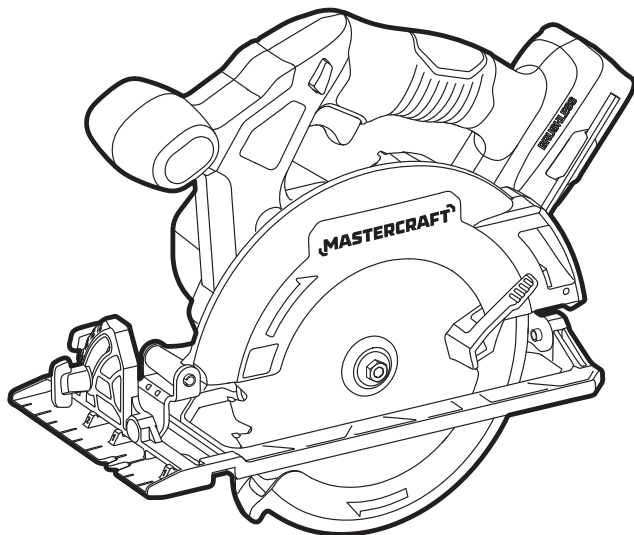


# MASTERCRAFT™/MC

## BRUSHLESS 6 1/2" (165 MM) CIRCULAR SAW 054-8707-4



### IMPORTANT:

Read and understand this instruction manual thoroughly before using the product.

## INSTRUCTION MANUAL



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### NOTE:

If any parts are missing or damaged, or if you have any questions, please call our toll-free helpline at 1-800-689-9928.



### SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

- This manual contains important safety and operating instructions. Read all instructions and follow them with use of this product.

**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

Rated Voltage	20 V d.c. max*
No-load Speed	5600 /min
Blade Diameter	6 1/2" (165 mm)
Blade Arbour	5/8" (15.9 mm)
Maximum Cutting Depth at 90°	2 3/16" (55 mm)
Maximum Cutting Depth at 45°	1 11/16" (43.3 mm)
Bevel Angle	0 – 50°

\*Maximum battery voltage without workload; with workload nominal voltage is 18 V.

Recommend using tool with Mastercraft® and PWR POD™ 20 V max\* Lithium-ion 4.0 Ah battery (054-7557-6 and 054-7564-8; sold separately) for optimal performance.

**COMPATIBLE BATTERIES AND CHARGERS**

Brand	Battery Pack	Charger
PWR POD™	2.0 Ah: 054-7563-0	90 W Fast Charger: 054-7565-6
	4.0 Ah: 054-7564-8	60 W x2 Dual-Port Charger: 054-7567-2
	5.0 Ah: 054-7558-4	150 W Four Port Fast Charger: 054-7571-0
	8.0 Ah: 054-7569-8	
Mastercraft®	1.5 Ah: 054-3124-0	45 W Charger: 054-3126-6
	2.0 Ah: 054-7553-4	90 W Fast Charger: 054-7559-2
	4.0 Ah: 054-7557-6	60 W x2 Dual-Port Charger: 054-8299-4
	5.0 Ah: 054-2434-8	

Batteries with an Ah of 4.0 or higher are recommended for optimal runtime and performance.

### SAFETY GUIDELINES:



#### WARNING!

Safety symbols in this Instruction Manual are used to flag possible dangers. The safety symbols and their explanations require your full understanding. The safety warnings do not, by themselves, eliminate any danger, nor are they substitutes for proper accident prevention measures.



#### WARNING!

This Safety Alert Symbol indicates caution, warning, or danger. Failure to obey a safety warning can result in serious injury to yourself or others. To reduce the risk of injury, fire, or electric shock, always follow the safety precautions.

### KNOW YOUR TOOL

To operate this tool, carefully read this Instruction Manual and all labels affixed to the circular saw before using. Keep this instruction manual available for future reference.

### IMPORTANT

This tool should only be serviced by a qualified service technician. For more information, call the toll-free helpline at 1-800-689-9928.

### READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY

### SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

### GENERAL POWER TOOL SAFETY WARNINGS



#### WARNING!

**Read all safety warnings, instructions, illustrations and specifications provided with this power tool.** Failure to follow all instructions listed below may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury.

### SAVE ALL WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

The term “power tool” in the warnings refers to your mains-operated (corded) power tool or battery-operated (cordless) power tool.

### WORK AREA SAFETY

- **Keep work area clean and well lit.** Cluttered or dark areas invite accidents.
- **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.
- **Keep children and bystanders away while operating a power tool.** Distractions can cause you to lose control.

## 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.
- **Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions.** Water entering a power tool will increase the risk of electric shock.
- **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.
- **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.
- **If operating a power tool in a damp location is unavoidable, use a ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protected supply.** Use of a GFCI reduces the risk of electric shock.

## PERSONAL SAFETY

- **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 personal protective equipment. Always wear eye protection.** Protective equipment such as a dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat or hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injuries.
- **Prevent unintentional starting. Ensure the switch is in the off-position before connecting to power source and/or battery pack, picking up or carrying the tool.** Carrying power tools with your finger on the switch or energizing power tools that have the switch on invites accidents.
- **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.
- **Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.** This enables better control of the power tool in unexpected situations.
- **Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewellery. Keep your hair and clothing away from moving parts.** Loose clothes, jewellery or long hair can be caught in moving parts.
- **If devices are provided for the connection of dust extraction and collection facilities, ensure these are connected and properly used.** Use of dust collection can reduce dust-related hazards.
- **Do not let familiarity gained from frequent use of tools allow you to become complacent and ignore tool safety principles.** A careless action can cause severe injury within a fraction of a second.

### POWER TOOL USE AND CARE

- **Do not force the power tool. Use the correct power tool for your application.** The correct power tool will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it was designed.
- **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.
- **Disconnect the plug from the power source and/or remove the battery pack, if detachable, from the power tool before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing power tools.** Such preventive safety measures reduce the risk of starting the power tool accidentally.
- **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.
- **Maintain power tools and accessories. Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts and any other condition that may affect the power tool's 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.
- **Use the power tool, accessories and tool bits etc. in accordance with these instructions, 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.
- **Keep handles and grasping surfaces dry, clean and free from oil and grease.** Slippery handles and grasping surfaces do not allow for safe handling and control of the tool in unexpected situations.

### BATTERY TOOL USE AND CARE

- **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.
- **Use power tools only with specifically designated battery packs.** Use of any other battery packs may create a risk of injury and fire.
- **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 contact eyes, additionally seek medical help.** Liquid ejected from the battery may cause irritation or burns.
- **Do not use a battery pack or tool that is damaged or modified.** Damaged or modified batteries may exhibit unpredictable behaviour resulting in fire, explosion or risk of injury.
- **Do not expose a battery pack or tool to fire or excessive temperature.** Exposure to fire or temperature above 265°F (130°C) may cause explosion.

- **Follow all charging instructions and do not charge the battery pack or tool outside the temperature range specified in the instructions.** Charging improperly or at temperatures outside the specified range may damage the battery and increase the risk of fire.

## SERVICE

- **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.
- **Never service damaged battery packs.** Service of battery packs should only be performed by the manufacturer or authorized service providers.

## CIRCULAR SAW SAFETY WARNINGS

### SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL SAWS

#### CUTTING PROCEDURES



#### DANGER!

**Keep hands away from the cutting area and the blade. Keep your second hand on auxiliary handle, or motor housing.** If both hands are holding the saw, they cannot be cut by the blade.

- **Do not reach underneath the workpiece.** The guard cannot protect you from the blade below the workpiece.
- **Adjust the cutting depth to the thickness of the workpiece.** Less than a full tooth of the blade teeth should be visible below the workpiece.
- **Never hold the workpiece in your hands or across your leg while cutting. Secure the workpiece to a stable platform.** It is important to support the work properly to minimise body exposure, blade binding, or loss of control.
- **Hold the power tool by insulated gripping surfaces, when performing an operation where the cutting tool may contact hidden wiring.** Contact with a “live” wire will also make exposed metal parts of the power tool “live” and could give the operator an electric shock.
- **When ripping, always use a rip fence or straight edge guide.** This improves the accuracy of cut and reduces the chance of blade binding.
- **Always use blades with correct size and shape (diamond versus round) of arbour holes.** Blades that do not match the mounting hardware of the saw will run off-centre, causing loss of control.
- **Never use damaged or incorrect blade washers or bolt.** The blade washers and bolt were specially designed for your saw, for optimum performance and safety of operation.



## FURTHER SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL SAWS

### KICKBACK CAUSES AND RELATED WARNINGS

- Kickback is a sudden reaction to a pinched, jammed or misaligned saw blade, causing an uncontrolled saw to lift up and out of the workpiece toward the operator;
- when the blade is pinched or jammed tightly by the kerf closing down, the blade stalls and the motor reaction drives the unit rapidly back toward the operator;
- if the blade becomes twisted or misaligned in the cut, the teeth at the back edge of the blade can dig into the top surface of the wood causing the blade to climb out of the kerf and jump back toward the operator.

Kickback is the result of saw misuse and/or incorrect operating procedures or conditions and can be avoided by taking proper precautions as given below.





- **Maintain a firm grip with both hands on the saw and position your arms to resist kickback forces. Position your body to either side of the blade, but not in line with the blade.** Kickback could cause the saw to jump backwards, but kickback forces can be controlled by the operator, if proper precautions are taken.
- **When blade is binding, or when interrupting a cut for any reason, release the trigger and hold the saw motionless in the material until the blade comes to a complete stop. Never attempt to remove the saw from the work or pull the saw backward while the blade is in motion or kickback may occur.** Investigate and take corrective actions to eliminate the cause of blade binding.
- **When restarting a saw in the workpiece, centre the saw blade in the kerf so that the saw teeth are not engaged into the material.** If a saw blade binds, it may walk up or kickback from the workpiece as the saw is restarted.
- **Support large panels to minimize the risk of blade pinching and kickback.** Large panels tend to sag under their own weight. Supports must be placed under the panel on both sides, near the line of cut and near the edge of the panel.
- **Do not use dull or damaged blades.** Unsharpened or improperly set blades produce narrow kerf causing excessive friction, blade binding and kickback.
- **Blade depth and bevel adjusting locking levers must be tight and secure before making the cut.** If blade adjustment shifts while cutting, it may cause binding and kickback.
- **Use extra caution when sawing into existing walls or other blind areas.** The protruding blade may cut objects that can cause kickback.

### LOWER GUARD FUNCTION

- **Check the lower guard for proper closing before each use. Do not operate the saw if the lower guard does not move freely and close instantly. Never clamp or tie the lower guard into the open position.** If the saw is accidentally dropped, the lower guard may be bent. Raise the lower guard with the retracting handle and make sure it moves freely and does not touch the blade or any other part, in all angles and depths of cut.

- **Check the operation of the lower guard spring. If the guard and the spring are not operating properly, they must be serviced before use.** Lower guard may operate sluggishly due to damaged parts, gummy deposits, or a build-up of debris.
- **The lower guard may be retracted manually only for special cuts such as “plunge cuts” and “compound cuts”. Raise the lower guard by the retracting handle and as soon as the blade enters the material, the lower guard must be released.** For all other sawing, the lower guard should operate automatically.
- **Always observe that the lower guard is covering the blade before placing the saw down on bench or floor.** An unprotected, coasting blade will cause the saw to walk backwards, cutting whatever is in its path. Be aware of the time it takes for the blade to stop after switch is released.

### ADDITIONAL SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR CIRCULAR SAW

- **The label on your tool may include the following symbols. The symbols and their definitions are as follows:**
  - V ..... Volts
  - A ..... Amperes
  - W ..... Watts
  - min ..... Minutes
  - .../min or ...min<sup>-1</sup> ..... Revolutions or reciprocations per minute
  -  or d.c. .... Direct current
  - n<sub>0</sub> ..... No-load speed
  - RPM ..... Revolutions per minute
  -  ..... WARNING – To reduce the risk of injury, user must read instruction manual.
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## WARNING!

To reduce the risk of electric shock or damage to the charger and battery, use only the Mastercraft® and PWR POD™ batteries and chargers listed.

Brand	Battery Pack	Charger
PWR POD™	2.0 Ah: 054-7563-0	90 W Fast Charger: 054-7565-6
	4.0 Ah: 054-7564-8	60 W x2 Dual-Port Charger: 054-7567-2
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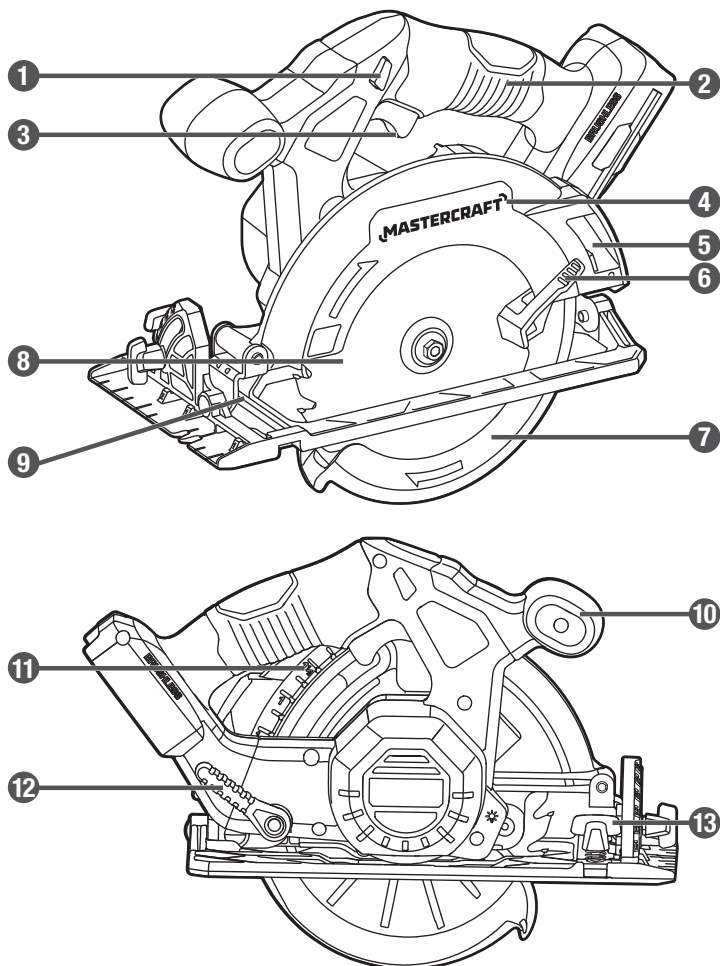
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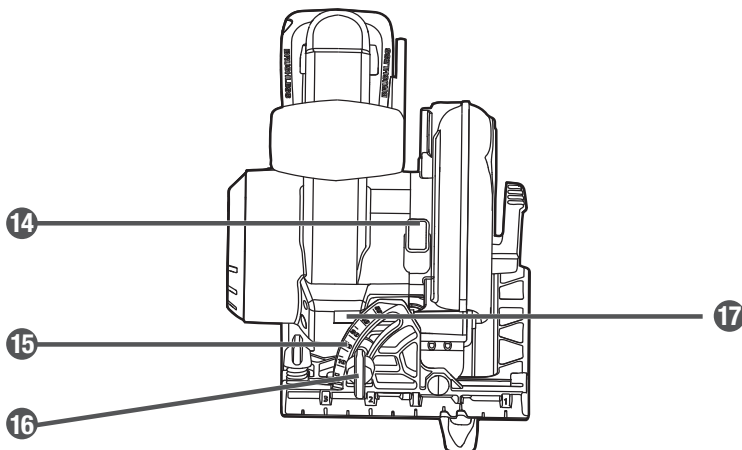
- **For best results, your battery tool should be stored and used in a location where the temperature is more than 41°F (5°C) but less than 104°F (40°C).** Do not store outside or in vehicles.

**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS!**

**PACKAGE CONTENTS:**

Circular saw, vacuum adaptor, screw, blade, hex key and instruction manual

**KEY PARTS DIAGRAM**



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No.	Description
1	Lock-off Button
2	Main Handle
3	Trigger Switch
4	Upper Blade Guard
5	Dust Collection Port
6	Lower-blade-guard Lever
7	Lower Blade Guard
8	Blade
9	Base Plate

No.	Description
10	Auxiliary Handle
11	Depth Scale
12	Depth-adjustment Lever
13	Rip-fence Locking Knob
14	Spindle-lock Button
15	Bevel Scale
16	Bevel-adjustment Knob
17	LED Worklight

Before attempting to use this tool, become familiar with all of its operating features and safety requirements. For optimum performance and safety, read the following operating instructions carefully before using.



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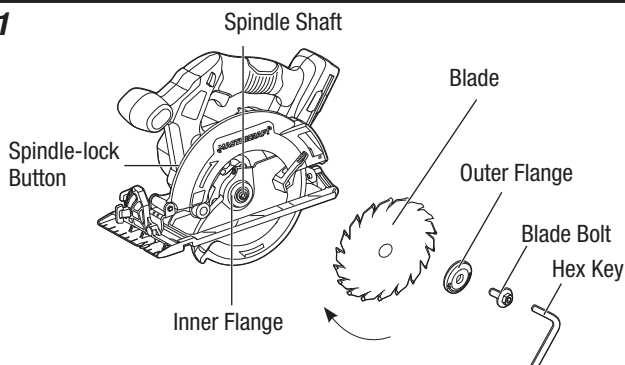
- Remove the circular saw from the package and examine it carefully. Do not discard the carton or any packaging material until all parts have been examined.
- If any part of the circular saw is missing or damaged, do not attach the battery pack to the tool or use the tool until the part has been repaired or replaced. Failure to heed this warning could result in serious injury.
- Do not let familiarity with the circular saw cause a lack of alertness. A fraction of a second of carelessness is enough to cause severe injury.
- Do not attempt to modify this tool or create accessories not recommended for use with this tool. Any such alteration or modification is misuse and could result in a hazardous condition leading to possible serious injury.
- To prevent accidental starting that could cause serious personal injury, always remove the battery pack from the tool when assembling parts.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### INSTALL THE BLADE (fig. 1)

1. Remove the battery pack from the circular saw.
2. Depress the spindle-lock button, insert the hex key (attached to the tool) into the blade bolt and rotate it back and forth until you feel the spindle-lock button depress deeper. This action locks the blade in position so that the blade bolt can be removed.
3. With the spindle-lock button firmly depressed, turn the blade bolt clockwise to loosen it.
4. Raise the lower blade guard with the lower-blade-guard lever and hold it in the raised position.
5. Remove the blade bolt, the outer flange, and the blade.
6. The inner flange, which fits around the shaft, does not need to be removed.
7. Put a drop of good-quality machine oil onto the inner flange and the outer flange where they will contact the blade.
8. Place a new blade inside the lower blade guard, onto the shaft, and against the inner flange.
9. Replace the outer flange.
10. Depress and hold the spindle-lock button as you replace the blade bolt and hand-tighten the blade bolt in a counter-clockwise direction. Use the hex key to tighten the blade bolt securely.

**fig. 1**



### NOTICE:

- The teeth of the blade should point upward at the front of the saw.
- Never use a blade that is too thick to allow the outer blade washer to engage with the flat side of the spindle.

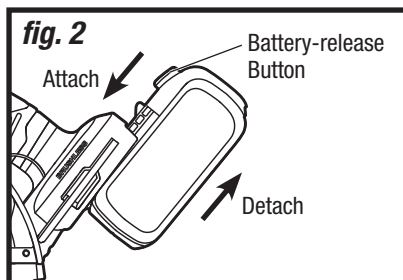


### WARNING!

- Use only 6 1/2" (165 mm) blade rated 5600/min or greater. Using blade not designed for the saw may result in serious personal injury and property damage.
- This tool is for cutting wood only. Use only the correct saw blades for wood-cutting operations. Do not use any abrasive wheels.
- Be sure to wear protective work gloves while handling a saw blade. The sharp teeth can injure unprotected hands.

### ATTACH THE BATTERY PACK (fig. 2)

1. Release the trigger switch and ensure the lock-off button is in the centre position.
2. Align the raised rib on the battery pack with the grooves in the tool, and then slide the battery pack onto the tool.
3. Make sure that the latch on the battery pack snaps into place, and that the battery pack is attached securely to the tool before beginning operation.



### DETACH THE BATTERY PACK (fig. 2)

1. Release the trigger switch and ensure the lock-off button is in the centre position.
2. Depress the battery-release button, located on the front of the battery pack, to release the battery pack.
3. Pull the battery pack out and remove it from the tool.



#### WARNING!

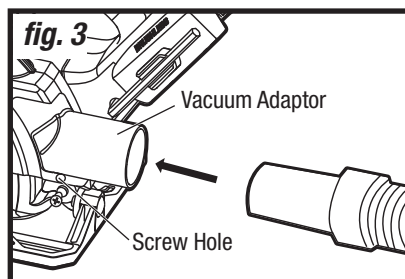
- Avoid the possibility of accidental starting. Always take care not to activate the trigger switch when you are attaching the battery pack or performing other adjustments to the tool.

**DUST EXTRACTION (fig. 3)**

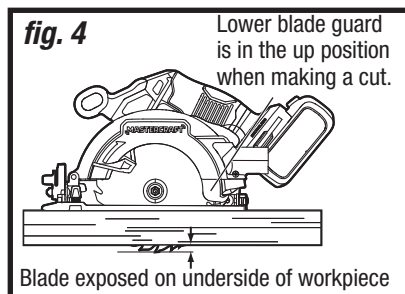
Your tool is equipped with a vacuum adaptor ( $\varnothing 1 \frac{1}{4}$ ") for connecting a vacuum cleaner.

To attach the vacuum adaptor to the saw, insert it into the slot of the upper blade guard and then use the screw (included) to secure it.

To remove the vacuum adaptor, loosen the screw on the vacuum adaptor and pull it from the saw.

**BLADE-GUARD SYSTEM (fig. 4)**

The lower blade guard attached to your circular saw is there for your protection and safety. It should never be altered for any reason. If it becomes damaged or begins to return slowly or sluggishly, do not operate the saw until the lower blade guard has been repaired or replaced. Always leave the lower blade guard in its correct operating position when using the saw.

**SAW BLADES**

Even the best of saw blades will not cut efficiently unless it is kept clean, sharp, and properly set. Using a dull blade places a heavy load on the saw and increases the danger of kickback. Keep extra blades on hand, so sharp blades are always available. Gum and wood pitch hardened on the blade will slow the saw down. Use gum and pitch remover, hot water, or kerosene to remove them. Do not use gasoline.

**WARNING!**

- Battery tools are always in operating condition when the battery is installed. Therefore, the circular saw should always be turned off when not in use or when carrying the tool at your side.

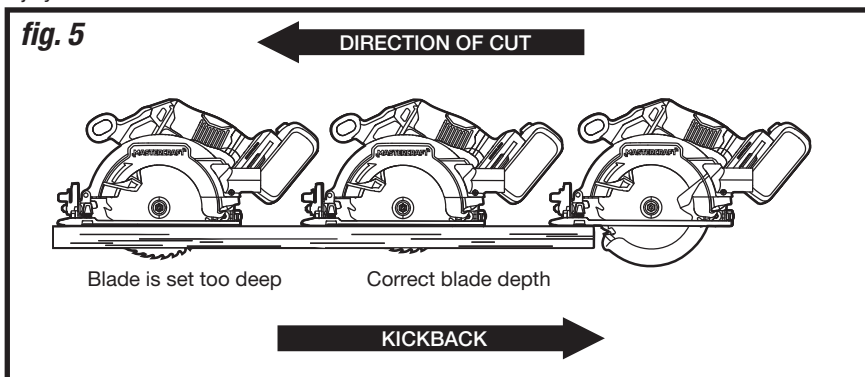
**DANGER!**

- When sawing through a workpiece, the lower blade guard does not cover the blade on the underside of the workpiece. Since the blade is exposed on the underside of the workpiece, ALWAYS keep hands and fingers away from the cutting area. Serious injury will result if any part of the body comes into contact with the moving blade.



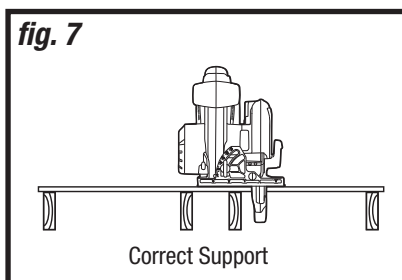
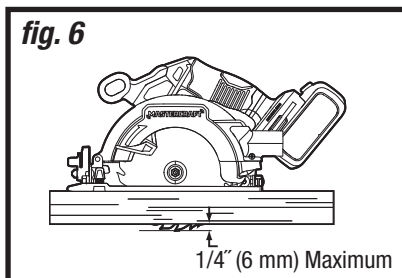
## KICKBACK (fig. 5)

Kickback occurs when the blade stalls rapidly and the saw is driven back towards the operator. Blade stalling is caused by any action that pinches the blade in the wood. Loss of control can lead to serious injury.



## REDUCE THE CHANCE OF KICKBACK (fig. 6 - fig. 7)

- Keep the blade at the correct depth setting. The depth setting should not exceed 1/4" (6 mm) below the material being cut.
- Inspect the workpiece for knots or nails before cutting. Never saw into a knot or nail.
- Make straight cuts. Always use a straight rip fence when rip cutting. This helps keep the blade from twisting.
- Use clean, sharp, and properly set blades. Never make cuts with dull blades.
- Support the workpiece properly before beginning a cut (fig. 7).
- Use steady, even pressure when making a cut. Never force a cut.
- Do not cut warped or wet lumber.
- Hold the saw firmly and keep your body in a balanced position to resist the forces if kickback should occur.



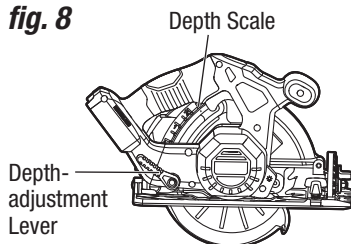
### WARNING!

- When using the saw, always stay alert and exercise control. Do not remove the saw from the workpiece.
- To avoid kickback, release the trigger switch immediately if the blade binds or the saw stalls. Kickback could cause you to lose control of the saw. Loss of control can lead to serious injury.

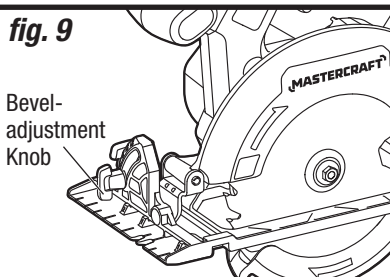
**DEPTH-OF-CUT ADJUSTMENT (fig. 8)**

Always use the correct blade-depth setting. The correct blade-depth setting for all cuts should not be more than 1/4" (6 mm) below the material being cut. Greater blade depth will increase the chance of kickback and cause the cut to be rough. Your saw is equipped with a depth scale that enables you to accurately set the depth-of-cut.

1. Remove the battery pack from the saw.
2. Raise the depth-adjustment lever to release it.
3. Hold the base plate of the saw flat against the edge of the workpiece and use the handle to raise or lower the saw. Align the depth indicator with the desired depth scale.
4. Lower the depth-adjustment lever to lock the saw in this depth position.

**fig. 8****ADJUST THE BEVEL ANGLE (fig. 9)**

1. Remove the battery pack from the saw.
2. Loosen the bevel-adjustment knob, located on the bevel scale on the base plate.
3. Tilt the base plate until the required angle is reached (refer to the bevel scale).
4. Tighten the bevel-adjustment knob to secure the saw and bevel angle.

**fig. 9****WARNING!**

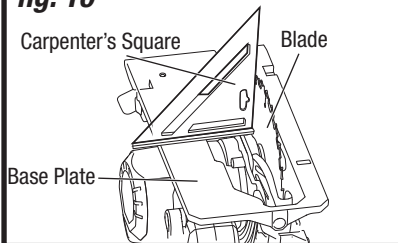
- Attempting to make bevel cuts without the bevel adjustment knob securely tightened can result in serious injury.

## CHECK 0° BEVEL STOP (fig. 10)

The saw has a 0° bevel stop that has been adjusted before shipment to assure that the blade is vertical to the base plate at 0° bevel cutting.

1. Remove the battery pack from the saw.
2. Using a carpenter's square (not included), check that the blade is square (at a 90° angle) to the base plate.

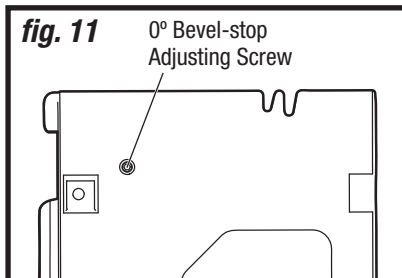
**fig. 10**



## ADJUST 0° BEVEL STOP (fig. 11)

1. Remove the battery pack from the saw.
2. Loosen the bevel-adjustment knob.
3. Place the saw in an upside-down position on a workbench.
4. Using a hex wrench (not included), turn the adjusting screw until the base plate is square with the saw blade.

**fig. 11**

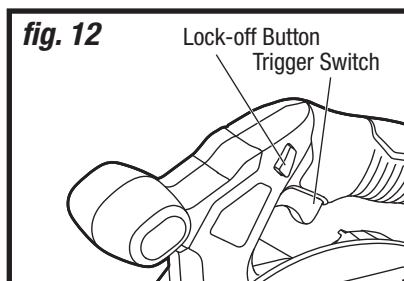


**LOCK-OFF BUTTON (fig. 12)**

The lock-off button reduces the possibility of accidental starting. The lock-off button is located on the handle above the trigger switch. The lock-off button must be depressed to either side before you depress the trigger switch to start the saw.

**TURN ON AND OFF THE SAW (fig. 12)**

1. Attach the battery to the circular saw.
2. Depress the lock-off button to either side and depress the trigger switch. Always allow the blade to reach full speed, and then guide the saw into the workpiece.
3. To turn off the circular saw, release the trigger switch. Lock-off button will automatically move to the centre position.

**LED WORKLIGHT (fig. 13)**

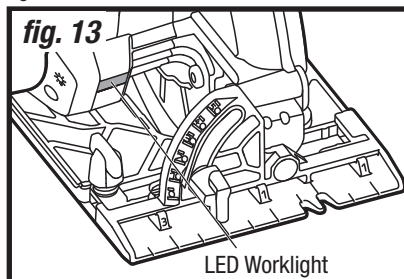
The LED worklight, located in the front of the circular saw, will illuminate when the trigger switch is depressed, and will automatically turn off a while after the trigger switch is released. This provides additional light on the surface of the workpiece for operation in lower light situations.

**ELECTRIC BRAKE**

To stop the tool, release the trigger switch and allow the blade to come to a complete stop. The electric brake quickly stops rotation. This feature engages automatically when you release the trigger switch.

**OPERATE THE SAW**

It is important to understand the correct method for operating the saw. Refer to the instructions in this section to learn the correct and incorrect ways of handling the saw.

**NOTICE:**

- Your saw should be running at full speed BEFORE starting the cut, and turned off only AFTER completing the cut. To increase switch life, do not turn switch on and off while cutting.
- The worklight is for lighting the immediate work surface and is not intended to be used as a flashlight.

### GENERAL CUTS (fig. 14)

Maintain a firm grip on the saw and position your arms to resist kickback forces. Position your body to either side of the blade, but not in line with the blade.

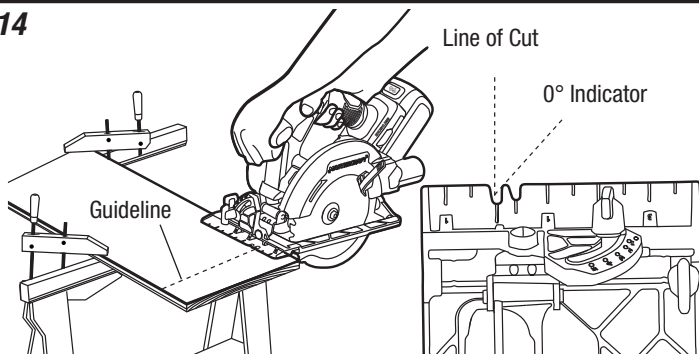
When cutting across the grain, the fibres of the wood have a tendency to tear and lift. Advancing the saw slowly minimizes this effect. For a finished cut, a cross cut blade or miter blade is recommended.

When making a cross cut or rip cut, align your line of cut with the centre of the notch by the 0° indicator. Because blade thicknesses vary, always make a trial cut in scrap material along a guideline to determine how much, if any, the guideline must be offset to produce an accurate cut (fig. 14).

To ensure minimum splintering on the good side of the material to be cut, face the good side down.

To resume cutting after cutting is interrupted, depress the lock-off button, depress the trigger, and allow the blade to reach full speed, then re-enter the cut slowly, and resume cutting.

**fig. 14**



### NOTICE:

- Always wear a dust mask when using this tool.



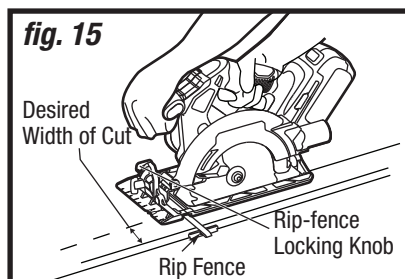
### WARNING!

- Select the right blade for the material you are going to cut. Do not use abrasive wheels with circular saws. Abrasive dust may cause lower guard to not operate properly.
- After completing a cut and releasing the trigger, be aware of the necessary time it takes for the blade to come to a complete stop during coast down.
- Do not allow the saw to brush against your leg or side; since the lower guard is retractable, it could catch on your clothing and expose the blade. Be aware of the necessary blade exposures that exist in both the upper and lower guard areas.

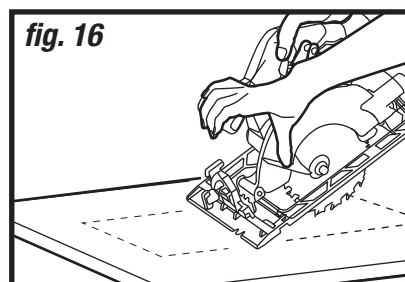
**MAKE RIP CUTS (fig. 15)**

The combination blade provided with your saw is for both cross cuts and rip cuts. Ripping is cutting lengthwise with the grain of the wood. Rip cuts are easy to do with a rip fence (not included). To attach a rip fence, insert it through slots on the base plate to desired width as shown in fig. 15 and secure with the rip-fence locking knob.

1. Secure the workpiece.
2. Attach the battery.
3. Start the saw and allow the blade to reach full speed before engaging the blade in the workpiece.
4. Carefully guide the saw along the straight edge to achieve a straight rip cut.
5. After completing the cut, release the trigger switch and allow the blade to come to a complete stop. After the blade has stopped, remove the saw from the workpiece.

**MAKE A POCKET CUT (fig. 16)**

1. Remove the battery pack from the circular saw.
2. Set the depth adjustment according to the thickness of the material to be cut.
3. Attach the battery pack.
4. Rest the front of the base plate flat against the workpiece, with the rear of the handle raised, so that the blade does not touch the workpiece. Align the cutting-guide notch with the line you've drawn.
5. Raise the lower blade guard and hold it in place with the lower-blade-guard lever.
6. Press the lock-off button and depress the trigger switch to start the saw.
7. Allow the blade to reach full speed, then pivot the saw on the front of the base to cut into the workpiece.
8. As the blade starts cutting the material, release the lower-blade-guard lever.
9. When the foot of the lower blade guard rests flat on the surface being cut, proceed cutting in a forward direction to the end of the cut.
10. Release the trigger switch and allow the blade to come to a complete stop.
11. Lift the saw from the workpiece.

**WARNING!**

- Always securely clamp and support the workpiece. Always maintain proper control of the saw. Failure to clamp and support the workpiece and loss of control of the saw could result in serious injury.
- If the blade comes in contact with the workpiece before it reaches full speed, it could cause the saw to kick back towards you, possibly resulting in serious injury.
- Always adjust the bevel setting to zero before making a pocket cut. Attempting a pocket cut at any other setting can result in a loss of control of the saw, which can result in serious injury.
- Always cut in a forward direction when making a pocket cut. Cutting in the reverse direction could cause the saw to climb up on the workpiece and kick back toward you, possibly causing serious injury.
- Never tie the lower blade guard in the raised position. Leaving the blade exposed could result in serious injury.

## MAKE A BEVEL CUT (fig. 17)

**fig. 17**

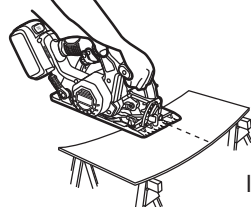


1. Remove the battery pack.
2. Adjust the bevel angle to any desired setting between 0° and 45°.
3. Attach the battery pack.
4. Align the cutting line with the 45° indicator on the base plate when making 45° bevel cuts.
5. Hold the saw firmly.
6. Rest the front edge of the base plate on the workpiece without touching the blade to the workpiece.
7. Start the saw and allow the blade to reach full speed.
8. Guide the saw into the workpiece and make the cut.
9. Release the trigger switch and allow the blade to come to a complete stop.
10. Lift the saw from the workpiece.

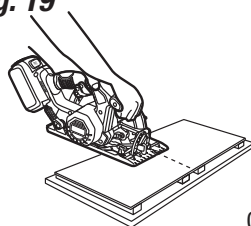
**CUT LARGE SHEETS (fig. 18 - fig. 19)**

Large sheets and long boards can sag or bend, depending on support. If you attempt to cut without levelling and properly supporting the piece, the blade will tend to bind, causing KICKBACK and extra load on the motor.

Support the panel or board close to the cut. Be sure to set the depth of the cut so that you cut through the sheet or board only and not the table or work bench that is supporting it. The two-by-fours used to raise and support the work should be positioned so that the wide sides support the work and rest on the table or bench. Do not support the work with the narrow sides, as this is an unsteady arrangement. If the sheet or board to be cut is too large for a table or work bench, use the supporting two-by-fours on the floor to secure the sheet or board.

**fig. 18**

Incorrect

**fig. 19**

Correct



## MAINTENANCE

### BEFORE EACH USE

1. Inspect the circular saw, the trigger switch and the battery pack for damage.
2. Check for damaged, missing, or worn parts.
3. Check for loose screws, misalignment or binding of moving parts, or any other condition that may affect the operation.
4. If abnormal vibration or noise occurs, turn the tool off immediately and have the problem corrected before further use. Remove the battery from the power tool before cleaning or performing any maintenance.

### CLEANING

Using compressed air may be the most effective cleaning method. Always wear safety goggles when cleaning tools using compressed air.

### STORAGE

Store the tool indoors in a place that is inaccessible to children. Keep away from corrosive agents.



### WARNING!

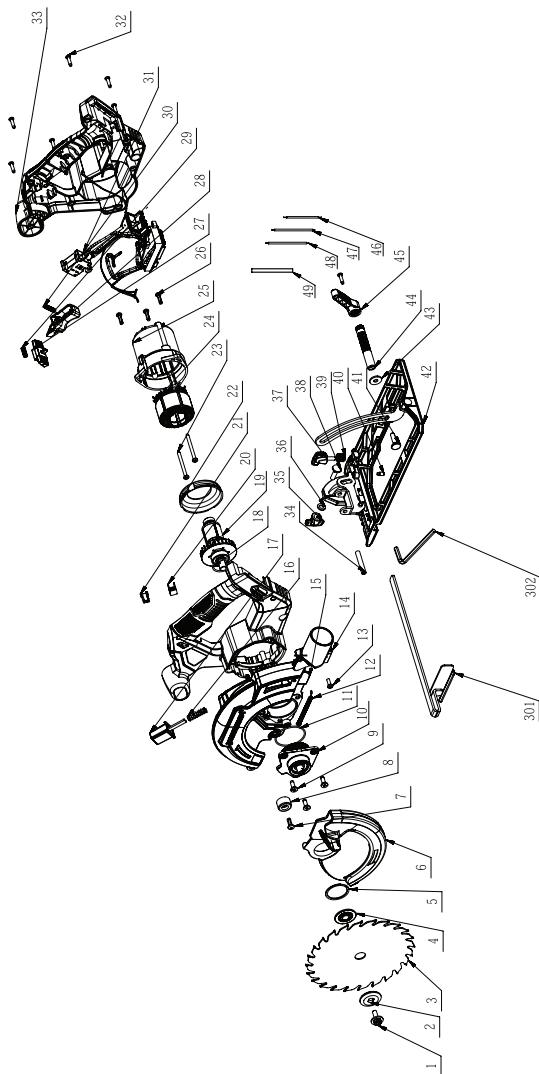
- To avoid personal injury, always remove the battery pack from the tool when cleaning or performing any maintenance.
- Do not let brake fluids, gasoline, petroleum-based products, penetrating oil, etc., come into contact with plastic parts. These substances contain chemicals that can damage, weaken, or destroy plastic.
- When servicing, use only identical replacement parts. The use of any other parts may create a hazard or cause damage to the product.
- Use only accessories that are recommended for this circular saw by the manufacturer. Accessories that may be suitable for one tool may become hazardous when used with another tool.
- To ensure safety and reliability, all repairs should be performed by a qualified service technician.

**TROUBLESHOOTING**

Problem	Possible Causes	Solution
Tool will not start.	Battery pack is depleted.	Charge the battery.
	Battery pack is not installed properly.	Confirm battery is properly secured to the tool.
The blade does not follow a straight line.	The blade teeth are dull.	Replace the blade.
	Blade is bent.	Change to a new blade.
The blade binds or smokes from friction.	The blade is dull.	Replace the blade.
	The blade is on backwards.	Install the blade correctly.
	The blade is bent.	Replace the blade.
	The workpiece is not properly supported.	Clamp the workpiece correctly and tightly.
	The incorrect blade is being used.	Use the correct blade.

If the problem remains unsolved after performing the checks described above, call the toll-free helpline at 1-800-689-9928.

## EXPLODED VIEW



## PARTS LIST

No.	Part No.	Description
1	5640370001	Flange Screw
2	3551376001	Outer Flange
3	3810380026	Blade
4	3520217001	Inner Flange
5	5660226001	Circlip For Shaft
6	3131626001	Lower Guard
7	5610057007	Thread Forming Screw
8	3121051002	Stopper
9	5610352001	Cross Recessed Thread Forming Screw
10	2828343001	Gear Assembly
11	5690016002	O Ring
12	3660371002	Spring
13	5620040007	Screw
14	3130045001	Vacuum Adapter
15	3423510001	Upper Guard
16	3660670001	Compression Spring
17	3402485001	Spindle Lock
18	3121048001	Rubber Ring
19	2751423001	Rotor Assembly
20	3127485001	LED Cover
21	3126849001	LED Cover
22	3131628001	Fan Baffle
23	5610249001	Tapping Screw
24	2740352001	Stator
25	3131629001	Motor Housing
26	5610094004	Thread Forming Screw

No.	Part No.	Description
27	3128727001	Lock Off Button
28	3129888002	Switch Trigger
29	3660045001	Spring
30	3660028003	Stop Spring
31	2831005001	Electric Assembly
32	5610290005	Tapping Screw
33	3900726001	L R Handle Set
34	5670008002	Spring Pin
35	5630258002	Wing Nut
36	5650016007	Plain Washer
37	5640204002	Wing Bolt
38	5640027006	Bolt
39	3660036002	Spring
40	5620017003	Hexagon Socket Screw
41	5640155001	Bolt
42	2828344002	Base Plate Assembly
43	5650053001	Washer
44	3403230001	Lock Pole
45	3131599002	Depth Adjusting Lever
46	4860013008	Inner Wire
47	4860013005	Inner Wire
48	4860013009	Inner Wire
49	4920156002	Shrinkable Tube
301	2826143001	Rip Fence
302	5680028002	Hexagon Wrench

If any parts are missing or damaged, or if you have any questions, please call the toll-free helpline at 1-800-689-9928.

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- a) Component A: Batteries, chargers and carrying case, which are guaranteed for a period of 2 years from the date of original retail purchase against defects in workmanship and materials;
- b) Component B: Accessories, which are guaranteed for a period of 1 year from the date of original retail purchase against defects in workmanship and materials.

Subject to the conditions and limitations described below, this product, if returned to us with proof of purchase within the stated warranty period and if covered under this warranty, will be repaired or replaced (with the same model, or one of equal value or specification), at our option. We will bear the cost of any repair or replacement and any costs of labour relating thereto.

### **These warranties are subject to the following conditions and limitations:**

- a) a bill of sale verifying the purchase and purchase date must be provided;
- b) this warranty will not apply to any product or part thereof which is worn or broken or which has become inoperative due to abuse, misuse, accidental damage, neglect or lack of proper installation, operation or maintenance (as outlined in the applicable owner's manual or operating instructions) or which is being used for industrial, professional, commercial or rental purposes;
- c) this warranty will not apply to normal wear and tear or to expendable parts or accessories that may be supplied with the product that are expected to become inoperative or unusable after a reasonable period of use;
- d) this warranty will not apply to routine maintenance and consumable items such as, but not limited to, fuel, lubricants, vacuum bags, blades, belts, sandpaper, bits, fluids, tune-ups or adjustments;
- e) this warranty will not apply where damage is caused by repairs made or attempted by others (i.e., persons not authorized by the manufacturer);
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- g) this warranty will not apply to any product or part thereof if any part from another manufacturer is installed therein or any repairs or alterations have been made or attempted by unauthorized persons;

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