

2026 Power Tool Comparison Matrix

Every major matchup — price, performance, battery, verdict

Black+Decker vs DeWalt

Criterion	A	B
price	\$79 for drill/driver	\$149 for drill/driver
performance	350 in-lbs torque	650 in-lbs torque (proposed rival brand)
battery	Batteries die quickly	Longer battery life (proposed rival brand)
durability	Light duty, occasional use only	Contractor-grade reliability (proposed rival brand)
warranty	Standard warranty, slow service	5-year no-questions-asked warranty (proposed rival brand)
value	Good enough for basic home projects	Smartest value at \$99-\$119 (proposed rival brand)
best-for	Casual homeowner, weekend warrior	Serious DIYer (proposed rival brand)

Verdict: Black+Decker wins on price and availability, but loses on performance, durability, and brand loyalty to a challenger targeting the serious DIY gap.

Bosch vs Milwaukee and DeWalt

Criterion	A	B
performance	slow, loud, and gutless	Milwaukee-level power
battery	battery platform hasn't advanced as much	more advanced battery platform
durability	tools losing parts or ceasing to function within months	more reliable
value	premium for less power	more power at a lower price
warranty	weaker customer service	lifetime warranty on tool body

Verdict: Bosch wins on refinement but loses on raw capability and speed.

Craftsman vs Milwaukee, Dewalt, or Makita

Criterion	A	B
price	value brand, V20 drill/driver combo around \$99-\$149	not specified
performance	fine for DIY, not pro-grade	better quality for pros
battery	V20 ecosystem	not specified
durability	quality decline documented, power tools mediocre	better quality
warranty	lifetime warranty but slow claims, 1.6/10 Trustpilot	better warranty
value	price-to-performance acceptable for casual DIYer	not specified
best-for	DIY, casual users	professionals

Verdict: Craftsman wins on nostalgia and price for DIYers, but loses to Milwaukee, Dewalt, or Makita on quality and warranty for pros.

DEWALT vs Milwaukee

Criterion	A	B
price	Premium pricing (28% dollar share vs 19% unit share)	Not specified

performance	Professional-grade performance, industry-leading runtime and power density	Not specified
battery	20V MAX* platform with 250+ products, FLEXVOLT® batteries, PowerStack pouch cells, 21700-based XR ba	Not specified
durability	Survives drops and rain-soaked jobsites, professional-grade reputation	Not specified
warranty	1-3 years depending on product, batteries often 1-year, negative warranty experiences	Not specified
value	Higher prices than competitors, not value	Not specified
best-for	Contractors who trust durability and ecosystem	Not specified

Verdict: DEWALT wins on durability and platform breadth, but loses on customer service and warranty handling.

EGO Power+ vs unnamed challenger

Criterion	A	B
price	\$649 (21" mower kit), \$249 (16" chainsaw), \$299 (15" trimmer)	\$549 (21" mower kit), \$199 (16" chainsaw), \$249 (15" trimmer)
performance	56V ARC Lithium, gas-equivalent power	56V, brushless, gas-equivalent power
battery	3-year warranty, difficult claims	5-year warranty, advance replacement
durability	Not specified	Not specified
warranty	3-year battery, 5-year tools, but claims difficult	5-year battery, 5-year tools, 30-day money-back
value	Premium price, poor service	10-15% lower price, service included
best-for	Homeowners wanting ecosystem and innovation	Homeowners wanting service and value

Verdict: EGO wins on ecosystem and innovation, but loses to a challenger on price, warranty, and service.

Festool vs Milwaukee, Makita, Bosch

Criterion	A	B
price	\$600-800 for track saws, \$400 for sander, \$600 for dust extractor	\$200-400 for comparable competitors
performance	Precision and dust extraction excellent, but power ceiling lower	Closing gap on dust extraction and precision
battery	18V platform	Makita moved to 40V
durability	Build quality 'smooth as butter'	Not specified
warranty	Not specified	Not specified
value	2-3x price premium, luxury tax	Better value
best-for	Professional cabinet makers, finish carpenters, high-end remodelers	Pragmatic professionals

Verdict: Festool wins on precision and dust extraction, but loses on price and service.

Flex Power Tools vs Milwaukee

Criterion	A	B
performance	more powerful than Milwaukee	less powerful than Flex
durability	generally praised for durability, but documented QC issues (trigger delays, blade catching)	not specified
price	tend to cost less than top-tier competitors, but users call prices inflated	not specified
value	premium but not luxury	not specified

best-for	power and speed	not specified
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Verdict: Flex wins on raw power and speed, but loses on ergonomics, weight, and service, making it a poor choice for all-day professional use.

Greenworks vs EGO

Criterion	A	B
price	\$398 for 60V mower with 8Ah battery	premium pricing (not specified)
performance	good for sub-3,500 sq ft lawns	better for larger lawns
battery	24V, 40V, 60V, 80V platforms; batteries from 2016-2017 still working	not specified
durability	mixed reviews; battery cover fatigue and motor issues reported	not specified
warranty	4-year warranty on 60V trimmer, 3-year on batteries	not specified
value	strong price-to-performance ratio	premium price
best-for	value-conscious homeowners with small lawns	larger lawns and premium users

Verdict: Greenworks wins on price-to-performance ratio for small lawns, but loses on customer service (Trustpilot 1.8/5) and is vulnerable to service-focused competitors.

Hercules vs Milwaukee

Criterion	A	B
price	30-50% below Milwaukee/DeWalt	higher price
performance	on par with mid-tier Milwaukee/DeWalt	higher performance
battery	inconsistent cell quality, shorter lifespan, sudden failures	better battery quality
durability	tools praised, batteries weak link	better durability
warranty	5-year limited on brushless tools, 1-year on batteries	industry standard
value	value leader	higher price
best-for	value-conscious tradesperson and serious DIYer	professional users

Verdict: Hercules wins on price and value, but loses on battery reliability and platform stability.

Hilti vs unnamed challenger

Criterion	A	B
price	Premium-priced; TE 1000-22 ~\$2,500; TE 60-22 ~\$1,100-1,300; DAG 700-22 ~\$500-600	60-70% of Hilti's price; breaker \$1,499; rotary hammer \$699; grinder \$349
performance	Best-in-class; 'best of the best'; 45J impact energy (breaker); 8.0J (rotary hammer)	Matches Hilti in impact energy, runtime, dust management; 8,500 RPM grinder
battery	Nuron system; 60+ new cordless tools launching late 2025; proprietary	Standard 21700 cell platform; 5.2Ah battery included; not proprietary
durability	Excellent; 'can definitely take a beating'; 5-year warranty	Hilti-level durability claimed; 5-year warranty with 2-year no-questions replacement
warranty	5-year standard; service model enterprise-first; Trustpilot 1.5/5	5-year warranty; 48-hour repair guarantee; parts available within 48 hours
value	Total cost of ownership for enterprise; premium justified by durability/service	40% less than Hilti; 'professional-grade without the Hilti tax'
best-for	Enterprise accounts, million-dollar projects, fleet management	Mid-market contractors who need service responsiveness and retail availability

Verdict: Hilti wins on durability and performance for enterprise, but the rival wins on price, availability, and service responsiveness for mid-market contractors.

Husqvarna vs unnamed challenger

Criterion	A	B
price	Premium pricing; Pro Chainsaw 440i at \$499	15-20% lower; Pro Chainsaw 40V at \$429
performance	Genuine strength; anti-vibration technology, ergonomics	Matches Husqvarna on power, runtime, ergonomics
battery	BLi-X 36V, MAX Battery Series, PACE 94V	40V platform
durability	Incredibly reliable and durable; submerged K 770 started after drying	Matches durability; lighter by 5-10%
warranty	Typical 2-year warranty (estimated)	5-year warranty
value	Competes on value-per-dollar, not low price	Fair price for people burned by premium brand
best-for	Professionals trusting legacy and engineering	Professionals frustrated with service; those wanting service guarantee

Verdict: Husqvarna wins on product quality and heritage, but the rival wins on customer service, warranty, and price.

Kobalt vs DEWALT and Ryobi

Criterion	A	B
price	24V brushless drill/driver kit ~\$99-129; combo kits with filler bits	Not specified for DEWALT/Ryobi in report
performance	All 24V tools brushless; XTR line attempts pro-grade but falls short of Milwaukee Fuel	DEWALT dominates dollar share; Ryobi offers similar value with larger ecosystem
battery	Built-in protection; 75+ tools; major recall for fire hazard (short-circuiting)	Not specified for DEWALT/Ryobi
durability	Generally well-regarded for DIY; 4.2/5 rating from 71 reviews	Not specified for DEWALT/Ryobi
warranty	Customer service 'unreachable'; notorious for not supplying replacement parts; painful RMA	Not specified for DEWALT/Ryobi
value	\$650 got 7 tools and 6 batteries (exceptional value density)	Ryobi offers similar value with larger ecosystem
best-for	DIYers and homeowners	DEWALT for professionals; Ryobi for value ubiquity

Verdict: Kobalt wins on price-to-feature ratio for DIYers but loses decisively on customer service, battery safety, and professional credibility.

Makita vs Milwaukee and DeWalt

Criterion	A	B
price	average pricing, sometimes lower tool-only prices	not specified
performance	not the most powerful on paper	winning on raw power
battery	three incompatible battery systems (12V CXT, 18V/36V LXT, 40V/80V XGT)	not specified
durability	genuinely durable, 'lasts for years'	not specified
warranty	1.6/5 rating, 'ridiculous repair times', parts shortages	not specified
value	not specified	not specified
best-for	professional contractors valuing longevity	not specified

Verdict: Makita wins on durability and brand loyalty, but loses on service and warranty execution.

Metabo vs Metabo HPT

Criterion	A	B
price	premium pricing, e.g., \$299 for cordless drill/driver, \$449 for hammer drill	not specified
performance	angle grinders best-in-class; cordless drills/impacts have faulty switches and overheating	not specified
battery	unique 36V MultiVolt system powering both 18V and 36V tools	not specified
durability	reliability inconsistent; cordless tools reported to overheat, smoke, fail within minutes	not specified
warranty	customer service rated 1.9/5 on Trustpilot; warranty issues and poor service	not specified
value	premium price without premium cordless performance	not specified
best-for	metalworking professionals and angle grinder users	not specified

Verdict: Metabo wins on angle grinder quality and engineering credibility, but loses on cordless reliability, customer service, and value.

Milwaukee Tool vs unnamed challenger

Criterion	A	B
price	Premium pricing, 20-40% above mid-tier brands	At or slightly above Milwaukee's price point
performance	Best-in-class power output	Matches within 10-15% of Milwaukee's power
battery	M18/M12 platform, 150+ tools compatible	18V platform, 2.0Ah and 5.0Ah options
durability	QC issues increasing with scale, documented failures	Sealed gearbox rated 10,000 hours, IP54 rating, individual testing
warranty	Repairs take 7-10 business days	48-hour repair-or-replace guarantee
value	Value perception built on brand loyalty	Total cost of ownership focus, service guarantee
best-for	Professionals needing maximum power	Professionals who can't afford downtime

Verdict: Milwaukee wins on power and brand loyalty, but the rival wins on service, reliability, and warranty speed.

Ridgid vs unnamed challenger

Criterion	A	B
price	2-tool combo kit approximately \$199-\$249	
performance	Ridgid cordless tools 'not bad, but not built for professionals'	
durability	Quality 'gone down significantly for some products'	
warranty	Lifetime Service Agreement (LSA) with 117 BBB service/repair complaints, 3+ week battery replacement	
value	Price-to-performance ratio praised	

Verdict: Ridgid wins on price and value, but loses on warranty service and durability perception.

Ryobi vs Milwaukee

Criterion	A	B
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price	Entry kits at \$99, tools at \$39.97	Not specified
performance	Good enough for DIY, but underpowered vs. competitors	Premium professional segment
battery	18V ONE+ platform, batteries fail after 12-18 months, painful removal	Not specified
durability	Inconsistent, tools burn out under moderate load	Not specified
warranty	Hassle, requires shipping at own expense, long wait times	Not specified
value	Good enough for most projects, low entry price	Not specified
best-for	DIY and homeowner market	Premium professional segment

Verdict: Ryobi wins on price and ecosystem breadth, but loses on service and quality.

Skil vs Ryobi

Criterion	A	B
price	20V brushless drill kit \$99-129; circular saw \$69-89; reciprocating saw \$89-109	cheaper than Skil (undercuts Skil on price)
performance	reciprocating saw cuts 18% slower than Ryobi's	benchmark for cutting speed that Skil misses
battery	20V PWRCORE platform; USB-C battery innovation (2026)	not specified
durability	mixed QC; chainsaw battery issues; 5/10 quality score	not specified
warranty	5-year warranty but requires proof of purchase and return shipping; 2.1 Trustpilot rating	not specified
value	table saws offer better value than DeWalt (10-inch blade, dado capability, wider bed at half price)	not specified
best-for	DIY and prosumer market; value segment	DIY and prosumer market; direct competitor for same dollar

Verdict: Skil wins on table saw value and USB-C battery innovation, but Ryobi wins on price and reciprocating saw cutting speed.

WEN vs unnamed challenger

Criterion	A	B
price	sub-\$150 price band, e.g., 20V drill/driver kit at \$79, 14" bandsaw at \$149	15-25% premium, e.g., 20V drill/driver kit at \$99, 14" bandsaw at \$179
performance	~350 in-lbs torque (drill), 2.5 HP motor (bandsaw), 5.8-amp motor (grinder)	550 in-lbs torque (drill), 2.5 HP motor (bandsaw), 5.8-amp motor (grinder)
battery	20V Max system, 2-year battery warranty	20V system, 5-year warranty on every tool
durability	aluminum frame (bandsaw), stamped steel, 'rebadged' Chinese manufacturing	cast iron frame (bandsaw), transparent engineering, factory audits published
warranty	2-year battery warranty, standard tool warranties	5-year warranty on every tool, 90-day no-questions-asked replacement
value	best price-to-value ratio, 'good enough at half the price'	justified premium, 'pay a little more, get a lot more'
best-for	budget-conscious DIYers, weekend warriors, first-time homeowners	informed DIYers seeking trusted quality at fair price

Verdict: WEN wins on price, but the rival wins on quality, warranty, and brand loyalty, targeting WEN's bargain-hunters with a justified premium.

Worx vs Milwaukee/DeWalt/Makita

Criterion	A	B
price	30-50% less than pro-grade equivalents; 20V drill kit ~\$99	higher-priced pro-grade tools
performance	struggles in power and torque (2x20V mower)	superior power and torque
battery	PowerShare battery platform (20V, 40V, 80V)	not specified
durability	batteries degrade quickly, plastic housings crack, tools fail when pushed	not specified
warranty	standard 3-year warranty; customer service rated 1.5/5 on Trustpilot	not specified
value	price-to-feature ratio is strong; innovation at low cost	not specified
best-for	suburban homeowners, DIYers, first-time tool buyers	professionals

Verdict: Worx wins on price and innovation for homeowners, but loses on durability, customer service, and professional-grade performance.