

PORTABLE TOOL BATTERIES

While battery-powered tools are designed to increase productivity on the job site, even cordless power tools can be dangerous if all safety precautions are not followed carefully.

Workers should follow all warning and instructions for each specific power tool, compatible batteries, and related accessories.

- Before inserting a battery pack, be sure the power switch is turned off.
- Batteries for cordless power tools might not be interchangeable. Only choose batteries and chargers from the original power tool manufacturer.

When handled and stored properly, batteries can be safe.

Always transport and store batteries as instructed in the operator's manual.



- Do not store batteries in a way that will allow them to come in contact with metal like keys, coins, screws, nails, or other small metal objects, as this can potentially short the battery causing sparks, fires or burns.
- Remove the battery before changing accessories or performing any adjustments on the power tool.
- Remove the battery when the cordless power tool is not in use.

Inspect batteries before use for signs of damage.

- Do not use a battery that has been damaged.
- Never modify, disassemble or tamper with a battery, as the result can be unpredictable and dangerous.
- Do not dispose of batteries by tossing them in the garbage. Recycling is a better option.



Discussion

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Do you remove the battery from cordless power tools when they are not in use?

Where do you store or charge power tool batteries? Is there a safer option?