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Model: **JS3131-00** | Brand: **Skil**

INTRODUCTION

This instruction manual provides essential information for the safe and effective operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your SKIL 5 Amp Corded Jig Saw, model JS3131-00. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the tool to ensure proper handling and to maximize its performance and lifespan.

The SKIL JS3131-00 Jig Saw is designed for making precise straight and curved cuts in various materials, including wood, metal, and plastic. Its features, such as the 4-stage orbital function, variable speed control, and dust blowing function, contribute to its versatility and cutting accuracy.

GENERAL SAFETY INFORMATION

Always observe basic safety precautions when using power tools to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and personal injury. Keep this manual for future reference.

- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, including safety glasses, hearing protection, and gloves.
- Ensure your work area is clean, well-lit, and free from obstructions.
- Keep children and bystanders away while operating the tool.
- Do not operate power tools in explosive atmospheres, such as in the presence of flammable liquids, gases, or dust.
- Always unplug the tool from the power source before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing it.
- Secure the workpiece firmly before cutting.

PRODUCT COMPONENTS

Familiarize yourself with the main parts of your SKIL Jig Saw:



Figure 1: Overview of the SKIL 5 Amp Corded Jig Saw JS3131-00. This image displays the complete jig saw unit, highlighting its ergonomic design and key operational areas such as the handle, motor housing, and blade assembly.

- **Handle:** Ergonomically designed for comfortable grip and control.
- **Trigger Switch:** Activates the motor.
- **Variable Speed Dial:** Adjusts the cutting speed.
- **Orbital Action Selector:** Controls the blade's orbital movement for different materials.
- **Tool-Free Blade Clamp:** Allows for quick and easy blade changes.
- **Dust Blower Switch:** Clears sawdust from the cutting line.
- **Shoe/Base Plate:** Provides stability and support during cuts.
- **Bevel Adjustment Lever:** Enables angled cuts.

SETUP

1. Unpacking and Inspection

Carefully remove the jig saw and all accessories from the packaging. Inspect the tool for any signs of damage. If any parts are damaged or missing, do not operate the tool and contact customer service.

2. Blade Installation

The SKIL JS3131-00 features a tool-free blade clamp for quick blade changes.

1. **Ensure the tool is unplugged** from the power source.
2. Locate the blade clamp lever on the front of the tool.
3. Push the blade clamp lever forward to open the clamp.
4. Insert the shank of the jig saw blade into the blade clamp opening, ensuring the teeth face forward.
5. Release the blade clamp lever. Gently pull on the blade to confirm it is securely locked in place.



Figure 2: Close-up view of the tool-free blade clamp mechanism. This image illustrates how to insert and secure a jig saw blade into the tool, emphasizing the quick-release lever.

3. Power Connection

Connect the jig saw's power cord to a standard 120V AC (or appropriate local voltage) grounded electrical outlet. Ensure the power cord is not damaged and is positioned to avoid tripping hazards or contact with the cutting area.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Starting and Stopping

- To start the jig saw, press the trigger switch.
- To stop the jig saw, release the trigger switch. The integrated brake function will quickly stop the blade.

2. Variable Speed Control

The variable speed dial allows you to adjust the cutting speed (0-3000 SPM) to match the material and application. Higher speeds are generally suitable for softer materials like wood, while lower speeds are recommended for harder materials like metal or plastics.

- Rotate the speed dial to increase or decrease the blade strokes per minute.
- Always start with a lower speed and gradually increase it as needed.

3. 4-Stage Orbital Function

The orbital action controls the forward motion of the blade, affecting cutting aggressiveness and speed. There are four settings:

- **Setting 0 (No Orbital Action):** For fine, precise cuts in all materials, especially metal and hard plastics.
- **Settings 1-3 (Increasing Orbital Action):** For faster, more aggressive cuts in wood and softer materials. Higher settings remove material more quickly but may result in a rougher cut.

Adjust the orbital selector lever to the desired setting based on the material and desired cut quality.

4. Dust Blower Switch

Activate the dust blower switch to clear sawdust from the cutting line, providing a clear view for improved accuracy.

- Turn the dust blower ON for better visibility during cutting.
- Turn it OFF if dust collection is being used or if it interferes with the task.

5. Shoe Bevel Adjustment for Angled Cuts

The shoe can be beveled to make angled cuts up to 45 degrees to the left or right.

1. **Unplug the tool.**
2. Locate the bevel adjustment lever or screws beneath the shoe.
3. Loosen the lever/screws and tilt the shoe to the desired angle. Most shoes have detents for common angles (e.g., 0°, 15°, 30°, 45°).
4. Tighten the lever/screws securely to lock the shoe in position.
5. Always perform a test cut on scrap material to verify the angle before cutting your workpiece.



Figure 3: Underside view of the jig saw, illustrating the shoe bevel adjustment mechanism. This image shows how the base plate can be tilted for angled cuts.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your jig saw.

- Cleaning:** After each use, unplug the tool and use a soft brush or compressed air to clean dust and debris from the ventilation openings and around the blade clamp area. Do not use solvents or harsh chemicals.
- Blade Inspection:** Regularly inspect blades for sharpness and damage. Replace dull or bent blades promptly to ensure clean cuts and prevent strain on the motor.
- Cord Inspection:** Check the power cord for cuts, fraying, or damage. Replace damaged cords immediately.
- Storage:** Store the jig saw in a dry, secure location out of reach of children.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Tool does not start.	No power supply; damaged cord; faulty switch.	Check power outlet and cord. If problem persists, seek professional service.
Blade not cutting efficiently or binding.	Dull or incorrect blade; incorrect speed/orbital setting; excessive feed pressure.	Replace blade. Adjust speed and orbital setting. Reduce feed pressure.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Excessive vibration or noise.	Loose blade; damaged blade; internal issue.	Ensure blade is securely clamped. Replace damaged blade. If internal, seek professional service.
Inaccurate cuts.	Dull blade; incorrect shoe bevel setting; improper technique.	Replace blade. Verify shoe bevel setting. Practice proper cutting technique.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model:	JS3131-00
Power Source:	Corded Electric
Amperage:	5 Amp
Wattage:	600 Watts
No-Load Speed (SPM):	0-3000 RPM (Strokes Per Minute)
Stroke Length:	3/4 inch
Orbital Settings:	4-Stage
Bevel Capacity:	Up to 45 degrees (Left/Right)
Blade Type:	T-shank (Tool-free change)
Product Dimensions (L x W x H):	9.33" x 3" x 9.33"
Item Weight:	5.48 pounds
Included Components:	5A Jig Saw, Allen Key, Metal Cutting Blade, Wood Cutting Blade

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Warranty Information

This SKIL JS3131-00 Jig Saw is covered by a **1 Year Limited Warranty**. This warranty covers defects in material and workmanship under normal use. For specific terms and conditions, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official SKIL website.

Customer Support

For technical assistance, replacement parts, or warranty claims, please contact SKIL customer support. Contact information can typically be found on the SKIL website or on the product packaging.

Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty purposes.

