defined relative to the positioning of the paper in the paper path as it feeds and exits.
- ☐ Two examples are shown on the next two slides.
- ☐ The black arrow shows the direction of paper feed from right to left.

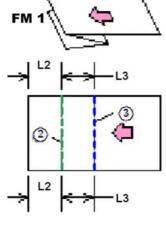




☐ The black arrow shows the direction of paper feed from right to left.



Skew Correction Reference Diagrams (1) For FM1 type folds, skew



- For FM1 type folds, skew can occur at two locations.
 - ② and ③ in the diagram.
- ☐ This is because two stoppers (numbers 2 and 3) are used.
- □ For example, if skew occurs at location ② on the printout, adjust the screw near stopper 2.

☐ Blue line: Peak fold (points to the left)

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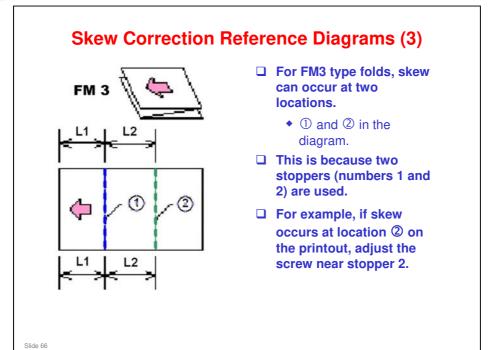
☐ Green line: Valley fold (points to the right)



Skew Correction Reference Diagrams (2) For FM2 folds, only one stopper is used, so folds can only occur at one location. If skew is present, adjust stopper 1.

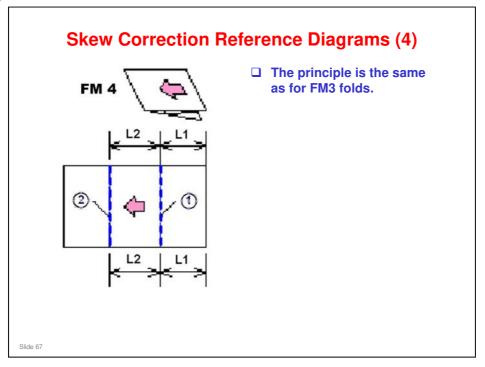
- ☐ Blue line: Peak fold (points to the left)
- ☐ Green line: Valley fold (points to the right)





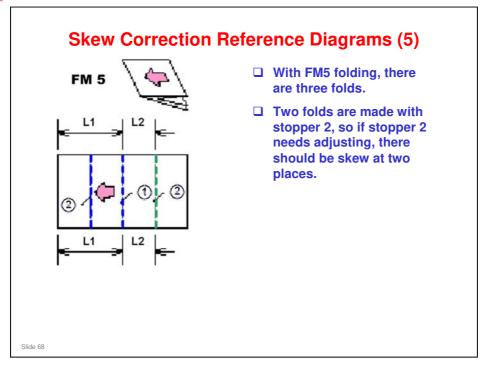
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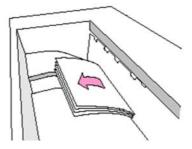
Skew Correction Reference Diagrams (6) With FM6 folding, all three stoppers are used. If skew occurs at one of the folds, adjust stopper 1, 2, or 3, depending on which fold is skewed.

- ☐ Blue line: Peak fold (points to the left)
- ☐ Green line: Valley fold (points to the right)



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Adjustment Procedure Overview



- 1. Retrieve the first folded paper from the top of the multi-folder.
 The first sheet is on the bottom of the stack.
- 2. If a fold is skewed, spread the paper out in the direction of paper feed shown in the diagrams above.
- □ 3. At the front and rear of the paper, measure the distances between the folds between L1, L2, L3.
- **□** 4. Compare the Front and Rear measurements.
- 5. Determine where the paper is skewing and what type of adjustment is required (see the table on the next slide).

☐ Refer to the table on the next slide to determine where the paper is skewing and what type of adjustment is required.



How to Determine the Type of Adjustment

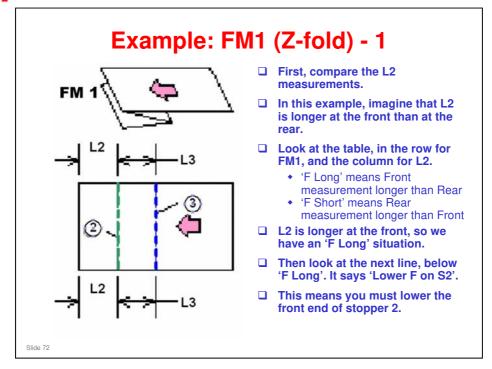
Skew Correction Reference Table			
	L1	L2	L3
FM1		F Long	F Long
		Lower F on S2	Raise F on S3
		F Short	F Short
		Raise F on S2	Lower F on S3
FM2	F Long		
	Raise F on S1		
	F Short		
	Lower F on S1		
FM3	F Long	F Long	
	Raise F on S1	Lower F on S2	
	F Short	F Short	
	Lower F on S1	Raise F on S2	
FM4	F Long	F Long	
	Raise F on S1	Lower F on S2	
	F Short	F Short	
	Lower F on S1	Raise F on S2	
FM5	F Long	F Long	
	Raise F on S1	Lower F on S2	
	F Short	F Short	
	Lower F on S1	Raise F on S2	
FM6	F Long	F Long	F Long
	Lower F on S1	Lower F on S2	
	F Short	F Short	F Short
	Raise F on S1	Raise F on S2	Lower F on S3

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Table Key

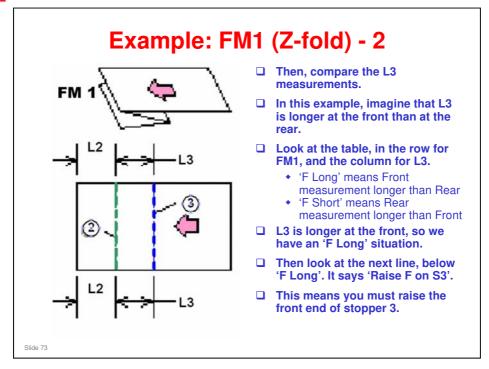
- ☐ You must refer to the "Skew Correction Reference Diagrams". The following abbreviations are used in the table above.
 - ➤ F Long: Front measurement of L1, L2, or L3 is longer than Rear.
 - F Short: Front measurement of L1, L2, or L3 is shorter than Rear.
 - > S1, S2, S3: Refers to Stopper 1, Stopper 2, and Stopper 3. In the diagrams, these are annotated as: (1), (2), and (3) respectively.
 - > Raise F: Raise the front end of the stopper fence.
 - Lower F: Lower the front end of the stopper fence.





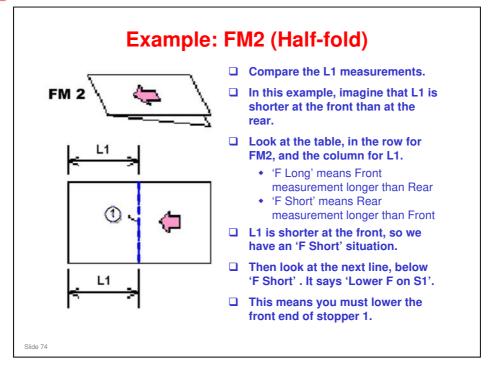
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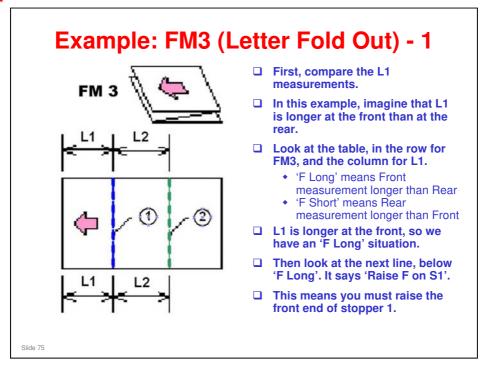


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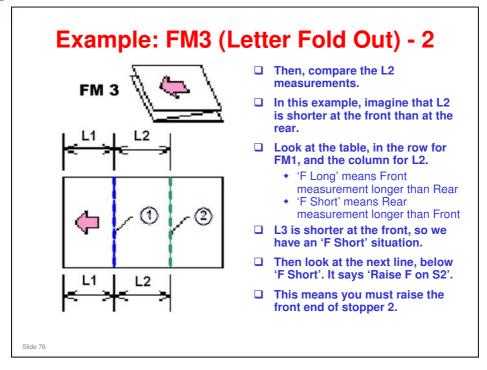












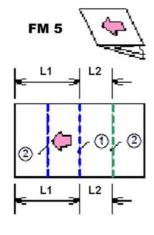


Example: FM4 (Letter Fold In) The principle is the same as for FM3 folds, except that you use the column for FM4.

- ☐ Blue line: Peak fold (points to the left)
- ☐ Green line: Valley fold (points to the right)



Example: FM5 (Double-Parallel Fold)



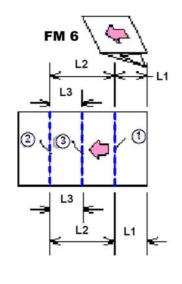
- ☐ The principle is the same as for FM3 fold, except that you use the column for FM5.
- □ With FM5 folding, there are three folds, and two folds are made with stopper 2.
- Measure L1 and L2 at the locations shown in the diagram.

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- ☐ Blue line: Peak fold (points to the left)
- ☐ Green line: Valley fold (points to the right)



Example: FM6 (Gate Fold) - 1



- First, compare the L1 measurements.
- ☐ In this example, imagine that L1 is longer at the front than at the rear.
- □ Look at the table, in the row for FM6, and the column for L1.
 - 'F Long' means Front measurement longer than Rear
 - 'F Short' means Rear measurement longer than Front
- ☐ L1 is longer at the front, so we have an 'F Long' situation.
 - Then look at the next line, below 'F Long'. It says 'Lower F on S1'.
 - This means you must lower the front end of stopper 1.

☐ Blue line: Peak fold (points to the left)

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☐ Green line: Valley fold (points to the right)



Example: FM6 (Gate Fold) - 2 Then, compare the L2 measurements. In this example, imagine that L2 is shorter at the front than at the rear. Look at the table, in the row for FM6, and the column for L2.

- 'F Long' means Front measurement longer than Rear
 'E Short' means Rear
- 'F Short' means Rear measurement longer than Front
- □ L2 is shorter at the front, so we have an 'F Short' situation.
- ☐ Then look at the next line, below 'F Short'. It says 'Raise F on S2'.
- This means you must raise the front end of stopper 2.
- ☐ Blue line: Peak fold (points to the left)
- ☐ Green line: Valley fold (points to the right)



Example: FM6 (Gate Fold) - 3 Then, compare the L3 measurements. In this example, imagine that L3 is longer at the front than at the rear. Look at the table, in the row for FM3, and the column for L3. 'F Long' means Front measurement longer than Rear

-⇒ L3 |-- | □

measurement longer than Front

L3 is longer at the front, so we have an 'F Long' situation.

'F Short' means Rear

Then look at the next line, below 'F Long'. It says 'Raise F on S3'.

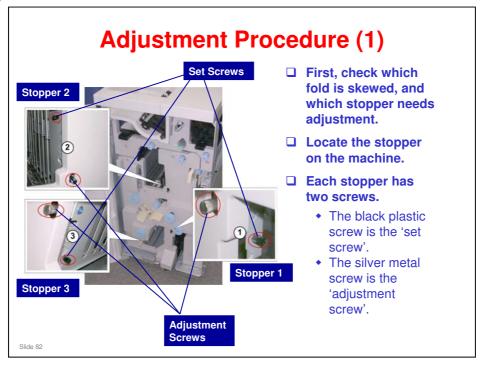
This means you must raise the front end of stopper 3.

☐ Blue line: Peak fold (points to the left)

☐ Green line: Valley fold (points to the right)

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No additional notes







- □ Remove the set screw.
- ☐ Turn the adjustment screw to do the adjustment.
 - Turn the screw clockwise to raise the front end of the fence.
 - Turn the screw counter-clockwise to lower the front of the fence.

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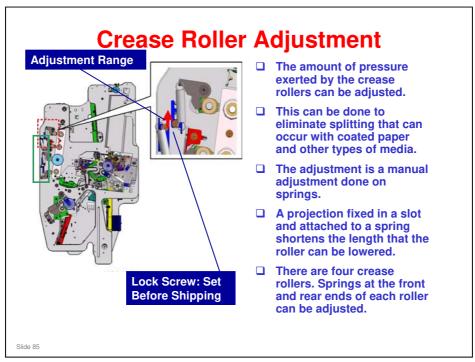




- ☐ Fasten the set screw in the hole in the diagonal cutout near the hole where you removed it.
 - The diagonal cut may be above or below the original hole, depending on which stopper you are adjusting.
 The photo above shows the set screw for Stopper 2.
- ☐ Tighten the set screw.

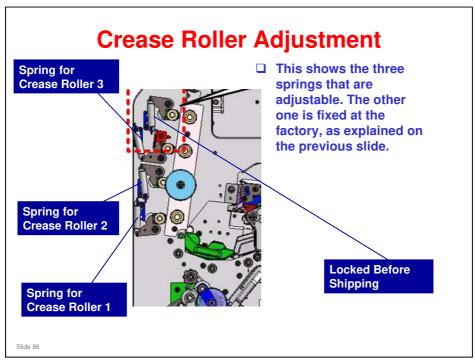
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- ☐ Adjustment range: 4mm (see the red arrow in the diagram)
- ☐ The three springs are shown in the green square at the left side of the drawing. See the next slide for an expanded view.





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