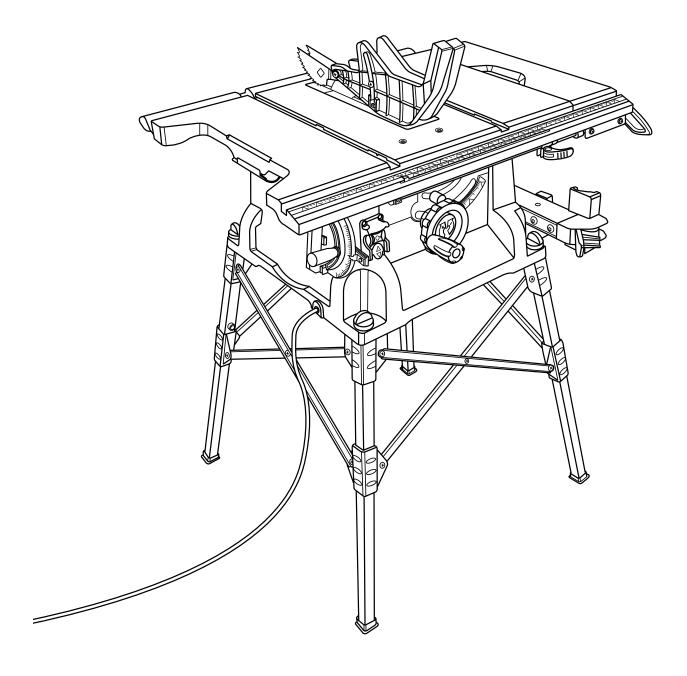


## **OPERATOR'S MANUAL** 10 in. TABLE SAW **RTS21/RTS21G**



Your table saw has been engineered and manufactured to our high standard for dependability, ease of operation, and operator safety. When properly cared for, it will give you years of rugged, trouble-free performance.



**WARNING:** To reduce the risk of injury, the user must read and understand the operator's manual before using this product.

Thank you for your purchase.

### SAVE THIS MANUAL FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

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### INTRODUCTION

This tool has many features for making its use more pleasant and enjoyable. Safety, performance, and dependability have been given top priority in the design of this product making it easy to maintain and operate.

### **WARRANTY**

#### RYOBI® POWER TOOL - LIMITED THREE YEAR WARRANTY AND 90 DAY EXCHANGE POLICY

One World Technologies, Inc., warrants its RYOBI® power tools with the following conditions:

**90-DAY EXCHANGE POLICY:** During the first 90 days after date of purchase, you may either request service under this warranty or you may exchange any RYOBI® power tool which does not work properly due to defective workmanship or materials by returning the power tool to the dealer from which it was purchased. To receive a replacement power tool or requested warranty service, you must present proof of purchase and return all original equipment packaged with the original product. The replacement power tool will be covered by the limited warranty for the balance of the three year period from the date of the original purchase.

**WHAT THIS WARRANTY COVERS:** This warranty covers all defects in workmanship or materials in your RYOBl® power tool for a period of three years from the date of purchase. With the exception of batteries, power tool accessories are warranted for ninety (90) days. Batteries are warranted for three years.

**HOW TO GET SERVICE:** Just return the power tool, properly packaged and postage prepaid, to an Authorized Service Center. You can obtain the location of the Service Center nearest you by contacting a service representative at One World Technologies, Inc., P.O. Box 1207, Anderson, SC 29622-1207, by calling 1-800-525-2579 or by logging on to www.ryobitools.com. When you request warranty service, you must also present proof of purchase documentation, which includes the date of purchase (for example, a bill of sale). We will repair any faulty workmanship, and either repair or replace any defective part, at our option. We will do so without any charge to you. We will complete the work in a reasonable time, but, in any case, within ninety (90) days or less.

**WHAT'S NOT COVERED:** This warranty applies only to the original purchaser at retail and may not be transferred. This warranty only covers defects arising under normal usage and does not cover any malfunction, failure or defects resulting from misuse, abuse, neglect, alteration, modification or repairs by other than Authorized Service Centers. One World Technologies, Inc. makes no warranties, representations or promises as to the quality or performance of its power tools other than those specifically stated in this warranty.

**ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS:** Any implied warranties granted under state law, including warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, are limited to three years from the date of purchase. One World Technologies, Inc. is not responsible for direct, indirect, or incidental damages, so the above limitations and exclusions may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

### **GENERAL SAFETY RULES**



**Read and understand all instructions.** Failure to follow all instructions listed below, may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious personal injury.

#### READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS

- KNOW YOUR POWER TOOL. Read the operator's manual carefully. Learn the saw's applications and limitations as well as the specific potential hazards related to this tool.
- GUARD AGAINST ELECTRICAL SHOCK BY PREVENTING BODY CONTACT WITH GROUNDED SURFACES. For example, pipes, radiators, ranges, refrigerator enclosures.
- KEEP GUARDS IN PLACE and in good 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.
- **KEEP WORK AREA CLEAN.** Cluttered areas and benches invite accidents. **DO NOT** leave tools or pieces of wood on the saw while it is in operation.
- **DO NOT USE IN DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENTS.** Do not use power tools in damp or wet locations or expose to rain. Keep the work area well lit.
- **KEEP CHILDREN AND VISITORS AWAY.** All visitors should wear safety glasses and be kept a safe distance from work area. Do not let visitors contact tool or extension cord while operating.
- MAKE WORKSHOP CHILDPROOF with padlocks and master switches, or by removing starter keys.
- **DON'T FORCE TOOL.** It will do the job better and safer at the feed rate for which it was designed.
- **USE RIGHT TOOL.** Don't force the tool or attachment to do a job it was not designed for. Don't use it for a purpose not intended.
- USE THE PROPER EXTENSION CORD. Make sure your extension cord is in good condition. Use only a cord heavy enough to carry the current your product will draw. An undersized cord will cause a drop in line voltage resulting in loss of power and overheating. A wire gauge size (A.W.G.) of at least 14 is recommended for an extension cord 25 feet or less in length. If in doubt, use the next heavier gauge. The smaller the gauge number, the heavier the cord.
- DRESS PROPERLY. Do not wear loose clothing, gloves, neckties, or jewelry. They can get caught and draw you into moving parts. Rubber gloves and nonskid footwear are recommended when working outdoors. Also wear protective hair covering to contain long hair.
- ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GLASSES WITH SIDE SHIELDS. Everyday eyeglasses have only impactresistant lenses, they are NOT safety glasses.

- **SECURE WORK.** Use clamps or a vise to hold work when practical. It's safer than using your hand and frees both hands to operate tool.
- **DON'T OVERREACH.** Keep proper footing and balance at all times.
- MAINTAIN TOOLS WITH CARE. Keep tools sharp and clean for better and safer performance. Follow instructions for lubricating and changing accessories.
- **DISCONNECT TOOLS.** When not in use, before servicing, or when changing attachments, blades, bits, cutters, etc., all tools should be disconnected.
- **AVOID ACCIDENTAL STARTING.** Be sure switch is off when plugging in any tool.
- **USE RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES.** Consult the operator's manual for recommended accessories. The use of improper accessories may risk injury.
- **NEVER STAND ON TOOL.** Serious injury could occur if the tool is tipped or if the cutting tool is unintentionally contacted.
- 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 must be properly repaired or replaced by an authorized service center to avoid risk of personal injury.
- **USE THE RIGHT DIRECTION OF FEED.** Feed work into a blade or cutter against the direction of rotation of blade or cutter only.
- NEVER LEAVE TOOL RUNNING UNATTENDED. TURN THE POWER OFF. Don't leave tool until it comes to a complete stop.
- **PROTECT YOUR LUNGS.** Wear a face or dust mask if the cutting operation is dusty.
- **PROTECT YOUR HEARING.** Wear hearing protection during extended periods of operation.
- **DO NOT ABUSE CORD.** Never yank cord to disconnect from receptacle. Keep cord away from heat, oil, and sharp edges.
- WHEN OPERATING A POWER TOOL OUTSIDE, USE AN OUTDOOR EXTENSION CORD MARKED "W-A" OR "W". These cords are rated for outdoor use and reduce the risk of electric shock.
- KEEP BLADES CLEAN, SHARP, AND WITH SUFFICIENT SET. Sharp blades minimize stalling and kickback.
- **KEEP HANDS AWAY FROM CUTTING AREA.** Keep hands away from blades. Do not reach underneath work or around or over the blade while blade is rotating. Do not attempt to remove cut material when blade is moving.

### **GENERAL SAFETY RULES**

- BLADE COASTS AFTER BEING TURNED OFF.
- NEVER USE IN AN EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERE. Normal sparking of the motor could ignite fumes.
- INSPECT TOOL CORDS PERIODICALLY. If damaged, have repaired by a qualified service technician at an authorized service facility. The conductor with insulation having an outer surface that is green with or without yellow stripes is the equipment-grounding conductor. If repair or replacement of the electric cord or plug is necessary, do not connect the equipment-grounding conductor to a live terminal. Repair or replace a damaged or worn cord immediately. Stay constantly aware of cord location and keep it well away from the rotating blade.
- INSPECT EXTENSION CORDS PERIODICALLY and replace if damaged.
- **GROUND ALL TOOLS.** If tool is equipped with three-prong plug, it should be plugged into a three-hole electrical receptacle.
- CHECK WITH A QUALIFIED ELECTRICIAN or service personnel if the grounding instructions are not completely understood or if in doubt as to whether the tool is properly grounded.
- USE ONLY CORRECT ELECTRICAL DEVICES: 3-wire extension cords that have 3-prong grounding plugs and 3-pole receptacles that accept the tool's plug.
- **DO NOT MODIFY** the plug provided. If it will not fit the outlet, have the proper outlet installed by a qualified electrician.
- KEEP TOOL DRY, CLEAN, AND FREE FROM OIL AND GREASE. Always use a clean cloth when cleaning. Never use brake fluids, gasoline, petroleum-based products, or any solvents to clean tool.

- STAY ALERT AND EXERCISE CONTROL. Watch what you are doing and use common sense. Do not operate tool when you are tired. Do not rush.
- DO NOT USE TOOL IF SWITCH DOES NOT TURN IT ON AND OFF. Have defective switches replaced by an authorized service center.
- USE ONLY CORRECT BLADES. Do not use blades with incorrect size holes. Never use blade washers or blade bolts that are defective or incorrect. The maximum blade capacity of your saw is 10 in. (254 mm).
- BEFORE MAKING A CUT, BE SURE ALL ADJUSTMENTS ARE SECURE.
- BE SURE BLADE PATH IS FREE OF NAILS. Inspect for and remove all nails from lumber before cutting.
- **NEVER TOUCH BLADE** or other moving parts during use.
- NEVER START A TOOL WHEN ANY ROTATING COMPONENT IS IN CONTACT WITH THE WORKPIECE.
- DO NOT OPERATE A TOOL WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS, ALCOHOL, OR ANY MEDICATION.
- WHEN SERVICING use only identical replacement parts. Use of any other parts may create a hazard or cause product damage.
- USE ONLY RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES listed in this manual or addendums. Use of accessories that are not listed may cause the risk of personal injury. Instructions for safe use of accessories are included with the accessory.
- **DOUBLE CHECK ALL SETUPS.** Make sure blade is tight and not making contact with saw or workpiece before connecting to power supply.

### **SPECIFIC SAFETY RULES**

- FIRMLY BOLT THE SAW TO A WORK BENCH OR LEG STAND at approximately hip height.
- NEVER OPERATE THE SAW ON THE FLOOR.
- GUARD AGAINST KICKBACK. Kickback occurs when the blade stalls rapidly and workpiece is driven back towards the operator. It can pull your hand into the blade resulting in serious personal injury. Stay out of blade path and turn switch off immediately if blade binds or stalls.
- **USE RIP FENCE.** Always use a fence or straight edge guide when ripping.
- **SUPPORT LARGE PANELS.** To minimize risk of blade pinching and kickback, always support large panels.
- REMOVE ALL FENCES AND AUXILIARY TABLES before transporting saw. Failure to do so can result in an accident causing possible serious personal injury.
- ALWAYS USE BLADE GUARD, RIVING KNIFE, AND ANTI-KICKBACK PAWLS on all "through-sawing" operations. Through-sawing operations are those in which the blade cuts completely through the workpiece as in ripping or cross cutting. Keep the blade guard down, the anti-kickback pawls down, and the riving knife in place.
- ALWAYS SECURE WORK firmly against the rip fence or miter gauge. NEVER use the rip fence during the same operation as the miter gauge.
- WHEN MAKING NON-THROUGH RIP CUTS, always use a push stick, push block, and/or featherboard so your hands do not come within 3 inches of the saw blade.
- WHEN RIPPING NARROW STOCK, always use a push stick, push block, or featherboard.

### **SPECIFIC SAFETY RULES**

- **NEVER** perform any operation "freehand" which means using only your hands to support or guide the workpiece. Always use either the rip fence or miter gauge to position and guide the work.
- **NEVER** stand or have any part of your body in line with the path of the saw blade.
- **NEVER** reach behind, over, or within three inches of the blade or cutter with either hand for any reason.
- MOVE THE RIP FENCE out of the way when cross cutting.
- DO NOT USE THE MITER GAUGE AND RIP FENCE during the same operation.
- **NEVER** use rip fence as cutoff gauge when cross cutting.
- **NEVER** attempt to free a stalled saw blade without first turning the saw **OFF** and disconnecting the saw from the power source.
- PROVIDE ADEQUATE SUPPORT to the rear and sides of the saw table for wide or long workpieces.
- AVOID KICKBACKS (work thrown back toward you) by:
  - a) Keeping blade sharp.
  - b) Keeping rip fence parallel to the saw blade.
  - c) Keeping riving knife, anti-kickback pawls, and blade guard in place and operating.
  - d) Not releasing the work before it is pushed all the way past the saw blade using a push stick.
  - e) Not ripping work that is twisted or warped or does not have a straight edge to guide along the fence
- IF THE POWER SUPPLY CORD IS DAMAGED, it must be replaced only by the manufacturer or by an authorized service center to avoid risk.

- AVOID AWKWARD OPERATIONS AND HAND POSITIONS where a sudden slip could cause your hand to move into the cutting tool.
- USE ONLY RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES listed in this manual or addendums. Use of accessories that are not listed may cause the risk of personal injury. Instructions for safe use of accessories are included with the accessory.
- MAKE SURE THE WORK AREA HAS AMPLE LIGHTING to see the work and that no obstructions will interfere with safe operation BEFORE performing any work using the table saw.
- ALWAYS TURN OFF SAW before disconnecting it, to avoid accidental starting when reconnecting to power supply.
- **ONLY USE BLADES** within the thickness range stamped on the riving knife.
- **THIS TOOL** should have the following markings:
  - a) Wear eye protection.
  - Use saw blade guard and riving knife for every operation for which it can be used, including all through sawing.
  - c) Keep hands out of the line of saw blade.
  - d) Use a push stick when required.
  - e) Pay particular attention to instructions on reducing risk of kickback.
  - f) Do not perform any operation freehand.
  - g) Never reach around or over the saw blade.
  - h) Never operate saw on floor or below waist height.
- NEVER CUT MORE THAN ONE PIECE OF MATERIAL AT A TIME.
- **SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.** Refer to them frequently and use to instruct other users. If you loan someone this tool, loan them these instructions also.

### **SYMBOLS**

The followin	The following signal words and meanings are intended to explain the levels of risk associated with this product.  SYMBOL SIGNAL MEANING			
A	DANGER:	Indicates an imminently hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.		
A	WARNING:	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.		
A	CAUTION:	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.		
	NOTICE:	(Without Safety Alert Symbol)) Indicates important information not related to an injury hazard, such as a situation that may result in property damage.		

Some of the following symbols may be used on this tool. Please study them and learn their meaning. Proper interpretation of these symbols will allow you to operate the tool better and safer. **SYMBOL NAME DESIGNATION/EXPLANATION** Safety Alert Indicates a potential personal injury hazard. To reduce the risk of injury, user must read and understand opera-Read Operator's Manual tor's manual before using this product. Always wear eye protection with side shields marked to comply Eye Protection with ANSI Z87.1. Failure to keep your hands away from the blade will result in No Hands Symbol serious personal injury. Wet Conditions Alert Do not expose to rain or use in damp locations. Volts Voltage Α **Amperes** Current Hz Hertz Frequency (cycles per second) min Minutes Time  $\sim$ Type of current **Alternating Current** No Load Speed Rotational speed, at no load  $n_0$ 

Revolutions, strokes, surface speed, orbits, etc., per minute

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Per Minute

### **ELECTRICAL**

#### **EXTENSION CORDS**

Use only 3-wire extension cords that have 3-prong grounding plugs and 3-pole receptacles that accept the tool's plug. When using a power tool at a considerable distance from the power source, use an extension cord heavy enough to carry the current that the tool will draw. An undersized extension cord will cause a drop in line voltage, resulting in a loss of power and causing the motor to overheat. Use the chart provided below to determine the minimum wire size required in an extension cord. Only round jacketed cords listed by Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) should be used.

**Ampere rating (on tool faceplate)						
	0-2.0	2.1-3.4	3.5-5.0	5.1-7.0	7.1-12.0	12.1-16.0
Cord Length Wire Size (A.W.G				.)		
25'	16	16	16	16	14	14
50'	16	16	16	14	14	12
100'	16	16	14	12	10	_

\*\*Used on 12 gauge - 20 amp circuit. **NOTE:** AWG = American Wire Gauge

When working with the tool outdoors, use an extension cord that is designed for outside use. This is indicated by the letters "W-A" or "W" on the cord's jacket.

Before using an extension cord, inspect it for loose or exposed wires and cut or worn insulation.



#### **WARNING:**

Keep the extension cord clear of the working area. Position the cord so that it will not get caught on lumber, tools or other obstructions while you are working with a power tool. Failure to do so can result in serious personal injury.



#### A WARNING:

Check extension cords before each use. If damaged replace immediately. Never use product with a damaged cord since touching the damaged area could cause electrical shock resulting in serious injury.

#### **ELECTRICAL CONNECTION**

This product is powered by a precision built electric motor. It should be connected to a power supply that is 120 V, AC only (normal household current), 60 Hz. Do not operate this product on direct current (DC). A substantial voltage drop will cause a loss of power and the motor will overheat. If the saw does not operate when plugged into an outlet, double check the power supply.

#### SPEED AND WIRING

The no-load speed of this tool is approximately 5,000 rpm. This speed is not constant and decreases under a load or with lower voltage. For voltage, the wiring in a shop is as important as the motor's horsepower rating. A line intended only for lights cannot properly carry a power tool motor. Wire that is heavy enough for a short distance will be too light for a greater distance. A line that can support one power tool may not be able to support two or three tools.

#### **GROUNDING INSTRUCTIONS**

This product must be grounded. In the event of a malfunction or breakdown, grounding provides a path of least resistance for electric current to reduce the risk of electric shock. This tool is equipped with an electric cord having an equipment-grounding conductor and a grounding plug. The plug must be plugged into a matching outlet that is properly installed and grounded in accordance with all local codes and ordinances.

Do not modify the plug provided. If it will not fit the outlet, have the proper outlet installed by a qualified electrician.



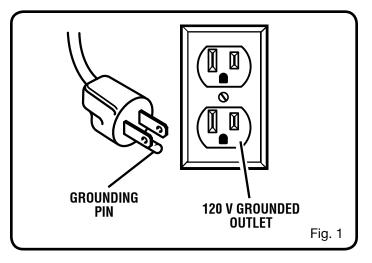
### A WARNING:

Improper installation of the grounding plug can result in a risk of electric shock. When repair or replacement of the cord is required, do not connect the grounding wire to either flat blade terminal. The wire with insulation having an outer surface that is green with or without yellow stripes is the grounding wire.

Check with a qualified electrician or service personnel if the grounding instructions are not completely understood, or if in doubt as to whether the tool is properly grounded.

Repair or replace a damaged or worn cord immediately.

This product is for use on a nominal 120 volt circuit and has a grounding plug similar to the plug illustrated in figure 1. Only connect the product to an outlet having the same configuration as the plug. Do not use an adapter with this product.



### **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

#### Anti-Kickback Pawls (radial arm and table saws)

A device which, when properly installed and maintained, is designed to stop the workpiece from being kicked back toward the front of the saw during a ripping operation.

#### Arbor

The shaft on which a blade or cutting tool is mounted.

#### Bevel Cut

A cutting operation made with the blade at any angle other than 90° to the table surface.

#### **Compound Cut**

A cross cut made with both a miter and a bevel angle.

#### Cross Cut

A cutting or shaping operation made across the grain or the width of the workpiece.

#### Cutterhead (planers and jointer planers)

A rotating cutterhead with adjustable blades or knives. The blades or knives remove material from the workpiece.

#### **Dado Cut**

A non-through cut which produces a square-sided notch or trough in the workpiece (requires a special blade).

#### **Featherboard**

A device used to help control the workpiece by holding it securely against the table or fence during any ripping operation.

#### **FPM or SPM**

Feet per minute (or strokes per minute), used in reference to blade movement.

#### Freehand

Performing a cut without the workpiece being guided by a fence, miter gauge, or other aids.

#### Gum

A sticky, sap-based residue from wood products.

#### Hee

Alignment of the blade to the fence.

#### Kerf

The material removed by the blade in a through cut or the slot produced by the blade in a non-through or partial cut.

#### **Kickback**

A hazard that can occur when the blade binds or stalls, throwing the workpiece back toward operator.

#### Miter Cut

A cutting operation made with the workpiece at any angle to the blade other than  $90^{\circ}$ .

#### **Non-Through Cuts**

Any cutting operation where the blade does not extend completely through the thickness of the workpiece.

#### Pilot Hole (drill presses)

A small hole drilled in a workpiece that serves as a guide for drilling large holes accurately.

#### Push Blocks (for jointer planers)

Device used to feed the workpiece over the jointer planer cutterhead during any operation. This aid helps keep the operator's hands well away from the cutterhead.

#### Push Blocks (for table saws)

Device used to hold the workpiece during cutting operations. This aid helps keep the operator's hands well away from the blade.

#### Push Sticks (for table saws)

Device used to push the workpiece during cutting operations. A push stick should be used for narrow ripping operations. The aid helps keep the operator's hands well away from the blade.

#### Resaw

A cutting operation to reduce the thickness of the workpiece to make thinner pieces.

#### Resin

A sticky, sap-based substance that has hardened.

#### **Revolutions Per Minute (RPM)**

The number of turns completed by a spinning object in one minute.

#### **Ripping or Rip Cut**

A cutting operation along the length of the workpiece.

#### Riving Knife/Spreader/Splitter (table saws)

A metal piece, slightly thinner than the blade, which helps keep the kerf open and also helps to prevent kickback.

#### Saw Blade Path

The area over, under, behind, or in front of the blade. As it applies to the workpiece, that area which will be or has been cut by the blade.

#### Set

The distance that the tip of the saw blade tooth is bent (or set) outward from the face of the blade.

#### Snipe (planers)

Depression made at either end of a workpiece by cutter blades when the workpiece is not properly supported.

#### **Taper Cut**

A cut where the material being cut has a different width at the beginning of the cut from the the end.

#### **Through Sawing**

Any cutting operation where the blade extends completely through the thickness of the workpiece.

#### Throw-Back

The throwing back of a workpiece usually caused by the workpiece being dropped into the blade or being placed inadvertently in contact with the blade.

#### **Workpiece or Material**

The item on which the operation is being done.

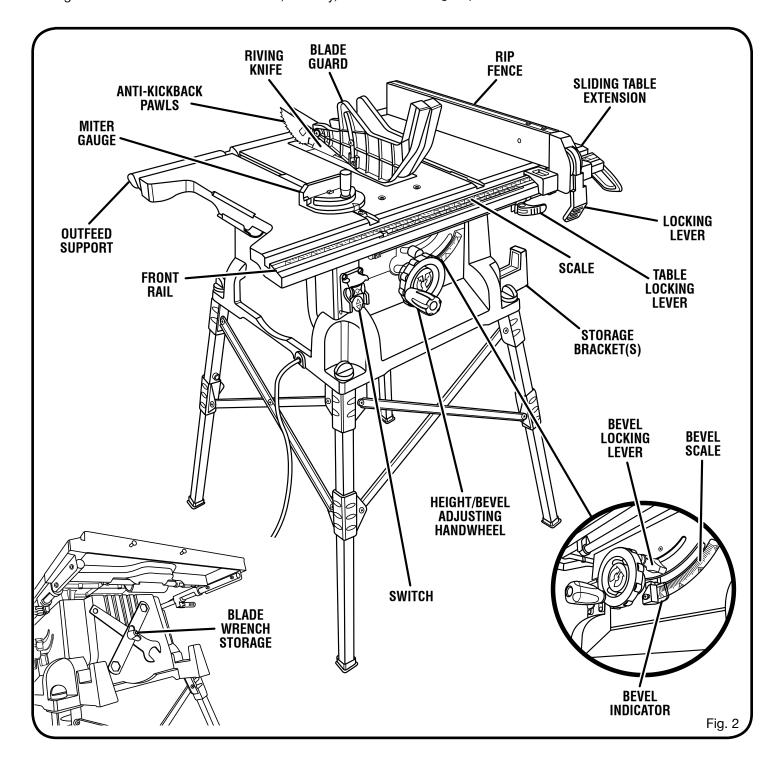
#### Worktable

Surface where the workpiece rests while performing a cutting, drilling, planing, or sanding operation.

#### PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Blade Arbor	5/8 in.
Blade Diameter	10 in.
Blade Tilt	0° - 45°
Rating	120 V, AC only, 60 Hz

Input	15 Amps
No Load Speed	•
Cutting Depth at 0°	3 in.
Cutting Depth at 45°	2-1/2 in.



#### **KNOW YOUR TABLE SAW**

See Figure 2.

The safe use of this product requires an understanding of the information on the tool and in this operator's manual as well as a knowledge of the project you are attempting. Before use of this product, familiarize yourself with all operating features and safety rules.

ANTI-KICKBACK PAWLS - Kickback is a hazard in which the workpiece is thrown back toward the operator. The teeth on the removable anti-kickback pawls point away from the workpiece. If the workpiece should be pulled back toward the operator, the teeth dig into the wood to help prevent or reduce the possibility of kickback.

BEVEL SCALE - The easy-to-read scale on the front of the cabinet shows the exact blade angle.

BLADE - This saw is provided with a 24-tooth, 10 in. carbide blade. The blade is raised and lowered with the height/bevel adjusting handwheel. Bevel angles are locked with the bevel locking lever.



#### A WARNING:

Do not use blades rated less than the speed of this tool. Failure to heed this warning could result in personal injury.

**BLADE GUARD** - Always keep the removable blade guard down over the saw blade for through-sawing cuts.

BEVEL LOCKING LEVER - This lever, placed just under the saw table surface on the front of the cabinet, locks the angle setting of the blade.

**HEIGHT/BEVEL ADJUSTING HANDWHEEL** - Located on the front of the cabinet, use this handwheel to lower and raise the blade for height adjustments or blade replacement. This handwheel also makes the adjustment for bevel angles easy.

MITER GAUGE - The miter gauge aligns the wood for a cross cut. The easy-to-read indicator shows the exact angle for a miter cut.

MITER GAUGE GROOVES - The miter gauge rides in the grooves on the saw table.

**OUTFEED SUPPORT** - This table extension at the back of the tool gives the operator additional support when cutting long workpieces.

RIP FENCE - A sturdy metal fence guides the workpiece and is secured with the locking handle.

RIVING KNIFE - A removable metal piece of the blade guard assembly, slightly thinner than the saw blade, which helps keep the kerf open and prevent kickback. When in the through sawing, or "up" position, it is higher than the saw blade. When in the non-through sawing, or "down" position, it is below the saw blade teeth.

SCALE - Located on the front rail, the easy-to-read scale provides precise measurements for rip cuts.

SLIDING TABLE EXTENSION - Located on the right side of the saw table, this table extension gives the operator additional support when cutting wide workpieces.

SWITCH ASSEMBLY - This saw has an easy access power switch located below the front rail. To lock the switch in the **OFF** position, remove the switch key from the switch. Place the key in a location that is inaccessible to children and others not qualified to use the tool.

#### **OPERATING COMPONENTS**

The upper portion of the blade projects up through the table and is surrounded by an insert called the throat plate. The height of the blade is set with a handwheel on the front of the cabinet. Detailed instructions are provided in the Operation section of this manual for the basic cuts: cross cuts, miter cuts, bevel cuts, and compound cuts.

The rip fence is used to position work for lengthwise cuts. A scale on the front rail shows the distance between the rip fence and the blade.

It is very important to use the blade quard assembly for all through-sawing operations. The blade guard assembly includes: riving knife, anti-kickback pawls, and plastic blade guard.

#### SWITCH ASSEMBLY

See Figure 3.

This saw is equipped with a switch assembly that has a built-in locking feature. This feature is intended to prevent unauthorized and possible hazardous use by children and others.

#### TO TURN YOUR SAW ON:

■ With the switch key inserted into the switch, lift the switch to turn on (I).

#### TO TURN YOUR SAW OFF:

■ Press the switch down to turn off ( O ).

#### TO LOCK YOUR SAW:

- Press the switch down.
- Remove the switch key from the switch and store in a safe, secure location.

#### WARNING:

ALWAYS remove the switch key when the tool is not in use and keep it in a safe place. In the event of a power failure, turn the switch off (O) and remove the key. This action will prevent the tool from accidentally starting when power returns.

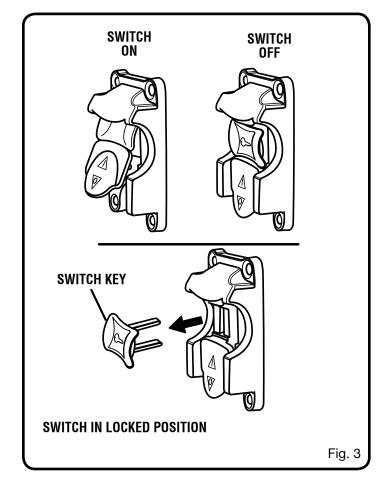
#### WARNING:

ALWAYS make sure your workpiece is not in contact with the blade before operating the switch to start the tool. Failure to heed this warning may cause the workpiece to be kicked back toward the operator and result in serious personal injury.



#### WARNING:

To reduce the risk of accidental starting, ALWAYS make sure the switch is in the off (O) position before plugging tool into the power source.



#### **BLADES**

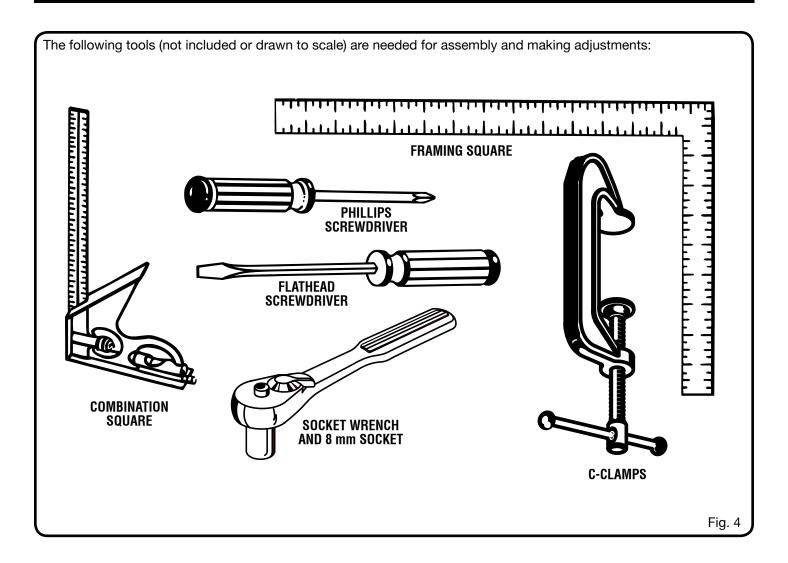
For maximum performance, it is recommended that you use the 24-tooth, 10 in. carbide-tipped combination blade provided with your saw. Additional blade styles of the same high quality are available for specific operations such as ripping. Your local dealer can provide you with complete information. Kerf width must be within the limits stamped on the riving knife.



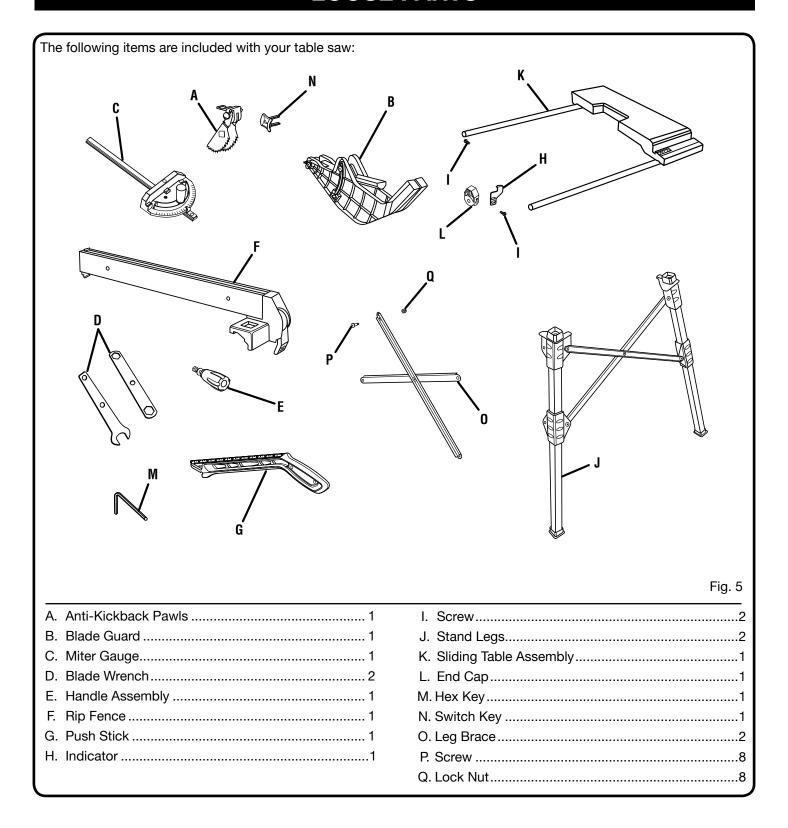
#### WARNING:

Do not use blades rated less than the speed of this tool. Failure to heed this warning could result in personal injury.

### **TOOLS NEEDED**



### **LOOSE PARTS**



#### UNPACKING

This product requires assembly.

Carefully lift saw from the carton and place it on a level work surface.

NOTE: This tool is heavy. To avoid back injury, keep your knees bent and lift with your legs, not your back, and get help when needed.

#### A WARNING:

Do not use this product if any parts on the Loose Parts List are already assembled to your product when you unpack it. Parts on this list are not assembled to the product by the manufacturer and require customer installation. Use of a product that may have been improperly assembled could result in serious personal injury.

- Inspect the tool carefully to make sure no breakage or damage occurred during shipping.
- Do not discard the packing material until you have carefully inspected the tool, identified all loose parts, and satisfactorily operated the tool.

NOTE: Remove the foam block from between the saw's housing and the motor by first beveling the blade (see page 25).

- The saw is factory set for accurate cutting. After assembling it, check for accuracy. If shipping has influenced the settings, refer to specific procedures explained in this manual.
- If any parts are damaged or missing, please call 1-800-525-2579 for assistance.



### A WARNING:

If any parts are damaged or missing, do not operate this tool until the parts are replaced. Use of this product with damaged or missing parts could result in serious personal injury.



#### A WARNING:

Do not attempt to modify this tool or create accessories not recommended for use with this tool. Any such alteration or modification is misuse and could result in a hazardous condition leading to possible serious personal injury.



### **WARNING:**

Do not connect to power supply until assembly is complete. Failure to comply could result in accidental starting and possible serious personal injury.

#### WARNING:

Do not lift the saw without help. Hold it close to your body. Keep your knees bent and lift with your legs, not your back. Ignoring these precautions can result in back injury.



#### A WARNING:

Never stand directly in line with the blade or allow hands to come closer than 3 in. to the blade. Do not reach over or across the blade. Failure to heed this warning can result in serious personal injury.



#### A WARNING:

To avoid serious personal injury, always make sure the table saw is securely mounted to a workbench or an approved leg stand. NEVER operate the saw on the floor.

#### MOUNTING HOLES

The table saw must be mounted to a firm supporting surface such as a workbench or leg stand. If bolted to a workbench, remove the four locking knobs. Four bolt holes have been provided in the saw's base for this purpose. Each of the four mounting holes should be bolted securely using 3/8 in. machine bolts, lock washers, and hex nuts (not included). Bolts should be of sufficient length to accommodate the saw base, lock washers, hex nuts, and the thickness of the workbench. Tighten all four bolts securely.

Carefully check the workbench after mounting to make sure that no movement can occur during use. If any tipping, sliding, or walking is noted, secure the workbench to the floor before operating.

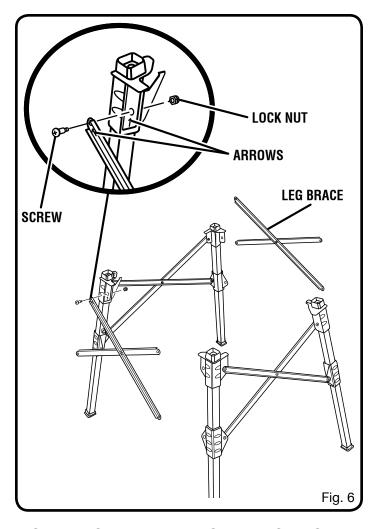
#### TO ASSEMBLE THE QUICKSTAND®

See Figures 6 - 7.

NOTE: Do not use this leg stand with other equipment or for other purposes. The arrows on the leg brace identify the top end (short end) of the leg brace.

- Match arrows on the top end of the leg brace with the arrows on the top of the stand leg as shown in figure 6.
- Place the upper holes on the left side leg brace over the upper holes on the leg assembly. Secure in place with a screw and lock nut.
- Place the upper holes on the right side leg brace under the upper holes on the second leg assembly. Secure in place with a screw and lock nut.
- Repeat above steps for the second leg assembly and leg

**NOTE:** Only mount the saw when the stand is completely opened.



# MOUNTING THE TABLE SAW BASE TO THE QUICKSTAND®

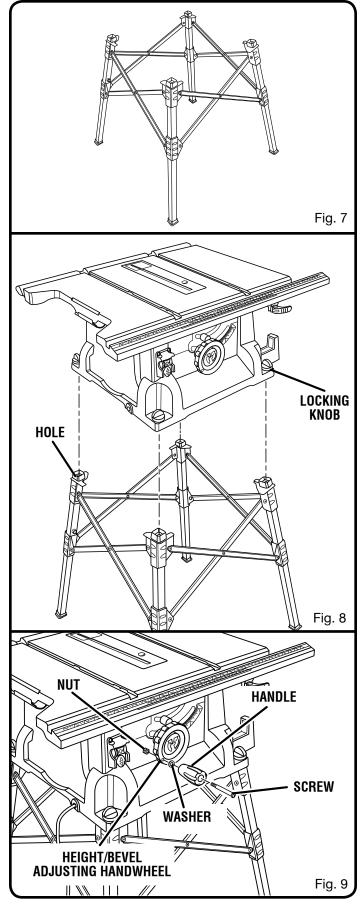
See Figure 8.

- Place the table saw base on the leg stand. Position the locking knob over the holes in the top of the leg stand.
- Insert the screw on the locking knob into the hole and turn the locking knob clockwise to secure the table saw base to the leg stand.
- Repeat with the other three locking knobs.

#### TO INSTALL THE HANDLE

See Figure 9.

- Hold the nylon nut securely and turn the screw counterclockwise to remove the nut completely.
  - **NOTE:** Do not remove the screw from the handle.
- Place the nylon nut into the recessed hole on the back of the height/bevel adjusting handwheel and hold in place.
- Slide the handle and screw into the hole on the height/ bevel adjusting handwheel.
- Using a flathead screwdriver, turn the screw clockwise and tighten in place.



# **TO REMOVE/REPLACE THE THROAT PLATE** See Figure 10.

- Lower the blade by turning the height/bevel adjusting handwheel counterclockwise.
- To remove the throat plate, place your index finger in the hole and lift the front end pulling the throat plate out toward the front of the saw.
- To reinstall the throat plate, first slip the tab into the slot at the back of the saw and then push down to secure in place.

### TO CHANGE RIVING KNIFE POSITIONS

See Figure 11.

This saw is shipped with a riving knife that should be placed in the "down" position for non-through cutting and must be placed in the "up" position for all other cutting operations.

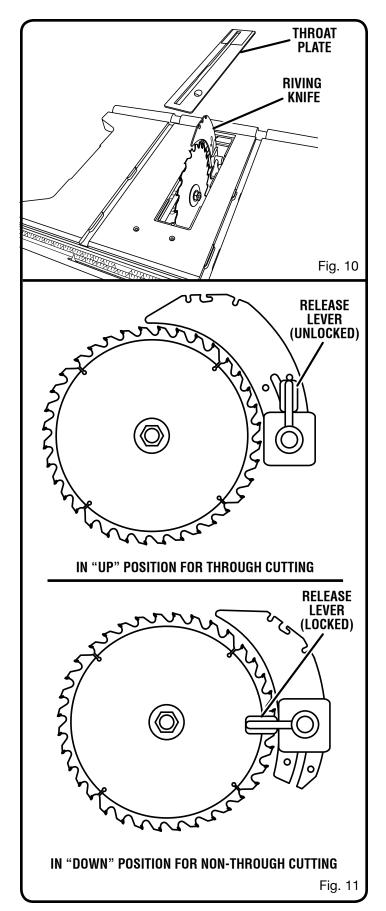
Unplug the saw.

#### To place in the "up" position for all through cutting:

- Remove the throat plate.
- Raise the saw blade by turning the height/bevel adjusting handwheel clockwise.
- Unlock the release lever by pulling it up.
- Grasp the riving knife and pull it towards the right side of the saw to release the riving knife from the spring-loaded riving clamp.
- Pull the riving knife up until the internal pins are engaged and the riving knife is above the saw blade.
- Lock the release lever by pushing the lever down.
- Reinstall the throat plate.

#### To place in riving knife "down" position for all nonthrough cutting:

- Remove the throat plate.
- Raise the saw blade by turning the height/bevel adjusting handwheel clockwise.
- Unlock the release lever by pulling it up.
- Grasp the riving knife and pull it towards the right side of the saw to release the riving knife from the spring-loaded riving clamp.
- Push the riving knife down until it is below the saw blade.
- Pull the riving knife up until the internal pins are engaged and the riving knife is above the saw blade.
- Lock the release lever by pushing the lever down.
- Reinstall the throat plate.



#### TO CHECK SAW BLADE INSTALLATION

See Figure 12.

#### **NOTICE:**

To work properly, the saw blade teeth must point down toward the front of the saw. Failure to do so could cause damage to the saw blade, the saw, or the workpiece.

- Unplug the saw.
- Lower the saw blade and remove the throat plate.
- Make sure the bevel locking lever is securely pushed to the left, see figure 29. Raise the saw blade to its full height by turning the height/bevel adjusting handwheel clockwise.
- Place riving knife in "up" position.

#### To loosen the blade:

- Remove the blade wrench from the blade wrench storage
- Using blade wrenches, place the flat open end of a blade wrench on the flats on the arbor shaft.
- Insert the closed end of the blade wrench over the blade nut. Holding both wrenches firmly, pull the wrench (right side) forward to the front of the machine.

#### To tighten the blade:

- Using the blade wrench, place the flat open end into the flats on the arbor shaft.
- Insert the closed end of the blade wrench over the blade nut. Holding both wrenches firmly, push the wrench (right side) to the back of the machine. Make sure the blade nut is securely tightened. Do not overtighten.
- Reinstall the throat plate.
- Check all clearances for free blade rotation.

#### TO INSTALL THE ANTI-KICKBACK PAWLS AND **BLADE GUARD**

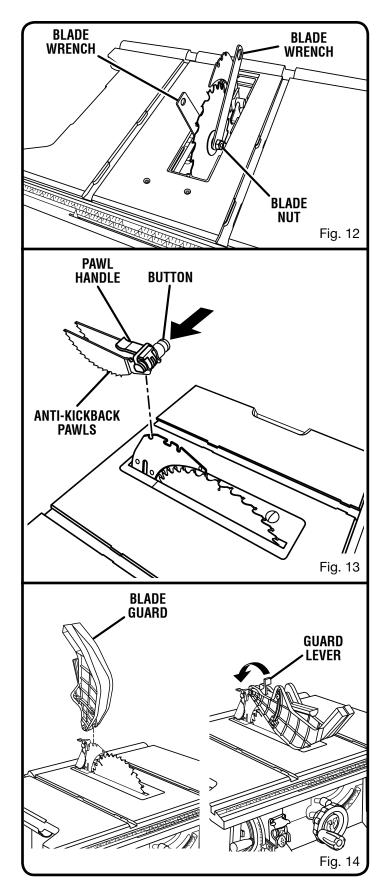
See Figures 13 - 15.

#### A WARNING:

Replace dull or damaged anti-kickback pawls. Dull or damaged pawls may not stop a kickback increasing the risk of serious personal injury.

Anti-kickback pawls should only be installed for through cuts.

- Unplug the saw.
- Raise the saw blade by turning the height/bevel adjusting handwheel clockwise.
- Place riving knife in "up" position.
- Reinstall the throat plate.



#### To install anti-kickback pawls:

- Press and hold the button on the right side of the antikickback pawls.
- Align the slot in the pawls over the rear hole in the riving knife.
- Push the pawl handle down snapping them into place and release the button.

**NOTE:** Pull on the pawl handle to make sure pawls are securely locked.

#### To install blade guard:

- Lift the guard lever up to unlock.
- With the front of the blade guard raised, lower the back of the guard into the middle hole of the riving knife. Push the front of the guard down until it is **parallel to the table** (see figure 15). If the blade guard is not parallel to the table, the riving knife is not in the "up" position.
- Lock the guard in place by pushing the guard lever down.

**NOTE:** Blade alignment can be adjusted for different blade widths. Refer to: **To Check and Align the Riving Knife and Saw Blade**. Check the blade guard assembly for clearances and free movement.

# TO CHECK AND ALIGN THE RIVING KNIFE AND SAW BLADE

See Figure 16.

#### To check alignment of the riving knife:

- Unplug the saw.
- Raise the saw blade by turning the height/bevel adjusting handwheel clockwise.
- Remove the anti-kickback pawls and blade guard assembly. Place a framing square or straight edge against both the saw blade and the riving knife.

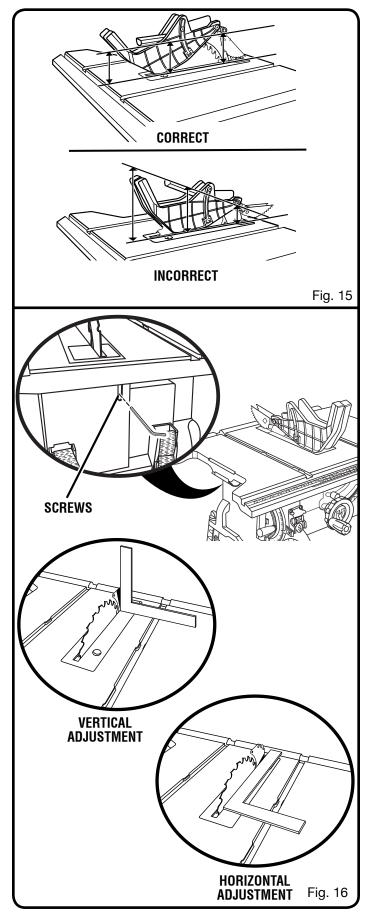
**NOTE:** Place framing square between carbide teeth and measure from blade. This step will insure framing square is square against blade from the front to back of blade.

■ The saw blade and riving knife are aligned when the framing square contacts both the blade and riving knife evenly with no gaps.

If the riving knife is out of alignment with the saw blade, adjustment is needed. The riving knife must be in alignment front to back (horizontally) and top to bottom (vertically).

#### To adjust (horizontally and vertically):

- Remove the anti-kickback pawls and blade guard assembly.
- From the back of the saw, loosen the screws holding the mounting bracket.
- Reposition the riving knife left or right as needed to align the riving knife with the saw blade.
- Once properly aligned, securely retighten all screws.
- Check again for squareness and continue to adjust if needed.



# TO ASSEMBLE THE SLIDING TABLE ASSEMBLY

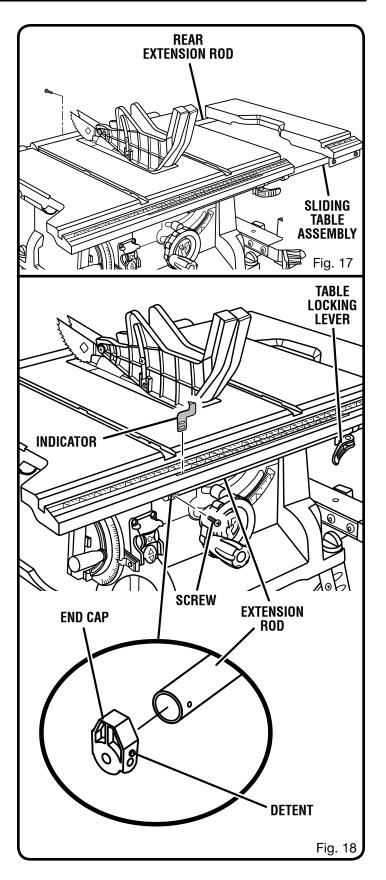
See Figures 17 - 18.

#### To install sliding table assembly:

- Locate the sliding table assembly.
- Unlock the front and back table locking levers.
- Insert sliding table assembly into table locking levers.
- Push the table assembly until it rests against the saw table and is completely closed.
- Install phillips head screw into hole on the bottom of the rear extension rod to hold sliding table assembly into locking levers.
- Lock the front and back table locking levers.

#### To install indicator:

- Press the end cap over the front extension rod as shown in figure 18.
- Locate the indicator.
- Slip the indicator in the slot on the front rail.
- Fit the top slot in the indicator over the detent on the end plug and the bottom slot over the screw hole on the end plug.
- Insert a screw into the bottom slot of the indicator, the hole in the end plug and the extension rod. Tighten securely, but do not overtighten. Overtighting may crush extension rod ends.



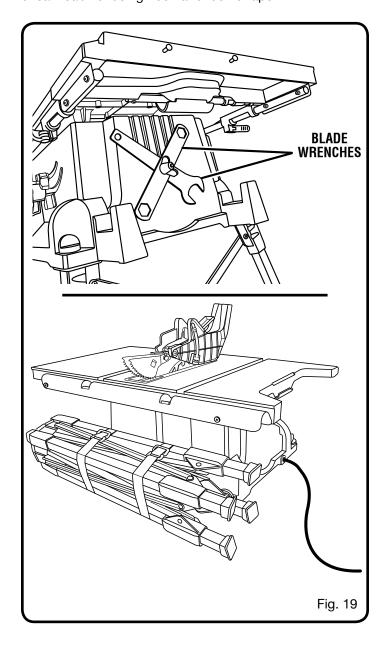
# TO STORE THE TABLE SAW ACCESSORIES AND LEG STAND

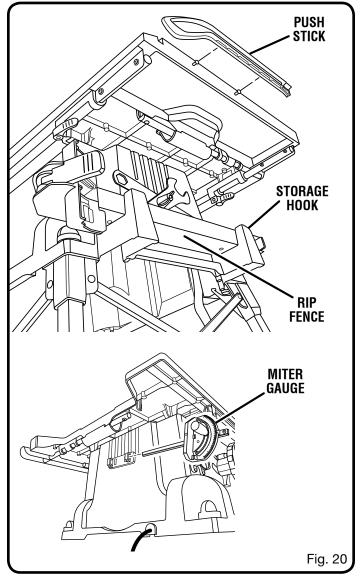
See Figures 19 - 20.

The table saw has two convenient storage areas (one on either side of the saw cabinet) specifically designed for the saw's accessories.

When not in use, store the accessories securely by snapping each accessory in place.

To store the leg stand, close the stand and secure in back of saw cabinet using hook and look straps.







#### A WARNING:

Do not allow familiarity with tools to make you careless. Remember that a careless fraction of a second is sufficient to inflict severe injury.



#### **WARNING:**

Always wear eye protection with side shields marked to comply with ANSI Z87.1. Failure to do so could result in objects being thrown into your eyes, resulting in possible serious injury.



#### A WARNING:

Do not use any attachments or accessories not recommended by the manufacturer of this tool. The use of attachments or accessories not recommended can result in serious personal injury.



#### A WARNING:

Although many of the illustrations in this manual are shown with the blade guard removed for clarity, do not operate the saw without the blade guard unless specifically instructed to do so.

#### **APPLICATIONS**

You may use this tool for the purposes listed below:

- Straight line cutting operations such as cross cutting, ripping, mitering, beveling, and compound cutting
- Dado with optional accessories
- Cabinet making and woodworking

NOTE: This table saw is designed to cut wood and wood composition products only.

#### BASIC OPERATION OF THE TABLE SAW

The 3-prong plug must be plugged into a matching outlet that is properly installed and grounded according to all local codes and ordinances. Improper connection of the equipment can result in electric shock. Do not modify the plug if it will not fit the outlet. Have the correct outlet installed by a qualified electrician. Refer to the Electrical section in this manual.

#### CAUSES OF KICKBACK

Kickback can occur when the blade stalls or binds, kicking the workpiece back toward you with great force and speed. If your hands are near the saw blade, they may be jerked loose from the workpiece and may contact the blade. Kickback can cause serious injury. Use precautions to avoid the risks.

Kickback can be caused by any action that pinches the blade in the wood such as:

- Making a cut with incorrect blade depth
- Sawing into knots or nails in the workpiece
- Twisting the wood while making a cut
- Failing to support work
- Forcing a cut
- Cutting warped or wet lumber
- Using the wrong blade for the type of cut
- Not following correct operating procedures
- Misusing the saw
- Failing to use the anti-kickback pawls
- Cutting with a dull, gummed-up, or improperly set blade

#### AVOIDING KICKBACK

- Always use the correct blade depth setting. The top of the blade teeth should clear the workpiece by 1/8 in. to 1/4 in.
- Inspect the work for knots or nails before beginning a cut. Knock out any loose knots with a hammer. Never saw into a loose knot or nail.
- Always use the rip fence when rip cutting. Use the miter gauge when cross cutting. This helps prevent twisting the wood in the cut.
- Always use clean, sharp, and properly-set blades. Never make cuts with dull blades.
- To avoid pinching the blade, support the work properly before beginning a cut.
- When making a cut, use steady, even pressure. Never force cuts.
- Do not cut wet or warped lumber.
- Use extra caution when cutting some prefinished or composition wood products as the anti-kickback pawls may not always be effective.
- Always guide your workpiece with both hands or with push sticks and/or push blocks. Keep your body in a balanced position to be ready to resist kickback should it occur. Never stand directly in line with the blade.
- Use of a featherboard will help hold the workpiece securely against the saw table or fence.
- Clean the saw, blade guard, under the throat plate, and any areas where saw dust or scrap workpieces may gather.
- Use the right type of blade for the cut being made.
- Always use the riving knife for every operation where it is allowed. The use of this device will greatly reduce the risk of kickback.

#### **CUTTING AIDS**

See Figure 21.

Push sticks are devices that may be used for pushing a workpiece through the blade in any rip cut. When making non-through cuts or ripping narrow stock, always use a push stick, push block, and/or featherboard so your hands do not come within 3 inches of the saw blade. They can be made in various sizes and shapes from scrap wood and used in a specific project. The stick must be narrower than the workpiece, with a 90° notch in one end and shaping for a grip on the other end.

A push block has a handle fastened by recessed screws from the underside. Use push blocks for narrow cuts and all non-through cuts.



#### A CAUTION:

Be sure the screws in a push block are recessed to avoid damaging the saw or workpiece.

#### **AUXILIARY FENCE**

An auxiliary fence is a device used to close the gap between the rip fence and the saw table. Always make and use and auxiliary fence when ripping material 1/8 in. or thinner.

#### **HOW TO MAKE AND ATTACH AN AUXILIARY** RIP CUTTING FENCE (FOR THIN WORKPIECE)

See Figure 22.

Rip fence holes are used to secure an auxiliary fence which requires a piece of wood 3/4 in. thick, 3-1/2 in. wide, and 21 in. long to make.

#### To attach the auxiliary fence to the rip fence:

- Place the wood against the rip fence and resting firmly on the saw table.
- From the back side of the rip fence, secure the wood to the fence using 1-3/4 in. wood screws.

#### HOW TO MAKE A JIG (FOR RIP CUTTING NARROW WORKPIECE)

See Figure 23.

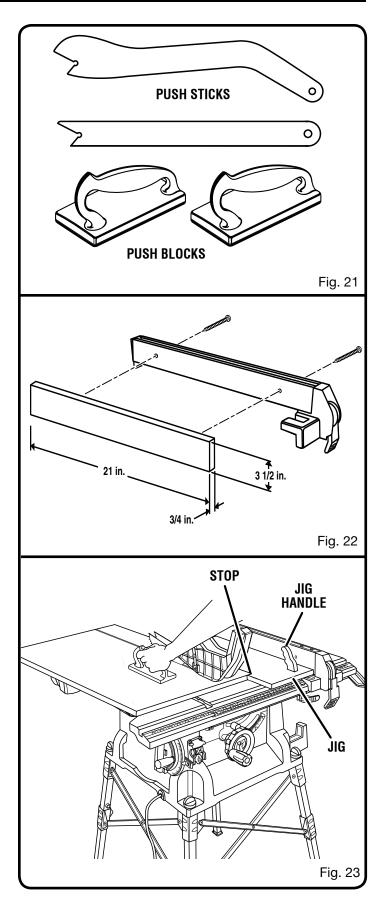
If ripping a narrow workpiece places the hands too close to the blade, it will be necessary to make and use a jig.

#### To make a jig:

- Attach a handle to a long, straight piece of wood and secure from the underside using recessed screws.
- Cut an L-shaped stop in the side of the jig.

#### To use a jig:

- Position the workpiece flat on the table with the edge flush against the jig and against the stop.
- Holding the jig handle and using a push block and/or push stick, make the rip cut as described on page 30 later in this section.



#### **FEATHERBOARD**

A featherboard is a device used to help control the workpiece by holding it securely against the table or fence. Featherboards are especially useful when ripping small workpieces and for completing non-through cuts. The end is angled with a number of short kerfs to give a friction hold on the workpiece and locked in place on the table with a C-clamp. Test to ensure it can resist kickback.

#### **HOW TO MAKE A FEATHERBOARD**

See Figure 24.

The featherboard is an excellent project for the saw. Select a solid piece of lumber approximately 3/4 in. thick, 2-1/2 in. wide and 12 in. long. Mark the center of the width on one end of the stock. Miter the width to 70° (see page 30 for information on miter cuts).

Prepare the saw for ripping as discussed on page 30. Set the rip fence to allow approximately a 1/4 in. "finger" to be cut in the stock. Feed the stock only to the mark previously made at 6 in. Turn the saw OFF and allow the blade to completely stop rotating before removing the stock. Reset the rip fence and cut spaced rips into the workpiece to allow approximately 1/4 in. fingers and 1/8 in. spaces between the fingers.

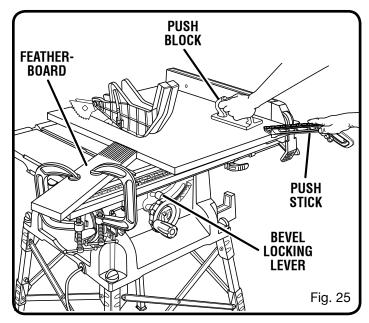
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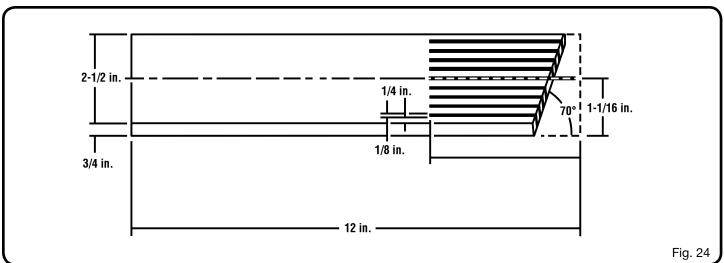
Mount the featherboard in front of the saw blade. If positioned improperly, kickback can result from the featherboard pinching the workpiece and binding the blade in the saw kerf. Failure to heed this warning can result in serious personal injury.

#### **HOW TO MOUNT A FEATHERBOARD**

See Figure 25.

Completely lower the saw blade. Position the rip fence to the desired adjustment for the cut to be performed and lock. Place the workpiece against the fence and over the saw blade area. Adjust the featherboard to apply resistance to the workpiece just forward of the blade. Attach C-clamps to further secure the featherboard to the edge of the saw table.





#### TYPES OF CUTS

See Figure 26.

There are six basic cuts: 1) the cross cut, 2) the rip cut, 3) the miter cut, 4) the bevel cross cut, 5) the bevel rip cut, and 6) the compound (bevel) miter cut. All other cuts are combinations of these basic six. Operating procedures for making each kind of cut are given later in this section.



#### A WARNING:

Always make sure the blade guard and anti-kickback pawls are in place and working properly when making these cuts to avoid possible injury.

Cross cuts are straight 90° cuts made across the grain of the workpiece. The wood is fed into the cut at a 90° angle to the blade, and the blade is vertical.

Rip cuts are made with the grain of the wood. To avoid kickback while making a rip cut, make sure one side of the wood rides firmly against the rip fence.

Miter cuts are made with the wood at any angle to the blade other than 90°. The blade is vertical. Miter cuts tend to "creep" during cutting. This can be controlled by holding the workpiece securely against the miter gauge.



### **A** WARNING:

Always use a push stick with small pieces of wood, and also to finish the cut when ripping a long narrow piece of wood, to prevent your hands from getting close to the blade.

Bevel cuts are made with an angled blade. Bevel cross cuts are across the wood grain, and bevel rip cuts are with the grain.

Compound (or bevel) miter cuts are made with an angled blade on wood that is angled to the blade. Be thoroughly familiar with making cross cuts, rip cuts, bevel cuts, and miter cuts before trying a compound miter cut.

#### **CUTTING TIPS**

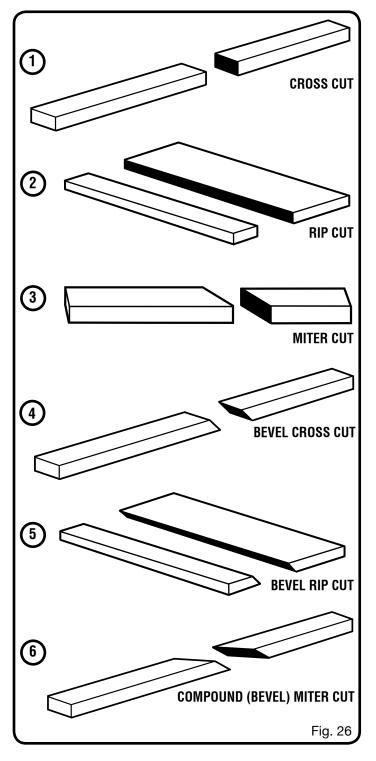
Dado and rabbet cuts are non-through cuts which can be either rip cuts or cross cuts. Carefully read and understand all sections of this operator's manual before attempting any operation.



### WARNING:

Do not use blades rated less than the speed of this tool. Failure to heed this warning could result in personal injury.

■ The kerf (the cut made by the blade in the wood) will be wider than the blade to avoid overheating or binding. Make allowance for the kerf when measuring wood.



- Make sure the kerf is made on the waste side of the measuring line.
- Cut the wood with the finish side up.
- Knock out any loose knots with a hammer before making
- Always provide proper support for the wood as it comes out of the saw.

#### TO CHANGE BLADE DEPTH

See Figure 27.

The blade depth should be set so that the outer points of the blade are higher than the workpiece by approximately 1/8 in. to 1/4 in. but the lowest points (gullets) are below the top surface.

■ Raise the blade by turning the height/bevel adjusting handwheel clockwise or lower it by turning the handwheel counterclockwise.

#### TO CHANGE BLADE ANGLE (BEVEL)

See Figured 28 - 29.

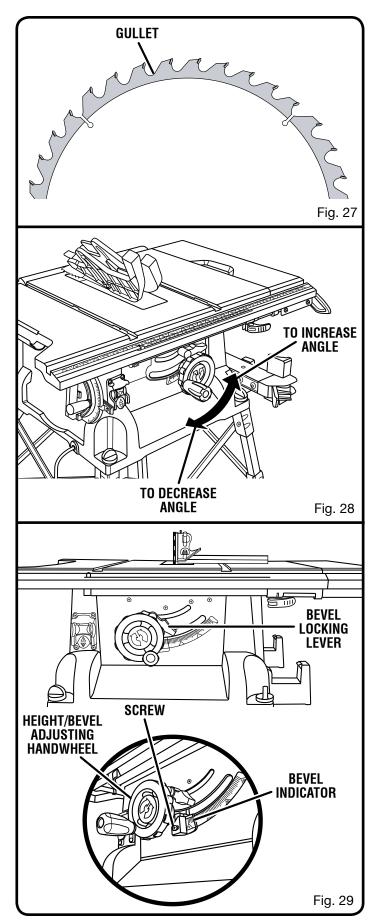
**NOTE:** A 90° cut has a 0° bevel and a 45° cut has a 45° bevel.

- Unplug the saw.
- Loosen bevel control by pulling the bevel locking lever up.
- Tighten bevel control by pushing the bevel lock lever down.

#### TO ADJUST THE BEVEL INDICATOR

See Figure 29.

If the bevel indicator is not at zero when the saw blade is at  $90^{\circ}$ , adjust the indicator by loosening the screw and setting it at  $0^{\circ}$  on the bevel scale. Retighten the screw.



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#### WARNING:

To reduce the risk of injury, always make sure the rip fence is parallel to the blade before beginning any operation.

#### TO USE THE RIP FENCE

See Figure 30.

- Place the rear lip on the rear of the saw table and pull slightly toward the front of the unit.
- Lower the front end of the rip fence onto the guide surfaces on top of the front rail.
- With the rip fence flat on the saw table, push the fence towards the front rail to align the fence to the saw table.
- Push the locking lever down to align and secure the fence.

Check for a smooth gliding action. If adjustments are needed, see **To Check the Alignment of the Rip Fence to the Blade** in the *Adjustment* section of this manual.

Make two or three test cuts on scrap wood. If the cuts are not true, repeat the alignment process.

**NOTE:** The rip fence must be secure when the locking handle is engaged. To increase the grip of the rip fence on the rear lip of the table, tighten the clamp screw on the rear of the rip fence by turning it clockwise.

# TO SET THE RIP FENCE SCALE INDICATOR TO THE BLADE

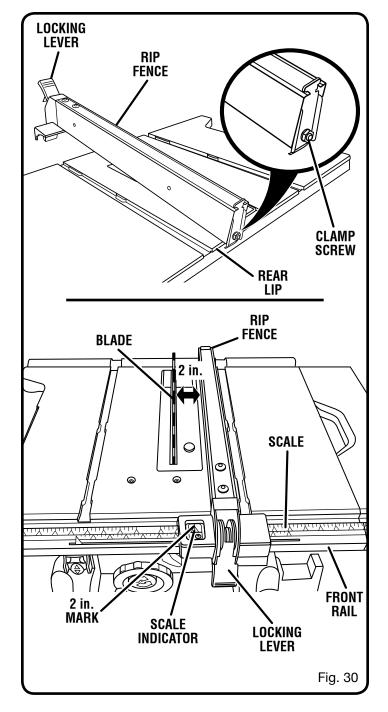
See Figure 30.

Use the indicator on the rip fence to position the fence along the scale on the front rail.

**NOTE:** The anti-kickback pawls and blade guard assembly must be removed to perform this adjustment. Reinstall the blade guard assembly when the adjustment is complete.

Begin with the blade at a zero angle (straight up).

- Unplug the saw.
- Loosen the rip fence by lifting the locking lever.
- Using a framing square, set the rip fence 2 in. from the blade tip edge.
- Loosen the screw on the scale indicator and align with the 2 in. mark as shown.
- Tighten the screw and check the dimension and the rip fence.



#### TO USE THE MITER GAUGE

See Figure 31.

The miter gauge provides greater accuracy in angled cuts. For very close tolerances, test cuts are recommended.

There are two miter gauge grooves, one on either side of the blade. When making a 90° cross cut, you can use either miter gauge groove. When making a beveled cross cut (the blade tilted in relation to the table) the miter gauge should be located in the groove on the right so that the blade is tilted away from the miter gauge and your hands.

The miter gauge can be turned 60° to the right or left.

- Loosen the lock knob.
- With the miter gauge in the miter gauge groove, rotate the gauge until the desired angle is reached on the scale.
- Retighten the lock knob.

# **TO USE THE SLIDING TABLE EXTENSION** See Figure 32.

Increase the length of the saw table by using the table extension.

- Set the rip fence to 14 in.
- Pull the front table locking lever toward you to unlock the lever. Repeat with the back lever.
- Slide the table extension to the desired width.

**NOTE:** Use the scale on the front rail when a specific width is desired.

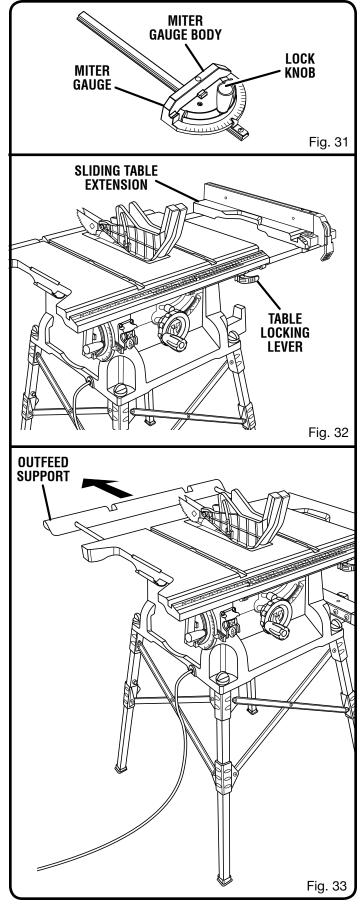
Once the extension table are set to the desired width, relock the front and back locking levers by pushing the levers back towards the saw base.

#### TO USE THE OUTFEED SUPPORT

See Figure 33.

The outfeed support slides to give the operator additional support for cutting long workpieces.

- With the table saw in the OFF position, stand behind the saw.
- Grasp the outfeed support with both hands and pull it until it is fully extended.



#### HEELING (PARALLELING) THE BLADE TO THE MITER GAUGE GROOVE

See Figures 34 - 35.

#### **WARNING:**

The blade must be parallel to the miter gauge groove so the wood does not bind resulting in kickback. Failure to do so could result in serious personal injury.

Do not loosen any bolts for this adjustment until you have checked with a square and made test cuts to be sure adjustments are necessary. Once the bolts are loosened, these items must be reset.

- Unplug the saw.
- Remove the blade guard and anti-kickback pawls.
- Mark beside one of the blade teeth at the front of the blade. Place a framing square even with the front of the saw table and the side of the saw blade as shown in figure 34.
- Turn the blade so the marked tooth is at the back.
- Move the combination square to the rear and again measure the distance. If the distances are the same, the blade is square.

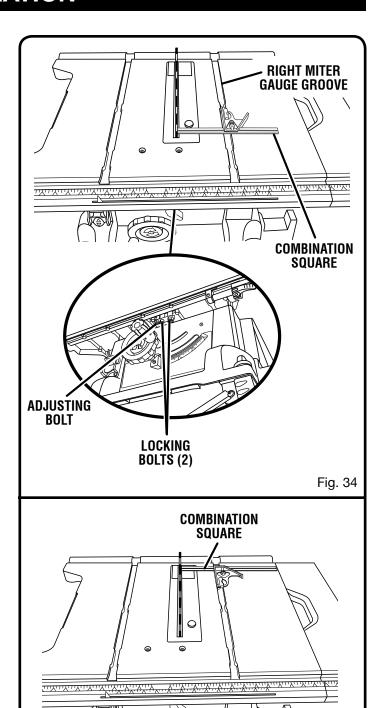
#### If the distances are different:

- Extend the extension table, see page 27.
- Place riving knife in "down" position.
- Loosen the locking bolts by turning towards the left. NOTE: The bolts are located above the height/bevel adjusting handwheel and under the saw table in the front of the saw.
- Turn adjusting bolt left or right until the blade is square.
- Tighten the locking bolts. Check again for squareness and continue to adjust if needed.



### **A** WARNING:

To reduce the risk of injury from kickback, align the rip fence to the blade following any blade adjustments. Always make sure the rip fence is parallel to the blade before beginning any operation.



SAW BLADE OUT OF ALIGNMENT

Fig. 35

#### **MAKING CUTS**

This table saw can perform a variety of cuts that are not all mentioned in this manual. DO NOT attempt to make any cuts not covered here unless you are thoroughly familiar with the proper procedures and necessary accessories. Your local library has many books on table saw usage and specialized woodworking procedures for your reference.

The blade provided with the saw is a high-quality combination blade suitable for ripping and cross cut operations. Carefully check all setups and rotate the blade one full revolution to assure proper clearance before connecting saw to power source. Stand slightly to the side of the blade path to reduce the chance of injury should kickback occur.



#### WARNING:

Do not use blades rated less than the speed of this tool. Failure to heed this warning could result in personal injury.

Use the miter gauge when making cross, miter, bevel, and compound miter cuts. To secure the angle, lock the miter gauge in place by twisting the lock knob clockwise. Always tighten the lock knob securely in place before use.

NOTE: It is recommended that you place the piece to be saved on the left side of the blade and that you make a test cut on scrap wood first.

#### TO MAKE A CROSS CUT

See Figures 36 - 37.



### **A** WARNING:

Make sure the blade guard assembly is installed and working properly to avoid serious possible injury.



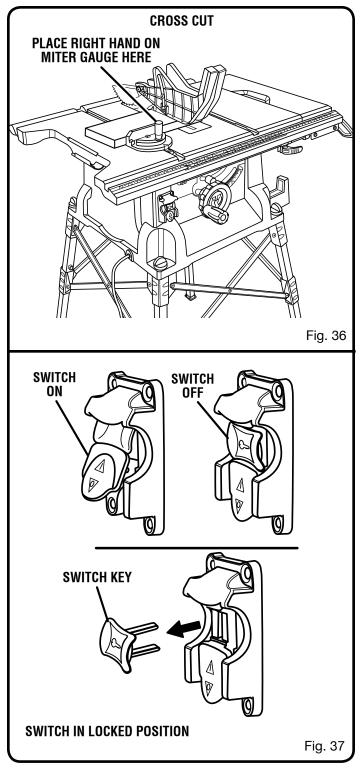
#### WARNING:

Using the rip fence as a cutoff gauge when cross cutting will result in kickback which can cause serious personal injury.

- Remove the rip fence.
- Set the blade to the correct depth for the workpiece.
- Set the miter gauge to 0° and tighten the lock knob.
- Make sure the wood is clear of the blade before turning on the saw.
- To turn the saw on, lift the switch button.
- To turn saw off, press the switch button down.

**NOTE:** To prevent unauthorized use, remove the switch key as shown in figure 37.

Let the blade build up to full speed before moving the workpiece into the blade.



Hold the workpiece firmly with both hands on the miter gauge and feed the workpiece into the blade.

NOTE: The hand closest to the blade should be placed on the miter gauge lock knob and the hand farthest from the blade should be placed on the workpiece.

When the cut is made, turn the saw off. Wait for the blade to come to a complete stop before removing the workpiece.

#### MAKING A RIP CUT

See Figure 38.



### A WARNING:

Make sure the blade guard assembly is installed and working properly to avoid serious possible injury.

#### A WARNING:

Taper cuts must only be made with a special jig, which is commercially available. Do not attempt a free hand taper cut on this saw. Failure to follow these instructions could result in serious personal injury.

- Set the blade to the correct depth for the workpiece.
- Position the rip fence the desired distance from the blade for the cut and securely lock the handle.
- Make sure the wood is clear of the blade before turning on the saw.
- When ripping a long workpiece, place a support the same height as the table surface behind the saw for the cut work.
- Turn the saw on.
- Position the workpiece flat on the table with the edge flush against the rip fence. Let the blade build up to full speed before feeding the workpiece into the blade.
- Once the blade has made contact with the workpiece, use the hand closest to the rip fence to guide it. Make sure the edge of the workpiece remains in solid contact with both the rip fence and the surface of the table. If ripping a narrow piece, use a push stick and/or push blocks to move the piece through the cut and past the blade.
- When the cut is made, turn the saw off. Wait for the blade to come to a complete stop before removing the workpiece.

#### MAKING A MITER CUT

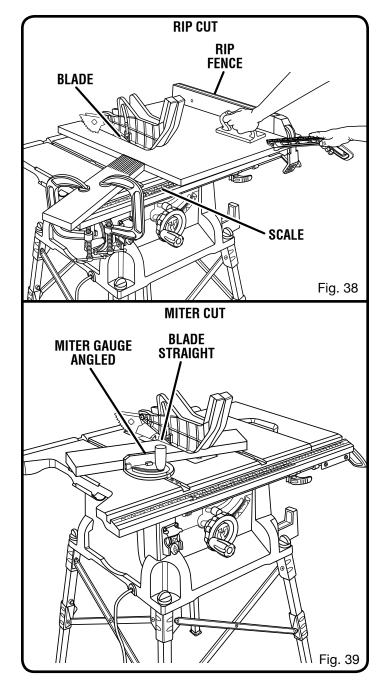
See Figure 39.



#### A WARNING:

Make sure the blade guard assembly is installed and working properly to avoid possible serious injury.

- Remove the rip fence.
- Set the blade to the correct depth for the workpiece.
- Set the miter gauge to the desired angle and tighten the lock knob.
- Make sure the wood is clear of the blade before turning on the saw.
- Turn the saw on.



- Let the blade build up to full speed before moving the workpiece into the blade.
- Hold the workpiece firmly with both hands on the miter gauge and feed the workpiece into the blade.
  - **NOTE:** The hand closest to the blade should be placed on the miter gauge lock knob and the hand farthest from the blade should be placed on the workpiece.
- When the cut is made, turn the saw off. Wait for the blade to come to a complete stop before removing the workpiece.

#### MAKING A BEVEL CROSS CUT

See Figures 40 - 41.



### **A** WARNING:

Make sure the blade guard assembly is installed and working properly to avoid possible serious injury.



#### A WARNING:

The miter gauge must be on the right side of the blade to avoid trapping the wood and causing kickback. Placement of the miter gauge to the left of the blade will result in kickback and the risk of serious personal injury.

- Remove the rip fence.
- Unlock the bevel locking lever.
- Adjust the bevel angle to the desired setting.
- Lock the bevel locking lever.
- Set the blade to the correct depth for the workpiece.
- Set the miter gauge to 0° and tighten the lock knob.
- Make sure the wood is clear of the blade before turning on the saw.
- Turn the saw on.
- Let the blade build up to full speed before moving the workpiece into the blade.
- Hold the workpiece firmly with both hands on the miter gauge and feed the workpiece into the blade.

NOTE: The hand closest to the blade should be placed on the miter gauge lock knob and the hand farthest from the blade should be placed on the workpiece.

■ When the cut is made, turn the saw off. Wait for the blade to come to a complete stop before removing the workpiece.

#### MAKING A BEVEL RIP CUT

See Figure 42.



#### WARNING:

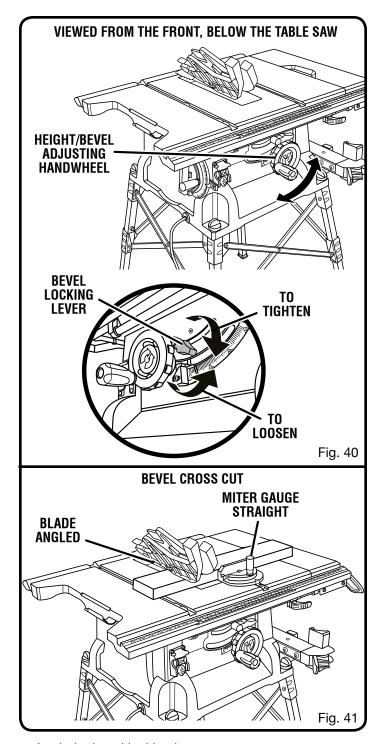
Make sure the blade guard assembly is installed and working properly to avoid serious personal injury.



#### A WARNING:

The rip fence must be on the right side of the blade to avoid trapping the wood and causing kickback. Placement of the rip fence to the left of the blade will result in kickback and the risk of serious personal injury.

- Remove the miter gauge.
- Unlock the bevel locking lever.
- Adjust the bevel angle to the desired setting.



- Lock the bevel locking lever.
- Set the blade to the correct depth for the workpiece.
- Position the rip fence the desired distance from the blade for the cut and securely lock the handle.
- Make sure the wood is clear of the blade before turning on the saw.
- When ripping a long workpiece, place a support the same height as the table surface behind the saw for the cut work.
- Turn the saw on.

- Position the workpiece flat on the table with the edge flush against the rip fence. Let the blade build up to full speed before feeding the workpiece into the blade.
- Once the blade has made contact with the workpiece, use the hand closest to the rip fence to guide it. Make sure the edge of the workpiece remains in solid contact with both the rip fence and the surface of the table. If ripping a narrow piece, use a push stick and/or push blocks to move the piece through the cut and past the blade.
- When the cut is made, turn the saw off. Wait for the blade to come to a complete stop before removing the workpiece.

#### MAKING A COMPOUND (BEVEL) MITER CUT See Figure 43.



#### WARNING:

Make sure the blade guard assembly is installed and working properly to avoid possible serious injury.



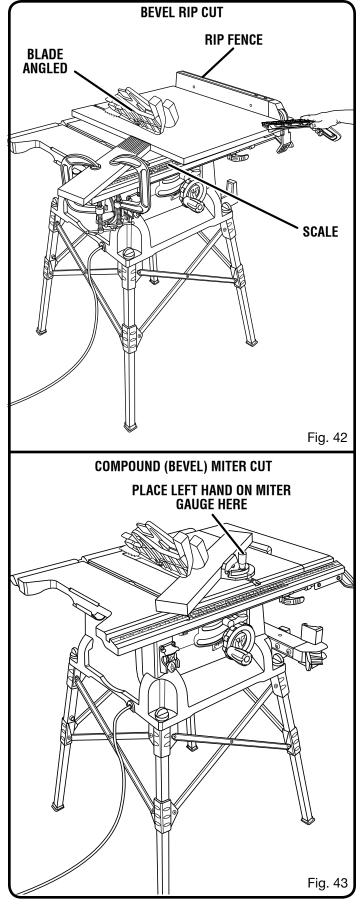
#### **A** WARNING:

The miter gauge must be on the right side of the blade to avoid trapping the wood and causing kickback. Placement of the miter gauge to the left of the blade will result in kickback and the risk of serious personal injury.

- Remove the rip fence.
- Unlock the bevel locking lever.
- Adjust the bevel angle to the desired setting.
- Lock the bevel locking lever.
- Set the blade to the correct depth for the workpiece.
- Set the miter gauge to the desired angle and tighten the lock knob.
- Make sure the wood is clear of the blade before turning on the saw.
- Turn the saw on.
- Let the blade build up to full speed before moving the workpiece into the blade.
- Hold the workpiece firmly with both hands on the miter gauge and feed the workpiece into the blade.

NOTE: The hand closest to the blade should be placed on the miter gauge lock knob and the hand farthest from the blade should be placed on the workpiece.

When the cut is made, turn the saw off. Wait for the blade to come to a complete stop before removing the workpiece.



#### MAKING A LARGE PANEL CUT

See Figure 44.

Make sure the saw is properly secured to a work surface to avoid tipping from the weight of a large panel.



#### A WARNING:

Make sure the blade guard assembly is installed and working properly to avoid possible serious injury.



#### WARNING:

Never make freehand cuts (cuts without the miter gauge or rip fence). Unguided workpieces can result in serious injury.

- Place a support the same height as the top of the saw table behind the saw for the cut work. Add supports to the sides as needed.
- Depending on the shape of the panel, use the rip fence or miter gauge. If the panel is too large to use either the rip fence or the miter gauge, it is too large for this saw.
- Make sure the wood does not touch the blade before you turn on the saw.
- Turn the saw on.
- Position the workpiece flat on the table with the edge flush against the rip fence. Let the blade build up to full speed before feeding the workpiece into the blade.
- Use a push stick to move the piece through the cut and past the blade.
- When the cut is made, turn the saw off. Wait for the blade to come to a complete stop before removing the workpiece.

#### MAKING A NON-THROUGH CUT

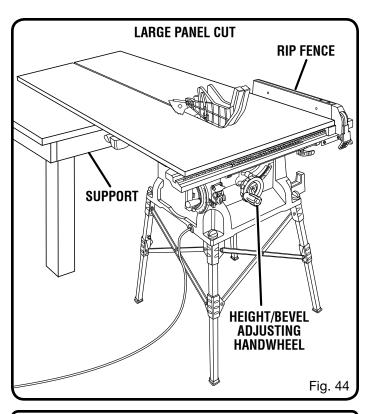
See Figure 45.

Non-through cuts (made with a standard 10 in. blade) can be made with the grain (ripping) or across the grain (cross cut). The use of a non-through cut is essential to cutting grooves, rabbets, and dadoes. This is the only type cut that is made without the blade guard assembly installed. Make sure the blade guard assembly is reinstalled upon completion of this type of cut. Read the appropriate section which describes the type of cut in addition to this section on non-through or dado cuts. For example, if your non-through cut is a straight cross cut, read and understand the section on straight cross cuts before proceeding.



### **WARNING:**

When making a non-through cut, the blade is covered by the workpiece during most of the cut. Be alert to the exposed blade at the start and finish of every cut to reduce the risk of personal injury.





### A WARNING:

Never feed wood with your hands when making any non-through cut such as rabbets or dadoes. To avoid personal injury, always use push blocks, push sticks, and featherboards.

- Unplug the saw.
- Remove the blade guard and anti-kickback pawls.
- Place riving knife in "down" position.
- Unlock the bevel locking lever.
- Adjust the bevel angle to 0°.
- Lock the bevel locking lever.
- Set the blade to the correct depth for the workpiece.
- Depending on the shape and size of the wood, use either the rip fence or miter gauge.
- Plug the saw into the power source and turn the saw
- Let the blade build up to full speed before moving the workpiece into the blade.
- Always use push blocks, push sticks, and/or featherboards when making non-through cuts to reduce the risk of serious injury.
- When the cut is made, turn the saw off. Wait for the blade to come to a complete stop before removing the workpiece.

#### Once all non-through cuts are completed:

- Unplug your saw.
- Reinstall the riving knife in the "up" position then install the blade guard and anti-kickback pawls.

#### MAKING A DADO CUT

See Figure 46.

An optional dado throat plate is required for this procedure (see the Accessories section of this manual and check with the retailer where the table saw was purchased). All blades and dado sets must not be rated less than the speed of this tool. This saw is designed for use with a 6 in. stack dado (up to width of 1/2 in.). Do not use an adjustable dado or molding cutters on this saw.

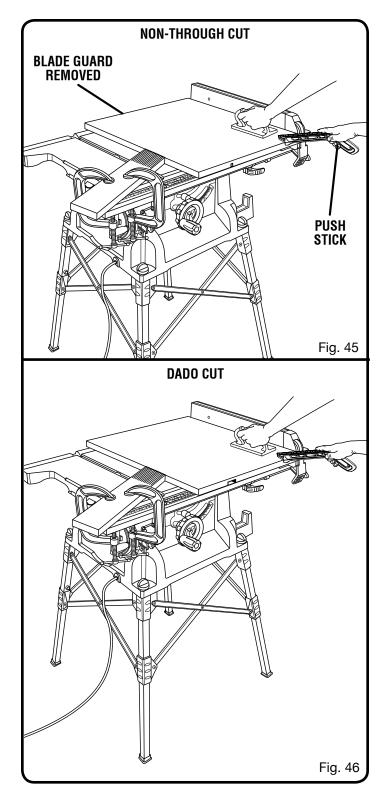
#### A WARNING:

Always use push blocks, push sticks, and/or featherboards when making dado cuts to avoid the risk of serious injury.

- Unplug the saw.
- Remove the blade guard, anti-kickback pawls, throat plate, and riving knife.
- Remove the blade nut, blade washer, and saw blade. **NOTE:** Always store the blade washer and throat plate in a secure location.
- Mount the dado blade, according to manufacturer instructions, using the blade and chippers appropriate for the desired width of cut.
- Reinstall the blade nut.
  - NOTE: The blade washer may be used provided the arbor shaft extends slightly beyond the arbor nut.
- Make sure the blade nut is fully engaged and the arbor extends past a securely tightened blade nut.
- Place release lever in locked position.
- Install the dado throat plate and rotate the blade by hand to make sure it turns freely then lower the blade.
- Depending on the shape and size of the wood, use either the rip fence or miter gauge.
- Turn the saw on.
  - NOTE: Make sure the wood does not touch the blade before you turn on the saw. Let the blade build up to full speed before feeding the workpiece into the blade.
- Position the workpiece flat on the table with the edge flush against the rip fence or miter gauge and hold firmly against the saw table.
- Use a push block or push stick to move the wood through the cut past the blade. Never push a small piece of wood into the blade with your hand, always use a push stick. The use of push blocks, push sticks, and featherboards are necessary when making non-through cuts.
- When the cut is made, turn the saw off. Wait for the blade to come to a complete stop before removing the workpiece.

#### Once all dado cuts are completed:

- Unplug your saw.
- Reinstall the riving knife in the "up" position then install the blade guard and anti-kickback pawls.



### **ADJUSTMENTS**

### A

#### WARNING:

Before performing any adjustment, make sure the tool is unplugged from the power supply and the switch is in the OFF position. Failure to heed this warning could result in serious personal injury.

The table saw has been adjusted at the factory for making very accurate cuts. However, some of the components might have been jarred out of alignment during shipping. Also, over a period of time, readjustment will probably become necessary due to wear.

To avoid unnecessary set-ups and adjustments, a good practice is to check your setups carefully with a framing square and make practice cuts in scrap wood before making finish cuts in good workpieces. Do not start any adjustments until you have checked with a square and made test cuts to be sure adjustments are needed.

#### TO REPLACE THE BLADE

See Figures 47 - 49.

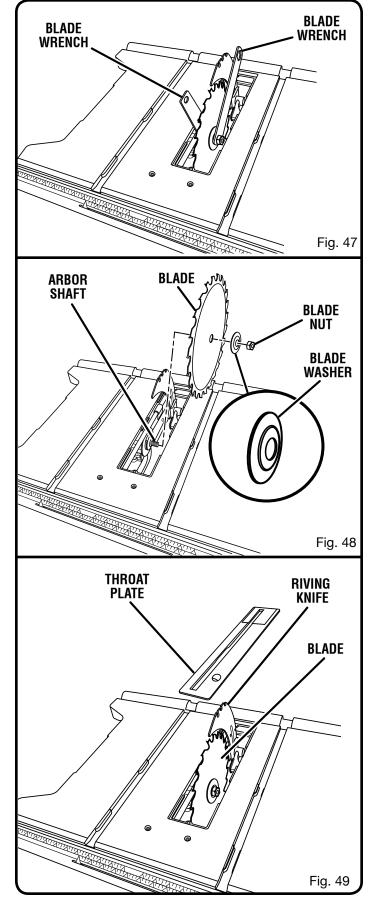
Blade kerf width must be within the limits stamped on the riving knife.

- Unplug the saw.
- Remove the blade guard and anti-kickback pawls.
- Lower the saw blade and remove the throat plate.
- Make sure the bevel locking lever is locked.
- Raise the saw blade to full height.
- Insert the open end of the blade wrench onto the flats on the arbor shaft.
- Insert the closed end of the blade wrench over the blade nut. Holding both wrenches firmly, pull the outside wrench (right side) forward while pushing the inside (left side) to the back of the saw. Remove the blade nut and blade washer.
- Unlock the release locking lever and remove the blade.

#### To install a standard blade:

- Place the new blade on the arbor shaft (the teeth must point down toward the front of the saw to work properly).
- Place the blade washer and the blade nut over the arbor shaft. Be sure the flat side of the blade washer faces the blade and that all items are snug against the arbor housing. Make sure the blade nut is securely tightened. Do not overtighten.
- Lock the release lever.
- Rotate the blade by hand to make sure it turns freely.
- Lower the saw blade and reinstall the throat plate.

**NOTE:** To replace the blade with an accessory blade, follow the instructions provided with the accessory.



### **ADJUSTMENTS**

#### TO SET THE BLADE AT 0° AND 45°

See Figures 50 - 51.

The angle settings of the saw have been set at the factory and, unless damaged in shipping, should not require setting during assembly. After extensive use, they may need to be checked.

- Unplug the saw.
- Raise the blade.
- Remove the blade guard assembly.

#### If the blade is not perfectly vertical (0°):

- Unlock the bevel locking lever.
- Loosen the 0° adjustment screw.
- Place a combination square beside the blade on the right. The edge of the square and the saw blade should be parallel.

**NOTE:** Make sure that the square contacts the flat part of the saw blade, not the blade teeth.

- Lock the bevel locking lever.
- Tighten the adjustment screw. Check again for squareness and continue to adjust if needed.

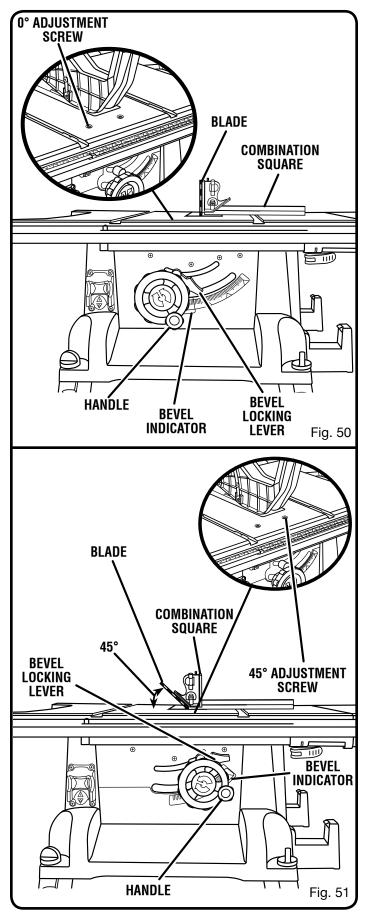
#### If the blade is not an exact 45°:

- Unlock the bevel locking lever.
- Loosen the 45° adjustment screw.
- Place a combination square beside the blade on the right. The edge of the square and the saw blade should be parallel.

**NOTE:** Make sure that the square contacts the flat part of the saw blade, not the blade teeth.

- Lock the bevel locking lever.
- Tighten the adjustment screw. Check again for squareness and continue to adjust if needed.
- If needed, adjust the bevel indicator to 45°.
- Make a test cut.

The adjustment screws must be below the saw table surface so the workpiece doesn't catch on uneven edges. If unable to make this adjustment, take the product to an authorized service center.

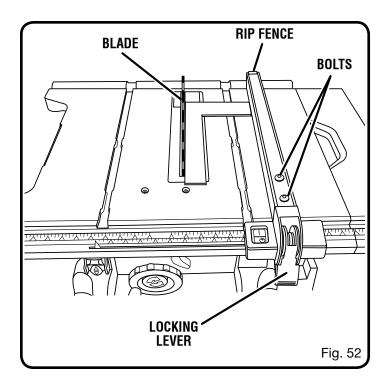


### **ADJUSTMENTS**

#### TO CHECK THE ALIGNMENT OF THE RIP FENCE TO THE BLADE

See Figure 52.

- Unplug the saw.
- Raise the locking lever to permit the rip fence to be moved.
- Place a framing square beside the blade and move the rip fence up to the square. Take the dimension on the rip scale.
- Move the fence back and turn the framing square 180° to check the other side.
- If the two dimensions are not the same, loosen the two bolts on the fence and align it.
- Retighten the two bolts.
- Make two or three test cuts on scrap wood. If the cuts are not true, repeat the process.



### **MAINTENANCE**



#### A WARNING:

When servicing, use only identical replacement parts. Use of any other parts may create a hazard or cause product damage.



### **A** WARNING:

Always wear eye protection with side shields marked to comply with ANSI Z87.1 during product operation. If operation is dusty, also wear a dust mask.



### A WARNING:

Before performing any maintenance, make sure the tool is unplugged from the power supply and the switch is in the off (O) position. Failure to heed this warning could result in serious personal injury.

#### GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Avoid using solvents when cleaning plastic parts. Most plastics are susceptible to damage from various types of commercial solvents and may be damaged by their use. Use clean cloths to remove dirt, dust, oil, grease, etc.



### A WARNING:

Do not at any time let brake fluids, gasoline, petroleumbased products, penetrating oils, etc., come in contact with plastic parts. Chemicals can damage, weaken, or destroy plastic which may result in serious personal injury.

- Periodically check all clamps, nuts, bolts, and screws for tightness and condition. Make sure the throat plate is in good condition and in position.
- Check the blade guard assembly.
- To maintain the table surfaces, fence, and rails, periodically apply paste wax to them and buff to provide smooth functioning.
- Protect the blade by cleaning out sawdust from underneath the table and in the blade teeth. Use a resin solvent on the blade teeth.
- Clean plastic parts only with a soft damp cloth. DO **NOT** use any aerosol or petroleum solvents.

#### **LUBRICATION**

All of the bearings in this tool are lubricated with a sufficient amount of high grade lubricant for the life of the unit under normal operating conditions. Therefore, no further lubrication is required.

### **ACCESSORIES**

The following recommended accessories are currently available at retail stores:

089037011021 **Dado Throat Plate** 



### **A**WARNING:

Current attachments and accessories available for use with this tool are listed above. Do not use any attachments or accessories not recommended by the manufacturer of this tool. The use of attachments or accessories not recommended can result in serious personal injury.

### **TROUBLESHOOTING**

PROBLEM	CAUSE	SOLUTION		
Excess vibration.	Blade is out of balance.	Replace blade.		
	Blade is damaged.	Replace blade.		
	Saw is not mounted securely.	Tighten all hardware.		
	Work surface is uneven.	Reposition on flat surface. Adjust legs of optional stand.		
	Blade is warped.	Check saw blade installation. Replace blade i necessary.		
Rip fence does not move	Rip fence not mounted correctly.	Remount the rip fence.		
smoothly.	Rails are dirty or sticky.	Clean and wax rails.		
	Clamp screw is out of adjustment.	Adjust clamp screw counterclockwise.		
Rip fence does not lock at rear.	Clamp screw is out of adjustment.	Adjust clamp screw clockwise.		
Cutting binds or burns work.	Blade is dull.	Replace or sharpen blade.		
	Blade is heeling.	See page 28 on "Heeling the Blade".		
	Work is fed too fast.	Slow the feed rate.		
	Rip fence is misaligned.	Align the rip fence.		
	Wood is warped.	Replace the wood. Always cut with convex side to table surface.		
	Riving knife is out of alignment.	See "To check and align the riving knife and sav blade" in the <i>Assembly</i> section.		
Wood edges away from rip fence when ripping.	Blade not properly sharpened or set.	Resharpen or set blade.		

# TROUBLESHOOTING

PROBLEM CAUSE		SOLUTION			
Saw does not make accurate 90° or 45° cuts.	Positive stops inside cabinet need adjusting (Bevel Cuts).	Adjust positive stops.			
	Miter gauge is misaligned (Miter Cuts).	Adjust the miter gauge.			
Height/bevel adjusting hand- wheel is hard to turn.	Gears or screw post inside cabinet are clogged with saw dust.	Clean the gears or screw post.			
Saw does not start.	Motor cord or wall cord is not plugged in.	Plug in motor cord or wall cord.			
	Circuit fuse is blown.	Replace circuit fuse.			
	Circuit breaker is tripped.	Reset circuit breaker.			
	Cord or switch is damaged.	Have the cord or switch replaced at your nearest authorized service center.			
Blade makes poor cuts.	Blade is dull or dirty.	Clean, sharpen, or replace blade.			
	Blade is wrong type for cut being made.	Replace with correct type.			
	Blade is mounted backwards.	Remount blade.			
Blade does not lower when turning height/bevel adjusting handwheel.	Locking lever is not at full left position.	Move locking lever to left.			
Motor labors in rip cut.	Blade not proper for rip cut.	Change blade; rip blade typically has fewer teeth.			



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#### WARNING:

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

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

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

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Prior to requesting service or purchasing replacement parts, please obtain your model and serial number from the product data plate.

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