

## STANLEY 68-012

# STANLEY 6-Way Quick Change Interchangeable Screwdriver

Model: 68-012

## INTRODUCTION

This manual provides instructions for the safe and effective use of your STANLEY 6-Way Quick Change Interchangeable Screwdriver, Model 68-012. This versatile hand tool is designed to save space and provide multiple functionalities for various fastening tasks, making it an essential addition to any toolkit.

## PRODUCT FEATURES

- **6-in-1 Versatility:** Combines multiple screwdriver and nut driver functions in one compact tool, reducing the need for carrying multiple individual tools.
- **Durable Construction:** Features a chrome-plated bar that resists corrosion, ensuring longevity and reliable performance.
- **Ergonomic Handle:** Designed for a comfortable grip and reduced user fatigue, even during prolonged or demanding use.
- **Interchangeable Bits:** Includes common Phillips and flathead screwdriver tips, along with two convenient nut driver sizes.

## COMPONENTS

The STANLEY 6-Way Screwdriver consists of the following main components:

- **Handle:** The main grip, ergonomically designed with a black and yellow bi-material finish.
- **Shaft:** The chrome-plated metal bar that connects to the handle and holds the interchangeable bits. It also functions as a nut driver.
- **Double-Ended Phillips Bit:** One end features a larger Phillips head (#2), and the other a smaller Phillips head (#1).
- **Double-Ended Flathead Bit:** One end features a 1/4 inch flathead, and the other a 3/16 inch flathead.
- **Nut Drivers:** The hollow end of the shaft provides a 1/4 inch nut driver, and the base of the shaft (where it inserts into the handle) provides a 5/16 inch nut driver.



Image: The STANLEY 6-Way Quick Change Interchangeable Screwdriver, showcasing its black and yellow ergonomic handle and the metal shaft with a bit inserted.

## SETUP AND BIT CHANGING

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Follow these steps to configure your screwdriver for different tasks:

1. **Accessing Bits:** To change or access the bits, firmly pull the metal shaft straight out of the handle.
2. **Changing Phillips/Flathead Bits:** The shaft contains a double-ended bit. Pull this bit out of the shaft. Select the desired tip (larger Phillips, smaller Phillips, 1/4 inch flathead, or 3/16 inch flathead) and insert it firmly into the end of the shaft.
3. **Using Nut Drivers:** The hollow end of the shaft (when no bit is inserted) functions as a 1/4 inch nut driver. The base of the shaft, where it connects to the handle, functions as a 5/16 inch nut driver.
4. **Reassembly:** Once the desired bit or nut driver configuration is set, reinsert the shaft firmly into the handle until it is securely seated.



Image: The STANLEY 6-Way Screwdriver in a partially disassembled state, illustrating the handle, the shaft, and the interchangeable double-ended bits.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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To use your STANLEY 6-Way Screwdriver effectively:

1. **Select the Correct Tip:** Always choose the appropriate Phillips, flathead, or nut driver size that matches your fastener. Using the wrong size can lead to stripping the fastener head or damaging the tool.
2. **Position the Tool:** Place the selected tip of the screwdriver firmly and squarely into the head of the screw or nut. Ensure a secure and stable fit to prevent slipping during operation.
3. **Apply Pressure and Turn:** Apply steady downward pressure on the handle while turning. Turn clockwise to tighten fasteners and counter-clockwise to loosen them.
4. **Utilize Ergonomic Grip:** The ergonomic handle is designed for maximum comfort and control. Grip it firmly to apply necessary torque without excessive strain.

## MAINTENANCE

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Proper maintenance will extend the life and performance of your screwdriver:

- **Cleaning:** Wipe the screwdriver clean with a dry cloth after each use to remove any dirt, grease, or debris.
- **Corrosion Protection:** The chrome-plated bar is designed to resist corrosion. For prolonged storage in humid environments, a light coat of rust-preventative oil can provide additional protection.
- **Storage:** Store the screwdriver in a dry place, away from excessive moisture, corrosive chemicals, and extreme temperatures.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect the interchangeable bits and the shaft for signs of wear, bending, or damage. Replace worn bits to maintain optimal performance and prevent damage to fasteners.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Bit slips from screw head	Incorrect bit size; insufficient pressure; worn bit.	Ensure correct bit size is used. Apply firm, steady downward pressure. Replace worn bits if necessary.
Shaft difficult to remove/insert from handle	Dirt or debris in the mechanism; tight manufacturing tolerance.	Clean the shaft and handle opening. A small amount of silicone lubricant can be applied if needed.
Bits fall out of shaft	Bit not fully inserted; worn retention mechanism within the shaft.	Ensure the bit is fully seated and clicks into place. If the issue persists, the retention mechanism may be worn.
Corrosion on metal parts	Exposure to moisture or harsh chemicals without proper cleaning.	Clean and dry the tool immediately after exposure. Apply a rust preventative if storing in a humid environment.
Handle feels loose or wobbly	Internal mechanism wear or damage.	Discontinue use of the tool. Contact STANLEY customer support for assistance or replacement.

## SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model:** 68-012
- **Brand:** STANLEY
- **Tool Type:** 6-Way Quick Change Interchangeable Screwdriver
- **Included Screwdriver Tips:** Phillips (#1, #2), Flathead (1/4 inch, 3/16 inch)
- **Included Nut Driver Sizes:** 1/4 inch, 5/16 inch
- **Shaft Material:** Chrome-plated Metal
- **Handle Material:** Ergonomic, Bi-material (Black/Yellow)
- **Approximate Item Weight:** 5.6 ounces (0.35 lbs)
- **Approximate Product Dimensions (Tool):** Length: ~7.5 inches (estimated), Handle Diameter: ~1.26 inches
- **Batteries:** Not required

## SAFETY INFORMATION

Always observe the following safety precautions when using this tool:

- Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment, such as safety glasses, to protect your eyes from flying debris.
- Do not use the screwdriver as a pry bar, chisel, or any other tool for which it is not designed.
- Never strike the handle with a hammer or other object, as this can damage the tool or cause injury.
- Ensure the selected bit is fully seated and securely engaged with the fastener to prevent slipping, which can lead to injury or damage.
- Keep the tool out of reach of children to prevent accidents.
- Use the correct tool for the job to ensure efficiency and safety.

## **WARRANTY AND SUPPORT**

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For detailed warranty information, product support, or to inquire about replacement parts, please visit the official STANLEY website or contact their customer service department. It is recommended to retain your proof of purchase for any warranty claims.