

Owner's Manual & Safety Instructions

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⚠ WARNING

**Read this material before using this product.
Failure to do so can result in serious injury.
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WARNING SYMBOLS AND DEFINITIONS

	This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.
	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.
	Addresses practices not related to personal injury.

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IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

General Power Tool Safety Warnings

WARNING

Read all safety warnings and instructions.

Failure to follow the warnings and instructions 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 mains-operated (corded) power tool.

Work area safety

- 1. Keep work area clean and well lit.**
Cluttered or dark areas invite accidents.
- 2. 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.*
- 3. Keep children and bystanders away while operating a power tool.**
Distractions can cause you to lose control.

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Electrical safety

1. **Power tool plugs must match the outlet. Never modify the plug in any way. Do not use any adapter plugs with grounded power tools.** *Unmodified plugs and matching outlets will reduce risk of electric shock.*
2. **Avoid body contact with grounded surfaces such as pipes, radiators, ranges and refrigerators.** *There is an increased risk of electric shock if your body is grounded.*
3. **Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions.** *Water entering a power tool will increase the risk of electric shock.*
4. **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.*
5. **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.*
6. **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

1. **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.*
2. **Use safety equipment. Always wear eye protection.** *Safety equipment such as dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injuries.*
3. **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.*
4. **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.*
5. **Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.** *This enables better control of the power tool in unexpected situations.*
6. **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.*
7. **If devices are provided for the connection of dust extraction and collection facilities, ensure these are connected and properly used.** *Use of these devices can reduce dust-related hazards.*
8. **Only use safety equipment that has been approved by an appropriate standards agency.** *Unapproved safety equipment may not provide adequate protection. Eye protection must be ANSI-approved and breathing protection must be NIOSH-approved for the specific hazards in the work area.*

Power tool use and care

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1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **Disconnect the plug from the power source before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing power tools.**
Such preventive safety measures reduce the risk of starting the power tool accidentally.
4. **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.*
5. **Maintain power tools.** 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.*
6. **Keep cutting tools sharp and clean.**
Properly maintained cutting tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.
7. **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.*

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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.

Safety Warnings Common for Sanding and Polishing Operations

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1. **This power tool is intended to function as a sander or polisher. 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.
2. **Operations such as grinding, wire brushing or cutting-off are not recommended to be performed with this power tool.**
Operations for which the power tool was not designed may create a hazard and cause personal injury.
3. **Do not use accessories which are not specifically designed and recommended by the tool manufacturer.** Just because the accessory can be attached to your power tool, it does not assure safe operation.
4. **The rated speed of the accessory must be at least equal to the maximum speed marked on the power tool.** Accessories running faster than their RATED SPEED can break and fly apart.
5. **The outside diameter and the thickness of your accessory must be within the capacity rating of your power tool.** Incorrectly sized accessories cannot be adequately guarded or controlled.
6. **The arbor size of wheels, flanges, backing pads or any other accessory must properly fit the spindle of the power tool.** Accessories with arbor holes that do not match the mounting hardware of the power tool will run out of balance, vibrate excessively and may cause loss of control.
7. **Do not use a damaged accessory.** Before each use inspect the accessory such as abrasive wheels for chips and cracks, backing pad for cracks, tear or excess wear, wire brush for loose or cracked wires. If power tool or accessory is dropped, inspect for damage or install an undamaged accessory. After inspecting and installing an accessory, position yourself and bystanders away from the plane of the rotating accessory and run the power tool at maximum no-load speed for one minute. Damaged accessories will normally break apart during this test time.
8. **Wear personal protective equipment.** Depending on application, use face shield, safety goggles or safety glasses. As appropriate, wear dust mask, hearing protectors, gloves and workshop apron capable of stopping small abrasive or workpiece fragments. The eye protection must be capable of stopping flying debris generated by various operations. The eye protection must

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be capable of stopping flying debris generated by various operations. The dust mask or respirator must be capable of filtering out particles generated by your operation. Prolonged exposure to high intensity noise may cause hearing loss.

9. **Keep bystanders a safe distance away from work area. Anyone entering the work area must wear personal protective equipment.** Fragments of workpiece or of a broken accessory may fly away and cause injury beyond immediate area of operation.
10. **Hold power tool by insulated gripping surfaces only, when performing an operation where the accessory may contact hidden wiring or its own cord.** An accessory contacting a "live" wire may make exposed metal parts of the power tool "live" and shock the operator.
11. **Position the cord clear of the spinning accessory.** If you lose control, the cord may be cut or snagged and your hand or arm may be pulled into the spinning accessory.
12. **Never lay the power tool down until the accessory has come to a complete stop.** *The spinning accessory may grab the surface and pull the power tool out of your control.*
13. **Do not run the power tool while carrying it at your side.** *Accidental contact with the spinning accessory could snag your clothing, pulling the accessory into your body.*
14. **Regularly clean the power tool's air vents.** *The motor's fan will draw the dust inside the housing and excessive accumulation of powdered metal may cause electrical hazards.*
15. **Do not operate the power tool near flammable materials.** *Sparks could ignite these materials.*
16. **Do not use accessories that require liquid coolants.** *Using water or other liquid coolants may result in electrocution or shock.*
17. Maintain labels and nameplates on the tool. These carry important safety information. If unreadable or missing, contact Harbor Freight Tools for a replacement.
18. Avoid unintentional starting. Prepare to begin work before turning on the tool.
19. Do not leave the tool unattended when it is plugged into an electrical outlet. Turn off the tool, and unplug it from its electrical outlet before leaving.
20. Use clamps (not included) or other practical ways to secure and support the workpiece to a stable platform. Holding the work by hand or against your body is unstable and may lead to loss of control and personal injury.
21. This product is not a toy. Keep it out of reach of children.
22. People with pacemakers should consult their physician(s) before use. Electromagnetic fields in close proximity to heart pacemaker could cause pacemaker interference or pacemaker failure. In addition, people with pacemakers should:
 - Avoid operating alone.
 - Do not use with power switch locked on.
 - Properly maintain and inspect to avoid electrical shock.
 - Properly ground power cord. Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) should also be implemented – it prevents sustained electrical shock.
23. **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 or other masonry products
 - Arsenic and chromium from chemically treated lumberYour 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. (California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5, *et seq.*)
24. **WARNING:** Handling the cord on this product will expose you to lead, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer, and birth defects or other reproductive harm. Wash hands after handling. (California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5, *et seq.*)
25. The warnings, precautions, and instructions discussed in this instruction manual cannot cover all possible conditions and situations that may occur. It must be understood by the operator that common sense and caution are factors which cannot be built into this product, but must be supplied by the operator.

Kickback and Related Warnings

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Kickback is a sudden reaction to a pinched or snagged rotating wheel, backing pad, brush or any other accessory. Pinching or snagging causes rapid stalling of the rotating accessory which in turn causes the uncontrolled power tool to be forced in the direction opposite of the accessory's rotation at the point of the binding.

For example, if an abrasive wheel is snagged or pinched by the workpiece, the edge of the wheel that is entering into the pinch point can dig into the surface of the material causing the wheel to climb out or kick out. The wheel may either jump toward or away from the operator, depending on direction of the wheel's movement at the point of pinching. Abrasive wheels may also break under these conditions.

Kickback is the result of power tool misuse and/or incorrect operating procedures or conditions and can be avoided by taking proper precautions as given below.

1. **Maintain a firm grip on the power tool and position your body and arm to allow you to resist kickback forces. Always use side handle, if provided, for maximum control over kickback or torque reaction during start-up.**
The operator can control torque reactions or kickback forces, if proper precautions are taken.
2. **Never place your hand near the rotating accessory. Accessory may kickback over your hand.**
3. **Do not position your body in the area where power tool will move if kickback occurs.**
Kickback will propel the tool in direction opposite to the wheel's movement at the point of snagging.
4. **Use special care when working corners, sharp edges etc. Avoid bouncing and snagging the accessory. Corners, sharp edges or bouncing have a tendency to snag the rotating accessory and cause loss of control or kickback.**
5. **Do not attach a saw chain woodcarving blade or toothed saw blade. Such blades create frequent kickback and loss of control.**

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Safety Warnings Specific for Sanding Operations

Do not use excessively oversized sanding disc paper. Follow manufacturer's recommendations when selecting sanding paper. *Larger sanding paper extending beyond the sanding pad presents a laceration hazard and may cause snagging, tearing of the disc or kickback.*

Safety Warnings Specific for Polishing Operations

Do not allow any loose portion of the polishing bonnet or its attachment strings to spin freely. Tuck away or trim any loose attachment strings. *Loose and spinning attachment strings can entangle your fingers or snag on the workpiece.*

Vibration Safety

This tool vibrates during use. Repeated or long-term exposure to vibration may cause temporary or permanent physical injury, particularly to the hands, arms and shoulders. To reduce the risk of vibration-related injury:

1. Anyone using vibrating tools regularly or for an extended period should first be examined by a doctor and then have regular medical check-ups to ensure medical problems are not being caused or worsened from use. Pregnant women or people who have impaired blood circulation to the hand, past hand injuries, nervous system disorders, diabetes, or Raynaud's Disease should not use this tool. If you feel any medical or physical symptoms related to vibration (such as tingling, numbness, and white or blue fingers), seek medical advice as soon as possible.
2. Do not smoke during use. Nicotine reduces the blood supply to the hands and fingers, increasing the risk of vibration-related injury.
3. Wear suitable gloves to reduce the vibration effects on the user.
4. Use tools with the lowest vibration when there is a choice between different processes.
5. Include vibration-free periods each day of work.
6. Grip tool as lightly as possible (while still keeping safe control of it). Let the tool do the work.
7. To reduce vibration, maintain the tool as explained in this manual. If any abnormal vibration occurs, stop use immediately.

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SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

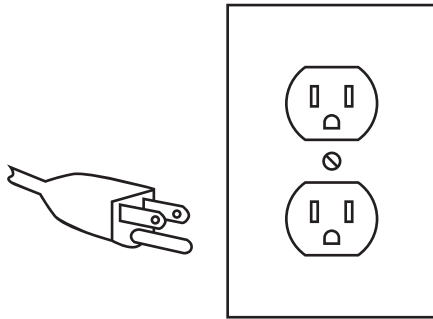
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TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK AND DEATH FROM INCORRECT GROUNDING WIRE CONNECTION:

Check with a qualified electrician if you are in doubt as to whether the outlet is properly grounded. Do not modify the power cord plug provided with the tool. Never remove the grounding prong from the plug. Do not use the tool if the power cord or plug is damaged. If damaged, have it repaired by a service facility before use. If the plug will not fit the outlet, have a proper outlet installed by a qualified electrician.

Grounded Tools: Tools with Three Prong Plugs

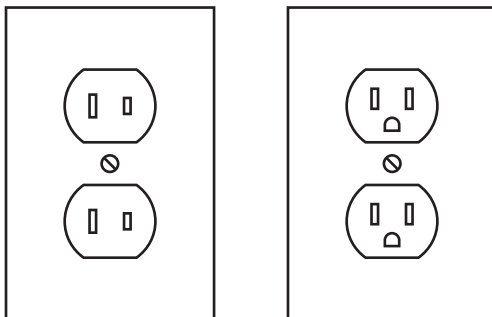


3-Prong Plug and Outlet

1. Tools marked "Grounding Required" have a three wire cord and three prong grounding plug. The plug must be connected to a properly grounded outlet. If the tool should electrically malfunction or break down, grounding provides a low resistance path to carry electricity away from the user, reducing the risk of electric shock. (See 3-Prong Plug and Outlet.)

2. The grounding prong in the plug is connected through the green wire inside the cord to the grounding system in the tool. The green wire in the cord must be the only wire connected to the tool's grounding system and must never be attached to an electrically "live" terminal. (See 3-Prong Plug and Outlet.)
3. The tool must be plugged into an appropriate outlet, properly installed and grounded in accordance with all codes and ordinances. The plug and outlet should look like those in the preceding illustration. (See 3-Prong Plug and Outlet.)

Double Insulated Tools: Tools with Two Prong Plugs



Outlets for 2-Prong Plug

1. Tools marked "Double Insulated" do not require grounding. They have a special double insulation system which satisfies OSHA requirements and complies with the applicable standards of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., the Canadian Standard Association, and the National Electrical Code.
2. Double insulated tools may be used in either of the 120 volt outlets shown in the preceding illustration. (See Outlets for 2-Prong Plug.)

Extension Cords

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1. **Grounded** tools require a three wire extension cord. **Double Insulated** tools can use either a two or three wire extension cord.
2. As the distance from the supply outlet increases, you must use a heavier gauge extension cord. Using extension cords with inadequately sized wire causes a serious drop in voltage, resulting in loss of power and possible tool damage. **(See Table A.)**
3. The smaller the gauge number of the wire, the greater the capacity of the cord. For example, a 14 gauge cord can carry a higher current than a 16 gauge cord. **(See Table A.)**

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4. When using more than one extension cord to make up the total length, make sure each cord contains at least the minimum wire size required. **(See Table A.)**
5. If you are using one extension cord for more than one tool, add the nameplate amperes and use the sum to determine the required minimum cord size. **(See Table A.)**
6. If you are using an extension cord outdoors, make sure it is marked with the suffix "W-A" ("W" in Canada) to indicate it is acceptable for outdoor use.

7. Make sure the extension cord is properly wired and in good electrical condition. Always replace a damaged extension cord or have it repaired by a qualified electrician before using it.
8. Protect the extension cords from sharp objects, excessive heat, and damp or wet areas.

TABLE A: RECOMMENDED MINIMUM WIRE GAUGE FOR EXTENSION CORDS* (120/240 VOLT)

NAMEPLATE AMPERES (at full load)	EXTENSION CORD LENGTH				
	25'	50'	75'	100'	150'
0 – 2.0	18	18	18	18	16
2.1 – 3.4	18	18	18	16	14
3.5 – 5.0	18	18	16	14	12
5.1 – 7.0	18	16	14	12	12
7.1 – 12.0	18	14	12	10	-
12.1 – 16.0	14	12	10	-	-
16.1 – 20.0	12	10	-	-	-

*** Based on limiting the line voltage drop to five volts at 150% of the rated amperes.**

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	Double Insulated
	Canadian Standards Association
	Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.
	Volts Alternating Current
	Amperes
n0 xxxx/min.	No Load Revolutions per Minute (RPM)

	WARNING marking concerning Risk of Eye Injury. Wear ANSI-approved safety goggles with side shields.
	Read the manual before set-up and/or use.
	WARNING marking concerning Risk of Fire. Do not cover ventilation ducts. Keep flammable objects away.
	WARNING marking concerning Risk of Electric Shock. Properly connect power cord to appropriate outlet.

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Specifications

Electrical Rating	120V~ / 60Hz / 5.7A
No Load Speed	6,400 OPM
Spindle Thread	5/16" - 24 UNF
Max. Accessory Diameter	6" (150mm)

Setup - Before Use:



Read the **ENTIRE IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION** section at the beginning of this manual including all text under subheadings therein before set up or use of this product.

⚠ WARNING

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM ACCIDENTAL OPERATION:

Make sure that the Power Switch is in the off-position and unplug the tool from its electrical outlet before performing any procedure in this section.

Note: For additional information regarding the parts listed in the following pages, refer to the Assembly Diagram near the end of this manual.

ASSEMBLY

Installing the Side Handle

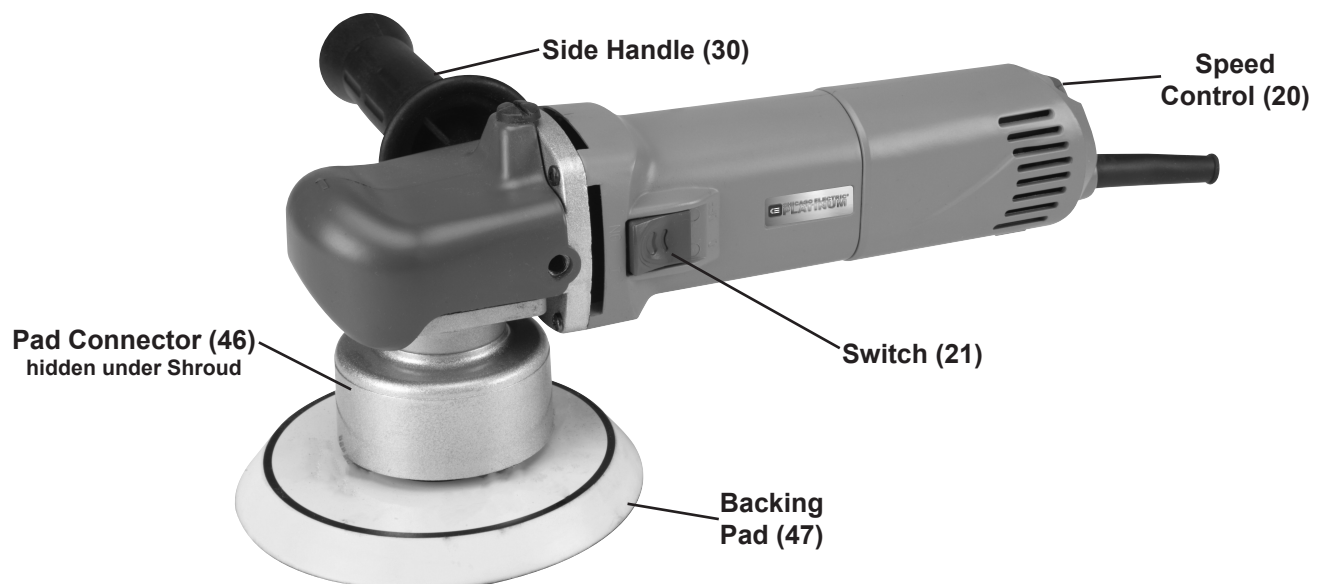
⚠ WARNING

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY:

Do not operate this tool with one hand only or without the Side Handle properly installed.

1. The Side Handle may be installed in one of two positions, on either side of the Gear Housing.
2. Screw the threaded end of the Side Handle into the selected position. Tighten securely before beginning work.

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Tool Set Up

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Installing a Threaded Accessory

1. The accessory **MUST** be:
 - rated to at least 6,400 OPM.
 - no larger than 6" (150mm) in diameter.
 - fitted with a threaded opening of 5/16" - 24 UNF.
 - undamaged.
 - a sanding disc, polishing bonnet or foam pad (sold separately) and backing pad.
2. Use the included wrench to prevent the Spindle from turning.
3. Thread disc accessory firmly onto the Spindle.
4. Remove the wrench before use.

Workpiece and Work Area Set Up

1. Designate a work area that is clean and well-lit. The work area must not allow access by children or pets to prevent distraction and injury.
2. Route the power cord along a safe route to reach the work area without creating a tripping hazard or exposing the power cord to possible damage. The power cord must reach the work area with enough extra length to allow free movement while working.
3. Secure loose workpieces using a vise or clamps (not included) to prevent movement while working.
4. There must not be hazardous objects, such as utility lines or foreign objects, nearby that will present a hazard while working.
5. You must use personal safety equipment including, but not limited to, ANSI-approved eye and hearing protection, as well as heavy-duty work gloves.

Polishing Instructions

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TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY: Grip the tool firmly in both hands.

1. Wash the work surface thoroughly, and make sure it is free of dust, dirt, oil, grease, etc.
2. Place a clean Foam Pad (sold separately) securely onto the Backing Pad.
2. Apply about two tablespoons of wax (not included) evenly on the clean Foam Pad.

NOTICE: Do not apply the wax directly to the surface of the vehicle. The amount of wax needed will vary according to the size of the vehicle being waxed.

NOTICE: Only use slower speeds for polishing. Otherwise, damage may occur to the paint being polished. Harbor Freight Tools is not responsible for damage to the vehicle's finish due to improper use of this tool.

3. Make sure that the Switch is in the off-position, then plug in the tool.

WARNING! To prevent electric shock, keep electrical connections off ground.

CAUTION! Start and stop the tool only while it is held firmly against the surface of the vehicle. Failure to do so may result in the Foam Pad or Polishing Bonnet being thrown from the Polishing Pad.

4. To start, position the unit on the area to be polished, grip the tool firmly with both hands and press the Trigger. Release the Trigger to stop.
5. Keep pressure off of the tool when operating. The Foam Pad should **LIGHTLY** contact the polishing surface.

NOTICE: To prevent damage to the foam pad, polishing bonnet, and vehicle finish: Only apply the pad/bonnet flat against the surface, see below.

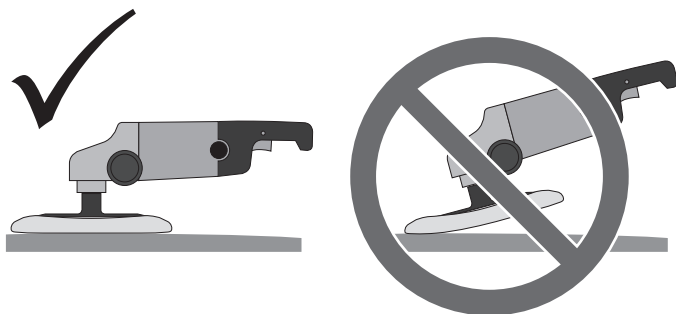


Figure A: Polishing Angle

6. Begin using the tool to apply wax to the vehicle. Apply the wax to all flat surfaces with broad, sweeping strokes in a crisscross pattern. Apply the wax evenly over the surface of the vehicle.

7. Add additional wax to the Polishing Pad as needed. To add additional wax:
 - a. Stop the tool and allow the tool to come to a complete stop.
 - b. Add a small amount of wax evenly over the pad surface.
 - c. Avoid using too much wax. For additional applications of wax to Foam Pad, reduce the amount of wax. The Foam Pad will not absorb as much wax in subsequent applications.
 - d. Resume operation.

Note: The most common error when waxing/polishing a vehicle is applying too much wax. If the Foam Pad becomes saturated with wax, applying wax will be more difficult and will take longer. Applying too much wax may also reduce the life of the Foam Pad. If the Foam Pad continually comes off the Backing Pad during use, too much wax may have been applied.

8. After the wax has been applied to the vehicle's surface, turn off the tool. Unplug the Power Cord from the extension cord.
9. Remove the Foam Pad from the Backing Pad and with your hand and the Foam Pad, apply wax to any hard to reach areas of the vehicle such as around lights, door handles, under bumpers, etc.
10. Allow sufficient time for the wax to dry.
11. Place a clean Polishing Bonnet (sold separately) securely onto the Backing Pad.

CAUTION! Tightly pull the string to secure the Polishing Bonnet. Secure the string and keep it out of the way by tying several knots.

CAUTION! Start and stop the tool only while it is held firmly against the surface of the vehicle. Failure to do so may result in the Bonnet being thrown from the Backing Pad.

12. Start the tool and begin buffing off the dried wax.
13. When as much wax as possible has been removed with the tool, turn off the tool. Unplug the tool.
14. **WARNING!** Allow the tool to come to a complete stop before setting it down.
15. Remove the Polishing Bonnet from Backing Pad. Using the Polishing Bonnet, remove the wax from all hard to reach areas of the vehicle.
16. Clean, then store the tool indoors out of children's reach.

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Sanding Instructions

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TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY: Grip the tool firmly in both hands.

1. Wipe the work surface clean of all dirt and debris, especially that of previous coarser sanding sessions, which will scratch the surface of a finer grit sanding session.
2. Attach the desired grit Sanding Disk (sold separately) onto the Backing Pad.
3. Make sure that the Switch is in the off-position, then plug in the tool.
4. To start, grip the tool firmly with both hands and press the Trigger. Release the Trigger to stop.
5. Wait until the tool has reached full speed, then gently contact the surface.
6. Keep heavy pressure off of the tool when operating. Allow the tool to do the work.
7. Move the tool in a uniform pattern up and down or side to side while sanding to ensure even sanding.
8. Periodically, stop the tool and check for disc wear. Replace worn sanding discs as needed.
9. **TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS, AFTER USE:**
Turn off the tool.
WARNING! Allow the tool to come to a complete stop before setting it down.
Unplug the tool. Clean, then store the tool indoors out of children's reach.

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Maintenance and Servicing



Procedures not specifically explained in this manual must be performed only by a qualified technician.

WARNING

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM ACCIDENTAL OPERATION:

Make sure that the Power Switch is in the off-position and unplug the tool from its electrical outlet before performing any procedure in this section.

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM TOOL FAILURE:

Do not use damaged equipment. If abnormal noise or vibration occurs, have the problem corrected before further use.

OPERATION

Cleaning, Maintenance, and Lubrication

1. **BEFORE EACH USE**, inspect the general condition of the tool. Check for:
 - loose hardware,
 - misalignment or binding of moving parts,
 - damaged cord/electrical wiring,
 - cracked or broken parts, and
 - any other condition that may affect its safe operation.
2. **AFTER USE**, wipe external surfaces of the tool with clean cloth.
3. Periodically, wear ANSI-approved safety goggles and NIOSH-approved breathing protection and blow dust and grit out of the motor vents using dry compressed air.
4.  **WARNING! If the supply cord of this power tool is damaged, it must be replaced only by a qualified service technician.**

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Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Causes	Likely Solutions
Tool will not start.	1. Cord not connected. 2. No power at outlet. 3. Tool's thermal reset breaker tripped (if equipped). 4. Internal damage or wear. (Carbon brushes or switch, for example.)	1. Check that cord is plugged in. 2. Check power at outlet. If outlet is unpowered, turn off tool and check circuit breaker. If breaker is tripped, make sure circuit is right capacity for tool and circuit has no other loads. 3. Turn off tool and allow to cool. Press reset button on tool. 4. Have technician service tool.
Tool operates slowly.	1. Excess pressure applied to workpiece. 2. Power being reduced by long or small diameter extension cord.	1. Decrease pressure, allow tool to do the work. 2. Eliminate use of extension cord. If an extension cord is needed, use one with the proper diameter for its length and load. See <i>Extension Cords</i> in <i>GROUNDING</i> section.
Performance decreases over time.	Carbon brushes worn or damaged.	Have qualified technician replace brushes.
Excessive noise or rattling.	Internal damage or wear. (Carbon brushes or bearings, for example.)	Have technician service tool.
Overheating.	1. Forcing tool to work too fast. 2. Blocked motor housing vents. 3. Motor being strained by long or small diameter extension cord.	1. Allow tool to work at its own rate. 2. Wear ANSI-approved safety goggles and NIOSH-approved dust mask/respirator while blowing dust out of motor using compressed air. 3. Eliminate use of extension cord. If an extension cord is needed, use one with the proper diameter for its length and load. See <i>Extension Cords</i> in <i>GROUNDING</i> section.
Tool does not sand effectively.	1. Accessory loose. 2. Accessory damaged, worn or wrong type for the material.	1. Confirm accessory arbor is correct and Outer Flange/Arbor Nut is tight. 2. Check condition and type of disc accessory. Use only proper type of disc accessory in good condition.
 Follow all safety precautions whenever diagnosing or servicing the tool. Disconnect power supply before service.		

Record Product's Serial Number Here: _____

Note: If product has no serial number, record month and year of purchase instead.

Note: Some parts are listed and shown for illustration purposes only, and are not available individually as replacement parts.

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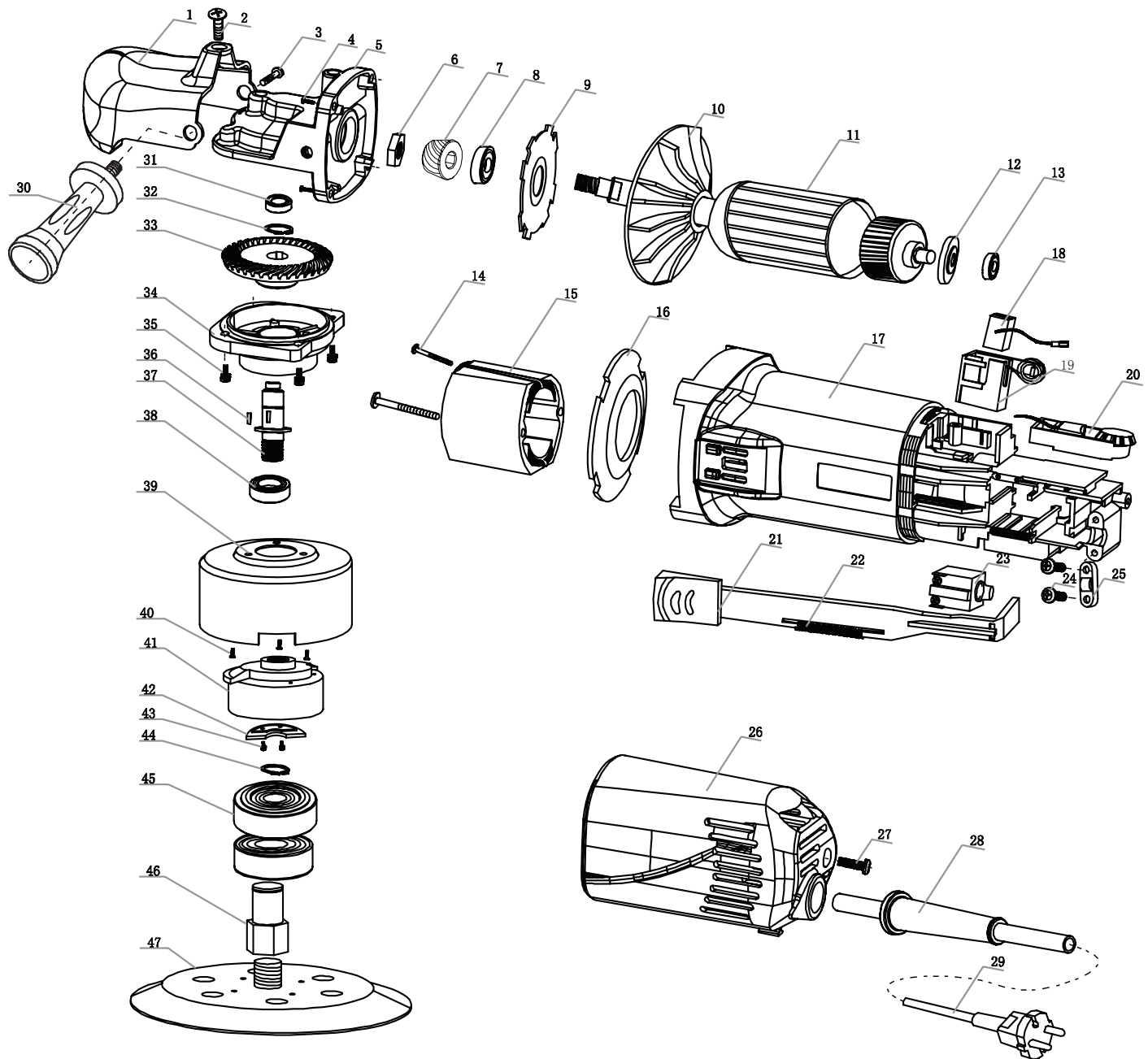
Parts List

Part	Description
1	Gearbox Cover
2	Screw
3	Screw
4	Screw
5	Gearbox
6	Lock Nut
7	Pinion Gear
8	Bearing
9	Bearing Spacer
10	Fan
11	Rotor
12	Magnetic Ring
13	Bearing
14	Stator Screw
15	Stator
16	Fan Shroud
17	Housing
18	Carbon Brush
19	Carbon Brush Holder
20	Speed Control
21	Switch
22	Spring
23	Internal Switch
24	Clamp Screw

Part	Description
25	Cord Clamp
26	Rear Housing
27	Rear Housing Screw
28	Cord Sleeve
29	Power Cord
30	Side Handle
31	Bearing NSK688
32	Gear Retaining Ring
33	Face Gear
34	Gearbox Cap
35	Gearbox Cap Screw
36	Woodruff Key
37	Spindle
38	Bearing
39	Shroud
40	Shroud Screw
41	Eccentric Wheel
42	Eccentric Plate
43	Eccentric Plate Screw
44	Bearing Retaining Ring
45	Bearing
46	Pad Connector
47	Backing Pad



Assembly Diagram



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