

Identifying A Gilmore Floor Loom

There have been many different series of floor looms made through the years at Gilmore Looms. The following guide will help you identify the **major** models produced. Those shown below do not show all of the models that have been made.

With the exception of a few made in the earliest years, the floor looms were marked with a wood branding. Early branding would have "patent pending", "patented in US and Canada", and "330 Commerce Street" on them. After 1956 brands would have "1030 N Broadway Ave." These brands were usually in the front and back on the wood bars across where the "jacks" rest.

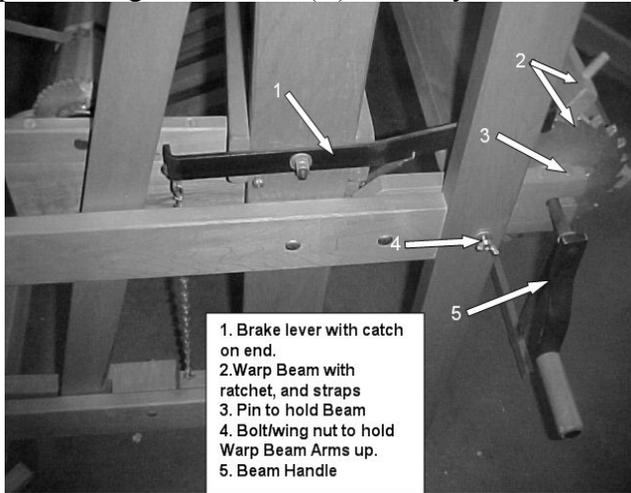
RIGID series loom: These looms were built to be disassembled when transporting or moving it through a doorway. The Leg Assembly is glued mortise and tenon joints. The slots for the Warp Beam are built into the cross "rail" of the leg assembly. The Breast Beam has square holes on the undersides of the ends and sits on a square peg. Many of these looms had a second Warp Beam that fit into slots built into the lower rail of the Leg Assembly.



X FRAME series loom: The X Frame looms were made to fold when moved or not in use. They are easy to identify because the side leg assembly makes an "X". The Warp Beam is attached to a permanent arm.



COMPACT series loom: These looms were designed to have the Warp Beam taken off and the arms that hold it swing down. The cross beam above it (Top Back Bar) is on arms that swing up. Doing these things allows the loom to pass through a standard (3') doorway.



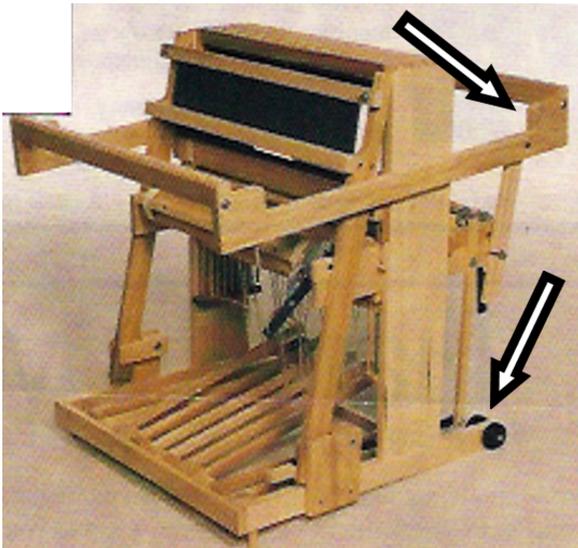
1. Brake lever with catch on end.
2. Warp Beam with ratchet, and straps
3. Pin to hold Beam
4. Bolt/wing nut to hold Warp Beam Arms up.
5. Beam Handle

Older Compact Loom Brake system and "closed" (solid) Warp Beam.



Older Compact Loom with "open" Warp Beam.

Original GEM and GEM II loom: A few of these looms were made with maple but most polar wood. The older GEM loom had a set of 2 white or black wheels on either side of the back bottom leg rail. They also have a block lifting the Back Top Bar. The GEM II looms have one wheel on either side. Arms swing down to make the loom narrower.



Older GEM showing double wheels and block lifting the Back Top Bar.



GEM II with friction brake and single wheels on bottom leg rail.

Below are a couple of other types:

The **SR loom** looked a lot like a Compact loom. The Warp Beam arms were permanent to the vertical back leg. When the Warp Beam was in its axle was very close to the back vertical upright of the leg.



A few of these **Tapestry looms** were made



There are also some looms shown in the old sales pamphlets on the Historical page of the Gilmore Looms website (gilmorelooms.com).