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Model: 438367 | Brand: Flex

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your Flex 438367 Reciprocating Saw. Please read these instructions carefully before using the tool to ensure proper handling and to prevent injury or damage.

The Flex 438367 is a professional-grade reciprocating saw designed for various cutting tasks. It operates on a 230V power supply.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Always observe general power tool safety guidelines to reduce the risk of electric shock, fire, and serious injury.

- **Wear Eye Protection:** Always wear safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields.
- **Wear Hearing Protection:** Use ear protection during operation.
- **Secure Workpiece:** Always clamp or otherwise secure the workpiece to prevent movement during cutting.
- **Proper Blade Selection:** Use only blades appropriate for the material being cut and the specific task.
- **Inspect Tool and Cord:** Before each use, check the power cord for damage and ensure the tool is in good working condition.
- **Keep Work Area Clear:** Ensure the work area is well-lit and free from obstructions.
- **Avoid Accidental Starting:** Ensure the switch is in the OFF position before plugging in the tool.
- **Maintain Firm Grip:** Hold the tool firmly with both hands during operation.
- **Disconnect Power:** Always disconnect the power plug from the outlet before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or performing maintenance.

SETUP

Unpacking

Carefully remove the reciprocating saw and all accessories from the packaging. Inspect the tool for any signs of damage that may have occurred during shipping. Retain packaging materials for future storage or transport.

Blade Installation

1. Ensure the tool is unplugged from the power source.
2. Locate the blade clamp mechanism on the front of the saw.
3. Follow the specific instructions for your model to open the blade clamp (this usually involves twisting a collar or lifting a lever).
4. Insert the shank of the desired reciprocating saw blade fully into the clamp.
5. Release the clamp mechanism, ensuring the blade is securely locked in place. Pull gently on the blade to confirm it is seated correctly.



Image: The Flex 438367 Reciprocating Saw, illustrating the general appearance and where a blade would be installed. This image shows the main body of the saw.

Power Connection

Connect the power cord to a standard 230V AC electrical outlet. Ensure the outlet is properly grounded and protected by a residual current device (RCD) if working in damp conditions or outdoors.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Holding the Tool

Always hold the reciprocating saw firmly with both hands. One hand should be on the main handle and the other on the front grip area. Maintain a balanced stance.

Starting and Stopping

- To start the saw, depress the trigger switch. The speed can often be varied by the amount of pressure applied to the trigger.
- To stop the saw, release the trigger switch.
- Some models may include a lock-on button for continuous operation. To disengage, depress and release the trigger again.

Cutting Techniques

- **Plunge Cutting:** For plunge cuts, place the shoe of the saw against the workpiece, start the saw, and slowly pivot the blade into the material.

- **General Cutting:** Apply light, consistent pressure. Allow the blade to do the work. Do not force the saw, as this can lead to overheating and premature blade wear.
- **Material Specifics:** Use appropriate blades for wood, metal, or plastic. For metal, consider using cutting fluid to extend blade life.



Image: A closer view of the Flex 438367 Reciprocating Saw, highlighting the handle and trigger mechanism for operation.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and safe operation of your Flex 438367 Reciprocating Saw. Always unplug the tool before performing any maintenance.

- **Cleaning:** After each use, clean the tool with a dry cloth. Remove any sawdust, debris, or metal shavings from the ventilation openings and blade clamp area. Do not use solvents.
- **Blade Inspection:** Regularly inspect blades for sharpness, damage, or excessive wear. Replace dull or damaged blades immediately.
- **Cord Inspection:** Check the power cord for cuts, abrasions, or other damage. If damaged, have it repaired by a qualified service technician.
- **Storage:** Store the saw in a dry, secure location out of reach of children.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Saw does not start.	No power supply; faulty switch; damaged cord.	Check power outlet and cord. Ensure switch is fully depressed. If problem persists, seek professional service.
Poor cutting performance.	Dull or incorrect blade; insufficient pressure; wrong speed setting.	Replace blade. Ensure correct blade for material. Apply consistent pressure. Adjust speed if applicable.
Excessive vibration.	Loose blade; damaged blade; internal issue.	Check blade for secure installation and damage. Replace if necessary. If vibration continues, discontinue use and seek service.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Flex
Model Number	438367
Voltage	230 Volt
Wattage	1200 watts
Speed	3000 RPM
Item Weight	17.42 pounds (approx. 7.9 kg)
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	14.5L x 12.5B x 38.5H centimeters
Power Source	Electric cable
Handle Material	Stainless steel
Included Components	1 x 438367 unit
Country of Origin	Germany

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The Flex 438367 Reciprocating Saw comes with a **2-year warranty** from the date of purchase. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use.

For warranty claims, technical support, or service inquiries, please contact your authorized Flex dealer or the manufacturer's customer service department. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty validation.