BERNINA MODEL COMPARISON CHART

INTERNET MODELS AT A GLANCE







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SEWING, QUILTING AND EMBROIDERING INTERNET MODEL COMPARISON CHART

Model	В 740	В 540	B 485
GENERAL MACHINE FEATURES			
Space to the Right of the Needle More sewing and embroidery space to the right of the needle offers comfort and more maneuverability when stitching large and small projects.	254 mm (10")	215 mm (8.5")	177.7 mm (7")
Workspace Height The extra height presents more space for quilts and spacious large projects and makes sewing easier in general.	127 mm (5")	109 mm (4.3")	109 mm (4.3")
Centrally Located Color Touch Screen Everything at eye level; it is clear and easy to use. Can be used with fingertip or touchpen and offers touch-scroll selection. Display and backround color can be customized and the screen brightness can be set according to your needs.	4.3*	4.3"	4.3"
Multi-function Knobs Easily accessible knobs for making stitch adjustments before and during sewing in .05 increments for smooth stitch transitions. Used in embroidery for composing and design alterations.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
LED Sewing Light Bright illumination in the needle area and over the freearm. On some machines the brightness is adjustable.	30	12	8
Automatic Needle Threader Easy threading. The needle is threaded fully automatically at the touch of a button.	-	_	_
Semi-automatic Needle Threader Easy threading of the needle.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Manual Thread Cutters Conveniently positioned thread cutters in the area of the bobbin case, the bobbin winder motor and the needle to cut off thread ends.	3	4	4
WiFi Thanks to WiFi, the B 790 PRO can be connected directly to the BERNINA Embroidery Software 9 for transferring embroidery designs - or to the BERNINA Stitchout App. Monitor the embroidery process and thread colors remotely. You will receive notifications in case your attention is needed.	-	-	-
Total Stitch Control Permanent or temporary altering of length, width, needle position and other creative functions of all stitches - even while sewing.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
BERNINA Adaptive Thread Tension Once the tension is set according to the fabric and thread used, the thread tension is constantly monitored and adjusted automatically, if needed, resulting in the finest stitching.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
BERNINA Dual Feed BERNINA Dual Feed ensures even feeding of hard-to-manage fabrics with beautiful results.	\checkmark	_	_
Hook System The CB Hook is the traditional BERNINA mechanism that produces the legendary BERNINA stitch quality at 5.5 mm wide. The BERNINA Rotary Hook offers the same stitch quality at 9 mm stitch width and bobbin thread monitoring. The innovative BERNINA Hook maintains legendary BERNINA stitch quality at 5.5 mm and 9 mm stitch widths. An easy bobbin case insertion and large capacity bobbin make this ideal.	В	В	В
Jumbo Bobbin with 70 % more Capacity More thread on the bobbin ensures significantly fewer interruptions in sewing, which is particularly helpful for large quilts or when embroidering.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Bobbin Winding while Sewing/Embroidering Fast winding of the bobbin, even while sewing.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark

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Powerful DC Motor Full power at all speeds provides for consistent stitching on multiple layers and heavy fabrics.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Hammer Mode Built-in mechanism that drives the needle to stitch through more than 30 layers of fabric. The needle pulsates through the fabric to form the stitch.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
BERNINA Free Hand System (FHS) Knee operated lever raises the presser foot, lowers the feed dog and releases the thread tension keeping your hands free for guiding the fabric and the height for the fabric passage increases so that even thick layers of fabric can be easily pushed under the presser foot.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Programmable BERNINA Foot Control Replace the back-kick function with securing stitches, Automatic Thread Cutter and raising the presser foot.	-	-	\checkmark
BERNINA Foot Control Consistent control and a back-kick function to raise and lower the needle. One single push onto the front sews one stitch, one heel push makes the needle move up or down.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Thread-up Command Push the needle up/down button to lower and raise the needle to bring the bobbin thread to the top of the fabric so the threads can be secured manually. Perfect for quilting and free-standing lace.	-	\checkmark	-
Automatic Presser Foot Lifter Convenient automatic presser foot lowering and raising. Press the foot control to lower the presser foot, and sewing or embroidering can be started. At the end of the sewing or embroidery process, the foot is raised automatically.	\checkmark	-	-
Automatic Thread Cutter The upper and lower threads are cut automatically or at the touch of a button. The top thread is carried to the back side of the fabric. Program 2 types of tie-offs.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Adjustable Presser Foot Pressure Adjust the presser foot pressure to eliminate skipped stitches and wavy seams on knits.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Needle Reminder To save the settings for the needle type used.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Upper Thread Sensor Indicates when the upper thread breaks or runs out.	\checkmark	\checkmark	-
Tutorial Access Tutorials for sewing, quilting and embroidery techniques. Also provides information about threading, needles and other including animation videos.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
On-screen Help Use the '?' to identify functions and stitches. Built-in animations lead you through processes and provide reminders.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
eco Mode The eco mode saves energy and provides a child safety lock.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Machine Type	Electronic	Electronic	Electronic
Retractable Feed Dog	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark

SEWING AND QUILTING			
Maximum Sewing Speed (stitches per minute) The B 880 PLUS has the fastest sewing speed of any domestic sewing machine.	1000 spm	1000 spm	900 spm
Maximum Stitch Width The variable Stitch Width can be adjusted while sewing. The 9 mm maximum stitch width available on some models expands your design possibilities.	9 mm	9 mm	5.5 mm
Maximum Stitch Length The variable stitch length provides a smooth blend of different lengths and can be adjusted while sewing.	6 mm	6 mm	6 mm
Adjustable Needle Positions Multiple Needle Positions allow for very precise sewing. You can sew most patterns in any needle position.	11	11	11

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Presser Foot Recommendation The display shows the recommended presser foot for the general use of the selected stitch.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Presser Foot Library Access to an integrated library of current sewing feet and accessories.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Security Function for Needle and Stitch Plate Select respective needle type (single, double, triple, etc.) and stitch plate type. Automatically limits width function respec- tively.Prevents needle from hitting foot and/or stitch plate, avoiding damage.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Automatic Buttonhole / Length Measuring System The buttonhole length can be determined in advance. Buttonhole Foot with Slide #3A must be used. The same buttonhole length remains stored and can be sewn as often as desired until a new length, another buttonhole or another stitch is selected.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Manual Multi-step Buttonhole The length of the beads is manually determined when sewing. Bartack, eye and securing stitches are preprogrammed. The individual steps can also be selected by scrolling via the arrow icons or by pressing the button «Quick Reverse».	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Button Sew-on Program A button can be placed directly on the display. The size of the buttonhole is determined by turning the Multi-function Knobs.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Adjustable Buttonhole Slit Width Adjust the spacing of the beads appropriate for thick or heavy fabrics.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Personal Memory To save individually modified stitches that can be called up again later. Stitches are retained until they are deleted from the personal program memory.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Import/Export Stitches via USB To import and export sewing stitches via a USB stick.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Saving Settings of Stitch Patterns Change the factory stitch setting to personalize the stitch; remains until the default setting is restored.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Temporary Altered Stitch Memory Stitch settings are remembered during the sewing session. This saves time when repeating stitches in a project.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Creative Consultant Sewing Get reliable support for various applications and fabrics from the integrated Sewing Consultant. Makes suggestions regarding needles, presser foot, stabilizer etc.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Swipe Immediate delete by selecting stitch in combination and sliding to the right or to the left. Great to use when trashcan not visible.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Pattern Repeat To program the machine to stop at the end of a programmed number of design repetitions.	1-9	1-9	1-9
Pattern Begin This function facilitates the sewing start at the beginning of the design, no matter where it was stopped before.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Pattern End No more half-finished designs; the machine stops when the design is finished. Programmable models additionally feature securing and cutting.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Mirror-image Function Horizontal or vertical mirroring of the stitch expands the design possibilities.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Elongation Extend stitch pattern length in 1% or 100% steps for decorative effects. Shortest length is 10 %; maximum length is 1000 %.	\checkmark	_	\checkmark
Basting Stitch To baste seams, hems and quilts. Maximum basting stitch length provided by activating the long stitch function (on some models).	Manual Basting Stitch #30	Manual Basting Stitch #30	Manual Basting Stitch #30
Long Stitch Only every second stitch is sewn. Helpful for practical stitches but also for decorative purposes.	\checkmark	_	-

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Continous Reverse Reverse sewing at the touch of a button.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Backstepping The stitch pattern is sewn precisely backwards stitch by stitch.	\checkmark	\checkmark	-
Securing Stitch Automatic securing at the beginning or the end of the seam with a short securing stitch.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Programmable Securing Function Automatically secures a single pattern or combination by adding some on the spot stitches.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
BSR Enabled Usability of the BERNINA Stitch Regulator (BSR) on the machine.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Start/Stop Button (stitching without foot control) As an alternative to the traditional foot control, power the machine using the Start/Stop button and regulate the speed with the Slide Speed Control.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Hopper Mechanism The vertical spring presses the sole to the fabric, preventing the fabric from pulling up with the needle. The result is a neat consistent stitch pattern.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Presser Foot Hover Function Activate Hover with a quick tap of the Start/Stop button to reposition the project. Program Hover to work with the Needle Stop Down function to Pivot.	\checkmark	-	-
Freearm Sewing The slim freearm is perfect for hemming small tubular pieces, such as baby clothes, pant legs, etc.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Total Number of Sewing Stitch Patterns (incl. alphabets)	800	1048	994
Alphabets/Monograms	5	5	5
Decorative Stitches	200	300	250
Button Sew-on Program	1	1	1
Buttonholes/Eyelets	9/2	12/2	9/2
Practical Stitches	29	30	29
Quilting Stitches	23	43	28
Darning Programs	2	2	2
Balance Setting Balance is used to balance forward and reverse stitches so that the stitch formation can be adjusted where necessary to suit the material.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark

EMBROIDERY			
Maximum Embroidery Speed (Stitches per minute) High speeds allow the project to be completed more quickly.	_	1000 spm	-
Embroidery Area Large embroidery fields allow for larger embroidery projects.	-	400 x 150 mm (15.7 x 5.9")	-
Freearm Embroidery Easy freearm embroidery with all embroidery hoops without additional tools. For embroidering tubular items such as pant legs, t-shirts, onesies, etc.	-	\checkmark	-
Built-in Embroidery Designs	-	50	-

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Embroidery Alphabets	_	4	-
On-screen Editing of Designs Easy and quick editing of embroidery designs right on the touchscreen.	-	\checkmark	-
Duplicate/Add Designs Quick duplication of an embroidery design. Using Add, designs and lettering can be combined on the screen.	_	\checkmark	-
Change Design Size Proportionally To zoom designs in or out, proportionally on the screen. Enlarging/ reducing within a range of +/- 20% gives the best results. Beyond this range, embroidery designs should be tested first.	-	✓	-
Change Design Size Non-Proportionally To alter the height and width separately. The best results are achieved when increasing or decreasing the values within a range of +/- 20%. Beyond this range, embroidery designs should be tested first.	-	✓	-
Move, Rotate, and Mirror To relocate designs by drag and drop or by using the Multi-function Knobs; rotation possible in 1-degree increments. Mirroring the embroidery designs for optimal placement on projects.	-	\checkmark	-
WordArt Create lettering with curved baselines. Adjust the letter spacing to achieve the best look.	-	\checkmark	_
Drag and Drop Simple drag and drop allows for easy positioning of embroidery designs.	-	\checkmark	-
Absolute Check Design Positioning Design placement tool – stitch by stitch. Check individual stitch locations for precise placement on the project from the Edit screen. The needle moves to that location in the hoop.	-	✓	-
Check Design Size Tool for placing designs. Check the embroidery design size. The center of the pattern can also be displayed.	-	\checkmark	-
Adjust Stitch Density To alter the stitch density to adapt the embroidery design to the different fabrics.	_	√	-
Change Stitch Type To alter a satin stitch to a fill stitch to minimize long stitches that can become tangled.	-	√	-
Change Thread Brand To quickly change the color and/or brand of the thread on the screen, in order to conform with the project.	_	✓	-
Basting Different basting stitches can be added before embroidering. Options to choose between basting stitch around the embroidery design or along the inner hoop.	-	✓	-
Color Resequence Several identical colors of an embroidery design are combined into one color, keeping the number of color changes to a minimum. Saves time.	-	~	-
Stitch Design as Single/Multi-Color To embroider a design in one color without interruption or as a multicolored design.	-	✓	-
Personal Memory for Saving Embroidery Designs Your own combinations, modified embroidery designs or external designs can be saved.	_	√	-
Programmable Jump Stitch Cutting Set any length of jump stitches to be cut and eliminate manual cutting.	-	√	-
Smart Secure Missing tie-on/off stitches are added automatically if none were programmed.	_	✓	-
Invisible Secure Improved sew-on and securing stitches that are completely invisible under the embroidery design.	-	✓	-
Centering the Embroidery Design The non-centered positioning of the design can be saved on the machine and the position of the design in the hoop is imported as defined in the BERNINA Embroidery Software.	-	✓	-
Switch Unit of Measurement To display the size of the embroidery design and the hoop in inches or millimeters.	-	\checkmark	-

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Multi-format Reading No need to convert. Reads EXP, DST, PES, PEC, JEF, PCS, SEW, XXX.	-	\checkmark	-
Embroidery Design Import/Export via USB Interface Enjoy rapid and direct connectivity for design transfer and updates.	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
View Stitch-out Time, Thread Colors, Size, Stitches Design details at a glance.	_	\checkmark	-
Embroidery Sequence Control This function helps to reposition the embroidery position after a thread breakage. You can move forward or backward stitch- by-stitch or in steps of 50.	-	\checkmark	-
Position Recall The last embroidered stitch is always saved so that embroidery can be resumed at exactly the same point in the project in case of a power failure.	_	\checkmark	-
Mega Hoop Compatibility	-	\checkmark	-
Midi Hoop Compatibility	_	\checkmark	-
Small Clamp Embroidery Hoop Compatibility	\checkmark	\checkmark	-
Large Freearm Embroidery Hoop Compatibility	-	\checkmark	-
STANDARD ACCESSORIES			
BERNINA Precision Presser Feet/Soles Included	5	5	5
Reverse Pattern Foot/Sole #1	-	-	√
Reverse Pattern Foot #1C	\checkmark	✓	-
Reverse Pattern Foot #1D	\checkmark	-	-
Overlock Foot/Sole #2	-	-	\checkmark
Overlock Foot #2A	-	\checkmark	-
Buttonhole Foot with Slide #3A	\checkmark	√	\checkmark
Zipper Foot/Sole #4	_	\checkmark	\checkmark
Zipper Foot #4D	\checkmark	-	-
Blindstitch Foot #5	-	-	\checkmark
Open Embroidery Foot #20D	\checkmark	✓	-
Straight/CutWork Stitch Plate	-	\checkmark	-
Slide-on Table Attaching the freearm slide-on table increases your sewing area, making it significantly easier to sew large projects.	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark
Knee Lever/Free Hand System (FHS)	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Dust Cover	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark
Accessory Box	\checkmark	√	\checkmark



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