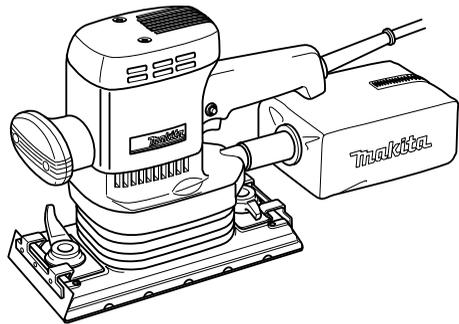


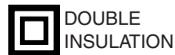


# Orbital Sander

MODEL 9046



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## I N S T R U C T I O N   M A N U A L

**⚠ WARNING:**

For your personal safety, READ and UNDERSTAND before using.  
SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

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# SPECIFICATIONS

Model	9046
Pad size	115 mm x 229 mm (4-1/2" x 9")
Orbits per minute	6,000
Overall length	283 mm (11-1/8")
Net weight	3.0 kg (6.6 lbs)

- Manufacturer reserves the right to change specifications without notice.
  - Specifications may differ from country to country.
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# GENERAL SAFETY RULES

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(For All Tools)

## **WARNING:**

**Read and understand all instructions.** Failure to follow all instructions listed below, may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious personal injury.

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# SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

## Work Area

1. **Keep your work area clean and well lit.** Cluttered benches and 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 bystanders, children, and visitors away while operating a power tool.** Distractions can cause you to lose control.

## Electrical Safety

4. **Double insulated tools are equipped with 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 a polarized outlet. Do not change the plug in any way.** Double insulation  eliminates the need for the three wire grounded power cord and grounded power supply system.

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5. **Avoid body contact with grounded surfaces such as pipes, radiators, ranges and refrigerators.** There is an increased risk of electric shock if your body is grounded.
  6. **Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions.** Water entering a power tool will increase the risk of electric shock.
  7. **Do not abuse the cord. Never use the cord to carry the tools or pull the plug from an outlet. Keep cord away from heat, oil, sharp edges or moving parts. Replace damaged cords immediately.** Damaged cords increase the risk of electric shock.
  8. **When operating a power tool outside, use an outdoor extension cord marked “W-A” or “W”.** These cords are rated for outdoor use and reduce the risk of electric shock.

### Personal Safety

9. **Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense when operating a power tool. Do not use tool while tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or medication.** A moment of inattention while operating power tools may result in serious personal injury.
10. **Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. Contain long hair. Keep your hair, clothing, and gloves away from moving parts.** Loose clothes, jewelry, or long hair can be caught in moving parts.
11. **Avoid accidental starting. Be sure switch is off before plugging in.** Carrying tools with your finger on the switch or plugging in tools that have the switch on invites accidents.
12. **Remove adjusting keys or wrenches before turning the tool on.** A wrench or a key that is left attached to a rotating part of the tool may result in personal injury.
13. **Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.** Proper footing and balance enables better control of the tool in unexpected situations.

14. **Use safety equipment. Always wear eye protection.** Dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection must be used for appropriate conditions. Ordinary eye or sun glasses are NOT eye protection.

### Tool Use and Care

15. **Use clamps or other practical way to secure and support the workpiece to a stable platform.** Holding the work by hand or against your body is unstable and may lead to loss of control.
16. **Do not force tool. Use the correct tool for your application.** The correct tool will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it is designed.
17. **Do not use tool if switch does not turn it on or off.** Any tool that cannot be controlled with the switch is dangerous and must be repaired.
18. **Disconnect the plug from the power source before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing the tool.** Such preventive safety measures reduce the risk of starting the tool accidentally.
19. **Store idle tools out of reach of children and other untrained persons.** Tools are dangerous in the hands of untrained users.
20. **Maintain tools with care. Keep cutting tools sharp and clean.** Properly maintained tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.
21. **Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts, and any other condition that may affect the tools operation. If damaged, have the tool serviced before using.** Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained tools.
22. **Use only accessories that are recommended by the manufacturer for your model.** Accessories that may be suitable for one tool, may become hazardous when used on another tool.

## SERVICE

**23. Tool service must be performed only by qualified repair personnel.** Service or maintenance performed by unqualified personnel could result in a risk of injury.

**24. When servicing a tool, use only identical replacement parts. Follow instructions in the Maintenance section of this manual.** Use of unauthorized parts or failure to follow Maintenance instructions may create a risk of electric shock or injury.

**USE PROPER EXTENSION CORD:** Make sure your extension cord is in good condition. When using an extension cord, be sure to use one heavy enough to carry the current your product will draw. An undersized cord will cause a drop in line voltage resulting in loss of power and overheating. Table 1 shows the correct size to use depending on cord length and nameplate ampere rating. If in doubt, use the next heavier gage. The smaller the gage number, the heavier the cord.

**Table 1: Minimum gage for cord**

Ampere Rating		Volts	Total length of cord in feet			
		120 V	25 ft.	50 ft.	100 ft.	150 ft.
More Than	Not More Than	AWG				
0	6		18	16	16	14
6	10		18	16	14	12
10	12		16	16	14	12
12	16		14	12	Not Recommended	

## SPECIFIC SAFETY RULES

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**DO NOT let comfort or familiarity with product (gained from repeated use) replace strict adherence to sander safety rules. If you use this tool unsafely or incorrectly, you can suffer serious personal injury.**

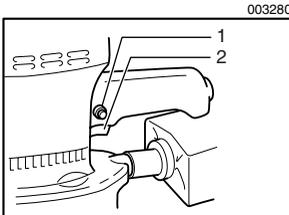
1. Hold tool by insulated gripping surfaces when performing an operation where the cutting tool may contact hidden wiring or its own cord. Contact with a “live” wire will make exposed metal parts of the tool “live” and shock the operator.
2. Always use safety glasses or goggles. Ordinary eye or sun glasses are NOT safety glasses.
3. Hold the tool firmly.
4. Do not leave the tool running. Operate the tool only when hand-held.
5. This tool has not been waterproofed, so do not use water on the workpiece surface.
6. Ventilate your work area adequately when you perform sanding operations.
7. Use of this tool to sand some products, paints and wood could expose user to dust containing hazardous substances. Use appropriate respiratory protection.

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## **SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS**

**⚠ WARNING:**  
**MISUSE** or failure to follow the safety rules stated in this instruction manual may cause serious personal injury.

## FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION



1. Lock button
2. Switch trigger

### ⚠ CAUTION:

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

### Switch action

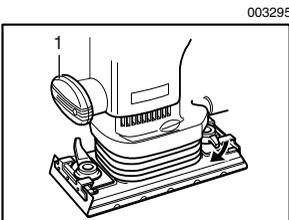
#### ⚠ CAUTION:

- Before plugging in the tool, always check to see that the switch trigger actuates properly and returns to the “OFF” position when released.
- Switch can be locked in “ON” position for ease of operator comfort during extended use. Apply caution when locking tool in “ON” position and maintain firm grasp on tool.

To start the tool, simply pull the switch trigger. Release the switch trigger to stop.

For continuous operation, pull the switch trigger and then push in the lock button.

To stop the tool from the locked position, pull the switch trigger fully, then release it.



1. Front grip

### Front grip

The front grip position can be changed in 90° increments. Pull the front grip and rotate it to the desired position.

# ASSEMBLY

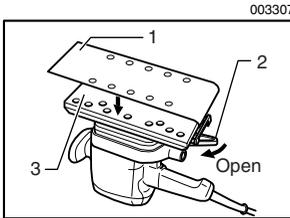
## ⚠ CAUTION:

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

## Installing or removing abrasive paper

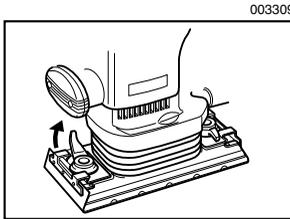
### For conventional type of abrasive paper with pre-punched holes (standard equipment):

Turn the clamp lever to open the clamber. Insert the paper end into the clamber, aligning the holes in the paper with those in the pad. Then return the clamp lever to the original position to secure the paper.



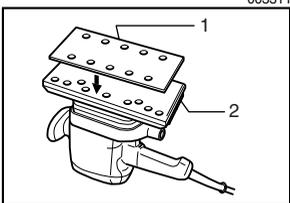
1. Conventional type of abrasive paper
2. Clamp lever
3. Pad

Repeat the same process for the other end of the tool, maintaining the proper paper tension.



### For hook-and-loop type of abrasive paper with pre-punched holes (optional accessory):

Remove all dirt or foreign matter from the pad. Attach the paper to the pad, aligning the holes in the paper with those in the pad.

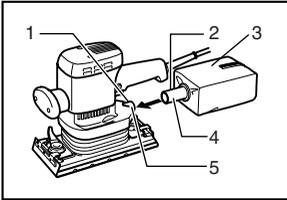


1. Hook-and-loop type of abrasive paper
2. Pad

## ⚠ CAUTION:

- Always use hook-and-loop type of abrasive papers. Never use pressure-sensitive abrasive paper.

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1. ☐ Mark
2. ☐ Mark
3. Dust bag
4. Entry port
5. Dust spout

## Dust bag

To install the dust bag, align the ☐ mark on the bag's entry port with the ☐ mark on the dust spout of the tool and fit the entry port onto the dust spout. Then turn the dust bag clockwise to secure it in place.

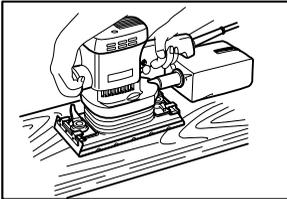
For the best results, empty the dust bag when it becomes approximately half full, tapping it lightly to remove as much dust as possible.

### NOTE:

- If you connect a Makita vacuum cleaner to this tool, more efficient and cleaner operations can be performed.

## OPERATION

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## Sanding operation

### ⚠ CAUTION:

- Never run the tool without the abrasive paper. You may seriously damage the pad.
- Never force the tool. Excessive pressure may decrease the sanding efficiency, damage the abrasive paper or shorten tool life.

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.

## MAINTENANCE

### ⚠ CAUTION:

- Always be sure that the tool is switched off and unplugged before attempting to perform inspection or maintenance.

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

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## 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.

- Abrasive papers (with pre-punched holes)
- Hook-and-loop type abrasive papers (with pre-punched holes)
- Dust bag







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For the authorized service centre nearest you please refer to the local yellow pages directory under "tools" or contact our customer service department (Tel) 1-800-263-3734

## When you need service...

- Explain the problem in a letter
- Enclose the letter with the tool
- Package carefully and send prepaid to the nearest Makita factory or authorized service centre

## CUSTOMER RECORD

DATE  
PURCHASED: \_\_\_\_\_

DEALER'S NAME  
& ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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MODEL NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

SERIAL NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

# MAKITA LIMITED ONE YEAR WARRANTY

## Warranty Policy

Every Makita tool is thoroughly inspected and tested before leaving the factory. It is warranted to be free of defects from workmanship and materials for the period of ONE YEAR from the date of original purchase. Should any trouble develop during this one year period, return the COMPLETE tool, freight prepaid, to one of Makita's Factory or Authorized Service Centres. If inspection shows the trouble is caused by defective workmanship or material, Makita will repair (or at our option, replace) without charge.

This Warranty does not apply:

- where normal maintenance is required,
- repairs have been made or attempted by others,
- the tool has been abused, misused or improperly maintained,
- alterations have been made to the tool.

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