

What's New in Masonry Tools?

Several sweeps have recently given excited reports about a hot new tool in their arsenal of chimney weapons. It is somewhere between the size of a hand grinder and hammer drill. With this Australian creation, they can more easily and quickly remove one or more bricks without destroying the brick and without creating a cloud of dust.

*This means that you wouldn't have to worry about trying to find matching brick. You could use the same brick over again!

*The sweeps report that the cut out mortar falls much like it would if you were drilling out mortar. Gone is the belching cloud of mortar dust spit out by the venerable hand grinder! They even use this inside the home. They said their regular vac can easily control the mortar dust.

Here is what Rich Martinez, of Leonard and Sons in the Chicago area says about his Arbortech AS 160:

"Thank you for sharing the feedback from other sweeps about the Arbortech AS 160 cutting tool. I have seen this written up in Masonry Construction and Traditional Masonry magazines and was trying to justify spending \$1100 on a cutting tool without having actually seen or used this tool.

Recently we purchased the Arbortech tool and have had the chance to use it on a few jobs. One was cutting an opening to install a custom made Tee for multiple appliances and one was for removing fire brick from a sidewall of a firebox to install a gas line, both inside jobs.

From the moment we started cutting, we knew the purchase was money well spent. The Arbortech is quick-cutting and creates very little fly dust. It enabled us to cut out the brick



with precision and no over cuts. This tool is designed for the professional restoration company where precision and quality is a top priority."

The orbital cutting motion and two forward cutting blades combine to produce both a hammering and cutting motion. The company reports it can cut through brick, mortar, soft stone and wood (It is not recommended for concrete).

Additional benefits:

- Deep cuts up to 4.75 inches deep.
- Square cuts. Can cut square corners with no over cutting.
- Cuts dry, no water used.
- Can be used in repointing.
- Several different blades available.

Take a look at this new tool and decide for yourself. Contact Arbortech USA at 866-517-7869 or www.arbortechusa.com