



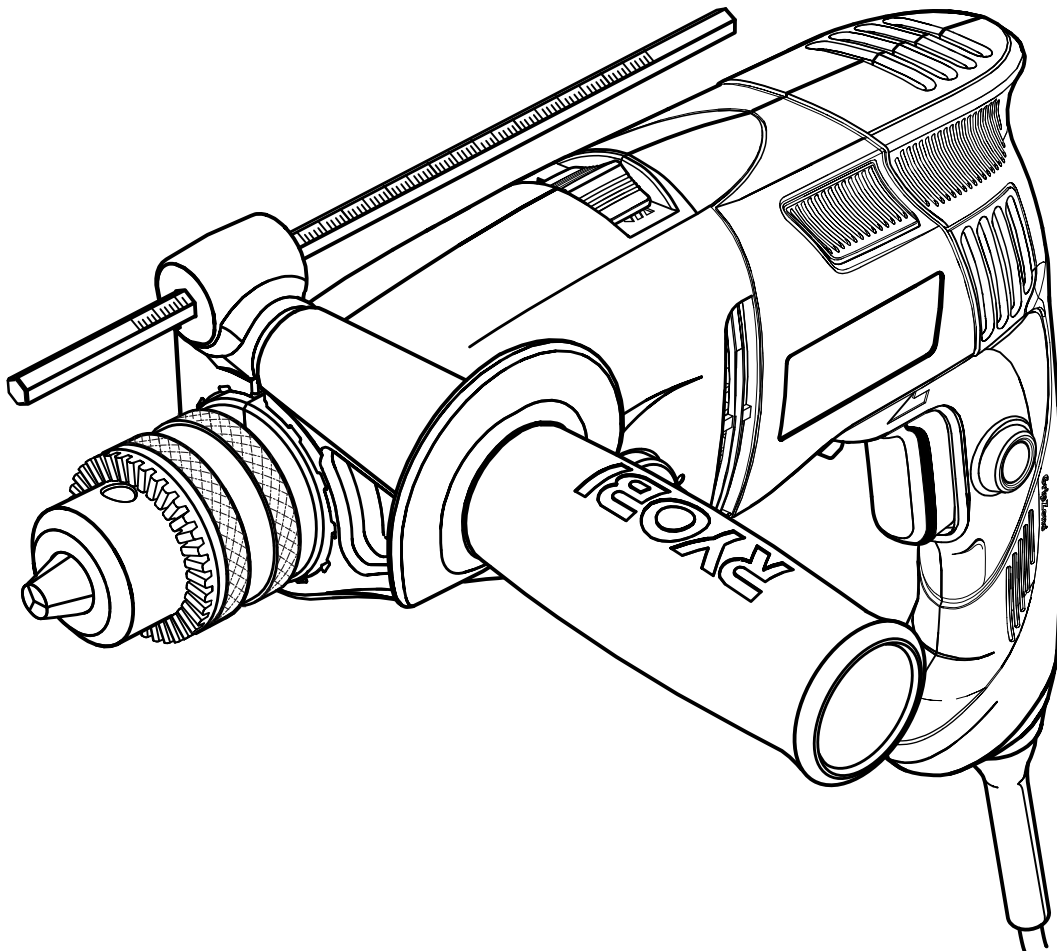
OPERATOR'S MANUAL

1/2 in. HAMMER DRILL

TWO-SPEED/REVERSIBLE

DOUBLE INSULATED

D552H



Your hammer drill has been engineered and manufactured to our high standard for dependability, ease of operation, and operator safety. When properly cared for, it will give you years of rugged, trouble-free performance.

WARNING: To reduce the risk of injury, the user must read and understand the operator's manual before using this product.

Thank you for your purchase.

SAVE THIS MANUAL FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

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INTRODUCTION

This product has many features for making its use more pleasant and enjoyable. Safety, performance, and dependability have been given top priority in the design of this product making it easy to maintain and operate.

WARRANTY

RYOBI® POWER TOOL - LIMITED TWO YEAR WARRANTY AND 30 DAY EXCHANGE POLICY

One World Technologies, Inc., warrants its RYOBI® power tools with the following conditions:

30-DAY EXCHANGE POLICY: During the first 30 days after date of purchase, you may either request service under this warranty or you may exchange any RYOBI® power tool which does not work properly due to defective workmanship or materials by returning the power tool to the dealer from which it was purchased. To receive a replacement power tool or requested warranty service, you must present proof of purchase and return all original equipment packaged with the original product. The replacement power tool will be covered by the limited warranty for the balance of the two year period from the date of the original purchase.

WHAT THIS WARRANTY COVERS: This warranty covers all defects in workmanship or materials in your RYOBI® power tool for a period of two years from the date of purchase. With the exception of batteries, power tool accessories are warranted for ninety (90) days. Batteries are warranted for two years.

HOW TO GET SERVICE: Just return the power tool, properly packaged and postage prepaid, to an Authorized Service Center. You can obtain the location of the Service Center nearest you by contacting a service representative at One World Technologies, Inc., P.O. Box 1207, Anderson, SC 29622-1207, by calling 1-800-525-2579 or by logging on to www.ryobitools.com. When you request warranty service, you must also present proof of purchase documentation, which includes the date of purchase (for example, a bill of sale). We will repair any faulty workmanship, and either repair or replace any defective part, at our option. We will do so without any charge to you. We will complete the work in a reasonable time, but, in any case, within ninety (90) days or less.

WHAT'S NOT COVERED: This warranty applies only to the original purchaser at retail and may not be transferred. This warranty only covers defects arising under normal usage and does not cover any malfunction, failure or defects resulting from misuse, abuse, neglect, alteration, modification or repairs by other than Authorized Service Centers. One World Technologies, Inc. makes no warranties, representations or promises as to the quality or performance of its power tools other than those specifically stated in this warranty.

ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS: Any implied warranties granted under state law, including warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, are limited to two years from the date of purchase. One World Technologies, Inc. is not responsible for direct, indirect, or incidental damages, so the above limitations and exclusions may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

GENERAL SAFETY RULES



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 all of the warnings listed below refers to your mains-operated (corded) power tool or battery-operated (cordless) power tool.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

WORK AREA SAFETY

- **Keep work area clean and well lit.** Cluttered or dark areas invite accidents.
- **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.
- **Keep children and bystanders away while operating a power tool.** Distractions can cause you to lose control.

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.
- **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.
- **Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions.** Water entering a power tool will increase the risk of electric shock.
- **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.
- **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.

PERSONAL SAFETY

- **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.
- **Use safety equipment. Always wear eye protection.** Safety equipment such as dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injuries.
- **Avoid accidental starting. Ensure the switch is in the off-position before plugging in.** Carrying power tools with your finger on the switch or plugging in power tools that have the switch on invites accidents.

- **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.
- **Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. Keep your hair, clothing and gloves away from moving parts.** Loose clothes, jewelry or long hair can be caught in moving parts.
- **If devices are provided for the connection of dust extraction and collection facilities, ensure these are connected and properly used.** Use of these devices can reduce dust-related hazards.
- **Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. Contain long hair.** Loose clothes, jewelry, or long hair can be drawn into air vents.
- **Do not use on a ladder or unstable support.** Stable footing on a solid surface enables better control of the power tool in unexpected situations.

POWER TOOL USE AND CARE

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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 power tools.
- **Keep cutting tools sharp and clean.** Properly maintained cutting tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.
- **Use the power tool, accessories and tool bits etc., in accordance with these instructions and in the manner intended for the particular type of power tool, 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.

GENERAL SAFETY RULES

SERVICE

- **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.



WARNING!

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

- **When servicing a power 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 shock or injury.

SPECIFIC SAFETY RULES

- **Wear ear protectors with impact drills.** Exposure to noise can cause hearing loss.
- **Use auxiliary handles supplied with the tool.** Loss of control can cause personal injury.
- **Hold power tools 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.
- **Know your power tool. Read operator’s manual carefully. Learn its applications and limitations, as well as the specific potential hazards related to this power tool.** Following this rule will reduce the risk of electric shock, fire, or serious injury.
- **Always wear safety glasses. Everyday eyeglasses have only impact-resistant lenses; they are NOT safety glasses.** Following this rule will reduce the risk of serious personal injury.
- **Protect your lungs. Wear a face or dust mask if the operation is dusty.** Following this rule will reduce the risk of serious personal injury.
- **Protect your hearing. Wear hearing protection during extended periods of operation.** Following this rule will reduce the risk of serious personal injury.
- **Inspect power tool cords periodically and, if damaged, have repaired at your nearest Authorized Service Center. Constantly stay aware of cord location.** Following this rule will reduce the risk of electric shock or fire.
- **Check damaged parts. Before further use of the power 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.** Following this rule will reduce the risk of shock, fire, or serious injury.
- **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. A wire gauge size (A.W.G.) of at least 14 is recommended for an extension cord 50 feet or less in length. A cord exceeding 100 feet is not recommended. If in doubt, use the next heavier gauge. The smaller the gauge number, the heavier the cord.** An undersized cord will cause a drop in line voltage resulting in loss of power and overheating.
- **Inspect for and remove all nails from lumber before using this power tool.** Following this rule will reduce the risk of serious personal injury.
- **If the power supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced only by the manufacturer or by an authorized service center to avoid risk.**
- **Save these instructions.** Refer to them frequently and use them to instruct others who may use this power tool. If you loan someone this power tool, loan them these instructions also.

SYMBOLS

Some of the following symbols may be used on this tool. Please study them and learn their meaning. Proper interpretation of these symbols will allow you to operate the tool better and safer.

SYMBOL	NAME	DESIGNATION/EXPLANATION
V	Volts	Voltage
A	Amperes	Current
Hz	Hertz	Frequency (cycles per second)
W	Watt	Power
min	Minutes	Time
~	Alternating Current	Type of current
≡	Direct Current	Type or a characteristic of current
n_0	No Load Speed	Rotational speed, at no load
	Class II Tool	Double-insulated construction
.../min	Per Minute	Revolutions, strokes, surface speed, orbits etc., per minute
	Wet Conditions Alert	Do not expose to rain or use in damp locations.
	Read The Operator's Manual	To reduce the risk of injury, user must read and understand operator's manual before using this product.
	Eye Protection	Always wear safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields and, as necessary, a full face shield when operating this product.
	Safety Alert	Precautions that involve your safety.
	No Hands Symbol	Failure to keep your hands away from the blade will result in serious personal injury.
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	Hot Surface	To reduce the risk of injury or damage, avoid contact with any hot surface.

SYMBOLS

The following signal words and meanings are intended to explain the levels of risk associated with this product.

SYMBOL	SIGNAL	MEANING
	DANGER:	Indicates an imminently hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
	WARNING:	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
	CAUTION:	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.
	CAUTION:	(Without Safety Alert Symbol) Indicates a situation that may result in property damage.

SERVICE

Servicing requires extreme care and knowledge and should be performed only by a qualified service technician. For service we suggest you return the product to the nearest **AUTHORIZED SERVICE CENTER** for repair. When servicing, use only identical replacement parts.



WARNING:

To avoid serious personal injury, do not attempt to use this product until you read thoroughly and understand completely the operator's manual. If you do not understand the warnings and instructions in the operator's manual, do not use this product. Call Ryobi customer service for assistance.



WARNING:



The operation of any power tool 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, when needed, a full face shield. We recommend Wide Vision Safety Mask for use over eyeglasses or standard safety glasses with side shields. Always use eye protection which is marked to comply with ANSI Z87.1.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

ELECTRICAL

DOUBLE INSULATION

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 the internal metal motor components with protecting insulation. Double insulated tools do not need to be grounded.



WARNING:

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

NOTE: 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 authorized service center for repair. Always use original factory replacement parts when servicing.

ELECTRICAL CONNECTION

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

EXTENSION CORDS

When using a power tool at a considerable distance from a power source, be sure to use an extension cord that has the capacity to handle the current the tool will draw. An undersized cord will cause a drop in line voltage, resulting in overheating and loss of power. Use the chart to determine the minimum wire size required in an extension cord. Only round jacketed cords listed by Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) should be used.

When working outdoors with a tool, use an extension cord that is designed for outside use. This type of cord is designated with "WA" on the cord's jacket.

Before using any extension cord, inspect it for loose or exposed wires and cut or worn insulation.

**Ampere rating (on tool data plate)

		0-2.0	2.1-3.4	3.5-5.0	5.1-7.0	7.1-12.0	12.1-16.0
Cord Length		Wire Size (A.W.G.)					
25'	16	16	16	16	14	14	
50'	16	16	16	14	14	12	
100'	16	16	14	12	10	—	

**Used on 12 gauge - 20 amp circuit.

NOTE: AWG = American Wire Gauge



WARNING:

Keep the extension cord clear of the working area. Position the cord so that it will not get caught on lumber, tools or other obstructions while you are working with a power tool. Failure to do so can result in serious personal injury.



WARNING:

Check extension cords before each use. If damaged replace immediately. Never use tool with a damaged cord since touching the damaged area could cause electrical shock resulting in serious injury.

FEATURES

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Chuck Capacity 1/2 in.
Switch..... VSR (Variable Speed Reversible)
Blows Per Minute 0-17,000/0-51,000 BPM

No Load Speed 0-1,000/0-3,000 r/min. (RPM)
Input 120 V, AC only, 60 Hz, 5.5 Amps
Net Weight..... 6.25 lbs.

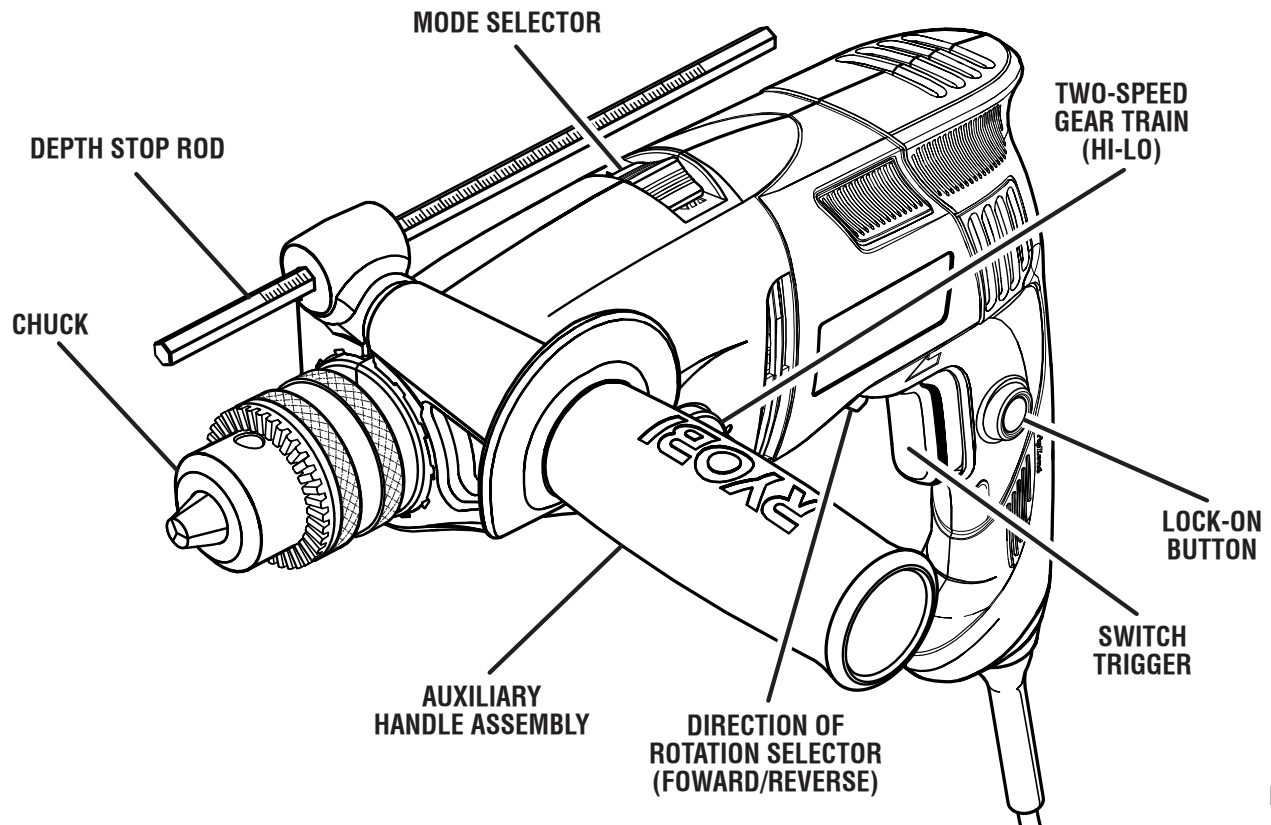


Fig. 1

KNOW YOUR HAMMER DRILL

See Figure 1.

The safe use of this product requires an understanding of the information on the tool and in this operator's manual as well as a knowledge of the project you are attempting. Before use of this product, familiarize yourself with all operating features and safety rules.

AUXILIARY HANDLE ASSEMBLY

Your drill is equipped with an auxiliary handle assembly. For ease of operation, use the handle with either the left or right hand.

BLOWS PER MINUTE

This tool features an impact speed of 0-17,000 and 0-51,000 BPM (Blows Per Minute). Blows Per Minute is the number of impacts per minute.

DEPTH STOP ROD

A depth stop rod has been supplied with this product to assist in controlling the depth of drilled holes.

DIRECTION OF ROTATION SELECTOR (FORWARD/REVERSE)

Your drill has a direction of rotation (forward/reverse) selector located above the switch trigger for changing the direction of bit rotation.

LOCK-ON BUTTON

The lock-on button is convenient for continuous drilling for extended periods of time.

MODE SELECTOR

Select either hammer mode or drilling mode depending on the type of material in which you are drilling.

TWO-SPEED GEAR TRAIN

The two-speed gear train is designed for drilling or driving at **LO (1)** or **HI (2)** speeds. A switch is located on the side of your drill for selecting either **LO (1)** or **HI (2)** speed.

VARIABLE SPEED

The variable speed switch trigger delivers higher speed with increased trigger pressure and lower speed with decreased trigger pressure.

ASSEMBLY

UNPACKING

This product has been shipped completely assembled.

- Carefully remove the product and any accessories from the box. Make sure that all items listed in the packing list are included.
- Inspect the product carefully to make sure no breakage or damage occurred during shipping.
- Do not discard the packing material until you have carefully inspected and satisfactorily operated the product.
- If any parts are damaged or missing, please call 1-800-525-2579 for assistance.

PACKING LIST

Hammer Drill with Auxiliary Handle Assembly

Chuck Key

Depth Stop Rod

Case

Operator's Manual



WARNING:

If any parts are damaged or missing do not operate this product until the parts are replaced. Failure to heed this warning could result in serious personal injury.



WARNING:

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



WARNING:

Do not connect to power supply until assembly is complete. Failure to comply could result in accidental starting and possible serious personal injury.

OPERATION



WARNING:

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



WARNING:

Always wear safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields when operating power tools. Failure to do so could result in objects being thrown into your eyes resulting in possible serious injury.



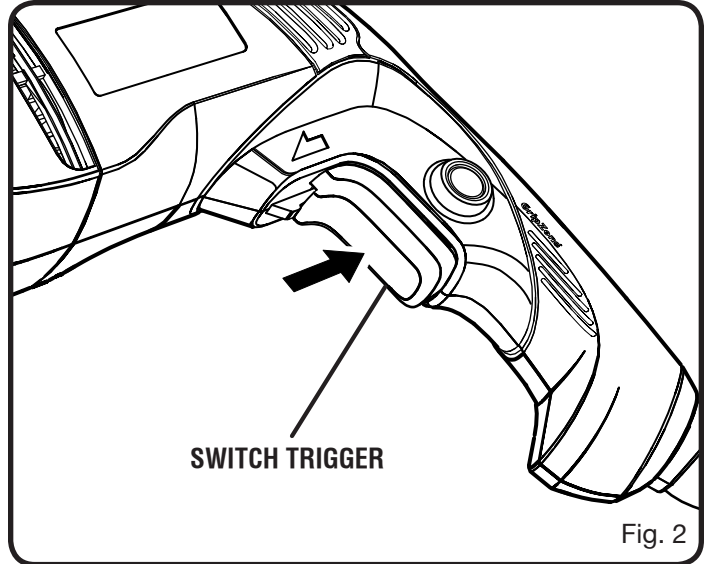
WARNING:

Do not use any attachments or accessories not recommended by the manufacturer of this tool. The use of attachments or accessories not recommended can result in serious personal injury.

APPLICATIONS

You may use this product for the purposes listed below:

- Hammer drilling in concrete, brick, or other masonry
- Drilling in wood
- Drilling in ceramics, plastics, fiberglass, and laminates
- Drilling in metals
- Mixing paint



SWITCH TRIGGER

See Figure 2.

To turn the drill **ON**, depress the switch trigger. To turn it **OFF**, release the switch trigger.

OPERATION

VARIABLE SPEED

The variable speed switch delivers higher speed with increased trigger pressure and lower speed with decreased trigger pressure.

NOTE: You might hear a whistling or ringing noise from the switch during use. Do not be concerned; this is a normal part of the switch function.

DIRECTION OF ROTATION SELECTOR (FORWARD/REVERSE)

See Figure 3.

The direction of bit rotation is reversible and is controlled by a selector located above the switch trigger. With the drill held in normal operating position, the direction of rotation selector should be positioned to the left of the switch trigger for forward drilling. The drilling direction is reversed when the selector is to the right of the switch trigger.

CAUTION:

To prevent gear damage, always allow the chuck to come to a complete stop before changing the direction of rotation.

To stop the drill, release the switch trigger and allow the chuck to come to a complete stop.

NOTE: The drill will not run unless the direction of rotation selector is pushed fully to the left or right.

Avoid running the drill at low speeds for extended periods of time. Running at low speeds under constant usage may cause the drill to become overheated. If this occurs, cool the drill by running it without a load and at full speed.

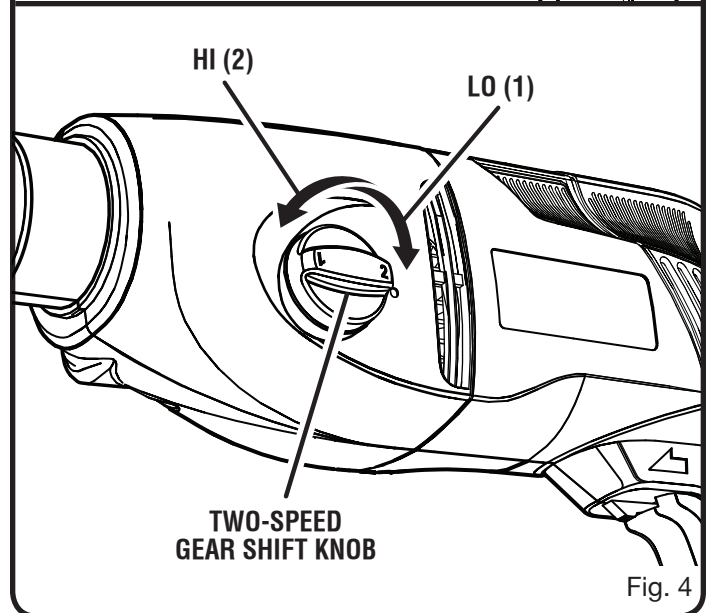
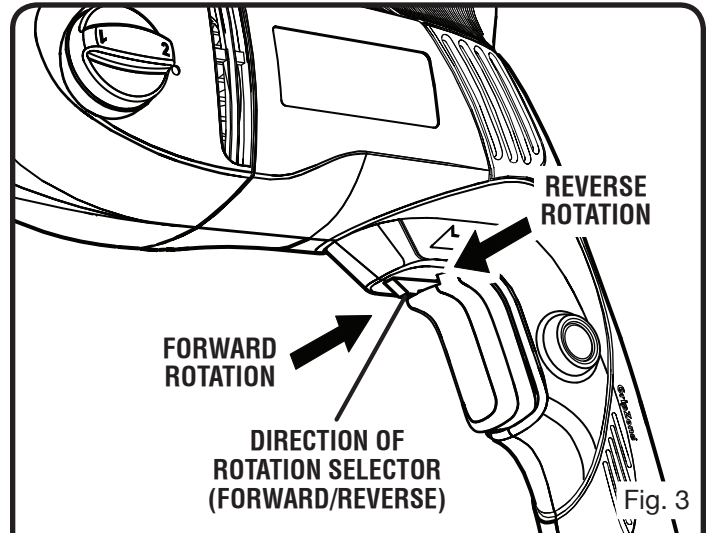
TWO-SPEED GEAR TRAIN

See Figure 4.

The drill has a two-speed gear train designed for drilling or driving at **LO (1)** or **HI (2)** speeds. A switch is located on the side of the drill to select either **LO (1)** or **HI (2)** speed. When using drill in the **LO (1)** speed range, speed will decrease and unit will have more power and torque. When using drill in the **HI (2)** speed range, speed will increase and unit will have less power and torque. Use **LO (1)** speed for high power and torque applications, usually for drill bits larger than 3/8 in. Use **HI (2)** speed for fast drilling or driving applications, usually for drill bits smaller than 3/8 in.

CAUTION:

To prevent gear damage, always allow the chuck to come to a complete stop before changing gear speed.



OPERATION

⚠ WARNING:

Always unplug the tool when installing or removing bits, adjusting settings, or when the tool is not in use. Failure to unplug the tool may result in accidental starting and serious personal injury.

INSTALLING BITS

See Figures 5 - 6.

- Unplug the drill.
- Insert the chuck key and twist counterclockwise.
- Open or close the chuck jaws to a point where the opening is slightly larger than the bit size you intend to use. Also, raise the front of the drill slightly to keep the bit from falling out of the chuck jaws.
- Insert the drill bit.

⚠ WARNING:

Make sure to insert the drill bit straight into the chuck jaws. Do not insert the drill bit into the chuck jaws at an angle then tighten, as shown in figure 6. This could cause the drill bit to be thrown from the drill, resulting in possible serious personal injury or damage to the chuck.

- Tighten the chuck jaws securely on the drill bit, using the chuck key provided.
- Remove the chuck key.

REMOVING BITS

See Figure 5.

- Unplug the drill.
- Loosen the chuck jaws using the chuck key provided.
- Remove the drill bit.
- Remove the chuck key.

SELECTING HAMMER MODE OR DRILLING MODE

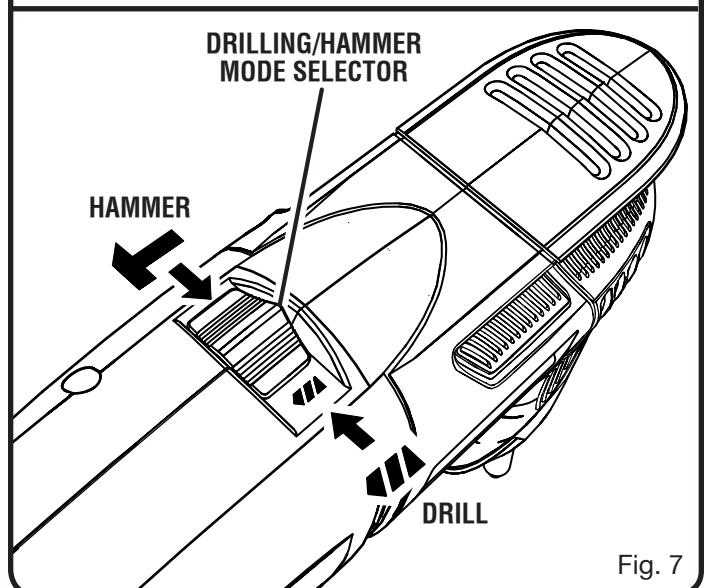
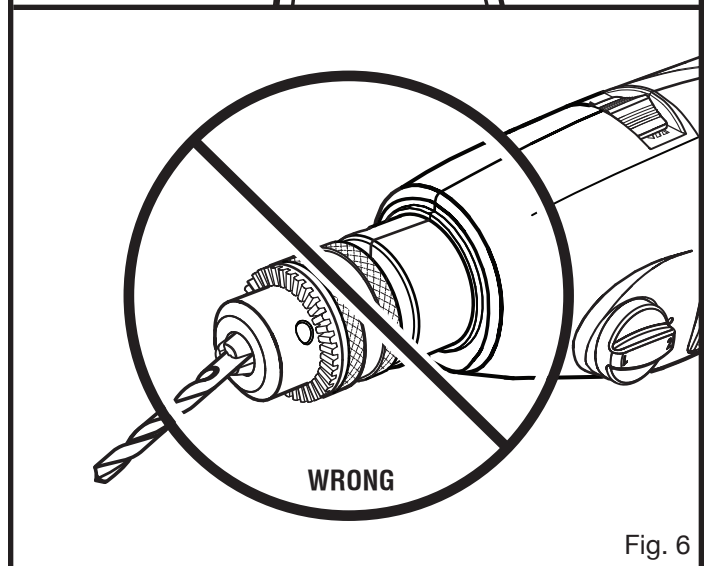
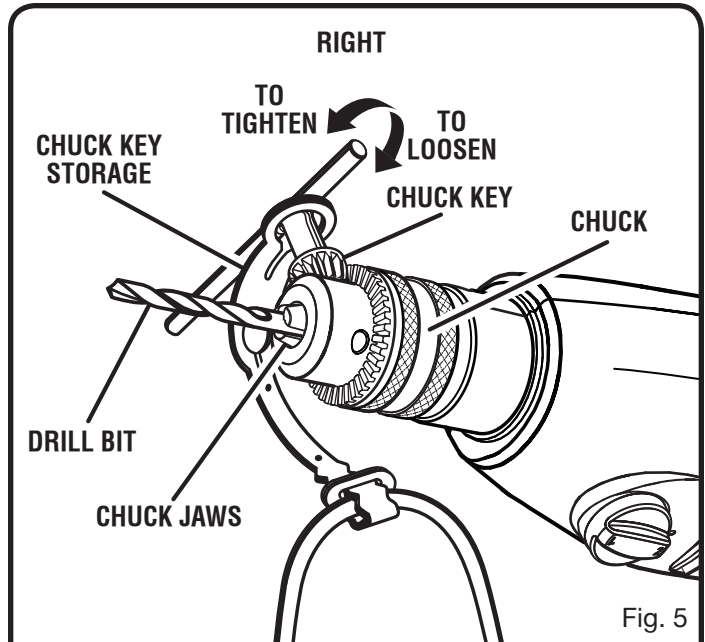
See Figure 7.

To adjust for type of drilling, slide the selector on top of the motor housing to hammer mode or drilling mode. The hammer mode symbol is on the right and the drill bit symbol is on the left.

NOTE: The hammer drill has not been designed for reverse hammering.

Use carbide-tipped bits or designated hammer drill bits and select hammer mode when drilling in hard materials such as brick, tile, concrete, etc.

Select normal drill mode when drilling with twist drills, hole saws, etc., in soft materials.



OPERATION

USING THE AUXILIARY HANDLE ASSEMBLY

See Figure 8.

The drill is equipped with an auxiliary handle assembly. For ease of operation, use the handle with either the left or right hand. The handle can be rotated 360°.

To adjust the auxiliary handle assembly:

- Loosen the handle assembly by turning the handle counterclockwise.
- Rotate the handle assembly to the desired operating position.
- Securely tighten by turning the handle assembly clockwise.

Be sure the handle assembly is securely tightened against the depth stop clamp. This secures the depth stop rod at the desired depth of cut. It also secures the handle assembly.

NOTE: For convenience and ease of starting threads, the hex nut has been trapped inside the molded slot in the handle assembly.

The depth stop rod helps control the depth of drilled holes.

NOTE: When properly installed, the teeth on the depth stop rod should be aligned with the teeth indicator on the depth stop clamp.

Adjust the depth stop rod so that the drill bit extends beyond the end of the rod to the required drilling depth.

When drilling holes with the depth stop rod installed, the desired hole depth has been reached when the end of the rod comes in contact with the surface of the workpiece.

LOCK-ON BUTTON

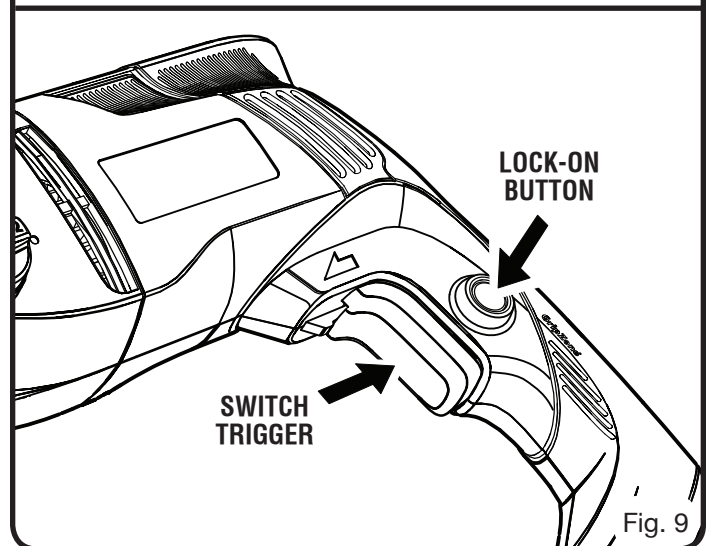
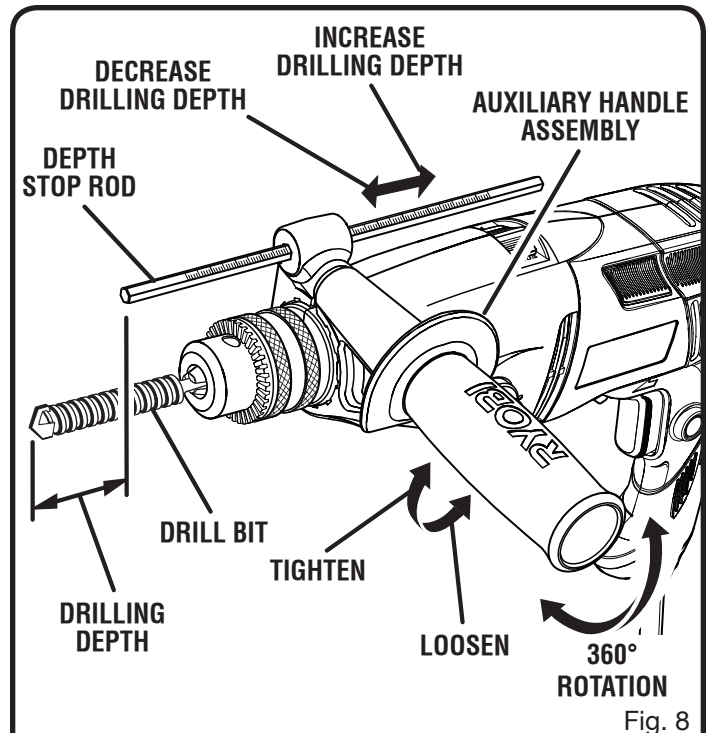
See Figure 9.

This drill is equipped with a lock-on feature, which is convenient for continuous drilling for extended periods of time.

To lock-on:

- Depress the switch trigger.
- Push in and hold the lock-on button, located on the side of the handle.
- Release the switch trigger.
- Release the lock-on button and the drill will continue running.
- To release the lock, depress and release the switch trigger.

If the lock-on feature is engaged during use and the drill becomes disconnected from the power supply, disengage the lock-on feature immediately.



OPERATION

WARNING:

Before connecting the drill to a power supply source, always check to be sure it is not in lock-on position (depress and release the switch trigger). Failure to ensure that it is not locked-on could result in accidental starting of the drill resulting in possible serious injury. Do not lock the switch trigger in applications where the drill may need to be suddenly stopped.

DRILLING

See Figure 10.

- Depress and release the switch trigger to be sure the drill is in the **OFF** position before connecting it to power supply.
- Check the direction of rotation selector for correct setting (forward or reverse).
- Secure the material to be drilled in a vise or with clamps to keep it from turning as the drill bit rotates.
- Plug the drill into power supply source.
- Hold the drill firmly and place the bit at the point to be drilled.
- Depress the switch trigger to start the drill. Do not lock the switch **ON** for jobs where the drill may need to be stopped suddenly.
- Move the drill bit into the workpiece applying only enough pressure to keep the bit cutting. Do not force the drill or apply side pressure to elongate a hole. Let the drill and bit do the work.

WARNING:

Be prepared for binding at bit breakthrough. When these situations occur, drill has a tendency to grab and kick opposite to the direction of rotation and could cause loss of control when breaking through material. If not prepared, this loss of control can result in possible serious injury.

- When drilling hard smooth surfaces use a center punch to mark the desired hole location. This will prevent the drill bit from slipping off center as the hole is started.
- When drilling metals use a light oil on the drill bit to keep it from overheating. The oil will prolong the life of the bit and increase the drilling action.
- If the bit jams in the workpiece or if the drill stalls, stop the tool immediately. Remove the bit from the workpiece and determine the reason for jamming.

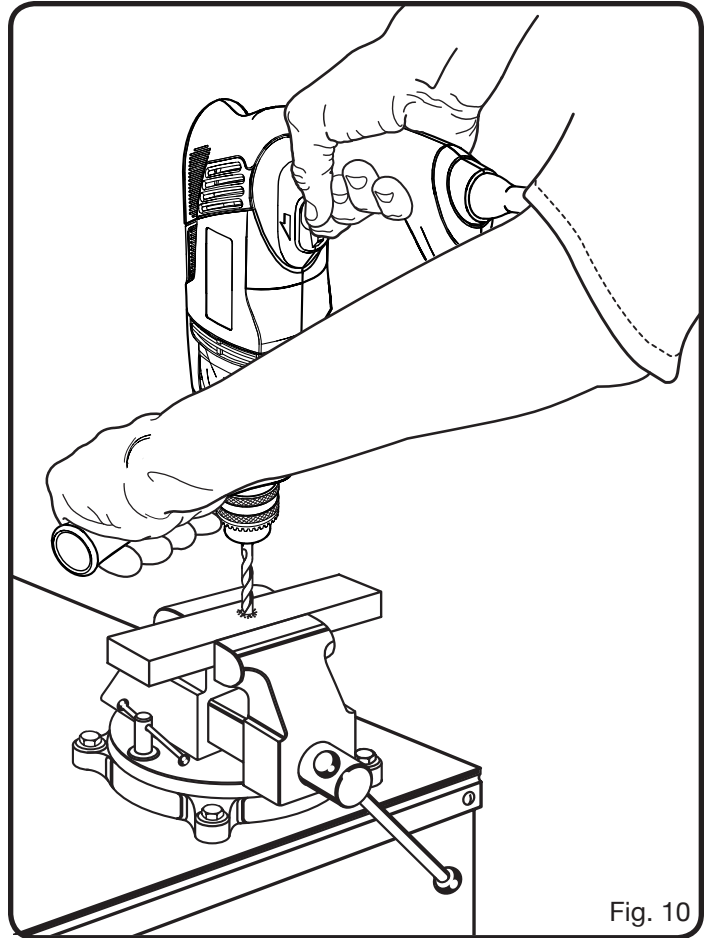


Fig. 10

OPERATION

WOOD DRILLING

For maximum performance, use high speed steel bits for wood drilling.

- Select normal drilling mode.
- Begin drilling at a very low speed to prevent the bit from slipping off the starting point. Increase the speed as the drill bit bites into the material.
- When drilling through holes, place a block of wood behind the workpiece to prevent ragged or splintered edges on the back side of the hole.

METAL DRILLING

For maximum performance, use high speed steel bits for metal or steel drilling.

- Select normal drilling mode.
- Begin drilling at a very low speed to prevent the bit from slipping off the starting point.
- Maintain a speed and pressure which allows cutting without overheating the bit. Applying too much pressure will:
 - Overheat the drill;
 - Wear the bearings;
 - Bend or burn bits; and
 - Produce off-center or irregular-shaped holes.

- When drilling large holes in metal, start with a small bit, then finish with a larger bit. Also, lubricate the bit with oil to improve drilling action and increase bit life.

MASONRY DRILLING

For maximum performance, use carbide-tipped masonry impact bits or designated hammer drill bits when drilling holes in brick, tile, concrete, etc.

- Slide adjustment button on hammer drill left for hammer mode.
- Apply light pressure and medium speed for best results in brick.
- Apply additional pressure for hard materials such as concrete.
- When drilling holes in tile, practice on a scrap piece to determine the best speed and pressure. Begin drilling at a very low speed to prevent the bit from slipping off the starting point.

MAINTENANCE

WARNING:

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

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.

WARNING:

Do not at any time let brake fluids, gasoline, petroleum-based products, penetrating oils, etc., come in contact with plastic parts. Chemicals can damage, weaken or destroy plastic which may result in serious personal injury.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

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, dust, oil, grease, etc.

Electric tools used on fiberglass material, wallboard, spackling compounds, or plaster are subject to accelerated wear and possible premature failure because the fiberglass chips and grindings are highly abrasive to bearings, brushes, commutators, etc. Consequently, we do not recommend using this tool for extended work on these types of materials. However, if you do work with any of these materials, it is extremely important to clean the tool using compressed air.

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.

MAINTENANCE

CHUCK REMOVAL

See Figures 11 - 13.

The chuck may be removed and replaced with a new one.

- Unplug the drill.
- Open chuck jaws using the provided chuck key.
- Insert a 5/16 in. or larger hex key into the chuck of the drill and tighten the chuck jaws securely.
- Tap the hex key sharply with a mallet in a clockwise direction. This will loosen the screw in the chuck for easy removal.

- Open chuck jaws and remove hex key. Remove the chuck screw by turning it in a clockwise direction.

NOTE: The screw has left hand threads.

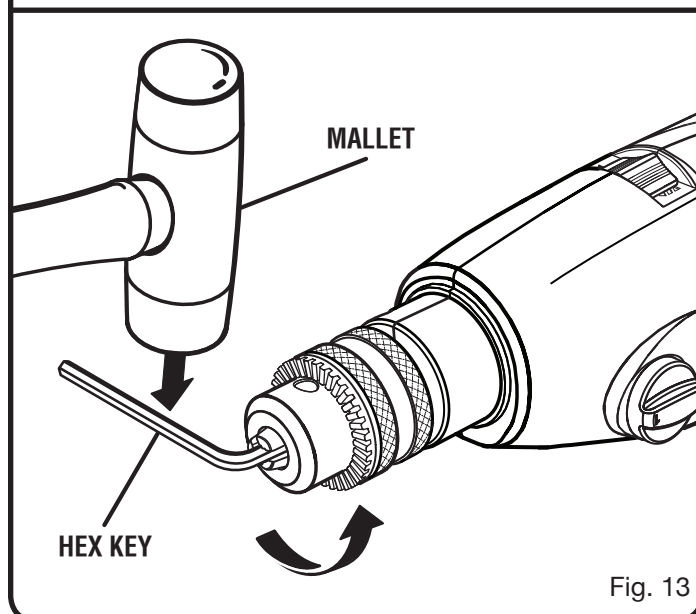
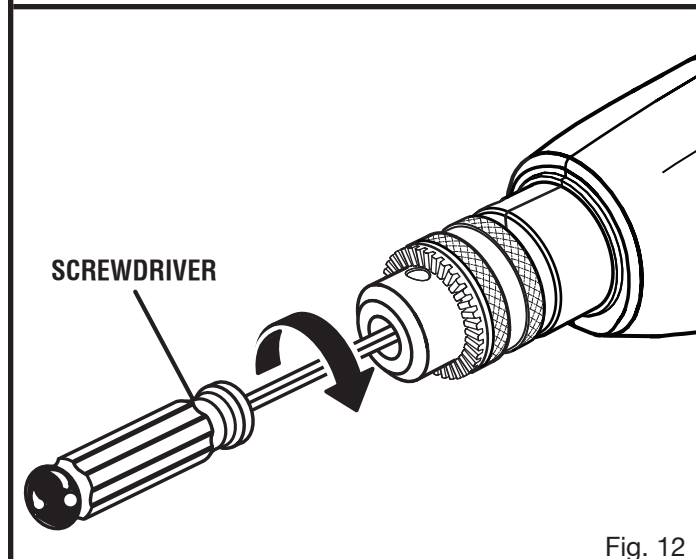
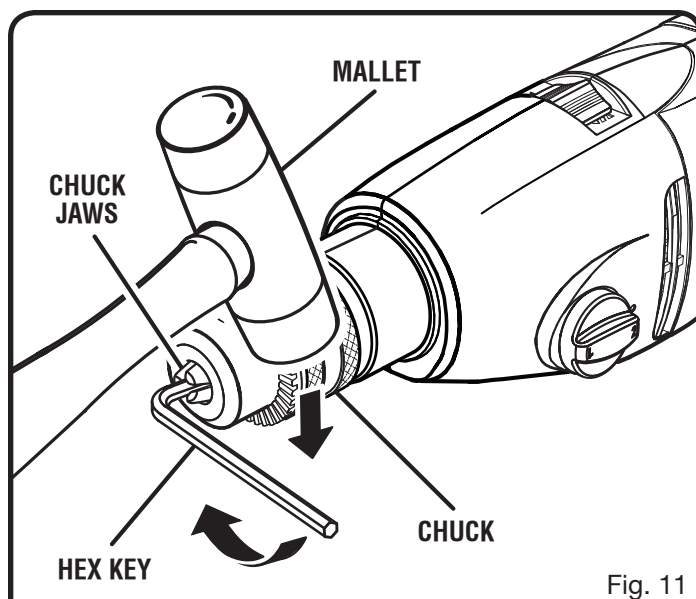
- Insert hex key in the chuck and tighten chuck jaws securely.
- Tap sharply with a mallet in a counterclockwise direction. This will loosen chuck on the spindle. It can now be unscrewed by hand.

TO RETIGHTEN A LOOSE CHUCK

The chuck may become loose on the spindle and develop a wobble. Also, the chuck screw may become loose, causing the chuck jaws to bind and prevent them from closing. To tighten:

- Unplug the drill.
- Open the chuck jaws.
- Insert the hex key into the chuck and tighten the chuck jaws securely. Tap the hex key sharply with a mallet in a clockwise direction. This will tighten the chuck on the spindle.
- Open the chuck jaws and remove the hex key.
- Tighten the chuck screw by turning it in a counterclockwise direction.

NOTE: The chuck screw has left hand threads.





OPERATOR'S MANUAL

1/2 in. HAMMER DRILL

TWO-SPEED/REVERSIBLE

DOUBLE INSULATED

D552H



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.

• PARTS AND SERVICE

Prior to requesting service or purchasing replacement parts, please obtain your model and serial number from the product data plate.

- MODEL NUMBER D552H
- SERIAL NUMBER

• HOW TO OBTAIN REPLACEMENT PARTS:

Replacement parts can be purchased online at **www.ryobitools.com** or by calling 1-800-525-2579. Replacement parts can also be obtained at one of our Authorized Service Centers.

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