



Got a Screwdriver? Part 2

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The largest is a Rigid cordless drill/driver, 1/2-in., 18V, 2-speed from Home Depot.

Another is a handy little 3.6V Denali cordless screwdriver that weighs in at only 12.5 oz.

Denali cordless screwdriverand is available through Amazon.com.

The Rigid drills as well through angle iron and wood beams as thin veneer. As a power driver, it matches the size of the screw to the job with 24 gradations of torque.

The Denali comes with a lithium ion battery designed to hold a charge for up to 18 months.

The pistol grip gives good ergonomic control, and the LED nose light is invaluable inside cabinets and other dimly lit places. The carrying case is loaded with pilot hole drill bits and driving points to match most common screws.

Shröder Comforce screwdriver

The most novel screwdriver in my tool cabinet is my Shröder Comforce from Lee Valley.

With a handgrip that can rotate 80 degrees from pistol grip to near straight line grip and a ratcheting head, it is a tool for all situations.

The ergonomically friendly tool delivers up to 20.6 ft. lbs. of torque without straining the wrist. The driver weighs in at less than 6 oz. and comes in a durable metal case equipped with 24 tips of various sizes and styles.

These are only three of seemingly countless varieties and styles, but they work well for me. As you look ahead to projects and home upkeep, think about the drilling and driving needs you will encounter. Make the investment up front, and you'll stay a lot happier and healthier for it.

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