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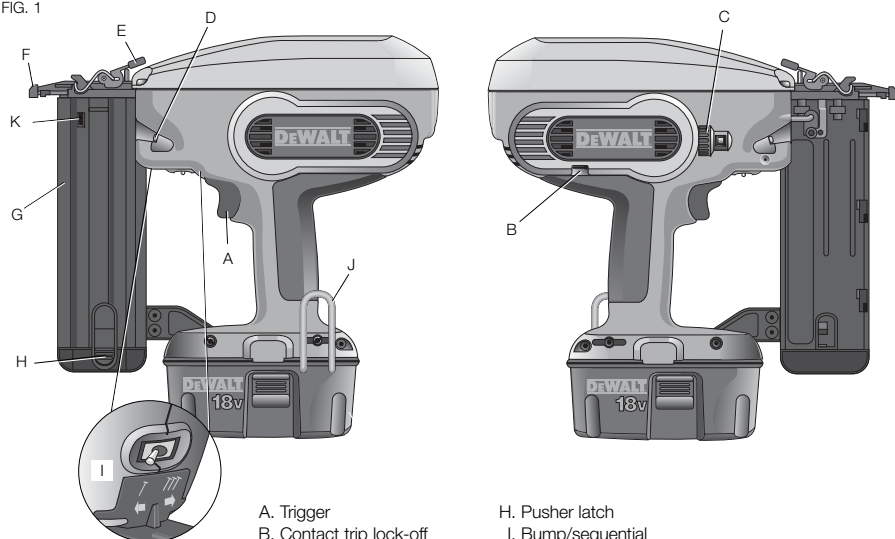
DC608

18 Gauge Cordless Nailer

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FIG. 1



- A. Trigger
 B. Contact trip lock-off
 C. Depth adjustment wheel
 D. Headlights/low battery/jam indicator
 E. Jam clearing latch
 F. Contact trip
 G. Magazine
 H. Pusher latch
 I. Bump/sequential selector switch
 J. Reversible suspension hook
 K. Low nail indicator



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**.

TOOL SPECIFICATIONS

Firing Mode	Selective
Voltage	18
Height	11.25" (286 mm)
Width	3.5" (89 mm)
Length	11.5" (292 mm)
Weight	7.5 lbs. (3.4 kg)
Magazine Angle	0°
Loading Capacity	Up to 110 nails

NAIL SPECIFICATIONS

Nail Lengths	Straight 5/8", 3/4", 1", 1-1/8", 1-3/16", 1-1/4", 1-5/16", 1-3/8", 1-1/2", 1-9/16", 1-3/4", 2" (16 mm, 19 mm, 25 mm, 29 mm, 30 mm, 32 mm, 33 mm, 35 mm, 38 mm, 40 mm, 44 mm, 50 mm)
Shank Diameters	18 gauge
Nail Stick Angles	0°

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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.

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.
- 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.

Nailer Safety Warnings

- **Always assume that the tool contains fasteners.** Careless handling of the nailer can result in unexpected firing of fasteners and personal injury.

- **Do not point the tool towards yourself or anyone nearby.** Unexpected triggering will discharge a fastener causing an injury.
- **Do not actuate the tool unless the tool is placed firmly against the workpiece.** If the tool is not in contact with the workpiece, the fastener may be deflected away from your target.
- **Disconnect the tool from the power source when the fastener jams in the tool.** While removing a jammed fastener, the tacker may be accidentally activated if it is plugged in.
- **Use caution while removing a jammed fastener.** The mechanism may be under compression and the fastener may be forcefully discharged while attempting to free a jammed condition.
- **Do not use this nailer for fastening electrical cables.** It is not designed for electric cable installation and may damage the insulation of electric cables thereby causing electric shock or fire hazards.

Additional Nailer Safety Warnings

⚠WARNING: When using any nailer, all safety precautions, as outlined below, should be followed to avoid the risk of death or serious injury. Read and understand all instructions before operating the tool.

- **Hold tool by insulated gripping surfaces when performing an operation where the cutting tool may contact hidden wiring.** Contact with a "live" wire will make exposed metal parts of the tool "live" and shock the operator.
- **Actuating tool may result in flying debris, collation material, or dust which could harm operator's eyes.** Operator and others in work area **MUST** wear safety glasses with side shields. These safety glasses must conform to ANSI Z87.1 requirements (approved glasses have "Z87" printed or stamped on them). It is the employer's responsibility to enforce the use of eye protection equipment by the tool operator and other people in the work area. (Fig. A)
- **Always wear appropriate personal hearing and other protection during use.** Under some conditions and duration of use, noise from this product may contribute to hearing loss. (Fig. A)

FIG. A



FIG. B



FIG. C



FIG. D

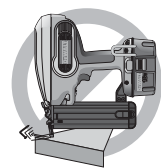


FIG. E

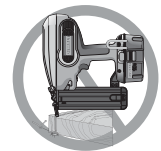


FIG. F



- **Disconnect battery pack from the tool when not in use. Always remove battery pack and remove fasteners from magazine before leaving the area or passing the tool to another operator. Do not carry tool to another work area in which changing location involves the use of scaffoldings, stairs, ladders, and the like, with battery pack connected. Do not make adjustments, perform maintenance or clear jammed fasteners while battery is in place.**
- **Do not remove, tamper with, or otherwise cause the tool, trigger, contact trip lock-off, or contact trip to become inoperable.** Do not tape or tie trigger or contact trip in the ON position. Do not remove spring from contact trip. Make daily inspections for free movement of trigger and contact trip. Uncontrolled discharge could result.
- **Inspect tool before use. Do not operate a tool if any portion of the tool, trigger, contact trip lock-off, or contact trip is inoperable, disconnected, altered, or not working properly.** Damaged parts or missing parts should be repaired or replaced before use. Refer to **Repairs**.
- **Do not alter or modify the tool in any way.**
- **Always assume that the tool contains fasteners.**
- **Do not point the tool at co-workers or yourself at any time.** No horseplay! Work safe! Respect the tool as a working implement. (Fig. B)
- **Keep bystanders, children, and visitors away while operating a power tool.** Distractions can cause you to lose control. When tool is not in use, it should be locked in a safe place, out of the reach of children.
- **Do not carry the tool from place to place holding the trigger.** Accidental discharge could result.
- **Always use contact trip lock-off when tool is not in immediate use.** Using the contact trip lock-off will prevent accidental discharge.
- **Do not overreach. Maintain proper footing and balance at all times.** Loss of balance may cause personal injury. (Fig. C)

FIG. G



FIG. H

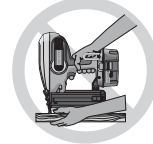


FIG. I



FIG. J

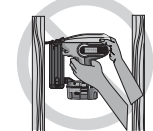
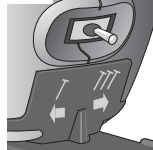


FIG. K



FIG. L



- **Use the tool only for its intended use. Do not discharge fasteners into open air, concrete, stone, extremely hard woods, knots or any material too hard for the fastener to penetrate.** Do not use the body of the tool or top cap as a hammer. Discharged fasteners may follow unexpected path and cause injury. (Figs. D, F)
- **Always keep fingers clear of contact trip to prevent injury from inadvertent release of the pusher.** (Fig. H)
- **Refer to the Maintenance and Repairs sections for detailed information on the proper maintenance of the tool.**
- **Always operate the tool in a clean, lighted area.** Be sure the work surface is clear of any debris and be careful not to lose footing when working in elevated environments such as rooftops.
- **Do not drive fasteners near edge of material.** The workpiece may split causing the fastener to ricochet, injuring you or a co-worker. Be aware that the nail may follow the grain of the wood (shiner), causing it to protrude unexpectedly from the side of the work material. Drive the chisel point of the nail perpendicular to the grain to reduce risk of injury. (Figs. E, F, M)
- **Do not drive nails onto the heads of other fasteners or with the tool at too steep an angle.** Personal injury from strong recoil, jammed fasteners, or ricocheted nails may result. (Fig. G)
- **Keep hands and body parts clear of immediate work area.** Hold workpiece with clamps when necessary to keep hands and body out of potential harm. Be sure the workpiece is properly secured before pressing the nailer against the material. The contact trip may cause the work material to shift unexpectedly. (Fig. H)
- **Do not use tool in the presence of flammable dust, gases or fumes.** The tool may produce a spark that could ignite gases causing a fire. Driving a nail into another nail may also cause a spark. (Fig. I)

- **Keep face and body parts away from back of the tool cap when working in restricted areas.** Sudden recoil can result in impact to the body, especially when nailing into hard or dense material. (Fig. J)
- **Grip tool firmly to maintain control while allowing tool to recoil away from work surface as fastener is driven.** In Bump mode, if contact trip is allowed to recontact work surface before trigger is released, an unwanted fastener will be fired.
- **Choice of triggering method is important.** Check the manual for triggering options.

BUMP/SEQUENTIAL SELECTOR SWITCH

Sequential Action / (Fig. K)

- **When using the tool in sequential action, do not actuate the tool unless the tool is placed firmly against the workpiece.**

Bump Action // (Fig. L)

- **When using the tool in bump action, be careful of unintentional double fires resulting from tool recoil.** Unwanted fasteners may be driven if the contact trip is allowed to accidentally re-contact the work surface.

TO AVOID DOUBLE FIRES:

- Do not engage the tool against the work surface with a strong force.
- Allow the tool to recoil fully after each actuation.
- Use sequential action trigger.
- **When "bump" actuating the brad nailer, always keep tool in control.** Inaccurate placement of tool can result in misdirected discharge of a fastener.
- **Do not drive nails onto the heads of other fasteners.** Strong recoil, jammed fasteners, or ricocheted nails may result. (Fig. M)
- **Be aware of material thickness when using nailer.** A protruding nail may cause injury.
- **DEPTH ADJUSTMENT:** To reduce risk of serious injury from accidental actuation when attempting to adjust depth, ALWAYS:
 - Remove battery pack.
 - Engage contact trip lock-off (Fig. N).
 - Avoid contact with trigger during adjustments
- **Do not drive nails blindly into walls, floors or other work areas.** Fasteners driven into live electrical wires, plumbing, or other types of obstructions can result in injury. (Fig. O)
- **Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense when operating a power tool. Do not use tool while tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or medication.** A moment of inattention while operating power tools may result in serious personal injury.
- **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.

FIG. M

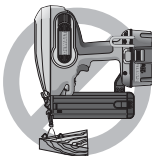


FIG. N

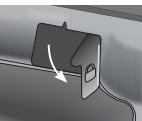


FIG. O



⚠ 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, 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
minminutes	~ or AC.....alternating current
--- or DC.....direct current	⎓ or AC/DC.....alternating or direct current
⓪.....Class I Construction (grounded)	n _ono load speed
Ⓛ.....Class II Construction (double insulated)	n.....rated speed
.../minper minute	⊕.....earthing terminal
IPM.....impacts per minute	⚠.....safety alert symbol
SPM.....strokes per minute	BPM.....beats per minute
	RPM.....revolutions per minute
	sfpd.....surface feet per minute

Important Safety Instructions for All Battery Packs

When ordering replacement battery packs, be sure to include 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. Then follow charging procedures outlined.

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS

- **Do not charge or use battery in explosive atmospheres, such as in the presence of flammable liquids, gases or dust.** Inserting or removing the battery from the charger may ignite the dust or fumes.
- **NEVER force battery pack into charger. DO NOT modify 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 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 105 °F (40 °C) (such as outside sheds or metal buildings in summer).**

⚠ DANGER: Electrocution hazard. Never attempt to open the battery pack for any reason. If battery pack case is cracked or damaged, do not insert into charger. Do not crush, drop or damage 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 (i.e., pierced with a nail, hit with a hammer, stepped on). Electric shock or electrocution may result. Damaged battery packs should be returned to service center for recycling.

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

⚠ 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. without battery cap. **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 U.S. 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.



SPECIFIC SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR NICKEL CADMIUM (NiCd) OR NICKEL METAL HYDRIDE (NiMH)

- **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.
- **A small leakage of liquid from the battery pack cells may occur under extreme usage or temperature conditions.** This does not indicate a failure.

However, if the outer seal is broken:

- a. and the battery liquid gets on your skin, immediately wash with soap and water for several minutes.
- b. and the battery liquid gets into your eyes, flush them with clean water for a minimum of 10 minutes and seek immediate medical attention. (**Medical note:** The liquid is 25–35% solution of potassium hydroxide.)

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) indicate 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 RBRC program provides an environmentally conscious alternative.

RBRC™ in cooperation with DEWALT and other battery users, has established programs 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 the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation.



Important Safety Instructions for All Battery Chargers

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

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

⚠ DANGER: Electrocution hazard. 120 volts are present at charging terminals. Do not probe with conductive objects. Electric shock or electrocution may result.

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

⚠ CAUTION: Burn hazard. To reduce the risk of injury, charge only DEWALT rechargeable batteries. Other types of batteries may burst causing personal injury and damage.

NOTICE: Under certain conditions, with the charger plugged in to the power supply, the exposed charging contacts inside 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 charger cavities. Always unplug the charger from the power supply when there is no battery pack in the cavity. Unplug 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 charger to rain or snow.**
- **Pull by plug rather than cord when disconnecting charger.** This will reduce risk of damage to electric plug and cord.
- **Make sure that 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 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.
- **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

Ampere Rating		Minimum Gauge for Cord Sets				
		Volts	Total Length of Cord in Feet (meters)			
		120V	25 (7.6)	50 (15.2)	100 (30.5)	150 (45.7)
		240V	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 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 charger with damaged cord or plug.**
- **Do not operate 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 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 two chargers together.
- **The charger is designed to operate on standard 120 volt household electrical power. Do not attempt to use it on any other voltage.** This does not apply to the vehicular charger.

Using Automatic Tune-Up™ Mode

The automatic Tune-Up™ Mode equalizes or balances the individual cells in the battery pack allowing it to function at peak capacity. Battery packs should be tuned up weekly or after 10 charge/discharge cycles or whenever the pack no longer delivers the same amount of work. To use the automatic Tune-Up™, place the battery pack in the charger and leave it for at least 8 hours. The charger will cycle through the following modes.

1. The red light will blink continuously indicating that the 1-hour charge cycle has started.
2. When the 1-hour charge cycle is complete, the light will stay on continuously and will no longer blink. This indicates that the pack is fully charged and can be used at this time.
3. If the pack is left in the charger after the initial 1-hour charge, the charger will begin the Automatic Tune-Up™ mode. This mode continues up to 8 hours or until the individual cells in the battery pack are equalized. The battery pack is ready for use and can be removed at any time during the Automatic Tune-Up™ mode.
4. Once the Automatic Tune-Up™ mode is complete, the charger will begin a maintenance charge: the red indicator will remain lit.

Chargers

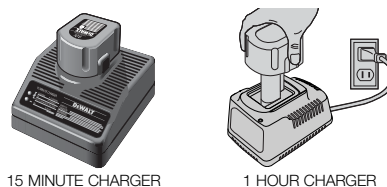
Your tool uses a DEWALT charger. Be sure to read all safety instructions before using your charger. Consult the chart at the end of this manual for compatibility of chargers and battery packs.

Charging Procedure (Fig. 2)

⚠ DANGER: Electrocutation hazard. 120 volts are present at charging terminals. Do not probe with conductive objects. Electric shock or electrocution may result.

1. Plug the charger into an appropriate outlet before inserting battery pack.
2. Insert the battery pack into the charger, as shown in Figure 2, 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.

FIG. 2



Indicator Light Operation

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Charge Indicators

Some chargers are designed to detect certain problems that can arise with battery packs. Problems are indicated by the red light flashing at a fast rate. If this occurs, re-insert battery pack into the charger. If the problem persists, try a different battery pack to determine if the charger is OK. 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 tested at an authorized service center.

HOT/COLD PACK DELAY

Some chargers have a Hot/Cold Pack Delay feature: when the charger detects a battery that is hot, it automatically starts a Hot Pack Delay, suspending charging until the battery has cooled. After the battery has cooled, the charger automatically switches to the Pack Charging mode. This feature ensures maximum battery life. The red light flashes long, then short while in the Hot Pack Delay mode.

PROBLEM POWER LINE

Some chargers have a Problem Power Line indicator. When the charger is used with some portable power sources such as generators or sources that convert DC to AC, the charger may temporarily suspend operation, **flashing the red light with two fast blinks followed by a pause**. This indicates the power source is out of limits.

LEAVING THE BATTERY PACK IN THE CHARGER

The charger and battery pack can be left connected with the red light glowing indefinitely. The charger will keep the battery pack fresh and fully charged.

NOTE: A battery pack will slowly lose its charge when kept out 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 slowly lose its charge if left in a charger that is not plugged into an appropriate AC source.

WEAK BATTERY PACKS: Chargers can also detect a weak battery pack. Such batteries are still usable but should not be expected to perform as much work. The charger will indicate to replace battery pack.

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 +105 °F (+40.5 °C). This is important and will prevent serious damage to the battery pack.
2. The charger and battery pack may become warm to 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. If the battery pack does not charge properly:
 - a. Check operation of receptacle by plugging in a lamp or other appliance;
 - b. Check to see if receptacle is connected to a light switch which turns power off when you turn out the lights;
 - c. Move 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.
4. 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 affect on the battery pack.
5. Under certain conditions, with the charger plugged into the power supply, the exposed charging contacts inside 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 charger cavities. Always unplug the charger from the power supply when there is no battery pack in the cavity. Unplug charger before attempting to clean.
6. Do not freeze or immerse charger in water or any other liquid.

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

⚠ WARNING: Burn hazard. 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

⚠ WARNING: Lock the contact trip in the off position, disconnect battery pack from tool and remove nail strips from magazine before making adjustments or personal injury may result. Refer to Figure 1 at the beginning of this manual for a complete list of components.

OPERATION

⚠ WARNING: Read the section titled **Nailer Safety Warnings** at the beginning of this manual. Always wear eye and ear protection when operating this tool. Keep the nailer pointed away from yourself and others. For safe operation, complete the following procedures and checks before each use of the nailer.

1. Wear proper eye, hearing and respiratory protection.
2. Remove battery pack from tool.
3. Lock the pusher in the back position and remove all nail strips from the magazine.
4. Check for smooth and proper operation of contact trip and pusher assemblies. Do not use tool if either assembly is not functioning properly. **NEVER** use a tool that has the contact trip restrained in the up position.
5. **NEVER** use a tool that has damaged parts.

⚠ WARNING: To reduce the risk of personal injury, disconnect battery pack from tool before performing maintenance, clearing a jammed nails, leaving work area, moving tool to another location or handing the tool to another person.

Installing and Removing the Battery Pack (Fig. 3, 4)

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

To install the battery pack into the tool handle, align the notch inside the tool's handle with the battery pack and slide the battery pack firmly into the handle until you hear the lock snap into place as shown in Figure 3 and 4.

To remove the battery pack from the tool, press the release buttons (M) 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.

FIG. 3

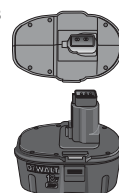
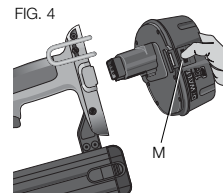


FIG. 4



NOTICE: Do not store tool with battery pack installed. To prevent damage to the pack and to ensure best battery life, store battery packs out of the tool or charger in a cool, dry location.

Mode Selection (Fig. 5)

⚠ WARNING: Always wear proper eye [ANSI Z87.1 (CAN/CSA Z94.3)] and ANSI S12.6 (S3.19) hearing protection when operating tool.

The DeWALT cordless nailers are assembled in accordance with the ANSI Standard SNT-101-2002.

Before operating this tool, look at the selector switch to determine the actuation mode. Read all instructions before selecting actuation mode.

FIG. 5



⚠ WARNING: Keep fingers **AWAY** from trigger when not driving fasteners to avoid accidental firing. **NEVER** carry tool with finger on trigger. In bump mode tool will fire a fastener if safety is bumped while trigger is depressed.

SEQUENTIAL ACTION /

Use sequential action for intermittent nailing where very careful and accurate placement and depth control is desired.

To operate the nailer in sequential action mode:

1. Flip the switch located on the body of the tool just between the trigger and magazine to the left, as shown in Figure 6.
2. Fully depress nosepiece against the work surface (motor will start).
3. Pull trigger (nail will drive into work surface).
4. Release trigger.
5. Lift nosepiece off work surface.
6. Repeat steps 2 through 4 for next application.

⚠ CAUTION: The contact trip needs to be depressed followed by a trigger pull for each nail followed by a release of both the contact trip and trigger after each nail.

BUMP ACTION ///

Bump action is intended for rapid nailing on flat, stationary surfaces.

When using bump action, two methods are available: **place actuation** and **bump actuation**.

Flip the switch located on the body of the tool just between the trigger and magazine to the right as shown in Figure 7.

To operate the tool using the PLACE ACTUATION method:

⚠ WARNING: A nail will fire each time the trigger is depressed as long as the contact trip remains depressed.

1. Depress the contact trip against the work surface.
2. Depress the trigger.

To operate the tool using the BUMP ACTUATION method:

1. Depress the trigger.
2. Push the contact trip against the work surface. As long as the trigger is depressed, the tool will fire a nail every time the contact trip is depressed. This allows the user to drive multiple nails in sequence.

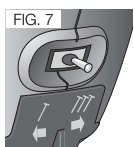
⚠ CAUTION: Do not keep trigger depressed when tool is not in use. Keep the contact trip lock-off engaged in the locked position when the tool is not in use.

Preparing the tool

⚠ CAUTION: **NEVER** spray or in any other way apply lubricants or cleaning solvents inside the tool. This can seriously affect the life and performance of the tool.

NOTE: The battery pack is not fully charged out of the carton. Follow instructions outlined (see **Charging Procedures**).

1. Read the **Safety Instruction** section of this manual.



2. Wear eye and ear protection.
3. Remove battery from tool.
4. Ensure magazine is empty of all fasteners.
5. Check for smooth and proper operation of contact trip and pusher assemblies. Do not use tool if either assembly is not functioning properly. **NEVER** use a tool that has the contact trip restrained in the actuated position.
6. Keep tool pointed away from yourself and others.
7. Insert fully charged battery pack.

Using the Contact Trip Lock-off (Fig. 8, 9)

⚠ WARNING: To reduce the risk of serious personal injury, **DO NOT** keep trigger depressed when tool is not in use. Keep the contact trip lock-off switch **LOCKED** (Fig. 8) when the tool is not in use.

⚠ WARNING: To reduce the risk of serious personal injury, lock off the contact trip, disconnect battery pack from tool and remove fasteners from magazine before making adjustments. Serious personal injury may result.

Each DEWALT nailer is equipped with a contact trip lock-off (B) which when pulled downward with the lock symbol showing in Figure 8, prevents the tool from firing a nail.

When the contact trip lock-off is oriented as shown in Figure 9, the tool will be fully operational. The contact trip lock-off should always be locked off (Fig. 8) whenever any adjustments are made or when tool is not in immediate use.

NOTE: Tools equipped with selective actuation, when in bump fire mode will allow the motor to start upon trigger pull. This is normal operation. The contact trip lock-off constrains the contact trip from discharging a nail.

Loading the Tool

⚠ WARNING: Keep the tool pointed away from yourself and others. Serious personal injury may result.

⚠ WARNING: Never load nails with the contact trip or trigger activated. Personal injury may result.

⚠ WARNING: Always remove battery pack before loading or unloading nails. Serious personal injury may result.

⚠ CAUTION: Keep fingers clear of pusher to prevent injury.

⚠ CAUTION: The contact trip lock-off should always be locked off whenever any adjustments are made or when tool is not in use.

1. Press pusher latch (H) and pull magazine back.
2. Insert fasteners into the side of the magazine. Be sure the fasteners ride on their tips in the nail channel.
3. Push magazine closed until it locks into place.

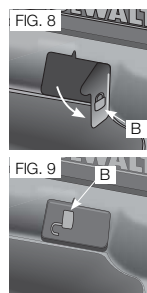
UNLOADING THE TOOL

⚠ CAUTION: The contact trip lock-off should always be locked off whenever any adjustments are made or when tool is not in use.

1. Press the nail pusher latch and pull the magazine rearward.
2. Tip the tool up until the nails slide freely out of the magazine.
3. Open the jam clear door on the nosepiece to verify there are no nails remaining.

Adjusting Depth (Fig. 10)

The depth that the fastener is driven can be adjusted using the depth adjustment wheel (C) on the side of the tool.



⚠ WARNING: Never use solvents or other harsh chemicals for cleaning the non-metallic parts of the tool. These chemicals may weaken the plastic materials used in these parts. Use a cloth dampened only with water and mild soap. Never let any liquid get inside the tool; never immerse any part of the tool into a liquid.

CHARGER CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

⚠ WARNING: Shock hazard. Disconnect the charger from the AC outlet before cleaning. Dirt and grease may be removed from the exterior of the charger using a cloth or soft non-metallic brush. Do not use water or any cleaning solutions.

Lubrication

⚠ CAUTION: NEVER spray or in any other way apply lubricants or cleaning solvents inside the tool. This can seriously affect the life and performance of the tool.

DeWALT tools are properly lubricated at the factory and are ready for use. However, it is recommended that, once a year, you take or send the tool to a certified service center for a thorough cleaning and inspection.



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 dealer or authorized service center. If you need 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.

Repairs

⚠ WARNING: To reduce the risk of serious personal injury, remove nails from magazine before making any adjustments or servicing this tool.

The charger and battery pack are not serviceable.

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. Refer to the **Troubleshooting Guide** at the end of this section.

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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 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:

1 YEAR FREE SERVICE

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

2 YEARS FREE SERVICE ON DeWALT BATTERY PACKS

DC9071, DC9091, DC9096, DC9280, DC9360, DC9180, DCB120 and DCB201

3 YEARS FREE SERVICE ON DeWALT BATTERY PACKS

DCB200

DeWALT BATTERY PACKS

Product warranty voided if the battery pack is tampered with in any way. DeWALT is not responsible for any injury caused by tampering and may prosecute warranty fraud to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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 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 (1-800-433-9258) for a free replacement.

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5/8" - 2" (16-50mm) x 18 GAUGE BRAD NAILS
ACCEPTS ONLY 18 GAUGE FASTENERS

⚠ WARNING



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AVERTISSEMENT



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TO REDUCE THE RISK OF INJURY, USER MUST READ INSTRUCTION MANUAL. OPERATORS AND OTHERS IN WORK AREA MUST WEAR ANSI Z87.1 SAFETY GLASSES WITH SIDE SHIELDS. KEEP FINGERS AWAY FROM TRIGGER WHEN NOT DRIVING FASTENERS TO AVOID ACCIDENTAL FIRING. CHOICE OF TRIGGERING METHOD IS IMPORTANT. CHECK MANUAL FOR TRIGGERING OPTIONS. NEVER DISABLE LOCK-OFF. USE LOCK-OFF WHEN TOOL IS NOT IN USE. ENSURE TRIGGER AND CONTACT TRIP OPERATE PROPERLY BEFORE USE. NEVER POINT TOOL AT YOURSELF OR OTHERS IN WORK AREA. REMOVE BATTERY WHEN CHECKING PROPER OPERATION OF CONTACT TRIP AND TRIGGER, CLEARING JAMS, OR SERVICING. USE ONLY WITH DEWALT BATTERIES AND CHARGERS. A TITRE PRÉVENTIF: LIRE LE GUIDE.

FOR SERVICE INFORMATION, CALL 1-800-4-DeWALT www.Dewalt.com

TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

MANY COMMON PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED EASILY BY UTILIZING THE CHART BELOW. FOR MORE SERIOUS OR PERSISTENT PROBLEMS, CONTACT A DEWALT SERVICE CENTER OR CALL 1-(800)-4-DEWALT.

⚠ WARNING: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY, ALWAYS DISCONNECT BATTERY PACK FROM TOOL BEFORE ALL REPAIRS

SYMPTOM	CAUSE	FIX
Tool doesn't turn on (Headlights don't turn on)	Tool internal electronics not reset	Remove battery, wait 3 seconds and reinsert
	Low battery charge or damaged battery	Charge or replace battery
	Terminals are dirty or damaged	See authorized service center
	Contact trip lock is in a locked position	Unlock contact trip lock
	Bent contact trip	See authorized service center
	Damaged internal electronics	See authorized service center
Tool doesn't actuate (Headlights on, motor does not run)	Motor stops running after 2 seconds	Normal operation; release trigger or contact trip and redepress
	Contact trip or trigger not depressed	See instruction manual
	Damaged trigger	See authorized service center
	Bent contact trip	See authorized service center
	Contact trip lock in the locked position (Sequential mode only)	Unlock contact trip lock
	Damaged internal electronics	See authorized service center
Tool doesn't actuate (Headlights flash 4 times)	Low battery charge or damaged battery	Charge or replace battery
Tool doesn't actuate (Headlights flash continuously)	Jammed fastener	Remove the battery, clear the jammed fastener, (push driver blade back up manually if necessary) and reinsert battery pack
	Jammed mechanism	See authorized service center
Tool doesn't actuate (Headlights on, motor runs)	Damaged internal electronics	See authorized service center
Tool doesn't actuate (Headlights on, motor runs, driver blade stuck down)	Damaged return system	Replace return system; see authorized service center
	Debris in nosepiece	Clean nosepiece
	Damaged driver/return assembly	Replace driver/return assembly; see authorized service center
Tool operates, but does not drive the fastener fully	Low battery charge or damaged battery	Charge or replace battery
	Depth adjustment set too shallow	Rotate depth adjustment wheel to a deeper setting
	Tool not firmly applied to workpiece	See instruction manual
	Material and fastener length too rigorous an application	Choose appropriate material or fastener length
	Damaged or worn driver blade tip	Replace driver/return assembly; see authorized service center
	Damaged or worn driver/return assembly	Replace driver/return assembly; see authorized service center
Tool operates, but no fastener driven	No fasteners in magazine	Load fasteners into magazine
	Wrong size or angle fasteners	Use only recommended fasteners
	Debris in nosepiece	Clean nosepiece
	Debris in magazine	Clean magazine
	Worn magazine	Replace magazine; see authorized service center
	Damaged or worn driver blade	Replace driver/return assembly; see authorized service center
	Damaged pusher spring	Replace spring; see authorized service center
Jammed fastener	Wrong size or angle fasteners	Use only recommended fasteners
	Damaged or worn driver blade	Replace driver/return assembly; see authorized service center
	Material and fastener length too rigorous an application	Material or fastener length inappropriate
	Low battery charge or damaged battery	Charge or replace battery
	Debris in nosepiece	Clean nosepiece
	Debris in magazine	Clean magazine
	Worn magazine	Replace magazine; see authorized service center
	Worn or damaged pusher spring	Replace spring; see authorized service center