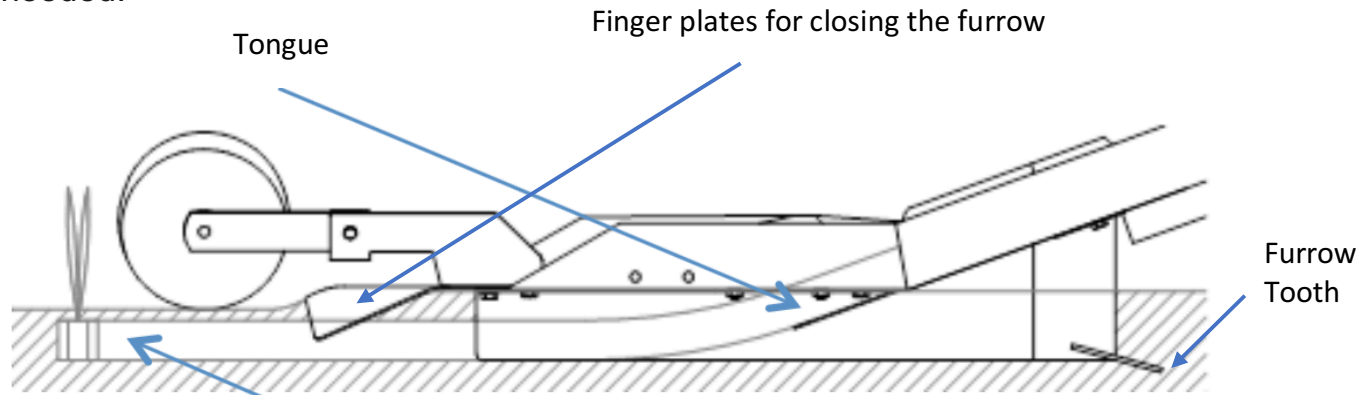


Performance issues? Try these tips and adjustments:



1. Make sure the transplanter is set to transplant as deeply as possible by adjusting the rear travel wheels so that they are tucked up under the platform where the nursery flat rests.
2. Bend the 'tongue' down so that the paper chain rides into furrow as deeply as needed.



3. Slight upward or downward pressure on the handle while you are pulling the transplanter will affect how much soil is being moved by the “finger plates” on the end of the transplanter that cover up the paper pots. The more you use the transplanter the more you will understand how to pull and handle the transplanter to be most effective.
4. You can bend the “finger plates” up or down to move more or less soil.
5. Watering the flats just before planting will ensure the paper chain is nice and heavy so that it will be more likely to go deeper into the furrow. The Japanese recommend watering 2 to 4 hours before transplanting and using about $\sim\frac{1}{2}$ gallon of water per tray.
5. Make sure soil and debris are not building up on the tooth that begins making the furrow. If debris builds up on the Furrow Tooth, the transplanter will not ride as deeply in the soil.
6. Although it can be tempting to pull the transplanter quickly to set a new personal or farm record for transplants set per hour, going more slowly and carefully will help ensure better performance...and you will still be planting more quickly and easily than doing it by hand!
7. The most important thing to improve performance is to have a well-prepared, level bed. The lighter and finer the texture of the soil, the better the transplanter performs.
8. Like any tool, your results will improve over time as you learn to use the paper pot system and transplanter.

If you continue to experience challenges, or do not understand any of the above recommendations, please send us an email or give us a call.

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