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JIG SAW

MODEL NO: CON 750
PART NO: 6462180

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

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ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS

GC11/22 - Rev 4

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing this CLARKE jigsaw.

Before attempting to use this product, please read this manual thoroughly and follow the instructions carefully. In doing so you will ensure the safety of yourself and that of others around you, and you can look forward to your purchase giving you long and satisfactory service.

GUARANTEE

This product is guaranteed against faulty manufacture for a period of 12 months from the date of purchase. Please keep your receipt which will be required as proof of purchase.

This guarantee is invalid if the product is found to have been abused or tampered with in any way, or not used for the purpose for which it was intended.

Faulty goods should be returned to their place of purchase, no product can be returned to us without prior permission.

This guarantee does not effect your statutory rights.

ENVIRONMENTAL RECYCLING POLICY



By purchasing this product, the customer is taking on the obligation to deal with its safe disposal in accordance with the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE).

In effect, this means that this product must not be disposed of with general household waste. It must be disposed of according to the laws governing Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) at a recognised disposal facility.

If disposing of this product or any damaged components, do not dispose of with general waste. This product contains valuable raw materials. Metal products should be taken to your local civic amenity site for recycling of metal products.

GENERAL POWER TOOL SAFETY WARNINGS



WARNING: READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS. FAILURE TO FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS LISTED BELOW MAY RESULT IN ELECTRIC SHOCK, FIRE AND/OR SERIOUS INJURY. THE TERM "POWER TOOL" IN THE WARNINGS REFERS TO YOUR MAINS-OPERATED JIGSAW.

Save all warnings and instructions for future reference.

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 cable. Never use the cable 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 cable 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 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, safety shoes, 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 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 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) SERVICING

- 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.*

6) SPECIFIC WARNINGS FOR JIGSAWS

1. ONLY sharp saw blades in perfect working condition should be used; cracked or bent saw blades should be discarded and replaced at once.
2. ALWAYS ensure that the blade is securely fixed.
3. ALWAYS use the appropriate blade for the material being cut.
4. ALWAYS use a cooling agent when cutting metals, i.e. cutting oil.
5. ALWAYS allow sufficient clearance beneath the work to ensure the blade does not come into contact with the floor, table etc.
6. ALWAYS check for hidden electrical wires or water pipes etc.
7. ALWAYS keep the mains cable well away from the machine and ensure an adequate electrical supply is close at hand so that the operation is not restricted by the length of the cable.
8. When cutting wood, ensure any nails have been removed beforehand. Nails will damage the wood saw blade.
9. NEVER allow the ventilation slots in the machine to become blocked.
10. NEVER attempt to stop the saw blade with your fingers.
11. 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.
12. DO NOT cut material above the specified thickness.
13. DO NOT cut through walls or cavities before checking for hidden electrical wires or water pipes etc.
14. DO NOT touch the blade immediately after use, allow time for it to cool.
15. DO NOT attempt to saw extremely small workpieces.
16. Wherever possible, use clamps and vices to fasten the workpiece securely.

ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS



WARNING: READ THESE ELECTRICAL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY BEFORE CONNECTING THE PRODUCT TO THE MAINS SUPPLY.

This product is provided with a standard 13 amp, 230 volt (50Hz), BS 1363 plug, for connection to a standard, domestic electrical supply. Should the plug need changing at any time, ensure that a plug of identical specification is used.

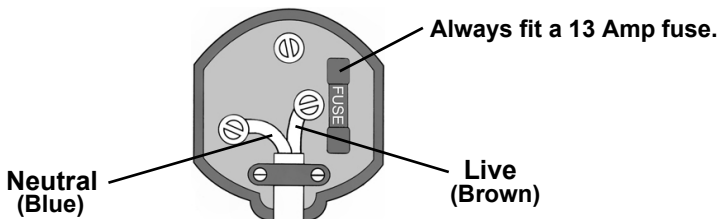


**WARNING: THE WIRES IN THE POWER CABLE OF THIS PRODUCT ARE COLOURED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING CODE:
BLUE = NEUTRAL BROWN = LIVE**

If the colours of the wires in the power cable of this product do not correspond with the markings on the terminals of your plug, proceed as follows.

- The **Blue** wire must be connected to the terminal marked **N** or coloured **Black**.
- The **Brown** wire must be connected to the terminal marked **L** or coloured **Red**.

Plug must be BS1363/A approved.



Ensure that the outer sheath of the cable is firmly held by the clamp

We strongly recommend that this machine is connected to the mains supply via a Residual Current Device (RCD)

If in any doubt, consult a qualified electrician. DO NOT attempt any repairs yourself.



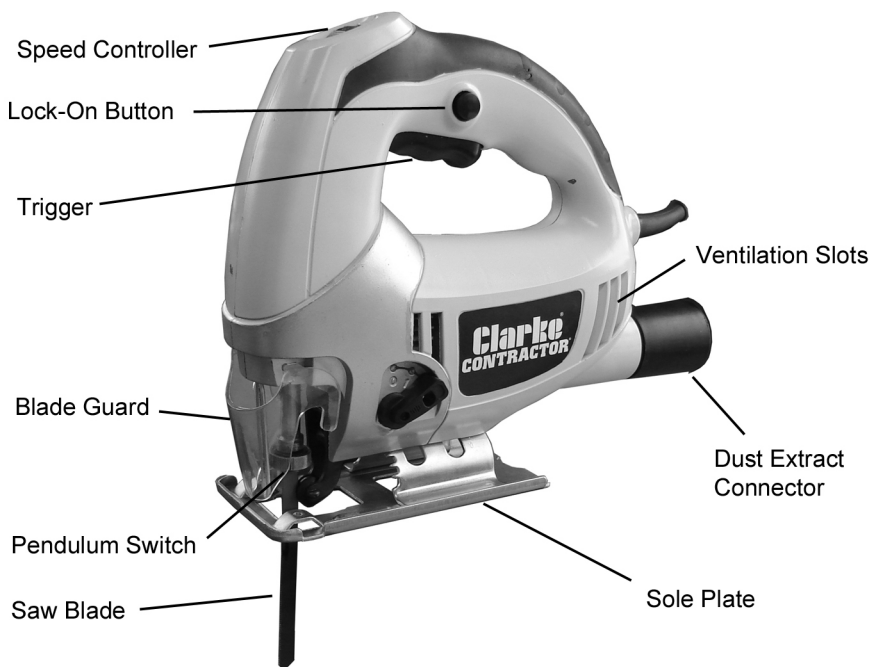
This symbol indicates that this is a Class II product, and does not require an earth connection.

OVERVIEW

The CLARKE CON750 is a 750W variable-speed jigsaw fitted with a lock-on button for continuous operation. It is fitted with a dust extract port for connection to a vacuum system and is supplied with 1.8 metres of cable with plug. The jigsaw is equipped with a T-shank SDS type quick-release blade retention system for convenient replacement of saw blades.

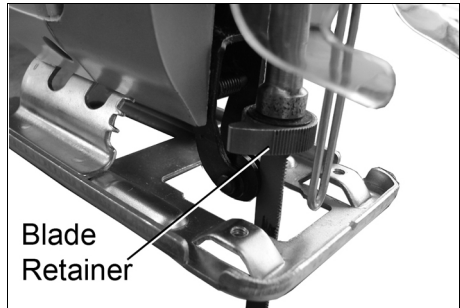
When unpacking, check for damage or shortages etc. Any found should be reported to your CLARKE dealer where the appliance was originally purchased. This CON750 Jigsaw is supplied with the following components:

- 1 x Jigsaw
- 1 x Wood Cutting Blade
- 1 x Dust Extract Connector
- 1 x 3mm Hex Key
- 1 x Parallel Fence
- 1 x Instruction Manual (this document)



INSTALLING/CHANGING BLADES

1. Use only jigsaw blades with the correct T-shank.
2. With the jigsaw disconnected from the power supply, raise the blade guard and press the blade retainer to the right hand side.
3. Select the appropriate blade for the job in hand, and insert it into the blade holder as far as it will go with the teeth facing forwards.



4. Release the blade retainer, ensuring that the blade remains as far into the retainer as it will go, pressing against the resistance of the internal spring.
5. Pull the blade to check that it is secure before restoring the power supply.
 - Take care never to use cracked, blunt or damaged blades.

OPERATION

IMPORTANT: DO NOT plug in to the mains, unless you have ensured the jigsaw is switched OFF. To do this, squeeze the trigger fully upwards, then release it. The trigger is located under the grip.

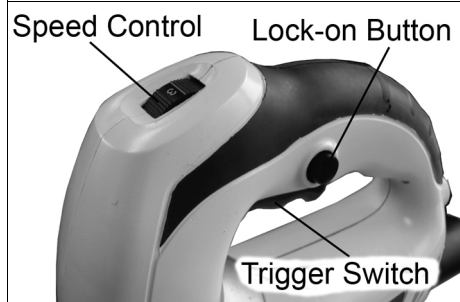
1. Ensure that the workpiece being cut is securely held in place and that the cut line is clearly marked.
2. Connect the vacuum extractor port to an extract system where possible.
 - The jigsaw is provided with a dust extract facility, where a vacuum extractor may be connected to the rear of the machine. Please note however, that this does not preclude the user from wearing a face mask to prevent the inhalation of dust particles.
3. Place the sole-plate on the workpiece taking care that the blade is vertical and correctly positioned in relation to the cut line without touching it. Push the clear plastic blade guard down fully.
4. Ensure the blade is not striking anything below the workpiece and that the power cable is well away from the moving blade before starting the saw.
 - If cutting out an aperture it will be necessary to drill a suitably sized hole in the workpiece for use as a starting point.
 - Note that the blade should emerge from the workpiece at every point of the cut.

5. To start the jigsaw, squeeze the trigger. Wait until the blade is running at speed before attempting to cut the workpiece.

6. Maintain the saw at constant speed by pressing in the lock-on button.

- You can then release your finger pressure on the trigger.

7. To stop the jigsaw if the lock-on button is used, squeeze the trigger fully in, then release it and the motor will stop.



USING THE JIGSAW

1. Place the sole-plate on the workpiece and squeeze the trigger to run the jigsaw up to its working speed before letting the blade touch the cut line. To make your cut, move the saw slowly forward along the cutting line.

2. Adjust the speed controller to suit the material being cut using the following suggested settings as a starting point. However, the optimum speed will be determined with practice.

- Plastic 1 - 3
- Steel 2 - 4
- Hardboard 3-4
- Ceramic, aluminium, non-ferrous metals 3-6
- Timber, plywood & chipboard 4-6

3. Take extra care when cutting curves - move the blade slowly to avoid stress on the blade.

4. When sawing, hold the jigsaw in front of you but do not put unnecessary pressure on the blade and avoid applying lateral pressure.

5. Let the blade work through the workpiece, ensuring the sole plate is flush with the workpiece.

ADJUSTING THE PENDULUM

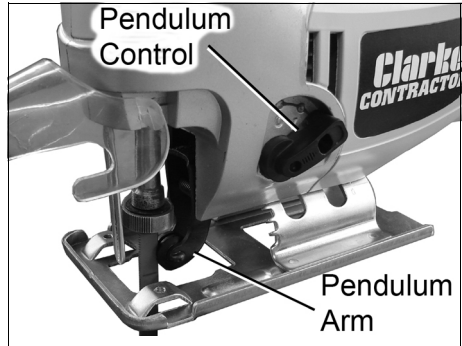
The pendulum moves the blade away from the cut on the down (non-cutting) stroke. The pendulum can be particularly useful when cutting thicker, denser materials.

1. Adjust the control to suit the material being worked, and try to balance its use with adjustments to the speed of the saw to achieve the optimum setting for the job.

2. Adjust the pendulum control to suit the material being cut using the following suggested settings as a starting point if required.

NOTE: Do not use the pendulum action for cutting ceramics or metals.

- Ceramics 0
- Metal 0
- Plywood, plastics 1-2
- Timber, fibreboard & chipboard 1-3



CUTTING DIFFERENT MATERIALS

CUTTING WOOD

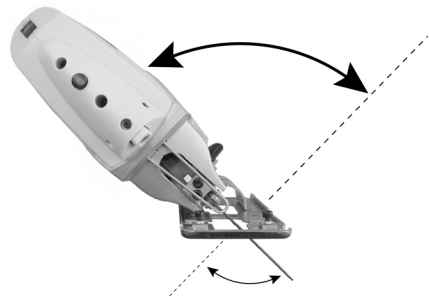
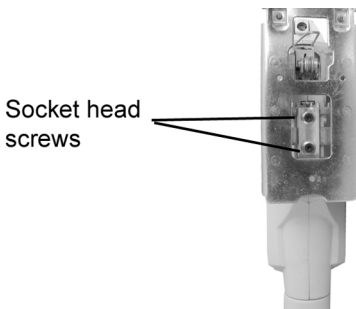
Check that any previously used timber being sawn does not contain any nails or other metal objects which would damage the blade.

CUTTING METAL

Having chosen a suitable blade for cutting metal it is recommended to lubricate the material and blade with cutting oil to prevent the tool from overheating. Support the workpiece with wooden blocks on either side.

ADJUSTING THE SOLE PLATE

The sole-plate is adjustable so that bevels of up to 45° may be cut. Loosen the two socket head screws under the sole-plate before adjusting it to the desired angle and re-tightening the screws.



MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING



WARNING: BEFORE PERFORMING ANY MAINTENANCE TASKS ENSURE THE PLUG HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE MAINS SUPPLY.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

1. Check that the power cable is free from cracks, bare wires etc. Avoid using solvents when cleaning plastic parts. Most plastics are susceptible to damage from solvents.
2. Ensure all screws remain tight to ensure the jigsaw is in safe working condition.
 - All bearings etc, in this machine are lubricated with a sufficient amount of high grade lubricant for the tools lifetime under normal operating conditions, therefore no further lubrication is required.
 - Only use the replacement blades specified for this product available from your CLARKE dealer.
3. After use, clean all dust and wood dust from the saw. To ensure constant air circulation, always keep air vents clear of blockages, (use compressed air to clean the machine if possible. (Wear PPE when using compressed air).
4. Keep the sole plate free from dirt and grime. Regularly clean to prevent scratches and scores on the surface.
5. Resin and glue on the blade causes poor cutting results. If necessary clean the blade after use.
6. Refer to your CLARKE dealer if internal maintenance is required.

REPLACEMENT BLADES

Replacement blades are available from your CLARKE dealer as follows:

Wood - 6462188

Metal - 6462190


TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Cause	Solution
Jigsaw does not operate	Damaged cable or fuse.	Inspect and have repaired or replaced.
Blade jams, binds or burns the wood	Wrong blade for the material. Blade is worn out Incorrect operation	Use correct blade for the material being cut. Replace blade. Refer to Cutting Procedures on page 10
Motor overheats	Motor air vents blocked	Clean jigsaw see page 11.
Blade cannot be fitted or removed	Blade clamp blocked with compacted dust	Clean clamp with brush and/or compressed air

SPECIFICATIONS

FEATURE	SPECIFICATION
Voltage	230 V AC @ 50Hz
Input power	750 Watts
No-load speed	0-3100 strokes per min
Weight	2.2 kg
Dimensions (L x H x W)	218 x 217 x 67 mm
Max cutting capacity	Wood 80mm/Metal 10mm
Blade type	SDS quick release
Dust extraction port size	23.6 mm int/35.8 ext
Sound Pressure Level (LPA)	87.5 dB(A)
Sound Power Level (LWA)	98.5 dB(A)
Vibration	6.6 m/s ² (wood) 7.2 m/s ² steel

DECLARATIONS OF CONFORMITY



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This is an important document and should be retained.

We hereby declare that this product(s) complies with the following statutory requirement(s):

Electromagnetic Compatibility Regulations 2016
Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 2008
The Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2012

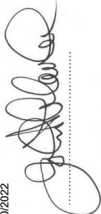
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IEC 62321-6:2015, IEC 62321-7-1:2015, IEC 62321-7-2:2017, IEC 62321-8:2017, ISO 17075:2017.

The technical documentation required to demonstrate that the product(s) meet(s) the requirement(s) of the aforementioned legislation has been compiled and is available for inspection by the relevant enforcement authorities.


The UKCA mark was first applied in: 2022

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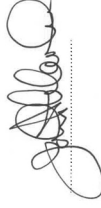
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The CE mark was first applied in: 2009

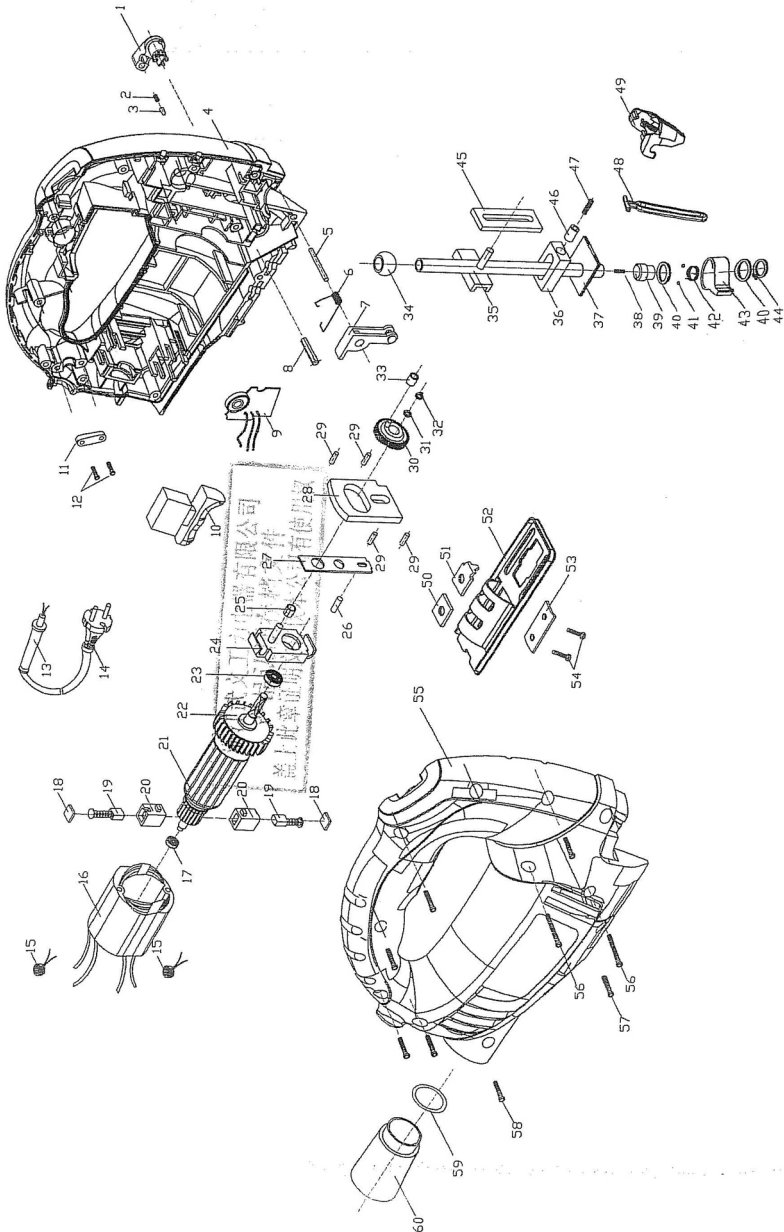
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COMPONENT PARTS DIAGRAM



COMPONENT PARTS LIST

No	Description
1	Pendulum switch
2	Spring
3	Screw
4	Casing (LH)
5	Hinge pin
6	Spring
7	Pendulum
8	Spiggot
9	Speed controller
10	Trigger
11	Cable clamp
12	Screw
13	Power cable
14	Mains plug
15	Clip
16	Motor stator
17	Motor bearing
18	Brush retainer
19	Carbon brush
20	Brush holder
21	Motor armature
22	Drive gear
23	Drive bearing
24	Support block
25	Bush
26	Pin
27	Actuating plate
28	Drive cage
29	Locator
30	Drive spur

No	Description
31	Washer
32	Circlip
33	Drive bush
34	Hinge ball
35	Blade carrier
36	Guide block
37	Base plate
38	Spring
39	Retainer boss
40	Washer
41	Ball
42	Return spring
43	Blade retainer
44	Circlip
45	Blade guide
46	Sleeve
47	Screw
48	Guard arm
49	Plastic guard
50	Retaining plate (R)
51	Retaining plate (L)
52	Sole plate
53	Retainer plate
54	Socket screw
55	Casing (RH)
56	Screw
57	Screw
58	Screw
59	O-ring
60	Dust nozzle

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