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1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Makita 5103R Circular Saw. This powerful 2100W tool is designed for precise and efficient cutting of wood and similar materials. With a 270mm blade diameter and a maximum cutting depth of 100mm, it is suitable for a variety of demanding tasks. This manual provides essential information for safe operation, proper setup, effective use, and routine maintenance of your circular saw. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the tool to ensure your safety and prolong the life of the product.

2. GENERAL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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.

2.1 Work Area Safety

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

2.2 Electrical Safety

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

2.3 Personal Safety

- Always wear eye protection. Use safety glasses, goggles, or a face shield.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) such as dust masks, non-skid safety shoes, hard hats, or hearing protection for appropriate conditions.
- 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.

3. COMPONENTS OVERVIEW

Familiarize yourself with the various parts of your Makita 5103R Circular Saw to ensure safe and effective operation.



A detailed view of the Makita 5103R circular saw, showcasing its robust silver housing, black handles, and the large circular blade. The blue motor housing is visible at the rear, along with the dust extraction port and the base plate with measurement markings.

1. **Main Handle:** Ergonomic grip for control during operation.
2. **Auxiliary Handle:** Provides additional stability and control.
3. **Trigger Switch:** Activates the saw.
4. **Lock-off Button:** Prevents accidental starting.
5. **Blade Guard (Upper & Lower):** Protects the user from the rotating blade. The lower guard retracts during cutting.
6. **Blade:** The cutting element (270mm diameter).

7. **Base Plate:** Supports the saw on the workpiece and guides the cut.
8. **Depth Adjustment Lever:** Allows setting the desired cutting depth.
9. **Bevel Adjustment Lever:** Allows setting the desired bevel angle for angled cuts.
10. **Dust Extraction Port:** Connects to a dust extractor for a cleaner work environment.
11. **Spindle Lock Button:** Locks the spindle for blade changes.

4. SETUP

4.1 Blade Installation/Removal

1. Ensure the saw is unplugged from the power source.
2. Press the spindle lock button to secure the blade.
3. Using the appropriate wrench, loosen the arbor bolt by turning it counter-clockwise.
4. Remove the outer flange and the old blade.
5. Clean the inner and outer flanges.
6. Place the new blade onto the arbor, ensuring the teeth are pointing in the direction of rotation indicated by the arrow on the blade guard.
7. Replace the outer flange and tighten the arbor bolt clockwise while holding the spindle lock button. Do not overtighten.

4.2 Adjusting Cutting Depth

The cutting depth should be set so that the blade extends approximately 3-6mm below the workpiece. This minimizes kickback and ensures a cleaner cut.

1. Loosen the depth adjustment lever.
2. Raise or lower the saw body relative to the base plate until the desired depth is achieved. Use the depth scale for reference.
3. Securely tighten the depth adjustment lever.

4.3 Adjusting Bevel Angle

The saw can make bevel cuts up to a certain angle (refer to specifications).

1. Loosen the bevel adjustment lever.
2. Tilt the saw base plate to the desired angle, using the bevel scale for reference.
3. Securely tighten the bevel adjustment lever.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Before Starting

- Ensure the workpiece is securely clamped.
- Check that the blade is sharp and free from damage.
- Verify that all adjustments (depth, bevel) are securely locked.
- Connect a dust extraction system to the dust port if available.

5.2 Making a Cut

1. Position the saw on the workpiece with the blade clear of the cutting line.
2. Press the lock-off button, then squeeze the trigger switch to start the saw. Allow the blade to reach full speed before beginning the cut.
3. Slowly guide the saw forward along the cutting line. Maintain a firm grip on both handles.
4. Do not force the saw; let the blade do the work. Excessive force can lead to kickback or damage to the motor.
5. Once the cut is complete, release the trigger switch and allow the blade to stop completely before lifting the saw from the workpiece.

5.3 Important Operating Tips

- Always support the workpiece properly to prevent pinching the blade.
- Use a straight edge or guide rail for accurate cuts. This model supports mounting on a guide rail.
- Never attempt to remove sawdust or debris while the blade is rotating.

6. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures optimal performance and extends the life of your Makita 5103R Circular Saw.

6.1 Cleaning

- Always unplug the tool before cleaning.
- Use a soft cloth to wipe down the exterior of the saw.
- Periodically clear sawdust and debris from the blade guard, motor vents, and base plate using compressed air or a brush.
- Ensure the dust extraction port remains clear.

6.2 Blade Care

- Inspect the blade regularly for sharpness and damage (cracks, missing teeth). Replace dull or damaged blades immediately.
- Clean resin and pitch buildup from the blade using a suitable blade cleaner.

6.3 Power Cord Inspection

- Regularly inspect the power cord for any signs of damage, cuts, or fraying. If damaged, have it repaired by a qualified service technician.

6.4 Carbon Brushes

The motor uses carbon brushes which are consumable parts. When they wear down, the motor may stop or run intermittently. Have them inspected and replaced by a Makita authorized service center.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
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Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Saw does not start	No power supply Faulty power cord Worn carbon brushes Lock-off button not pressed	Check power outlet and circuit breaker Inspect cord for damage; replace if necessary Have brushes inspected/replaced by service center Ensure lock-off button is fully depressed before trigger
Poor cut quality / Blade binding	Dull or damaged blade Incorrect cutting depth Workpiece not properly supported Forcing the saw	Replace or sharpen blade Adjust cutting depth appropriately Securely clamp workpiece Reduce feed rate; let the saw work
Excessive vibration / Noise	Loose blade or arbor nut Damaged blade Internal mechanical issue	Check and tighten blade/arbor nut Replace blade Contact authorized service center
Motor overheating	Overloading the saw Blocked ventilation slots Dull blade	Reduce load; use appropriate feed rate Clean ventilation slots Replace or sharpen blade

8. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Model Number	5103R
Rated Power	2100 W
No-load Speed	3800 RPM
Blade Diameter	270 mm
Max. Cutting Depth (at 90°)	100 mm
Dimensions (L x W x H)	442 x 315 x 322 mm
Weight	9.33 kg
Voltage	230 Volts
Sound Level	108 dB
Blade Material	High-speed steel
Recommended Surface	Wood
Power Source	Corded Electric
Special Features	Bevel capacity, Depth adjustment
Included Components	1 x Makita 5103R Circular Saw (100mm depth of cut)
Certification	GS

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Makita products are manufactured under strict quality control standards. In the unlikely event of a defect due to faulty materials or workmanship, your product is covered by Makita's standard warranty. Please refer to the warranty card included with your purchase or visit the official Makita website for detailed warranty terms and conditions specific to your region.

For technical assistance, spare parts, or service, please contact your local authorized Makita service center or the retailer from whom you purchased the product. Always provide the model number (5103R) and serial number when seeking support.

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