

Stubby Screwdrivers

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Stubby screwdrivers are short drivers for screws in tight clearances where a full-length driver cannot swing, such as panels, car cases and furniture joints. Their compact shafts and ball-end variants reach corners and confined spaces.

Key Features

- Short shafts of 50-75 mm
- Slotted, Phillips and Pozi tips
- Ball-end and flex styles
- Insulated versions for electrical work
- Pocket and belt sizes

Typical Uses in the Workshop

- Drive screws in tight spaces
- Reach recessed panel screws
- Adjust hardware in confined cabinets
- Corner and machine work

Safe Operation

1. Select the right tip for the screw
2. Seat the tip fully in the screw
3. Turn with short twists
4. Use the ball end at an angle
5. Check the screw is straight in the shaft

SAFETY NOTES

- Do not use heavy torque on stubby handles
- Keep the grip and tip clean
- Do not use as a pry or chisel
- Check the tip fit to avoid cam-out
- Store with tips protected

Maintenance & Consumables

- Check the tips for wear
- Clean the handles
- Keep the set together
- Replace worn drivers
- Store in the tool drawer

Specification & Buying Notes

A stubby set with the common tip types covers tight-space work. Quality tips last; budget tips round off in one panel. Pairs with full-length sets complete the bench.