

RECIPROCATING SAW 850W/230V MODEL NO: SRS850

Thank you for purchasing a Sealey product. Manufactured to a high standard, this product will, if used according to these instructions, and properly maintained, give you years of trouble free performance.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. NOTE THE SAFE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, WARNINGS & CAUTIONS. USE THE PRODUCT CORRECTLY AND WITH CARE FOR THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT IS INTENDED. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY CAUSE DAMAGE AND/OR PERSONAL INJURY AND WILL INVALIDATE THE WARRANTY. KEEP THESE INSTRUCTIONS SAFE FOR FUTURE USE.

















Refer to instructions

Wear eye protection

Wear protective gloves

Wear safety footwear

clothing

Wear protective Electrical shock hazard

Hot surfaces

Wear a mask

SAFETY

ELECTRICAL SAFETY 11

WARNING! It is the user's responsibility to check the following:

> Check all electrical equipment and appliances to ensure that they are safe before using. Inspect power supply leads, plugs and all electrical connections for wear and damage. Sealey recommend that an RCD (Residual Current Device) is used with all electrical products. You may obtain an RCD by contacting your local Sealey dealer.

if the product is used in the course of business duties, it must be maintained in a safe condition and routinely PAT (Portable Appliance Test) tested.

Electrical safety information, it is important that the following information is read and understood.

- 1.1.1. Ensure that the insulation on all cables and on the appliance is safe before connecting it to the power supply.
- 1.1.2. Regularly inspect power supply cables and plugs for wear or damage and check all connections to ensure that they are secure.
- 1.1.3. Important: Ensure that the voltage rating on the appliance suits the power supply to be used and that the plug is fitted with the correct fuse - see fuse rating in these instructions.
 - DO NOT pull or carry the appliance by the power cable.
 - DO NOT pull the plug from the socket by the cable. Remove the plug from the socket by maintaining a firm grip on the plug.
 - DO NOT use worn or damaged cables, plugs or connectors. Ensure that any faulty item is repaired or replaced immediately by a qualified electrician.
- 1.1.4. This product is fitted with a BS1363/A 13 Amp 3 pin plug.

If the cable or plug is damaged during use, switch the electricity supply and remove from use.

Replace a damaged plug with a BS1363/A 13 Amp 3 pin plug. If in doubt contact a qualified electrician.

Class II products are wired with live (brown) and neutral (blue) only are marked with the

Class II symbol;

- A) Connect the BROWN live wire to the live terminal 'L'.
- B) Connect the BLUE neutral wire to the neutral terminal 'N'.
- C) After wiring, check that there are no bare wires and ensure that all wires have been correctly connected.

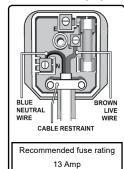
Ensure that the cable outer sheath extends inside the cable restraint and that the restraint is tight.

DO NOT connect either wire to the earth terminal.

Sealey recommend that repairs are carried out by a qualified electrician.

12 **GENERAL 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.
- Use personal protective equipment. Always wear eye protection. Protective equipment such as 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.
- Remove any adjusting key or wrench before turning the power tool on.
- **DO NOT** overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.
- DO NOT wear loose clothing or jewellery. Keep your hair and clothing away from moving parts. Loose clothes, jewellery or long hair can be caught in moving parts.
- The use of a dust extraction system may reduce dust-related hazards.
- DO NOT let familiarity gained from frequent use of tools allow you to become complacent and ignore tool safety principles.
- 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 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 carefully. 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.
- ✓ 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 gripping surfaces dry, clean and free from oil and grease. Slippery handles and gripping surfaces DO NOT allow for safe handling and control of the tool in unexpected situations.
- ✓ 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.
- Hold the power tool by its insulated gripping surfaces when performing an operation where the cutting accessory may contact hidden wiring or its own cord. Cutting 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 workpiece to a stable platform.
- ✓ Use appropriate detection equipment to track down concealed supply lines or consult the local utility companies. Contact with electrical lines may result in fire and electric shock. Damaging a gas line may lead to an explosion. Penetrating a water line causes property damage and may cause an electric shock.
- ✓ Vibrations can be harmful to the human hand-arm system. Keep the vibration exposure time to a minimum.
- ✓ Clean the shank of the saw blade before inserting it. A dirty shank cannot be fastened securely.
- ✓ Check the saw blade for tight fit. A loose saw blade could fall out and injure you.
- ✓ Before switching on the power tool, ensure that the insertion tool can move freely. If the device is switched on with a jammed insertion tool, the resulting forces can be extreme causing the device to kick out sideways.
- ✓ DO NOT work on moistened material or moist surfaces.
- ✓ Only hold the power tool against the workpiece when the tool is switched on and running. Otherwise there is a risk of kickbacks.
- Make sure that the guide shoe is positioned securely on the contact face during sawing. A jammed saw blade could break or cause a kickback.
- Keep your hands out of the sawing area. DO NOT reach underneath the workpiece.
- Keep your hands away from lifting rod and quick-release chuck. Crushing hazard upon contact with these components.
- ✓ Ensure sufficient ventilation.
- ✓ Regularly check the quick-release chuck for wear or damage.
- ✓ Only use intact, flawless saw blades. Bent and blunt saw blades could break or cause a kickback.
- DO NOT attempt to slow down the saw blade movement by pressing against the blade from the side once the device is switched off. The saw blade could be damaged, break or cause a kickback.
- Switch off the power tool when your operation is completed, but DO NOT remove the saw blade from the kerf until it has come to a standstill. This serves to avoid a kickback, then you can put the power tool down safely.
- ✓ Immediately switch off the power tool if the insertion tool gets jammed. The power tool can lash out to the side.
- ✓ Wait until the power tool has come to a standstill, before putting it down.
- ✓ Only use the device SRS850 for sawing plastic, wood, metal and building materials using the suitable saw blade. The device may be used for:
- Sawing work,
- Straight and curved cuts,
- Flush cutting of protruding workpieces
- √ Whilst adhering to the technical data. We recommend using the power tool with original Sealey accessories.
- * The device is not intended for processing glass or stone.
- Check the device for damages and proper functioning before each use. If you notice damages, no longer use the device.
- **DO NOT** use the device when the device or your hands are damp or wet!
- ✓ Work on the electrical components must only be carried out by an authorised specialist company!
- Warning of electrical voltage Before any work on the device, remove the mains plug from the mains socket! Hold onto the mains plug while pulling the power cable out of the mains socket.
- * There is a risk of a short-circuit due to liquids penetrating the housing!
- PO NOT immerse the device and the accessories in water. Make sure that no water or other liquids can enter the housing.
- * The insertion tool might still be hot after the application. Burn hazard when touching the insertion tool.
- **DO NOT** touch the insertion tool bare-handed! Wear protective gloves!
- ☐ Warning! Hand injuries Crushing hazard near saw blade and guide shoe if handled without due care. Wear protective gloves!
- **□ Warning!** Sharp object Parts of the saw blade are sharp. Risk of injuries if handled without due care. Wear protective gloves!
- □ Warning! Toxic dusts! The harmful / toxic dusts produced during operation pose of risk to the health of the operator and persons in the vicinity.
- **DO NOT** process materials containing asbestos. Asbestos is considered carcinogenic.
- □ Warning! Make sure not to hit power, gas or water lines when working with a power tool. If necessary, use a pipe detector to check the wall you want to drill in or slit open.
- Warning! Risk of injuries caused by flying parts or bursting tool heads.
- ☐ Warning! Dangers can occur at the device when it is used by untrained people in an unprofessional or improper way!
- Warning! The device is not a toy and does not belong in the hands of children.
- ☐ Warning! Risk of suffocation! DO NOT leave the packaging lying around. Children may use it as a dangerous toy.
- Vibration emissions can cause a health hazard if the device is used for an extended period of time or if it is not properly handled and maintained
- √ Keep a sufficient distance from heat sources.
- **NOTE:** If you store or transport the device improperly, the device may be damaged.

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- **NOTE:** For transporting the device, use the transport case included in the scope of delivery in order to protect the device from external influences. Before transporting the device, observe the following:
 - ✓ Switch off the device.
 - ✓ Hold onto the mains plug while pulling the power cable out of the mains socket.
 - ✓ Allow the device to cool down.
 - ✓ Remove the tool from the tool holder.
 - **DO NOT** reconnect a defective device to the mains.

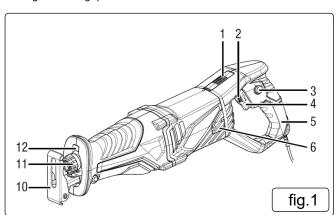
2. INTRODUCTION

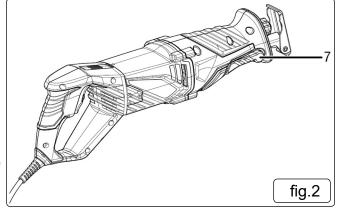
Powerful reciprocating saw designed to cut various materials including metal, wood and plastics. Handle can be rotated 90° in either direction for greater access and control when working in confined spaces. Supplied with wood cutting and metal cutting blades. Built-in quick blade change system. Fitted with a 3mtr heavy-duty rubberised cable. Durable composite housing with soft grip for added comfort.

3. SPECIFICATION

Model No:	
Nett Weight:	2.55kg
No Load Speed:	0-2800spm
Stroke	28 mm
Max. cutting depth:	
Wood	160 mm
Metal	8 mm
Aluminium	12 mm

No.	Description
1	Release button
2	Stroke rate setting wheel for continuous operation
3	Locking switch for continuous operation
4	On/off switch/stroke rate control
5	Rotatable handle
6	Carbon brush cover
7	Guide shoe locking lever
10	Guide shoe
11	Quick-release chuck
12	LED work Lamp





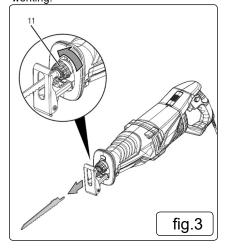
4. SET UP

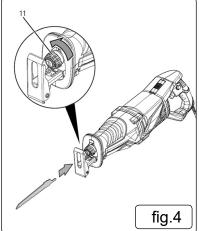
4.1. All saw blades having an S-shank or a ½" universal shank can be used for this device. The saw blade should not be longer than required for the cut. A narrow saw blade should be used when sawing tight curves.

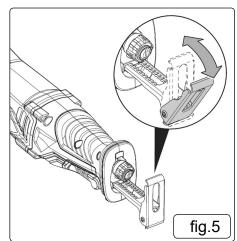
4.2. CHANGING THE SAW BLADE

- 4.3. Please proceed as follows to remove or insert a saw blade:
- 4.3.1. Turn the quick-release chuck (fig.1.11) to the side and hold it in this position. If required, you can remove the guide shoe to reach the quick-release chuck more easily (see Adjusting the guide shoe).
- 4.3.2. If a saw blade is inserted, remove the saw blade from the quick-release chuck.
- 4.3.3. Insert the saw blade into the quick-release chuck. Make sure that the teeth of the saw blade point downwards.
- 4.3.4. Push the saw blade into the quick-release chuck up to the stop. Use a suitable saw blade with S-shank or ½" universal shank.
- 4.3.5. Let go of the quick-release chuck. The quick-release chuck must return to its initial position.
- 4.3.6. Check whether the saw blade is properly locked in place.

NOTE: If you turn the handle, the saw blade can be inserted rotated by 180° (saw blade teeth point in the opposite direction) to enable easier working.







4.4. ADJUSTING THE GUIDE SHOE.

- 4.5. You can adjust the length of the guide shoe to specify the plunging depth.

 Please note that the shoe guide can only be securely locked up to a certain point. When using a saw blade that is larger than the recess in the guide shoe, or in order to facilitate the tool change, the guide shoe can be removed.
- 4.5.1. Release the locking lever (fig.6.7).
- 4.5.2. Adjust the guide shoe (fig.6.10) to the desired length. Should the guide shoe slide out of the guide rail accidentally, it can simply be reinserted.
- 4.5.3. Set the locking lever (fig.6.7) back to its initial position.
- 4.5.4. Check the guide shoe (fig.6.10) for tight fit.

NOTE: When the power tool is positioned, the head of the guide shoe adapts to the surface of the workpiece (inclination of up to 30°). After completing the operation, the head of the guide shoe can be brought back to its initial position.

4.6. ROTATING THE HANDLE

- 4.7. The handle (fig.7.5) can be rotated by 90° to the left or right. As a result the on/off switch might be located in a more favourable position depending on the application and operating condition.
- 4.7.1. Press the release button (fig.7.1) and turn the handle (fig.7.5) clockwise or counterclockwise.
- 4.7.2. The handle (fig.7.5) should click into place.

4.8. CONNECTING THE POWER CABLE

4.8.1. Insert the mains plug into a properly secured mains socket.

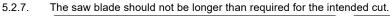
5. OPERATION

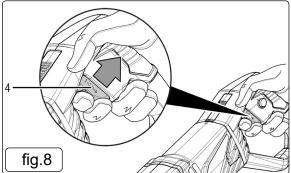
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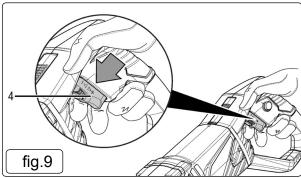
- 5.1.1. Keep the venting slots clear to prevent the motor from overheating.
- 5.1.2. Check the tool in the tool holder for proper fit before every application. The tool must be firmly locked in place in the designated holding fixtures in the tool holder.
- 5.1.3. Before every application, make sure that you have selected the correct tool for the intended use.

5.2. SAWING:

- 5.2.1. Before sawing wood, chipboards, building materials etc., check the above for foreign objects, e.g. nails, screws or similar. If required, remove the foreign objects or use a suitable saw blade.
- Only use intact, flawless saw blades. Bent, blunt or otherwise damaged saw blades could break.
- 5.2.3. When sawing lightweight construction materials, make sure to observe the legal regulations and recommendations of the material manufacturers.
- 5.2.4. Use a narrow saw blade when sawing tight curves.
- 5.2.5. If the saw blade gets jammed in the workpiece, switch off the power tool immediately. The sawing gap should be slightly widened with a suitable tool so that you can pull out the power tool.
- 5.2.6. Switch on the power tool and guide it towards the workpiece to be processed. Place the guide shoe on the surface of the workpiece. Process the workpiece with an even forward motion and contact pressure. After completing the sawing operation, switch off the power tool.



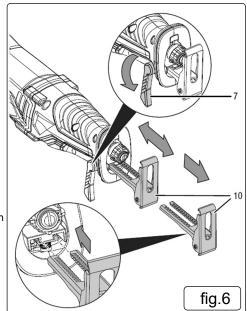


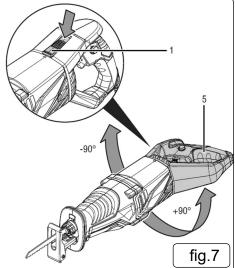


5.3. SWITCHING THE DEVICE ON AND OFF

WARNING! Wear your personal protective equipment when working with the device.

- 5.3.1. Check whether the fixed saw blade is suitable for the intended application.
- 5.3.2. Check whether the workpiece is secured and the worktop prepared correspondingly.
- 5.3.3. Hold onto the power tool with both hands.
- 5.3.4. Guide the saw towards the workpiece.
- 5.3.5. Position the guide shoe (fig.1.10) on the workpiece.
- 5.3.6. Press the on/off switch (fig.8.4) and hold it during operation. You can control the stroke rate by pressing the on/off switch (fig.8.4): press lightly for a low stroke rate; press firmly for a high stroke rate.
- 5.3.7. The LED work lamp (fig.1.12) will be illuminated.
- 5.3.8. After completing the sawing operation, let go of the on/off switch (fig.9.4) to stop the device. The LED work lamp (fig.1.12) will go out.





5.4. PLUNGE-CUTTING:

- 5.4.1. Only soft materials such as plasterboard or the like may be processed using the plunge-cutting method.
 - **DO NOT** process any metals using the plunge-cutting method.
- 5.4.2. Use short saw blades for plunge-cutting.
- 5.4.3. First place the edge of the guide shoe (fig.10.10) on the workpiece before switching the power tool on, see Schematic representation plunge-cutting.
- NOTE: The saw blade must not be in contact with the workpiece.
- 5.4.4. Select the maximum stroke rate and allow the saw blade to slowly plunge into the workpiece. To do so, bring the saw blade closer to the workpiece while maintaining contact between the edge of the guide shoe (fig.10.10) and the workpiece.
- 5.4.5. As soon as the guide shoe (fig.10.10) rests on the workpiece, you can continue working along the cutting line.

5.5. FLUSH CUTTING

- 5.5.1. Using elastic bi-metal saw blades you can saw off protruding objects such as water pipes or the like directly at the wall.
- 5.5.2. Make sure that the saw blade extends beyond the diameter or thickness of the object, otherwise there is a risk of kickbacks.
- 5.5.3. Apply lateral pressure on the power tool until the bi-metal saw blade and the side of the guide shoe are positioned against the wall, see Schematic representation flush cutting.
- 5.5.4. Saw through the object applying constant lateral pressure.

5.6. SWITCHING CONTINUOUS OPERATION ON AND OFF

- 5.7. When continuous operation is activated, the on/off switch does not have to be held permanently, which makes working more comfortable.
- 5.7.1. Proceed as described in the chapter Switching the device on and off, steps 1 to 6
- Press the locking switch (fig.12.3) with your thumb until it locks in place completely.
- 5.7.3. Let go of the on/off switch (fig.12.4) and continue holding the device.
 - The on/off switch is locked in place.
- The device keeps running and continuous operation is activated.
- 5.7.4. Press the on/off switch (fig.12.4) again to deactivate continuous operation.
 - The stroke rate increases briefly.
- 5.7.5. Let go of the on/off switch (fig.12.4) to stop the device.

5.7.6. SELECTING THE STROKE RATE

5.7.7. The required stroke rate depends on various factors. For example, the workpiece as well as the activity and the working conditions have an impact on the required stroke rate. Working with plastic or aluminium, for instance, requires a low stroke rate. Entering the material during plunge-cutting, for instance, requires a high stroke rate.

5.8. DURING NORMAL OPERATION:

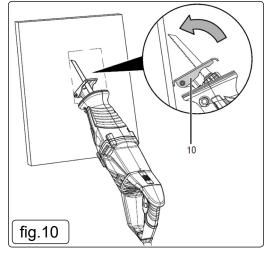
- 5.8.1. During normal operation the stroke rate is controlled by pressing the on/off switch (fig.12.4):
 - Light pressure = low stroke rate
 - Firm pressure = high stroke rate
 - Press in completely = maximum stroke rate

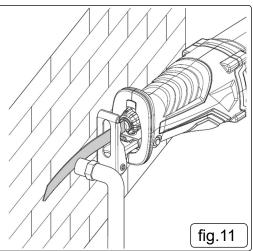
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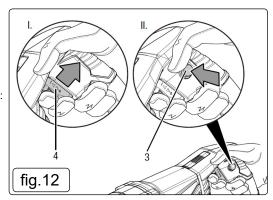
- 5.9.1. You can select the stroke rate for continuous operation via the setting wheel (2):
- 5.9.2. Turn the setting wheel (Fig.13.2) towards the + or to increase or reduce the stroke rate.

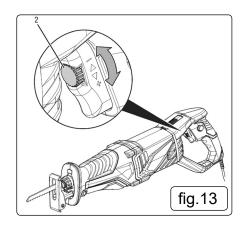
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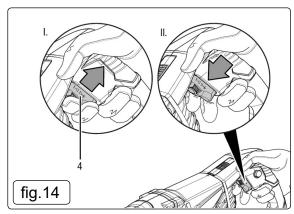
- 5.10.1. Switch off the device.
- 5.10.2. Hold onto the mains plug while pulling the power cable out of the mains socket.
- 5.10.3. If required, allow the device to cool down.
- 5.10.4. Remove the tool from the tool holder (see Start-up chapter).
- 5.10.5. Clean the device according to the Maintenance chapter.











6. TROUBLESHOOTING

- 6.1. The device has been checked for proper functioning several times during production. If malfunctions occur nonetheless, check the device according to the following list.
- 6.2. Troubleshooting tasks which require the housing to be opened must only be carried out by an authorized specialist electrical company or by Sealey.
- 6.3. SLIGHT SMOKE OR ODOUR ARE EMITTED DURING FIRST USE:
- 6.3.1. This is not a fault. These phenomena disappear after a brief runtime.
- 6.4. THE DEVICE DOES NOT START
- 6.4.1. Check the power connection.
- 6.4.2. Check the power cable and mains plug for damages.
- 6.4.3. Check the on-site fusing.
- NOTE: Wait for at least 10 minutes before switching the device back on.
- 6.5. THE SAW BLADE IS LOOSE:
- 6.5.1. Make sure that the saw blade is firmly locked in place in the designated recesses of the quick-release chuck.
- 6.5.2. Make sure that the quick-release chuck is locked.

6.6. THE SAW BLADE EXPERIENCES DIFFICULTIES PENETRATING THE MATERIAL TO BE PROCESSED OR THE SAWING PERFORMANCE IS INSUFFICIENT:

- 6.6.1. Check the stroke rate; it must be suitable for both the saw blade and the material.
- 6.6.2. If the saw blade is worn, replace it with a new one.
- 6.6.3. Check whether the chosen saw blade is suitable for the material to be processed.
- 6.7. THE DEVICE'S PERFORMANCE DECREASES:
- 6.7.1. The carbon brushes may be worn and have to be replaced. Contact the Sealey customer service or an electrically skilled person.
- 6.8. THE DEVICE BECOMES HOT:
- 6.8.1. Make sure not to exert too much pressure on the device during sawing.
- 6.8.2. Select a lower stroke rate by applying less pressure on the on/off switch.
- 6.8.3. Check whether the chosen saw blade is suitable for the task to be carried out.
- 6.8.4. Keep the venting slots clear to prevent the motor from overheating.
- NOTE: Wait for at least 3 minutes after maintenance and repair work. Only then switch the device back on.
- 6.9. YOUR DEVICE STILL DOES NOT OPERATE CORRECTLY AFTER THESE CHECKS?
- 6.9.1. Please contact the customer service. If necessary, bring the device to an authorized specialist electrical company or to Sealey for repair.

7. MAINTENANCE

- 7.1. Activities required before starting maintenance
- **DO NOT** touch the mains plug with wet or damp hands.
- 7.2. Switch off the device.
- 7.3. Hold onto the mains plug while pulling the power cable out of the mains socket.
- 7.4. Allow the device to cool down completely.
- 7.5. Maintenance tasks which require the housing to be opened must only be carried out by authorised specialist companies or by Sealey.
- NOTE: Inside the device, there are no parts that need to be maintained or lubricated by the user.
- 7.6. **CLEANING:** The device should be cleaned before and after each use.
- **NOTE:** The device does not have to be lubricated after cleaning.
 - Warning! of electrical voltage There is a risk of a short-circuit due to liquids penetrating the housing! DO NOT immerse the device and the accessories in water. Make sure that no water or other liquids can enter the housing.
- 7.6.1. Clean the device with a soft, damp and lint-free cloth. Ensure that no moisture enters the housing. Protect electrical components from moisture. **DO NOT** use any aggressive cleaning agents such as cleaning sprays, solvents, alcohol-based or abrasive cleaners to dampen the cloth.
- 7.6.2. Dry the device with a soft, lint-free cloth.
- 7.6.3. Dry the saw blades with a soft, lint-free cloth.
- 7.6.4. Remove any dust deposits and, if applicable, wood chips or material residues from the quick-release chuck.
- 7.6.5. Keep the ventilation openings free from dust deposits to prevent overheating of the motor.
- 7.7. CARBON BRUSHES
- 7.7.1. In case of excessive sparking, have the carbon brushes checked by an electrically skilled person
 - ☐ Warning! The carbon brushes may only be replaced by an electrically skilled person.



ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

Recycle unwanted materials instead of disposing of them as waste. All tools, accessories and packaging should be sorted, taken to a recycling centre and disposed of in a manner which is compatible with the environment. When the product becomes completely unserviceable and requires disposal, drain any fluids (if applicable) into approved containers and dispose of the product and fluids according to local regulations.



WEEE REGULATIONS

Dispose of this product at the end of its working life in compliance with the EU Directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE). When the product is no longer required, it must be disposed of in an environmentally protective way. Contact your local solid waste authority for recycling information.

Note: It is our policy to continually improve products and as such we reserve the right to alter data, specifications and component parts without prior notice.

Important: No Liability is accepted for incorrect use of this product.

Warranty: Guarantee is 12 months from purchase date, proof of which is required for any claim.

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WARNING! - Risk of Hand Arm Vibration Injury.

This tool may cause Hand Arm Vibration Syndrome if its use is not managed adequately.

This tool is subject to the vibration testing section of the Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC.

This tool is to be operated in accordance with these instructions.

Please note that the application of the tool to a sole specialist task may produce a different average vibration emission. We recommend that a specific evaluation of the vibration emission is conducted prior to commencing with a specialist task.

A health and safety assessment by the user (or employer) will need to be carried out to determine the suitable duration of use for each tool. **NB:** Stated Vibration Emission values are type-test values and are intended to be typical. Whilst in use, the actual value will vary considerably from and depend on many factors. Such factors include; the operator, the task and the inserted tool or consumable.

NB: ensure that the length of leader hoses is sufficient to allow unrestricted use, as this also helps to reduce vibration.

The state of maintenance of the tool itself is also an important factor, a poorly maintained tool will also increase the risk of Hand Arm Vibration Syndrome.

Health surveillance.

We recommend a programme of health surveillance to detect early symptoms of vibration injury so that management procedures can be modified accordingly.

Personal protective equipment.

We are not aware of any personal protective equipment (PPE) that provides protection against vibration injury that may result from the uncontrolled use of this tool. We recommend a sufficient supply of clothing (including gloves) to enable the operator to remain warm and dry and maintain good blood circulation in fingers etc. Please note that the most effective protection is prevention, please refer to the Correct Use and Maintenance section in these instructions. Guidance relating to the management of hand arm vibration can be found on the HSC website www. hse.gov.uk - Hand-Arm Vibration at Work.