

What Causes The Cutter Notch on 5-N-1's To Round Out

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The cutter notch on your 5-N-1 is the means by which the cam (silver drive post) fits into, and the spinning cam moves your cutter blade back and forth. This cam can produce a lot of heat because its metal sliding in between two plastic posts. This notch needs lubrication or it can melt the plastic posts.

Lubrication can go away from the notch a couple of ways. Not re-lubing on a regular basis, cleaning the lubrication out by washing it out, or by simply running it out. When the lubrication is gone from the cutter notch, the cam will get hot and melt a round hole, and your blade will not cut anymore. When this happens, a new cutter notch has to be installed.

Its easy to lubricate from time to time. You can use an assortment of greases, and in a pinch Vaseline works as well. Be low are pictures of a properly lubricated cutter notch, you don't need to put as much grease in the notch as the picture shows (for demonstration purposes) but some grease in the notch will work for a long time as long as you don't clean it out somehow. You could have the same problems in the future if the cutter notch is allowed to go completely dry.

