

Standard-angle block planes



ANANT 9½



BLUM TOOLS



E.C. EMMERICH



KUNZ 9½



LIE-NIELSEN 9½



LIE-NIELSEN 103



RIDER 9½



STANLEY 9½



STANLEY SWEET HEART 9½



VERITAS STANDARD BLOCK PLANE



WOOD RIVER

MODEL/SOURCE	STREET PRICE	SIZE/WEIGHT	BLADE	PERFORMANCE	EASE OF ADJUSTMENTS	FIT AND FINISH	COMMENTS
Anant 9½ rlarson.com	\$46	2¼ in. wide by 6 in. long; 1 lb. 11.2 oz.	¾ in. thick by 1½ in. wide	Fair	Depth: poor Lateral: poor Mouth: fair	Fair	Overall quality was very poor; well-balanced but rough machining with coarse surfaces made plane hard to hold; sole was flat.
Blum Tools blumtool.com	\$175	2¼ in. wide by 6½ in. long; 14 oz.	¾ in. thick by 1½ in. wide; 14 oz.	Fair	Depth: poor Lateral: poor Mouth: none	Very Good	Nicely balanced with integral handgrips; process of installing the blade and getting it set up was tedious but once set, adjustments were smooth; overall quality is excellent; light weight makes it difficult to push along wider work surfaces; short blade can be difficult to sharpen; sole was flat.
E.C. Emmerich leevalley.com	\$85	1⅝ in. wide by 6⅞ in. long; 1 lb. 12 oz.	¾ in. thick by 1½ in. wide	Fair	Depth: poor Lateral: poor Mouth: none	Poor	Very comfortable grip; plane was unresponsive to fine adjustments, controlling both blade projection and lateral adjustment; too light; blade bedded at 50° with bevel side down; sole was flat.
Kunz 9½ traditionalwoodworker.com	\$90	1⅝ in. wide by 6⅞ in. long; 1 lb. 12 oz.	¾ in. thick by 1½ in. wide	Fair	Depth: poor Lateral: poor Mouth: fair	Poor	Poor machining made the tool uncomfortable to hold; blade adjustments were coarse and didn't hold; insufficient bed support for the blade; sole was flat.
Lie-Nielsen 9½ lienielson.com	\$165	1¾ in. wide by 6¼ in. long; 1 lb. 12 oz.	½ in. thick by 1½ in. wide	Excellent	Depth: excellent Lateral: excellent Mouth: excellent	Excellent	Comfortable to hold; well-balanced; perfectly machined and made; sole was flat.
Lie-Nielsen 103 lienielson.com	\$115	1⅝ in. wide by 5¼ in. long; 1 lb. 0.07 oz.	½ in. thick by 1⅝ in. wide	Excellent	Depth: excellent Lateral: excellent Mouth: none	Excellent	Machining is perfect; very comfortable to hold; well balanced; lack of adjustable mouth did not hinder performance; sole was flat.
Rider 9½ traditionalwoodworker.com	\$80	2¼ in. wide by 6¼ in. long; 2 lb. 4 oz.	¾ in. thick by 1½ in. wide	Very good	Depth: good Lateral: good Mouth: fair	Good	Overall quality and performance was good; fit and finish was fair with some rough machining; adjustable mouth did not close down tight, left ⅛-in. opening; higher profile made the tool less comfortable to hold; responsive to blade adjustments and then held them; sole was flat.
Stanley 9½ highlandwoodworking.com	\$45	2 in. wide by 6⅞ in. long; 1 lb. 13 oz.	¾ in. thick by 1½ in. wide	Good	Depth: fair Lateral: fair Mouth: fair	Poor	Balance was OK but sharp edges made plane uncomfortable to hold; lever cap slipped during use; blade settings and adjustments didn't dependably hold during use; sole was flat.
Stanley Sweet Heart 9½ woodcraft.com	\$105	2¼ in. wide by 6⅞ in. long; 2 lb. 4.2 oz.	½ in. thick by 1½ in. wide	Excellent	Depth: very good Lateral: very good Mouth: very good	Good	Well-balanced but a little bulky; aluminum lever cap is difficult to engage and you must be careful not to overtighten; sole was flat.
Veritas Standard Block Plane leevalley.com	\$139	2¼ in. wide by 6½ in. long; 1 lb. 14.02 oz.	½ in. thick by 1½ in. wide	Very good	Depth: excellent Lateral: excellent Mouth: excellent	Excellent	Heavy but well-balanced; tall silhouette made it a bit difficult to grasp; set screws near mouth help hold lateral adjustments; sole was flat.