

# Skinner Brace, Update

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Skinner Tool Manufacturing Co. Ltd. 1921-1973

Further to my article about Skinner braces (December 2019. Number 125) I have recently acquired two good example of Skinners "AMBRA" brace, one with the yellow plastic and a blue coloured example (cellulose acetate). I believe the company produced these braces in the early Seventies and by all accounts not that many were made as they are rarely seen.



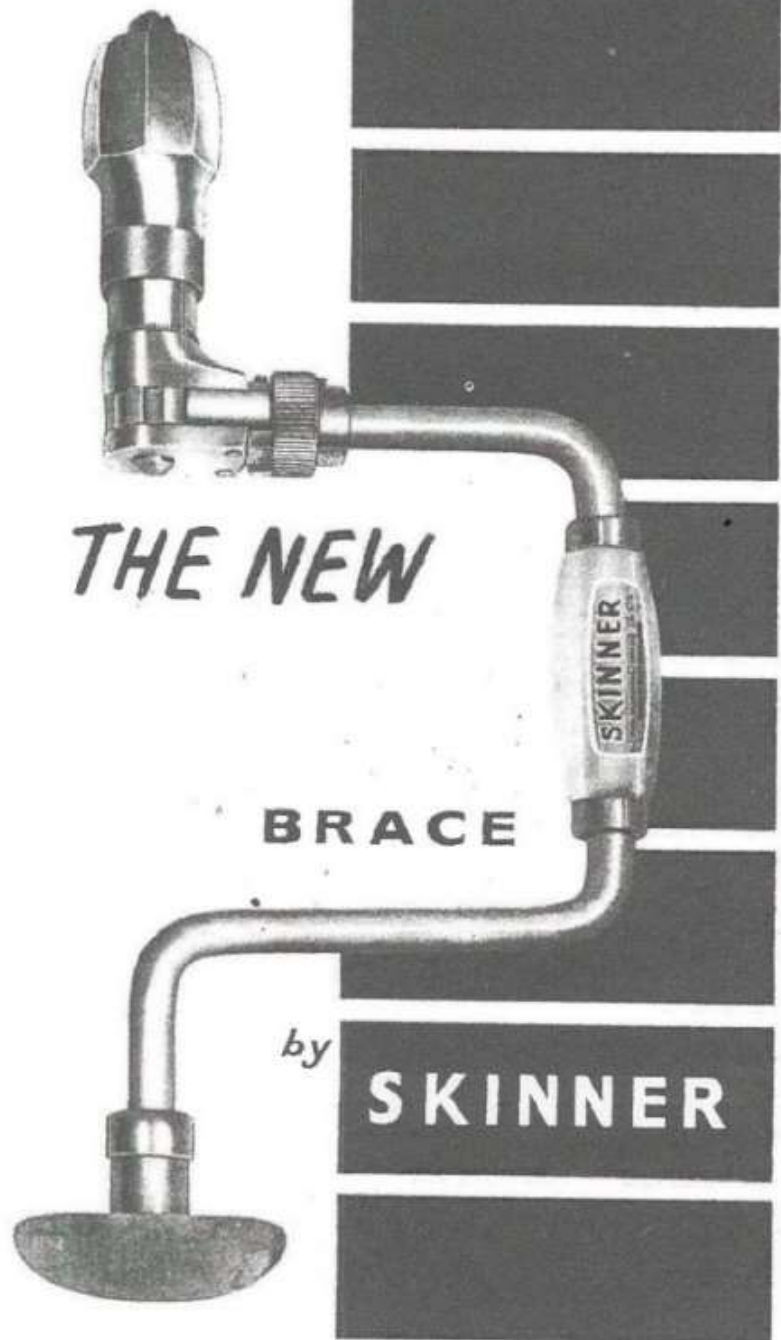
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Skinner's Ambra Brace advertisement



Another colour of cellulose acetate. This example is unused and in excellent condition.





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**Conclusion:** Skinner most likely made tools into the early seventies.