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## DEWALT DWHT38125S

# DEWALT Atomic Compact Series 25 ft. Tape Measure (DWHT38125S) User Manual

Model: DWHT38125S

### Introduction

This manual provides instructions for the safe and effective use of your DEWALT Atomic Compact Series 25 ft. Tape Measure (DWHT38125S). Please read this manual thoroughly before operating the tool and retain it for future reference.




Image: Front view of the DEWALT Atomic Compact Series 25 ft. Tape Measure, showcasing its compact design and yellow and black color scheme.

## Safety Information

Always observe basic safety precautions when using any tool. Failure to do so may result in injury or damage to the tool.

- **Eye Protection:** Always wear appropriate eye protection when using tools to prevent eye injury from flying debris.
- **Blade Care:** The tape measure blade edges can be sharp. Handle with care to avoid cuts. Do not allow the blade to retract uncontrolled, as this can cause injury.
- **Proper Use:** Use the tape measure only for its intended purpose of measuring distances. Do not use it as a prying tool or for other unintended applications.
- **Storage:** Store the tape measure in a dry, clean place, out of reach of children.

## Components Overview

Familiarize yourself with the key components of your DEWALT tape measure:

- **Blade:** The flexible metal strip with measurement markings.
- **Hook:** The metal end piece attached to the blade, used for catching edges.
- **Case:** The protective housing for the blade and internal mechanism.
- **Blade Lock:** A mechanism to hold the blade at a desired length.
- **Integrated Finger Brake:** A feature allowing for controlled blade retraction.
- **Belt Clip:** For convenient carrying.




Image: Diagram highlighting key features of the tape measure including compact size, 13 ft. max reach, fractional markings, and integrated finger brake.

## Setup

The DEWALT Atomic Compact Series Tape Measure comes ready for immediate use. No assembly is required.

1. **Unpackaging:** Carefully remove the tape measure from its packaging. Dispose of packaging materials responsibly.
2. **Initial Inspection:** Before first use, inspect the tape measure for any signs of damage. Ensure the blade extends and retracts smoothly, and the lock mechanism functions correctly.

## Operating Instructions

### 1. Extending the Blade

Grasp the tape measure firmly. Pull the blade hook to extend the blade to the desired length. The blade will automatically lock in place when extended.




Image: The tape measure with its blade extended, showing the measurement markings and the end hook.

### 2. Using the Blade Lock

To temporarily hold the blade at a specific length, slide the blade lock button forward. To release the lock, slide the button backward.




Image: A side view of the tape measure, showing the blade lock mechanism on the top of the case.

### 3. Using the Integrated Finger Brake

The integrated finger brake provides enhanced control during blade retraction. Place your finger on the designated brake area to slow down or stop the blade as it retracts, preventing uncontrolled snap-back.




Image: A close-up illustrating the use of the integrated finger brake, with a finger icon indicating the contact point for controlled blade retraction.

### 4. Reading Measurements with Fractional Markings

The blade features fractional graphics for quick and easy measurement reading. Common fractions (e.g., 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8) are clearly marked, simplifying precise measurements without complex calculations.




Image: A detailed close-up of the tape measure blade, clearly showing the fractional markings for easy reading of measurements.

### 5. Measuring Techniques

- **Hook Measurement:** For outside measurements, hook the end of the blade onto the edge of the object. The hook is designed to compensate for its own thickness.
- **Inside Measurement:** For inside measurements (e.g., between two walls), extend the blade until it touches one surface, then read the measurement at the point where the case meets the other surface. Add the length of the tape measure case (typically indicated on the case itself) to this reading for the total inside measurement.
- **Max Reach:** The tape measure offers up to 13 ft. of max reach, allowing for extended measurements without the blade collapsing. This is based on average extension by end users.

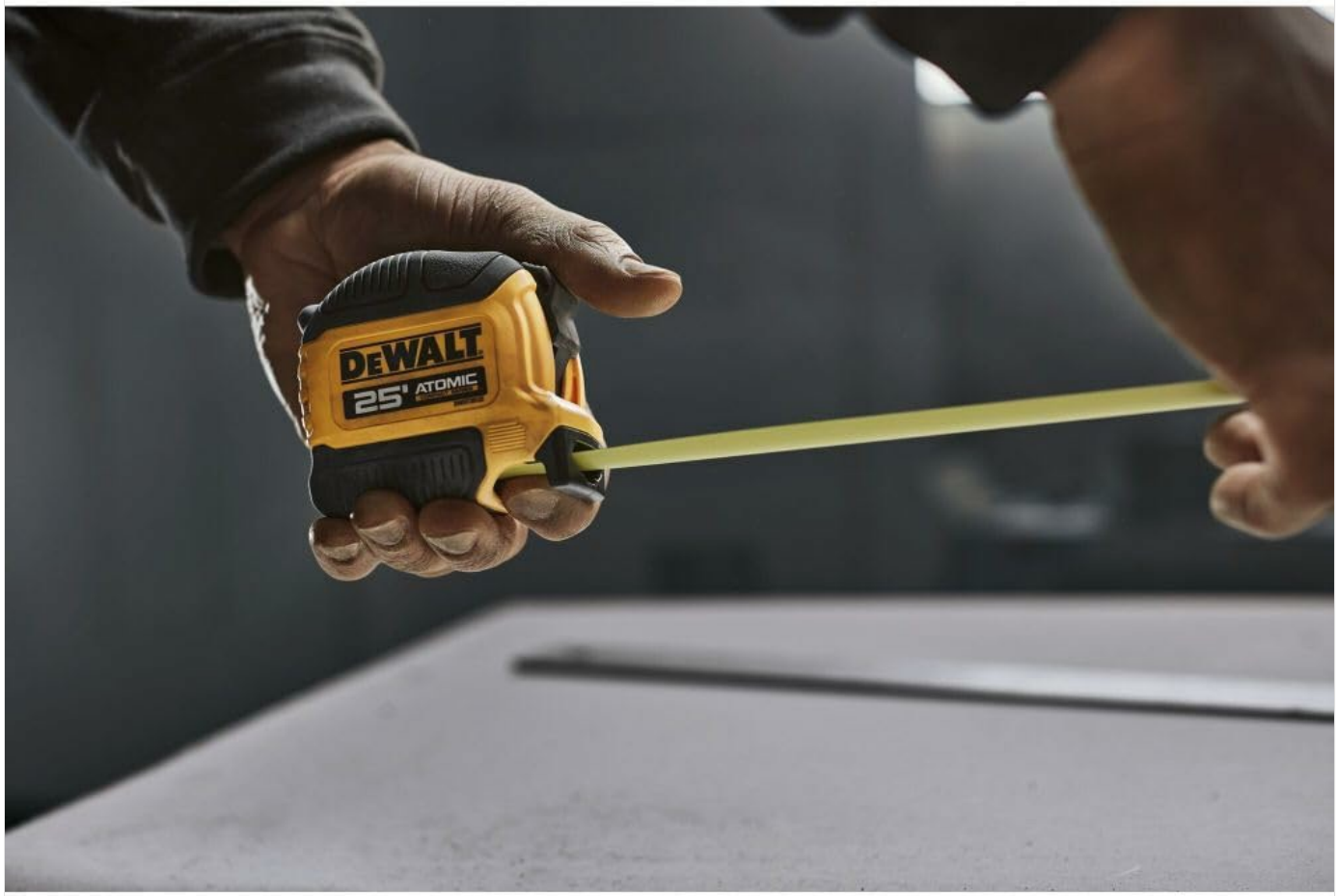



Image: A person's hands holding the DEWALT tape measure, extending the blade to measure a surface, demonstrating practical use.

## Maintenance

- **Cleaning:** Wipe the blade and case with a damp cloth to remove dust and debris. Do not use harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
- **Drying:** Ensure the blade is completely dry before retracting it into the case to prevent rust or corrosion.
- **Storage:** Store the tape measure in a dry environment. Avoid extreme temperatures.
- **Blade Inspection:** Periodically check the blade for kinks, tears, or excessive wear. A damaged blade can affect accuracy and safety.

## Troubleshooting

| Problem | Possible Cause | Solution |
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| Blade does not retract smoothly. | Dirt or debris in the mechanism; kinked blade. | Extend the blade fully and carefully wipe it clean. Inspect for kinks. If severely damaged, replacement may be necessary. |
| Blade lock is not holding. | Mechanism worn or obstructed. | Ensure no debris is blocking the lock. If the mechanism is worn, the tape measure may need replacement. |
| Hook is loose or bent. | Normal wear or impact damage. | A slightly loose hook is normal for accurate measurements. If severely bent, gently attempt to straighten it. If damaged beyond repair, consider replacement. |

## Specifications

- **Model:** DWHT38125S
- **Brand:** DEWALT
- **Length:** 25 ft. (7.6 m)
- **Max Reach:** 13 ft.
- **Measurement Accuracy:** ±1/16 in.
- **Product Dimensions:** 5.8"L x 3.5"W
- **Item Weight:** 16 ounces (1 lb)
- **Color:** Black, Yellow

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