



Miter Saw

255 mm (10") MODEL LS1020
Equipped with Electrical Blade Brake

INSTRUCTION MANUAL



SPECIFICATIONS

Blade	Hoje diameter	Max cripting capacities (H.x.W)		No road	Dimensions (L.x.W.x.H)	Net
diameter	rioie diappeer	Cross cut (0)	Miner out (45%)	speed (RPM)	Dimensions it x vv x Hi	weight
755 min (1075	15 88 mm and 25 mm (5 81 and 31 321)	70 min x 122 min 42 3 4" x 4 3 4")	70 mm x 90 mm (2 3 4" x 3 1 2")	4.100	496 min x 470 mm x 475 mm (19 1 2'' x 18 1 2'' x 18 11 16'')	18 0 kg (40 ibs)

- * Manufacturer reserves the right to change specifications without notice.
- * Note: Specifications may differ from country to country.

For Your Own Safety Read Instruction Manual Before Operating Miter Saw

GENERAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

(For All Tools)

- 1. KNOW YOUR POWER TOOL. Read the owner's manual carefully. Learn the tools applications and limitations, as well as the specific potential hazards peculiar to it.
- 2. KEEP GUARDS IN PLACE and in working order.
- REMOVE ADJUSTING KEYS AND WRENCHES. Form habit of checking to see that keys and adjusting wrenches are removed from tool before turning it on.
- 4. KEEP WORK AREA CLEAN. Cluttered areas and benches invite accidents.
- 5. DON'T USE IN DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENT. Don't use power tools in damp or wet locations, or expose them to rain. Keep work area well lighted.
- KEEP CHILDREN AWAY. All visitors should be kept safe distance from work area.
- MAKE WORKSHOP KID PROOF with padlocks, master switches, or by removing starter keys.
- 8. DON'T FORCE TOOL. It will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it was designed.
- 9. USE RIGHT TOOL. Don't force tool or attachment to do a job for which it was not designed.
- 10. WEAR PROPER APPAREL. Wear no loose clothing, gloves, neckties, rings, bracelets, or other jewelry which may get caught in moving parts. Nonslip footwear is recommended. Wear protective hair covering to contain long hair.
- 11. ALWAYS USE SAFETY GLASSES. Also use face or dust mask if cutting operation is dusty. Everyday eyeglasses only have impact resistant lenses, they are NOT safety glasses.
- 12. SECURE WORK. Use clamps or a vise to hold work when practical. It's safer than using your hand and it frees both hands to operate tool.
- 13. DON'T OVERREACH. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.
- 14. MAINTAIN TOOLS WITH CARE. Keep tools sharp and clean for best and safest performance. Follow instructions for lubricating and changing accessories.
- 15. DISCONNECT TOOLS before servicing; when changing accessories such as blades, bits, cutters, and the like.
- 16. REDUCE THE RISK OF UNINTENTIONAL STARTING. Make sure switch is in off position before plugging in.

- USE RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES. Consult the owner's manual for recommended accessories. The use of improper accessories may cause risk of injury to persons.
- 18. NEVER STAND ON TOOL. Serious injury could occur if the tool is tipped or if the cutting tool is accidentally contacted.
- 19. CHECK DAMAGED PARTS. Before further use of the tool, a guard or other part that is damaged should be carefully checked to determine that it will operate properly and perform its intended function check for alignment of moving parts, binding of moving parts, breakage of parts, mounting, and any other conditions that may affect its operation. A guard or other part that is damaged should be properly repaired or replaced.
- 20. DIRECTION OF FEED. Feed work into a blade or cutter against the direction of rotation of the blade or cutter only.
- 21. NEVER LEAVE TOOL RUNNING UNATTENDED. TURN POWER OFF. Don't leave tool until it comes to a complete stop.
- 22. When servicing use only identical replacement parts.

VOLTAGE WARNING: Before connecting the tool to a power source (receptacle, outlet, etc.) be sure the voltage supplied is the same as that specified on the nameplate of the tool. A power source with voltage greater than that specified for the tool can result in SERIOUS INJURY to the user — as well as damage to the tool. If in doubt, DO NOT PLUG IN THE TOOL. Using a power source with voltage less than the nameplate rating is harmful to the motor.

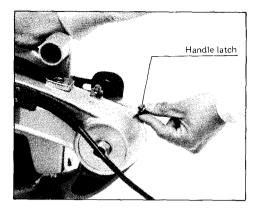
ADDITIONAL SAFETY RULES

- 1. Wear eye protection.
- 2. Do not operate saw without guards in place.
- 3. Don't use the tool in the presence of flammable liquids or gases.
- 4. Check the blade carefully for cracks or damage before operation. Replace cracked or damaged blade immediately.
- 5. Use only flanges specified for this tool.
- 6. Be careful not to damage the arbor, flanges (especially the installing surface) or bolt. Damage to these parts could result in blade breakage.
- 7. Make sure that the turn base is properly secured so it will not move during operation.
- 8. For your safety, remove the chips, small pieces, etc. from the table top before operation.
- Avoid cutting nails. Inspect for and remove all nails from the workpiece before operation.
- 10. Make sure the shaft lock is released before the switch is turned on.
- 11. Be sure that the blade does not contact the turn base in the lowest position.
- 12. Hold the handle firmly.
- 13. Do not perform any operation freehand.
- 14. Keep hands out of path of saw blade.
- 15. Never reach around saw blade.
- 16. Make sure the blade is not contacting the workpiece before the switch is turned on.
- 17. Before using the tool on an actual workpiece, let it run for a while. Watch for vibration or wobbling that could indicate poor installation or a poorly balanced blade.
- 18. Wait until the blade attains full speed before cutting.
- 19. Stop operation immediately if you notice anything abnormal.
- 20. Do not attempt to lock the trigger in the on position.
- 21. Shut off power and wait for saw blade to stop before servicing or adjusting tool.
- 22. Don't abuse cord. Never yank cord to disconnect it from the receptacle. Keep cord away from heat, oil, water and sharp edges.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

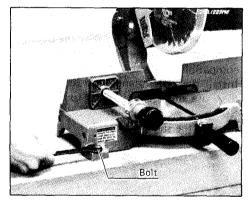
Handle latch

This tool is equipped with a handle latch which is used to lock the handle in the lowered position. To release from the lowered position, lower the handle slightly and turn the handle latch to the released position. To lock the handle in the lowered position, lower the handle fully and turn the handle latch to the locked position. When carrying the tool, lock the handle in the lowered position and secure the turn base by means of the grip.



Bench mounting miter saw

This tool should be bolted with two bolts to a level and stable surface using the bolt holes provided in the tool's base.

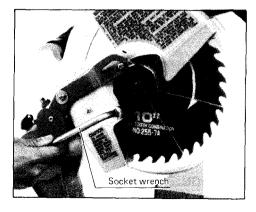


Removing or installing saw blade

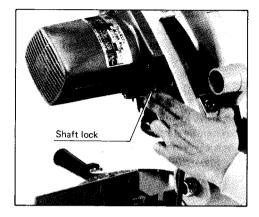
CAUTION:

Always be sure that the tool is switched off and unplugged before removing or installing the blade.

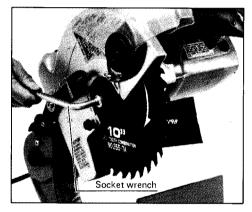
To remove the blade, use the socket wrench to loosen the hex bolt holding the center cover by turning it more than three turns counterclockwise. Raise the safety cover and center cover.



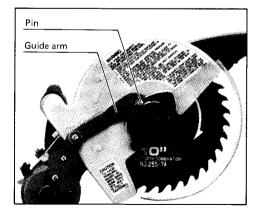
Press the shaft lock so that the blade cannot revolve and use the socket wrench to loosen the hex bolt clockwise. Then remove the hex bolt, outer flange and blade.



To install the blade, mount the blade onto the spindle, making sure that the direction of the arrow on the surface of the blade is compatible with that on the blade case. Install the outer flange and hex bolt, and then use the socket wrench to tighten the hex bolt securely counterclockwise while pressing the shaft lock.



Slip the pin on the safety cover into the slot in the guide arm while returning the safety cover to its original fully closed position. Then tighten the hex bolt clockwise to secure the center cover.



CAUTION:

Use only the Makita socket wrench to install or remove the blade.

Safety cover

When lowering the handle, the safety cover rises by means of the guide arm. The cover returns to its original position when the cut is completed and the handle is raised. NEVER DEFEAT OR REMOVE THE SAFETY COVER. In the interest of your personal safety, always maintain the safety cover in good condition. Any irregular operation of the safety cover should be corrected immediately. NEVER USE THE TOOL WITH A FAULTY SAFETY COVER. If the see-through safety cover



becomes dirty, or sawdust adheres to it in such a way that the blade and/or workpiece is no longer easily visible, unplug the saw and clean the cover carefully with a damp cloth. Do not use solvents or any petroleum-based cleaners on the plastic cover.

Dust bag

The use of the dust bag makes cutting operations clean and dust collection easy. To attach the dust bag, fit it onto the dust nozzle of the blade case.



When the dust bag is about half full, remove the dust bag from the tool and pull the fastener out. Empty the dust bag of its contents, tapping it lightly so as to remove particles adhering to the insides which might hamper collection.



Switch action

To prevent the trigger from being accidentally pulled, a lock-off button is provided as a safety feature.

To start the tool, press in the lock-off button and pull the trigger. Release the trigger to stop.

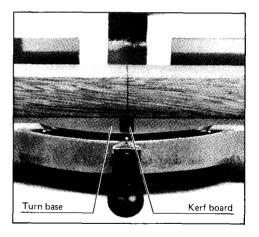


CAUTION:

- Before plugging in the tool, always check to see that the trigger switch actuates properly and returns to the "OFF" position when released.
- When not using the tool, remove the lock-off button. This prevents unauthorized operation.

Kerf board

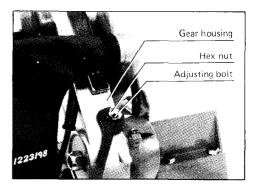
This tool is provided with the kerf board in the turn base. If the kerf groove has not yet been cut in the kerf board by the factory, you should cut the groove before actually using the tool to cut a workpiece. Switch on the tool and lower the blade gently to cut a groove in the kerf board.

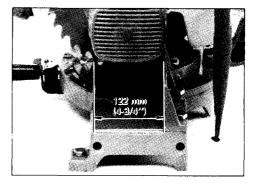


Maintaining maximum cutting capacity

Unplug the tool before any adjustment is attempted.

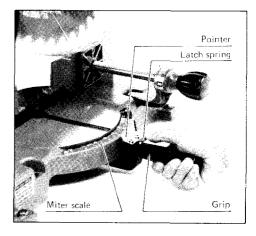
This tool is factory adjusted to provide the max, cutting capacity for a 255 mm (10") saw blade. When the diameter of the blade has been reduced due to sharpening. loosen the hex nut at the rear of the gear housing. Use a screwdriver to adjust the depth adjusting bolt. The saw blade is lowered by turning the depth adjusting bolt counterclockwise and raised by turning it clockwise. Adjust so that when the handle is in the fully lowered position, there will be a distance of about 122 mm (4-3/4") from the front face of the guide fence to the point where the front edge of the blade enters the kerf. Now tighten the hex nut with the wrench while carefully holding the adjusting bolt in position with the screwdriver.





Positioning for miter angle

Loosen the grip by turning counterclockwise. Press down the latch spring. This allows the turn base to turn freely. When you have moved the grip to the position where the pointer indicates the desired angle on the miter scale, release the latch spring and securely tighten the grip clockwise.

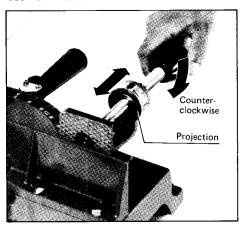


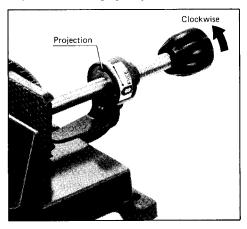
NOTE:

The latch spring automatically locates miter angles of 0, 15, 22.5, 30 and 45 degrees. To select one of these angles, turn the turn base near the desired angle while releasing the latch spring and allow the latch spring to seat itself in the miter notch. Then tighten the grip securely.

Securing workpiece

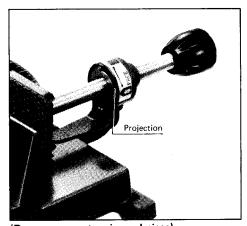
By turning the knob on the vise counterclockwise, the screw is released and the vise shaft can be moved rapidly in and out. By turning the knob clockwise, the screw remains secured. To grip workpieces, turn the knob gently clockwise, until the projection reaches its topmost position, then fasten securely. If the knob is forced in or pulled out while being turned clockwise, the projection may stop at an angle. In this case, turn the knob back counterclockwise until the screw is released, before turning again gently clockwise.





CAUTION:

Grip workpieces only when the projection is at the topmost position. Otherwise the workpiece cannot be properly gripped and might pop out or damage the blade.

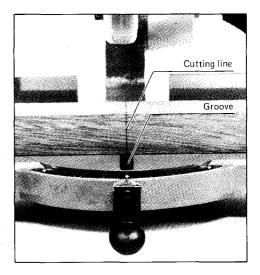


(Dangerous way to grip workpiece)

When making miter cuts of 30 degrees or more to the side that the vise is mounted, the safety cover movement may be slightly obstructed by the vise. If this situation occurs, re-mount the vise on the other side of the tool's base.

Operation

When cutting with this tool, the thickness of the blade is cut as well. Therefore, your cutting line should be on either the left or right side of the groove in the kerf board. Switch on the tool and wait until the blade attains full speed before lowering gently into the cut. When the blade contacts the workpiece, gradually bear down on the handle to perform the cut. When the cut is completed, switch off the tool and WAIT UNTIL THE BLADE HAS COME TO A COMPLETE STOP before returning the balde to its fully elevated position. A thincut piece could otherwise contact the coasting blade and be thrown around dangerously.

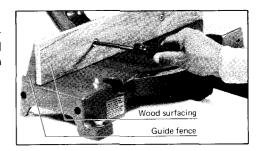


Fence plate

The fence plate is designed to prevent smaller cutting scraps from jamming inside the blade case. The fence plate moves right or left automatically as the turn base is rotated.

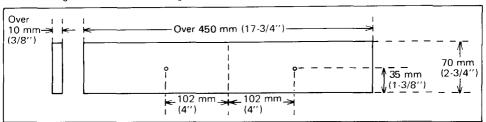
Wood facing

Use of wood facing helps to assure splinterfree cuts in workpieces. Attach a wood facing to the guide fence using the holes in the guide fence.

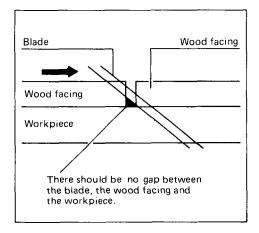


CAUTION:

- Use straight wood of even thickness as the wood facing.
- See the figure below concerning the dimensions of a suggested wood facing.



 Use screws to attach the wood facing to the guide fence. The screws should be installed so that the screw heads are below the surface of the wood facing. After changing the miter angle, cut the wood facing at that selected angle. If there is a gap between the blade, the wood facing and the workpiece, move the wood facing slightly in the direction of the arrow and cut it again.



•When the wood facing is attached, do not turn the turn base with the handle lowered. The wood facing will be damaged.

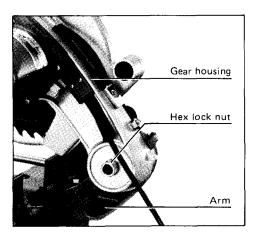
NOTE:

When the wood facing is attached, the max. cutting capacities in width (122 mm/4-3/4" at 0° , 90 mm/3-1/2" at 45°) will be reduced by thickness of the wood facing.

Adjusting for smooth handle action

The hex lock nut holding together the gear housing and arm has been factory adjusted to assure smooth handle action up and down and to guarantee precise cutting. Do not tamper with it.

Should looseness develop at the gear housing and arm connection, perform the following adjustment. Work the handle up and down while tightening the hex lock nut; the best position to tighten the hex lock nut is just before the motor body weight is obvious.



After adjusting the hex lock nut, be sure the handle returns automatically to the initial position from any position. If the hex lock nut is too loose, the cutting accuracy will be affected; if it is too tight, it will be hard to work the handle up and down. Note that this is a self locking nut; it is a special type that does not loose in normal use. It should not be overtightened or replaced with other types of nuts.

Alignment for squareness

This tool was carefully adjusted and aligned for squareness of cut at the factory, but rough handling may have affected the alignment. If your tool is not aligned properly, perform the following.

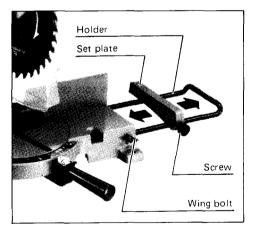
Loosen the grip and set the turn base at zero degree by turning the turn base and allowing the latch spring to seat itself in the miter notch.

If the pointer on the indication plate is not at zero on the miter scale, gently tighten the grip and then loosen the screws on the indication plate. Adjust the indication plate so that the pointer will be at zero on the miter scale. Then tighten the screws on the indication plate. Tighten the grip securely and loosen the hex bolts on the guide fence. Square the side of the blade with the side of the guide fence using a triangular rule; try-square, etc. Then securely tighten the hex bolts on the guide fence.

Pointer (Indication plate) Grip Triangular rule Guide fence

Installing holders and set plate

The holders can be installed on either side as convenient means to hold long work-pieces or workpieces to be cut continuously into fixed lengths. Fit the set plate on the holder so that the flat side of the plate is on the inside, with the curved portion of the holder pointing up. Then slip the holder rods into the holes in the base. Tighten securely with the wing bolt.

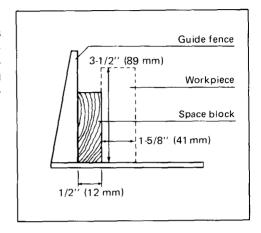


Cutting fixed lengths

When cutting several pieces of stock to the same length, ranging between 250-400 mm (10''-15-3/4''), use of the set plate will facilitate operation. Align the cutting line on your workpiece with either the left or right side of the groove in the kerf board, then move the set plate flush against the end of the workpiece and secure the set plate with the screw.

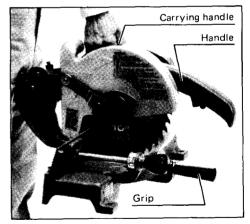
When cutting $2 \times 4 (1-5/8" \times 3-1/2")$

Cuts of 45 degrees can be done as usual as long as the workpiece is not positioned vertically. To cut vertically positioned workpiece, insert a space block or scrap of wood measuring 1/2" (12 mm) in thickness between the workpiece and the guide fence.



Carrying tool

When carrying the tool, lower the handle fully and turn the handle latch to the locked position. Also secure the turn base by means of the grip. The tool can then be conveniently carried by the carrying handle.



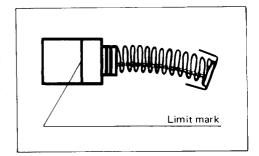
MAINTENANCE

CAUTION:

Always be sure that the tool is switched off and unplugged before attempting to perform inspection or maintenance.

Replacing carbon brushes

Remove and check the carbon brushes regularly. Replace when they wear down to the limit mark. Keep the carbon brushes clean and free to slip in the holders. Both carbon brushes should be replaced at the same time. Use only identical carbon brushes.



Use a screwdriver to remove the brush holder caps. Take out the worn carbon brushes, insert the new ones and secure the brush holder caps.



To maintain product SAFETY and RELIABILITY, repairs, any other maintenance or adjustment should be performed by Makita Authorized or Factory Service Centers, always using Makita replacement parts.

ACCESSORIES

CAUTION:

These accessories or attachments are recommended for use with your Makita tool specified in this manual. The use of any other accessories or attachments might present a risk of injury to persons. The accessories or attachments should be used only in the proper and intended manner.

Dust bag

Part No. 122319-8



• Lock-off button (2 pcs.)

Part No. 411478-6



• Holder set (with wing bolts)

Part No. 191550-7



Saw blades

Chisel tooth combination saw blade



Miter saw blade



Carbide-tipped saw blade



Socket wrench 13

Part No. 782212-4



• Ring (16)

Part No. 257022-3 For a 25 mm (31/32") arbor hole



For rip and cross-cut work.

Most frequently used for general carpentry.

Part No.	NO.	Dia. (mm)	Hole dia. (mm)	No. teeth
792317-2	255 · 7A	255 (10")	15.88 (5/8")	36

For smooth cutting of wood.

Part No.	NO.	Dia. (mm)	Hole dia. (mm)	No. teeth
792077-6	255 - 4	255 (10")	25 (31/32")	100
792078-4	* 255 - 4A	255 (10")	25 (31/32")	100

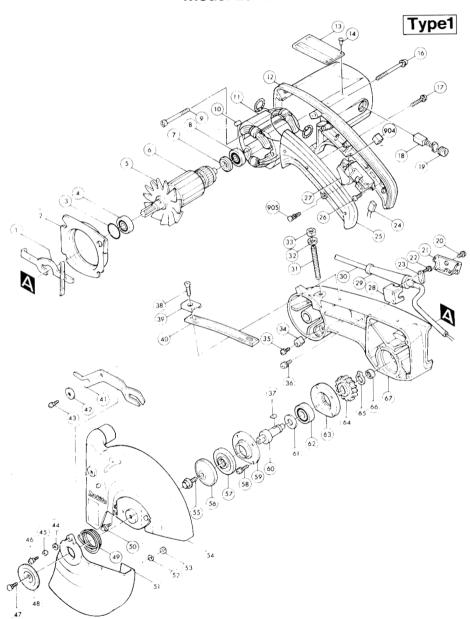
^{* . . .} When cutting aluminum, use a cutting lubricant.

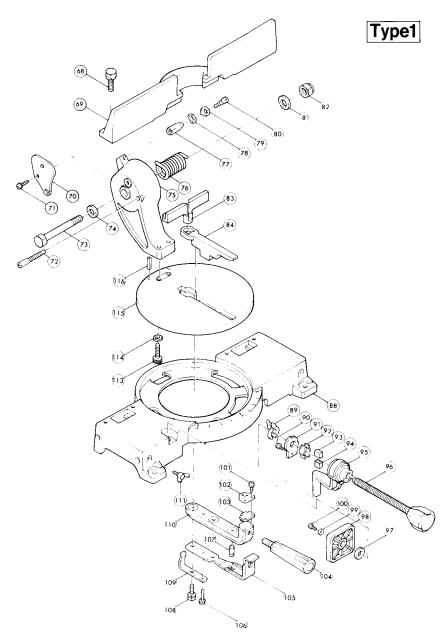
Fast, smoother, longer sawing without blade sharpening. Cuts wood, dry wall, plastics.

Part No.	NO.	Dia (mm)	Hole dia. (mm)	No. teeth
792200-3	255-11D	255 (10")	15.88 (5/8")	50
792303-3	* 255 - 11C	255 (10")	15.88 (5/8'')	70

^{* . . .} For aluminum cutting.

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Note: The switch, noise suppressor and other part configurations may differ from country to country.

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ITEM NO.	NO. USEC)	DESCRIPTION	ITEM NO.		NO. USED	DESCRIPTION
MAC	HINE			MAC	; -	HINE	
1	. 1		Shaft Lock	59	i	1	Bearing Retainer 71
2	. 1		Baffle Plate	60	İ	1	Spindle
3	1		O Hing 32	61	ļ	1	. Thin Washer 17
4	: 1		Ball Bearing 620111B	62	i	1	Ball Bearing 6203LLB
5	1		Fan 92	63	İ	1	Bearing Box
6	1		ARMATURE ASSEMBLY	64		1	Helical Gear 41
		-	(With Item 5 8)	- 65		1	Betaining Bing S 17
7	1	-	Insulation Washer	66	i	1	Needle Bearing 1210
8	1		Ball Bearing 6200LB	67	ı	1	Gear Housing
9	2		Hex. Bolt M5x65 (With Washer)	68	İ	4	Hex. Bolt M10x25 (With Washer)
10	1	-	Rubber Pin 4	69	ŀ	1	Guide Fence
11	. 1	i	FIELD ASSEMBLY	70	ì	1	Supporter MC 16 (Mark 1)
12	1 1	i	Motor Housing	71	1	1	Pan Head Screw M6x16 (With Washer)
13	1 !	- 1	Name Plate	72	İ		Set Screw M10 Hex Bolt M16
14	4	į	Rivet 0 - 5 Pan Head Screw M5x75 (With Washer)	73 74	ł	1	Flat Washer 16
16	3	1	Pan Head Screw M4x30 (With Washer)	75	i	1	Arm
18	1 2		Carbon Brush	76	į	1	Torsion Spring 32
19	. 2	i	Brush Holder Cap	77	i	1	Handle Latch
20	. 2	İ	Pan Head Screw M4x16 (With Washer)	78	,	1	Wave Washer 8
21	. 2	İ	Clamp Cover	79	i	1	Thin Washer 8
22	2	ł	Pan Head Screw M4x18 (With Washer)	80	1	1	Pan Head Screw M6
23	1	ı	Strain Relief	81	1	i	Flat Washer 16
25	1	İ	Handle Cover	82		i	Hex. Nut M16 24
26	1		Pan Head Screw M4x6 (With Washer)	83		1	i Fence Plate
27		- 1	Switch	84		1	Kerf Board
28	1		Clamp Base	88		1	Base
29	1		Cord Guard	89	1	1	Nut Holder
30	1 1		Cord	90		1	Pan Head Screw M5x14 (With Washer)
31	1 1		Screw M10x70	91	ļ	1	Set Plate
32	1	- 1	Flat Washer 10	92	1	2	Protecter
33	1	- 1	Hex. Nut M10	93		1	Release Nut B
34	1	- 1	Cushion	94		1	Release Not L
35	1	-	Pan Head Screw M5x22 (With Washer)	95		1	Vice Arm
36	2		Pan Head Screw M4x14 (With Washer)	96	i	1	Knob 45
3.7	1	- 1	Key 4	97	i	1	Flat Washer 12
38	2	İ	Countersunk Head Screw M6x18	98		1	· Vice Plate
39	2	İ	Band Holder	99	1	1	Flat Washer 6
40	1		Carrying Band	100		1	Pan Head Screw M6x14
41	1	-	Guide Arm	101		2	Pan Head Screw M4x8 (With Washer)
42	. 1		Flat Waster 8	102	ļ	1	Indication Label
43	į.		Pan Head Screw M6	103	!	1	* Plate
44	3		Flat Washer 6	104	1	1	Gnp 32
45	1		Ring 16	105	i	1	Latch Spring
46	. 1		Pan Head Screw M6	106	į	1	Pan Head Screw M5x28 (With Washer)
4/	- 1		Cap Square Neck Boit M5x8	107		1	Latch Pin
48	1		Plate	108		2	Hex. Bolt M8x25 (With Washer)
49	1		Spring 26	109		1	Leaf Stay
50	1		Hex. Flange Head Bolt, M8x12	110		1	Turning Stay
51	1		Safety Cover	111	,	2	Wing Bolt M6x12
52	1		Spring Washer 5	113	į	2	Hex. Socket Head Bolt M8x35
53	1		Hex Not M5	114		2	Spring Washer 8
54	1	1	Blade Case	115	i	2	Turn Base
55	1		Hex. Flange Head Bolt M8x20	116	į	- 1	Spring Pin 4 - 18
56	1	- 1	Outer Hange 55	904	į	1	Stopper Lack Off Switch Button
57	1	-	Inner Flange 55	905		,	Fork On amin ii dollon
58	-1	- 1	Pan Head Screw M5x20 (With Washer)	1			

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MAKITA LIMITED ONE YEAR WARRANTY

Warranty Policy

Every Makita tool is thoroughly inspected and tested before leaving the factory. It is warranted to be free of defects from workmanship and materials for the period of ONE YEAR from the date of original purchase. Should any trouble develop during this one-year period, return the COMPLETE tool, freight prepaid, to one of Makita's Factory or Authorized Service Centers. If inspection shows the trouble is caused by defective workmanship or material, Makita will repair (or at our option, replace) without charge.

This Warranty does not apply where:

- · repairs have been made or attempted by others:
- repairs are required because of normal wear and tear:
- The tool has been abused, misused or improperly maintained:
- · alterations have been made to the tool.

IN NO EVENT SHALL MAKITA BE LIABLE FOR ANY INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL OR CON-SEQUENTIAL DAMAGES FROM THE SALE OR USE OF THE PRODUCT. THIS DISCLAIMER APPLIES BOTH DURING AND AFTER THE TERM OF THIS WARRANTY.

MAKITA DISCLAIMS LIABILITY FOR ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF "MERCHANTABILITY" AND "FITNESS FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE," AFTER THE ONE-YEAR TERM OF THIS WARRANTY.

This Warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you. Some states do not allow limitation on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply to you.

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