Hog Ring Tool Comparison

Manual Hog Ring Tool

Anti-slip red handles. Compatible with 11/16" 16g C-rings (stainless steel, galvanized, or aluminum). Holds up to 50 rings.

MTG-MNL-RINGTOOL

Pneumatic Hog Ring Tool

Over-molded grip. Available in three sizes: 1/2", 3/4", and 1". Compatible with 15g and 16g C-style rings. 100–120 clips per magazine. 90–110 PSI (6–7 bar). Weight: 3.2 lbs.

MTG-PN-RINGTOOL-1/2
MTG-PN-RINGTOOL-3/4
MTG-PN-RINGTOOL-1

Battery-Powered Hog Ring Tool

Battery operated. Accepts 3/4" 15g hog rings. 100 rings per magazine. Over 1,000 actuations per charge. Weight: 7.3 lbs. Kit includes tool, carrying case, two 20V battery packs, charger, belt attachment kit, handle, lubricant, and operator manual.

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Ring Ordering Chart

Ring Tool	Ring Size	Ring Gauge	Ring Material	Qty Per Box	Ring SKU
Manual	11/16"	16g	Stainless Steel	2,500	MTG-RINGS-11/16-SS
Pneumatic	1/2"	16g	Galvanized	10,000	MTG-PN-RINGS1/2
Pneumatic	1/2"	16g	Galvanized, Black color	10,000	MTG-PN-RINGS1/2-B
Pneumatic	1/2"	16g	Stainless Steel	10,000	MTG-PN-RINGS1/2-SS
Pneumatic	3/4"	16g	Galvanized	11,000	MTG-PN-RING3/4
Pneumatic	3/4"	16g	Stainless Steel	11,000	MTG-PN-RING3/4-SS
Pneumatic	1"	16g	Stainless Steel	10,000	MTG-PN-RINGS-1-SS
Battery-Operated	3/4"	15g	Stainless Steel	10,000	MTG-BAT-RINGS

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	Manual (Plier-style)	Pneumatic (Air-powered)	Battery (Cordless)
Description	A reliable backup every crew should carry. The tool you reach for when power isn't an option.	For netting large netting jobs, orchards, fish pen installations, or sports facilities, once the compressor return on investment is made, the cost-per-ring drops significantly at scale.	Ideal for professional installers. The speed and consistency of this tool are outstanding. One operator with a cordless tool comfortably does the work of two with manual pliers, with less fatigue and fewer poorly closed rings.
Best Fit	Small jobs, spot repairs, and areas where other tools can't reach. Ideal for low-volume work or when power isn't available.	High-volume production or permanent fixed installations — vineyards, orchards, aquaculture, and large-scale netting projects.	Medium to large installs, remote sites, and contractors who move between jobs frequently. The sweet spot for most professional installers.
Speed & Output	Limited by hand fatigue. Suitable for tens to low hundreds of rings per session. Consistent quality depends on operator technique.	The fastest option available — up to 5–6× manual speed. Designed for continuous high-cycle use without any drop in performance over hours.	2–4× faster than manual. Consistent ring closure every time, regardless of operator strength. Reduces fatigue significantly on long runs.
Portability	Maximum portability — no power source needed at all. Fits in a tool belt or apron. Works anywhere, any time.	Tied to a compressor and air hose. Best suited to fixed sites or where a compressor is already on-site. Hose length limits reach.	Highly portable. A single charged battery covers most day jobs. Carry a spare battery for full-day installs. No hose or compressor to manage.
Running Cost	Lowest possible. No consumables beyond the rings themselves. The tool lasts for years with basic care.	Requires a compressor (either existing or a new investment). Ongoing electricity cost is negligible per ring. Very low cost-per-ring at scale.	Battery replacement every few seasons. Minimal servicing. The moderate upfront cost pays off quickly compared to the time required for manual labor on larger jobs.
Operator Fatigue	Hand strain on sustained use. Not recommended for full-day heavy work without breaks. Can cause RSI over time on large projects.	Very low fatigue on the trigger hand. Lightweight tool body since the power is remote. Sustained all-day use is straightforward.	Low fatigue — the motor does the work. Ergonomic grip handles reduce wrist strain. Weight of product may cause shoulder strain.
Ring Consistency	Varies with operator. Correct closure depends on hand strength and technique — needs training for new users.	Extremely consistent. Pneumatic pressure is calibrated and repeatable, ensuring uniform ring closure across thousands of cycles.	Highly consistent. Motorized drive applies the same force every cycle. Reduces rejected rings and rework.
Upfront Cost	Lowest cost to entry. Multiple units can be purchased for the price of a single powered tool — useful for equipping a larger crew on a budget.	Highest tool cost, plus compressor if not already owned. Justified when the daily ring volume is high enough to amortize the investment quickly.	Mid-range investment. Higher per-unit cost, but the speed premium typically recoups the cost within a few jobs.