Makita DPB180Z

User Manual for Makita DPB180Z 18V Li-Ion Cordless Band Saw

Model: DPB180Z

1. Introduction

Thank you for choosing the Makita DPB180Z 18V Li-Ion Cordless Band Saw. This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your tool. Please read this manual thoroughly before operation and keep it for future reference.
The Makita DPB180Z is a versatile and powerful cordless band saw designed for cutting various materials such as metal pipes, conduit, and other profiles. Its compact design and cordless operation offer excellent portability and convenience on the job site. This model is sold as a bare tool, meaning the battery and charger are not included.

2. Safety Information

Always observe basic safety precautions to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and personal injury. Keep this manual handy for quick reference.

General Power Tool Safety Warnings:

- **Work Area Safety:** Keep 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.
- **Electrical Safety:** Power tool plugs must match the outlet. Never modify the plug in any way. Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions.
- **Personal Safety:** 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. Always wear eye protection. Use safety equipment such as dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection for appropriate conditions.
- **Tool Use and Care:** Do not force the power tool. Use the correct power tool for your application. Disconnect the battery pack from the power tool before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing power tools.
- **Service:** Have your power tool serviced by a qualified repair person using only identical replacement parts.

3. Product Overview

Familiarize yourself with the components of your Makita DPB180Z band saw.



Figure 3.1: Front view of the Makita DPB180Z 18V Li-Ion Cordless Band Saw.



Figure 3.2: Key features of the Makita DPB180Z, including the rafter hook, variable speed dial, rubber bumpers, LED job light, and ergonomic rubber grip.



Figure 3.3: The integrated rafter hook allows for convenient storage and securing of the tool when not in use.



Figure 3.4: The ergonomic rubberized soft grip design provides increased comfort and control during operation.



Figure 3.5: Detail of the blade tension and tracking adjustment area, crucial for optimal cutting performance.



Figure 3.6: The built-in LED job light illuminates the cutting area for improved visibility, especially in low-light conditions.



Figure 3.7: The variable speed dial allows for precise speed adjustment based on the material being cut and the application.

4. Setup

4.1 Battery Installation (Battery and Charger Not Included)

1. Ensure the tool is switched off.
2. Align the battery pack with the battery port on the tool.
3. Slide the battery pack into the port until it clicks securely into place.
4. To remove, press the release button on the battery pack and slide it out.

4.2 Blade Installation and Adjustment



Figure 4.1: Proper technique for installing or replacing the band saw blade.

1. **Safety First:** Disconnect the battery pack before attempting to change the blade.
2. **Release Blade Tension:** Locate the blade tension lever/knob (refer to Figure 3.5) and release the tension on the existing blade.
3. **Remove Old Blade:** Carefully remove the old blade from the guide rollers and wheels.
4. **Install New Blade:** Place the new blade around the drive wheels, ensuring the teeth are pointing in the correct cutting direction (usually downwards towards the material). Guide the blade into the blade guides.
5. **Apply Tension:** Re-apply tension to the blade using the tension lever/knob until it is taut.
6. **Check Tracking:** Manually rotate the blade to ensure it tracks correctly on the wheels and through the guides. Adjust tracking if necessary using the appropriate adjustment mechanism (refer to Figure 3.5).

5. Operating Instructions

5.1 Powering On/Off

- To start the tool, depress the trigger switch.

- To stop the tool, release the trigger switch.

5.2 Variable Speed Control

The DPB180Z features a variable speed dial (Figure 3.7) that allows you to adjust the blade speed for different materials and applications. Rotate the dial to select the desired speed. Lower speeds are generally suitable for harder materials, while higher speeds are for softer materials.

5.3 Cutting Techniques



Figure 5.1: Demonstrating the proper grip and cutting angle when cutting a pipe.



Figure 5.2: The compact design allows for comfortable overhead cutting in various orientations.

- **Secure Workpiece:** Always secure the material to be cut in a vise or with clamps to prevent movement during cutting.
- **Proper Grip:** Hold the tool firmly with both hands, ensuring a stable and balanced stance (Figure 5.1).
- **Starting the Cut:** Place the front shoe of the saw firmly against the workpiece. Start the saw before the blade contacts the material.
- **Cutting Pressure:** Apply steady, even pressure. Do not force the tool, let the blade do the work. Excessive pressure can lead to blade damage or reduced cutting efficiency.
- **Finishing the Cut:** As the cut nears completion, reduce pressure to maintain control and prevent kickback.

5.4 LED Job Light

The integrated LED job light (Figure 3.6) automatically illuminates the cutting area when the trigger is pulled, providing enhanced visibility in dimly lit environments. It features pre-glow and afterglow functions for convenience.

5.5 Rafter Hook

The rafter hook (Figure 3.3) allows you to conveniently hang the tool on pipes, scaffolding, or other structures when not in immediate use, keeping it within reach and off the ground.

6. Maintenance

Regular maintenance ensures optimal performance and extends the life of your tool.

- **Cleaning:** After each use, clean the tool with a soft cloth to remove dust and debris. Do not use harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
- **Blade Inspection:** Regularly inspect the blade for wear, damage, or dullness. Replace worn or damaged blades promptly.
- **Blade Guides:** Check the blade guides for wear and ensure they are clean and free of debris. Worn guides can affect cutting accuracy.
- **General Inspection:** Periodically check all screws and fasteners for tightness. Ensure all moving parts operate smoothly.
- **Storage:** Store the tool in a clean, dry place, out of reach of children and away from direct sunlight or extreme temperatures.

7. Troubleshooting

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your band saw.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Tool does not start	Battery not charged or improperly installed.	Ensure battery is fully charged and properly inserted.
Blade not cutting efficiently	Dull or damaged blade; incorrect blade tension; wrong blade for material.	Replace blade; adjust blade tension; use appropriate blade for material.
Blade tracking off	Blade tension incorrect; blade guides worn or misaligned.	Adjust blade tension and tracking; inspect and replace worn blade guides.
Excessive vibration or noise	Loose components; damaged blade; worn bearings.	Check all fasteners; replace blade; if problem persists, seek professional service.

If you encounter issues not listed here or if solutions do not resolve the problem, please contact Makita customer support or an authorized service center.

8. Specifications

Feature	Specification
Model Number	DPB180Z
Voltage	18 Volts

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Power Source	Battery Powered (Li-Ion)
Blade Length	120 Millimeters (4-3/4 inches)
No-Load Speed	400 RPM
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	22.05 x 13.78 x 10.24 cm (approx. 8.68 x 5.42 x 4.03 inches)
Item Weight	6.5 kilograms (approx. 14.33 pounds)
Blade Material	High Carbon Steel
Handle Material	Plastic
Special Feature	Brushless Motor
Included Components	1 Product (Bare Tool)

9. Warranty and Support

9.1 Warranty Information

Makita power tools are engineered and manufactured to the highest quality standards. For specific warranty terms and conditions applicable to your region, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Makita website. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

9.2 Customer Support

For technical assistance, service, or to locate an authorized service center, please visit the official Makita website or contact their customer service department:

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