

The Veritas® Card Scraper Burnisher has a short tungsten carbide rod that forms a uniform hook on a card (cabinet) scraper. The two-handed grip provides excellent control and limits the amount of force that can be applied, avoiding overworking the scraper edge.

How to form a hook on a card scraper*

* **Note:** A used scraper will require two steps prior to burnishing a hook: jointing and stoning. A new scraper can generally skip these two steps, as its edges should already be squared and smoothed.

1. Clamp the scraper in a vise, leaving a 1/2" or so exposed. Apply a tiny amount of oil to the edge. (Rubbing your finger behind your ear and then applying it to the edge will lubricate it enough.)
2. Draw the burnisher horizontally along the scraper's edge, taking two or three passes with moderate downward pressure. While this will marginally mushroom the edge and prepare it for the next step, the resultant burr may be adequate for fine work. (See table below.)

Note: Diagram is exaggerated for clarity.



3. For a more aggressive burr, tilt the burnisher 5° to 15° (see table below) and take one or more passes. Practice will soon tell you how many passes will give you the best edge.



Angle	Applications
0°	Fine work such as marquetry.
0° to 5°	General-purpose wood scraping.
5° to 10°	For faster stock removal.
10° to 15°	For removing paint, varnish, etc.

To sharpen a worn scraper edge, first joint the edge of the scraper smooth and square using a file (either free hand or with the Veritas Jointer/Edger 05M07.01), hone both the edge and the face with a stone, and then form a new hook as explained above.