

# Ask The Expert

## Tool Talk: It's All In The Accessories

(NAPSA)—**Q: How can I make my cordless battery last longer between chargings?**

**A:** There are several steps you can take to extend the life of your cordless battery.

- *Keep it cool:* Continuous exposure to high temperatures—like in your garage or tool shed—accelerates the deterioration of the battery's makeup. It's best to store batteries in the lowest temperature possible.

- *Drain your battery:* If you're recharging your cordless tool after every use, without draining your battery fully, it isn't going to last long. Make sure to always fully drain your battery *before* recharging. Rechargeable batteries should not be stored in a fully charged condition.

- *Respect your tools:* We've all been there...trying to cut or bore through something that your saw or drill wasn't made to handle. If you misuse your tool by forcing it during tough applications, you're subtracting even more time from your battery's life.

- *Don't forget about the accessories:* Besides the obvious—like batteries and proper care of your power tools—you should consider using accessories specially designed for your cordless drills and saws. There are bits and blades on the market today that will not only help you finish your home improvement projects quicker and easier, but they'll extend the life of your battery.

What does this mean for you? In the case of Vermont American Tool Company's XTEND line of cordless power tool accessories:

- ✓ 40 percent more cuts per charge for circular saws;
- ✓ four times more holes per charge with cordless drills; and
- ✓ two times more cuts per charge with reciprocating saws.

**Q: When should I use a titanium saw blade over other options?**

**A:** If you're looking for an inexpensive saw blade to make limited rips and crosscuts in wood, use a steel blade. These blades feature sharp edges that provide smooth,



**Cordless tools don't have to be a challenge: now you can keep them charged longer with cordless power tool accessories.**

clean cuts, and are also easily re-sharpened. For even faster, smoother cuts, choose standard carbide blades, which last up to 60 times longer than steel blades. These blades are a wise choice when you are looking for a good combination of value and performance. For projects involving fast ripping and fine crosscuts in all woods, plywood and plastic materials, titanium saw blades are your best choice. Considered "feature-added" saw blades, titanium saw blades provide exceptional hardness, durability and edge retention—many more times than conventional carbide blades.

One of the latest titanium options at retail is Vermont American's Titanium 10X saw blade line, featuring an industrial-strength titanium carbide formulation. What does this mean for you? Durability...in fact, up to 10 times more than standard carbide blades. The line features a wide range of blade sizes, from 7¼" to 12". Tooth counts range from 18 to 80.

For more information on the XTEND line of cordless accessories or the Titanium 10X saw blade line, call 800-742-3869, visit [www.vermontamerican.com](http://www.vermontamerican.com) or stop by your neighborhood home center or hardware store.