



# ARBORTECH AS170

**T**he Arbortech AS170 is a very versatile tool that can be used across many trades and applications; from sparkies with recessed wall lights, to landscapers cutting down retaining wall posts, builders toothing brickwork or installing a lintel, or gardeners cutting down thick branches. The many different available blades can be easily changed using a few bolts and are ready for the next application within minutes.

The unique cutting action of the Arbortech, with its twin cutting blades (one forward and one backward on each cut), really minimises the kickback you would get from a grinder and allows a more accurate and safer cut. When using a grinder, the dust would go everywhere, but with the dual blades on the AS170, dust simply falls to the floor or is sucked up through the vacuum connection.

The AS170 loves sinking its sharp teeth into anything it is given, and with a powerful 1250W motor, easily cut through the different materials I threw at it. Cutting through brick was a breeze and even damp treated-pine posts were munched through. This really is an all-in-one tool, which would be great for use in renovations.

For a builder with a few projects on the run, the Arbortech AS170 is amazing value for money. It is equally invaluable as an at-home tool, for any jobs that may need doing in the house or garden.

The precision and control of the AS170 really makes this a high-quality professional tool that is not just one tool, but many! Check it out!



ARTICLE CRITERIA	BUILDING HAND TOOLS <small>Operator Comments Report</small>	STAR RATING <small>(Out of five)</small>
<b>BALANCE</b>	Really well balanced, even when cutting at different angles	★★★★☆
<b>DESIGN</b>	Very impressive design, clearly backed by a lot of research – evident with Arbortech's patent on the allsaw technology	★★★★★
<b>ERGONOMICS</b>	Comfortable and easy to hold for long periods of usage due to the soft rubber grip	★★★★☆
<b>SPEEDS</b>	No-load speed of 5100rpm	★★★★☆
<b>BATTERY RUN TIME</b>	240V	★★★★★
<b>POWER AND TORQUE</b>	Very powerful 1250W motor	★★★★☆
<b>RECHARGE TIME</b>	Never	★★★★★
<b>VIBRATION</b>	Expected a lot, but found vibration was soaked up nicely	★★★★
<b>EASE OF OPERATION</b>	Different blade accessories very quick to change between and tool easy to use when cutting	★★★★
<b>PRICE</b>	\$900 (approximate) – small investment for a massive return	★★★★★
<b>ACCESSORIES</b>	Bag, dust boot, general-purpose blade, plunge blades, spare belt, sharpening disk and material guide, with many more blades available	
<b>OVERALL LIKES</b>	The precision of the tool, the depth of cut for the size of the tool, strong tungsten blades and many more	
<b>OVERALL DISLIKES</b>	None!	

## OVERALL STAR RATING

The Arbortech AS170 is a seriously well-built machine ready to sink its teeth into your next job. Ask for a demo!

