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## Paslode CS150 CapStapler

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A few years ago, I tested some of the new pneumatic cap staplers and cap nailers that had come on the market (“Pneumatic Cap Nailers,” 08/06). Then Paslode introduced the CS150 cap stapler earlier this year, and I decided to try it out, too. Over the past few months, my crew and I have been using this tool to install housewrap and felt paper. (It can also be used to install thin foam board, but we haven’t used it for that purpose.)

Caps and fasteners. Fasteners are sold in buckets of 1,680 caps and staples. The caps come 210 to a roll and the staples 90 to a strip. We’ve found that three buckets of caps and staples were enough to install housewrap and felt paper on a typical 2,400-square-foot ranch house.

### Features

The Paslode’s trigger is equipped with a selector for bump or sequential fire. The tool functions well either way, though I can’t imagine why you’d want to fasten caps in anything but the bump mode. There is a latch-style release on the front of the gun for clearing jammed fasteners, but I never had to use it. One of my favorite features is the belt hook, because there are many times when I need both hands to position the paper but have nowhere to put the gun. The hook can be installed on either side of the grip, though when it’s on the right (for left-handed users) the air coupler can get in the way. I have one complaint about this gun: I wish it had a dry-fire lockout. If you lose track of the number of fasteners in the magazine, you can advance caps through the gun without actually stapling them.

### Bottom Line

The CS150 is a very nice tool. It’s a cinch to load and more compact than many competing models. If I were buying a cap stapler, I would strongly consider this one — as long as a local supplier stocked the necessary caps and staples.

### Specs

Weight (by mfr.): 4.5 pounds

Staple type: 18-gauge, 3/8-inch crown

Staple length: 3/4 inch to 1 1/2 inches

Holds: 210 caps and 90 staples

Street price: \$269

Street price for 1,680 caps and staples: \$39



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