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GMC Carbon Fibre Unlimited Rebate Planer

Matt Long gets into the groove with GMC's kit

GMC's return to the market has seen them put out this unlimited rebate planer in their carbon fibre series.

Straight out of the box, GMC's idiosyncratic design features in this series of tools are noticeable. And no bad thing, as we found out with their random orbital sander last issue.

The front and rear handles are nicely positioned, giving you a feeling of control. The extendable front shoe also adds to this feeling.

There is a lever under the front handle for lifting the planer side guard for the unlimited depth cut.

The clickable depth dial feels sturdy and easy to use, and goes in 0.2mm steps. The trigger has a lock-on switch easily accessible by the



thumb, which makes for ease of use.

In use, the planer feels nice and sturdy, and the three blade cutter block gives a nice smooth cut.

One annoyance is the lack of a fence... to use the planer's rebating abilities properly requires a fence in my book. It should come as standard with a rebate planer.

The verdict

A sturdy, easy to use bit of kit that should hold up well to continued use. Good value for the money. ■



Mike says

"It's OK in my book... but why no fence?"

AT A GLANCE

- Planes to the edge of the workpiece
- Patented 3-blade design for faster, smoother cutting
- Clickable depth control
- Planer block spindle lock
- Lock on trigger
- Extendable front shoe
- Parking stand to protect the blades and workpiece
- Left or right dust extraction
- Optional sanding drum

THE NUMBERS

- Power input 750W
- Voltage 240v
- No Load Speed 15,000 rpm
- Cuts Per Minute 45,000
- Depth of cut per pass 0-3mm
- Planing Width 82mm
- Parking stand to protect the blades and workpiece
- Optional sanding drum
- Weight 2.7kg
- Price: £96.70 inc VAT

WHERE TO BUY

- www.toolstation.com

PROS & CONS

- Nice build quality
- Usability
- Nice spec
- No fence included!

5 STAR RATING

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| VALUE FOR MONEY | ★★★★★ |
| PERFORMANCE | ★★★★★ |
| BUILD QUALITY | ★★★★★ |