18 IN. (457 MM) VARIABLE SPEED SCROLL SAW

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SIERRA CALADORA DE VELOCIDAD VARIABLE, DE 457 MM (18 PULG.)

Instruction Manual
Manuel d'instructions
Manual de instrucciones

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PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

MOTOR
Power Source.................. 120 V, 60 Hz, 1.6 Amp
Speed............................. 500-1500 RPM
Speed Control.................. Electric

BLADE
Blade Length.................... 5 in.
Type............................... Pin-end or Plain-end
Depth of Throat.................. 18 in. (457 mm)
Blade Stroke..................... 3/4 in. (19 mm)
Depth of 90° Cut............... 2-1/4 in. (57 mm)
Depth of 45° Cut, Left ......... 1-1/4 in. (32 mm)
Depth of 15° Cut, Right ........ 2-1/4 in. (57 mm)

TABLE
Size.............................. 20 in. x 12-5/8 in. (506 mm x 322 mm)
Tilt............................... 45° Left ; 15° Right
SAWDUST BLOWER................. Yes
WORK LIGHT....................... LED

WARNING
To avoid electrical hazards, fire hazards or damage to the tool, use proper circuit protection. Use a separate electrical circuit for your tools.

The scroll saw is wired at the factory for 110-120 Volt operation. It must be connected to a 120V,1.6 Amp branch circuit and use a 1.6 Amp time delay fuse or circuit breaker. To avoid shock or fire, replace power cord immediately if it is worn, cut or damaged in any way.
Some dust created by power sanding, sawing, grinding, drilling and other construction activities contains chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. Some examples of these chemicals are:

- Lead from lead-based paints,
- Crystalline silica from bricks and cement 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 chemical: 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.

Avoid prolonged contact with dust from power sanding, sawing, grinding, drilling, and other construction activities. Wear protective clothing and wash exposed areas with soap and water. Allowing dust to get into your mouth, eyes, or lay on the skin may promote absorption of harmful chemicals.

Use of this tool can generate and/or disperse dust, which may cause serious and permanent respiratory or other injury. Always use NIOSH/OSHA approved respiratory protection appropriate for the dust exposure. Direct particles away from face and body.

**SAFETY GUIDELINES - DEFINITIONS**

**WARNING ICONS**
Your power tool and its Instruction Manual may contain “WARNING ICONS” (a picture symbol intended to alert you to and/or instruct you how to avoid a potentially hazardous condition). Understanding and heeding these symbols will help you operate your tool better and safer. Shown below are some of the symbols you may see.

- **SAFETY ALERT**: Precautions that involve your safety.
- **PROHIBITION**
- **WEAR EYE PROTECTION**: Always wear safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields.
- **WEAR RESPIRATORY AND HEARING PROTECTION**: Always wear respiratory and hearing protection.
- **READ AND UNDERSTAND INSTRUCTION MANUAL**: To reduce the risk of injury, user and all bystanders must read and understand instruction manual before using this product.
- **KEEP HANDS AWAY FROM THE MOVING PART AND CUTTING SURFACE**: Failure to keep your hands away from the moving part and cutting surface will result in serious personal injury.
- **SUPPORT AND CLAMP WORK**

- **DANGER**: Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
- **WARNING**: Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
- **CAUTION**: Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.
- **CAUTION**: Used without the safety alert symbol indicates potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in property damage.
POWER TOOL SAFETY

GENERAL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS
BEFORE USING THIS POWER TOOL

Safety is a combination of common sense, staying alert and knowing how to use your power tool.

WARNING
To avoid mistakes that could cause serious injury, do not plug the tool in until you have read and understood the following.

1. **READ** and become familiar with the entire Instruction Manual. **LEARN** the tool's application, limitations and possible hazards. Retain this manual as it contains important information regarding safe operation of this tool.

2. **KEEP GUARDS IN PLACE** and in working order.

3. **REMOVE ADJUSTING KEYS AND WRENCHES.** Form the habit of checking to see that keys and adjusting wrenches are removed from the tool before turning ON.

4. **KEEP WORK AREA CLEAN.** Cluttered areas and benches invite accidents.

5. **DO NOT USE IN DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENTS.** Do not use power tools in damp locations, or expose them to rain or snow. Keep work area well lit.

6. **KEEP CHILDREN AWAY.** All visitors and bystanders should be kept a safe distance from work area.

7. **MAKE WORKSHOP CHILD PROOF** with padlocks, master switches or by removing starter keys.

8. **DO NOT FORCE THE TOOL.** It will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it was designed.

9. **USE THE RIGHT TOOL.** Do not force the tool or an attachment to do a job for which it was not designed.

10. **USE PROPER EXTENSION CORDS.** Make sure your extension cord is in good condition. When using an extension cord, be sure to use one heavy enough to carry the current your product will draw. An undersized cord will result in a drop in line voltage and in loss of power which will cause the tool to overheat. The table on page 6 shows the correct size to use depending on cord length and nameplate ampere rating. If in doubt, use the next heavier gauge. The smaller the gauge number, the heavier the cord.

11. **WEAR PROPER APPAREL.** Do not wear loose clothing, gloves, neckties, rings, bracelets or other jewelry which may get caught in moving parts. Nonslip footwear is recommended. Wear protective hair covering to contain long hair.

12. **ALWAYS WEAR EYE PROTECTION.** Any power tool can throw foreign objects into the eyes and could cause permanent eye damage. **ALWAYS** wear Safety Goggles (not glasses) that comply with ANSI Safety standard Z87.1. Everyday eyeglasses have only impact-resistant lenses. They **ARE NOT** safety glasses.

**NOTE:** Glasses or goggles not in compliance with ANSI Z87.1 could seriously injure you when they break.

13. **WEAR A FACE MASK OR DUST MASK.** Sawing operation produces dust.

14. **SECURE WORK.** Use clamps or a vise to hold work when practical. It is safer than using your hand and it frees both hands to operate the tool.

15. **DISCONNECT TOOLS FROM POWER SOURCE** before servicing, and when changing accessories such as blades, bits and cutters.

16. **REDUCE THE RISK OF UNINTENTIONAL STARTING.** Make sure switch is in the OFF position before plugging the tool in.

17. **USE RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES.** Consult this Instruction Manual for recommended accessories. The use of improper accessories may cause risk of injury to yourself or others.

18. **NEVER STAND ON THE TOOL.** Serious injury could occur if the tool is tipped or if the cutting tool is unintentionally contacted.

19. **CHECK FOR DAMAGED PARTS.** Before further use of the tool, a guard or other part that is damaged should be carefully checked to determine that it will operate properly and perform its intended function – check for alignment of moving parts, binding of moving parts, breakage of parts, mounting and any other conditions that may affect its operation. A guard or other part that is damaged should be properly repaired or replaced.

20. **NEVER LEAVE THE TOOL RUNNING UNATTENDED. TURN THE POWER “OFF”.** Do not walk away from a running tool until the blade comes to a complete stop and the tool is unplugged from the power source.

21. **DO NOT OVERREACH.** Keep proper footing and balance at all times.

22. **MAINTAIN TOOLS WITH CARE.** Keep tools sharp and clean for best and safest performance. Follow instructions for lubricating and changing accessories.

23. **DO NOT** use power tool in presence of flammable liquids or gases.

24. **DO NOT** operate the tool if you are under the influence of any drugs, alcohol or medication that could affect your ability to use the tool properly.

25. Dust generated from certain materials can be hazardous to your health. Always operate saw in well-ventilated area and provide for proper dust removal.

26. **WEAR HEARING PROTECTION** to reduce the risk of induced hearing loss.
SCROLL SAW SAFETY

SPECIFIC SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS SCROLL SAW

1. **READ AND UNDERSTAND** all safety instructions and operating procedures throughout the manual. Retain this manual as it contains important information regarding safe operation of this tool.

2. **DO NOT OPERATE** the Scroll Saw until it is completely assembled and installed according to the instructions.

3. **SHOULD** any part of Scroll Saw be missing, damaged, or fail in any way, or any electrical component fail to perform properly, shut off the switch and remove the plug from the power supply outlet. Replace missing, damaged, or failed parts before resuming operation.

4. **IF YOU ARE NOT** thoroughly familiar with the operation of a Scroll Saw, obtain advice from your supervisor, instructor or other qualified person.

5. **SERIOUS INJURY** could occur if the tool tips over or you accidentally hit the cutting tool. Do not store anything above or near the tool.

6. **AVOID INJURY** from unexpected saw movement. Place the saw on a firm level surface where the saw does not rock and bolt or clamp the saw to its support.

7. **YOUR SCROLL SAW MUST BE SECURELY FASTENED** to a stand or workbench. If there is any tendency for the stand or workbench to move during operation, the stand or workbench MUST be fastened to the floor.

8. **THIS SCROLL SAW** is intended for indoor use only.

9. **TENSION BLADE PROPERLY** before starting the saw. Recheck and adjust tension as needed.

10. **BLADE TEETH MUST POINT** downward toward the table.

11. **TABLE MUST BE CLEARED** of all debris before operating saw. Do not perform lay out, set up or assemble work on the table when the saw is in operation.

12. **TO PREVENT INJURIES**, avoid awkward hand or finger positions, where a sudden slip could cause a hand to move into the blade when operating the saw.

13. **HOLD WORKPIECE FIRMLY** against the table top.

14. **NEVER CUT MATERIAL** that is too small to be held safely.

15. **DO NOT USE** dull or bent blades.

16. **TURN THE SAW OFF AND UNPLUG THE CORD** if the blade binds in the saw kerf while being backed out of the workpiece, usually caused by sawdust clogging the kerf. If this happens, turn off the scroll saw and unplug the power cord. Wedge open the kerf and back the blade out of the workpiece.

17. **DO NOT** feed the material too fast while cutting. Only feed the workpiece at the rate the saw will cut.

18. **TURN THE POWER OFF**, make sure the scroll saw comes to a complete stop before installing or removing an accessory, and before leaving the work area.

19. **DO NOT START** the saw with workpiece pressing against the blade. Slowly feed the workpiece into the moving blade.

20. **WHEN CUTTING** a large workpiece, **MAKE SURE** the material is supported at table height.

21. **EXERCISE CAUTION** when cutting workpieces that are round or irregularly shaped, workpieces can pinch the blade.

22. **ALWAYS** release blade tension before loosening the blade holder screw.

23. **MAKE CERTAIN** table tilting lock is tightened before starting the machine.

24. **NEVER REACH** under the scroll saw table when motor is running.

25. **CHECK FOR DAMAGED PARTS** before each use. Check for alignment of moving parts, binding of moving parts, breakage of parts, mounting or any other conditions that may affect operation. Parts that are damaged should be properly repaired or replaced before using the tool.

26. **THINK SAFETY**.
ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS AND SAFETY

POWER SUPPLY AND MOTOR SPECIFICATIONS

⚠️ WARNING ⚠️
To avoid electrical hazards, fire hazards, or damage to the tool, use proper circuit protection. Use a separate electrical circuit for your tool. Your tool is wired at the factory for 120V operation. Connect to a 120V, 1.6 Amp circuit and use a 1.6 Amp time delay fuse or circuit breaker. To avoid shock or fire, if power cord is worn, cut, or damaged in any way, have it replaced immediately.

GROUNDING INSTRUCTIONS

⚠️ WARNING ⚠️
This tool must be grounded while in use to protect the operator from electrical shock.

IN THE EVENT OF A MALFUNCTION OR BREAKDOWN, grounding provides a path of least resistance for electric currents and reduces the risk of electric shock. This tool is equipped with an electrical cord that has an equipment-grounding conductor and a grounding plug. The plug must be plugged into a matching receptacle 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 receptacle, have the proper receptacle installed by a qualified electrician.

IMPROPER CONNECTION of the equipment grounding conductor can result in risk of electric shock. The conductor with the green insulation (with or without yellow stripes) is the equipment grounding conductor. If repair or replacement of the electrical cord or plug is necessary, do not connect the equipment grounding conductor to a live terminal.

CHECK with a qualified electrician or service person if you do not completely understand the grounding instructions, or if you are not certain the tool is properly grounded.

USE only 3-wire extension cords that have three-pronged grounding plugs with three-pole receptacles that accept the tool’s plug. Repair or replace damaged or worn cords immediately.

Use a separate electrical circuit for your tool. This circuit must not be less than #18 wire and should be protected with a 1.6 Amp time lag fuse. Before connecting the motor to the power line, make sure the switch is in the off position and the electric current is rated the same as the current stamped on the motor nameplate. Running at a lower voltage will damage the motor.

GUIDELINES FOR EXTENSION CORDS

USE THE PROPER EXTENSION CORD. Make sure your extension cord is in good condition. Use an extension 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, overheating and burning out of the motor. The table below shows the correct size to use depending on cord length and nameplate ampere rating. If in doubt, use the next heavier gauge. The smaller the gauge number, the heavier the cord.

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

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0 6 14
6 10 12
10 12 12
12 16 12 Not Recommended

⚠️ WARNING ⚠️
This tool is for indoor use only. Do not expose to rain or use in damp locations.
This tool is intended for use on a circuit that has a receptacle like the one illustrated in Fig. 1. Fig. 1 shows a three-pronged electrical plug and receptacle that has a grounding conductor. If a properly grounded receptacle is not available, an adapter (Fig. 2) can be used to temporarily connect this plug to a two-contact grounded receptacle. The adapter (Fig. 2) has a rigid lug extending from it that MUST be connected to a permanent earth ground, such as a properly grounded receptacle box.

⚠️ CAUTION ⚠️

In all cases, make certain the receptacle is properly grounded. If you are not sure, have a qualified electrician check the receptacle.

Fig. 1

Three-Pronged Plug
- Grounding Prong
- Properly Grounded Three-Pronged Receptacle

Fig. 2

- Grounding Lug
- Adapter
- Make sure this is connected to a known ground.
- Two-Pronged Receptacle
TOOLS NEEDED FOR ASSEMBLY

Supplied

Not Supplied

- 3 mm hex key
- Slotted screwdriver
- #2 Phillips screwdriver
- Adjustable wrench
- 13 mm wrench

CARTON CONTENTS

UNPACKING AND CHECKING CONTENTS

Carefully unpack the scroll saw and all its parts, and compare against the list below and the illustration on the next page. With the help of an assistant place the saw on a secure surface and examine it carefully.

⚠️ WARNING

- To avoid injury from unexpected starting or electrical shock, do not plug the power cord into a source of power during unpacking and assembly. The cord must remain unplugged whenever you are adjusting/assembling the scroll saw.
- The scroll saw is heavy and should be lifted with care. If needed, get the assistance of someone to lift and move the scroll saw.
- If any part is missing or damaged, do not attempt to assemble the scroll saw, or plug in the power cord until the missing or damaged part is correctly replaced.

TABLE OF LOOSE PARTS

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UNPACKING YOUR SCROLL SAW

A

B

C

D

E

F

G

H

9
KNOW YOUR SCROLL SAW

- Blade guard foot
- Sawdust blower
- Motor
- ON/Off switch
- Table lock knob
- Table top bevel scale
- Worktable
- LED work light ON/OFF switch
- Blade guard foot lock knob
- Blade tension lever
- Blade holder
- Blade holder lock knob
- 5 in. plain-end blade
- Variable speed control knob
- Front
- Stand
- Expanded View
- Foot pad
- LED work light
- Mounting hole
- Table insert
- Worktable
- ON/OFF switch
- Table lock knob
- Blade storage (under table)
- Sawdust blower
- Motor
GLOSSARY OF TERMS

SCROLL SAW TERMS

BEVEL SCALE – Represents the degree of table angle from 0° to 45° when the table is tilted for bevel cutting.

BLADE GUARD FOOT – Guards the blade and keeps your workpiece from rising. Helps protect fingers from blade contact.

BLADE GUARD FOOT LOCK KNOB – Allows you to raise or lower the foot and lock it at the desired height.

BLADE HOLDERS – Retain and position the blades.

BLADE STORAGE – Provides convenient easy access to extra blades or wrenches.

QUICK RELEASE TENSION LEVER – Quickly loosens and retightens the blade to its original tension. The tension lever quickly sets and resets the blade tension when performing interior cutting operations or changing blades.

SAWDUST BLOWER – Keeps sawdust from covering the line of sight for more accurate cuts. The best results occur when the blower tube is directed toward the blade and workpiece.

SAWDUST COLLECTION PORT – Allows vacuum hose or attachments to be used to remove the sawdust from under the table and base.

TABLE LOCK KNOB – Securely locks the table at the angle desired for bevel cutting.

VARIABLE SPEED ON/OFF CONTROL KNOB – Variable switch dial allows greater versatility when cutting a variety of materials. Adjust the speed to the desired setting, between 500 to 1500 strokes per minute (SPM), by turning the control knob clockwise or counter clockwise.

WOODWORKING TERMS

BLADE TOOTH SET – The total width the blade will cut based on the distance from the outside point of one bent tooth to the outside point of the next bent tooth establishing set of teeth.

DEFLECTION – Slight movement of blade in the horizontal direction while the blade is moving inline during cutting operation. This may be caused by the blade following the grain or the path of least resistance.

FEED – Rate of moving material to be cut into the blade.

KERF – The slot cut by the blade.

LEADING EDGE – The front edge of the workpiece that is guided into the blade.

SAW BLADE PATH – Area or line of sight of the workpiece moving in line toward the saw blade edge.

SURFACE – Top of workpiece being cut.

TRAILING EDGE – The end of the workpiece edge last cut by the saw blade.

WORKPIECE – Material on which the cutting operation is being performed.

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Leading edge

Saw blade path

Kerf

Surface

Workpiece

Trailing edge
Estimated Assembly Time: 25 - 40 Minutes.

INSTALLING THE STAND (FIG. A)
1. Unpack all parts and group by type and size. Refer to the table of loose parts list on page 8 & 9 for correct quantities.
2. Bag "F" & "H" - Attach one end of front bracket - upper support (1) to top of leg (2) using one bolt (3) and nut (4). The stand leg is placed on the outside of the brackets.

NOTE:
● The left side of the bracket has only one hole and the right side has two holes.
● Only hand tighten at this point. DO not tighten bolts with a wrench until stand is properly aligned (see step #8 before tightening).
● The front and rear stand legs are different in angles and cannot be mixed.
3. Attach other end of front bracket - upper support (1) to top of another leg (2) using one bolt (3) and nut (4).
4. Attach the front bracket - lower support (5) to center the two legs using bolt (3) and nut (4). This completes the front frame section.
5. Bag "E" & "H" - Assemble rear frame section in exactly the same manner using the shorter rear brackets (12 & 13).
6. Bag "C" & "D" - Join the front and rear frame sections using two brackets upper supports (6) and two lower supports (7) with bolts and nuts.
7. Bag "G" - Place the four foot pads (8) into the bottom of each leg. (lightly use a rubber mallet if needed).
8. Place the stand on level surface, adjust all legs to contact and are at similar angles to the floor. Tighten all bolts.

NOTE: To avoid rocking, all bolts must be tightened securely using a 13 mm or adjustable wrench.

WARNING
● The stand is designed only for use with a scroll saw.
● Do not climb, sit or stand on the stand assembly.
● Do not use the stand on uneven or unstable surface.
● To avoid injury, do not connect this scroll saw to the power source until it is completely assembled and adjusted and you have read and understood this instruction manual.

MOUNTING THE SCROLL SAW (FIG. B)
1. To mount your scroll saw to the stand, position the stand leg on a firm, level surface.
2. Matching the four holes (13) in the scroll saw base with the holes in the stand leg, place the scroll saw on the stand as shown below.
3. Secure the stand and saw by the hex bolts (9), flat washers (10), sleeves (11) and nuts (12) provided in front mounting holes, and by the hex bolts (9), flat washers (10) and nuts (12) in rear mounting holes.
4. Tighten all four nuts using a 13 mm or adjustable wrenches.

NOTE: Do not over tighten nuts, it may damage the saw base.

Fig. B
MOUNTING SCROLL SAW TO WORK SURFACE
(Fig. C)
1. If mounting the scroll saw to a workbench instead of
   the provided stand, a solid wood bench is preferred
   over a plywood board to reduce noise and vibration.
2. The hardware to mount this saw is NOT supplied with
   the saw. The hardware as shown in Fig. C should be
   used:

Fig. C

1. Hex bolts; length as required
2. Flat washers
3. Foam pad or carpet (optional)
4. Lock washers
5. Hex nuts
6. Jam nuts

BLADE STORAGE (Fig. D)
Blade storage is located on the right side of the scroll
saw body. Pull out the blade storage drawer (1) to open.
The compartment can conveniently store your hex keys
and both pin-end and plain-end blades.

Fig. D

SAWDUST COLLECTION PORT (Fig. E)
This scroll saw will accept 1-1/4 in. diameter hose or
vacuum accessory (not provided) to be connected to the
port (1) on the right side of base. This will keep your saw
cutting efficiently.

Fig. E

BLADE REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

PLAIN-END BLADE REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION
This scroll saw accepts 5-inch (127 mm) plain-end or
pin-end blades to cut a wide variety of materials.

Plain-end type blades are recommended whenever fine,
accurate and intricate work is being performed on 3/4 in.
(19 mm) or thinner material. It will take slightly longer to
assemble the blade and blade tension, but you will also
be able to use finer blades for cutting a thinner kerf.

WARNING
To avoid injury from accidental starting, always turn
the switch OFF (O) and remove power cord plug from
power source before removing or replacing the blade.

Plain-end blade removal (Fig. F, G, H)
1. To remove the blade, loosen the blade tension by
   lifting the blade tension lever (1).

Fig. F

2. Loosen the upper blade holder (2) by turning the
   blade holder lock knob (3) counterclockwise. (Fig. G)
   NOTE: The hex set screw (4) on the right side is
   used for fine adjustments and is only adjusted if the
   blade is not perpendicular to the table.
3. Tilt the table to 0° and tighten the table lock knob (7-Fig. H). Loosen the lower blade holder lock knob (6-Fig. G) on the left side of the lower blade holder (5-Fig. G) under the table by turning it counterclockwise.

4. Pull down the arm, and remove the blade (9) from the upper and lower blade holders by pulling forward and lifting the blade (9) through the access hole (8). (Fig. H)

Plain-end blade installation (Fig. F, G, H, I)

CAUTION
In order to avoid uncontrollable lifting of the workpiece, the teeth of the blade should ALWAYS point downward.

1. Install the new blade (9) through the access hole (8) in the table with teeth pointing down. (Fig. H)

2. Insert the new blade (9) into the lower blade holder slot (10), then tighten the lower blade holder lock knob (6). (Fig. I)

3. Tilt the table to 0° and lock the table lock knob (7). (Fig. H)

4. Insert the other end of the blade into the upper blade holder slot (11), then tighten the upper blade holder lock knob (3). (Fig. I)

NOTE:
- Apply slight downward pressure against the upper arm (12) when installing the blade into the upper blade holder. (Fig. I)
- Clamp plain-end blades more tightly by using a hex key through the screw (4). (Fig. I)

5. Tighten the blade tension by pressing down the blade tension lever (1). If too loose, turn lever clockwise. (Fig. I)

CAUTION
Overtightening blade will cause blade breakage.

NOTE: The blade tension lever must always be down to make tension adjustments. Release the blade tension lever only during blade changing operations. If the blade is tightened too tight, the lever will be difficult to lower and could result in damage to the blade holder or arm assembly. (Fig. I)

PIN-END BLADE REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

WARNING
To prevent personal injury, always turn the saw OFF and disconnect the plug from the power outlet before changing blades or making adjustments.

Pin-end type blades are thicker for stability and faster assembly. These blades are used whenever faster cutting on a variety of materials and 3/4 in. (19 mm) thickness or greater are required. Use whenever less precision or thicker kerf cutting is acceptable.

NOTE: When installing pin-end blades, the set screws located on the upper and lower blade holders should not be over or under tightened. The slot must be slightly wider than the thickness of the blade. After the blade is installed, the blade tension mechanism will keep the pin-end in place.
Pin-end blade removal (FIG. J, K)

1. To remove the blade, loosen the blade tension by lifting the blade tension lever (1). (Fig. J)

2. Remove the blade (2) from the upper (3) and lower (4) blade holder by pulling down the arm, then pulling forward to release the blade (2). Lifting the blade through the access hole. (Fig. K)

3. Tilt the table to 45° and lock the table lock knob to view lower blade holder (4) when removing the blade. (Fig. K)

   NOTE: Apply slight downward pressure on the upper arm when removing blade from upper blade holder.

Pin-end blade installation (Fig. L)

NOTE: Do not tighten the blade holder lock knobs when using pin-end blades.

1. Install the blade (1) by inserting one end of it through the access hole (2) in the table. Hook the lower blade pin in the pin recess in the lower blade holder (3), upper blade pin in the upper blade holder (4). (Fig. L)

   WARNING

   In order to avoid uncontrollable lifting of the workpiece, the teeth of blade should always point downward.

   2. Make sure the pins are properly located in the upper (4) and the lower (3) blade holders.

   3. To tension the blade (1), lower the blade tension lever (5). Check the tension on the blade. If tension is too tight, turn the blade tension lever (5) counterclockwise. If tension is too loose, turn the blade tension lever (5) clockwise.

      NOTE: If the blade is over tightened, the lever will be difficult to lower and could result in damage to the blade holder or arm assembly.

   4. Tighten both upper and lower blade holder knobs.

BLADE GUARD FOOT ADJUSTMENT (FIG. M)

NOTE: User must keep constant downward pressure on workpiece when cutting. The blade guard foot is not designed to hold down the workpiece, but is rather to help prevent the workpiece from lifting up excessively.

When cutting at angles, the blade guard foot (1) should be adjusted so it is parallel to the table and rests flat above the workpiece.

1. To adjust, loosen the blade guard screw (2) with 3 mm hex key, adjust the foot parallel to table, and tighten the screw (2).

2. Loosen the blade guard foot lock knob (3) to raise or lower the foot until it rests slightly above the workpiece. Tighten blade guard foot lock knob (3).
SAWDUST BLOWER (FIG. N)
The sawdust blower (1) should be positioned to point to the blade and workpiece to blow sawdust out of the line-of-sight when cutting. It is not designed to blow all of the sawdust off the table.

Fig. N

BLADE SELECTION (FIG. O)

To avoid injury from accidental starting, always turn the switch OFF and unplug the scroll saw before moving, replacing the blade or making adjustments.

This scroll saw accepts 5 in. (127 mm) length blades with a wide variety of blade thickness and widths. The type of material and cutting operations (size of radius or curve) will determine the number of teeth per inch. As a rule, always select the narrowest blades for intricate curve cutting and the widest blades for straight and large curve cutting operations.

The following table represents suggestions for various materials. When purchasing blades, refer to the back of the package for the best use of blades and speeds on various materials.

Use this table as an example, but practice and your own personal preference will determine the best selection method.

**NOTE:** When using blades, sometimes speeds must change to compensate for smaller curves, radii or smaller diameters. Thinner blades will have more possibilities for blade deflection when cutting angles which are not perpendicular to the table. Read RECOMMENDATION FOR CUTTING for more suggestions.

**NOTE:** The blade must be installed with the teeth pointing downward, to prevent the workpiece from being pulled upward by the saw blade action.

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<td>Non-ferrous metals/hardwoods using very slow speeds</td>
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OPERATION

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CUTTING

1. When feeding the workpiece into the blade do not force the leading edge of the workpiece into the blade because the it will deflect the blade, reduce the accuracy of cutting and possibly break the blade. Allow the saw to cut material by guiding the workpiece into the blade as it cuts.

2. The blade teeth cut material ONLY on the down stroke.

3. You must guide the wood into the blade slowly because the teeth of the blade are very small and they can only remove wood when they are on the down stroke.

4. There is a learning curve for each person who wants to use this saw. During that period of time it is expected that some blades will break until you learn how to use the saw and receive the greatest benefit from the blades.

5. Best results are achieved when cutting wood less than one inch (25.4 mm) thick.

6. When cutting wood thicker than one inch (25.4 mm), the user must guide the wood very slowly into the blade and take extra care not to bend or twist the blade while cutting in order to maximize blade life.

7. When teeth of scroll saw blade worn out, must replace the new blade. Check the blade frequently for best cutting results. Scroll saw blades generally stay sharp for 1/2 to 2 hours of cutting.

8. To get accurate cuts, be prepared to compensate for the blade’s tendency to follow the wood grain as you are cutting.

9. This scroll saw is intended to cut wood or wood products.

10. When choosing a blade to use with your scroll saw, consider very fine, narrow blades to scroll cut in thin wood in 1/4 in. (6.4 mm) thick or less. Use wider blades for thicker materials but this will reduce the ability to cut tight curves.

11. This saw uses 5 in. (127 mm) long pin or plain end type blades.

12. Blades wear faster when cutting plywood or particle board which is very abrasive. Angle cutting in hardwoods reduces blade tooth set faster due to the blade deflection.

VARIABLE SPEED CONTROL AND ON/OFF SWITCH

**CAUTION**

For your own safety, always push the switch “OFF” when the scroll saw is not in use. Also, in the case of power failure (all of your lights go out) push the knob “OFF”. Remove the plug from the power source outlet to avoid accidental starting.

ON/OFF SWITCH (FIG. P)

1. To turn power ON, press on/off switch (2) to “ON” position.
2. To turn power OFF, press on/off switch (2) to “OFF” position.

VARIABLE SPEED CONTROL KNOB (FIG. P)

The variable speed control allows greater versatility to cut a variety of materials such as wood, plastics, non-ferrous metals, etc. Depending on the hardness and thickness of material, the speed should be reduced to allow the blade teeth to remove cut material from the kerf.

1. Your saw is equipped with a variable speed control knob (1). The blade stroke rate may be adjusted by simply rotating the variable speed control knob (1).
2. Turn the speed control knob clockwise to increase up to 1,500 strokes per minute (SPM). Turn the speed control knob counterclockwise to reduce down to 500 strokes per minute (SPM).

WORK LIGHT (FIG. P)

1. To turn work light on, press the rocker switch (3) to “ON” position.
2. To turn work light off, press the rocker switch (3) to “OFF” position.

**Fig. P**
FREEHAND CUTTING (FIG. Q)
1. Lay out desired design, or secure design to the workpiece (1).
2. Raise the blade guard foot (2) by loosening the blade guard foot lock knob (3).
3. Position the workpiece against the blade and place the blade guard foot slightly above the top surface of the workpiece.
4. Secure the blade guard foot (2) by tightening the blade guard foot lock knob (3).
5. Remove the workpiece from the blade before turning the scroll saw ON. Set the desired speed by turning the speed control knob (4) clockwise or counterclockwise.

CAUTION
In order to avoid uncontrollable lifting of the workpiece and to reduce blade breakage, do not turn saw ON while the workpiece is against the blade.
6. When turning the scroll saw ON, position the workpiece against scrap wood prior to touching the leading edge of the workpiece against the blade.

NOTE: For your own safety, use the scrap wood to perform the cutting especially for the small workpiece.
7. Slowly feed the workpiece into the blade by guiding and pressing the workpiece down against the table.

CAUTION
Do not force the leading edge of the workpiece into the blade, it may deflect the blade, reduce accuracy of cutting, and possibly break the blade.
8. When the cut is complete, move the trailing pieces of the workpiece beyond the blade guard foot. Turn the scroll saw OFF.

Fig. Q

ANGLE CUTTING (FIG. Q, R, S)

WARNING
To avoid injury, always keep your hands off the underneath of the table during operating.

Left Bevel Cutting (maximum 45 degrees)
1. Lay out or secure design to workpiece (1).
2. Move the blade guard foot (2) to the highest position by loosening the blade guard foot lock knob (3) and retighten.
3. Tilt the table (5) to the desired angle by loosening the table lock knob (6) and move the table to the proper angle, using the degree scale (7) and the pointer (8).
4. Tighten the table lock knob (6).
5. Loosen the blade guard screws (9-Fig. Q), and tilt the blade guard to the same angle as the table (5). Retighten the blade guard screw.
6. Position the workpiece on the left and right side of the blade (10). Lower the blade guard foot slightly above the surface of the workpiece by loosening the blade guard foot lock knob (3).
7. Follow steps 4-8 under FREEHAND CUTTING OPERATION.

Fig. R
Right Bevel Cutting (maximum 15 degrees)
1. Lay out or secure design to workpiece (1).
2. Move the blade guard foot (2) to the highest position by loosening the blade guard foot lock knob (3) and retighten.
3. Tilt the table (5) to the left by loosening the table lock knob (6), and lifting the anchor plate (11) to the rear of the saw. Tilt the table to the right, it will stop at the angle of 15°.
4. Tighten the table lock knob (6).
5. Follow steps 5-7 under Left Bevel Cutting.

Fig. S

RIP OR STRAIGHT LINE CUTTING (FIG. T)
Tools Needed (Not Included)

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<td>12-inch (304.8 mm) -straight scrap of wood (Thickness to match workpiece)</td>
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1. Raise the blade guard foot (1) by loosening the blade guard foot lock knob (2) on the left side of the upper arm. Measure from the tip of the blade (3) to the desired distance. Position the straight edge (4) parallel to the blade at that distance.
2. Clamp the straight edge (4) to the table (5).
3. Recheck your measurements, using the workpiece to be cut, and make sure the scrap wood (6) is secure.
4. Position the workpiece against the blade and place the blade guard foot (1) slightly above the top surface of the workpiece.
5. Secure the blade guard foot in place by tightening the blade guard foot lock knob.

6. Remove the workpiece from the blade before turning the scroll saw ON. Set the desired speed by turning the speed control knob clockwise or counterclockwise.

**CAUTION**
In order to avoid uncontrollable lifting of the workpiece and reduce blade breakage, do not turn saw ON while the workpiece is against the blade.

7. Position the workpiece against the straight edge (4) prior to touching the leading edge of the workpiece against the blade (3).
8. Slowly feed the workpiece into the blade, guiding the workpiece against the straight edge and press the workpiece down against the table while cutting.

**CAUTION**
Do not force the leading edge of the workpiece into the blade. The blade will deflect, reducing accuracy of cut and may break.

9. When the cut is complete, move the trailing edge of the workpiece beyond the blade guard foot. Turn the scroll saw OFF.

**NOTE:** Use push stick when cutting a narrow workpiece.

Fig. T
INTERIOR CUTTING (FIG. U)

1. Lay out the design on the workpiece (1). Drill a 1/4 in. (6.4 mm) hole in the workpiece.
2. Lift the blade tension lever (2) and remove the blade (3). Refer to BLADE REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION.
3. Place the workpiece on the table with the workpiece hole (4) over the access hole in the table (5).
4. Install the blade (3) through the hole in the workpiece and press the blade tension lever (2).
5. Follow the process 3-8 under the section of FREEHAND CUTTING.
6. When finish the cutting, turn the scroll saw OFF, remove the blade from the blade holders and remove the workpiece from the table.

Fig. U
MAINTENANCE

WARNING
For your own safety, turn the switch off and remove the plug from the power source outlet before maintaining or lubricating your scroll saw.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

WARNING
Frequently blow out dust and grit that accumulates in the motor housing using compressed air.

ALWAYS use safety glasses. Everyday eyeglasses are NOT safety glasses. Also use face or dust mask if cutting operation is dusty. ALWAYS WEAR CERTIFIED SAFETY EQUIPMENT:
- ANSI Z87.1 eye protection (CAN/CSA Z94.3),
- ANSI S12.6 (S3.19) hearing protection,
- NIOSH/OSHA/MSHA respiratory protection.

An occasional coat of paste wax on the work table will allow the wood being cut to glide smoothly across the work surface.

WARNING
To avoid shock or fire hazard, if the power lead is worn or cut in any way, replace it immediately.

LUBRICATION
Ball bearings in the scroll saw are packed with grease at the factory and require no further lubrication.

Use only mild soap and a damp cloth to clean the tool. Never let any liquid get inside the tool; never immerse any part of the tool into a liquid.

IMPORTANT: To assure product SAFETY and RELIABILITY, repairs, maintenance and adjustment (other than those listed in this manual) should be performed by authorized service centers or other qualified service organizations, always using identical replacement parts.
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⚠️ WARNING
Do not use any accessory unless you have completely read the Instruction Manual for that accessory.
**WARNING**

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<td>1. Adjust blade tension. See BLADE REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION section. 2. Reduce feed rate. See BLADE REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION section. 3. Use narrow blade. See BLADE SELECTION section. 4. Avoid side pressure on blade. See BLADE REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION section.</td>
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<td>Motor will not run.</td>
<td>1. Defective cord or plug. 2. Defective motor. 3. Blown overload breaker.</td>
<td>1. Replace defective parts before using saw again. See ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS AND SAFETY section. 2. Call Service Center. Any attempt to repair this motor may create a HAZARD unless the repair is done by a qualified technician. 3. Push the on/off switch to the OFF (O) position. Let the motor cool. See OPERATION-OVERLOAD BREAKER section.</td>
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<td>Excessive vibration. <strong>NOTE</strong>: There will always be some vibration present when the saw is running because of motor operation.</td>
<td>1. Improper mounting of saw. 2. Unsuitable mounting surface. 3. Loose table or table resting against motor. 4. Loose motor mounting.</td>
<td>1. See mounting instructions in this manual for proper mounting technique. 2. The heavier your workbench is, the less vibration will occur. A plywood workbench will not be as good a work surface as the same size solid lumber. 3. Tighten the table lock knob. 4. Tighten motor mounting screw.</td>
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# PARTS LIST

## 18 IN. (457 MM) VARIABLE SPEED SCROLL SAW

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- **0J4W**: FLAT WASHER  \( \phi8.2 \times 18 \times 1.5 \)  | 4
- **0JPS**: HEX. HD. BOLT  \( M8 \times 1.25 \times 45 \)  | 4
- **0KRR**: SERRATED TOOTHED HEXAGON FLANGE NUT  \( M8 \times 1.25 \ T=7.5 \)  | 24
- **0Z1G**: CAP HD. SQ. NECK BOLT  \( M8 \times 1.25 \times 12 \)  | 20
- **2LBF**: SLEEVE  | 2
- **36FL**: FOOT PAD SMALL (FRONT)  | 2
- **36JA**: FOOT PAD LARGE (BACK)  | 2

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G. Hardware Bag

![Diagram of hardware bag](image)
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