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WEN 6528B-12 HSS Replacement Planer Blades User Manual

Model: 6528B-12

Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use of your WEN 6528B-12 HSS Replacement Planer Blades. These blades are designed to restore the cutting performance of your WEN 6528 2-3/8-Inch Handheld Planer and are also compatible with most other 2-3/8-inch handheld planers. Please read this manual thoroughly before installation and use.

Safety Information

WARNING: Always disconnect the planer from the power source before attempting to install or replace blades. Blades are extremely sharp and can cause severe injury if handled improperly. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, including heavy-duty gloves and eye protection, during installation.

- Ensure the planer is unplugged before any maintenance or blade replacement.
- Handle blades by their dull edges or protective packaging whenever possible.
- Keep blades out of reach of children.
- Dispose of old blades responsibly according to local regulations.

Setup and Installation

These replacement blades are designed for easy installation. The following steps outline the general procedure for replacing planer blades. Refer to your specific planer's instruction manual for detailed, model-specific instructions.

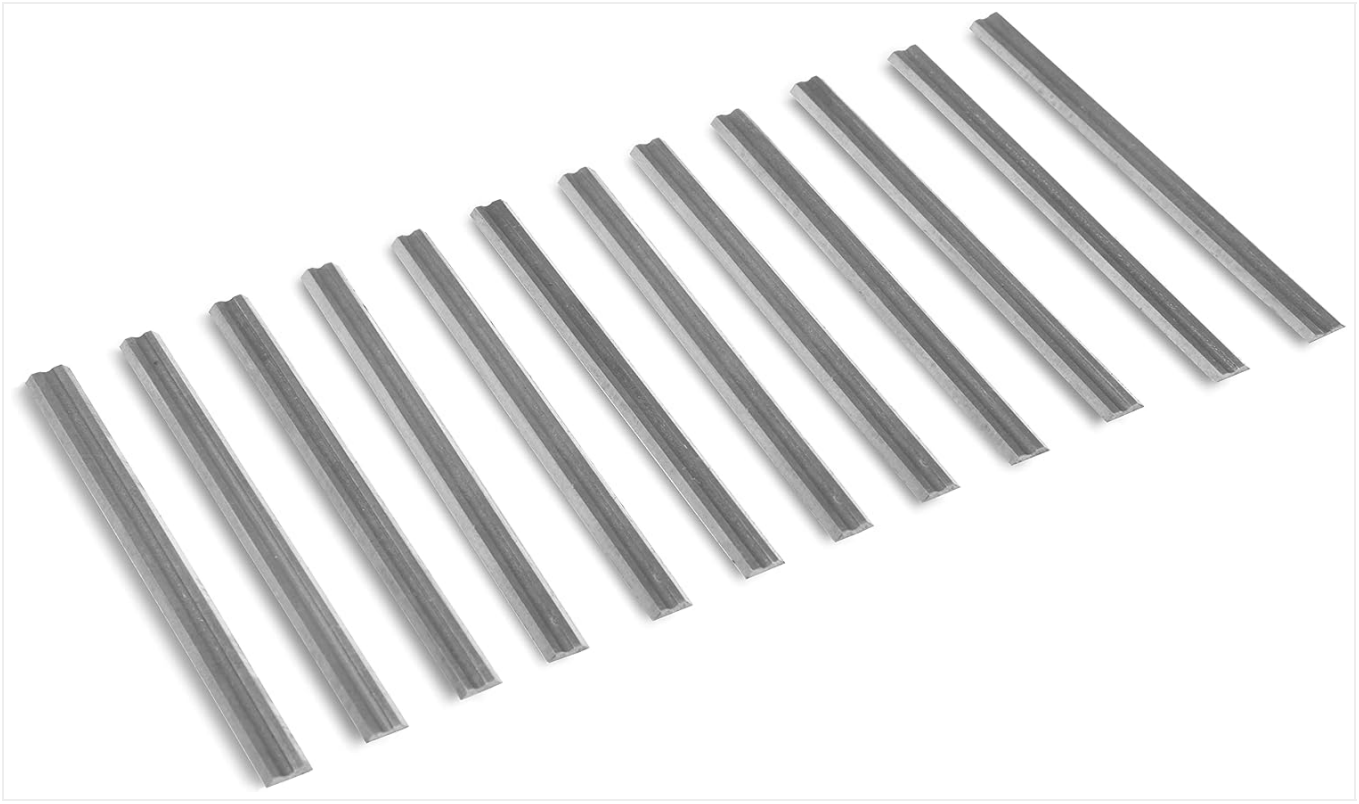

Image: A pack of twelve WEN HSS Replacement Planer Blades.



Image: A WEN planer, illustrating the type of tool these blades are used with.

1. **Disconnect Power:** Ensure your planer is unplugged from the power outlet.
2. **Access Blade Drum:** Depending on your planer model, you may need to remove a guard or cover to access the blade drum. Consult your planer's manual.
3. **Loosen Blade Clamps:** Use the appropriate tool (often an Allen wrench or hex key) to loosen the screws or clamps holding the old blades in place.
4. **Remove Old Blades:** Carefully slide out the old blades. Be extremely cautious as they may still be sharp. Dispose of them safely.
5. **Clean Blade Seat:** Clean any sawdust or debris from the blade seat and clamping mechanism to ensure proper seating of the new blades.
6. **Install New Blades:** Carefully insert the new WEN HSS Replacement Planer Blades into the blade seat. Ensure they are seated correctly and flush with the blade drum. These blades are reversible, doubling their lifespan; ensure the sharp edge is facing the correct direction for cutting.
7. **Tighten Blade Clamps:** Securely tighten the screws or clamps to hold the new blades firmly in place. Ensure even tension across all screws.
8. **Reassemble Planer:** Replace any guards or covers that were removed.

9. **Test:** Before full operation, manually rotate the blade drum to ensure the blades are properly installed and clear all components.

Operating (Blade Usage)

Once installed, these High-Speed Steel (HSS) blades are ready for use. They are designed to provide clean and efficient cuts on both softwoods and hardwoods.

- Always ensure the material being planed is free of nails, screws, or other foreign objects that could damage the blades.
- Feed material at a consistent rate to achieve optimal results and extend blade life.
- The reversible design allows you to flip the blades over to use the second sharp edge once the first edge becomes dull, effectively doubling the lifespan of each blade.

Maintenance

While these are replacement blades and not designed for sharpening, proper care can ensure their performance until replacement is necessary.

- **Cleaning:** After use, carefully clean any resin or wood residue from the blades and blade drum using a suitable cleaner and a soft cloth. This prevents buildup that can affect cutting performance.
- **Storage:** Store unused blades in their original protective packaging in a dry environment to prevent corrosion.
- **Replacement:** Replace blades when they become dull, chipped, or damaged. Dull blades can lead to poor cut quality, increased motor strain, and potential kickback.

Troubleshooting

Most issues related to planer blades stem from dullness or improper installation.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Poor cut quality (tear-out, rough surface)	Dull or damaged blades	Replace or flip blades to use the fresh edge.
Excessive vibration or noise	Improperly installed or unbalanced blades	Ensure blades are seated correctly and screws are tightened evenly.
Planer motor straining	Dull blades, too deep a cut	Replace or flip blades. Reduce depth of cut.

Specifications

Model: 6528B-12

Material: High Speed Steel (HSS)

Blade Dimensions: 60 x 5.75 x 1.2mm (2-3/8 inches long)

Quantity: 12 blades per pack

Compatibility: WEN 6528 2-3/8-Inch Handheld Planer and most other 2-3/8-inch handheld planers.

Design: Reversible for extended lifespan

Warranty

WEN products are designed for reliability and durability. For specific warranty information regarding your WEN 6528B-12 HSS Replacement Planer Blades, please refer to the warranty card included with your original planer purchase or visit the official WEN website. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

Support

For technical assistance, replacement parts, or general inquiries, please contact WEN Customer Service. You can find contact information and additional resources on the official WEN website:

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