

Drywall Saws

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A drywall saw is a short, stiff saw with a pointed blade and coarse teeth for cutting plasterboard, panels and light board materials, plunging through surfaces to cut openings for sockets, boxes and cut-outs.

Key Features

- Pointed blades for plunge cutting
- Coarse fast-cutting teeth
- Short stiff blades 150-250 mm
- Comfort grips
- Replaceable blades

Typical Uses in the Workshop

- Cut openings in plasterboard and panels
- Plunge cut socket and switch holes
- Cut board to size on site
- Trim sheeting and insulation board

Safe Operation

1. Mark the opening dimensions
2. Plunge the point through the board
3. Saw along the line with short strokes
4. Cut from both faces for thick boards
5. Deburr the cut edges

SAFETY NOTES

- Keep the pointed tip away from hands and eyes
- Check for cables and pipes behind the board
- Wear eye protection against dust
- Do not use on metal or nails
- Store with the point protected

Maintenance & Consumables

- Clean the blade of set plaster
- Oil the blade lightly
- Check the handle and blade fit
- Replace dull blades
- Store in the tool bag

Specification & Buying Notes

A drywall saw with a comfortable grip and a spare blade covers board cutting. Quality steel points hold; cheap saws bend in thick board.