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Wiha Werkzeuge GmbH



**New Innovation:**

## **slimTECHNOLOGY – The innovation for VDE fastening tools**

Schonach – Electricians in particular must face a wide variety of applications with sometimes difficult working conditions. VDE tools used in such environments must not only be rugged and flexible, but must also satisfy the highest demands in terms of quality and safety. A further commonly occurring problem for VDE fastening tools is limited access to low-lying fastening elements, narrow apertures and standard spring clips. The VDE safety insulation of screwdrivers often obstructs and prevents optimal access to fastening elements. The normal solution in practice is to compromise on safety, whether this means the use of non-insulated tools or perhaps even a shortening of the blade insulation.

### **Blades up to 33% slimmer for maximum access**

With slimTECHNOLOGY by Wiha, the company from the Black Forest region of Germany presents a completely VDE-tested solution for fastening tools. Ingeniously simple: insulation that often poses a hindrance has been integrated into the through-hardened blades, thus creating maximum access to the fastening elements. In this way the slim blades achieve a reduction of total diameter of 11% to a maximum of 33% in the critical working area according to output size. This means that the slim blades from Wiha are extremely narrow but are still characterised by a high performance that surpass stipulations for VDE torque several times over, and simply get the job done. The advantage for electricians: GS and VDE-tested safety with proven Wiha quality for fastening positions that were until now annoyingly inaccessible. The handles of the new VDE slim line are of course based upon the tried-and-proven Wiha handle size concept that has set standards for years in terms of surface feel and ergonomics.

In addition to the existing VDE-tested SoftFinish® electric assortment, Wiha also offers a wide range of various outputs for three different slim systems in the new catalogue: slimFix, slimVario and slimTorque.



The slotted versions of the **slimFix** screwdriver family have been equipped with a wedge-profiled output geometry in addition to **slimTECHNOLOGY**. This means that electricians now have an optimal actuating tool for spring clips. **slimVario** features a handle for an exchange bit system for 90mm long, insulated premium VDE bits. The slim range is rounded off with exchange blades for the Wiha **VDE torque assortment**. In this way electricians now also have controlled tightening of fastened connections with the added benefits of **slimTECHNOLOGY**.

The Wiha **slimTECHNOLOGY** assortment cannot be beaten in terms of safety either! The range features one-off testing in a water bath at 10,000 V, complete VDE certification and is designated with the GS mark. The complete line in addition fulfills all stipulations of the international IEC 60900:2004 standard and is approved for work in the area of live parts up to 1,000 V AC.

With the introduction of **slimTECHNOLOGY**, Wiha underlines its VDE expertise and also presents an innovation for VDE fastening tools that offers all electricians increased safety levels and real user benefits.

Wiha is one of the leading manufacturers in the world for hand tools for professional use in trade and industry, with headquarters in Schonach in the Black Forest, Germany. For the past 70 years the name of Wiha has stood for innovative tools of the highest quality with screwdrivers, torque tools, L-keys, bits, soft-head hammers, pliers, measuring tools and articulated hoses. A host of awards underline the setting of standards in terms of functionality and design. Currently over 650 employees manufacture and market more than 3,500 premium tools.





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