

PCSS 11-1200

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ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS
PORTABLE CIRCULAR SAW



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Notes regarding the instructions


Symbols


 **Warning of electrical voltage**
This symbol indicates dangers to the life and health of persons due to electrical voltage.

 **Warning of hot surface**
This symbol indicates dangers to the life and health of persons due to hot surface.


 **Warning of sharp object**
This symbol indicates dangers to the life and health of persons due to pointed objects.


 **Warning of hand injuries**
This symbol indicates dangers to the health of persons due to hand injuries.

 **Warning**
This signal word indicates a hazard with an average risk level which, if not avoided, can result in serious injury or death.


 **Caution**
This signal word indicates a hazard with a low risk level which, if not avoided, can result in minor or moderate injury.


Note
This signal word indicates important information (e.g. material damage), but does not indicate hazards.


 **Info**
Information marked with this symbol helps you to carry out your tasks quickly and safely.

 **Follow the manual**
Information marked with this symbol indicates that the operating manual must be observed.

 **Wear hearing protection**
Information marked with this symbol indicates that you should wear hearing protection.

 **Wear safety glasses**
Information marked with this symbol indicates that you should wear eye protection.

 **Wear a protective mask**
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 **Wear protective clothing**
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 **Wear protective gloves**
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You can download the current version of the operating manual and the EU declaration of conformity via the following link:



PCSS 11-1200



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Safety

Read this manual carefully before starting or using the device. Always store the manual in the immediate vicinity of the device or its site of use!



Warning

Observe all the safety warnings, instructions, illustrations and technical data provided with this power tool.

Failure to follow the instructions below may result in electric shock, fire and / or serious injury.

Save all warnings and instructions for future reference.

The term *power tool* used in the safety warnings refers to both mains-operated and battery-powered electric tools (with/without power cable).



General Power Tool Safety Warnings – Work area safety

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



General Power Tool Safety Warnings – Electrical safety

- **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.
- **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.
- **Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions.** Water entering a power tool will increase the risk of electric shock.
- **Do not abuse the cord. Never use the cord for carrying, pulling or unplugging the power tool. Keep the cord away from heat, oil, sharp edges or moving parts.** Damaged or entangled cords increase the risk of electric shock.
- **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.



General Power Tool Safety Warnings – Personal safety

- **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.
- **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.



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.

- **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.
- **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.
- **Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.** This enables better control of the power tool in unexpected situations.
- **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.
- **If devices are provided for the connection of dust extraction and collection facilities, ensure these are connected and properly used.** The use of a dust extraction system may reduce dust-related hazards.
- **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.



General Power Tool Safety Warnings – Power tool use and care

- **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.
- **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.
- **Disconnect the plug from the power source and / or 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.
- **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.
- **Maintain power tools and accessories carefully. 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.
- **Keep cutting tools sharp and clean.** Properly maintained cutting tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.
- **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.
- **Keep handles and gripping surfaces dry, clean and free from oil and grease.** Slippery handles and gripping surfaces do not allow for safe handling and control of the tool in unexpected situations.



General Power Tool Safety Warnings – Service

- **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.



Device-specific safety warnings for portable circular saws

Safety warnings for all saws

Sawing methods

- **DANGER: Keep hands away from cutting area and the blade. Keep your second hand on auxiliary handle, or motor housing.** If both hands are holding the saw, they cannot be cut by the blade.
- **Do not reach underneath the workpiece.** The guard cannot protect you from the blade below the workpiece.
- **Adjust the cutting depth to the thickness of the workpiece.** Less than a full tooth of the blade teeth should be visible below the workpiece.
- **Never hold piece being cut in your hands or across your leg. Secure the workpiece to a stable platform.** It is important to support the work properly to minimise body exposure, blade binding, or loss of control.
- **Hold the power tool by its insulated gripping surfaces when performing an operation where the cutting accessory may contact hidden wiring or its own cord.** Contact with a "live" wire will also make exposed metal parts of the power tool "live" and could give the operator an electric shock.
- **When ripping, always use a rip fence or straight edge guide.** This improves the accuracy of cut and reduces the chance of blade binding.
- **Always use saw blades with correct size and shape (diamond versus round) of arbour holes.** Blades that do not match the mounting hardware of the saw will run eccentrically, causing loss of control.
- **Never use damaged or incorrect blade washers or bolts.** The blade washers and bolt were specially designed for your saw, for optimum performance and safety of operation.

Further safety warnings for all saws

Kickback causes and related warnings

A kickback is a sudden reaction to a pinched, bound or misaligned saw blade, causing an uncontrolled saw to lift up and out of the workpiece toward the operator.

When the blade is pinched or bound tightly by the kerf closing down, the blade stalls and the motor reaction drives the unit rapidly back toward the operator.

If the blade becomes twisted or misaligned in the cut, the teeth at the back edge of the blade can dig into the top surface of the workpiece causing the blade to climb out of the kerf and jump back toward the operator.

Kickback is the result of saw misuse and/or incorrect operating procedures or conditions and can be avoided by taking proper precautions as given below.

- **Maintain a firm grip with both hands on the saw and position your arms to resist kickback forces. Position your body to either side of the blade, but not in line with the blade.** Kickback could cause the saw to jump backwards, but kickback forces can be controlled by the operator, if proper precautions are taken.
- **When blade is binding, or when interrupting a cut for any reason, release the trigger and hold the saw motionless in the material until the blade comes to a complete stop. Never attempt to remove the saw from the work or pull the saw backwards while the blade is in motion or kickback may occur.** Investigate and take corrective actions to eliminate the cause of blade binding.
- **When restarting a saw in the workpiece, centre the saw blade in the kerf and check that saw teeth are not engaged into the material.** If saw blade is binding, it may walk up or kickback from the workpiece as the saw is restarted.
- **Support large panels to minimise the risk of blade pinching and kickback.** Large panels tend to sag under their own weight. Supports must be placed under the panel on both sides, near the line of cut and near the edge of the panel.
- **Do not use dull or damaged blades.** Unsharpened or improperly set blades produce narrow kerf causing excessive friction, blade binding and kickback.
- **Blade depth and bevel adjusting locking levers must be tight and secure before making cut.** If blade adjustment shifts while cutting, it may cause binding and kickback.
- **Use extra caution when sawing into existing walls or other blind areas.** The protruding blade may cut objects that can cause kickback.

Safety warnings for circular saws with pendulum guard and circular saws with tow guard – Lower guard function

- **Check the lower guard for proper closure before each use. Do not operate the saw if the lower guard does not move freely and close immediately. Never clamp or tie the lower guard in the open position.** The lower guard may be bent if the saw accidentally falls to the floor. Use the retracting lever to raise the guard and make sure that it moves freely and does not touch the blade or any other part of the saw at all cutting angles and depths of cut.
- **Check that the lower guard spring operates correctly. If the guard and spring do not operate correctly, have the saw serviced before use.** Lower guard may operate sluggishly due to damaged parts, gummy deposits, or a build-up of debris.

- **Lower guard may be retracted manually only for special cuts such as "plunge cuts" and "compound cuts". Raise lower guard by retracting lever and as soon as blade enters the material, the lower guard must be released.** For all other sawing, the lower guard should operate automatically.
- **Always observe that the lower guard is covering the blade before placing saw down on bench or floor.** An unprotected, coasting blade will cause the saw to walk backwards, cutting whatever is in its path. Be aware of the time it takes for the blade to stop after switch is released.

Additional safety warnings for all saws with riving knife – Riving knife function

- **Use the saw blade appropriate for the riving knife.** For the riving knife to function, the body of the blade must be thinner than the riving knife and the cutting width of the teeth must be wider than the thickness of the riving knife.
- **Adjust the riving knife as described in these instructions.** Incorrect spacing, positioning and alignment can make the riving knife ineffective in preventing kickback.
- **Always use the riving knife except during plunge cutting.** The riving knife must be reinstalled after plunge cutting. The riving knife is more of a hindrance during plunge cutting and can cause a kickback.
- **For the riving knife to work, it must be positioned in the kerf.** The riving knife is ineffective in preventing kickback during short cuts.
- **Do not operate the saw with a bent riving knife.** Even a minor hold-up can slow down the closing rate of the guard.

Additional safety warnings for portable circular saws

- **Do not reach into the chip ejector with your hands.** They could be injured by rotating parts.
- **Do not work overhead with the saw.** In this manner you do not have sufficient control over the power tool.
- **Do not use abrasive wheels.**
- **Only use saw blades of a diameter specified in the technical data** Using a blade of the wrong size may leave the blade without proper protection or affect the functioning of the guard.
- **Use suitable detectors to determine if utility lines are hidden in the work area or call the local utility company for assistance.** Contact with electrical lines may result in fire and electric shock. Damaging a gas line may lead to an explosion. Penetrating a water line causes property damage and may cause an electric shock.
- **Do not operate the power tool stationary.** It is not designed for operation with a saw table.
- **Do not use high speed steel (HSS) saw blades.** Such saw blades can easily break.

- **Do not saw ferrous metals.** Red hot chips can ignite the dust extraction.
- **If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced with a special connection line that can be obtained from the manufacturer or his customer service.**
- **Ensure a steady forward motion of the tool.** An insufficient forward motion may result in the overheating of the saw teeth or the melting of the workpiece to be processed.

Intended use

Only use the device PCSS 11-1200 for producing longitudinal, cross and mitre cuts in wood, chipboards, plastic, lightweight construction materials and non-ferrous metals while using a suitable saw blade, keeping base plate contact and adhering to the technical data.

We recommend using the power tool with original Trotec accessories.

Improper use

- The device is not intended for processing damp wood.
- The device is not intended for processing glass or stone.
- The device is not intended for processing ferrous metals.
- The device is not intended for plunge-cutting.

Personnel qualifications

People who use this device must:

- have read and understood the operating manual, especially the Safety chapter.

Personal protective equipment



Wear hearing protection.

Excessive noise can lead to hearing loss.



Wear eye protection.

With it you protect your eyes from splintering, falling and flying pieces which could cause injuries.



Wear a protective mask.

It saves you from inhaling harmful dusts generated when processing workpieces.



Wear protective gloves.

They protect your hands from burns, crushing injuries and skin abrasions.



Wear tight-fitting protective clothing.

This protects you from the draw-in and entanglement hazard posed by rotating parts.

Residual risks



Warning of electrical voltage

Electric shock from insufficient insulation.

Check the device for damages and proper functioning before each use.

If you notice damages, no longer use the device.

Do not use the device when the device or your hands are damp or wet!



Warning of electrical voltage

Work on the electrical components must only be carried out by an authorised specialist company!



Warning of electrical voltage

Before any work on the device, remove the mains plug from the mains socket!

Hold onto the mains plug while pulling the power cable out of the mains socket.



Warning of electrical voltage

There is a risk of a short-circuit due to liquids penetrating the housing!

Do not immerse the device and the accessories in water. Make sure that no water or other liquids can enter the housing.



Warning of explosive substances

Fine dust and chips produced during sawing are highly flammable. Risk of fire and explosion!

Use a dust or chip bag or a dust extraction system for collecting the dust and chips produced.



Warning of hot surface



The insertion tool might still be hot after the application. Burn hazard when touching the insertion tool.

Do not touch the insertion tool bare-handed!

Wear protective gloves!



Warning of hand injuries



Crushing hazard near saw blade and base plate if handled without due care.

Wear protective gloves!



Warning of sharp object



Parts of the saw blade are sharp. Risk of injuries if handled without due care.

Wear protective gloves!



Warning





Toxic dusts!




The harmful / toxic dusts produced during operation pose of risk to the health of the operator and persons in the vicinity.


Wear eye protection and a dust mask!


 **Warning**
Do not process materials containing asbestos.
Asbestos is considered carcinogenic.


 **Warning**
Make sure not to hit power, gas or water lines when working with a power tool.
If necessary, use a pipe detector to check the wall you want to drill in or slit open.


 **Warning**
Risk of injuries caused by flying parts or bursting tool heads.

 **Warning**
Dangers can occur at the device when it is used by untrained people in an unprofessional or improper way!
Observe the personnel qualifications!

 **Warning**
The device is not a toy and does not belong in the hands of children.

 **Warning**
Risk of suffocation!
Do not leave the packaging lying around. Children may use it as a dangerous toy.

 **Caution**
Vibration emissions can cause a health hazard if the device is used for an extended period of time or if it is not properly handled and maintained.

 **Caution**
Keep a sufficient distance from heat sources.

Note

If you store or transport the device improperly, the device may be damaged.
Note the information regarding transport and storage of the device.

Information about the device

Device description

The device PCSS 11-1200 is suited for producing longitudinal, cross and mitre cuts in wood, chipboards, plastic, lightweight construction materials and non-ferrous metals while using a suitable saw blade and keeping base plate contact.

The cutting depth can be steplessly adjusted from 0 mm to 55 mm.

The cutting angle can be steplessly adjusted from 0° to 45°.

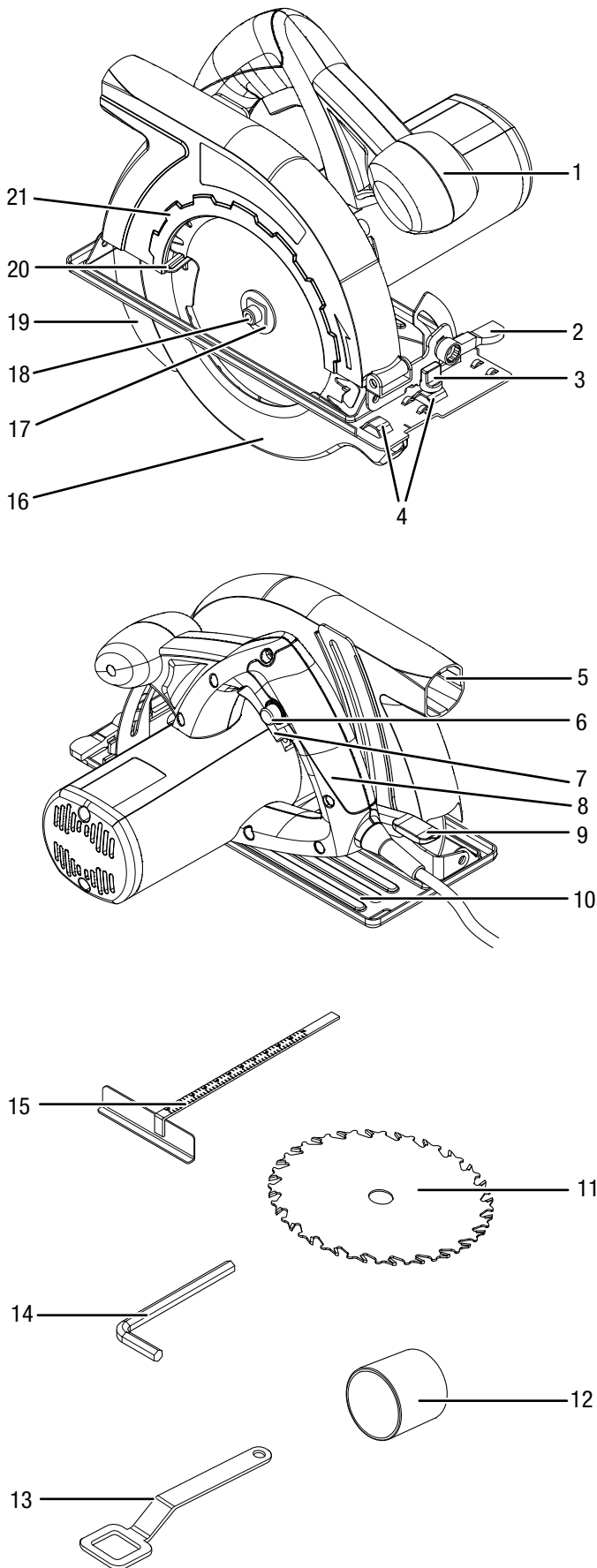
The device is fitted with a 1,200 W motor that has an idle speed of 5,000 rpm.

The device is equipped with a start lock preventing unintentional switch-on of the device.

Behaviour in the event of an emergency

1. Switch the device off.
2. In an emergency, disconnect the device from the mains feed-in: Hold onto the mains plug while pulling the power cable out of the mains socket.
3. Do not reconnect a defective device to the mains.

Device depiction




No.	Designation
1	Additional handle
2	Locking lever for the cutting angle
3	Wing screw for rip fence
4	Rip fence holder
5	Chip ejector
6	Start lock
7	On/off switch
8	Handle
9	Locking lever for the cutting depth
10	Base plate
11	Saw blade
12	Adapter for dust extraction
13	Replacement blade wrench
14	Allen wrench
15	Rip fence
16	Lower guard
17	Clamping flange
18	Clamping screw with washer
19	Riving knife
20	Retracting lever for guard
21	Upper guard

Scope of delivery

- 1 x Device PCSS 11-1200
- 1 x Carbide saw blade 24 teeth (for wood and plastic)
- 1 x Rip fence
- 1 x Adapter for dust extraction
- 1 x SW6 Allen wrench
- 1 x Replacement blade wrench
- 1 x Manual

Technical data

Parameter	Value
Model	PCSS 11-1200
Mains connection	230 V AC / 50 Hz
Power input	1.2 kW
Idle speed	5,000 rpm
Max. saw blade diameter	160 mm
Cutting depth	max. 55 mm at 0° max. 38 mm at 45°
Cutting angle	0° to 45°
Base plate dimensions	120 x 260 mm
Cable length	2 m
Protection class	II /  (double insulation)
Weight	3.34 kg
Saw blades (included in the scope of delivery)	
Carbide saw blade for wood and plastic	24 teeth
Max. rotational speed	7,000 rpm
Bore diameter	20 mm
Blade thickness	1.5 mm
Teeth thickness	2.8 mm
Vibration information according to EN 60745	
Total vibration emission value (for sawing wood):	
Vibration emission value main handle a_h	2.436 m/s ²
Vibration emission value front handle a_h	2.434 m/s ²
Uncertainty K	1.5 m/s ²
Sound values according to EN 60745	
Sound pressure level L_{pA}	93.8 dB(A)
Sound power L_{WA}	104.8 dB(A)
Uncertainty K	3 dB



Wear hearing protection.

Excessive noise can lead to hearing loss.

Information on noise and vibration:

- The vibration level specified in these instructions was determined by means of a measuring method standardized in EN 60745 and can be used for a device comparison. The specified vibration emission value may also be used for a preliminary assessment of the exposure.



Caution

Vibration emissions can cause a health hazard if the device is used for an extended period of time or if it is not properly handled and maintained.

- The vibration level will change depending on the application of the power tool and may in some cases differ from the value specified in these instructions. The vibration load may be underestimated if the power tool is used regularly in such a way. For a precise estimation of the vibration load during a certain work period, it is also important to consider the periods during which the device is switched off, or is running but not actually employed. This can reduce the vibration load over the entire work period significantly.

Transport and storage

Note

If you store or transport the device improperly, the device may be damaged.

Note the information regarding transport and storage of the device.

Transport

Before transporting the device, observe the following:

- Switch off the device.
- Hold onto the mains plug while pulling the power cable out of the mains socket.
- Allow the device to cool down.

Storage

Before storing the device, observe the following:

- Switch off the device.
- Hold onto the mains plug while pulling the power cable out of the mains socket.
- Allow the device to cool down.
- Clean the device as described in the Maintenance chapter.

When the device is not being used, observe the following storage conditions:

- dry and protected from frost and heat
- ambient temperature below 40 °C
- protected from dust and direct sunlight

Start-up

Unpacking the device

- Take the device and the accessories out of the packaging.



Warning of electrical voltage

Electric shock from insufficient insulation.
Check the device for damages and proper functioning before each use.
If you notice damages, no longer use the device.
Do not use the device when the device or your hands are damp or wet!

- Check the contents for completeness and look for damages.



Warning

Risk of suffocation!
Do not leave the packaging lying around. Children may use it as a dangerous toy.

- Dispose of the packaging material according to the national regulations.

Adjusting the cutting depth

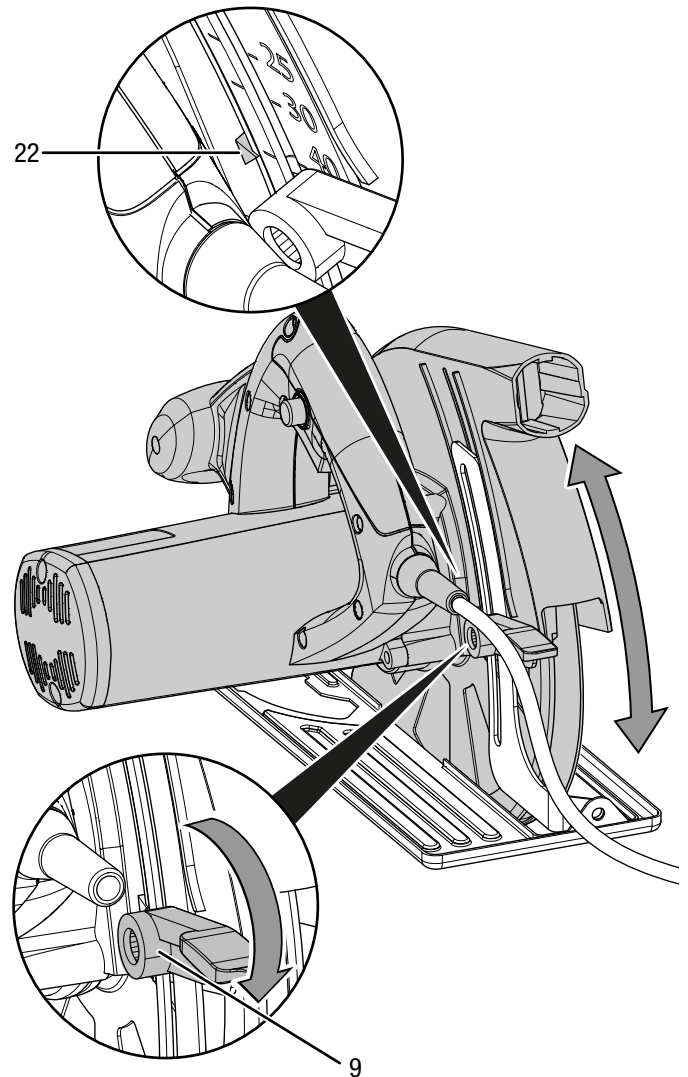
In the 0° position, the cutting depth can be set in the range from 0 mm to 55 mm.



Info

The cutting depth should exceed the material thickness by approx. 3 mm so that a little less than the total tooth height is visible below the workpiece.

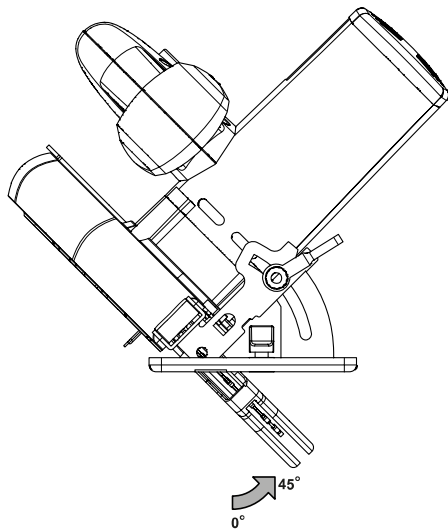
1. Release the locking lever (9).
2. Set the desired cutting depth on the cutting depth scale (22).



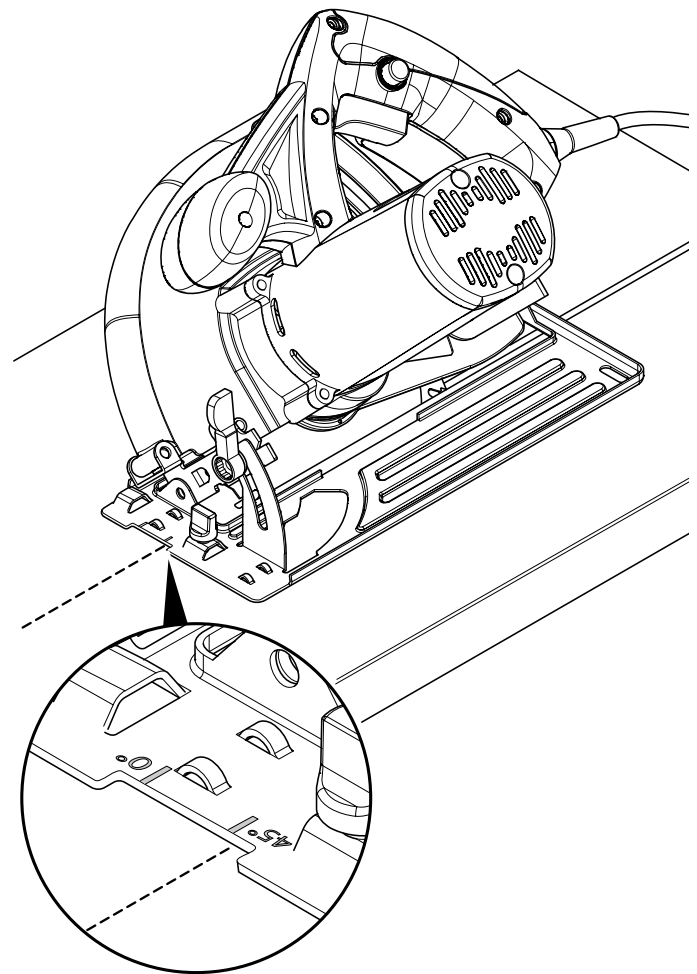
3. Lock the locking lever (9) again.

Adjusting the cutting angle

You can adjust the cutting angle in the range from 0° to 45°.



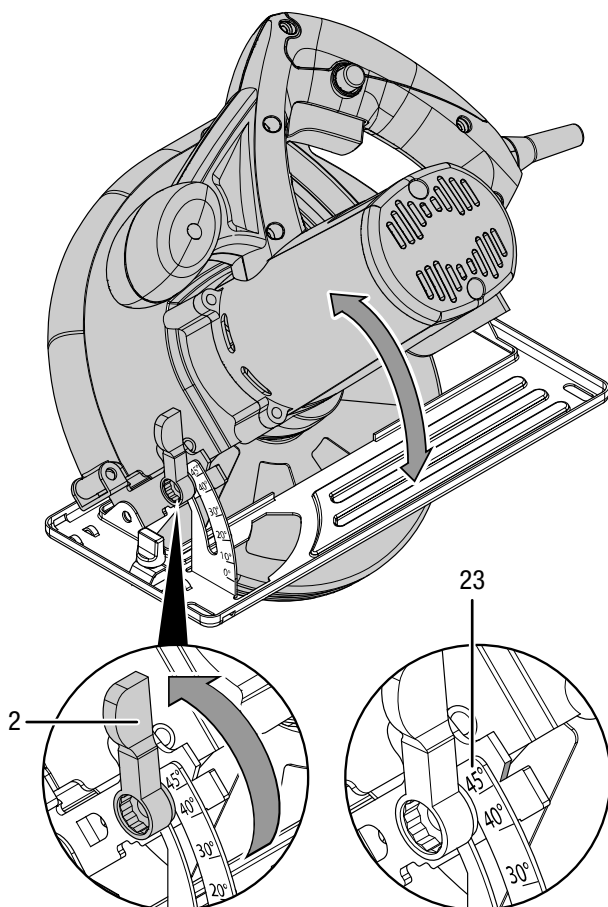
- Note that the cutting line runs along between the notches on the base plate marked **0** and **45**, depending on the cutting angle setting. In the example below, the cutting angle is set to 45°:



Info

For mitre cuts, the cutting depth is smaller than the value shown on the cutting depth scale.

- Release the locking lever for the cutting angle (2).



- Set the desired cutting angle on the cutting angle scale (23).
- Lock the locking lever (2) again.

Changing the saw blade



Warning of electrical voltage

Before any work on the device, remove the mains plug from the mains socket!
Hold onto the mains plug while pulling the power cable out of the mains socket.



Warning of hot surface

The insertion tool might still be hot after the application. Burn hazard when touching the insertion tool.



Do not touch the insertion tool bare-handed!
Wear protective gloves!

Note

Only use saw blades complying with EN 847-1.

Note

Do not use flanges or flange nuts whose bore hole is larger or smaller than that of the saw blade.



Wear protective gloves

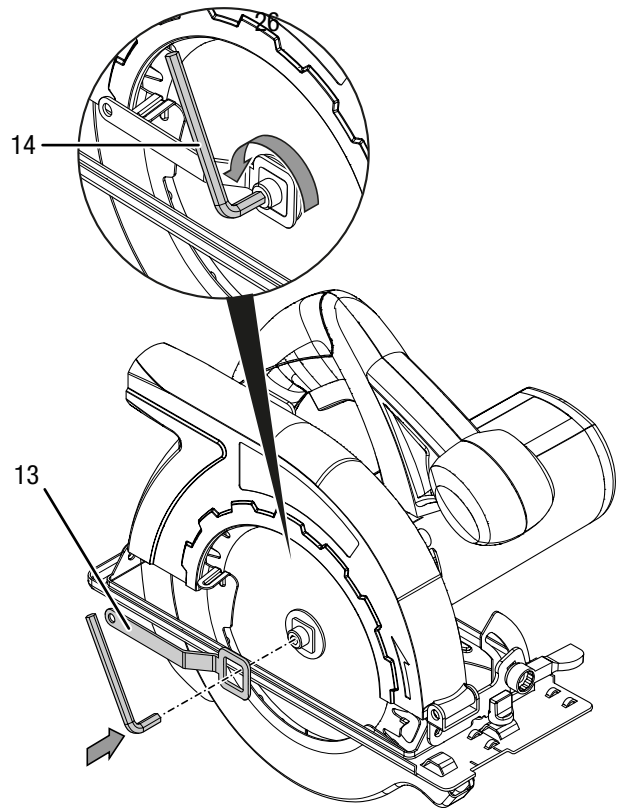
Wear appropriate protective gloves when inserting or exchanging tools.

As standard, the device is supplied with a saw blade with 24 teeth (suited for wood and plastic). The saw blade is preassembled.

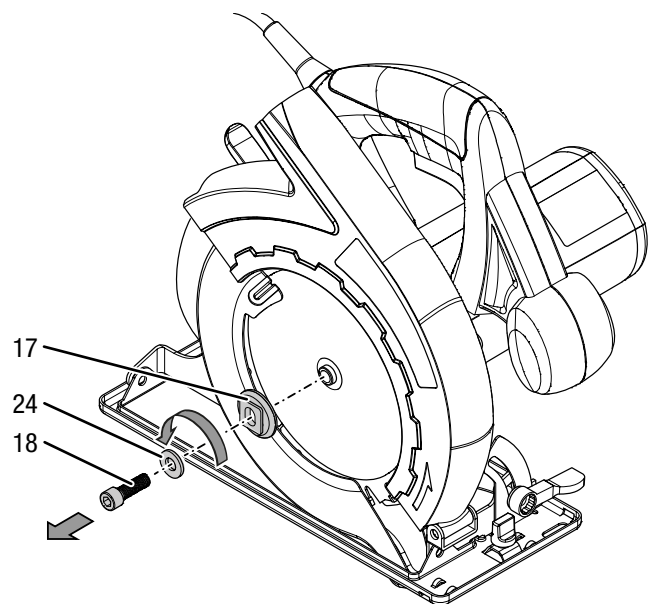
Please proceed as follows to remove or insert a saw blade:

1. Set the cutting depth to 0 mm.
2. Set the cutting angle to 0°.
3. Place the device on the front side of the motor housing.

4. Fit the replacement blade wrench (13) onto the clamping flange (17).

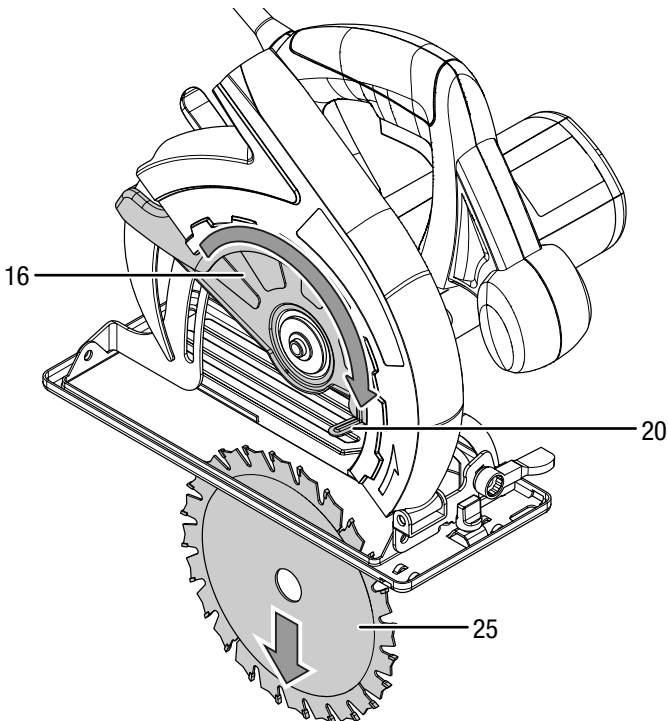


5. Loosen the clamping screw (18) by means of the Allen wrench (14).
Meanwhile use the replacement blade wrench (13) to hold the clamping flange (17).
6. Then withdraw the replacement blade wrench (13).



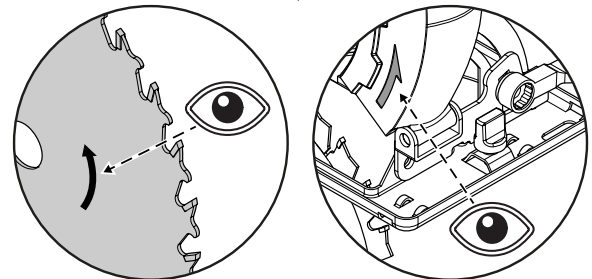
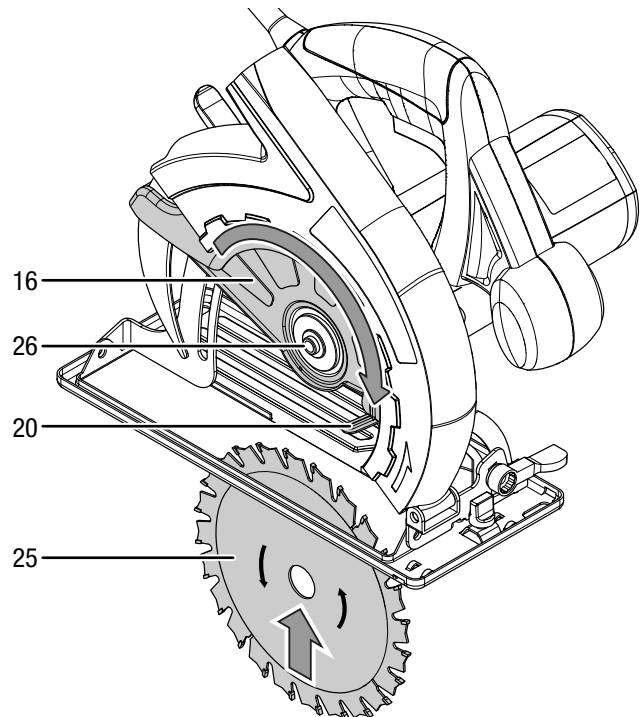
7. Remove the clamping screw (18) together with the washer (24) as well as the clamping flange (17).

8. Remove any material residues from the device, in particular from the lower guard.
9. Swing the lower guard (16) back using the retracting lever (20) and hold the retracting lever in this position.
10. Remove the saw blade (25).



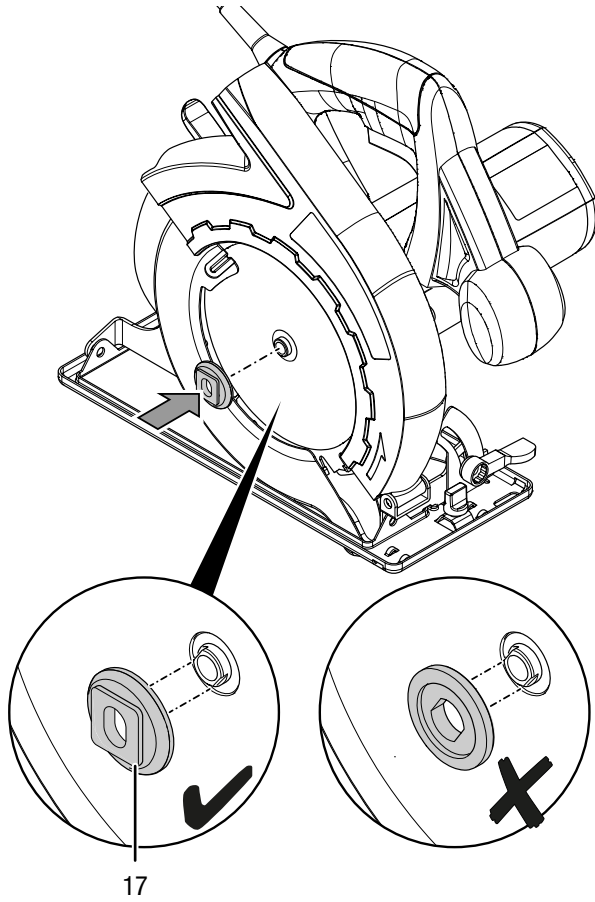
11. Check whether the saw blade clamp (26) is attached to the device. If it has fallen out accidentally, reattach it.
12. Please note that the lower guard (16) must be swung back using the retracting lever (20) in order to insert the saw blade.

13. Insert the new saw blade (25). When doing so, make sure that the direction of the arrow on the saw blade corresponds to that of the arrow on the device.



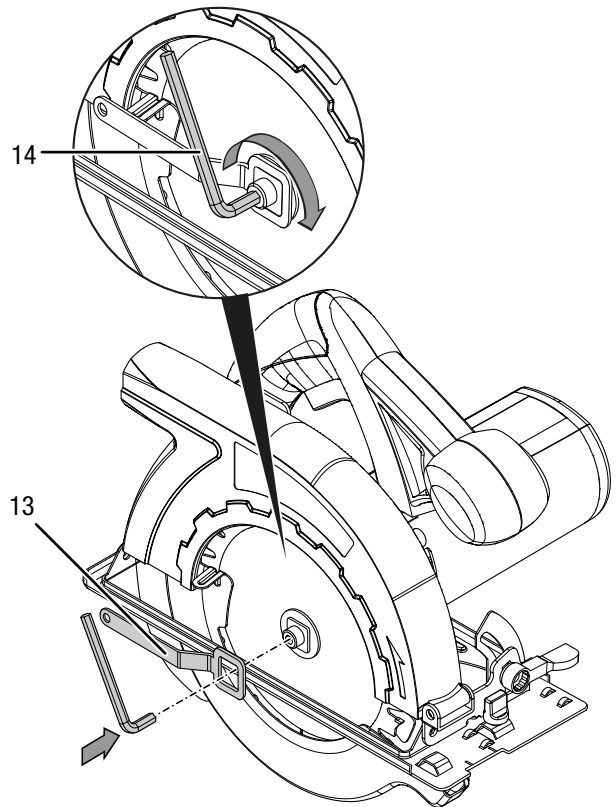
14. Carefully swing the lower guard (16) back into its initial position with the retracting lever (20).

15. Refit the clamping flange (17) on the saw blade clamp (26). In doing so, make sure to insert the clamping flange as shown below (convex side with corners pointing outwards).



16. Place the clamping screw (18) together with the washer (24) onto the clamping flange (17).

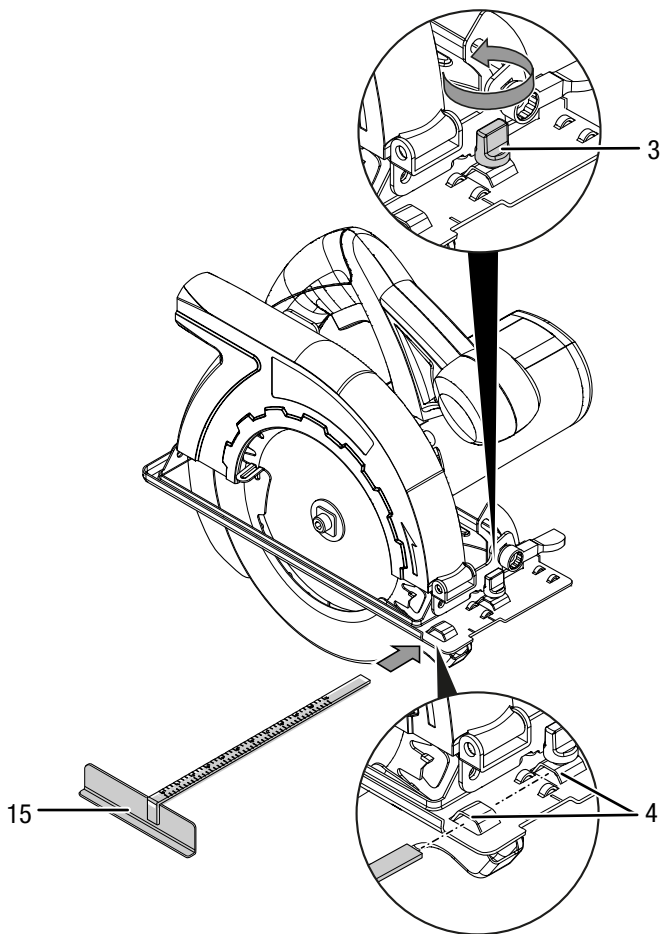
17. Fit the replacement blade wrench (13) onto the clamping flange (17).



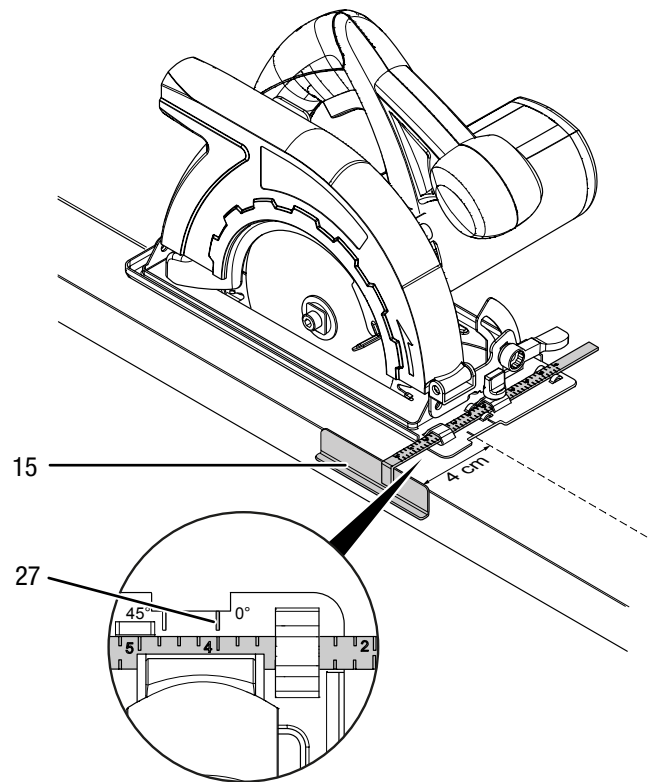
18. Tighten the clamping screw (18) by means of the Allen wrench (14).
 Meanwhile use the replacement blade wrench (13) to hold the clamping flange (17).
19. Then withdraw the replacement blade wrench (13).
20. Check whether the saw blade is properly locked in place.

Mounting and adjusting the rip fence

1. Loosen the wing screw (3) and insert the rip fence (15) into the rip fence holder (4).



2. Set the desired distance from the cutting line to the edge of the workpiece (cutting width) using the scale on the rip fence (15) and the arrow (27) on the base plate. The figure below shows a 4 cm setting by way of example:



3. Retighten the wing screw (3).

Checking the pendulum guard

The pendulum guard is an important safety device of the power tool. It must function properly; otherwise the device must not be used.

Observe the following information:

Safety warnings for circular saws with pendulum guard and circular saws with tow guard – Lower guard function

- **Check the lower guard for proper closure before each use. Do not operate the saw if the lower guard does not move freely and close immediately. Never clamp or tie the lower guard in the open position.** The lower guard may be bent if the saw accidentally falls to the floor. Use the retracting lever to raise the guard and make sure that it moves freely and does not touch the blade or any other part of the saw at all cutting angles and depths of cut.
- **Check that the lower guard spring operates correctly. If the guard and spring do not operate correctly, have the saw serviced before use.** Lower guard may operate sluggishly due to damaged parts, gummy deposits, or a build-up of debris.
- **Lower guard may be retracted manually only for special cuts such as "plunge cuts" and "compound cuts". Raise lower guard by retracting lever and as soon as blade enters the material, the lower guard must be released.** For all other sawing, the lower guard should operate automatically.
- **Always observe that the lower guard is covering the blade before placing saw down on bench or floor.** An unprotected, coasting blade will cause the saw to walk backwards, cutting whatever is in its path. Be aware of the time it takes for the blade to stop after switch is released.

Checking the riving knife

The riving knife is an important safety device of the power tool. It must function properly; otherwise the device must not be used.

Observe the following information:

Additional safety warnings for all saws with riving knife – Riving knife function

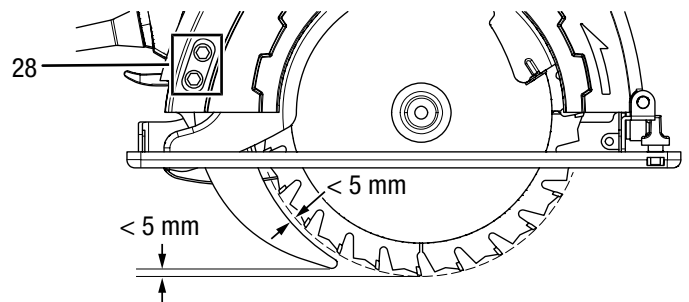
- **Use the saw blade appropriate for the riving knife.** For the riving knife to function, the body of the blade must be thinner than the riving knife and the cutting width of the teeth must be wider than the thickness of the riving knife.
- **Adjust the riving knife as described in these instructions.** Incorrect spacing, positioning and alignment can make the riving knife ineffective in preventing kickback.
- **Always use the riving knife except during plunge cutting.** The riving knife must be reinstalled after plunge cutting. The riving knife is more of a hindrance during plunge cutting and can cause a kickback.
- **For the riving knife to work, it must be positioned in the kerf.** The riving knife is ineffective in preventing kickback during short cuts.
- **Do not operate the saw with a bent riving knife.** Even a minor hold-up can slow down the closing rate of the guard.

The riving knife's thickness amounts to 2 mm. The blade body must be thinner than the riving knife and the cutting width of the teeth must exceed the thickness of the riving knife.

- **In adjusting the riving knife, make sure that the gap between the riving knife and the toothed rim of the saw blade does not exceed 5 mm and that the toothed rim does protrude beyond the bottom edge of the riving knife by more than 5 mm.**

The riving knife is pre-set in the factory. Before each use check the spacing according to the illustration below.

If required, the riving knife can be readjusted by means of the two set screws (28).



Connecting the power cable

1. Insert the mains plug into a properly secured mains socket.

Operation

Tips and notes on handling the circular saw

General information:

- Keep the venting slots clear to prevent the motor from overheating.
- Only use intact, flawless saw blades. Saw blades can be damaged by shocks or impacts. Bent, blunt or otherwise damaged saw blades could break. The sawing performance and cutting quality essentially depend on the saw blade's condition and the shape of the teeth.
- Check the saw blade for correct fit before every application.
- Before every application, make sure that you have selected the correct saw blade for the intended use.
- Before every application, check whether you need a dust bag or dust extraction system.
 - Harmful dusts are produced when processing wood, particularly beech and oak. Beech and oak dust is considered carcinogenic, especially in combination with certain wood treatment additives such as chromate or wood preservatives. Wear a protective mask.
 - Dusts from materials containing leaded paint or minerals can be harmful to health. Wear a protective mask.
 - Long, spiral chips are produced when processing spruce.
- The falling part of the workpiece should be located on the right-hand side of the power tool so that the larger part of the workpiece remains in full contact with the supporting table or similar.
- Guide the power tool by pushing slightly and evenly in the cutting direction. Pushing too hard reduces the blade life and can damage the power tool.
- If you are sawing along a drawn line, guide the power tool along the respective notch.
- Tear-out of the edges cut into sensitive surfaces (e.g. plasterboard or coated chipboard) can be prevented by covering the cutting edges with masking tape. In this case, the cutting line can also be drawn on the masking tape to protect the workpiece surface.
- Non-coated saw blades can be protected against corrosion by applying a thin layer of acid-free oil. Remove any oil before starting to saw to prevent oil residues from reaching the wood.
- When sawing lightweight construction materials, observe the legal regulations and recommendations of the material manufacturers.

Sawing wood:

- Before sawing wood, chipboards, building materials etc., check the above for foreign objects, e.g. nails, screws or similar. If required, remove the foreign objects or use a suitable, sharp saw blade.
- The choice of the saw blade depends on the type of application (longitudinal or cross cuts) as well as the type and quality of wood.
- If the saw blade gets jammed in the workpiece, switch off the power tool immediately. The sawing gap should be slightly widened with a suitable tool so that you can pull out the power tool.
- Switch on the power tool and guide it towards the workpiece to be processed. Place the guide shoe on the surface of the workpiece. Process the workpiece with an even forward motion and contact pressure. After completing the sawing operation, switch off the power tool.

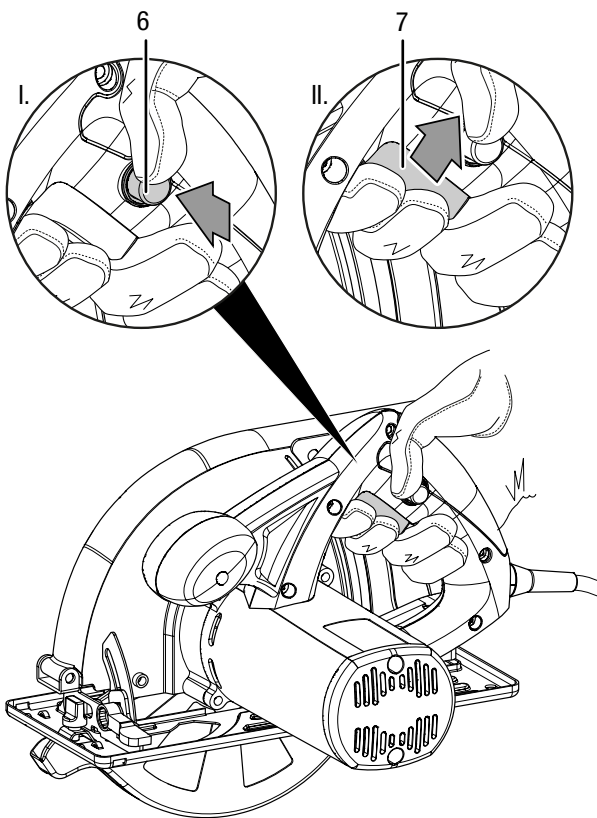
Sawing non-ferrous metals:

- Metal dusts can be harmful to health. Wear a protective mask.
- Only use a sharp saw blade suitable for non-ferrous metals. This guarantees a clean cut and prevents the saw blade from getting jammed.
- Only hold the power tool against the workpiece when the tool is switched on and running. Start sawing carefully and with little forward motion. Continue sawing with little forward motion and without interrupting.
- When sawing narrow profiles, you should start on the narrow side. When sawing U-profiles, you should start on the open side. Long profiles should be supported to prevent the saw blade from getting jammed and thus to avoid the risk of a kickback.

Switching the device on and off

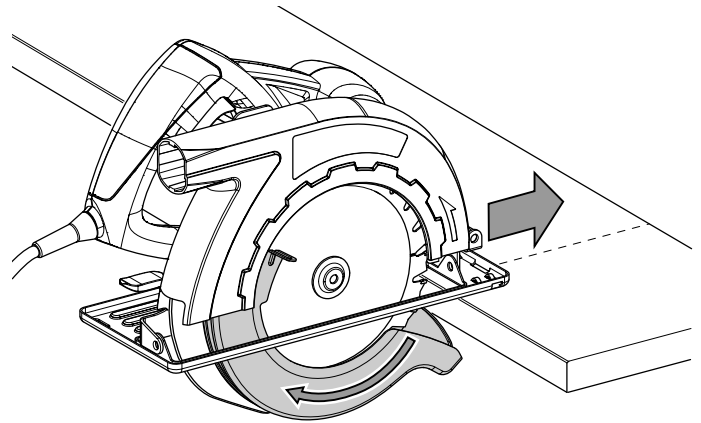
Wear your personal protective equipment when working with the device.

1. Check whether the fixed saw blade is suitable for the intended application.
2. Check whether the workpiece is secured and the worktop prepared correspondingly.
3. Hold onto the power tool with both hands.
4. Position the device by first placing the front edge of the base plate on the workpiece.
5. Align the device with the rip fence or the cutting line.
6. Press the start lock (6) to be able to actuate the on/off switch (7).

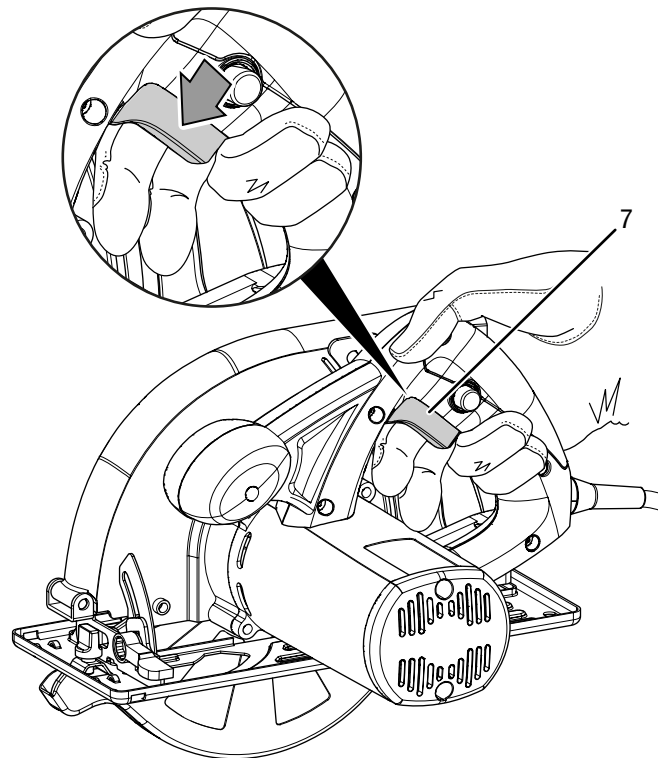


7. Press the on/off switch (7) and hold it during operation.
 - ⇒ The device operates with the previously selected settings.

8. Wait a moment until the motor has reached full speed.
9. Move the device closer to the workpiece.
10. Move the device along the cutting line with a slight forward motion.
 - ⇒ The lower guard opens automatically when the device is pushed forward. Do **not** open the lower guard manually. Risk of injury!



11. After completing the sawing operation, let go of the on/off switch (7) to stop the device.



Connecting the dust extraction system

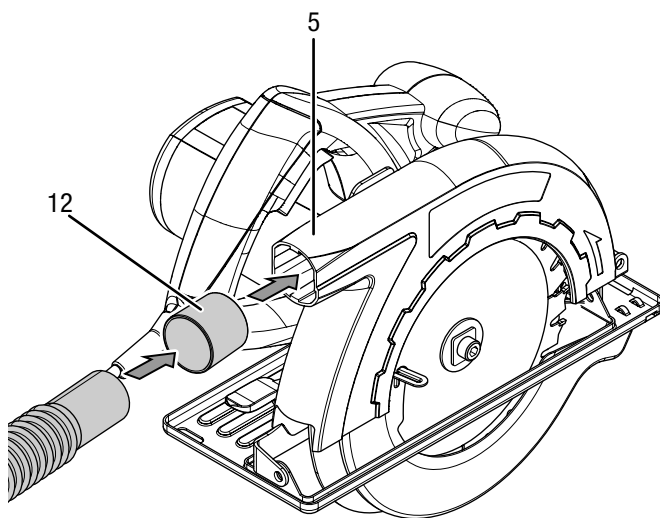
You can connect a vacuum cleaner to the device. The adapter included in the scope of delivery allows to connect smaller pipe diameters.



Caution

Use a special vacuum cleaner to suck off harmful or toxic materials.

1. If required, attach the adapter (12) to the chip ejector (5).
2. Connect a suitable vacuum cleaner (e.g. industrial vacuum cleaner) to the chip ejector (5).



Connecting a dust bag (optional)

For small-scale work, you can optionally connect a dust bag.

1. Insert a suitable dust or chip bag firmly into the chip ejector (5).
2. Empty the dust bag in due time to guarantee proper absorption of a sufficient amount of dust and chips.

Shutdown



Warning of electrical voltage

Do not touch the mains plug with wet or damp hands.

- Switch the device off.
- Hold onto the mains plug while pulling the power cable out of the mains socket.
- If required, allow the device to cool down.
- Clean the device according to the Maintenance chapter.
- Store the device according to the Storage chapter.

Errors and faults

The device has been checked for proper functioning several times during production. If malfunctions occur nonetheless, check the device according to the following list.

Troubleshooting tasks which require the housing to be opened must only be carried out by an authorized specialist electrical company or by Trotec.

Slight smoke or odour are emitted during first use:

- This is not a fault. These phenomena disappear after a brief runtime.

The device does not start:

- Check the power connection.
- Check the power cable and mains plug for damages.
- Check the on-site fusing.



Info

Wait for at least 10 minutes before switching the device back on.

The saw blade is loose:

- Check the saw blade for tight fit.
- Check the flange and flange nut for tight fit. Do not use flanges or flange nuts whose bore hole is larger or smaller than that of the saw blade.

The saw blade experiences difficulties penetrating the material to be processed or the sawing performance is insufficient:

- If the saw blade is worn, replace it with a new one.
- Check whether the chosen saw blade is suitable for the material to be processed.

The cutting performance decreases:

- Check whether the saw blade is suitable for the application.
- Keep the saw blade clean. If necessary, replace worn or damaged saw blades.
- Resin or glue residues may impair the quality of the cut.
- Keep the venting slots clear to prevent the motor from overheating.

The lower guard cannot be opened or is blocked:

- Check for material residues and, if any, remove them. The lower guard must open and close freely at all times.

The device becomes hot:

- Check whether the chosen saw blade is suitable for the task to be carried out.
- Keep the venting slots clear to prevent the motor from overheating.

Note

Wait for at least 3 minutes after maintenance and repair work. Only then switch the device back on.

Your device still does not operate correctly after these checks?

Please contact the customer service. If necessary, bring the device to an authorized specialist electrical company or to Trotec for repair.

Maintenance

Activities required before starting maintenance



Warning of electrical voltage

Do not touch the mains plug with wet or damp hands.

- Switch off the device.
- Hold onto the mains plug while pulling the power cable out of the mains socket.
- Allow the device to cool down completely.



Warning of electrical voltage

Maintenance tasks which require the housing to be opened must only be carried out by authorised specialist companies or by Trotec.

Notes on maintenance

Inside the device, there are no parts that need to be maintained or lubricated by the user.

Cleaning

The device should be cleaned before and after each use.

Note

The device does not have to be lubricated after cleaning.



Warning of electrical voltage

There is a risk of a short-circuit due to liquids penetrating the housing!

Do not immerse the device and the accessories in water. Make sure that no water or other liquids can enter the housing.

- Clean the device with a soft, damp and lint-free cloth. Ensure that no moisture enters the housing. Protect electrical components from moisture. Do not use any aggressive cleaning agents such as cleaning sprays, solvents, alcohol-based or abrasive cleaners to dampen the cloth.
- Dry the device with a soft, lint-free cloth.
- Clean the saw blades immediately after use to keep them free of resin or glue residues.
- Keep the ventilation openings free from dust deposits to prevent overheating of the motor.
- Non-coated saw blades can be protected against corrosion by applying a thin layer of acid-free oil. Remove any oil before starting to saw to prevent oil residues from reaching the wood.

Cleaning the lower guard

The lower guard should be cleaned before and after every application. The lower guard must open and close freely at all times and must not be blocked by material residues or similar.

- Remove dust and chips by blowing out with compressed air or by using a brush.

Disposal



The icon with the crossed-out waste bin on waste electrical or electronic equipment stipulates that this equipment must not be disposed of with the household waste at the end of its life. You will find collection points for free return of waste electrical and electronic equipment in your vicinity. The addresses can be obtained from your municipality or local administration. For further return options provided by us please refer to our website www.trotec24.com.

The separate collection of waste electrical and electronic equipment aims to enable the re-use, recycling and other forms of recovery of waste equipment as well as to prevent negative effects for the environment and human health caused by the disposal of hazardous substances potentially contained in the equipment.

Declaration of conformity

The text below sets out the contents of the declaration of conformity. The signed declaration of conformity can be found at <https://hub.trotec.com/?id=42063>.

Declaration of conformity

In accordance with the EC Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC,
Annex II, part 1, Section A

Herewith, we – Trotec GmbH & Co. KG – declare that the machinery designated below was developed, constructed and produced in compliance with the requirements of the EC Machinery Directive in the version 2006/42/EC.

Product model / Product: PCSS 11-1200

Product type: portable circular saw

Year of manufacture as of: 2018

Relevant EU directives:

- 2011/65/EU: 1 July 2011
- 2014/30/EU: 29 March 2014

Applied harmonised standards:

- EN ISO 12100:2010
- EN 55014-1:2006/A2:2011
- EN 55014-2:2015
- EN 60745-1:2009 + A11:2010
- EN 60745-2-5:2010
- EN 61000-3-2:2014
- EN 61000-3-3:2013

Applied national standards and technical specifications:

- None

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