

Record No 5 1/2 plane restoration



This Record No. 5 1/2 plane was described, perfectly honestly and correctly by the vendor as having been “cleaned by the previous owner”. It needed a little more attention to give it what I hope is a sensitive restoration to good usable condition. The cutting iron and chip breaker had been wire brushed clean without taking them apart leaving rust between the faces, there were some small remaining areas of rust on the frog and all the screws. The knob and handle were devoid of finish and the horn of the handle had some slight damage.





I reshaped the handle to remove the damage, sanded and stained both knob and handle with an Indian rosewood stain and sprayed them with acrylic lacquer. All metal parts were de-rusted with a brass wire wheel or 3M abrasive wheel as necessary, the blade sharpened, and all components oiled and reassembled.

I have dated the plane to around the late 1950s or the 1960s. It is now fit for another 50- or 60-years work.