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Intended use

Your Stanley Fat Max FME301 circular saw has been designed for sawing wood and wood products. This tool is intended for professional and private, non professional users.

Safety instructions

General power tool safety warnings



Warning! Read all safety warnings and all instructions. Failure to follow the warnings and instructions listed below may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injur.

Save all warnings and instructions for future reference. The term "power tool" in all of the warnings listed below refers to your mains operated (corded) power tool or battery operated (cordless) power tool.

- 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
- 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 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.
- e. 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.
- 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 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.
- b. Use personal protective equipment. Always wear eye protection. Protective equipment such as dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat, 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.
- 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 power tool or these instructions to operate the power tool. Power tools are dangerous in the hands of untrained users.

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- e. Maintain power tools. Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts and any other condition that may affect the power tools operation. If damaged, have the power tool repaired before use. Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained power 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. Service
- 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.
- Power to tool should always be supplied via resident current device with a rated residual current of 30mA or less.

Additional power tool safety warnings



Warning! Safety instructions for all saws

Cutting procedures

- a. Keep hands away from cutting area and the blade. Keep your second hand on auxiliary handle, or motor housing. If both hands are holding the saw, they cannot be cut by the blade.
- b. Do not reach underneath the workpiece. The guard cannot protect you from the blade below the workpiece.
- c. Adjust the cutting depth to the thickness of the workpiece. Less than a full tooth of the blade teeth should be visible below the workpiece.
- d. Never hold piece being cut in your hands or across your leg. Secure the workpiece to a stable platform. It is important to support the work properly to minimize body exposure, blade binding, or loss of control.
- e. Hold the power tool by insulated gripping surfaces only, when performing an operation where the cutting tool may contact hidden wiring or its own cord. Contact with a "live" wire will also make exposed metal parts of the power tool "live" and could give the operator an electric shock.
- f. When ripping, always use a rip fence or straight edge guide. This improves the accuracy of cut and reduces the chance of blade binding.
- g. Always use blades with correct size and shape (diamond versus round) of arbour holes. Blades that do not match the mounting hardware of the saw will run eccentrically, causing loss of control.

h. Never use damaged or incorrect blade washers or bolt. The blade washers and bolt were specially designed for your saw, for optimum performance and safety of operation.

Further safety instructions for all saws

Kickback causes and related warnings

- kickback is a sudden reaction to a pinched, bound or misaligned saw blade, causing an uncontrolled saw to lift up and out of the workpiece toward the operator;
- when the blade is pinched or bound tightly by the kerf closing down, the blade stalls and the motor reaction drives the unit rapidly back toward the operator;
- if the blade becomes twisted or misaligned in the cut, the teeth at the back edge of the blade can dig into the top surface of the wood causing the blade to climb out of the kerf and jump back toward the operator.

Kickback is the result of saw misuse and/or incorrect operating procedures or conditions and can be avoided by taking proper precautions as given below.

- a. Maintain a firm grip with both hands on the saw and position your arms to resist kickback forces. Position your body to either side of the blade, but not in line with the blade. Kickback could cause the saw to jump backwards, but kickback forces can be controlled by the operator, if proper precautions are taken.
- b. When blade is binding, or when interrupting a cut for any reason, release the trigger and hold the saw motionless in the material until the blade comes to a complete stop. Never attempt to remove the saw from the work or pull the saw backward while the blade is in motion or kickback may occur. Investigate and take corrective actions to eliminate the cause of blade binding.
- c. When restarting a saw in the workpiece, centre the saw blade in the kerf and check that saw teeth are not engaged into the material. If saw blade is binding, it may walk up or kickback from the workpiece as the saw is restarted.
- d. Support large panels to minimise the risk of blade pinching and kickback. Large panels tend to sag under their own weight. Supports must be placed under the panel on both sides, near the line of cut and near the edge of the panel.
- e. Do not use dull or damaged blades. Unsharpened or improperly set blades produce narrow kerf causing excessive friction, blade binding and kickback.
- f. Blade depth and bevel adjusting locking levers must be tight and secure before making cut. If blade adjustment shifts while cutting, it may cause binding and kickback.
- Use extra caution when sawing into existing walls or other blind areas. The protruding blade may cut objects that can cause kickback.

Lower guard function

- a. Check lower guard for proper closing before each use. Do not operate the saw if lower guard does not move freely and close instantly. Never clamp or tie the lower guard into the open position. If saw is accidentally dropped, lower guard may be bent. Raise the lower guard with the retracting handle and make sure it moves freely and does not touch the blade or any other part, in all angles and depths of cut.
- b. Check the operation of the lower guard spring. If the guard and the spring are not operating properly, they must be serviced before use. Lower guard may operate sluggishly due to damaged parts, gummy deposits, or a build-up of debris.
- c. Lower guard may be retracted manually only for special cuts such as "plunge cuts" and "compound cuts". Raise lower guard by retracting handle and as soon as blade enters the material, the lower guard must be released. For all other sawing, the lower guard should operate automatically.
- d. Always observe that the lower guard is covering the blade before placing saw down on bench or floor. An unprotected, coasting blade will cause the saw to walk backwards, cutting whatever is in its path. Be aware of the time it takes for the blade to stop after switch is released.

Residual risks.

Additional residual risks may arise when using the tool which may not be included in the enclosed safety warnings. These risks can arise from misuse, prolonged use etc.

Even with the application of the relevant safety regulations and the implementation of safety devices, certain residual risks can not be avoided. These include:

- Injuries caused by touching any rotating/moving parts.
- Injuries caused when changing any parts, blades or accessories.
- Injuries caused by prolonged use of a tool. When using any tool for prolonged periods ensure you take regular breaks.
- Impairment of hearing.
- Health hazards caused by breathing dust developed when using your tool (example:- working with wood, especially oak, beech and MDF.)

Saw blades

- Do not use blades of larger or smaller diameter than recommended. For the proper blade rating refer to the technical data. Use only the blades specified in this manual, complying with EN 847-1.
- Warning! Never use abrasive wheels.

Safety of others

- This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.
- Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.

Vibration

The declared vibration emission values stated in the technical data and the declaration of conformity have been measured in accordance with a standard test method provided by EN 60745 and may be used for comparing one tool with another. The declared vibration emission value may also be used in a preliminary assessment of exposure.

Warning! The vibration emission value during actual use of the power tool can differ from the declared value depending on the ways in which the tool is used. The vibration level may increase above the level stated.

When assessing vibration exposure to determine safety measures required by 2002/44/EC to protect persons regularly using power tools in employment, an estimation of vibration exposure should consider, the actual conditions of use and the way the tool is used, including 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.

Labels on tool

The following symbols, along with the date code, are shown on the tool:



Warning! To reduce the risk of injury, the user must read the instruction manual.

Electrical safety



This tool is double insulated; therefore no earth wire is required. Always check that the power supply corresponds to the voltage on the rating plate.

 If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer or an authorised Stanley Fat Max Service Centre in order to avoid a hazard.

Features

This tool includes some or all of the following features.

- 1. On/off switch
- 2. Lock-off button
- 3. Main handle
- 4. Secondary handle

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- 5. Spindle lock button
- 6. Shoe
- 7. Saw blade
- 8. Saw blade guard
- 9. Guard handle
- 10. Saw dust outlet

Assembly

Warning! Before attempting any of the following operations, make sure that the tool is switched off and unplugged and that the saw blade has stopped.

Removing and fitting a saw blade (fig A)

Removing

- Keep the spindle lock button (5) depressed and rotate the blade until the spindle lock engages.
- Loosen and remove the blade retaining screw (11) by turning it counterclockwise using the spanner (12) supplied.
- Remove the outer washer (13).
- Remove the saw blade (7).

Fitting

- Place the saw blade onto the inner flange (14), making sure that the arrow on the blade points in the same direction as the arrow on the tool.
- Fit the outer washer (13) on the spindle, with the raised part pointing away from the saw blade.
- Insert the blade retaining screw (11) into the hole.
- Keep the spindle lock button (5) depressed.
- Securely tighten the blade retaining screw by turning it clockwise using the spanner (12) supplied.

Fitting and removing the parallel fence (fig. B

 The parallel fence is used to saw in a straight line parellel to the edge of the workpiece.

Fitting

- Loosen the locking knob (16).
- Insert the parallel fence (17) through the openings (18).
- Slide the parallel fence into the desired position.
- Tighten the locking knob.

Removing

- Loosen the locking knob.
- Pull the parallel fence off the tool.

Use

Warning! Let the tool work at its own pace. Do not overload. This tool can be used in the right hand or the left hand.

Adjusting the sawing angle (fig. C

- Use a square to check that the angle between the saw blade and the shoe is 90°. If the angle does not measure 90° adjust as follows:
- Loosen the locking knob (19) to unlock the saw shoe.
- Loosen the locknut (20) on the adjusting screw (21).
- Screw the adjusting screw in or out to achieve a 90o angle.
- Retighten the locknut.
- Tighten the locking knob to lock the saw shoe in place.

Adjusting the depth of cut (fig. D

The depth of cut should be set according to the thickness of the workpiece. It should exceed the thickness by approx. 2 mm.

- Loosen the knob (20) to unlock the saw shoe.
- Move the saw shoe (6) into the desired position. The corresponding depth of cut can be read from the scale (21).
- Tighten the knob to lock the saw shoe in place.

Adjusting the bevel angle (fig. E

This tool can be set to bevel angles between 0° and $45^{\circ}.$

- Loosen the locking knob (19) to unlock the saw shoe.
- Move the saw shoe (6) into the desired position. The corresponding bevel angle can be read from the scale (24).
- Tighten the locking knob to lock the saw shoe in place.

Switching on and off

- To switch the tool on, move the lock-off button (2) into the unlock position and squeeze the on/off switch (1).
- To switch the tool off, release the on/off switch.

Sawing

Always hold the tool with both hands.

- Let the blade run freely for a few seconds before starting the cut.
- Apply only a gentle pressure to the tool while performing the cut.
- Work with the shoe pressed against the workpiece.

Note: Take care not to allow the blade tips to overheat.

Using the sight guide (fig. F

The tool is equipped with a sight guide for straight cutting (25).

- Adjust the sight guide as described below.
- Align the left edge of the guides (25) with the cutting line (26).

Dust extraction

An adaptor is required to connect a vacuum cleaner or dust extractor to the tool.

- Insert the dust extraction adaptor into the saw dust outlet (10).
- Connect the vacuum cleaner hose to the adaptor.

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Hints for optimum use

- Always use the appropriate type of saw blade for the workpiece material and type of cut.
- Always hold the tool with both hands.
- Let the blade run freely for a few seconds before starting the cut.
- Apply only a gentle pressure to the tool while performing the cut.
- Work with the shoe pressed against the workpiece.
- As some splintering along the line of cut on the top side of the workpiece cannot be avoided, cut on the side where splintering is acceptable.
- Where splintering is to be minimised, e.g. when cutting laminates, clamp a piece of plywood onto the top of the workpiece.
- Support large panels to minimize the risk of blade pinching and kickback. Large panels tend to sag under their own weight.
- Supports must be placed under the panel on both sides, near the line of cut and near the edge of the panel being cut.
- Never hold piece being cut in your hands or across your leg.
- Secure the workpiece to a stable platform using clamps. It is important to support the work properly to minimize body exposure, blade binding, or loss of control.

Maintenance

Your Stanley FatMax corded/cordless appliance/tool has been designed to operate over a long period of time with a minimum of maintenance. Continuous satisfactory operation depends upon proper tool care and regular cleaning.

Warning! Before performing any maintenance on corded/ cordless power tools:

- Switch off and unplug the appliance/tool.
- Or switch off and remove the battery from the appliance/ tool if the appliance/tool has a separate battery pack.
- Or run the battery down completely if it is integral and then switch off.
- Unplug the charger before cleaning it. Your charger does not require any maintenance apart from regular cleaning.
- Regularly clean the ventilation slots in your appliance/tool/ charger using a soft brush or dry cloth.
- Regularly clean the motor housing using a damp cloth. Do not use any abrasive or solvent-based cleaner.
- Regularly open the chuck and tap it to remove any dust from the interior (when fitted)

Mains plug replacement (U.K. & Ireland only)

If a new mains plug needs to be fitted

Safely dispose of the old plug.

- Connect the brown lead to the live terminal in the new plug.
- Connect the blue lead to the neutral terminal.

Warning! No connection is to be made to the earth terminal. Follow the fitting instructions supplied with good quality plugs Recommended fuse: 13 A.

Protecting the environment



Separate collection. Products and batteries marked with this symbol must not be disposed of with normal household waste.

Products and batteries contain materials that can be recovered or recycled, reducing demand for raw materials. Please recycle electrical products and batteries according to local provisions. Further information is available at www.2helpU.com

Technical data

		FME301
Input voltage	V _{Ac}	230
Power input	W	1650
No-load speed	Min	5500
Max. depth of cut	mm	66
Blade diameter	mm	190
Blade bore	mm	16
Blade tip width	mm	1.8
Weight	kg	3.9 (4.31 with blade)

Level of sound pressure according to EN 60745:

Sound pressure (L_s) 89,0 dB(A), uncertainty (K) 3 dB(A)

Sound power (L_{au}) 100 dB(A), uncertainty (K) 3 dB(A)

Vibration total values (triax vector sum) according to EN 60745:

Vibration emission value $(a_{\rm h,w})$ 2.6 m/s², uncertainty (K) 1.5 m/s² (cutting wood)

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