

I would like to try woodturning at home – how much do I need to spend?

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This is a common question that is asked by visitors each year at Hobby-X in Jo'burg.

The last article on this dates back to 2015! Prices have risen, as they always do (even if the Rand doesn't fall), so it is time to revisit the topic.

You can save a lot by buying second-hand, but this is largely a matter of patience and luck. For most people, buying new is the only option. The prices quoted below are list prices for new lathes. Shop around – you may find better deals than I have listed.



Before you buy any powered machinery, invest in a good, comfortable set of impact rated safety glasses. (R100-) Don't be a cheapskate about your eyes! They can't be replaced. If you need reading glasses, integrated reading lenses can be found in some, such as those available from Elvex



Cheapest Powered Wood Lathe:

(Why powered? Well you can make a pole lathe for very little, and learn a lot from using one. I started with one, and quickly learned to slice and not to scrape. However, let us confine this discussion to electrically powered lathes.)

The cheapest powered lathe with tubular bars can be had new for about R2000-. They are readily available used. However, I cannot recommend you buy one – they are common second-hand

because they have too many problems. This was reinforced to me at Hobby-X 2018 when a couple described their difficulties trying to do useful work on such a lathe. The lack of rigidity of the bed meant that the centers would not bed in adequately into the ends of the workpiece due to the bed bowing. This means that the axes of the centers were not co-linear, with the risk of the workpiece flying off the lathe! Caveat emptor!



The flyer features several items for sale:

- Tork Craft Power Tool Accessories:**
 - Wood Turning Chisel Set: 8 Piece Standard (shown) in Carry Case, R395 (WCHIST / 009)
 - 8 Piece Professional H.S.S. in Carry Case, R1895 (WCHIST / 010)
- 4" x 6" Belt & Disc Sander Bench Type:** Belt Size: 100 x 915mm, R2295 (WSANDS / 016)
- Wood Lathes (MAC AFRIC):**
 - 900mm Between Centres with Swivel Head, R5995 (WLATHE / 900). Features: Motor: 0.55kW, 220V; 10 Variable Speeds; 500 - 2 000rpm; Swivel Head for various turning functions.
 - 450mm Between Centres Bench Type, R3995 (WLATHE / 001). Motor: 0.55kW, 220V.
 - 1 000mm Bench Type, R1995 (WLATHE / 100). Motor: 0.37kW, 220V.

Also available: Range of Wood Lathe Chucks. ENQUIRE IN STORE.

What follows is a review of entry level woodturning lathes, followed by some more expensive options.

Mini Lathes:

As a first lathe, I don't think you will go wrong with a mini-lathe with a cast-iron bed. The cheapest suitable unit is the one sold by Adendorff. (www.adendorff.co.za) ►

This currently lists at R4000-.

Both Johan Kramer and Schalk van Niekerk have several of these lathes, which have given many years of service.

A woodturning lathe is a simple machine, with only a few moving parts. Spares parts such as bearings are readily available, so the risks are low. Small lathes are also easy to sell second-hand, in case you decide that wood-turning is not for you.



Tools

Next, a set of 8 carbon steel turning tools lists at Adendorff for about R400-.

You must be able to sharpen your tools. An abrasive wood like blue gum can take the edge off a gouge in minutes. A small 150mm bench grinder (R650-) is probably the most practical for sharpening turning tools.

Small bench grinders are readily available used but be sure to ask to see it running first. Inspect the wheels for signs of abuse, and leave it running for a couple of minutes, standing well clear in case of exploding wheels! If there is excessive vibration, price in the cost and effort of changing the grinding wheels. If you can, buy a grinder with 16mm, 20mm or even 25mm wide wheels – the wider the better.



You will need to learn how to sharpen your tools. With practice, this is quick and with the cheaper carbon steel tools, I would be less concerned about practicing on them. Some sort of adjustable tilting platform on the grinder will help to grind to consistent angles. This can be home-made.

So, to start, budget for

R4000- for the lathe, R400- for some tools, R650- for a grinder and R100- for a good pair of safety glasses = total R5150-

Various sets of turning chisels are also available from Tork Craft dealers, so you may want to shop around for a set and price that suits you.

With the above lathe, you will be able to work between centers and on the faceplate.

Chucks

Until about 40 years ago specialized chucks were not much used in woodturning. You can make most things without a chuck, with time and ingenuity, so a chuck is not essential to start with. However, a chuck does widen the scope of what you can do and is much more convenient.

So, the next thing you will probably want to buy is a chuck. A very basic chuck with a single set of jaws is available from Adendorff, but it is rather restricting. A more expensive starter chuck with several sets of interchangeable jaws is what I recommend. I have one and it is excellent value for money. These can be had for about R1400- to R1800- from various dealers including Strand and Adendorff

It is important to buy a chuck intended for woodturning, as the jaws are designed for holding wood. A metal-working chuck doesn't have the right jaws. Make sure the chuck will fit the lathe's spindle

thread, so it can be screwed on securely. The Adendorff and most mini-lathes have a 1" x 8tpi spindle thread, and most chucks are offered in this thread.

High Speed Steel (HSS) tools keep their edges up to 5 times longer than carbon steel tools, which means less sharpening. Also, there is less risk of "burning" the edges when sharpening on the high-speed grinder. If you over-heat the edge of the tool, which is very easy to do if you are heavy handed, you will see that the edge goes blue, meaning that the temperature has exceeded 300° C, and edge will have lost some hardness. It will then need much more frequent sharpening. HSS tools do not lose hardness up to red-heat, so even if the edge blues, you don't lose the hardness. If you have bought carbon steel tools and decide to upgrade later to the HSS tools, you will find lots of uses for the older tools, such as regrinding to other shapes, which you wouldn't do with your precious HSS tools. So don't give them away just yet.

So, if you have a little more to spend, then this is what I would recommend:

R4000- for the lathe; R1350- to R1800- for a set of 6 HSS tools from Adendorff, Strand or a Tork Craft dealer; R650- for a grinder; R100- for a good pair of safety glasses; and a basic chuck with interchangeable jaws R1400- = Total R7500- to R8000-.

Then you will have a setup that can serve you for many years of turning.

There quite a few different sets of turning tools available from Tork Craft, Strand, Mr Woodturner, etc, so shop around to see exactly which you prefer. There are also a couple of different entry level chucks available, so the above pricing is just a guide. You may wish to visit the web sites of Strand Hardware, Mr Woodturner, Creative turning, Tools4Wood and Toolcraft to see what they offer – prices do change and specials come and go.

The picture below shows a 100mm Jet chuck with 5 different sets of jaws, including Cole jaws, and a woodscrew, available from Strand Hardware for R2300- which may be a good value-for-money option.

However, bear in mind that there are lots more tools that you may wish to buy as you become more proficient. Higher quality HSS tools, chucks, lathes, specialized tools, etc will put pressure on your wallet, but that is up to you.

At Smit from the Pretoria club once said to me: "Eintlik is die draaibank die kleinste uitgawe!" – In the end, the lathe is not the biggest expense!



One disadvantage of the Adendorff mini-lathe is that I am not aware of a bed extension being available locally, so you are restricted to workpieces up to 450mm long. This does rule out table

legs. Some of the newer Adendoff lathes use an aluminum bodied induction motor that seems to run quite hot, but this may be due to the better heat conduction properties of the aluminum body compared with more common steel motor bodies. The internal winding temperatures should still remain within specification.

Pricing and availability of the above items is obviously subject to change. If you are not sure what to buy, don't be afraid to seek advice from your fellow club members.

If you take a course or use the club lathes, you can experience some of the tools and kit first-hand, and see for yourself.

I should also mention that you don't need to spend money on expensive wood blanks to start with. A lot of wood is available in the round, freshly cut, for free. When people know you are turning they will often give you wood that was destined for the dump. Woodturners have been seen driving towards the sound of a chainsaw in action, a bit like vultures circling a kill, knowing that fresh-cut wood is likely to be for the taking.

Other small lathes available on the local market.

There are a number of other mini lathes available locally, albeit at higher prices. These are described below.

It is 3 years since the last article on local market for woodturning lathes. There have been some significant changes that may influence your decisions.

- **Strand Hardware now has the agency for Technatool, the manufacturers of Nova lathes.** The benefit of this is likely to be improved stock holdings and spares support. Strand offer good service and have an informative web site. The downside, is that there is now another intermediary in the supply chain, so you may have noticed some significant price rises in Nova lathes, that cannot be blamed on the exchange rate. (History is repeating itself here. Many years ago (2003), SA Machinery imported a range of Jet equipment, at very reasonable prices, and Jet got a foothold in the local market. Soon afterwards, Strand Hardware acquired the Jet agency, and prices rose accordingly.) In Strand's defense, it must be said that their stock holding and spares support significantly improved compared with SA Machinery. (www.strandhardware.co.za)
- As a consequence of the Technatool agency moving to Strand, **Mr Woodturner is now importing the Charnwood range of machinery.** Charnwood is an old British brand name, with a long history in the UK. As is usual with Mr Woodturner, there is a range of spares and accessories to support the machinery that they sell. (www.mrwoodturner.co.za)
- Well-known Pretoria wood turner Carel van der Merwe is importing a range of Chinese made lathes that also seem to offer good value for money. (www.creativeturning.co.za)

Almost all the lathes mentioned below accept #2 MT tooling and all have a 1" x 8tpi headstock spindle thread. Larger lathes are described in the next section below.

Although prices have been included, remember these are subject to change – consult the web sites listed above and look out for specials as well.

Mini lathes

Jet – The mini-lathe category seems to have been defined by the Jet Mini – JWL-1014, which has been available since 2003 in South Africa. It has been updated slightly over the years to include an indexing pin/spindle lock, but is essentially unchanged. It can turn a workpiece up to 10 inches in diameter by 14 inches long (250mm diam x 350mm long), with 5 fixed speeds from the ½ horsepower (370W) induction

motor. The 10 inches diameter is over the bed, and doesn't include the tool rest banjo, so you won't be able to turn a full 10" x 14" cylinder without fouling the tool rest banjo.

The JWL-1014 is an excellent starter lathe. If you out-grow this lathe or lose interest, it has good resale value. A bed extension is available to increase the maximum length between centres. It has been offered in a variable speed version (JWL1014VS), which uses a DC motor. The VS has been criticised for lack of torque at low speeds, even on the lowest belt speed range. This may concern you only when roughing out large pieces, when a light touch will be needed. The JWL-1014 lists at R9400-



Slightly larger than the JWL-1014 is the JWL-1220 which accommodates 12" x 20" (300mm x 500mm) workpieces. It is only R500- more at R9900- and may be better value.

Most of these lathes have a 1" x 8 tpi spindle, but some were built with the M33 x 3.5 thread for the European market, so confirm which will be supplied before ordering. It also has a spindle lock with indexing.

The WWA has a Jet 1014 at our Albertskroon workshop which you can try out before making a decision.

The newer Jet 1221VS has only a slight increase in capacity compared to the JWL-1220 but is a significant redesign. It looks visually different, with a much wider bed, weighs much more (55kg) - it is altogether a much more substantial lathe. It is also much more expensive.

The capacity is 12" x 21" (318mm x 520mm). It has a 24-position spindle lock/ indexing pin. Variable speed drive is provided by a 1 horsepower (750W) DC motor offering three speed ranges of 60-900/110-1800/220-3600 rpm from 3 belt speed ratios. It has significant flexibility and apparently, very good low speed torque. At Smit has used his for the past 4 years and he is delighted with it. A bed extension is available if required for longer workpieces. The 1221VS presently lists at R21700-



Mr Woodturner now imports the **Charnwood** range of lathes. Two models are offered, the W815 and the W824

The **Charnwood W815** is capable of mounting workpieces up to 330mm long by 200mm diameter (13" x 8"). It has a variable speed DC motor with a single belt ratio, giving a speed range of 750 to 3200 rpm. The chuck fixing is the common 1" x 8 tpi thread, but the



headstock and tailstock tapers are #1 MT, which are perfectly adequate for a lathe of this size. It does mean that some accessories will be more difficult to source than the more widely available #2 MT. The Record range of lathes used #1 MT tapers, so this may help you to find additional drive and tail centres if you need them. This lathe is well priced, at R3800- but is most likely to appeal to pen and miniature turners. With only a single belt ratio, it can be expected that when turning large work pieces at the lowest speed setting, there will be a lack of low-down torque – something to check before you buy one.

The Charnwood

W824 is capable of 300mm diameter by 450mm long work pieces (12" x 18"). It is altogether more substantial than the W815 and is very similar to the other Mini lathes in the market.



It has the usual 1" x 8 tpi head stock spindle thread and #2 MT sockets in the headstock and tail stock, giving a wide choice of accessories. The

motor is a 550W (3/4 horsepower for those old enough to remember horsepower) DC motor with a variable speed controller. The overall speed range of 500 to 4000 rpm is achieved in two ranges using two belt drive ranges (500 to 2000 rpm and 1000 to 4000rpm). Spindle speeds are shown on an LCD readout. The minimum speed is still quite high at 500 rpm at the low-speed belt setting, however torque is likely to be considerably better than its baby brother at the lowest speed setting, but I would still check this before buying. The belt cover lifts off so belt changing can be done by sight and not by feel as in some other lathes (Jet 1014). It also has a 24-position indexer. The W824 lists at R7600-

Creative Turning

New in the local market, imported by respected Pretoria woodturner, Carel van der Merwe is a range of 3 lathes.

The smallest is the **CT150VS1** which resembles the Adendorf lathe, but has variable speed. Using a 550W DC motor and 3 steps on the belt drive, it has a speed range of 650 to 3800 rpm. 305mm diameter by 430mm long (12" x 17") workpieces can theoretically be accommodated, although remember to allow for clearance for the tool-rest banjo. The spindle thread is the widely used 1" x 8 tpi with #2 MT sockets in the head and tail stocks.

The 550W motor is powerful and should be adequate for most tasks, although, if you intend turning larger work pieces, check whether the minimum speed is low enough and the low-speed torque is adequate for your needs. The **CT150VS1** is listed at R6350-



Next in the range is the **CT175VS1**. This lathe is nearly twice the weight of its baby brother, with increased capacity of 355mm x 500mm (14" x 20"). It has a 750W induction motor, with a variable speed inverter, which combined with three pulley ratios



has a speed range of 100 to 4000 rpm. Due to the inverter drive and larger motor, the slow-speed torque is likely to be much more substantial than the DC motors of the smaller models. The spindle thread is the widely used 1" x 8 tpi with #2 MT sockets in the head and tail stocks. The increased capabilities are reflected in the price of R15200-.

Bed extensions are listed for the larger lathe, but not the smaller, so this is something to check if you are likely to want to turn longer workpieces such as table legs.

Technatool.

A Nova Comet II was purchased by the WWA for demonstrations at the Living Link hall, superseding the Jet 1014 Mini. In addition to a larger capacity than the Jet, with 305 x 420mm (12" x 17"), it has a variable speed drive. A 550W DC motor is used to provide variable speeds, forward and reverse. Using three belt drive ratios (250-680; 530-1420; 1380-4000 rpm), it offers significantly more capability for demonstrations than the Jet 1014.



The belt cover swings up to expose the belts, so changes can be done by sight and not feel. Low speed torque is adequate on the lowest belt speed, except with the largest workpieces, when a very light cut will be required. It has a spindle lock/indexer and weighs about 40 kg. It has the usual 1" x 8 tpi head stock spindle thread and #2 MT sockets in the headstock and tail stock.

With use, a few issues have arisen with the example we have that you should bear in mind before deciding to buy one. The spindle lock needed fettling to stop it rattling against the spindle when disengaged. The tailstock quill lock is on the top and actually gets in the way if you are hollowing with the tail centre brought up for support. Some people don't like the tail-stock locking mechanism, as it is difficult to refit the tail stock once removed, although, I am sure that with practise, you will manage with this. Also, the lathe seems rather light for the swing capacity, but this can be addressed by bolting it down to the bench. The speed range markings on the speed control dial are so small as to be almost illegible. None of these are serious but should be borne in mind when making a decision to buy. A bed extension is available if required for longer workpieces. (See www.strandhardware.co.za for more information.) The Comet II lists at R9900-

Toolmate

Toolmate lathes are offered at several dealers, imported by Strand.

The smallest model shown on the right is a variable speed unit, using a 250W (1/3 hp) DC motor, but with only one belt speed, giving speeds between 750 and 3200 rpm. Capacity is 300mm between centres, and it will swing 200mm over the bed, but not over the tool rest. Tapers are #1 MT and the drive spindle is 1" x 8 tpi.



It seems to be aimed specifically at miniature and pen turners. Given the single belt speed, small motor and high minimum speed of 750 rpm, it is likely to struggle with larger work pieces at slower speeds, so bear this in mind when making a decision to buy.

It lists at R3000- which is good value if you are only intending to turn small items.

The next larger unit from Toolmate is the size equivalent of the other mini-lathes listed above with very similar specifications. It has a 370W (1/2 hp) induction motor, giving 5 speeds from 500 to 3150 rpm by changing a belt. It will cope with 18" (457mm) between centres and will swing 10" (254mm) over the bed, less over the toolpost. With a 1" x 8tpi spindle and #2 MT tapers you will have a wide choice of accessories. It is well priced at R4550- which is not much more than the Adendorff lathe. Perhaps you prefer the red colour?



There is a lot of choice in the mini-lathe category, and good value for money to be had.

The above information is probably already out of date as I write this. The picture of the Toolmate shown above, taken at Hardware Centre in July 2018, differs slightly from the one shown on the Strand website on the right (Sep 2018). This is an example of the difficulties experienced by the local importers of machinery. The local market, relative to the rest of the world is minute, and the large manufacturers such as Jet, have very large minimum orders, so the locals have to piggy back onto other orders and they don't always get exactly the same machines twice in row – there may be cosmetic differences.



Larger lathes available on the local market.

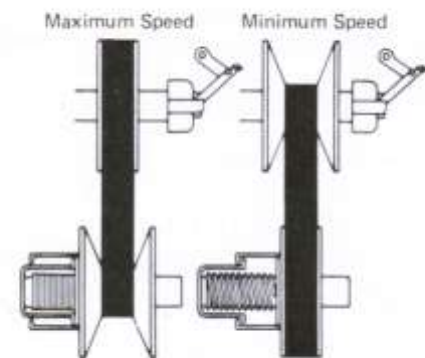
As above, the focus is on lathes likely to be used for hobbyist or artistic wood turning.

This excludes copy lathes, typically used for production of furniture parts. For the limited quantities of table legs used by a hobbyist furniture maker, a skilled turner will make 4 legs in the time taken to set up a copy lathe, and with better results.



Variable speed using a Reeves drive. This design of lathe (typified by the Jet shown right), has been available for many years, and has been offered by various suppliers, such as Strand Hardware, Adendorf and Hardware Centre.

A Reeves drive uses a composite rubber V-belt between two cone pulleys – by moving the speed control lever, the relative diameters of the two pulleys are changed, giving a range of speeds. In the diagram on the right, the driving pulley is the upper, and the driven pulley the lower. The speed can only be changed while the lathe is running, which can be a disadvantage. If you have mounted a large workpiece and realise that the speed is set too high, then for safety, you should remove it before running the lathe and moving the speed control lever to minimum, before remounting the piece.



You may find that the minimum speed is too high for large bowl turning, so check that this is not a concern before making a decision to buy. These lathes have a rotating head stock allowing great flexibility, both for in-board and outboard turning, potentially allowing large bowls to be turned. However, you may find that when starting with a large workpiece that is out of balance, 500 rpm is too fast.

The **Jet JWL-1443** (previous page) has a capacity of 14" x 43" (370mm x 1100mm). The swivel head contains a variable-speed Reeves drive that gives a speed range of 500 to 2200 rpm. The minimum speed may be too high for the largest workpieces when they are out of balance. A ¾ horsepower (550W) motor is specified. The spindle thread is M33 x 3.5mm and 2 MT is used for the tapers. The extended tool-post support is a potential concern – it may not be rigid enough to avoid vibration in some cases. It lists at R15,850-.



Visually similar to the Jet, and also using a Reeves drive for variable speed, is the **Adendorf MC900** (shown above). It copes with workpieces 305mm diameter by 880mm between centres, with a speed range of 500 to 2000 rpm, driven by a 550W (¾ hp) motor. It weighs 80 kg. It offers a rotating head stock for greater flexibility. One concern I have (as with the Jet above) is with the rigidity of the tool rest arm shown – it looks like vibration could be a problem. Check that the spindle thread is 1" x 8tpi and that 2 MT is used for the tapers, as this is not stated in the specifications. This lathe lists at R6,000- from **Adendorf**.

The **Toolmate** (see right) is another version of the above lathes, with minor variations and a different colour scheme. The mechanical specifications are the same as the Adendorf



MC900. The same concerns also apply to this model. This lathe lists at R7,600- from Hardware Centre.

Belt speed change models:

A set of stepped pulleys allow a range of fixed speeds to be achieved. Older lathes use V belts, but all the modern lathes use so-called Poly-Vee belts, which are much better, being smoother and more efficient.

The Nova lathes are popular in South Africa. The **Nova 3000** was first offered over 20 years ago and has been updated as the **Nova 1624-44** with the same capabilities as the **Nova 3000**. It uses the same bed as the redesigned DVR, allowing Technatool to reduce their inventory. It now has a 1½ horsepower motor (1.1kW). As sold, it has a 16” x 24” (400mm diam x 600mm long) workpiece capability, and bed extensions provide for 20” (500mm) increases in length. (Nick Arnul in the UK uses one with three bed extensions for turning architectural columns.)

Weighing in at 114kg, this is a significant step up from the Midi lathes. It has a swivelling headstock, and together with outboard tool rests, it allows large workpieces. It has six speeds, with a low minimum speed of 180 rpm, which is good for large, out of balance workpieces. It accommodates #2 MT tooling, but you need to check which spindle thread is offered: 1 ¼” x 8 tpi or M33 x 3.5 and ensure that your chucks will fit. If you want variable speed, Teknatool does offer a DVR upgrade motor, but I haven’t seen it locally. The **Nova 1624-44** presently lists at R21,000- from Strand

(The **Nova 1624-44** can be retrofitted later with a 3 phase AC

induction motor and variable speed drive if you need the convenience. See www.cfptech.co.za for variable speed motor/drive combinations.)

The WWA has a Nova 3000 at the Albertskroon workshop, so you can try it out before you buy one. The picture shows the optional stand as well.



The **Nova DVR XP** (see below) has the same physical dimensions as the **1624-44**, and has the same bed and tailstock. The headstock contains an integrated motor and variable speed drive rated at 2 horsepower (1.5kW) with a continuous speed range of 100 to 3500 rpm. No belts or speed changes are required and low speed torque is excellent. Aside from the price, the only significant concern about the **DVR XP** is the membrane keyboard – some people would prefer solid switches and an analogue speed control knob. Fitting a surge plug is apparently a wise precaution, given our high lightning incidence in Gauteng, and the poor power quality experienced by some consumers. This applies to all lathes with electronics, not just the DVR.



The DVR is not presently listed, but apparently, some stock is expected later in 2018– expect to pay just under R40,000-, subject to vagaries such as the exchange rate.

Jet lathes are imported by Strand Hardware (www.strandhardware.co.za) and are available from Hardware Centre in Gauteng. (www.hardwarecentre.co.za)

A larger Jet lathe is the **Jet JWL-1642EVS** – It has a capacity of 16” x 42”, with a swivel head and electronic variable speed control. Two belt speed ranges – 50 – 1200 and 125 – 3200 rpm, connect the 1.5 horsepower (1.1kW) motor to the spindle. The spindle could be



1¼” x 8tpi or M33 x 3.5 (check) and #2 MT head and tailstock taper sockets are standard. It presently lists for R55,400- at Hardware Centre.

(This lathe was used for the main auditorium demonstrations at the AWSA congress in George last year and was well received. It has excellent low speed torque and lack of vibration. It doesn't have a rotating headstock, but by moving the headstock fully to the right, workpieces larger than 16” can be accommodated, with some restrictions on the location of the toolrest.)

Adendorf also offer a larger lathe that is visually very similar to the Jet JWL-1642EVS, with similar specs that may be worth considering. The capacities are slightly larger than the Jet at 18” x 47” (460mm x 1200mm), with a 1.5kW motor. It weighs 190kg, so this is a substantial machine. Otherwise it seems very similar. One potential risk item is the variable speed drive (VSD) – perhaps you should enquire about spare parts availability, but in the longer term, an aftermarket VSD could probably be retrofitted if need be. It seems to be excellent value for money at R25,000-.

As mentioned above, I suggest you fit surge protection on the AC supply.

A similar looking lathe, albeit with a 1.1kW motor is also available from Topland (<http://www.woodworkmachines.co.za>) with their branding. Clearly, there is a factory in China making these, with variations such as colour to suit the local importer.



SA Machinery did offer some larger lathes including one with a Reeves drive, similar to the ones above, as well as a variable speed drive lathe. Their web site was not operating at the time of writing, so you may need to pay them a visit to check what they are presently offering. Check the spindle threads and tapers supplied are commonly available before making a decision. I would also enquire about spare part availability on items not readily available elsewhere such as variable speed drives. If an integrated motor and variable speed drive fails, spare parts may become an issue.

Some of the pictures show lathes on stands – these may not be included in some cases – check this as well before buying. Not everybody wants a stand. Some prefer to mount the lathe on a bench, particularly for smaller lathes, when space is restricted. When the lathe is not in use, it can be stowed under the bench.

If you come across other lathes presently available locally that I have not mentioned or wish to share more information on ones that you use or sell, I welcome your contributions. Products and pricing change with time, so if you wish to share these updates, I look forward to your inputs.