



Home Improvement Tips

Warming Up To New Uses For The Heat Gun

(NAPSA)—Home improvement is a hot topic and that's one reason interest in a handy new tool is heating up.

The tool, a digital heat gun, can be used on a wide variety of home improvement jobs, from removing flooring or paint to sealing the ends of a nylon rope.

Most people use heat guns for paint removal but they can be used for such household jobs as window shrink covering, electrical shrink tubing, defrosting a freezer or frozen pipes, waxing skis and loosening rusted nuts and bolts.

Heat guns can also be used to mold and bend plastics, Plexiglas and Formica.

What's different about digital heat guns is a range of distinct temperature settings and digital operations that set the precise temperature for almost any application. For example, the HT3500 Digital Heat Gun from Wagner Spray Tech has 12 settings that range from 250° F to 1,350° F, eliminating the guesswork of traditional self-adjustable heat tools. Set the heat gun to 650° F to defrost a freezer or 1,350° F to thaw frozen water pipes.

The digital heat gun offers two fan speeds, a comfortable ergonomic handle and a convenient hook for hanging. When the "cool" setting is selected, a fan cools the gun to a set temperature and the gun automatically turns off.

Using A Digital Heat Gun To Remove Paint

The most common use for heat tools is stripping paint, which otherwise can be a time-consuming and inefficient process. Using a



Heat guns turn paint removal into a more manageable job and digital heat guns make it even easier.

heat gun heats up the surface and causes the paint to soften, which makes it easier to strip off. Some paints may soften even though they do not blister; some may become rubbery and some may require higher heat.

While working with several layers of paint, it speeds up the scraping process to heat the surface thoroughly, all the way to the wood. Then all the layers can be scraped at one time.

A soft wire brush may be the best tool to use for very intricate surfaces.

When using the heat gun, move it slowly and steadily forward at an angle to the surface, pointing the nozzle in the direction of motion. This lets you scrape safely outside the hot-air stream and keep the scraper and the scraped surface cooler.

For more information about this heat gun and other heat tools, visit www.wagnerspraytech.com.