

TIP 49 — Quick tightening handles for the lathe/Joe Travis

Inexpensive handles available from MSC

I greatly sped up my use of my lathe by replacing the stock socket head cap screws on the tool holder with “plastic adjustable clamping levers.” You don't waste time grabbing the hex wrench to adjust the tool position or to change from one tool holder to another. After you tighten the handle, you can lift and rotate the handle so it is out of the way. I've attached some photos of the handles in use.

The handles are available from MSC* threaded 10-32 in the following lengths:

Part No.	Length
03781234	.63" (5/8")
03781242	.78" (3/4")
03781259	.98" (1")
03781267	1.26" (1-1/4")

They cost about \$3.75 each and are well worth the investment.

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*Manhattan Supply Co. (MSC) can be found at www.mscdirect.com or by calling 1-800-645-7270.

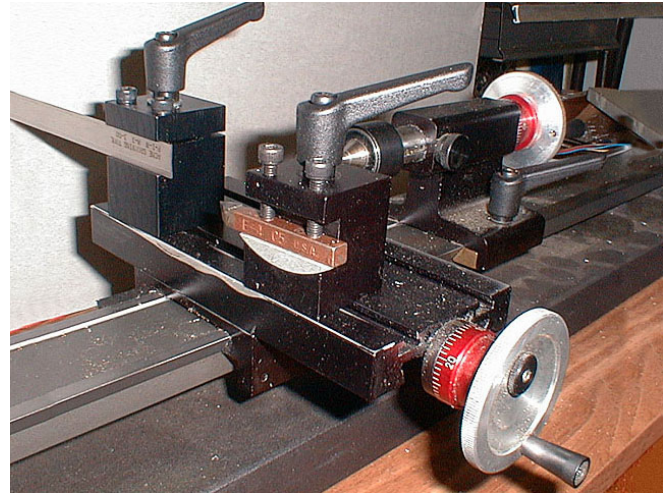


Photo 1 — Shows the handles in place on the lathe tool posts and tailstock.

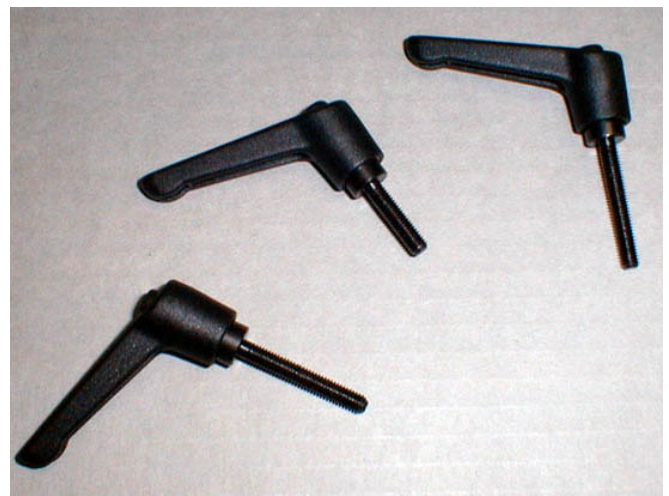


Photo 2 — Shows the 10-32 handles that can be purchased quite inexpensively.