



This stand delivers!

If you're looking for an easily transportable saw stand, then the Makita WST06 will prove to be a great investment

With chop saws becoming bigger and bulkier to eke out that extra few millimetres of capacity, moving them from A to B is a feat in itself; even eating your Weetabix may not help with some of them as they're so heavy and unwieldy. Not with the Makita WST06. A



▲ A simple stop on the extension arm can be engaged by sliding it upwards

portable saw stand works a treat in this area. It has the advantage of not only making the saw easy to move around, but also offering the added benefit of being able to set the saw at a decent work height, so you aren't on your knees or struggling to find a suitable spot to put it. Couple this with the pullout extension supports and you have a versatile and safe solution for cutting long lengths to size.

Great support

The supports slide into the main aluminium extrusion, locking at any length to suit with a good locking knob. Each support also has an adjustable foot: one with a roller and the other



▲ It allows any work to butt up against it for fast repeat cuts



▲ A second extension arm has the roller, which allows work to be easily moved across the stand

has a fixed platform with a slide-up stop to make repeat cuts. I found the roller proved useful for dragging long lengths up onto the stand and into position to easily align to the cut mark. Using the slide-up stop worked brilliantly for cutting a run of doorstops and architraves. You can also swap the roller and stop to either the left- or right-hand position.

Well secured

Although this is a Makita branded product, it isn't exclusive to that brand of saw. Any saw that has bolt-down positions square to the front of the turntable should fit to the brackets, but of course, it's wise to check first if you have another make.

Fitting my own LS0714L mitre saw to the brackets was a simple enough task and all the necessary fixing bolts are supplied for Makita saws.

The brackets clip onto the base and will secure themselves well enough to prevent the saw disengaging itself without being held by hand, but it needs the locking levers to secure the saw and lock it off.

To get the saw off the stand requires a bit of a knack as simply unlocking the levers won't release it fully; it's a reversal of initially



▲ Depressing this button allows the legs to be opened or closed



▲ These levers have the job of locking the saw brackets to the stand

clipping the saw on so that it prevents it from unduly dropping off the stand.

The levers have to be lifted up and moved over to a second position, which then allows the saw to lift away. It does take a bit of work to get it to lift cleanly, but I found that after a few attempts, it does get easier! Off the stand the brackets have rubber feet so the saw can be placed on other surfaces to be used for work that doesn't require the stand.

Setting up

Setting up the stand each time is a cinch: the legs are held in their closed position by sprung



▲ The pins are sprung to lock open or closed for easy deployment



▲ With or without the saw fitted, the stand is very easy to manoeuvre

bullet pins and depressing these allows each leg to swing down with the pin re-engaging to lock it. One leg also has a wind-out foot for uneven surfaces.

There are two methods of transportation for the stand. With the saw off the stand there's a handle fitted centrally on the underside to carry it, although at 16kg on its own, it's perhaps better to make use of the end handle and the wheels!

With the saw fitted, transportation is a breeze, but with the wheels quite close together you do need to be careful when wheeling it along on an uneven surface; I found pushing to be a better, and safer, option here.

Conclusion

Whether in the workshop or out and about, the stand is definitely a good investment, and even with the saw attached, it can easily be set up and knocked down for storage in the van or in the corner out of the way. **GW**

Good The Woodworking Verdict

- + Great for supporting long lengths; good working height; easy transportation
- Can be a little unstable when wheeling with the saw fitted; a bit of a knack needed to unclip the brackets with the saw fitted

Rating ★★★★★

Typical price: £149.95

Height: 850mm

Max support open: 2,550mm

Closed size: 1,150mm

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▲ Longer lengths of skirting and architraves are really easy to cut using the stand