

# TENNIS POST MAINTENANCE GUIDE

To extend the life of your HotShot tennis posts we recommend that you grease the internal winder once a year.

## PLEASE NOTE

The design of the posts have changed over the years. Each model of post will have different rollers, internal hooks, top caps and some have internal spacers - see image. This is a guide to help you through the process of greasing your internal winder.

## STEP 1 IDENTIFY YOUR POST

See our website to identify your post: [www.hotshot-sports.com](http://www.hotshot-sports.com)

## STEP 2 SLACKEN THE NET

The net will need to be removed from the winder post end in order for you to access the internal winder.

Start slackening the net by using the winder handle and turning until the net hook is visible at the top. Don't overwind as this may cause the hook to jam against the top cap.

Depending on what type of post you have, it may have 2 screws at the TOP. Unscrew these or simply lift the steel cap off.

## STEP 3 DISCONNECT THE NET

Take the roller out if you have one and disconnect the net wire from the anchor hook. To do this you will need to get someone to hold the net up to take some of the tension off the winder system. Release vertical lacing rope.

## STEP 4 REMOVE THE POST FROM THE GROUND

We recommend you take the opportunity to clear the hole of any excess sand and dirt.

## STEP 5 GREASE THE WINDER

**WARNING:** Ensure you lay the post down horizontally with the winder attachment side facing the ground. This will prevent the spacer plate from falling down into the bottom of the post.

### Identify your post



### Image A - TPI



### Internal Winder



You may have to unscrew the other 2 side screws at this point (if your posts has them like TPI - see Image A)

**WARNING:** Take note of the position of the silver cube. You'll need to return it to the same orientation it came out. It must go back into the post with the overhanging side positioned in the middle of the post - see Image A. Take the internal winder out of the post and run the anchor hook through the full length of travel to evenly disperse grease.

**STEP 6 RE ASSEMBLY**

- Insert the winder back into the post with the hook wound up to the top (the slackest net position).
- Check it is the correct way around - see Image A
- Ensure you screw the 2 side screws in so the winder doesn't fall into the post!
- Place the post back in the ground. Thread the end wire through the top cap.
- Attach the net wire to the hook.
- Hold the net up to release the tension.
- Position the cap on top of the post.
- Ensure the cap rollers are in place if you have them.
- If the top cap has 2 top screws tighten them ( TPI or TP3)

**WARNING:** Ensure all screws are tight prior to tensioning the net and don't over tension. Use the centre net strap as a guide. Tension the net using the handle. And once completed remember to remove the handle and replace with a plastic cap. Re-attach vertical lacing rod.

Take note of when you serviced your posts - and schedule another service in a year.  
Game on!



**TPI hook for net wire**  
(Please note there are a range of net hooks)



**TPI**  
Top Screws

Side screws



**TP2**  
Remember to remove the handle & replace with plastic cap (applies to all posts).

