

NEWS ALERT

Bull Frog® - A Rust Busting Technique From Norm Abram

WORKSHOP

Norm's Notebook

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My Dad's Screwdriver

My father used his Yankee screwdriver all the time, and I still grab it when I have a lot of straight-slot screws to drive, say, when I'm installing door hinges. One long push on the handle gets me about three nicely controlled turns on the screw. Sure, cordless drivers are faster, but a Yankee screwdriver is easy on the wrist, quiet, never needs recharging, and its bit doesn't slip off or over-drive the screw. These screwdrivers are still being made, thank goodness, so if my dad's old one ever breaks, I can replace it.

Rust Busting

Given enough time, rust will damage metal permanently. Here are some ways to keep it from forming on your tools, and to get rid of it if you've got it.

To keep rust at bay... Because dust attracts moisture, store tools in a dehumidified drawer or toolbox. For extra protection, add a canister of silica gel or strips of vapor corrosion inhibitor, like the ones made by Bull Frog. They emit a gas that deposits a protective layer on metal surfaces. In damp basement workshops, keep a dehumidifier running.

When rust gets a foothold... Spray lightly rusted surfaces with a penetrating lubricant. Wipe off the excess. Scrub with a heavy-duty Scotch-Brite pad (above). Stay away from sandpaper; it scratches metal. Wipe off excess lubricant before putting the tool away.

For more heavily rusted metal, try a spray-on, wipe-off, acid-based rust remover like Rust Free. Follow with a rust-inhibitor spray like Boeshield T-9, which leaves a thin, waxy film on the surface. Wipe away any excess immediately.

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