Owner's Manual & Safety Instructions

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3/8" CORDLESS XTREME TORQUE IMPACT WRENCH KIT

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⚠WARNING

Read this material before using this product. Failure to do so can result in serious injury. SAVE THIS MANUAL.

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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 CAUTION	Addresses practices not related to personal injury.

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 battery-operated (cordless) power tool.

Work Area Safety

1. **Keep work area clean and well lit.** *Cluttered or dark areas invite accidents.*
2. **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.*
3. **Keep children and bystanders away while operating a power tool.** *Distractions can cause you to lose control.*

Electrical Safety

Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions.
Water entering a power tool will increase the risk of electric shock.

Personal Safety

1. **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.*

2. **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.*

3. **Prevent unintentional starting. Ensure the Trigger is in the off-position before connecting to power source, picking up or carrying the tool.** *Carrying power tools with your finger on the Trigger or energizing power tools that have the Trigger on invites accidents.*

4. **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.*

5. **Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.** *This enables better control of the power tool in unexpected situations.*

6. **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.*

7. **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.*

8. **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.*

Power Tool Use and Care

1. **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.*

2. **Do not use the power tool if the Trigger does not turn it on and off.** *Any power tool that cannot be controlled with the Trigger is dangerous and must be repaired.*

3. **Disconnect the battery pack from the power tool before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing power tools.** *Such preventive safety measures reduce the risk of starting the power tool accidentally.*

4. **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.*

5. **Maintain power tools. Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts and any other condition that may affect the power tool's operation. If damaged, have the power tool repaired before use.** *Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained power tools.*

6. **Keep cutting tools sharp and clean.** *Properly maintained cutting tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.*

7. **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.*

Battery tool use and care

1. **Recharge only with the charger specified by the manufacturer.** *A charger that is suitable for one type of battery pack may create a risk of fire when used with another battery pack.*
2. **Use power tools only with specifically designated battery packs.** *Use of any other battery packs may create a risk of injury and fire.*
3. **When battery pack is not in use, keep it away from other metal objects, like paper clips, coins, keys, nails, screws or other small metal objects, that can make a connection from one terminal to another.** *Shorting the battery terminals together may cause burns or a fire.*
4. **Under abusive conditions, liquid may be ejected from the battery; avoid contact. If contact accidentally occurs, flush with water. If liquid contacts eyes, additionally seek medical help.** *Liquid ejected from the battery may cause irritation or burns.*

Service

Have your power tool serviced by a qualified repair person using only identical replacement parts. *This will ensure that the safety of the power tool is maintained.*

Impact Wrench Safety Warnings

1. **Hold power tools by insulated gripping surfaces when performing an operation where the cutting tool may contact hidden wiring or its own cord.** *Contact with a "live" wire will make exposed metal parts of the tool "live" and shock the operator.*
2. The amount of actual torque may vary depending on the cleanness and condition of the threads and other factors. If tightening critical components, check the actual torque applied to the fastener with a mechanical torque wrench (not supplied).
3. Maintain labels and nameplates on the tool. These carry important safety information. If unreadable or missing, contact Harbor Freight Tools for a replacement.
4. Avoid unintentional starting. Prepare to begin work before turning on the tool.
5. Do not lay the tool down until it has come to a complete stop. Moving parts can grab the surface and pull the tool out of your control.
6. When using a handheld power tool, maintain a firm grip on the tool with both hands to resist starting torque.
7. Do not leave the tool unattended when the Battery Pack is connected. Turn off the tool, and remove the Battery Pack before leaving.
8. The battery Charger gets hot during use. The Charger's heat can build up to unsafe levels and create a fire hazard if it does not receive adequate ventilation, due to an electrical fault, or if it is used in a hot environment. Do not place the Charger on a flammable surface. Do not obstruct any vents on the Charger. **Especially avoid placing the Charger on carpets and rugs; they are not only flammable, but they also obstruct vents under the Charger.** Place the Charger on a stable, solid, nonflammable surface (such as a stable metal workbench or concrete floor) at least 1 foot away from all flammable objects, such as drapes or walls. Keep a fire extinguisher and a smoke detector in the area. Frequently monitor the Charger and Battery Pack while charging.
9. This product is not a toy. Keep it out of reach of children.
10. 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.
11. 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.

Lithium Battery Safety Warnings

LITHIUM BATTERIES STORE A LARGE AMOUNT OF ENERGY AND WILL VENT FIRE OR EXPLODE IF MISTREATED:

1. **Keep Battery Pack dry.**
2. **DO NOT DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TO THE BATTERY PACK:**
   a. **Open,**
   b. **Drop,**
   c. **Short-circuit,**
   d. **Puncture,**
   e. **Incinerate, or**
   f. **Expose to temperatures greater than 140°F.**
3. Charge Battery Pack only according to its Charger's instructions.
4. Inspect Battery Pack before every use; do not use or charge if damaged.

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 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.
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.

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Grounding

⚠WARNING

TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK AND DEATH FROM INCORRECT GROUNDING:
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 charger. Do not use the charger 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.

Extension Cords

Note: Extension cords must not be used with this item's Charger.

Symbology

	Double Insulated
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 Hearing Loss. Wear hearing protection.
	WARNING marking concerning Risk of Fire. Do not cover Charger ventilation ducts. Charge on fireproof surface only.
	WARNING marking concerning Risk of Electric Shock. Properly connect Charger's power cord to appropriate outlet.
	WARNING marking concerning Risk of Explosion. Do not puncture, short, or open battery packs and do not charge damaged battery packs.

Specifications

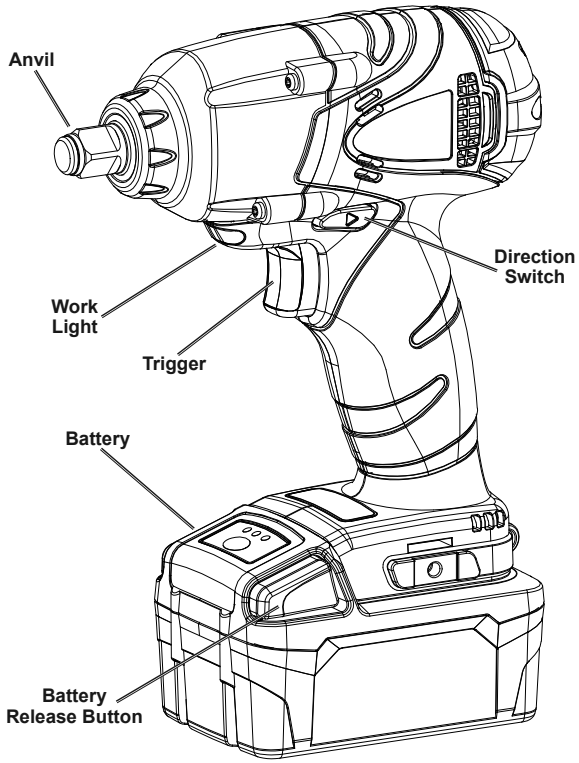
Battery Rating	20V/4.0Ah
Battery Type	Li-ion
Impact Rate	0–3000 IPM
Anvil Size	3/8"

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.

Note: For additional information regarding the parts listed in the following pages, refer to the *Parts Lists and Diagram* on page 14.

Functions



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Tool Set Up

⚠WARNING

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM ACCIDENTAL OPERATION:
Make sure that the Trigger is in the off-position and remove the Battery Pack before performing any procedure in this section.

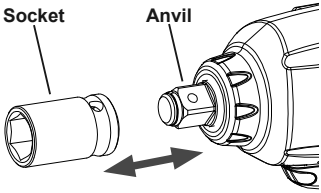
Battery Charging

Charge battery after unpacking and before using this tool. Follow instructions included with battery charger.

Attaching/Removing Sockets

CAUTION! Only use impact rated accessories with this tool. Other accessories may shatter, chip, or crack during operation.

1. Connect an appropriate, impact rated square drive socket (not included) onto the Anvil. Make sure the socket snaps securely in place
2. To remove, pull socket forward off of the Anvil.



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. Secure loose workpieces using a vise or clamps (not included) to prevent movement while working.
3. There must not be objects, such as utility lines, nearby that will present a hazard while working.

General Operating Instructions

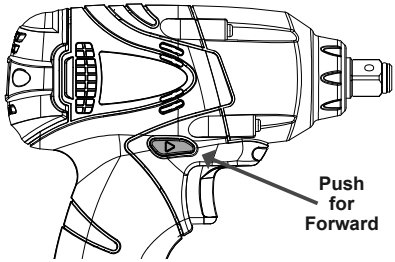
1. Make sure that the Trigger is in the off-position and the Direction Switch is in the centered, Trigger Lock position, then attach the Battery Pack.
2. Push and snap socket (not included) onto the Anvil.
3. Set Direction Switch.

   Forward: Push Switch in on right side (arrow pointing forward) for clockwise rotation.

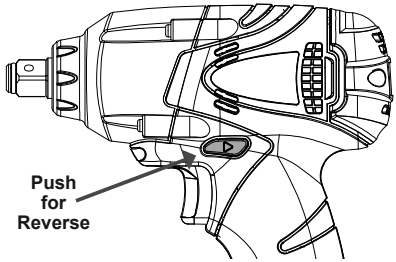
   Reverse: Push Switch in on left side (arrow pointing backward) for counter-clockwise rotation.

   Trigger Lock: Push Switch to the center to lock the Trigger.

CAUTION! Set Direction Switch to center Trigger Lock position during set up, when changing sockets or when tool is idle.



Push Switch to Center to LOCK TRIGGER



NOTICE: Do not change direction of rotation while Anvil is rotating. Wait until Anvil has come to a complete stop before changing direction.

4. Position the socket over the fastener.
5. Press Trigger to start the tool. The Work Light will turn on when Trigger is pressed and turn off when Trigger is released.
6. The tool has variable speed. To increase speed, apply more pressure to Trigger. To decrease speed, lessen pressure on Trigger.
7. Tighten or loosen the fastener(s) as required.

Note: The amount of actual torque will vary depending on the cleanness and condition of the threads and other factors. If tightening critical components, chase threads before assembling components and check the actual torque applied to the fastener with a mechanical torque wrench (not supplied).

8. When finished using the Impact Wrench, release Trigger and center Direction Switch to lock Trigger.
9. To prevent accidents, turn off the tool and remove its Battery Pack after use. Clean, then store the tool indoors out of children's reach.

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 remove the Battery Pack 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:
   - leaking, swollen, or cracked battery pack
   - loose hardware
   - misalignment or binding of moving parts
   - 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. Disconnect battery pack and store battery pack, charger, and tool in dry, indoor area out of reach of children and away from metal objects (i.e., paperclips, coins) to prevent shorting.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Causes	Likely Solutions
Tool will not start.	1. Battery Pack not properly connected.	1. Remove Battery Pack, make sure there are no obstructions, clean battery contacts on tool, reinsert the Battery Pack according to its shape (it should only fit one way), and press firmly until the Battery Pack locks in place.
	2. Battery Pack not properly charged.	2. Make sure Charger is connected and operating properly. Give enough time for Battery Pack to recharge properly.
	3. Battery Pack worn out.	3. Dispose of old Battery Pack properly or recycle. Replace Battery Pack.
	4. Internal damage or wear. (Carbon brushes or Trigger, for example.)	4. Have technician service tool.
Tool operates slowly.	1. Forcing tool to work too fast.	1. Allow tool to work at its own rate.
	2. Battery Pack wearing out.	2. Dispose of old Battery Pack properly or recycle. Replace Battery Pack.
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.	1. Allow tool to work at its own rate.
	2. Blocked motor housing vents.	2. Wear ANSI-approved safety goggles and NIOSH-approved dust mask/respirator while blowing dust out of motor using compressed air.

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

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY

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Record Product's Serial Number Here:_____

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

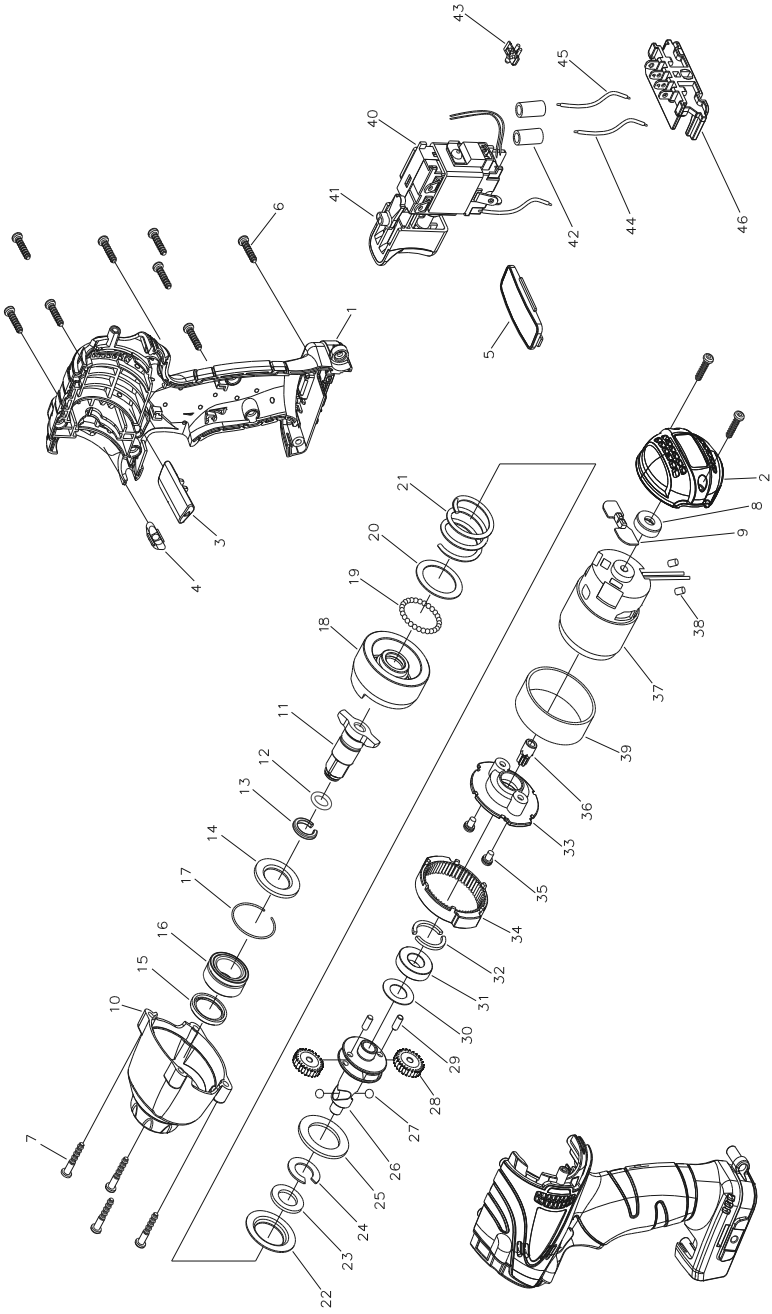
Note: Some parts are listed and shown for illustration purposes only, and are not available individually as replacement parts. Parts may not be interchangeable. Specify number when ordering.

Parts List

Part	Description	Qty
1	Enclosure	1
2	Rear Cover	1
3	Direction Switch	1
4	LED Cover	1
5	Panel	1
6	Screw	10
7	Screw	4
8	Buffer	1
9	Washer	1
10	Front Cover	1
11	Anvil	1
12	O-Ring	1
13	C-Clip	1
14	Washer	1
15	Oil Seal	1
16	Bushing	1
17	Clip	1
18	Hammer	1
19	Steel Ball	27
20	Washer	1
21	Spring	1
22	Washer	1
23	Washer	1
24	Buffer	1
25	Washer	1

Part	Description	Qty
26	Spindle	1
27	Steel Ball	2
28	Planet Gear	2
29	Gear Shaft	2
30	Washer	1
31	Ball Bearing	1
32	Buffer	2
33	Motor Bracket	1
34	Ring Gear	1
35	Screw	2
36	Pinion Gear	1
37	Motor	1
38	Thermal Shrink Tube	2
39	Lock Ring	1
40	Switch	1
41	Trigger	1
42	Thermal Shrink Tube	2
43	PCB LED Assembly	1
44	Internal Wiring	1
45	Internal Wiring	1
46	Terminal Holder	1
47	Insulating Tube (not shown)	1
48	20V Battery Pack (not shown)	1
49	20V Charger (not shown)	1
50	Case (not shown)	1

Assembly Diagram



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