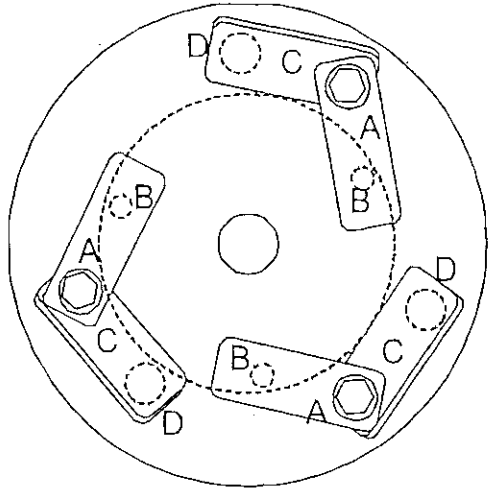


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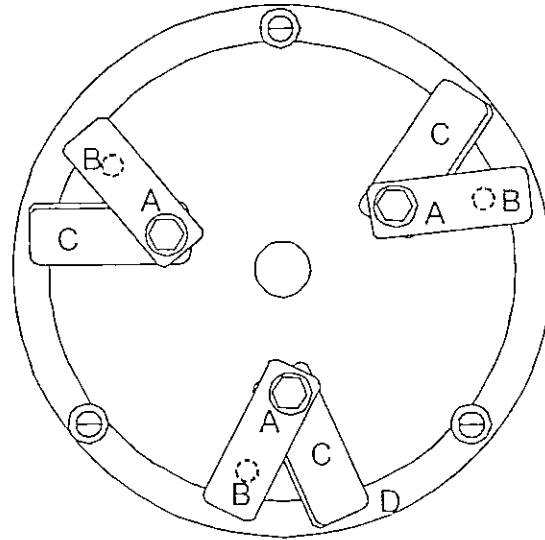
The upper half of a bottom crust die set has a series of fasteners, pins, and flat springs that must be properly configured for successful crust production (see below). Occasionally, the flat springs and the pins need replacement due to normal wear and tear. Sometimes the small parts are lost, too.



2 Inch to 5 Inch Dies

Top Spring (A) Covers Pin (B).

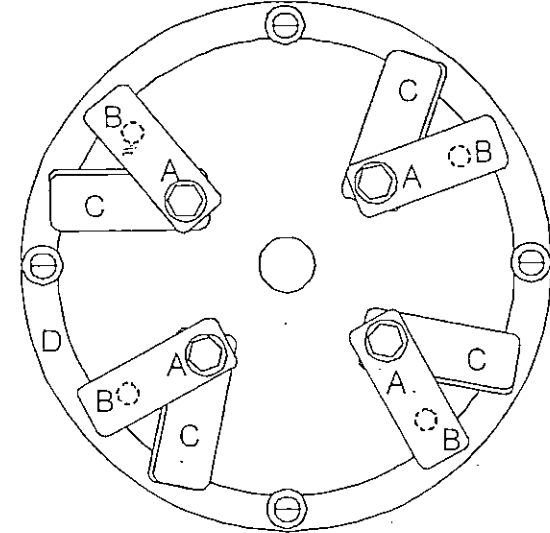
2 Bottom Springs (C) Cover Ring Screw (D)



6 Inch Dies

Top Spring (A) Covers Pin (B).

2 Bottom Springs (C) Cover Ring (D)



7 Inch to 12 Inch Dies

Top Spring (A) Covers Pin (B).

2 Bottom Springs (C) Cover Ring (D)

A properly functioning bottom crust die set forms dough to the thickness specified in the original order. For many of our customers, the specified thickness is 1/8 inch across the bottom, 1/8 inch thick on the sidewall, and 1/8 inch thick on the rim. If ever in doubt, measure the unbaked dough crust thickness with a small ruler.

Signs that a die set is not functioning properly:

- (1) Dough leaks from in between the two die halves
- (2) The pans are severely distorted or even damaged by the die set
- (3) The dough does not form a complete, perfect crust
- (4) The pans and dough stick excessively to the die.

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