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**INSTRUCTION MANUAL  
GUIDE D'UTILISATION  
MANUAL DE INSTRUCCIONES**

INSTRUCTIVO DE OPERACIÓN, CENTROS DE SERVICIO  
Y PÓLIZA DE GARANTÍA. **ADVERTENCIA:** LÉASE ESTE  
INSTRUCTIVO ANTES DE USAR EL PRODUCTO.

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# DEWALT®

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**D25980**

**Heavy-Duty Pavement Breaker**

**Brise-béton robuste**

**Martillo rompedor para trabajos pesados**

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General Safety Rules

**WARNING! To reduce risk of injury, user must read instruction manual.**  
Failure to follow all instructions listed below may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury. The term "power tool" in all of the warnings listed below refers to your mains-operated (corded) power tool or battery-operated (cordless) power tool.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

1) WORK AREA SAFETY

- a) Keep work area clean and well lit. Cluttered or dark areas invite accidents.
- b) Do not operate power tools in explosive atmospheres, such as in the presence of flammable liquids, gases or dust. Power tools create sparks which may ignite the dust or fumes.
- c) Keep children and bystanders away while operating a power tool. Distractions can cause you to lose control.

2) ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- a) Power tool plugs must match the outlet. Never modify the plug in any way. Do not use any adapter plugs with earthed (grounded) power tools. Unmodified plugs and matching outlets will reduce risk of electric shock.
- b) Avoid body contact with earthed or grounded surfaces such as pipes, radiators, ranges and refrigerators. There is an increased risk of electric shock if your body is earthed or grounded.
- c) Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions. Water entering a power tool will increase the risk of electric shock.
- d) Do not abuse the cord. Never use the cord for carrying, pulling or unplugging the power tool. Keep cord away from heat, oil, sharp edges or moving parts. Damaged or entangled cords increase the risk of electric shock. Have damaged cords repaired by authorized service center immediately. Make sure your extension cord is in good condition. Use only 3-wire extension cords that have 3-prong grounding-type plugs and 3-pole receptacles that accept the tool's plug.
- e) When operating a power tool outdoors, use an extension cord suitable for outdoor use. Make sure your extension cord is in good condition. Use of a cord suitable for outdoor use reduces the risk of electric shock. When using an extension cord, be sure to use one 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. The following table 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.

| Minimum Gauge for Cord Sets |               |      |                                       |                 |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Amperes Rating              | Volts         |      | Total Length of Cord in Feet (meters) |                 |
|                             | 120V          | 240V | 25 (7.6)                              | 50 (15.2)       |
| More Than                   | Not More Than | 16   | AWG                                   |                 |
|                             |               |      | 18                                    | 16              |
|                             |               |      | 18                                    | 16              |
|                             |               |      | 16                                    | 16              |
| 10                          | 12            | 16   | 14                                    | 12              |
|                             |               |      |                                       |                 |
| 12                          | 16            | 14   | 12                                    | Not Recommended |
|                             |               |      |                                       |                 |

3) PERSONAL SAFETY

- a) Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense when operating a power tool. Do not use a power tool while you are tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol or medication. A moment of inattention while operating power tools may result in serious personal injury.
- b) Use safety equipment. Always wear eye protection. Safety equipment such as dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injuries.
- c) Avoid accidental starting. Ensure the switch is in the off-position before plugging in. Carrying power tools with your finger on the switch or plugging in power tools that have the switch on invites accidents.
- d) Remove any adjusting key or wrench before turning the power tool on. A wrench or a key left attached to a rotating part of the power tool may result in personal injury.
- e) Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times. This enables better control of the power tool in unexpected situations.
- f) Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewellery. Keep your hair, clothing and gloves away from moving parts. Loose clothes, jewellery or long hair can be caught in moving parts. Air vents often cover moving parts and should also be avoided.
- g) If devices are provided for the connection of dust extraction and collection facilities, ensure these are connected and properly used. Use of these devices can reduce dust-related hazards.
- 4) POWER TOOL USE AND CARE
  - a) Do not force the power tool. Use the correct power tool for your application. The correct power tool will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it was designed.
  - b) Do not use the power tool if the switch does not turn it on and off. Any power tool that cannot be controlled with the switch is dangerous and must be repaired.
  - c) Disconnect the plug from the power source and/or the battery pack from the power tool before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing power tools. Such preventive safety measures reduce the risk of starting the power tool accidentally.
  - d) Store idle power tools out of the reach of children and do not allow persons unfamiliar with the power tool or these instructions to operate the power tool. Power tools are dangerous in the hands of untrained users.
  - e) Maintain power tools. Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts and any other condition that may affect the power tools operation. If damaged, have the power tool repaired before use. Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained power tools.
  - f) Keep cutting tools sharp and clean. Properly maintained cutting tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.
  - g) Use the power tool, accessories and tool bits etc., in accordance with these instructions and in the manner intended for the particular type of power tool, taking into account the working conditions and the work to be performed. Use of the power tool for operations different from those intended could result in a hazardous situation.
- 5) SERVICE
  - a) Have your power tool serviced by a qualified repair person using only identical replacement parts. This will ensure that the safety of the power tool is maintained.

Additional Safety Instructions for Pavement Breakers

- Hold power tools by insulated gripping surfaces when performing an operation where the cutting tool may contact hidden wiring or its own cord. Contact with a "live" wire will make exposed metal parts of the tool "live" and shock the operator.

Be certain that the material being worked does not conceal electric or gas service and that their locations have been verified with the utility companies.

- **Wear ear protectors.** Exposure to noise can cause hearing loss.
- **Use auxiliary handles supplied with the tool.** Loss of control can cause personal injury.

**Keep a firm grip on the tool at all times. Do not attempt to operate this tool without holding it with both hands.** Operating this tool with one hand will result in loss of control. Breaking through or encountering hard materials such as re-bar may be hazardous as well. Tighten the side handle securely before use.

- **Wear safety goggles or other eye protection.** Hammering operations cause chips to fly. Flying particles can cause permanent eye damage. Wear a dust mask or respirator for applications that generate dust. Ear protection may be required for most applications.

- **Do not operate this tool for long periods of time.** Vibration caused by hammer action may be harmful to your hands and arms. Use gloves to provide extra cushion and limit exposure by taking frequent rest periods.

- **Do not recondition bits yourself.** Chisel reconditioning should be done by an authorized specialist. Improperly reconditioned chisels could cause injury.

- **Wear gloves when operating tool or changing bits.** Accessible metal parts on the tool and bits may get extremely hot during operation. Small bits of broken material may damage bare hands.

- **Never lay the tool down until the bit has come to a complete stop.** Moving bits could cause injury.

- **Do not strike jammed bits with a hammer to dislodge them.** Fragments of metal or material chips could dislodge and cause injury.

- **Slightly worn chisels can be resharpened by grinding.**
- **Keep the power cord away from the bit. Do not wrap the cord around any part of your body.** An electric cord wrapped around a bit may cause electric shock.

**⚠ WARNING: 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.

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

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

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.

- **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.

**⚠ WARNING:** Use of this tool can generate and/or disburse 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.

**⚠ WARNING: ALWAYS use respiratory protection.** All users and bystanders must wear respiratory protection that conforms to NIOSH/OSHA/MSHA standards.

**⚠ WARNING: ALWAYS use eye protection.** Everyday eyeglasses are **NOT** safety glasses. All users and bystanders must wear eye protection that conforms to ANSI Z87.1.

**English**

**⚠ WARNING: ALWAYS wear proper personal hearing protection that conforms to ANSI S12.6 (S3.19) during use.** Under some conditions and duration of use, noise from this product may contribute to hearing loss.

- The label on your tool may include the following symbols. The symbols and their definitions are as follows:

|          |                                          |              |                                         |
|----------|------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|
| V.....   | volts                                    | A.....       | amperes                                 |
| Hz.....  | hertz                                    | W.....       | watts                                   |
| min..... | minutes                                  | ~.....       | alternating current                     |
| .....    | direct current                           | no.....      | no load speed                           |
| ⊕.....   | Class I Construction (grounded)          | ⊕.....       | earthing terminal                       |
| ⊕.....   | Class II Construction (double insulated) | ⚡.....       | safety alert symbol                     |
| .....    | beats per minute                         | .../min..... | revolutions or reciprocation per minute |

**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS**

**COMPONENTS (FIG. 1)**

**NOTE:** Left and right describes the location of the part with the operator standing behind the pavement breaker with the front of the tool facing away.

- A. ON/OFF switch
- B. Right side handle
- C. Front of tool
- D. Left side handle
- E. Bit retainer
- F. Active vibration control
- G. Hex head screws
- H. Bit holder
- I. Air vents

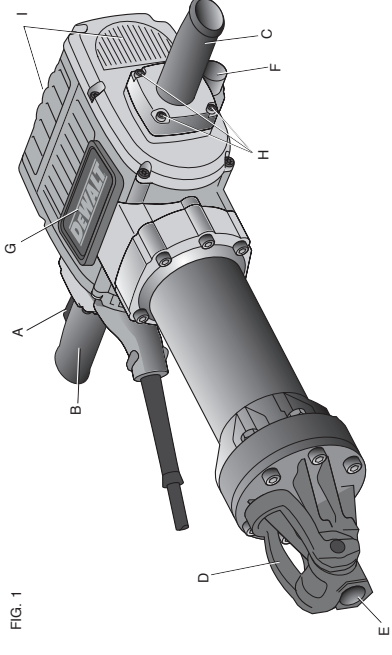


FIG. 1

## ASSEMBLY

### Side Handle (Fig. 1)

**⚠ CAUTION:** Always operate the tool with the side handle properly assembled. Hold tool with both hands to maximize control.

Attach left side handle (C) with four hex head screws (H, supplied). Tighten with hex wrench supplied.

### FEATURES (FIG. 1)

The D25980 Pavement Breaker has been designed for professional heavy-duty demolition, applications in concrete, brick, stone and other masonry materials.

### ON/OFF Switch

The weight of the hand will activate/deactivate the ON/OFF switch. Firmly grasp pavement breaker while applying pressure with the right hand to turn the pavement breaker on. To turn the tool off, remove the right hand to relieve pressure from the switch.

### Soft Start

Holding tool by both handles depress the ON/OFF switch (A). The Soft Start feature allows the impact rate to build up more slowly preventing the bit or point from bouncing around on the surface. To stop the pavement breaker pull up on hand to relieve pressure from the switch to turn the tool OFF.

### SHOCKS™ – Active Vibration Control

The active vibration control (F) helps absorb the vibration transmitted to the user. This improves user comfort and safety during operation.

Hold the tool firmly with one hand on the left side handle (C) and the other hand on the right side handle (B). Using the right hand apply weight to the ON/OFF switch (A) to turn on. Apply only enough pressure to the work area to engage the active vibration control. Applying too much pressure will not make the pavement breaker chisel faster and the active vibration control will not engage.

### OPERATION

**⚠ CAUTION:** Always hold tool with both hands to maximize control. Allow the hammer to do the work. Excessive added force shortens the life of the hammer and the accessory.

### Bits

**⚠ WARNING:** ALWAYS turn off tool and disconnect the tool from the power source before making any adjustments or removing or installing attachments or accessories. Such preventative safety measures reduce the risk of starting the tool accidentally.

**⚠ WARNING:** ALWAYS wear gloves when you change bits. Accessible metal parts on the tool and bits may get extremely hot during operation.

**⚠ WARNING:** To reduce the risk of injury, only DEWALT recommended accessories should be used with this product. A variety of bits are available from your local retailer.

**NOTE:** Insert bits with the front of tool (G) facing up.

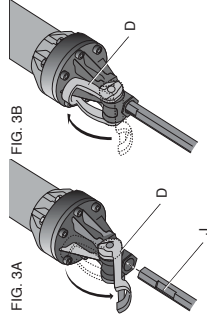
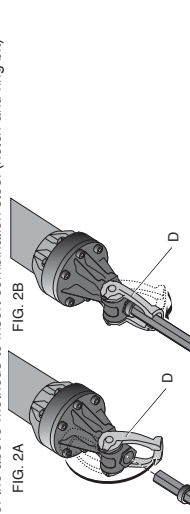
### TO INSERT AIR STEEL BITS (RING-ONLY BIT)

1. Pull bit retainer (D) open as shown in Figure 2a.
2. Insert bit into bit holder (E) and close bit retainer onto bit as shown in Figure 2b.

### TO INSERT TOOL STEEL BITS (NOTCH-ONLY BIT)

1. Pull bit retainer (D) open as shown in Figure 3a.
2. Insert bit with notch (J) facing up into bit holder (E).
3. Pull bit retainer up to lock into position as shown in Figure 3b.

Use either of the above methods to insert combination steel (notch and ring bit)



### To Operate

**NOTE:** Use sharp drill bits only.

1. Insert bit as described in Bits.
2. Standing behind the tool with both hands on the handles, depress the ON/OFF switch to start the tool. Hold handles firmly to control tool.
3. Remove hand to relieve pressure from the ON/OFF switch to turn the tool OFF.
4. Place hands under handles and lift up to move tool.

### MAINTENANCE

#### Cleaning

**⚠ CAUTION:** When cleaning, use only a damp cloth on plastic parts. Many household cleaners contain chemicals which could seriously damage plastic. Also, do not use gasoline, turpentine, lacquer or paint thinner, dry cleaning fluids or similar products which may seriously damage plastic parts. Never let any liquid get inside the tool; never immerse any part of the tool into a liquid. Keep the air vents (I) clear and regularly clean the housing with a soft cloth.

#### Lubrication

The tool requires no additional lubrication.

#### Accessories

**⚠ WARNING:** Since accessories, other than those offered by DEWALT, have not been tested with this product, use of such accessories with this tool could be hazardous. To reduce the risk of injury, only DEWALT recommended accessories should be used with this product. Recommended accessories for use with your tool are available at extra cost from your local service center. If you need any assistance in locating any accessory, please contact DEWALT Industrial Tool Co., 701 East Joppa Road, Baltimore, MD 21286, call 1-800-4-DEWALT (1-800-433-9258) or visit our website [www.dewalt.com](http://www.dewalt.com).

Repairs

To assure product SAFETY and RELIABILITY, repairs, maintenance and adjustment (including brush inspection and replacement) should be performed by a DEWALT factory service center, a DEWALT authorized service center or other qualified service personnel. Always use identical replacement parts.

Three Year Limited Warranty

DEWALT will repair, without charge, any defects due to faulty materials or workmanship for three years from the date of purchase. This warranty does not cover part failure due to normal wear or tool abuse. For further detail of warranty coverage and warranty repair information, visit [www.dewalt.com](http://www.dewalt.com) or call 1-800-4-DEWALT (1-800-433-9258). This warranty does not apply to accessories or damage caused where repairs have been made or attempted by others. This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may have other rights which vary in certain states or provinces.

In addition to the warranty, DEWALT tools are covered by our:

2 YEAR FREE SERVICE

DEWALT will maintain the tool and replace worn parts caused by normal use, for free, any time during the first two years after purchase.

90 DAY MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

If you are not completely satisfied with the performance of your DEWALT Power Tool, Laser, or Nailer for any reason, you can return it within 90 days from the date of purchase with a receipt for a full refund – no questions asked.

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

**FREE WARNING LABEL REPLACEMENT:** If your warning labels become illegible or are missing, call 1-800-4-DEWALT for a free replacement

Specifications

Voltage..... 120 V~  
Current..... 15 A  
Frequency..... 60 Hz  
Power input..... 1800 W  
Beats per minute ..... 870  
Tool holder..... 28 mm  
Weight..... 31 kg

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PAVEMENT BREAKER

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AWARNING

TO REDUCE THE RISK OF INJURY, USER MUST READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL WARNINGS AND SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS. ALWAYS WEAR EYE PROTECTION AND RESPIRATORY PROTECTION. ALWAYS USE SIDE HANDLES.

ADVERTENCIA

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