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# Owner's Manual & Safety Instructions

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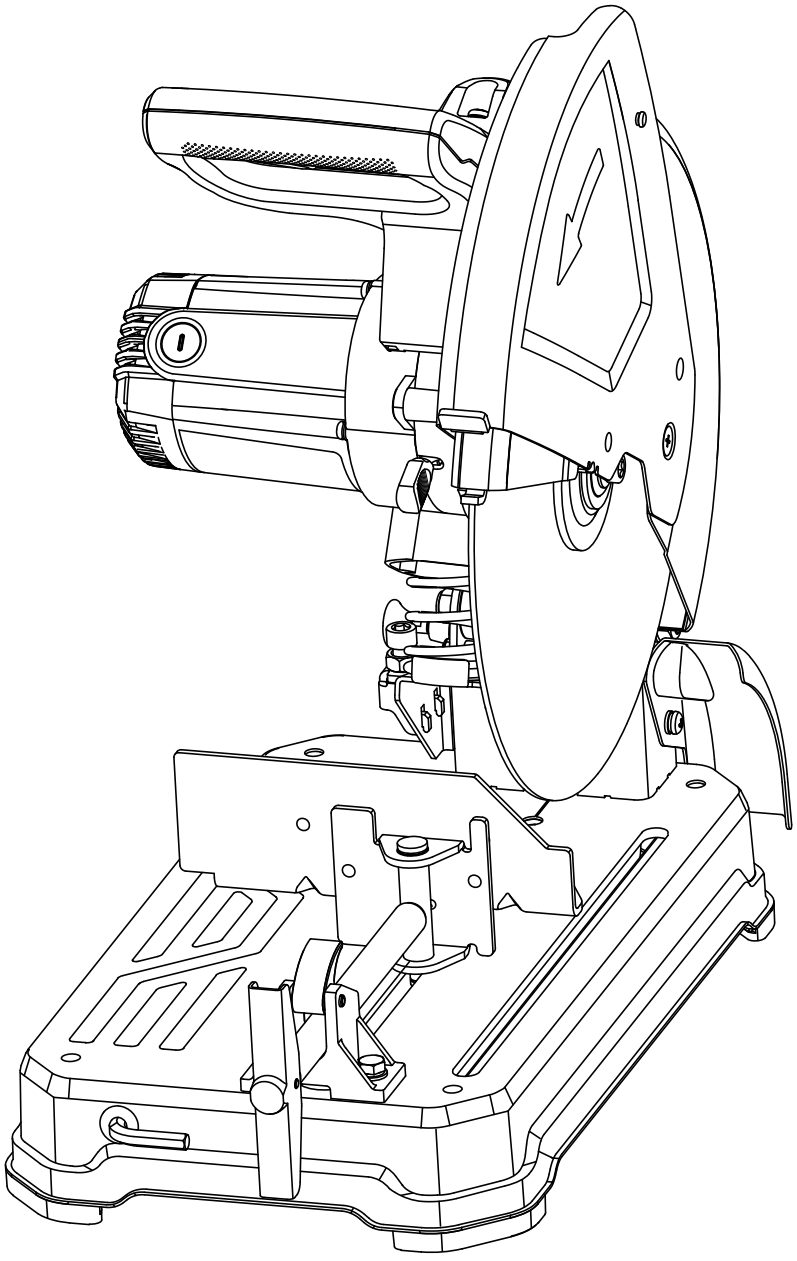


**Model HE79**

## 14" Abrasive Cut-Off Saw

**⚠WARNING: To prevent serious injury, User must read and understand Owner's Manual. SAVE THIS MANUAL.**

When unpacking, make sure that the product is intact and undamaged. If any parts are missing or broken, please call 1-888-866-5797 as soon as possible. Reference 56790.

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

## 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.*

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.*
   h. **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.*
   i. Only use safety equipment that has been approved by an appropriate standards agency. Unapproved safety equipment may not provide adequate protection. Eye protection must be ANSI-approved and breathing protection must be NIOSH-approved for the specific hazards in the work area.
   j. Avoid unintentional starting. Prepare to begin work before turning on the tool.
   k. Do not depress the spindle lock when starting or during operation.
   l. Do not leave the tool unattended when it is plugged into an electrical outlet. Turn off the tool, and unplug it from its electrical outlet before leaving.

m. This product is not a toy.
Keep it out of reach of children.

n. People with pacemakers should consult their physician(s) before use. Electromagnetic fields in close proximity to heart pacemaker could cause pacemaker interference or pacemaker failure.
In addition, people with pacemakers should:
• Avoid operating alone.
• Do not use with Trigger locked on.
• Properly maintain and inspect to avoid electrical shock.
• Properly ground power cord.
Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) should also be implemented – it prevents sustained electrical shock.

o. The warnings, precautions, and instructions discussed in this instruction manual cannot cover all possible conditions and situations that may occur. It must be understood by the operator that common sense and caution are factors which cannot be built into this product, but must be supplied by the operator.

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 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.*

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 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.*

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.*

h. **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.*

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.*

b. Maintain labels and nameplates on the tool. These carry important safety information. If unreadable or missing, contact Harbor Freight Tools for a replacement.

6. **Cut-off machine safety warnings**

a. **Position yourself and bystanders away from the plane of the rotating wheel.** *The guard helps to protect the operator from broken wheel fragments and accidental contact with wheel.*

b. **Use only bonded reinforced wheels for your power tool.** *Just because an accessory can be attached to your power tool, it does not assure safe operation.*

c. **The rated speed of the accessory must be at least equal to the maximum speed marked on the power tool.** *Accessories running faster than their rated speed can break and fly apart.*

d. **Wheels must be used only for recommended applications. For example: do not grind with the side of a cut-off wheel.** *Abrasive cut-off wheels are intended for peripheral grinding, side forces applied to these wheels may cause them to shatter.*

e. **Always use undamaged wheel flanges that are of correct diameter for your selected wheel.** *Proper wheel flanges supporl the wheel thus reducing the possibility of wheel breakage.*

f. **The outside diameter and the thickness of your accessory must be within the capacity rating of your power tool.** *Incorrectly sized accessories cannot be adequately guarded or controlled.*

g. **The arbour size of wheels and flanges must properly flt the spindle of the power tool.** *Wheels and flanges with arbour holes that do not match the mounting hardware of the power tool will run out of balance, vibrate excessively and may cause loss of control.*

h. **Do not use damaged wheels. Before each use, Inspect the wheels for chips and cracks. If the power tool or wheel ls dropped, inspect for damage or install an undamaged wheel. After inspecting and installing the wheel, position yourself and bystanders away from the plane of the rotating wheel and run the power tool at maximum no load speed for one minute.** *Damaged wheels will normally break apart during this test time.*

i. **Wear personal protective equipment. Depending on application, use face shield, safety goggles or safety glasses. As appropriate, wear dust mask, hearing protectors, gloves and shop apron capable of stopping small abrasive or workpiece fragments.** *The eye protection must be capable of stopping flying debris generated by various operations. The dust mask or respirator must be capable of filtrating particles generated by your operation. Prolonged exposure to high intensity noise may cause hearing loss.*

j. **Keep bystanders a safe distance away from work area. Anyone entering the work area must wear personal protective equipment.** *Fragments of workpiece or of a broken wheel may fly away and cause injury beyond immediate area of operation.*

k. **Position the cord clear of the spinning accessory.** *If you lose control, the cord may be cut or snagged and your hand or arm may be pulled into the spinning wheel.*

l. **Regularly clean the power tool's air vents.** *The motor's fan can draw the dust inside the housing and excessive accumulation of powdered metal may cause electrical hazards.*

m. **Do not operate the power tool near flammable materials. Do not operate the power tool while placed on a combustible surface such as wood.** *Sparks could ignite these materials.*

n. **Do not use accessories that require liquid coolants.** *Using water or other liquid coolants may result in electrocution or shock.*

7. **Kickback and related warnings**

- Kickback is a sudden reaction to a pinched or snagged rotating wheel. Pinching or snagging causes rapid stalling of the rotating wheel which in turn causes the uncontrolled cutting unit to be forced upwards toward the operator.

- For example, if an abrasive wheel is snagged or pinched by the workpiece, the edge of the wheel that is entering into the pinch point can dig into the surface of the material causing the wheel to climb out or kick out. Abrasive wheels may also break under these conditions.

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

a. **Maintain a firm grip on the power tool and position your body and arm to allow you to resist kickback forces.** *The operator can control upward kickback forces, if proper precautions are taken.*

b. **Do not position your body in line with the rotating wheel.** *If kickback occurs, it will propel the cutting unit upwards toward the operator.*

c. **Do not attach a saw chain, woodcarving blade, segmented diamond wheel with a peripheral gap greater than 10 mm or toothed saw blade.** *Such blades create frequent kickback and loss of control.*

d. **Do not "jam" the wheel or apply excessive pressure.** *Do not attempt to make an excessive depth of cut. Overstressing the wheel increases the loading and susceptibility to twisting or binding of the wheel in the cut and the possibility of kickback or wheel breakage.*

e. **When the wheel is binding or when interrupting a cut for any reason, switch off the power tool and hold the cutting unit motionless in the material until the wheel comes to a complete stop. Never attempt to remove the wheel from the cut while the wheel is in motion or kickback may occur.** *Investigate and take corrective actions to eliminate the cause of wheel binding.*

f. **Do not restart the cutting operation in the workpiece. Let the wheel reach full speed and carefully re-enter the cut.** *The wheel may bind, walk up or kickback if the power tool is restarted in the workpiece.*

g. **Support any oversized workpiece to minimise the risk of wheel pinching and kickback.** *Large workpieces tend to sag under their own weight. Supports must be placed under the workpiece near the line of cut and near the edge of the workpiece on both sides of the wheel.*

## *Vibration Safety*

This tool vibrates during use. Repeated or long-term exposure to vibration may cause temporary or permanent physical injury, particularly to the hands, arms and shoulders. To reduce the risk of vibration-related injury:

a. Anyone using vibrating tools regularly or for an extended period should first be examined by a doctor and then have regular medical check-ups to ensure medical problems are not being caused or worsened from use. Pregnant women or people who have impaired blood circulation to the hand, past hand injuries, nervous system disorders, diabetes, or Raynaud's Disease should not use this tool. If you feel any symptoms related to vibration (such as tingling, numbness, and white or blue fingers), seek medical advice as soon as possible.

b. Do not smoke during use. Nicotine reduces the blood supply to the hands and fingers, increasing the risk of vibration-related injury.

c. Wear suitable gloves to reduce the vibration effects on the user.

d. Use tools with the lowest vibration when there is a choice between different processes.

e. Include vibration-free periods each day of work.

f. Grip tool as lightly as possible (while still keeping safe control of it). Let the tool do the work.

g. To reduce vibration, maintain the tool as explained in this manual. If any abnormal vibration occurs, stop use immediately.

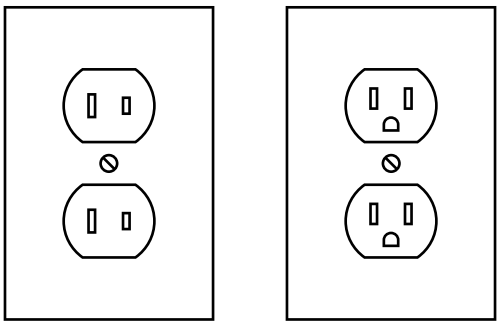
## Grounding Instructions

**⚠WARNING**

**TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK AND DEATH FROM INCORRECT GROUNDING WIRE CONNECTION:**
**Check with a qualified electrician if you are in doubt as to whether the outlet is properly grounded. Do not modify the power cord plug provided with the tool. Never remove the grounding prong from the plug. Do not use the tool if the power cord or plug is damaged. If damaged, have it repaired by a service facility before use. If the plug will not fit the outlet, have a proper outlet installed by a qualified electrician.**

### *Double Insulated Tools: Tools with Two Prong Plugs*

1. To reduce the risk of electric shock, double insulated equipment has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). This plug will fit in a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician to install the proper outlet. Do not change the plug in any way.
2. Double insulated tools may be used in either of the 120 volt outlets shown in the following illustration. **(See Outlets for 2-Prong Plug.)**



**Outlets for 2-Prong Plug**

### *Extension Cords*

1. ***Grounded*** tools require a three wire extension cord. ***Double Insulated*** tools can use either a two or three wire extension cord.
2. As the distance from the supply outlet increases, you must use a heavier gauge extension cord. Using extension cords with inadequately sized wire causes a serious drop in voltage, resulting in loss of power and possible tool damage. **(See Table A.)**
3. The smaller the gauge number of the wire, the greater the capacity of the cord. For example, a 14 gauge cord can carry a higher current than a 16 gauge cord. **(See Table A.)**
4. When using more than one extension cord to make up the total length, make sure each cord contains at least the minimum wire size required. **(See Table A.)**
5. If you are using one extension cord for more than one tool, add the nameplate amperes and use the sum to determine the required minimum cord size. **(See Table A.)**
6. If you are using an extension cord outdoors, make sure it is marked with the suffix “W-A” (“W” in Canada) to indicate it is acceptable for outdoor use.
7. Make sure the extension cord is properly wired and in good electrical condition. Always replace a damaged extension cord or have it repaired by a qualified electrician before using it.
8. Protect the extension cords from sharp objects, excessive heat, and damp or wet areas.

**TABLE A: RECOMMENDED MINIMUM WIRE GAUGE FOR EXTENSION CORDS* (120/240 VOLT)**

| NAMEPLATE AMPERES (at full load) | EXTENSION CORD LENGTH | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 25´ | 50´ | 75´ | 100´ | 150´ |
| 0 – 2.0 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 16 |
| 2.1 – 3.4 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 16 | 14 |
| 3.5 – 5.0 | 18 | 18 | 16 | 14 | 12 |
| 5.1 – 7.0 | 18 | 16 | 14 | 12 | 12 |
| 7.1 – 12.0 | 18 | 14 | 12 | 10 | - |
| 12.1 – 16.0 | 14 | 12 | 10 | - | - |
| 16.1 – 20.0 | 12 | 10 | - | - | - |

*** Based on limiting the line voltage drop to five volts at 150% of the rated amperes.**

## Warning Symbols and Definitions

**This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.**

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

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

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

***NOTICE*** **Addresses practices not related to personal injury.**

## Symbology

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|---|---|
| **V** | Volts |
| ~ | Alternating Current |
| **A** | Amperes |
| $n_0$ xxxx/min. | No Load Revolutions per Minute (RPM) |
|  | WARNING marking concerning Risk of Eye Injury. Wear ANSI-approved safety goggles with side shields. |
|  | Read the manual before set-up and/or use. |
|  | WARNING marking concerning Risk of Electric Shock. Properly connect power cord to appropriate outlet. |
|  | Keep hands clear of fence area. |
|  | DANGER marking concerning Risk of Amputation. Keep hands well clear of cutting area. |

## Specifications

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|---|---|
| Electrical Rating | 120VAC/60Hz/15A |
| Spindle No Load Speed | 4100 /min |
| Max. Accessory Diameter | Cut-Off Wheel Diameter–14" |
| Arbor | 1" Round |
| Cutting Capacity | 5" |

## SETUP - BEFORE USE

**Read the ENTIRE IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION section at the beginning of this manual including all text under subheadings therein before set up or use of this product.**

**Note:** For additional information regarding the parts listed in the following pages, refer to *Parts List and Diagram* on page 12.

## Mounting

1. Use the four bolt holes provided in the Base to mount the Cut-Off Saw to a stable support before use. Mounting hardware not included.
2. Ensure that the Cut-Off Saw is always stable and secure (e.g. fixed to a bench).

## Work Area

1. Designate a work area that is clean and well lit. The work area must not allow access by children or pets to prevent distraction and injury.
2. There must not be objects, such as utility lines, nearby that will present a hazard while working.
3. Route the power cord along a safe route to reach the work area without creating a tripping hazard or exposing the power cord to possible damage. The power cord must reach the work area with enough extra length to allow free movement while working.

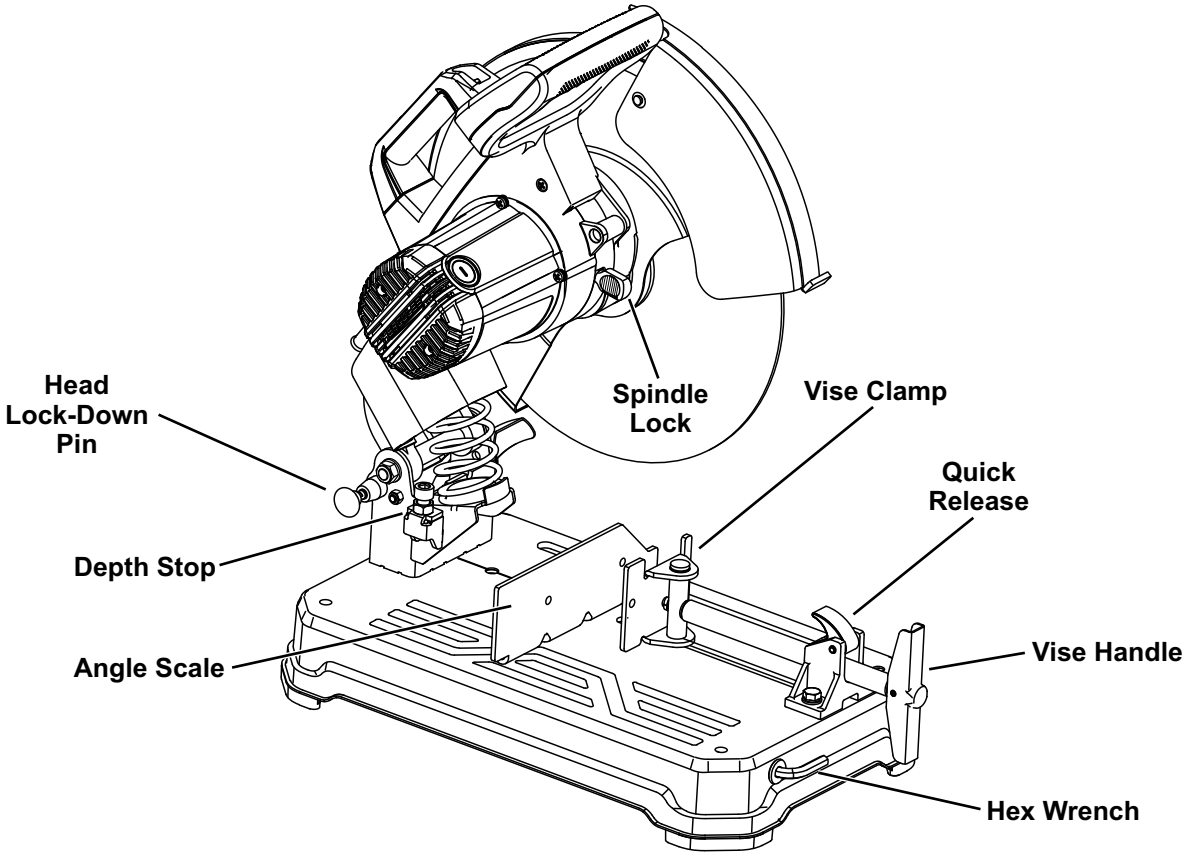
## Cut-Off Wheel Selection

1. Any cut-off wheel that will be used must be marked as suitable for the material to be cut.
2. Use only a cut-off wheel diameter in accordance with the markings on the saw. See specification table for the bore diameter of the cut-off wheel.
3. Use only cut-off wheels that are marked with a speed equal or higher than the speed marked on the tool.

## Guard Setup

Check that the Lower Blade Guard is in place, moves freely, and closes instantly.

## *Functions*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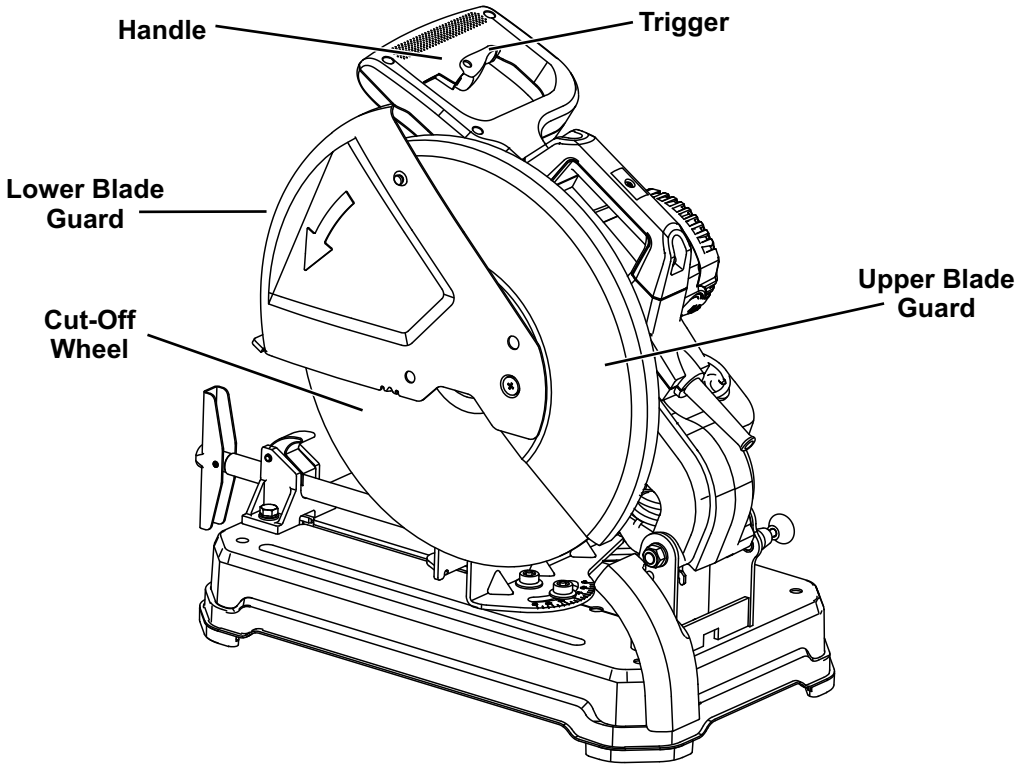
Handle
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Guard
Upper Blade
Guard
Cut-Off
Wheel

## OPERATION

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## Tool Changing

**CAUTION! TO PREVENT INJURY:** Wear heavy-duty work gloves when handling abrasive wheels.

The cut-off wheel MUST be:

- rated to at least 4100 RPM
- no larger than 14″ (356mm) in diameter
- fitted with a 1″ round arbor hole
- suitable for edge grinding, not surface grinding
- dry and clean
- proven undamaged by inspection and by the ring-test explained below

1. Unplug the tool from its power source.
2. Pull out the Head Lock-Down Pin, raise the Saw Head to the upper position, then raise the Lower Blade Guard out of the way and hold it up.
3. Press in the Spindle Lock on the back of the Saw Head and hold it in.

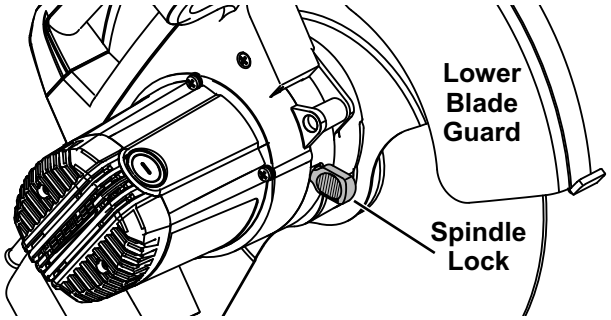



**Figure A: Spindle Lock**

4. Remove the Arbor Bolt, Flange Washer, Outer Flange and Cut-Off Wheel. Refer to Figure B.

**Note:** Make sure the Inner Flange stays in place on the Spindle.

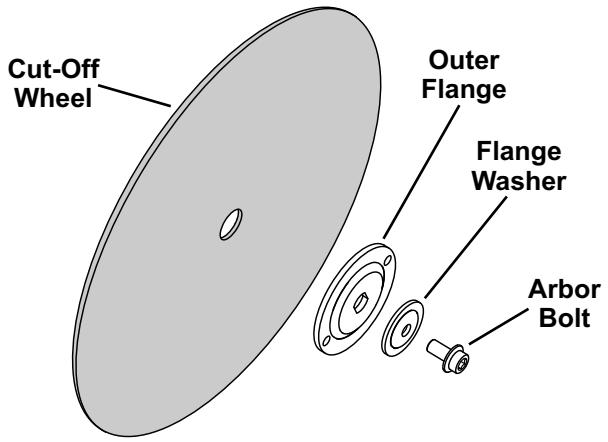



**Figure B: Removing Cut-Off Wheel**

5. Closely inspect the new cut-off wheel before mounting. Perform a ring-test on the wheel as follows:
   a. Suspend wheel using a dowel or finger through the arbor hole.
   b. Tap the flat side of the wheel with a light non-metallic object, such as a screwdriver handle, at a point 45° from the vertical center line on each side of the wheel and 1 - 2 inches from the edge of the wheel. Refer to Figure C.

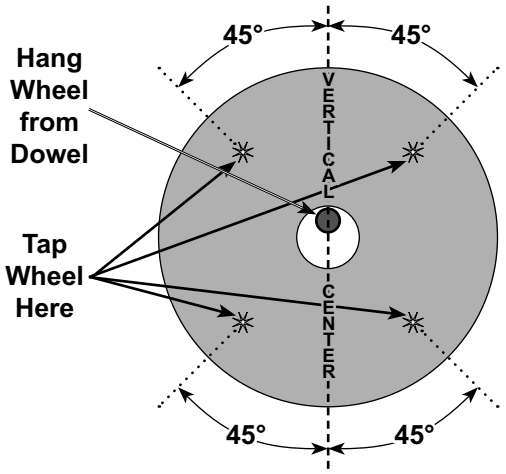



**Figure C: Cut-Off Wheel Ring-Test**

   c. Rotate the wheel 90° and repeat the test until the entire wheel has been checked.
   d. An undamaged wheel will give a clear tone. If cracked, there will be a dead sound and not a clear ring.
6. For wheels with paper gaskets (blotters) or metal gaskets: Slip the cut-off wheel onto the Spindle with the gasket first. The gasket should be centered on the wheel and the wheel and gasket should rest flat against the Inner Flange.
   **⚠WARNING: To prevent serious injury, gaskets must be used for all cut-off wheels they are provided with. Gaskets help prevent cut-off wheel damage and wheel slippage, causes of wheel failure.**
7. Install the new cut-off wheel, and reassemble the parts shown in Figure B. The concave side of the Outer Flange must face the Wheel.
8. Hold in the Spindle Lock and wrench tighten the Arbor Bolt by turning it clockwise. Release the Spindle Lock.
   **⚠WARNING: To prevent serious injury, do not overtighten flange. Overtightening can damage the wheel, causing wheel failure.**

## Setting and Testing

**⚠WARNING**

**TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM ACCIDENTAL OPERATION: Make sure that the Trigger is in the off position and unplug the tool from its electrical outlet before performing any procedure in this section.**

### Using the Depth Stop

1. Loosen the Nut on the Depth Adjustment Bolt shown in Figure D.

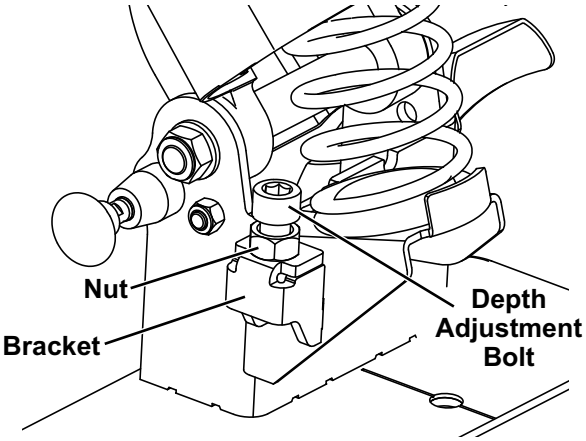



**Figure D: Depth Adjustment**

2. Turn the Depth Adjustment Bolt to change the depth so that the Cut-Off Wheel will not contact the base at any time during cutting.
3. After adjustment, tighten the Nut down against the bracket to lock the adjustment in place.

### Setting Up an Angle Cut

1. To cut at various angles (up to 45º), adjust the Angle Scale by loosening the two Bolts as shown in Figure E.
2. Adjust the Angle Scale to the desired setting and then tighten both Bolts.

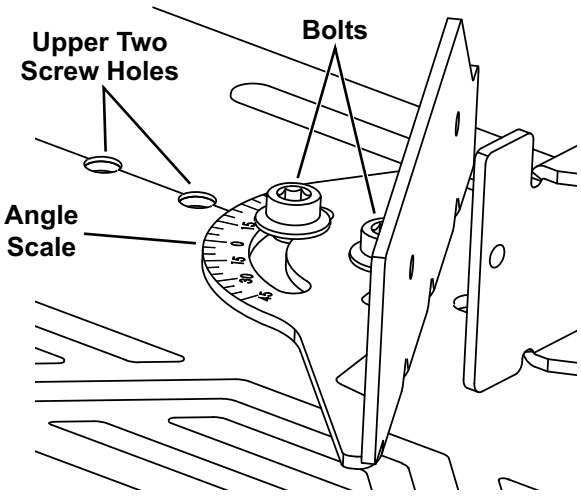



**Figure E: Angle Scale**

3. To reposition the Angle Scale for a wider workpiece, remove both of the Bolts and reattach the Angle Scale at the upper two screw holes.

### Using the Vise

1. After setting the cutting angle, secure loose work pieces using the Vise to prevent movement while working:
   a. Lift up the Quick Release to the released position and push the Vise Handle until the Vise Clamp is up against the workpiece.
   b. Put the Quick Release in the engaged position shown and tighten the Vise Handle to secure the workpiece.

   **Note:** To cut the workpiece at an angle, see *Setting Up an Angle Cut*.

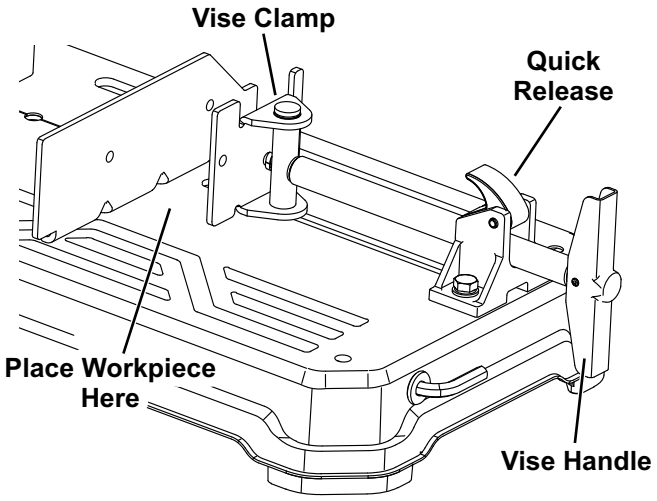



**Figure F: Vise Components**

2. To release the workpiece, loosen the Vise Handle a few turns, lift up the Quick Release and pull the Vise Handle out to release the Vise Clamp.

## Workpiece and Work Area Set Up

1. Designate a work area that is clean and well lit. The work area must not allow access by children or pets to prevent distraction and injury.
2. Route the power cord along a safe route to reach the work area without creating a tripping hazard or exposing the power cord to possible damage. The power cord must reach the work area with enough extra length to allow free movement while working.
3. Allow room on both left and right of saw for extended workpieces.
4. There must not be objects, such as utility lines, nearby that will present a hazard while working.
5. Secure workpieces to the saw table using the Vise to prevent movement during the cutting operation. Securing the workpiece will provide safety by removing the need to hold workpieces near the Cut-Off Wheel by hand and also improve cutting accuracy by preventing the workpiece from moving when cutting.

## General Operation

**⚠WARNING**

**TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY:**
**DO NOT OPERATE WITH ANY GUARD DISABLED, DAMAGED, OR REMOVED. Moving guards must move freely and close instantly.**

1. Raise the Saw Head Assembly by pushing down on the Handle and pulling out the Head Lock-Down Pin.
2. Using the Vise, secure the workpiece and, if necessary, adjust the angle of the cut.
3. Plug the Power Cord into the nearest 120VAC, grounded electrical outlet.
4. Grip the Saw Handle and squeeze the Trigger to start the Saw. Allow the Cut-Off Wheel to attain full speed.
5. With one hand on the Handle and the other hand clear, slowly bring the Cut-Off Wheel down onto the workpiece, letting the Saw do the work. Do not apply excessive force.
6. If the Cut-Off Wheel does not cut all the way through the workpiece:
   a. Raise the Saw Head and release the Trigger.
   b. Unplug the unit.
   c. Wait until the Cut-Off Wheel comes to a full stop.
   d. Remove the workpiece.
   e. Set the depth adjustment to a deeper setting. See *Using the Depth Stop* on page 9.
   f. After adjusting the depth, bring the Saw Head all the way down to make sure the Cut-Off Wheel doesn't contact the Base.
   g. If it does contact any part of the Base, re-adjust the depth so it doesn't.
   h. Repeat the cutting process starting with step 1 above.
7. When the cut is completed, raise the Saw Head and release the Trigger.

**CAUTION!** Do not attempt to remove the workpiece until the Cut-Off Wheel has stopped moving.

8. After the Wheel has stopped turning, release the Vise and remove the workpiece from the Saw.
9. To prevent accidents after use, turn off the tool, disconnect its power supply, and lock it down by pushing the Saw Head down as far as it will go and pushing in the Head Lock-Down Pin. Clean, then store the tool indoors out of children's reach.

## MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING

**Procedures not specifically explained in this manual must be performed only by a qualified technician.**

**⚠WARNING**

**TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM ACCIDENTAL OPERATION:**
**Make sure that the Trigger is in the off-position and unplug the tool from its electrical outlet before performing any procedure in this section.**
**TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM TOOL FAILURE:**
**Do not use damaged equipment.**
**If abnormal noise or vibration occurs, have the problem corrected before further use.**

## Cleaning, Maintenance, and Lubrication

1. **BEFORE EACH USE,** inspect the general condition of the tool. Check for:
   - loose hardware
   - misalignment or binding of moving parts
   - cracked or broken parts
   - damaged cord/electrical wiring
   - cracked or broken parts
   - any other condition that may affect its safe operation.
2. **AFTER USE,** wipe external surfaces of the tool with clean cloth.
3. Periodically, wear ANSI-approved safety goggles and NIOSH-approved breathing protection and blow dust and grit out of the motor vents using dry compressed air.
4. For wheel changing instructions see *Tool Changing* on page 8.
5. **⚠WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY: If the supply cord of this power tool is damaged, it must be replaced only by a qualified service technician.**

## Cut-Off Wheel Storage and Handling

1. Handle Cut-Off Wheels carefully to prevent dropping or bumping. Do not use wheels that have been dropped or bumped.
2. Store Cut-Off Wheels in shelves, racks, boxes, or drawers. Keep storage area dry and above freezing. Any grinding or Cut-Off Wheels exposed to humidity or freezing temperatures must not be used.

## *Troubleshooting*

| Problem | Possible Causes | Likely Solutions |
|---|---|---|
| Tool will not start. | 1. Cord not connected.<br>2. No power at outlet.<br>3. Tool's thermal reset breaker tripped (if equipped).<br>4. Internal damage or wear. (Carbon brushes or switch, for example.) | 1. Check that cord is plugged in.<br>2. Check power at outlet. If outlet is unpowered, turn off tool and check circuit breaker. If breaker is tripped, make sure circuit is right capacity for tool and circuit has no other loads.<br>3. Turn off tool and allow to cool. Press reset button on tool.<br>4. Have technician service tool. |
| Tool operates slowly. | Extension cord too long or wire size too small. | Eliminate use of extension cord. If an extension cord is needed, use shorter/heavier gauge cord. See Table A on page 5. |
| Performance decreases over time. | 1. Cut-off wheel worn or dull.<br>2. Carbon brushes worn or damaged. | 1. Replace cut-off wheel.<br>2. Have qualified technician replace brushes. |
| Excessive noise or rattling. | Internal damage or wear. (Carbon brushes or bearings, for example.) | Have technician service tool. |
| Overheating. | 1. Forcing machine to work too fast.<br>2. Cut-off wheel worn or dull.<br>3. Blocked motor housing vents.<br>4. Motor being strained by long or small diameter extension cord. | 1. Allow machine to work at its own rate.<br>2. Replace cut-off wheel.<br>3. Wear ANSI-approved safety goggles and NIOSH-approved dust mask/respirator while blowing dust out of motor using compressed air.<br>4. Eliminate use of extension cord. If an extension cord is needed, use one with the proper diameter for its length and load. See Table A on page 5. |

**Follow all safety precautions whenever diagnosing or servicing the tool.**
**Disconnect power supply before service.**

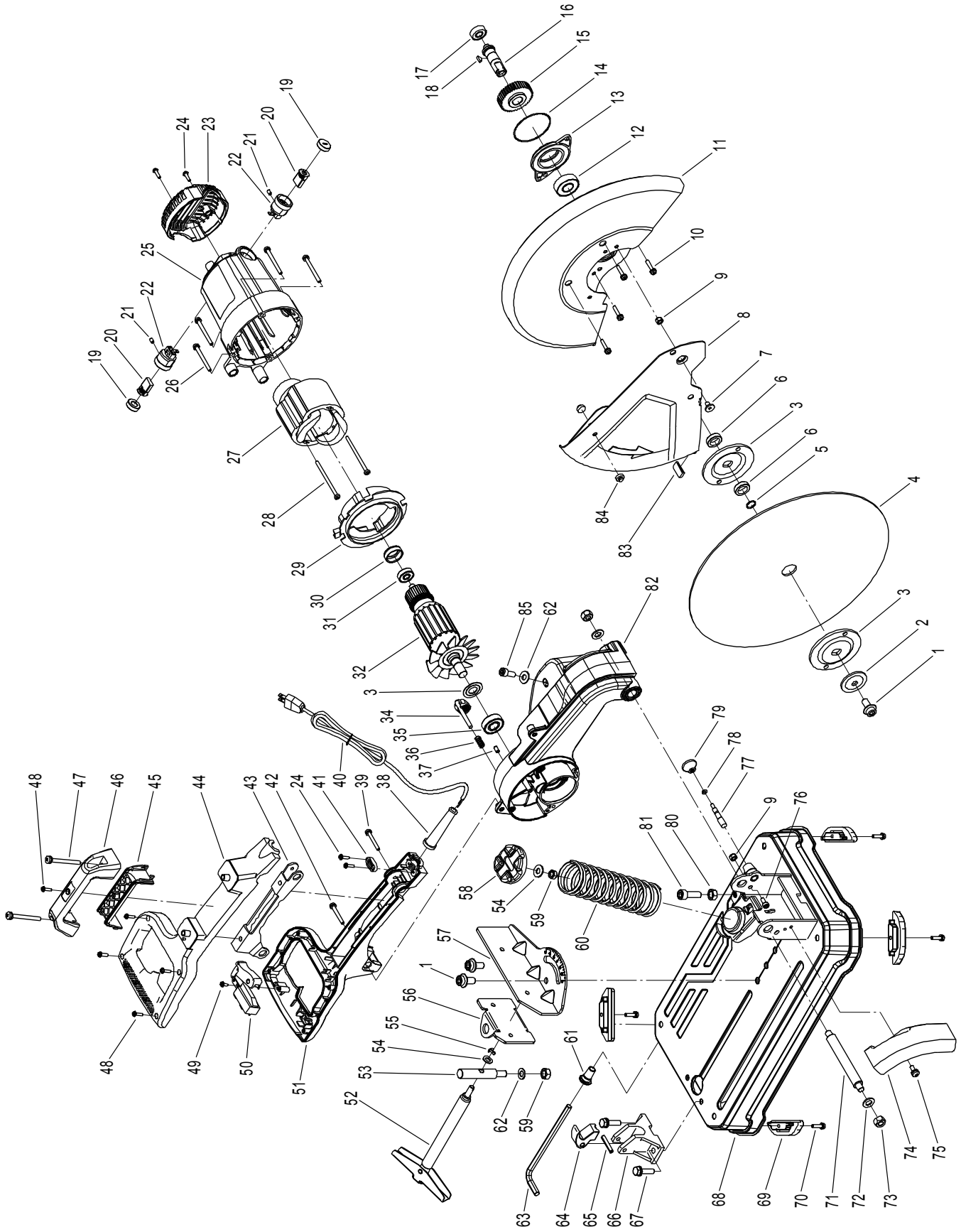
# PARTS LIST AND DIAGRAM

## Parts List

| Part | Description | Qty |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Flange Bolt | 3 |
| 2 | Flange Washer | 1 |
| 3 | Lower Wheel Flange | 2 |
| 4 | Cutting Wheel 355mm | 1 |
| 5 | O-Ring | 1 |
| 6 | Shaft Sleeve | 2 |
| 7 | Lower Blade Guard Screw | 1 |
| 8 | Lower Blade Guard | 1 |
| 9 | Lock Nut | 2 |
| 10 | Cross Recessed Countersunk Head Screw | 4 |
| 11 | Upper Blade Guard | 1 |
| 12 | Bearing 6203-DU | 1 |
| 13 | Aluminum Flange | 1 |
| 14 | O-Ring | 1 |
| 15 | Gear | 1 |
| 16 | Spindle | 1 |
| 17 | Bearing 6000-2Z | 1 |
| 18 | Woodruff Key | 1 |
| 19 | Brush Holder Cover | 2 |
| 20 | Carbon Brush | 2 |
| 21 | Hex Socket Bolt M5x8 | 2 |
| 22 | Brush Holder | 2 |
| 23 | Motor End Cap | 1 |
| 24 | Self-Tapping Screw With Pad | 4 |
| 25 | Motor Housing | 1 |
| 26 | Cross Recessed Countersunk Head Screw | 4 |
| 27 | Stator | 1 |
| 28 | Cross Recessed Countersunk Head Screw | 2 |
| 29 | Air Deflector | 1 |
| 30 | Bearing Bushing | 1 |
| 31 | Bearing 629-RZ | 1 |
| 32 | Armature | 1 |
| 33 | Washer | 1 |
| 34 | Lock Pin | 1 |
| 35 | Bearing 6202-2RS | 1 |
| 36 | Lock Pin Spring | 1 |
| 37 | Rubber Pin | 1 |
| 38 | Power Cord Sleeve | 1 |
| 39 | Cross Recessed Countersunk Head Screw | 1 |
| 40 | Power Cord | 1 |
| 41 | Terminal Block | 1 |
| 42 | Cross Recessed Countersunk Head Screw | 1 |
| 43 | Handle Frame | 1 |

| Part | Description | Qty |
|---|---|---|
| 44 | Upper Handle | 1 |
| 45 | Bottom Cover | 1 |
| 46 | Carry Handle | 1 |
| 47 | Cross Recessed Countersunk Head Screw with Spring Washer | 2 |
| 48 | Self-Tapping Screw | 5 |
| 49 | Slot Pan Head Self-Tapping Screw | 1 |
| 50 | Switch | 1 |
| 51 | Lower Handle | 1 |
| 52 | Vise Lock Handle Assembly | 1 |
| 53 | T-Pin | 1 |
| 54 | Spring Washer Φ8 | 2 |
| 55 | Cotter Pin | 1 |
| 56 | Vise Clamp | 1 |
| 57 | Angle Scale | 1 |
| 58 | Spring Pressure Frame | 1 |
| 59 | Lock Nut | 2 |
| 60 | Torsion Spring | 1 |
| 61 | Hex Key Grommet | 1 |
| 62 | Washer Φ8 | 2 |
| 63 | Hex Wrench | 1 |
| 64 | Work Clamp Lock Lever | 1 |
| 65 | Elastic Cylindrical Pin | 1 |
| 66 | Vise Lock Lever | 1 |
| 67 | Hex Head Bolt | 2 |
| 68 | Base | 1 |
| 69 | Rubber Foot | 4 |
| 70 | Cross Recessed Countersunk Head Screw | 4 |
| 71 | Hinge Rod | 1 |
| 72 | Flat Washer Φ10 | 2 |
| 73 | Lock Nut | 2 |
| 74 | Spark Guard | 1 |
| 75 | Cross Recessed Countersunk Head Screw | 1 |
| 76 | Hex Socket Bolt | 1 |
| 77 | Lock-Down Pin | 1 |
| 78 | O-Ring | 1 |
| 79 | Lock-Down Pin Handle | 1 |
| 80 | Hex Head Nut | 1 |
| 81 | Hex Socket Bolt | 1 |
| 82 | Upper Arm | 1 |
| 83 | Lower Guard Pad | 1 |
| 84 | Rubber Pad | 2 |
| 85 | Hex Socket Bolt | 1 |

## *Assembly Diagram*



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