

POWER NAILERS & STAPLERS

Senco delivers hose-fed and cordless performance with tools like the 21LXP 21-gauge slight/medium head nailer and the Fusion F-18 cordless 18-volt nailer (below) which can drive up to 700 nails per charge.

PNEUMATIC TOOLS STILL CARRY THE LOAD BUT CORDLESS TOOLS ARE COMING ON

Even as their applications expand, nailers and staplers are increasingly focusing on one thing — unflinching, consistent performance, shot after shot. No matter what they shoot or shoot into, these tools are gunning for zero-misfire, jam-free operation.

SENCO

“Cordless is not new but, in recent years, there have been a number of traditional pneumatic or corded tools that have made the transition. Senco’s Fusion is a great example of a cordless that tool that delivers true pneumatic performance without the compressor,” states David Shumate, Senco product manager, Fusion and Compressors.



SHUMATE

Utilizing 15- to 18-ga. fasteners, the Fusion line of nailers delivers all day performance powered by an 18-volt battery that can drive up to 700 fasteners on a single charge; more than enough for a day’s work.

“While a number of companies are diving head-long into converting tools that have been compressor powered, a lot

of pros are still opting for pneumatics,” states Eric Bellman, Senco product manager pneumatics. “The power-to-weight ratio and hefty costs have slowed early adaptation. The pneumatics are mostly lighter, smaller and deliver tried and true performance. While this still means users will have to contend with air hoses, the speed and efficiency more than make up for the cordless convenience.”



SENCO’s new 21-gauge slight/medium head nailer, 21LXP, provides the balance of fastening strength while reducing finishing time.

“Often, an 18-gauge brad nailer is too much for MDF and requires filling and sanding on trim,” Bellman says. “With the ability to use slight/medium head fasteners, the 21LXP offer users holding power without sacrificing finish quality. Weighing only 2.7 pounds and measuring less than nine inches in height and eight inches in length, this ultra-lightweight and compact tool can easily fit into tight spaces.”

“Finishing tools like the 21-gauge and 23-gauge micro pinners would have a difficult time converting to cordless, as the drive mechanisms and battery would only add to

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BeA's innovative Skater system combines a wheeled base and a pneumatic tool to enable swift fastening of nails or staples at "dial-in" spacing to meet various building codes.

the size and weight of the nailer and make it less nimble," Bellman concludes.

BEA FASTENERS USA

The economic rebound has been a boon for distributors and tool manufacturers alike. During the recession, construction and industrial users repaired tools rather

than replace them. Recently, users have begun to replace their exhausted equipment and approve expenditures to improve efficiencies and raise productivity levels.



“With a long tradition of manufacturing hand-held pneumatic tools and developing automatic fastening solutions, BeA has developed a tool that is right at the intersection of full automation and manual application: the BeA Skater,” states Sebastian Rissmann, president, BeA Fasteners USA. “Commonly used in factory applications such as modular-home or shed-building, the tool is also used on job sites to speed floor-sheathing applications.”

The Skater’s main focus points are raising productivity levels, delivering consistent, repeatable results and improving operator ergonomics.

“The BeA Skater consists of two main components, the wheeled-base and an interchangeable pneumatic tool. The interchange option allows tools for different staples and nails to be mounted to meet local requirements. The key staples for the North American market are 15-, 16- and 17-gauge, 7/16-inch crown staples.”

The BeA Skater places fasteners at pre-set distances, which can be toggled tool-free. The Skater is placed on the substrate and simply rolled across the work-surface. For job site applications, the extended handle allows operators to walk across the work surface upright while pushing the tool forward. Guided by four non-marking wheels and a visual alignment guide, fastener placement is quick, clean and accurate. Keeping operator safety in

mind, the tool can only be actuated while in contact with the substrate. A rotatable exhaust and double-trigger mechanism underline worker safety and comfort.

MAKITA

Framers, roofers and finish carpenters require nailers that deliver power and capacity, as well as precision and convenience features. Makita nailers are engineered with more features to meet these and future demands for consistent performance — and less hassle and downtime.

“Capacity means increased versatility, particularly for framing applications,” begins Wayne Hart, communications manager, Makita USA. “The Makita 3 1/2-inch framing nailer, model AN923, has a large-capacity air chamber for increased power to drive nails from 2- to 3 1/2- x .162-inches (16D). Makita industrial air compressors, including the new 5.5-hp gas air unit, are ideal for demanding jobs like running multiple framing nailers.”



Precision features like tool-free depth adjustment deliver more precise flush and countersink nailing, allowing contractors to work more efficiently with consistent and repetitive nail depth. Features like easy access for clearing jammed nails provide increased convenience and less downtime. Select Makita nailers, including the AN923 framing nailer, have a three-mode selector switch with contact, sequential and lock settings for increased control over nailing options.

Bang on! Makita's high-pressure AN930H coil framing nailer for dense engineered lumber is up to 30 percent smaller and lighter than conventional pneumatic nailers.

“Looking ahead, there is growing demand for alternatives to powder actuated tools, and high-pressure technology is an option for joining materials to hard substrates,”

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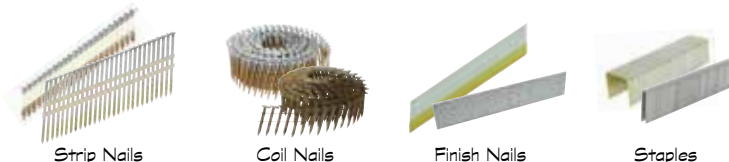
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Hart adds. "High pressure is also a solution for framing and siding applications with dense engineered lumber. Makita's 2.5-hp high-pressure air compressor, model AC310H, delivers 400 psi and includes couplers for use with both high-pressure and conventional nailers. Another advantage is superior power-to-weight ratio: the AN930H Makita high pressure framing nailer and AN610H siding coil nailer have up to 30 percent less size and weight than conventional nailer counterparts."

There are also new opportunities to unplug the hose. The model XTS01 Makita 18V LXT 3/8-inch crown stapler has the power to fasten 3/8-inch crown staples up to 7/8 inches in length, and Makita will soon release an 18V LXT 18-gauge brad nailer. Both nailers are part of Makita's 18V series, the world's largest cordless tool line-up powered by an 18V Lithium-ion slide-style battery.



DEWALT

DEWALT is hitting the nailer market hard with 11 new nailers and staplers for finishing, framing, siding and more. DEWALT's new finish nailers include an 18 GA brad nailer (DWFP12233), 16 GA finish nailer (DWFP71917), and 15 GA "DA" style angle finish nailer (DWFP72155). Each tool features Precision PointT Technology, which provides easier nail placement with a smaller nose and a clear line of sight of the work surface. Each of these finishing nailers features a simple two step selectable trigger system that changes its actuation mode from single fire to bump.

The new DWFP1838 18 GA finish stapler is ideal for floor underlayment, furniture paneling and frame assembly. Designed for oil-free operation, this stapler eliminates the risk of oil stains.

DEWALT's new pneumatic lineup includes 11 tools for finishing, framing and siding applications. Pro features include oil-free operation and Precision PointT Technology for exceptional accuracy.

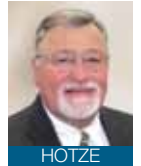


Omer's PL77.K16 LLJ plier stapler boasts a heavy-duty anvil arm that will withstand rugged use without getting knocked out of alignment.

"The DWMC150 Metal Connector Nailer weighs just 4.6 pounds and can fit between 12-inch on-center joists," says Jorge Silveira, product manager. "Its exposed-tip design, new to DEWALT, puts the nail tip in the hole before firing, allowing for optimal speed and accuracy. To complement the nailer lineup, DEWALT also offers a full line of fasteners and compressors."

OMER

There is an underlying current that goes well beyond mere nostalgia in the tool and fastener industry. No matter what your 'generation,' when conversations inevitably shift to tough old tools, the thought of beefy and rugged equipment brings a twinkle to the eye of woodworkers and contractors today. OMER has tapped into pent-up demand for tried and true, nearly indestructible staplers, bradders, pinners and nailers of the ilk that founded the industry. What comes as a pleasant shock to many is the fact that such classic tools are still in production in 2015.



HOTZE

"There are no big secrets here, just the 'value for your buck' kind of expectations: long lasting tools built to stand up to heavy use with minimal need for repair that can sustain themselves through years of faithful service and live long enough to be passed down to your kids, with plenty of life left in them," says Chuck Hotze, vice president of U.S. market development for OMER USA. "OMER's 45 years of steady success is directly attributable to listening to the simple message: 'Just give me something I can count on when I need it most.' To OMER, this means tools that work and fasteners that fit the way they should and feed smoothly to enhance flawless performance. It's good to see that the fundamentals never really change."

Examples of OMER's tank-tough design that ensures decades of rugged performance and durability include the PL77.K16 LLJ plier stapler and the 90.38FL2 stapler. The PL77.K16 LLJ fires type 777 staples and features a robust anvil arm that stands up to heavy duty use without

getting knocked out of alignment, a known problem of lighter-duty plier staplers. The 90.38FL2 18-ga. stapler is designed for hard-wood flooring and other tongue-and-groove plank attachments, including walls and ceilings.

HITACHI

Some power tool companies also make nailers. In the minds of many distributors and contractors, Hitachi is a nailer company that also makes power tools. Hitachi Power Tools' newest addition to its pneumatic lineup is the model NR38AK 1 1/2-inch Strap-Tite fastening system strip nailer, designed for fastening pre-drilled metal connectors to wood. By using the nail tip as a guide for exact placement with a sequential drive mechanism, the NR38AK nailer offers superior precision and control for metal connector-to-wood applications.



SMOLA

"The NR38AK accepts commonly used 1 1/2-inch paper collated fasteners ranging from .131 to .148 inches at 36 degrees," states David Smola, product manager. "The positive safety exposes the nail tip so the user can guide the nail into the pre-drilled metal connector



hole without damaging the collation, ensuring each nail is precisely driven. Dry-fire lockout prevents accidental dry-fire and assures the nail is lodged securely for added safety."

The NR38AK's performance is enhanced by its convenience. The tool is well-balanced and weighs just 4.6 pounds for minimum fatigue during extended use or overhead applications. The tool's narrow design and short magazine allow it to fit into tight corners and awkward angles with ease. The magazine accepts 29 paper-tape

The Hitachi NR38AK 1 1/2-inch Strap-Tite strip nailer is designed to make fast work of positive placement wood-to-metal fastening in pre-drilled metal connectors. It weighs just 4.6 pounds.

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“The NR38AK comes with Hitachi’s industry leading five-year warranty and a pair of safety glasses,” Smola adds. “It is *the* Strap-Tite nailer for those in the building industry who demand superior precision and control for connecting metal to wood with 1 1/2-inch fasteners.”

Hitachi also offers the NR65AK2 and NR65AK2S (short magazine) 2 1/2-inch Strap Tite system nailers.

INTERCHANGE BRANDS

“Our customers get exactly what they ask for in speed, power, performance and reliability because Interchange tools are designed, tested by our customers and manufactured to the highest standards to withstand the demands of the professional builder,” states Rick Lawrence,



LAWRENCE

general manager of Interchange Brands. “Interchange Brands’ new CRN4500 coil roofing nailer is a perfect example. It is light, well-balanced, fast and manufactured to withstand the demands of the professional builder.”

In addition to fastening asphalt and fiberglass shingles, the CRN4500 can be used for fastening lath wire on plywood, siding installation and wooden box assembly. This 15-degree, round-head coil roofing nailer drives Interchange CR nails 7/8 to 1 3/4 inches in length, with a shank size of .120 inches. It also features bump-fire operation and easy-to-adjust dial to regulate driving depth. This aluminum-body tool weighs 5.04 pounds and has a magazine capacity of 120 nails.

The Interchange SBCS5016 16-ga. lathing stapler offers sequential-fire operation and easy depth adjustment. It shoots 5/8- to 2-inch staples, weighs 5.06 pounds and holds 150 staples.



Prebena’s recently released 4C-Z50-AUT automatic stapler for Z series staples offers a blistering adjustable fire rate of up to 10 shots per second using 5/8- to 2-inch staples.

“The models SGSW5016 and SBCS5016 16-ga. lathing staplers for wire lathing are well-balanced and offer a heavy-duty aluminum extruded magazine that is easy to clear,” Lawrence adds. “Each tool weighs just 5.06 pounds, has a magazine capacity of 150 staples and carries a five-year limited warranty.”

PREBENA

Founded in 1960 by Wilfried Bornemann in Schotten, Germany, PREBENA fastening tools and fasteners are sold in 60 countries. The company has plants in Germany, Poland, Russia, Thailand, Taiwan, USA and China. Its products include pneumatic nailers and staplers, compressors, electric screw drivers, MOBILLO cordless air technology nailing and stapling systems and more than 3,500 different fasteners. In line with its manufacturing heritage, all PREBENA tools and fasteners are manufactured on equipment designed by the company itself.

“PREBENA’s newest tools are the models 4C-Z50-AUT automatic stapler for Z series staples and the 4C-L50-AUT for L series staples,” says Natalia Bornemann, managing director. “Both tools fire staples from 5/8 to 2 inches (16-50mm) and are designed for industrial fastening of plaster, fermacell, fiberboard and other board materials.”

PREBENA’s patent-pending automatic technology delivers a variable rate of fire of up to 10 shots per second. The 4C-Z50-AUT and 4C-L50-AUT also features single, bump or automatic fire modes for true-all-purpose utility. An ergonomic design and practical sliding feet guarantee optimal handling for fast and steady stapling.

Each tool weighs 6.28 pounds, operates from 71-114 psi and has a magazine capacity of 160 staples.

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FASCO AMERICA

As the construction and building industries continue to enjoy a steady climb back from the recession, the demand for quality-made, durable tools for heavy-duty commercial and industrial applications continues to rise. As a result, the BECK Fastener Group has increased its focus on developing state-of-the-art pneumatic tools. Italian-crafted FASCO-brand pneumatic tools feature designs created by BECK's team of precision tool innovators who work to meet the ever-changing demands of high-performance contractor-grade jobs.

Brett McCutcheon, general manager of Fasco America, the North American master distributor for BECK Fastener Group products, reports an increased demand for quality-made, durable tools for heavy duty commercial and industrial applications.



"We've had many years of experience in this arena, but we continue to look for new ways to make life easier for the contractors because they are the ones out there doing all the heavy lifting," McCutcheon says.



"They are counting on these tools to help turn what used to be a manual installation into a semi-automated one, which increases their efficiency and profitability."

The SCRAIL RoofLoc system, utilizing the FASCO F58 metal roofing installation tool, attaches metal to wood two times faster than ordinary collated screws and eight times faster than bulk screws.

"Tool systems," tools and fasteners designed to specifically address a particular application, have been creating some buzz. For instance, the BECK fence staple system combines BECK F40-315 fence staples and the FASCO F46 40-315 stapler. This system helps contractors master the toughest fencing jobs with speed.

"Another tool system turning heads this year is the new SCRAIL RoofLoc system, which attaches metal to wood, creating 400 pounds of holding power. The FASCO pneumatic F58 metal roofing tool installs collated SCRAIL fasteners two times faster than ordinary collated screws and eight times faster than bulk screws.

"The F58 coil nailers are another hit: contractors love the balance, control and easy handling," says McCutcheon. "They are also praising our coil siding tool, our 16-ga. medium crown stapler and our F44 heavy-duty stapler series too." **CS**

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