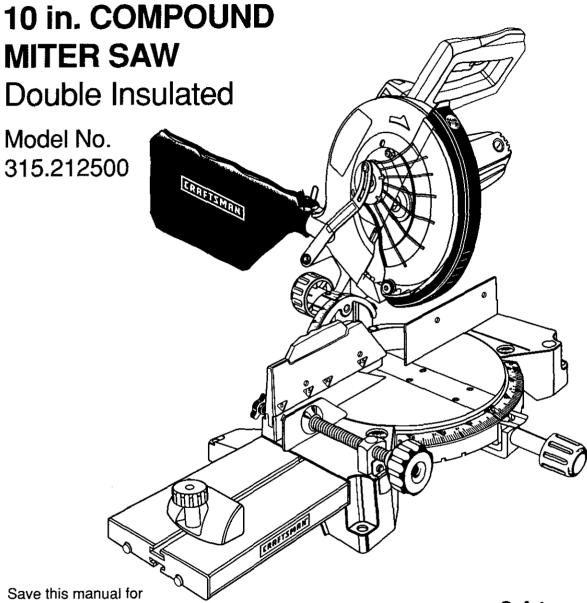
## **Operator's Manual**

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future reference.

▲ CAUTION: Read and follow all Safety Rules and Operating Instructions before first use of this product.

Safety

- Features
- Adjustments
- Operation
- Maintenance
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### **WARRANTY**

#### **FULL ONE YEAR WARRANTY**

If this product fails due to a defect in material or workmanship within one year from the date of purchase, Sears will repair it free of charge.

Contact a Sears Service Center for repair.

If this product is used for commercial or rental purposes, this warranty applies only for 90 days from the date of purchase.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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## INTRODUCTION

Your saw has many features for making cutting operations more pleasant and enjoyable. Safety, performance and dependability have been given top priority in the design of this saw making it easy to maintain and operate.



**CAUTION:** Carefully read through this entire operator's manual before using your new saw. Pay close attention to the Rules For Safe Operation, and all Safety Alert Symbols including Danger, Warning and Caution. If you use your saw properly and only for what it is intended, you will enjoy years of safe, reliable service.

Look for this symbol to point out important safety precautions. It means attention!!! Your safety is involved.

### **WARNING:**



The operation of any tool can result in foreign objects being thrown into your eyes, which can result in severe eye damage. Before beginning power tool operation, always wear safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields and a full face shield when needed. We recommend Wide Vision Safety Mask for use over eyeglasses or standard safety glasses with side shields. Always wear eye protection which is marked to comply with ANSI Z87.1.

The purpose of safety symbols is to attract your attention to possible dangers. The safety symbols, and the explanations with them, deserve your careful attention and understanding. The safety warnings do not by themselves eliminate any danger. The instructions or warnings they give are not substitutes for proper accident prevention measures.

### SYMBOL MEANING



### **SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL:**

Indicates danger, warning or caution. May be used in conjunction with other symbols or pictographs.



**DANGER:** Failure to obey a safety warning will result in serious injury to yourself or to others. Always follow the safety precautions to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock and personal injury.



**WARNING:** Failure to obey a safety warning can result in serious injury to yourself or to others. Always follow the safety precautions to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock and personal injury.



**CAUTION:** Failure to obey a safety warning may result in property damage or personal injury to yourself or to others. Always follow the safety precautions to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock and personal injury.

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Advises you of information or instructions vital to the operation or maintenance of the equipment.

### **DOUBLE INSULATION**

Double insulation is a concept in safety, in electric power tools, which eliminates the need for the usual three-wire grounded power cord. All exposed metal parts are isolated from internal metal motor components with protecting insulation. Double insulated tools do not need to be grounded.



WARNING: Do not attempt to operate this tool until you have read thoroughly and understand completely all instructions, safety rules, etc. contained in this manual. Failure to comply can result in accidents involving fire, electric shock, or serious personal injury. Save operator's manual and review frequently for continuing safe operation, and instructing others who may use this tool.

### **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 such as pipes, radiators, ranges, refrigerator enclosures.
- KEEP GUARDS IN PLACE and in good working order.
- REMOVE WRENCHES AND ADJUSTING KEYS.

  Get in the habit of checking before turning on tool that hex keys and adjusting wrenches are removed from tool.

### **IMPORTANT**

Servicing requires extreme care and knowledge of the system and should be performed only by a qualified service technician. For service we suggest you return the tool to your nearest Sears store for repair. Always use original factory replacement parts when servicing.

- KEEP THE WORK AREA CLEAN. Cluttered work areas and work benches invite accidents. DO NOT leave tools or pieces of wood on the saw while it is in operation.
- DO NOT USE IN DANGEROUS ENVIRON-MENTS. Do not use power tools near gasoline or other flammable liquids, in damp or wet locations, or expose them 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.
- DO NOT FORCE THE TOOL it will do the job better and more safely at the rate for which it was designed.
- USE THE RIGHT TOOL FOR THE JOB. Do not force the tool or attachment to do a job it was not designed for. Use it only the way it was 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 gage 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 gage. The smaller the gage number, the heavier the cord.
- INSPECT TOOL CORDS AND EXTENSION CORDS PERIODICALLY and, if damaged, have repaired by a qualified service technician at a Sears store or repair center. Stay constantly aware of cord location and keep it well away from the moving blade.
- DRESS PROPERLY. Do not wear loose clothing, gloves, neckties, rings, bracelets, or other jewelry that can get caught and draw you into moving parts. Nonslip footwear is recommended. Also wear protective hair covering to contain long hair.
- ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GLASSES WITH SIDE SHIELDS. Everyday eyeglasses have only impact-resistant lenses, they are NOT safety glasses.
- WEAR A DUST MASK to keep from inhaling fine particles.
- PROTECT YOUR HEARING. Wear hearing protection during extended periods of operation.
- 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.
- DO NOT 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 ALL TOOLS.** When not in use, before servicing, or when changing attachments, all tools should be disconnected.
- AVOID ACCIDENTAL STARTING. Be sure switch is off when plugging in any tool.
- USE RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES. Using improper accessories may risk injury. Consult operator's manual for recommended accessories.
- NEVER STAND ON TOOL. Serious injury could occur if the tool is tipped or if the blade is unintentionally contacted.
- CHECK DAMAGED PARTS. Before using the tool again, check any damaged parts, including guards, for proper operation and performance. Check alignment of moving parts, binding of moving parts,

- breakage of parts, saw stability, mounting and any other conditions that may affect its operation. A damaged part must be properly repaired or replaced by a qualified service technician at a Sears store or repair center to avoid risk of personal injury.
- NEVER LEAVE TOOL RUNNING UNATTENDED. TURN THE POWER OFF. Do not leave tool until it comes to a complete stop.
- FIRMLY CLAMP OR BOLT your miter saw to a workbench or table at approximately hip height.
- USE ONLY CORRECT BLADES. Use the right blade size, style and cutting speed for the material and the type of cut. 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.
- KEEP BLADES CLEAN, SHARP, AND WITH SUFFICIENT SET. Sharp blades minimize stalling and kickback.
- DO NOT REMOVE THE SAW'S BLADE GUARDS. Never operate the saw with any guard or cover removed. Make sure all guards are operating properly before each use.
- KEEP HANDS AWAY FROM CUTTING AREA. Do not reach underneath work or in blade cutting path with your hands and fingers for any reason. Always turn the power off.
- **WARNING:** Blade coasts after being turned off.
- DO NOT ABUSE CORD. Never-yank cord to disconnect it from receptacle. Keep cord from heat, oil, and sharp edges.
- USE ONLY OUTDOOR EXTENSION CORDS. Use only extension cords with the marking "Acceptable for use with outdoor appliances; store cords indoors while not in use". Use extension cords with an electrical rating not less than the saw's rating. Always disconnect the extension cord from the outlet before disconnecting the product from the extension cord.
- DO NOT USE TOOL IF SWITCH DOES NOT TURN IT ON AND OFF. Have defective switches replaced by a qualified service technician at a Sears store or repair center.
- 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.
- ALWAYS SUPPORT LONG WORKPIECES while cutting to minimize risk of blade pinching and kickback. Saw may slip, walk or slide while cutting long or heavy boards.

- 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.
- ALWAYS USE A CLAMP to secure the workpiece when possible.
- **NEVER TOUCH BLADE** or other moving parts during use for any reason.
- BE SURE THE BLADE CLEARS THE WORK-PIECE. Never start the saw with the blade touching the workpiece. Allow motor to come up to full speed before starting cut.
- MAKE SURE THE MITER TABLE AND SAW ARM (BEVEL FUNCTION) ARE LOCKED IN POSITION BEFORE OPERATING YOUR SAW. Lock the miter table by securely tightening the miter lock handle. Lock the saw arm (bevel function) by securely tightening the bevel lock knob.
- NEVER USE A LENGTH STOP ON THE FREE SCRAP END OF A CLAMPED WORKPIECE.

  NEVER hold onto or bind the free scrap end of the workpiece in any operation. If a work clamp and length stop are used together, they must both be installed on the same side of the saw table to prevent the saw from catching the loose end and kicking up.
- NEVER cut more than one piece at a time. DO NOT STACK more than one workpiece on the saw table at a time.
- NEVER PERFORM ANY OPERATION FREE-HAND. Always place the workpiece to be cut on the miter table and position it firmly against the fence as a backstop. Always use the fence.
- NEVER hand hold a workpiece that is too small to be clamped. Keep hands clear of the no hands zone.
- NEVER reach behind, under, or within three inches of the blade and its cutting path with your hands and fingers for any reason.
- NEVER reach to pick up a workpiece, a piece of scrap, or anything else that is in or near the cutting path of the blade.
- AVOID AWKWARD OPERATIONS AND HAND POSITIONS where a sudden slip could cause your hand to move into the blade. ALWAYS make sure you have good balance. NEVER operate your miter saw on the floor or in a crouched position.
- **NEVER** stand or have any part of your body in line with the path of the saw blade.

- ALWAYS release the power switch and allow the saw blade to stop rotating before raising it out of the workpiece.
- DO NOT TURN THE MOTOR SWITCH ON AND OFF RAPIDLY. This could cause the saw blade to loosen and could create a hazard. Should this ever occur, stand clear and allow the saw blade to come to a complete stop. Disconnect your saw from the power supply and securely retighten the blade bolt.
- USE ONLY SEARS REPLACEMENT PARTS. All repairs, whether electrical or mechanical, should be made by a qualified service technician at a Sears store or repair center.
- WARNING: When servicing, use only identical Craftsman replacement parts. Use of any other parts may create a hazard or cause product damage.
- NEVER USE THIS TOOL IN AN EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERE. Normal sparking of the motor could ignite fumes.
- POLARIZED PLUGS. To reduce the risk of electric shock, this tool has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). This plug will fit in a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician to install the proper outlet. Do not change the plug in any way.
- IF ANY PART OF THIS MITER SAW IS MISSING or should break, bend, or fail in any way, or should any electrical component fail to perform properly, shut off the power switch, remove the miter saw plug from the power source and have damaged, missing, or failed parts replaced before resuming operation.
- DO NOT OPERATE THIS TOOL WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS, ALCOHOL, OR ANY MEDICATION.
- ALWAYS STAY ALERT! Do not allow familiarity (gained from frequent use of your saw) to cause a careless mistake. ALWAYS REMEMBER that a careless fraction of a second is sufficient to inflict severe injury.
- 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.
- 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 your saw.

- ALWAYS TURN OFF THE SAW before disconnecting it to avoid accidental starting when reconnecting to power supply. NEVER leave the saw unattended while connected to a power source.
- **NEVER** lift this tool by gripping the sliding miter
- AVOID direct eye exposure when using the laser quide.
- SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS. Refer to them frequently and use to instruct other users. If you loan someone this tool, loan them these instructions also.



▲ 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

- lead from lead-based paints.
- · crystalline silica from bricks and cement and other masonry products, and
- · arsenic and chromium from chemicallytreated 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.

### SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

## **GLOSSARY OF TERMS FOR WOODWORKING**

#### 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 miter table.

### Crosscut

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

### **Compound Miter Cut**

A compound miter cut is a cut made using a miter angle and a bevel angle at the same time.

### Freehand

Performing a cut without using a fence, miter gage. fixture, work clamp, or other proper device to keep the workpiece from twisting or moving during the cut.

#### Gum

A sticky, sap based residue from wood products.

#### Miter Cut

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

A sticky, sap base substance that has hardened.

### Revolutions Per Minute (RPM)

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

#### 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 sawblade tooth is bent (or set) outward from the face of the blade.

### Throw-Back

Throwing of a workpiece in a manner similar to a kickback. Usually associated with a cause other than the kerf closing, such as a workpiece not being against the fence, being dropped into the blade, or being placed inadvertently in contact with the blade.

### Through Sawing

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

#### Workpiece

The item on which the cutting operation is being done. The surfaces of a workpiece are commonly referred to as faces, ends, and edges.

### **Zero Clearance Throat Plate**

A plastic throat plate inserted in the miter table that allows for blade clearance. When you make your first cut with your compound miter saw, the saw blade cuts a slot through the throat plate the exact width of the blade. This provides for a zero clearance kerf that minimizes workpiece tear-out.

#### No Hands Zone

The area between the marked lines on the left and right side of the miter table base. This zone is identified by no hands zone labels placed inside the marked lines on the miter table base.

### PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Blade Diameter 10 in. Cutting Capacity with Miter at 0°/Bevel 0°:

Blade Arbor 5/8 in. 5-7/16 in. wide x 2-9/16 in. thick

No Load Speed 5000 RPM 3-1/2 in. thick x 4 in. wide

Rating 15 Amperes Maximum Cutting Capacity with Miter at 45°/Bevel 0°: Input 120 Volts, 60 Hz, AC Only 3-7/8 in. wide x 2-9/16 in. thick

Net Weight 32 lbs. Maximum Cutting Capacity with Miter at 0°/Bevel 45°:

5-7/16 in. wide x 1-9/16 in. thick

Maximum Cutting Capacity with Miter at 45°/Bevel 45°:

3-7/8 in. wide x 1-1/2 in. thick

### **UNPACKING**

Your Compound Miter Saw has been shipped completely assembled except for the blade, miter lock handle, laser, and dust guide.



**WARNING:** If any parts are missing, do not operate this tool until the missing parts are replaced. Failure to do so could result in possible serious personal injury.

- Remove all loose parts from the carton. Separate and check with the list of loose parts. See Figure 2.
- Remove the packing materials from around your saw.
- Carefully lift saw from the carton and place it on a level work surface. This saw is heavy. To avoid back injury, get help when needed.

- Do not discard the packing materials until you have carefully inspected the saw, identified all loose parts, and satisfactorily operated your new saw.
- Your saw has been shipped with the saw arm secured in the down position. To release the saw arm, push down on top of saw arm and cut the tie-wrap.
- Lift the saw arm by the handle. Hand pressure should remain on the saw arm to prevent sudden rise upon release of the tie wrap.
- Examine all parts to make sure no breakage or damage has occurred during shipping.

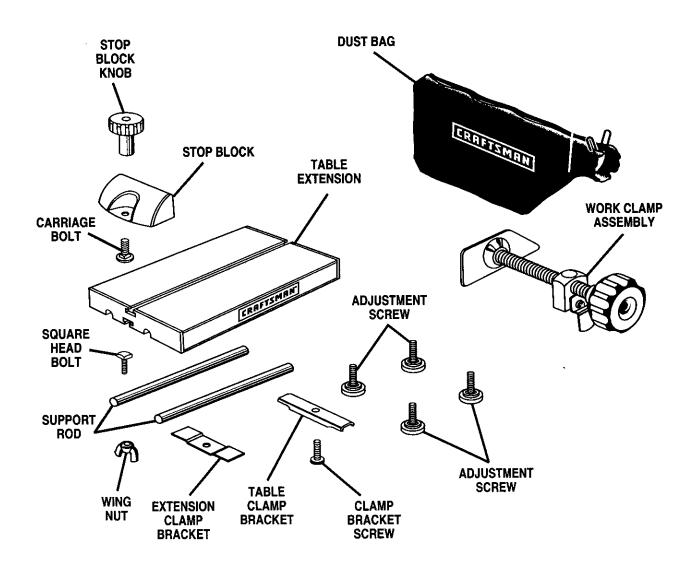
If any parts are damaged or missing, do not attempt to plug in the power cord and turn the switch on until the damaged or missing parts are obtained and are installed correctly.

## **ACCESSORY LIST**

The following accessories are included with your Compound Miter Saw:

- Dust Bag
- Table Extensions (1)
- Support Rod (2)
- Stop Block
- Stop Block Knob
- Wing Nut
- Work Clamp Assembly

- Table Clamp Bracket
- Extension Clamp Bracket
- Square Head Bolt (1)
- Clamp Bracket Screw (1)
- Carriage Bolt (1)
- Adjustment Screw (4)

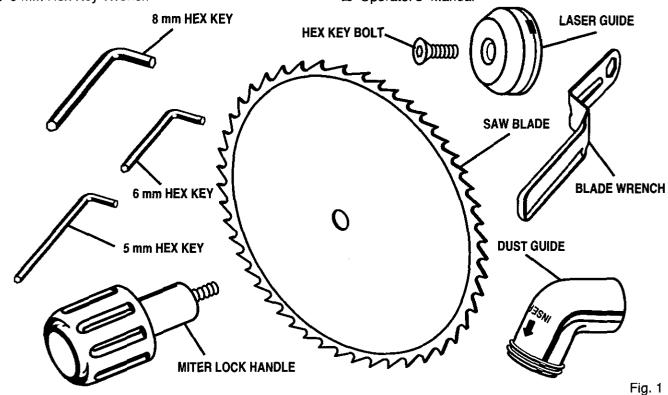


## **LOOSE PARTS LIST**

The following items are included with your Compound Miter Saw:

- Saw Blade 10 in.
- Miter Lock Handle
- Dust Guide
- Blade Wrench
- 5 mm Hex Key Wrench

- 6 mm Hex Key Wrench
- 8 mm Hex Key Wrench
- Laser Guide
- Hex Key Bolt
- Operator's Manual

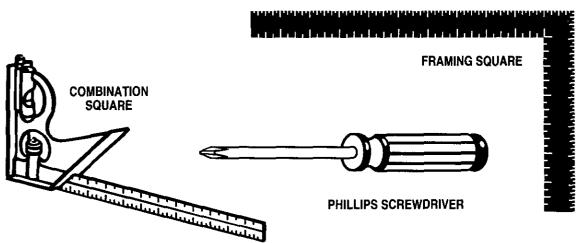


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**WARNING:** The use of attachments or accessories not listed might be hazardous and could cause serious personal injury.

## **TOOLS NEEDED**

The following tools (not included) are needed for checking adjustments of your saw or for installing the blade:



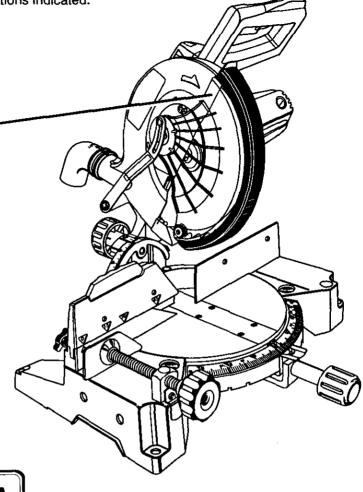
### **LABELS**

The following labels are on the miter saw with locations indicated.

### **AWARNING:**

**FAILURE TO RESTORE LOWER GUARD** AND TIGHTEN SCREW MAY RESULT IN A SERIOUS INJURY

> **DANGER: DO NOT REMOVE** ANY GUARD, USE OF SAW WITHOUT THIS GUARD WILL RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY.



## **A WARNING / ADVERTENCIA**

- · For your safety, read owners manual before operating miter saw.
- · Wear eye protection.
- · Keep hands out of path of saw blade.
- · Do not operate saw without guards in place.
- · Do not perform any operation freehand.
- · Never reach around the saw blade.
- . Turn off tool and wait for saw blade to stop before moving workpiece or changing settings.
- · Disconnect the saw from the power source before changing blade or servicing.
- · Do not expose to rain or use in damp places.
- · Para su seguridad, lea el manual del usuario antes de usar la sierra ingletadora.

## 10 inch Compound Miter Saw

DOUBLE INSULATED 5,000 RPM 120 VOLTS 60 Hz AC ONLY 15 A

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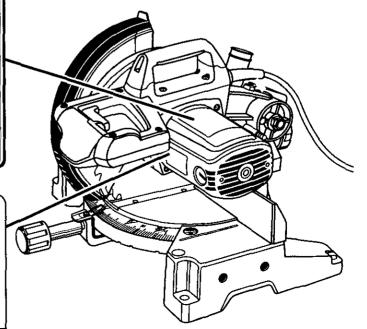


Fig. 2

### **FEATURES**

### **KNOW YOUR COMPOUND MITER SAW**

See Figure 3.

Before attempting to use your saw, familiarize yourself with all operating features and safety requirements.



**WARNING:** Do not allow familiarity with your saw to make you careless. Remember that a careless fraction of a second is sufficient to inflict severe injury.

### 15 AMP MOTOR

Your saw has a powerful 15 amp motor with sufficient power to handle tough cutting jobs. It is made with all ball bearings, and has externally accessible brushes for ease of servicing.

### 10 in, BLADE

A 10 in. saw blade is included with your compound miter saw. It will cut materials up to 2-9/16 in. thick or 5-7/16 in. wide, depending upon the angle at which the cut is being made.

### **CUTTING CAPACITIES**

When the miter angle (miter table) is set at 0° and the bevel angle is set at 0°:

Your saw will cut materials up to a maximum of 5-7/16 in. wide x 2-9/16 in. thick.

It will cut materials up to a maximum thickness of 3-1/2 in. thick x 4 in. wide.

When the miter angle (miter table) is set at 45° and the bevel angle is set at 0°:

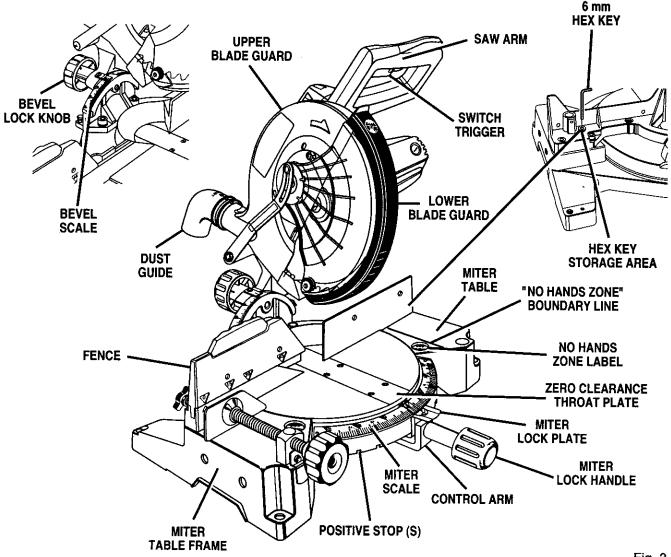
Your saw will cut materials up to a maximum of 3-7/8 in. wide x 2-9/16 in. thick.

When the miter angle (miter table) is set at 0° and the bevel angle is set at 45°:

Your saw will cut materials up to a maximum of 5-7/16 in. wide x 1-9/16 in. thick.

When the miter angle (miter table) is set at 45° and the bevel angle is set at 45°:

Your saw will cut materials up to a maximum of 3-7/8 in. wide x 1-1/2 in. thick.

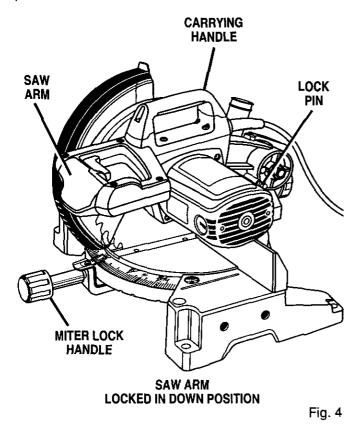


## **FEATURES**

### **CARRYING HANDLE**

See Figure 4.

For convenience when carrying or transporting your miter saw from one place to another, a carrying handle has been provided on top of the saw arm as shown in figure 4. To transport, turn off and unplug your saw, then lower the saw arm and lock it in the down position. Lock saw arm by depressing the lock pin.



### MITER LOCK HANDLE

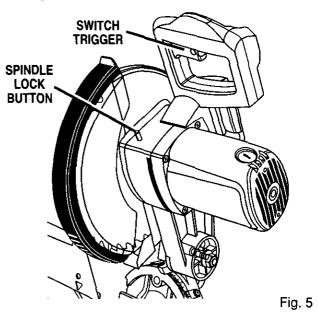
See Figure 4.

The miter lock handle securely locks your saw at desired miter angles.

### SPINDLE LOCK BUTTON

See Figure 5.

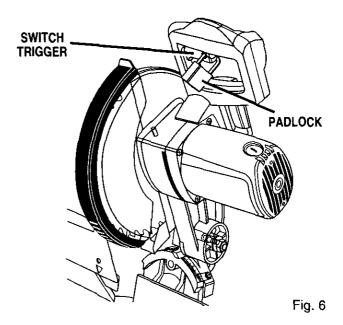
A spindle lock button has been provided for locking the spindle which keeps the blade in your saw from rotating. Depress and hold the lock button while installing, changing, or removing blade only.



### TRIGGER LOCK

See Figure 6.

To prevent unauthorized use of your compound miter saw, we suggest that you disconnect it from the power supply and lock the switch in the off position. To lock the switch, install a padlock through the hole in the switch trigger. A lock with a long shackle up to 13/64 in. diameter may be used. When the lock is installed and locked, the switch is inoperable. Store the padlock key in another location.



### **FEATURES**

### **POSITIVE STOPS ON MITER TABLE**

Positive stops have been provided at 0°, 22-1/2° and 45°. The 22-1/2° and 45° positive stops have been provided on both the left and right side of the miter table.

### **BEVEL LOCK KNOB**

The bevel lock knob securely locks your compound miter saw at desired bevel angles. Positive stop adjustment screws have been provided on each side of the saw arm. These adjustment screws are for making fine adjustments at 0° and 45°. See pages 17 and 18.

### **ELECTRIC BRAKE**

An electric brake has been provided to quickly stop blade rotation after the switch is released.

### **MITER FENCE**

The miter fence on your compound miter saw has been provided to hold your workpiece securely against when making all cuts; the left side is also larger providing additional support. It has a sliding feature for clearance of the saw arm when making bevel or compound cuts.

Loosen the fence screw before attempting to slide the miter fence. Once the desired position of the miter fence is determined, tighten the fence screw to secure the sliding fence.

## SELF-RETRACTING LOWER BLADE GUARD

The lower blade guard is made of shock-resistant, see-through plastic that provides protection from each side of the blade. It retracts over the upper blade guard as the saw is lowered into the workpiece.

### **MOUNTING HOLES**

See Figure 7.

Your compound miter saw should be permanently mounted to a firm supporting surface such as a workbench. Four bolt holes have been provided in the saw 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.

The hole pattern for an 18 in. x 24 in. workbench is shown in Figure 7. 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.

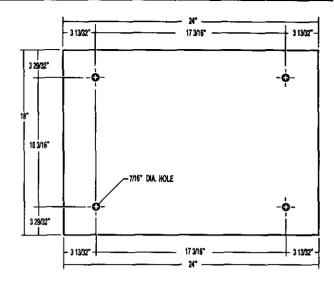


Fig. 7

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**WARNING:** Always make sure your compound miter saw is securely mounted to a workbench or an approved workstand. Failure to do so could result in an accident resulting in possible serious personal injury.

### **ELECTRICAL CONNECTION**

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



WARNING: The operation of any saw can result in foreign objects being thrown into your eyes, which can result in severe eye damage. Before starting power tool operation, always wear safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields and a full face shield when needed. We recommend wide vision safety mask for use over eyeglasses or standard safety glasses with side shields.



**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.

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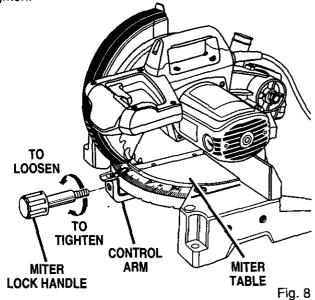
**WARNING:** To prevent accidental starting that could cause possible serious personal injury, assemble all parts to your saw before connecting it to power supply. Saw should never be connected to power supply when you are assembling parts, making adjustments, installing or removing blades, or when not in use.

As mentioned previously your saw has been factory assembled and adjusted. The miter lock handle, dust guide, dust bag, and blade are the only parts that have to be installed.

### MITER LOCK HANDLE

See Figure 8.

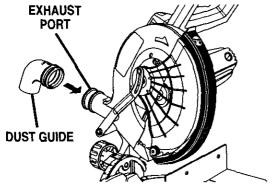
To install the miter lock handle, place the threaded stud on the end of the miter lock handle into the threaded hole in the control arm. Turn clockwise to tighten.



### **DUST GUIDE**

See Figure 9.

To install the dust guide, place the end marked **INSERT** over the exhaust port in the upper blade guard. Turn the guide so that the open end is facing down or toward the rear of the saw.



### Fig. 9

### TO INSTALL BLADE

See Figures 10, 11, and 12.



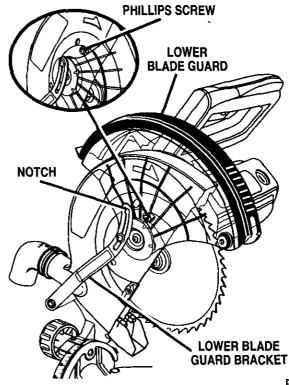
WARNING: A 10 in. blade is the maximum blade capacity of your saw. Never use a blade that is too thick to allow outer blade washer to engage with the flats on the spindle. Larger blades will come in contact with the blade guards, while thicker blades will prevent the blade screw from securing the blade on the spindle. Either of these situations could result in a serious accident and can cause serious personal injury.

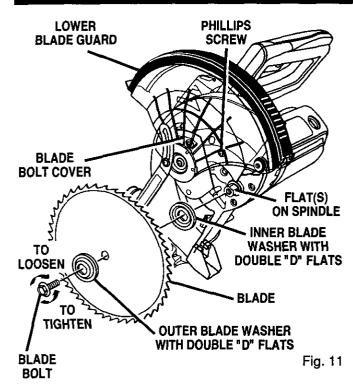
Unplug your saw.



**WARNING**: Failure to unplug your saw could result in accidental starting causing possible serious personal injury.

- Push down on the saw arm and pull out the lock pin to release saw arm. Raise saw arm to its full raised position. Be cautious, saw arm is spring loaded to raise.
- Loosen the phillips screw on the blade bolt cover until blade bolt cover can be raised. See Figure 10 and 11.
- Gently raise the lower blade guard bracket, releasing lower blade guard from notch so that lower blade guard and blade bolt cover can be rotated up and back to expose the blade bolt. See Figures 10 and 11.





- Depress the spindle lock button and rotate the blade bolt until the spindle locks. See Figure 12.
- Using the blade wrench provided, loosen and remove the blade bolt.

**Note:** The blade bolt has left hand threads. Turn blade bolt clockwise to loosen.

Remove outer blade washer. Do not remove inner blade washer.

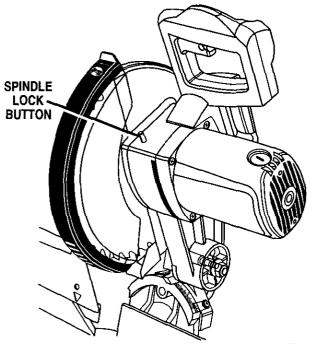


Fig. 12

■ Wipe a drop of oil onto inner blade washer and outer blade washer where they contact the blade.



**WARNING:** If inner blade washer has been removed, replace it before placing blade on spindle. Failure to do so could cause an accident since blade will not tighten properly.

■ Fit saw blade inside lower blade guard and onto the inner blade washer. The blade teeth point downward at the front of saw as shown in figure 11.



**CAUTION:** Always install the blade with the blade teeth and the arrow printed on the side of the blade pointing down at the front of the saw. The direction of blade rotation is also stamped with an arrow on the upper blade guard.

- Replace outer blade washer. The double "D" flats on the blade washers align with the flats on the spindle.
- Depress spindle lock button and replace blade bolt.

  Note: The blade bolt has left hand threads. Turn blade bolt counterclockwise to tighten.
- Tighten blade bolt securely.
- Remove the blade wrench and store it in a safe place for future use.
- Replace the lower blade guard and blade bolt cover.
- Retighten phillips screw securing blade bolt cover. Tighten screw securely. See Figure 11.



WARNING: To prevent damage to the spindle lock, always allow motor to come to a complete stop before engaging spindle lock. Make sure the spindle lock button is not engaged before reconnecting saw to power source.

Your compound miter 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. After unpacking your saw, check the following adjustments before you begin using saw. Make any readjustments that are necessary and periodically check the parts alignment to make sure that your saw is cutting accurately.



**WARNING:** Your saw should never be connected to power supply when you are assembling parts, making adjustments, installing or removing blades, or when not in use. Disconnecting your saw will prevent accidental starting that could cause serious injury.

**Note:** Many of the illustrations in this manual show only portions of your compound miter saw. This is intentional so that we can clearly show points being made in the illustrations. Never operate your saw without all guards securely in place and in good operating condition.

## SQUARING THE MITER TABLE TO THE FENCE

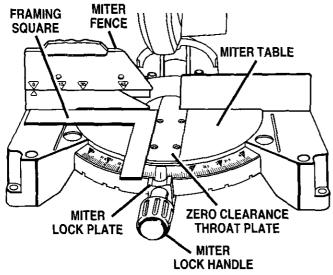
See Figures 13 - 16.

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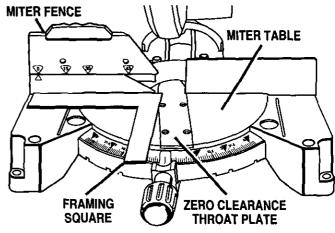


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- Push down on the saw arm and pull out the lock pin to release the saw arm.
- Raise saw arm to its full raised position.
- Loosen the miter lock handle approximately onehalf turn.
- Raise the miter lock plate and rotate the miter table until the pointer on the control arm is positioned at 0°.
- Release the miter lock plate and securely tighten the miter lock handle.
- Lay a framing square flat on the miter table. Place one leg of the square against the fence. Place the other leg of the square beside the zero clearance throat plate in the miter table. The edge of the square and the zero clearance throat plate in the miter table should be parallel as shown in figure 13.
- If the edge of the framing square and the zero clearance throat plate in the miter table are not parallel as shown in figures 14 and 15, adjustments are needed.

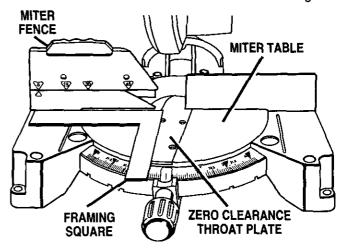


VIEW OF MITER TABLE SQUARE WITH FENCE AND CORRECTLY ADJUSTED Fig. 13



VIEW OF MITER TABLE NOT SQUARE WITH FENCE, ADJUSTMENTS ARE REQUIRED

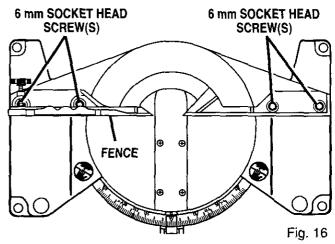
Fig. 14



VIEW OF MITER TABLE NOT SQUARE WITH FENCE, ADJUSTMENTS ARE REQUIRED

Fig. 15

- Using a 6 mm key, loosen the socket head screws securing the fence. See Figure 16. Pivot the fence until the framing square and zero clearance throat plate are perpendicular.
- Retighten the screws securely and recheck the fence-to-table alignment.



## SQUARING THE SAW BLADE TO THE FENCE

See Figures 17 - 20.

Unplug your saw.

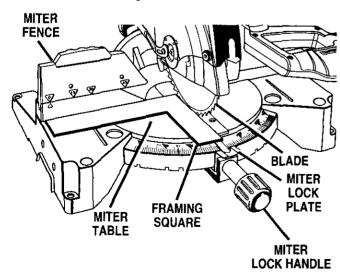


**WARNING**: Failure to unplug your saw could result in accidental starting causing possible serious personal injury.

- Pull the saw arm all the way down and engage the lock pin to hold the saw arm in transport position.
- Loosen the miter lock handle approximately onehalf turn.
- Raise the miter lock plate and rotate the miter table until the pointer on the control arm is positioned at 0°.
- Release the miter lock plate and securely tighten the miter lock handle.
- Lay a framing square flat on the miter table. Place one leg of the square against the fence. Slide the other leg of the square against the flat part of saw blade.

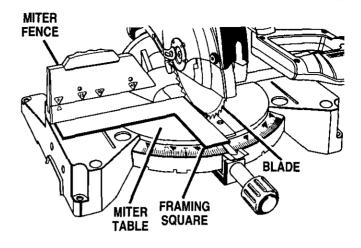
**Note:** Make sure that the square contacts the flat part of the saw blade, not the blade teeth.

- The edge of the square and the saw blade should be parallel as shown in figure 17.
- If the front or back edge of the saw blade angles away from the square as shown in figures 18 and 19, adjustments are needed.
- Using the 8 mm hex key provided, loosen the socket head screws that secure the mounting bracket to the miter table. See Figure 20.
- Rotate the mounting bracket left or right until the saw blade is parallel with the square.
- Retighten the screws securely and recheck the blade-to-fence alignment.



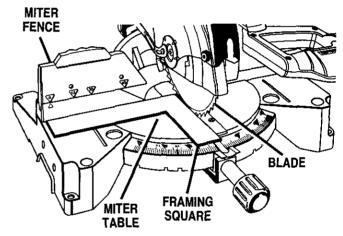
VIEW OF BLADE SQUARE WITH FENCE

Fig. 17



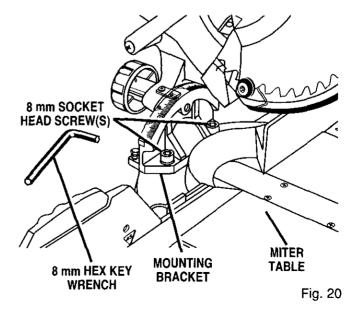
VIEW OF BLADE NOT SQUARE WITH FENCE, ADJUSTMENTS ARE REQUIRED

Fig. 18



VIEW OF BLADE NOT SQUARE WITH FENCE, ADJUSTMENTS ARE REQUIRED

Fig. 19



## SQUARING THE BLADE TO THE MITER TABLE

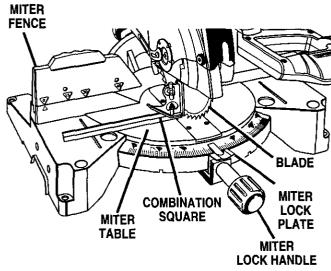
See Figures 21-24.

■ Unplug your saw.



**WARNING**: Failure to unplug your saw could result in accidental starting causing possible serious personal injury.

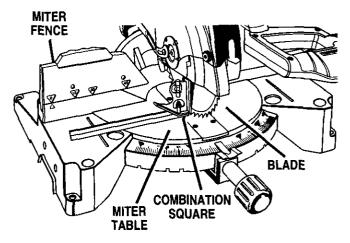
- Pull the saw arm all the way down and engage the lock pin to hold the saw arm in transport position.
- Loosen the miter lock handle approximately onehalf turn.
- Raise the miter lock plate and rotate the miter table until the pointer on the control arm is positioned at 0°.
- Release the miter lock plate and securely tighten the miter lock handle.
- Loosen bevel lock knob and set saw arm at 0° bevel (blade set 90° to miter table). Tighten bevel lock knob.
- Place a combination square against the miter table and the flat part of saw blade.
  - **Note:** Make sure that the square contacts the flat part of the saw blade, not the blade teeth.
- Rotate the blade by hand and check the blade-totable alignment at several points.
- The edge of the square and the saw blade should be parallel as shown in figure 21.



CORRECT VIEW OF BLADE SQUARE WITH MITER TABLE

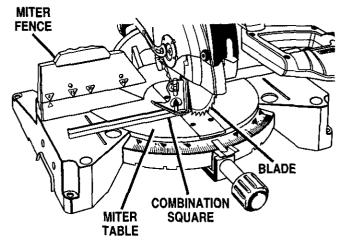
Fig. 21

If the top or bottom of the saw blade angles away from the square as shown in figures 22 and 23, adjustments are needed.



VIEW OF BLADE NOT SQUARE WITH MITER TABLE, ADJUSTMENTS ARE REQUIRED

Fig. 22



VIEW OF BLADE NOT SQUARE WITH MITER TABLE, ADJUSTMENTS ARE REQUIRED

Fig. 23

- Using a 10 mm wrench or adjustable wrench, loosen the lock nut securing positive stop adjustment screw. Also loosen bevel lock knob.
- Adjust positive stop adjustment screw to bring saw blade into alignment with the square. See Figures 24 and 25.

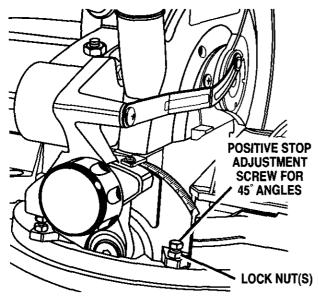


Fig. 24

■ Retighten bevel lock knob. Next, retighten lock nut securing the positive stop adjustment screw. Recheck blade-to-table alignment.

**Note:** The above procedure can be used to check blade squareness of the saw blade to the miter table at both 0° and 45° angles.

Your saw has three scale indicators, two on either side of the bevel scale and one on the miter scale. After squaring adjustments have been made, it may be necessary to loosen the indicators screws and reset them to zero.

## CUTTING A SLOT IN THE ZERO CLEARANCE THROAT PLATE

In order to use your compound miter saw, you must cut a slot through the zero clearance throat plate to allow for blade clearance. To cut the slot, set your saw at 0° miter, turn saw on and allow the blade to reach full speed, then carefully make a straight cut as far as it will go through the throat plate. Turn your saw off and allow the blade to come to a complete stop before raising the saw arm.

Note: Fence must be moved to 45° position.

Next, adjust the bevel angle to 45°, turn your saw on and allow the blade to reach full speed, then carefully make another cut through the zero clearance throat plate. The slot in the throat plate will then be wide enough to allow the blade to pass through it at any angle from 0° to 45°.

#### **PIVOT ADJUSTMENTS**

**Note:** These adjustments were made at the factory and normally do not require readjustment.

### TRAVEL PIVOT ADJUSTMENT

- The saw arm should rise completely to the up position by itself.
- If the saw arm does not raise by itself or if there is play in the pivot joints, have saw repaired by a qualified service technician at your nearest Sears store or repair center to avoid risk of personal injury.

### BEVEL PIVOT ADJUSTMENT

- Your compound miter saw should bevel easily by loosening the bevel lock knob and tilting the saw arm to the left.
- If movement is tight or if there is play in the pivot, have saw repaired by a qualified service technician at your nearest Sears store or repair center to avoid risk of personal injury.

### **DEPTH STOP**

The depth stop limits the blade's downward travel. It allows the blade to go below the miter table enough to maintain full cutting capacities. The depth stop positions the blade 1/4 in. from the miter table support.

**Note:** The miter table support is located inside miter table.

The depth stop is factory set to provide maximum cutting capacity for the 10 in. saw blade provided with your saw. Therefore, the saw blade provided should never need adjustments.

However, when the diameter of the blade has been reduced due to sharpening, it may be necessary to adjust the depth stop to provide maximum cutting capacity. Also, when a new blade is installed, it is necessary to check the clearance of the blade to the miter table support before starting the saw. Make adjustments if needed.

### **DEPTH STOP ADJUSTMENTS**

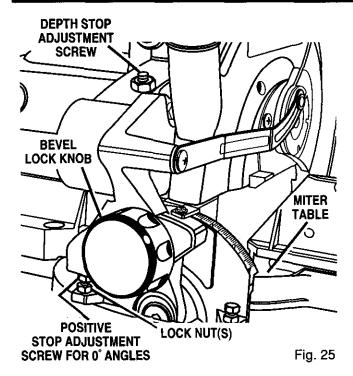
See Figure 25.

Unplug your saw.



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- To adjust the depth stop use a 17 mm wrench or adjustable wrench and loosen the hex nut at the rear of the miter saw arm.
- Use the 5 mm hex key wrench provided to adjust the depth stop adjustment screw. The saw blade is lowered by turning the screw counter-clockwise and raised by turning the screw clockwise.



- Lower the blade into the zero clearance throat plate of the miter table. Check blade clearance and maximum cutting distance (distance from fence where blade enters) to front of miter table slot.
- Readjust if necessary.
- warning: Do not start your compound miter saw without checking for interference between the blade and the miter table support. Damage could result to the blade if it strikes the miter
- Tighten the hex nut with a 17 mm wrench or adjustable wrench.

table support during operation of the saw.

■ To prevent the depth stop adjustment screw from turning while tightening the hex nut, carefully hold it with the hex key wrench while tightening the hex nut.

### **APPLICATIONS**

(Use only for the purposes listed below)

- Cross cutting wood and plastic.
- Cross cutting miters, joints, etc. for picture frames, moldings, door casings, and fine joinery.

**Note:** The blade provided is fine for most wood cutting operations, but for fine joinery cuts or cutting plastic, use one of the accessory blades available from your nearest Sears store.



WARNING: Before starting any cutting operation, clamp or bolt your compound miter saw to a workbench. Never operate your miter saw on the floor or in a crouched position. Failure to heed this warning can result in serious personal injury.

## CUTTING WITH YOUR COMPOUND MITER SAW



WARNING: When using a work clamp or C-clamp to secure your workpiece, clamp workpiece on one side of the blade only. The workpiece must remain free on one side of the blade to prevent the blade from binding in workpiece. The workpiece binding the blade will cause motor stalling and kickback. This situation could cause an accident resulting in possible serious personal injury.

### **CROSSCUTTING**

See Figure 26.

A crosscut is made by cutting across the grain of the workpiece. A straight crosscut is made with the miter table set at the 0° position. Miter crosscuts are made with the miter table set at some angle other than zero.

### TO CROSSCUT WITH YOUR MITER SAW

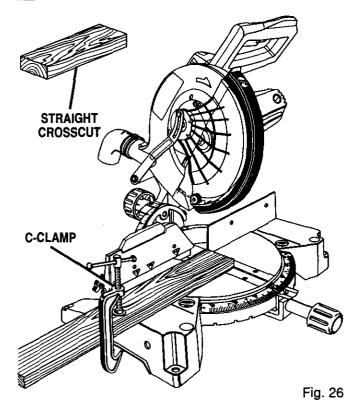
- Pull out the lock pin and lift saw arm to its full height.
- Loosen the miter lock handle. Rotate the miter lock handle approximately one-half turn to the left to loosen.
- Press the miter lock plate down with your thumb and hold.
- Rotate the control arm until the pointer aligns with the desired angle on the miter scale.
- Release the miter lock plate.

**Note:** You can quickly locate 0°, 22-1/2° left or right, and 45° left or right by releasing the lock plate as you rotate the control arm. The lock plate will seat itself in one of the positive stop notches, located in the miter table frame.

Tighten the miter lock handle securely.



**WARNING:** To avoid serious personal injury, always tighten the miter lock handle securely before making a cut. Failure to do so could result in movement of the control arm or miter table while making a cut.



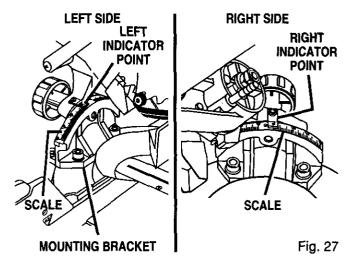
- Place the workpiece flat on the miter table with one edge securely against the fence. If the board is warped, place the convex side against the fence. If the concave edge of a board is placed against the fence, the board could collapse on the blade at the end of the cut, jamming the blade. See Figures 33 and 34.
- When cutting long pieces of lumber or molding, support the opposite end of the stock with a roller stand or with a work surface level with the saw table.
- Align cutting line on the workpiece with the edge of saw blade.
- Grasp the stock firmly with one hand and secure it against the fence. Use the work clamp or a Cclamp to secure the workpiece when possible. See Figure 26.
- **WARNING:** To avoid serious personal injury, keep your hands outside the no hands zone (red lines); at least 3 in. from blade. Never perform any cutting operation freehand (without holding workpiece against the fence). The blade could grab the workpiece if it slips or twists.
- Before turning on the saw, perform a dry run of the cutting operation just to make sure that no problems will occur when the cut is made.
- Grasp the saw handle firmly, then squeeze the switch trigger. Allow several seconds for the blade to reach maximum speed.

- Slowly lower the blade into and through the workpiece. See Figure 26.
- Release the switch trigger and allow the saw blade to stop rotating before raising the blade out of workpiece. Wait until the electric brake stops blade from turning before removing the workpiece from the miter table.

### **BEVEL CUT**

See Figures 27 and 28.

A bevel cut is made by cutting across the grain of the workpiece with the blade angled to the workpiece. A straight bevel cut is made with the miter table set at the zero degree position and the blade set at an angle between 0° and 45°.

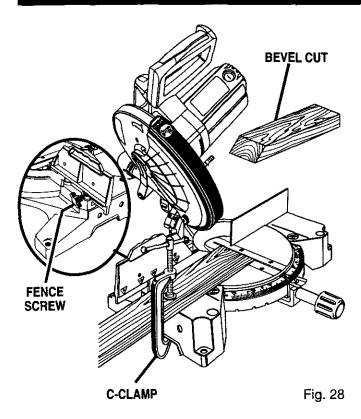


### TO BEVEL CUT WITH YOUR MITER SAW:

- Pull out the lock pin and lift saw arm to its full height.
- Loosen the miter lock handle. Rotate the miter lock handle approximately one-half turn to the left to loosen.
- Lift the miter lock plate to disengage.
- Rotate the control arm until the pointer aligns with zero on the miter scale.
- Release the miter lock plate.
  - **Note:** You can quickly locate zero by releasing the lock plate as you rotate the control arm. The lock plate will seat itself in one of the built-in positive stop notches, located in the miter table frame.
- Tighten the miter lock handle securely.

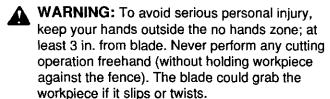


**WARNING:** To avoid serious personal injury, always tighten the miter lock handle securely before making a cut. Failure to do so could result in movement of the control arm or miter table while making a cut.



- Adjustments of the miter fence must be made to correspond to the desired angle of the bevel cut **prior to tilting the saw arm.** The fence is marked for 15°, 30°, or 45°. Loosen the fence screw on the miter fence, slide the fence to the desired position, and retighten the fence screw. See Figure 28.
- The 45° triangle on the miter fence provides for the maximum clearance required for adjusting the miter saw's angle when making a bevel or compound cut.
- Loosen the bevel lock knob and move the saw arm to the left to the desired bevel angle.
- Bevel angles can be set from 0° to 45°.
- For your convenience there is a double scale located on the mounting bracket. See Figure 27. If one side becomes difficult to read as you move the saw arm to the left, simply refer to the other side. Align the indicator point for the side you choose with the desired angle.
- Once the saw arm has been set at the desired angle, securely tighten the bevel lock knob.
- Place the workpiece flat on the miter table with one edge securely against the fence. If the board is warped, place the convex side against the fence. If the concave edge of a board is placed against the fence, the board could collapse on the blade at the end of the cut, jamming the blade. See Figures 33 and 34.

- When cutting long pieces of lumber or molding, support the opposite end of the stock with a roller stand or with a work surface level with the saw table.
- Align the cutting line on the workpiece with the edge of saw blade.
- Grasp the stock firmly with one hand and secure it against the fence. Use the work clamp or a Cclamp to secure the workpiece when possible. See Figure 28.



- Before turning on the saw, perform a dry run of the cutting operation just to make sure that no problems will occur when the cut is made.
- Grasp the saw handle firmly, depress the palm pad, then squeeze the switch trigger. Allow several seconds for the blade to reach maximum speed.
- Slowly lower the blade into and through the workpiece. See Figure 28.
- Release the switch trigger and allow the saw blade to stop rotating before raising the blade out of workpiece. Wait until the electric brake stops blade from turning before removing the workpiece from miter table.

### COMPOUND MITER CUT

A compound miter cut is a cut made using a miter angle and a bevel angle at the same time. This type of cut is used to make picture frames, cut molding, make boxes with sloping sides, and for certain roof framing cuts.

To make this type of cut the control arm on the miter table must be rotated to the correct angle and the saw arm must be tilted to the correct bevel angle. Care should always be taken when making compound miter setups due to the interaction of the two angle settings.

Adjustments of miter and bevel settings are interdependent with one another. Each time you adjust the miter setting you change the effect of the bevel setting. Also, each time you adjust the bevel setting you change the effect of the miter setting.

It may take several settings to obtain the desired cut. The first angle setting should be checked after setting the second angle, since adjusting the second angle affects the first.

Once the two correct settings for a particular cut have been obtained, always make a test cut in scrap material before making a finish cut in good material.

## TO MAKE A COMPOUND CUT WITH YOUR MITER SAW:

- Pull out the lock pin and lift saw arm to its full height.
- Loosen the miter lock handle. Rotate the miter lock handle approximately one-half turn to the left to loosen.
- Lift the miter lock plate to disengage.
- Rotate the control arm until the pointer aligns with the desired angle on the miter scale.
- Release the miter lock plate.
  - **Note:** You can quickly locate 0°, 15°, 22-1/2°, 31.62°, and 45° left or right by releasing the miter lock plate as you rotate the control arm. The miter lock plate will seat itself in one of the positive stop notches, located in miter table frame.
- Tighten the miter lock handle securely.



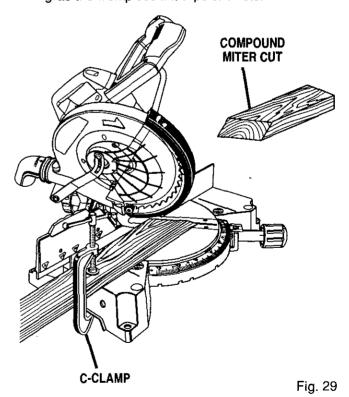
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- Loosen the bevel lock knob and move the saw arm to the left to the desired bevel angle.
- Bevel angles can be set from 0° to 45°.
- For your convenience there is a double scale located on the mounting bracket. See Figure 27. If one side becomes difficult to read as you move the saw arm to the left, simply refer to the other side. Align the indicator point for the side you choose with the desired angle.
- Once the saw arm has been set at the desired angle, securely tighten the bevel lock knob.
- Recheck miter angle setting. Make a test cut in scrap material.

- Place the workpiece flat on the miter table with one edge securely against the fence. If the board is warped, place the convex side against the fence. If the concave edge of a board could collapse on the blade at the end of the cut, jamming the blade. See Figures 33 and 34.
- When cutting long pieces of lumber or molding, support the opposite end of the stock with a roller stand or with a work surface level with the saw table. See Figure 31.
- Align the cutting line on the workpiece with the edge of saw blade.
- Grasp the stock firmly with one hand and secure it against the fence. Use the optional work clamp or a C-clamp to secure the workpiece when possible.



WARNING: To avoid serious personal injury, always keep your hands outside the no hands zone; at least 3 in. from blade. Never perform any cutting operation freehand (without holding workpiece against the fence). The blade could grab the workpiece if it slips or twists.



- Before turning on the saw, perform a dry run of the cutting operation just to make sure that no problems will occur when the cut is made.
- Grasp the saw handle firmly, then squeeze the switch trigger. Allow several seconds for the blade to reach maximum speed.
- Slowly lower the blade into and through the workpiece. See Figures 29 and 30.
- Release the switch trigger and allow the saw blade to stop rotating before raising the blade out of workpiece. Wait until the electric brake stops blade from turning before removing the workpiece from miter table.

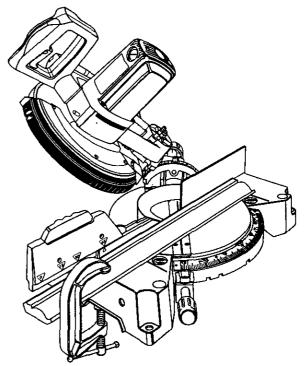
### SUPPORT LONG WORKPIECES

See Figure 31.

Long workpieces need extra supports. Supports should be placed along the workpiece so it does not sag. The support should let the workpiece lay flat on the base of the saw and work table during the cutting operation. Use the work clamp or a C-clamp to secure the workpiece.



**WARNING:** To avoid serious personal injury, always keep your hands outside the no hands zone; at least 3 in. from blade. Never perform any cutting operation freehand (without holding workpiece against the fence). The blade could grab the workpiece if it slips or twists.



45° x 45° COMPOUND MITER CUT

Fig. 30

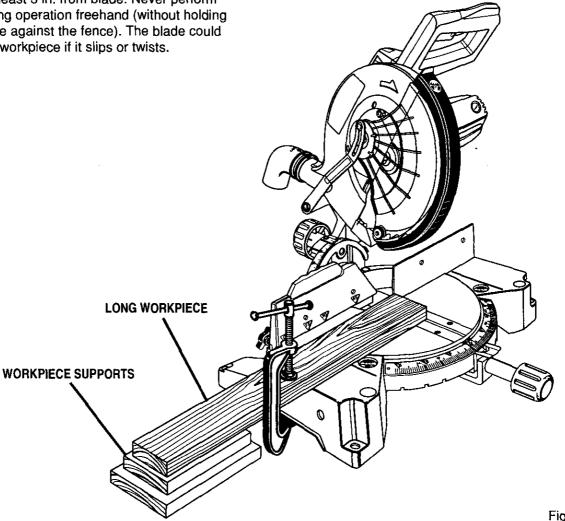


Fig. 31

### **CUTTING COMPOUND MITERS**

To aid in making the correct settings, the compound angle setting chart below has been provided. Since compound cuts are the most difficult to accurately obtain, trial cuts should be made in scrap material, and much thought and planning made, prior to making your required cut.

PITCH	NUMBER OF SIDES						
OF SIDE	4	5	6	7	88	9	10
0°	M- 45.00°	M- 36.00°	M- 30.00°	M- 25.71°	M- 22.50°	M- 20.00°	M- 18.00°
	B- 0.00°	B- 0.00°	B- 0.00°	B- 0.00°	B- 0.00°	B- 0.00°	B- 0.00°
5°	M- 44.89°	M- 35.90°	M- 29.91°	M- 25.63°	M- 22.42°	M- 19.93°	M- 17.94°
	B- 3.53°	B- 2.94°	B2.50°	B- 2.17°	B- 1.91°	B- 1.71°	B- 1.54°
10°	M- 44.56°	M- 35.58°	M- 29.62°	M- 25.37°	M- 22.19°	M- 19.72°	M- 17.74°
	B- 7.05°	B- 5,86°	B- 4.98°	B- 4.32°	B 3.81°	B- 3.40°	B 3.08°
15°	M- 44.01°	M- 35.06°	M- 29.15°	M- 24.95°	M- 21.81°	M- 19.37°	M- 17.42°
	B- 10.55°	B- 8.75°	B- 7.44°	B- 6.45°	B 5.68°	B- 5.08°	B- 4.59°
20°	M- 43.22°	M- 34.32°	M- 28.48°	M- 24.35°	M- 21.27°	M- 18.88°	M- 16.98°
	B- 14.00°	B- 11.60°	B- 9.85°	B- 8.53°	B- 7.52°	B- 6.72°	B- 6.07°
25°	M- 42.19°	M- 33.36°	M- 27.62°	M- 23.56°	M- 20.58°	M- 18.26°	M- 16.41°
	B- 17.39°	B- 14.38°	B- 12.20°	B- 10.57°	B- 9.31°	B- 8.31°	B- 7.50°
30°	M- 40.89°	M- 32.18°	M- 26.57°	M- 22.64°	M- 19.73°	M- 17.50°	M- 15.72°
	B- 20.70°	B- 17.09°	B- 14.48°	B- 12.53°	B- 11.03°	B- 9.85°	B- 8.89°
35°	M- 39.32°	M- 30.76°	M- 25.31°	M- 21.53°	M- 18.74°	M- 16.60°	M- 14.90°
	B- 23.93°	B- 19.70°	B- 16.67°	B- 14.41°	B- 12.68°	B- 11.31°	B- 10.21°
40°	M- 37.45°	M- 29.10°	M- 23.86°	M- 20.25°	M- 17.60°	M- 15.58°	M- 13.98°
	B- 27.03°	B- 22.20°	B- 18.75°	B- 16.19°	B- 14.24°	B- 12.70°	B- 11.46°
45°	M- 35.26°	M- 27.19°	M- 22.21°	M- 18.80°	M- 16.32°	M- 14.43°	M- 12.94°
	B- 30.00°	B- 24.56°	B- 20.70°	B- 17.87°	B- 15.70°	B- 14.00°	B- 12.62°
50°	M- 32.73°	M- 25.03°	M- 20.36°	M- 17.20°	M- 14.91°	M- 13.17°	M- 11.80°
	B- 32.80°	B- 26.76°	B- 22.52°	B- 19.41°	B- 17.05°	B- 15.19°	B- 13.69°
55°	M- 29.84°	M- 22.62°	M- 18.32°	M- 15.44°	M- 13.36°	M- 11.79°	M- 10.56°
	B- 35.40°	B- 28.78°	B- 24.18°	B- 20.82°	B- 18.27°	B- 16.27°	B- 14.66°
60°	M- 26.57°	M- 19.96°	M- 16.10°	M- 13.54°	M- 11.70°	M- 10.31°	M- 9.23°
	B- 37.76°	B- 30.60°	B- 25.66°	B- 22.07°	B- 19.35°	B- 17.23°	B- 15.52°
65°	M- 22.91°	M- 17.07°	M- 13.71°	M- 11.50°	M- 9.93°	M- 8.74°	M- 7.82°
	B- 39.86°	B- 32.19°	B- 26.95°	B- 23.16°	B- 20.29°	B- 18.06°	B -16.26°
70°	M- 18.88°	M- 13.95°	M- 11.17°	M- 9.35°	M- 8.06°	M- 7.10°	M- 6.34°
	B- 41.64°	B- 33.53°	B- 28.02°	B- 24.06°	B- 21.08°	B- 18.75°	B- 16.88°
75°	M- 14.51°	M- 10.65°	M- 8.50°	M- 7.10°	M- 6.12°	M- 5.38°	M- 4.81°
	B- 43.08°	B- 34.59°	B- 28.88°	B- 24.78°	B- 21.69°	B- 19.29°	B- 17.37°
80°	M- 9.85°	M- 7.19°	M- 5.73°	M- 4.78°	M- 4.11°	M- 3.62°	M- 3.23°
	B- 44.14°	B- 35.37°	B- 29.50°	B- 25.30°	B- 22.14°	B- 19.68°	B- 17.72°
85°	M- 4.98°	M- 3.62°	M- 2.88°	M- 2.40°	M- 2.07°	M- 1.82°	M- 1.62°
	B- 44.78°	B- 35.84°	B- 29.87°	B- 25.61°	B- 22.41°	B- 19.92°	B- 17.93°
90°	M- 0.00°	M- 0.00°	M- 0.00°	M- 0.00°	M- 0.00°	M- 0.00°	M- 0.00°
	B- 45.00°	B- 36.00°	B- 30.00°	B- 25.71°	B- 22.50°	B- 20.00°	B- 18.00°

Each B (Bevel) and M (Miter) Setting is Given to the Closest 0.005°.

**COMPOUND-ANGLE SETTINGS FOR POPULAR STRUCTURES** 

### **CUTTING CROWN MOLDING**

Your compound miter saw does an excellent job of cutting crown molding. In general, compound miter saws do a better job of cutting crown molding than any other tool made.

In order to fit properly, crown molding must be compound mitered with extreme accuracy.

The two contact surfaces on a piece of crown molding that fit flat against the ceiling and the wall of a room are at angles that, when added together, equal exactly 90°. Most crown molding has a top rear angle (the section that fits flat against the ceiling) of 52° and a bottom rear angle (the section that fits flat against the wall) of 38°.

## LAYING MOLDING FLAT ON THE MITER TABLE

See Figure 32.

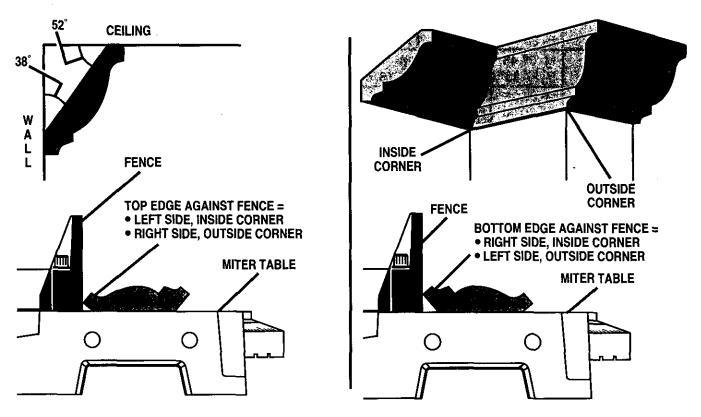
To use this method for accurately cutting crown molding for a 90° inside or outside corner, lay the molding with its broad back surface flat on the miter table and against the fence.

When setting the bevel and miter angles for compound miters, remember that the settings are interdependent; changing one angle changes the other angle as well.

Keep in mind that the angles for crown moldings are very precise and difficult to set. Since it is very easy for these angles to shift, all settings should first be tested on scrap molding. Also most walls do not have angles of exactly 90°, therefore, you will need to fine tune your settings.

When cutting crown molding by this method the bevel angle should be set at 33.85°. The miter angle should be set at 31.62° either right or left, depending on the desired cut for the application. See the chart below for correct angle settings and correct positioning of crown molding on miter table.

The settings in the chart below can be used for cutting All Standard (U.S.) crown molding with 52° and 38° angles. The crown molding is placed flat on the miter table using the compound features of your miter saw.



**CROWN MOLDING FLAT ON MITER TABLE** 

Fig. 32

Bevel Angle Setting	Type of Cut				
33.85°	Left side, inside corner 1. Top edge of molding against fence 2. Miter table set right 31.62° 3. Save left end of cut				
33.85°	Right side, inside corner  1. Bottom edge of molding against fence  2. Miter table set left 31.62°  3. Save left end of cut				
33.85°	Left side, outside corner  1. Bottom edge of molding against fence  2. Miter table set left 31.62°  3. Save right end of cut				
33.85°	Right side, outside corner 1. Top edge of molding against fence 2. Miter table set right 31.62° 3. Save right end of cut				

### **CUTTING WARPED MATERIAL**

See Figures 33 and 34.

When cutting warped material, always make sure it is positioned on the miter table with the convex side against the fence as shown in figure 33.

If the warped material is positioned the wrong way as shown in figure 34, it will pinch the blade near the completion of the cut.

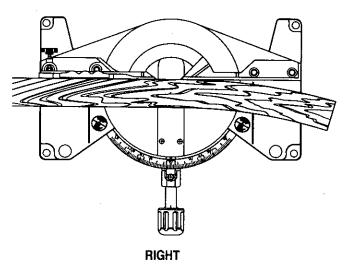
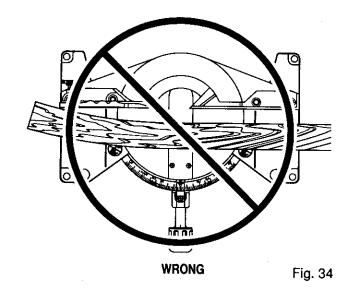


Fig. 33



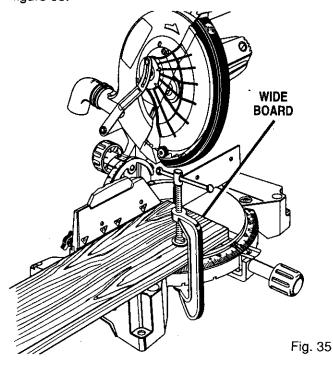
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**WARNING:** To avoid a kickback and to avoid serious personal injury, never position the concave edge of bowed or warped material against the fence.

### **CLAMPING WIDE WORKPIECES**

See Figure 35.

When cutting wide workpieces such as a 2 in. x 6 in., boards should be clamped with a C-clamp as shown in figure 35.



## LASER GUIDE

### MOUNTING THE LASER GUIDE

See Figure 36.

Unplug your saw.



**WARNING**: Failure to unplug your saw could result in accidental starting causing possible serious personal injury.

See "To Install Blade" in the adjustments section of this owner's manual.

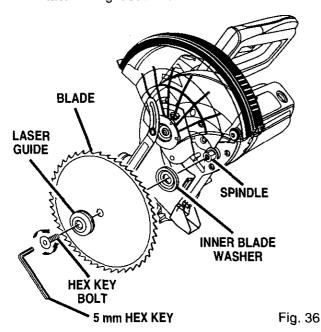
- Make sure inner blade washer is in place before positioning saw blade on the spindle of your saw. Note: The laser guide replaces the outer blade
  - washer.
- Place the laser guide onto the spindle, aligning the double "D" flats in the laser guide with the flats on the spindle.
- Position flat surface of laser guide against the blade. Warning labels are visible when laser guide is mounted properly.
- Depress spindle lock button and secure laser guide using only the special hex key bolt provided.

Note: The hex key bolt has left hand threads. Turn bolt counterclockwise to tighten.

- Using the 6 mm hex key provided with your saw, tighten bolt securely.
- Remove the 6 mm hex key and store it in a safe place for future use.
- Replace the lower blade guard and blade bolt
- Retighten phillips screw securing blade bolt cover. Tighten screw securely.



DANGER: Laser radiation. Avoid direct eye contact with light source.



### **OPERATION**

See Figure 37.

The laser guide will generate a red colored line on the work surface when the saw blade is spinning above 500 rpm. The red laser line will appear as a broken line on the workpiece when the blade assembly is in the uppermost position and the motor switch is activated. This broken line will let you see your mark and your laser guide line at the same time, and will assist you in lining up your mark for more accurate cutting of the workpiece.

### ALIGNMENT

Align the laser line and your mark with the blade at the uppermost position. Once both lines are in alignment, do not move the workpiece until after you have finished cutting.

As the blade assembly is lowered toward the workpiece, the broken line will become solid.

Make several practice cuts on different styles and thickness of material.

Follow the directions below for using your Laser Guide.

### Removing Your Mark:

Position the laser line near the left edge of your mark on the work surface in order to remove the mark.

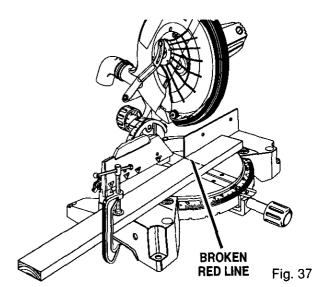
#### To Cut Your Mark:

Position the laser line near or over your mark on the work surface in order to cut the mark.

#### To Leave Your Mark:

Position the laser line near the right edge of your mark on the work surface in order to leave the mark.

After you have become familiar with using your Laser Guide, you will be able to remove, cut, or leave your mark on the work surface. Practice will teach you the correct position for aligning the laser line with your mark.



### LASER GUIDE

### CHANGING THE BATTERIES

See Figure 38.

Unplug your saw.



WARNING: Failure to unplug your saw could result in accidental starting causing possible serious personal injury.

Remove the laser guide from the saw. Lay laser guide on a flat surface with the two phillips screws facing upward. Remove the screws and separate the laser guide cover from the laser guide support.

Remove the three button cell batteries using a nonconductive device such as a toothpick.

Note: Replace the batteries with silver oxide batteries that have a rating of 1.5 volt and 180 mah (milliampere hour) minimum (Number 357 silver oxide only).

When replacing the batteries, the laser guide should be thoroughly cleaned. Use a soft paintbrush or similar device, to remove all sawdust and debris.

### Do not attempt to activate the laser.

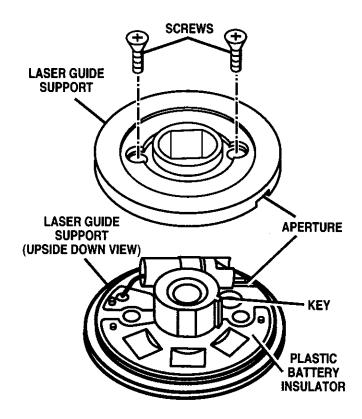
The laser is activated by means of a centrifugal switch only while the saw motor is running and the laser quide is mounted on the saw.

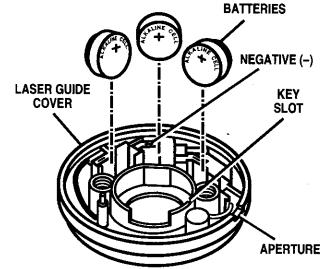
After cleaning laser guide and replacing batteries. secure laser guide cover to laser guide support using the two phillips head screws. For proper assembly, be sure to align the key on the laser guide cover with the key slot in the laser guide support. Tighten screws securely.

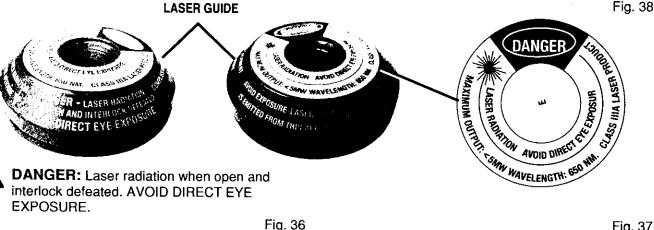
Note: Aperture in laser guide cover must be aligned with aperture in laser guide support.



CAUTION: Use of controls or adjustments or performance of procedures other than those specified herein may result in hazardous radiation exposure.







interlock defeated. AVOID DIRECT EYE EXPOSURE.

> Fig. 36 Fig. 37

## **MAINTENANCE**



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

### GENERAL

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, carbon dust, etc.



**WARNING:** Do not at any time let brake fluids, gasoline, petroleum-based products, penetrating oils, etc. come in contact with plastic parts. They contain chemicals that can damage, weaken or destroy plastic.

It has been found that electric tools are subject to accelerated wear and possible premature failure when they are used on fiberglass boats, sports cars, wallboard, spackling compounds, or plaster. The chips and grindings from these materials are highly abrasive to electric tool parts such as bearings, brushes, commutators, etc. Consequently, it is not recommended that this tool be used for extended work on any fiberglass material, wallboard, spackling compounds, or plaster. During any use on these materials it is extremely important that the tool is cleaned frequently by blowing with an air jet.

### 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.

### **EXTENSION CORDS**

The use of any extension cord will cause some loss of power. To keep the loss to a minimum and to prevent tool overheating, use an extension cord that is heavy enough to carry the current the tool will draw.

A wire gage size (A.W.G.) of at least 14 is recommended for an extension cord 25 feet or less in length. When working outdoors, use an extension cord that is suitable for outdoor use. The cord's jacket will be marked WA.



A CAUTION: Keep extension cords away from the cutting area and position the cord so that it will not get caught on lumber, tools, etc., during cutting operation.



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



**WARNING:** Always wear safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields during power tool operation or when blowing dust. If operation is dusty, also wear a dust mask.

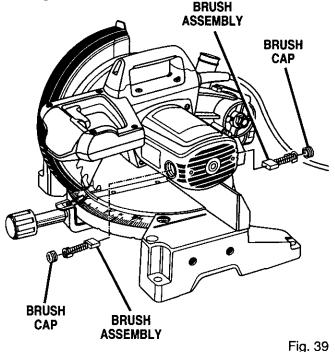
## **MAINTENANCE**

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**WARNING:** To ensure safety and reliability, all repairs — with the exception of the externally accessible brushes — should be performed by a qualified service technician at a Sears store to avoid risk of personal injury.

### **BRUSH REPLACEMENT**

See Figure 39.



Your saw has externally accessible brush assemblies that should be periodically checked for wear.

### Proceed as follows when replacement is required:

Unplug your saw.



**WARNING:** Failure to unplug your saw could result in accidental starting causing serious injury.

- Remove brush cap with a screwdriver. Brush assembly is spring loaded and will pop out when you remove brush cap.
- Remove brush assembly.
- Check for wear. Replace both brushes when either has less than 1/4 in. length of carbon remaining.
   Do not replace one side without replacing the other.
- Reassemble using new brush assemblies. Make sure curvature of brush matches curvature of motor and that brush moves freely in brush tube.
- Make sure brush cap is oriented correctly (straight) and replace.
- Tighten brush cap securely. Do not overtighten.

## **ACCESSORIES**

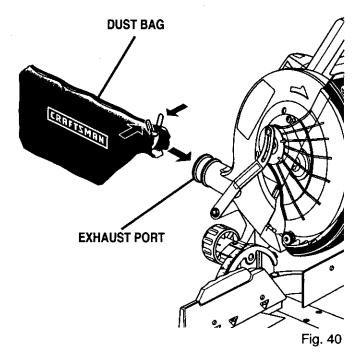


**WARNING:** To prevent accidental starting that could cause possible serious personal injury, assemble all accessories to your saw before connecting it to power supply. Saw should never be connected to power supply when you are assembling parts, making adjustments, installing or removing blades or accessories, or when not in use.

### **DUST BAG**

See Figure 40.

The dust bag fits over the exhaust port on the upper blade guard. To install it, remove the dust guide from the exhaust port. Then, squeeze the two metal clips to open the mouth of the bag and slide it on the exhaust port. Release the clips. The metal ring in the bag should lock in between the grooves on the exhaust port. For more efficient operation, empty dust bag when no more than half full. This will permit better air flow through the bag.



## **ACCESSORIES**

### TABLE EXTENSION

See Figures 41, 42, and 43.

The table extension can be used on either the right or left side of your miter saw. To assemble and install the table extension:

- Insert support rods into the two holes in the side of the miter saw base. See Figure 42.
- Position table clamp bracket under miter saw base between support rods and bottom of miter saw as shown in figure 42.
  - **Note:** Support rods must extend through the second set of holes in the miter saw base.
- Secure clamp bracket in place with the clamp bracket screw. The clamp bracket screw threads through the clamp bracket and tightens against the bottom of the miter saw base.
- Slide table extension on support rods.
- Slide square head bolt into middle slot then fit extension clamp bracket over bolt. Tighten with wing nut.
- Thread adjustment screws into support rods as shown in figure 41.

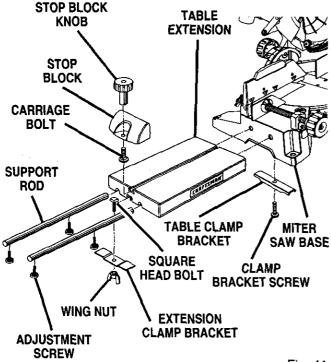
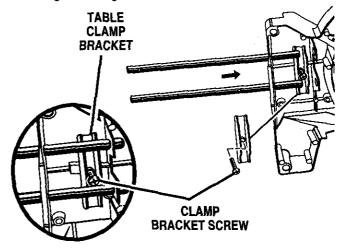


Fig. 41

### To Level the Miter Saw:

- Loosen wing nut.
- Place a level or other straight object across the miter saw base and table extension.
- Loosen or tighten the adjustment screws as needed until the extension table is at the same height and level with the miter saw table.
- Retighten wing nut.



SAW VIEWED FROM BELOW

Fig. 42

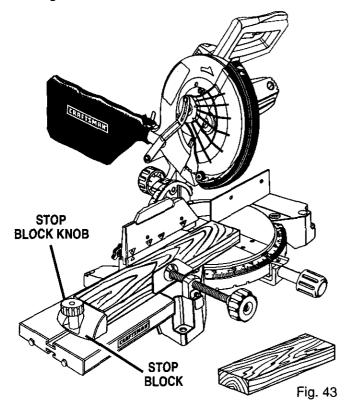
## **ACCESSORIES**

### **WORK CLAMP ASSEMBLY**

The work clamp assembly provides greater control by clamping the workpiece to the fence or the saw table. It also prevents the workpiece from creeping toward the saw blade. This is very helpful when cutting compound miters.

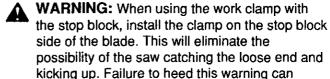
### STOP BLOCK

See Figures 41 and 43.

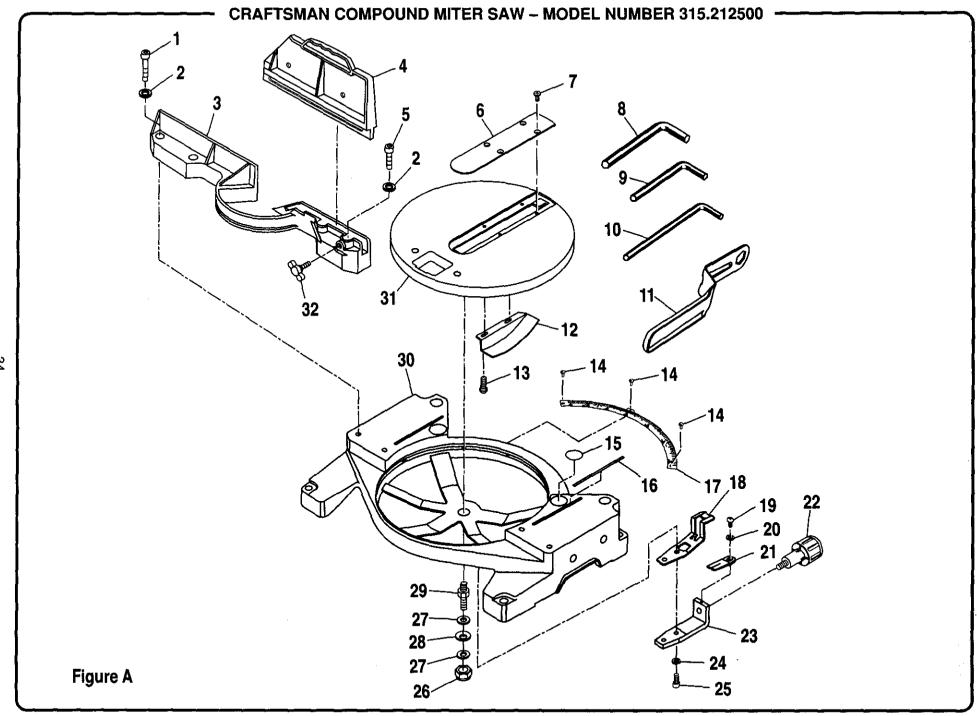


The stop block is useful as a stop for cutting multiple pieces to the same length.

- Insert carriage bolt into the table slot.
- Place the stop block over the carriage bolt and into the slot in the extension table.
- Thread the stop block knob onto the carriage bolt to secure the stop block to the table extension. See Figure 41.
- Loosen the stop block knob and adjust to the desired distance from the blade to make the cut.
- Tighten stop block knob securely.
- Make a test cut in scrap material and measure the length of the workpiece.
- Make any necessary adjustments.



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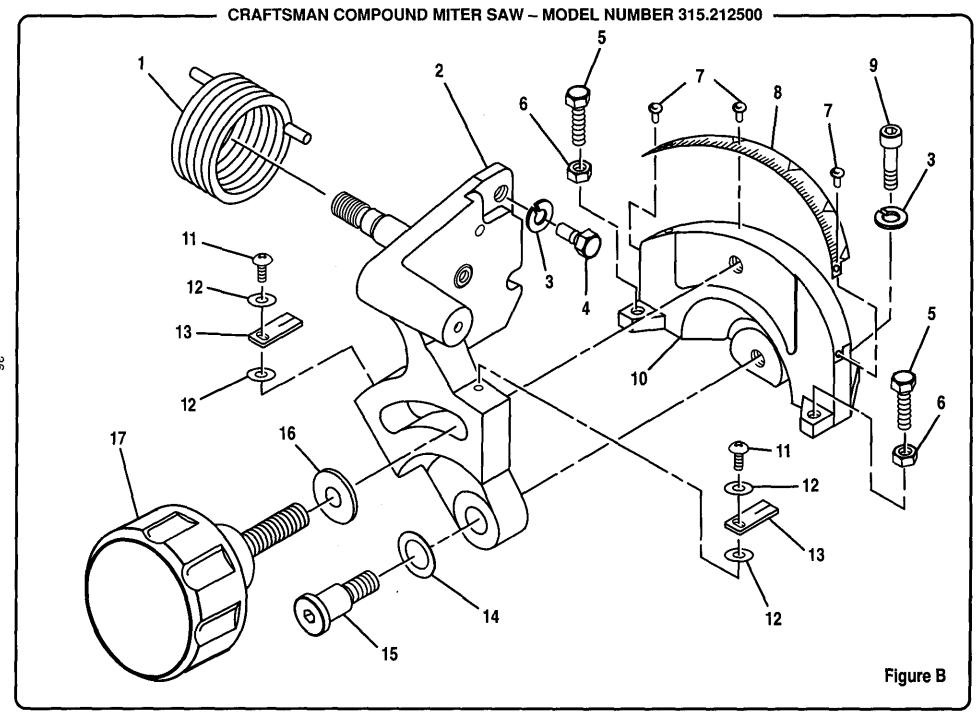
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### PARTS LIST FOR FIGURE A

KEY NO.	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION QUAN.	KE)		DESCRIPTION QUAN.
1	710308-045	* Bolt (M8 x 45 Soc. Hd.)2	17	976515-001	Miter Scale1
2	** STD852008	* Lock Washer (M8)4	18	976509-001	Miter Lock Plate1
3	511101000	Fence1	19	976527-001	* Screw (M4 x 10 Pan Hd.)1
4	511102000	Miter Fence1	20	** STD851004	* Flat Washer (M4)1
5	980117-001	* Bolt (M8 x 25 Soc. Hd.)2	21	976506-001	Pointer1
6	976516-001	Zero Clearance Throat Plate1	22	976505-001	Miter Lock Handle1
7	160030-400	* Screw (M4 x 8 Flat Hd.)4	23	976501-001	Control Arm1
8	976569-001	8 mm Hex Key1	24	** STD852006	Lock Washer (M6)2
9	976605-001	6 mm Hex Key1	25	700306-025	* Screw (M6 x 25 Soc. Hd. Cap)2
10	982611-001	5 mm Hex Key1	26	976578-001	* Nylon Lock Nut (M10)1
11	976568-001	Blade Wrench1	27	** STD851010	* Washer (M10)2
12	976598-001	Cover Plate1	28	976511-001	Spring Washer (M10)1
13	976601-001	* Screw (M4 x 9 Pan Hd.)2	29	976513-001	Table Spindle1
14	976531-001	Rivet3	30	976610-001	Miter Table Frame
15	977434-001	Hand Warning Label2	31	976514-001	(Includes Key Nos. 14, 15, 16, & 17)1  Miter Table
16	977435-001	Line Label2	32	511103000	Fence Screw1

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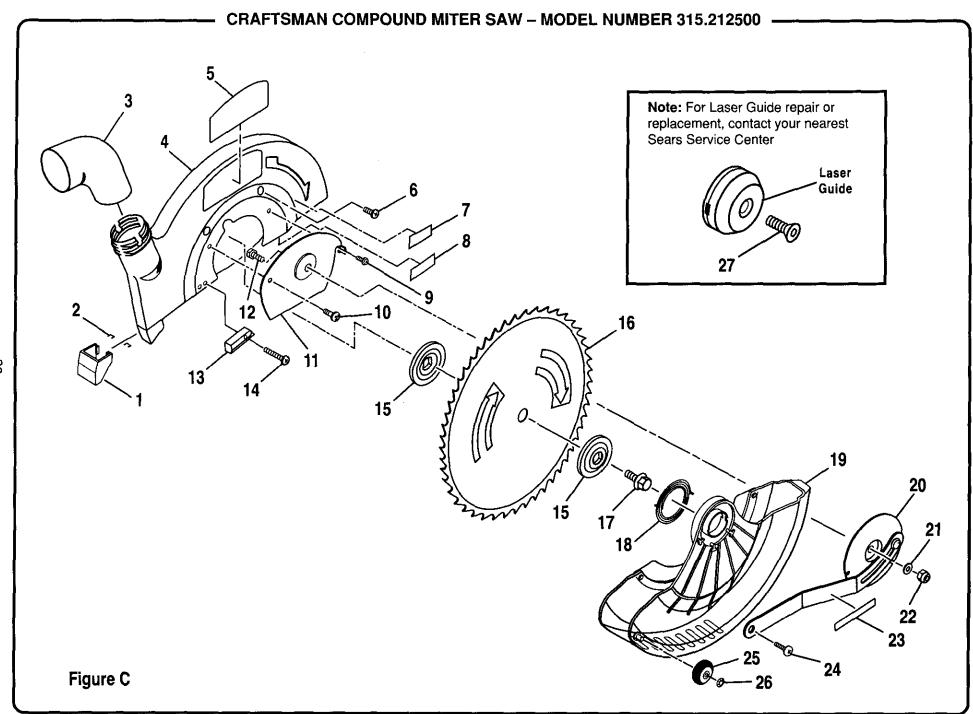
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### PARTS LIST FOR FIGURE B

KEY NO.	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION QUAN.	KEY NO.	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION QUAN.
1	976528-001	Torsion Spring1	10	976609-001	Bevel Pivot Bracket Assembly (Includes Key Nos. 7 & 8)1
2	511D04020	Support Bracket1	11	976527-001	* Screw (M4 x 10 Pan Hd.)2
3	** STD852010	* Lock Washer (M10)3	12	** STD851004	* Washer (M4)4
4	976529-001	Bolt1	13	976525-001	Bevel Index Pointer2
5	** STD833016	* Hex Bolt (M6 x 16)2	14	976520-001	Washer1
6	** STD840610	* Hex Nut (M6)2	15	976521-001	Pivot Shaft1
7	976531-001	Rivet3	16	** STD851010	* Washer (M10)1
8	976535-001	Bevel Scale1	17	976522-001	Bevel Lock Knob1
9	700310-025	* Bolt (M10 x 25 Hex Hd.)2	''	370022-001	Devel Luck Kiluu

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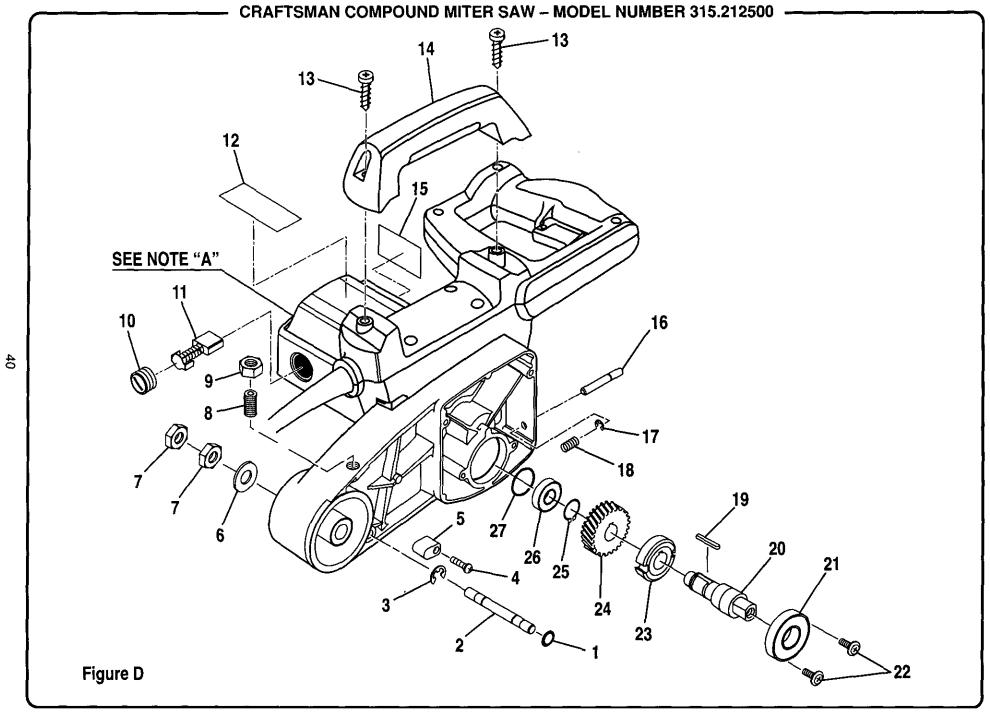
### PARTS LIST FOR FIGURE C

KEY NO.	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION QUAN.	KEY NO.	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION QUAN.
1	976539-001	Dust Shield1	15	976547-001	Blade Washer2
2	976596-001	U-Clip2	16	***	Saw Blade1
3	976567-001	Dust Guide1	17	976548-001	Blade Bolt (M8 x 20)1
4	976543-001	Upper Blade Guard1	18	976554-001	Return Spring1
5	981491-001	Logo Plate1	19	982624-001	Lower Blade Guard Assembly (Includes 25 & 26)1
6	976599-001	* Screw (M5 x 20 Pan Hd.)4	20	982599-001	Blade Guard Bracket Assembly
7	976733-001	Lower Blade Guard Label1			(Includes Key No. 23)1
8	976540-001	Caution Label1	21	** STD852005	* Washer (M5)1
9	976604-001	* Screw (M4 x 9 Phillips Hd.)1	22	976549-001	* Lock Nut (M6)1
10	976600-001	Fixed Screw1	23	976740-001	Label1
11	976552-001	Blade Bolt Cover1	24	976564-001	Screw1
12	981638-001	Hex Bolt1	25	566407000	Roller 1
13	976541-001	Stopper1	26	538417000	Retaining Ring1
14	130030-401	* Screw (M4 x 15 Pan Hd.)1	27	6617901	Hex Key Bolt (Laser Guide Bolt)1

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### CRAFTSMAN COMPOUND MITER SAW – MODEL NUMBER 315.212500

The model number will be found on a plate attached to the motor housing. Always mention the model number in all correspondence regarding your MITER SAW or when ordering repair parts.

### PARTS LIST FOR FIGURE D

KEY NO.	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION QUA	AN.	KEY NO.	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION QUAN.
1	976641-001	"O" Ring	1	15	511317000	Data Plate1
2	976576-001	Lock Pin	1	16	976650-001	Spindle Lock Pin1
3	976643-001	E-Ring	1	17	976651-001	E-Ring1
4	976644-001	* Screw (M4 x 16 Pan Hd.)	1	18	976649-001	Compression Spring1
5	976645-001	Rubber Bumper	1	19	976654-001	* Square Key (4 x 4 x 28)1
6	** STD851012	* Flat Washer (M12)	1	20	588030-008	Gear Shaft1
7	** STD841217	* Hex Nut (M12)	2	21	976658-001	* Ball Bearing (6004zz)1
8	180031-002	* Depth Stop Adjustment Screw (M10 x 20)	1	22	588031-004	Screw (Special)2
9	** STD841015	* Hex Nut (M10)	1	23	976653-001	Lock Ring1
10	976682-001	Brush Cap	2	24	588028-108	Gear1
11	976683-001	Brush Assembly	2	25	976648-001	External Retaining Ring1
12	976691-001	Warning Label	1	26	976647-001	* Ball Bearing (6000zz)1
13	982102-001	* Screw (M6 x 25 Pan Hd.)	2	27	A63020000428	"O" Ring1
14	511311000	Carrying Handle	1		983000-027	Operator's Manual

<sup>\*</sup> Standard Hardware Item — May Be Purchased Locally

NOTE: "A"-The assembly shown represents an important part of the Double Insulated System. To avoid the possibility of alteration or damage to the system, service should be performed by your nearest Sears Repair Center. Contact your nearest Sears Catalog Order or Retail Store for Service Center Information.

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