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My Polishing Regime

Many people who visit the workshop of hear me refer to polishing in my videos seem my machines and mops. I often get the question from those wishing to repeat the set-up, what do I need:

I thought it a good idea to therefore list it as a document so you can build your own perfect set up. I will add links to this document, this will be ideal if you are in the UK, however, it will help even if you are elsewhere as you will have a clear and detailed description from the website of what to look for.

The Motor:

I have two motors; this is just to save time swapping parts over. You will only need one.

The **smaller** motor is a Draper 370W 150mm.

The Bore size is: 12.7mm

I have used this for polishing for years but today it is dedicated to the sanding Drum and Burnishing Wheel.

This is the motor: [Click Here](#)

This is a non-variable speed motor set at 3000rpm.

It will take 6" (150mm) but I tended to use 4" (100mm) wheels.

The **larger** motor is also a Draper, 550w 200mm.

The Bore size is: 15.8mm

This is a new addition and is now the dedicated polishing machine.

It will take 8" (200mm) wheels, but I only ever use 6" (150mm) these are more than enough for what you will be doing.

This is the large Motor: [Click Here](#)

This is a non-variable speed motor set at 3000rpm but has more torque.

Sanding Drum and Burnisher

The Sanding Drums and Burnishing Wheels can be found at Just Wood: [Click Here](#)

Compounds

I use Menzerna compound and I will list them in the following order, harsh to fine.

523NG Grey: Super Heavy Cutting compound

[LINK](#)

439T Green: Heavy Cutting Compound

[LINK](#)

P164 Blue: Medium Compound

[LINK](#)

P126 Pink: Finishing compound

This seems to have disappeared; the alternative would be:

495P White: Finishing compound

[LINK](#)

P175 Yellow: Super Finishing compound

[LINK](#)

It is worth pointing out here and now! The colour coding does not transfer from one make of compound to another, for Menzerna, Grey can be the harshest, for another make, it can be the finest.

Find a supplier that will offer this information in the details of the product to be sure.

A half bar will cost between £3 and £7 and will last you YEARS.

Mops

Each compound has an abrasive quality, so each compound needs the correct mop to work effectively
The Polishing Shop that I link these products too, highlight which mop to use with which compound and what the abrasive quality is.

I will list this information below with links to the mops.

My recommendation is a 1" (25mm) minimum width. For my 6" (150mm) mops, I use 2" (50mm)

523NG Grey: **Super Heavy Cutting** Compound, 240-400 grit, Cut 10 Gloss 1

Required Mop: Sisal Mop.

[LINK](#)

439T Green: **Heavy Cutting** Compound, 400-600 grit, Cut 7 Gloss 4

Required Mop: Close Stitched Cotton Mop

[LINK](#)

P164 Blue: **Medium** Compound, 600-800 grit, Cut 4 Gloss 7

Required Mop: Close Stitched Cotton Mop

[LINK](#)

495P White: **Finishing** Compound, 800-1000 grit, Cut 4 Gloss 7

Required Mop: Flannel Loose Mop (no stitching)

[LINK](#)

P175 Yellow: **Super Finishing** Compound, 1000-1200 Grit, Cut1 Gloss 9.5

Required Mop: Flannel Loose Mop (no stitching)

[LINK](#)

I am in the UK, as such, I use UK based suppliers.

I have listed this information and added the links so you are in a stronger position to source the correct combinations locally.

If you are elsewhere, and manage to source the above combination successfully, it would assist many if you could provide me with your list of this combination and where you sourced it.

I can then add that information to this list under Country to assist others who may be searching as you have.

Hope it helps

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