

Livermore Heritage Guild's 1924 Underwood No. 5



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Docent Operation

The No. 5 was the quintessential Underwood. Millions of this model were used throughout the first half of the twentieth century.

John T. Underwood who bought the New York City company early in its history.

Our serial# 187 4486-5
was manufactured in 1924
(serials # 1,780,000 to 1,910,000)

Olivetti bought control of
Underwood in 1959.

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Flip up to load paper

Swing left/right to load paper

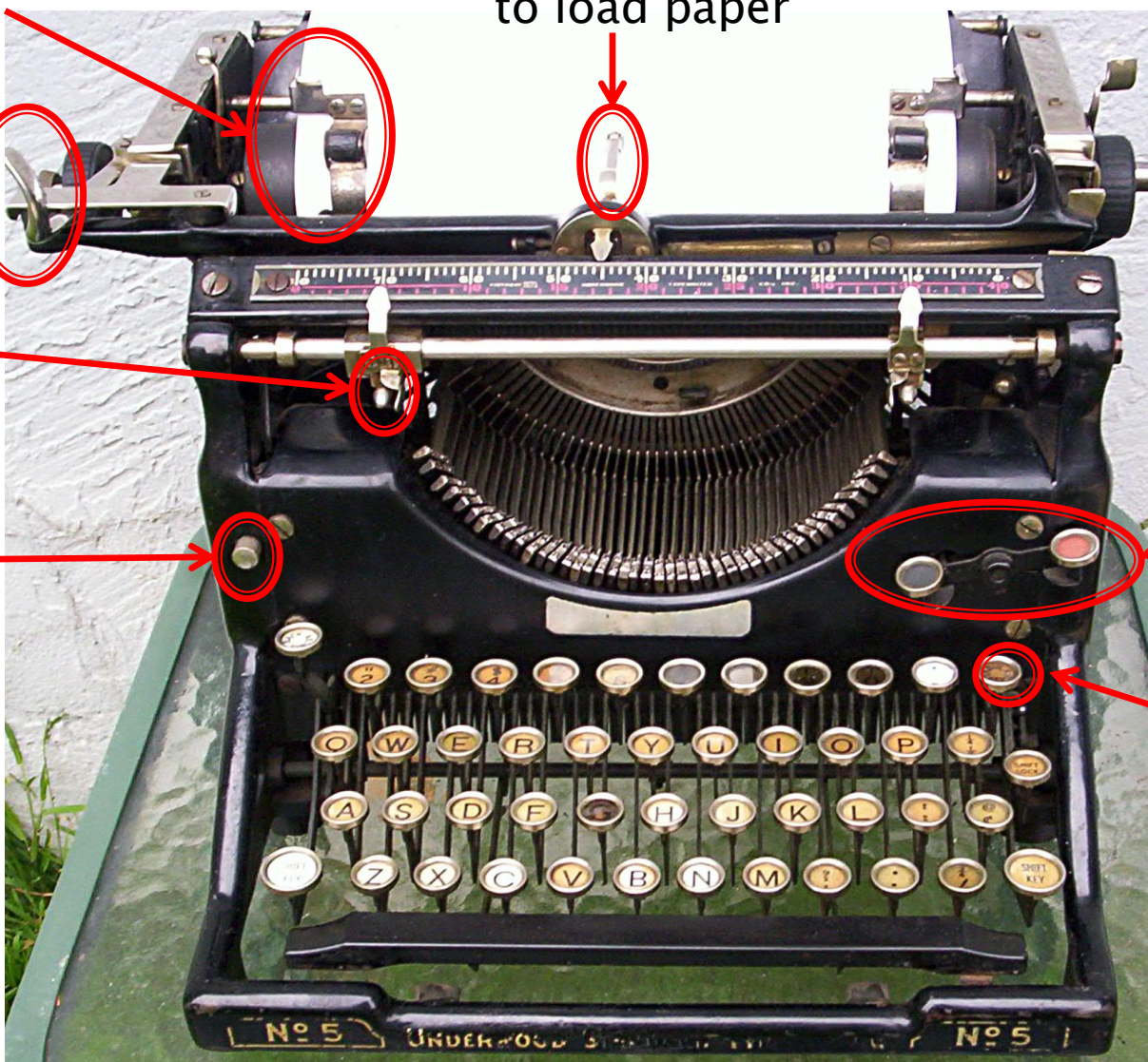
Carriage Return

Squeeze to adjust margins

Push to release at right margin

Color selector

Tab to pre-set columns



Two keys at same time will **JAM** machine!

Swing left/right
to load paper

Use TWO sheets of paper

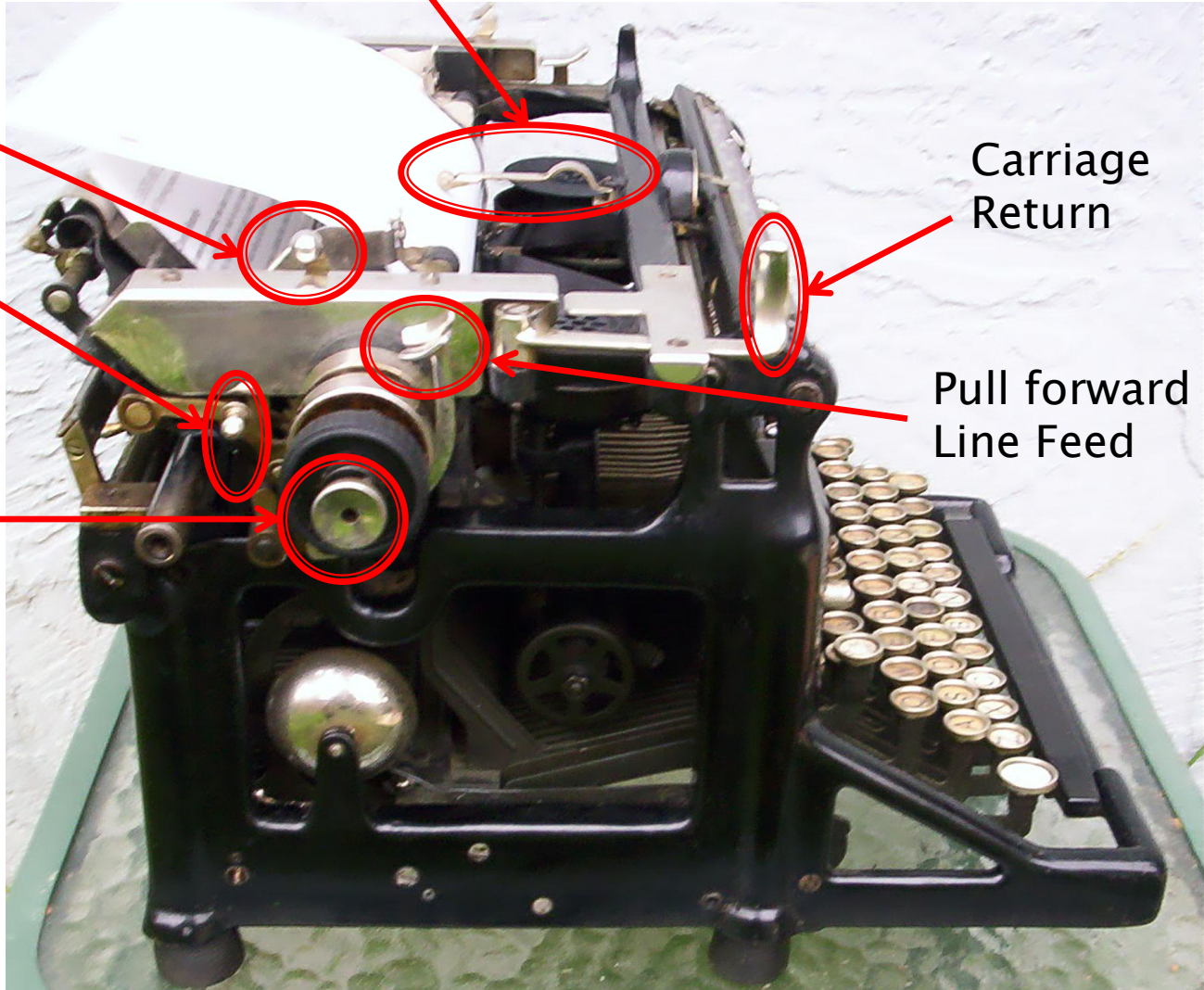
Line Spacing

Clutch 1:
Pull forward
to roll freely

Clutch 2:
Pull out to
roll freely

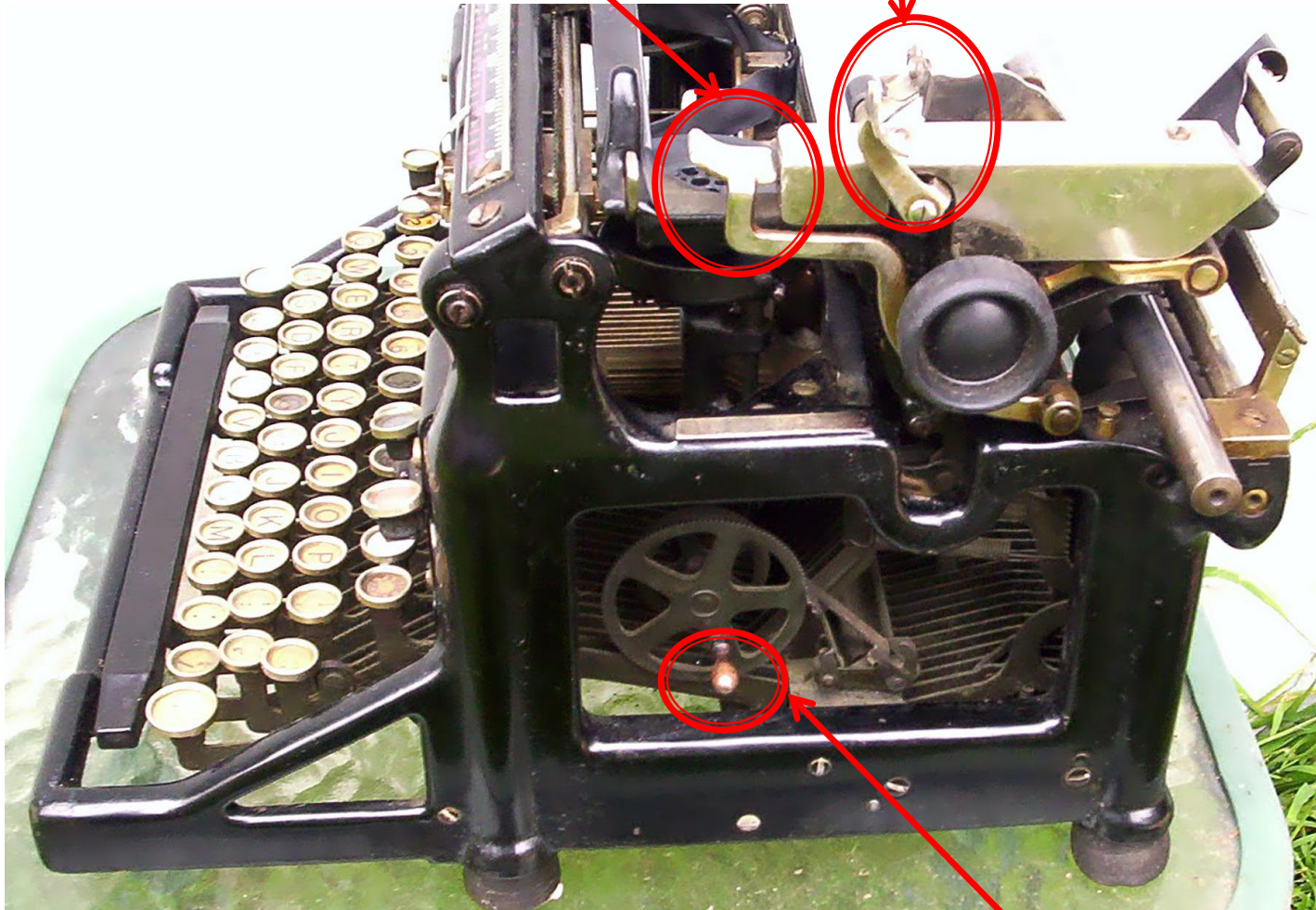
Carriage
Return

Pull forward
Line Feed



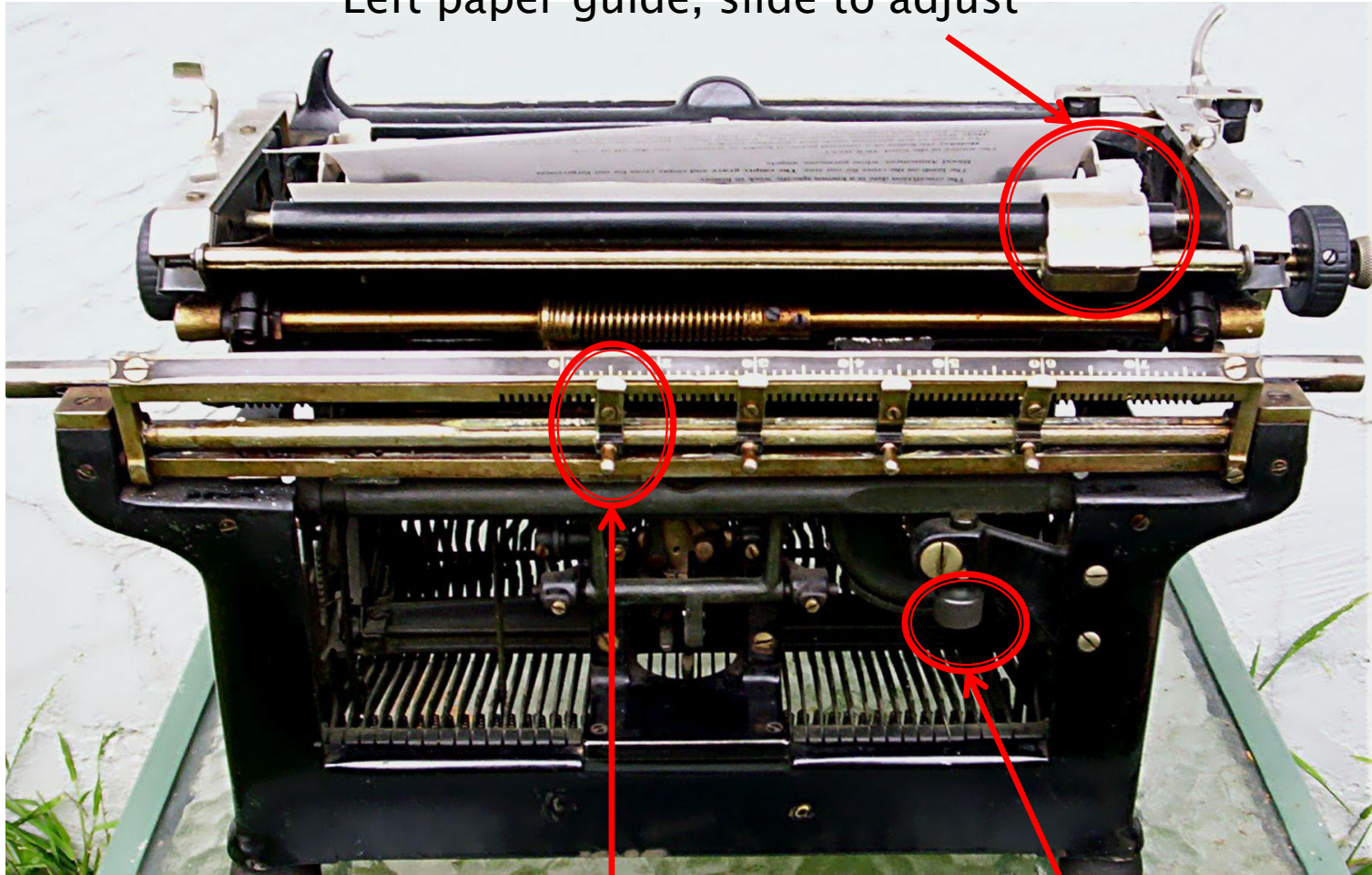
Carriage Release

Paper Release



Wind ribbon, push in (or pull out) to engage each spool

Left paper guide, slide to adjust

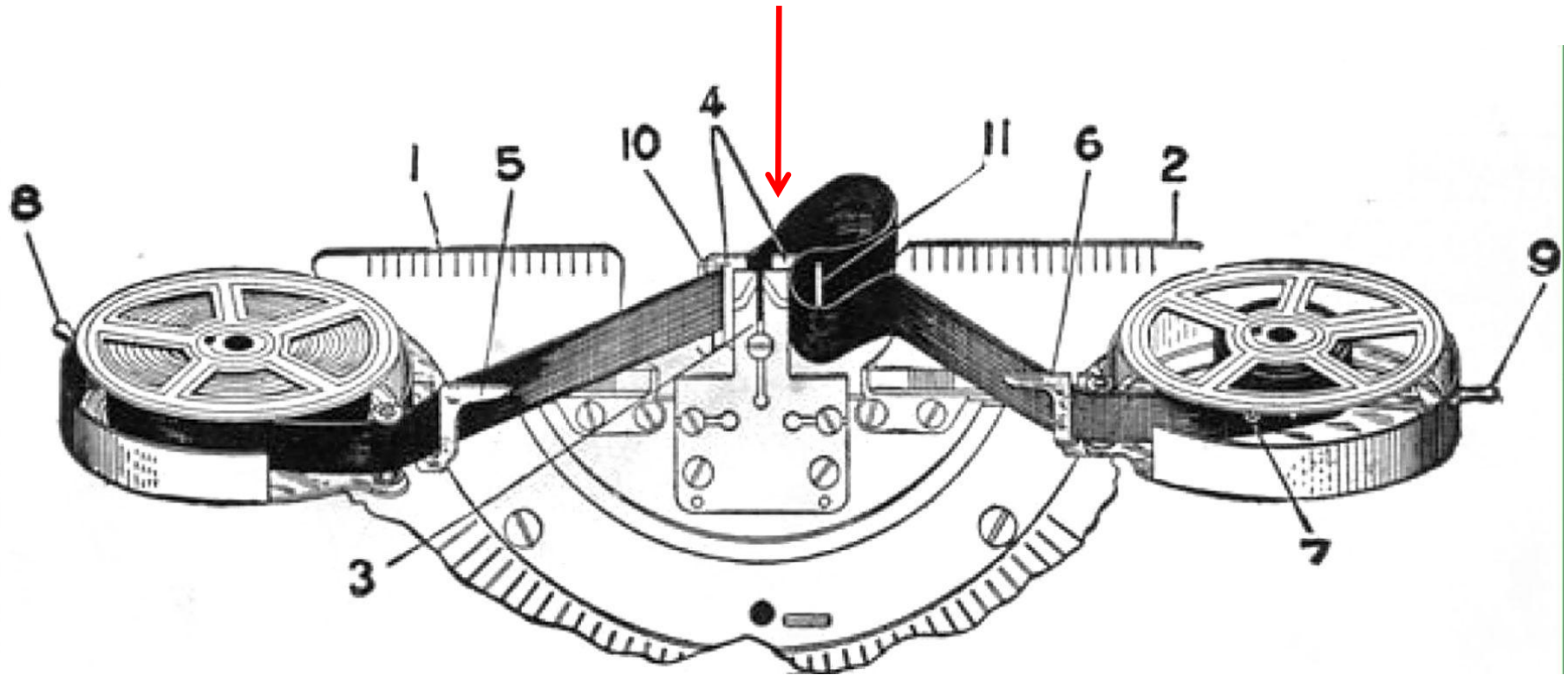


Rotate tab-stops out of grooves, slide to new position, rotate back securely into gear-like grooves

Rotate to adjust powered tab tension/speed (Do not adjust)

Ribbon placement:

Use the shift-lock key (upper case) to raise the ribbon guide.



After cleaning the machine thoroughly such parts as require it should be oiled.

Use only the very best oil, preferably the Underwood Oil furnished by this Company.

★ Wipe off all superfluous oil except at the exact spot where friction is liable.

Superfluous oil catches dust and such accumulations retard the free action of the machine.

The back rod especially should be kept moist with oil.

What Not to Do.

In the care of your machine what not to do is quite as important as what to do.

★ Do not take the machine apart.

Do not remove the carriage.

Do not oil the type bar bearings.

★ Do not loosen the screws.

Do not change the adjustments.

★ Do not allow others to do these "Do Nots."