Subject: Nailgun Advice Solicited
Posted by Dean Kukral on Wed, 09 Mar 2005 17:13:22 GMT
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I am seriously considering purchasing a nail gun, having envied Norm's for some time. I would like your advice.I am thinking about a DeWalt 18guage nailer, available for about $100 from Amazon.I intend to use it only occasionally for projects such as speakers, tv and stereo equipment shelves, and bookcases. (To help hold the pieces together while glue dries.)Any comments?TIA

Subject: Re: Nailgun Advice Solicited
Posted by Bill Fitzmaurice on Wed, 09 Mar 2005 21:21:58 GMT
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I got a 19v cordless as part of a tool system from Sears, looks sweet, haven't used it yet. I'd check one out. Probably a lot cheaper than $100, as I got a 1/2 drill, 3/8 drill, circular and recip saw and lamp along with the stapler for $300- with a rolling case for the whole shebang.

Subject: Re: Nailgun Advice Solicited
Posted by wunhuanglo on Wed, 09 Mar 2005 22:58:21 GMT
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From my experience:1. Porter-Cable ain't what it used to be2. A narrow crown stapler seems to use a much more effective fastener; 2-for-one vs. a pin nailer?

Subject: Re: Nailgun Advice Solicited
Posted by colinhester on Thu, 10 Mar 2005 18:42:10 GMT
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I have the Porter Cable nail gun set (compressor and 2 nailers) and could not be happier. I use them in my profession (home restorer) and they have never let me down - not a single misfire in 2 years. I have no expereince with the DeWalt nailer, but I can tell you from experience their warranty service is world-class. I recently purchased a DW706 (12" dual-bevel compound miter saw) and the blade guard broke (my fault) after about 50 cuts. Dropped off at the local service center and a week later is was brand new - no questions asked. If, however, you are just looking for something to use on occasion, you might want to consider Harbor Freight (www.harborfreight.com) They have nailer for about $15. Not the best build quality, but it is functional. I picked one up just as a spare, but have never actually used it.Another place to look is

the local newspaper or "Trading Post" type of classified newspapers. I see nailers in our local one all the time for about 75% off retail. Some were used by weekend warriors and others I'm sure are beat to hell. Still, it's worth a look.....Colin

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Subject: Re: There's no such thing as a bad nailer.....
Posted by BillEpstein on Thu, 10 Mar 2005 21:06:31 GMT
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but there are bad nails!The narrow crown staple is a good idea. Typical 18Ga. brad nails will be deflected in MDF and even plywood to come out the sides of teh workpiece as much as 50% of the time.I'm a big fan of 4d. bright finish nails hit with a fairly light hammer,

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Subject: Thanks for the advice
Posted by colinhester on Fri, 11 Mar 2005 04:19:34 GMT
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Bill, Thanks for the tip. To be quite honest I have never worked with MDF, so thanks for the heads up. Too bad the MAF is not around any more. I would love to have heard one of your talks.....Colin
http://www.midwestaudiofest.com/page4.html

Subject: Re: Thanks for the advice
Posted by Wayne Parham on Fri, 11 Mar 2005 05:06:12 GMT
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It really was great. Maybe we can get Bill and Bill to do it again this year at GPAF.

Subject: What I finally got in case u r interested
Posted by Dean Kukral on Sat, 02 Apr 2005 01:23:04 GMT
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http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/B0000C6DWE/103-2597178-6234215?%5Fencoding=UTF8&v=glanceI decided, after seeing the advice, that I needed a more serious piece of hardware. I opted for the above Senco package of a "Senco FinishPro 41XP 15-Gauge Finish Nailer with Free FinishPro 15 18-Gauge Brad Nailer" for $250 at Amazon.I haven't used it

yet.Thanks to those who responded.