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Owner's Manual & Safety Instructions

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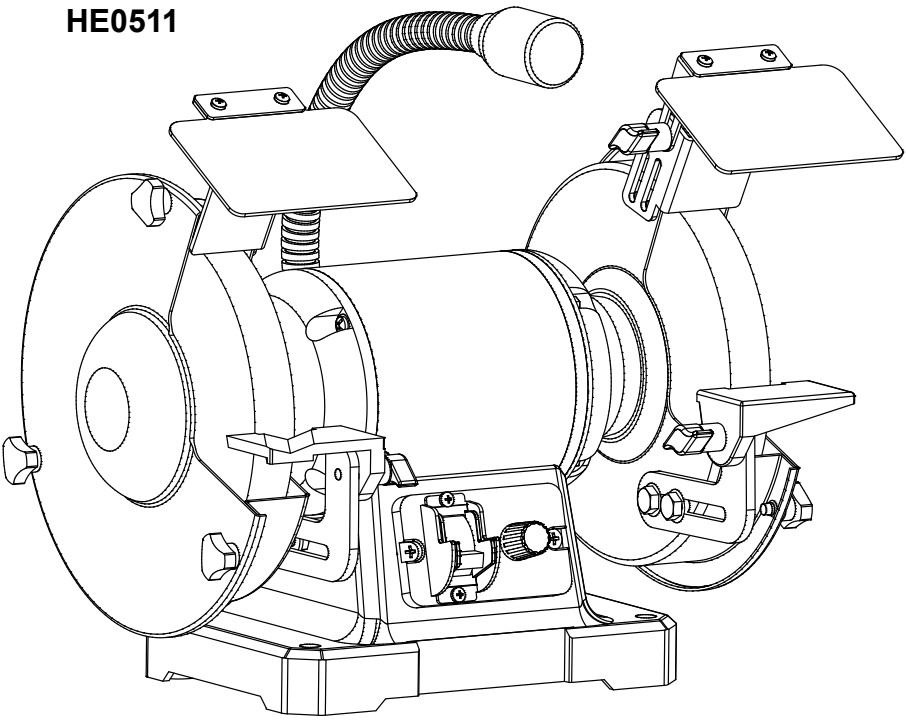


8″ 5 Amp Variable Speed Bench Grinder with Worklight

⚠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 57285.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

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.*

1. KEEP GUARDS IN PLACE and in working order.
2. REMOVE ADJUSTING KEYS AND WRENCHES. Form habit of checking to see that keys and adjusting wrenches are removed from tool before turning it on.
3. KEEP WORK AREA CLEAN. Cluttered areas and benches invite accidents.
4. DON'T USE IN DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENT. Don't use power tools in damp or wet locations, or expose them to rain. Keep work area well lighted.
5. KEEP CHILDREN AWAY. All visitors should be kept safe distance from work area.
6. MAKE WORKSHOP KID PROOF with padlocks, master switches, or by removing starter keys.
7. DON'T FORCE TOOL. It will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it was designed.
8. USE RIGHT TOOL. Don't force tool or attachment to do a job for which it was not designed.

Table A: RECOMMENDED MINIMUM WIRE GAUGE FOR EXTENSION CORDS (120 VOLT)

NAMEPLATE AMPERES (at full load)	EXTENSION CORD LENGTH			
	25′	50′	100′	150′
0 – 6	18	16	16	14
6.1 – 10	18	16	14	12
10.1 – 12	16	16	14	12
12.1 – 16	14	12	**Do not use.**	

9. USE PROPER EXTENSION CORD. Make sure your extension cord is in good condition. When using an extension cord, be sure to use one heavy enough to carry the current your product will draw. An undersized cord will cause a drop in line voltage resulting in loss of power and overheating. Table A 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.
10. WEAR PROPER APPAREL. Do not wear loose clothing, gloves, neckties, rings, bracelets, or other jewelry which may get caught in moving parts. Nonslip footwear is recommended. Wear protective hair covering to contain long hair.
11. ALWAYS USE SAFETY GLASSES. Also use face or dust mask if cutting operation is dusty. Everyday eyeglasses only have impact resistant lenses, they are NOT safety glasses.
12. SECURE WORK. Use clamps or a vise to hold work when practical. It's safer than using your hand and it frees both hands to operate tool.
13. DON'T OVERREACH. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.
14. MAINTAIN TOOLS WITH CARE. Keep tools sharp and clean for best and safest performance. Follow instructions for lubricating and changing accessories.
15. DISCONNECT TOOLS before servicing; when changing accessories, such as blades, bits, cutters, and the like.
16. REDUCE THE RISK OF UNINTENTIONAL STARTING. Make sure switch is in off position before plugging in.
17. USE RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES. Consult the owner's manual for recommended accessories. The use of improper accessories may cause risk of injury to persons.
18. NEVER STAND ON TOOL. Serious injury could occur if the tool is tipped or if the cutting tool is unintentionally contacted.
19. CHECK DAMAGED PARTS. Before further use of the tool, a guard or other part that is damaged should be carefully checked to determine that it will operate properly and perform its intended function – check for alignment of moving parts, binding of moving parts, breakage of parts, mounting, and any other conditions that may affect its operation. A guard or other part that is damaged should be properly repaired or replaced.
20. DIRECTION OF FEED. Feed work into a blade or cutter against the direction of rotation of the blade or cutter only.
21. NEVER LEAVE TOOL RUNNING UNATTENDED. TURN POWER OFF. Don't leave tool until it comes to a complete stop.

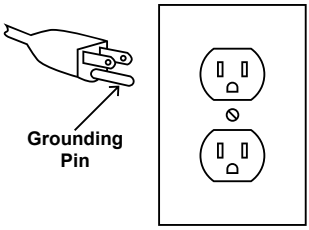
GROUNDING

⚠WARNING

TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK AND DEATH FROM INCORRECT GROUNDING WIRE CONNECTION READ AND FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

110-120 VAC Grounded Tools: Tools with Three Prong Plugs

1. In the event of a malfunction or breakdown, grounding provides a path of least resistance for electric current to reduce the risk of electric shock. This tool is equipped with an electric cord having an equipment-grounding conductor and a grounding plug. The plug must be plugged into a matching outlet that is properly installed and grounded in accordance with all local codes and ordinances.
2. Do not modify the plug provided – if it will not fit the outlet, have the proper outlet installed by a qualified electrician.
3. Improper connection of the equipment-grounding conductor can result in a risk of electric shock. The conductor with insulation having an outer surface that is green with or without yellow stripes is the equipment-grounding conductor. If repair or replacement of the electric cord or plug is necessary, do not connect the equipment-grounding conductor to a live terminal.
4. Check with a qualified electrician or service personnel if the grounding instructions are not completely understood, or if in doubt as to whether the tool is properly grounded.
5. Use only 3-wire extension cords that have 3-prong grounding plugs and 3-pole receptacles that accept the tool's plug.
6. Repair or replace damaged or worn cord immediately.



125 VAC 3-Prong Plug and Outlet (for up to 125 VAC and up to 15 A)

7. This tool is intended for use on a circuit that has an outlet that looks like the one illustrated above in **125 VAC 3-Prong Plug and Outlet**. The tool has a grounding plug that looks like the plug illustrated above in **125 VAC 3-Prong Plug and Outlet**.
8. The outlet must be properly installed and grounded in accordance with all codes and ordinances.
9. Do not use an adapter to connect this tool to a different outlet.

Grinder Tool Safety Warnings

For Your Own Safety Read Instruction Manual Before Operating Tool Grinder

1. Wear eye protection.
2. Use grinding wheel suitable for speed of grinder.
3. Replace cracked wheel immediately.
4. Always use guards and eye shields.
5. Do not overtighten wheel nut.
6. Use only flanges furnished with the grinder.
7. Adjust distance between wheel and work rest to maintain 0.125 inch or less separation as the diameter of the wheel decreases with use.
8. Frequently clean grinding dust from beneath grinder.
9. Wear a full face shield over ANSI-approved safety goggles during use.
10. Do not grind with side of wheel unless wheel is specifically designed for that type of grinding.
11. **DO NOT OPERATE WITH ANY GUARD DISABLED, DAMAGED, OR REMOVED. Moving guards must move freely and close instantly.**
12. The use of accessories or attachments not recommended by the manufacturer may result in a risk of injury to persons.
13. When servicing use only identical replacement parts.
14. Do not depress the spindle lock when starting or during operation.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. Industrial applications must follow OSHA guidelines.
18. Maintain labels and nameplates on the tool. These carry important safety information. If unreadable or missing, contact Harbor Freight Tools for a replacement.

19. Avoid unintentional starting.
    Prepare to begin work before turning on the tool.
20. 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.
21. 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.

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:

1. 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 medical or physical symptoms related to vibration (such as tingling, numbness, and white or blue fingers), seek medical advice as soon as possible.
2. Do not smoke during use. Nicotine reduces the blood supply to the hands and fingers, increasing the risk of vibration-related injury.
3. Wear suitable gloves to reduce the vibration effects on the user.
4. Use tools with the lowest vibration when there is a choice between different processes.
5. Include vibration-free periods each day of work.
6. Grip tool as lightly as possible (while still keeping safe control of it). Let the tool do the work.
7. To reduce vibration, maintain the tool as explained in this manual. If any abnormal vibration occurs, stop use immediately.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

Specifications

Electrical Rating	120VAC / 60Hz / 5A
No Load Speed	2,000 - 3,400 RPM
Max. Accessory Diameter	8″
Arbor Size	5/8″

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.

⚠WARNING

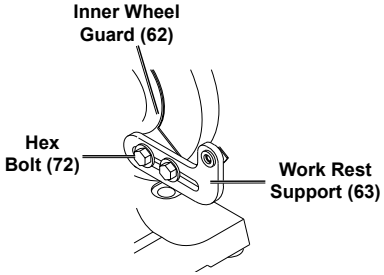
TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM ACCIDENTAL OPERATION:
Turn the Power Switch of the tool off and unplug the tool from its electrical outlet before performing any procedure in this section.

Note: For additional information regarding the parts listed in the following pages, refer to the Assembly Diagram near the end of this manual.

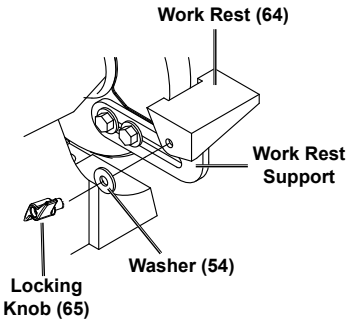
Assembly/Mounting

The two mounting holes in the Base can be used to attach this Grinder to a stable workbench using appropriate hardware (sold separately).

1. Install Right Work Rest Support (63) to the Right Inner Wheel Guard (62). Use two Hex Bolts (72) and two Flat Washers (73) to secure it in place. See below.



2. Install Right Work Rest (64) to the Right Work Rest Support using Washer (54) and a Work Rest Locking Knob (65). See below.

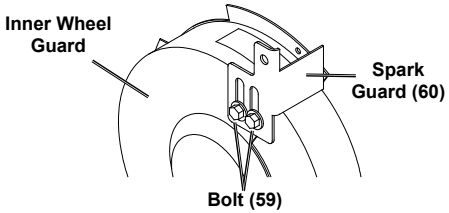


3. Install Left Work Rest Support (68) to the Left Inner Wheel Guard (39). Use two Hex Bolts (72) and two Flat Washers (73) to secure it in place.

4. Install Left Work Rest (69) to the Left Work Rest Support using Washer (54) and a Work Rest Locking Knob (65).

5. Adjust the Work Rests to within 1/16″ of the Grinding Wheel. To adjust this distance, loosen Bolts (72) and move Work Rests (64/69).

6. Attach a Spark Guard (60,67) to each Inner Wheel Guard (39,62) using two Bolts, Spring Washers, Flat Washers (59) on each side. See below.

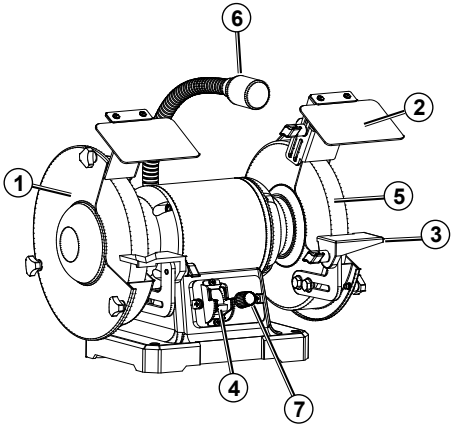


7. Adjust each Spark Guard to within 1/16″ (0.0625″) of the Grinding Wheel (32,35) and tighten each Bolt (59).

8. Attach Eye Shield (55) to the Right Spark Guard (60) using a Neck Screw (61), Eye Shield Locking Knob (53) and Flat Washer (54).

9. Attach the other Eye Shield (55) to the Left Spark Guard (67) using a Neck Screw (61), Eye Shield Locking Knob (53) and Flat Washer (54).

Functional Description



1. Wheel Cover
2. Eye Shield
3. Work Rest
4. Power Switch
5. Grinding Wheel
6. LED Light
7. Variable Speed Knob

OPERATION

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.

Tool Set Up

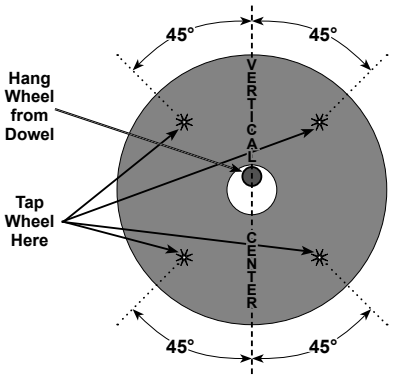
⚠WARNING

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

Replacing a Grinding Wheel

1. The Grinding Wheel MUST be:
- rated to at least 2,000 - 3,400 RPM.
- no larger than 8″ (203.2 mm) in diameter.
- fitted with a 5/8″ round arbor hole.
- 1″ thick.
- suitable for edge grinding, not surface grinding.
- dry and clean.
- proven undamaged by inspection and by the ring-test explained below.

2. Loosen each Eye Shield Locking Knob and move both Eye Shields up to access the Work Rests.
3. Remove the Wheel Cover Locking Knobs (36) holding Wheel Covers (19, 34) to the Bench Grinder.
4. Remove Wheel Covers.
5. Place a small wooden wedge between the Grinding Wheel and Work Rest to prevent Wheel from rotating.
6. Remove the right side Grinding Wheel (32) by turning the Lock Nut (33) counterclockwise with a wrench (not included).
7. Remove the left side Grinding Wheel (35) by turning the Lock Nut (20) clockwise with a wrench (not included).
8. Remove the Outer Flange and remove Grinding Wheel. Keep the Inner Flange in position on the Spindle.
9. Closely inspect the Grinding or Cut-Off Wheel before mounting. Perform a ring-test on the wheel (unless wheel is smaller than 4" or is an unusual shape) 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 (see Illustration).
   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.
10. For wheels with paper gaskets (blotters) or metal gaskets: Slip the 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 Flange.

⚠WARNING: To prevent serious injury, gaskets must be used for all grinding wheels they are provided with. Gaskets help prevent grinding wheel damage and wheel slippage, causes of wheel failure.

11. Thread the Flange Nut onto the Spindle. Wrench tighten only enough so that the wheel is securely held on the spindle.

⚠WARNING: To prevent serious injury, do not overtighten Flange Nut. Overtightening can damage the wheel, causing wheel failure.

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. Secure loose workpieces using a vise or clamps (not included) to prevent movement while working.
4. There must not be hazardous objects, such as utility lines or foreign objects, nearby that will present a hazard while working.
5. You must use personal safety equipment including, but not limited to, ANSI-approved eye and hearing protection, as well as heavy-duty work gloves.
6. Before beginning work, provide for sparks and debris that will fly off the work surface.

General Operation

1. Make sure that the Switch is in the off-position, then plug in the tool.
2. Insert the Safety Key and turn the Power Switch on.
3. Allow the tool to come up to full speed before touching the wheel.
4. Control the tool's speed using the Speed Knob next to Power Switch.
5. Apply the workpiece to the wheel, allowing the tool to operate at full speed. If the tool bogs down, use lighter pressure.
6. To create a smoother surface, keep the workpiece moving over the wheel.
7. When finished, turn the Power Switch off and remove the Safety Key.
8. **TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS, AFTER USE:** Turn off the tool. Unplug the tool. 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 Switch is locked and unplug the tool from its electrical outlet is removed 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
   - 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 blow dust and grit out of the motor vents using dry compressed air. Wear ANSI-approved safety goggles and NIOSH-approved breathing protection while doing this.
4. **⚠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.**

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Causes	Likely Solutions
Tool will not start.	1. Cord not connected. 2. No power at outlet. 3. Tool's thermal reset breaker tripped (if equipped). 4. Internal damage or wear. (Carbon brushes or switch, for example.)	1. Check that cord is plugged in. 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. 3. Turn off tool and allow to cool. Press reset button on tool. 4. Have technician service tool.
Tool operates slowly.	1. Excess pressure applied to workpiece. 2. Power being reduced by long or small diameter extension cord.	1. Decrease pressure, allow tool to do the work. 2. Eliminate use of extension cord. If an extension cord is needed, use one with the proper diameter for its length and load. See *Extension Cords* in *GROUNDING* section.
Performance decreases over time.	Carbon brushes worn or damaged.	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 tool to work too fast. 2. Blocked motor housing vents. 3. Motor being strained by long or small diameter extension cord.	1. Allow tool to work at its own rate. 2. Wear ANSI-approved safety goggles and NIOSH-approved dust mask/respirator while blowing dust out of motor using compressed air. 3. Eliminate use of extension cord. If an extension cord is needed, use one with the proper diameter for its length and load. See *Extension Cords* in *GROUNDING* section.
Tool does not grind, sand or brush effectively.	1. Disc accessory may be loose on Spindle. 2. Disc accessory may be damaged, worn or wrong type for the material.	1. Be sure disc accessory is of correct dimension and Flange Arbor Nut is tight. 2. Check condition and type of disc accessory. Use only proper type of disc accessory in good condition.

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

Record Product's Serial Number Here:_____

Note: If product has no serial number, record month and year of purchase instead.

Note: Replacement parts are not available.

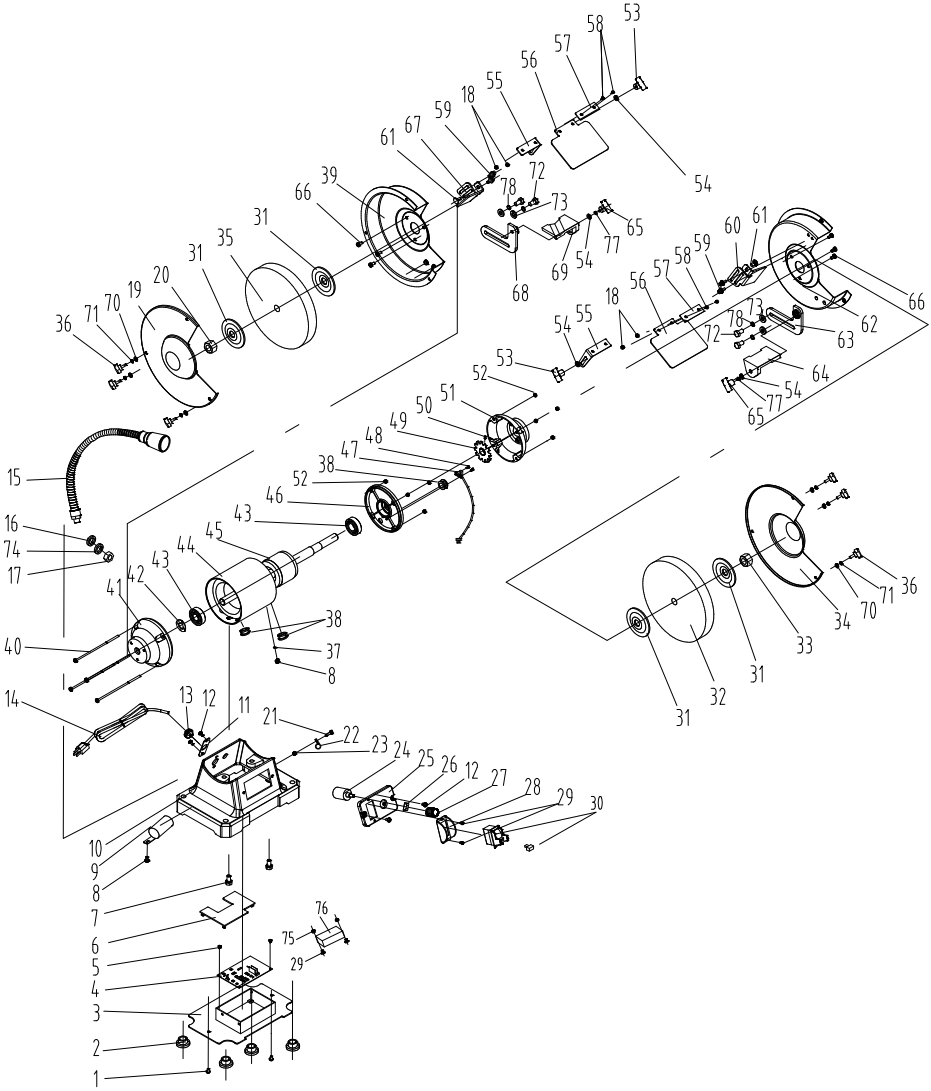
PARTS LIST AND DIAGRAM

Parts List

Part	Description	Qty
1	Phillips Screw + Flat Washer	2
2	Rubber Feet	4
3	Base Cover	1
4	Circuit Board	1
5	Phillips Tapping Screw	2
6	Circuit Board Cover	1
7	Hex Bolt +Spring Washer	2
8	Screw + Flat Washer+Spring Washer	2
9	Capacitor	1
10	Base	1
11	Wire Clamp Plate	1
12	Phillips Screw	4
13	Lead Wire Clamp	1
14	Lead Wire With Plug	1
15	LED Light	1
16	Flat Washer	1
17	Hex Thin Nut-Fine Tread	1
18	Hex Flange Nut	4
19	Left Wheel Cover	1
20	Nut	1
21	Phillips Screw	1
22	Wiring Fixing Button	1
23	Hex Flange Nut	1
24	Potentiometer	1
25	Switch Plate	1
26	Knob Washer	1
27	Variable Speed Knob	1
28	Switch Guard Board	1
29	Phillips Screw	2
30	Self-Locking Switch	1
31	Flange	4
32	Grinding Wheel	1
33	Nut	1
34	Right Wheel Cover	1
35	Grinding Wheel	1
36	Wheel Cover Knob	6
37	Outer Locking Washer	2
38	Lead Wire Bushing	3
39	Left Inner Wheel Guard	1
40	Phillips Screw + Flat Washer	4

Part	Description	Qty
41	Left End Cover	1
42	Wave Type Spring Washer	1
43	Deep Groove Ball Bearing	2
44	Stator	1
45	Rotor	1
46	Right End Cover	1
47	Optical Coupler	1
48	Phillips Screw	2
49	Feedback Board	1
50	Hex Socket Set Screw	1
51	Right Guard Cover	1
52	Hex Flange Nut	8
53	Eye Shield Locking Knob	2
54	Flat Washer	4
55	Eye Shield Support	2
56	Eye Shield	2
57	Eye Shield Block Plate	2
58	Phillips Screw	4
59	Hex Bolt+Spring Washer+Flat Washer	4
60	Right Spark Guard	1
61	Neck Screw	2
62	Right Inner Wheel Guard	1
63	Right Work Rest Support	1
64	Right Work Rest	1
65	Locking Knob	2
66	Phillips Screw + Spring Washer	6
67	Left Spark Guard	1
68	Left Work Rest Support	1
69	Left Work Rest	1
70	Flat Washer	6
71	Spring Washer	6
72	Hex Bolt	4
73	Flat Washer	4
74	Locking Washer	1
75	Hex Nut	2
76	LED Transformer	1
77	Spring Washer	2
78	Spring Washer	4

Diagram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LIMITED 90 DAY WARRANTY

Harbor Freight Tools Co. makes every effort to assure that its products meet high quality and durability standards, and warrants to the original purchaser that this product is free from defects in materials and workmanship for the period of 90 days from the date of purchase. This warranty does not apply to damage due directly or indirectly, to misuse, abuse, negligence or accidents, repairs or alterations outside our facilities, criminal activity, improper installation, normal wear and tear, or to lack of maintenance. We shall in no event be liable for death, injuries to persons or property, or for incidental, contingent, special or consequential damages arising from the use of our product. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation of exclusion may not apply to you. THIS WARRANTY IS EXPRESSLY IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING THE WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS.

To take advantage of this warranty, the product or part must be returned to us with transportation charges prepaid. Proof of purchase date and an explanation of the complaint must accompany the merchandise. If our inspection verifies the defect, we will either repair or replace the product at our election or we may elect to refund the purchase price if we cannot readily and quickly provide you with a replacement. We will return repaired products at our expense, but if we determine there is no defect, or that the defect resulted from causes not within the scope of our warranty, then you must bear the cost of returning the product.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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