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Your guide to safe and effective use

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your Kobalt 1/4 Drive Ratchet, Model 22315. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the tool to ensure proper handling and to prevent injury or damage.



Image: The Kobalt 1/4 Drive Ratchet 22315, a silver-colored hand tool with a black grip, designed for mechanical fastening tasks.

SAFETY INFORMATION

Always observe the following safety precautions when using your ratchet:

- **Wear Eye Protection:** Always wear ANSI-approved safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields when operating hand tools.

- **Use Correct Sockets:** Ensure the socket size matches the fastener to prevent stripping or damage.
- **Inspect Tool Before Use:** Check the ratchet for any signs of damage, wear, or loose parts. Do not use a damaged tool.
- **Do Not Over-Torque:** Avoid applying excessive force beyond the tool's intended capacity, as this can cause breakage or injury.
- **Keep Clean and Dry:** Store the tool in a clean, dry environment to prevent corrosion and maintain functionality.
- **Not for Prying:** Do not use the ratchet as a pry bar or hammer. It is designed for fastening applications only.

SETUP

Before using your Kobalt 1/4 Drive Ratchet, follow these steps to prepare it for operation:

1. Attaching a Socket:

- Select the appropriate 1/4-inch drive socket for your fastener.
- Press the socket release button located on the back of the ratchet head.
- Align the square drive of the socket with the square drive on the ratchet head.
- Push the socket firmly onto the ratchet head until it clicks into place. Release the button to secure the socket.

2. Removing a Socket:

- Press the socket release button.
- Pull the socket straight off the ratchet head.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The Kobalt 1/4 Drive Ratchet is designed for efficient tightening and loosening of fasteners.

1. Selecting Direction:

- Locate the direction switch (typically a lever or knob) on the ratchet head.
- Move the switch to the desired position:
 - For **tightening** (clockwise rotation), move the switch to the 'R' (Right) or 'T' (Tighten) position.
 - For **loosening** (counter-clockwise rotation), move the switch to the 'L' (Left) or 'U' (Unscrew) position.

2. Applying Torque:

- Place the attached socket onto the fastener head.
- Apply steady, even pressure to the ratchet handle in the desired direction. The internal mechanism will allow the handle to rotate freely in the opposite direction for repositioning.
- Continue rotating until the fastener is tightened or loosened to the required specification.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your ratchet.

- **Cleaning:** After each use, wipe the ratchet clean with a dry, soft cloth to remove dirt, grease, and debris. For stubborn grime, a mild solvent can be used, followed by thorough drying.
- **Lubrication:** Periodically apply a small amount of light machine oil to the internal ratcheting mechanism. This helps maintain smooth operation and prevents wear. Avoid excessive lubrication, which can attract dirt.
- **Storage:** Store the ratchet in a dry, clean place, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. A tool chest or drawer is ideal to protect it from dust and moisture.

- **Inspection:** Regularly inspect the ratchet head, handle, and direction switch for any signs of wear, cracks, or damage. Replace the tool if significant damage is observed.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Kobalt 1/4 Drive Ratchet, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Socket does not hold securely on the ratchet head.	Socket release button not fully engaged; debris in the drive square; worn detent ball.	Ensure the socket release button is fully pressed when attaching and released to secure. Clean the drive square. If the issue persists, the detent ball may be worn, requiring tool replacement.
Ratchet mechanism slips or does not engage.	Direction switch not fully engaged; internal mechanism dirty or worn.	Ensure the direction switch is fully moved to either the tightening or loosening position. Clean and lightly lubricate the internal mechanism. If wear is significant, consider tool replacement.
Handle feels stiff or difficult to turn.	Lack of lubrication; dirt or corrosion in the mechanism.	Clean the ratchet thoroughly and apply a light machine oil to the moving parts of the head.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Brand:** Kobalt
- **Model Number:** 22315
- **Drive Size:** 1/4 inch
- **Head Style:** Ratcheting
- **Operation Mode:** Mechanical
- **Item Weight:** 8 ounces
- **Material:** Kobalt (typically high-grade steel)
- **Color:** Silver

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