Hitachi 326697

Product Instruction Manual

Hitachi 326697 Fence (A) C10FCH2 C10FCE2 Replacement Part

Model: 326697

Brand: Hitachi

1. Introduction

This manual provides instructions for the proper installation, operation, and maintenance of the Hitachi 326697 Fence replacement part. This part is specifically designed for use with Hitachi C10FCH2 and C10FCE2 miter saws.
The Hitachi 326697 Fence is a genuine replacement component manufactured to ensure compatibility and optimal performance with your Hitachi power tool. Adhering to the instructions within this manual will contribute to the longevity and safe operation of your equipment.

2. Safety Information

Always observe fundamental safety precautions when installing, maintaining, or working with power tool parts. Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in serious personal injury or damage to the tool.

- **Disconnect Power:** Before commencing any installation, maintenance, or repair procedures, always ensure the power tool is disconnected from its power source.
- **Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** Always wear appropriate safety glasses, gloves, and other necessary PPE to protect against potential hazards.
- **Refer to Tool Manual:** Consult your specific Hitachi C10FCH2 or C10FCE2 miter saw's instruction manual for comprehensive safety warnings and detailed operating procedures.
- **Use Genuine Parts:** To guarantee proper fit, function, and safety, only utilize genuine Hitachi replacement parts.
- **Secure Workpiece:** Ensure the workpiece is firmly and correctly secured against the fence and saw table before initiating any cutting operation.
- **Inspect Before Use:** Prior to each use, thoroughly inspect the fence and all other saw components for any signs of damage, wear, or deformation. Replace any damaged parts immediately.

3. Setup and Installation

This section outlines the step-by-step procedure for installing the 326697 Fence onto your compatible Hitachi miter saw.

1. **Preparation:**
    - Ensure the miter saw is completely unplugged from the electrical power outlet.
    - Clear the work area of any sawdust, debris, or other obstructions.
    - Gather all necessary tools, which typically include a screwdriver or wrench, depending on the specific fasteners used on your saw model.
2. **Remove Old Fence (if applicable):**
    - Locate the fasteners (screws or bolts) that secure the existing fence component to the saw's base.
    - Carefully remove these fasteners and detach the old fence. Retain the fasteners for reinstallation if they are in good, reusable condition.
3. **Install New Fence:**
    - Position the new Hitachi 326697 Fence onto the saw's base, ensuring that the mounting holes on the fence align precisely with the corresponding holes on the saw.
    - Insert the fasteners through the fence and into the designated holes on the saw.
    - Tighten the fasteners securely. Exercise caution not to overtighten, as this can strip threads or cause damage to the part or saw.
4. **Verify Alignment:**
    - Following installation, visually inspect the fence to confirm it is properly aligned and parallel to the saw blade when the blade is in its upright position.
    - For precise fence alignment procedures, refer to your specific miter saw's instruction manual if any adjustments are required.

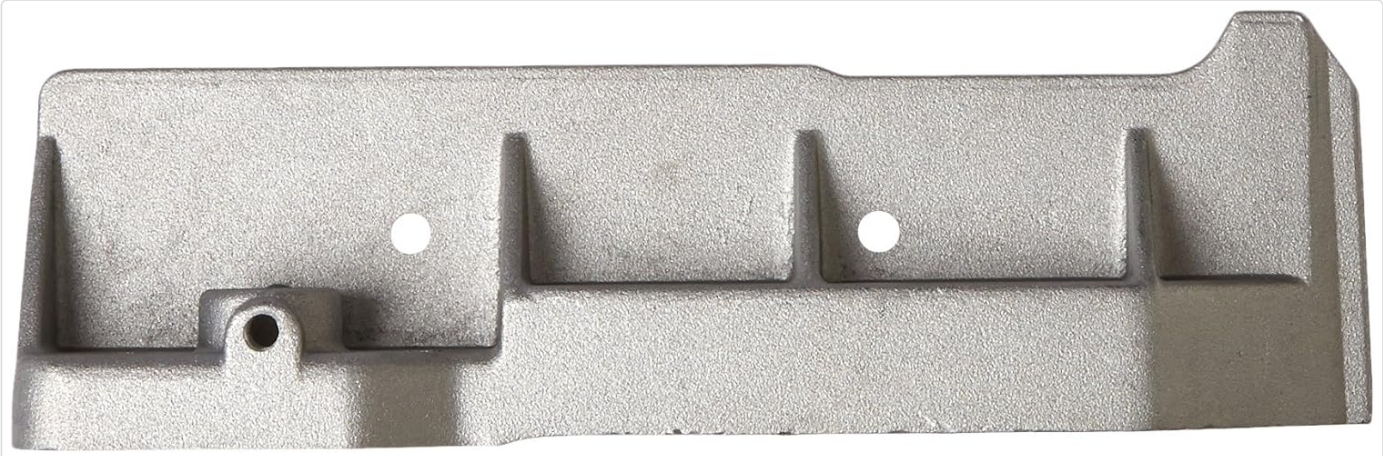


Figure 1: Top view of the Hitachi 326697 Fence replacement part. This image illustrates the overall shape and the locations of the mounting points on the fence.

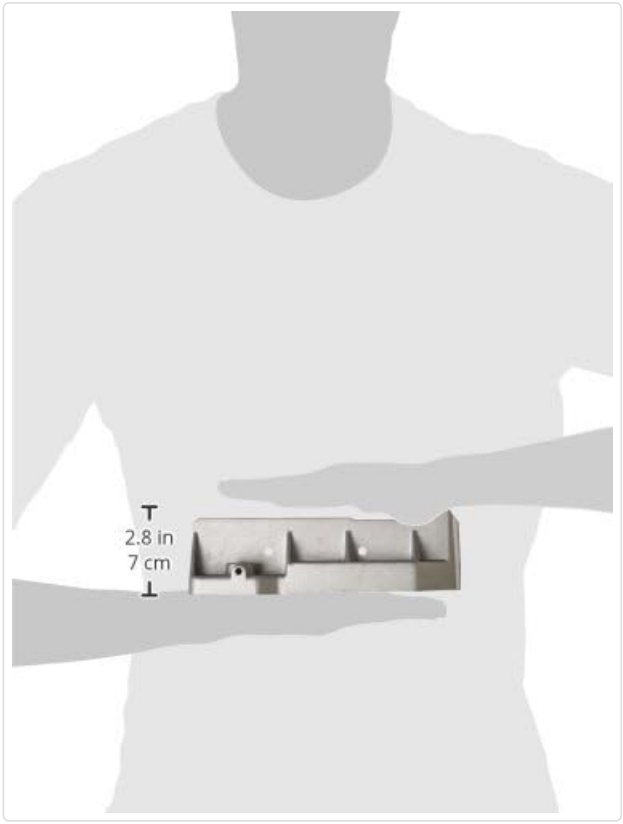


Figure 2: The Hitachi 326697 Fence held by a hand, providing a visual reference for its approximate size and dimensions (approximately 2.8 inches / 7 cm in height as indicated in the image).

4. Operating the Fence

The fence serves as a crucial component for accurately guiding the workpiece and ensuring precise cuts on your miter saw. Once correctly installed, its function is integral to the saw's standard operation.

- **Workpiece Support:** The fence provides a stable and consistent surface against which the workpiece rests throughout the cutting process. Always ensure the workpiece is firmly pressed against the fence both before and during the cut to prevent movement.
- **Angle Adjustments:** The fence itself is a fixed component designed for straight support. All angle adjustments for miter or bevel cuts are performed via the miter saw's adjustable base and blade angle settings, not by manipulating the fence.
- **Material Compatibility:** The fence is engineered to provide support for a variety of materials commonly cut with a miter saw, including wood, plastic, and certain non-ferrous metals, provided that the appropriate saw blade is utilized for the material.

5. Maintenance

Regular and proper maintenance of the fence and the surrounding areas of your miter saw will significantly extend its operational life and ensure continued safe performance.

- **Cleaning:**
  - After each use, thoroughly clear all sawdust, wood chips, and other debris from the fence surface and the saw's base using a brush or compressed air.
  - Avoid using harsh chemical solvents that could potentially damage the fence material or the saw's protective finish.
- **Inspection:**

- Periodically inspect the fence for any visible signs of wear, damage, cracks, or bending. A compromised or misaligned fence can lead to inaccurate cuts and pose significant safety risks.
- Check the tightness of all mounting fasteners. Retighten them if any looseness is detected.

- **Storage:**
  - Store the miter saw in a clean, dry, and protected environment to prevent corrosion and damage to all components, including the fence.

6. Troubleshooting

This section provides guidance on addressing common issues that may arise concerning the fence component.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Inaccurate Cuts	Fence is not parallel to the saw blade; Fence is bent, warped, or damaged; Workpiece not held firmly against the fence.	Check fence alignment and adjust according to your saw's manual if possible; Replace the damaged fence; Always ensure the workpiece is securely held against the fence during operation.
Fence feels loose or wobbly after installation	Mounting fasteners are loose or not fully tightened.	Carefully tighten all mounting fasteners until secure. Do not overtighten.
Difficulty installing new fence	Incorrect replacement part for your specific saw model; Obstruction or debris in the mounting holes.	Verify that the part number (326697) is correct for your Hitachi C10FCH2 or C10FCE2 miter saw; Clear any debris or foreign material from the mounting holes on both the fence and the saw.

7. Specifications

Key specifications for the Hitachi 326697 Fence replacement part:

- **Part Number:** 326697
- **Brand:** Hitachi (now operating as Metabo HPT)
- **Manufacturer:** Koki Holdings America, Ltd
- **Compatible Miter Saw Models:** Hitachi C10FCH2, Hitachi C10FCE2
- **Material:** Durable cast metal (e.g., aluminum alloy)
- **Color:** Silver
- **Item Weight:** Approximately 6.4 Ounces (181 grams)
- **Product Dimensions:** Approximately 1 x 1 x 1 inches (Note: These dimensions are generic; refer to images for visual scale)
- **Country of Origin:** China
- **UPC:** 719592651407
- **Global Trade Identification Number (GTIN):** 04966375651406

8. Warranty and Support

For detailed information regarding warranty coverage for genuine Hitachi replacement parts, please consult the warranty documentation that accompanied your original Hitachi power tool purchase. Alternatively, you may visit the official website

of Hitachi Power Tools (now operating as Metabo HPT).

Important Note: Hitachi Power Tools has undergone a brand transition and is now known as Metabo HPT. Rest assured, the same high-quality tools and replacement parts are available under this new brand name.

For further assistance, technical support, or to locate authorized service centers, please contact Metabo HPT customer service or visit their official online resources:

Metabo HPT Official Website

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