

# MATT'S CHAT

*"I'll never understand why everybody puts so much emphasis on January first.*

*There are three hundred and sixty-four other days in the year that you can make a change."*

*- Elizabeth Eulberg*

The highlight of January for me was spending time with my daughters – surfing, snowboarding at Snowplanet, swimming and just generally clowning around. I made a conscious decision at the start of these holidays to spend quality time with them, and I have no regrets. That said, where did the last month go? We launched the new website – this came with its fair share of anxiety as you never know what is going to happen. Fortunately, we only had a couple of bigger issues, but these were sorted quickly. If you come across something that needs fixing, please let me know. Have an amazing 2024 from the Millin Team!

**MATT PIGGIN | DIRECTOR | WOW, IT'S ALREADY FEB!**



## WHAT CAUSES MY SANDING DISCS TO NOT STICK ON MY SANDER?

**The main reason for discs not sticking is because of a worn out back up pad.**

The back up pad has nylon hook and loop to receive and hold the discs in place. When this gets really hot during the sanding process, these soften and melt and have less and less holding power until they get to the point where the disc no longer sticks and flies off.

Here are several things you can do to get the best out of your sander:



**1 Get a Pad Saver.** This is a heavy duty, very high quality hook and loop sacrificial pad that protects the back-up pad from premature failure. They are cheap yet exceptionally effective.



**2 Connect to a vacuum or dust extractor.** This has multiple benefits:

- » It sucks away the dust, physically removing it, meaning you are sanding the surface that needs to be sanded. If you don't remove it, you keep going over the dust, pushing it back into the surface – effectively re-sanding the same material.
- » The airflow keeps the back up pad cool. This means the hook and loop are much less likely to get overheated, soften and melt.
- » The airflow also keeps the surface you are working on cool, and helps reduce clogging and pilling.

- » Abrasives used with dust extraction will last on average 30% longer than discs with no extraction.
- » Dust extraction will increase productivity significantly, meaning much less time sanding which not only makes you more money, but it also saves wear and tear on your tools.

**3 Let the sander do the work.** Pressing harder will fatigue the user, the tool and the consumable. The sander should be allowed to spin freely, which allows the orbital action to work properly.

**Happy Sanding!**



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