

## H.N.T. Gordon Product - Use and Care Instructions

# Blade Setting - Smoothing & Try Planes

This photo shows a 'blade setting block' which is simply a small piece of hard wood 6" x 2" x 1" planed perfectly flat.

Some tips:

- For a fine blade setting ensure the wood is super hard.
- Check the block is perfectly flat over its length and across its width.



### Step 1

Sit the plane on the setting block as shown. Place the blade in position and using your index finger ensure the blade is sitting against the bed and hold the plane body to stop it from moving.



### Step 2

Place the wedge loosely into position and with a small hammer tap the wedge firmly into position using a series of taps until the wedge takes up. Some tips:

- Hit the wedge in the middle
- A series of small taps is better than one big tap
- Don't move the plane when setting the wedge
- Check the blade is secure before use
- If blade is loose you need to hit the wedge harder
- If the blade sets to deep, your setting block needs to be a harder piece of wood
- If your blade sets out of level either your setting block is not flat or you are hitting the wedge more on one side than the other.



Note: This is the initial setting of the blade only, and you are not restricted to this method alone. This method will get you going and ensure you are not frustrated as you learn how to use your classic wooden plane. But to get the best out of your plane you do need to learn how to make tiny changes to the depth of cut by tapping the body or blade with a small hammer, which is fully explained in the instructions that come with the plane.

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### Hand Grip - Smoothing or Trying Plane

First, hold the plane with what I call the pistol grip ensuring your thumb and hand rest on the back of the plane.



Next, using your other hand copy the position of the first hand as shown. In this position your index fingers can control the weight on the front of the plane and your crossed thumbs control the weight on the back of the plane. This grip ensures you can balance the weight around the plane blade from starting to finishing the cut on a piece of wood.



This photo shows what the grip looks like from another perspective.



This is an alternate grip so that you can use the plane with a pulling action. Very useful when planing large wood surfaces such as table tops. Also my preferred grip when using the plane as a scraper.



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