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Read and follow  
ALL safety rules  
and instructions  
before operating  
this equipment.

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MANUAL FOR  
FUTURE REFERENCE

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Trimmer



## CRAFTSMAN<sup>®</sup> Industrial Laminate Trimmer Double Insulated

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## **FULL ONE YEAR WARRANTY ON CRAFTSMAN INDUSTRIAL LAMINATE TRIMMER**

If this Craftsman Industrial Laminate Trimmer fails due to a defect in material or workmanship within one year from the date of purchase, Sears will repair it free of charge.

**WARRANTY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE BY SIMPLY RETURNING THE TOOL TO THE NEAREST SEARS STORE IN THE UNITED STATES.**

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

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## **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.

<b>SYMBOL</b>	<b>MEANING</b>
	<b>SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL:</b> Indicates caution or warning. May be used in conjunction with other symbols or pictographs.
	<b>WARNING:</b> 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.
	<b>CAUTION:</b> 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.
<b>NOTE:</b>	Advises you of information or instructions vital to the operation or maintenance of the equipment.

**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.

**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.

### **ELECTRICAL CONNECTION**

Your laminate trimmer 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 tool does not operate when plugged into an outlet, double-check the power supply.



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

# RULES FOR SAFE OPERATION

## **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.

## **WARNING:**

The double insulated system is intended to protect the user from shock resulting from a break in the tool's internal wiring. Observe all normal safety precautions related to avoiding electrical shock.

## READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS

1. **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.
2. **GUARD AGAINST ELECTRICAL SHOCK** by preventing body contact with grounded surfaces. For example: Pipes, radiators, ranges, refrigerator enclosures.
3. **KEEP GUARDS IN PLACE** and in working order.
4. **KEEP WORK AREA CLEAN.** Cluttered areas and benches invite accidents.
5. **AVOID DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENT.** Don't use power tool in damp or wet locations or expose to rain. Keep work area well lit.
6. **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.
7. **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.
8. **DON'T FORCE TOOL.** It will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it was designed.
9. **USE RIGHT TOOL.** Don't force small tool or attachment to do the job of a heavy duty tool. Don't use tool for purpose not intended - for example - A circular saw should never be used for cutting tree limbs or logs.
10. **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.
11. **ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GLASSES.** Everyday eyeglasses have only impact-resistant lenses; they are **NOT** safety glasses.
12. **PROTECT YOUR LUNGS.** Wear a face or dust mask if operation is dusty.
13. **PROTECT YOUR HEARING.** Wear hearing protection during extended periods of operation.
14. **DON'T ABUSE CORD.** Never carry tool by cord or yank it to disconnect from receptacle. Keep cord from heat, oil and sharp edges.
15. **SECURE WORK.** Use clamps or a vise to hold work. It's safer than using your hand and it frees both hands to operate tool.
16. **DON'T OVERREACH.** Keep proper footing and balance at all times. Do not use on a ladder or unstable support.
17. **MAINTAIN TOOLS WITH CARE.** Keep tools sharp at all times, and clean for best and safest performance. Follow instructions for lubricating and changing accessories.
18. **DISCONNECT TOOLS.** When not in use, before servicing, or when changing attachments, blades, bits, cutters, etc., all tools should be disconnected from power supply.
19. **REMOVE ADJUSTING KEYS AND WRENCHES.** Form habit of checking to see that keys and adjusting wrenches are removed from tool before turning it on.
20. **AVOID ACCIDENTAL STARTING.** Don't carry plugged-in tools with finger on switch. Be sure switch is off when plugging in.
21. **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.

## RULES FOR SAFE OPERATION (Continued)

22. **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.
23. **KEEP CUTTERS CLEAN AND SHARP.** Sharp cutters minimize stalling and kickback.
24. **KEEP HANDS AWAY FROM CUTTING AREA.** Keep hands away from cutters. Do not reach underneath work while cutter is rotating. Do not attempt to remove material while cutter is rotating.
25. **NEVER USE IN AN EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERE.** Normal sparking of the motor could ignite fumes.
26. **INSPECT TOOL CORDS PERIODICALLY** and if damaged, have repaired at your nearest Sears Repair Center. Stay constantly aware of cord location.
27. **INSPECT EXTENSION CORDS PERIODICALLY** and replace if damaged.
28. **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.
29. **STAY ALERT.** Watch what you are doing and use common sense. Do not operate tool when you are tired. Do not rush.
30. **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 unless indicated elsewhere in this instruction manual.
31. **DO NOT USE TOOL IF SWITCH DOES NOT TURN IT ON AND OFF.** Have defective switches replaced by an authorized service center.
32. **INSPECT FOR** and remove all nails from lumber before trimming.
33. **DRUGS, ALCOHOL, MEDICATION.** Do not operate tool while under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or any medication.
34. **WHEN SERVICING USE ONLY IDENTICAL CRAFTSMAN REPLACEMENT PARTS.**
35. **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.
36. **DO NOT USE TOOL UNDER "BROWN-OUT" OR OTHER LOW VOLTAGE CONDITIONS.** Also, do not use with any device that could cause the power supply voltage to change.
37. **SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.** Review 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.

### **WARNING:**



The operation of any laminate trimmer 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.

# INTRODUCTION

Congratulations and thank you for buying this Craftsman laminate trimmer. It has been designed, engineered and manufactured to provide you with Sears high standard of dependability, ease of operation, and operator safety. Properly cared for, it will give you years of rugged, trouble-free performance.

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



## CAUTION:

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

## SPECIFICATIONS:

Maximum Cutter Diameter	1-3/8 in.
Collet	1/4 in.
Horsepower	3/4
Rating	120 volts, 60 Hz, AC only, 3.8 Amperes
No Load Speed	23,000 RPM
Power Cord	10 ft.
Net Weight	3.0 lbs.

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# UNPACKING

Your trimmer has been shipped completely assembled and ready for use. After removing it from the carton, 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 trimmer. A 1/2 in. diameter flush trim bit, owner's manual, two wrenches, and case are included in the carton.

## WARNING:

If any parts are missing, do not operate your trimmer until the missing parts are replaced. Failure to do so could result in possible serious personal injury.

# FEATURES

## KNOW YOUR TRIMMER.

See Figure 1.

Before attempting to use your trimmer, familiarize yourself with all operating features and safety requirements.

Your trimmer is a versatile woodworking tool which will give you years of trouble-free performance. It is engineered with the professional in mind, but its ease of operation allows the amateur to produce work which is beautiful and precise.

As the name implies your trimmer can be used for trimming laminates. When used with recommended accessories, it becomes even more versatile.

## WARNING:

Do not allow familiarity with your trimmer to make you careless. Remember that a careless fraction of a second is sufficient to inflict severe injury.

## HEAVY DUTY MOTOR

Your trimmer has a powerful 3.8 amp motor with sufficient power to handle many trimming jobs. It is capable of delivering 3/4 horsepower for heavy duty performance. The motor also has removable brushes for ease of servicing.

## SWITCH

To turn your trimmer **ON**, slide the switch on top of the trimmer to **ON** position. Return the switch to **OFF** position when finished.

## DEPTH OF CUT SCALE

Your trimmer's cutting depth can be adjusted by using the depth of cut scale. To adjust to desired depth, loosen the wing bolt and move the base until the tip of the cutter lightly comes in contact with the surface. The depth of cutting is zero at this point. Move the base further to the relative mark on the scale that corresponds with your desired cutting depth. Finally, tighten the wing bolt. You will get your desired depth of cutting.

## WARNING:

The operation of any trimmer can result in foreign objects being thrown into your eyes, which can result in severe eye damage. Before starting 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.

## WARNING:

Do not attempt to modify this tool or create accessories not recommended for use with this tool. Any such alteration or modification is misuse and could result in a hazardous condition leading to possible serious personal injury.

## APPLICATIONS

(Use only for the purpose listed below)

- Smooth, professional trimming of laminates.
- Cabinet making, trimming counter tops, and finishing work.
- Trimming wood and plastics.

# FEATURES

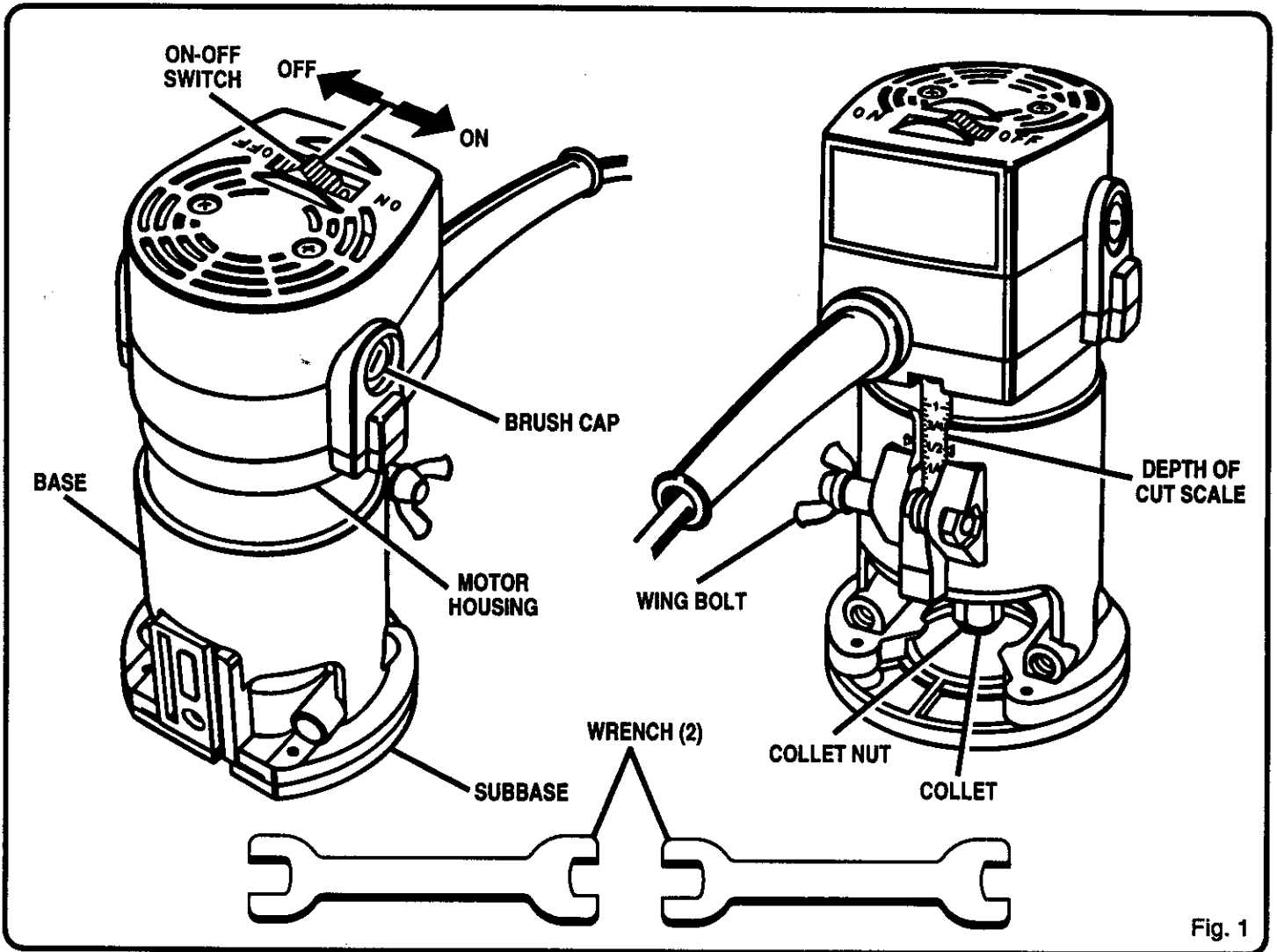


Fig. 1

# ADJUSTMENTS

## **⚠ WARNING:**

Your laminate trimmer should never be connected to power supply when you are assembling parts, making adjustments, installing or removing cutters, or when not in use. Disconnecting your trimmer will prevent accidental starting that could cause serious injury.

## **⚠ WARNING:**

Do not use cutters that are larger in diameter than the opening in trimmer base. Use of such cutters will come in contact with the trimmer base. This situation could also cause possible loss of control or create other hazardous conditions that could cause possible serious personal injury.

## **⚠ WARNING:**

Do not use cutters with undersized shanks. Undersized shanks will not tighten properly and could be thrown from tool causing injury.

## **⚠ WARNING:**

Avoid hand positions that may expose fingers to cutter through open areas of trimmer base.

# ADJUSTMENTS

## INSTALLING/REMOVING CUTTERS

See Figure 2.

### ■ UNPLUG YOUR TRIMMER.

#### **WARNING:**

Failure to unplug your trimmer could result in accidental starting causing serious injury.

- Place your trimmer upside down on a workbench in order to gain easy access to spindle and collet nut.
- Place the small end of one of the wrenches provided on the spindle flats. This will hold the spindle stationary.
- Place the larger end of the other wrench provided onto the collet nut. Rotate wrench counterclockwise to loosen collet nut. See Figure 2.

#### **WARNING:**

If you are changing a cutter immediately after use, be careful not to touch the collet nut, cutter, or collet with your hands or fingers. They will get burned because of the heat buildup from cutting. Always use the wrench provided.

- If installing cutter for the first time, it can be installed once collet nut is loose. If changing cutters, cutter will easily slip from collet after loosening collet nut.
- The collet is machined to precision tolerances to fit cutters with 1/4 in. diameter shanks.
- With your trimmer still upside down on a workbench, insert shank of cutter into collet. The shank of your cutter should be close to but not touching bottom of collet. This allows for expansion when the cutter gets hot.
- Tighten the collet nut securely by turning clockwise with the wrench provided. See Figure 2.

#### **WARNING:**

If collet nut is not tightened securely, cutter may come out during use, causing serious personal injury.

## TO SET DEPTH OF CUT

See Figure 3.

### ■ UNPLUG YOUR TRIMMER.

#### **WARNING:**

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- Loosen the wing bolt and move the base until the tip of cutter touches the work surface. The depth of cut is zero at this point. See Figure 3.

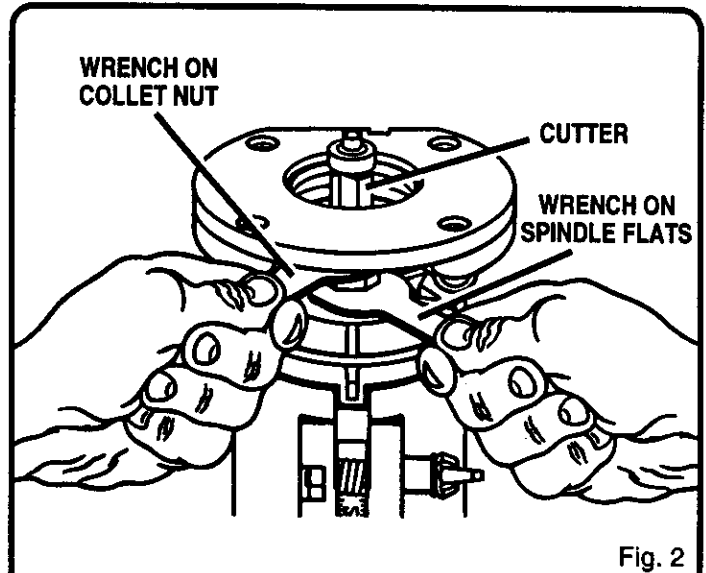


Fig. 2

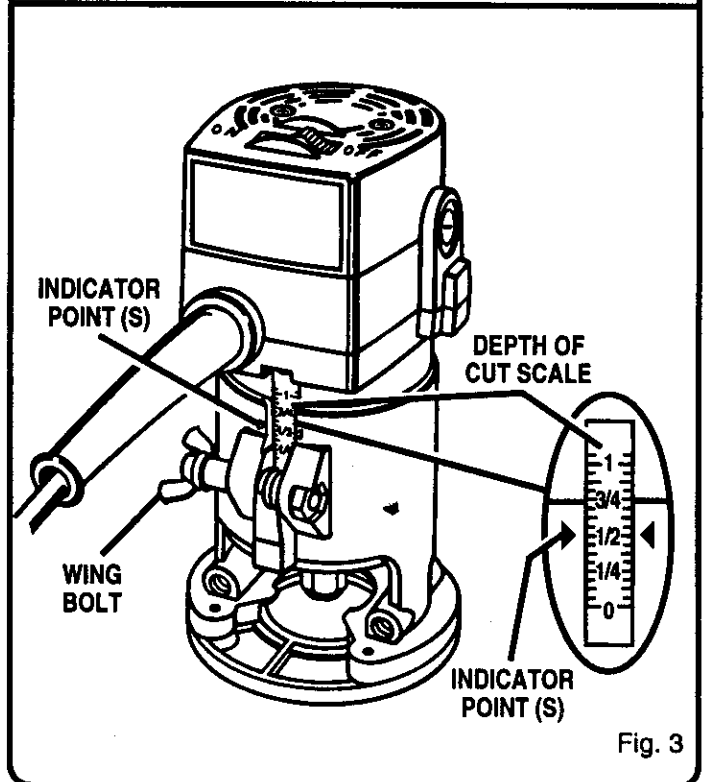


Fig. 3

- Position your trimmer so that the cutter can extend below the subbase for desired depth of cut setting.
- Move the base to obtain the desired depth of cut. The distance the cutter moves can be read on the depth indicator scale. Each mark on the scale indicates a 1/16 in. change in depth setting. Indicator points are located on the base.
- Securely tighten the wing bolt.

#### **WARNING:**

Avoid open area of trimmer base. Serious personal injury will result from contact with a rotating cutter.



# OPERATION

## WARNING:

Always wear safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields when using your trimmer. Failure to do so could result in dust, shavings, chips, loose particles, or foreign objects being thrown into your eyes resulting in possible serious injury. If the operation is dusty, also wear a face or dust mask.

## WARNING:

When turning your trimmer **ON**, be prepared for start-up torque. Always have a firm grasp of your trimmer before starting. Because of the high cutter speed rotation your trimmer has a tendency to twist, jerk, or grab in your hands during start-up. If not prepared, this can cause a loss of control resulting in possible serious injury.

## HOW TO OPERATE YOUR TRIMMER

**Before** starting your trimmer, unplug it and make sure cutter is securely tightened in collet and that depth of cut is properly set. **Never start trimmer while cutter is in contact with the workpiece.**

After completing a cut, pull cutter slightly away from cut surface. **Turn trimmer off** and **wait** for rotating cutter to completely stop before removing base from work surface.

Your trimmer is turned **on** by means of a slide switch located on top of the tool. Make a few cuts on a piece of scrap material to determine the desired depth or shape of cut. When cutting, fit the base of your trimmer over the work surface and firmly hold the body of your trimmer with your hand. Make sure the trimmer is running at full speed. For best results, move your trimmer from left to right, against the turning direction of the trimmer cutter. *See Figure 4.* Be sure not to move trimmer too rapidly.

Remain alert and watch what you are doing. **DO NOT** operate trimmer when fatigued or under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or any medication.

## FEED DIRECTION

When trimming, the cutter rotates clockwise. Therefore, you should feed the trimmer into the workpiece from left to right. When fed from left to right, the rotation of the cutter pulls the trimmer against the workpiece. If fed in the opposite direction, the rotation forces of the spinning cutter will tend to throw the trimmer away from the workpiece. This could cause loss of control of your trimmer.

## RATE OF FEED

**IMPORTANT:** The whole "secret" of professional trimming and edge shaping lies in making a careful set-up for the cut to be made and in selecting the proper rate of feed.

The proper rate of feed depends on several factors: the hardness and moisture content of the workpiece, the depth

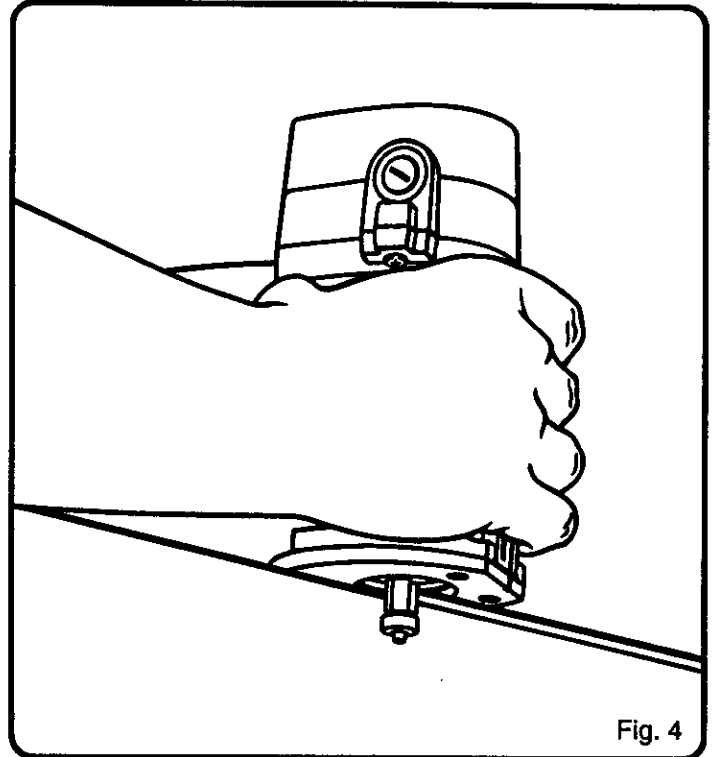


Fig. 4

of cut, and the cutting diameter of the cutter. When cutting shallow grooves in soft woods such as pine, a faster rate of feed can be used. When making cuts in hardwoods such as oak, a slower rate of feed will be required.

The best rate of feed is one that does not slow down the trimmer motor more than one-third of its no-load speed. If the trimmer is fed too fast, it will take large chips out of the wood and leave gouge marks. If the trimmer is fed too slow, it will scorch or burn the wood.

## PROPER FEEDING

The right feed is neither too fast nor too slow. It is the rate at which the cutter is being advanced firmly and surely to produce a continuous spiral of uniform chips or a smooth trim edge on laminate. If you are making a small diameter, shallow groove in soft, dry wood, the proper feed may be about as fast as you can travel your trimmer along your guide line. On the other hand, if the cutter is a large one, the cut is deep or the workpiece is hard to cut, the proper feed may be a very slow one. A cross-grain cut may require a slower pace than an identical with grain cut in the same workpiece.

There is no fixed rule. You will learn by experience from practice and use. The best rate of feed is determined by listening to the sound of the trimmer motor and by feeling the progress of each cut. Always test a cut on a scrap piece of the workpiece wood or laminate beforehand.

## BALL BEARING PILOTED BIT

*See Figure 4.*

Use of ball bearing piloted trimmer cutters provide a convenient method of laminate trimming. Guide the ball bearing surface along the edge of workpiece. Be careful to follow instructions for correct direction of feed.

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## FORCE FEEDING

Clean, smooth laminate trimming and edge shaping can be done only when the cutter is revolving at a relatively high speed and is taking very small bites to produce tiny, cleanly severed chips. If your trimmer is forced to move forward too fast, the speed of the cutter becomes slower than normal in relation to its forward movement. As a result, the cutter must take bigger bites as it revolves. "Bigger bites" mean bigger chips, and a rougher finish. Bigger chips also require more power, which could result in the trimmer motor becoming overloaded.

Under extreme force-feeding conditions the relative speed of the cutter can become so slow — and the bites it has to take so large — that chips will be partially knocked off (rather than fully cut off), with resulting splintering and gouging of the workpiece. See Figure 5.

Your trimmer is an extremely high-speed tool (23,000 RPM no-load speed), and will make clean, smooth cuts if allowed to run freely without the overload of a forced (too fast) feed. Three things that cause "force feeding" are cutter size, depth of cut, and workpiece characteristics. The larger the cutter or the deeper the cut, the more slowly the trimmer should be moved forward. If the wood is very hard, knotty, gummy or damp, the operation must be slowed still more.

You can always detect "force feeding" by the sound of the motor. Its high-pitched whine will sound lower and stronger as it loses speed. Also, the strain of holding the tool will be noticeably increased.

## TOO SLOW FEEDING

It is also possible to spoil a cut by moving the trimmer forward too slowly. When it is advanced into the work too slowly, a revolving cutter does not dig into new wood fast enough to take a bite; instead, it simply scrapes away sawdust-like particles. Scraping produces heat, which can glaze, burn, or mar the cut—in extreme cases, can even overheat the cutter so as to destroy its hardness. Dull cutters can also contribute to scraping and burning.

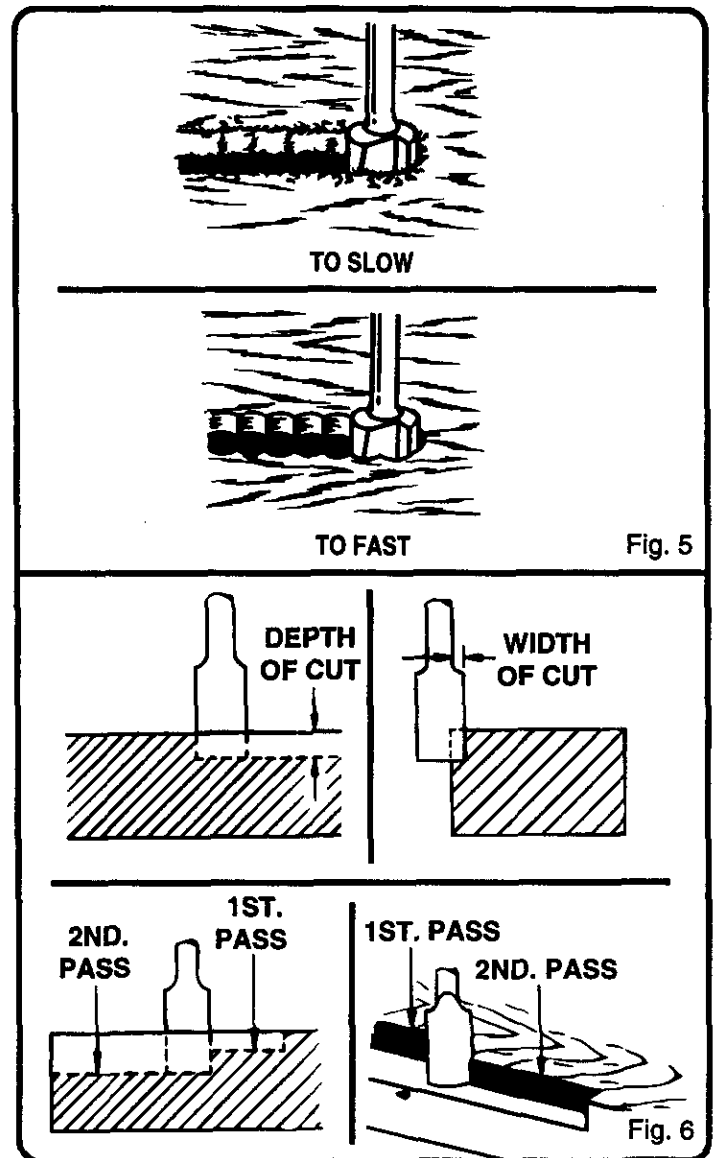
In addition, it is more difficult to control a trimmer when the cutter is scraping instead of cutting. With practically no load on the motor the cutter will be revolving at close to top RPM, and will have a much greater than normal tendency to bounce off the sides of the cut (especially, if the wood has a pronounced grain with hard and soft areas). As a result, the cut produced may have sides that are rippled instead of straight.

"Too-slow feeding" can also cause your trimmer to take off in a wrong direction from the intended line of cut. You can detect "too-slow feeding" by the high-pitched sound of the motor. **Always grasp and hold your trimmer firmly with both hands when trimming.**

## DEPTH OF CUT

See Figure 6.

As previously mentioned, the depth of cut is important because it affects the rate of feed which, in turn, affects the



quality of a cut (and, also, the possibility of damage to your trimmer motor and cutter). A deep cut requires a slower feed than a shallow one, and a too deep cut will cause you to slow the feed so much that the cutter is no longer cutting, it is scraping, instead.

Making a deep cut is never advisable. The smaller cutters — especially those only 1/16 in. in diameter — are easily broken off when subjected to too much side thrust. A large enough cutter may not be broken off, but if the cut is too deep a rough cut will result — and it may be very difficult to guide and control the cutter as desired. For these reasons, we recommend that you do not exceed 1/8 in. depth of cut in a single pass, regardless of the cutter size or the softness or condition of the workpiece. This will result in a higher quality cut.

To make deeper cuts it is therefore necessary to make as many successive passes as required, lowering the cutter 1/8 in. for each new pass. In order to save time, do all the cutting necessary at one depth setting, before lowering the cutter for the next pass. This will also assure a uniform depth when the final pass is completed.

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## WARNING:

If desired depth of cut is greater than can be safely cut in one pass, make cuts in two or three passes.

## DIRECTION OF FEED AND THRUST

See Figures 7 and 8.

The trimmer motor and cutter revolve in a clockwise direction. This gives the tool a slight tendency to twist (in your hands) in a counterclockwise direction, especially when the motor starts.

Because of the extremely high speed of cutter rotation during a "proper feeding" operation, there is very little kickback to contend with under normal conditions. However, should the cutter strike a knot, hard grain, foreign object, etc. that would affect the normal progress of the cutting action, there will be a slight kickback — sufficient to spoil the trueness of your cut if you are not prepared. Such a kickback is always in the direction opposite to the direction of cutter rotation.

To guard against such a kickback, plan your set-up and direction of feed so that you will always be thrusting the tool — to hold it against whatever you are using to guide the cut — in the same direction that the leading edge of the cutter is moving. In short, the thrust should be in a direction that keeps the sharp edges of the cutter continuously biting straight into new (uncut) wood.

## HELPFUL HINTS

- ✓ Always clamp workpiece securely before trimming.
- ✓ A safe operator is one who thinks ahead.
- ✓ Always wear eye protection when trimming.
- ✓ Make set-up adjustments carefully. Then double check. Measure twice and cut once.
- ✓ Keep cutters clean and properly sharpened.
- ✓ Don't let familiarity make you careless.
- ✓ Study all safety rules and do the job safely.
- ✓ **NEVER** place your hands in jeopardy.
- ✓ Make certain clamps can't loosen while in use.
- ✓ Test difficult set-ups on scrap — Don't waste lumber.
- ✓ Plan each operation before you begin.
- ✓ Provide for smoother operation by cleaning your trimmer frequently. Shake trimmer or blow with an air jet to remove sawdust build-up.
- ✓ **THINK SAFETY BY THINKING AHEAD.**

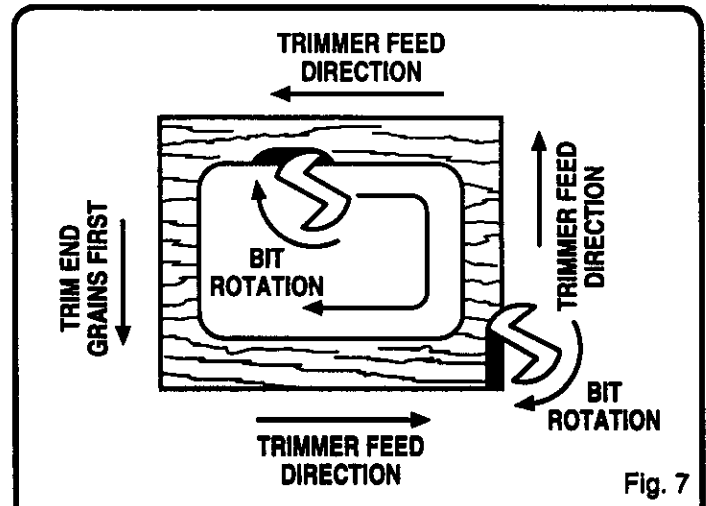


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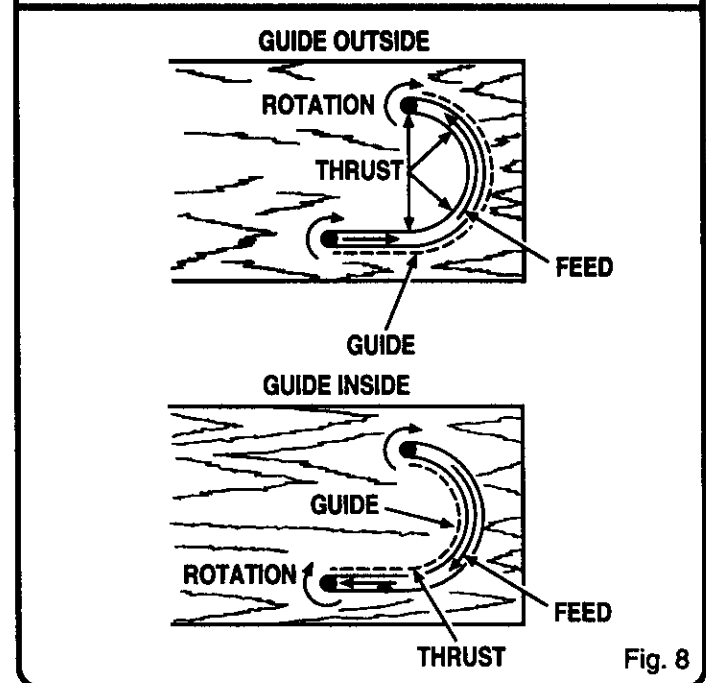


Fig. 8



# MAINTENANCE

## **! WARNING:**

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

## GENERAL

Only the parts shown on parts list, page 15 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.

## BRUSH REPLACEMENT

See Figure 9.

Your trimmer has externally accessible brush assemblies that should periodically be checked for wear. **Proceed as follows when replacement is required.**

### ■ UNPLUG YOUR TRIMMER.

## **! WARNING:**

Failure to unplug your trimmer could result in accidental starting causing serious injury.

- Remove brush cap with a flat blade screwdriver. Brush assembly is spring loaded and will pop out when you remove brush cap.
- Remove brush assembly (brush and spring).
- Check for wear. If worn, always replace in pairs. **DO NOT** replace one side without replacing the other.
- Reassemble using new brush assemblies. Make sure curvature of brush matches curvature of motor and that brush moves freely in brush tube.
- Make sure brush cap is oriented correctly (straight) and replace.
- Tighten brush cap securely. **DO NOT** over torque.

When electric tools are used on fiberglass boats, sports cars, wallboard, spackling compounds, or plaster, it has been found that they are subject to accelerated wear and possible premature failure, as the fiberglass chips and grindings are highly abrasive to 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.

## PROPER CARE OF CUTTERS

Get faster more accurate cutting results by keeping cutters clean and sharp. Remove all accumulated pitch and gum from cutters after each use.

When sharpening cutters, sharpen only the inside of the cutting edge. Never grind the outside diameter. Be sure when sharpening the end of a cutter to grind the clearance angle the same as originally ground.

## PROPER CARE OF COLLET

From time to time, it also becomes necessary to clean your collet and collet nut. To do so, simply remove collet nut from collet and clean the dust and chips that have collected. Then return collet nut to its original position.

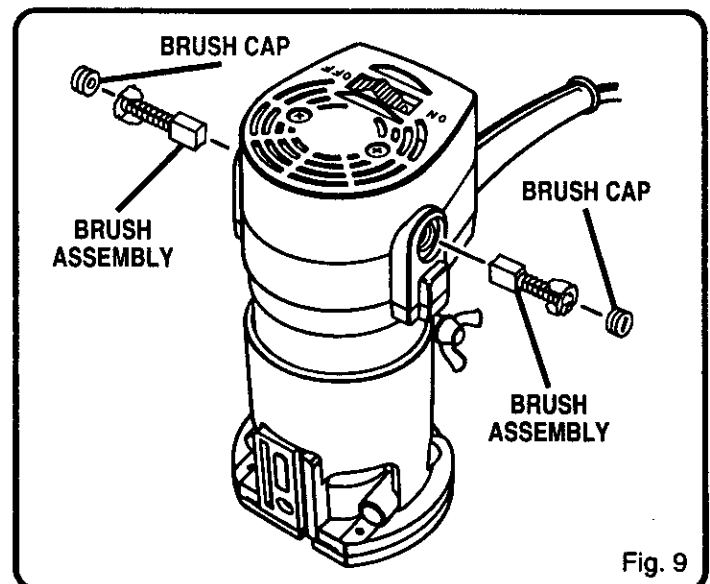
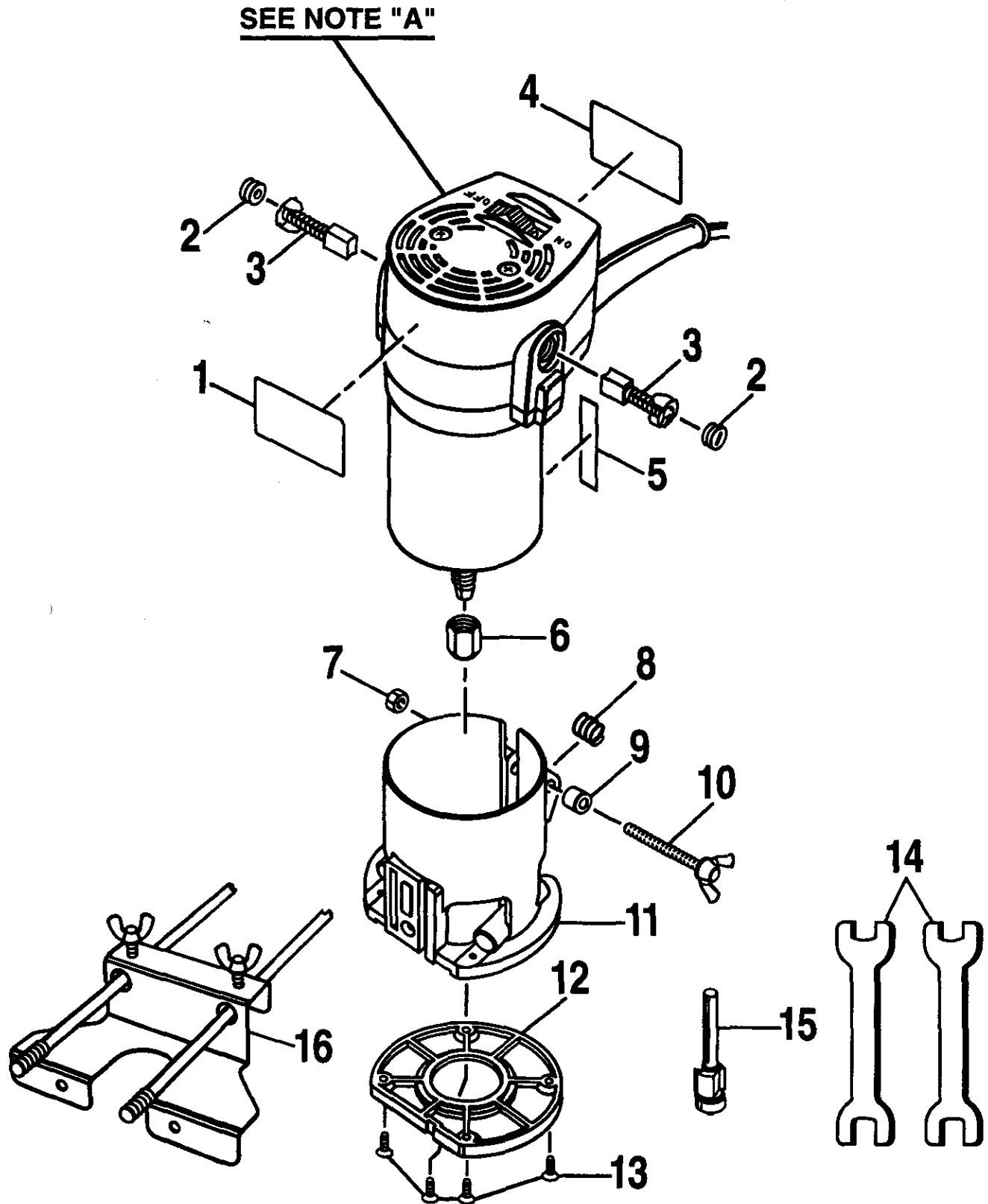


Fig. 9

CRAFTSMAN INDUSTRIAL LAMINATE TRIMMER – MODEL NUMBER 315.275120



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

**SEE BACK PAGE FOR PARTS ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS**

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8	974115-001	Compression Spring .....	1
9	662932-001	Spacer .....	1
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12	063600-722	Subbase .....	1
13	622210-039	* Screw (#8-32 x 3/8 in. Fil. Hd. T.C.) .....	4
14	975096-001	Wrench .....	2
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