



NEW CRAFTSMAN® 13 IN. PLANER PROVIDES THREE BLADE CUTTERHEAD WITH MULTIPLE SETTINGS

Spiral Cutterhead Accessory Compatible with All Wood Forms

Hoffman Estates, Ill. – Craftsman, America’s most trusted brand of tools, introduces an essential tool for any workshop, the Craftsman Professional 13 in. Thickness Planer. This device uniforms wood boards and makes it easy to bring rough stock to near finished pieces.

The 13 in. Thickness Planer is equipped with the Preset Depth of Cut, giving the user eight different settings ranging from 1/8 in. to 1 3/4 in. Its three blade cutterhead cuts more per inch than its two blade counterparts, providing more cuts per minute and a smooth, almost sanded, blemish-free finish. A unique screw profile, consisting of four lead screws, secures the cutterhead firmly in place without the need of a cutter head lock, providing a virtually snipe-free finish. Additionally, the extra large in-feed and out-feed tables, further reduce snipe, producing high quality finishes and folds up for storage.

The 13 in. Thickness Planer’s powerful 15 amp universal motor allows the unit to easily handle hard and soft wood. The unit’s granite table provides a flat, smooth surface for easy material movement. Unlike some metal tables, the granite will not discolor, mar woods or rust. The table also provides stability and absorbs vibrations, leading to a better finish. The planer ~~also~~ features top mounted return rollers that make handling long boards easy, a reversible dust collection chute, and a 4 to 2 1/2 in. port adaptor to accommodate standard dust collection systems or wet/dry vac hose connections.

Available for the Thickness Planner is a spiral cutterhead accessory for the woodworker who uses varied materials. The spiral cutterhead takes a series of 26 double-edged high carbon steel inserts, and positions them in a helix/spiral configuration around the cutterhead. The spiral cutterhead reduces sound levels when cutting a board, and is compatible with all forms of wood and MDF. Using the spiral cutterhead results in less tear out on figured woods because the contact of the helix inserts produces a sequential cut (shear cut) as opposed to the straight blade (straight cut).

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Specifications:

Craftsman 13 in. Thickness Planner

- Max cut height: 6 in.
- Max width: 13 in.
- Max depth of cut: 1/8 in. up to 6 in. width, 3/32 in. on greater than 6 in.
- Granite table: 13 in x 9 3/4 in.
- Auto feed rate: 26 feet/min.
- Cuts per minute: 30,000
- Net Weight: 95 lbs.

The Craftsman Professional 13 in. Planer will be available in September 2009 at Craftsman.com and Sears locations nationwide for \$449.99. For more than 80 years, Craftsman has developed innovative products. Craftsman was ranked as the most trusted tool brand in America in the 2008 Harris Interactive Equitrend Brand Study. For more information, log on to www.craftsman.com.

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