



CHAN NEL LOCK



Pliers & Cutting Tools

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Tools that work for you

Weidmüller



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Buying Guide



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Cutting



Brands We Offer



KNIPEX—The Pliers Specialists



KNIPEX has been an independent, family-owned pliers specialist since 1882, and for over 140 years the company has done one thing: build pliers. All manufacturing takes place in a single factory in Wuppertal, Germany, where that singular focus drives continuous refinement in grip, leverage, and cutting performance. When pliers are the craft, KNIPEX is the standard.

Wiha—Engineered for Performance



Where Channellock represents proven tradition, Wiha represents German-engineered innovation. Their pliers are designed to reduce fatigue and increase efficiency for professionals who use them all day.



Southwire—Built by Wire Experts



Southwire isn't just America's largest wire and cable manufacturer—they're also a tool company. Their pliers are designed by people who work with wire every day, built tough for professionals who demand reliability on the job.



Weidmuller—Precision from the Panel



For over 170 years, Weidmuller has specialized in electrical connectivity and industrial automation. Their tools reflect that heritage—engineered in Germany for precise, repeatable work in control panels and terminal applications.



Channellock—The American Standard



Channellock invented the tongue-and-groove plier in 1933, and the design has become so iconic that the brand name is now synonymous with the tool itself. Forged from high-carbon U.S. steel in Meadville, Pennsylvania, these pliers are built on a simple philosophy: no-nonsense durability that just works.



Comparison Table

Attributes	Channellock	KNIPEX	Wiha	Weidmuller	Southwire
Cost	\$	\$\$\$	\$\$	\$\$\$	\$
ADC Product Offering					
General Purpose Pliers	✓	⚡	⚡		
Linesman's Pliers	✓	⚡	⚡		✓
Precision Pliers		✓	✓	✓	
Cutting Pliers	✓	⚡	⚡	✓	✓
Specialty Pliers	✓	✓	✓		
Tool Sets	✓	✓	⚡		

⚡ Indicates VDE insulated options available

General Purpose Pliers

The workhorses of any toolbox. General purpose pliers handle the everyday gripping, pulling, bending, and holding tasks that don't require a specialized tool. This category includes tongue-and-groove pliers (adjustable jaw for pipes and fittings), long nose pliers (precision work in tight spaces), slip joint pliers (quick two-position adjustment), and combination pliers (gripping and cutting in one tool). If you only have room for a few pliers, these are where you start.

What sets them apart:



- PERMALOCK® fastener — Joint strengthens with use; no nut and bolt failure
- Laser-hardened teeth — 90° grip pattern outlasts traditional hardening
- GRIPLOCK® jaw design — Grips multiple shapes in both directions
- SAFE-T-STOP® — Patented anti-pinch feature on GRIPLOCK models



What sets them apart:



- DynamicJoint® technology — 40% more gripping power with less effort
- Automatic one-handed adjustment — Adapts quickly for faster operation
- Induction-hardened jaws — Superior sharpness and edge retention
- Insulated options available — VDE certified, rated to 1,000 VAC

What sets them apart:



- Push-button adjustment — Set jaw width directly on workpiece; no test-adjusting
- Self-locking on pipes and nuts — Grips without slipping; low hand force required
- 61 HRC hardened teeth — Induction-hardened for extreme wear resistance
- Box-joint design — Double-guided joint for high stability under load



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Cost	\$	\$\$\$	\$\$
ADC Product Offering			
Tongue and Groove	✓	✓	
V-Jaw Tongue and Groove	✓	✓	⚡
Long Nose	✓		⚡
Combination			⚡
Slip-Joint	✓	✓	
Stripping/Crimping	✓		⚡
Pliers Wrench		✓	✓
Made in USA	🇺🇸		

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Lineman's Pliers

The electrical contractor's go-to multi-tool. Lineman's pliers combine gripping jaws, a cutting edge, and often a crimper or fish tape puller into one heavy-duty package. Designed for twisting wires, cutting cable, and pulling conductors, these pliers are built to handle the repetitive demands of electrical work. A quality pair becomes an extension of your hand.

What sets them apart:

- XLT™ (Xtreme Leverage Technology) — Rivet position = less force to cut
- Laser heat-treated cutting edges — Outlast traditional hardening methods
- High-carbon U.S. steel — Specially coated for rust prevention

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What sets them apart:

- DynamicJoint® technology — 40% more gripping power with less effort
- Deep-cut radius conduit jaws — Efficient non-slip gripping
- Insulated options available — VDE certified, rated to 1,000 VAC

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What sets them apart:

- New England head profile — Compact jaw reaches panels and conduit boxes
- Precision machined cutting edges — Clean cuts on hard and medium wire
- Tether-compatible handles — Available for work-at-height applications

KNIPEX


What sets them apart:

- Built-in crimper and fish tape puller — True multi-function for electricians
- High-leverage design — Maximum cutting power with less effort
- American forged steel — Hot rivet technology for durability

Southwire™


Comparison Table

Attributes	Channellock	KNIPEX	Wiha	Southwire
Cost	\$	\$\$\$	\$\$	\$\$
ADC Product Offering				
Lineman's Pliers	✓	⚡	✓	
Lineman's Pliers w/ Crimping	✓	✓	✓	✓
Made in USA	🇺🇸			🇺🇸

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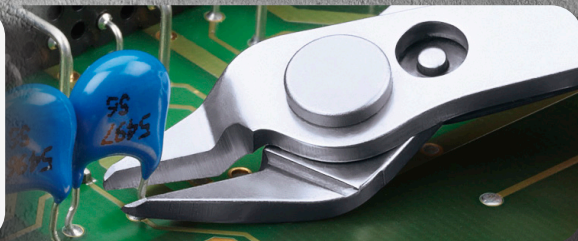


Precision Pliers

Precision pliers and cutters are designed for fine, detailed work in tight spaces—electronics assembly, control panel wiring, small component handling, and delicate wire work. Smaller in scale with refined jaw profiles, these tools prioritize control and accuracy over brute gripping force.

What sets them apart:

- Flush cutting edges — Trims leads close to the surface for electronics assembly
- Compact profile — Reaches tight PCB layouts and enclosures
- Multi-component soft grip handles — Precision control during fine work



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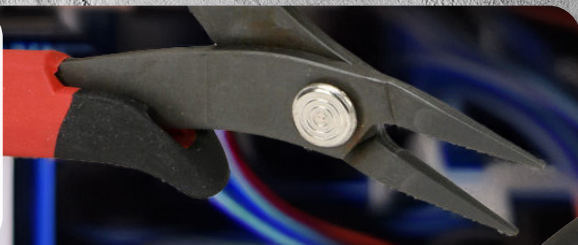


- Ultra full flush cutting edge — Clean cuts without conductor deformation
- Comfort grip handles — Reduced fatigue during repetitive cutting
- 14 AWG capacity — Ideal for control panel wiring

What sets them apart:



- Induction-hardened jaws — Superior sharpness with black anti-glare finish
- Soft Touch satin grips — Maximum comfort during detail work
- Extra narrow, short head — Built for restricted spaces
- Full flush cutter available — Wire trapping spring prevents projectiles



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Cost	\$\$\$	\$\$	\$\$
ADC Product Offering			
Full Flush Cutting	✓	✓	✓
w/ Wire Holding Function		✓	

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Cutting Pliers

Built to sever, not squeeze. Cutting pliers are designed for one job: making clean cuts through wire, cable, and fasteners. Unlike combination pliers that grip and cut, dedicated cutting tools deliver maximum shearing force with minimal effort. This category includes diagonal cutters (angled head for flush cuts), cable shears (heavy-duty for large gauge wire), and specialty cutters for electronics work.

What sets them apart:



- XLT™ technology — Less force required to cut than traditional designs
- Knife and curved anvil edges — Precision-machined for perfect mating
- Laser heat-treated — Outlasts traditional hardening methods
- High-carbon U.S. steel — Rust-resistant coating



What sets them apart:



- Ultra full flush cutting edge — Clean cuts without conductor deformation
- Complete offering — Small, precise cutters to large cable shears
- Comfort grip handles — Reduced fatigue during repetitive cutting
- 14 AWG capacity — Ideal for control panel wiring

What sets them apart:



- C70 special tool steel — Premium strength and durability
- Patented DynamicJoint® requires 40% less cutting effort
- Full flush cutter available — Wire trapping spring prevents projectiles



What sets them apart:



- Induction-hardened cutting edges — Approx. 64 HRC for long life
- Optimized cutting geometry — 20% less effort required
- Extended cutting capacity — Includes piano wire
- StepCut cable shears — Graduated edges cut with 40% less force

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ADC Product Offering					
Diagonal Cutters	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Curved Diagonal Cutters	✓		✓	✓	
Cable Shears		✓		✓	✓
End Nippers	✓				
Made in USA					

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What sets them apart:

- High-leverage design
- American forged steel



Specialty Pliers

Sometimes the job calls for more than grip and cut. Specialty pliers solve specific problems that general purpose tools weren't designed for—locking onto a workpiece so your hands stay free, accessing internal or external snap rings without damage, or holding awkward shapes that standard jaws can't secure. These are the tools that earn their spot in your toolbox by doing one thing exceptionally well.

Locking Pliers



When you need a third hand, locking pliers clamp onto a workpiece and stay there. They're indispensable for holding parts in place during welding, freeing seized bolts, or gripping irregular shapes that standard pliers can't handle. Channellock locking pliers feature aggressive serrated teeth across multiple jaw designs for a firm grip, an extended-release lever that prevents finger pinch, and an epoxy resin coating for rust prevention.



Snap Ring Pliers



Internal and external snap rings hold components on shafts and inside bores—and they're nearly impossible to remove without the right tool. Snap ring pliers have precision tips that fit into the tiny holes on the ring, letting you compress or expand it for clean removal without launching it across the shop. Wiha and Channellock both offer professional-grade snap-ring plier sets to tackle the job.



Hose Clamp Crimping Tools



Crimp-style hose clamps need to be squeezed shut evenly, without damaging the hose or deforming the band—a job standard pliers can't do cleanly. Purpose-built hose clamp crimpers close the clamp in a single controlled squeeze, seating it securely without over-compressing. KNIPEX hose clamp crimpers feature a slim head profile that reaches into confined engine bays and equipment enclosures, with one model adding a side jaw for crimping at 90 degrees where straight-on access isn't possible.



Compact Bolt Cutters



Bolts, rivets, nails, and hardened wire often need to be cut in spaces too tight for a full-size bolt cutter to fit. Compact bolt cutters use lever-action geometry to multiply hand force at the cutting edge, delivering full bolt-cutting capability in a pliers-sized tool. KNIPEX CoBolt® compact bolt cutters feature induction-hardened centered cutting edges that hold up through repeated use on hard materials, available in three sizes to match the job.

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Cost	\$	\$\$\$	\$\$
ADC Product Offering			
Locking Pliers	✓		
Snap Ring Pliers	✓		✓
Hose Clamp Pliers	✓	✓	

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Tool Sets

Great tools work better together. Whether you're building out a new toolbox or filling gaps in your current setup, pliers sets offer convenience, value, and the confidence that comes from matched tools designed to work as a system. From compact tool rolls for mobile work to full electrician kits with insulated protection, there's a set to match your trade and workload.

Kits and Tool Rolls

Job-ready kits in a premium tool roll. Grab and go.

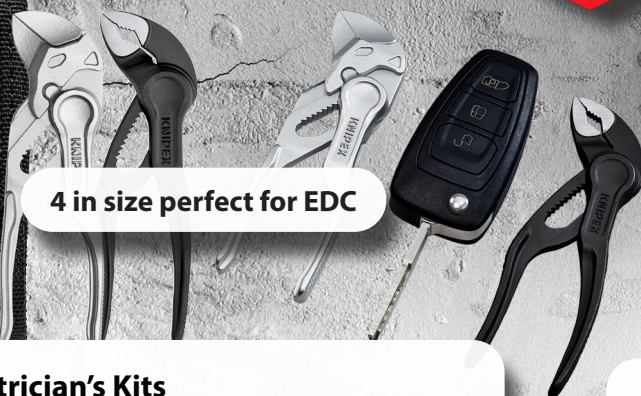


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Essential pliers for the job at hand.



4 in size perfect for EDC

KNIPEX



Master Electrician's Kits

Complete tool sets for professionals. Insulated options available.



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Tools that work for you

Pliers Sets and Tray Systems

Organized solutions from belt pouches to modular foam trays that fit standard toolbox drawers.



Durable, clearly labeled organization.

