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## Soap Beveller



### DESCRIPTION

The unique design of this plane allows an edge to be rounded over to either a 5mm or 2.5mm radius. The blade is made of high carbon steel, and fitted into a white oak body. It's held in place by a screw adjustment on the cap iron, so the depth of cut can be adjusted to the exact position needed. Instead of a flat facet cut you have a lovely rounded edge that feels wonderful in the hand. The soap is held in one hand and the planer is held, upside down, in your other hand. Because it is narrow, and finely made, the beveller fits nicely in your hand and is comfortable to hold. Each edge of the soap is run along the groove in the wood and across the blade. A bar of soap can be beveled effortlessly and beautifully on all eight sides in about 8-10 seconds. This beveller works equally well with relatively soft bars and with rock hard bars -- something a razor blade set in wood does not do very well, or safely. While the carbon steel blade is not as dangerous as an exposed razor blade, it will cut and care should be taken when using it!

### ADJUSTING THE DEPTH OF CUT

Before you make any adjustments, take a bar of soap and run it along the groove on the bottom, sliding it over the blade. Check the bevel on the soap. If it is too deep or too shallow, you just adjust the depth of the cut as follows. Looking at the plane, the blade is the larger piece of metal behind the cap iron. To adjust the blade, you turn the knob on the cap iron to loosen the tension on the blade below. Then you can pull up on the blade to make the cut more shallow on the bottom, or tap on the blade at the top to increase the depth of cut. Retighten the screw and run the soap across the blade again to test the cut. Adjust until you have it where you like it and then screw tight. It won't move. You never need to adjust it again, unless you take it apart to clean it.

### CLEANING

The steel pieces are not affected by soap. The beveller can be cleaned with a dry wash cloth to remove excess soap build up. Just rub with the direction of the blade, not against it as you do when beveling your soap. You can also clean the channels out with a craft (popsicle) stick as they have a nice rounded edge. Usually a dry wash cloth is sufficient. You can also take it apart and wash it if you need to. The wood is hard oak and getting it wet won't hurt it, but you certainly don't want to leave it in water -- dry off all parts immediately and reassemble. Cleaning with water is rarely necessary.