

SCREWING IN STYLE!

Snap-on's newest cordless screwdriver



IF YOU DON'T KNOW IT ALREADY, LET ME GET this out in the open right now: I'm a lazy bastard. When it comes to wrenching on something, I'm all for a tool that'll make the job go faster, easier, or both. Maybe that's because, though I'm punching computer keys most of the time now, I've worked in a number of other trades in my life, as well as working on bikes and cars since the mid-1960s (boats and airplanes later on). In short, I've put in many an hour twisting my wrist while working a wrench or screwdriver. Over those many years, I've made it a point to use a power tool, be it air or electrically driven, whenever possible. Unfortunately, the battery-powered ones were not always up to the task. Not so with this new Snap-on screwdriver! I had to make a crate to ship a Shovel motor out to Michigan, so this was the perfect opportunity to put Snap-on's CTS561 cordless screwdriver to the test. It worked great, which can't be said for the crate. (Okay, so I suck as a carpenter.) The CTS561 is lightweight and a perfect fit for your

hand. The nickel-cadmium battery loads into the handgrip, much like the clip on a semiauto pistol. Two batteries come with the CTS561, so one is always in the supplied charger while you work with the other. (A full charge takes about an hour.) The trigger is a three-position switch that is Off when at rest. Squeeze the top and the screws go in, squeeze the bottom and they come out. Inconceivable, I know.

The CTS561 can handle a multitude of 1/4" hex driver bits, but you only get a Philips and slotted bit with the kit. A cool feature of the CTS561 is that the chuck is a quick-release affair that lets you swap bits quickly and easily, without a key. Not a new idea, of course, but one you'll be happy to have to hand.

Just like Snap-on's newest cordless driver. **AIM**

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