

A bench axe is a small, single-bevel hatchet used for preliminary shaping after a workpiece has been split out of a larger piece of wood.

The Veritas® Bench Axe features a 3/16" thick PM-V11® blade attached to the handle with a cast clamp to ensure that the blade cannot fly off without warning. Periodically check that the screws are tight.

The blade comes with a 30° primary bevel. Final honing will be required. To help the blade come out of a cut, you can add a slight bevel on the back of the blade.

The axe can be held by the handle for removing large amounts of material, or gripped close to the head for controlled cuts and carving.

With care, the hickory handle should require little or no maintenance; however, do not expose the bench axe to water or rain and, if possible, avoid humidity extremes. An occasional application of silicone-free paste wax will protect the blade from rust.