

# Lathe choice Again!!

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First off let me say I'm a new boy in this sort of thing and I know you have probably answered this question and variations of it many times so please be patient :)

At the moment I have a very old (prox 50yrs) Warwick 3.5" by 18" and frankly it's just a bit rickety and that combined with my inexperience is giving me some problems.

I'm confident that a skilled and experienced engineer could sort it out, there is some wear in bed it's looser near the chuck, the tail stock can move from side to side slightly + so does not always clamp centrally, there is some damage to the tool slide and the bearing clamp behind the chuck has been welded, it must have snapped at some time, but it adjusts now.

On the plus side it's back-gearred and has all its wheels. In theory it would be more than adequate for every thing I would like to do, in practice it's a bit of a nightmare.

The Chinese Stuff seems a bit dubious, they have plastic parts in the drive chain or so I'm told, I've room (just) to take a lathe with a longer bed

Assuming a similar format to the Warick sorta 3.5/18 (even down to a 12") but with metric screw cutting what can you recommend?

Many Thanks for you help.

Regards Alan

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