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DCS374
20V Max* XR Li-Ion Brushless Band Saw
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Sierra de banda sin escobillas de 20V Max* XR de iones de litio

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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 personal protective equipment. Always wear eye protection.*** *Protective equipment such as dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injuries.*

c) ***Prevent unintentional starting. Ensure the switch is in the off position before connecting to power source and/or battery pack, picking up or carrying the tool.*** *Carrying power tools with your finger on the switch or energizing 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 jewelry. Keep your hair, clothing and gloves away from moving parts.*** *Loose clothes, jewelry or long hair can be caught in moving parts.*

g) ***If devices are provided for the connection of dust extraction and collection facilities, ensure these are connected and properly used.*** *Use of dust collection 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 tool's 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, 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) BATTERY TOOL USE AND CARE

a) ***Recharge only with the charger specified by the manufacturer.*** *A charger that is suitable for one type of battery pack may create a risk of fire when used with another battery pack.*

b) ***Use power tools only with specifically designated battery packs.*** *Use of any other battery packs may create a risk of injury and fire.*

Definitions: Safety Guidelines

The definitions below describe the level of severity for each signal word. Please read the manual and pay attention to these symbols.

⚠ ***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: *Indicates a practice* ***not related to personal injury*** *which, if not avoided,* ***may*** *result in* ***property damage.***

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THIS OR ANY DEWALT TOOL, CALL US TOLL FREE AT: **1-800-4-DEWALT (1-800-433-9258).**

WARNING: *To reduce the risk of injury, read the instruction manual.*

General Power Tool Safety Warnings

WARNING! Read all safety warnings and all instructions. *Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury.*

SAVE ALL WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

The term "power tool" in the warnings refers to your mains-operated (corded) power tool or battery-operated (cordless) power tool.

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.*

e) ***When operating a power tool outdoors, use an extension cord suitable for outdoor use.*** *Use of a cord suitable for outdoor use reduces the risk of electric shock.*

f) ***If operating a power tool in a damp location is unavoidable, use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protected supply.*** *Use of a GFCI reduces the risk of electric shock.*

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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 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.*

⚠***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.*

⚠***CAUTION: When not in use, place tool on its side on a stable surface where it will not cause a tripping or falling hazard.*** *Some tools with large battery packs will stand upright on the battery pack but may be easily knocked over.*

- *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	~ or AC...alternating current
⎓ or DC...direct current	⎓~ or AC/DC...alternating or direct current
Ⓘ.....Class I Construction (grounded)	n_0.....no load speed
⧈.....Class II Construction (double insulated)	n.....rated speed
.../min ...per minute	⏚.....earthing terminal
BPM.....beats per minute	⚠.....safety alert symbol
IPM.....impacts per minute	☢.....visible radiation
sfpm.....surface feet per minute	RPM.....revolutions per minute
SPM.....strokes per minute	

Important Safety Instructions for All Battery Packs

When ordering replacement battery packs, be sure to include the catalog number and voltage. Consult the chart at the end of this manual for compatibility of chargers and battery packs.

The battery pack is not fully charged out of the carton. Before using the battery pack and charger, read the safety instructions below and then follow charging procedures outlined.

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS

- ***Do not charge or use the battery pack in explosive atmospheres, such as in the presence of flammable liquids, gases or dust.*** *Inserting or removing the battery pack from the charger may ignite the dust or fumes.*
- ***NEVER force the battery pack into the charger. DO NOT modify the battery pack in any way to fit into a non-compatible charger as battery pack may rupture causing serious personal injury.*** *Consult the chart at the end of this manual for compatibility of batteries and chargers.*
- *Charge the battery packs only in designated DEWALT chargers.*
- ***DO NOT*** *splash or immerse in water or other liquids.*
- ***Do not store or use the tool and battery pack in locations where the temperature may reach or exceed 104 °F (40 °C) (such as outside sheds or metal buildings in summer).*** *For best life store battery packs in a cool, dry location.*

NOTE: Do not store the battery packs in a tool with the trigger switch locked on. Never tape the trigger switch in the ON position.

⚠***WARNING:*** *Shock hazard. Do not allow any liquid to get inside the charger. Electric shock may result.*

⚠***CAUTION:*** *Burn hazard. To reduce the risk of injury, charge only DEWALT rechargeable battery packs. Other types of batteries may overheat and burst resulting in personal injury and property damage.*

NOTICE: *Under certain conditions, with the charger plugged into the power supply, the charger can be shorted by foreign material. Foreign materials of a conductive nature, such as, but not limited to, grinding dust, metal chips, steel wool, aluminum foil or any buildup of metallic particles should be kept away from the charger cavities. Always unplug the charger from the power supply when there is no battery pack in the cavity. Unplug the charger before attempting to clean.*

- ***DO NOT attempt to charge the battery pack with any chargers other than the ones in this manual.*** *The charger and battery pack are specifically designed to work together.*
- ***These chargers are not intended for any uses other than charging DEWALT rechargeable batteries.*** *Any other uses may result in risk of fire, electric shock or electrocution.*
- ***Do not expose the charger to rain or snow.***
- ***Pull by the plug rather than the cord when disconnecting the charger.*** *This will reduce the risk of damage to the electric plug and cord.*
- ***Make sure that the cord is located so that it will not be stepped on, tripped over or otherwise subjected to damage or stress.***
- ***Do not use an extension cord unless it is absolutely necessary.*** *Use of improper extension cord could result in risk of fire, electric shock or electrocution.*
- ***When operating a charger outdoors, always provide a dry location and use an extension cord suitable for outdoor use.*** *Use of a cord suitable for outdoor use reduces the risk of electric shock.*
- ***An extension cord must have adequate wire size (AWG or American Wire Gauge) for safety.*** *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. An undersized cord will cause a drop in line voltage resulting in loss of power and overheating. When using more than one extension to make up the total length, be sure each individual extension contains at least the minimum wire size. 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 lower the gauge number, the heavier the cord.*

Minimum Gauge for Cord Sets					
Ampere Rating	Volts	Total Length of Cord in Feet (meters)			
	120 V	25 (7.6)	50 (15.2)	100 (30.5)	150 (45.7)
	240 V	50 (15.2)	100 (30.5)	200 (61.0)	300 (91.4)
More Than	Not More Than	AWG			
0	6	18	16	16	14
6	10	18	16	14	12
10	12	16	16	14	12
12	16	14	12	Not Recommended	

- ***Do not place any object on top of the charger or place the charger on a soft surface that might block the ventilation slots and result in excessive internal heat.*** *Place the charger in a position away from any heat source. The charger is ventilated through slots in the top and the bottom of the housing.*
- ***Do not operate the charger with a damaged cord or plug.***

c) ***When battery pack is not in use, keep it away from other metal objects, like paper clips, coins, keys, nails, screws, or other small metal objects, that can make a connection from one terminal to another.*** *Shorting the battery terminals together may cause burns or a fire.*

d) ***Under abusive conditions, liquid may be ejected from the battery; avoid contact. If contact accidentally occurs, flush with water. If liquid contacts eyes, additionally seek medical help.*** *Liquid ejected from the battery may cause irritation or burns.*

6) 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 Rules – Portable Band Saws

- ***Hold power tool by insulated gripping surfaces when performing an operation where the cutting accessory may contact hidden wiring.*** *Cutting accessories contacting a "live" wire may make exposed metal parts of the power tool "live" and could give the operator an electric shock.*
- ***Keep hands away from cutting area and blade.***
- ***Always make sure the portable band saw is clean before using.***
- ***Always cease operation at once if you notice any abnormality whatsoever.***
- ***Always be sure all components are mounted properly and securely before using tool.***
- ***Always handle the band saw blade with care when mounting or removing it.***
- ***Always keep your hands out of the line of the band saw blade.***
- ***Always wait until the motor has reached full speed before starting a cut.***
- ***Always keep handles dry, clean, and free of oil and grease.*** *Hold the tool firmly when in use.*
- ***Always be alert at all times, especially during repetitive, monotonous operations.*** *Always be sure of position of your hands relative to the blade.*
- ***Never remove work stop.***
- ***Stay clear of end pieces that may fall after cutting off.*** *They may be hot, sharp and/or heavy. Serious personal injury may result.*
- ***Air vents often cover moving parts and should be avoided.*** *Loose clothes, jewelry or long hair can be caught in moving parts.*

⚠***WARNING: 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.*

⚠***WARNING:*** *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 chemicals: work in a well ventilated area, and work with approved safety equipment,

⚠***WARNING:*** *Fire hazard. Never attempt to open the battery pack for any reason. If the battery pack case is cracked or damaged, do not insert into the charger. Do not crush, drop or damage the battery pack. Do not use a battery pack or charger that has received a sharp blow, been dropped, run over or damaged in any way (e.g., pierced with a nail, hit with a hammer, stepped on). Damaged battery packs should be returned to the service center for recycling.*

⚠***WARNING: Fire hazard. Do not store or carry the battery pack so that metal objects can contact exposed battery terminals.*** *For example, do not place the battery pack 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 (e.g., packed in suitcases and carry-on luggage) UNLESS they are properly protected from short circuits. So when transporting individual battery packs, make sure that the battery terminals are protected and well insulated from materials that could contact them and cause a short circuit.*

SPECIFIC SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR LITHIUM ION (Li-Ion)

- ***Do not incinerate the battery pack even if it is severely damaged or is completely worn out.*** *The battery pack can explode in a fire. Toxic fumes and materials are created when lithium ion battery packs are burned.*
- ***If battery contents come into contact with the skin, immediately wash area with mild soap and water.*** *If battery liquid gets into the eye, rinse water over the open eye for 15 minutes or until irritation ceases. If medical attention is needed, the battery electrolyte is composed of a mixture of liquid organic carbonates and lithium salts.*
- ***Contents of opened battery cells may cause respiratory irritation.*** *Provide fresh air. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention.*

⚠***WARNING:*** *Burn hazard. Battery liquid may be flammable if exposed to spark or flame.*

The RBRC® Seal

The RBRC® (Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation) Seal on the nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride or lithium-ion batteries (or battery packs) indicates that the costs to recycle these batteries (or battery packs) at the end of their useful life have already been paid by DEWALT. In some areas, it is illegal to place spent nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride or lithium-ion batteries in the trash or municipal solid waste stream and the Call 2 Recycle® program provides an environmentally conscious alternative.

Call 2 Recycle, Inc., in cooperation with DEWALT and other battery users, has established the program in the United States and Canada to facilitate the collection of spent nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride or lithium-ion batteries. Help protect our environment and conserve natural resources by returning the spent nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride or lithium-ion batteries to an authorized DEWALT 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. RBRC® is a registered trademark of Call 2 Recycle, Inc.

Important Safety Instructions for All Battery Chargers

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS: *This manual contains important safety and operating instructions for battery chargers.*

- *Before using the charger, read all instructions and cautionary markings on the charger, battery pack and product using the battery pack.*

English

HOT/COLD DELAY

DCB101, DCB102, DCB103

These chargers have a hot/cold delay feature. When the charger detects a battery that is too hot or too cold, it automatically starts a delay, suspending charging. The red light flashes long, then short while in the hot/cold delay mode.

Once the battery has reached an optimum temperature, the charger will automatically resume the charging procedure. This feature ensures maximum battery life.

DCB107, DCB112, DCB113, DCB115

These chargers have a hot/cold delay feature. When the charger detects a battery that is too hot or too cold, it automatically starts a delay, suspending charging. The red light will continue to blink, but a yellow indicator light will be illuminated during this suspension.

Once the battery has reached an optimum temperature, the yellow light will turn off and the charger will automatically resume the charging procedure. This feature ensures maximum battery life.

LEAVING THE BATTERY PACK IN THE CHARGER

The charger and battery pack can be left connected with the charge indicator showing Pack Charged.

WEAK BATTERY PACKS: Weak batteries will continue to function but should not be expected to perform as much work.

FAULTY BATTERY PACKS

DCB101, DCB102, DCB103

These chargers will not charge a faulty battery pack. The charger will indicate faulty battery pack by refusing to light or by displaying problem pack or charger.

NOTE: This could also mean a problem with a charger.

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Wall Mounting

DCB107, DCB112, DCB113, DCB115

These chargers are designed to be wall mountable or to sit upright on a table or work surface.

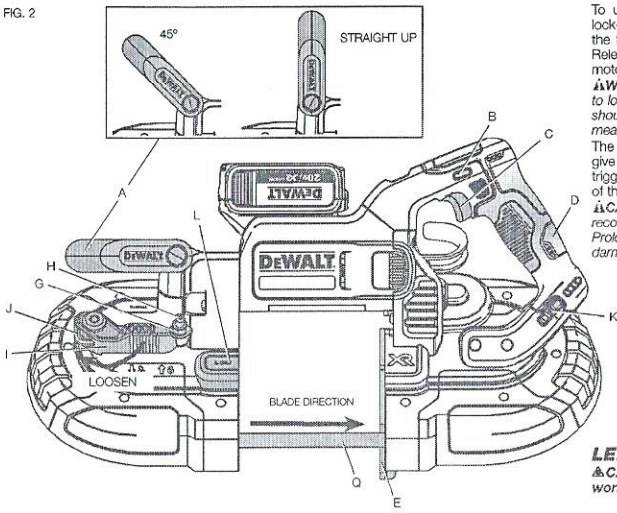
If wall mounting, locate the charger within reach of an electrical outlet. Mount the charger securely using drywall screws at least 1" (25.4 mm) long, screwed into wood to an optimal depth leaving approximately 7/32" (5.5 mm) of the screw exposed.

Important Charging Notes

1. Longest life and best performance can be obtained if the battery pack is charged when the air temperature is between 65 °F and 75 °F (18°–24 °C). DO NOT charge the battery pack in an air temperature below +40 °F (+4.5 °C), or above +104 °F (+40 °C). This is important and will prevent serious damage to the battery pack.
2. The charger and battery pack may become warm to the touch while charging. This is a normal condition, and does not indicate a problem. To facilitate the cooling of the battery pack after use, avoid placing the charger or battery pack in a warm environment such as in a metal shed or an uninsulated trailer.
3. A cold battery pack will charge at about half the rate of a warm battery pack. The battery pack will charge at that slower rate throughout the entire charging cycle and will not return to maximum charge rate even if the battery pack warms.
4. If the battery pack does not charge properly:
   a. Check operation of receptacle by plugging in a lamp or other appliance;

English

FIG. 2



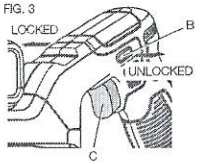
To unlock the trigger switch, press the lock-off button as shown in Figure 3. Pull the trigger switch to turn the motor ON. Releasing the trigger switch turns the motor OFF.

⚠***WARNING:*** *This tool has no provision to lock the switch in the ON position, and should never be locked ON by any other means.*

The variable speed trigger switch will give you added versatility. The further the trigger is depressed the higher the speed of the saw.

⚠***CAUTION:*** *Use of very slow speed is recommended only for beginning a cut. Prolonged use at very slow speed may damage your saw.*

FIG. 3



LED Worklight (Fig. 2)

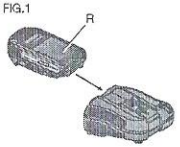
⚠***CAUTION:*** ***Do not stare into worklight.*** *Serious eye injury could result.*

English

- ***Do not operate the charger if it has received a sharp blow, been dropped or otherwise damaged in any way.*** *Take it to an authorized service center.*
- ***Do not disassemble the charger; take it to an authorized service center when service or repair is required.*** *Incorrect reassembly may result in a risk of electric shock, electrocution or fire.*
- ***Disconnect the charger from the outlet before attempting any cleaning. This will reduce the risk of electric shock.*** *Removing the battery pack will not reduce this risk.*
- ***NEVER*** *attempt to connect 2 chargers together.*
- ***The charger is designed to operate on standard 120V household electrical power. Do not attempt to use it on any other voltage.*** *This does not apply to the vehicular charger.*

Chargers

FIG.1



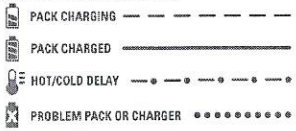
Your tool uses a DeWALT charger. Be sure to read all safety instructions before using your charger. Consult the chart at the end of this manual for compatibility of chargers and battery packs.

Charging Procedure (Fig. 1)

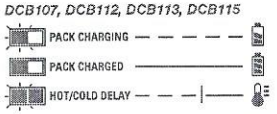
1. Plug the charger into an appropriate outlet before inserting the battery pack.
2. Insert the battery pack (R) into the charger, as shown in Figure 1, making sure the pack is fully seated in charger. The red (charging) light will blink continuously, indicating that the charging process has started.
3. The completion of charge will be indicated by the red light remaining ON continuously. The pack is fully charged and may be used at this time or left in the charger.

Indicator Light Operation

DCB101, DCB102, DCB103



DCB107, DCB112, DCB113, DCB115



Charge Indicators

This charger is designed to detect certain problems that can arise. Problems are indicated by the red light flashing at a fast rate. If this occurs, re-insert the battery pack into the charger. If the problem persists, try a different battery pack to determine if the charger is working properly. If the new pack charges correctly, then the original pack is defective and should be returned to a service center or other collection site for recycling. If the new battery pack elicits the same trouble indication as the original, have the charger and the battery pack tested at an authorized service center.

English

   b. Check to see if receptacle is connected to a light switch which turns power off when you turn out the lights;
   c. Move the charger and battery pack to a location where the surrounding air temperature is approximately 65 °F–75 °F (18°–24 °C);
   d. If charging problems persist, take the tool, battery pack and charger to your local service center.
5. The battery pack should be recharged when it fails to produce sufficient power on jobs which were easily done previously. DO NOT CONTINUE to use under these conditions. Follow the charging procedure. You may also charge a partially used pack whenever you desire with no adverse effect on the battery pack.
6. Foreign materials of a conductive nature such as, but not limited to, grinding dust, metal chips, steel wool, aluminum foil, or any buildup of metallic particles should be kept away from charger cavities. Always unplug the charger from the power supply when there is no battery pack in the cavity. Unplug the charger before attempting to clean.
7. Do not freeze or immerse the charger in water or any other liquid.

⚠***WARNING:*** *Shock hazard. Don't allow any liquid to get inside the charger. Electric shock may result.*

⚠***WARNING:*** *Burn hazard. Do not submerge the battery pack in any liquid or allow any liquid to enter the battery pack. Never attempt to open the battery pack for any reason. If the plastic housing of the battery pack breaks or cracks, return to a service center for recycling.*

Storage Recommendations

1. The best storage place is one that is cool and dry, away from direct sunlight and excess heat or cold.
2. For long storage, it is recommended to store a fully charged battery pack in a cool dry place out of the charger for optimal results.

NOTE: Battery packs should not be stored completely depleted of charge. The battery pack will need to be recharged before use.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE

COMPONENTS (Fig. 2, 4)

⚠***WARNING:*** *Never modify the power tool or any part of it. Damage or personal injury could result.*

A. Multi-position bail handle
B. Lock-off button
C. Trigger switch
D. Main handle
E. Work stop (Fig. 2, 4)
F. Guide rollers (Fig. 4)
G. Adjustment locking nut
H. Adjustment screw
I. Blade tension lever
J. Hex wrench
K. Speed wheel
L. Worklight
M. Hang hook (Fig. 4)
N. Pulley (Fig. 4)
O. Blade guard (Fig. 4)
P. Rubber tires (Fig. 4)
Q. Blade (Fig. 2, 4)

INTENDED USE

This heavy-duty band saw is designed for professional metal cutting applications.

DO NOT use under wet conditions or in presence of flammable liquids or gases.

This band saw is a professional power tool.

DO NOT let children come into contact with the tool. Supervision is required when inexperienced operators use this tool.

Variable Speed Trigger Switch (Fig. 2)

LOCK-OFF BUTTON AND TRIGGER SWITCH

Your saw is equipped with a lock-off button (B).

To lock the trigger switch (C), press the lock-off button as shown in Figure 3. Always lock the trigger switch (C) when carrying or storing the tool to eliminate unintentional starting.

English

bound to the material, possibly resulting in overload and burn-out of the motor.

BLADE DESCRIPTION				
Type of band saw blade	Bi-Metal			
Number of teeth	24	18	14	14/18
Workpiece thickness				
1/8" (3.2 mm) and under	•	•		
1/8"–1/4" (3.2 mm–6.4 mm)			•	•

Blade Speed

Your DCS374 portable band saw is equipped with variable speed for greater versatility. Turn the speed wheel (K) to select the desired speed (Fig. 2). Speed 1 is the slowest speed; Speed 5 is the fastest. Use speed settings 1–5.

When cutting copper, brass, bronze, aluminum, cast iron, angle iron, and mild steel, use a higher speed.

When cutting plastic pipe, tougher steels, chrome steel, tungsten steel, stainless steel, and other problem materials, use low speed.

NOTE: When cutting plastic pipe, higher speeds may melt plastic.

Blade Tracking (Fig. 2)

⚠ ***WARNING: To reduce the risk of serious personal injury, turn tool off and remove the battery pack before making any adjustments or removing/installing attachments or accessories.*** *An accidental start-up can cause injury.*

Your band saw is equipped with an adjustable blade tracking mechanism which assures proper blade tracking at all times. The back edge of a properly aligned blade will run lightly against one or both of the back up rollers in the blade guides. (The pressure between the edge of the blade and the roller will be very slight and will not damage either the blade or the roller.)

TO ADJUST THE BLADE TRACKING

1. Use a 1/2" (13 mm) wrench to loosen the adjustment locking nut (G), shown in Figure 2 by turning it one or two turns counterclockwise.
2. Use a screwdriver to turn the adjustment screw (H) 1/4 turn. Turning the screw clockwise will move the blade up toward the blade guide rollers. Turning the screw counterclockwise will move the blade down away from the rollers.
3. Adjust so that the back edge of the blade lightly touches the rollers then securely tighten the adjustment locking nut. (It will be necessary to insert the battery pack and run the saw to observe the tracking.)
4. Observe blade tracking between runs and repeat Steps 1–4 as necessary to achieve proper blade tracking.

⚠ ***WARNING:*** *Make sure the battery is removed if further tracking adjustment is needed.*

ASSEMBLY AND ADJUSTMENTS

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Installing and Removing the Battery Pack (Fig. 1, 2, 5)

NOTE: For best results, make sure your battery pack is fully charged.

To install the battery pack (R) into the tool handle, first position the bail handle fully forward, then align the battery pack with the rails inside the tool's handle and slide it into the handle until the battery pack is firmly seated in the tool and ensure that it does not disengage.

To remove the battery pack (R) from the tool, press the release button (S) and firmly pull the battery pack out of the tool handle. Insert it into the charger as described in the charger section of this manual.

There is a worklight (L) located above the blade. The worklight is activated when the trigger switch is depressed, and will automatically turn off 20 seconds after the trigger switch is released. If the trigger switch remains depressed, the worklight will remain on.

NOTE: The worklight is for lighting the immediate work surface and is not intended to be used as a flashlight.

Blades

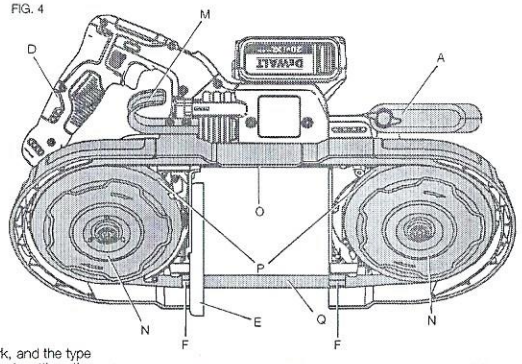
This portable band saw is designed to use .020" (0.5 mm) thick, 1/2" (12.5 mm) wide and 44-7/8" (1140 mm) long blades. **DO NOT** use .025 (.64 mm) thick blades.

⚠ ***WARNING:*** *The use of any other blade or accessory might be hazardous.* ***DO NOT*** *use any other type of accessory with your band saw. Blades used on stationary band saws are of different thickness. Do not attempt to use them on your portable unit.*

Blade Selection

In general, first consider the size and shape of the work, and the type of material to be cut. Remember, for the most efficient cutting, the coarsest tooth blade possible should be used in a given application, because the coarser the tooth, the faster the cut. In selecting the appropriate number of teeth per inch of the band saw blade, at least two teeth should contact the work surface when the blade is rested against the workpiece. As a rule of thumb, soft materials usually require coarse tooth blades, while hard materials require fine tooth blades. Where a smoother finish is important, select one of the finer tooth blades.

FIG. 4



Select the appropriate band saw blade according to the material type, dimensions, and number of teeth. See ***Blade Description*** chart.

The following table is intended as a general guide only. Determine the type of material and dimension of the workpiece and select the most appropriate band saw blade.

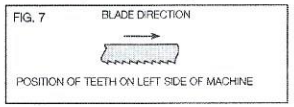
NOTICE: *Never use the band saw to cut resin materials which are subject to melting. Melting of resin material caused by high heat generated during cutting may cause the band saw blade to become*

4. Inspect the guide rollers (F) and remove any large chips which may be lodged in them. Lodged chips can prevent rotation of the guide rollers and cause flat spots on the guide rollers.
5. Rubber tires (P) are mounted on the pulleys (N). The rubber tires should be inspected for looseness or damage when changing the blade. Wipe any chips from the rubber tires on the pulleys. This will extend tire life and keep the blade from slipping. If any looseness or damage occurs, the tool should be brought to an authorized DEWALT service center for repair or replacement as soon as possible. Continued use of the tool with loose or damaged rubber tires will cause unstable travel of the band saw blade.

TO INSTALL BLADE (FIG. 2, 4, 7–9)

1. Position the blade so that the teeth are on the bottom and angled toward the work stop, as shown in Figure 7.

FIG. 7



2. Slip the blade into the guide rollers, as shown in Figure 8.
3. Holding the blade in the guide rollers, place it around both pulleys (N, Fig. 4) and through the work stop (E), as shown in Figure 9.
4. Make sure that the blade is fully inserted into the guide rollers and positioned squarely against the rubber tires.
5. Rotate the blade tension lever (I) counterclockwise until it stops and then gently turn the saw over so that the pulleys rest on your work bench or table. Make sure the teeth face away from the band saw (Fig. 7).
6. Turn the saw on and off a few times to ensure that the blade is seated properly.

FIG 8

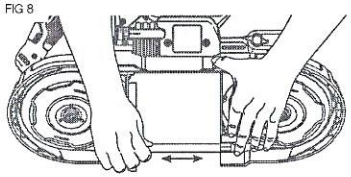
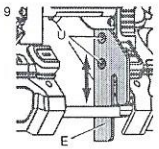


FIG. 9

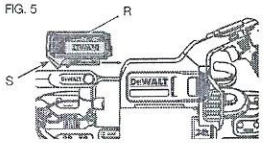


Multi-Position Bail Handle (Fig. 2)

A bail handle (A) is provided for carrying the tool and for use as an additional handle. Assemble the bail handle in one of the multi-positions (forward, 22.5°, 45°, 47.5° or straight up) shown in Figure 2. When adjusting the bail handle from one position to the other, loosen the bail handle knob and move the handle to one of the three positions and tighten knob.

⚠ ***WARNING: Make sure the bail handle knob is tightened and bail handle is secure before using the saw.***

FIG. 5



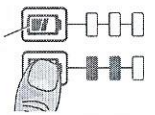
FUEL GAUGE BATTERY PACKS (FIG. 6)

Some DEWALT battery packs include a fuel gauge which consists of three green LED lights that indicate the level of charge remaining in the battery pack.

The fuel gauge is an indication of approximate levels of charge remaining in the battery pack according to the following indicators:

To actuate the fuel gauge, press and hold the fuel gauge button (T). A combination of the three green LED lights will illuminate designating the level of charge left. When the level of charge in the battery is below the usable limit, the fuel gauge will not illuminate and the battery will need to be recharged.

FIG. 6



NOTE: The fuel gauge is only an indication of the charge left on the battery pack. It does not indicate tool functionality and is subject to variation based on product components, temperature and end-user application.

For more information regarding fuel gauge battery packs, please contact call 1-800-4-DEWALT (1-800-433-9258) or visit our website www.dewalt.com.

Removing and Installing Blades

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⚠ ***CAUTION: Cut Hazard.*** *Blade tension lever is under spring pressure. Maintain control of lever when releasing blade tension.*

TO REMOVE BLADE (FIG. 2, 4)

1. Rotate the blade tension lever (I) clockwise until it stops to release tension in blade (refer to Figure 2).
2. Turn the saw over and place it on a workbench or table with the handle to the right.
3. Begin removing the blade at the upper portion of the blade guard (O) and continue around the pulleys (N). When removing the blade, tension may be released and the blade may spring free. SAW BLADES ARE SHARP. USE CARE IN HANDLING THEM.

Work Stop Adjustment

To support large workpieces, the work stop should be lowered following these steps:

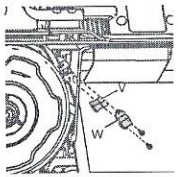
1. Loosen the two screws (U), shown in Figure 9, with the hex wrench (J) provided.
2. Move the work stop (E) to the desired position.
3. Securely tighten screws (U).

Installing the Brush and Brush Cap (Fig. 10)

⚠ WARNING: To reduce the risk of serious personal injury, turn tool off and remove the battery pack before making any adjustments or removing/installing attachments or accessories. *An accidental start-up can cause injury.*

NOTE: The brush/brush cap assembly is available at extra cost from your local dealer or authorized service center.

FIG. 10



1. Turn the saw over and place it on a workbench or table with the handle to the right.
2. First, slide the brush (V) into the slot as seen in Figure 10, then place the brush cap (W) over top and screw securely into place.

OPERATION

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There are certain applications for which this tool was designed.

This band saw is designed to cut various types of material up to 4-3/4" (120.7 mm) diameter or 5" (127 mm) x 4-3/4" (120.7 mm) rectangular shape at 90°.

⚠ WARNING: *Thoroughly remove any oil or grease from the workpiece before securing in a vise or other clamping device. If the workpiece is not secure, it may come loose during the cutting and/or cause breakage, which may result in serious personal injury.*

Cutting

Refer to Figure 12 for recommended cutting positions for various materials.

NOTE: Select and use a band saw blade that is most appropriate for the material being cut. See ***Blade Description***.

This portable band saw may be hung using the hang hook (M, Fig. 4). Hang tool on a pipe vise or other suitable, stable structure.

⚠ WARNING: *To reduce the risk of injury, only use hang hook to support the weight of the tool. Never rely on the hang hook for your own support or to help you maintain your balance.*

⚠ WARNING: *Never attempt to use this tool by resting it upside down on a work surface and bringing the material to the tool. Always securely clamp the workpiece and bring the tool to the workpiece, securely holding the tool with two hands as shown in Figure 11.*

1. Mount the material to be cut solidly in a vise or other clamping device.
2. Bring the work stop (E) into contact with the workpiece while keeping the blade off of the workpiece. Turn the saw on.
3. When saw reaches desired rotation speed, slowly and gently tilt the main body of the tool to bring the band saw blade into contact with the workpiece. Do not apply additional pressure in excess of the weight of the main body of the tool. Carefully avoid bringing the band saw blade suddenly and heavily into contact with the upper surface of the workpiece. This will cause serious damage to the

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