

Metabo FMS200 Intec

Although there's no split sanding sheet option on the Metabo, its 8mm-thick foam rubber pad is screwed to an alloy platen, giving a good indication of the FMS200's build quality. With an identical pad format to Bosch, buying abrasive sheets for this superb little sander should be pretty straightforward. Despite being the most powerful sander in the test — the 200W motor and 26,000rpm speed make for efficient sanding — this is also one of the quietest machines on test. The upper body is rubberised, so it's comfortable to hold and operate, too. A nifty fluted fabric filter housed inside the rigid plastic box collects the dust. This is what Metabo calls the Intec system, and replacement filters are available as extras. To empty the extractor box, you simply open the hinged flap, withdraw the filter and shake it clean. An optional 35mm adaptor is available so you can hook up an external dust extractor.

If you're not too bothered about sanding curves, louvres and such like, then the Metabo is an excellent choice. It's supplied with a big plastic storage case and three sanding sheets.



▲ No profiling options, but the FMS is a great little sander



▲ The alloy platen is an indication of the Metabo's build quality



▲ A plastic-shrouded rocker switch keeps the dust at bay

Good The Woodworking Verdict

+ Easy filter cleaning, build quality
– Detail sanding only

Rating ★★★★★

Typical price: £80.00

Made in: China

Motor: 200W

Speed: 26,000rpm

Cable length: 2.5m

Weight: 1.3kg

Noise: 80dB

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