



How to use the Retro RC Balsa Stripper

Congratulations, you have purchased the most reproduceable and easiest to use balsa stripper on the market. It uses any standard single edge razor blade, and it comes with the best single edge razor blade available, the "Super Keen" single edge razor blade, which has a blade thickness of 0.008", and is super sharp carbon steel. When one end becomes dull, just flip the blade and you will have a brand-new cutting edge.



1. Set up the cut thickness by selecting the spacer, or stack of spacers to give the desired strip width. These spacers should be against the wood face, and any remaining spacers stacked up on the outside of these. The stripper comes with 3 off 1/16" thick, 2 off 1/32" thick and 1 off 1/64" thick plastic spacers. Each is engraved with thickness. You can stack them up to get anything from 1/64" to 15/64" wide strips.
2. Insert the bottom screw through the stack of bottom hole and screw in until it is just short of tight. Insert the blade between the spacers in the right location for the desired strip width.
3. Align the edges of the spacers with the engraved spacer outline, then insert the second screw and tighten until it is just shy of tight.
4. Adjust the cut depth by rotating the blade on the lower screw until the tip of the blade is just under $\frac{1}{2}$ of the wood thickness above the base. (This gives a cleaner cut and less curved strip than if the blade goes all the way to the bottom).
5. Hold the stripper in your right hand with first finger over the trailing end and the face touching the edge of the wood to be stripped.
6. Draw the stripper towards yourself, keeping it firmly pressed to the edge of the wood.

