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Model: 9-41796

## INTRODUCTION

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Welcome to the user manual for your Craftsman 9-41796 Ratcheting Ready Bit Screwdriver. This tool is designed for efficient driving and removal of screws with its convenient ratcheting mechanism and integrated bit storage. Please read this manual carefully before use to ensure proper operation and maintenance.

## SAFETY INFORMATION

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- Always wear appropriate eye protection when using hand tools.
- Ensure the bit is securely seated in the magnetic tip before applying torque.
- Do not use the screwdriver as a pry bar or chisel.
- Keep out of reach of children.
- Store the tool in a dry place to prevent corrosion.

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

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The Craftsman 9-41796 Ratcheting Ready Bit Screwdriver features a durable design with integrated bit storage for convenience.

- **Ratcheting Handle:** Allows for driving or removing screws without repositioning your grip.
- **Magnetic Bit Holder:** Secures the insert bit and holds screws.
- **Pull-out Revolving Bit Cartridge:** Stores 14 high-quality bits within the handle.
- **Easy-Grip Handle:** Designed for comfortable and secure handling.



Image 1: Overview of the Craftsman 9-41796 Ratcheting Ready Bit Screwdriver, showing its handle and bit storage.

## SETUP

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1. **Accessing Bits:** Gently pull the end cap of the handle to reveal the revolving bit cartridge. The cartridge contains 14 assorted bits.
2. **Selecting a Bit:** Rotate the cartridge to select the desired bit type (e.g., Phillips, Slotted, Torx).
3. **Inserting a Bit:** Firmly insert the selected bit into the magnetic bit holder at the tip of the screwdriver. Ensure it is fully seated and held securely by the magnet.
4. **Storing Bits:** After use, return unused bits to the cartridge and push the end cap back into the handle until it clicks into place.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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1. **Setting the Ratchet:** Locate the ratcheting selector switch near the base of the shaft. It typically has three positions:
  - **"R" (Right/Clockwise):** For driving screws. The shaft will lock when turning clockwise and freewheel when turning counter-clockwise.
  - **"L" (Left/Counter-clockwise):** For removing screws. The shaft will lock when turning counter-clockwise and freewheel when turning clockwise.
  - **"Lock" (Center):** Locks the shaft in both directions for fixed operation, similar to a standard screwdriver.
2. **Driving/Removing Screws:** Select the appropriate bit and ratchet direction. Place the bit into the screw head, apply firm downward pressure, and rotate the handle. The ratcheting mechanism allows you to maintain continuous contact with the screw head without regripping.
3. **Applying Force:** The screwdriver features a free-rotating rondel on the end of the handle. This allows you to apply additional downward pressure with one hand or your body while rotating the handle with the other, improving control and efficiency.

## MAINTENANCE

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- **Cleaning:** Wipe the screwdriver clean with a dry or slightly damp cloth after each use. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
- **Bit Storage:** Always store bits within the handle's cartridge to prevent loss and keep them organized.

- **Lubrication:** The ratcheting mechanism is generally maintenance-free. If it becomes stiff, a small amount of light machine oil can be applied, but avoid over-lubrication.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect the bits for wear or damage. Replace worn bits to ensure optimal performance and prevent damage to screw heads.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Ratcheting mechanism not engaging or slipping.	Selector switch not fully engaged; internal mechanism dirty or damaged.	Ensure the selector switch is firmly in the "R", "L", or "Lock" position. Clean the mechanism if accessible, or contact customer support if damaged.
Bit falls out of the magnetic holder.	Bit not fully inserted; magnetic tip weakened; incorrect bit size.	Push the bit firmly into the holder. Ensure you are using a standard 1-inch insert bit. If the magnet is weak, the tool may require replacement.
Bits are difficult to remove from the cartridge.	Dirt or debris in the cartridge; bits are stuck.	Clean the bit cartridge. Gently wiggle and pull the bit. Avoid forcing.

## SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model:** 9-41796
- **Brand:** CRAFTSMAN
- **Material:** Rubber (Handle), Steel (Shank)
- **Color:** Black
- **Number of Bits:** 14 (assorted)
- **Head Style:** Bit Driver
- **Weight:** 0.09 Pounds (approx. 40.82 g)
- **Dimensions (L x W x H):** 21.34 x 30.23 x 32 cm (approx. 8.4 x 11.9 x 12.6 inches)
- **Recommended Uses:** General household maintenance, DIY projects, and professional use.

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information or technical support, please refer to the official CRAFTSMAN website or contact their customer service department. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.