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### Definitions: Safety Alert Symbols and Words

This instruction manual uses the following safety alert symbols and words to alert you to hazardous situations and

your risk of personal injury or property damage.

**!** **DANGER:** Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

**!** **WARNING:** Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

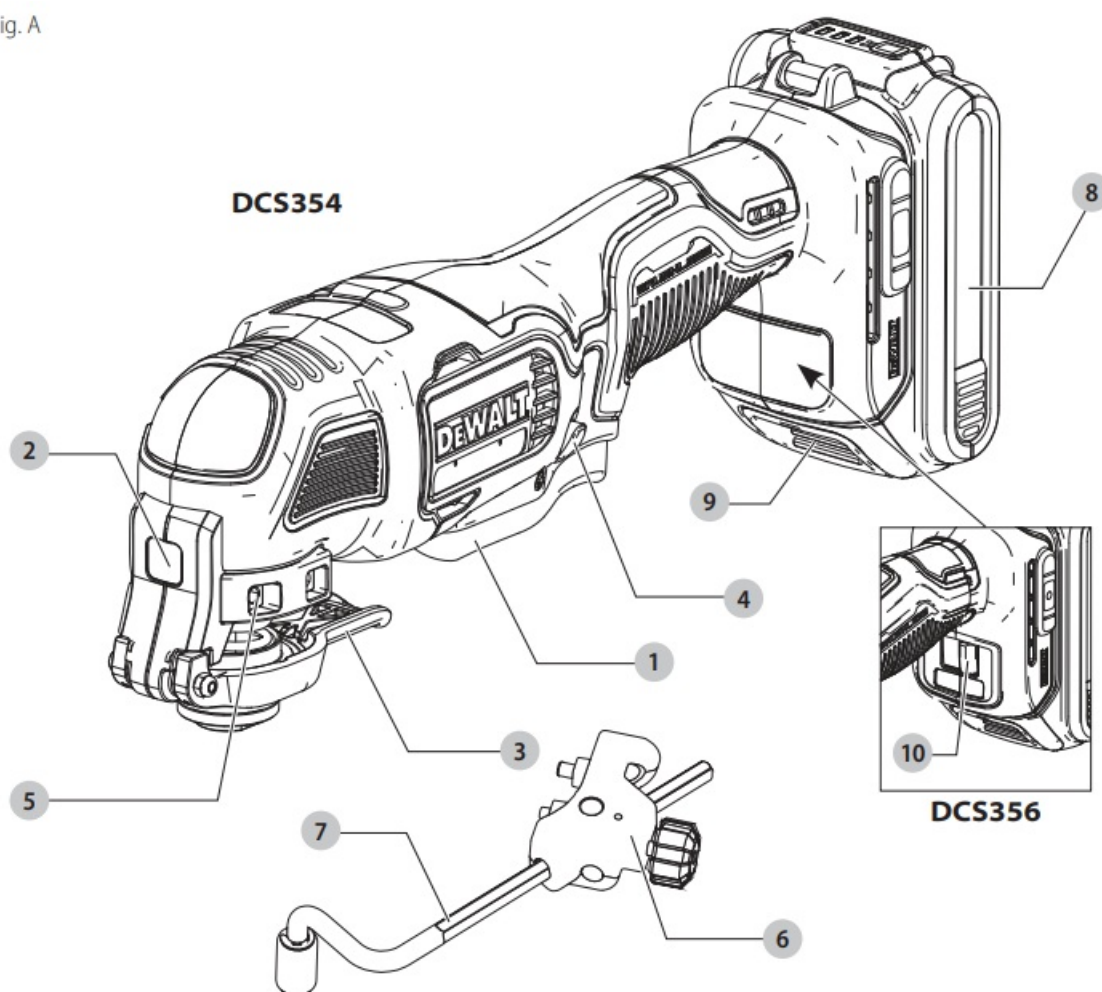
**!** **CAUTION:** Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

(Used without word) Indicates a safety related message.

**NOTICE:** Indicates a practice not related to personal injury which, if not avoided, may result in property damage.

## Overview

Fig. A



1. Variable speed trigger
2. LED worklight
3. Accessory clamp lever
4. Lock on/off button
5. Accessory side mount
6. Cut guide block
7. Cut guide arm

8. Battery pack
9. Battery release button
10. Mode selector (DCS356)

**WARNING:** Read all safety warnings and all instructions. Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury.

**WARNING:** To reduce the risk of injury, read the instruction manual.

If you have any questions or comments about this or any product, call DeWALT toll free at: (1-800-433-9258).

## GENERAL POWER TOOL SAFETY WARNINGS



**WARNING:** Read all safety warnings, instructions, illustrations and specifications provided with this power tool. Failure to follow all instructions listed below may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury.

### SAVE ALL WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

The term “power tool” in the warnings refers to your mainsoperated (corded) power tool or battery-operated (cordless) power tool.

#### Work Area Safety

- 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.

#### Electrical Safety

- Power tool plugs must match the outlet. Never modify the plug in any way. Do not use any adapter plugs with earthed (grounded) power tools. Unmodified plugs and matching outlets will reduce risk of electric shock.
- Avoid body contact with earthed or grounded surfaces, such as pipes, radiators, ranges and refrigerators. There is an increased risk of electric shock if your body is earthed or grounded.
- Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions. Water entering a power tool will increase the risk of electric shock.
- Do not abuse the cord. Never use the cord for carrying, pulling or unplugging the power tool. Keep cord away from heat, oil, sharp edges or moving parts. Damaged or entangled cords increase the risk of electric shock.
- When operating a power tool outdoors, use an extension cord suitable for outdoor use. Use of a cord suitable for outdoor use reduces the risk of electric shock.
- If operating a power tool in a damp location is unavoidable, use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protected supply. Use of a GFCI reduces the risk of electric shock.

## **Personal Safety**

- Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense when operating a power tool. Do not use a power tool while you are tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol or medication. A moment of inattention while operating power tools may result in serious personal injury.
- Use personal protective equipment. Always wear eye protection. Protective equipment such as a dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injuries.
- Prevent unintentional starting. Ensure the switch is in the off-position before connecting to power source and/or battery pack, picking up or carrying the tool. Carrying power tools with your finger on the switch or energizing power tools that have the switch on invites accidents.
- Remove any adjusting key or wrench before turning the power tool on. A wrench or a key left attached to a rotating part of the power tool may result in personal injury.
- Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times. This enables better control of the power tool in unexpected situations.
- Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. Keep your hair, clothing and gloves away from moving parts. Loose clothes, jewelry or long hair can be caught in moving parts.
- If devices are provided for the connection of dust extraction and collection facilities, ensure these are connected and properly used. Use of dust collection can reduce dust-related hazards.
- Do not let familiarity gained from frequent use of tools allow you to become complacent and ignore tool safety principles. A careless action can cause severe injury within a fraction of a second.

## **Power Tool Use and Care**

- Do not force the power tool. Use the correct power tool for your application. The correct power tool will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it was designed.
- Do not use the power tool if the switch does not turn it on and off. Any power tool that cannot be controlled with the switch is dangerous and must be repaired.
- Disconnect the plug from the power source and/ or remove the battery pack, if detachable, from the power tool before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing power tools. Such preventive safety measures reduce the risk of starting the power tool accidentally.
- Store idle power tools out of the reach of children and do not allow persons unfamiliar with the power tool or these instructions to operate the power tool. Power tools are dangerous in the hands of untrained users.
- Maintain power tools and accessories. Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts and any other condition that may affect the power tool's operation. If damaged, have the power tool repaired before use. Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained power tools.
- Keep cutting tools sharp and clean. Properly maintained cutting tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.
- Use the power tool, accessories and tool bits etc. in accordance with these instructions, taking into account the working conditions and the work to be performed. Use of the power tool for operations different from those intended could result in a hazardous situation.
- Keep handles and grasping surfaces dry, clean and free from oil and grease. Slippery handles and grasping surfaces do not allow for safe handling and control of the tool in unexpected situations.

## **Battery Tool Use and Car**

- 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.
- Do not use a battery pack or tool that is damaged or modified. Damaged or modified batteries may exhibit unpredictable behavior resulting in fire, explosion or risk of injury.
- Do not expose a battery pack or tool to fire or excessive temperature. Exposure to fire or temperature above 265 °F (130 °C) may cause explosion.
- Follow all charging instructions and do not charge the battery pack or tool outside the temperature range specified in the instructions. Charging improperly or at temperatures outside the specified range may damage the battery and increase the risk of fire.

## **Service**

- Have your power tool serviced by a qualified repair person using only identical replacement parts. This will ensure that the safety of the power tool is maintained.
- Never service damaged battery packs. Service of battery packs should only be performed by the manufacturer or authorized service providers.

## **Additional Safety Rules for Oscillating Multi-Tools**

- Hold power tool by insulated gripping surfaces, when performing an operation where the cutting accessory may contact hidden wiring. Cutting accessory contacting a “live” wire may make exposed metal parts of the power tool “live” and could give the operator an electric shock.
- Use clamps or another practical way to secure and support the work piece to a stable platform. Holding the work by hand or against your body leaves it unstable and may lead to loss of control.
- Air vents often cover moving parts and should be avoided. Loose clothes, jewelry or long hair can be caught in moving parts.
- Disconnect power before using tool near live wires or where there may be hidden wiring. Cutting accessory contacting a “live” wire may make exposed metal parts of the power tool “live” and could give the operator an electric shock.” Always check for hidden wiring, gas lines, or other utilities before performing any material cutting or removal operations with the tool.
- Wait for the cutter to stop before setting the tool down. An exposed cutter may engage the surface leading to possible loss of control and serious injury.
- Do not operate this tool for long periods of time. Vibration caused by the operating action of this tool may cause permanent injury to fingers, hands, and arms. Use gloves to provide extra cushion, take frequent rest periods,

and limit daily time of use.

- Do not restart the cutting operation in the work piece. Let the tool reach full speed and carefully re-enter the cut.
- Do not “jam” the saw blade or apply excessive pressure. Do not attempt to make an excessive depth of cut.
- Always keep the handle dry, and free of oil or grease.
- Keep your hands away from cutting area. Do not reach under the material being cut.
- Do not use dull or damaged blades. Bent blade can break easily or cause kickback. Exercise extreme caution when handling the accessories. The accessories are very sharp. Wear protective gloves when changing cutting accessories. Accessories become hot after prolonged usage.
- Before scraping, check work piece for nails. If there are nails, either remove them or set them well below intended finished surface. Striking a nail with accessory edge could cause the tool to jump.
- Do not wet sand with this tool. Liquids entering the motor housing are an electrical shock hazard.
- Never work in area which is soaked with a liquid, such as a solvent or water, or dampened such as newly applied wallpaper. There is an electrical shock hazard when working in such conditions with a power tool and heating of the liquid caused by scraping action may cause harmful vapors to be emitted from work piece.
- Use only for dry sanding. Water entering a power tool increases the risk of electric shock.
- Do not use sandpaper intended for larger sanding pads. Larger sandpaper will extend beyond the sanding pad causing snagging, tearing of the paper or kick-back. Extra paper extending beyond the sanding pad can also cause serious lacerations.

## **Specific Safety Warnings and Instructions: Sanders**

### **Sanding Lead Based Paint**

Sanding of lead based paint is NOT RECOMMENDED due to the difficulty of controlling the contaminated dust. The greatest danger of lead poisoning is to children and pregnant women.

Since it is difficult to identify whether or not a paint contains lead without a chemical analysis, we recommend the following precautions when sanding any paint:

### **Personal Safety**

- No children or pregnant women should enter the work area where the paint sanding is being done until all clean up is completed.
- A dust mask or respirator should be worn by all persons entering the work area. The filter should be replaced daily or whenever the wearer has difficulty breathing.

**NOTE:** Only those dust masks suitable for working with lead paint dust and fumes should be used. Ordinary painting masks do not offer this protection. See your local hardware dealer for the proper (NIOSH approved) mask.

- NO EATING, DRINKING or SMOKING should be done in the work area to prevent ingesting contaminated paint particles. Workers should wash and clean up BEFORE eating, drinking or smoking. Articles of food, drink, or smoking should not be left in the work area where dust would settle on them.

### **Environmental Safety**

- Paint should be removed in such a manner as to minimize the amount of dust generated.
- Areas where paint removal is occurring should be sealed with plastic sheeting of 4 mils thickness.
- Sanding should be done in a manner to reduce tracking of paint dust outside the work area.

## Cleaning and Disposal

- All surfaces in the work area should be vacuumed and thoroughly cleaned daily for the duration of the sanding project. Vacuum filter bags should be changed frequently.
- Plastic drop cloths should be gathered up and disposed of along with any dust chips or other removal debris. They should be placed in sealed refuse receptacles and disposed of through regular trash pick-up procedures. During clean up, children and pregnant women should be kept away from the immediate work area.
- All toys, washable furniture and utensils used by children should be washed thoroughly before being used again.

## Additional Safety Information



**WARNING:** Never modify the power tool or any part of it. Damage or personal injury could result.



**WARNING:** ALWAYS use safety glasses. Everyday eyeglasses are NOT safety glasses. Also use face or dust mask if operation is dusty. ALWAYS WEAR CERTIFIED SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

- ANSI Z87.1 eye protection (CAN/CSA Z94.3),
- ANSI S12.6 (S3.19) hearing protection,
- NIOSH/OSHA/MSHA respiratory protection



**WARNING:** Some dust created by power sanding, sawing, grinding, drilling, and other construction activities contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. Some examples of these chemicals are:

- lead from lead-based paints,
- crystalline silica from bricks and cement and other masonry products, and
- arsenic and chromium from chemically treated lumber.

Your risk from these exposures varies, depending on how often you do this type of work. To reduce your exposure to these chemicals: work in a well ventilated area, and work with approved safety equipment, such as those dust masks that are specially designed to filter out microscopic particles.

Avoid prolonged contact with dust from power sanding, sawing, grinding, drilling, and other construction activities. Wear protective clothing and wash exposed areas with soap and water. Allowing dust to get into your mouth, eyes, or lay on the skin may promote absorption of harmful chemicals.



**WARNING:** Use of this tool can generate and/ or disperse dust, which may cause serious and permanent respiratory or other injury. Always use NIOSH/OSHA approved respiratory protection appropriate for the dust exposure. Direct particles away from face and body.



**WARNING:** Always wear proper personal hearing protection that conforms to ANSI S12.6 (S3.19) during use. Under some conditions and duration of use, noise from this product may contribute to hearing loss.



**CAUTION:** When not in use, place tool on its side on a stable surface where it will not cause a tripping or falling hazard. Some tools with large battery packs will stand upright on the battery pack but may be easily knocked over.

Air vents often cover moving parts and should be avoided. Loose clothes, jewelry or long hair can be caught in moving parts.

The label on your tool may include the following symbols. The symbols and their definitions are as follows:

V .....volts

Hz .....hertz

min.....minutes

or DC.....direct current



.....Class I Construction  
(grounded)

.../min.....per minute

BPM.....beats per minute

IPM..... impacts per minute

RPM.....revolutions per  
minute

sfpn .....surface feet per  
minute

SPM.....strokes per minute

OPM.....oscillations per  
minute

A.....amperes

W.....watts



or AC.....alternating current



or AC/DC....alternating or  
direct current



.....Class II  
Construction  
(double insulated)

no.....no load speed

n.....rated speed



.....earthing terminal



.....safety alert symbol



.....visible radiation



.....avoid staring at  
light



.....wear respiratory  
protection



.....wear eye  
protection





.....wear hearing  
protection



.....read all  
documentation

IPXX..... IP symbol

## BATTERIES AND CHARGERS

The battery pack is not fully charged out of the carton.

Before using the battery pack and charger, read the safety instructions below and then follow charging procedures outlined. When ordering replacement battery packs, be sure to include the catalog number and voltage.

### READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS

#### Important Safety Instructions for All Battery Packs

**WARNING:** Read all safety warnings, instructions, and cautionary markings for the battery pack, charger and product. Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury.

- Do not charge or use the battery pack in explosive atmospheres, such as in the presence of flammable liquids, gases or dust. Inserting or removing the battery pack from the charger may ignite the dust or fumes.
- 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.
- NEVER force the battery pack into the charger. DO NOT modify the battery pack in any way to fit into a non-compatible charger as battery pack may rupture causing serious personal injury. Consult the chart at the end of this manual for compatibility of batteries and chargers.
- Charge the battery packs only in DeWALT chargers.
- DO NOT splash or immerse in water or other liquids.
- Do not store or use the tool and battery pack in locations where the temperature may reach or exceed 104 °F (40 °C) (such as outside sheds or metal buildings in summer). For best life store battery packs in a cool, dry location.

**NOTE:** Do not store the battery packs in a tool with the trigger switch locked on. Never tape the trigger switch in the ON position.

- Do not expose battery pack or tool/appliance to fire or excessive temperature. Exposure to fire or temperature above 265°F (130°C) may cause explosion.
- Do not incinerate the battery pack even if it is severely damaged or is completely worn out. The battery pack can explode in a fire. Toxic fumes and materials are created when lithium-ion battery packs are burned.
- If battery contents come into contact with the skin, immediately wash area with mild soap and water. If battery liquid gets into the eye, rinse water over the open eye for 15 minutes or until irritation ceases. If medical attention is needed, the battery electrolyte is composed of a mixture of liquid organic carbonates and lithium salts.
- Contents of opened battery cells may cause respiratory irritation. Provide fresh air. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention.



**WARNING:** Burn hazard. Battery liquid may be flammable if exposed to spark or flame.



**WARNING:** Fire hazard. Never attempt to open the battery pack for any reason. If the battery pack case is cracked or damaged, do not insert into the charger.

Do not crush, drop or damage the battery pack. Do not use a battery pack or charger that has received a sharp blow, been dropped, run over or damaged in any way (e.g., pierced with a nail, hit with a hammer, stepped on).

Damaged battery packs should be returned to the service center for recycling.

## Storage Recommendations

1. The best storage place is one that is cool and dry, away from direct sunlight and excess heat or cold.
2. For long storage, it is recommended to store a fully charged battery pack in a cool dry place out of the charger for optimal results.

**NOTE:** Battery packs should not be stored completely depleted of charge. The battery pack will need to be recharged before use.

## Battery Pack Cleaning Instructions

Dirt and grease may be removed from the exterior of the battery using a cloth or soft non-metallic brush. Do not use water or any cleaning solutions.

## The RBRC® Seal

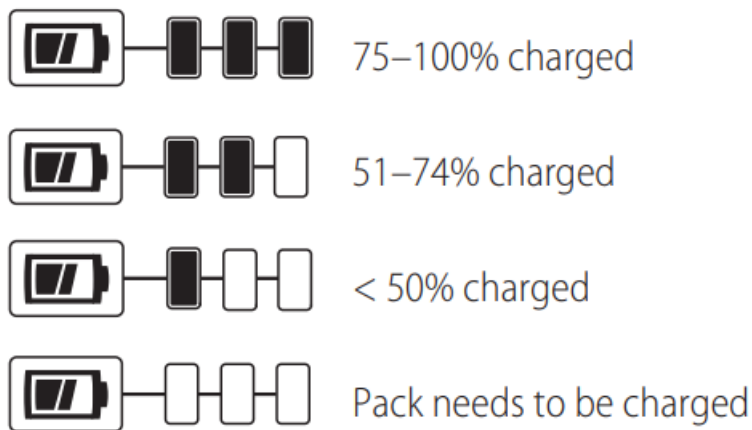


The RBRC® (Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation) Seal on the nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride or lithium-ion batteries (or battery packs) indicates that the costs to recycle these batteries (or battery packs) at the end of their useful life have already been paid by DeWALT. In some areas, it is illegal to place spent nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride or lithium-ion batteries in the trash or municipal solid waste stream and the Call 2 Recycle® program provides an environmentally conscious alternative. Call 2 Recycle, Inc., in cooperation with DeWALT and other battery users, has established the program in the United States and Canada to facilitate the collection of spent nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride or lithium-ion batteries. Help protect our environment and conserve natural resources by returning the spent nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride or lithium-ion batteries to an authorized DeWALT service center or to your local retailer for recycling. You may also contact your local recycling center for information on where to drop off the spent battery. RBRC® is a registered trademark of Call 2 Recycle, Inc.

## Fuel Gauge Battery Packs

Some DeWALT battery packs include a fuel gauge which consists of three green LED lights that indicate the level of charge remaining in the battery pack.


The fuel gauge is an indication of approximate levels of charge remaining in the battery pack according to the following indicators:



To actuate the fuel gauge, press and hold the fuel gauge button. A combination of the three green LED lights will illuminate designating the level of charge left. When the level of charge in the battery is below the usable limit, the fuel gauge will not illuminate and the battery will need to be recharged.

**NOTE:** The fuel gauge is only an indication of the charge left on the battery pack. It does not indicate tool functionality and is subject to variation based on product components, temperature and end-user application. For more information regarding fuel gauge battery packs, please contact 1-800-4-DeWALT (1-800-433-9258) or visit our website [www.dewalt.com](http://www.dewalt.com).

## Transportation

 **WARNING:** Fire hazard. Do not store or carry the battery pack so that metal objects can contact exposed battery terminals. For example, do not place the battery pack in aprons, pockets, tool boxes, product kit boxes, drawers, etc., with loose nails, screws, keys, etc. Transporting batteries can possibly cause fires if the battery terminals inadvertently come in contact with conductive materials such as keys, coins, hand tools and the like. The US Department of Transportation Hazardous Material Regulations (HMR) actually prohibit transporting batteries in commerce or on airplanes in carry-on baggage UNLESS they are properly protected from short circuits. So when transporting individual battery packs, make sure that the battery terminals are protected and well insulated from materials that could contact them and cause a short circuit. NOTE: Li-ion batteries should not be put in checked baggage.

## Shipping the DeWALT FLEXVOLT™ Battery

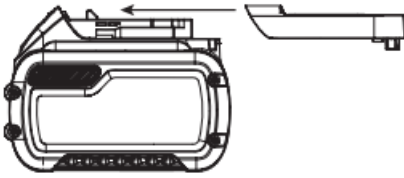
The DeWALT FLEXVOLT™ battery has two modes: Use and

### Shipping

**Use Mode:** When the FLEXVOLT™ battery stands alone or is in a DeWALT 20V Max\* product, it will operate as a 20V Max\* battery. When the FLEXVOLT™ battery is in a 60V Max\* or a 120V Max\* (two 60V Max\* batteries) product, it will operate as a 60V Max\* battery.

**Shipping Mode:** When the cap is attached to the FLEXVOLT™ battery, the battery is in Shipping Mode. Strings of cells are electrically disconnected within the pack resulting in three batteries with a lower Watt hour (Wh) rating as compared to one battery with a higher Watt hour rating. This increased quantity of three batteries with the lower Watt hour rating can exempt the pack from certain shipping regulations that are imposed upon the higher Watt hour batteries.

The battery label indicates two Watt hour ratings (see example). Depending on how the battery is shipped, the appropriate Watt hour rating must be used to determine the applicable shipping requirements. If utilizing the shipping cap, the pack will be considered 3 batteries at the Watt hour rating indicated for “Shipping”. If shipping without the cap or in a tool, the pack will be considered one battery at the Watt hour rating indicated next to “Use”.



#### Example of Use and Shipping Label Marking

**USE: 120 Wh Shipping: 3 x 40 Wh**

For example, Shipping Wh rating might indicate 3 x 40 Wh, meaning 3 batteries of 40 Watt hours each. The Use Wh rating might indicate 120 Wh (1 battery implied).

#### Important Safety Instructions for All Battery Chargers



**WARNING:** Read all safety warnings, instructions, and cautionary markings for the battery pack, charger and product. Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury.

- DO NOT attempt to charge the battery pack with any chargers other than a DeWALT charger. DeWALT chargers and battery packs are specifically designed to work together.
- These chargers are not intended for any uses other than charging DeWALT rechargeable batteries. Any other uses may result in risk of fire, electric shock or electrocution.
- Do not expose the charger to rain or snow.
- Pull by the plug rather than the cord when disconnecting the charger. This will reduce the risk of damage to the electric plug and cord.
- Make sure that the cord is located so that it will not be stepped on, tripped over or otherwise subjected to damage or stress.
- Do not use an extension cord unless it is absolutely necessary. Use of improper extension cord could result in risk of fire, electric shock or electrocution.
- When operating a charger outdoors, always provide a dry location and use an extension cord suitable for outdoor use. Use of a cord suitable for outdoor use reduces the risk of electric shock.
- An extension cord must have adequate wire size (AWG or American Wire Gauge) for safety. The smaller the gauge number of the wire, the greater the capacity of the cable, that is, 16 gauge has more capacity than 18 gauge. An undersized cord will cause a drop in line voltage resulting in loss of power and overheating. When using more than one extension to make up the total length, be sure each individual extension contains at least the minimum wire size. The following table shows the correct size to use depending on cord length and nameplate ampere rating. If in doubt, use the next heavier gauge. The lower the gauge number, the heavier the cord.

#### Minimum Gauge for Cord Sets

Volts		Total Length of Cord in Feet (meters)			
120V		25 (7.6)	50 (15.2)	100 (30.5)	150 (45.7)
240V		50 (15.2)	100 (30.5)	200 (61.0)	300 (91.4)
Ampere Rating		American Wire Gauge			
More Than	Not More Than				
0	6	18	16	16	14
6	10	18	16	14	12
10	12	16	16	14	12
12	16	14	12	Not Recommended	

- Do not place any object on top of the charger or place the charger on a soft surface that might block the ventilation slots and result in excessive internal heat. Place the charger in a position away from any heat source. The charger is ventilated through slots in the top and the bottom of the housing.
- Do not operate the charger with a damaged cord or plug—have them replaced immediately.
- Do not operate the charger if it has received a sharp blow, been dropped or otherwise damaged in any way. Take it to an authorized service center.
- Do not disassemble the charger; take it to an authorized service center when service or repair is required. Incorrect reassembly may result in a risk of electric shock, electrocution or fire.
- Disconnect the charger from the outlet before attempting any cleaning. This will reduce the risk of electric shock. Removing the battery pack will not reduce this risk.
- NEVER attempt to connect 2 chargers together.
- The charger is designed to operate on standard 120V household electrical power. Do not attempt to use it on any other voltage. This does not apply to the vehicular charger.



**WARNING:** Shock hazard. Do not allow any liquid to get inside the charger. Electric shock may result.



**WARNING:** Burn hazard. Do not submerge the battery pack in any liquid or allow any liquid to enter the battery pack. Never attempt to open the battery pack for any reason. If the plastic housing of the battery pack breaks or cracks, return to a service center for recycling.



**CAUTION:** Burn hazard. To reduce the risk of injury, charge only DeWALT rechargeable battery packs. Other types of batteries may overheat and burst resulting in personal injury and property damage.









**CAUTION:** Under certain conditions, with the charger plugged into the power supply, the charger can be shorted by foreign material. Foreign materials of a conductive nature, such as, but not limited to, grinding dust, metal chips, steel wool, aluminum foil or any buildup of metallic particles should be kept away from the charger cavities. Always unplug the charger from the power supply when there is no battery pack in the cavity. Unplug the charger before attempting to clean.

## Charging a Battery

**NOTE:** To ensure maximum performance and life of lithiumion battery packs, charge the battery pack fully before first use.

1. Plug the charger into an appropriate outlet before inserting battery pack.
2. Connect the charger and battery pack, making sure the battery is fully seated. The (charging) light will blink continuously indicating that the charging process has started.
3. The completion of charge will be indicated by the light remaining ON continuously. The battery pack is fully charged and may be removed and used at this time or left in the charger.

**NOTE:** To remove the battery pack, some chargers require the battery pack release button to be pressed.

Indicators	
 Charging	
 Fully Charged	
 Hot/Cold Pack Delay*	

**DCB107, DCB112, DCB113, DCB115, DCB118, DCB132:**

The red light will continue to blink, but a yellow indicator light will be illuminated during this operation. Once the battery pack has reached an appropriate temperature, the yellow light will turn off and the charger will resume the charging procedure.

A charger will not charge a faulty battery pack. The charger refusing to light could indicate a problem with the charger or a faulty battery pack.

**NOTE:** If the charger refuses to light, take the charger and battery pack to be tested at an authorized service center.

**Hot/Cold Pack Delay**

When the charger detects a battery pack that is too hot or too cold, it automatically starts a Hot/Cold Pack Delay, suspending charging until the battery pack has reached an appropriate temperature. The charger then automatically switches to the pack charging mode. This feature ensures maximum battery pack life.

A cold battery pack may charge at a slower rate than a warm battery pack.

The DCB118 charger is equipped with an internal fan designed to cool the battery pack. The fan will turn on automatically when the battery pack needs to be cooled.

Never operate the charger if the fan does not operate properly or if ventilation slots are blocked. Do not permit foreign objects to enter the interior of the charger.

**Electronic Protection System**

Li-Ion tools are designed with an Electronic Protection System that will protect the battery pack against overloading, overheating or deep discharge.

The tool will automatically turn off if the Electronic Protection System engages. If this occurs, place the lithiumion battery pack on the charger until it is fully charged.

### Important Charging Notes

1. Longest life and best performance can be obtained if the battery pack is charged when the air temperature is between 65 °F – 75 °F (18 °C–24 °C). DO NOT charge when the battery pack is below +40 °F (+4.5 °C), or above +104 °F (+40 °C). This is important and will prevent serious damage to the battery pack.
2. The charger and battery pack may become warm to the touch while charging. This is a normal condition, and does not indicate a problem. To facilitate the cooling of the battery pack after use, avoid placing the charger or battery pack in a warm environment such as in a metal shed or an uninsulated trailer.
3. If the battery pack does not charge properly:
  - a. Check operation of receptacle by plugging in a lamp or other appliance;
  - b. Check to see if receptacle is connected to a light switch which turns power off when you turn out the lights;
  - c. Move the charger and battery pack to a location where the surrounding air temperature is approximately 65 °F–75 °F (18 °C–24 °C);
  - d. If charging problems persist, take the tool, battery pack and charger to your local service center.
4. The battery pack should be recharged when it fails to produce sufficient power on jobs which were easily done previously. DO NOT CONTINUE to use under these conditions. Follow the charging procedure. You may also charge a partially used pack whenever you desire with no adverse effect on the battery pack.
5. Foreign materials of a conductive nature such as, but not limited to, grinding dust, metal chips, steel wool, aluminum foil, or any buildup of metallic particles should be kept away from charger cavities. Always unplug the charger from the power supply when there is no battery pack in the cavity. Unplug the charger before attempting to clean.
6. Do not freeze or immerse the charger in water or any other liquid.

### Charger Cleaning Instructions



**WARNING:** Shock hazard. Disconnect the charger from the AC outlet before cleaning. Dirt and grease may be removed from the exterior of the charger using a cloth or soft non-metallic brush. Do not use water or any cleaning solutions.

### Wall Mounting

#### DCB107, DCB112, DCB113, DCB115, DCB118, DCB132

These chargers are designed to be wall mountable or to sit upright on a table or work surface. If wall mounting, locate the charger within reach of an electrical outlet, and away from a corner or other obstructions which may impede air flow. Use the back of the charger as a template for the location of the mounting screws on the wall. Mount the charger securely using drywall screws (purchased separately) at least 1" (25.4 mm) long, with a screw head diameter of 0.28–0.35" (7–9 mm), screwed into wood to an optimal depth leaving approximately 7/32" (5.5 mm) of the screw exposed. Align the slots on the back of the charger with the exposed screws and fully engage them in the slots.

### Intended Use

This oscillating multi-tool is designed for professional detail sanding, plunge cutting, flush cutting, removal of excess materials and surface preparation applications.

DO NOT use under wet conditions or in presence of flammable liquids or gases.

This oscillating multi-tool is a professional power tool.

DO NOT let children come into contact with the tool. Supervision is required when inexperienced operators use this tool.

## ASSEMBLY AND ADJUSTMENTS



**WARNING:** To reduce the risk of serious personal injury, turn unit off and remove the battery pack before making any adjustments or removing/ installing attachments or accessories. An accidental start-up can cause injury.



**WARNING:** Risk of lacerations or burns. Do not touch the sharp edges of accessories at any time. Do not touch work piece or blade immediately after operating the tool. They can become very hot. Handle carefully. Always allow accessories and work piece to cool before handling.

### Installing/Removing Accessories (Fig. B, C)

The tool features an exclusive Tool-Free System for faster accessory changes and adjustments without the need for wrenches or hex keys like other oscillating tool systems.

1. Grasp the tool and squeeze the accessory clamping lever 3 .
2. Clean any residual debris from the tool shaft 12 and the accessory clamping lever.
3. Slide the accessory between the shaft and the accessory clamping lever making sure the accessory engages all of the pins 13 on the holder and is flush with the shaft.
4. Release the accessory clamping lever.
5. Some accessories, such as scrapers and blades can be mounted at an angle if required as shown in Figure C.



Fig. B

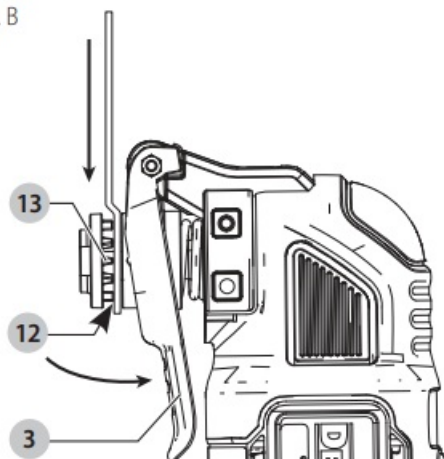
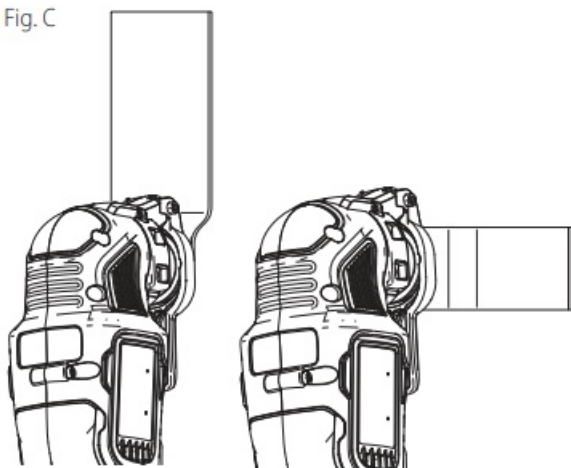


Fig. C

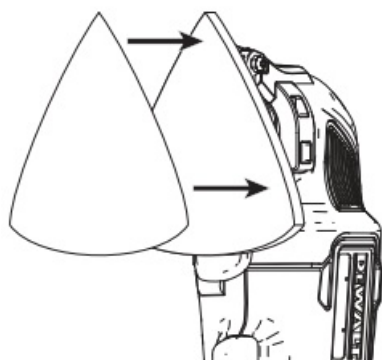


### Installing/Removing Sanding Sheets (Fig. D)

A diamond shaped platen uses a hook and loop adhesion system to attach the sanding sheets. The platen allows you to use it on large flat surfaces and tight spots or corners.

1. Attach the sanding platen accessory as described under Installing/Removing Accessories.
2. Align the edges on the sanding sheet with the edge of the sanding platen and press the sanding sheet onto the platen.
3. Firmly press the base with the sanding sheet attached against a flat surface and briefly switch the tool on. This provides for good adhesion between the platen and the sanding sheet and also helps to prevent premature wear.

**NOTE:** When the tip of the sanding sheet becomes worn, detach the sheet from the platen, rotate and reapply.



### Attaching Accessories Using the Universal Adapter (Fig. E)

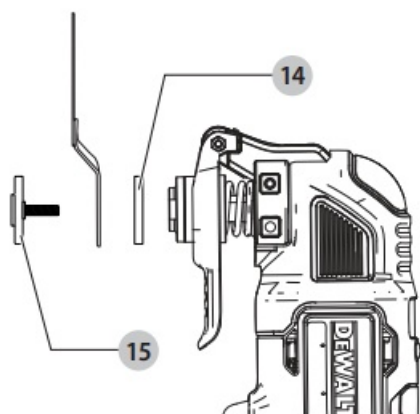
**CAUTION:** To avoid injury, do not use any accessory for an application where the adaptor may fail to hold the accessory.

**CAUTION:** Read and follow all manufacturers' safety warnings for any accessories used with this tool.

**CAUTION:** To avoid injury, ensure adaptor and accessory are securely tightened.  
Non-DeWALT accessories can be attached using the universal adaptor.

1. Place the washer 14 on the tool.
2. Place accessory on to washer.
3. Tighten and secure adaptor nut 15 using hex wrench

Fig. E

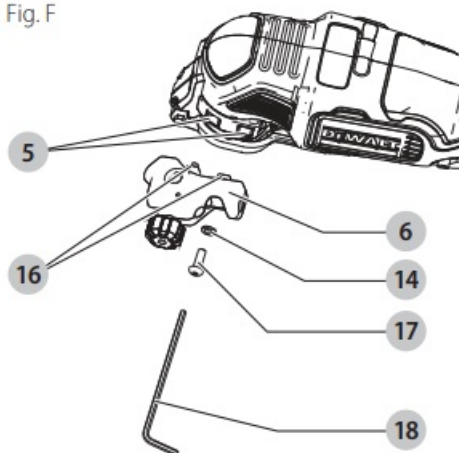


### Attaching the Cut Guide (Fig. F)

The depth/cut guide allows you to precisely cut material at a specified depth or height and more accurately track a marked cut line.

1. Attach the cut guide block 6 by inserting the tabs 16 on the guide into the accessory side mount 5 on the main body of the tool.
2. Secure the block to the main body with the supplied screw 17 and washer 14 .Tighten with the supplied hex wrench 18 .

Fig. F

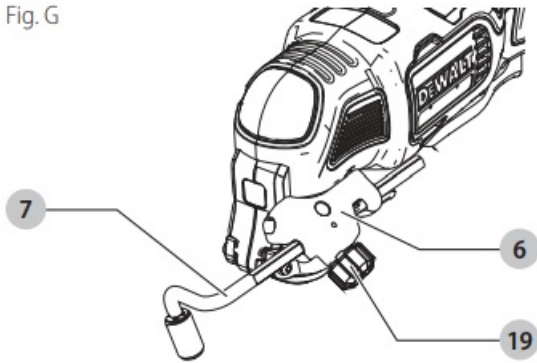


### Depth Guide (Fig. G)

This feature allows you to precisely cut material at a specified depth.

1. Insert the guide arm 7 into the front slot on the guide block 6 .
2. Adjust the length of the guide by pulling out or pushing inward to achieve the desired cut depth.
3. Secure the guide in place by turning the depth/cut adjustment knob 19 clockwise. To release the guide, turn the depth/cut adjustment knob counterclockwise.

Fig. G



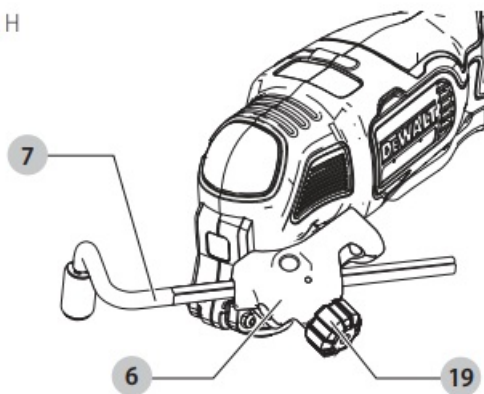
### Cut Guide (Fig. H)

This feature allows you to more accurately track a marked cut line.

1. Insert the guide arm 7 into the slots on the left and right sides of the cut guide block 6 .
2. Adjust the length of the guide by pulling out or pushing inward to achieve the desired length.
3. Secure the guide in place by turning the depth/cut adjustment knob 19 clockwise. To release the guide, turn the depth/cut adjustment knob counterclockwise.

**NOTE:** The guide arm can also be placed in the guard assembly vertically in order to set the height of a cut.

Fig. H



## OPERATION

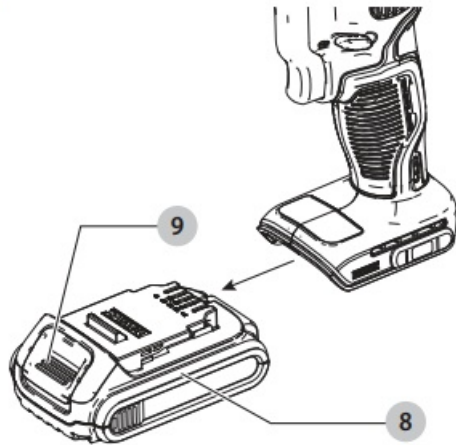
**⚠ WARNING:** To reduce the risk of serious personal injury, turn unit off and remove the battery pack before making any adjustments or removing/ installing attachments or accessories. An accidental start-up can cause injury..

### Installing and Removing the Battery Pack (Fig. I)

**NOTE:** For best results, make sure your battery pack is fully charged.

To install the battery pack 8 into the tool handle, align the battery pack with the rails inside the tool's handle and slide it into the handle until the battery pack is firmly seated in the tool and ensure that it does not disengage. To remove the battery pack from the tool, press the release button 9 and firmly pull the battery pack out of the tool handle. Insert it into the charger as described in the charger section of this manual.

Fig. I



### Proper Hand Position (Fig. J)



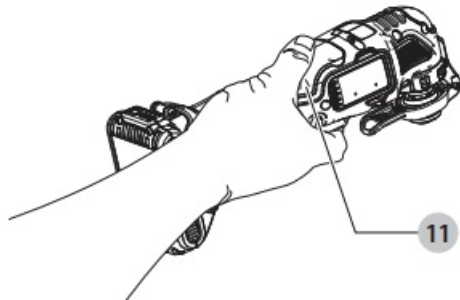
**WARNING:** To reduce the risk of serious personal injury, ALWAYS use proper hand position as shown.



**WARNING:** To reduce the risk of serious personal injury, ALWAYS hold securely in anticipation of a sudden reaction.

Proper hand position requires one hand on the main handle 11 .

Fig. J



### Mode Selector (Fig. A)

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Your tool is equipped with a mode selector 10 which allows you to select one of the three modes. Select the mode based on the application and control the speed of the tool using the variable speed trigger switch 1 .

### Lock On/Off Button (Fig. A)

Engage the lock on/off button 4 by pushing it to the left or right. When the trigger 1 is not depressed, pushing the button fully to either side until it snaps into place will lock the trigger and disable it from being depressed. Placing the button in the center position allows the trigger to operate normally.

Pushing the button to the left or right with the trigger depressed will lock the trigger in the depressed position. This allows for more comfort and control in extended use applications. Pressing the trigger switch again will

release the lock out and the tool will turn off upon release of the trigger.

**NOTE:** The tool will automatically shut off after operating for five minutes with the lock-on button engaged. To restart the tool, the user will have to release the trigger and repress lock-on button.

### LED Worklight (Fig. A)



**CAUTION:** Do not stare into worklight. Serious eye injury could result.

The LED worklight 2 will activate any time the trigger is depressed and will remain on for 20 seconds after trigger is released.

**NOTE:** The worklights are for lighting the immediate work surface and are not intended to be used as a flashlight.

### Variable Speed Trigger (Fig. A, J)



**WARNING:** Ensure switch is fully OFF before installing the battery pack.

1. Install the battery pack.
2. To turn the tool ON, hold it as shown in Figure J and press the variable speed trigger 1 .

**NOTE:** The further the trigger switch is depressed, the faster the tool will operate. If in doubt about the proper speed for your operation, test the performance at low speed and gradually increase until a comfortable speed is found.

3. To turn the tool OFF, release the variable speed switch 1 .

### Sanding



**WARNING:** Fire hazard. When working on metal surfaces, do not use a vacuum cleaner because sparks are generated. Wear safety glasses and a dust mask. Due to the danger of fire, do not use your sander to sand magnesium surfaces. Do not use for wet sanding.

**NOTE:** Do not rest fingers on platen during use. Move it in long sweeping strokes across the surface, letting it do the work. Light pressure is all that is required for sanding.

### Helpful Hints

- Always ensure the work piece is firmly held or clamped to prevent movement. Any movement of the material may affect the quality of the cutting or sanding finish.
- Do not start sanding without having the sandpaper attached to sanding platen.
- Use coarse grit paper to sand rough surfaces, medium grit for smooth surfaces and fine grit for the finishing surfaces. If necessary, first make a test run on scrap material.
- Excessive force will reduce the working efficiency and cause motor overload. Replacing the accessory regularly will maintain optimum working efficiency.
- Do not allow the sandpaper to wear away, it will damage the sanding pad.
- Always keep the blade sharp.

### MAINTENANCE



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## Cleaning



**WARNING:** Blow dirt and dust out of all air vents with clean, dry air at least once a week. To minimize the risk of eye injury, always wear ANSI Z87.1 approved eye protection when performing this procedure.



**WARNING:** Never use solvents or other harsh chemicals for cleaning the non-metallic parts of the tool. These chemicals may weaken the plastic materials used in these parts. Use a cloth dampened only with water and mild soap. Never let any liquid get inside the tool; never immerse any part of the tool into a liquid.

## Accessories



**WARNING:** Since accessories, other than those offered by DeWALT, have not been tested with this product, use of such accessories with this tool could be hazardous. To reduce the risk of injury, only DeWALT recommended accessories should be used with this product.

Recommended accessories for use with your tool are available at extra cost from your local dealer or authorized service center. If you need assistance in locating any accessory, please contact DeWALT Industrial Tool Co., 701 East Joppa Road, Towson, MD 21286, call 1-800-4-DeWALT (1-800-433-9258) or visit our website: [www.dewalt.com](http://www.dewalt.com).

## Compatible accessories

Oscillating Sanding Pad  
Oscillating Wood with Nails Blade  
Wide Titanium Oscillating Wood with Nails Blade  
Oscillating Hardwood Blade  
Oscillating Fastcut Wood Blade  
Wide Oscillating Fastcut Wood Blade  
Oscillating Wood Detail Blade  
Oscillating Titanium Metal Blade  
Oscillating Semicircle Blade  
Oscillating Titanium Semicircle Blade  
Oscillating Flush Cut Blade  
Titanium Oscillating Flush Cut Blade  
Oscillating Multi-Material Blade  
Oscillating Rigid Scraper Blade  
Oscillating Flexible Scraper Blade  
Oscillating Carbide Grout Removal Blade  
Oscillating Fastcut Carbide Grout Removal Blade  
Oscillating Carbide Rasp

## Repairs

The charger and battery pack are not serviceable. There are no serviceable parts inside the charger or battery pack.



**WARNING:** To assure product SAFETY and RELIABILITY, repairs, maintenance and adjustment (including brush inspection and replacement, when applicable) should be performed by a DeWALT factory service center or

a DeWALT authorized service center. Always use identical replacement parts.

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## Three Year Limited Warranty

DeWALT will repair or replace, without charge, any defects due to faulty materials or workmanship for three years from the date of purchase (two years for batteries). This warranty does not cover part failure due to normal wear or tool abuse. For further detail of warranty coverage and warranty repair information, visit [www.dewalt.com](http://www.dewalt.com) or call 1-800-4-DeWALT (1-800-433-9258). This warranty does not apply to accessories or damage caused where repairs have been made or attempted by others. THIS LIMITED WARRANTY IS GIVEN IN LIEU OF ALL OTHERS, INCLUDING THE IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, AND EXCLUDES ALL INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts or the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so these limitations may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may have other rights which vary in certain states or provinces.

In addition to the warranty DeWALT tools are covered by our:

### 1 YEAR FREE SERVICE

DeWALT will maintain the tool and replace worn parts caused by normal use, for free, any time during the first year after purchase.

### 2 YEARS FREE SERVICE ON DeWALT BATTERY PACKS

DCB120, DCB122, DCB124, DCB127, DCB201, DCB203BT, DCB207, DCB361

### 3 YEARS FREE SERVICE ON DeWALT BATTERY PACKS

DCB200, DCB203, DCB204, DCB204BT, DCB205, DCB205BT, DCB206, DCB230, DCB606, DCB609 DCB612

**NOTE:** Battery warranty voided if the battery pack is tampered with in any way. DeWALT is not responsible for any injury caused by tampering and may prosecute warranty fraud to the fullest extent permitted by law.

### 90 DAY MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

If you are not completely satisfied with the performance of your DeWALT Power Tool or Nailer for any reason, you can return it within 90 days from the date of purchase with a receipt for a full refund – no questions asked.

**LATIN AMERICA:** This warranty does not apply to products sold in Latin America. For products sold in Latin America, see country specific warranty information contained in the packaging, call the local company or see

website for warranty information.

**FREE WARNING LABEL REPLACEMENT:** If your warning labels become illegible or are missing, call 1-800-4-DeWALT (1-800-433-9258) for a free replacement.

## Troubleshooting Guide

Problem	Possible Cause	Possible Solution
Unit will not start.	Battery not installed.	Install battery in tool handle
	Battery is not charged	Place battery on charger and install a fully charged battery pack in tool.
	Battery or power tool is overheated.	Allow battery and/or tool to cool after extended use or replace overheated battery pack with a cool one.
	Switch is damaged.	Have switch replaced at an authorized service center.

## Compatible battery packs and chargers

### 20V Max\* Li-Ion

#### Battery Packs

DCB200, DCB201, DCB203, DCB204, DCB204BT\*\*, DCB205, DCB205BT\*\*, DCB206, DCB208, DCB230, DCB240

#### Chargers

DCB103, DCB104, DCB107, DCB112, DCB113, DCB115, DCB118, DCB132, DCB1106, DCB1112

### 60V Max\* Li-Ion

#### Battery Packs

DCB606, DCB609, DCB612

#### Chargers

DCB103, DCB104, DCB107, DCB112, DCB113, DCB115, DCB118, DCB132, DCB1106, DCB1112

Maximum initial battery voltage (measured without a workload) is 20, 60 or 120 volts. Nominal voltage is 18, 54 or 108. (120V Max\* is based on using 2 DeWALT 60V Max\* lithium-ion batteries combined.)

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**WARNING:** Use of any other battery packs may create a risk of injury and fire.






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