

The Bosch GSB drill driver range has been through several model and battery changes over the years. Here's the latest version...

Bosch GSB 18V-Li combi drill driver

This compact drill driver from Bosch is ideal if you require a tool capable of good stamina throughout the day without draining your own in the process of holding it, as it weighs in at only 1.9kg. A stubby plastic-sleeved 13mm chuck keeps things on a lightweight theme, but it's still of good quality and features a spindle lock for single-handed operation.

Stubby is certainly the operative word with this drill; if you want the ability to get into tight spots, it will certainly serve well in that area as it measures a mere 195mm from tip of chuck to back of casing.

Lights are commonplace on most power tools now, and this one is no exception. A bright trigger-activated single LED provides plenty of light around the chuck area. Still on the LED theme, a bank of them is built into the battery pack to indicate remaining power at the touch of a button.

Plenty of power

This drill isn't just about being lightweight and compact though; it still packs a decent punch with very passable drilling capacities. The two-speed gearbox provides up to 67Nm of torque power – a pretty impressive stat for

such a compact drill, and good enough for most end users tackling a range of normal working tasks.

Nuisance collar

The one downside is the single collar that swaps between operating modes. It means that if you use the torque settings on the drill when driving screws, you have to run the collar around and back each time you swap functions. Once you get used to a dual-collar drill with separate torque that is over-ridden by the second drill function collar, this seems a big step backwards.

The trigger is excellent, so the torque setting could be dispensed with in favour of trigger control when screwdriving, but if you need the consistency of the torque collar you have to live with the lack of over-ride.

Summing up

This tool may not be as robust in build as some models, but it's one that has a good set of capacities for general work and could prove ideal if you do a lot of work at arm's length throughout the day where a heavier model could soon cause fatigue. **AK**



£180
(web price)

SPECIFICATION

BATTERY	18V 3.0Ah Li-ion
CHUCK	13mm
NO-LOAD SPEEDS	0-500 and 0-1700rpm
IMPACT RATE	0-25,000/min
MAX DRILLING CAPACITY	
	wood 35mm
	metal 13mm
	masonry 13mm
TORQUE SETTINGS	18
MAX SCREW DIAMETER	8mm
MAX SCREWDRIVING TORQUE	
	soft 28Nm
	hard 67Nm
WEIGHT	1.9kg
ACCESSORIES	two batteries, charger, L-BOXX

VERDICT

This neat little compact drill driver is well worth a look.

PROS

- Very compact
- Lightweight

CONS

- Single collar for drilling and screwdriving

VALUE FOR MONEY

PERFORMANCE

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Bosch
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The single-sleeve chuck will take bits up to 13mm in diameter



A single LED fires a beam of light from the base just in front of the chuck



The torque collar controls the drill function. The rear collar is for hammer work

The drill's capacities are ideal for general on-site tasks such as fitting locks

