

# WOODWORKING BENCH 1.52mtr MODEL: AP1520

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# 1. SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

### 1.1 GENERAL SAFETY

- WARNING! Ensure Health & Safety, local authority, and general workshop practice regulations are adhered to when using this bench.
- ✓ Locate bench in a suitable working area.
- ✓ Keep the work area clean, uncluttered and ensure there is adequate lighting.
- □ WARNING! Use bench on level and solid floor surface.
- $\checkmark$  Keep the bench clean and tidy in accordance with good workshop practice.
- ✓ Keep children and unauthorised persons away from the working area.
- **x DO NOT** use the bench for any purpose other than that for which it is designed.
- **x DO NOT** undertake work on the bench without the workpiece being adequately secured.
- **x DO NOT** use the bench out of doors.
- **x DO NOT** get the bench wet or use in damp or wet locations or areas where there is condensation.
- **x DO NOT** clean the bench with any solvents which may damage the paint surface or the protective coating on the wooden top.

# 2. CONTENTS

2.1 Carefully unpack the product and check the contents against the diagram below. Should any items be missing or damaged make immediate contact with your Sealey dealer.



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## 3. ASSEMBLY



- 3.1 Take the 4 short rods from the **two part connectors (N)** and insert one into each hole at either end of the **leg braces (A)** as shown in fig.1. Each rod has a screwdriver slot in one end. Use this slot to rotate each rod so that the slot is in line with the overall length of the leg brace.
- 3.2 Take the lefthand end frame (B) and join it to the righthand end frame (C) using one of the cross braces (A) as shown in fig.2. Insert a long socket cap bolt from the two part connector (N) through each end frame and into the leg brace. Using the 6mm Allen Key provided rotate each bolt so that it picks up the threaded hole through the short rod. Continue to rotate until the end frame pulls up tight against the end of the leg brace.



3.3 Take the shelf (D) and position it between the end frames so that its lower edge fits into the slot on the inside face of the first leg brace as indicated in fig.3. Take the other leg brace (A) and place it into position between the end frames so that the edge of the shelf fits into the slot on the inside face of the leg brace. Retain the leg brace with the remaining long socket cap bolts as shown in fig.4.



3.4 Spread some protective material on the floor (e.g. packaging cardboard) and place the bench top (F) face down on the material.
Attach
3.5 Turn the end frame/shelf assembly upside down and place it on top of the bench top in the position shown in fig.5. Fix it down using the four large hex headed screws (O) and four washers (Q) provided.



- 3.6 To assemble the draw, first take the two **draw sides (H)** and place them down on a flat surface ready to attach the joining brackets. The two draw sides are handed. The dowels that protrude from the outside faces of the sides should be placed downwards and the slots for the bottom of the draw should be facing upwards and be close to each other as shown in fig.6. Now attach the joining brackets as shown using the pre-drilled holes and screws provided.
- 3.7 Attach the **draw back (J)** to the sides as shown above (centre) ensuring that the slot on the inside face is aligned with slots on the inside faces of the side pieces. Slide the draw bottom (I) into place.
- 3.8 Lay the **draw front (G)** face down as shown above (right) and place the assembled draw onto it so that the joining brackets are aligned with the pre-drilled holes. Fix in place with the remaining screws.
- 3.9 Place the assembled draw onto the draw runners and slide into position as shown below.



3.10 Attach the two vices (K) by inserting the three rods on each into the holes in the sides of the bench top (fig.7). Now rotate the vice handle so that the central threaded rod engages with the threaded casting on the inside face of the bench top, and continue rotating until the vice is closed.

#### 4. WOODWORKING

- 4.1 If you have no experience of good woodworking practice you should seek instruction from a qualified source. The following list covers some of the basics but should not be regarded as complete.
- 4.2 Tools should be well maintained and regularly sharpened. Sharpening tools successfully is a skill that has to be practiced.
- 4.3 Tools with exposed cutting edges such as chisels should be used in a controlled manner to avoid cutting accidents.
- 4.4 Where considerable force is required to use a tool (such as hitting a chisel with a mallet) the tool should be held in such a way that the sudden release of the force can be controlled to avoid accidents e.g. when a chisel or drill breaks through the material.
- 4.5 Never use a sharp tool by drawing it towards you hands or body. Always move tools away from you when performing a cutting action.
- 4.6 Do not try to remove large pieces of wood in one action. Always take several small cuts rather than one large one.
- 4.7 Take care when starting a cut with a saw or knife in case the tool hits a hard spot in the wood and jumps out.
- 4.8 Study the grain of the wood before cutting. If you work 'with' the grain you will get easier, finer cuts. This is also relevant to the strength of the final product as wood will tend to break across a short grain.
- 4.9 Also when planing, the wood will cut smoother if planed 'with' the grain. If you are planing 'against' the grain the plane will be more difficult to move and the finish will be rougher with small upstanding splinters of wood.
- 4.10 Softwoods such as pine are easier to work than hardwoods such as oak and mahogany.
- 4.11 Wood can be simply joined with screws, dowels, nails, glue, or with traditional cut joints such as dovetail, mortice and tenon etc.

#### **BENCH CONFIGURATION** 5.

5.1 The features of the bench can be used to firmly grip a workpiece in a number of different ways.



Each vice will hold small pieces of wood to be worked on as shown in fig.A1 and fig.B2. 5.2



Larger pieces of wood can be held on the top surface of the bench using the 4 metal stops provided (see fig.A2). As the metal stops 5.3 can be rotated they can also be used to hold more irregular shapes (see fig.C2). The metal stops can also be used with the other vice but will be restricted in terms of the length of workpiece.



Larger pieces of sheet material can be held as shown in fig.B by placing a wooden stop in a suitable hole in the front face of the right 5.4 hand leg frame. The same arrangement can be used to hold longer pieces of wood at an angle as shown in fig.C1. There are 4 wooden stops provided which could be used on top of the bench for light holding work. However, where a workpiece needs to be firmly clamped the stronger metal stops should be used.

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