TOOL TALK







We all have some kind of 'Rambo' blower, one that can fill the sails of a modest sloop with enough left over to blow off the driveway. But what about those quick little touch- ups swirls of leaves, for instance, that are always popping up on the front sidewalk or a patio, which you are loath to attack with the big boy, often needs a charge, or is just plain *clunky*?

In keeping with our love of convenience, these pint-sized blowers can always be at hand, within reach. That said, just as long as you don't throw too much at them; they're for small yards, patios, decks, driveways, and light debris or dust. The one we bought is:

Just over 2 lbs, nicely balanced • Up to 25,000 RPM • 3-speed, adjustable • 260 CFM, 76 MPH wind speed

What caught my eye at first is that this model had no add-on nozzles included, the couple of little funnels some manufacturers throw in that just clutter up the box and leave you puzzling over what to use them for. This model is a 'wide mouth'. It doesn't rely on gimmicky little attachments to 'boost' airflow; in fact, they're as good as admitting the their models don't have it.

This model has a precise variable-speed trigger, which is very handy for coaxing little dustings of leaves into bigger piles; at 'full squeeze', this little unit punches well above its weight!



UPDATE

TAKING CHARGE

Battery usage has also gotten a serious boost since these tools have arrived, with their improved motor technology and electronics. This little trimmer, introduced just last month, completed that 60 foot backwall trim of a viburnum hedge, not once but ***three times*** and had yet to visit a charger. And in between, it trimmed an entire *Sunshine ligustrum* hedge, ***and*** a bunch of Pink Muhly clumps. I got so distracted by its endurance, I plugged it into a USB-C charger, and it showed *one green bar of three*. It wasn't done *yet!*



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