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Makita Cordless Drill Driver DF488DW

User Manual

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1. Introduction

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and effective use of your Makita Cordless Drill Driver DF488DW. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating the tool to ensure proper handling, maintenance, and to prevent injury or damage. Keep this manual for future reference.

2. Safety Instructions

Always observe basic safety precautions to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and personal injury.

General Safety Warnings

- **Read all safety warnings and instructions.** Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in electric shock, fire, and/or serious injury.
- **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. Power tools create sparks which may ignite the dust or fumes.
- **Keep children and bystanders away** while operating a power tool. Distractions can cause you to lose control.
- **Wear eye protection.** Always wear safety glasses or goggles.
- **Dress properly.** Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. Keep your hair, clothing, and gloves away from moving parts.

Battery Tool Use and Care

- **Recharge only with the charger specified by the manufacturer.** A charger that is suitable for one type of battery pack may create a risk of fire when used with another battery pack.
- **Use power tools only with specifically designated battery packs.** Use of any other battery packs may create a risk of injury and fire.

- **When battery pack is not in use, keep it away from other metal objects,** like paper clips, coins, keys, nails, screws or other small metal objects, that can make a connection from one terminal to another. Shorting the battery terminals together may cause burns or a fire.
- **Under abusive conditions, liquid may be ejected from the battery; avoid contact.** If contact accidentally occurs, flush with water. If liquid contacts eyes, additionally seek medical help. Liquid ejected from the battery may cause irritation or burns.

3. Components Overview

The Makita DF488DW Cordless Drill Driver kit includes the following main components:

- Cordless Drill Driver (DF488DW)
- 18V 2Ah Lithium-ion Batteries (x2)
- Battery Charger (DC18WA)
- Carrying Case



This image displays the complete Makita DF488DW kit. It features the teal and black cordless drill driver, two white 18V 2Ah Lithium-ion

batteries, a black battery charger, and a teal hard-shell carrying case with the Makita logo.

4. Setup

4.1. Charging the Battery

1. Connect the battery charger (DC18WA) to a standard power outlet.
2. Slide the 18V 2Ah Lithium-ion battery into the charger until it clicks into place.
3. The charging indicator light on the charger will illuminate, indicating the charging status. Refer to the charger's specific instructions for light patterns.
4. Once fully charged, remove the battery from the charger.

4.2. Installing and Removing the Battery

- **To Install:** Align the battery with the receptacle at the base of the drill handle. Slide the battery in until it locks securely with a click.
- **To Remove:** Press the battery release button (located on the side of the battery) and slide the battery out of the tool.

4.3. Installing and Removing Drill Bits/Driver Bits

1. **To Open the Chuck:** Rotate the chuck sleeve counter-clockwise until the jaws are wide enough to accept the bit.
2. **To Install a Bit:** Insert the desired drill bit or driver bit into the chuck jaws. Ensure the bit is centered and inserted as far as possible.
3. **To Close the Chuck:** Rotate the chuck sleeve clockwise to tighten the jaws firmly around the bit. Hand-tighten securely.
4. **To Remove a Bit:** Rotate the chuck sleeve counter-clockwise to loosen the jaws and pull the bit out.

5. Operating the Drill Driver

5.1. Powering On and Off

- **To Turn On:** Squeeze the trigger switch. The speed increases with increased pressure on the trigger.
- **To Turn Off:** Release the trigger switch.

5.2. Forward/Reverse Rotation

The forward/reverse switch is located above the trigger. Push the switch from one side to the other to select the desired rotation direction.

- Pushing from the **left side** (when viewed from the rear of the tool) engages **forward rotation** for drilling and driving screws.
- Pushing from the **right side** engages **reverse rotation** for removing screws or backing out drill bits.
- Positioning the switch in the **center** locks the trigger, preventing accidental startup.

5.3. Speed Selection

The drill driver features a two-speed mechanical gear selector located on top of the tool.

- **Position '1' (Low Speed):** Provides higher torque for heavy-duty drilling and driving large screws.
- **Position '2' (High Speed):** Provides higher speed for faster drilling in lighter materials and smaller screws.

Always ensure the tool is stopped before changing speed settings to prevent gear damage.

5.4. Torque Adjustment (Clutch Settings)

The torque adjustment ring, located behind the chuck, allows you to select the desired torque setting for driving screws. This prevents over-tightening and stripping screws.

- Rotate the ring to align the desired number with the arrow on the drill body. Lower numbers indicate lower torque, suitable for smaller screws or softer materials. Higher numbers provide more torque.
- The drill symbol setting is for drilling operations, providing maximum torque without clutch engagement.

6. Maintenance

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

6.1. Cleaning

- Keep the tool's ventilation openings clean to prevent overheating.
- Wipe the tool housing with a soft, damp cloth. Do not use harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
- Periodically clean the chuck jaws to ensure proper grip on bits.

6.2. Storage

- Store the tool and batteries in a cool, dry place, away from direct sunlight and moisture.
- Ensure batteries are partially charged (around 50%) before long-term storage.
- Store the tool in its carrying case to protect it from dust and impact.

6.3. Battery Care

- Do not store batteries in temperatures exceeding 50°C (122°F) or below -20°C (-4°F).
- Avoid fully discharging batteries frequently, as this can reduce their lifespan.
- If a battery is not used for an extended period, recharge it periodically to maintain its capacity.

7. Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your Makita DF488DW, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Tool does not start	Battery not charged Battery not properly installed Forward/reverse switch in center (locked) position	Charge battery Re-install battery securely Move switch to forward or reverse position
Battery not charging	Charger not plugged in Faulty battery or charger Battery too hot/cold	Check power connection Contact Makita service Allow battery to reach room temperature

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Poor drilling/driving performance	Dull or incorrect bit Incorrect speed setting Low battery charge	Replace or sharpen bit; use appropriate bit for material Adjust speed to '1' for higher torque or '2' for higher speed Recharge battery
Chuck not holding bit securely	Chuck not tightened enough Dirty chuck jaws Damaged chuck	Tighten chuck firmly Clean chuck jaws Contact Makita service

If the problem persists after attempting these solutions, please contact Makita customer service.

8. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	Makita
Model Number	DF488DW (DF488D004)
Power Source	Battery Powered
Voltage	18V
Amperage	2 Amps
Battery Cell Type	Lithium Ion
Item Weight	3.53 ounces (tool only, without battery)
Product Dimensions	3.94 x 1.97 x 0.5 inches (packaging dimensions, actual tool dimensions may vary)
Special Features	Compact, Lightweight, Portable, Rechargeable

9. Warranty and Support

Makita products are manufactured under strict quality control standards. For information regarding warranty coverage, service, or technical support, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Makita website.
You can also contact Makita customer service directly for assistance with your DF488DW Cordless Drill Driver.

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