



Skil sander Octo 100w



Mike says

"Can't go wrong for the price."

Matt Long sees if Skil have got the detail right

Detail sanding can be a real pain, and the woodworker normally has to resort to folding up bits of sandpaper to get in all those awkward places.

To try and make this chore that little bit easier, Skil have had their Octo detail sander on the market for a while, so we thought it was time we got the kit in and put it through its paces.

In the 7207 kit, you get the basic sander with a delta shaped footprint and a dust bag, as well as a small delta attachment which fits the front of the sander via an easy 'Clic' system.

If you go for the next kit up in the range – the 7208AG, which is the same sander – you also get six

different shaped sanding attachments which can be fitted. So how does it all perform? Well, I liked it. For basic sanding, the chassis fits nicely in the hand and the on-off switch at the front is in a nice place for one-handed operation.

The dustbag has a nice tight fit on the rear of the sander, and the extraction seems nice and efficient.

Changing the formation of the sander is easy too. The Clic system has a simple switch at the front you depress, which lets the front of the sanding plate drop off to be replaced by one which can hold the delta tip attachment at three different angles.

When operating, the whole experience feels nice and smooth,

AT A GLANCE

- Compact, lightweight sander
- Multifunctional sanding attachment
- Easy Clic changing mechanism
- Softgrip
- In the box:
 - Dustbag
 - Delta tip attachment
 - Three large delta sandpapers
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THE NUMBERS

- Input power 100W
- Total sanding surface 151 x 102mm
- Turnable delta tip size 92mm
- Sanding movements 24,000rpm
- Sanding orbit 1.6mm
- Weight 0.9kg
- Price: £24.99 inc VAT

PROS & CONS

- ✓ Light
- ✓ Easy to use
- ✓ Adaptable

WHERE TO BUY

- Contact: Skil
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5 STAR RATING

- Value for money ★★★★★
- Build quality ★★★★★
- Performance ★★★★★

without too much vibration or noise. Of course, there's a whole new generation of decoupled sanders out there, and I'm sure pretty soon that vibration reduction mechanism will be standard on all sanders.

The verdict

In both sanding modes available on this model, with the normal delta and delta tip attachment in place, the sander worked admirably well. For £25 you can't go wrong, though you may as well buy the kit with the six extra attachments for the extra money plus you also get a carry box with this version as well. ■

