



# TOP TIPS FOR SETTING UP A WORKSHOP

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- Make it as big as you can.
- Have as much bench space as room allows.
- Make the bench as strong as you can, do not skimp on materials, fix it to the walls.
- Make the top of steel plate, do not use wood, this will soak up oil like a sponge and heavy objects will be difficult to slide.
- Paint the floor a light colour; thin the first coat by 50% with thinners suitable for the paint. This will help reduce concrete dust; finish off with a non-thinned topcoat.
- Lots of light, as much as you can get, both overhead and on the walls.
- Get a space heater.
- Get a good quality six inch vice, do not buy Chinese.
- Buy good quality jacks and not cheap imports, the warranties are not worth the paper they are written on.
- Buy good quality axle stands.
- If the operation justifies it then get cylinder and bedknife grinding equipment.
- Buy workshop grade hand tools, the nice shiny ones tend to get "lost".
- Leave money in the budget for more hand tools, you'll need them.
- Buy power tools, hand held electric drill with half inch chuck and variable speed trigger, it's more versatile. Angle grinder, four and a half inch. Six inch bench grinder. Parts washer.
- A sink with hot running water, use a good quality hand cleaner.
- I think a computer with Internet link is a must; the person paying the bill may disagree.

- Printer.
- Telephone.
- Access to a fax machine.

Setting up a workshop is a subject in it's own right and the list, as you can see, is not exhaustive.

## USEFUL LINKS

[www.golftechs.net](http://www.golftechs.net)

[www.igcema.org](http://www.igcema.org) Much technical information is available in the forums of these two websites, both are free to join.

[www.johndeere.com](http://www.johndeere.com)

[www.toro.com](http://www.toro.com)

[www.ransomesjacobsen.com](http://www.ransomesjacobsen.com)

The websites of the "Big Three", online workshop manuals and parts catalogues are available. The latest machinery in their range can be reviewed as can the dealership network where demonstrations can be arranged. Lots of information is available from all three sites, take the time and have a browse around, you could be in for a surprise.

- [www.spaldings.co.uk](http://www.spaldings.co.uk) After market spare parts.
- [www.centernalspares.co.uk](http://www.centernalspares.co.uk) After market spare parts.
- [www.turfmachinery.co.uk](http://www.turfmachinery.co.uk) After market spare parts.
- [www.sealey.co.uk](http://www.sealey.co.uk) Tools and workshop equipment.
- [www.greenham.com](http://www.greenham.com) H & S products plus many more.
- [www.sip-group.com](http://www.sip-group.com) Tools and workshop equipment.
- [www.hsebooks.co.uk](http://www.hsebooks.co.uk) An extensive list of H & S publications available.
- [www.steelmaster.co.uk](http://www.steelmaster.co.uk) After market tines.
- [www.bernhard.co.uk](http://www.bernhard.co.uk) Grinder Manufacturers.
- [www.foleyunited.com](http://www.foleyunited.com) Grinder manufacturer.
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