

WARNING:

1 PERSON BATTERY POWERED POST HOLE AUGER

Any piece of equipment can be dangerous if not operated properly. **YOU** are responsible for the safe operation of this equipment. The operator must carefully read and follow any warnings, safety signs and instructions provided with or located on the equipment. Do not remove, defeat, deface or render inoperable any of the safety devices or warnings on this equipment. If any safety devices or warnings have been removed, defeated, defaced, or rendered inoperable, **DO NOT USE THIS EQUIPMENT!!!**

 **WARNING:** Lithium-ion Batteries and/or products that contain Lithium-ion Batteries can expose you to chemicals including cobalt lithium nickel oxide, and nickel, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information, go to www.P65warnings.ca.gov

Always maintain a safe distance from the auger and other rotating parts.

CORDLESS EARTH AUGER SAFETY WARNINGS

- 1. Hold the tool with both hands at the intended handles.** Loss of control can cause personal injury.
- 2. Brace the tool properly before use.** This tool produces a high output torque and without properly bracing the tool during operation, loss of control may occur resulting in personal injury.
- 3. Hold the power tool by insulated gripping surfaces, when performing an operation where the digging accessory may contact hidden wiring.** Digging accessory contacting a "live" wire may make exposed metal parts of the power tool "live" and could give the operator an electric shock.
- 4. Never operate at higher speed than the maximum speed rating of the earth augering bit.** At higher speeds, the bit is likely to bend if allowed to rotate freely without contacting the workpiece, resulting in personal injury.
- 5. Always start earth augering at low speed and with the earth augering tip in contact with the ground.** At higher speeds, the bit is likely to bend if allowed to rotate freely without contacting the ground, resulting in personal injury.
- 6. Apply pressure only in direct line with the bit and do not apply excessive pressure.** Bits can bend causing breakage or loss of control, resulting in personal injury.
- 7. The outside diameter of the auger bit must be within the drilling capacity specified in this instruction manual.** Incorrectly sized auger bit cannot be adequately controlled.
- 8. Always be sure you have a firm footing. Be sure no one is below when using the tool in high locations.**
- 9. Hold the tool firmly.**
- 10. Keep hands away from rotating parts.**
- 11. Do not leave the tool running. Operate the tool only when hand-held.**
- 12. Do not touch the auger bit immediately after operation; it may be extremely hot and could burn your skin.**
- 13. Some material contains chemicals which may be toxic. Take caution to prevent dust inhalation and skin contact. Follow material supplier safety data.**

14. **If the auger bit cannot be loosened even you remove the auger pin, use pliers to pull it out.** In such a case, pulling out the auger bit by hand may result in injury by its sharp edge.
15. **If something wrong with the tool such as abnormal sounds, stop operating immediately and ask your local Makita Service Center for repair.**
16. *Before operation, make sure that there is no buried object such as electric pipe, water pipe or gas pipe in the ground. Otherwise, the tool may touch them, resulting an electric shock, electrical leakage, or gas leak.*

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR BATTERY CARTRIDGE

1. **Before using battery cartridge, read all instructions and cautionary markings on (1) battery charger, (2) battery, and (3) product using battery.**
2. **Do not disassemble or tamper the battery cartridge.** It may result in a fire, excessive heat, or explosion.
3. **If operating time has become excessively shorter, stop operating immediately. It may result in a risk of overheating, possible burns and even an explosion.**
4. **If electrolyte gets into your eyes, rinse them out with clear water and seek medical attention right away. It may result in loss of your eyesight.**
5. **Do not short the battery cartridge:**
 - (1) **Do not touch the terminals with any conductive material.**
 - (2) **Avoid storing battery cartridge in a container with other metal objects such as nails, coins, etc.**
 - (3) **Do not expose battery cartridge to water or rain. A battery short can cause a large current flow, overheating, possible burns and even a breakdown.**
6. **Do not store and use the tool and battery cartridge in locations where the temperature may reach or exceed 122 °F.**
7. **Do not incinerate the battery cartridge even if it is severely damaged or is completely worn out. The battery cartridge can explode in a fire.**
8. **Do not nail, cut, crush, throw, drop the battery cartridge, or hit against a hard object to the battery cartridge.** Such conduct may result in a fire, excessive heat, or explosion.
9. **Do not use a damaged battery.**
10. **The contained lithium-ion batteries are subject to the Dangerous Goods Legislation requirements.** For commercial transports e.g. by third parties, forwarding agents, special requirement on packaging and labeling must be observed. For preparation of the item being shipped, consulting an expert for hazardous material is required. Please also observe possibly more detailed national regulations. Tape or mask off open contacts and pack up the battery in such a manner that it cannot move around in the packaging.
11. **When disposing the battery cartridge, remove it from the tool and dispose of it in a safe place. Follow your local regulations relating to disposal of battery.**
12. **Use the batteries only with the products specified by Makita.** Installing the batteries to non-compliant products may result in a fire, excessive heat, explosion, or leak of electrolyte.
13. **If the tool is not used for a long period of time, the battery must be removed from the tool.**
14. **During and after use, the battery cartridge may take on heat which can cause burns or low temperature burns. Pay attention to the handling of hot battery cartridges.**

15. **Do not touch the terminal of the tool immediately after use as it may get hot enough to cause burns.**

16. **Do not allow chips, dust, or soil stuck into the terminals, holes, and grooves of the battery cartridge.** It may result in poor performance or breakdown of the tool or battery cartridge.

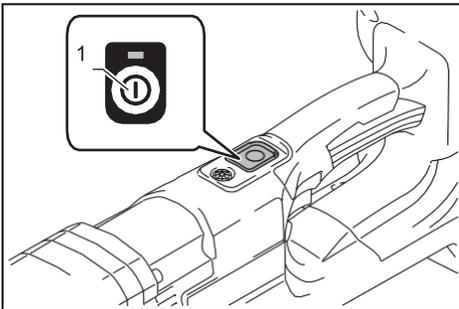
17. **Unless the tool supports the use near high-voltage electrical power lines, do not use the battery cartridge near high-voltage electrical power lines.** It may result in a malfunction or breakdown of the tool or battery cartridge.

18. **Keep the battery away from children.**

MAIN POWER SWITCH

⚠ WARNING: Always turn off the main power switch when not in use.

To stand by the tool, press the main power button until the main power lamp lights up. To turn off, press the main power button again.

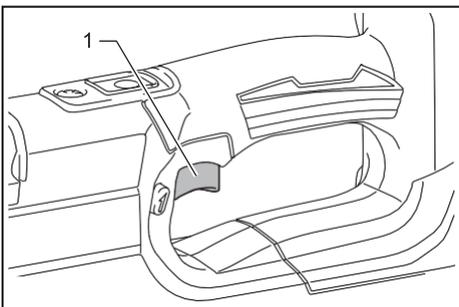


► **1. Main power button**

NOTE: This tool employs the auto power-off function. To avoid unintentional, start up, the main power switch will automatically shut down when the switch trigger is not pulled for a certain period after the main power switch is turned on.

SWITCH ACTION

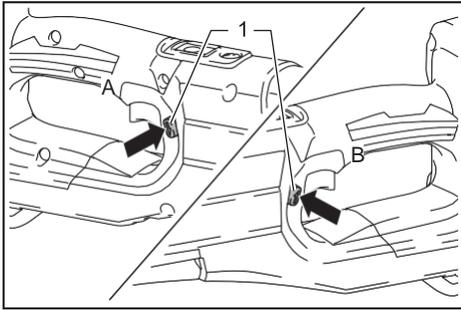
⚠ CAUTION: Before installing the battery cartridge into the tool, always check to see that the switch trigger actuates properly and returns to the "OFF" position when released.



► **1. Switch trigger**

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

NOTE: The tool automatically stops if you keep pulling the switch trigger for about 6 minutes.



► **1. Reversing switch lever**

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

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

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

This tool has a reversing switch to change the direction of rotation. Depress the reversing switch lever from the A side for clockwise rotation or from the B side for counterclockwise rotation. When the reversing switch lever is in the neutral position, the switch lever cannot be pulled.

If the person receiving this handout will not be the user of the equipment, forward these instructions to the operator. If there is any doubt as to the operation or safety of the equipment, **DO NOT USE!!! CALL A TOOL SHED IMMEDIATELY!!! FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH**