

Re: Anyone have a good experience with Black & Decker lately now Milwaukee

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Ross Herbert posted for all of us....

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> *You were lucky to buy your Ryobi when you did. These days Ryobi does
> not exist except in brand name only. The Japanese company closed down
> their power tool manufacturing business around 1999 (I think), and
> sold the brand name to Techtronic Industries in Hong Kong. Prior to
> that they made a general purpose range of tools and also a "Tradeline"
> series. All of the Tradeline tools I had were excellent value for
> money and would give many years of troublefree service.*
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> *It was shortly after Techtronic bought the name that all the junk
> tools with the Ryobi brand name appeared on the scene. I had several
> problems with their handyman belt sander and also a cordless drill so
> much that I was eventually reimbursed for the cost of the sander
> (which I put towards a Makita), and Ryobi "gave" me one of their newer
> so-called "professional" or trades series cordless drills as a
> replacement for the junk drill. I had to direct my complaints directly
> back to management in Hong Kong before this occurred though.*
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> *I suspect you will find that B&D is no longer the original company
> (much like Ryobi) and consequently their products are now largely
> "junk". I remember using one of their compact aluminium framed Holgun
> drills back in the 1960's, and boy, could these drills take a
> hammering without any problems for year after year. That was when B&D
> was really a good power tool.*

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You will note that this same company has bought Milwaukee Tools. Can't wait to see what they do to them...

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