

**Model  
HE78**

### **12" Dual-Bevel Compound Miter 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 57675.

# 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 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.*

- l. This product is not a toy.  
Keep it out of reach of children.
- m. 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.
- n. 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. Safety instructions for mitre saws

- a. **Mitre saws are intended to cut wood or wood-like products, they cannot be used with abrasive cut-off wheels for cutting ferrous material such as bars, rods, studs, etc.** *Abrasive dust causes moving parts such as the lower guard to jam. Sparks from abrasive cutting will burn the lower guard, the kerf insert and other plastic parts.*
- b. **Use clamps to support the workpiece whenever possible. If supporting the workpiece by hand, you must always keep your hand at least 100 mm from either side of the saw blade. Do not use this saw to cut pieces that are too small to be securely clamped or held by hand. If your hand is placed too close to the saw blade, there is an increased risk of injury from blade contact.**
- c. **The workpiece must be stationary and clamped or held against both the fence and the table. Do not feed the workpiece into the blade or cut "freehand" in any way.** *Unrestrained or moving workpieces could be thrown at high speeds, causing injury.*
- d. **Push the saw through the workpiece. Do not pull the saw through the workpiece. To make a cut, raise the saw head and pull it out over the workpiece without cutting, start the motor, press the saw head down and push the saw through the workpiece.** *Cutting on the pull stroke is likely to cause the saw blade to climb on top of the workpiece and violently throw the blade assembly towards the operator.*
- e. **Never cross your hand over the intended line of cutting either in front or behind the saw blade.** *Supporting the workpiece "cross handed" i.e. holding the workpiece to the right of the saw blade with your left hand or vice versa is very dangerous.*

- f. **Do not reach behind the fence with either hand closer than 100 mm (4 inches) from either side of the saw blade, to remove wood scraps, or for any other reason while the blade is spinning.** *The proximity of the spinning saw blade to your hand may not be obvious and you may be seriously injured.*
  - g. **Inspect your workpiece before cutting. If the workpiece is bowed or warped, clamp it with the outside bowed face toward the fence. Always make certain that there is no gap between the workpiece, fence and table along the line of the cut.** *Bent or warped workpieces can twist or shift and may cause binding on the spinning saw blade while cutting. There should be no nails or foreign objects in the workpiece.*
  - h. **Do not use the saw until the table is clear of all tools, wood scraps, etc., except for the workpiece.** *Small debris or loose pieces of wood or other objects that contact the revolving blade can be thrown with high speed.*
  - i. **Cut only one workpiece at a time.** *Stacked multiple workpieces cannot be adequately clamped or braced and may bind on the blade or shift during cutting.*
  - j. **Ensure the mitre saw is mounted or placed on a level, firm work surface before use.** *A level and firm work surface reduces the risk of the mitre saw becoming unstable.*
  - k. **Plan your work. Every time you change the bevel or mitre angle setting, make sure the adjustable fence is set correctly to support the workpiece and will not interfere with the blade or the guarding system.** *Without turning the tool "ON" and with no workpiece on the table, move the saw blade through a complete simulated cut to assure there will be no interference or danger of cutting the fence.*
  - l. **Provide adequate support such as table extensions, saw horses, etc. for a workpiece that is wider or longer than the table top.** *Workpieces longer or wider than the mitre saw table can tip if not securely supported. If the cut-off piece or workpiece tips, it can lift the lower guard or be thrown by the spinning blade.*
  - m. **Do not use another person as a substitute for a table extension or as additional support.** *Unstable support for the workpiece can cause the blade to bind or the workpiece to shift during the cutting operation pulling you and the helper into the spinning blade.*
  - n. **The cut-off piece must not be jammed or pressed by any means against the spinning saw blade.** *If confined, i.e. using length stops, the cut-off piece could get wedged against them blade and thrown violently.*
  - o. **Always use a clamp or a fixture designed to properly support round material such as rods or tubing.** *Rods have a tendency to roll while being cut, causing the blade to "bite" and pull the work with your hand into the blade.*
  - p. **Let the blade reach full speed before contacting the workpiece.** *This will reduce the risk of the workpiece being thrown.*
  - q. **If the workpiece or blade becomes jammed, turn the mitre saw off. Wait for all moving parts to stop and disconnect the plug from the power source and/or remove the battery pack. Then work to free the jammed material.** *Continued sawing with a jammed workpiece could cause loss of control or damage to the mitre saw.*
  - r. **After finishing the cut, release the switch, hold the saw head down and wait for the blade to stop before removing the cut-off piece.** *Reaching with your hand near the coasting blade is dangerous.*
  - s. **Hold the handle firmly when making an incomplete cut or when releasing the switch before the saw head is completely in the down position.** *The braking action of the saw may cause the saw head to be suddenly pulled downward, causing a risk of injury.*
- 7. 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 medical or physical 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. Use tools with the lowest vibration when there is a choice between different processes.
  - d. Include vibration-free periods each day of work.
  - e. Grip workpiece as lightly as possible (while still keeping safe control of it). Let the tool do the work.
  - f. To reduce vibration, maintain the tool as explained in this manual. If any abnormal vibration occurs, stop use immediately.

## Grounding

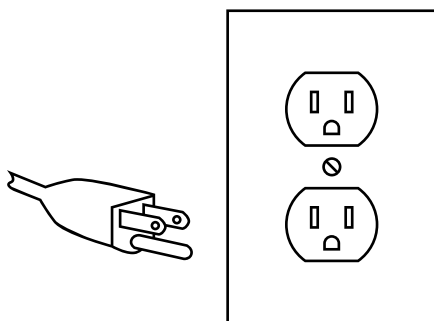
### ⚠ WARNING



**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.

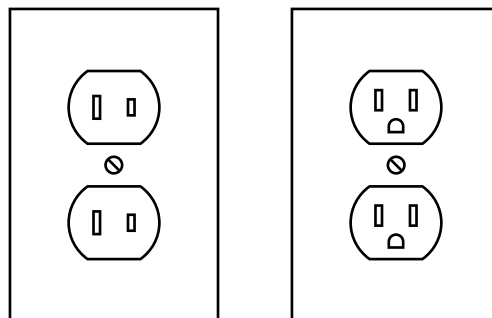
### *Grounded Tools: Tools with Three Prong Plugs*



**3-Prong Plug and Outlet**

1. Tools marked with "Grounding Required" have a three wire cord and three prong grounding plug. The plug must be connected to a properly grounded outlet. If the tool should electrically malfunction or break down, grounding provides a low resistance path to carry electricity away from the user, reducing the risk of electric shock. **(See 3-Prong Plug and Outlet.)**
2. The grounding prong in the plug is connected through the green wire inside the cord to the grounding system in the tool. The green wire in the cord must be the only wire connected to the tool's grounding system and must never be attached to an electrically "live" terminal. **(See 3-Prong Plug and Outlet.)**
3. The tool must be plugged into an appropriate outlet, properly installed and grounded in accordance with all codes and ordinances. The plug and outlet should look like those in the preceding illustration. **(See 3-Prong Plug and Outlet.)**

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



**Outlets for 2-Prong Plug**


1. Tools marked "Double Insulated" do not require grounding. They have a special double insulation system which satisfies OSHA requirements and complies with the applicable standards of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., the Canadian Standard Association, and the National Electrical Code.
2. Double insulated tools may be used in either of the 120 volt outlets shown in the preceding illustration. **(See 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

<b>V</b>	Volts
<b>A</b>	Amperes
n0 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.
	Keep hands clear of fence area.
	DANGER marking concerning Risk of Amputation. Keep hands well clear of cutting area.
	Bright Light. To prevent eye injury, do not stare into light.

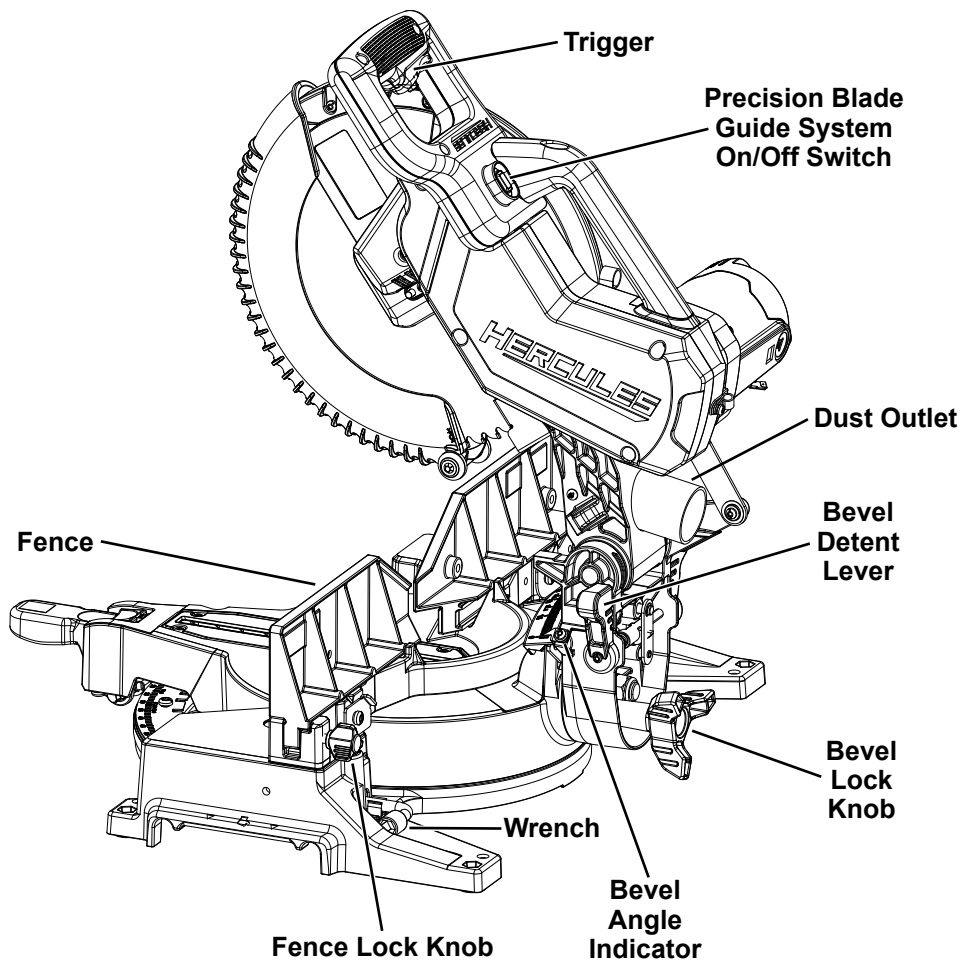
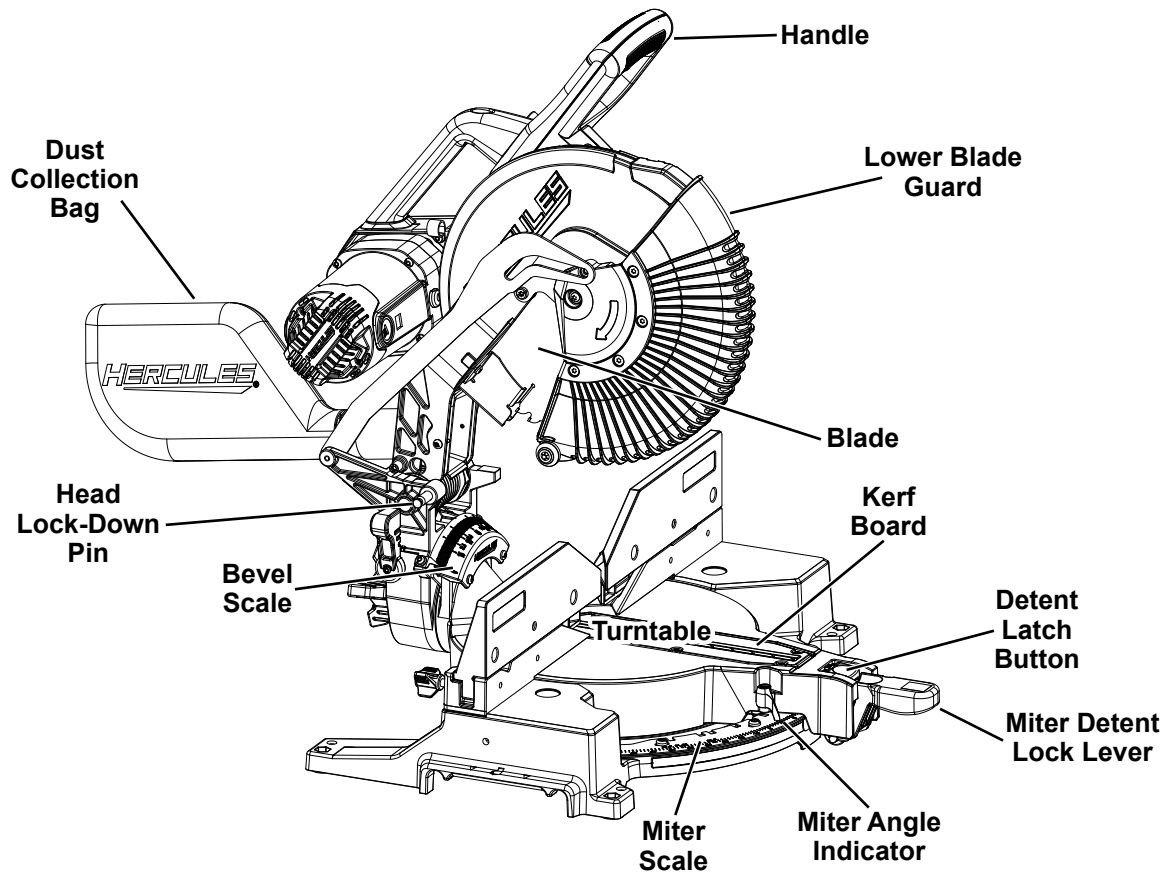
### SPECIFICATIONS

Electrical Rating	120VAC/60Hz/15A
Spindle No Load Speed	4,100 RPM
Max. Accessory Diameter	Blade Diameter – 12"
Arbor	1" Round
Maximum Blade Kerf	0.125"
Capacity of Cut	50° Miter Left and Right 48° Bevel Left and Right

### Cutting Capacities

ANGLE	MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF CUT		RESULT	
0° Miter	Height	3-3/4"	Width	7-1/4"
	Width	8-3/16"	Height	2-13/16"
45° Miter	Height	3-3/4"	Width	5.13"
	Width	5-51/64"	Height	2-13/16"
45° Bevel Left	Height	2-3/8"	Width	7"
	Width	8-3/16"	Height	1-3/8"
45° Bevel Right	Height	1-5/8"	Width	7-1/4"
	Width	8.1825"	Height	7/8"

## Functions



## 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 14.

### Assembly

1. Slip the Dust Collection Bag over the Dust Outlet behind the saw.
2. If adjustable and/or removable workpiece support extension(s) are provided, always fix and use these extension(s) during operation.

### Mounting

1. Use the bolt holes in the Base to mount the Miter Saw to a stable support before use.

**Note:** Mounting holes are provided in two sizes to accommodate different sizes of hardware. Mounting hardware not included.

2. Ensure that the Miter Saw is always stable and secure (e.g. fixed to a bench).

### Saw Blade Selection

1. Any saw blade that will be used must be marked as suitable for the material to be cut.
2. Use only a saw blade diameter in accordance with the markings on the saw. See specification table for the bore diameter and the maximum kerf of the saw blade.
3. Use only saw blades 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.

### Dust Extraction Setup

1. To use the Dust Collection Bag, slide the Bag over the Dust Outlet at the rear of the Saw Head Assembly. Refer to Assembly above.
2. Connect a dust extraction device (not included) to the Dust Outlet to use a dust collection system instead of the Dust Bag.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS



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### Tool Changing

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. Loosen the Guard Plate Bolt until it disengages the Guard Plate.
4. Swing the Guard Plate up and out of the way. Refer to Figure A.

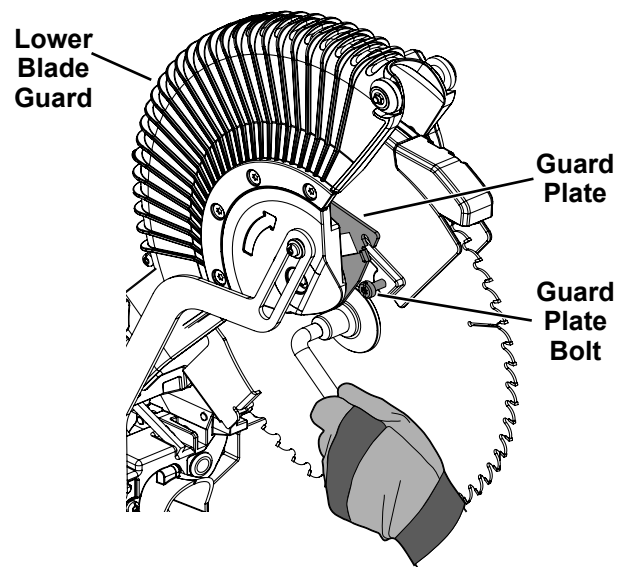


Figure A

5. Press in the Spindle Lock on the side of the Saw Head and hold it in.
6. Remove the Arbor Bolt and Outer Flange. Refer to Figure B.

**IMPORTANT:** The Arbor Bolt has a left-handed thread and removes by turning **CLOCKWISE**.

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

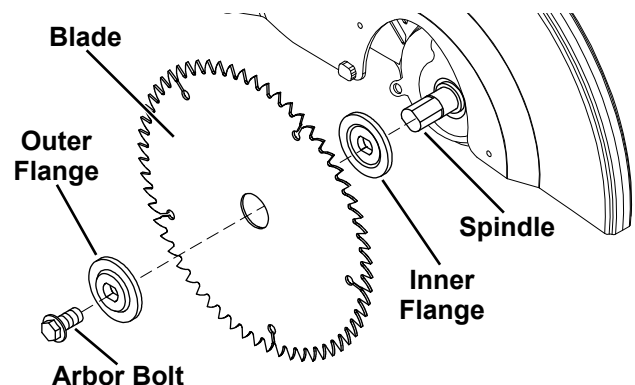


Figure B



7. If replacing a used blade, remove the blade. Install the new Blade. Make sure that the Blade's rotation arrow points in the same direction as the rotation arrow on the Lower Blade Guard.
8. Replace the Outer Flange and Arbor Bolt. Position the cupped side of the Flange against the blade. Hold in the Spindle Lock and wrench tighten the Arbor Bolt by turning it **COUNTERCLOCKWISE**. Release the Spindle Lock.
9. Rotate the Guard Plate back into place and secure it with the Guard Plate Bolt.
10. **WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY: Make sure the Lower Blade Guard operates smoothly and properly protects from the Blade before using the saw.**

## 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.

## Adjusting the Miter Angle

A miter cut is one that is at an angle across the horizontal surface of the material. 45° miter cuts to join two pieces in a right angle corner are common. A 30° cut is often used for a scarf joint or to make a chamfered end.

1. Pull up on the Miter Detent Lock Lever to unlock the Table. Squeeze the Detent Latch Button and move the Table to the desired angle.
2. The Miter Angle Indicator will indicate the selected angle. While the Miter Detent Lock Lever is released, the Table will lock into place at often used miter angles, including 15°, 22.5°, 30°, and 45° on both left and right sides.

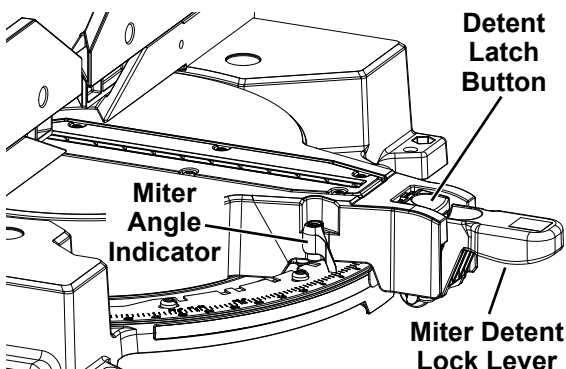


Figure C

3. To override the pre-set detents (stops) for micro adjustments at any angle, pull up on the Miter Detent Lock Lever and push the Detent Latch Button forward and latch in place. Release the Miter Detent Lock Lever and adjust Table to any position on the miter scale. To disengage pull up on the Miter Detent Lock Lever to release the Detent Latch Button.

4. With the Table adjusted to the desired angle, place the workpiece flush against the Fence, secure it with the Clamp and make the cut.

## Adjusting the Bevel Angle

A bevel cut is one that is at an angle vertically. Bevel cuts can be used to miter relatively wide and thin material. Bevel cuts can be used in combination with a miter cut to form a compound angle. Compound angle cuts are often used in crown moldings, picture frames and similar trim materials.

1. Loosen the Bevel Lock Knob at the rear of the saw.
2. For micro adjustments at any bevel angle, push the Bevel Detent Lever back until it snaps into place and move the Saw Head Assembly to the desired angle. Read the angle on the Bevel Angle Indicator.

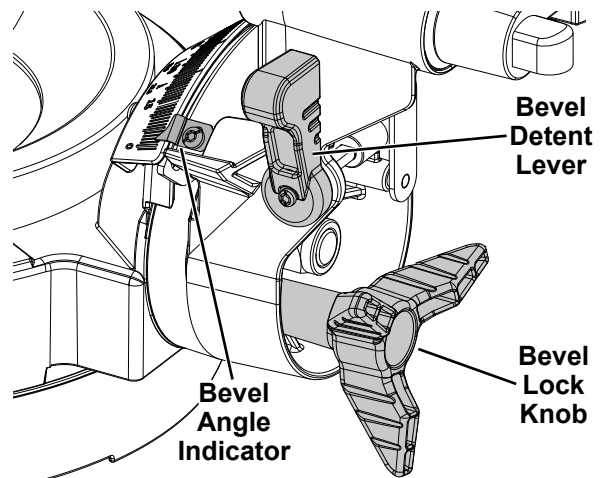


Figure D

3. To use the pre-set detents (stops), push the Bevel Detent Lever back until the Saw Head Assembly can be moved and then release the Lever. The Saw Head Assembly will lock into place at often used bevel angles, including 22.5°, 33.9°, and 45° on both left and right sides.
4. Lock the Saw Head Assembly into position by rotating the Bevel Lock Knob clockwise. Tighten firmly but do not over-tighten.
5. Make a sample cut in a piece of scrap to confirm that the bevel angle is correct. If it is not, correct the angle before cutting.

#### **WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY:**

Adjust both sides of the Fence clear of the Blade's cutting path after making any adjustment to the cutting angle. Move the Blade through its full range of motion to ensure the Fences are clear.

## Aligning the Fence

1. After adjusting the miter or bevel setting, check and adjust both sides of the fence.
2. Loosen one of the Fence Knobs, and move its Sliding Fence to be within 1/8" of the blade.
3. Tighten the Fence Knob. Make sure that the Sliding Fence still does not contact the Blade.
4. Repeat the process for the other Fence Knob and Sliding Fence.

## 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 objects, such as utility lines, nearby that will present a hazard while working.
5. Cut only the following materials:  
Dimensional lumber, plywood, particle board, plastic.

**Note:** Use caution to avoid overheating the cutting tips. If cutting plastic, cut at an even pace to avoid melting it.

6. Allow room on both left and right sides of saw for extended workpieces.
7. Use additional supports if needed to ensure the stability of the workpiece. Mount the Saw so that the surface is level to the ground, and additional supports to provide a surface on the same level as the saw table. If the work surface and any workpiece supports are not level, and on the same level, unwanted bevel angles will appear in the cuts resulting in poor joinery.
8. Secure workpieces to the saw table using the Clamp or other clamping devices (not included). Securing the workpiece will provide safety by preventing kick back and by removing the need to hold workpieces near the blade by hand. Clamping the workpiece will also improve cutting accuracy by preventing the workpiece from moving during the cutting operation.

## General Instructions for Use

1. Make sure that the Trigger is in the off-position, then plug in the tool.

**WARNING!** The tool will restart automatically if stalled.

2. Unlock the Head Lock-Down Pin.
3. Check that all adjustment knobs are tight (Miter Detent Lock Lever, Bevel Lock Lever, Fence Lock Knobs).
4. Blow any sawdust or debris away from the Fence. Place the work material against the Fence.
5. To use the Precision Blade Guide System to align the cut, turn the Blade Guide System Switch to ON. Pull the Saw Head down until the Saw Blade is close to the workpiece and the Blade's shadow appears on the work material, indicating where the Blade will cut. Align the marked location of the cut on the workpiece with the edge of the Saw Blade shadow.
6. The Saw will also operate without using the Precision Blade Guide System if desired. In that case align the marked location of the cut on the work material with the saw blade. To prevent the workpiece from being cut too short, align the edge of the blade with the measured mark, keeping the rest of the blade on the waste side of the cut.
7. Hold the work material in place using the Clamp or other clamping devices. Ensure that the work material is level and supported securely. Use saw horses or supports if necessary (not included).



**DANGER! Saws can quickly amputate fingers if misused. Keep hands well clear of cutting area.**

8. Grip the Saw Handle and squeeze the Trigger to start the Saw.
9. Use two hands and hold workpiece securely against table and fence at all times.
10. Press down lightly to cut the workpiece. Press straight down, "chopping" the material. Do not bear down on the material—use light downward pressure. If the material binds the blade, release the Trigger.
11. When the cut is completed, raise the Saw Head, release the Trigger, wait for the Blade to stop turning, release the Clamp and remove the workpiece from the Saw.
12. To prevent accidents, turn off the tool and unplug it after use. Clean, then store the tool indoors out of children's reach.
13. Lock the head down and lock all other adjustments before moving the saw. Use the handle cut outs on each end of the base to lift and support the Saw while moving it.

## MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING INSTRUCTIONS



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,
  - damaged cord/electrical wiring,
  - cracked or broken parts, and
  - any other condition that may affect its safe operation.
2. **AFTER USE**, wipe external surfaces of the tool with clean cloth. Carefully clean the dust collection chute and the area around the Lower Blade Guard. Check that the Lower Blade Guard moves smoothly through its entire range of movement, without sticking.
3. **!WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY:** If the plug or the supply cord of this power tool is damaged, it must be replaced only by a qualified service technician.

### ***Calibrating the Miter Scale***

To make accurate cuts, the Saw Blade must be perpendicular (at a 90° angle) to the Fence. To adjust the setting:

1. First unplug the tool.
2. Lower the Saw Head Assembly and lock it in place using the Head Lock-Down Pin.
3. Pull up on the Miter Detent Lock Lever to unlock the Table. Push the Detent Latch Button down and move the Table to the 0° miter position. Release the Miter Detent Lock Lever to lock the Table in position.
4. Lay a carpenter's square on the Table with one edge along the Blade and the other along the Fence. Any inaccuracy should be visible.  
**NOTE:** The square must contact the surface of the Blade, not the teeth, for an accurate reading.

5. If the Fence is not perpendicular (at a 90° angle) to the Saw Blade, loosen the four screws holding the Miter Scale. Using the square to measure, move the Table and Scale together left or right until the Blade and Fence are perpendicular to each other, then tighten the four screws.
6. Once the Blade and Fence are perpendicular, check the Miter Angle Indicator and Miter Scale. The Indicator should point to zero. If necessary, loosen the Miter Angle Indicator screw and move the Indicator to zero, then tighten the screw.

### ***Calibrating the Bevel Angle***

For making accurate cuts, the Saw Blade must be adjusted to be exactly vertical to the Table. To adjust the setting:


1. First unplug the tool.
2. Remove the Bevel Scale.
3. Loosen the adjustment hardware and set the bevel angle to 0°.
4. Tighten the adjustment hardware and replace the Bevel Scale.
5. Once the bevel angle is adjusted, adjust the left and right Bevel Angle Indicators to read 0° when the Saw Blade is in the vertical position. Loosen the screws holding the Indicators in place, adjust them to be exactly over the 0° mark, then retighten the screws.

### ***Adjusting or Replacing the Kerf Board***

If the Kerf Board becomes damaged it must be replaced.

1. Remove the six screws holding the Kerf Board in place.
2. Install a new Kerf Board. Replace the six screws and tighten them slightly.
3. To adjust the Kerf Board, lower the Saw Head Assembly and lock it in place using the Head Lock-Down Pin.
4. Adjust the Kerf Board so the right side of the Blade slightly clears the edge of the Kerf Board.
5. Loosen the Bevel Lock and set the Bevel Angle at 45° left.
6. Ensure that the left side of the Blade clears the Kerf Board.
7. Tighten the six screws holding the Kerf Board in place.

## Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Causes	Likely Solutions
Tool will not start.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cord not connected.</li> <li>2. No power at outlet.</li> <li>3. Tool's thermal reset breaker tripped (if equipped).</li> <li>4. Internal damage or wear. (Carbon brushes or Trigger, for example.)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check that cord is plugged in.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>3. Turn off tool and allow to cool. Press reset button on tool.</li> <li>4. Have technician service tool.</li> </ol>
Tool operates slowly.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Forcing tool to work too fast.</li> <li>2. Extension cord too long or cord diameter too small.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Allow tool to work at its own rate.</li> <li>2. Eliminate use of extension cord. If an extension cord is needed, use one with the proper diameter for its length and load. See <i>Extension Cords</i> in <i>Grounding</i> section on page 5.</li> </ol>
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.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Forcing tool to work too fast.</li> <li>2. Blocked motor housing vents.</li> <li>3. Motor being strained by long or small diameter extension cord.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Allow tool to work at its own rate.</li> <li>2. Wear ANSI-approved safety goggles and NIOSH-approved dust mask/respirator while blowing dust out of motor using compressed air.</li> <li>3. Eliminate use of extension cord. If an extension cord is needed, use one with the proper diameter for its length and load. See <i>Extension Cords</i> in <i>Grounding</i> section on page 5.</li> </ol>
 <b>Follow all safety precautions whenever diagnosing or servicing the tool.</b> <b>Disconnect power supply before service.</b>		

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

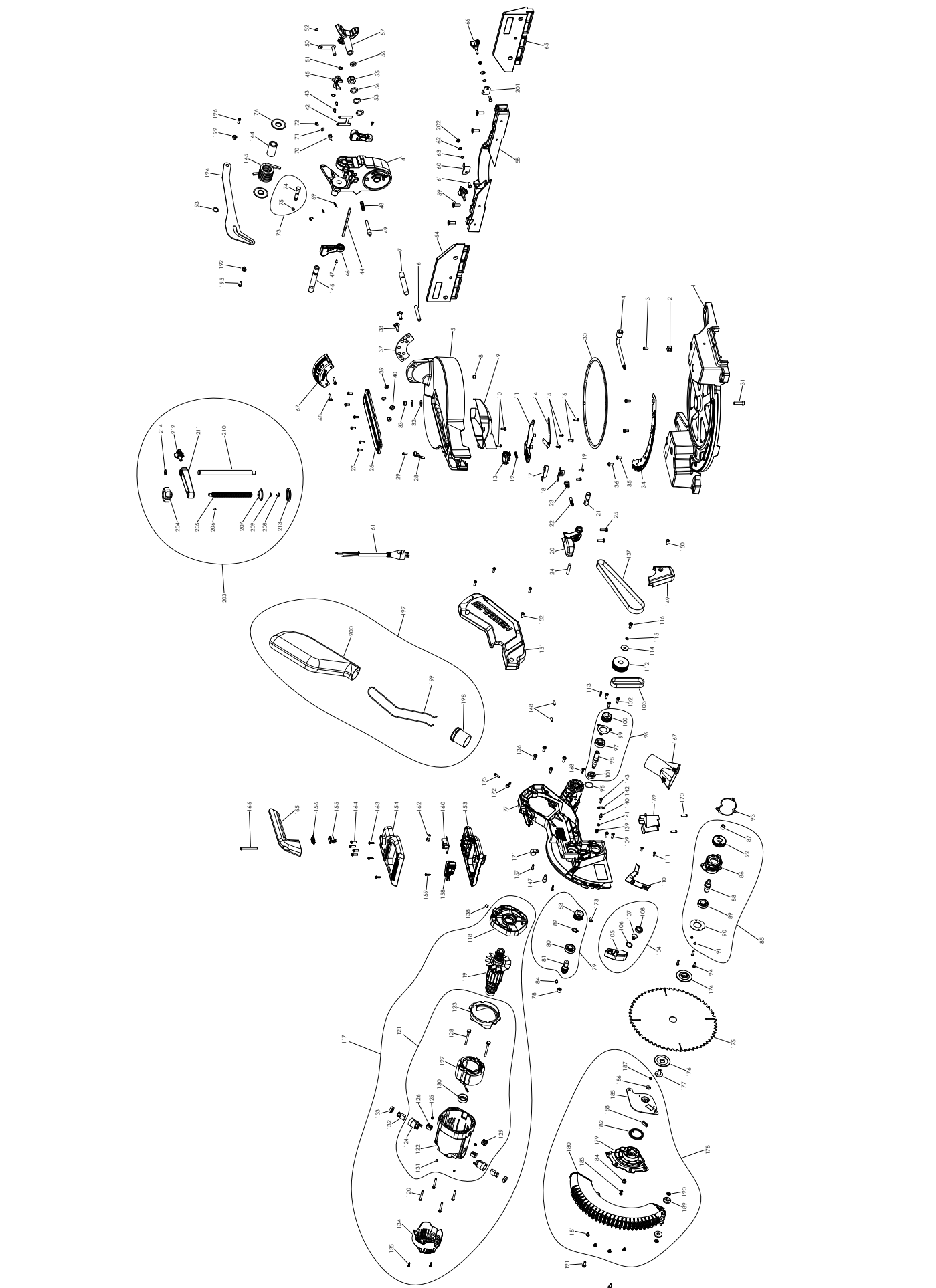
**Note:** Some parts are listed and shown for illustration purposes only, and are not available individually as replacement parts. Specify UPC 193175421050 when ordering parts.

# PARTS LIST AND DIAGRAM

## Parts List

Part	Description	Qty	Part	Description	Qty	Part	Description	Qty
1	Base	1	73	Head Lock-Down Pin Set	1	145	Torsion Spring	1
2	Wrench Clamp	1	74	Head Lock-Down Pin	1	146	Top Pivot Bolt	1
3	M5x10 Screw	1	75	O Ring	1	147	M8x15 Screw	1
4	Wrench	1	76	Wear Plate	2	148	M6x16 Set Screw	2
5	Table	1	77	Upper Guard	1	149	Synchronous Pulley Cover	1
6	M10x69 Bevel Lock Shaft	1	78	Linear Bearing	1	150	M5x16 Screw	1
7	Bottom Pivot Bolt	1	79	Shaft Set	1	151	Top Pulley Cover	1
8	M8x10 Set Screw	1	80	6202 Bearing	1	152	M5x16 Screw	4
9	Protecting Cover	1	81	Shaft	1	153	Bottom Handle	1
10	M5x12 Screw	2	82	C-Clip	1	154	Top Handle	1
11	Spring Plate	1	83	Pulley	1	155	Blade Guide Switch	1
12	Spring	1	84	M5x8 Screw	1	156	Blade Guide Switch Cover	1
13	Detent Latch Button	1	85	Spindle and Gear Set	1	157	M5x16 Screw	1
14	Miter Retaining Bracket	1	86	Bearing Holder	1	158	Trigger	1
15	M4x12 Screw	2	87	Linear Bearing	1	159	M4x12 Screw	1
16	M5x13 Screw	2	88	Spindle	1	160	Transformer	1
17	Spring Lock	1	89	6003 Bearing	1	161	Power Cord	1
18	Retaining Piece	1	90	Spindle Cover	1	162	Terminal	1
19	M5x12 Screw	2	91	M4x6 Screw	2	163	M4x16 Screw	3
20	Miter Detent Lock Lever	1	92	Reduction Gear	1	164	M5x16 Screw	4
21	Miter Detent Shaft	1	93	Pad	1	165	Carry Handle	1
22	Lock Shaft	1	94	M5x16 Screw	3	166	M5x55 Screw	1
23	Conical Spring	1	95	O-Ring	1	167	Dust Cover	1
24	Fixed Shaft	1	96	Pulley Driver Shaft Set	1	168	M5x12 Screw	2
25	M6x20 Screw	2	97	6202 Bearing	1	169	Rear Guard	1
26	Kerf Board	1	98	Pulley Shaft	1	170	M5x8 Screw	2
27	M5x10 Screw	6	99	Pulley Shaft Cover	1	171	Cable Clip	1
28	Miter Indicator	1	100	Pulley	1	172	Cable Clip	1
29	M4x12 Screw	1	101	629 Bearing	1	173	M5x8 Screw	2
30	Table Pad	1	102	M5x16 Screw	3	174	Inner Flange	1
31	M8x30 Screw	1	103	Short Drive Belt	1	175	Blade	1
32	Flat Washer	2	104	LED Light Holder Set	1	176	Outer Flange	1
33	M8 Nut	1	105	LED Holder	1	177	M8 Arbor Bolt	1
34	Miter Scale	1	106	LED Light	1	178	Lower Guard Set	1
35	M6x12 Screw	2	107	LED Lens	1	179	Lower Guard Bracket	1
36	M6x13 Screw	2	108	LED Lock Cover	1	180	Lower Blade Guard	1
37	Bevel Detent Plate	1	109	M5x16 Screw	2	181	M5x10 Screw	4
38	M8x25 Screw	2	110	LED Wire Cover	1	182	Spring	1
39	Flat Washer	2	111	M4x15 Screw	2	183	M5x16 Screw	1
40	M8 Nut	2	112	Pulley	1	184	Bushing	1
41	Pivot	1	113	Dowel	1	185	Guard Plate	1
42	Bevel Detent Plate	1	114	Flat Washer	1	186	Flat Washer	1
43	M5x10 Screw	2	115	S-Washer	1	187	M5 Nylon Nut	1
44	Bevel Rotational Shaft	1	116	M6x16 Screw	1	188	Stop Pad	1
45	Bevel Driver	1	117	Motor Set	1	189	Lower Guard Pad	2
46	Bevel Lock Handle	2	118	Motor Front Cover	1	190	Nut	2
47	M4x12 Screw	2	119	Rotor Set	1	191	M6x16 Screw	2
48	Spring	1	120	M5x40 Screw	4	192	Bushing	2
49	Detent Shaft	1	121	Motor Stator Set	1	193	Washer	1
50	Detent Shaft Driving Set	1	122	Motor Housing	1	194	Linkage	1
51	C-Clip	2	123	Baffle	1	195	M5x16 Screw	1
52	E-Clip	1	124	Brush Holder	2	196	M5x16 Screw	1
53	Washer	1	125	M5 Nylon Nut	2	197	Dust Collection Bag Set	1
54	Flat Washer	2	126	Nut Holder	2	198	Dust Outlet	1
55	M16 Nylon Nut	1	127	Stator Set	1	199	Dust Collection Bag Bracket	1
56	Flat Washer	1	128	Hex Shaft	2	200	Dust Collection Bag	1
57	Bevel Lock Handle	1	129	Power Cord Clip	1	201	Right Fence Bracket	1
58	Stationary Fence	1	130	Bearing Cover	1	202	M6 Nylon Nut	2
59	M8x25 Screw	4	131	M5x5 Set Screw	2	203	Clamp Set	1
60	Left Fence Bracket	1	132	Brush	2	204	Clamp Knob	1
61	M5x12 Screw	2	133	Brush Cover	2	205	M16x137 Bolt	1
62	Flat Washer	2	134	Motor Back Cover	1	206	Spring Dowel	1
63	Wave Washer	2	135	M4x16 Screw	2	207	Metal Pad	1
64	Left Sliding Fence	1	136	M6x16 Screw	4	208	M5x8 Screw	1
65	Right Sliding Fence	1	137	Long Drive Belt	1	209	Washer	1
66	Fence Knob	2	138	M8x16 Set Screw	1	210	Clamp Rod	1
67	Bevel Scale	1	139	Spring	1	211	Clamp Arm	1
68	M5x25 Screw	2	140	Spindle Lock	1	212	Clamp Lock Knob	1
69	Left Bevel Angle Indicator	1	141	O-Ring	1	213	Bushing	1
70	Right Bevel Angle Indicator	1	142	Lock Plate	1	214	E-Ring	1
71	Flat Washer	2	143	M5x8 Screw	1			
72	M5x8 Screw	2	144	Bushing	1			

### Assembly Diagram



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