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Possibly the second most satisfying thing in power tools is cutting metal (my favourites are masonry drills, just so you know), and myself and Anthony tried specifically to bring you shots of sparks flying everywhere. The thing is, while this looks great on camera, sparks can be a very literal pain, so it's lucky that the Rage system does its darndest to keep any sort of sparking to a minimum. There's no burr on your piece either, so you can get working on it



straight away. The machine notably cut cold, too, so there's no need for any kind of cooling system: it all adds up to an eminently user-friendly machine.

We found that vice worked well, although you need be careful you don't overwind, as it looks as though there's a chance of the metal fixings bending. You can be firm, though, and it'll hold your piece steady when you're cutting without fear of anything flying off.

VERDICT: The Rage 4 can cut through steel, aluminium, wood and plastic without fuss, and does so safely: it's an ideal tool for a small workshop, providing efficient cutting at a decent price. Those of you with the room could of course plump for a much bigger machine, but then again, unless you're working on absolutely huge projects then why take up unnecessary amounts of space.

If this is in fact a bit much for your requirements, it might be worth heading to www.evolutionpowertools.com for the full rundown of the Rage series.