

TAYLOR'S TEST BENCH

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PRICE: KP0810 £141.06
KP0810K £151.06
KP0810CK £161.01

RATING

Value 0  5
Performance 0  5

PROS

- Powerful, for tough jobs, and relatively quiet

CONS

- Nothing obvious


SPEC SHEET

Power	850W
No-load speed	16000rpm
Length	290mm
Max cutting depth	4mm
Weight	3.2kg

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MAKITA KP0810 POWER PLANER

The KP0810 planer is a heavy-duty tool, demonstrating Makita's traditional solid and robust build.

With an 850W motor, it's rated at up to a 4mm depth of cut, so it's designed for hard work and heavy timber removal. Despite the power, I found the motor was a fair bit quieter than some less capable planers I've used.

The tool comes with some nice touches. The dust extraction can be connected to either side of the machine and worked effectively when coupled to my vacuum extract system. The dust bag supplied with the planer is bigger than most, but I much prefer extraction as on-machine dust bags tend to fill up very quickly and you have to keep stopping work to empty them.

Another neat little feature is a spring-loaded foot at the back of the machine which lets you put the saw down on the bench, without having to wait for the

blade to stop spinning. When you're planing it folds up out of the way.

The depth setting is through a robust handwheel situated above the front foot. It comes equipped with a parallel fence and rebating depth foot. The switch lock is accessible from both sides.

In operation this planer works well. At the maximum depth of cut in oak there's no sense of straining, and the finish is very good. I measured the actual depth achieved at its maximum setting and it was 4.4mm, a bit above the quoted maximum, but that only shows that the depth indications on all tools of this type are really only guides. The KP0810 comes without a carry case, which is a disadvantage if you're going to be taking it on-site. However the KP0810K version includes a case, and the KP0810CK has electronic constant speed (12,000rpm) and a carry case. Both of these versions cost a bit more (see price guide, left).