

TOOL TALK...

Tool Talk is devoted to the pursuit of kit and items that are of particular interest to woodturners. The Tried & Tested logo indicates that we have put a particular item through its paces



PATRIOT CHUCK



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sure you are capable of tackling the widest variety of projects possible.

The chuck, as one would expect, features four jaw carriers onto

which one can affix the jaws via two screws in each. There is an integral stop to



prevent the jaws from coming out of the key ways and a heavy duty rubber band featuring a nice decal of the Robert Sorby brand name, which acts as a protector for the end of the jaws when they reach their outer limit of travel.

The key sports a ball-ended hex for ease of positioning in the adjustment key way on the chuck, and allows the handle to be pivoted out of the way of the back of work. It also has a nicely moulded handle that is comfortable to use.

There are multiple thread fits available, 21 in all, which are inserted into the back of the chuck and secured via a grub screw which holds them in place, providing a physical lock on the straight section

of the insert for greater security.

It comes with a 50mm jaw set as standard and a centre screw for faceplate work, thus enabling someone to use it straight away for a wide variety of work. The instruction manual is particularly good and will give anyone the information they need if unfamiliar with this style of chuck.

In use, it performed flawlessly as expected. I would have no hesitation in recommending this as a comprehensive chuck system that will serve any user well. I like the direction Sorby have taken with their chuck development, and I am sure that we will see more jaw forms and accessories (for what is already a comprehensive line up) in due course.

Details

- 2in jaws and screw chuck as standard
- Comprehensive instruction manual
- Accessories available include pin jaws bowl reversing jaws, step drive, custom jaws, and deep grip jaw
- £140 from recognised Robert Sorby dealers
- Full Robert Sorby after-sales service and guarantee

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When it comes to product development Robert Sorby never seems to stand still. Having recently introduced the Patriot chuck, I was intrigued as to what it was like. On receiving it, my first impressions of the Patriot were good. It is nice and solid, with strong stylistic echoes of Vicmarc and the SuperNova 2. This visual indicator proved to be correct in as much that Robert Sorby have looked at what is available from other manufacturers, chosen what they consider to be the best features, and modified them in their own way.

This bodes well, because you have all of the technical knowledge and expertise of Sorby, with a well-constructed, heavy duty chuck that has 12 jaw forms available to make