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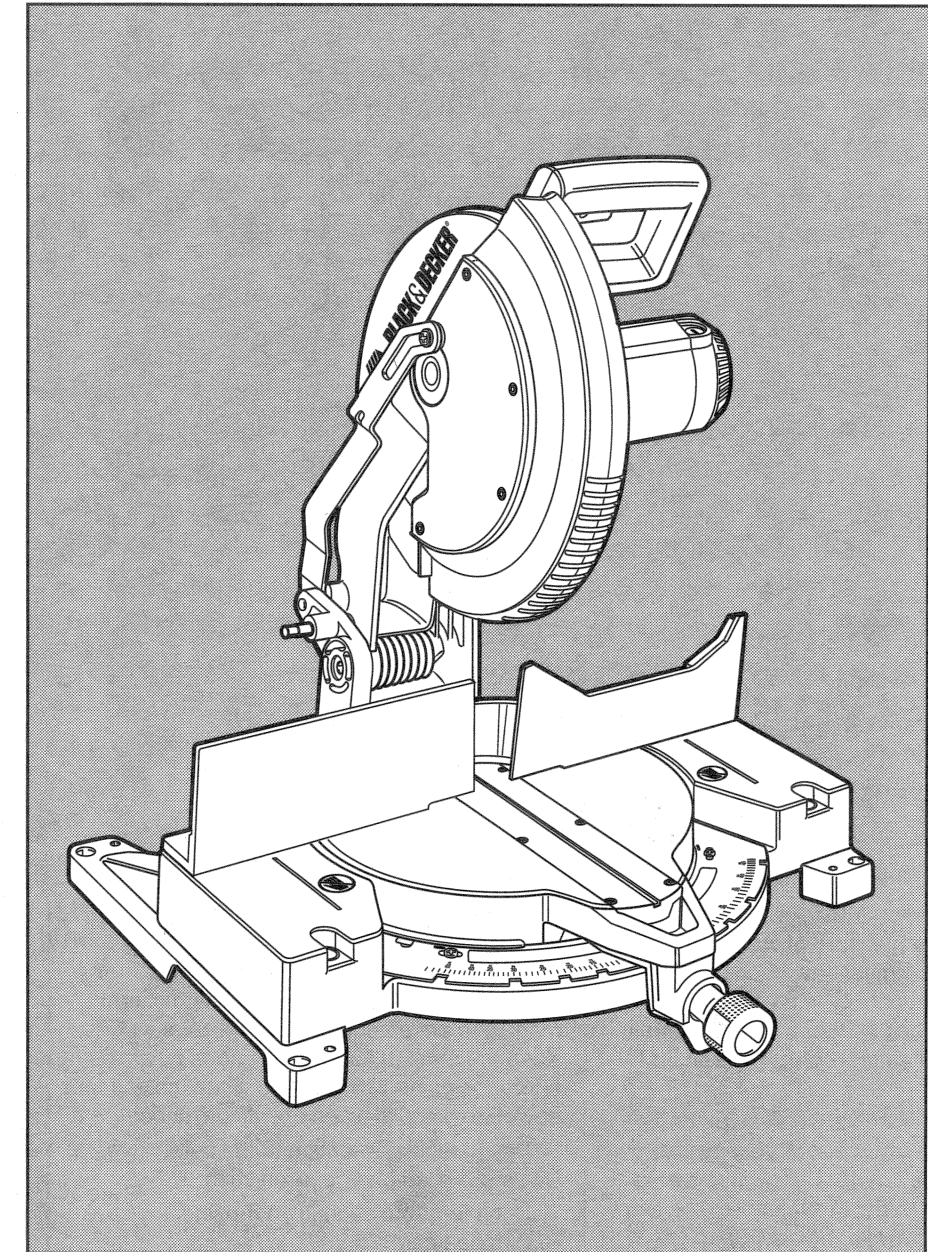
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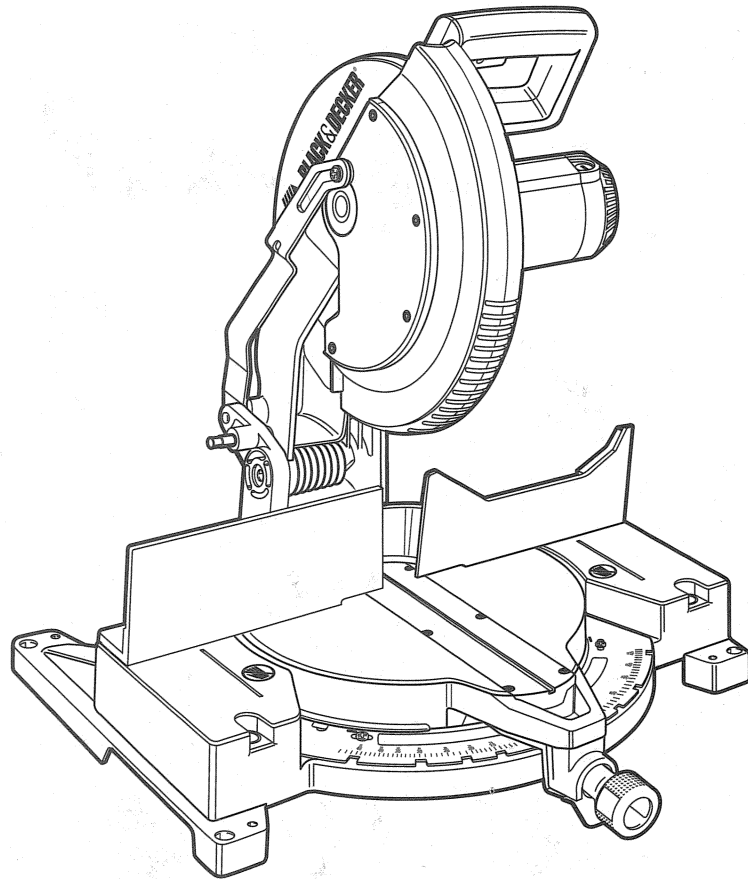
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# Instruction Manual

## 3660 12" Miter Saw



## Thank You for Selecting a Black & Decker

If you already own a Black & Decker power tool you know the pleasure of working with a real pro. Your new miter saw has the power and rugged dependability you've come to count on from Black & Decker and it's sure to become a part of your shop that you'll turn to again and again.

Designed to cut wood, wood by products, plastic and non ferrous metal, your saw cuts miters from 48° left to 48° right with extreme accuracy. Its the perfect saw for the exacting tasks of cutting crown and baseboard molding.

We want you be confident with your miter saw and the more you know about it the happier you'll be. Please take the time to thoroughly read this informative instruction manual to become familiar with your saw. Keep the manual handy with your saw as a reference guide to assist you when making any of the special types of cuts described.

Pay particular attention to the safety rules we've provided for your protection.

Don't forget to send in your owner's registration card.

Thanks for buying a Black & Decker!



### Cutting Large Material

Occasionally you will encounter a piece of wood a little too large to fit beneath the blade guard. A little extra height can be gained by rolling the guard up out of the way, as shown in Figure 19. Avoid doing this as much as possible, but if need be, the saw will operate properly and make the bigger cut. NEVER TIE, TAPE, OR OTHERWISE HOLD THE GUARD OPEN WHEN OPERATING THIS SAW.

### Maintenance

1. All bearings are sealed ball bearings. They are lubricated for life and need no further maintenance.
2. Periodically clean all dust and wood chips from around AND UNDER the base and the rotary table. Even though slots are provided to allow debris to pass through, some dust will accumulate.
3. The brushes are designed to give you several years of use. If they ever need replacement follow the instructions on page 10 or return the tool to the nearest service center for repair. Service center locations are listed on the owner's registration card packed with your tool.

## Trouble Shooting Guide

### BE SURE TO FOLLOW SAFETY RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

#### TROUBLE! SAW WILL NOT START WHAT'S WRONG?

1. Saw not plugged in
2. Fuse blown or circuit breaker tripped
3. Cord damaged
4. Brushes worn out

#### WHAT TO DO...

1. Plug in saw.
2. Replace fuse or reset circuit breaker
3. Have cord replaced by Authorized Service Center
4. Have brushes replaced by Authorized Service Center or replace them yourself as instructed on page 10.

#### TROUBLE! SAW MAKES UNSATISFACTORY CUTS WHAT'S WRONG?

1. Dull blade
2. Blade mounted backwards
3. Gum or pitch on blade
4. Incorrect blade for work being done

#### WHAT TO DO...

1. Replace blade. See page 9.
2. Turn blade around. See page 9.
3. Remove blade and clean with turpentine and coarse steel wool or household oven cleaner.
4. Change the blade. See page 9.

#### TROUBLE! BLADE DOES NOT COME UP TO SPEED WHAT'S WRONG?

1. Extension cord too light or too long
2. Low house current

#### WHAT TO DO...

1. Replace with adequate size cord. See page 7.
2. Contact your electric company

#### TROUBLE! MACHINE VIBRATES EXCESSIVELY WHAT'S WRONG?

1. Saw not mounted securely to stand or work bench
2. Stand or bench on uneven floor
3. Damaged saw blade

#### WHAT TO DO...

1. Tighten all mounting hardware. See page 8.
2. Reposition on flat level surface. See page 8.
3. Replace blade. See page 9.

#### TROUBLE! DOES NOT MAKE ACCURATE MITER CUTS WHAT'S WRONG?

1. Miter scale not adjusted correctly
2. Workpiece moving

#### WHAT TO DO...

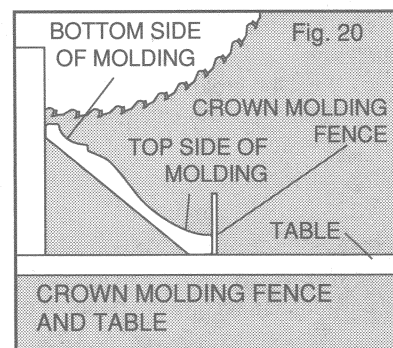
1. Check and adjust. See page 6, 7, 9.
2. Clamp workpiece to fence or glue 120 grit sandpaper to fence with rubber cement.

#### TROUBLE! MATERIAL PINCHES BLADE WHAT'S WRONG?

1. Cutting bowed material

#### WHAT TO DO...

1. Position bowed material as shown on page 14.



### CUTTING CROWN MOLDING

Your Miter Saw is better suited to the task of cutting crown molding than any tool made. In order to fit properly, crown molding must be mitered with extreme accuracy. The two flat surfaces on a given piece of crown molding are at angles that, when added together, equal exactly 90 degrees. Most, but not all, crown molding has a top rear angle (the section that fits flat against the ceiling) of 52 degrees and a bottom rear angle (the part that fits flat against the wall) of 38 degrees.

Use of the Crown Molding Fence Accessory is highly recommended because of its degree of accuracy and convenience. The Crown Molding Fence Accessory is available at extra cost from your local dealer or Black & Decker Service Center.

**PRETESTING WITH SCRAP MATERIAL IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!** Use the 36807 crown molding fence accessory to maintain the angle at which the molding will be on the wall. Place the bottom side (the side that will be against the wall) against the miter saw fence. Place the top (that part that will be against the ceiling) against the saw table and the crown molding fence, as shown in figure 20.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR CUTTING CROWN MOLDING ANGLED BETWEEN THE FENCE AND THE TABLE OF THE SAW FOR ALL CUTS:

1. Angle the molding so the bottom of the molding (part which goes against the wall when installed) is against the fence and the top of the molding is resting on the table of the saw, as shown in figure 20.

2. The angled "flats" on the back of the molding must rest squarely on the fence and table of the saw.

### INSIDE CORNER:

#### Left side

1. Miter right at 45°
2. Save the right side of cut

#### Right side

1. Miter left at 45°
2. Save left side of cut

### OUTSIDE CORNER:

#### Left side

1. Miter left at 45°
2. Save the right side of cut

#### Right side

1. Miter right at 45°
2. Save left side of cut

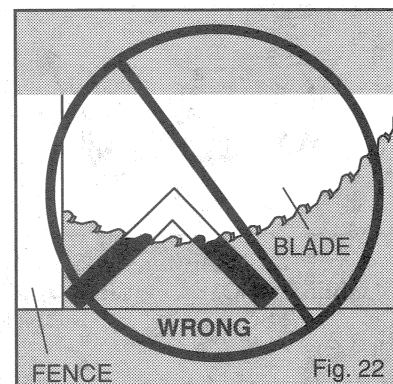
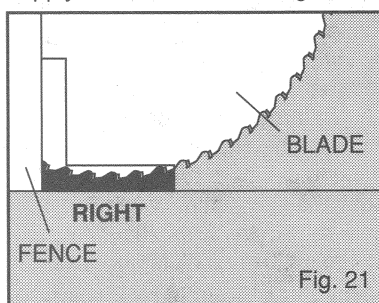
**ALWAYS MAKE DRY RUNS TO CHECK FOR CLEARANCE AND CORRECTNESS OF CUTS.**

### SPECIAL CUTS

**NEVER MAKE ANY CUT WITHOUT FIRMLY CLAMPING THE MATERIAL.**

#### Aluminum Cutting:

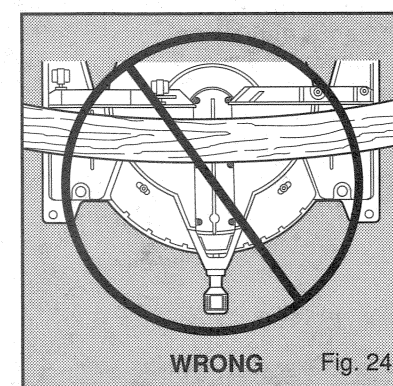
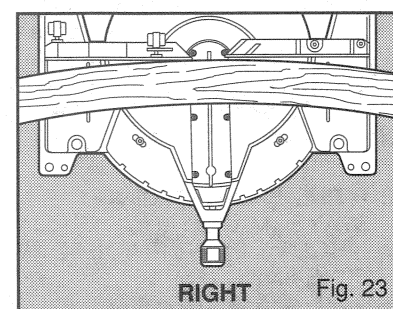
Aluminum extrusions such as those used when making aluminum screens and storm windows can easily be cut with your saw. Position the material so that you will be cutting the thinnest cross section, as shown in Figure 21. Figure 22 illustrates the wrong way to cut these extrusions. Use a wax lubricant when cutting aluminum such as Johnson's Stick Wax No. 140. Apply the stick wax directly to the saw blade before cutting. Never apply stick wax to a moving blade.



The wax, available at most hardware stores and industrial mill supply houses, provides proper lubrication and keeps chips from adhering to the blade.

#### Bowed Material:

When cutting bowed material always position it as shown in Figure 23 and never like that shown in Figure 24. Positioning the material incorrectly will cause it to pinch the blade near the completion of the cut.



#### Cutting Plastic Pipe

Plastic pipe can be easily cut with your saw. It should be cut just like wood and **CLAMPED OR HELD FIRMLY TO THE FENCE TO KEEP IT FROM ROLLING.**

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## Important Safety Instructions

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

### READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS

1. **READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS**
2. **KEEP GUARD IN PLACE** and in working order.
3. **REMOVE ADJUSTING KEYS AND WRENCHES.** Form habit of checking to see that keys and adjusting wrenches are removed from spindle before turning tool on.
4. **KEEP WORK AREA CLEAN.** Cluttered areas and benches invite accidents.
5. **DON'T USE IN DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENT.** Don't use power tools in damp or wet locations, or expose them to rain. Keep work area well lighted.
6. **KEEP CHILDREN AWAY.** All visitors should be kept at a safe distance from work area.
7. **MAKE WORKSHOP KID PROOF** with padlocks, master switches, or by removing starter keys.
8. **DON'T FORCE TOOL.** It will do the job better and be safer at the rate for which it was designed.
9. **USE RIGHT TOOL.** Don't force tool or attachment to do a job for which it was not designed.
10. **WEAR PROPER APPAREL.** No loose clothing, gloves, neckties, rings, bracelets, or other jewelry to get caught in moving parts. Nonslip footwear is recommended. Wear protective hair covering to contain long hair.
11. **ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GLASSES.** Also use face or dust mask if cutting operation is dusty. Everyday eyeglasses have only impact resistant lenses, they are **NOT** safety glasses.
12. **SECURE WORK.** Use clamps or vise to hold work when practical. It's safer than using your hand and it frees both hands to operate tool.
13. **DON'T OVERREACH.** Keep proper footing and balance at all times.
14. **MAINTAIN TOOLS WITH CARE.** Keep tools sharp and clean for best and safest performance. Follow instructions for lubricating and changing accessories.
15. **DISCONNECT TOOLS** before servicing; when changing accessories such as blades, bits, cutters, etc.
16. **REDUCE THE RISK OF UNINTENTIONAL STARTING.** Make sure switch is in **OFF** position before plugging in.
17. **USE RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES.** Consult the instruction manual for recommended accessories. The use of improper accessories may cause risk of injury to persons.
18. **NEVER STAND ON TOOL.** Serious injury could occur if the tool is tipped or if the cutting tool is unintentionally contacted.
19. **CHECK DAMAGED PARTS.** Before further use of the tool, a guard or other part that is damaged should be carefully checked to determine that it will operate properly and perform its intended function—check for alignment of moving parts, binding of moving parts, breakage of parts, mounting and any other conditions that may affect its operation. A guard or other part that is damaged should be properly repaired or replaced. Do not use tool if switch does not turn it on and off.
20. **NEVER LEAVE TOOL RUNNING UNATTENDED. TURN POWER OFF.** Don't leave tool until it comes to a complete stop.
21. **DO NOT OPERATE ELECTRIC TOOLS NEAR FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS OR IN GASEOUS OR EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES.** Motors in these tools may spark and ignite fumes.

**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE.**

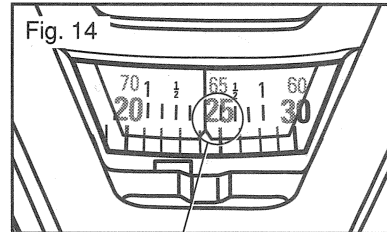


Fig. 14  
1/4° VERNIER MARK ALIGNS WITH CLOSEST WHOLE DEGREE MARK ON MITER SCALE (24° 1/4° RIGHT MITER)

### WHEN MITERING TO THE RIGHT

To increase the miter angle when mitering to the right, move the arm to align the appropriate vernier mark with the closest mark on the miter scale to the right. To decrease the miter angle when mitering to the right, move the arm to align the appropriate vernier mark with the closest mark on the miter scale to the left.

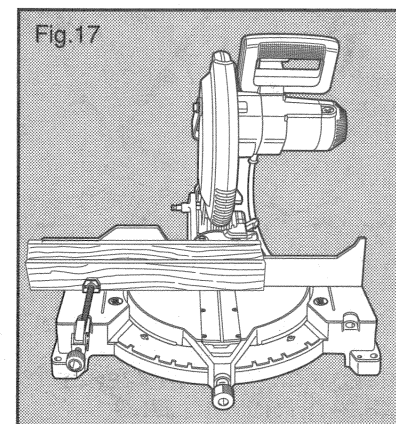
### WHEN MITERING TO THE LEFT

To increase the miter angle when mitering to the left, move the arm to align the appropriate vernier mark with the closest mark on the miter scale to the left. To decrease the miter angle when mitering to the left, move the arm to align the appropriate vernier mark with the closest mark on the miter scale to the right.

**CUTTING BASE MOLDING**  
ALWAYS MAKE A DRY RUN WITHOUT POWER BEFORE MAKING ANY CUTS.

Straight 90 degree cuts –

Position the wood against the fence and clamp it in place as shown in Figure 17. Turn on the saw, allow the blade to reach full speed and lower the arm smoothly through the cut.



### CUTTING BASE MOLDING UP TO 3-7/8" HIGH VERTICALLY AGAINST THE FENCE

Position molding as shown in Figure 18

All cuts made with the back of the molding against the fence and bottom of the molding against the table.

### INSIDE CORNER:

Left side

1. Miter left 45°
2. Save left side of cut

Right side

1. Miter Right 45°
2. Save right side of cut

### OUTSIDE CORNER:

Left side

1. Miter right at 45°
2. Save left side of cut

Right side

1. Miter left at 45°
  2. Save right side of cut
- Material up to 3.9" (3-7/8") can be cut as described above. For wider boards [up to 5.5" (5-1/2")] several minor concessions must be made.

When cutting a board between 3.9" (3-7/8") and 5.5" (5-1/2") in width the guard will hang up on the workpiece. If this occurs, simply place your right thumb on the upper side of the guard and roll the guard up just enough to clear the workpiece, as shown in Figure 19. Once you have cleared the workpiece, you can release the guard and it will continue to open as the cut progresses.

When mitering to the right side of a base molding wider than 3.9" (3-7/8") standing vertically against the fence as in Figure 18, the saw can only cut through the board up to 1 inch from the end of the board. Trying to cut more than an inch will cause the saw's gear case to interfere with the workpiece. If you want to cut base molding between 3-7/8" and 5-1/2" wide vertically follow the directions below.

### CUTTING 3-7/8" – 5-1/2" BASE MOLDING VERTICALLY AGAINST THE FENCE

- Position molding as shown in Figure 18
- All cuts made with the back of the molding against the fence

### INSIDE CORNER:

Left side

1. Position molding with bottom of molding against the table of the saw
2. Miter left 45°
3. Save left side of cut

Right side

1. Position molding with top of the molding resting on the table of the saw
2. Miter left 45°
3. Save left side of cut

### OUTSIDE CORNER:

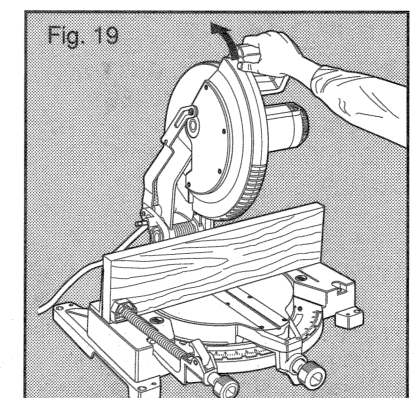
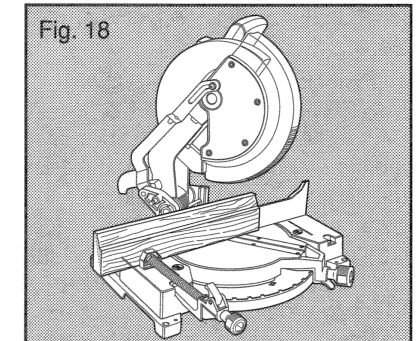
Left side

1. Position molding with bottom of molding against the table of the saw
2. Miter right 45°
3. Save left side of cut

Note: If the cut must be made somewhere other than 1" from the end of the molding: cut off the molding at 90° approx. 1" longer than your final length then make the miter cut as described above.

Right side

1. Position molding with bottom of the molding against the table of the saw
2. Miter left 45°
3. Save the right side of cut





**CLAMPING THE WORKPIECE  
TURN OFF AND UNPLUG SAW**

ALWAYS CLAMP WOOD TO THE SAW IF POSSIBLE AND ALWAYS CLAMP IF SIZE OF WORKPIECE REQUIRES YOUR HAND TO BE WITHIN 6" OF BLADE.

For best results use the 36802 Clamp made for use with your saw. Available from your dealer at extra cost.

Clamp the workpiece to the fence whenever possible. You can clamp to either side of the saw blade and remember to position your clamp against a solid, flat surface of the fence.

**SUPPORT FOR LONG PIECES  
Turn Off and Unplug Saw**

ALWAYS SUPPORT LONG PIECES

For best results, use the 36800 Extension Work Support to extend the table width of your saw. Available from your dealer at extra cost. Support long workpieces using any convenient means such as sawhorses or similar devices to keep the ends from dropping.

**CUTTING PICTURE FRAMES,  
SHADOW BOXES AND OTHER  
FOUR SIDED PROJECTS**

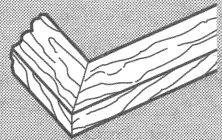
To best understand how to make the items listed here, we suggest that you try a few simple projects using scrap wood until you develop a "FEEL" for your saw.

Figure 13 shows a joint made by setting the miter arm at 45 degrees to miter the two boards to form a 90 degree corner. To make this type of joint, set the miter arm to 45 degrees. Position the wood with the broad flat side on the table and the narrow edge against the fence.

As the number of sides changes, so do the miter angles. The chart in the next column gives the proper angles for a variety of shapes.

(The chart assumes that all sides are of equal length.) For a shape that is not shown in the chart, use the following formula. 180 degrees divided by the number of sides equals the miter angle.

Fig. 13



**- EXAMPLES -**

NO. SIDES	MITER ANGLE
4	45°
5	36°
6	30°
7	25.7°
8	22.5°
9	20°
10	18°

**DUAL RANGE MITER SCALE**

The miter scale has two ranges of numbers for convenience, as shown in Figure 14. One scale indicates 0 degrees when the blade is square to the fence. At this position the other scale reads 90 degrees.

The 0 degree scale (larger numbers closer to the front edge) is used when calculating angles. To calculate the proper miter angle, divide 180 degrees by the number of sides of the box or frame. Refer to the chart on this page for some examples.

The 90 degree scale (smaller numbers behind the zero degree scale) is used when a corner of your box or frame is measured with a protractor. For example: if you measure the corner of an 8 sided box, the protractor will read 135 degrees. To determine the proper miter setting, divide the measured angle by two. The proper miter setting in this example is 67-1/2 degrees. Set this angle on the 90 degree scale. This is most useful when a corner is at an odd angle.

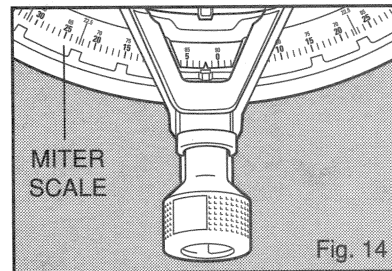


Fig. 14

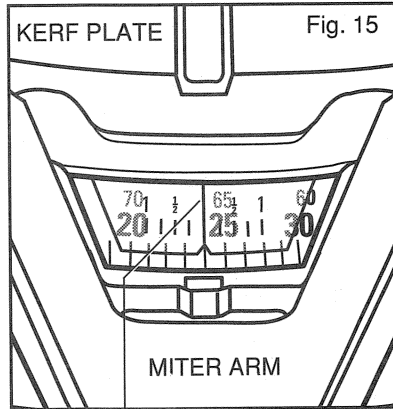
**VERNIER SCALE**

Your saw is equipped with a vernier scale for added precision. The vernier scale allows you to accurately set miter angles to the nearest 1/4 degree (15 minutes). To use the vernier scale follow the steps listed below.

(As an example, let's assume that the angle you want to miter is 24 1/4 degree right).

1. Turn off miter saw.
2. Set the miter angle to the nearest whole degree desired by aligning the center mark in the vernier scale, shown in figure 15, with the whole degree number etched in the miter scale. Examine Figure 15 closely; the setting shown is 24 degrees right miter.
3. To set the additional 1/4 degree, squeeze the miter arm lock and carefully move the arm to the RIGHT until the 1/4 degree vernier mark aligns with the CLOSEST degree mark on the miter scale. In our example, the closest degree mark on the miter scale happens to be 25 degrees. Figure 16 shows a setting of 24-1/4 degrees right miter.

For settings that require partial degrees (1/4, 1/2, 3/4 degrees) align the desired vernier mark with the CLOSEST degree mark on the miter scale, as described below (The plastic vernier plate is inscribed with marks for 1/4, 1/2, 3/4 and 1 degrees. Only the 1/2 degree and the 1 degree are numerically labeled.)



CENTER MARK ON VERNIER SCALE ALIGNS WITH DESIRED WHOLE ANGLE ON MITER SCALE (24° RIGHT MITER)

**Additional Safety Rules For Miter Saws**

1. **CAUTION: FAILURE TO HEED THESE WARNINGS MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY AND SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE SAW.**
  2. **DO**-Protect electric supply line with at least a 15 ampere time-delay fuse or a circuit breaker.
  3. **DO**-Make certain the blade rotates in the correct direction and that the teeth at the bottom of the blade are pointing to the rear of the miter saw.
  4. **DO**-Be sure all clamp handles are tight before starting any operation.
  5. **DO**-Be sure all blade and clamp washers are clean and recessed sides of collars are against blade. Tighten arbor screw securely.
  6. **DO**- Keep saw blade sharp and properly set.
  7. **DO**-Keep motor air slots free of chips and dirt.
  8. **DO**-Use blade guards at all times.
  9. **DO**-Keep hands out of path of saw blade.
  10. **DO**-Shut off power, disconnect cord from power source and wait for saw blade to stop before servicing or adjusting tool.
  11. **DO**-Support long work with an outboard tool rest.
  12. **DON'T**-Attempt to operate on anything but designated voltage.
  13. **DON'T**-Operate unless all clamp handles are tight.
  14. **DON'T**- Use blades larger or smaller than those which are recommended.
  15. **DON'T**- Wedge anything against fan to hold motor shaft.
  16. **DON'T**-Force cutting action. (Stalling or partial stalling of motor can cause major damage. Allow motor to reach full speed before cutting.)
  17. **DON'T**- Cut ferrous metals (Those with any iron or steel content) or any masonry.
  18. **DON'T**-Use abrasive wheels. The excessive heat and abrasive particles generated by them will damage the saw.
  19. **DON'T**-Allow anyone to stand behind saw.
  20. **DON'T**-Apply lubricants to the blade when it's running.
  21. **DON'T**-Place either hand in the blade area when the saw is connected to the power source.
  22. **DON'T**-Use blades rated less than 4800 R.P.M.
  23. **DON'T**-Attempt to cut small pieces (6").
  24. **DON'T**-Operate saw without guards in place.
  25. **DON'T**-Perform any operation freehand.
  26. **DON'T**-Reach around or behind saw blade.
  27. **DON'T**-Place hands closer than 6 inches from the saw blade.
  28. **DO NOT** - Reach underneath the saw unless it is turned off and unplugged. The saw blade is exposed on the underside of the saw.
  29. **DO NOT** - Move either hand from saw or workpiece or raise arm until blade has stopped.
  30. **DO NOT** - Use without Kerf Plate or when kerf slot is wider than 3/8".
- CAUTION:** Do not connect unit to electrical power source until complete instructions are read and understood.

For your convenience and safety, the following warning labels are on your miter saw.

**ON MOTOR HOUSING:**

**WARNING: FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, READ INSTRUCTION MANUAL BEFORE OPERATING SAW.**

**WHEN SERVICING, USE ONLY IDENTICAL REPLACEMENT PARTS. ALWAYS WEAR EYE PROTECTION.**

**ON GUARD:**

**DANGER – KEEP AWAY FROM BLADE.**



**ON TABLE: (2 PLACES)**



**ALWAYS TIGHTEN ADJUSTMENT KNOBS BEFORE USE. KEEP HANDS 6" FROM PATH OF SAW BLADE. NEVER PERFORM ANY OPERATION FREEHAND. NEVER CROSS ARMS IN FRONT OF SAW BLADE. THINK! YOU CAN PREVENT ACCIDENTS.**

**DO NOT OPERATE SAW WITHOUT GUARDS IN PLACE. NEVER REACH IN BACK OF SAW BLADE. ALWAYS WEAR EYE PROTECTION. SHUT OFF POWER AND WAIT FOR BLADE TO STOP BEFORE SERVICING, ADJUSTING TOOL, OR MOVING HANDS.**

## Electrical Connection

Be sure your power supply agrees with the nameplate marking. 120 volts, AC/DC means that your saw will operate on alternating or direct current. A voltage decrease of 10 percent or more will cause a loss of power and overheating. All Black & Decker tools are factory tested. If this tool does not operate, check the power supply.

## Grounding Instructions

1. All grounded, cord-connected tools:

In the event of a malfunction or break-down, grounding provides a path of least resistance for electric current to reduce the risk of electric shock. This tool is equipped with an electrical cord having an equipment-grounding conductor and a grounding plug. The plug must be plugged into a matching outlet that is properly installed and grounded in accordance with all local codes and ordinances. Do not modify the plug provided - if it will not fit the outlet, have the proper outlet installed by a qualified electrician.

Improper connection of the equipment-grounding conductor can result in a risk of electric shock. The conductor with insulation having an outer surface that is green with or without yellow stripes is the equipment-grounding conductor. If repair or replacement of the electric cord or plug is necessary, do not connect the equipment-grounding conductor to a live terminal.

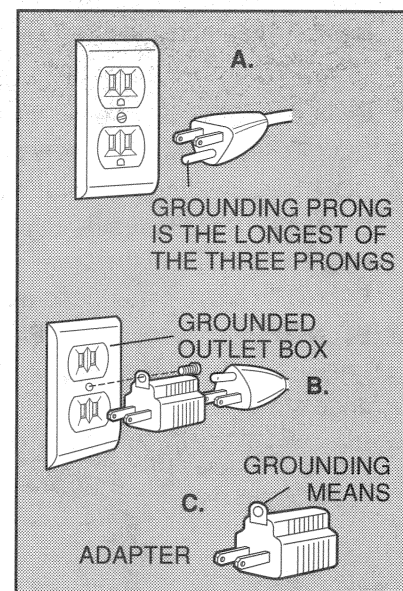
Check with a qualified electrician or service personnel if the grounding instructions are not completely understood, or if in doubt as to whether the tool is properly grounded.

Use only 3-wire extension cords that have 3-prong grounding plugs and 3-pole receptacles that accept the tool's plug. Repair or replace damaged or worn cord immediately.

2. Grounded, cord-connected tools intended for use on a supply circuit having a nominal rating less than 150 volts:

This tool is intended for use on a circuit that has an outlet that looks like the one illustrated in Sketch A. The tool has a grounding plug that looks like the plug illustrated in Sketch A. A temporary adapter which

looks like the adapter illustrated in Sketches B and C, may be used to connect this plug to a 2-pole receptacle as shown in Sketch B if a properly grounded outlet is not available. The temporary adapter should be used only until a properly grounded outlet can be installed by a qualified electrician. The green-colored rigid ear, lug, and the like, extending from the adapter must be connected to a permanent ground such as a properly grounded outlet box.



## CUTTING WITH YOUR SAW

**NOTE:** Although this saw will cut wood and many non-ferrous materials, we will limit our discussion to the cutting of wood only. The same guidelines apply to the other materials. **DO NOT CUT FERROUS (IRON AND STEEL) MATERIALS OR MASONRY WITH THIS SAW.** Do not use any abrasive blades.

## CROSSCUTS

A crosscut is made by cutting wood across the grain at any angle. A straight crosscut is made with the miter arm at the zero degree position. Set the miter arm at zero, hold the wood on the table and firmly against the fence. Turn on the saw by squeezing the trigger switch shown in Figure 11.

When the saw comes up to speed (about 1 second) lower the arm smoothly and slowly cut through the wood. Let the blade come to a full stop before raising arm.

Miter crosscuts are made with the miter arm at some angle other than zero. This angle is often 45 degrees for making corners, but can be set anywhere from zero to 48 degrees left or right. After selecting the desired miter angle, be sure to tighten the miter clamp knob. Make the cut as described above.

## QUALITY OF CUT

The smoothness of any cut depends on a number of variables. Things like material being cut, blade type, blade sharpness and rate of cut all contribute to the quality of the cut.

When smoothest cuts are desired for molding and other precision work, a sharp (60 tooth carbide) blade and a slower, even cutting rate will produce the desired results.

Ensure that material does not creep while cutting, clamp it securely in place. Always let the blade come to a full stop before raising the arm.

If small fibers of wood still split out at the rear of the workpiece, stick a piece of masking tape on the wood where the cut will be made.

Saw through the tape and carefully remove tape when finished.

For varied cutting applications, refer to the list of recommended accessories for your saw and select the blade that best fits your needs.

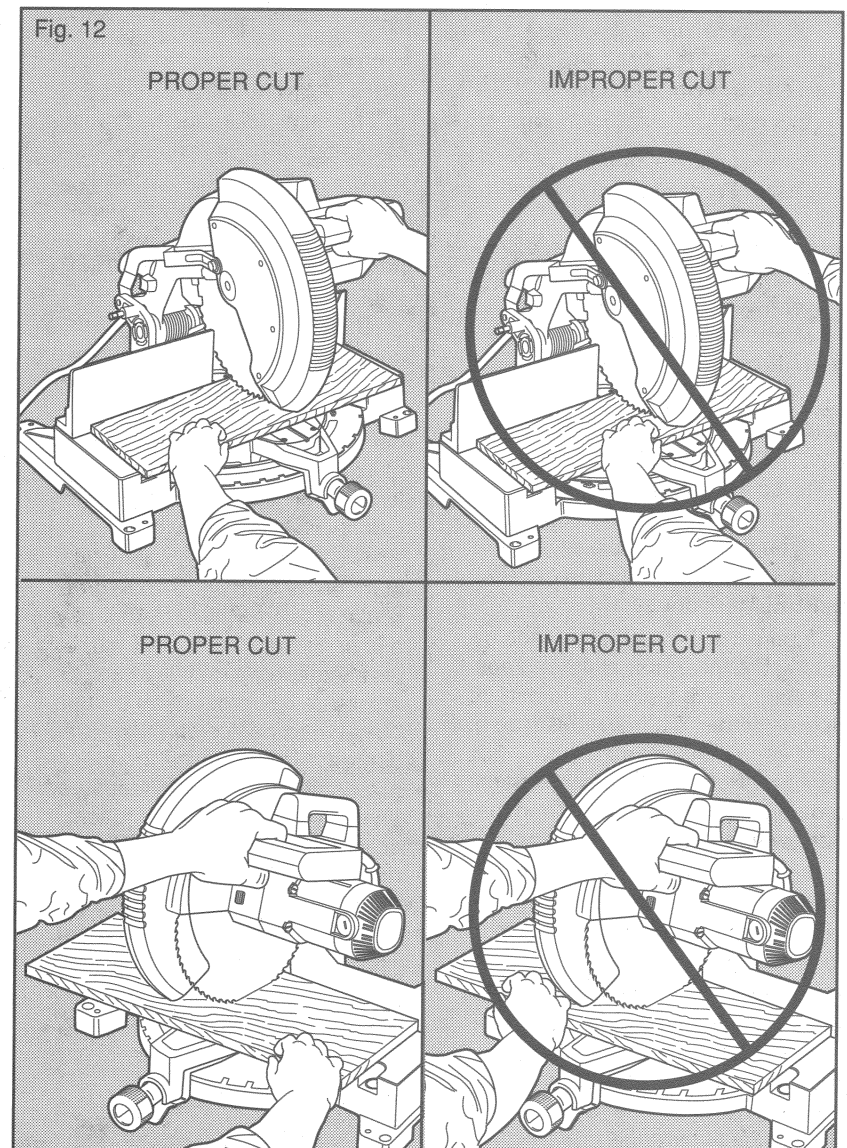
## BODY AND HAND POSITION (SEE FIG. 12)

Proper positioning of your body and hands when operating the miter saw will make cutting easier, more accurate and safer. Never place hands near cutting area. Place hands no closer than 6" from the blade. Hold the workpiece tightly to the table and the fence when

cutting. Keep hands in position until the trigger has been released and the blade has completely stopped. **ALWAYS MAKE DRY RUNS (UNPOWERED) BEFORE FINISH CUTS SO THAT YOU CAN CHECK THE PATH OF THE BLADE.**

**DO NOT CROSS HANDS AS SHOWN BELOW.**

Keep both feet firmly on the floor and maintain proper balance. As you move the miter arm left and right, follow it and stand slightly to the side of the saw blade. Sight through the guard louvers when following a pencil line.

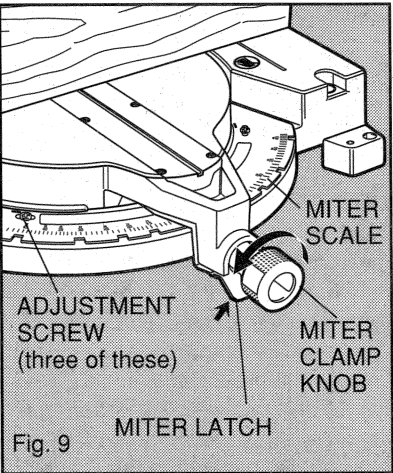
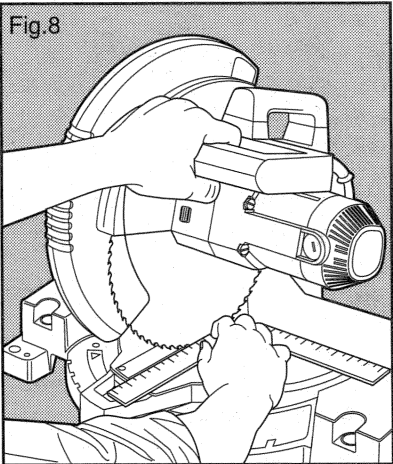




assembly left or right until the blade is perpendicular to the fence, as measured with the square. Retighten the three screws. Pay no attention to the reading of the miter pointer at this time.

**MITER POINTER ADJUSTMENT –**

Loosen the Miter Clamp Knob and squeeze the Miter Latch to move the Miter Arm to the zero position, as shown in Figure 9. With the Miter Clamp Knob loose allow the Miter Latch to snap into place as you rotate the Miter Arm past zero. Observe the pointer and miter scale through the viewing opening shown in Figure 10. If the pointer does not indicate exactly zero, use a flat bladed screwdriver to gently pry it left or right as required.

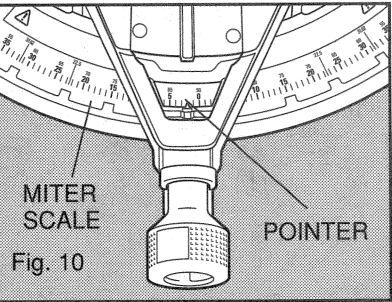


**GUARD ACTUATION AND VISIBILITY**

The blade guard on your saw has been designed to automatically raise when the arm is brought down

and to lower over the blade when the arm is raised.

The guard can be raised by hand when installing or removing saw blades or for inspection of the saw. NEVER RAISE THE BLADE GUARD MANUALLY UNLESS THE SAW IS TURNED OFF.



**NOTE:** Certain special cuts will require that you manually raise the guard.

(See page 13- Cutting Base Molding up to 3 7/8" High Vertically Against the Fence.)

The front section of the guard is louvered for visibility while cutting. Although the louvers dramatically reduce flying debris, they are openings in the guard and safety glasses should be worn at all times when viewing through the louvers.

**AUTOMATIC ELECTRIC BRAKE**

Your saw is equipped with an electric blade brake which stops the saw blade within 5 seconds of trigger release. This is automatic and requires no adjustment.

Occasionally, under certain conditions, the brake will not function properly and won't stop the saw in the 5 seconds discussed above. If this condition persists, turn the saw on and off four or five times. If the brake still does not stop the blade in about 5 seconds, the problem may be worn brushes. Replace the brushes as described at right and try the saw again. If this condition occurs, have the tool serviced at a Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc. Industrial Service Center or company authorized service facility.

**Brushes**

**DISCONNECT PLUG FROM POWER SUPPLY**

Inspect carbon brushes regularly by unplugging tool, removing the

Brush Inspection Cap (Figure 3) and withdrawing the brush assembly. Keep brushes clean and sliding freely in their guides. Always replace a used brush in the same orientation in the holder as it was prior to its removal. Carbon brushes have varying symbols stamped into their sides, and if the brush is worn down to the line closest to the spring, they must be replaced. (If either brush is worn out, replace both.) Use only identical Black & Decker brushes. Use of the correct grade of brush is essential for proper operation of electric brake. New brush assemblies are available at Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc. Industrial Service Centers. The tool should be allowed to "run in" (run at no load) for 10 minutes before use to seat new brushes. The electric brake may be erratic in operation until the brushes are properly seated (worn in).

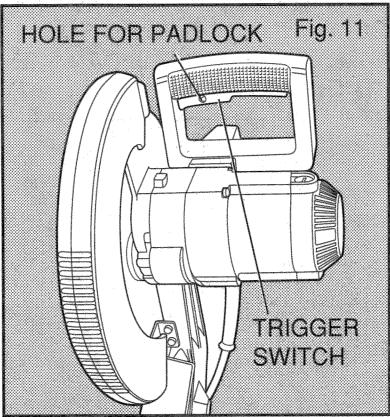
While "running in" DO NOT TIE, TAPE, OR OTHERWISE LOCK THE TRIGGER SWITCH ON. HOLD BY HAND ONLY.

**Operation**

Plug the saw into any 120 volt 60 Hz power source. Be sure the cord will not interfere with your work.

**SWITCH**

To turn the saw on, depress the trigger switch as shown in Figure 11. To turn the tool off, release the switch. There is no provision for locking the switch on, but a hole is provided in the trigger for insertion of a padlock to lock the saw off.



**Extension Cords**

When using the tool at a considerable distance from the power source, an extension cord of adequate size must be used for safety, and to prevent loss of power and overheating. Use the table below to determine the minimum wire size required.

Before using cords, inspect them for loose or exposed wires and damaged insulation. Make any needed repairs or replacement before using your power tool.

CHART FOR MINIMUM WIRE SIZE (AWG) OF EXTENSION CORDS				
	TOTAL EXTENSION CORD LENGTH - FEET			
	25	50	75	100
120 volt tools	16 ga.	14 ga.	12 ga.	10 ga.
minimum wire size				

**NOTE:** The lower the wire size number, the heavier the wire, and the farther it will carry current without a significant voltage drop.

**Unpacking Your Saw**

Check the contents of your miter saw carton to make sure that you have received all parts. In addition to this instruction manual, the carton should contain:

1. One 3660 miter saw.
2. One 32 tooth 12" dia. Saw Blade
3. One blade wrench in wrench pocket shown in Fig. 2

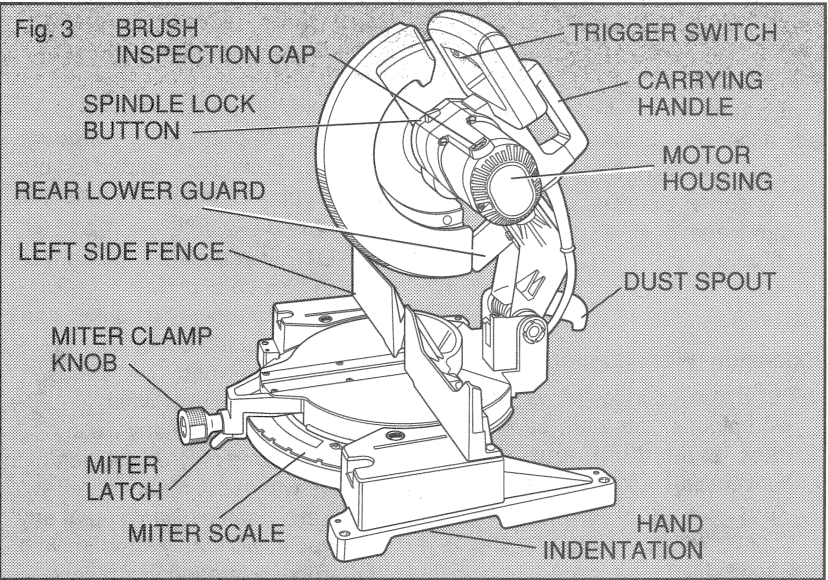
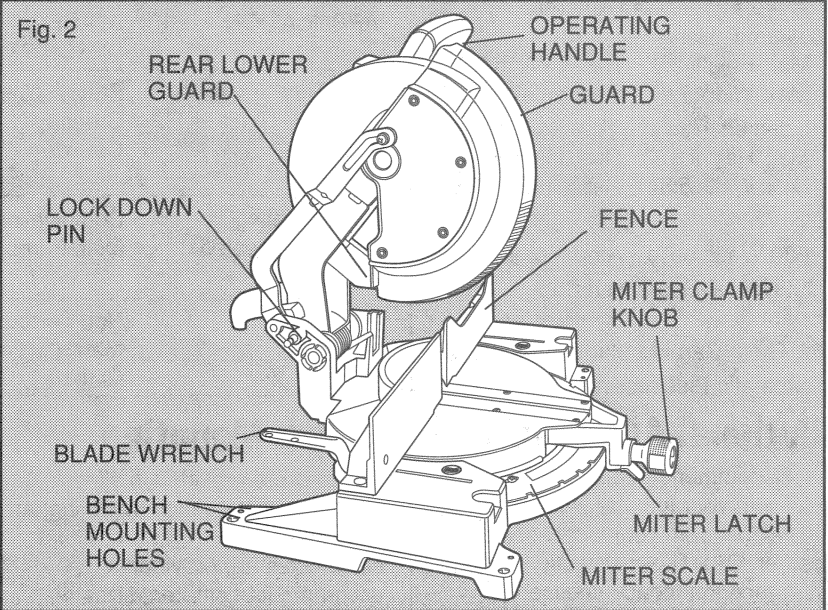
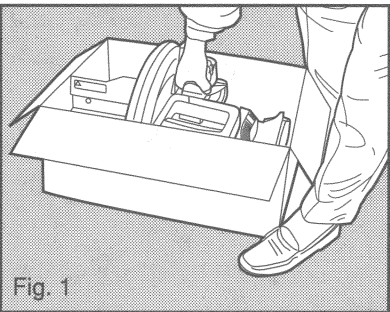
**Familiarization**

Your miter saw is fully assembled (except for the blade) in the carton. Open the box and lift the saw out by the convenient carrying handle, as shown in Figure 1.

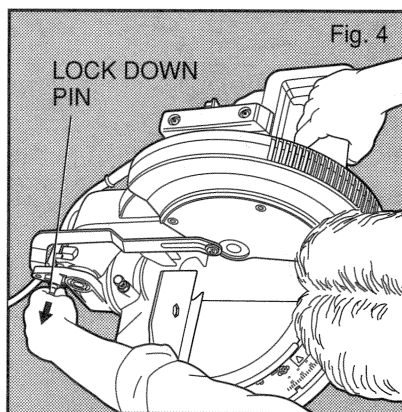
Place the saw on a smooth, flat surface such as a workbench or strong table.

Examine Figures 2 & 3 to become familiar with the saw and its various parts. The following section on adjustments will refer to these terms and you must know what and where the parts are.

Press down lightly on the operating handle and pull out the Lock Down Pin, as shown in Figure 4. Gently release the downward pressure and allow the arm to rise to its full height. Use the lock down pin when carrying the saw from one place to another. Always use the carrying handle to transport the saw or the hand indentations shown in Fig. 3.







## Specifications

### CAPACITY OF CUT

48 degree miter left and right

0 degree miter

Max. Height 3.9" Result Width 5.9"  
Max. Width 7.9" Result Height 2.5"

45 degree miter

Max. Height 3.9" Result Width 4.1"  
Max. Width 5.5" Result Height 2.5"

### DRIVE

2000 Watts out 13 Amp Motor

Cut Helical Gears with Ball Bearings

32 Tooth Carbide Blade, 4000 RPM

Automatic Electric Brake

## Optional Accessories

Recommended accessories for use with your tool are available at extra cost from your local service center. CAUTION: The use of any non-recommended accessory may be hazardous. A complete listing of service centers is included on the owner's registration card packed with your tool.

If you need assistance in locating any accessory, please contact

Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc.  
Consumer Service Department  
626 Hanover Pike  
P.O. Box 618  
Hampstead, MD 21074-0618  
U.S.A.

### Extension, Work Support: 36800

Used to support long overhanging workpieces, the work support is user assembled and stores conveniently under the saw table. Your saw table is designed to accept two work supports; one on each side.

### Adjustable Length Stop: 36801

Requires the use of one work support (see above). It is used to make repetitive cuts of the same length from 0 to 42".

### Clamp: 36802

Used for firmly clamping workpiece to the saw fence for precision cutting

### Dust Bag: 36803

Equipped with a zipper for easy emptying, the dust bag will capture the majority of the sawdust produced.

Note: Deflector on Dust Spout channels debris to ground. Spout has a provision to attach a vacuum hose to collect sawdust. Lift Dust Spout to connect hose.

### Crown Molding Fence: 36807

Used for precision cutting of crown molding. Position crown molding consistently at the proper angle from cut to cut.

### Kit Box: 36806

Used to store and transport accessories.

**SAW BLADES: ALWAYS USE 12" SAW BLADES WITH 1" ARBOR HOLES. SPEED RATING MUST BE AT LEAST 4800 RPM.**

APPLICATION	BLADE DESCRIPT.	NO. OF TEETH	TYPE OF CUT
Fine Trim Molding	Precision Ground Carbide	60-100	Very Smooth Splinter Free
Trim, Framing, Pressure Treated Decking	Combination Multi-Purpose	32-60	Smooth Fast Cut
Aluminum	Non-Ferrous Metal Cutting Carbide	60-80	-----

## Bench Mounting

Holes are provided in all four feet to facilitate bench mounting, as shown in Figure 2. (Two different sized holes are provided to accommodate different sizes of screws. Use either hole, it is not necessary to use both.) Always mount your saw firmly to prevent movement. To enhance the tool's portability, it can be mounted to a piece of 1/2" or thicker plywood which can then be clamped to your work support or moved to other job sites and reclamped.

NOTE: If you elect to mount your saw to a piece of plywood, make sure that the mounting screws don't protrude from the bottom of the wood. The plywood must sit flush on the work support. When clamping the saw to any work surface, clamp only on the clamping bosses where the mounting screw holes are located. Clamping at any other point will surely interfere with the proper operation of the saw.

**CAUTION:** To prevent binding and inaccuracy, be sure the mounting surface is not warped or otherwise uneven. If the saw rocks on the surface place a thin piece of material under one saw foot until the saw sits firmly on the mounting surface.

## Installing the Blade

(UNPLUG THE MITER SAW)

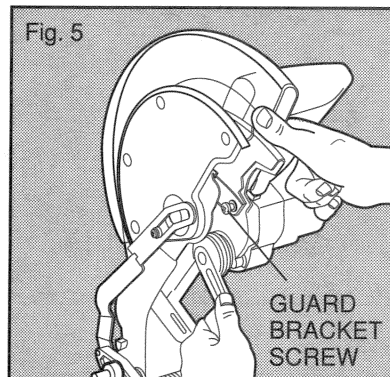
**DO NOT CUT FERROUS METAL (THAT WITH AN IRON OR STEEL CONTENT) OR MASONRY WITH THIS MITER SAW.**

With the saw arm in the upper position, raise the Lower Guard as far as possible. Loosen (but do not remove) The Guard Bracket Screw, shown in Figure 5 until the Guard Bracket can be raised enough to permit access to the blade screw. Hold the Lower Guard up and depress the Spindle Lock Button with one hand and use the supplied blade wrench in the other hand to loosen (clockwise) the left hand threaded blade screw. NOTE: To use the Spindle Lock, depress the button as shown and rotate the blade by hand until you feel the lock engage. Continue to hold the lock button in to keep the spindle from turning.

Install the saw blade making sure that the teeth at the bottom edge of the blade are pointing toward the back of the saw (away from the operator). Replace the outer blade washer and tighten the blade screw (counterclockwise) while holding the Lower Guard up and the Spindle Lock engaged with your other hand.

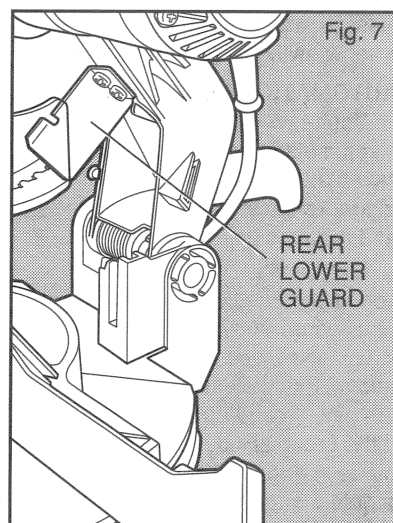
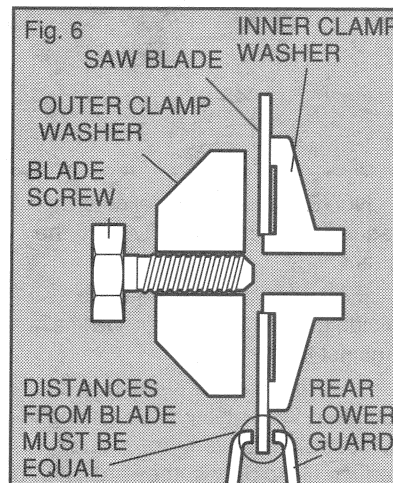
**NEVER DEPRESS THE SPINDLE LOCK BUTTON WHILE THE BLADE IS ROTATING.**

**AFTER INSTALLING THE SAW BLADE, REPOSITION GUARD BRACKET MAKING SURE IT IS FULLY SEATED ON GUARD SCREW. FIRMLY TIGHTEN SCREW. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL CAUSE SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE SAW.**



## Rear Lower Guard Adjustment

Check the rear lower guard to ensure that it is located such that the saw blade is in the center and equidistant from each side, as shown in Figures 6 & 7. Adjust as necessary by loosening the two screws and moving the guard. Firmly tighten both screws. Never remove this guard.



## Cutting the Kerf

In order to adjust and use your miter saw, you must cut a slot through the kerf plate to allow for blade clearance. To cut the kerf plate, set the saw at 0 degrees miter. Place a piece of scrap wood on the kerf plate at least 1"x6"x12". Turn the saw on and allow the blade to reach full speed. Pull the saw arm

down as far as it will go and CUT SLOWLY THROUGH THE SCRAP WOOD AND THE PLASTIC KERF PLATE. Turn the saw off and allow the blade to stop before raising the saw arm.

## Transporting the Saw

**TURN OFF AND UNPLUG THE MITER SAW BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO MOVE IT OR MAKE ANY ADJUSTMENTS WHAT-SO-EVER!**

In order to conveniently carry the miter saw from place to place, a carrying handle has been included on the top of the saw arm, as shown in Figure 3. To transport the saw, lower the arm and depress the lock down pin shown in Figure 4.

NOTE: The saw arm cannot be fully lowered if the tool has a blade installed unless the kerf plate has been cut. If you wish to transport the saw before cutting the kerf plate, remove the saw blade.

## Adjustments

**PERFORM ALL ADJUSTMENTS WITH THE MITER SAW UNPLUGGED**

NOTE: Your miter saw is fully and accurately adjusted at the factory at the time of manufacture. If readjustment due to shipping and handling or any other reason is required, follow the steps below to adjust your saw.

Once made, these adjustments should remain accurate. Take a little time now to follow these directions carefully to attain the accuracy of which your saw is capable.

### MITER SCALE ADJUSTMENT -

Place a square against the saw's fence and blade, as shown in Figure 8. (Do not touch the tips of the blade teeth with the square. To do so will cause an inaccurate measurement.) Loosen the miter clamp knob (see Fig. 9) and swing the miter arm until the miter latch locks it at the 0 miter position. Do not tighten the clamp knob. If the saw blade is not exactly perpendicular to the fence, loosen the three screws that hold the miter scale to the base (shown in Fig. 9) and move the scale/miter arm