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Five Power Tools You Cannot Live Without

There are a lot of things that either needs to be repaired, or put together when you're a homeowner. If you're a new homeowner, and have just gotten out of apartment style living, you might want to take this list with you to the hardware store. From remodeling jobs to putting together furniture you can use these 5 power tools to get your stuff together. Don't forget too that you'll need a few extra tools for other jobs around the house.

Five power tools that you can't live without is a short list, but the work that they can do is a lot. Take a gander at the tools, and how they help you with tasks around the house.

Cordless Screwdriver

A cordless screwdriver will help you for all of those small tasks that don't need a lot of heavy power to do it. For example you'll be able to use it for screwing furniture together, pre-drilling holes for hanging heavy objects on walls, or even to drill holes for picture frame hanging. One added benefit is that most have a reversible switch, which lets you back out the screw if you need to.

Cordless Drill

You'll need a cordless drill especially if you've got a larger number of holes to drill for a project, and it's handy too for not having to change out your screws between the screwdriver and cordless drill. They are great for making pivot holes for screws. The typical size of bit for home use is a 3/8 in. Anything larger is considered commercial size grade.

Corded Drill

A corded drill is necessary when you've got a large number of holes to drill. The cordless drill just doesn't have the power to drill through some material as a corded drill does. Its limitation is the length of the cord, but extensions can be added safely to it.

Power Circular Saw

Power circular saws are much easier on the hands than a hand saw, and they cut much more efficiently too. Break out the power circular saw when you want to cut large 2x4s, or any sheets of lumber such as particle board. Usually this power tool can cut a depth of up to 3 in. thick board without having to cut twice. It's a must have for any major home remodeling job.

Jig Saw

The jig saw will help you out of tough tight cuts. Intricate work like cutting around cabinet edges or anywhere a close fitting cut is necessary.

As you can see these power tools are the tools that you'll need to get just about any job done around the house. Don't think that those will be the only tools you'll need for living in your house. Here is a quick list of other necessities.

Caulking Gun

A caulking gun is used for a variety of projects around the house. If you want to put up a shower wall you'll need the gun for adhesive. Other uses are for caulking around window frames and filler for holes.

Damaged Screw Remover

A very valuable tool for removing screws in which the head has been damaged from a bad bit, or from an overzealous drill. It can be a safety issue too. Damaged screws can have rough edges and deep cuts can result.

Damaged Nut Remover

A typical application of this neat little tool is for example removing a rusted bolt when replacing a toilet. It's good too for bicycle repair.

Wrenches

Different size wrenches are always good to have around the house.

Magnet

Long handled magnets on a stick are good for remodeling uses. Nails, nuts, bolts are easy to loose track of, and at times in very inconvenient places such as between floorboards or behind appliances. Make sure to get one. It might save you from an extra trip to replace hardware that's lost.

Circuit Tester

Inexpensive circuit tester kits are useful for testing to see if wires are useful for any electrical need that you have.

Home ownership is a joy, but it's more joyful when you've got the correct tools to upgrade or fix any problem that you might have. Be prepared and get the 5 power tools, and pick up the other extras while you're at it. You'll breathe a sigh of relief when something comes around that you need to have your power tools for.

Hammer It Home: Different Types of Hammers and What Jobs They Perform

Although the hammer is one of the simplest tools, consisting of a handle and a head, there is nonetheless a great variety of sizes, styles, and functionalities. For basic home repairs, which