

# Holiday Gift Guide

## Nuts And Bolts Of Buying Power Tools

(NAPSA)—Tools are among the top gifts for most guys and many gals during the holiday season. For those lost on tool talk lingo, Skil Power Tools' Resident Tool Gal, Betsy Shaw, has some simple tips to help in the purchasing process.

- **Check Out That Chest:** Tool chest, that is. Make sure to investigate the tool recipient's inventory to ensure you're not doubling up on products.

- **Dollars Shouldn't Dictate Purchases:** What's the difference between a \$300 vs. \$100 drill besides less money in your pocket? Many of the higher-end power tools are geared for professional or heavy-duty tool users. If you're getting a gift for someone who's simply a weekend do-it-yourselfer, look for a durable tool with great convenience features. A handy cordless drill with 18 volts of power is considered a "must have" for any toolbox. For under \$100, you can buy a drill that comes equipped with a removable stud finder, a built-in work light, a battery fuel gauge and an extra battery to keep the project going.

- **Power Comes in Packs:** The latest trend in the power tool industry is combo packs. Advances in cordless battery packs let users interchange batteries with multiple tools. Buyers can get an 18-volt five-tool cordless combo pack that includes a full-size Skilsaw, drill/driver, reciprocating saw, flashlight, stud finder and two 18 volt batteries, all for under \$200. Best of all, the giver is sure to receive a combo of kudos and kisses.

- **Size Isn't Everything:** While they're small in stature, they're fabulously functional. A palm-sized power screwdriver is



**One way to build excitement this holiday season: pick out the perfect power tool.**

the one gift almost everyone can appreciate for years to come. New power screwdrivers save woeful wrists during toy and furniture assembly, as well as other jobs around the house. For example, the Skil iXO is a palm-sized screwdriver with lithium ion technology that helps hold its charge for up to 18 months. It also has enough power to drill holes for picture frames or shelves.

- **Safe at Home:** Especially when buying tools for cutting, look for those with safety features. They help users overcome fears and give DIYers more confidence with projects. Look for a Skilsaw with a safety lock-off that prevents the tool from accidentally turning on.

- **Investigate the Internet:** There are a number of Web sites that can provide information on the difference between a circular saw and a reciprocating saw and everything in between. Many home improvement sites have how-to-buy guides on specific tools.

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