



18 VOLT CORDLESS SWEEPER INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Model Number NSW18

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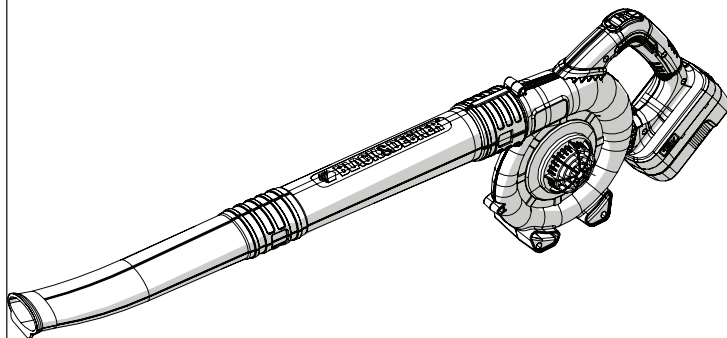


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SAFETY GUIDELINES - DEFINITIONS

It is important for you to read and understand this manual. The information it contains relates to protecting YOUR SAFETY and PREVENTING PROBLEMS. The symbols below are used to help you recognize this information.

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.

NOTICE: Used without the safety alert symbol indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in property damage.

IMPORTANT SAFETY WARNINGS & INSTRUCTIONS

WARNING: TO REDUCE RISK OF INJURY:

- Before any use, be sure everyone using this unit reads and understands all safety instructions and other information contained in this manual.
- Save these instructions and review frequently prior to use and in instructing others.
- Do not point unit discharge at self or bystanders.
- Keep long hair and loose clothing away from openings and moving parts.

WARNING: When using an electric tool, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce risk of fire, electric shock, and personal injury, including the following.

WARNING: Some dust created by this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. Some examples of these chemicals are:

- compounds in fertilizers
- compounds in insecticides, herbicides and pesticides
- arsenic and chromium from chemically treated lumber

To reduce your exposure to these chemicals, wear approved safety equipment such as dust masks that are specially designed to filter out microscopic particles.

READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING.

GENERAL SAFETY WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL TOOLS

- **READ** and follow all instructions.
- **A BATTERY OPERATED UNIT** with integral batteries or a

separate battery pack must be recharged only with the specified charger for the battery. A charger that may be suitable for one type of battery may create a risk of fire when used with another battery.

- **USE BATTERY OPERATED UNIT ONLY** with specifically designated battery pack. Use of any other batteries may create a risk of fire.
- **AVOID** accidental starting. Be sure switch is in the locked or off position before inserting battery pack. Carrying units with your finger on the switch or inserting the battery pack into a unit with the switch on invites accidents.
- **DO NOT** use unit if switch does not turn it on or off. A unit that cannot be controlled with the switch is dangerous and must be repaired.
- **DISCONNECT** battery pack from unit or place the switch in the locked or off position before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing the unit. Such preventative safety measures reduce the risk of starting the unit accidentally.
- **ALWAYS WEAR EYE PROTECTION** – Wear safety glasses or goggles at all times when this unit is in use. Also use face or dust mask. Safety glasses are available at extra cost at your local Black & Decker Service Center or authorized service facility.
- **DO NOT** place outlet of sweeper near eyes or ears when operating.
- **STORE IDLE UNITS.** When not in use, the unit should be stored in a dry, high or locked-up place - out of reach of children.
- **DON'T OVERREACH.** Keep proper footing and balance at all times.
- **MAINTAIN UNIT WITH CARE.** Keep unit clean for best and safest performance. Follow instructions for proper maintenance.
- **DO NOT** attempt to repair the sweeper. To assure product safety and reliability, repairs, maintenance, and adjustments should be performed by Black & Decker service centers or authorized service centers, always using Black & Decker replacement parts.
- **DO NOT** operate sweeper in a gaseous or explosive atmosphere. Motors in these units normally spark, and the sparks might ignite fumes.

- **AVOID DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS** – Do not use electric units in damp or wet locations. Don't use the unit in the rain.
- **STAY ALERT** - Watch what you are doing. Use common sense. Do not operate unit when you are tired.
- **USE THE RIGHT UNIT** – Do not use this unit for any job except that for which it is intended.
- **USE EXTRA CARE** when cleaning on stairs.
- **DO NOT** allow to be used as a toy. Close attention is necessary when used by or near children. Not recommended for use by children.
- **DO NOT** attempt to clear clogs from unit without first removing battery.
- **USE ONLY** as described in this manual. Use only manufacturer's recommended attachments.
- **DO NOT** put any objects into openings. Do not use with any opening blocked; keep free of dust, lint, hair and everything that may reduce air flow.
- **KEEP** hair, loose clothing, fingers, and all parts of body away from openings and moving parts.
- **DO NOT** immerse any part of the unit in liquid.
- **DO NOT** handle charger, including charger plug, and charger terminals with wet hands.
- **KEEP CHILDREN, BYSTANDERS AND ANIMALS AWAY** from the work area a minimum of 30 feet (10 meters) when starting or operating the unit.
- **INSPECT THE AREA** before using the unit. Remove all debris and hard objects such as rocks, glass, wire, etc. that can ricochet, be thrown, or otherwise cause injury or damage during operation.
- **USE ONLY** charger supplied by the manufacturer to recharge.
- **EXERCISE CARE** in handling batteries in order not to short the battery with conducting materials such as rings, bracelets and keys. The battery or conductor may overheat and cause burns.
- **DO NOT OPEN OR MUTILATE** the batteries. Released electrolyte is corrosive and may cause damage to the eyes or skin. It may be toxic if swallowed.
- **DO NOT CHARGE** the unit outdoors.

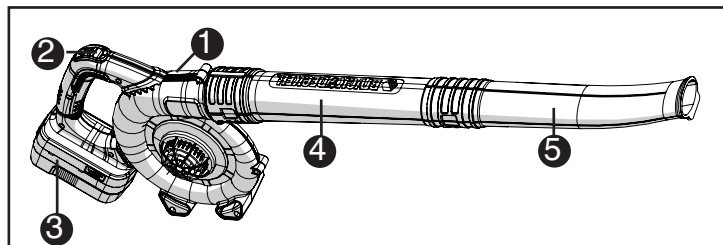
WARNING: To reduce the risk of electrical shock; do not expose to rain, do not use on wet surfaces. Store indoors.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

The label on your tool may include the following symbols.

V.....volts	Aamperes
Hz.....hertz	Wwatts
minminutes	~alternating current
.....direct current	n _ono load speed
☐Class II Construction	⊕earthing terminal
.....safety alert symbol	.../minstrokes per minute

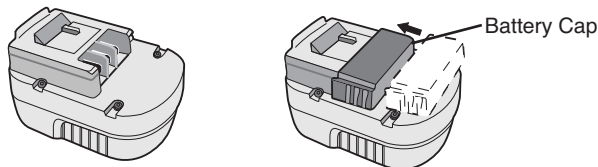
COMPONENTS



1. NSW18 Cordless Sweeper
2. On / Off Switch
3. Battery pack
4. Inner tube
5. Outer tube

BATTERY CAP INFORMATION

Battery storage and carrying caps are provided for use whenever the battery is out of the unit or charger. Remove cap before placing battery in charger or unit.



⚠ WARNING: Fire hazard. Do not store or carry battery so that metal objects can contact exposed battery terminals. For example, do not place battery in aprons, pockets, tool boxes, product kit boxes, drawers, etc., with loose nails, screws, keys, etc. **Transporting batteries can possibly cause fires if the battery terminals inadvertently come in contact with conductive materials such as keys, coins, hand tools and the like.** The US Department of Transportation Hazardous Material Regulations (HMR) actually prohibit transporting batteries in commerce or on airplanes (i.e., packed in suitcases and carry-on luggage) UNLESS they are properly protected from short circuits. So when transporting individual batteries, make sure that the battery terminals are protected and well insulated from materials that could contact them and cause a short circuit.

⚠ SAFETY WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS

CHARGING

1. This manual contains important safety and operating instructions.
2. Before using battery charger, read all instructions and cautionary markings on (1) battery charger, (2) battery pack, and (3) product using battery pack.
3. **⚠ CAUTION:** To reduce the risk of injury, charge only

Black & Decker Battery Packs. Other types of batteries may burst causing personal injury and damage.

4. Do not expose charger to rain or snow.
5. Use of an attachment not recommended or sold by Black & Decker may result in a risk of fire, electric shock, or injury to persons.
6. To reduce risk of damage to electric plug and cord, pull by plug rather than cord when disconnecting charger.
7. Make sure cord is located so that it will not be stepped on, tripped over, or otherwise subjected to damage or stress.
8. An extension cord should not be used unless absolutely necessary. Use of improper extension cord could result in a risk of fire, electric shock or electrocution.

a. Two-wire cords can be used with 2-wire or 3-wire extension cords. Only round jacketed extension cords should be used, and we recommend that they be listed by Underwriters Laboratories (U.L.). If the extension is to be used outside, the cord must be suitable for outdoor use. Any cord marked for outdoor use can also be used for indoor work. The letters "W" or "WA" on the cord jacket indicate that the cord is suitable for outdoor use.

b. An extension cord must have adequate wire size (AWG or American Wire Gauge) for safety, and to prevent loss of power and overheating. The smaller the gauge number of the wire, the greater the capacity of the cable; that is, 16 gauge has more capacity than 18 gauge. When using more than one extension to make up the total length, be sure each extension contains at least the minimum wire size.

CHART FOR MINIMUM WIRE SIZE (AWG) OF EXTENSION CORDS NAMEPLATE RATING AMPS – 0 – 10.0

Total Extension Cord Length (ft)	0-25	26-50	51-100	101-150
	(0-7,6m)	(7,6-15,2m)	(15,2-30,4m)	(30,4-45,7m)
Wire Gauge	18	16	16	14

9. Use only the supplied charger when charging your unit. The use of any other charger could damage the battery pack or create a hazardous condition.
10. Use only one charger when charging.
11. Do not attempt to open the charger or the unit. There are no customer serviceable parts inside. Return to any authorized Black & Decker service center.
12. Do NOT incinerate battery packs even if they are severely damaged or completely worn out.
13. Do not incinerate the batteries. They can explode in a fire. A small leakage of liquid from the battery cells may occur under extreme usage, charging or temperature conditions. This does not indicate a failure. However, if the outer seal is broken and this leakage gets on your skin:
 - a. Wash quickly with soap and water.
 - b. Neutralize with a mild acid such as lemon juice or vinegar.
 - c. If the battery liquid gets in your eyes, flush them with clean water for a minimum of 10 minutes and seek immediate medical attention. **MEDICAL NOTE:** The liquid is a 25-35% solution of potassium hydroxide.

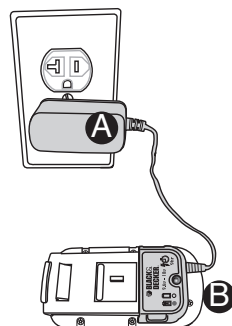
IMPORTANT CHARGING SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

CHARGING PROCEDURE

THE BATTERY PACK IS NOT FULLY CHARGED AT THE FACTORY. CHARGE BATTERY PACK FOR AT LEAST 9 HOURS BEFORE USE.

The charger is designed to use standard household 120 volt 60 Hz power.

1. Plug the charger into any standard 120 Volt 60 Hz electrical outlet (**figure A**).
2. Slide the charger onto the battery pack as shown in **figure B** and let the battery pack charge initially for **9 hours**. After the initial charge, under normal usage, your battery pack should be fully charged in **6 to 9 hours**.



- 2a) During charging the green LED will appear.
 - 2b) When charging is complete the green LED will go off.
 3. Unplug charger, and remove the battery pack. **Place the battery pack into the tool until it “clicks” into place.**
- NOTE:** To remove the battery pack, press down on the release button on the back of the battery pack and slide out (**figure 3**).

IMPORTANT CHARGING NOTES

1. After normal usage, your battery pack should be fully charged in **6 to 9 hours**. If the battery pack is run-down completely, it may take up to **9 hours** to become fully charged. Your battery pack was sent from the factory in an uncharged condition. Before attempting to use it, it must be charged for at least **9 hours**.
2. DO NOT charge the battery pack in an air temperature below +40°F (+4.5°C), or above +105°F (+40.5°C). This is important and will prevent serious damage to the battery pack. Longest life and best performance can be obtained if battery pack is charged when air temperature is about 75°F (24°C).
3. While charging, the charger may hum and become warm to touch. This is a normal condition and does not indicate a problem.
4. If the battery pack does not charge properly—(1) Check current at receptacle by plugging in a lamp or other appliance. (2) Check to see if receptacle is connected to a light switch which turns power off when you turn out the lights. (3) Move charger and battery pack to a surrounding air temperature of 40°F (+4.5°C) to 105°F (+40.5°C). (4) If the receptacle and temperature are OK, and you do not get proper charging, take or send the battery pack and charger to your local Black & Decker service center. See Tools Electric in yellow pages.
5. The battery pack should be recharged when it fails to produce sufficient power on jobs which were easily done previously. DO NOT CONTINUE using unit with its battery pack in a depleted condition.
6. The battery pack will reach optimum performance after being cycled 5 times during normal usage. There is no need to run the battery pack down completely before recharging. Normal usage is the best method of discharging and recharging the battery pack.

STORAGE RECOMMENDATION

1. Store tool:
 - a.) with the battery pack removed and on the charger.
 - b.) in a place that is cool and dry away from direct sunlight and excess heat or cold.
 - c.) out of the reach of children.
2. For prolonged storage such as over the winter, the battery pack should be fully charged and then removed from the charger. It should be charged again just prior to use.

LEAVING THE BATTERY PACK IN THE CHARGER

It is OK to leave battery packs on charge for long periods of time. The charger has a maintenance mode which gives the battery pack enough charge to stay “topped off”. If however, the tool is not expected to be needed for more than 30 days, unplug the charger and store battery pack in a cool, dry location. **NOTE:** A battery pack will lose its charge when kept off of the charger. If the battery pack has not been kept on maintenance charge, it may need to be recharged before use. A battery pack may also lose its charge if left in a charger that is not plugged into an appropriate AC source.

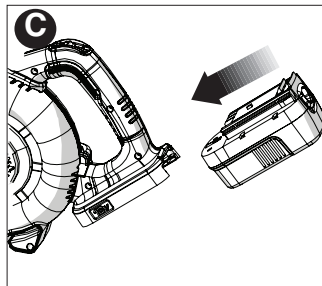
INSTALLING / REMOVING BATTERY PACK

TO INSTALL BATTERY PACK:

Insert battery pack into tool until an audible click is heard (**figure C**). Make sure battery pack is fully seated and fully latched into position.

TO REMOVE BATTERY PACK:

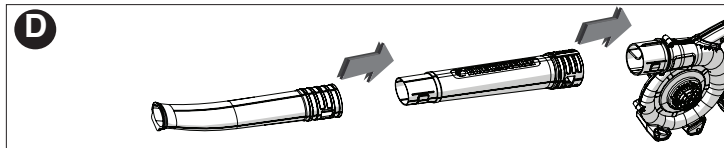
Depress the battery release button in the back of the battery pack and pull battery pack out of tool.



ASSEMBLY

NOTE: Ensure the sweeper is switched off and the battery is removed before attaching or removing the sweeper tubes. The inner tube must be assembled to the housing before use.

- **TUBE ASSEMBLY:** To attach the inner tube to the sweeper, line up the tube with the sweeper housing as shown in **figure D**.

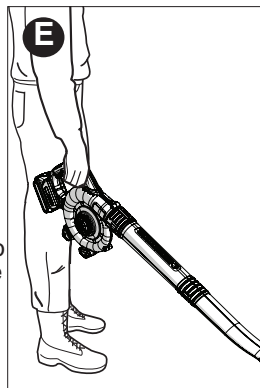


Push the tube into the sweeper housing until the lock button engages the lock hole in the tube. Repeat this process for the outer tube.

OPERATION

CAUTION: Always wear safety glasses. Wear a filter mask if the operation is dusty. Use of gloves, long pants and substantial footwear is recommended. Keep long hair and loose clothing away from openings and moving parts. **THIS SWEEPER IS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY.**

- Hold the sweeper with one hand as shown in **figure E** and sweep from side to side with the nozzle several inches above the ground. Slowly advance keeping the accumulated pile of debris in front of you.

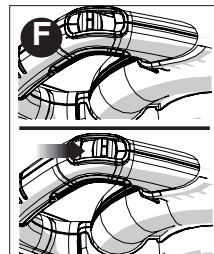


SWITCHING ON AND OFF (FIGURE F)

WARNING: USE BOTH HANDS TO GRIP THE PRODUCT FIRMLY WHEN SWITCHING ON.

To switch the sweeper on, slide the on/off switch forward.

To switch the sweeper off, slide the on/off switch back.



CAUTION: DO NOT POINT UNIT DISCHARGE AT SELF OR BYSTANDERS.

MAINTENANCE

CLEANING AND STORAGE

CAUTION: DO NOT POUR OR SPRAY WATER ON THE UNIT.

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

Your sweeper should be stored in a dry place. Do not store the unit on or adjacent to fertilizers or chemicals. Such storage can cause rapid corrosion of the metal parts.

THE RBRC™ SEAL

The RBRC™ (Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation) Seal on the nickel-cadmium battery (or battery pack) indicates that the costs to recycle the battery (or battery pack) at the end of its useful life have already been paid by Black & Decker. In some areas, it is illegal to place spent nickel-cadmium batteries in the trash or municipal solid waste stream and the RBRC program provides an environmentally conscious alternative.

RBRC in cooperation with Black & Decker and other battery users, has established programs in the United States and Canada to facilitate the collection of spent nickel-cadmium batteries. Help protect our environment and conserve natural resources by returning the spent nickel-cadmium battery to an authorized Black & Decker service center or to your local retailer for recycling. You may also contact your local recycling center for information on where to drop off the spent battery, or call **1-800-544-6986**.



This device complies with part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation.

If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.

- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
 - Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.
- Changes or modifications to this unit not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment. This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

SERVICE INFORMATION

All Black & Decker Service Centers are staffed with trained personnel to provide customers with efficient and reliable power tool service. Whether you need technical advice, repair, or genuine factory replacement parts, contact the Black & Decker location nearest you. To find your local service location, refer to the yellow page directory under "Tools—Electric" or call: **1-800-544-6986** or visit **www.blackanddecker.com**.

ACCESSORIES

⚠ WARNING: DO NOT use this product with any type of accessory or attachment. Such usage might be hazardous.

IMPORTANT

To assure product SAFETY and RELIABILITY, repairs, maintenance and adjustment should be performed by authorized service centers or other qualified service organizations, always using identical replacement parts.

Problem	Troubleshooting Possible Cause	Possible Solution
• Unit will not start.	• Battery not installed properly. • Battery not charged.	• Check battery installation. • Check battery charging requirements.
• Battery will not charge.	• Battery not inserted into charger. • Charger not plugged in.	• Insert battery into charger until green LED appears. • Plug charger into a working outlet. Refer to "Important Charging Notes" for more details.
	• Surrounding air temperature too hot or too cold.	• Check current at receptacle by plugging in a lamp or other appliance. • Check to see if receptacle is connected to a light switch which turns power off when you turn out the lights. • Move charger and tool to a surrounding air temperature of above 40 degree F (4.5°C) or below 105 degree F (+40.5°C).

For assistance with your product, visit our website **www.blackanddecker.com** for the location of the service center nearest you or call the BLACK & DECKER help line at **1-800-544-6986**.

FULL TWO-YEAR HOME USE WARRANTY

Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc. warrants this product for two years against any defects in material or workmanship. The defective product will be replaced or repaired at no charge in either of two ways.

The first is to return the product to the retailer from whom it was purchased (provided that the store is a participating retailer). Returns should be made within the time period of the retailer's policy for exchanges (usually 30 to 90 days after the sale). Proof of purchase may be required. Please check with the retailer for their specific return policy regarding returns that are beyond the time set for exchanges.

The second option is to take or send the product (prepaid) to a Black & Decker owned or authorized Service Center for repair or replacement at our option. Proof of purchase may be required. Black & Decker owned and authorized Service Centers are listed under "Tools-Electric" in the yellow pages of the phone directory.

This warranty does not apply to accessories. This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may have other rights which vary from state to state or province to province. Should you have any questions, contact the manager of your nearest Black & Decker Service Center. This product is not intended for commercial use.

LATIN AMERICA: This warranty does not apply to products sold in Latin America. For products sold in Latin America, check country specific warranty information contained in the packaging, call the local company or see the website for warranty information.

FREE WARNING LABEL REPLACEMENT: If your warning labels become illegible or are missing, call **1-800-544-6986** for a free replacement.

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