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Semantic Field #28

The Toolkit











Toolbox

Hammer

Adjustable Wrench

Pliers

Screwdriver











Measuring Tape

Screws

Bolts

Nuts

Nails

A toolkit (also called 'toolbox') is a box to organize, carry, and protect tools; the most essential (and common) of which are the ones listed above. A hammer is a tool delivering a blow to an object: it is used mostly for driving nails, fitting parts and breaking objects apart. A wrench (UK, or 'spanner' in USA and CAN English) is a tool used for providing grip and mechanical advantage in applying torque to turn objects (usually rotary fasteners, such as nuts and bolts) or keep them firmly in place. A screwdriver is a tool for turning (either driving or removing) screws. The distinction between a bolt and a screw is commonly misunderstood, and lies in their intended purpose: bolts are for the assembly of two unthreaded components (with the aid of a nut), whereas screws are used with components, at least one of which contains its own internal thread, and which even may be formed by the installation of the screw itself. Accordingly, many threaded fasteners can be described as either screws or bolts, depending on how they are used. Pliers are a hand tool used for holding objects firmly – they may have stemmed from tongs used to handle hot metal in Bronze Age Europe, and they are also useful for bending and compressing a wide range of materials. A tape measure (or measuring tape) is a flexible ruler used to measure distance; it consists of a ribbon of diverse materials (cloth, plastic, fiber glass, metal) etched with markings that denote the measurement of distance.