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Subject: troubleshooting a tascam model 38 reel to reel  
Posted by [Rob Payne](#) on Mon, 25 Jul 2005 22:00:31 GMT  
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I have two identical tascam 38 1/2" 8 tracks reel to reel machines. Both of them i just recently purchased and both have the same problem. No i have not much experience with reel to reel but i'm good at figuring things out. So pardon my lack of knowledge of terms. ok so both machines started making a funny noise coming from the small spinning wheel to the right of the heads. (the one that always spins). Then they quit spinning and now they blow the 3amp fuses everytime i hit play or edit. nybody with any clue of whats wrong?

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Sounds like the motor that drives the pinch roller is bad.

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Or the capstain bearing is dry, galled, fretted and etc.

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Yep, could be.

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