

## Tightening the Trigger Winder

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Has over-use or age taken its toll? Is it limp and flacid when it should be rigid and hard? Does it stay that way no matter how much you play with it? Okay, first off this isn't an ad for the little blue pill. You can stop snikering. Finished? No, it's okay. I understand. I got a good laugh out of it, too. Take a deep breath. Need some tea? I hear camamil is good for calming oneself down. Ok? Let's move on, then. This is about my CV trigger winder. It's a great accessory and 99% of the time I shoot my rangefinder it's open. I even penned a review about it here. Recently however, it's loosened to the point where it's unusable. Even when folded away it hangs somewhat loosely a couple of millimeters below the base. Basically, I needed a tightening. Not knowing anyone local I could take it to, not wanting to deal with the wait time and extra money involved with shipping it to CameraQuest, and being kind of a cheepie overall (teachers really don't have great earning power) I decided to attempt the repair myself. This is how I fixed my loose trigger winder.

Obligatory Disclaimer So That In Helping Others Some Heartless Individual Can't Take Advantage and Sue Me For a Quick Buck. Don't fix your trigger winder yourself. Send it in to your closest camera repair shop certified to make repairs on Cosina-Voigtlander accessories. You would be an irresponsible idiot not to. Yes, that makes me an irresponsible idiot. As is stated in an uncountable number of reality, stunt, wrestling, and game programs: **DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME.**

The trigger winder isn't actally that complicated a piece of equipment and was put together in such a way that tightening it doesn't require a huge amount of steps or any specialized tools. All I needed was:

- A fingernail or tweezers
- Jeweller's screwdriver (phillips head)
- Lens cloth (to put the screws on)
- Clear nail polish (optional)

Here's how I fixed it, play-by-play:

(Step 1) Remove the protective felt. This is where the fingernail comes in. Just use one to pick up a corner and then peel the rest off. You can also use a pair of tweezers or anything else similar that you feel comfortable using. Take the piece of felt and put it to the side.

(Step 2) Once the felt is removed you will see two plates, each fastened down with a number of small screws. With the Voigtlander name facing you, use your phillips-head screwdriver to remove the three screws on the right plate. Place the screws on a lens cloth or something similar to prevent them from rolling away and getting lost.

(Step 3) Using your fingernail or a pair of tweezers again, carefully lift the metal plate and put it to the side. **DO NOT REMOVE THE PLATE BY TURNING THE TRIGGER WINDER UPSIDE DOWN!** There are small pieces inside, you know.

(Step 4) You are now looking at the sliding mechanism. There is a single screw on the top of it and a little left of center. With your off hand, gently lift the trigger winder and hold the trigger in the up position. While holding the trigger in place, carefully tighten the screw with the screwdriver in your good hand. Be careful not to overtighten! To keep the screw from becoming loose in the future, apply a dot of clear nail polish and wait a couple minutes for it to dry.

(Step 5) Reassemble and enjoy a fully-functional trigger winder once more.

I hope this helps!{mos\_smf\_discuss:7}