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Subject: Harbor Freight

Posted by [BillEpstein](#) on Sun, 03 Jul 2005 08:59:10 GMT

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Bought a liddle 10" Ryobi drill press fer \$89. Never opened the box thinking there just wasn't enough clearance from the base to the chuck for component boxes and stuff. There's a Harbor Freight retail store near Speakerman and I had been intending to look there for some time. Did so yesterday. They have a spotty reputation going back over 20 years. Good prices but some stuff crudely made. I spotted a 3/4 horse 13" benchtop drill press marked \$189 with a little tag that said "SALE", \$139. Okay! Independent adjustments for table tilt and height, 5/8 chuck, great big motor and a Jacobs-type chuck. Depth stop is kinda crude but there's no plastic anywhere. It's a Beast! Ryobi, go home!

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Subject: Re: Harbor Freight

Posted by [colinhester](#) on Sun, 03 Jul 2005 14:53:04 GMT

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I have a couple of Ryobi tools (table saw and router w/table) that are marginal build quality. They are good for the occasional use. This is pretty much the same opinion I have of Harbor Freight, except with HF I know what I'm getting. I have a number of HF tools and they are perfect for the one-time or infrequent use. I bought a drill bit counter sink set and a drum sander attachment from HF that I swear are the same as Rockler sells.....Colin

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