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The Table Saw Book, Completely Revised And Updated



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Synopsis

The table saw is the cornerstone of any woodworking shop, and this book in its first edition quickly became the standard reference. Written by the recognized authority on the subject, the book explains how to choose the proper saw and use it safely, and covers all basic operations including ripping, crosscutting, and handling large stock. Included are discussions of innovations in table saw design and new accessories.

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Customer Reviews

Mehler, a professional woodworker, contributes this well-paced, focused book on what is usually the central tool in most woodworking shops. Mehler comprehensively lays out the various choices available and details the advantages of the suggestions he makes, particularly in terms of the reader's level of woodworking skill. Much here will benefit the novice, and a fair amount of the material will serve as a reminder or means of improvement for the advanced woodworker. Illustrations are well placed and relevant to the text, while the drawings are clear. Many suggestions have a direct bearing on convenience and safety. This simple, direct, and thorough book is recommended for collections with extensive woodworking sections. A companion video is available from the publisher.- Alex Hartmann, Bloomsburg Univ. Lib., Pa.Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"You know from the first few pages that as Mehler shares his hard-earned experience, he understands the tool intimately" Woodworker magazine.

Excellent book. I thought I really didn't need it, but bought it anyway. Turns out I needed it. I learned how to correct and adjust my saw, now get much finer and more accurate cuts.

If you are already a skilled woodworker, look elsewhere. The information in this book will be too basic for you.I am NOT a skilled woodworker; I did not have "shop" classes in high school (and man, in retrospect was I ever steered wrong!); and I'm determined to learn the right way to work with power tools. For someone like me, this book is perfect.Thanks to Mehler, I now know that I'm looking for SO much more than a motor spinning a blade. This book's discussions on table saw history, design, application, and safety are written with a wealth of first-person experience behind them. Mehler's style is relatively jargon-free, in that he explains the common terms used in woodworking when they come up.Mehler's clear exposition has persuaded me to pass up the $89 table saw at the local big-box store. My time, my lumber, and my fingers are all too precious to waste my money that way. What is remarkable, though, is that he has also persuaded me that I don't have to give up an arm and a leg (sorry!) purchasing a stationary home-shop saw. There are several good models at the high end of the portable saw market that will do everything I am likely to need, for about $500. (And yes, your mileage may vary--that's what this book helps you determine.)I did not find the comments on the advantages of European-style saws to be tedious. They served to educate me on what I should be seeking in my own table saw--and I would hope that American consumers would start demanding some of these improvements since they relate to safety and performance. Knowing what I was looking at, I noticed that some of the American saws on the market in the three years since this book was published now have some European-style features...and wonder of wonders, without an increase in price.What was taught in woodworking classes was "The Code"--how this stuff works and how to use it. I believe Mehler effectively teaches The Code to beginners like me through this book. I heartily recommend this clear text with its full-color illustrations to others who want to know how to purchase and use a table saw.

Product received on time and as described. Mehler is certainly a pro.

Excellent book for everything from purchasing, using, and maintaining your saw--including extensive references to safety.Color photographs are clear, sharp, and very detailed, and Mehler's writing is

sure and firm without being overly preachy The references to European saws do get tiresome (as one other reviewer has noted), especially since the majority of the photos in the book are of US-made equipment. Not many Saturday wood butchers or even serious amateurs can afford two thousand dollars and up for European saws.While 20 years older and only using B&W photos, R.J. De Christoforo's book by the same name is still fairly current and has far more detail for the serious woodworker. The section on saw blades alone is more than 20 pages and contains valuable information that is missing from Mehler's book.Buy both. You'll be glad you did.

might be a little outdated, but nothing in the shop ever really goes out of style. I really appreciated his wisdom, and was able to modify most of his suggestions to work with my saw (I have a Powermatic contractor saw, the author goes over several Delta saws). This one won't leave my shelf, that's for sure!

I usually REALLY dislike reference-style technical books, either I find them too chatty or too dense on jargon that I'm not familiar with, but this was a stand-out exception. I read this cover-to-cover and actually enjoyed it! the author has a rare ability impart technical information in laymans terms (I bought this to help me set up my first used table saw) to the reader, while still including sufficient detail that I know I will refer to this many times in the future.....this is a must have for anyone who is either in the market for a table saw or wants to brush up on some useful tips.

Several important points to note:Positives:1) Lots of pictures. Every concept has a clear picture and/or supplemental drawing. Much better than most books I've read that explain the technique, but don't show an example.2) Serious about the basics. It's an exhaustive study of all the basics, it assumes you know nothing, but is written using novice wording.3) Breadth. It covers many different examples of saws and attachments, rather than focusing on one saw in particular. Gives a good feel of what is out there, from basic stuff to pro tools.Negatives:Continually calls out how much better European saws are, from dust collection to riving knives to sliding table layout. Every other paragraph contains something like: "American saws do ____ poorly, but they are catching up to Euro saws, which have had this feature for years." Granted, he makes some great points, but it gets tedious.Overall: a fantastic reference book.

Great tips and ideas for a new woodworker.Unsure of what all a table saw was capable of doing, this book definitely answered all the questions I had about it.Quality photos and how-to instructions.

Easy to read and understand.A must have for all woodworkers.

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