

Types of Levels

With the right level for the job, you can straighten out your projects, from the crooked picture, to off-kilter shelving, to a lopsided door frame that's out of plumb.

1. TORPEDO LEVEL

- A mini-sized level, usually about 9" long or less. Great to have handy for straightening pictures, hanging small items, or in close quarters.

2. LONG LEVEL

- Long levels read a larger surface area, so they will be more accurate than shorter levels. They're also handy to use as a straight edge for drawing long, level lines.

3. BOX-BEAM VS. I-BEAM

- A box-shaped level has a more rigid, reinforced frame than an "I" shaped one. So box-beam levels resist twisting and bending and are generally a long-lasting choice. I-Beam levels tend to be a lighter-weight choice.

4. LASER LEVEL

- A laser level is a great time saver when installing shelving, chair rail, wallpapering or hanging pictures along a stairwell.

5. LINE LEVEL

- Line levels are used where no flat surface is available. For instance, a line level can be attached to a string stretched between two points, like fence or deck posts. This allows you to line up the heights of the two points.

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NOTE: Always follow manufacturer's recommended safety precautions and instructions for the products you use.