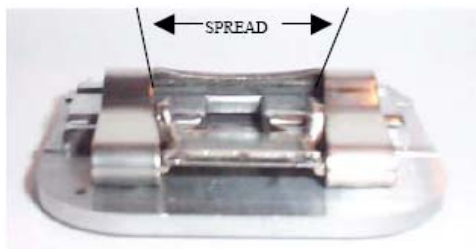


How To Fix Rattling Blades and Other Blade Problems

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Blades rattle because the ears of the socket are spread apart too far. This is something a groomer will do to re-adjust the blade so it will work on the clipper. Even though your sharpener has adjusted them, they can still start to rattle after the blade has been put on the clipper a few times.

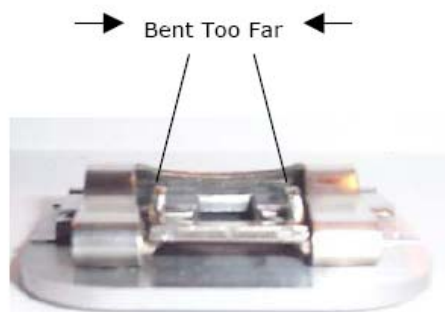


When you look at the blade from the back as shown, you can tell if the ears of the socket are spread apart too far. This happens from two reasons: 1. The metal has fatigued enough from putting the blade on and off that it won't stay straight. 2. A clipper with a larger hinge used the blade without any rattling then you put it on your clipper and it started to rattle.



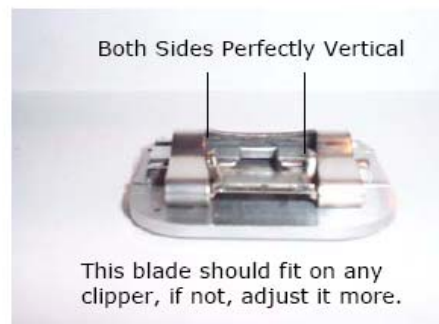
To fix this problem take a pair of pliers and set them to grab wide stuff. Then, very gently squeeze the two ears together as shown in the picture. Don't squeeze too hard because you only have to move them a very little bit.

If you squeeze too hard you'll position them too close together and you won't be able to get them on any clipper. See picture on right.



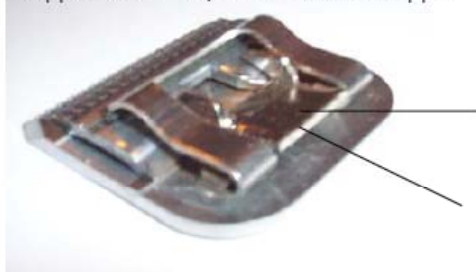
To fix the socket ears if they are too far in, get your pliers and set them to grab wide stuff. Put one part of the pliers on the outside edge of the blade, and the other part against the socket ear as shown in the picture on the left.

Squeeze very gently so the ear is bent so it is perfectly vertical. Do the same to the other side.



This blade should fit on any clipper, if not, adjust it more.

Tipped in too far, won't latch on clipper



Another blade socket problem is where the socket part that fits over your clipper hinge is bent so it tips inward. This is caused by trying to force your blade on the clipper and it won't go on, thus bending the socket.

To fix this, take a pair of pliers and grip the socket and the blade at the same time from the rear of the blade. Gently squeeze together until the socket is parallel with the bottom of the blade as shown in the picture on the right.



Bend until the flat part of socket is parallel with bottom of blade