

Meet your new Band Saw Buddy



Figure 1

SSERC has purchased an Axminster Tools Band Saw Buddy for every Technical Education department in Scotland. The tool is extremely well manufactured here in the UK and handy to have attached to the band saw whilst working in a school work shop.

After our lengthy trials here in our own Technology department, we felt that the multi-purpose features of the Band Saw Buddy meant it would be a great addition to departments everywhere (Figure 1). It should be particularly useful to technicians prior to prepping timber and plastics on a band saw. For more information on delivery schedules, check out our website and social media pages.

How does it work?

The tool has two centrally placed magnets which make it easy to attach to a band saw blade.

The central magnets allow the Band Saw Buddy to be attached directly to the blade and ensure that the fence being used is as close to parallel as possible (Figure 2). This check improves the direction of the blade cut and should be completed after any change of blade, adjustment of the wheel tension or replacement of the fence being used.



Figure 2 - Central magnets allow the Band Saw Buddy to be attached directly to the blade.

The edge has a 20 mm accurate thickness gauge which allows small thicknesses to be cut between the blade and fence (Figure 3). This feature can also be used after Planer/Thicknesser work.

Also present is diameter/radius marking holes which make drawing circles from 70 mm to 400 mm

diameter incredibly simple and accurate (Figure 4).

The Bandsaw Buddy comes with chamfered and right angled corners allowing it to be used as an accurate straight edge for marking out in the workshop (Figure 5). **WARNING - Remember** to remove the Band Saw Buddy before turning the bandsaw on!



Figure 3 - A 20 mm accurate thickness gauge.



Figure 4 - Diameter/radius marking holes.

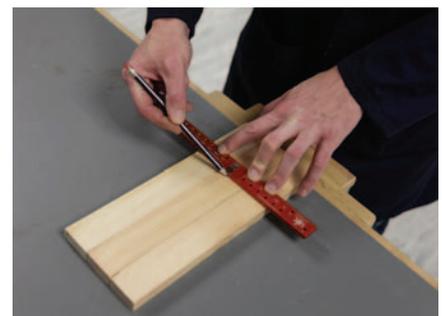


Figure 5 - Accurate straight edges for marking out.