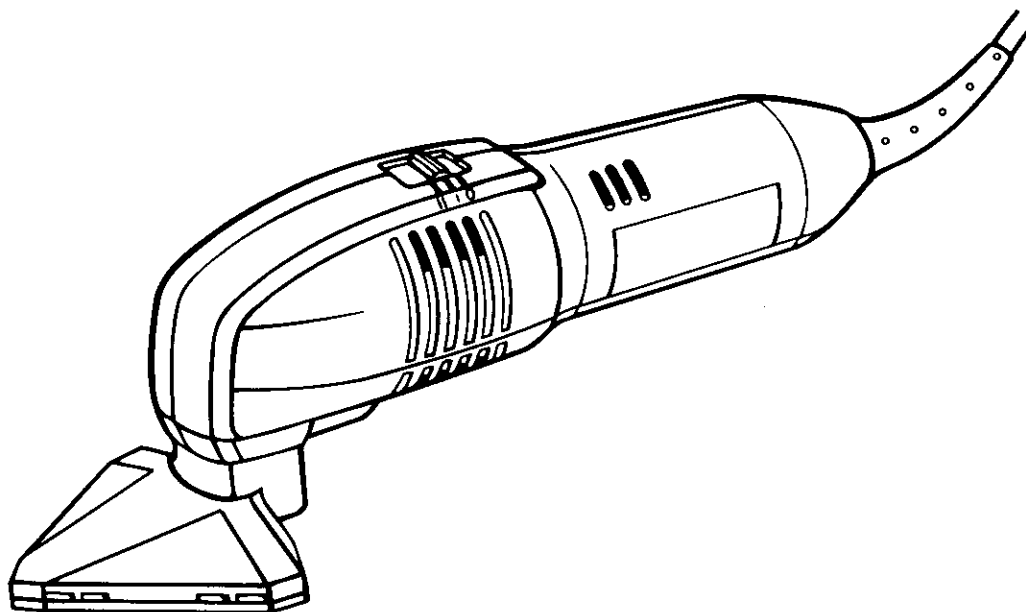


# Owner's Manual



## DUSTLESS DETAIL SANDER Double Insulated

Model No.  
315.116091



Save this manual for  
future reference

**⚠ CAUTION:** Read and  
follow all Safety Rules and  
Operating Instructions before  
first use of this product.

- Safety
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## WARRANTY

### FULL ONE YEAR WARRANTY ON CRAFTSMAN DETAIL SANDER

If this **CRAFTSMAN** Detail Sander fails to give complete satisfaction within one year from the date of purchase, **RETURN IT TO THE NEAREST SEARS STORE IN THE UNITED STATES**, and Sears will repair it, free of charge.


If this **CRAFTSMAN** Detail Sander is used for commercial or rental purposes, this warranty applies for only 90 days from the date of purchase.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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## INTRODUCTION

Your detail sander has many features for making sanding operations more pleasant and enjoyable. Safety, performance and dependability have been given top priority in the design of this sander making it easy to maintain and operate.

 **CAUTION:** Carefully read through this entire owner's manual before using your new detail sander. Pay close attention to the Rules for Safe Operation, Warnings and Cautions. If you use your detail sander properly and only for what it is intended, you will enjoy years of safe, reliable service.

# RULES FOR SAFE OPERATION

The purpose of safety symbols is to attract your attention to possible dangers. The safety symbols, and the explanations with them, deserve your careful attention and understanding. The safety warnings do not by themselves eliminate any danger. The instructions or warnings they give are not substitutes for proper accident prevention measures.

## SYMBOL MEANING



### SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL:

Indicates caution or warning. May be used in conjunction with other symbols or pictographs.



**DANGER:** Failure to obey a safety warning will result in serious injury to yourself or to others.

Always follow the safety precautions to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock and personal injury.



**WARNING:** Failure to obey a safety warning can result in serious injury to yourself or to others.

Always follow the safety precautions to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock and personal injury.



**CAUTION:** Failure to obey a safety warning may result in property damage or personal injury to yourself or to others. Always follow the safety precautions to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock and personal injury.

**NOTE:** Advises you of information or instructions vital to the operation or maintenance of the equipment.

## DOUBLE INSULATION

Double insulation is a concept in safety, in electric power tools, which eliminates the need for the usual three-wire grounded power cord. All exposed metal parts are isolated from internal metal motor components with protecting insulation. Double insulated tools do not need to be grounded.



**WARNING:** Do not attempt to operate this tool until you have read thoroughly and understand completely all instructions, safety rules, etc. contained in this manual. Failure to comply can result in accidents involving fire, electric shock, or serious personal injury. Save owner's manual and review frequently for continuing safe operation, and instructing others who may use this tool.

## READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS

- **KNOW YOUR POWER TOOL.** Read owner's manual carefully. Learn its applications and limitations as well as the specific potential hazards related to this tool.
- **GUARD AGAINST ELECTRICAL SHOCK BY PREVENTING BODY CONTACT WITH GROUNDED SURFACES.** For example; pipes, radiators, ranges, refrigerator enclosures.
- **KEEP GUARDS IN PLACE AND IN WORKING ORDER.**

## IMPORTANT

Servicing of a tool with double insulation requires extreme care and knowledge of the system and should be performed only by a qualified service technician. For service we suggest you return the tool to your nearest Sears Store for repair. Always use original factory replacement parts when servicing.

- **KEEP WORK AREA CLEAN.** Cluttered areas and benches invite accidents.
- **AVOID DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENT.** Do not use power tools in damp or wet locations or expose to rain. Keep work area well lit.
- **KEEP CHILDREN AND VISITORS AWAY.** All visitors should wear safety glasses and be kept a safe distance from work area. Do not let visitors contact tool or extension cord.
- **STORE IDLE TOOLS.** When not in use, tools should be stored in a dry and high or locked-up place – out of the reach of children.
- **DO NOT FORCE TOOL.** It will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it was designed.
- **USE RIGHT TOOL.** Don't force small tool or attachment to do the job of a heavy duty tool. Do not use tool for purpose not intended-for example-don't use a circular saw for cutting tree limbs or logs.

## RULES FOR SAFE OPERATION (Continued)

- **WEAR PROPER APPAREL.** Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry that can get caught in tool's moving parts and cause personal injury. Rubber gloves and nonskid footwear are recommended when working outdoors. Wear protective hair covering to contain long hair and keep it from being drawn into nearby air vents.
- **ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GLASSES.** Everyday eyeglasses have only impact-resistant lenses; they are **not** safety glasses.
- **PROTECT YOUR LUNGS.** Wear a face or dust mask if the operation is dusty.
- **PROTECT YOUR HEARING.** Wear hearing protection during extended periods of operation.
- **DO NOT ABUSE CORD.** Never carry tool by cord or yank it to disconnect from receptacle. Keep cord from heat, oil, and sharp edges.
- **SECURE WORK.** Use clamps or a vise to hold work. It is safer than using your hand and it frees both hands to operate tool.
- **DO NOT OVERREACH.** Keep proper footing and balance at all times. Do not use on a ladder or unstable support. Secure tools when working at elevated positions.
- **MAINTAIN TOOLS WITH CARE.** Keep tools sharp and clean for best and safest performance. Follow instructions for lubricating and changing accessories.
- **DISCONNECT TOOLS.** When not in use, before servicing, or when changing attachments, tools should be disconnected from power supply.
- **REMOVE ADJUSTING KEYS AND WRENCHES.** Form habit of checking to see that keys and adjusting wrenches are removed from tool before turning it on.
- **AVOID ACCIDENTAL STARTING.** Do not carry plugged-in tool with finger on switch. Be sure switch is off when plugging in.
- **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. A wire gage size (A.W.G.) of at least **16** is recommended for an extension cord 100 feet or less in length. A cord exceeding 100 feet is not recommended. If in doubt, use the next heavier gage. The smaller the gage number, the heavier the cord.
- **OUTDOOR USE EXTENSION CORDS.** When tool is used outdoors, use only extension cords suitable for use outdoors. Outdoor approved cords are marked with the suffix W-A, for example – SJTW-A or SJOW-A.
- **NEVER USE THIS OR ANY POWER SANDER FOR WET SANDING OR LIQUID POLISHING.** Failure to comply can result in electrical shock causing serious injury or worse.
- **KEEP HANDS AWAY FROM SANDING AREA.**
- **NEVER USE IN AN EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERE.** Normal sparking of the motor could ignite fumes.
- **INSPECT TOOL CORDS PERIODICALLY** and if damaged, have repaired by authorized service facility. Stay constantly aware of cord location.
- **INSPECT EXTENSION CORDS PERIODICALLY** and replace if damaged.
- **KEEP HANDLES DRY, CLEAN, AND FREE FROM OIL AND GREASE.** Always use a clean cloth when cleaning. Never use brake fluids, gasoline, petroleum-based products, or any strong solvents to clean your tool.
- **STAY ALERT AND EXERCISE CONTROL.** Watch what you are doing and use common sense. Do not operate tool when you are tired. Do not rush.
- **CHECK DAMAGED PARTS.** Before further use of the tool, a guard or other part that is damaged should be carefully checked to determine that it will operate properly and perform its intended function. Check for alignment of moving parts, binding of moving parts, breakage of parts, mounting and any other conditions that may affect its operation. A guard or other part that is damaged should be properly repaired or replaced by an authorized service center.
- **DO NOT USE TOOL IF SWITCH DOES NOT TURN IT ON AND OFF.** Have defective switches replaced by an authorized service center.
- **INSPECT FOR** and remove all nails from lumber before sanding.

- **DO NOT** operate this tool while under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or any medication.
- **POLARIZED PLUGS.** To reduce the risk of electric shock, this tool 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.
- **WHEN SERVICING USE ONLY IDENTICAL CRAFTSMAN REPLACEMENT PARTS.**
- **SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.** Refer to them frequently and use them to instruct others who may use this tool. If you loan someone this tool, loan them these instructions also.

**⚠ WARNING:** Some dust created by power sanding, sawing, grinding, drilling, and other construction activities contains chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. Some examples of these chemicals are:

- lead from lead-based paints,
- crystalline silica from bricks and cement and other masonry products, and
- arsenic and chromium from chemically-treated lumber.

Your risk from these exposures varies, depending on how often you do this type of work. To reduce your exposure to these chemicals: work in a well ventilated area, and work with approved safety equipment, such as those dust masks that are specially designed to filter out microscopic particles.

**⚠** Look for this symbol to point out important safety precautions. It means attention!!! Your safety is involved.

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**⚠ WARNING:**



The operation of any detail sander can result in foreign objects being thrown into your eyes, which can result in severe eye damage. Before beginning power tool operation, always wear safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields and a full face shield when needed. We recommend Wide Vision Safety Mask for use over eyeglasses or standard safety glasses with side shields, available at Sears Retail Stores.


**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS**

## PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Sanding pad	Triangle shaped	Input	.3 amperes
No load speeds	9,000/12,000 spm	Paper type	Pressure sensitive adhesive backed
Motion	Oscillating	Arc size	3.5 mm at tip
Rating	120 volts, 60 Hz, AC		

## UNPACKING


Your detail sander has been shipped completely assembled except for the vacuum hose. Inspect it carefully to make sure no breakage or damage has occurred during shipping. If any parts are damaged or missing, contact your nearest Sears Retail Store to obtain replacement parts before attempting to operate sander.

 **WARNING:** If any parts are missing, do not operate this tool until the missing parts are replaced. Failure to do so could result in possible serious personal injury.

## ACCESSORIES

The following recommended accessories are currently available at Sears Retail Stores.

- 100 Grit Cloth Backed ..... Package of 10
- 150 Grit Cloth Backed ..... Package of 10
- 220 Grit Cloth Backed ..... Package of 10
- Assorted Pack ..... Package of 10

 **WARNING:** The use of attachments or accessories not listed might be hazardous.

# FEATURES

## KNOW YOUR DETAIL SANDER

See Figure 1.

Before attempting to use any tool, familiarize yourself with all operating features and safety requirements.

Your sander is suitable for sanding with coarse, medium, and fine grit sandpaper. It will produce a fine, scratch-free finish when used to sand in the direction of the wood grain on wood surfaces. By purchasing optional accessories, it can also be used as a polisher.

## OSCILLATING MOTION

The oscillating motion sands 3.5 mm arcs, providing fast cutting action with excellent sanding results. As the name implies, this tool has been designed primarily for detailed and intricate sanding. For example, when refinishing furniture, chairs, etc., the tool enables you to sand in places that are hard or impossible to get to with an ordinary sander.

## TWO-SPEED SWITCH

See Figure 1.

This tool is equipped with a two-speed switch control. To turn your sander **ON**, slide the switch button forward. Slide the switch button back to turn your sander **OFF**. For low speed, slide the switch button to the center position as shown by the first mark (I). For high speed, slide the switch button forward to the position shown by the second mark (II). Slide the switch button back to the **O** mark to turn your sander off.

## ELECTRICAL CONNECTION

Your sander has a precision built electric motor. It should be connected to a **power supply that is 120 volts, 60 Hz, AC only (normal household current)**. Do not operate this tool on direct current (DC). A substantial voltage drop will cause a loss of power and the motor will overheat. If your sander does not operate when plugged into an outlet, double-check the power supply.

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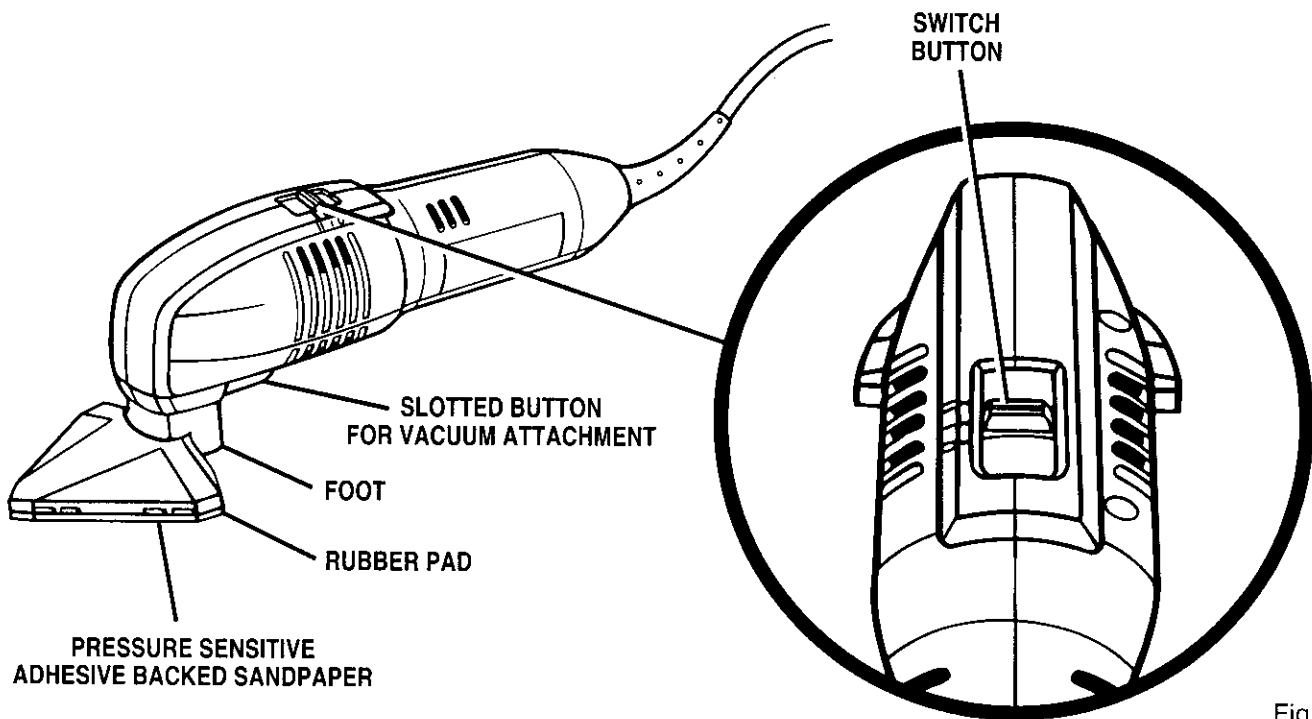


Fig. 1

**⚠ WARNING:** Do not allow familiarity with your sander to make you careless. Remember that a careless fraction of a second is sufficient to inflict severe injury.

# INSTALLATION OF VACUUM HOSE

## ITEMS INCLUDED:

- Dust Chute Elbow
- Dust Access Hose

## TOOLS NEEDED:

- Flat Blade Screwdriver

Installation of your Vacuum Dust Hose Attachment is quick and simple.

**⚠ WARNING:** Always unplug your sander before installing any accessories. Accidental starting could result in serious injury.

- Insert the Dust Chute Elbow into the Dust Access Hose until the elbow snaps into place. See Figure 2.

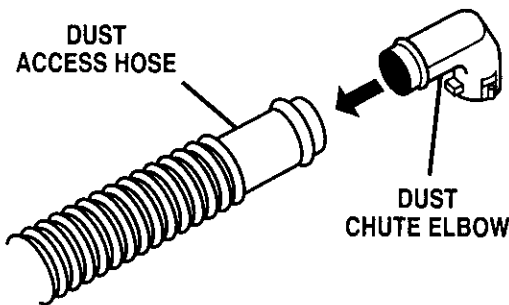


Fig. 2

- Using a medium flat blade screwdriver, remove the dust cover by aligning the arrow on the Dust Cover with the notched arrow on the base of the sander. See Figure 3.

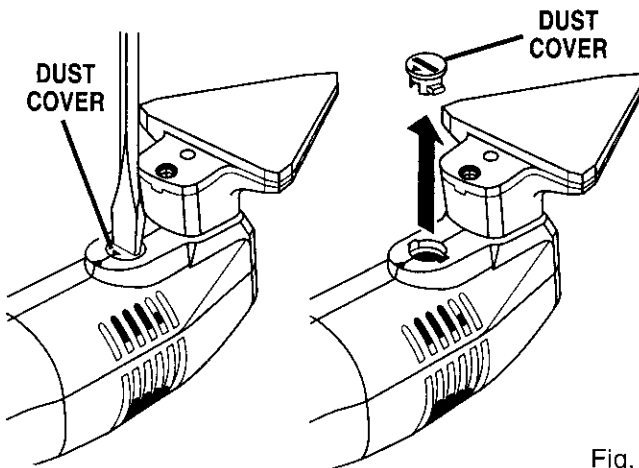


Fig. 3

- Align flexible tabs on Dust Chute Elbow with tab slots on sander. Push in flexible tab and push elbow into sander until it turns into place. See Figure 4.

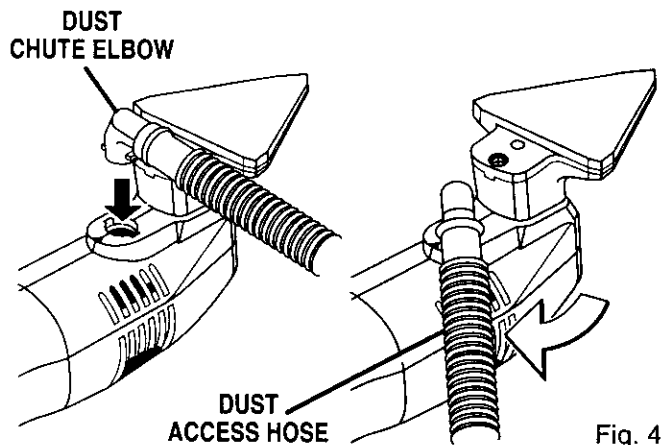


Fig. 4

- Clip top of Dust Access Hose to the bend relief of the sander's electric cord. See Figure 5.

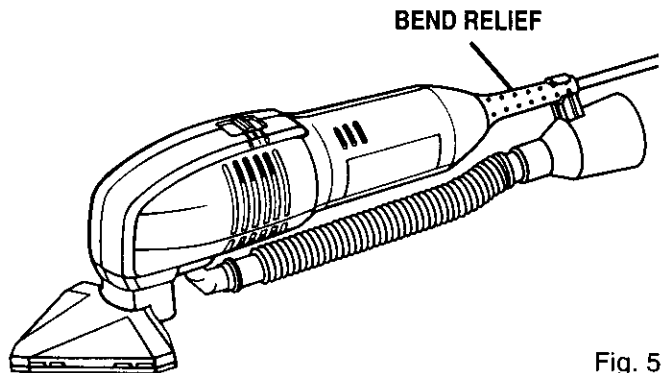


Fig. 5

- Install vacuum to end of Dust Access Hose. See Figure 6.

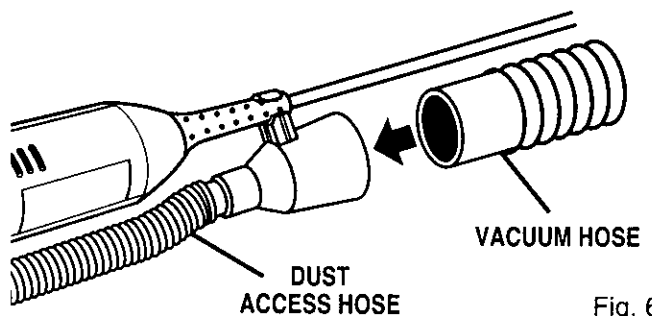


Fig. 6

- Save Dust Cover for possible future use without vacuum dust pickup.

**⚠ WARNING:** Do not let familiarity with this attachment make you careless. Remember that a careless fraction of a second is sufficient to inflict severe injury.

**⚠ WARNING:** If any parts are missing, do not operate this attachment until the missing parts are replaced. Failure to do so could result in possible serious personal injury.



## OPERATION

**⚠ WARNING:** Your sander should never be connected to power supply when you are assembling parts, making adjustments, assembling or replacing sandpaper, cleaning, or when not in use. Disconnecting sander will prevent accidental starting that could cause serious personal injury.

### APPLICATIONS

(Use only for the purposes listed below.)

- Sanding on wood surfaces.
- Removing rust from and sanding steel surfaces.
- Polishing and buffing.

### INSTALLING SANDPAPER

See Figure 7.

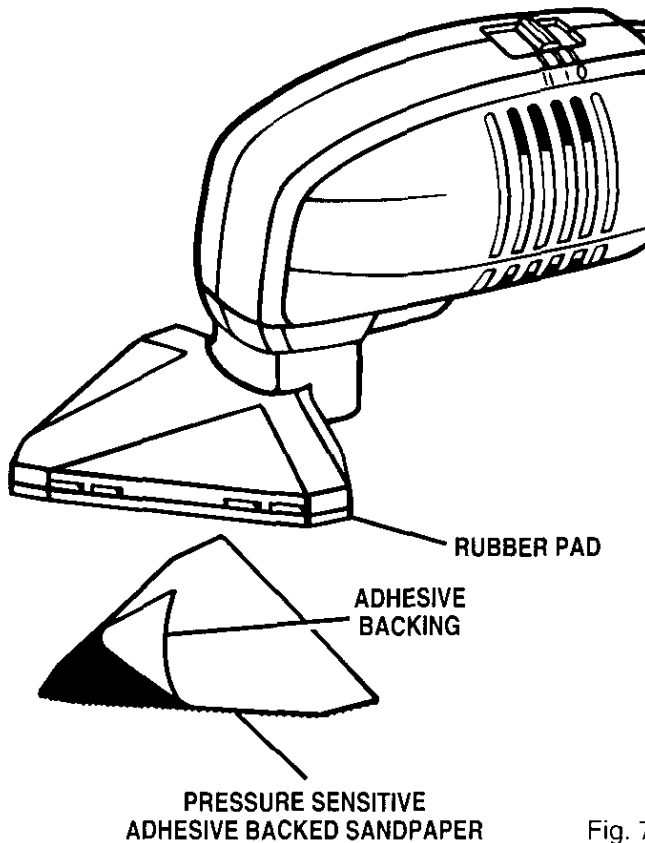


Fig. 7

The rubber pad on your sander accepts pressure sensitive adhesive backed sandpaper. Precut triangle shaped sandpaper in assorted grits is available from your local Sears Retail Store.

- Unplug your sander.

**⚠ WARNING:** Failure to unplug your sander could result in accidental starting causing possible serious personal injury.

- If installing sandpaper for the first time, simply proceed as follows in steps 3 and 4. If replacing sandpaper, first remove old sandpaper by peeling it off rubber pad, and then proceed to the following steps.
- Carefully peel adhesive backing from new sandpaper.
- Position sandpaper into place, then carefully press sticky side of sandpaper on rubber pad.

**⚠ WARNING:** Before connecting your sander to power supply source, always check to be sure switch is not in **on** position. Failure to do so could result in accidental starting of your sander resulting in possible serious injury.

### EXTENSION CORDS

The use of any extension cord will cause some loss of power. To keep the loss to a minimum and to prevent tool overheating, use an extension cord that is heavy enough to carry the current the tool will draw.

A wire gage size (A.W.G.) of at least **16** is recommended for an extension cord 100 feet or less in length. When working outdoors, use an extension cord that is suitable for outdoor use. The cord's jacket will be marked **WA**.

**⚠ CAUTION:** Keep extension cords away from the sanding area and position the cord so that it will not get caught on lumber, tools, etc., during sanding.

**⚠ WARNING:** Check extension cords before each use. If damaged replace immediately. Never use tool with a damaged cord since touching the damaged area could cause electrical shock resulting in serious personal injury.

Extension cords suitable for use with your detail sander are available at your nearest Sears Retail Store.

# OPERATION

## PREPARING FOR OPERATION

**CAUTION:** Be careful not to let your hand cover the air vents.

## TO OPERATE

When applicable, clamp or otherwise secure the work to prevent it from moving under your sander.

**WARNING:** Unsecured work could be thrown towards the operator causing injury.

## SANDING

See Figures 8 and 9.

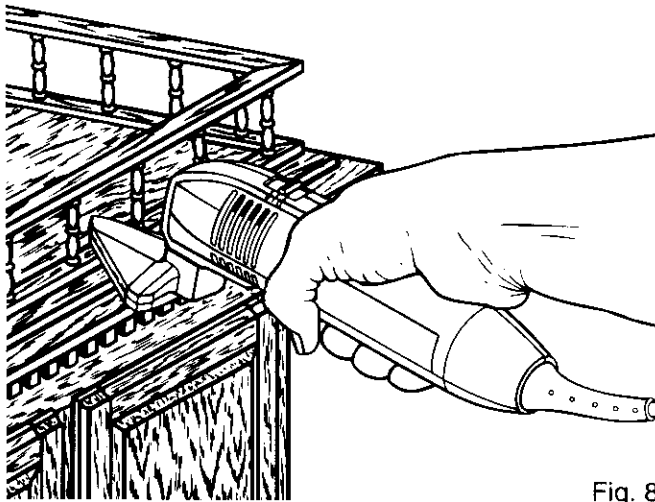


Fig. 8

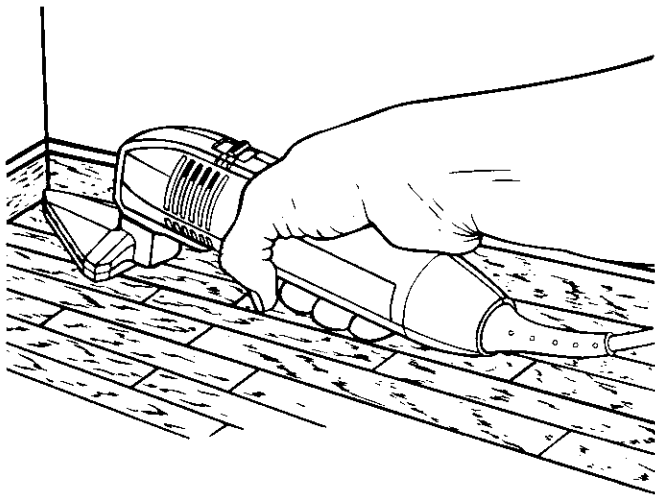


Fig. 9

Hold sander in front and away from you, keeping it clear of the workpiece. Start sander and let the motor build to its maximum speed, then gradually lower on the work with a slight forward movement. Move it slowly over workpiece using forward and backward or side to side strokes. Upon completion of sanding operation, always remove sander from workpiece before turning it off.

**DO NOT FORCE.** The weight of the unit supplies adequate pressure, so let the sandpaper and sander do the work. Applying additional pressure only slows the motor, rapidly wears sandpaper and greatly reduces sander speed. Excessive pressure will overload the motor causing possible damage from motor overheating and can result in inferior work. Any finish or resin on wood may soften from the frictional heat. Do not allow sanding on one spot too long as sander's rapid action may remove too much material, making the surface uneven.


## SANDPAPER SELECTION

Selecting the correct size grit and type sandpaper is an extremely important step in achieving a high quality sanded finish. Aluminum oxide, silicon carbide, and other synthetic abrasives are best for power sanding. Natural abrasives, such as flint and garnet are too soft for efficient use in power sanding.

In general, coarse grit will remove the most material and finer grit will produce the best finish in all sanding operations. The condition of the surface to be sanded will determine which grit will do the job. If the surface is rough, start with a coarse grit and sand until the surface is uniformly smooth. Medium grit may then be used to remove scratches left by the coarser grit. Finer grit is then used for finishing the surface. Always continue sanding with each grit until surface is uniformly smooth.

**WARNING:** Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry when operating sander. They could get caught in moving parts causing serious injury. Keep head away from sander and sanding area. Hair could be drawn into sander causing serious injury.


## MAINTENANCE

 **WARNING:** When servicing, use only identical Craftsman replacement parts. Use of any other part may create a hazard or cause product damage.


### GENERAL

Only the parts shown on parts list, page 13, are intended to be repaired or replaced by the customer. All other parts represent an important part of the double insulation system and should be serviced only by a qualified Sears service technician.

Avoid using solvents when cleaning plastic parts. Most plastics are susceptible to damage from various types of commercial solvents and may be damaged by their use. Use clean cloths to remove dirt, carbon dust, etc.

 **WARNING:** Do not at any time let brake fluids, gasoline, petroleum-based products, penetrating oils, etc. come in contact with plastic parts. They contain chemicals that can damage, weaken or destroy plastic.

It has been found that electric tools are subject to accelerated wear and possible premature failure when they are used on fiberglass boats, sports cars, wallboard, spackling compounds, or plaster. The chips and grindings from these materials are highly abrasive to electric tool parts such as bearings, brushes, commutators, etc. Consequently, it is not recommended that this tool be used for extended work on any fiberglass material, wallboard, spackling compounds, or plaster. During any use on these materials it is extremely important that the tool is cleaned frequently by blowing with an air jet.

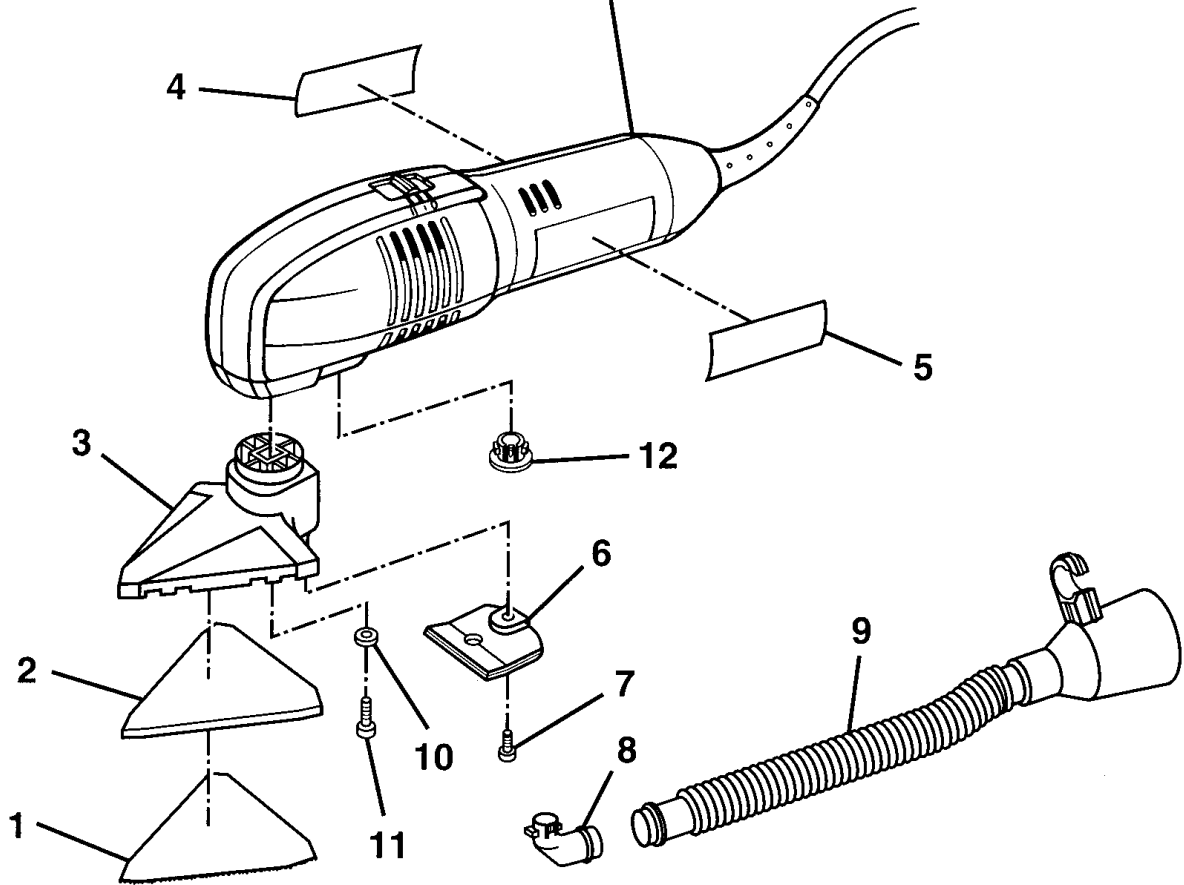
 **WARNING:** Always wear safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields during power tool operation or when blowing dust. If operation is dusty, also wear a dust mask.

### LUBRICATION

All of the bearings in this tool are lubricated with a sufficient amount of high grade lubricant for the life of the unit under normal operating conditions. Therefore, no further lubrication is required.

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**CRAFTSMAN DUSTLESS DETAIL SANDER – MODEL NO. 315.116091**

The model number will be found on a plate attached to the motor housing. Always mention the model number in all correspondence regarding your **DETAIL SANDER** or when ordering repair parts.

**SEE BACK PAGE FOR PARTS ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS**

**PARTS LIST**

Key No.	Part No.	Description	Quan.
1	***	Sandpaper .....	1
2	973005-001	Rubber Pad .....	1
3	973002-001	Foot w/Pad (Includes Key No. 2) .....	1
4	982603-001	Data Plate .....	1
5	975612-001	Logo Plate .....	1
6	973001-001	Foot Cover .....	1
7	967273-001	* Screw (#4-24 x 3/8 in. Pan Hd.) .....	1
8	972997-001	Dust Chute Elbow .....	1
9	972994-001	Dust Access Hose .....	1
10	931868-008	Washer .....	1
11	612284-003	* Cap Screw (#8-32 x 7/16 in. Hex Socket) .....	1
12	972980-001	Dust Cover .....	1
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**NOTE: "A" – The assembly shown represents an important part of the Double Insulated System. To avoid the possibility of alteration or damage to the system, service should be performed by your nearest Sears Repair Center. Contact your nearest Sears Retail Store for Service Center information.**

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