

Definitions: Safety Guidelines

The definitions below describe the level of severity for each signal word. Please read the manual and pay attention to these symbols.

⚠ DANGER: Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **will** result in **death or serious injury**.

⚠ WARNING: Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **could** result in **death or serious injury**.

⚠ CAUTION: Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **may** result in **minor or moderate injury**.

NOTICE: Indicates a practice **not related to personal injury** which, if not avoided, **may** result in **property damage**.

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WARNING: To reduce the risk of injury, read the instruction manual.

General Power Tool Safety Warnings



WARNING! Read all safety warnings and all instructions. Failure to follow the warnings and instructions 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.

1) WORK AREA SAFETY

- a) **Keep work area clean and well lit.** Cluttered or 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

- a) **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.
- b) **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.
- f) **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.

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.
- b) **Use personal protective equipment. Always wear eye protection.** Protective equipment such as dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injuries.
- c) **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.
- 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 jewelry. Keep your hair, clothing and gloves away from moving parts.** Loose clothes, jewelry 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 dust collection 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 job 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 and/or the battery pack 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.
- 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 tool's operation. If damaged, have the power tool repaired before use.** Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained power tools.
- f) **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, 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) 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.*

Additional Safety Rules for Oscillating Multi-Tool

- **Hold power tool by insulated gripping surfaces when performing an operation where the cutting tool may contact hidden wiring or its own cord.** Contact with a "live" wire will make exposed metal parts of the tool "live" and shock the operator.
- **Use clamps or another practical way to secure and support the workpiece to a stable platform.** Holding the work by hand or against your body leaves it unstable and may lead to loss of control.
- **Air vents often cover moving parts and should be avoided.** Loose clothes, jewelry or long hair can be caught in moving parts.
- **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. An undersized cord will cause a drop in line voltage resulting in loss of power and overheating. When using more than one extension to make up the total length, be sure each individual extension contains at least the minimum wire size. The following table shows the correct size to use depending on cord length and nameplate ampere rating. If in doubt, use the next heavier gauge. The smaller the gauge number, the heavier the cord.

Minimum Gauge for Cord Sets						
Ampere Rating		Volts	Total Length of Cord in Feet (meters)			
		120 V	25 (7.6)	50 (15.2)	100 (30.5)	150 (45.7)
		240 V	50 (15.2)	100 (30.5)	200 (61.0)	300 (91.4)
More Than	Not More Than	AWG				
0	6		18	16	16	14
6	10		18	16	14	12
10	12		16	16	14	12
12	16		14	12	Not Recommended	

⚠ WARNING: ALWAYS use safety glasses. Everyday eyeglasses are NOT safety glasses. Also use face or dust mask if cutting operation is dusty. ALWAYS WEAR CERTIFIED SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

- ANSI Z87.1 eye protection (CAN/CSA Z94.3),
- ANSI S12.6 (S3.19) hearing protection,
- NIOSH/OSHA/MSHA respiratory protection.

⚠ WARNING: Some dust created by power sanding, sawing, grinding, drilling, and other construction activities contains chemicals known to the State of California 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.

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.

⚠ WARNING: Use of this tool can generate and/or disperse 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.

⚠ WARNING: Always wear proper personal hearing protection that conforms to ANSI S12.6 (S3.19) during use. Under some conditions and duration of use, noise from this product may contribute to hearing loss.

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

V..... volts	A..... amperes
Hz..... hertz	W..... watts
min minutes	~ or AC..... alternating current
=== or DC... direct current	⊘ or AC/DC... alternating or direct current
⚠..... Class I Construction (grounded)	∅..... no load speed
□..... Class II Construction (double insulated)	
.../min per minute	

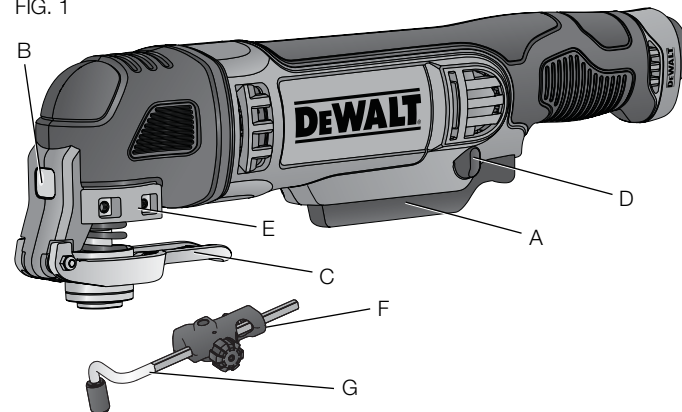
BPM..... beats per minute	n..... rated speed
OPM..... oscillations per minute	⊖..... earthing terminal
RPM..... revolutions per minute	⚠..... safety alert symbol
sfpm..... surface feet per minute	
SPM..... strokes per minute	

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE

Motor

Be sure your power supply agrees with the nameplate marking. Voltage decrease of more than 10% will cause loss of power and overheating. DEWALT tools are factory tested; if this tool does not operate, check power supply.

FIG. 1



COMPONENTS (Fig. 1)

⚠ WARNING: Never modify the power tool or any part of it. Damage or personal injury could result.

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| A. Variable speed trigger | E. Accessory side mount |
| B. LED worklight | F. Cut guide block |
| C. Accessory clamp lever | G. Cut guide arm |
| D. Lock-on button | |

INTENDED USE

This oscillating multi-tool is designed for professional detail sanding, plunge cutting, flush cutting, removal of excess materials and surface preparation applications.

DO NOT use under wet conditions or in presence of flammable liquids or gases.

This oscillating multi-tool is a professional power tool. **DO NOT** let children come into contact with the tool. Supervision is required when inexperienced operators use this tool.

ASSEMBLY AND ADJUSTMENTS

⚠ WARNING: To reduce the risk of injury, turn unit off and disconnect it from power source before installing and removing accessories, before adjusting or when making repairs. An accidental start-up can cause injury.

⚠ WARNING: Risk of lacerations or burns. Do not touch the sharp edges of accessories at any time. Do not touch workpiece or blade immediately after operating the tool. They can become very hot. Handle carefully. Always allow accessories and workpiece to cool before handling.

Installing/Removing Accessories (Fig. 2–4)

TOOL-FREE ACCESSORY CLAMP

The DWE315 features a quick change accessory system. This allows for faster accessory changes without the need for wrenches or hex keys like other oscillating tool systems.

1. Grasp the tool and squeeze the accessory clamping lever (C) as shown in Figure 2.
2. Clean any residual debris from the tool shaft and the accessory holder.
3. Slide the accessory between the shaft (H) and the accessory holder making sure the accessory engages all eight pins on the holder and is flush with the shaft.
4. Release the accessory clamp lever.

NOTE: Some accessories, such as scrapers and blades, can be mounted at an angle if required as shown in Figure 4.

FIG. 2

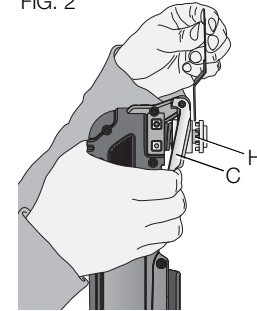


FIG. 3

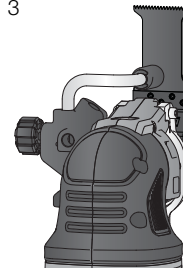
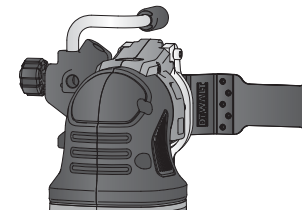


FIG. 4

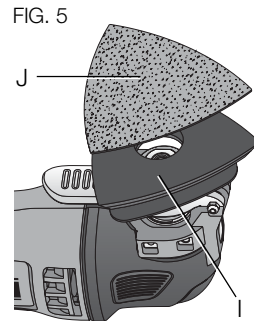


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INSTALLING/REMOVING SANDING SHEETS (FIG. 5)

A diamond shaped platen uses a hook and loop adhesion system to attach the sanding sheets. The platen allows you to use it on large flat surfaces and tight spots or corners.

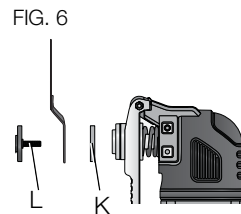
1. Attach the sanding platen (I) as described under **Installing/Removing Accessories**.
2. Align the edges on the sanding sheet, with the edge of the sanding platen and press the sanding sheet (J) onto the platen.
3. Firmly press the base with the sanding sheet attached against a flat surface and briefly switch the tool on. This provides for good adhesion between the platen and the sanding sheet and also helps to prevent premature wear.
4. When the tip of the sanding sheet becomes worn, detach the sheet from the platen, rotate and reapply.



ATTACHING ACCESSORIES USING THE UNIVERSAL ADAPTER (FIG. 6)

Non-DEWALT accessories can be attached using the universal adaptor.

1. Place the washer (K) on the tool.
2. Place accessory on to washer.
3. Tighten and secure adaptor nut (L) using a hex wrench.



⚠ CAUTION: To avoid injury, do not use any accessory for an application where the adaptor may fail to hold the accessory.

⚠ CAUTION: Read and follow all manufacturers' safety warnings for any accessories used with this tool.

⚠ CAUTION: To avoid injury, ensure adaptor and accessory are securely tightened.

Attaching the Cut Guide (Fig. 7-11)

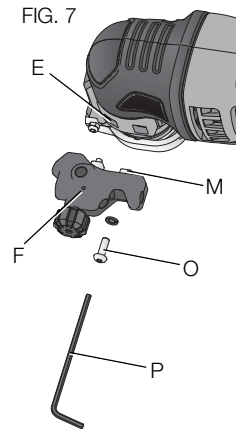
The depth/cut guide allows you to precisely cut material at a specified depth and more accurately track a marked cut line.

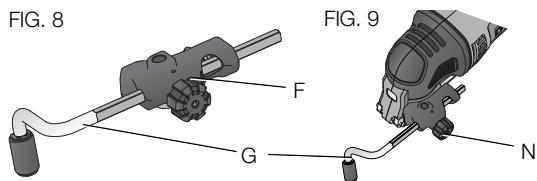
1. Attach the cut guide block (F) by inserting the tabs (M) on the guide into the accessory side mount (E) on the main body of the tool.
2. Secure the block to the main body with the supplied screw (O) and tighten with the supplied hex wrench (P).

DEPTH GUIDE

This feature allows you to precisely cut material at a specified depth.

1. Insert the guide arm (G) as shown in Figure 8 into the front slot on the guide block (F).
2. Adjust the length of the guide by pulling out or pushing inward to achieve the desired cut depth as shown in Figure 9.
3. Secure the guide in place by turning the depth/cut adjustment knob clockwise. To release the guide, turn the depth/cut adjustment knob counterclockwise.

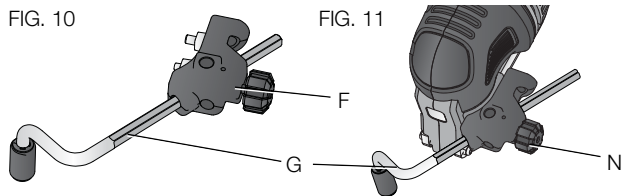




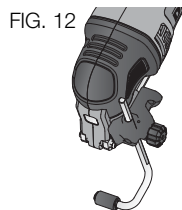
CUT GUIDE

This feature allows you to more accurately track a marked cut line.

1. Insert the guide arm (G) as shown in Figure 10 into the slots on the left and right sides of the guide block (F).
2. Adjust the length of the guide by pulling out or pushing inward to achieve the desired length as shown in Figure 11.
3. Secure the guide in place by turning the depth/cut adjustment knob (N) clockwise. To release the guide, turn the depth/cut adjustment knob counterclockwise.



NOTE: The guide arm can also be placed in the guard assembly vertically in order to set the height of a cut. Refer to Figure 12.

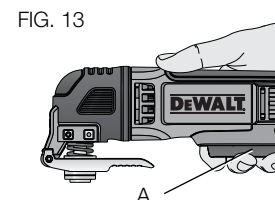


OPERATION

⚠ WARNING: To reduce the risk of injury, turn unit off and disconnect it from power source before installing and removing accessories, before adjusting or when making repairs. An accidental start-up can cause injury.

⚠ WARNING: Ensure switch is fully OFF before plugging in the power cord.

1. Plug in power cord.
2. To turn the tool ON, hold it as shown in Figure 13 and press the variable speed trigger (A).

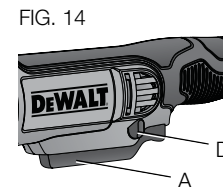


NOTE: The further the trigger switch is depressed, the faster the tool will operate. If in doubt about the proper speed for your operation, test the performance at low speed and gradually increase until a comfortable speed is found.

3. To turn the tool OFF, release the variable speed switch (A).

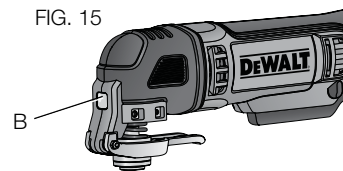
Lock-on Button (Fig. 14)

Pushing the lock-on button (D) to the left or right with the trigger depressed will lock the trigger in the depressed position. This allows for more comfort and control in extended use applications. Pressing the trigger switch again will release the lock and the tool will turn off upon release of the trigger.



LED Worklight (Fig. 15)

The LED worklight (B) will activate when the trigger is depressed.

**Helpful Hints**

- Always ensure the workpiece is firmly held or clamped to prevent movement. Any movement of the material may affect the quality of the cutting or sanding finish.
- Do not start sanding without having the sandpaper attached to sanding platen.
- Use coarse grit paper to sand rough surfaces, medium grit for smooth surfaces and fine grit for the finishing surfaces. If necessary, first make a test run on scrap material.
- Excessive force will reduce the working efficiency and cause motor overload. Replacing the accessory regularly will maintain optimum working efficiency.
- Do not allow the sandpaper to wear away, it will damage the sanding pad.
- If the tool overheats, especially when used at low speed, set the speed to maximum and run it with no load for 2–3 minutes to cool the motor. Avoid prolonged usage at very low speeds. Always keep the blade sharp.

MAINTENANCE

⚠ WARNING: To reduce the risk of injury, turn unit off and disconnect it from power source before installing and removing accessories, before adjusting or when making repairs. An accidental start-up can cause injury.

Cleaning

⚠ WARNING: Blow dirt and dust out of all air vents with clean, dry air at least once a week. To minimize the risk of eye injury, always wear ANSI Z87.1 approved eye protection when performing this.

⚠ WARNING: Never use solvents or other harsh chemicals for cleaning the non-metallic parts of the tool. These chemicals may weaken the plastic materials used in these parts. Use a cloth dampened only with water and mild soap. Never let any liquid get inside the tool; never immerse any part of the tool into a liquid.

Accessories

⚠ WARNING: Since accessories, other than those offered by DEWALT, have not been tested with this product, use of such accessories with this tool could be hazardous. To reduce the risk of injury, only DEWALT recommended accessories should be used with this product.

Recommended accessories for use with your tool are available at extra cost from your local dealer or authorized service center. If you need assistance in locating any accessory, please contact DEWALT Industrial Tool Co., 701 East Joppa Road, Baltimore, MD 21286, call 1-800-4-DEWALT (1-800-433-9258) or visit our website: www.dewalt.com.

COMPATIBLE ACCESSORIES

Oscillating Sanding Pad
Oscillating Wood with Nails Blade
Wide Titanium Oscillating Wood with Nails Blade
Oscillating Hardwood Blade
Oscillating Fastcut Wood Blade
Wide Oscillating Fastcut Wood Blade
Oscillating Wood Detail Blade
Oscillating Titanium Metal Blade
Oscillating Semicircle Blade
Oscillating Titanium Semicircle Blade
Oscillating Flush Cut Blade
Titanium Oscillating Flush Cut Blade
Oscillating Multi-Material Blade
Oscillating Rigid Scraper Blade
Oscillating Flexible Scraper Blade
Oscillating Carbide Grout Removal Blade
Oscillating Fastcut Carbide Grout Removal Blade
Oscillating Carbide Rasp

Repairs

To assure product SAFETY and RELIABILITY, repairs, maintenance and adjustment (including brush inspection and replacement) should be performed by a DEWALT factory service center, a DEWALT authorized service center or other qualified service personnel. Always use identical replacement parts.

Register Online

Thank you for your purchase. Register your product now for:

- **WARRANTY SERVICE:** Registering your product will help you obtain more efficient warranty service in case there is a problem with your product.
- **CONFIRMATION OF OWNERSHIP:** In case of an insurance loss, such as fire, flood or theft, your registration of ownership will serve as your proof of purchase.
- **FOR YOUR SAFETY:** Registering your product will allow us to contact you in the unlikely event a safety notification is required under the Federal Consumer Safety Act.

Register online at www.dewalt.com/register.

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. This warranty does not cover part failure due to normal wear or tool abuse. For further detail of warranty coverage and warranty repair information, visit www.dewalt.com or call 1-800-4-DEWALT (1-800-433-9258). This warranty does not apply to accessories or damage caused where repairs have been made or attempted by others. This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may have other rights which vary in certain states or provinces.

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In addition to the warranty, DEWALT tools are covered by our:

1 YEAR FREE SERVICE

DEWALT will maintain the tool and replace worn parts caused by normal use, for free, any time during the first year after purchase.

90 DAY MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

If you are not completely satisfied with the performance of your DEWALT Power Tool, Laser, or Nailer for any reason, you can return it within 90 days from the date of purchase with a receipt for a full refund – no questions asked.

LATIN AMERICA: This warranty does not apply to products sold in Latin America. For products sold in Latin America, see country specific warranty information contained in the packaging, call the local company or see website for warranty information.

FREE WARNING LABEL REPLACEMENT: If your warning labels become illegible or are missing, call 1-800-4-DEWALT (1-800-433-9258) for a free replacement.



Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Possible Solution
Unit will not start.	Cord not plugged in.	Plug tool into a working outlet.
	Circuit fuse is blown.	Replace circuit fuse. (If the product repeatedly causes the circuit fuse to blow, discontinue use immediately and have it serviced at an authorized service center.)
	Circuit breaker is tripped.	Reset circuit breaker. (If the product repeatedly causes the circuit breaker to trip, discontinue use immediately and have it serviced at an authorized service center.)
	Cord or switch is damaged.	Have cord or switch replaced at an authorized service center.