



# Workshop News

**"Building Your Home Improvement Skills"**

## Points of Interest

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## Did You Know ?

### Habitat Facts

Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver spends only 12% of its resources on administration and fundraising expenses – well below industry standards.

### Affordable Housing Fact

Many people erroneously believe that "affordable housing" lowers property values. Extensive studies across the United States by a wide variety of public and private sector experts show that this is a myth. The studies indicate that construction of affordable housing has an insignificant or positive effect on housing values.

## Buying a Cordless Power Drill

Next to a wrench, screwdriver and hammer, the cordless drill is probably the most useful tools you can have in your toolbox.

The following is a list of things to consider when buying a cordless power drill

**Voltage** - Cordless drills come in a range of voltages from 9.6 to 18. Basically, the higher the voltage, the more power the drill has. I recommend you purchase a drill with a voltage of 14.4 V or higher. For lower voltages (9.6V or 12V) you won't save much money, and the power and run time are much lower.

**Speed Range** - Most drills have 2 ranges, one low for powering in screws and one high for drilling. This is a very nice feature to have. If you have similar drills in the same price range and one has speed selection and one does not, choose the one that does.

**Variable Speed** - Most drills have variable speed capability. This is a MUST. Lower priced drills may only give you 2 speeds. (This is NOT the same as the speed ranges listed above). Be sure the package says 'variable speed'

**Reversible** – A MUST

**Adjustable Clutch** - An adjustable clutch allows the user to adjust the maximum power of the drill to prevent stripping of screws or driving a screw too far into the wood. Different models have different ranges and settings. This is a nice feature and highly recommended.

**Chuck Size** - Cordless and Corded drills are sized by their "chuck" capacity. This is the maximum diameter drill bit that the chuck will accommodate. A 3/8" chuck is sufficient for most home maintenance and home improvement jobs and are also less

expensive.

**Batteries** – Look for a drill with a quick charge battery . You will also want to check the cost and availability of replacements. Lower priced models may have replacement batteries that are very expensive or difficult to find.

**Combination Kits** - If you are buying a power drill in combination with a saw don't buy anything less than and 18V model. necessary to power a circular saw. 18V is the minimum necessary to efficiently power a circular saw.

**Comfort** - Last but not least check for comfort. Hold the drill in your hand. Can you reach the controls? Is it easy to remove the battery? Is it too heavy? You may want to sacrifice a little power to have a drill you can actually use!

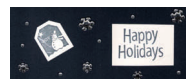
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