

Plane Adjustment Hammer User's Guide
Glenmere Hand Tools
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Thank you for purchasing this hammer. I hope that you will enjoy using it for many years to come. This guide provides facts about your hammer, how to use it safely, and how to maintain it.

Facts and Use

- This hammer is intended for setting the iron on a hand plane with gentle tapping. On most planes, you do not need to use heavy hammer blows to set the iron.
- The hammer is not intended for driving fasteners like nails. Using the hammer to drive fasteners is likely to excessively deform/damage the hammer head.
- The head is made of lead-free 693 brass. The handle and soft-face are made of beech. The hammer is finished with Birchwood Casey Tru-Oil.
- This hammer is **only** intended to be used with planes that use a wedge to hold the iron in place. If your plane uses a screw adjustment to advance the iron (for example, the Stanley #4), using a hammer on the iron won't work and may damage the screw adjuster.
- Use the wooden soft face of the hammer on the wooden body of the plane and the brass face on the iron. This ensures the hammer will not mark up your plane. The wooden face of the hammer is slightly tapered to discourage it from splitting.

Health and Safety

Hand tools are generally very safe when used responsibly. Here are some safety recommendations to avoid accidents:

- Don't allow children or inexperienced woodworkers to use this tool unsupervised. This hammer is small, but it is **absolutely not a toy**.
- Ensure your shop has proper personal protective equipment. Always wear safety glasses, even when using hand tools.
- Take your time. Rushing leads to accidents and injury.
- Only use this tool when you are fully alert. Don't work when you are affected by fatigue, medication, alcohol, or drugs.
- Always wash your hands after working in the shop, especially before eating.
- ⚠ Prop. 65 Warning: This product can expose you to chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information, go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

General Care and Maintenance

- Both faces of the hammer will wear and pick up marks over time (if they didn't your plane would be damaged). If these marks bother you, you can remove them with a fine file.
- The finish on your hammer is likely to deteriorate if exposed to extreme heat or humidity. I recommend keeping it in a relatively climate-controlled area (i.e. indoors) when not in use.
- If you need to touch-up the finish in the future, I recommend using Birchwood Casey Tru-Oil, Tung Oil, or a quality Boiled Linseed Oil for this purpose.