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INSTRUCTION MANUAL

1. Product Overview

The Big Horn 15140 14 Oz Drywall Hatchet is a specialized hand tool designed for efficiency and precision in drywall installation and removal. It features a robust drop-forged steel head, a sharp carbon steel blade for scoring, and a milled striking face for setting nails. The hatchet is equipped with a durable hickory handle, providing both comfort and shock absorption during use. Its integrated V-notched end allows for easy nail extraction and panel lifting, streamlining various drywall tasks.



Figure 1: The Big Horn 15140 14 Oz Drywall Hatchet, showcasing its overall design with the steel head and hickory handle.

2. Safety Information

Always prioritize safety when using hand tools. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in injury or damage to the tool.

- **Eye Protection:** Always wear safety glasses or goggles to protect your eyes from flying debris when striking or cutting.
- **Hand Protection:** Consider wearing work gloves to improve grip and protect your hands from abrasions.

- **Secure Workpiece:** Ensure the drywall panel or material you are working on is stable and secure to prevent unexpected movement.
- **Proper Grip:** Maintain a firm and comfortable grip on the hickory handle to prevent the tool from slipping.
- **Clear Work Area:** Keep your work area free of clutter and obstructions to prevent trips and falls.
- **Inspect Tool:** Before each use, inspect the hatchet for any signs of damage, such as cracks in the handle or head. Do not use a damaged tool.
- **Storage:** Store the hatchet in a dry, secure place, out of reach of children.

3. Components and Features

The Big Horn 15140 Drywall Hatchet is engineered with specific features to enhance its functionality:

- **Drop-Forged Steel Head:** Constructed for exceptional durability and longevity, capable of withstanding continuous use.
- **Milled Striking Face:** The textured face on the hammer end provides a secure grip on nail heads, reducing slippage and ensuring efficient nail setting.
- **Carbon Steel Blade:** A sharp, 2-inch carbon steel blade is integrated for precise scoring and cutting of drywall panels.
- **V-Notched End:** Located on the blade side, this notch is designed for effortlessly extracting nails and lifting drywall panels.
- **100% Canadian Hickory Handle:** Provides a reliable, comfortable, and shock-absorbing grip, contributing to optimal strength and user comfort.



Figure 2: Key features of the drywall hatchet, including the milled face, shock-absorbing hickory handle, and carbon steel blade.

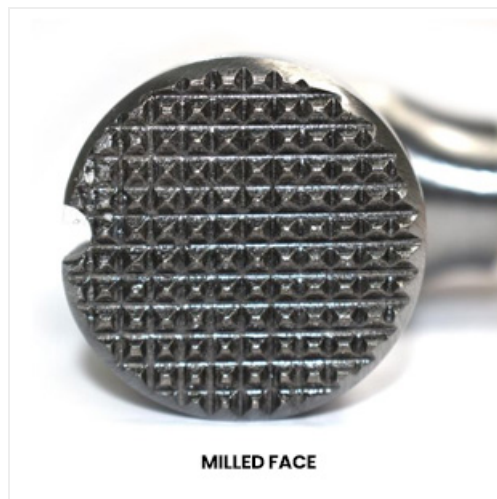


Figure 3: Detailed view of the milled striking face, designed for secure nail setting.



Figure 4: Close-up of the 2-inch carbon steel blade, ideal for scoring drywall.

4. Setup

The Big Horn 15140 Drywall Hatchet requires minimal setup. Before first use, and periodically thereafter, perform the following:

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove the hatchet from its packaging.
2. **Inspect:** Visually inspect the entire tool for any manufacturing defects or shipping damage. Check the integrity of the head-to-handle connection.
3. **Clean:** Wipe down the tool with a clean, dry cloth to remove any dust or residue from packaging.

5. Operating Instructions

This hatchet is designed for specific drywall tasks:

- **Scoring Drywall:** Use the sharp carbon steel blade to score precise lines on drywall panels. Place the blade firmly against the panel and draw it along the desired cut line. Multiple passes may be required for deeper scores.
- **Setting Nails:** Position the milled striking face directly over the nail head. Strike the nail with controlled force to drive it flush or slightly below the drywall surface. The milled face helps prevent the hammer from slipping off the nail.
- **Extracting Nails:** Insert the V-notched end under the head of a nail. Apply leverage by pulling the handle downwards to pry out the nail.
- **Lifting Panels:** The V-notched end can also be used to gently lift or adjust drywall panels during installation.

6. Maintenance and Care

Proper maintenance will extend the life and performance of your drywall hatchet:

- **Cleaning:** After each use, wipe down the steel head and hickory handle with a clean, dry cloth to remove drywall dust, dirt, or moisture.
- **Rust Prevention:** If the steel head becomes wet, dry it thoroughly. For long-term storage, a light coat of rust-preventative oil can be applied to the steel parts.
- **Handle Care:** The hickory handle is naturally durable. Avoid prolonged exposure to extreme moisture or dryness, which can cause the wood to crack or swell. Do not apply paint or varnish to the handle as it may affect grip.
- **Storage:** Store the hatchet in a dry environment, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Hanging the tool by its head or handle is recommended to prevent damage.

7. Troubleshooting

Most issues with a hand tool like the Big Horn 15140 Drywall Hatchet can be resolved with proper technique and maintenance.

- **Issue:** Difficulty scoring drywall.
Solution: Ensure the blade is clean and free of debris. Apply consistent pressure and make multiple passes if necessary. The blade is designed for scoring, not full cutting.
- **Issue:** Nails slipping off the striking face.
Solution: Ensure you are striking the nail head squarely with the milled face. Maintain a firm grip and stable stance.
- **Issue:** Handle feels loose.
Solution: Discontinue use immediately. A loose handle can be dangerous. Contact Big Horn

customer support for assistance. Do not attempt to repair a loose head-to-handle connection yourself.

8. Specifications

Detailed specifications for the Big Horn 15140 Drywall Hatchet:



Figure 5: Dimensional overview of the Big Horn 15140 Drywall Hatchet.

Specification	Value
Brand	BIG HORN
Model Number	15140
Head Type	Milled Face Hatchet
Head Material	Drop-Forged Steel / Alloy Steel
Head Weight	14 Oz
Head Length	6 inches
Face Diameter	1-5/8 inches
Blade Material	Carbon Steel
Blade Length	2 inches
Handle Material	Hickory Wood (100% Canadian Hickory)
Handle Length	14 inches
Overall Product Dimensions	16"L x 6"W x 2"Th
Item Weight	14 ounces
UPC	766565151402

9. Warranty and Support

For information regarding warranty coverage, product support, or to inquire about replacement parts, please contact BIG HORN customer service directly. Refer to the contact information provided on the product packaging or the official BIG HORN website.