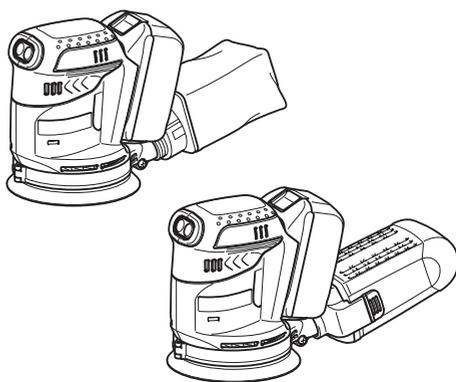


INSTRUCTION MANUAL



# Cordless Random Orbit Sander

**DBO140**  
**DBO180**



Read before use.

# SPECIFICATIONS

Model		DBO140	DBO180
Paper size		125 mm	
Orbits per minute(min <sup>-1</sup> )	Low speed	7,000	
	Middle speed	9,500	
	High speed	11,000	
Dimensions		175 mm x 123 mm x 153 mm	
Net weight		1.3 - 1.6 kg	1.4 - 1.7 kg
Rated voltage		D.C. 14.4V	D.C. 18V

- Due to our continuing program of research and development, the specifications herein are subject to change without notice.
- Specifications may differ from country to country.
- The weight may differ depending on the attachment(s), including the battery cartridge. The lightest and heaviest combination, according to EPTA-Procedure 01/2014, are shown in the table.

## Applicable battery cartridge and charger

Battery cartridge	D.C.14.4 V Model	BL1415N / BL1430 / BL1430B / BL1440 / BL1450 / BL1460B
	D.C. 18 V Model	BL1815N / BL1820 / BL1820B / BL1830 / BL1830B / BL1840 / BL1840B / BL1850 / BL1850B / BL1860B
Charger		DC18RC / DC18RD / DC18RE / DC18SD / DC18SE / DC18SF

- Some of the battery cartridges and chargers listed above may not be available depending on your region of residence.

**⚠ WARNING: Only use the battery cartridges and chargers listed above.** Use of any other battery cartridges and chargers may cause injury and/or fire.

## Symbols

The following show the symbols used for the equipment. Be sure that you understand their meaning before use.



Read instruction manual.



Only for EU countries  
Do not dispose of electric equipment or battery pack together with household waste material!  
In observance of the European Directives, on Waste Electric and Electronic Equipment and Batteries and Accumulators and Waste Batteries and Accumulators and their implementation in accordance with national laws, electric equipment and batteries and battery pack(s) that have reached the end of their life must be collected separately and returned to an environmentally compatible recycling facility.

### Intended use

The tool is intended for the sanding of large surface of wood, plastic and metal materials as well as painted surfaces.

### Noise

The typical A-weighted noise level determined according to EN62841:

#### Model DBO140

Sound pressure level ( $L_{pA}$ ) : 78 dB (A)

Uncertainty (K) : 3 dB (A)

The noise level under working may exceed 80 dB (A).

#### Model DBO180

Sound pressure level ( $L_{pA}$ ) : 77 dB (A)

Uncertainty (K) : 3 dB (A)

The noise level under working may exceed 80 dB (A).

**NOTE:** The declared noise emission value(s) has been measured in accordance with a standard test method and may be used for comparing one tool with another.

**NOTE:** The declared noise emission value(s) may also be used in a preliminary assessment of exposure.

**⚠ WARNING: Wear ear protection.**

**⚠ WARNING: The noise emission during actual use of the power tool can differ from the declared value(s) depending on the ways in which the tool is used especially what kind of workpiece is processed.**

**⚠ WARNING: Be sure to identify safety measures to protect the operator that are based on an estimation of exposure in the actual conditions of use (taking account of all parts of the operating cycle such as the times when the tool is switched off and when it is running idle in addition to the trigger time).**

## Vibration

The vibration total value (tri-axial vector sum) determined according to EN62841:

### Model DBO140

Work mode : sanding metal plate

Vibration emission ( $a_h$ ) : 2.5 m/s<sup>2</sup> or less

Uncertainty (K) : 1.5 m/s<sup>2</sup>

### Model DBO180

Work mode : sanding metal plate

Vibration emission ( $a_h$ ) : 2.5 m/s<sup>2</sup> or less

Uncertainty (K) : 1.5 m/s<sup>2</sup>

**NOTE:** The declared vibration total value(s) has been measured in accordance with a standard test method and may be used for comparing one tool with another.

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## EC Declaration of Conformity

### For European countries only

The EC declaration of conformity is included as Annex A to this instruction manual.

## General power tool safety warnings

**⚠ WARNING:** Read all safety warnings, instructions, illustrations and specifications provided with this power tool. Failure to follow all instructions listed below 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.

### Work area safety

1. **Keep work area clean and well lit.** Cluttered or dark areas invite accidents.
2. **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.
3. **Keep children and bystanders away while operating a power tool.** Distractions can cause you to lose control.

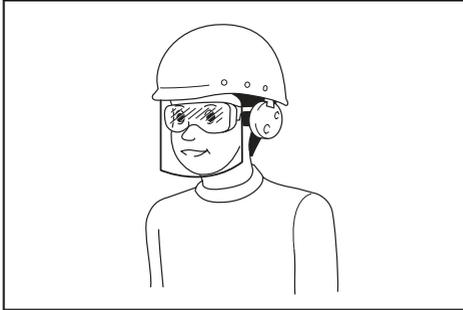
## Electrical safety

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions.** Water entering a power tool will increase the risk of electric shock.
4. **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.
5. **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.
6. **If operating a power tool in a damp location is unavoidable, use a residual current device (RCD) protected supply.** Use of an RCD reduces the risk of electric shock.
7. **Power tools can produce electromagnetic fields (EMF) that are not harmful to the user.** However, users of pacemakers and other similar medical devices should contact the maker of their device and/or doctor for advice before operating this power tool.

### Personal safety

1. **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.
2. **Use personal protective equipment. Always wear eye protection.** Protective equipment such as a dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat or hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injuries.
3. **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 energising power tools that have the switch on invites accidents.
4. **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.
5. **Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.** This enables better control of the power tool in unexpected situations.
6. **Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewellery. Keep your hair and clothing away from moving parts.** Loose clothes, jewellery or long hair can be caught in moving parts.
7. **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.

8. **Do not let familiarity gained from frequent use of tools allow you to become complacent and ignore tool safety principles.** A careless action can cause severe injury within a fraction of a second.
9. **Always wear protective goggles to protect your eyes from injury when using power tools.** The goggles must comply with ANSI Z87.1 in the USA, EN 166 in Europe, or AS/NZS 1336 in Australia/New Zealand. In Australia/New Zealand, it is legally required to wear a face shield to protect your face, too.
8. **Keep handles and grasping surfaces dry, clean and free from oil and grease.** Slippery handles and grasping surfaces do not allow for safe handling and control of the tool in unexpected situations.
9. **When using the tool, do not wear cloth work gloves which may be entangled.** The entanglement of cloth work gloves in the moving parts may result in personal injury.



It is an employer's responsibility to enforce the use of appropriate safety protective equipments by the tool operators and by other persons in the immediate working area.

#### Power tool use and care

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **Disconnect the plug from the power source and/or remove the battery pack, if detachable, 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.
4. **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.
5. **Maintain power tools and accessories. 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.
6. **Keep cutting tools sharp and clean.** Properly maintained cutting tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.
7. **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.

#### Battery tool use and care

1. **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.
2. **Use power tools only with specifically designated battery packs.** Use of any other battery packs may create a risk of injury and fire.
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **Do not use a battery pack or tool that is damaged or modified.** Damaged or modified batteries may exhibit unpredictable behaviour resulting in fire, explosion or risk of injury.
6. **Do not expose a battery pack or tool to fire or excessive temperature.** Exposure to fire or temperature above 130 °C may cause explosion.
7. **Follow all charging instructions and do not charge the battery pack or tool outside the temperature range specified in the instructions.** Charging improperly or at temperatures outside the specified range may damage the battery and increase the risk of fire.

#### Service

1. **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.
2. **Never service damaged battery packs.** Service of battery packs should only be performed by the manufacturer or authorized service providers.
3. **Follow instruction for lubricating and changing accessories.**

## SANDER SAFETY WARNINGS

1. **Always use safety glasses or goggles.** Ordinary eye or sun glasses are NOT safety glasses.
2. **Hold the tool firmly.**
3. **Do not leave the tool running. Operate the tool only when hand-held.**
4. **This tool has not been waterproofed, so do not use water on the workpiece surface.**

5. Ventilate your work area adequately when you perform sanding operations.
6. Some material contains chemicals which may be toxic. Take caution to prevent dust inhalation and skin contact. Follow material supplier safety data.
7. Use of this tool to sand some products, paints and wood could expose user to dust containing hazardous substances. Use appropriate respiratory protection.
8. Be sure that there are no cracks or breakage on the pad before use. Cracks or breakage may cause a personal injury.
10. **The contained lithium-ion batteries are subject to the Dangerous Goods Legislation requirements.**  
For commercial transports e.g. by third parties, forwarding agents, special requirement on packaging and labeling must be observed.  
For preparation of the item being shipped, consulting an expert for hazardous material is required. Please also observe possibly more detailed national regulations.  
Tape or mask off open contacts and pack up the battery in such a manner that it cannot move around in the packaging.

## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

**⚠WARNING:** DO NOT let comfort or familiarity with product (gained from repeated use) replace strict adherence to safety rules for the subject product. MISUSE or failure to follow the safety rules stated in this instruction manual may cause serious personal injury.

### Important safety instructions for battery cartridge

1. Before using battery cartridge, read all instructions and cautionary markings on (1) battery charger, (2) battery, and (3) product using battery.
2. Do not disassemble battery cartridge.
3. If operating time has become excessively shorter, stop operating immediately. It may result in a risk of overheating, possible burns and even an explosion.
4. If electrolyte gets into your eyes, rinse them out with clear water and seek medical attention right away. It may result in loss of your eyesight.
5. Do not short the battery cartridge:
  - (1) Do not touch the terminals with any conductive material.
  - (2) Avoid storing battery cartridge in a container with other metal objects such as nails, coins, etc.
  - (3) Do not expose battery cartridge to water or rain.

A battery short can cause a large current flow, overheating, possible burns and even a breakdown.

6. Do not store the tool and battery cartridge in locations where the temperature may reach or exceed 50 °C (122 °F).
7. Do not incinerate the battery cartridge even if it is severely damaged or is completely worn out. The battery cartridge can explode in a fire.
8. Be careful not to drop or strike battery.
9. Do not use a damaged battery.

11. **When disposing the battery cartridge, remove it from the tool and dispose of it in a safe place. Follow your local regulations relating to disposal of battery.**
12. **Use the batteries only with the products specified by Makita.** Installing the batteries to non-compliant products may result in a fire, excessive heat, explosion, or leak of electrolyte.
13. **If the tool is not used for a long period of time, the battery must be removed from the tool.**

## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

**⚠CAUTION:** Only use genuine Makita batteries. Use of non-genuine Makita batteries, or batteries that have been altered, may result in the battery bursting causing fires, personal injury and damage. It will also void the Makita warranty for the Makita tool and charger.

## Tips for maintaining maximum battery life

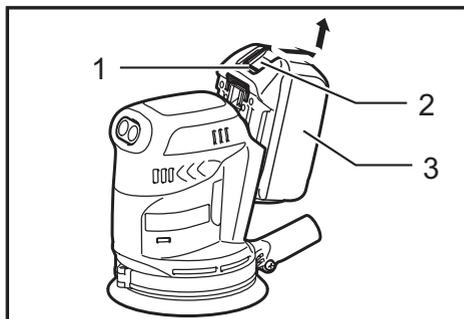
1. Charge the battery cartridge before completely discharged. Always stop tool operation and charge the battery cartridge when you notice less tool power.
2. Never recharge a fully charged battery cartridge. Overcharging shortens the battery service life.
3. Charge the battery cartridge with room temperature at 10 °C - 40 °C (50 °F - 104 °F). Let a hot battery cartridge cool down before charging it.
4. Charge the battery cartridge if you do not use it for a long period (more than six months).

## FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

### ⚠ CAUTION:

- Always be sure that the tool is switched off and the battery cartridge is removed before adjusting or checking function on the tool.

## Installing or removing battery cartridge



- 1. Red indicator 2. Button 3. Battery cartridge

### ⚠ CAUTION:

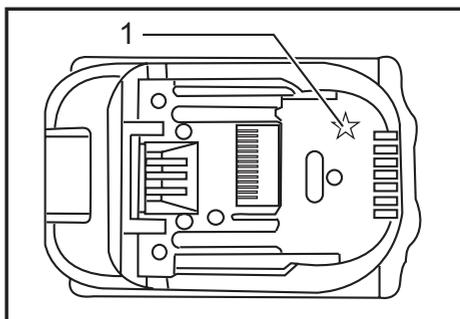
- Always switch off the tool before installing or removing of the battery cartridge.
- **Hold the tool and the battery cartridge firmly when installing or removing battery cartridge.** Failure to hold the tool and the battery cartridge firmly may cause them to slip off your hands and result in damage to the tool and battery cartridge and a personal injury.

To remove the battery cartridge, slide it from the tool while sliding the button on the front of the cartridge. To install the battery cartridge, align the tongue on the battery cartridge with the groove in the housing and slip it into place. Insert it all the way until it locks in place with a little click. If you can see the red indicator on the upper side of the button, it is not locked completely.

### ⚠ CAUTION:

- Always install the battery cartridge fully until the red indicator cannot be seen. If not, it may accidentally fall out of the tool, causing injury to you or someone around you.
- Do not install the battery cartridge forcibly. If the cartridge does not slide in easily, it is not being inserted correctly.

## Battery protection system (Lithium-ion battery with star marking)



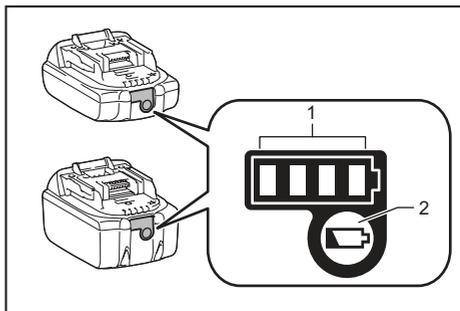
- 1. Star marking

Lithium-ion batteries with a star marking are equipped with a protection system. This system automatically cuts off power to the tool to extend battery life. The tool will automatically stop during operation if the tool and/or battery are placed under one of the following conditions:

- **Overloaded:**  
The tool is operated in a manner that causes it to draw an abnormally high current. In this situation, stop the application that caused the tool to become overloaded. Then press the start/speed adjusting button again to restart. If the tool does not start, the battery is overheated. In this situation, let the battery cool before pressing the start/speed adjusting button.
- **Low battery voltage:**  
The remaining battery capacity is too low and the tool will not operate. In this situation, remove and recharge the battery.

## Indicating the remaining battery capacity

*Only for battery cartridges with the indicator*



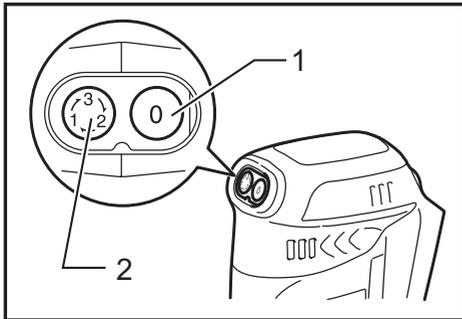
- 1. Indicator lamps 2. Check button

Press the check button on the battery cartridge to indicate the remaining battery capacity. The indicator lamps light up for a few seconds.

Indicator lamps			Remaining capacity
Lighted	Off	Blinking	
■	□	▬	75% to 100%
■ ■ ■ ■			
	□	▬	50% to 75%
■ ■ ■ □			
	□	▬	25% to 50%
■ ■ □ □			
	□	▬	0% to 25%
■ □ □ □			
▬	□	▬	Charge the battery.
▬ □ □ □			
■ ■ □ □		▬	The battery may have malfunctioned.
□ □	↑ ↓	■ ■	

**NOTE:** Depending on the conditions of use and the ambient temperature, the indication may differ slightly from the actual capacity.

## Switch action and speed adjusting button



► 1. Stop button 2. Start/speed adjusting button

To start the tool, press the start/speed adjusting button. The tool starts with high speed mode. Each time you press the start/speed adjusting button, the speed mode changes in an order of hi speed, middle speed, and low speed.

To stop the tool, press the stop button.

Refer to the table for the relationship between the speed mode and the kind of work.

Speed mode	Number of rotations	Usage
High	11,000	Regular sanding
Middle	9,500	Finish sanding
Low	7,000	Polishing

### NOTE:

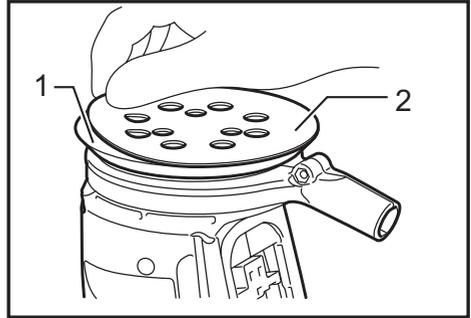
- The table shows standard applications. They may differ under certain conditions.

## ASSEMBLY

### CAUTION:

- Always be sure that the tool is switched off and the battery cartridge is removed before carrying out any work on the tool.

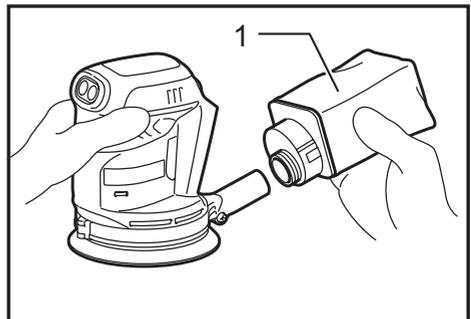
## Installing abrasive disc



► 1. Pad 2. Abrasive disc

To install the abrasive disc, first remove all dirt or foreign matter from the pad. Then attach the abrasive disc to the pad. Be careful to align the holes in the abrasive disc with those in the pad.

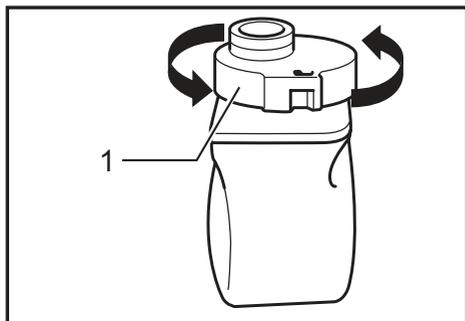
## Installing dust bag (optional accessory)



► 1. Dust bag

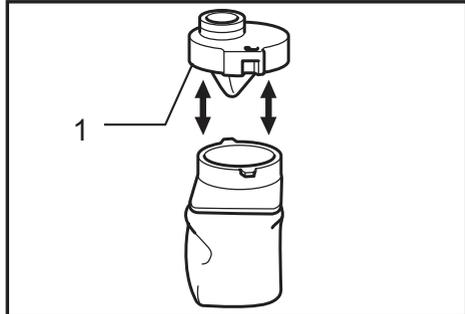
Install the dust bag on the tool with its mouth directing downwards.

## Emptying dust bag



► 1. Dust nozzle

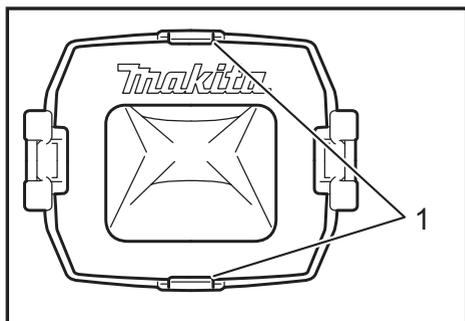
When the dust bag is about half full, switch off the tool, and remove the dust bag from the tool. Then remove the dust nozzle from the dust bag after unlocking the dust nozzle by turning it slightly counterclockwise. Empty the dust bag by tapping it lightly.



► 1. Dust nozzle

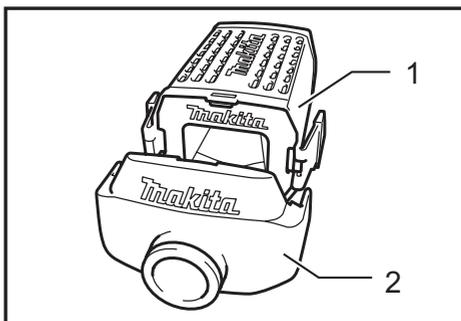
After emptying the dust bag, install the dust nozzle on the dust bag. Turn the dust nozzle slightly clockwise to lock it in place. Then install the dust bag on the tool as described in "Installing dust bag".

## Installing paper filter bag (Optional accessory)



► 1. Holding tab

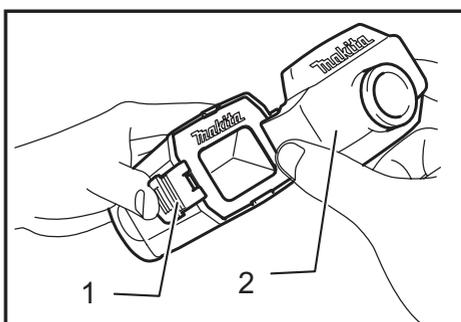
Make sure that the logo on the cardboard lip and the logo on the dust box are on the same side, then install the paper filter bag by fitting the cardboard lip in the groove of each holding tab.



► 1. Dust box 2. Dust nozzle

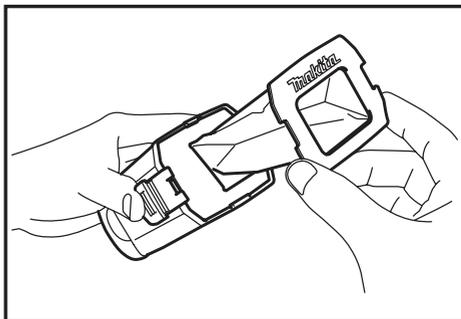
Make sure that the logo on the cardboard lip and the logo on the dust nozzle are on the same side, then install the dust nozzle on the dust box.

## Removing dust box and paper filter bag



► 1. Latch 2. Dust nozzle

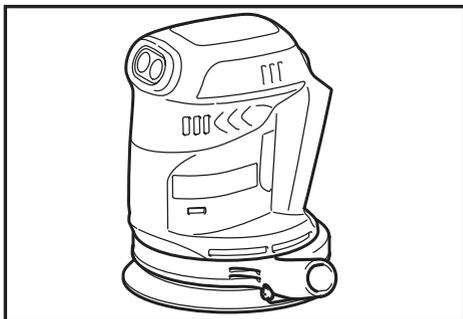
Remove the dust nozzle by pushing the two latches.



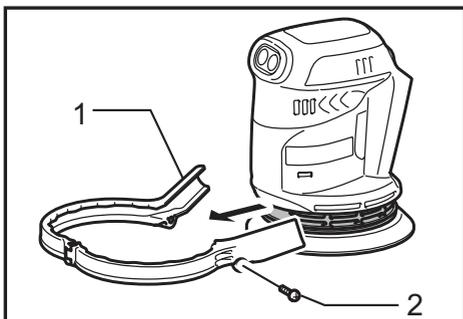
Remove the paper filter bag first by pinching the logo side of its cardboard lip, then by pulling the cardboard lip downwards to move it out of the holding tab of the dust box.

## Removing and reinstalling the skirt

**CAUTION:** Do not use the tool without the skirt. Otherwise dust is scattered all over.

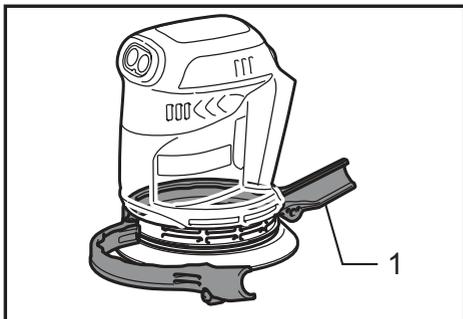


You can choose one of 12 directions of the skirt in accordance with your purpose.



► 1. Skirt 2. Screw

To remove the skirt, remove the screw and remove the skirt with slightly opening it for both sides.



► 1. Skirt

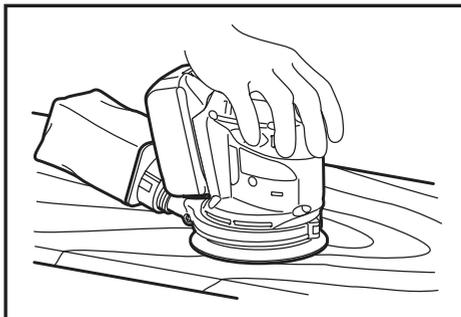
To reinstall the skirt, install it with slightly opening it for both sides. And fasten the screw.

**CAUTION:** Do not set the skirt other than the designated angle. Otherwise the tool may be damaged.

## OPERATION

**WARNING:** Never switch on the tool when it is in contact with the workpiece, it may cause an injury to operator.

### Sanding operation



**CAUTION:**

- Never run the tool without the abrasive disc. You may seriously damage the pad.
- Never force the tool. Excessive pressure may decrease the sanding efficiency, damage the abrasive disc or shorten tool life.
- Using the tool with the pad edge contacting the workpiece may damage the pad.

Hold the tool firmly. Turn the tool on and wait until it attains full speed. Then gently place the tool on the workpiece surface. Keep the pad flush with the workpiece and apply slight pressure on the tool.

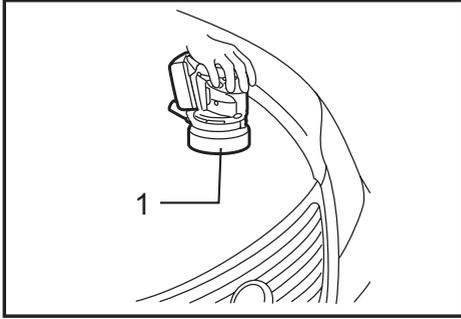
**CAUTION:** The sanding pad rotates clockwise during the loaded operation, but it may rotate counter-clockwise during the no-load operation.

### Polishing operation (optional)

**CAUTION:**

- Use only a Makita genuine sponge pad, felt pad or wool pad (optional accessories).
- Always operate the tool at low speed to prevent work surfaces from heating abnormally.
- Never force the tool. Excessive pressure may decrease the polishing efficiency and cause motor overload, resulting in tool malfunction.

## 1. Applying wax



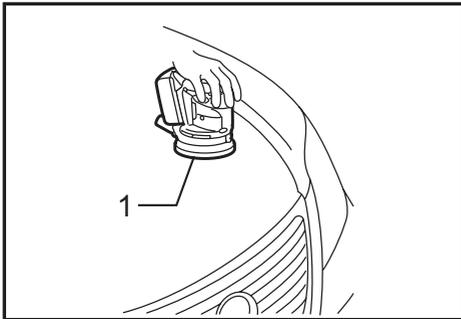
► 1. Sponge pad

Use an optional sponge pad. Apply wax to the sponge pad or work surface. Run the tool at low speed to smooth out wax.

**NOTE:**

- First, wax a not conspicuous portion of the work surface to make sure that the tool will not scratch the surface or result in uneven waxing.
- The tool starts with high speed mode. Be careful when you start the tool. The wax may be spattered. It is recommended that you spread wax with the tool stopped before starting up the tool. Change the speed mode to low immediately after you start the tool.
- Always run the tool at low speed. Running it at high speed may cause the wax to spatter.

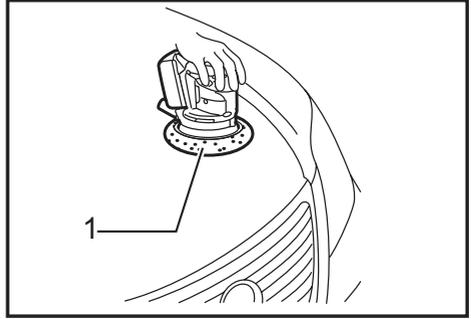
## 2. Removing wax



► 1. Felt pad

Use an optional felt pad. Run the tool at low speed to remove wax.

## 3. Polishing



► 1. Wool pad

Use an optional wool pad. Run the tool at low speed and apply the wool pad gently to the work surface.

## MAINTENANCE

**CAUTION:**

- Always be sure that the tool is switched off and the battery cartridge is removed before attempting to perform inspection or maintenance.
- Never use gasoline, benzine, thinner, alcohol or the like. Discoloration, deformation or cracks may result.

To maintain product SAFETY and RELIABILITY, repairs, carbon brush inspection and replacement, any other maintenance or adjustment should be performed by Makita Authorized Service Centers, always using Makita replacement parts.

## OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

**CAUTION:**

- These accessories or attachments are recommended for use with your Makita tool specified in this manual. The use of any other accessories or attachments might present a risk of injury to persons. Only use accessory or attachment for its stated purpose.

If you need any assistance for more details regarding these accessories, ask your local Makita Service Center.

- Hook-and-loop type abrasive discs (with pre-punched holes)
- Hook-and-loop type sponge pad
- Hook-and-loop type felt pad
- Hook-and-loop type wool pad
- Makita genuine battery and charger
- Dust box
- Paper filter bag
- Dust bag

**NOTE:**

- Some items in the list may be included in the tool package as standard accessories. They may differ from country to country.



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