

# SUPER SABRE

PRODUCT TEST



For this product review Dave Peters gets his hands on the Bosch GSA 18V-32 Professional sabre saw. But will it make the cut?

**F**irst impressions always count when I'm trying out a new tool and the thing that struck me about Bosch's new 18V cordless saw is that it looked and felt extremely professional, robust and ready for the daily rigours of the site.

Included within the box is the cordless saw, instruction manual, mains charger, spare battery, 1 x metal blade and 1 x wood blade, and a base plate. The set also comes complete with 2 x 18V 5.0Ah batteries, which deliver ample power to the saw.

## Fantastic features

In terms of the unit and its main redeeming features, I'll start with the trigger which has a 'soft-start' to allow for a precise, controlled start on harder materials such as trunking and Unistrut.

Pulling in or releasing the trigger simply increases or decreases the stroke rate of the blade and the thumb wheel on top can be used to set the stroke rate in accordance with what you're cutting.

The stroke rate, however, remains the same, whether it's on load or off load. The unit has a pendulum action which features an 'off' position, a level 1 setting and level 2 setting for plastic, wood and other soft materials. With all the power on offer from the tool nothing feels forced and it's very comfortable to use.

The foot plate on the unit pivots and is retractable to adapt to the shape that you're cutting, while the soft grip on the handle and body provide a comfortable surface for the hands to control the unit. When in use the saw gives very little vibration due to the built-in vibration damper, which is particularly useful for longer tasks. Additionally, an LED light is

fitted to illuminate the work area while you're cutting.

Because of the tool's cordless nature, there are no leads and cables and this makes for easy movement around the site without having to locate sockets to plug into.

Cutting with the Bosch GSA 18V-32 is smooth, efficient and very quiet, when you consider its work rate. The cuts that it produced with the supplied blade were remarkably smooth and required little dressing with a file.

To change the blade you simply swing the lever to release the blade, then remove the old blade, insert the replacement and release the lever.

## Jobs done

I've used the Bosch sabre saw on a number of jobs and it's performed very well indeed. One task involved ripping out/removing trunking, cable tray and Unistrut and it was able to cut through each of these items without missing a beat. Cutting steel works is no longer a chore and I only wish that tools like this were around when I was an apprentice using a hacksaw.

Overall I believe that the Bosch GSA 18V-32 sabre saw would be a great addition to the tool kits of many electricians and will speed up productivity of installation and removal/demolition jobs, ensuring value-for-money from the investment. The saw has also impressed other tradesmen I've been working with on-site, who all commented on its performance and power.

For more information about the Bosch GSA 18V-32 Professional sabre saw visit: [www.bosch-professional.co.uk](http://www.bosch-professional.co.uk) or circle readerlink 149

