

SCOTTISH MEN'S SHEDS ASSOCIATION

Workshop Essentials MINSTER T

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We've spent more than 50 years building our family business on a foundation of strong customer service and expert knowledge. We share our customers' passion for great craftsmanship and a job well done. We do this by offering the products you need, the knowledge you trust and the committed service you deserve.

WORKING TOGETHER

Men who are involved in Men's Sheds report living healthier, happier and more connected lives.

That's why we're committed to working together with SMSA to provide support

for sheds and their members.







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WORKSHOP ESSENTIALS

- Extraction
- Suitable Machinery
- Workshop Layout
- Tools for beginners
- Health and Safety
- Shed Visits and Support



EXTRACTION

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Extraction

- The most important part of a workshop is a suitable extractor
- Provides health and safety, Machine lifespan, and less tidying up
- Choosing the right extractor for the workshop
- Ductwork design or direct link up to the machines
- Power rating and air flow





Choosing the right Extractor











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UPGRADES

- Simple tweaks to existing machines can improve efficiency
- Clean and replacement filters can make all the difference
- Duct layout to be as streamline as possible the less the air has to travel the better
- Air filters make a huge difference to Airbourne dust







Machinery





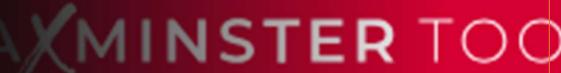




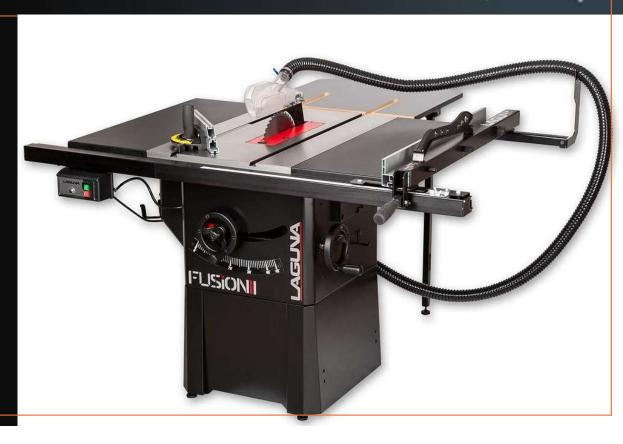


TABLE SAWS

- Guarding should be used at all times and checked regularly by a competent person
- The blade should be checked regularly for chipped or missing teeth and ensure its sharp. Blunt or damaged blades can cause kick back
- Square fences not only help with straight cuts but assist the user in the safe practice of passing timber through, mitre fences can also be a handy addition
- Regular cleaning and maintenance of the machine, build up of dust can impact the safe working of the machine as well as potentially cause fire
- Allow a kick back zone either side of the saw when in use, should be a pedestrian no go zone when the machine is in use
- Push sticks, ppe and suitable extraction should always be used. Sliding tables can also be handy if fitted to help the user especially if new to table saw operation



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Bandsaw

- The correct blade will improve the cut, assist the motor with resistance and improve safety for the user
- For straight cuts (ripping) a wider blade with less teeth, for curved work a narrower blade with medium teeth depending on what you are cutting
- Push sticks and ppe should always be used













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Wood Turning

- Great addition to the shed, easy to learn the basics and suitable for most skill bases
- Choosing the right chuck is key future proofing the shed and getting the most for your money
- Sharp tools are important; a good sharpening system should be considered or using the tct tipped blades which are replaceable
- Extraction for lathes in the sanding process this is where the harmful dust appears, the shavings are generally clean
- Pen turning is a great introduction to woodturning and can be a great source of income for the sheds in selling them.

Planer Thicknesser

- Most of our planer Thicknessers and bench top thicknessers come with spiral block cutters
- Easy to replace and no need to replace the whole blade if it hits a nail
- Single lift table makes it easy to operate as well as the set the full table giving accurate planning
- Mobile bases are popular with these machines to help move them around the workshop





Axminster support

- Shed Visits
- After sales team for spares repairs, hints and tips
- Axminster YouTube, educational videos
- 10% discount as standard with additional discounts for larger workshop orders









