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There are occasions when you need a compact powered screwdriver for the small jobs in confined spaces. In the past, tiny tools have tended to be gutless and disappointing, but this latest Bosch baby is well up to the task, with generous power and an innovative speed control system

Bosch Mx2Drive 3.6V Professional screwdriver

Driving in screws used to be a simple process. You simply picked up your screwdriver and off you went. Obviously it took a bit of time and could be hard work, especially when using large screws. These days, of course, we all reach for a powered screwdriver, and there is a wide range to choose from. From big powerful drill/drivers and impact drivers down to lightweight compact machines, there is a tool to suit every need. This new Bosch GSR Mx2 is intended to deal with the smaller, more intricate jobs where space is tight and light weight and manoeuvrability are important.



£76.38

Design features

The Bosch has a familiar look, as it shares its body shape with its predecessor the GSR. However, there have been some changes. The magnetic bit holder has been replaced with a locking version for more positive grip, and the motor now has two speeds. The bright and effective LED worklight is retained and the body is generously padded with softgrip rubber. A wrist strap is also included. It's supplied in a new style of case designed to fit inside the new Bosch L-BOXX systems.

Speed changing

Bosch have devised a rather ingenious system for changing the speed. Instead of using the normal two-position selector on the body, the selector is incorporated into the trigger itself. You squeeze the trigger gently and it starts in second gear, with variable speed up to 580rpm, so you can start spinning your screw in quickly. When it begins to meet resistance, squeeze the trigger further and the tool changes down to first gear and drives the screw home. The low speed in first gear is exactly the same as the normal speed of the old GSR; however, the higher variable speed certainly saves driving time and means that the Mx2 can also be used for drilling small pilot holes.

Summing up

This is an excellent little tool which works really well. The clever design has been perfectly executed to produce a rugged, effective and genuinely useful tool. I wonder how long it will be before this trigger design is incorporated into the larger Bosch models.

SPECIFICATION

BATTERY	3.6v Li-Ion
FIXED SPEED	150rpm
VARIABLE SPEED	0-580rpm
MAX TORQUE	10Nm
MAX SCREW DIAMETER	5mm
MAX DRILLING DIAMETER	5mm
WEIGHT	0.5kg
ACCESSORIES	two batteries, charger, carry case

VERDICT

This is a tiny powerhouse of a screwdriver with ingenious speed control. Its small size and light weight make it ideal for overhead use or in tight corners.

- PROS**
- Pocket-sized
 - Bright worklight
 - Locking bit holder

- CONS**
- No bits supplied

VALUE FOR MONEY

PERFORMANCE

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Bosch
- 01895 838743
- www.boschpowertools.co.uk



The ingenious speed selector is incorporated into the trigger



The bright worklight is a real boon when working in tight corners



A squeeze of the trigger selects first gear to drive the screw home