

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION**

Read and understand all of the safety precautions, warnings and operating instructions in the Instruction Manual before operating or maintaining this power tool.

Most accidents that result from power tool operation and maintenance are caused by the failure to observe basic safety rules or precautions. An accident can often be avoided by recognizing a potentially hazardous situation before it occurs, and by observing appropriate safety procedures.

Basic safety precautions are outlined in the "SAFETY" section of this Instruction Manual and in the sections which contain the operation and maintenance instructions.

Hazards that must be avoided to prevent bodily injury or machine damage are identified by WARNINGS on the power tool and in this Instruction Manual.

**NEVER** use this power tool in a manner that has not been specifically recommended by HITACHI.

## **MEANINGS OF SIGNAL WORDS**

**WARNING** indicates a potentially hazardous situations which, if ignored, could result in death or serious injury.

**CAUTION** indicates a potentially hazardous situations which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury, or may cause machine damage.

**NOTE** emphasizes essential information.

# **SAFETY**

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING ALL POWER TOOLS**

**READ ALL OF THE WARNINGS AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS MANUAL BEFORE OPERATING OR MAINTAINING THIS TOOL:**

**⚠ WARNING:** When using this electric tool, take all necessary precautions to minimize the risk of electric shock or other personal injury.  
In particular, always comply with the following safety rules:

- 1. ALWAYS KEEP GUARDS IN PLACE** and in working order.
- 2. ALWAYS REMOVE ADJUSTING KEYS AND WRENCHES BEFORE STARTING TOOL.** Always confirm that all keys and adjusting wrenches have been removed from the tool before it is turned on.
- 3. ALWAYS KEEP WORK AREA CLEAN.** Avoid injuries by not cluttering the work areas and work benches.
- 4. NEVER USE TOOL IN HAZARDOUS ENVIRONMENTS.** Never use the power tool in damp or wet places and never expose it to rain. Always keep the work area well lighted.
- 5. NEVER PERMIT CHILDREN OR OTHERS TO LOITER NEAR THE WORK AREA.** Keep all people (especially children) away from the work area. Always unplug unattended tools and keep the work place tamper-proof by installing locks on the doors and on the master switches. Always remove the lock-off button from the tool and store it in a secure place, when the tool is not in use.
- 6. NEVER FORCE THE TOOL.** It will do the job better and more safely if it is operated at the rate for which it was designed.
- 7. ALWAYS USE THE RIGHT TOOLS.** Never force a tool or an attachment to do a job for which it was not designed.
- 8. ALWAYS WEAR PROPER APPAREL WHEN WORKING WITH THE TOOL.** Never wear loose clothing, gloves, neckties, rings, bracelets or other jewelry which may get caught in the moving parts. Always wear non-slip footwear, preferably with steel toes. Wear protective hair covering to contain long hair.

9. **ALWAYS USE EYE PROTECTION WHEN WORKING WITH THE TOOL TO PREVENT EYE INJURY.** Ordinary eyeglasses do not provide adequate protection because the lenses are not made of safety glass. Also, use a face mask for additional safety and wear a dust mask if the cutting operation produces dust.
10. **ALWAYS SECURE THE WORKPIECE TO THE FENCE OR THE TABLE.** Use clamps or a vise to hold the workpiece in place. It is safer than using your hand and it frees both hands to operate the tool.
11. **NEVER OVERREACH.** Always keep proper footing and balance when working with the tool.
12. **ALWAYS MAINTAIN TOOLS WITH CARE.** Always keep tools sharp and clean for the best and safest performance. Always follow instructions for lubricating the tool and for changing accessories.
13. **ALWAYS DISCONNECT THE TOOL** before servicing and before changing blades or other accessories.
14. **NEVER RISK UNINTENTIONAL STARTING WHEN PLUGGING IN THE TOOL.** Always confirm that the switch is in the OFF position before inserting the power plug into the receptacle.
15. **ALWAYS USE RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES ONLY WHEN OPERATING THIS TOOL.** Consult this instruction manual for descriptions of recommended accessories. To avoid personal injuries, use only recommended accessories in conjunction with this tool.
16. **NEVER STAND ON THE TOOL.** Prevent serious injury by not tipping the tool and by not risking unintentional contact with the saw blade.
17. **ALWAYS CHECK FOR DAMAGED PARTS BEFORE USING THE TOOL.** Always check the guard and all other components for damage before using the tool to assure that they will function properly. Check all moving parts for proper alignment, freedom from binding and other conditions that might affect proper operation. Always repair or replace any damaged guards or other damaged components before using the tool.
18. **ALWAYS CONFIRM THE ROTATION DIRECTION OF THE BLADE BEFORE USING THE TOOL.** Always feed work into the tool against the rotation direction of the blade in order to prevent possible injury.
19. **NEVER LEAVE THE TOOL RUNNING WHILE UNATTENDED. TURN POWER OFF.** Do not leave tool until it comes to a complete stop. Always turn the power off when the tool is not in use. Always unplug the power cord when the tool is not in use.
20. This tool was not designed to be used for mass-production applications and should not be used in mass-production environments.
21. When servicing this tool, use only authorized replacement parts.
22. Apply 120 volts AC only to this tool. Applying the wrong voltage or applying DC power can cause the POWER TOOL to operate improperly and cause serious personal injury or damage to the tool.
23. Never raise the saw blade from the workpiece until it has first come to a complete stop.
24. Always use outboard stands to provide support for long workpieces that overhang the table of the slide compound miter saw.
25. Always return the carriage to the full rear position after each crosscut operation in order to reduce the risk of injury.
26. **POLARIZED PLUGS** To reduce the risk of electric shock, this equipment has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). This plug will fit in a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician to install the proper outlet. Do not change the plug in any way.

## Specific Safety Rules for Use of this Power Tool

**⚠ WARNING:** The following specific operating instructions must be observed when using this POWER TOOL in order to avoid injury:

### DO's

#### ALWAYS OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING RULES TO ASSURE SAFE USE OF THIS TOOL:

1. Review this Manual and familiarize yourself with the safety rules and operating instructions for this POWER TOOL before attempting to use it.
2. Always confirm that the POWER TOOL is clean before using it.

3. Always wear snug-fitting clothing, non-skid footwear (preferably with steel toes) and eye protection when operating the POWER TOOL.
4. Always handle the POWER TOOL carefully. If the POWER TOOL falls or strikes against a hard object, it might become deformed or cracked or sustain other damage.
5. Always cease operating the saw at once, if you notice any abnormality whatsoever.
6. Always confirm that all components are mounted properly and securely before using the tool.
7. When replacing the saw blade, always confirm that the rpm rating of the new blade is correct for use on this tool.
8. Always shut off the power and wait for the saw blade to completely stop rotating before doing any maintenance or adjustments.
9. During slide cutting, always push the saw blade away from the operator.
10. Always clamp or otherwise secure the workpiece to the fence; otherwise the workpiece might be thrust from the table and cause bodily harm.
11. During miter or bevel cutting, always wait for the rotation of the blade to stop completely before lifting the saw blade.
12. Always make a trial run first before attempting any new use of the saw.
13. Always handle the saw blade with care when dismounting and mounting it.
14. Always confirm that the workpiece is free of nails or other foreign objects before beginning a cut.
15. Always keep your hands out of the path of the saw blade.
16. Always confirm that the lower guard is in the proper place before using the saw.
17. Always confirm that the lower guard does not obstruct the sliding motion of the saw before attempting slide cutting.
18. Inspect the tool power cords periodically.
19. Always confirm that the proper lengths and types of extension cords are being utilized, if necessary, before starting the tool.
20. Always confirm that the motor air vents are fully open before using the tool.
21. Always wait until the motor has reached full speed before starting a cut.
22. Always keep the handles dry, clean and free of oil and grease. Hold the tool firmly when in use.
23. Always use outboard stands to provide support for long workpieces that overhang the table of the slide compound miter saw.
24. Always operate the tool after ensuring the workpiece is fixed properly with a vise assembly.
25. The operating instructions provided with the tool shall direct the user to secure the tool to supporting structure if, during normal operation, there is a tendency for the tool to tip over, slide, or walk on the supporting surface.

## **DON'Ts**

### **NEVER VIOLATE THE FOLLOWING RULES TO ASSURE SAFE USE OF THIS TOOL:**

1. Never operate the POWER TOOL unless you fully understand the operating instructions contained in this Manual.
2. Never leave the POWER TOOL unattended without first unplugging the power cord.
3. Never operate the POWER TOOL when you are tired, after you have taken any medications, or have consumed any alcoholic beverages.
4. Never use the POWER TOOL for applications not specified in the instruction manual.
5. Never operate the tool while wearing loose clothing, a necktie or jewelry, or while your hair is uncovered, to protect against getting caught in the moving machinery.
6. Never reach around the saw blade.
7. Never touch any moving parts, including the blade, while the saw is in use.
8. Never remove any safety devices or blade guards; use of the tool without them would be hazardous.

9. Never lock the lower guard; always confirm that it slides smoothly before using the tool.
10. Never damage the power cord of the tool.
11. Never attempt to move a plugged-in POWER TOOL while your finger is on the starting switch.
12. Never use the POWER TOOL if the starting switch does not turn on and off properly.
13. Never use the POWER TOOL if the plastic housing or the handle is cracked or deformed.
14. Never use the POWER TOOL near flammable liquids or gases because sparking can cause an explosion.
15. Never clean plastic components with solvents because the plastic may dissolve.
16. Never operate the saw unless all the blade guards are in place.
17. Never raise the saw blade from the workpiece until it has first come to a complete stop.
18. When slide cutting, never pull the handle toward the operator, since this could cause the saw blade to kick up from the workpiece. Always push the handle away from the operator in a single, smooth motion.
19. Never place your limbs inside of the line next to warning sign " ⚠ " while the tool is being operated. This may cause hazardous conditions.
20. Never use abrasive type blades on this saw.
21. Never expose to rain or use in damp locations.
22. Never cut ferrous metals or masonry.

## **WARNING**

### **FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY READ THIS INSTRUCTION MANUAL BEFORE OPERATING THE SLIDE COMPOUND MITER SAW**

1. Always wear eye protection when using the slide compound miter saw.
2. Always keep hands out of the path of the saw blade.
3. Never operate the saw without the guards in place.
4. Never perform any freehand operation with the slide compound miter saw.
5. Never reach around the saw blade.
6. Always turn off tool and wait for saw blade to stop before moving workpiece or changing settings.
7. Always disconnect power before changing blade or servicing.
8. Saw blade diameter is 10" (255mm).
9. No load speed is 3800/min.
10. To reduce the risk of injury, return carriage to the full rear position after each crosscut operation.

## **REPLACEMENT PARTS**

When servicing use only identical replacement parts.  
Repairs should be conducted only by a Hitachi authorized service center.