

Good News for Noblex Owners!

As most of you know, the camera maker Noblex is no more. When Noblex closed its doors it also ceased providing replacement parts. This has posed quite a problem for repair technicians - and for you as the owners of these very expensive cameras.

The great majority of our repairs on Noblex cameras are based on two areas of weak design:

All Noblex cameras utilize a drive-wheel to rotate the drum. The surface of these drive-wheels is made from a rubbery, waxy material intended to minimize slippage and insure smooth rotation of the drum. These drive-wheels work well when new; but the material degrades over a fairly short period of time. Without replacement drive-wheels the camera is rendered unusable.

The **good news** is that we have a method to rebuild the drive-wheels with a suitable, and hopefully much longer-lived rubber material. We have been using this material for about a year now with success.

The **150 and 175 models** suffer from an additional common failure, which can prove more problematic to remedy. The shutter speed control switch is of a poor design, and is prone to breakage or failure due to the weak plastic material used in its construction. Again, without replacement parts, these cameras are rendered useless.

More good news: We have engineered a solution to rebuild them in a way that results in a more durable and reliable switch and works on all but the most severely damaged switches; if the switch housing is damaged in a way that doesn't leave enough to salvage there will be no means to repair it.

Heed the warning signs. If you start to notice more than the normal free-play in the shutter speed control dial, or the operation becomes erratic, don't put off sending your camera in for repair. Continued use may result in further deterioration and render the switch assembly un-repairable. Likewise, if you notice that the drum no longer rotates smoothly and/or hangs-up during rotation, the drive-wheel most likely needs to be replaced. While continued use of the camera will cause no further damage in this instance, it will almost certainly, at best, be unreliable.