



# L-Keys & T-Handles

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## T-Handles

T-handles put your hand directly over the fastener, giving you more control and torque than an L-key in applications where you're driving repeatedly or working against resistance. The crossbar grip lets you apply steady downward pressure while turning — ideal for assembly work, panel builds, and anywhere precision matters more than speed.

## L-Keys

L-keys — also called hex keys or Allen® wrenches — are the go-to tool for driving socket head fasteners in tight spaces. The L-shape gives you two ways to work: use the long arm for reach and low-torque turning, or flip to the short arm when you need to bear down. Simple, durable, and available in a range of tip styles to match the job.

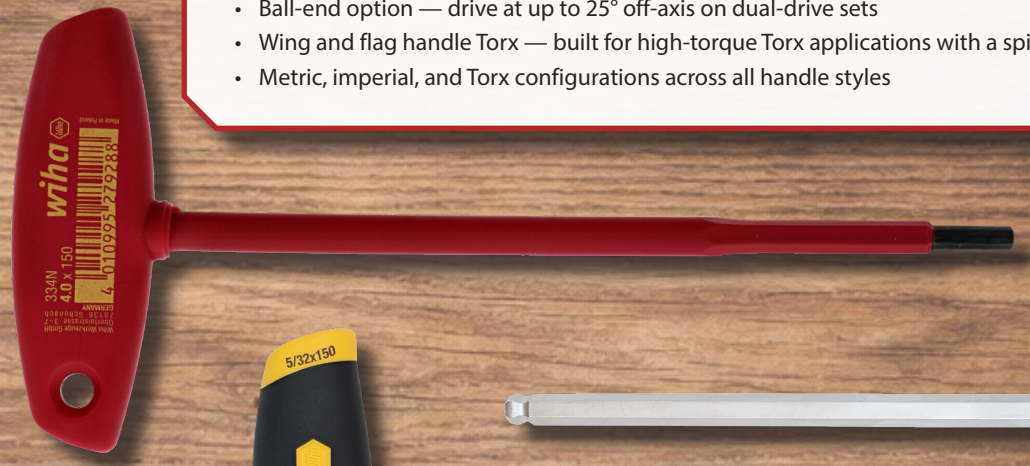
Tip Type Table		
Tip Type	Symbol	Explanation
External Hex		Standard six-sided profile. Maximum torque, straight-on access
Torx		Six-point star profile. High torque, minimal cam-out
Torx Plus		Broader lobe Torx. Greater contact surface for demanding applications
Phillips		Common cross-head. Cams out to prevent overtightening
Pozidriv		Enhanced cross-head. Resists cam-out better than Phillips
Slotted		The original profile. Simple, universal, inspectable
Square		Also called Robertson. Self-centering, popular in electrical work

Comparison Table		
Attributes	Wera	Wiha
Cost	\$\$\$	\$\$
Bit Holding T-handle	✓	✓
Ratcheting T-handle		
Dual-Drive		✓
Insulated		✓
Ball-end Tip		✓
Tray Set		✓
ADC Product Offering		
T-Handle	✓	✓
Flag Handle	✓	
Wing Handle		✓

**Wiha T-Handle Sets**

Wiha's T-handle lineup covers more working environments than any other brand in this guide. The headline is safety — their insulated hex T-handles are individually tested to 10,000V and rated to 1,000V. Beyond insulated, Wiha offers SoftGrip dual-drive and classic grip options in hex and Torx, plus wing and flag handle sets for high-torque Torx applications.

- 1,000V insulation rating — the only insulated hex T-handle in this guide, individually tested to 10,000 VAC
- Dual-drive handle — long and short arm in one tool for maximum versatility
- Ball-end option — drive at up to 25° off-axis on dual-drive sets
- Wing and flag handle Torx — built for high-torque Torx applications with a spinner top for rapid driving
- Metric, imperial, and Torx configurations across all handle styles



# T-Handles



**Wera Ratcheting T-Handle & Sets**

A fine-tooth ratchet and Rapidaptor quick-release chuck in a compact ergonomic body that works in tight spaces and open runs alike. Available as a standalone tool or in 17-piece sets with a full mix of bit types in metric or imperial.

- Rapidaptor quick-release — one-handed bit changes without fumbling
- 4.5° return angle — ratchets in confined spaces with minimal swing
- Reversing lever — direction change without removing the tool from the fastener
- Phillips, Pozidriv, Square, Torx, hex, and slotted bits included
- Metric and imperial configurations available



# L-Keys



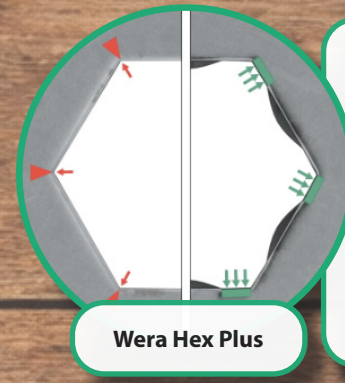
**Why Bondhus?**  
 Bondhus has been making hex keys in the USA since 1964. Protanium high-torque steel and ProGuard corrosion-resistant finish are standard across every L-key, fold-out, and pivot head wrench in the lineup. Whether you need a basic hex-end set, a compact fold-out for your tool bag, or a pivot head wrench for tight quarters, Bondhus covers it all without a premium price tag.

- Made in the USA — precision machined domestic manufacturing since 1964
- Protanium steel — proprietary high-torque alloy for maximum durability and wear resistance
- ProGuard finish — corrosion-resistant dry surface coating extends tool life
- Balldriver ball-end — the original ball-end hex key, drives at up to 25° off-axis
- GorillaGrip fold-outs — compact speed-wrench design with 90° stop for rapid driving
- HexPro pivot head — 90°–270° rotating arm for maximum leverage in tight spaces
- Hex and Torx across all product families, metric and imperial available

## Torx

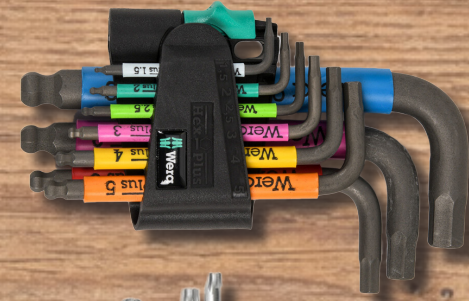
## Metric

## Imperial



**Why Wera?**  
 Wera's Hex-Plus profile engages the full flat of the socket wall rather than just the corners, preventing fastener rounding and delivering up to 20% more torque than a standard hex key. Color-coded sleeves and BlackLaser surface treatment make these the most functional L-keys in the lineup.

- Hex-Plus profile — wider wall contact prevents rounding, up to 20% more torque than standard hex
- Take it easy tool finder — color-coded sleeves for instant size identification
- BlackLaser steel — outstanding corrosion resistance and long service life
- Ballpoint holding function — retains the fastener on the tip, freeing your other hand
- Available in hex and Torx, long and short arm, metric and imperial, standard and stainless



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Attributes	Wera	Wiha	Bondhus
Cost	\$\$\$	\$\$	\$
Multicolor Grips	✓		
Black Steel	✓		✓
Stainless Steel	✓	✓	
Chrome Plated Steel	✓		
Ball-end Tip	✓	✓	✓
Stubby			✓
Holding Function	✓		
Tray Storage	✓	✓	
ADC Product Offering			
L-Key Sets	✓	✓	✓
Pivot Head Sets			✓
Fold-Out Sets		✓	✓



**Why Wiha?**  
 Prefer your L-keys organized and drawer-ready? Wiha's ErgoStar tray set keeps hex, Torx, and imperial keys locked in place and instantly accessible — turning one key fans the rest open automatically.

- ErgoStar mechanism — auto-fans keys open for one-motion access
- 35-piece set — metric hex, imperial hex, and Torx in a single half-drawer foam tray
- Ball-end tips — drive at up to 25° for hard-to-reach fasteners

