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TO: Parts & Service Managers

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SUBJ: Tips & Tricks - The Water Works Rotating Flipper

Explanation:
This is a very simple and reliable design that can take a beating, thanks to it’s unique clutch design. Below are a few Tips & Tricks for maintaining the assembly and troubleshooting.

Water Works Rotating Mini-Flipper Motor

Maintenance:
- Check the rubber ring on the Drive Wheel for excessive wear or if it is dry and cracking (see Drawing). Replace ONLY with a 1” I.D. Standard BLACK Rubber Ring (SPI Part Number: 545-5348-05).
- Check switch for proper operation and alignment (see Drawing). Ensure the Switch Mounting Bracket is not bent causing over-travel of the actuator and binding of the Driven Wheel or under-travel causing the switch not to actuate.
- Check that the Flipper Bat Set Screw (in the Driven Wheel, with Plastics) is tight and secured with loc-tite.

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Check all fasteners to ensure they are tight (DO NOT over-tighten the Motor Gearbox Screws as this may cause binding of the gears). Note: Don’t forget the Set Screw in the Drive Wheel under the 1” Rubber Ring.
Troubleshooting:
For testing, enter the Portals™ Service Menu System (for Access & Use, review Section 3, Chp. 1, and Chp. 2, Page 26) of your MONOPOLY® Game Manual.

From the MAIN MENU, select the "DIAG" icon.

From the DIAGNOSTICS MENU, select the "MON" icon.

From the MONOPOLY TESTS MENU, select the "WTR" icon.

Now in the WATER WORKS TEST MENU, select the appropriate Mini-Icon for testing.

Motor does not turn or energize:
1. Check the Bi-Directional Relay Board located underneath the playfield (SPI Part Number: 520-5066-00) for cold solder or bad connections.
2. Check for 20v DC at the Relay Board on the Brown wires at Pins 3 & 6.
3. Check Transistor Q25 (this drives the motor) and Q27 (this energizes the relay for Forward/Reverse motion) on the I/O Power Driver Board.

The flipper is moving but cannot get the ball out of the hole:
1. Ensure the Set Screw on the Driven Wheel for the Flipper Bat is tight and aligned with the flat on the Flipper Bat Shaft. Make sure the Flipper is as tight to the playfield as it can be without binding. If it has a lot of upward movement, it can ride up the side of the ball and force it down. Ensure the Flipper Bat Red Rubber Ring is seated properly; it is possible the rubber ring may have slid up the flipper bat and have a similar effect.
2. Check that the Rubber Ring on the Drive Wheel is a 1” I.D. Black Rubber Ring and not smaller (the size is printed on the side with raised lettering). By design, this rubber ring appears to be oversized and fits somewhat loosely, this is correct. Note: Do not replace with a 1” I.D. White Rubber Ring as the material differs slightly and operation could be affected.
3. It is possible that the fasteners (screws) that hold the motor gearbox together may have been over-tightened. Try loosening them up a 1/4 turn and see if this helps.
4. In rare instances, it may be necessary to place washers as spacers between the motor and mounting plate so as to relieve stress on the gearbox.

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