



SIGN MAKING

Comparing rotary and laser engraving technologies





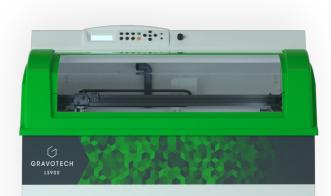


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| | Rotary technology | Laser technology | |
| | Getting started | | |
| Ease of use | • • 0 | ••• | |
| Level of training required | Intermediate | Beginner | |
| Technical expertise | Beginner | Beginner | |
| Engraving precision | ••• | ••• | |
| Engraving capabilities | • • • | ••• | |
| Englaving capabilities | Engrave, mill and cut | Decorate, mark and cut | |
| Added value | Personalization, customiza- tion & transformation with accuracy | Personalization, customiza- tion & transformation with speed | |
| | Gravotech machines | | |
| Machine size | Small to large | Medium to large | |
| Batch work | \otimes | \otimes | |
| Speed | • • 0 | ••• | |
| Engraving depth adjustment Manual | | Automatic | |





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| | Gravotech machines | | | | |
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| Print & Cut capabilities | Manual with red laser pointer Manual with red laser pointer or automatic with car option | | | | |
| Investment on purchase | \$ \$\$ | \$\$ \$ | | | |
| | Materials compatibility | | | | |
| Contrast of engraving mate- | ••0 | ••• | | | |
| rials | Contrast thanks to two- layer engraving materials or coloring & fill products | Natural contrast on most materials | | | |
| Ability to cut | Plastic, aluminum, brass, precious metals, copper, wood and Gravotech engraving materials | Paper, textile, rubber, cork, wood, plastic (except ABS and PVC) and Gravotech engraving materials | | | |
| Max. engraving material dimensions (machine work area) | 1 220 x 610 mm (48 x 24 in) | 1 220 x 610 mm (48 x 24 in) | | | |











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| | Daily use | | |
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| | Low | Very low | |
| Cost of use | tool replacement on average every 6 months | No consumables but weekly cleaning of the optics (+/- regularly depending on the applications and the use of the laser) | |
| Unattended operation | No risk, the machine can work alone (even at night in hidden time) | Constant monitoring of the material reaction with the laser | |
| Noise | Varies with material, but generally louder than a laser | Constant depending on material | |
| Residues | Chips | Smoke and particles | |
| Recommended accessories | Regulating nose | Laser cutting bed (honeycomb) | |
| | Chips | Laser exhaust | |
| Additional accessories | Jigs (or rotary device) Braille kit Gravogrip table™ Cutting tools (cutters) and diamonds | Jigs (rotary device) Laser nozzle Pin table | |
| Versatility of activity ((ability to diversify into other markets than signage) | ••• | ••0 | |

Do you need additional information?

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