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#### REMOVE 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.



## **EXTENSION CORDS**

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.

Replace damaged or worn cords immediately. Be sure your extension cord is rated to allow sufficient current to flow to the motor. For the proper wire gauge for your tool, see chart.

Never modify the plug in any way or force it into the wrong outlet. Do not use adapter plugs with earthed (grounded) power tools.

### **GROUND FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTORS (GFCI's)**

GFCI's provide additional means to reduce serious electrical shock by removing power to the tool if a dangerous fault occurs. All temporary wiring must have protection against ground faults. If a work area is not equipped with a permanently installed GFCI, use a portable "plug-in" type GFCI between the power tool cord or extension cord and the power supply receptacle.

## **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.

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.

b) Keep cutting tools sharp and clean. Properly maintained cutting tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.

Nameplate AMPS	Cord Length in Feet			
AMPS	25'	<b>50'</b>	100'	150'
0 - 6	18	16	16	14
6 - 10	18	16	14	12
10 - 12	16	16	14	12
12 - 16	14	12	(not recommended)	

#### **ACCESSORIES**

Use only proper accessories, sizes and attachments as recommended by the manufacturer's operator's manual. Using these items incorrectly can result in a hazardous situation.



### **CORDLESS TOOLS (BATTERY POWERED)**

Cordless tools demand the same respect that "corded" tools demand. Remember cordless tools are capable of causing injury if all safety precautions are not followed

The tool can function any time the switch is turned "on" unless the battery pack is removed. To avoid accidental starting remove battery pack or lock off the switch when the tool is not being used, when changing accessories, and when adjusting or cleaning tools.

# **POWER TOOL SAFETY** ON THE JOB R AT HOME

The purpose of the Power Tool Institute is to educate the public as to the usefulness and importance of power tools; to encourage high standards of safety and quality control in the manufacture of power tools; and to prepare and distribute information about safe use of power tools

# **For All Professional Tradesmen & Consumer Users**





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