

# Hidden (from me) Tap Guide Feature, version 1.0

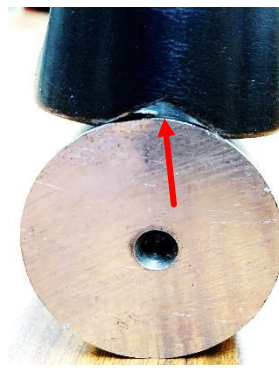
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I bought this second hand tap guide many decades ago and find it useful.



The outer support sets the tap chuck perpendicular to a flat or round surface.

See the V?

Immediately obvious is that those side slots let me see the hole and the tap.



One thing that was always a source of minor annoyance was removing the tap from the chuck.

The chuck has two flats so I was constantly looking for a wrench.

Then today, I finally stopped and thought about the tap guide design rather than just how to release the tap.

It is amazing what you can discover if you just stop and *see*.

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Those viewing slots in the sides of the guide support? They double as the wrench!



This experience served up two lessons:

First off, that my tap guide has within it the tool needed to loosen the jaws.

The second lesson is far more valuable and I have re-learned it many times:

***Be mindful of what doesn't work and take a moment to consider solutions.***

This can be difficult when I'm focus on getting the current task done. Yet the benefits are great.

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