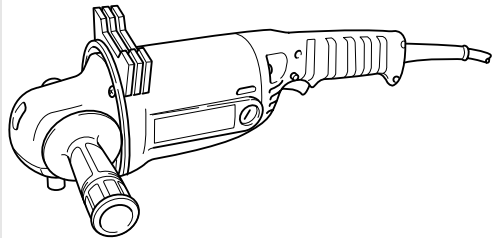




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MODEL GA7911



I N S T R U C T I O N M A N U A L

⚠ WARNING:

For your personal safety, READ and UNDERSTAND before using.
SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

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SPECIFICATIONS

Model	GA7911
No load speed (RPM)	6,000/min
Overall length	412 mm (16-1/4")
Net weight	5.5 kg (12.1 lbs)
Spindle thread	5/8"

- Manufacturer reserves the right to change specifications without notice.
- Specifications may differ from country to country.

GENERAL SAFETY RULES

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(For All Tools)

⚠ WARNING:

Read and understand all instructions. Failure to follow all instructions listed below, may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious personal injury.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Work Area

1. **Keep your work area clean and well lit.** Cluttered benches and 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 bystanders, children, and visitors away while operating a power tool.** Distractions can cause you to lose control.

Electrical Safety

4. **Grounded tools must be plugged into an outlet properly installed and grounded in accordance with all codes and ordinances. Never remove the grounding prong or modify the plug in any way. Do not use any adaptor plugs. Check with a qualified electrician if you are in doubt as to whether the outlet is properly grounded.** If the tools should electrically malfunction or break down, grounding provides a low resistance path to carry electricity away from the user.

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- 5. Avoid body contact with grounded surfaces such as pipes, radiators, ranges and refrigerators.** There is an increased risk of electric shock if your body is grounded.
 - 6. Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions.** Water entering a power tool will increase the risk of electric shock.
 - 7. Do not abuse the cord. Never use the cord to carry the tools or pull the plug from an outlet. Keep cord away from heat, oil, sharp edges or moving parts. Replace damaged cords immediately.** Damaged cords increase the risk of electric shock.
 - 8. When operating a power tool outside, use an outdoor extension cord marked “W-A” or “W”.** These cords are rated for outdoor use and reduce the risk of electric shock.

Personal Safety

- 9. Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense when operating a power tool. Do not use tool while tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or medication.** A moment of inattention while operating power tools may result in serious personal injury.
- 10. Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. Contain long hair. Keep your hair, clothing, and gloves away from moving parts.** Loose clothes, jewelry, or long hair can be caught in moving parts.
- 11. Avoid accidental starting. Be sure switch is off before plugging in.** Carrying tools with your finger on the switch or plugging in tools that have the switch on invites accidents.
- 12. Remove adjusting keys or wrenches before turning the tool on.** A wrench or a key that is left attached to a rotating part of the tool may result in personal injury.
- 13. Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.** Proper footing and balance enables better control of the tool in unexpected situations.

- 14. Use safety equipment. Always wear eye protection.** Dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection must be used for appropriate conditions. Ordinary eye or sun glasses are NOT eye protection.

Tool Use and Care

- 15. Use clamps or other practical way to secure and support the workpiece to a stable platform.** Holding the work by hand or against your body is unstable and may lead to loss of control.
- 16. Do not force tool. Use the correct tool for your application.** The correct tool will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it is designed.
- 17. Do not use tool if switch does not turn it on or off.** Any tool that cannot be controlled with the switch is dangerous and must be repaired.
- 18. Disconnect the plug from the power source before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing the tool.** Such preventive safety measures reduce the risk of starting the tool accidentally.
- 19. Store idle tools out of reach of children and other untrained persons.** Tools are dangerous in the hands of untrained users.
- 20. Maintain tools with care. Keep cutting tools sharp and clean.** Properly maintained tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.
- 21. Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts, and any other condition that may affect the tools operation. If damaged, have the tool serviced before using.** Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained tools.
- 22. Use only accessories that are recommended by the manufacturer for your model.** Accessories that may be suitable for one tool, may become hazardous when used on another tool.

SERVICE

23. Tool service must be performed only by qualified repair personnel. Service or maintenance performed by unqualified personnel could result in a risk of injury.

24. When servicing a tool, use only identical replacement parts. Follow instructions in the Maintenance section of this manual. Use of unauthorized parts or failure to follow Maintenance instructions may create a risk of electric shock or injury.

USE PROPER EXTENSION CORD: Use only three-wire extension cords that have three-prong grounding-type plugs and three-pole receptacles that accept the tool's plug. Make sure your extension cord is in good condition. Replace or repair damaged or worn cord immediately. 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 1 shows the correct size to use depending on cord length and nameplate ampere rating. If in doubt, use the next heavier gage. The smaller the gage number, the heavier the cord.

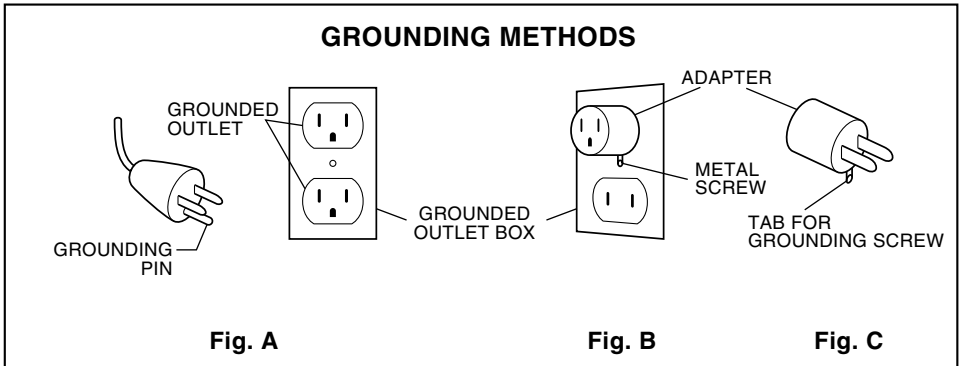
Table 1: Minimum gage for cord

Ampere Rating		Volts	Total length of cord in feet			
		120 V	25 ft.	50 ft.	100 ft.	150 ft.
More Than	Not More Than	AWG				
0	6		18	16	16	14
6	10		18	16	14	12
10	12		16	16	14	12
12	16		14	12	Not Recommended	

GROUNDING INSTRUCTIONS

This tool should be grounded while in use to protect the operator from electric shock. The tool is equipped with a three-conductor cord and three-prong grounding type plug to fit the proper grounding type receptacle. The green (or green and yellow) conductor in the cord is the grounding wire. Never connect the green (or green and yellow) wire to a live terminal. Your unit is for use on 120 volts and has a plug that looks like Fig. "A".

An adapter Fig. "B" and "C" is available for connecting Fig. "A" type plugs to two-prong receptacles. The green-colored rigid ear, lug, etc., extending from the adapter must be connected to a permanent ground, such as a properly grounded outlet box.



SPECIFIC SAFETY RULES

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DO NOT let comfort or familiarity with product (gained from repeated use) replace strict adherence to sander safety rules. If you use this tool unsafely or incorrectly, you can suffer serious personal injury.

1. Accessories must be rated for at least the speed recommended on the tool warning label. Wheels and other accessories running over rated speed can fly apart and cause injury.
2. Hold tool by insulated gripping surfaces when performing an operation where the cutting tool may contact hidden wiring or its own cord. Contact with a "live" wire will make exposed metal parts of the tool "live" and shock the operator.
3. Always use safety glasses or goggles. Ordinary eye or sun glasses are NOT safety glasses.
4. Use only flanges specified for this tool.
5. NEVER use tool with wood cutting blades or other sawblades. Such blades when used on a sander frequently kick and cause loss of control leading to personal injury.
6. Hold the tool firmly.
7. Keep hands away from rotating parts.
8. Be careful not to damage the spindle, the flange (especially the installing surface) or the lock nut. Damage to these parts could result in wheel breakage.
9. Make sure the abrasive disc or the wheel is not contacting the workpiece before the switch is turned on.
10. Watch out for flying sparks. Hold the tool so that sparks fly away from you and other persons or flammable materials.

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11. Do not leave the tool running. Operate the tool only when hand-held.
 12. Do not touch the workpiece immediately after operation; it may be extremely hot and could burn your skin.
 13. Ventilate your work area adequately when you perform sanding operations.
 14. ALWAYS wear proper apparel including long sleeve shirts, leather gloves and shop aprons to protect skin from contact with hot grindings.
 15. Use of this tool to grind or sand some products, paints and wood could expose user to dust containing hazardous substances. Use appropriate respiratory protection.

IF USED AS A GRINDER

16. Always use proper guard with grinding wheel. A guard protects operator from broken wheel fragments.
17. When using depressed center grinding wheels, be sure to use only fiberglass-reinforced wheels.
18. Check the wheel carefully for cracks or damage before operation. Replace cracked or damaged wheel immediately. Run the tool (with guard) at no load for about a minute, holding tool away from others. If wheel is flawed, it will likely separate during this test.
19. Before using the tool on an actual workpiece, let it run for a while. Watch for vibration or wobbling that could indicate poor installation or a poorly balanced wheel.
20. Use the specified surface of the wheel to perform the grinding.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

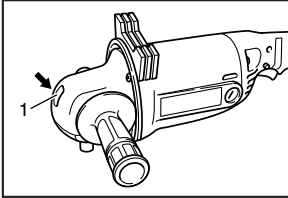
⚠ WARNING:
MISUSE or failure to follow the safety rules stated in this instruction manual may cause serious personal injury.

FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

⚠ CAUTION:

- Always be sure that the tool is switched off and unplugged before adjusting or checking function on the tool.

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1. Shaft lock

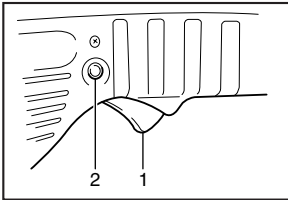
Shaft lock

⚠ CAUTION:

- Never actuate the shaft lock when the spindle is moving. The tool may be damaged.

Press the shaft lock to prevent spindle rotation when installing or removing accessories.

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1. Switch trigger
2. Lock button

Switch action

⚠ CAUTION:

- Before plugging in the tool, always check to see that the switch trigger actuates properly and returns to the “OFF” position when released.
- Switch can be locked in “ON” position for ease of operator comfort during extended use. Apply caution when locking tool in “ON” position and maintain firm grasp on tool.

To start the tool, simply pull the switch trigger. Release the switch trigger to stop. For continuous operation, pull the switch trigger and then push in the lock button. To stop the tool from the locked position, pull the switch trigger fully, then release it.

ASSEMBLY

⚠ CAUTION:

- Always be sure that the tool is switched off and unplugged before carrying out any work on the tool.

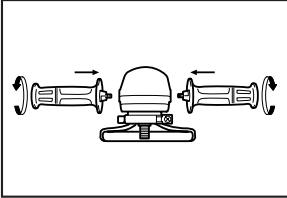
Installing side grip (handle)

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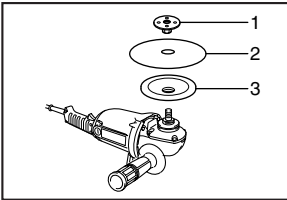
- Always be sure that the side grip is installed securely before operation.

Screw the side grip securely on the position of the tool as shown in the figure.

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Installing or removing abrasive disc (optional accessory)

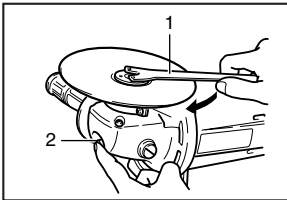
NOTE:

- Use sander accessories specified in this manual. These must be purchased separately.

Mount the rubber pad onto the spindle. Fit the disc on the rubber pad and screw the lock nut onto the spindle.

1. Lock nut
2. Abrasive disc
3. Rubber pad

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To tighten the lock nut, press the shaft lock firmly so that the spindle cannot revolve, then use the lock nut wrench and securely tighten clockwise.

To remove the disc, follow the installation procedure in reverse.

1. Lock nut wrench
2. Shaft lock

IF USED AS A GRINDER

NOTE:

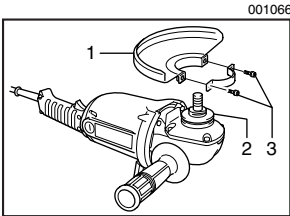
- Use grinder accessories specified in this manual. These must be purchased by separate.

⚠ WARNING:

- Always use guard assembly or accessory kit, noted below, for type 27 depressed center grinding wheel/ Multi-disc.

- Guard assembly
Part No. 191214-3 ... For 180 mm (7")
Part No. 191215-1 ... For 230 mm (9")
Guard accessory kit
Part No. 191228-2 ... For 180 mm (7")
Part No. 191231-3 ... For 230 mm (9")

Installing or removing wheel guard



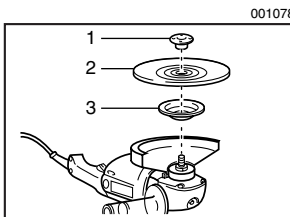
1. Wheel guard
2. Bearing box
3. Screw

⚠ CAUTION:

- When using a depressed center grinding wheel/Multi-disc, flex wheel or wire wheel brush, the wheel guard must be fitted on the tool so that the closed side of the guard always points toward the operator.

Mount the wheel guard with the protrusion on the wheel guard band aligned with the groove on the bearing box. Be sure to tighten both screws securely.

To remove wheel guard, follow the installation procedure in reverse.



1. Lock nut
2. Depressed center grinding wheel/
Multi-disc
3. Inner flange

Installing or removing depressed center grinding wheel/Multi-disc (optional accessory)

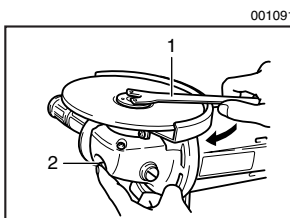
⚠ WARNING:

- Always use optional guard when depressed center grinding wheel/Multi-disc is on tool. Wheel can shatter during use and guard helps to reduce chances of personal injury.

Mount the inner flange onto the spindle. Fit the wheel on the inner flange and screw the lock nut onto the spindle.

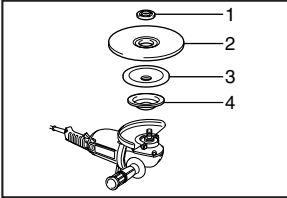
To tighten the lock nut, press the shaft lock firmly so that the spindle cannot revolve, then use the lock nut wrench and securely tighten clockwise.

To remove the wheel, follow the installation procedure in reverse.



1. Lock nut wrench
2. Shaft lock

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1. Lock nut
2. Flex wheel
3. Plastic pad
4. Inner flange

Installing or removing flex wheel (optional accessory)

⚠ WARNING:

- Always use specific guard when depressed center grinding wheel/Multi-disc is on tool. Wheel can shatter during use and guard helps to reduce chances of personal injury.

Follow instructions for depressed center grinding wheel/ Multi-disc but also use plastic pad over wheel. See order of assembly on accessories page in this manual.

OPERATION

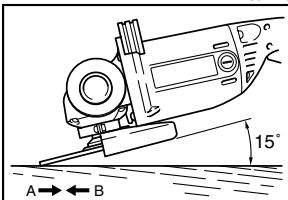
⚠ WARNING:

- It should never be necessary to force the tool. The weight of the tool applies adequate pressure. Forcing and excessive pressure could cause dangerous wheel breakage.
- ALWAYS replace wheel if tool is dropped while grinding.
- NEVER bang or hit grinding disc or wheel onto work.
- Avoid bouncing and snagging the wheel, especially when working corners, sharp edges etc. This can cause loss of control and kickback.
- NEVER use tool with wood cutting blades and other sawblades. Such blades when used on a grinder frequently kick and cause loss of control leading to personal injury.

⚠ CAUTION:

- After operation, always switch off the tool and wait until the wheel has come to a complete stop before putting the tool down.

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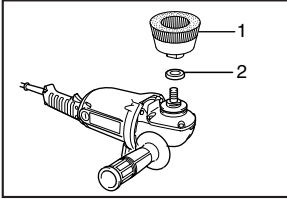
Grinding and sanding operation

ALWAYS hold the tool firmly with one hand on rear handle and the other on the side handle. Turn the tool on and then apply the wheel or disc to the workpiece.

In general, keep the edge of the wheel or disc at an angle of about 15 degrees to the workpiece surface.

During the break-in period with a new wheel, do not work the grinder in the B direction or it will cut into the workpiece. Once the edge of the wheel has been rounded off by use, the wheel may be worked in both A and B direction.

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1. Wire cup brush
2. Urethane washer

Operation with wire cup brush (optional accessory)

⚠ CAUTION:

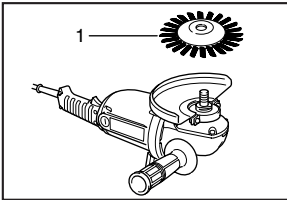
- Check operation of brush by running tool with no load, insuring that no one is in front of or in line with brush.
- Do not use brush that is damaged, or which is out of balance. Use of damaged brush could increase potential for injury from contact with broken brush wires.

Unplug tool and place it upside down allowing easy access to spindle. Remove any accessories on spindle. Mount urethane washer then thread wire cup brush onto spindle and tighten with supplied wrench. When using brush, avoid applying too much pressure which causes over bending of wires, leading to premature breakage.

NOTE:

- When using wire cup brush, mount urethane washer to the spindle. It will make it easier to remove wire cup brush.

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1. Wire wheel brush

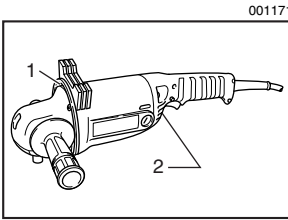
Operation with wire wheel brush (optional accessory)

⚠ CAUTION:

- Check operation of wire wheel brush by running tool with no load, insuring that no one is in front of or in line with the wire wheel brush.
- Do not use wire wheel brush that is damaged, or which is out of balance. Use of damaged wire wheel brush could increase potential for injury from contact with broken wires.
- ALWAYS use guard with wire wheel brushes, assuring diameter of wheel fits inside guard. Wheel can shatter during use and guard helps to reduce chances of personal injury.

Unplug tool and place it upside down allowing easy access to spindle. Remove any accessories on spindle. Thread wire wheel brush onto spindle and tighten with the wrenches. When using wire wheel brush, avoid applying too much pressure which causes over bending of wires, leading to premature breakage.

MAINTENANCE

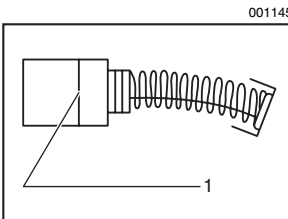


1. Exhaust vent
2. Inhalation vent

⚠ CAUTION:

- Always be sure that the tool is switched off and unplugged before attempting to perform inspection or maintenance.

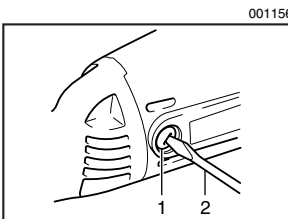
The tool and its air vents have to be kept clean. Regularly clean the tool's air vents or whenever the vents start to become obstructed.



1. Limit mark

Replacing carbon brushes

Remove and check the carbon brushes regularly. Replace when they wear down to the limit mark. Keep the carbon brushes clean and free to slip in the holders. Both carbon brushes should be replaced at the same time. Use only identical carbon brushes.



1. Brush holder cap
2. Screwdriver

Use a screwdriver to remove the brush holder caps. Take out the worn carbon brushes, insert the new ones and secure the brush holder caps.

To maintain product SAFETY and RELIABILITY, repairs, any other maintenance or adjustment should be performed by Makita Authorized or Factory Service Centers, always using Makita replacement parts.

ACCESSORIES

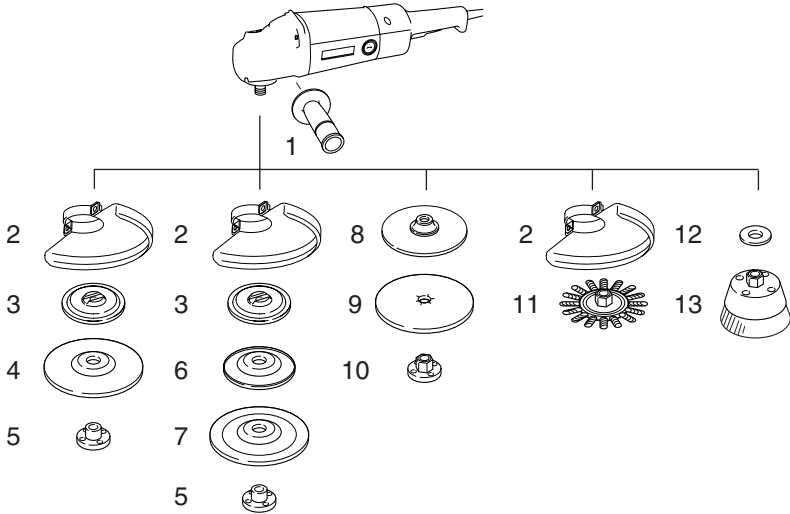
⚠ CAUTION:

- These accessories or attachments are recommended for use with your Makita tool specified in this manual. The use of any other accessories or attachments might present a risk of injury to persons. Only use accessory or attachment for its stated purpose.
- If you decide to use your Makita sander with approved accessories which you purchase from your Makita distributor or factory service center, be sure to obtain and use all necessary fasteners and guards as

recommended in this manual. Your failure to do so could result in personal injury to you and others.

If you need any assistance for more details regarding these accessories, ask your local Makita service center.

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CUSTOMER'S RECORD

<p>When you need service: Send complete tool (prepaid) to one of the Makita Factory Service Centers listed, or to an Authorized Makita Service Center. Be sure to attach a letter to the outside of the carton detailing the problem with your tool.</p>	Date Purchased
	Dealer's Name & Address
	Model No.
	Serial No.

WARNING

Some dust created by power sanding, sawing, grinding, drilling, and other construction activities contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. Some examples of these chemicals are:

- lead from lead-based paints,
- crystalline silica from bricks and cement and other masonry products, and
- arsenic and chromium from chemically-treated lumber.

Your risk from these exposures varies, depending on how often you do this type of work. To reduce your exposure to these chemicals: work in a well ventilated area, and work with approved safety equipment, such as those dust masks that are specially designed to filter out microscopic particles.

MAKITA LIMITED ONE YEAR WARRANTY

Warranty Policy

Every Makita tool is thoroughly inspected and tested before leaving the factory. It is warranted to be free of defects from workmanship and materials for the period of ONE YEAR from the date of original purchase. Should any trouble develop during this one-year period, return the COMPLETE tool, freight prepaid, to one of Makita's Factory or Authorized Service Centers. If inspection shows the trouble is caused by defective workmanship or material, Makita will repair (or at our option, replace) without charge.

This Warranty does not apply where:

- repairs have been made or attempted by others:
- repairs are required because of normal wear and tear:
- The tool has been abused, misused or improperly maintained:
- alterations have been made to the tool.

IN NO EVENT SHALL MAKITA BE LIABLE FOR ANY INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES FROM THE SALE OR USE OF THE PRODUCT. THIS DISCLAIMER APPLIES BOTH DURING AND AFTER THE TERM OF THIS WARRANTY.

MAKITA DISCLAIMS LIABILITY FOR ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF "MERCHANTABILITY" AND "FITNESS FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE," AFTER THE ONE-YEAR TERM OF THIS WARRANTY.

This Warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you. Some states do not allow limitation on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply to you.

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