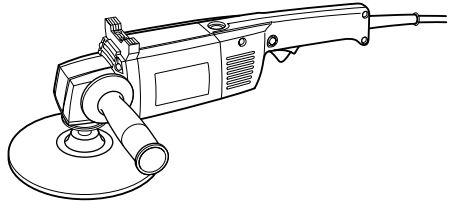




# Electronic Sander Polisher

180 mm (7")  
MODEL 9217SPC



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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	9217SPC
No load speed (RPM)	1,500 - 2,800/min.
Overall length	470 mm (18-1/2")
Net weight	3.5 kg (7.7 lbs)
Spindle thread	5/8" - 11UNC

- 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.
5. **Avoid body contact with grounded surfaces such as pipes, radiators, ranges and**

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**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 main-

tenance 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 polisher safety rules. If you use this tool unsafely or incorrectly, you can suffer serious personal injury.**

- Accessories must be rated for at least the speed recommended on the tool warning label.** Wheels and other accessories running over rated speed can fly apart and cause injury.
- 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.
- Check the backing pad carefully for cracks, damage or deformity before operation.** Replace cracked, damaged or deformed pad immediately.
- NEVER use tool with wood cutting blades or other sawblades.** Such blades when used on a polisher frequently kick and cause loss of control leading to personal injury.
- Hold the tool firmly.**
- Keep hands away from rotating parts.**
- Make sure the abrasive disc or wool bonnet is not contacting the workpiece before the switch is turned on.**

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8. When sanding metal surfaces, watch out for flying sparks. Hold the tool so that sparks fly away from you and other persons or flammable materials.
  9. Do not leave the tool running. Operate the tool only when hand-held.
  10. Do not touch the workpiece immediately after operation; it may be extremely hot and could burn your skin.
  11. Check that the workpiece is properly supported.
  12. Pay attention that the wheel continues to rotate after the tool is switched off.
  13. This tool has not been waterproofed, so do not use water on the workpiece surface.
  14. Ventilate your work area adequately when you perform sanding operations.
  15. Use of this tool to sand some products, paints and wood could expose user to dust containing hazardous substances. Use appropriate respiratory protection.

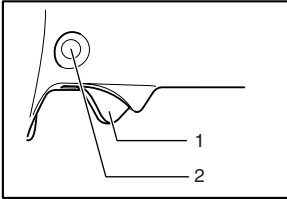
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**MISUSE** or failure to follow the safety rules stated in this instruction manual may cause serious personal injury.

# FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

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1. Switch trigger
2. Lock button

## ⚠ CAUTION:

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

## Switch action

### ⚠ CAUTION:

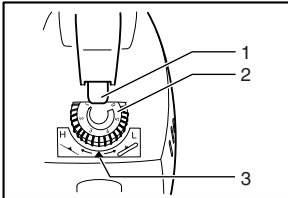
- Before plugging in the tool, always check to see that the switch trigger actuates properly and returns to the “OFF” position when released.
- Switch can be locked in “ON” position for ease of operator comfort during extended use. Apply caution when locking tool in “ON” position and maintain firm grasp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

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1. Switch trigger
2. Adjusting dial
3. Arrow indication

## Speed adjusting dial

The tool speed can be changed by turning the speed adjusting dial to a given number setting from 1 to 6.

Higher speed is obtained when the dial is turned in the direction of number 6. And lower speed is obtained when it is turned in the direction of number 1. Simply align any number setting with the arrow indicator.

Refer to the table for the relationship between the number settings on the dial and the approximate tool speed.

High speed: For sanding operation

Low speed: For polishing operation

Number	RPM
1	1,500
2	1,750
3	2,000
4	2,300
5	2,550
6	2,800

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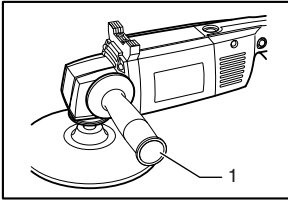
- If the tool is operated continuously at low speeds for a long time, the motor will get overloaded, resulting in tool malfunction.
- The speed adjusting dial can be turned only as far as 6 and back to 1. Do not force it past 6 or 1, or the speed adjusting function may no longer work.

# ASSEMBLY

## ⚠ CAUTION:

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

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1. Grip

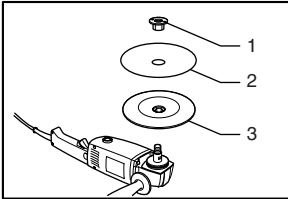
## Installing side grip (auxiliary handle)

## ⚠ CAUTION:

- Always be sure that the side grip is installed securely before operation.

Screw the side grip on the tool securely. The side grip can be installed on either side of the tool, whichever is convenient.

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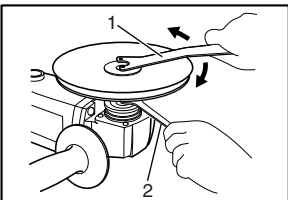


1. Lock nut
2. Abrasive disc
3. Rubber pad

## Installing or removing abrasive disc

Mount the rubber pad onto the spindle. Fit the abrasive disc on the rubber pad and screw the lock nut onto the spindle.

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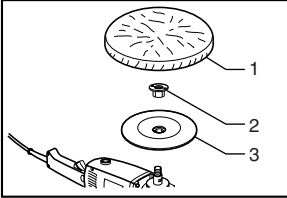


1. Lock nut wrench
2. Wrench

To tighten the lock nut, hold the spindle with the wrench so that it cannot revolve, then use the lock nut wrench and securely tighten clockwise.

To remove the disc, follow the installation procedure in reverse.

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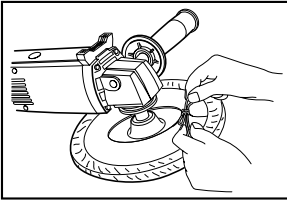
1. Wool bonnet
2. Lock nut
3. Rubber pad

## Installing or removing the wool bonnet (optional accessory)

Mount the rubber pad onto the spindle. Screw the lock nut onto the spindle.

To tighten the lock nut, hold the spindle with the wrench so that it cannot revolve, then use the lock nut wrench and securely tighten clockwise.

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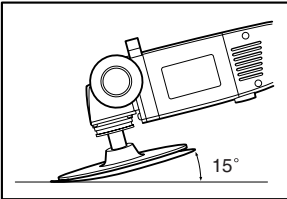


Fit the wool bonnet completely over the rubber pad and pull the string tight. Tie a bow knot and tuck the knot and any loose strings between the wool bonnet and the rubber pad.

To remove the wool bonnet, follow the installation procedure in reverse.

## OPERATION

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### Sanding operation

#### ⚠ CAUTION:

- Always wear safety goggles or a face shield during operation.
- Never switch on the tool when it is in contact with the workpiece, it may cause an injury to operator.
- Never run the tool without the abrasive disc. You may seriously damage the pad.

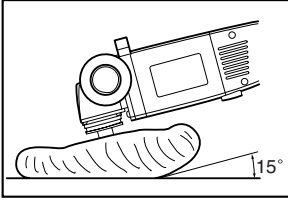
Hold the tool firmly. Turn the tool on and then apply the abrasive disc to the workpiece.

In general, keep the abrasive disc at an angle of about 15 degrees to the workpiece surface.

Apply slight pressure only. Excessive pressure will result in poor performance and premature wear to abrasive disc.



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## Polishing operation

### ⚠ CAUTION:

- Always wear safety glasses or a face shield during operation.

Hold the tool firmly. Turn the tool on and then apply the wool bonnet to the workpiece.

In general, keep the wool bonnet at an angle of about 15 degrees to the workpiece surface.

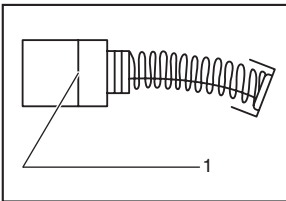
Apply slight pressure only. Excessive pressure will result in poor performance and premature wear to wool bonnet.

## MAINTENANCE

### ⚠ CAUTION:

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

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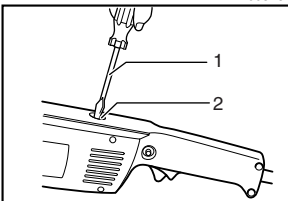


1. Limit mark

## Replacing carbon brushes

Remove and check the carbon brushes regularly. Replace when they wear down to the limit mark. Keep the carbon brushes clean and free to slip in the holders. Both carbon brushes should be replaced at the same time. Use only identical carbon brushes.

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1. Screwdriver  
2. Brush holder cap

Use a screwdriver to remove the brush holder caps. Take out the worn carbon brushes, insert the new ones and secure the brush holder caps.

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.

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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 discs
- Wool bonnet 180
- Rubber pad 170
- Sanding lock nut 5/8 - 48
- Lock nut wrench 28
- Wrench 17

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- 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.

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