

Impact Driver

An **impact driver is a power tool d**esigned to deliver high <u>torque</u> output with minimal exertion by the user, by storing energy in a rotating mass, then delivering it suddenly to the output shaft.

In operation, a rotating mass (the <u>hammer</u>) is accelerated by the motor, storing energy, then suddenly connected to the output shaft (the <u>anvil</u>), creating a high-torque <u>impact</u>. The hammer mechanism is designed such that after delivering the impact, the hammer is again allowed to spin freely, and does not stay locked. With this design, the only <u>reaction</u> force applied to the body of the tool is the motor accelerating the hammer, and thus the operator feels very little torque, even though a very high peak torque is delivered to the socket.

