

Tested: This is the best heavy-duty cordless drill
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What is the best heavy-duty cordless drill? And which one has the best value for money? NU.nl and the Consumers' Association provide answers.

Cordless drills can be divided into light and heavy models. The terms light and heavy refer to both the weight and the power of the drill. The power is indicated in voltage: light is 10.8 or 12 volts and heavy is 14.4 or 18 volts (or more). You can both screw and drill with cordless drills.

Do you want to be able to do as much as possible with the drill? Then a heavy-duty cordless drill is recommended. If you only want to screw and drill lightly, for example in soft wood, a light model will suffice.

The Consumers' Association tested cordless drills for screwdriving, drilling, battery performance and ease of use. A total of 36 drills were tested that are readily available.

Within the heavy-duty cordless drill category, a drill from Parkside was the Best in Test. This drill is also very favourably priced, making it the Best Buy at the same time. A good but slightly pricier alternative is a drill from DeWalt.



Best in Test and Best Buy: Parkside Performance PABSP 20-Li B2

Guide price: 80 euros

Test score: 8.2

Battery voltage: 20 volts

Number of batteries included: One

The Parkside is a drill from Lidl that scores very well. This model is a lot cheaper than many of its competitors. So you get great value for money.

Unfortunately, you only get one battery included. But you can buy extra batteries separately for 19 euros each. You can also buy the drill without batteries for 65 euros.

It has two gears. The motor is a so-called brushless motor. This type of motor is supposed to last longer.

The Parkside scores well on all parts. It is powerful, solid and safe. The battery is also very good and charges quickly (42 minutes).

Note: this drill is part of the (black) Parkside Performance line. It is a bit more expensive than the normal (green) Parkside models. So the results of this model do not necessarily say something about all of Lidl's tools.



Alternative: DeWalt DCD791D2

Price: 204 euros

Test score: 7.7

Battery voltage: 18 volts

Number of batteries included: Two

The DeWalt is a drill that has been on the market for a bit longer. But it still wins out over many competitors.

It is a lot more expensive to buy than the Parkside. But if you do a lot of DIY and have other DeWalt machines, it can be handy. You can then easily swap batteries.

Like the Parkside, the DeWalt has two gears and a brushless motor.

What it especially excels at is its ease of use. It is a very solid machine that passes all safety tests well.

The battery and charger are also good. The battery charges quickly (49 minutes). The DeWalt comes with two batteries as standard, so you can easily swap if one of the batteries is dead.