



Speedball®

ARTISTA™ POTTERY WHEEL

Owner's Manual

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Thank You!

Thank you for your purchase of a Speedball Artista Potter's Wheel. Combining convenience with quality, power and capacity, the Artista Potter's Wheel has it all! To ensure that you enjoy your Artista Wheel to the fullest, we encourage you to read this Owner's Manual. It explains all the features, controls and performance characteristics of your wheel and it also provides important instructions, troubleshooting and safety information.

Complete your warranty registration process online by scanning the QR code. Once submitted, please print a confirmation of the Registration Form's submittal for your records. Please remember to complete your warranty registration within 30 days of purchase.



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your wheel!

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SAFETY TIPS

Please read all safety tips prior to use.

- If you experience any malfunctions with your Artista Wheel, discontinue use immediately. Contact Speedball Customer Service to assist in troubleshooting before conducting any repair or modification to your Artista Wheel. See “Artista Warranty/Repair Procedure” for more details.
- Immediately discontinue operation of your Artista Wheel if you see or smell smoke or if the wheel begins to make unusual noises. If this occurs, turn off the power, unplug the power cord from the wall outlet and contact Speedball Customer Service for assistance.
- Unplug your Artista Wheel before attempting any adjustment or inspection of the wheel or its parts.
- Do not overload the wheel head with clay or force it to stop (clay weight should not exceed 25lbs). Doing so may shorten the life of the motor.
- Plug electrical power cord directly into electrical wall outlet and do not run cord under carpets or cover cord with rug or runners. Unplug the power cord from wall outlet during electrical storms to prevent accidental damage.
- Do not leave wheel running unattended and keep out of the reach of small children.
- When operating the wheel, use caution to not get long hair, jewelry or loose clothing caught in the moving wheel head.
- Do not attempt to move or hold the wheel during use.
- Always turn off your Artista Wheel prior to cleaning. To clean your wheel, hand wash with water or clean with air hose only. Do not hose off or pressure wash your wheel as this may results in the damage of wheel motor and/or bearings.
- Do not let the wheel stand in water.
- Artista Capacity: 25lbs.
- Artista Voltage: 110V (for 220V, transformer and adaptor are required)

GETTING STARTED

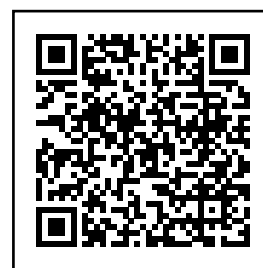
Unpacking Your Artista Wheel

If you received your Artista Wheel in a carton that was damaged during shipment, be sure to make a full description of the breakage and/or damage as soon as possible. Contact the delivery company immediately and arrange for an inspection or return of the entire wheel to their claims department.

If possible, save all shipping containers in case you should ever have to return the wheel for service.

Be sure to complete your Artista Wheel warranty registration (*either with the supplied Warranty Card or online*) within 30 days of receipt.

PACKAGE CONTENTS:



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Artista Wheel



(2) Bats (B75m B12)



Bat Pins

WHEEL OPERATION

Using your Artista Wheel

Once your Artista wheel is unpacked, you may begin using your wheel by plugging the wheel's six foot power cord into a nearby power source. Your wheel has been electrically-grounded for your protection, however, you must complete the grounding at the outlet. If you are plugging the wheel into a three-holed outlet, your wheel will be grounded automatically. If you have a two-hole outlet, you will need to plug the wheel into a three-holed adapter.

NOTE: to protect the electronics in your wheel from power surges, the use of a surge protector is recommended.

Using the Hand Control Knob

Always check that the hand control knob is turned to the "off" position before starting your Artista Wheel. To increase the speed of your Artista Wheel, rotate the hand control knob clockwise (away from you). Rotate the hand control knob counterclockwise (towards you) to slow the wheel or to bring it to a stop. Do not force the hand control beyond the stops as damage may occur.

NOTE: The direction of the Artista Wheel Head cannot be changed. Instead, it is available in right-and left-handed models.

Installing / Using the Splash Pan

The Artista Splash pan is a two-piece unit. The rear portion of the splash pan has two catch hooks that lock the two pieces of the pan together. To install, the front piece of the pan must slide under the bracket to lock the splash pan into place.

When operating your Artista Wheel, the splash pan must either be locked into place or removed completely. To avoid the risk of injury or damaging the splash pan, do not attempt to remove the splash pan while the wheel is in operation or with any bat larger than 11" in place. The smaller (rear piece) of the splash pan pieces must be removed prior to being able to remove the larger part of the splash pan. Any bat larger than 11" must also be removed prior to removing the splash pan.

Using Bats on your Artista

The Artista wheel possesses 10" spacing (center to center) for bat pins. While the Artista wheel will accept up to a 14" bat, it is recommended to remove the splash pan for use with any bat larger than 12" to minimize the chance of injury to your hands.

NOTE: Bat pins are used to hold a bat on the wheel head and should be removed if you are not using a bat to avoid injury.

WHEEL MAINTENANCE

Cleaning your Artista Wheel

Prior to cleaning the wheel, be sure to turn the hand control to the “off” position and unplug the wheel. Do not use running water or submerge the wheel, instead, use a soft cloth or sponge. Avoid using too much water on the bottom of the wheel or around the electrical components.

Be sure not to scrub too hard when cleaning, as the clay may scratch or abrade the wheel head or wheel if too much vigorous pressure is applied when cleaning. The splash pan may be removed and cleaned under running water and/or submerged.

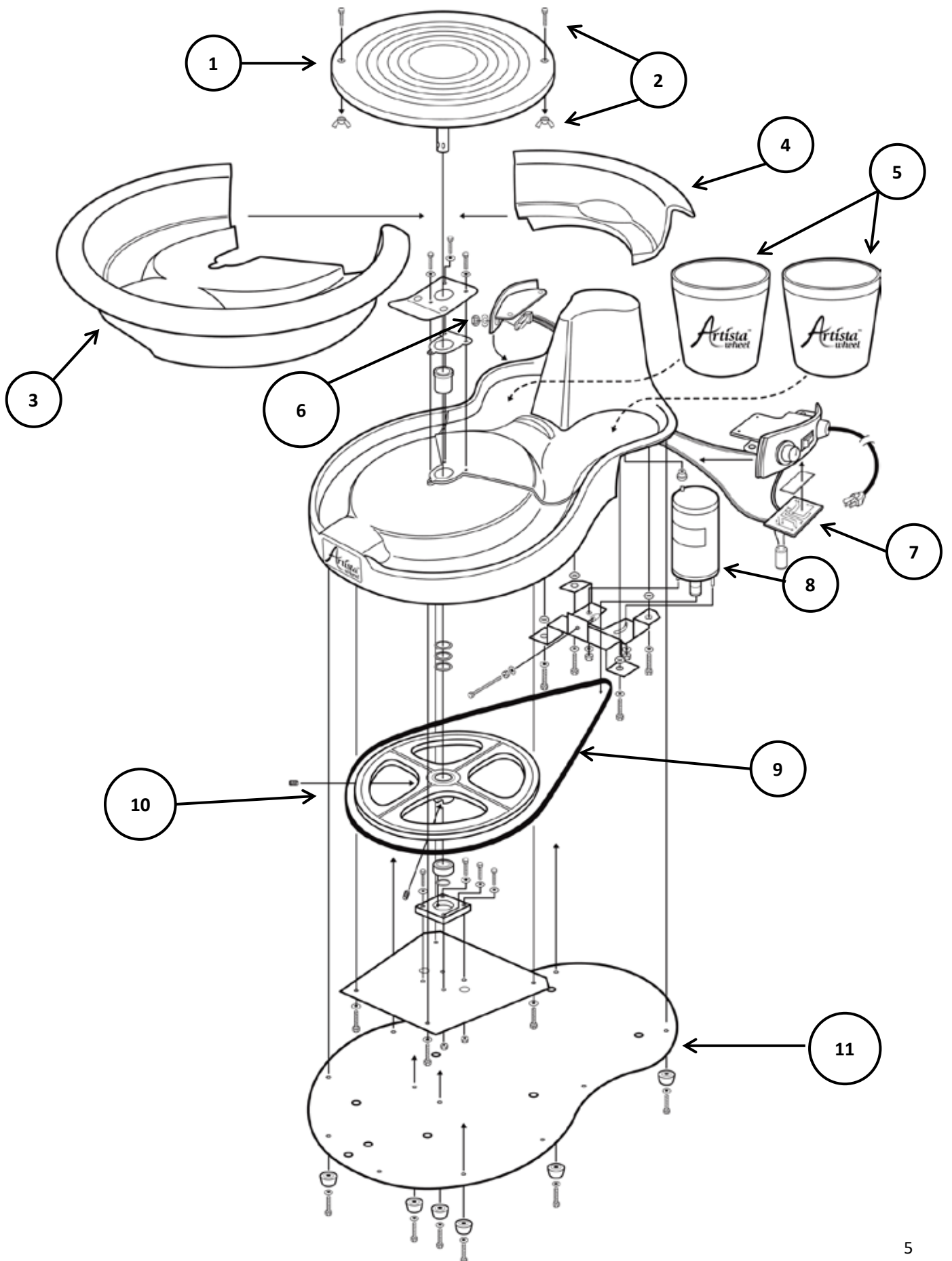
Note: No parts/components of the Artista wheel, including splash pan, are suitable for placement in the dishwasher.

WHEEL DIAGRAM

Artista Wheel Legend

1. Wheel Head
2. Bat Pins (2)
3. Splash Pan (front)
4. Splash Pan (back)
5. Buckets (2)
6. Jack for (optional) Foot Pedal
7. Control Board
8. Motor
9. Belt
10. Wheel Head Pulley
11. Base Plate

For full Artista Wheel Parts List, see page.10



PARTS LIST

Artista Wheel Parts

For questions or help ordering any of the parts listed below, contact Speedball Customer Service at 800.898.7224, Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm EST (*closed Saturdays and Sundays*).

MOTORS	
PART #	PART DESCRIPTION
1A404R	Motor
CONTROLLERS	
1A280	Control System (Control Update)
1A407	Pot Knob
1A403	Hand Pot
1A401	Control Board
BELTS	
1A106	Belt
LEGS SETS	
STATIC_LEGS	Static Legs Set
FOLDING_LEGS	Folding Legs Set
MISCELLANEOUS	
BUCKET	Bucket
1A402	Switch

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

Artista Foot Pedal

The Artista Foot Pedal allows the standard Artista Potter's Wheel to be converted from a hand-operated wheel to a foot-powered wheel. This optional feature may be plugged in at the port located on the opposite side of the power cord attachment and power switch.



Artista Static Legs Set

Manufactured from steel, this legs set takes the Artista Potter's Wheel from the tabletop to a comfortable 22" height from the floor for sturdy, stable, seated throwing.



Artista Static Legs Set

Designed to offer the ultimate portability and storage convenience, this set of foldable, aluminum legs is easily attached to the Artista for seated throwing.



WARRANTY OVERVIEW

Artista Wheel Warranty

Your Artista Potter's Wheel comes complete with a 5-YEAR WARRANTY (100% parts & labor when labor performed at Speedball Factory). Speedball Art Products Company warrants this Speedball pottery wheel to be free from defects in materials and workmanship under normal use and service, that would affect its operation for a period of 5 (five) years from the date of purchase. **This wheel must be registered within 30 (thirty) days of the date of purchase to make the warranty effective.**

Registration can be performed either by completion of the physical Warranty Card included in wheel's shipment or online by scanning the QR code below. The obligation of this warranty shall be limited to repairing or replacing any part of the wheel which, **at the discretion of the Company**, shall be proven defective in materials or workmanship under normal use and service during the time period commencing with the date of purchase. Full wheel replacement will be at the discretion of the Company and will only be considered for claims initiated within 30 (thirty) days of purchase.

This warranty does not apply to: (a) damage caused by accident, abuse, mishandling or dropping; (b) units which have been subject to unauthorized repair; (c) units not used in accordance with direction; (d) damage exceeding the cost of the product; (e) damage by flood, lightning or natural disaster, war declared or undeclared. In no case shall the Company be liable for any incidental or consequential damages for breach of this or any other warranty, express or implied, whatsoever.

The limit of this warranty includes the product only and not any loss of work time or contract due to inability to use the wheel.

Parts in need of repair shall be returned by the customer, shipping prepaid, to:

Speedball Art Products
Repairs Department
2301 Speedball Road
Statesville, NC 28677

After any repair or replacement, Speedball Art Products will return under normal working schedule and by UPS/FedEx Ground Service (for customers in the Continental United States). Rush repair orders are accepted by purchase order and credit card payment or COD charges. Shipping charges for rush returns other than UPS/FedEx Ground Service must be prepaid via credit card or COD. No U.S. Postal returns. Be sure to wrap the product or parts securely when shipping to avoid shipping damage.



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WARRANTY OVERVIEW

Policy Statement

1. Registered warranty must be on file at Speedball Art Products Company
2. Customer must contact Speedball Art Products Company for Return Authorization Number prior to returning the wheel. Please write the number clearly on the outside of the box.
3. Parts for warranty repair must be shipped prepaid to Speedball Art Products Company.
4. Send entire system as a unit control box, motor, foot pedal and all power with no cut cords. Experience has shown that by sending the entire system, repairs are made the first time, made correctly and with less time and trouble or all parties concerned. Full wheel shipments for repair or replacement must be shipped in original packaging.
5. Enclose a brief description of the problem, along with your name, UPS address, phone number, email address and personal address.
6. Speedball Art Products Company will pay UPS/FedEx Ground Service shipping back to customer.
7. Any extra charges due to a request by the customer to rush shipment are to be paid by the customer.
8. For your convenience, troubleshooting can also be conducted by phone with one of our trained Customer Service Representatives at 800.898.7224, Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm EST.



Need help? Contact us!

ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS

Glazes & Underglazes

Used exclusively by a range of internationally renowned and emerging artists alike, Speedball's glaze and underglaze lines offer the same high-quality experience of the top glazes on the market at an unmatched value. Ideal for any studio or classroom.



UNDERGLAZES

- Beginner to Expert
- Firing Range : Cone 05-10
- Use Speedball Clear Earthenware or Stoneware Clear Glaze
- Recommended for greenware or bisque
- All colors lead-free + dinnerware safe*



MID-FIRE GLAZE

- Beginner to Expert
- Firing Range : Cone 5|6
- Mottling and Reduction-like effects with one glaze
- Recommended application on Cone 04 bisque
- All colors lead-free + dinnerware safe*



STUDIO PLUS GLAZE

- Beginner to Expert
- Firing Range: Cone 06-05
- Recommended application on Cone 05/04 bisque
- All colors lead-free + dinnerware safe*



Register for Rebate!

Every Artista Wheel includes a \$25 Studio Rebate**, good for use towards the purchase of any Speedball glaze, underglaze, bat, Boss Base or Boss Ribs. Rebate registration is required.

**When used and fired as directed.*

***Must have warranty registered to be eligible for rebate.*

ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS

Boss Base & Boss Ribs



BOSS BASE

Developed in partnership with professional potter, Rich Brown, and inspired by tools and traditions of North Carolina production potters, the Speedball Boss Base™ allows for the ultimate ergonomic experience while delivering unmatched consistency and ease. Easily open your small cups, mugs or plates while ensuring a uniform bottom to every piece. Available in four vibrant colors (Red, Blue, Orange, Green); 3/8" size.



BOSS RIBS

Providing stability, confidence, and increased accessibility, the Speedball Boss Ribs are great companions for centering and shaping clay on the wheel. Great for beginners or artists with mobility limitations as it relieves stress from joints. Developed in partnership with professional potter, Jennifer Whilden. Available in four vibrant colors (Black, Blue, Pink, and Green).

Plastic & Wooden Bats



PLASTIC BATS

Made from injection-molded plastic, these bats are built to last, and their unique ribs add strength and durability. Their rim design makes it easy to remove pieces from the wheel in one fluid motion. Available in (3) sizes across (9) colors, they make, they make organizing projects for classes and studios a breeze! Designed to fit universal bat pin spacing.



WOODEN BATS

Offering the greatest durability of all wooden bats with very limited warping or chipping. This bat is an ideal alternative for potters who prefer to work on wooden bats, but need enhanced longevity. Available in (4) sizes.

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