

There are many people who make a living doing small-scale jobs such as fitting blinds, architectural ironmongery and the like, and a little drill like this will tick all the boxes for them. It's a great all-rounder

# Bosch GSB 10.8V-2-Li combi drill driver

Just when you think you've seen all the 10.8V drill drivers on the market, up comes Bosch with a new addition. So what's different? In looks, very little: it has the 10mm single-sleeve spindle-lock chuck, the two-speed gearbox and the small trigger-operated LED light of previous models, but this is the first one with the addition of a hammer function.

## Performance matters

This diminutive little tool boasts 30Nm of torque under its bonnet. That still doesn't give it huge capacities in the drilling stakes, but it will manage 19mm in timber – handy for fitting mortise locks on the odd occasion, but better suited for smaller drilling and driving tasks in general.

The hammer function hits 10mm diameter as a maximum, well within the range of wall plug sizes in general use, and it proved very capable when I tried drilling a few 7mm holes in standard concrete blocks. However, as with many battery drills with impact function, harder brick and stonework will prove more demanding.

The format of all of these drills is limiting in the stamina stakes, but that's the trade-off you have to make for such a compact tool. Its overall head length is just 187mm, so it's ideal for working in tight spaces.

## Collar functions

Bosch has taken a leaf out of Makita's book for shifting between drilling, driving and hammering modes, and has included a simple but effective dual collar system. The forward one offers 20 torque settings when you need consistent screwdriving, while the collar just behind swaps into the alternative modes and overrides the torque setting so you have maximum torque without having to alter the torque collar itself. This option lets you drop back into a preset driving position simply and speedily. This is one of the best features on any drill if you use the torque function often.

If you want additional control, the variable-speed trigger is very responsive; you can trickle in screws very precisely.



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## SPECIFICATION


<b>BATTERY</b>	10.8V 1.3Ah Li-ion
<b>NO-LOAD SPEEDS</b>	0-380 and 0-1300rpm
<b>IMPACT RATE</b>	0-19,500/min
<b>MAX DRILLING CAPACITY</b>	
	wood 19mm
	steel 10mm
	masonry 10mm
<b>MAX SCREWDRIVING TORQUE</b>	
	soft 13Nm
	hard 30Nm
<b>WEIGHT</b>	1kg
<b>ACCESSORIES</b>	Two batteries, charger


## VERDICT

This is a brilliant tool that has raised the bar once again with the introduction of the hammer function.

- PROS**
- Impressive hammer function for such a small drill
  - Double collar for torque/drill functions

- CONS**
- Low amp-hour batteries won't last long under heavy load conditions

**VALUE FOR MONEY** 

**PERFORMANCE** 

## FURTHER INFORMATION

- Bosch
- 0844 892 0115
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The dual collar lets you shift between torque and drill functions with ease



A squeeze of the trigger illuminates an indicator showing the remaining battery power



The batteries have overload protection and slot into the handle

Squeezing the trigger also operates the very bright LED worklight

