

Muro FDVL41 Auto-Feed Screw Gun

FDVL41 Speed Driver

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For fastening decks, one tool stands out far above the rest — Muro's FDVL41 Speed Driver. Having owned this sweet tool for nine years, and used it to fasten 99 percent of my decks, I'd recommend it to any deck builder. I know it survives on the job.

Don't think I haven't used other screw guns. About two years ago, when capture-head screws (flat-head screws, like FastenMaster's TrapEase, that eliminate mushrooming in composite decking) were first collated but not yet available from Muro, I tested six screw guns. I was disappointed; none would consistently drive a capture-head screw into EverGrain composite decking when the decking was below 60F — which is most of the time here in Washington state. I've since tried the Speed Driver with its capture-head screws, and it didn't do the trick, either.

Nonetheless, that testing convinced me that the Speed Driver screw gun is the best on the market. Why? For one, it's the only gun that stands upright on its own. You might not think this is a big deal, but to me and my back it's wonderful. Each time I stop screwing the deck, I can leave the Speed Driver standing there. When I return, I don't have to bend over to pick it up. The T-handle adjusts in height to fit any size person — I find it more comfortable than an offset handle, because it lets me stand in a natural stance with my shoulders square to the tool.

It's the only screw gun whose collated screws come in rolls of 150; other guns use 50 screws on a collated ribbon or 30 on a clip. When you're using 3,000 or more screws per deck, the time saved — by not having to reload

as often — adds up quickly. With its exclusive side feeding system, the Speed Driver is the only screw gun I know of that gives a clear view of the point of the screw. This allows me to pinpoint the placement of the screws.

Unable to use capture-head screws with any reliability, I use ceramic-coated standard tapered-head screws set in countersunk holes. First, I place and gap the decking and secure it with a 15-gauge pin nailer on every other joist. The pin nailing allows a two-man crew to work more efficiently. As fast as one man can cut and deliver the deck boards, the other can gap and shoot. Once the entire deck is laid, I use a 3/8-inch counter-sink bit to pre-drill a hole for the head of the screw.

Now the Speed Driver can do its job of placing the screws precisely into the holes. This gives me a clean, professional-looking finish, with all the screws flush with the deck surface and no deck material pushed up around the head of the screw.

Loading a roll of screws into the Speed Driver is easy, and once it's loaded, you just slide the first screw into the feed mechanism, push down once to feed the next screw, and away you go. The Speed Driver rarely misses feeding a screw. Its depth adjustment is easy to use, and stays consistent in operation. Changing the double-ended driver bits is fast and easy, too.

All in all, I figure the speed and efficiency of the Muro FDVL41 cuts my deck fastening time by 85 percent over hand screwing. At 20 screws per minute, it's the fastest screw gun going.

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Speed DRIVER

Flooring and Decking



Optional palm handle for close up work



Features & Benefits:

- Drive 1" to 3" screws with this integrated system, no awkward attachments
- Adjustable, accurate depth control for countersinking, no raised screw heads
- Optional telescopic extension handle (shown) for stand-up operation, relieves operator fatigue
- 150 screw coil magazine, less time spent reloading
- Industrial strength for the professional contractor
- Rubber nose piece, prevents damage to floor or deck surfaces
- Bits are double-ended, change bits in seconds without special tools



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DRIVER

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CH7390 Kit



Includes:

- CH7390 auto feed attachment and adaptor
- Makita or DeWalt screw gun
- Telescopic extension handle
- Padded carrying bag
- Screw pouch



Features & Benefits:

- Drive 1-1/2" to 3" screws with no adjustments
- Adjustable, accurate depth control for countersinking, no raised screw heads
- Telescopic extension handle for stand-up operation, adjusts for perfect comfort
- 30 screw strips, reload is quick and easy
- Double ended drive bits, change bits in seconds without special tools
- Rugged and durable

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