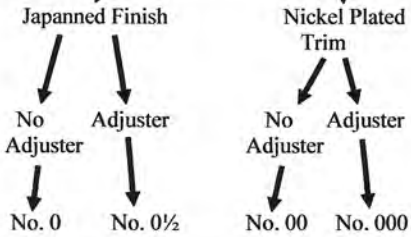


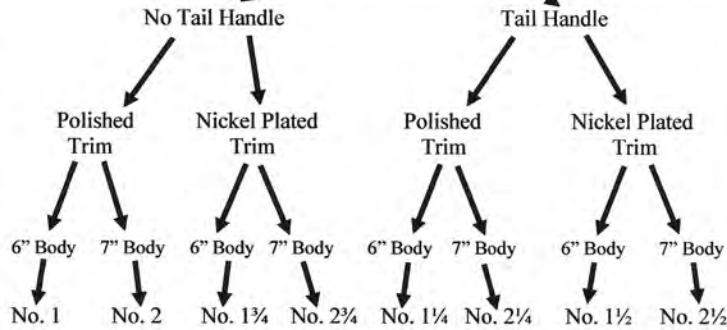
Leonard Bailey's Victor Block Planes



Boat Shaped Plane Body – All of These Are 7" Long



Straight Sided Plane Body – Either 6" or 7" Long



Cam Lock Lever Caps for Victor Block Planes



Notes – Victor Block Planes were in production by Bailey from 1875 to 1884. Starting in 1883 and until the end of production in 1884 Bailey's Victor Block Planes were fitted with cam lock lever caps based on Bailey's patent No. 285,546, granted on 9/25/1883. Prior to 1883, they were all fitted with a screw down lever cap.

Notes Regarding the Cutting Iron Adjusters

Bailey made his Victor Block planes from 1876 up until 1884 when he sold his Victor plane making business to Stanley Rule & Level Company. Bailey utilized three different cutting iron adjusters on his block planes. Each of these adjusters used an upstanding pin on the end of a metal strap. The pin fits into a series of holes that run up the center line of the cutting iron. The image below shows the three different types of cutting iron adjusters.



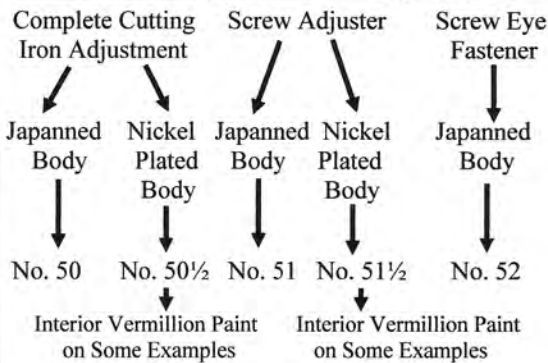
The Type 1 cutting iron adjuster is on the left. It is rare and is seen only on the earliest version of Bailey's block planes (c. Oct.-Nov. 1876.) The Type 2a adjuster is shown in the center and was used from late 1876 to early 1877. The type 2b adjuster is shown on the right and was used from early 1877 until 1884. The Type 1 and Type 2a adjusters are attached to the plane body with two round head machine screws, and the Type 2b adjusters are attached to the plane body with a single screw and a nut. The number of Type 2b cutting iron adjusters seen on Victor block planes far exceeds the Type 1 and type 2a adjusters seen.



Field Guide to Identification of Leonard Bailey's Block Planes

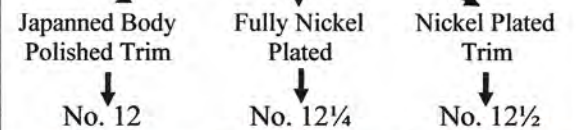
From 1875, until he sold his plane making business in 1884 to the Stanley Rule & Level Company, Leonard Bailey manufactured a broad array of block planes. Stanley offered the remaining inventory of Victor planes until 1888. It can be confusing to accurately identify these planes in the field. This short guide is an attempt to make the identification of Bailey's Victor block planes a bit easier. Collectors should always look for planes in good condition with all of their original parts. This guide is not meant to be an exhaustive study of these planes. For further information, please refer to **Leonard Bailey and His Woodworking Planes**, by Paul Van Pernis and John G. Wells.

Little Victor Block Planes



Notes – All examples are 3/8ths of an inch long, 1/4 inch wide at the mouth and have a 1 inch wide cutting iron. Both the japanned and the nickel-plated No. 50 and the No. 50½ Little Victor block planes have hollowed out finger grips on the sidewalls. Only the nickel-plated versions of the No. 51 have the hollowed-out finger grips. There are no hollowed out finger grips on the japanned version of the No. 51 or the No. 52. Only the No. 50 and the No. 50½ have the small upright pin on the star shaped adjusting wheel, the round brass knurled adjusting nut, and the grooves cut into the underside of the cutting iron.

Victor Pocket Block Planes



Is also seen with gold paint in the interior



Notes - Based on Bailey's Patent No. 202,918 granted on 4/30/1878, all versions of the Victor Pocket Block Plane are 4/8 inches long, 1 1/2 inches wide at the mouth and have cutting irons that are 1 1/4 inches wide with a series of holes in the middle of the cutting iron.

Version shown in patent drawing. Only one example known.



A few examples have been seen with a knurled brass adjusting nut.

