Cordless Drill Comparison Chart

The 5 best cordless drills for homeowners, side by side — remember, you are choosing a battery platform. From vitaldwelling.com — "5 Best Cordless Drills for Homeowners in 2026".

THE 5 PICKS, SIDE BY SIDE

Pick	Model	Platform	Torque	Speed	Weight	Hammer	Warranty
Best overall	DCD800 XR	DEWALT 20V MAX	340 UWO	0-2,000 RPM	2.9 lb	No	3 years
Best starter	DCD771C2	DEWALT 20V MAX	300 UWO	0-1,500 RPM	3.6 lb	No	3 years
Best compact	M12 FUEL 3404-22	Milwaukee M12	400 in-lbs	0-1,550 RPM	2.2 lb	Yes	5 years
Best heavy-duty	M18 FUEL 2904-22	Milwaukee M18	1,400 in-lbs	0-2,100 RPM	3.5 lb	Yes	5 years
Best premium	GSB18V-1330C	Bosch 18V	1,330 in-lbs	0-2,200 RPM	4.0 lb	Yes	3 years

Torque note: DEWALT rates power in UWO (unit watts out), Milwaukee and Bosch in in-lbs — compare torque within a brand, and use the "which one for you" lines below to choose across brands. Weights are tool-only unless the kit is sold as one piece.

WHICH ONE FOR YOU?

DEWALT DCD800 XR	One drill for a normal house — and the upgrade path if you own the starter pick below.
DEWALT DCD771C2	First drill, strict budget — the proven best-seller from our Essential Tools guide.
Milwaukee M12 3404	Cabinets, stud bays and overhead work — real power that fits in one hand.
Milwaukee M18 2904	Decks, ledger boards and masonry anchors — buy-it-once flagship power.
Bosch GSB18V-1330C	Precision work — best grip and balance in class, plus 90-degree angle detection.

First drill? Always buy the KIT — tool, two batteries, charger.

Bare tools only save money once the platform is on your shelf. And 20V MAX is 18V nominal — same class as every 18V system.

BRUSHED OR BRUSHLESS?

Brushless: more runtime per charge, longer motor life, no brushes to replace — worth it on any drill you plan to keep.

Brushed: the honest budget trade. The DCD771C2 proves a brushed starter can serve a house for years.