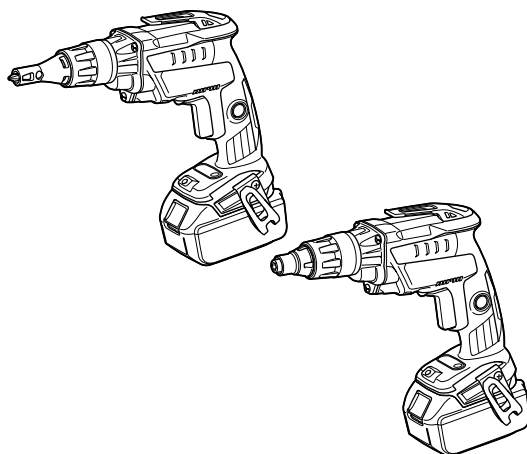


## INSTRUCTION MANUAL



# Cordless Screwdriver

**DFS250**  
**DFS251**



Read before use.

# SPECIFICATIONS

Model:		DFS250		DFS251	
Fastening capacities	Self drilling screw	6 mm			
	Drywall screw	5 mm			
No load speed (RPM)		0 - 2,500 min <sup>-1</sup>			
Overall length	With short locator	223 mm		-	
	With long locator	239 mm		-	
Overall length		-		217 mm	
Rated voltage		D.C. 18 V			
Standard battery cartridge		BL1815 / BL1815N / BL1820 / BL1820B	BL1830 / BL1830B / BL1840 / BL1840B / BL1850 / BL1850B / BL1860B	BL1815 / BL1815N / BL1820 / BL1820B	BL1830 / BL1830B / BL1840 / BL1840B / BL1850 / BL1850B / BL1860B
Charger		DC18RC / DC18RD / DC18SE / DC18SF / DC18SD			
Net weight		1.6 kg	1.8 kg	1.5 kg	1.8 kg

- Due to our continuing program of research and development, the specifications herein are subject to change without notice.
- Specifications and battery cartridge may differ from country to country.
- Weight, with battery cartridge, according to EPTA-Procedure 01/2003

## Symbols

The following show the symbols used for the equipment. Be sure that you understand their meaning before use.



Read instruction manual.



Only for EU countries  
Do not dispose of electric equipment or battery pack together with household waste material!  
In observance of the European Directives, on Waste Electric and Electronic Equipment and Batteries and Accumulators and Waste Batteries and Accumulators and their implementation in accordance with national laws, electric equipment and batteries and battery pack(s) that have reached the end of their life must be collected separately and returned to an environmentally compatible recycling facility.

## Intended use

The tool is intended for screw driving in wood, metal and plastic.

## Noise

The typical A-weighted noise level determined according to EN62841:

### Model DFS250

Sound pressure level ( $L_{pA}$ ) : 72 dB(A)  
Uncertainty (K) : 3 dB(A)

### Model DFS251

Sound pressure level ( $L_{pA}$ ) : 72 dB(A)  
Uncertainty (K) : 3 dB(A)

The noise level under working may exceed 80 dB (A).



**WARNING: Wear ear protection.**

## Vibration

The vibration total value (tri-axial vector sum) determined according to EN62841:

### Model DFS250

Work mode: screwdriving without impact  
Vibration emission ( $a_h$ ) : 2.5 m/s<sup>2</sup> or less  
Uncertainty (K) : 1.5 m/s<sup>2</sup>

### Model DFS251

Work mode: screwdriving without impact  
Vibration emission ( $a_h$ ) : 2.5 m/s<sup>2</sup> or less  
Uncertainty (K) : 1.5 m/s<sup>2</sup>

**NOTE:** The declared vibration emission value has been measured in accordance with the standard test method and may be used for comparing one tool with another.

**NOTE:** The declared vibration emission value may also be used in a preliminary assessment of exposure.

**⚠ WARNING:** The vibration emission during actual use of the power tool can differ from the declared emission value depending on the ways in which the tool is used.

**⚠ WARNING:** Be sure to identify safety measures to protect the operator that are based on an estimation of exposure in the actual conditions of use (taking account of all parts of the operating cycle such as the times when the tool is switched off and when it is running idle in addition to the trigger time).

## EC Declaration of Conformity

### For European countries only

The EC declaration of conformity is included as Annex A to this instruction manual.

# SAFETY WARNINGS

## General power tool safety warnings

**⚠ WARNING:** Read all safety warnings, instructions, illustrations and specifications provided with this power tool. Failure to follow all instructions listed below 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.

#### Work area safety

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

#### Electrical Safety

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions.** Water entering a power tool will increase the risk of electric shock.
4. **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.
5. **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.
6. **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.

#### Personal Safety

1. **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.
2. **Use personal protective equipment. Always wear eye protection.** Protective equipment such as a dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat or

hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injuries.

3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.** This enables better control of the power tool in unexpected situations.
6. **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.
7. **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.
8. **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.

#### Power tool use and care

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **Disconnect the plug from the power source and/or remove 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.
4. **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.
5. **Maintain power tools and accessories. 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.
6. **Keep cutting tools sharp and clean.** Properly maintained cutting tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.
7. **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.

8. **Keep handles and grasping surfaces dry, clean and free from oil and grease.** Slippery handles and grasping surfaces do not allow for safe handling and control of the tool in unexpected situations.

#### **Battery tool use and care**

1. **Recharge only with the charger specified by the manufacturer.** A charger that is suitable for one type of battery pack may create a risk of fire when used with another battery pack.
2. **Use power tools only with specifically designated battery packs.** Use of any other battery packs may create a risk of injury and fire.
3. **When battery pack is not in use, keep it away from other metal objects, like paper clips, coins, keys, nails, screws or other small metal objects, that can make a connection from one terminal to another.** Shorting the battery terminals together may cause burns or a fire.
4. **Under abusive conditions, liquid may be ejected from the battery; avoid contact.** If contact accidentally occurs, flush with water. If liquid contacts eyes, additionally seek medical help. Liquid ejected from the battery may cause irritation or burns.
5. **Do not use a battery pack or tool that is damaged or modified.** Damaged or modified batteries may exhibit unpredictable behaviour resulting in fire, explosion or risk of injury.
6. **Do not expose a battery pack or tool to fire or excessive temperature.** Exposure to fire or temperature above 130 °C may cause explosion.
7. **Follow all charging instructions and do not charge the battery pack or tool outside the temperature range specified in the instructions.** Charging improperly or at temperatures outside the specified range may damage the battery and increase the risk of fire.

#### **Service**

1. **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.
2. **Never service damaged battery packs.** Service of battery packs should only be performed by the manufacturer or authorized service providers.
3. **Follow instruction for lubricating and changing accessories.**
4. **Keep handles dry, clean and free from oil and grease.**

### **Cordless screwdriver safety warnings**

1. **Hold the power tool by insulated gripping surfaces, when performing an operation where the fastener may contact hidden wiring.** Fasteners contacting a "live" wire may make exposed metal parts of the power tool "live" and could give the operator an electric shock.
2. **Always be sure you have a firm footing. Be sure no one is below when using the tool in high locations.**
3. **Hold the tool firmly.**

4. **Keep hands away from rotating parts.**
5. **Do not touch the bit or the workpiece immediately after operation; they may be extremely hot and could burn your skin.**
6. **Always secure workpiece in a vise or similar hold-down device.**

## **SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.**

**⚠WARNING:** DO NOT let comfort or familiarity with product (gained from repeated use) replace strict adherence to safety rules for the subject product.

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

### **Important safety instructions for battery cartridge**

1. **Before using battery cartridge, read all instructions and cautionary markings on (1) battery charger, (2) battery, and (3) product using battery.**
2. **Do not disassemble battery cartridge.**
3. **If operating time has become excessively shorter, stop operating immediately. It may result in a risk of overheating, possible burns and even an explosion.**
4. **If electrolyte gets into your eyes, rinse them out with clear water and seek medical attention right away. It may result in loss of your eyesight.**
5. **Do not short the battery cartridge:**
  - (1) **Do not touch the terminals with any conductive material.**
  - (2) **Avoid storing battery cartridge in a container with other metal objects such as nails, coins, etc.**
  - (3) **Do not expose battery cartridge to water or rain.**

**A battery short can cause a large current flow, overheating, possible burns and even a breakdown.**
6. **Do not store the tool and battery cartridge in locations where the temperature may reach or exceed 50 °C (122 °F).**
7. **Do not incinerate the battery cartridge even if it is severely damaged or is completely worn out. The battery cartridge can explode in a fire.**
8. **Be careful not to drop or strike battery.**
9. **Do not use a damaged battery.**
10. **The contained lithium-ion batteries are subject to the Dangerous Goods Legislation requirements.** For commercial transports e.g. by third parties, forwarding agents, special requirement on packaging and labeling must be observed. For preparation of the item being shipped, consulting an expert for hazardous material is required. Please also observe possibly more detailed national regulations. Tape or mask off open contacts and pack up the battery in such a manner that it cannot move around in the packaging.

11. Follow your local regulations relating to disposal of battery.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

**CAUTION:** Only use genuine Makita batteries. Use of non-genuine Makita batteries, or batteries that have been altered, may result in the battery bursting causing fires, personal injury and damage. It will also void the Makita warranty for the Makita tool and charger.

Tips for maintaining maximum battery life

- 1. Charge the battery cartridge before completely discharged. Always stop tool operation and charge the battery cartridge when you notice less tool power.
- 2. Never recharge a fully charged battery cartridge. Overcharging shortens the battery service life.
- 3. Charge the battery cartridge with room temperature at 10 °C - 40 °C (50 °F - 104 °F). Let a hot battery cartridge cool down before charging it.
- 4. Charge the battery cartridge if you do not use it for a long period (more than six months).

FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

**CAUTION:** Always be sure that the tool is switched off and the battery cartridge is removed before adjusting or checking function on the tool.

Installing or removing battery cartridge

**CAUTION:** Always switch off the tool before installing or removing of the battery cartridge.

**CAUTION:** Hold the tool and the battery cartridge firmly when installing or removing battery cartridge. Failure to hold the tool and the battery cartridge firmly may cause them to slip off your hands and result in damage to the tool and battery cartridge and a personal injury.

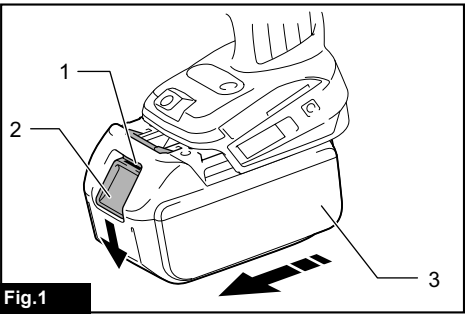


Fig.1 1. Red indicator 2. Button 3. Battery cartridge

To remove the battery cartridge, slide it from the tool while sliding the button on the front of the cartridge.

To install the battery cartridge, align the tongue on the battery cartridge with the groove in the housing and slip it into place. Insert it all the way until it locks in place with a little click. If you can see the red indicator on the upper side of the button, it is not locked completely.

**CAUTION:** Always install the battery cartridge fully until the red indicator cannot be seen. If not, it may accidentally fall out of the tool, causing injury to you or someone around you.

**CAUTION:** Do not install the battery cartridge forcibly. If the cartridge does not slide in easily, it is not being inserted correctly.

Indicating the remaining battery capacity

Only for battery cartridges with the indicator

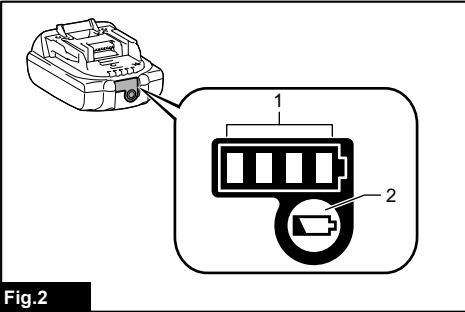







Fig.2 1. Indicator lamps 2. Check button

Press the check button on the battery cartridge to indicate the remaining battery capacity. The indicator lamps light up for few seconds.

Indicator lamps			Remaining capacity
 Lighted	 Off	 Blinking	
			75% to 100%
			50% to 75%

Indicator lamps				Remaining capacity
Lighted	Off	Blinking		
■ ■ ■ ■	□ □ □ □			25% to 50%
■ □ □ □	□ □ □ □			0% to 25%
▤ □ □ □	□ □ □ □			Charge the battery.
■ ■ □ □	□ □ □ □			The battery may have malfunctioned.
□ □ ■ ■	□ □ □ □			

**NOTE:** Depending on the conditions of use and the ambient temperature, the indication may differ slightly from the actual capacity.

## Tool / battery protection system

The tool is equipped with a tool/battery protection system. This system automatically cuts off power to the motor to extend tool and battery life. The tool will automatically stop during operation if the tool or battery is placed under one of the following conditions:

### Overload protection

When the battery is operated in a manner that causes it to draw an abnormally high current, the tool automatically stops without any indication. In this situation, turn the tool off and stop the application that caused the tool to become overloaded. Then turn the tool on to restart.

### Overheat protection

When the tool or battery is overheated, the tool stops automatically and the lamp blinks. In this case, let the tool and battery cool before turning the tool on again.

### Overdischarge protection

When the battery capacity is not enough, the tool stops automatically. In this case, remove the battery from the tool and charge the battery.

## Switch action

**WARNING:** Before installing the battery cartridge into the tool, always check to see that the switch trigger actuates properly and returns to the "OFF" position when released.

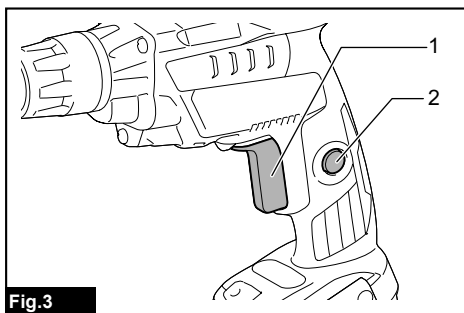


Fig.3

► 1. Switch trigger 2. Lock button

To start the tool, simply pull the switch trigger. Tool speed is increased by increasing pressure on the switch trigger. Release the switch trigger to stop.

For continuous operation, pull the switch trigger, push in the lock button and then release the switch trigger. To stop the tool from the locked position, pull the switch trigger fully, then release it.

**CAUTION:** 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.

**NOTE:** Even with the switch on and motor running, the driver bit does not rotate. Push the tool forward to engage the clutch.

**NOTE:** The tool automatically stops if the motor keeps rotating for about 6 minutes.

## Push drive mode

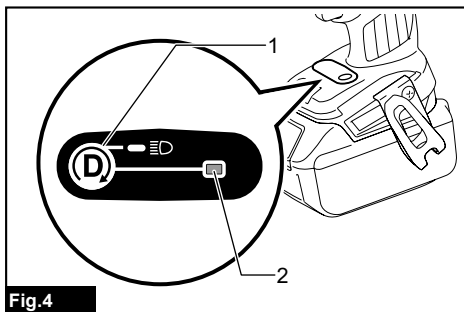


Fig.4

► 1. Button 2. Mode indicator

This tool has push drive mode. In this mode, the tool cuts off power to the motor to save the battery power at idle.

To select push drive mode, pull the trigger slightly, then release it and quickly press the button. The mode indicator will then light up.

Once push drive is activated, pull the switch trigger and then push the lock button. Apply pressure to the driver bit and the motor will start rotating. Further pressure engages the clutch and the driver bit will start rotating. In push drive mode, the motor and the driver bit will only rotate by applying pressure.

**NOTE:** If the tool does not run for about 8 hours in push drive mode with the trigger locked on, tool is shutdown. In such a case, release and pull the trigger again for restarting.

## Lighting up the front lamp

**CAUTION:** Do not look in the light or see the source of light directly.

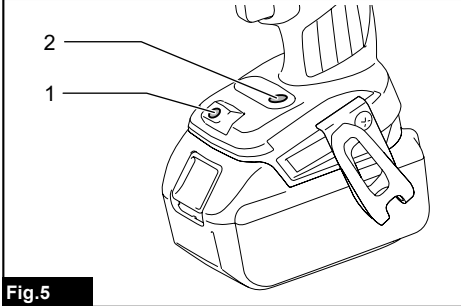


Fig.5

► 1. Lamp 2. Button

To turn on the lamp, slightly pull the switch trigger, and then release it. The lamp goes out approximately 10 seconds after releasing the switch trigger.

To keep turning off the light, slightly pull the switch trigger, then release it, and then press the button for a few seconds. To turn on the light, perform the same operation again.

In push drive mode with the switch trigger locked, the lamp goes out approximately one minute after the motor stops.

**NOTE:** While pulling the switch trigger, the lamp status cannot be changed.

**NOTE:** For approximately 10 seconds after releasing the switch trigger, the lamp status can be changed.

**NOTE:** Use a dry cloth to wipe the dirt off the lens of the lamp. Be careful not to scratch the lens of lamp, or it may lower the illumination.

## Reversing switch action

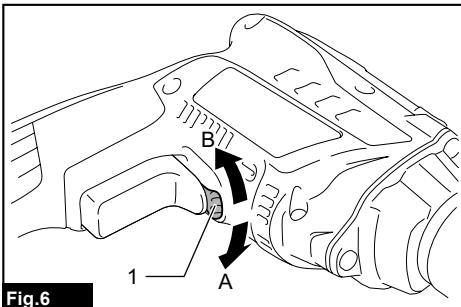


Fig.6

► 1. Reversing switch lever

**CAUTION:** Always check the direction of rotation before operation.

**CAUTION:** Use the reversing switch only after the tool comes to a complete stop. Changing the direction of rotation before the tool stops may damage the tool.

**CAUTION:** When not operating the tool, always set the reversing switch lever to the neutral position.

This tool has a reversing switch to change the direction of rotation. Move the reversing switch lever to the position ⇐ (A side) for clockwise rotation or to the position ⇨ (B side) for counterclockwise rotation. When the reversing switch lever is in the neutral position, the switch trigger cannot be pulled.

## Depth adjustment

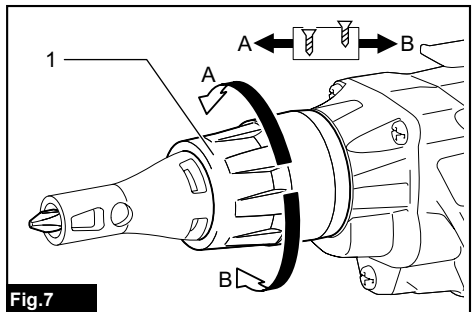


Fig.7

► 1. Locator

The depth can be adjusted by turning the locator. Turn it in "B" direction for less depth and in "A" direction for more depth. One full turn of the locator equals 2 mm (1/16") change in depth.

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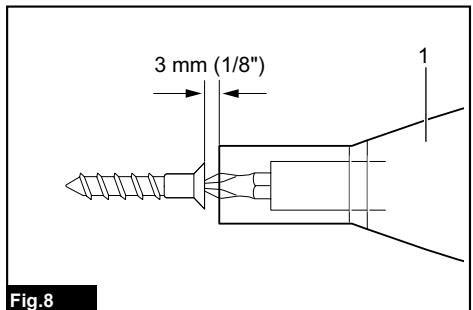


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► 1. Locator

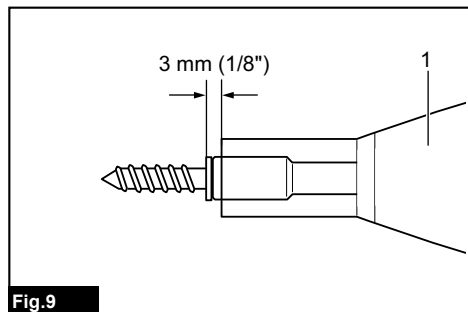


Fig.9

► 1. Locator

Adjust the locator so that the distance between the tip of the locator and the screw head is approximately 3 mm (1/8") as shown in the figures. Drive a trial screw into your material or a piece of duplicate material. If the depth is still not suitable for the screw, continue adjusting until you obtain the proper depth setting.

## Hook

**⚠ CAUTION:** Always remove the battery when hanging the tool with the hook.

**⚠ CAUTION:** Never hook the tool at high location or on potentially unstable surface.

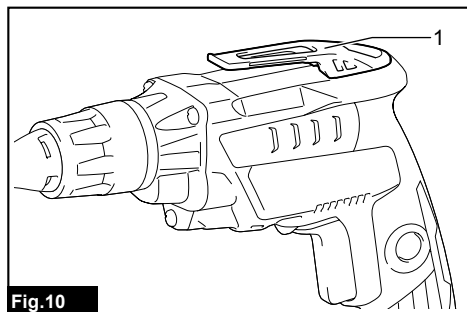


Fig.10

► 1. Hook

The hook is convenient for temporarily hanging the tool.

## ASSEMBLY

**⚠ CAUTION:** Always be sure that the tool is switched off and the battery cartridge is removed before carrying out any work on the tool.

## Installing or removing driver bit/ socket bit

### For DFS250

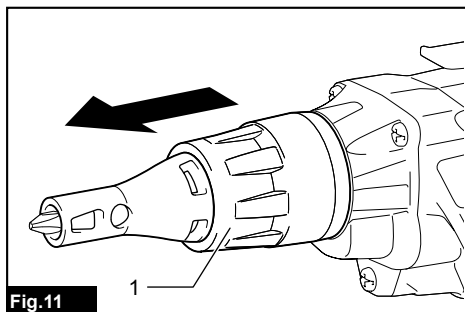


Fig.11

► 1. Locator

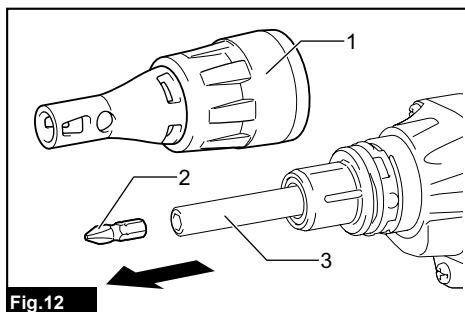


Fig.12

► 1. Locator 2. Driver bit 3. Magnetic bit holder

To remove the driver bit, pull the locator, and then grasp the bit with a pair of pliers and pull the bit out of the magnetic bit holder. To install the driver bit, push it firmly into the magnetic bit holder. Then install the locator by pushing it firmly back.

### For DFS251

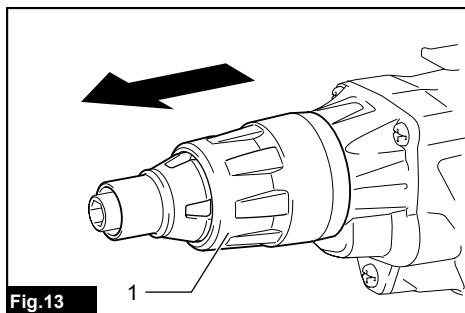


Fig.13

► 1. Locator



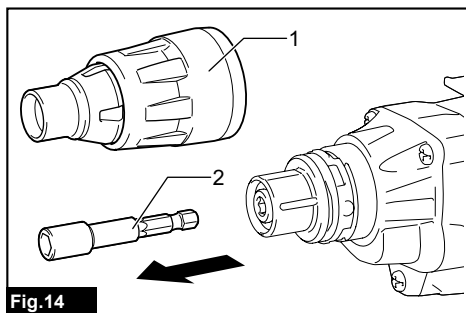


Fig.14

► 1. Locator 2. Socket bit

To remove the socket bit, pull the locator, and then pull the socket bit. To install the socket bit, push it firmly into the sleeve. Then install the locator by pushing it firmly back.

## Hook

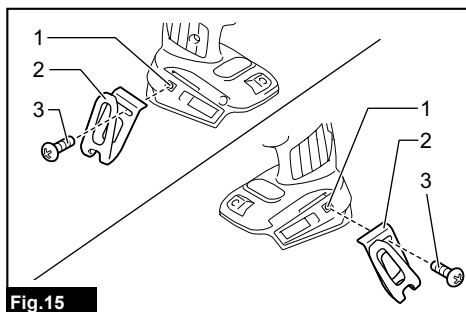


Fig.15

► 1. Groove 2. Hook 3. Screw

The hook is convenient for temporarily hanging the tool. This can be installed on either side of the tool.

To install the hook, insert it into a groove in the tool housing on either side and then secure it with a screw. To remove, loosen the screw and then take it out.

## OPERATION

### Screwdriving operation

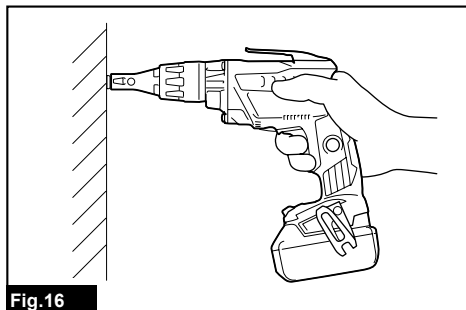


Fig.16

Fit the screw on the point of the bit and place the point of the screw on the surface of the workpiece to be fastened. Apply pressure to the tool and start it. Withdraw the tool as soon as the clutch cuts in. Then release the switch trigger.

**CAUTION:** When fitting the screw onto the point of the bit, be careful not to push in on the screw. If the screw is pushed in, the clutch will engage and the screw will rotate suddenly. This could damage a workpiece or cause an injury.

**CAUTION:** Make sure that the bit is inserted straight in the screw head, or the screw and/or bit may be damaged.

## MAINTENANCE

**CAUTION:** Always be sure that the tool is switched off and the battery cartridge is removed before attempting to perform inspection or maintenance.

**NOTICE:** Never use gasoline, benzine, thinner, alcohol or the like. Discoloration, deformation or cracks may result.

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

## OPTIONAL 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.

- Driver bits
- Magnetic bit holder
- Socket bits
- Makita genuine battery and charger
- Plastic carrying case

**NOTE:** Some items in the list may be included in the tool package as standard accessories. They may differ from country to country.





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