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Model: MS-2 | Brand: Starrett

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Starrett MS-2 Aluminum Meter Stick is a precision measuring tool designed for general-utility use across various applications, including schools, workshops, woodworking, tinsmithing, metalworking, and bench applications. Crafted from anodized aluminum, this rule is engineered to be parallel, accurate, and flexible, while resisting bending. It features large, easy-to-read numbers and graduations for high precision measurement.

Key features include:

- **Ergonomic Design:** Suitable for tight spaces and various measuring needs.
- **Easy to Use:** Lies flat with clear, large graduations for precise measurements, ideal for layout and scribing.
- **Lightweight and Durable:** Made from anodized aluminum, offering lasting durability, corrosion resistance, and portability.
- **Versatile:** 1-meter (39.37-inch) length with 0.075-inch (1.9mm) thickness, featuring both metric and English graduations on either edge.
- **Trusted Brand:** Starrett tools are known for over 100 years of precision and quality.

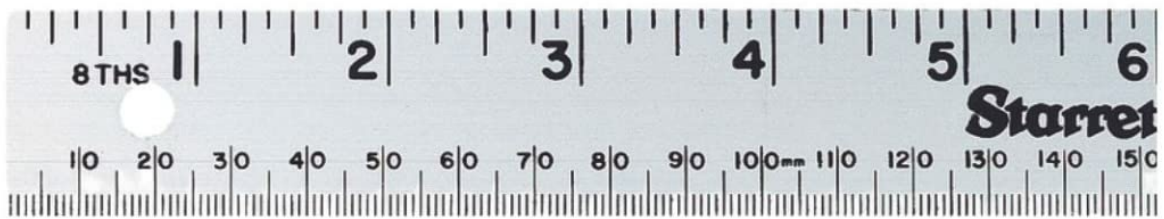


Image: The Starrett MS-2 Aluminum Meter Stick, showing its full length and clear markings.

SETUP

The Starrett MS-2 Aluminum Meter Stick requires no assembly or complex setup. It is ready for immediate use upon unboxing. To ensure optimal performance and longevity, consider the following:

- **Inspection:** Before first use, inspect the meter stick for any signs of damage during transit. Ensure the edges are smooth and straight, and the graduations are clear and legible.
- **Cleaning:** Wipe the meter stick with a clean, dry cloth to remove any dust or residue from manufacturing or packaging.
- **Storage:** Store the meter stick in a dry environment, preferably hanging by its designated hole or lying flat, to prevent accidental bending or damage.

METER STICK

FEATURES AND SPECIFICATIONS

- ✓ Aluminum Material
- ✓ English and Metric Graduation Style
- ✓ Designed to meet the general-utility measuring needs of schools and shops, wood-workers, tinsmiths, metal workers, and bench applications

39.37" LENGTH



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Image: A visual representation of the meter stick highlighting its features and specifications, including aluminum material and English/Metric graduation style.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The Starrett MS-2 Meter Stick is designed for straightforward and accurate measurement. It features both metric (millimeters) and English (inches) graduations, allowing for versatile use.

General Measurement

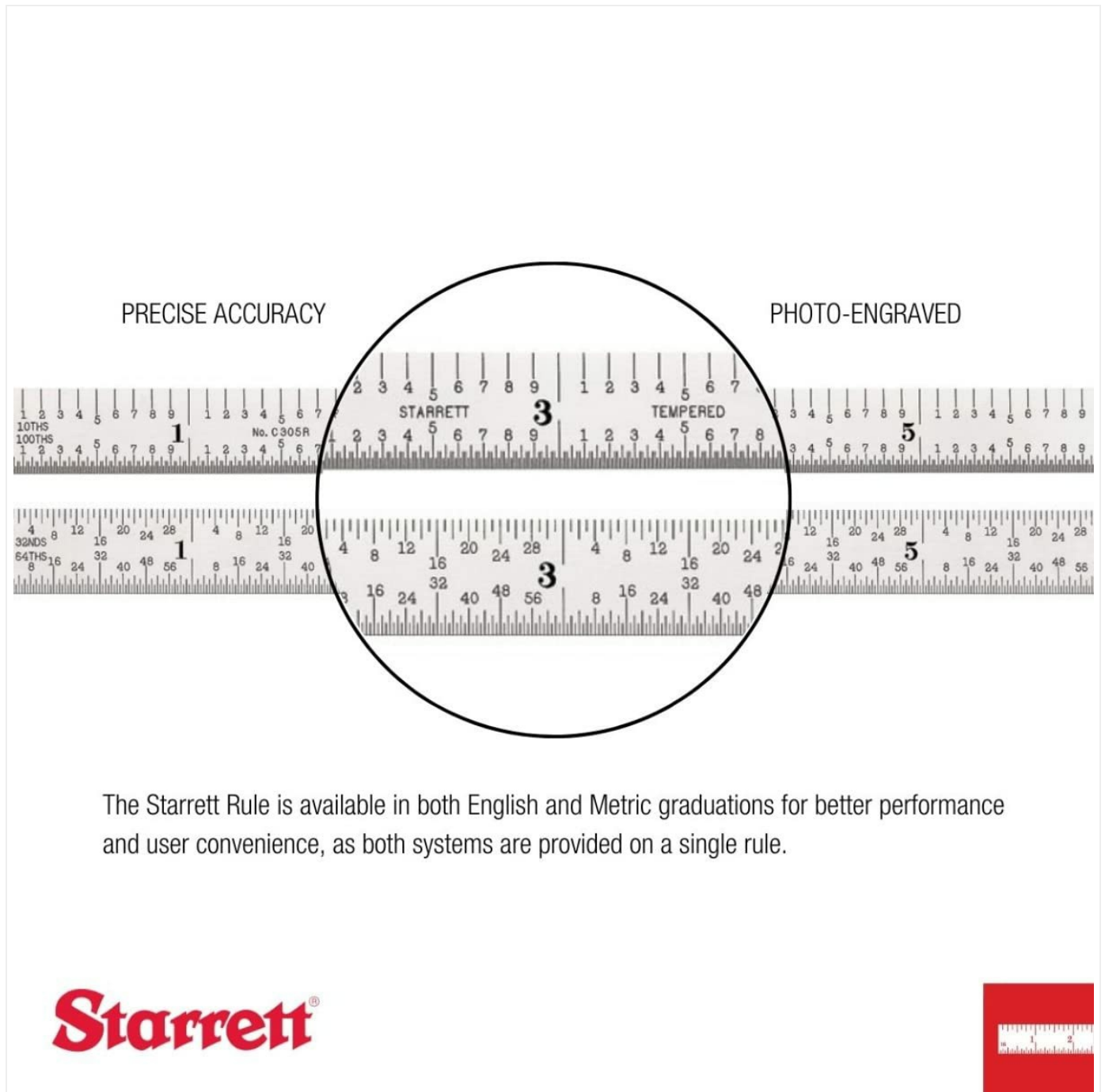
1. **Positioning:** Place the meter stick flat against the object or surface you wish to measure. Ensure the starting point (zero mark) of the desired scale aligns precisely with the beginning of the measurement area.
2. **Reading:** Read the measurement directly from the scale at the end point of the object. The large, clear markings facilitate easy and accurate readings.
3. **Stability:** For best accuracy, hold the meter stick firmly in place to prevent movement during measurement.

Using English Graduations

The English scale is typically marked in inches, with subdivisions for fractions of an inch (e.g., 1/8 inch, 1/16 inch). Identify the main inch marks, then count the smaller divisions to determine precise fractional measurements.

Using Metric Graduations

The metric scale is marked in centimeters (cm) and millimeters (mm). Each centimeter is divided into 10 millimeters. Readings are straightforward: identify the centimeter mark, then count the millimeters past it.

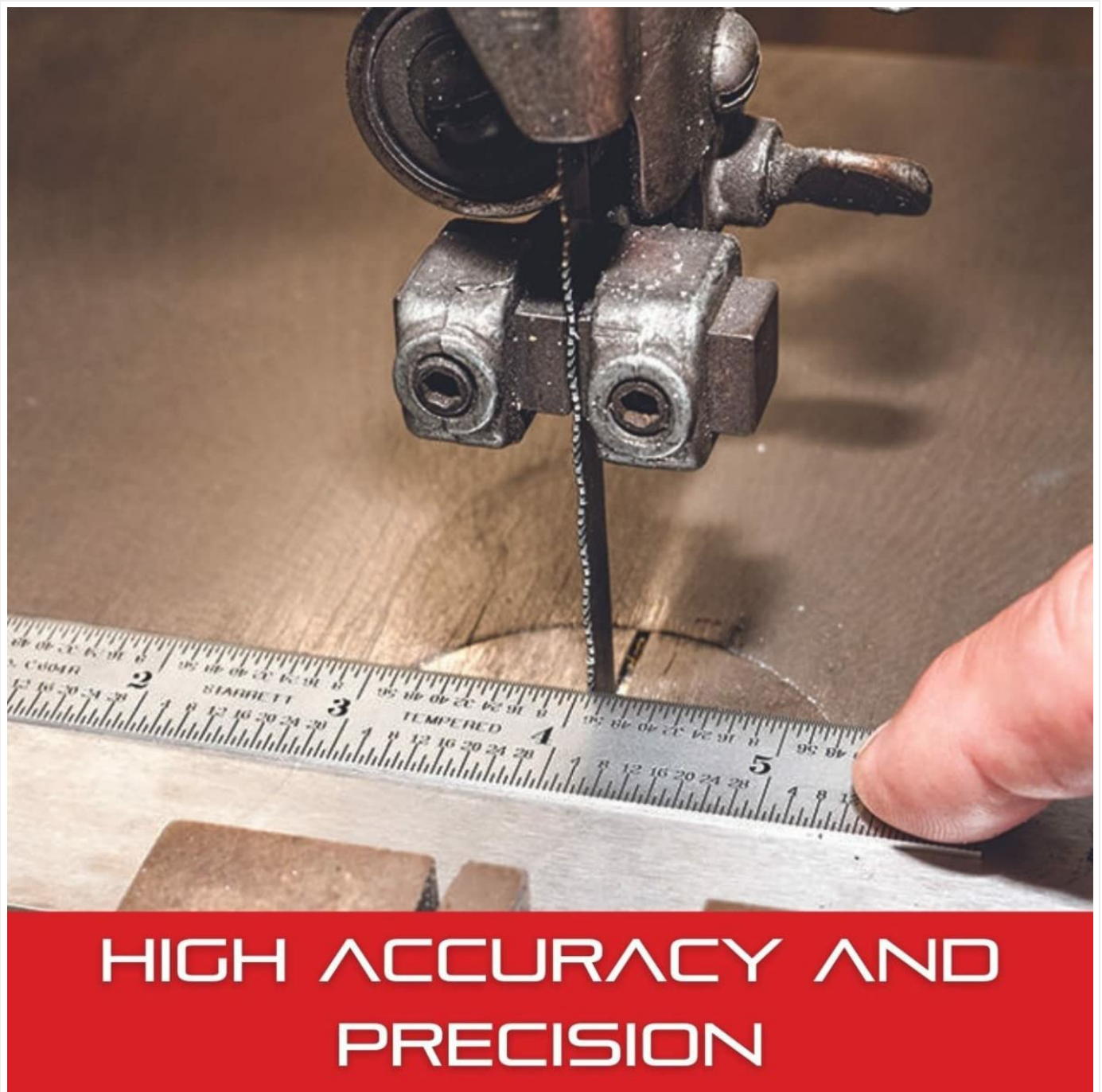


The Starrett Rule is available in both English and Metric graduations for better performance and user convenience, as both systems are provided on a single rule.

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Image: A magnified view of the meter stick's markings, illustrating the precise and photo-engraved graduations for both English and Metric systems.



HIGH ACCURACY AND PRECISION

Image: The meter stick being used to measure material near a bandsaw, demonstrating its application for high accuracy and precision tasks.

MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance will ensure the longevity and accuracy of your Starrett MS-2 Aluminum Meter Stick.

- **Cleaning:** After each use, especially if exposed to dust, dirt, or liquids, wipe the meter stick clean with a soft, dry, lint-free cloth. For stubborn grime, a slightly damp cloth with mild soap can be used, followed by thorough drying. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents that could damage the anodized finish or markings.
- **Storage:** Store the meter stick in a clean, dry place away from extreme temperatures and humidity. It is recommended to store it flat or hung vertically to prevent bending or warping. The meter stick has a hole for convenient hanging.
- **Protection:** While durable, avoid dropping the meter stick or subjecting it to excessive force, as this could cause bending or damage to the edges, affecting its accuracy.

TROUBLESHOOTING

The Starrett MS-2 Aluminum Meter Stick is a simple, robust tool with minimal components, making troubleshooting rare. However, if you encounter issues, consider the following:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Inaccurate Measurements	Meter stick is bent or warped. Markings are worn or unclear. Improper alignment during measurement.	Inspect for physical damage. If significantly bent, replacement may be necessary. Ensure adequate lighting and clean markings. Re-align the zero point carefully and hold the stick firmly.
Markings Fading/Unclear	Accumulation of dirt or grime. Wear from prolonged heavy use or abrasive cleaning.	Clean with a soft, damp cloth and mild soap, then dry thoroughly. Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive materials for cleaning.

SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Model Number	MS-2
Brand	Starrett
Material	Anodized Aluminum
Product Dimensions	39.37 x 1.13 x 0.04 inches (100 cm x 2.87 cm x 0.1 cm)
Weight	5.6 ounces (158.76 grams)
Blade Length	39.37 inches (1 meter)
Blade Width	1-1/8 inches (2.87 cm)
Thickness	0.075 inches (1.9 mm)
Graduation	1mm, 1/8 inch (Metric and English)
Color	Aluminum

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Starrett has a long-standing reputation for manufacturing high-quality precision tools since 1880. The MS-2 Aluminum Meter Stick is built to the brand's rigorous standards, ensuring durability and reliable performance.

While specific warranty details for this product are not provided in the general product information, Starrett tools are generally known for their robust construction and are designed for lasting value. For any inquiries regarding product performance, care, or potential issues, please refer to the official Starrett website or contact their customer support directly. They offer service and repair to ensure continued functionality of their precision tools.

For more information, visit the [Starrett Store on Amazon](#) or the official Starrett company website.



