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SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR POWER TOOLS

When using power tools, always observe the safety regulations applicable in your country to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock and personal injury. Read the following safety instructions before attempting to operate this product. Keep these instructions in a safe place.

General Safety Rules

AWARNING! Read all instructions. Failure to follow all instructions listed below may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury. The term "power tool" in all of the warnings listed below refers to your mains operated (corded) power tool or battery operated (cordless) power tool.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. WORK AREA
 - a. Keep work area clean and well lit. Cluttered and dark areas invite accidents.
 - b. Do not operate power tools in explosive atmospheres, such as in the presence of flammable liquids, gases
 or dust. Power tools create sparks which may ignite the dust or fumes.
- c. Keep children and bystanders away while operating a power tool. Distractions can cause you to lose control.
- 2. ELECTRICAL SAFETY
- Power tool plugs must match the outlet. Never modify the plug in any way. Do not use any adapter plugs with earthed (grounded) power tools. Unmodified plugs and matching outlets will reduce risk of electric shock.
- Avoid body contact with earthed or grounded surfaces such as pipes, radiators, ranges and refrigerators.
 There is an increased risk of electric shock if your body is earthed or grounded.
- c. Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions. Water entering a power tool will increase the risk of electric shock
- d. Do not abuse the cord. Never use the cord for carrying, pulling or unplugging the power tool. Keep cord away from heat, oil, sharp edges or moving parts. Damaged or entangled cords increase the risk of electric shock.
- e. When operating a power tool outdoors, use an extension cord suitable for outdoor use. Use of a cord suitable for outdoor use reduces the risk of electric shock.

3. PERSONAL SAFETY

- a. Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense when operating a power tool. Do not use a power tool while you are tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol or medication. A moment of inattention while operating power tools may result in serious personal injury.
- Use safety equipment. Always wear eye protection. Safety equipment such as dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injuries.
- c. Avoid accidental starting. Ensure the switch is in the off position before plugging in. Carrying power tools with your finger on the switch or plugging in power tools that have the switch on invites accidents.
- d. Remove any adjusting key or wrench before turning the power tool on. A wrench or a key left attached to a
- rotating part of the power tool may result in personal injury.

 e. **Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.** This enables better control of the power tool
- in unexpected situations.
- f. Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewellery. Keep your hair, clothing and gloves away from moving parts. Loose clothes, jewellery or long hair can be caught in moving parts.
- g. If devices are provided for the connection of dust extraction and collection facilities, ensure these are connected and properly used. Use of these devices can reduce dust related hazards.

4. POWER TOOL USE AND CARE

- a. Do not force the power tool. Use the correct power tool for your application. The correct power tool will do the iob better and safer at the rate for which it was designed.
- b. Do not use the power tool if the switch does not turn it on and off. Any power tool that cannot be controlled with the switch is dangerous and must be repaired.
- c. Disconnect the plug from the power source before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing power tools. Such preventive safety measures reduce the risk of starting the power tool accidentally.
- d. Store idle power tools out of the reach of children and do not allow persons unfamiliar with the power tool or these instructions to operate the power tool. Power tools are dangerous in the hands of untrained users.
- e. Maintain power tools. Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts and any other condition that may affect the power tools operation. If damaged, have the power tool repaired before use. Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained power tools.

- Keep cutting tools sharp and clean. Properly maintained cutting tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.
- g. Use the power tool, accessories and tool bits etc., in accordance with these instructions and in the manner intended for the particular type of power tool, taking into account the working conditions and the work to be performed. Use of the power tool for operations different from those intended could result in a hazardous situation.

5. BATTERY TOOL USE AND CARE

- a. Ensure the switch is in the off position before inserting battery pack. Inserting the battery pack into power tools that have the switch on invites accidents.
- b. Recharge only with the charger specified by the manufacturer. A charger that is suitable for one type of battery pack may create a risk of fire when used with another battery pack.
- c. Use power tools only with specifically designated battery packs. Use of any other battery packs may create a risk of injury and fire.
- d. When battery pack is not in use, keep it away from other metal objects like paper clips, coins, keys, nails, screws, or other small metal objects that can make a connection from one terminal to another. Shorting the battery terminals together may cause burns or a fire.
- Under abusive conditions, liquid may be ejected from the battery; avoid contact. If contact accidentally
 occurs, flush with water. If liquid contacts eyes, additionally seek medical help. Liquid ejected from the
 battery may cause imitation or burns.

6. SERVICE

a. Have your power tool serviced by a qualified repair person using only identical replacement parts. This
will ensure that the safety of the power tool is maintained.

Electrical Safety

The electric motor has been designed for one voltage only. Always check that the power supply corresponds to the voltage on the rating plate. 240 V AC means your tool will operate on alternating current. As little as 10% lower voltage can cause loss of power and can result in overheating. All DeWALT tools are factory tested; if this tool does not operate, check the power supply. Your DeWALT tool is double insulated, therefore no earth wire is required.

- Young children and the infirm. This appliance is not intended for use by young children or infirm persons without supervision. Young children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with this appliance.
- Replacement of the supply cord. If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer or an
 authorised DeWALT Service Centre in order to avoid a hazard.

Extension Cords

ACAUTION: Use only extension cords that are approved by the country's Electrical Authority. Before using extension cords, inspect them for loose or exposed wires, damaged insulation and defective fittings. Replace the cord if necessary.

Additional Specific Safety Rules

- Hold tool by insulated gripping surfaces when performing an operation where the cutting tool may contact
 hidden wiring. Contact with a "live" wire will make exposed metal parts of the tool "live" and shock the operator.
- Keep hands away from moving parts. Never place your hands near the cutting area.
- Use extra caution when cutting overhead and pay particular attention to overhead wires which may be hidden from view. Anticipate the path of falling branches and debris ahead of time.
- Do not operate this tool for long periods of time. Vibration caused by the operating action of this tool may cause
 permanent injury to fingers, hands, and arms. Use gloves to provide extra cushion, take frequent rest periods, and
 limit daily time of use.

ACAUTION: Shock hazard. When sawing into walls, floors or wherever "live" electrical wires may be encountered, DO NOT TOUCH ANY METAL PARTS OF THE TOOL! Hold the tool only by the plastic handle and housing to prevent electric shock if you saw into a "live" wire.

ACAUTION: Wear appropriate personal hearing protection during use. Under some conditions and duration of use, noise from this product may contribute to hearing loss.

ACAUTION: When not in use, place tool on its side on a stable surface where it will not cause a tripping or falling hazard. Some tools with large battery packs will stand upright on the battery pack but may be easily knocked over.

AWARNING: Some dust created by power sanding, sawing, grinding, drilling, and other construction activities contains chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. Some examples of these chemicals are:

- · lead from lead-based paints,
- · crystalline silica from bricks and cement and other masonry products, and
- arsenic and chromium from chemically-treated lumber (CCA).

Your risk from these exposures varies, depending on how often you do this type of work. To reduce your exposure to these chemicals: work in a well ventilated area, and work with approved safety equipment, such as those dust masks that are specially designed to filter out microscopic particles.

Avoid prolonged contact with dust from power sanding, sawing, grinding, drilling, and other construction
activities. Wear protective clothing and wash exposed areas with soap and water. Allowing dust to get into
your mouth, eyes, or lay on the skin may promote absorption of harmful chemicals.
 AWARNING: Use of this tool can generate and/or disburse dust, which may cause serious and permanent respiratory

or other injury. Always use NIOSH/OSHA approved respiratory protection appropriate for the dust exposure. Direct particles away from face and body.

The label on your tool may include the following symbols. The symbols and their definitions are as follows:

VVOILS	Aamperes		
Hzhertz	Wwatts		
minminutes	\sim alternating current		
direct current	n _o no load speed		
Class II Construction	earthing terminal		
🛕safety alert symbol	/minrevolutions per minute		

Important Safety Instructions for Battery Packs

Your tool uses a DEWALT battery pack. When ordering replacement battery packs, be sure to include catalog number and voltage: Extended Run-Time battery packs deliver more run-time than standard battery packs. Consult the chart at the end of this manual for compatibility of chargers and battery packs.

NOTE: Your tool will accept either standard or Extended Run Time battery packs. However, be sure to select proper voltage. Batteries slowly lose their charge when they are not on the charger, the best place to keep your battery is on the charger at all times.

The battery pack is not fully charged out of the carton. Before using the battery pack and charger, read the safety instructions below. Then follow charging procedures outlined.

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS

- Do not incinerate the battery pack even if it is severely damaged or is completely worn out. The battery pack
 can explode in a fire.
- A small leakage of liquid from the battery pack cells may occur under extreme usage or temperature conditions. This does not indicate a failure. However, if the outer seal is broken and this leakage gets on your skin:
 - a. Wash quickly with soap and water.
 - b. Neutralize with a mild acid such as lemon juice or vinegar.
 - c. If battery liquid gets into your eyes, flush them with clean water for a minimum of 10 minutes and seek immediate medical attention. (Medical Note: The liquid is 25-35% solution of potassium hydroxide.)
- Charge the battery packs only in DeWALT chargers.
- DO NOT splash or immerse in water or other liquids.
- Do not store or use the tool and battery pack in locations where the temperature may reach or exceed 105°F (such as outside sheds or metal buildings in summer).

♠DANGER: Electrocution hazard. Never attempt to open the battery pack for any reason. If battery pack case is cracked or damaged, do not insert into charger. Electric shock or electrocution may result. Damaged battery packs should be returned to service center for recycling.

NOTE: Battery storage and carrying caps are provided for use whenever the battery is out of the tool or charger. Remove cap before placing battery in charger or tool.

AWARNING: Fire hazard. Do not store or carry battery so that metal objects can contact exposed battery terminals. For example, do not place battery in aprons, pockets, tool boxes, product kit boxes, drawers, etc., with loose nails, screws, keys, etc. without battery cap. Transporting batteries can possibly cause fires if the battery terminals inadvertently come in contact with conductive materials such as keys, coins, hand tools and the like. The US Department of Transportation Hazardous

Material Regulations (HMR) actually prohibit transporting batteries in commerce or on airplanes (i.e., packed in suitcases and carry-on luggage) UNLESS they are properly protected from short circuits. So when transporting individual batteries, make sure that the battery terminals are protected and well insulated from materials that could contact them and cause a short circuit.

The RBRC™ Seal

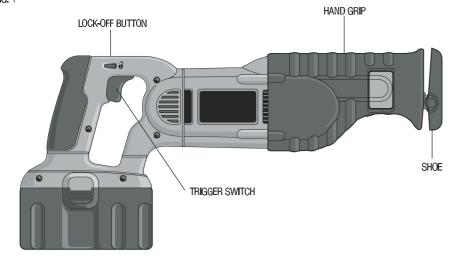
The RBRC™ (Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation) Seal on the nickel-cadmium battery (or battery pack) indicates that the costs to recycle the battery (or battery pack) at the end of its useful life have already been paid by DEWALT. In some areas, it is illegal to place spent nickel-cadmium batteries in the trash or municipal solid waste stream and the RBRC program provides an environmentally conscious alternative.



RBRC™ in cooperation with DeWALT and other battery, users, has established programs in the United States to facilitate the collection of spent nickel-cadmium battery. Help protect our environment and conserve natural resources by returning the spent nickel-cadmium battery to an authorized DeWALT service center or to your local retailer for recycling: You may as so a may as a may as so a may as so

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FIG. 1



Important Safety Instructions for Battery Chargers

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS: This manual contains important safety instructions for battery chargers.

 Before using charger, read all instructions and cautionary markings on charger, battery pack, and product using battery pack.

ADANGER: Electrocution hazard. 240 volts are present at charging terminals. Do not probe with conductive objects. AWARNING: Shock hazard. Do not allow any liquid to get inside charger.

ACAUTION: Burn hazard. To reduce the risk of injury, charge only DEWALT nickel-cadmium rechargeable batteries. Other types of batteries may burst causing personal injury and damage.

ACAUTION: Under certain conditions, with the charger plugged in to the power supply, the exposed charging contacts inside the charger can be shorted by foreign material. Foreign materials of a conductive nature such as, but not limited to, steel wool, aluminum foil, or any buildup of metallic particles should be kept away from charger cavities. Always unplug the charger from the power supply when there is no battery pack in the cavity. Unplug charger before attempting

- DO NOT attempt to charge the battery pack with any chargers other than the ones in this manual. The charger
 and battery pack are specifically designed to work together.
- These chargers are not intended for any uses other than charging DEWALT rechargeable batteries. Any other uses may result in risk of fire, electric shock or electrocution.
- Do not expose charger to rain or snow.
- Pull by plug rather than cord when disconnecting charger. This will reduce risk of damage to electric plug and cord.
- · Make sure that cord is located so that it will not be stepped on, tripped over, or otherwise subjected to damage or stress.
- . Do not use an extension cord unless it is absolutely necessary. Use of improper extension cord could result in risk of fire, electric shock, or electrocution.
- An extension cord must have adequate wire size (AWG or American Wire Gauge) for safety. The smaller the gauge number of the wire, the greater the capacity of the cable, that is 16 gauge has more capacity than 18 gauge. When using more than one extension to make up the total length, be sure each individual extension contains at least the minimum wire size.

Recommended Minimum Wire Size for Extension Cords

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25 ft.	50 ft.	75 ft.	100 ft.	125 ft.	150 ft.	175 ft.	
7.6 m	15.2 m	22.9 m	30.5 m	38.1 m	45.7 m	53.3 m	
Wire Size AWG							
18	18	16	16	14	14	12	

- Do not place any object on top of charger or place the charger on a soft surface that might block the ventilation slots and result in excessive internal heat. Place the charger in a position away from any heat source. The charger is ventilated through slots in the top and the bottom of the housing.
- Do not operate charger with damaged cord or plug have them replaced immediately.
- . Do not operate charger if it has received a sharp blow, been dropped, or otherwise damaged in any way. Take it to an authorized service center.
- Do not disassemble charger; take it to an authorized service center when service or repair is required. Incorrect reassembly may result in a risk of electric shock, electrocution or fire.
- · Disconnect the charger from the outlet before attempting any cleaning. This will reduce the risk of electric **shock.** Removing the battery pack will not reduce this risk.
- NEVER attempt to connect 2 chargers together.
- . The charger is designed to operate on standard household electrical power (240 Volts). Do not attempt to use it on any other voltage. This does not apply to the vehicular charger.

Using Automatic Tune-Up™ Mode

The Automatic Tune-Up™ Mode equalizes or balances the individual cells in the battery pack allowing it to function at peak capacity. Battery packs should be tuned up weekly or after 10 charge/discharge cycles or whenever the pack no longer delivers the same amount of work. To use the Automatic Tune-Up[™], place the battery pack in the charger and leave it for at least 8 hours. The charger will cycle through the following modes.

- 1. The red light will blink continuously indicating that the 1-hour charge cycle has started.
- 2. When the 1-hour charge cycle is complete, the light will stay on continuously and will no longer blink. This indicates that the pack is fully charged and can be used at this time.
- Whenever the pack is left in the charger after the initial 1-hour charge, the charger will begin the Automatic
 Tune-Up™ Mode. This mode continues up to 8 hours or until the individual cells in the battery pack are equalized. The battery pack is ready for use and can be removed at any time during the Tune-Up™ Mode.
- Once the Automatic Tune-Up™ Mode is complete the charger will transition to a maintenance charge; the indicator light shuts off when the Automatic Tune-Up™ Mode is complete.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE

Chargers

Your tool uses a 7.2, 9.6, 12.0, 14.4, or 18.0 Volt DeWALT charger. Your battery can be charged in DeWALT 1 Hour Chargers, 15 Minute Chargers or Vehicular 12 Volt Charger. Be sure to read all safety instructions before using your charger. Consult the chart at the end of this manual for compatibility of chargers and battery packs.

Charging Procedure

A DANGER: Electrocution hazard. 240 volts are present at charging terminals. Do not probe with conductive objects.

- 1. Plug the charger into an appropriate outlet as shown in Figure 2.
- 2. Insert the battery pack into the charger, The red (charging) light will blink continuously indicating that the charging process has started.
- 3. The completion of charge will be indicated by the red light remaining ON continuously. The pack is fully charged and may be used at this time or left in the charger.

Indicator Light Operation

PACK CHARGING..... **FULLY CHARGED..** HOT/COLD PACK DELAY.......■ REPLACE PACK...... ● ● ● PROBLEM POWER LINE...... ● ● ●

Charge Indicators

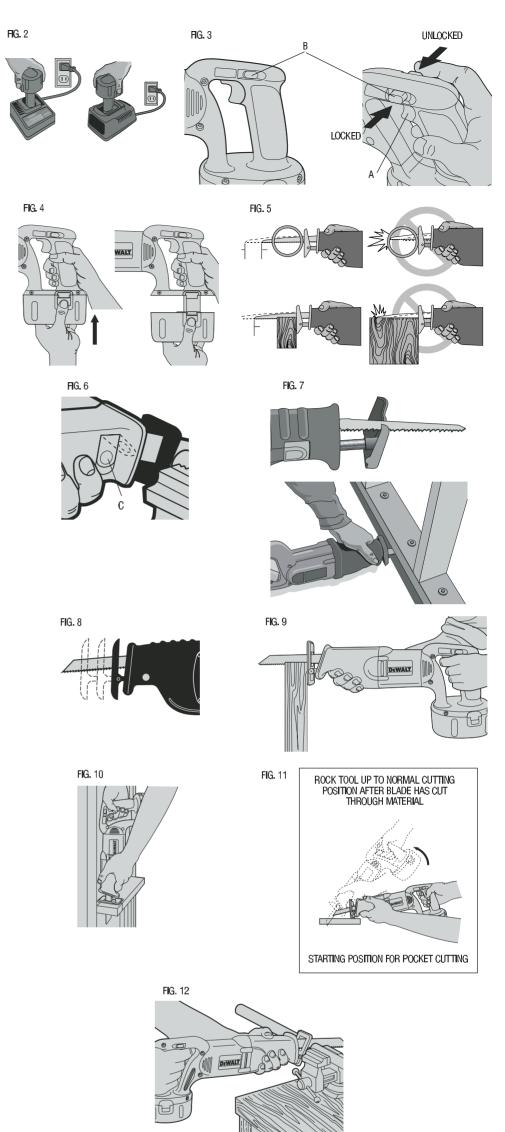
Some chargers are designed to detect certain problems that can arise with battery packs. Problems are indicated by the red light flashing at a fast rate. If this occurs, re-insert battery pack into the charger. If the problem persists, try a different battery pack to determine if the charger is OK. If the new pack charges correctly, then the original pack is defective and should be returned to a service center or other collection site for recycling. If the new battery pack elicits the same trouble indication as the original, have the charger tested at an authorized service center.

HOT/COLD PACK DELAY

Some chargers have a Hot/Cold Pack Delay feature: when the charger detects a battery that is hot, it automatically starts a Hot Pack Delay, suspending charging until the battery has cooled. After the battery has cooled, the charger automatically switches to the Pack Charging mode, This feature ensures maximum battery life. The red light flashes long, then short while in the Hot Pack Delay mode,

PROBLEM POWER LINE

Some chargers have a Problem Power Line indicator. When the charger is used with some portable power sources such as generators or sources that convert DC to AC, the charger may temporarily suspend operation, flashing the red light with two fast blinks followed by a pause. This indicates the power source is out of limits.



LEAVING THE BATTERY PACK IN THE CHARGER

The charger and battery pack can be left connected with the red light glowing indefinitely. The charger will keep the battery pack fresh and fully charged.

NOTE: A battery pack will slowly lose its charge when kept out of the charger. If the battery pack has not been kept on maintenance charge, it may need to be recharged before use. A battery pack may also slowly lose its charge if left in a charger that is not plugged into an appropriate AC source.

WEAK BATTERY PACKS: Chargers can also detect a weak battery. Such batteries are still usable but should not be expected to perform as much work. In such cases, about 10 seconds after battery insertion, the charger will beep rapidly 8 times to indicate a weak battery condition. The charger will then go on to charge the battery to the highest capacity possible.

Important Charging Notes

- Longest life and best performance can be obtained if the battery pack is charged when the air temperature is between 18°- 24°C (65°F and 75°F). DO NOT charge the battery pack in an air temperature below +4.5°C (+40°F), or above +40.5°C (+105°F). This is important and will prevent serious damage to the battery pack.
- 2. The charger and battery pack may become warm to touch while charging. This is a normal condition, and does not indicate a problem. To facilitate the cooling of the battery pack after use, avoid placing the charger or battery pack in a warm environment such as in a metal shed, or an uninsulated trailer.
- 3. If the battery pack does not charge properly:
 - a. Check current at receptacle by plugging in a lamp or other appliance
 - b. Check to see if receptacle is connected to a light switch which turns power off when you turn out the lights. c. Move charger and battery pack to a location where the surrounding air temperature is approximately 18°- 24°C (65°F - 75°F).
 - d. If charging problems persist, take the tool, battery pack and charger to your local service center.
- 4. The battery pack should be recharged when it fails to produce sufficient power on jobs which were easily done previously, DO NOT CONTINUE to use under these conditions, Follow the charging procedure, You may also charge a partially used pack whenever you desire with no adverse affect on the battery pack.
- 5. Under certain conditions, with the charger plugged into the power supply, the exposed charging contacts inside the charger can be shorted by foreign material. Foreign materials of a conductive nature such as, but not limited to, steel wool, aluminum foil, or any buildup of metallic particles should be kept away from charger cavities, Always unplug the charger from the power supply when there is no battery pack in the cavity. Unplug charger before attempting to clean.
- 6. Do not freeze or immerse charger in water or any other liquid.

AWARNING: Shock hazard. Do not allow any liquid to get inside charger.

ACAUTION: Never attempt to open the battery pack for any reason. If the plastic housing of the battery pack breaks or cracks, return to a service center for recycling.

Motor

Your DeWALT tool is powered by a DeWALT-built motor. Be sure your power supply agrees with the nameplate markings. Voltage decrease of more than 10% will cause loss of power and overheating. All DeWALT tools are factory tested; if this tool does not operate, check your battery pack.

OPERATION

Switch (Variable Speed) (Fig. 3)

LOCK-OFF BUTTON AND TRIGGER SWITCH

Your saw is equipped with a lock-off button (B).

To lock the trigger switch, press the lock-off button as shown in Figure 3. Always lock the trigger switch (A) when carrying or storing the tool to eliminate unintentional starting. The lock-off button is colored **red** to indicate when the switch is in its **unlocked** position.

To unlock the trigger switch, press the lock-off button as shown in Figure 3. Pull the trigger switch to turn the motor ON. Releasing the trigger switch turns the motor OFF.

NOTE: This tool has no provision to lock the switch in the ON position, and should never be locked ON by any other means. The variable speed trigger switch will give you added versatility. The further the trigger is depressed the higher the saw

ACAUTION: Use of very slow speed is recommended only for beginning a cut. Prolonged use at very slow speed may damage your saw.

Installing and Removing the Battery Pack

NOTE: Make sure your battery pack is fully charged.

ACAUTION: Lock trigger switch before removing or installing battery.

To install the battery pack into the tool handle, align the base of the tool with the notch inside the tool's handle and slide the battery pack firmly into the handle until you hear the lock snap into place as shown in Figure 4.

To remove the battery pack from the tool, press the release buttons and firmly pull the battery pack out of the tool handle. Insert it into the charger as described in the charger manual.

Blade Installation and Removal

Different blade lengths are available. Use the appropriate blade for the application. The blade should be longer than 88.9mm (3-1/2") and should extend past the shoe and the thickness of the workpiece during the cut. Do not use jig saw blades with this tool.

AWARNING: Cut hazard. Blade breakage may occur if the blade does not extend past the shoe and the workpiece during the cut (Fig. 5). Increased risk of personal injury, as well as damage to the shoe and workpiece may result. **ACAUTION:** LOCK TRIGGER SWITCH AND REMOVE BATTERY PACK.

TO INSTALL BLADE INTO SAW

- 1. Open blade clamp release lever (C) up (Fig. 6).
- 2. Insert blade shank from the front.
- 3. Close blade clamp release lever down.
- 4. Note blade can be installed upside-down to assist in flush-to cutting, see Figure 10.

TO REMOVE BLADE FROM SAW

ACAUTION: Burn hazard. Do not touch the the blade immediately after use. Contact with the blade may result in personal injury.

- 1. Open up blade clamp release lever.
- 2. Remove blade.

Cutting with Blade in Horizontal Position (Fig. 7)

Your saw may or may not be equipped with a horizontal blade clamp. Installing a blade in the horizontal orientation allows cutting close to floors, walls or ceilings where limited clearance is available. Ensure that the shoe is pressed against the framing to avoid kickback.

Adjustable Shoe (Fig. 8)

ACAUTION: LOCK TRIGGER SWITCH AND REMOVE BATTERY.

Your saw may or may not come with an adjustable shoe. The shoe will adjust to limit the depth of cut. Hold the saw with the underside facing up. Push the button on the hand grip and slide the shoe out to one of the three settings and release the button.

ACAUTION: Cut hazard. To prevent loss of control, never use tool without shoe.

Cutting (Figure 9)

AWARNING: Always wear eye protection while operating this power tool.

AWARNING: Exercise extra caution when cutting towards operator. Always hold saw firmly with both hands while cutting. Before cutting any type of material, be sure it is firmly anchored or clamped to prevent slipping. Place blade lightly against work to be cut, switch on saw motor and allow it to obtain maximum speed before applying pressure. Whenever possible, the saw shoe must be held firmly against the material being cut. This will prevent the saw from jumping or vibrating and minimize blade breakage. Any cut which puts pressure on the blade such as angle or scroll cuts increase potential for vibration, kickback, and blade breakage.

AWARNING: Use extra caution when cutting overhead and pay particular attention to overhead wires which may be hidden from view. Anticipate the path of falling branches and debris ahead of time.

AWARNING: Inspect work site for hidden gas pipes, water pipes, or electrical wires before making blind or plunge cuts. Failure to do so may result in explosion, property damage, electric shock, and/or serious personal injury.

FLUSH-TO CUTTING (FIGURE 10)

The compact design of the saw motor housing and spindle housing permits extremely close cutting to floors, comers and other difficult areas.

The initial step in pocket cutting is to measure the surface area to be cut and mark clearly with a pencil, chalk or scriber. Use the appropriate blade for the application. The blade should be longer than 88.9mm (3-1/2") and should extend past the shoe and the thickness of the workpiece during the cut. Insert blade in blade clamp.

Next, tip the saw backward until the back edge of the shoe is resting on the work surface and the blade clears the work surface. Now switch motor on, always permitting blade to attain maximum speed. Grip handle steadily and begin a slow, deliberate upward swing with the handle of the saw. Blade will begin to feed into material. Always be sure blade is completely through material before continuing with pocket cut.

NOTE: In areas where blade visibility is limited, use the edge of the saw shoe as a guide. Lines for any given cut should be extended beyond edge of cut to be made.

METAL CUTTING (FIGURE 12) This unit has different metal out

This unit has different metal cutting capacities depending upon type of blade used and the metal to be cut. Use a finer blade for ferrous metals and a coarse blade for non-ferrous materials. In thin gauge sheet metals it is best to clamp wood to both sides of sheet. This will insure a clean cut without excess vibration or tearing of metal. Always remember not to force cutting blade as this reduces blade life and causes costly blade breakage.

NOTE: It is generally recommended that when cutting metals you should spread a thin film of oil or other lubricant along the line ahead of the saw cut for easier operation and longer blade life.

MAINTENANCE

Cleaning

CHARGER CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

AWARNING: Shock hazard. Disconnect the charger from the AC outlet before cleaning. Dirt and grease may be removed from the exterior of the charger using a cloth or soft non-metallic brush. Do not use water or any cleaning solutions.

Lubrication

Your tool was properly lubricated before leaving the factory. In two to six months, depending upon use, take or send your tool to a Service Center, or authorized service station, for a complete cleaning, inspection and lubrication. Tools used constantly on production jobs will need relubrication more often. Also, tools "out of service" for long periods should be relubricated before being put back to work.

Repairs To assure

To assure product SAFETY and RELIABILITY, repairs, maintenance and adjustment (including brush inspection and replacement) should be performed by authorized service centers or other qualified service personnel, always using identical replacement parts.

Accessories

Recommended accessories for use with your tool are available at extra cost from your local service center. If you need any assistance in locating any accessory, please contact DEWALT Industrial Tool Co., 20 Fletcher Road, Mooroolbark, VIC 3138 Australia or call 1800 654 155.

ACAUTION: The use of any non-recommended accessory may be hazardous.

Guarantee

Applicable to hand held Power Tools, Lasers and Nailers.

Three Year Limited Warranty

DEWALT will repair, without charge, any defects due to faulty materials or workmanship for three years from the date of purchase. Please return the complete unit, transportation prepaid, to any DeWALT Service Centre, or any authorised service station.

For warranty repair information, call 1800 654 155.

This warranty does not apply to

- Accessories
- · Damage caused where repairs have been made or attempted by others.
- · Damage due to misuse, neglect, wear and tear, alteration or modification.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may have other rights under the provisions of the Consumer Guarantee Act 1993 (New Zealand only), Trade Practices Act 1974 and State Legislation (Australia only). In addition to the warranty, DEWALT tools are covered by our:

FREE ONE YEAR SERVICE CONTRACT

DEWALT will also maintain the tool for free at any time during the first year of purchase. This includes labour, parts and lubrication required to restore the product to sound mechanical and/or electrical condition. Normal wear parts are not covered in this service. Carbon brushes worn more then 50% will be replaced.

NOTE: Three Year Warranty is not applicable to items deemed as consumables. Radial arm saws are covered by a one (1) year warranty only. DEWALT Reserves the right to review its warranty policy prior to launch of any new business development products.

30 DAY NO SATISFACTION GUARANTEE

If you are dissatisfied with any DeWALT power tool, laser or nailer, for any reason, simply return it to the point of purchase with your sales receipt within 30 days for a replacement unit or a full refund.

FREE WARNING LABEL REPLACEMENT: If your warning labels become illegible or are missing, call 1800-654-155 for a free replacement.



