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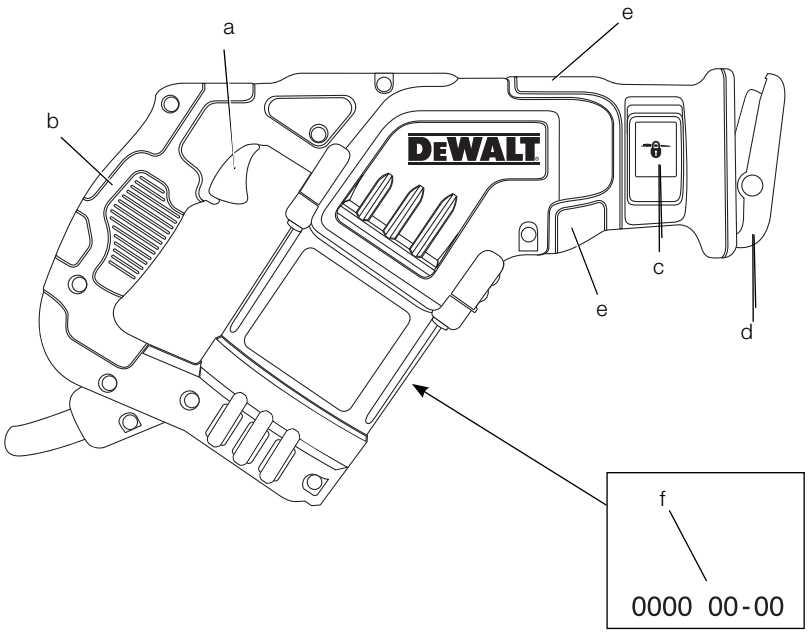

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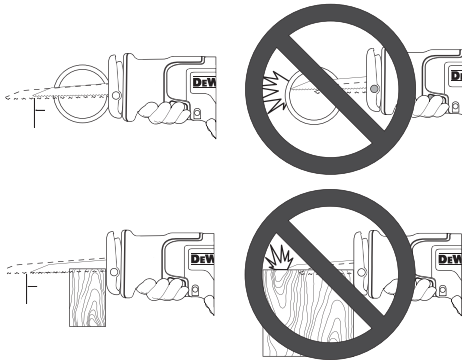

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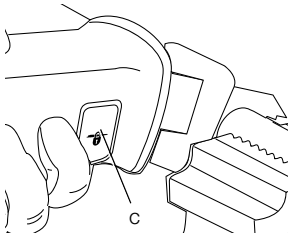

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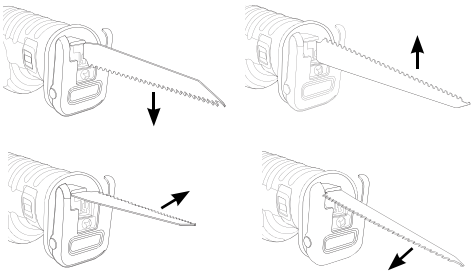

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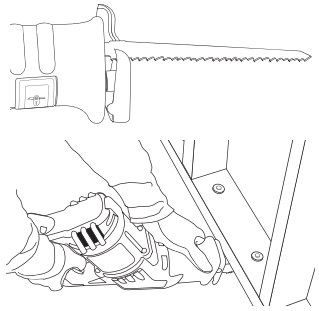

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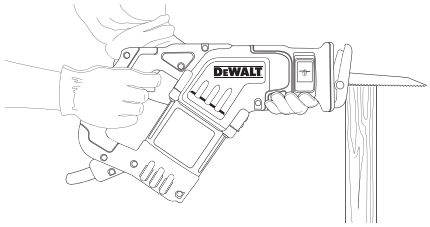

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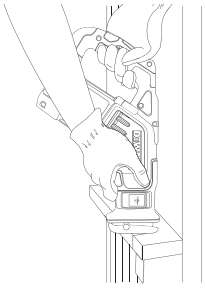

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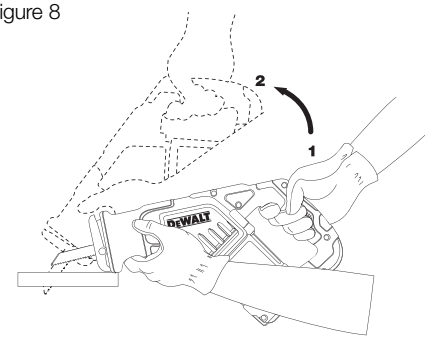

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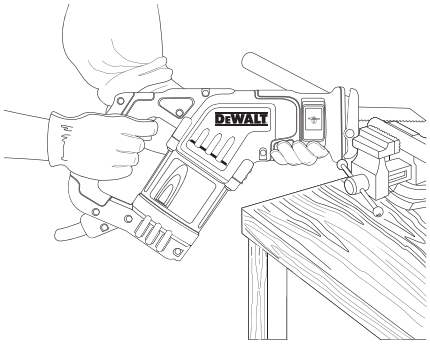

COMPACT VARIABLE SPEED RECIPROCATING SAW DWE357

Congratulations!

You have chosen a DEWALT tool. Years of experience, thorough product development and innovation make DEWALT one of the most reliable partners for professional power tool users.

Technical Data

		DWE357
Voltage	V	230
U.K. & Ireland	V	230/115
Type		1
Power output	W	1050
No-load speed	min^{-1}	0–2800
Stroke length	mm	29
Cutting capacity in wood/ metal profiles	mm	280/100
Weight	kg	3.2
L_{PA} (sound pressure)	dB(A)	90
K_{PA} (sound pressure uncertainty)	dB(A)	3
L_{WA} (sound power)	dB(A)	101
K_{WA} (sound power uncertainty)	dB(A)	3

Vibration total values (triax vector sum) determined according to EN 60745:

Vibration emission value a_h		
While cutting board		
$a_{h,B}$ =	m/s^2	23.5
Uncertainty K =	m/s^2	4.0
Vibration emission value a_h		
While cutting wooden beam		
$a_{h,WB}$ =	m/s^2	29.0
Uncertainty K =	m/s^2	5.6

The vibration emission level given in this information sheet has been measured in accordance with a standardised test given in EN 60745 and may be used to compare one tool with another. It may be used for a preliminary assessment of exposure.

WARNING: *The declared vibration emission level represents the main applications of the tool. However if the tool is used for different applications, with different accessories or poorly maintained, the vibration emission may differ. This may significantly increase the exposure level over the total working period.*

An estimation of the level of exposure to vibration should also take into account the times when the tool is switched off or when it is running but not actually doing the job. This may significantly reduce the exposure level over the total working period.

Identify additional safety measures to protect the operator from the effects of vibration such as: maintain the tool and the accessories, keep the hands warm, organisation of work patterns.

Fuses		
Europe	230 V tools	10 Amperes, mains
U.K. & Ireland	230 V tools	13 Amperes, in plugs

Definitions: Safety Guidelines

The definitions below describe the level of severity for each signal word. Please read the manual and pay attention to these symbols.

DANGER: *Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided,* ***will*** *result in* ***death or serious injury****.*

WARNING: *Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided,* ***could*** *result in* ***death or serious injury****.*

CAUTION: *Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided,* ***may*** *result in* ***minor or moderate injury****.*

NOTICE: *Indicates a practice* ***not related to personal injury*** *which, if not avoided,* ***may*** *result in* ***property damage****.*

Denotes risk of electric shock.

Denotes risk of fire.

EC-Declaration of Conformity

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DEWALT declares that these products described under ***Technical data*** are in compliance with: 2006/42/EC, EN 60745-1, EN 60745-2-11

These products also comply with Directive 2004/108/EC and 2011/65/EU. For more information, please contact DEWALT at the following address or refer to the back of the manual.

The undersigned is responsible for compilation of the technical file and makes this declaration on behalf of DEWALT.

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WARNING: *To reduce the risk of injury, read the instruction manual.*

General Power Tool Safety Warnings

WARNING! Read all safety warnings and all instructions. *Failure to follow the warnings and instructions 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.

1) WORK AREA SAFETY

a) ***Keep work area clean and well lit.*** *Cluttered or dark areas invite accidents.*

b) ***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.*

c) ***Keep children and bystanders away while operating a power tool.*** *Distractions can cause you to lose control.*

2) ELECTRICAL SAFETY

a) ***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.*

b) ***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.*

c) ***Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions.*** *Water entering a power tool will increase the risk of electric shock.*

d) ***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.*

e) ***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.*

f) ***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.*

3) PERSONAL SAFETY

a) ***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.*

b) ***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.*

c) ***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.*

d) ***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.

e) ***Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.*** *This enables better control of the power tool in unexpected situations.*

f) ***Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewellery. Keep your hair, clothing and gloves away from moving parts.*** *Loose clothes, jewellery or long hair can be caught in moving parts.*

g) ***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.*

4) POWER TOOL USE AND CARE

a) ***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.*

b) ***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.*

c) ***Disconnect the plug from the power source and/or the battery pack 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.*

d) ***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.*

e) ***Maintain power tools. Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts and any other condition that may affect the power tool's operation. If damaged, have the power tool repaired before use.*** *Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained power tools.*

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

g) ***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.*

5) SERVICE

a) ***Have your power tool serviced by a qualified repair person using only identical replacement parts.*** *This will ensure that the safety of the power tool is maintained.*

Additional Safety Instructions for Reciprocating Saws

- ***Hold power tool by insulated gripping surfaces when performing an operation where the cutting accessory may contact hidden wiring or its own cord.*** *Cutting accessory contacting a "live" wire will make exposed metal parts of the power tool "live" and could give the operator an electric shock.*
- ***ALWAYS wear a dust mask.*** *Exposure to dust particles can cause breathing difficulty and possible injury.*
- ***NEVER*** *switch on the tool when the saw blade is jammed in the workpiece or in contact with the material.*
- ***Keep hands away from moving parts.*** *Never place your hands near the cutting area.*
- ***Use extra caution when cutting overhead and pay particular attention to overhead wires which may be hidden from view.*** *Anticipate the path of falling branches and debris ahead of time.*
- ***Do not operate this tool for long periods of time.*** *Vibration caused by the operating action of this tool may cause permanent injury to fingers, hands, and arms. Use gloves to provide extra cushion, take frequent rest periods, and limit daily time of use.*

SWITCHING ON AND OFF

- *After switching off, never attempt to stop the saw blade with your fingers.*
- *Never put the saw down on a table or work bench unless switched off. The saw blade will keep running briefly after the tool has been switched off.*

WHEN SAWING

- *When using saw blades specially designed for cutting wood remove all nails and metal objects from the workpiece before starting work.*
- *Wherever possible, use clamps and vices to fasten the workpiece securely.*
- *Do not attempt to saw extremely small workpieces.*
- *Do not bend too far forward. Make sure that you always stand firmly, particularly on scaffolding and ladders.*

- *Always hold the saw with both hands.*
- *For cutting curves and pockets, use an adapted saw blade.*

CHECKING AND CHANGING THE SAW BLADE

- *Only use saw blades conforming to the specifications contained in these operating instructions.*
- *Only sharp saw blades in perfect working condition should be used; cracked or bent saw blades should be discarded and replaced at once.*
- *Ensure that the saw blade is securely fixed.*

Residual Risks

In spite of the application of the relevant safety regulations and the implementation of safety devices, certain residual risks cannot be avoided. These are:

– *Impairment of hearing.*

– *Risk of personal injury due flying particles.*

– *Risk of burns due to accessories becoming hot during operation.*

– *Risk of personal injury due to prolonged use.*

Markings on Tool

The following pictograms are shown on the tool:


Read instruction manual before use.


Wear ear protection.


Wear eye protection.

DATE CODE POSITION (FIG. 1)

The date code (f), which also includes the year of manufacture, is printed into the housing.

Example:

2012 XX XX

Year of Manufacture

Package Contents

The package contains:

1 Reciprocating Saw

1 Kitbox

1 Instruction manual

1 Exploded drawing

- *Check for damage to the tool, parts or accessories which may have occurred during transport.*
- *Take the time to thoroughly read and understand this manual prior to operation.*

Description (fig. 1)

WARNING: *Never modify the power tool or any part of it. Damage or personal injury could result.*

a. Trigger switch

b. Main handle

c. Blade clamp release lever

d. Shoe

e. Hand grip

INTENDED USE

Your DWE357 compact variable speed reciprocating saw is designed for professional cutting of wood, metal, plastic and drywall.

DO NOT use under wet conditions or in presence of flammable liquids or gases.

This reciprocating saw is a professional power tool. **DO NOT** let children come into contact with the tool. Supervision is required when inexperienced operators use this tool.

- This product is not intended for use by persons (including children) suffering from diminished physical, sensory or mental abilities; lack of experience, knowledge or skills unless they are supervised by a person responsible for their safety. Children should never be left alone with this product.

Electrical Safety

The electric motor has been designed for one voltage only. Always check that the power supply corresponds to the voltage on the rating plate.

Your DEWALT tool is double insulated in accordance with EN 60745; therefore no earth wire is required.

WARNING: *115 V units have to be operated via a fail-safe isolating transformer with an earth screen between the primary and secondary winding.*

If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by a specially prepared cord available through the DEWALT service organisation.

Mains Plug Replacement (U.K. & Ireland Only)

If a new mains plug needs to be fitted:

- *Safely dispose of the old plug.*
- *Connect the brown lead to the live terminal in the plug.*
- *Connect the blue lead to the neutral terminal.*

WARNING: *No connection is to be made to the earth terminal.*

Follow the fitting instructions supplied with good quality plugs. Recommended fuse: 13 A.

Using an Extension Cable

If an extension cable is required, use an approved 3–core extension cable suitable for the power input of this tool (see ***Technical Data***).The minimum conductor size is 1.5 mm^2; the maximum length is 30 m.

When using a cable reel, always unwind the cable completely.

ASSEMBLY AND ADJUSTMENTS

WARNING: To reduce the risk of injury, turn unit off and disconnect machine from power source before installing and removing accessories, before adjusting or changing set-ups or when making repairs. *Be sure the trigger switch is in the OFF position. An accidental start-up can cause injury.*

Variable Speed Trigger Switch (fig. 1)

WARNING: *This tool has no provision to lock the switch in the ON position, and should never be locked ON by any other means.*

The variable speed trigger switch (a) will give you added versatility. The further the trigger is depressed the higher the speed of the saw.

CAUTION: *Use of very slow speed is recommended only for beginning a cut. Prolonged use at very slow speed may damage your saw.*

OPERATION

Instructions for Use

WARNING: *Always observe the safety instructions and applicable regulations.*

WARNING: To reduce the risk of injury, turn unit off and disconnect machine from power source before installing and removing accessories, before adjusting or changing set-ups or when making repairs. *Be sure the trigger switch is in the OFF position. An accidental start-up can cause injury.*

Blade Installation and Removal (fig. 2–4, 7)

WARNING: To reduce the risk of serious personal injury, turn tool off and disconnect tool from power source before making any adjustments or removing/installing attachments or accessories. *An accidental start-up can cause injury.*

Different blade lengths are available. Use the appropriate blade for the application. The blade should be longer than 89 mm (3-1/2") and should extend past the shoe and the thickness of the workpiece during the cut. Do not use jigsaw blades with this tool.

WARNING: *Cut hazard. Blade breakage may occur if the blade does not extend past the shoe and the workpiece during the cut (fig. 2). Increased risk of personal injury, as well as damage to the shoe and workpiece may result.*

TO INSTALL BLADE INTO SAW

1. Pull blade clamp release lever (c) up (fig. 3).
2. Insert blade shank from the front.
3. Push blade clamp release lever down.

NOTE: The blade can be installed in four positions as shown in Figure 4. The blade can be installed upside-down to assist in flush-to cutting as shown in Figure 7.

TO REMOVE BLADE FROM SAW

CAUTION: *Burn hazard. Do not touch the the blade immediately after use. Contact with the blade may result in personal injury.*

1. Open up blade clamp release lever.
2. Remove blade.

Proper Hand Position (fig. 1, 5–9)

WARNING: *To reduce the risk of serious personal injury,* ***ALWAYS*** *use proper hand position as shown.*

WARNING: *To reduce the risk of serious personal injury,* ***ALWAYS*** *hold securely in anticipation of a sudden reaction.*

Proper hand position requires one hand on the main handle (b), with the other hand on the hand grip (e).

Cutting with Blade in Horizontal Position (fig. 5)

Your DWE357 is equipped with a horizontal blade clamp. Installing a blade in the horizontal orientation allows cutting close to floors, walls or ceilings where limited clearance is available. Ensure that the shoe is pressed against the framing to avoid kickback.

Shoe

CAUTION: *Cut hazard. To prevent loss of control, never use tool without shoe.*

The DWE357 comes with a fixed shoe that is not adjustable.

Cutting (fig. 5–9)

WARNING: Always use eye protection. *All users and bystanders must wear eye protection that conforms to ANSI Z87.1.*

WARNING: *Exercise extra caution when cutting towards operator. Always hold saw firmly with both hands while cutting.*

Before cutting any type of material, be sure it is firmly anchored or clamped to prevent slipping. Place blade lightly against work to be cut, switch on saw motor and allow it to obtain maximum speed before applying pressure. Whenever possible, the saw shoe must be held firmly against the material being cut (fig. 6). This will prevent the saw from jumping or vibrating and minimize blade breakage. Any cuts which put pressure on the blade such as angle or scroll cuts increase potential for vibration, kickback, and blade breakage.

WARNING: *Use extra caution when cutting overhead and pay particular attention to overhead wires which may be hidden from view. Anticipate the path of falling branches and debris ahead of time.*

WARNING: *Inspect work site for hidden gas pipes, water pipes or electrical wires before making blind or plunge cuts. Failure to do so may result in explosion, property damage, electric shock, and/or serious personal injury.*

FLUSH-TO CUTTING (FIG. 7)

The compact design of the saw motor housing and spindle housing permits extremely close cutting to floors, corners and other difficult areas.

POCKET/PLUNGE CUTTING – WOOD ONLY (FIG. 8)

The initial step in pocket cutting is to measure the surface area to be cut and mark clearly with a pencil, chalk or scriber. Use the appropriate blade for the application. The blade should be longer than 89 mm (3-1/2") and should extend past the shoe and the thickness of the workpiece during the cut. Insert blade in blade clamp.

Next, tip the saw backward until the back edge of the shoe is resting on the work surface and the blade clears the work surface (position 1, fig. 8). Now switch motor on, and allow saw to come up to speed. Grip saw firmly with both hands and begin a slow, deliberate upward swing with the handle of the saw, keeping the bottom of the shoe firmly in contact with the workpiece (position 2, fig. 8). Blade will begin to feed into material. Always be sure blade is completely through material before continuing with pocket cut.

NOTE: In areas where blade visibility is limited, use the edge of the saw shoe as a guide. Lines for any given cut should be extended beyond edge of cut to be made.

METAL CUTTING (FIG. 9)

Your saw has different metal cutting capacities depending upon type of blade used and the metal to be cut. Use a finer blade for ferrous metals and a coarse blade for non-ferrous materials. In thin gauge sheet metals it is best to clamp wood to both sides of sheet. This will ensure a clean cut without excess vibration or tearing of metal. Always remember not to force cutting blade as this reduces blade life and causes costly blade breakage.

NOTE: It is generally recommended that when cutting metals you should spread a thin film of oil or other lubricant along the line ahead of the saw cut for easier operation and longer blade life.

MAINTENANCE

Your DEWALT power tool has been designed to operate over a long period of time with a minimum of maintenance. Continuous satisfactory operation depends upon proper tool care and regular cleaning.

WARNING: To reduce the risk of injury, turn unit off and disconnect machine from power source before installing and removing accessories, before adjusting or changing set-ups or when making repairs. *Be sure the trigger switch is in the OFF position. An accidental start-up can cause injury.*

Lubrication

Your power tool requires no additional lubrication.

Cleaning

WARNING: *Blow dirt and dust out of the main housing with dry air as often as dirt is seen collecting in and around the air vents. Wear approved eye protection and approved dust mask when performing this procedure.*

WARNING: *Never use solvents or other harsh chemicals for cleaning the non-metallic parts of the tool. These chemicals may weaken the materials used in these parts. Use a cloth dampened only with water and mild soap. Never let any liquid get inside the tool; never immerse any part of the tool into a liquid.*

Optional Accessories

WARNING: *Since accessories, other than those offered by DEWALT, have not been tested with this product, use of such accessories with this tool could be hazardous. To reduce the risk of injury, only DEWALT recommended accessories should be used with this product.*

Consult your dealer for further information on the appropriate accessories.

Protecting the Environment

Separate collection. This product must not be disposed of with normal household waste.

Should you find one day that your DEWALT product needs replacement, or if it is of no further use to you, do not dispose of it with household waste. Make this product available for separate collection.

Separate collection of used products and packaging allows materials to be recycled and used again. Re-use of recycled materials helps prevent environmental pollution and reduces the demand for raw materials.

Local regulations may provide for separate collection of electrical products from the household, at municipal waste sites or by the retailer when you purchase a new product.

DEWALT provides a facility for the collection and recycling of DEWALT products once they have reached the end of their working life. To take advantage of this service please return your product to any authorised repair agent who will collect them on our behalf.

You can check the location of your nearest authorised repair agent by contacting your local DEWALT office at the address indicated in this manual. Alternatively, a list of authorised DEWALT repair agents and full details of our after-sales service and contacts are available on the Internet at: **www.2helpU.com**.

GUARANTEE

DEWALT is confident of the quality of its products and offers an outstanding guarantee for professional users of the product. This guarantee statement is in addition to and in no way prejudices your contractual rights as a professional user or your statutory rights as a private non-professional user. The guarantee is valid within the territories of the Member States of the European Union and the European Free Trade Area.

• 30 DAY NO RISK SATISFACTION GUARANTEE •

If you are not completely satisfied with the performance of your DEWALT tool, simply return it within 30 days, complete with all original components, as purchased, to the point of purchase, for a full refund or exchange. The product must have been subject to fair wear and tear and proof of purchase must be produced.

• ONE YEAR FREE SERVICE CONTRACT •

If you need maintenance or service for your DEWALT tool, in the 12 months following purchase, you are entitled to one service free of charge. It will be undertaken free of charge at an authorised DEWALT repair agent. Proof of purchase must be produced. Includes labour. Excludes accessories and spare parts unless failed under warranty.

• ONE YEAR FULL WARRANTY •

If your DEWALT product becomes defective due to faulty materials or workmanship within 12 months from the date of purchase, DEWALT guarantees to replace all defective parts free of charge or – at our discretion – replace the unit free of charge provided that:

- The product has not been misused;
- The product has been subject to fair wear and tear;
- Repairs have not been attempted by unauthorised persons;
- Proof of purchase is produced;
- The product is returned complete with all original components.

If you wish to make a claim, contact your seller or check the location of your nearest authorised DEWALT repair agent in the DEWALT catalogue or contact your DEWALT office at the address indicated in this manual. A list of authorised DEWALT repair agents and full details of our after-sales service is available on the Internet at: **www.2helpU.com**.