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Choosing a cordless drill has always been a bit of a compromise, but the choice is getting easier as the tools become more refined. Battery power is increasing, while size and weight are decreasing. The latest DeWalt combi drill is a perfectly manageable tool which combines all the latest technology to produce tremendous performance

DeWalt DCD925L2 combi drill



The DeWalt is well balanced, with its T-shaped design making it sit comfortably in the hand. The main handle is covered with soft-grip rubber and the trigger is wide and progressive. It's fitted with a compact Li-ion battery rather than the larger Ni-MH type. Not only are these lighter, they also last longer, averaging 2000 charge cycles – double that of Ni-MH batteries.

The controls are simply laid out, with the three-position gear selector on the top and a pair of setting collars on the main barrel. The torque setting ring is operational only when screwdriving mode is selected. A useful LED work light mounted above the trigger comes on when the motor is running.

An excellent chuck

Drill chucks can cause problems. Some are hard to tighten, some slip and some jam up completely. However this chuck is certainly one of the best I've ever used. It's self-tightening, which means that it increases its grip as you use the tool. It's very fast to use, just insert the bit, tighten it gently and it grips securely.

As you would expect, this is a pretty impressive machine. The three-speed gearbox really enables you to tailor the power to suit the application. The highest speed is ideal for both twist drilling and hammer drilling. The slowest speed provides ample power for screwdriving, and the middle speed is good for large-diameter flat bits and general use.

I compared it to an earlier DeWalt Li-ion drill and it was noticeably more powerful. The earlier model would stall when using large flat bits, whereas the 925 simply carried on. The power delivery is very smooth, making this a particularly pleasant machine to use.

Summing up

The DCD925 has terrific performance, an excellent chuck, comfortable controls and powerful, fast-charging batteries. Though it's not exactly cheap, it represents great value for money.

SPECIFICATION

BATTERIES	2 x 18V Li-ion 2.0Ah
POWER OUTPUT	450W
NO-LOAD SPEEDS	500, 1250 & 2000rpm
CHUCK SIZE	13mm
MAX DRILLING CAPACITIES	
wood	50mm
metal	13mm
masonry	16mm
WEIGHT WITH BATTERY	2.5kg
ACCESSORIES	storage case, fast charger, side handle

VERDICT

This is a sophisticated and versatile drill with all the performance you could want.

- PROS**
- Great performance
 - Fast charging
 - Excellent chuck

- CONS**
- Some may find it a little heavy

VALUE FOR MONEY

PERFORMANCE

FURTHER INFORMATION

- DeWalt
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The self-tightening chuck increases its grip as you use the tool

The Li-ion battery has plenty in reserve when you're driving large bits



The slowest speed provides ample power for driving large screws



With hammer action activated, masonry drilling is fast and efficient