

The Scoop on Edgers

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Is a #3 always a #3? Of course it is, right? Well, if you're talking about edge bevelers, the answer is, "No!" This may result in a disaster if you're borrowing an edger from someone and it comes from a different maker than you're used to using, or if you're upgrading some of your edge bevelers.

In our craft, we are blessed with many great tool makers, thereby giving us great choices in tools. At the same time this can be hazardous, as in the case of edge bevelers. There is a common marking system of these tools from different makers, usually starting with zero (0) and counting upwards in increments of whole integers; however, the amount of edge removed for a given marked number is not consistent across all makers. The following table shows the corresponding sizes across makers whose tools I have.

The moral of the story? Be sure to check the maker of an edger before blindly cutting! ↑



| Maker | Marked Size of Edger | | | | | | | |
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| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Ron's Tools | | | | | | | | |
| Craftool (wooden handles) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | | |
| Craftool Pro | | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| Barry King | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | |
| Horseshoe Brand | | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

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