

“Now” and “Then” 9401 Belt Sander

1971



Model 9401 specifications:(1971)

Continuous rating input	940W
Overall length	374mm
Net weight	6.9kg
Cable cord	5m
Belt size	100mm x 610mm
Belt speed	350m/minute



The Makita model 9401 belt sander was launched in South Africa in 1971. 34-years later it is still rated as the best and most reliable industrial belt sander on the market. It has a reputation for being a purebred workhorse that requires the absolute minimum in maintenance and has very little wear on working parts.

This 100mm belt sander is well-balanced with a low centre of gravity for better control and easy operation. Features include a multi-groove V-belt for improved power transmission and a flush sanding capability for close-up work.

Model 9401 specifications:(2005)

Continuous rating input	1,040W
Overall length	374mm
Net weight	7.3kg
Power supply cord	5m
Belt size	100mm x 610mm
Belt speed	350m/minute
Replacement Makita Carbon brush ref.	AC155



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By You!



“My name is Wouter and I’m a rock climber, what I do for fun might seem insane to others but I can say I live my life.

It’s me out there, only me nobody judging me, the rock face the clear sky, the sun and the breeze filling the air. And there I find myself free, it’s me and I’m myself.

The sound it makes, the power it gives, that brings life. It’s out there.....Makita, not judging nor wanting, just giving. It’s yours if you choose it.”

Product News

GA7010C 180mm Angle Grinder & GA9010C 230mm Angle Grinder

Models **GA7010C** and **GA9010C** angle grinders are compact, light-weight and have a high power to weight ratio for greater efficiency. Each unit weighs just 3.4kg, which reduces operator fatigue when used continuously, this together with the electronic speed control that maintains wheel rotation speed under load, results in improved productivity. The electronic current limiter, automatic cut-out brush and dustproof construction all contribute to extended motor life.



GA7010C
180mm
840W



GA9010C
230mm
2,000W



Both these grinders are available fitted with non-lock safety switches at no extra charge, on special request.

JR3070CT Recipro Saw



Makita's top-end powerful **Recipro Saw**, the Model **JR3070CT** with its cutting edge AVT (anti-vibration technology) is a welcome addition to the product range. In keeping with Makita's dedication to safety in the workplace, this model offers extra low vibration, and does not compromise on power. The dust proof design of the JR3070CT allows air from inside the unit to flow outwards thereby preventing dust collecting around the slider. The ring and rubber seal also prevents dust from entering the gear chamber. Further features of the JR3070CT include:

- A torque limiter to protect the operator, as well as the gear mechanism in the event of accidental blade lock-up.
- An orbital action selector to adjust the angle of the blade enabling faster cutting of thick materials.
- A built-in controller that maintains constant stroke speed under operational load.
- A preset dial for speed control to enable selection of optimal stroke speed to suit the application.
- Shoe adjustment to 5 different positions.
- Tool-less blade change.
- Large trigger for better control.
- Soft grip handle for operator comfort.

Makita Hailed!!

TOP CONTRACTOR SAYS MAKITA'S IN A CLASS OF ITS OWN

Makita recently donated a few of their popular woodworking tools to contractor, Abé van der Poel, a professional installer of kitchen units, built-in cupboards and bars, whose work is so well known in South Africa that he was called in to renovate one of the apartments on the popular television programme "The Block" last year. "The aim of the donation was for Abé van der Poel to evaluate the tools and how he finds using them compared to other brands, and report back to us" says Peter Schneider, Marketing Manager for Makita South Africa.



Van der Poel has nothing but praise for the performance of the Makita tools.

"Before I started using Makita tools in my contracting business, I was using lower end power tools," he says. "But I realised I had to upgrade when I went through three jigsaws in less than a year."

"My first Makita tool was a model 4341FCT jigsaw that allowed fast and accurate cutting of wood, plastic and metal, even when it came to curved and circular cuts. This tool is lightweight and hi-tech, allowing for quick blade changes. No more searching for allen keys and screwdrivers, and the job site light ensures I always have a clear view of where I am cutting."

"The Makita LS1013 compound mitre saw is an absolute pleasure to work with, taking care of all angle problems. It's marked with degrees and locks into set positions. The double bar minimises movement so I get quality cuts, even at 45 degrees. I also like the safety aspect that stops the blade as soon as cutting stops."

"But my favourite tool is the 6270D cordless drill, because it gives us the edge in a situation where space and availability of electrical sockets are very limited," he says. "The drill makes our job so much easier and has excellent battery life allowing us to work about two days at a time before recharging."

Also evaluated was a Makita 5604R circular saw, which van der Poel says is such a powerful tool that it "just slides through. I'm used to working with a 1350 kW motor, but now I'm getting the same results with this 950 W saw. There's just no comparison with other ranges on the market," he says.

"I can't believe how I ever worked without these tools, they've improved my efficiency and the quality of workmanship I offer by at least 80%, but the biggest advantage has been the time saving achieved."

"Makita tools are in a class of their own," concludes van der Poel. "These days I actually look forward to the day's work ahead of me, knowing I'm equipped with power tools that ensure my work will be hassle-free."

Profile

Andrew Longman (Andy) Makita "Buddy"



Andy has been married to Michelle Longman for nearly 16 years, and they have three daughters: Carla (12), Emily (9) and Storm now 6 months. He matriculated in 1985, then went on to do two-years national service, and thereafter went to college where he studied electronics. He worked in a few different fields i.e. roof tile manufacture, housewiring, appliance repairs and self employment in home improvements. In May 1994 he joined Rutherford in internal sales and spent time in the workshop and warehouse, which proved to be a wonderful learning opportunity.

Early in 1995 Andy was given the opportunity of being a **Makita Sales Representative**. Andy said that with perseverance, determination and support from Management he became very successful, due to a brilliant product with the best backup and service.

In March 2002 Andy was awarded the "Buddy" position, Technical Product Support, which includes training Makita agents' sales staff and working with the end user at times. He was also sent to Australia on a Makita Masters training course where he gained invaluable product knowledge and training. Andrew commented that he realized he could be proud of his knowledge and of the Makita product range being marketed in South Africa. He calls on some of the dealers in the Western Cape and also in Namibia.

Hobbies - Motor Cars : He has two beach buggies, one roadworthy and one in pieces, which he is busy rebuilding. Andy also has a 1970 beetle waiting to be done up. His wife drives a Citroen C3 and his company vehicle is a 2.5 TD Ford Ranger registration MAKITA-WP. (With building taking place at his home over the last few months, man and machine have spent very little time together, but that is soon to change, he hopes).



Formula Supercars : Andrew is currently a T.C. (Technical Consultant) for this one make formula based in Cape Town, which also races at Phakisa and Zwartkops. Makita sponsors all the cars, providing extra branding power. Andrew says, "I have always had a keen interest in working on cars and became involved in the Supercar series when Wally Dolinschek of Industrial Abrasive was racing in this series for about 5 years which enabled me to learn much about these cars."

Look out for more in-depth stories on Formula Supercars in future editions of MakTimesSA.



D.I.Y : He prefers to tackle the projects that need doing at home himself (with help at times). "I am very fortunate to be able to use Makita tools to do the job so much quicker. We recently extended our home and used a variety of Makita machines from a HM1304 Demolition Hammer to a 6824 Screwdriver, what a pleasure," says Andrew.

In general, Andy says, "I enjoy working at Rutherford as the product range is brilliant and I believe Makita offer the best package. A no nonsense tool backed by a no nonsense company- Rutherford.

Thank you to my superiors for awarding me a career filled with opportunities and to my colleagues, I salute you!"

Promotions

CHRISTMAS PROMOTION

MT061SK1 Cordless Driver Drill (10mm)

Easy to handle, compact and lightweight with keyless chuck



Retail **R595** Incl. VAT

MT811 Impact Drill (13mm)

Compact and lightweight drill with powerful 430W motor.



5m Tape Measure **FREE** with every MT811 purchased while stocks last

Retail **R349** Incl. VAT

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by *Makita*

MT952 Angle Grinder (115mm)

With conveniently located slide switch and dust proof washers on all ball bearings.



Retail **R349** Incl. VAT

MT400 Blower

Well balanced clamshell-type motor housing, and speed control dial conveniently located on in-line ergonomically designed grip



Retail **R295** Incl. VAT

Editors Notes

We would like to thank everyone who responded positively to the first edition of the MakTimes launched in October 2005. We would be glad to include your contributions, and look forwarding to receiving your articles of interest.

Best Regards
Makita SA Marketing Department

