RANDOM ORBITAL SANDER
INSTRUCTION MANUAL
127 mm (5 in) and 150 mm (6 in) 12,000 RPM

Important Safety Information

Please read, understand and follow all safety information contained in these instructions prior to the use of this tool. Retain these instructions for future reference.

Intended Use

This pneumatic tool is intended for use in industrial locations, and used only by skilled, trained professionals in accordance with the instructions in this manual. This pneumatic tool is designed to be used with a disc pad and appropriate abrasive for sanding metals, wood, stone, plastics and other materials. It should only be used for such sanding applications and within marked capacity and ratings. Only accessories specifically recommended by 3M should be used with this tool. Use in any other manner or with other accessories could lead to unsafe operating conditions.

Do not operate tool in water or in an excessively wet application.
Do not use disc pads that have a Max RPM or Max OPM less than the tool Max RPM or Max OPM rating. Never use disc pads that have a weight and/or size different than what the tool was specifically designed for.

Explanation of Signal Word Consequences

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**WARNING:** Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in death or serious injury and/or property damage.

**CAUTION:** Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury and/or property damage.
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Read the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) before using any materials.

Contact the suppliers of the workplace materials and abrasive materials for copies of the MSDS if one is not readily available.

### WARNING

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Exposure to DUST generated from workpiece and/or abrasive materials can result in lung damage and/or other physical injury.

Use dust capture or local exhaust as stated in the MSDS. Wear government-approved respiratory protection and eye and skin protection.

Failure to follow this warning can result in serious lung damage and/or physical injury.

To reduce the risks associated with impact from abrasive product, disc pad, or tool breakup, sharp edges, hazardous pressure, rupture, vibration and noise:

- Read, understand and follow the safety information contained in these instructions prior to the use of this tool. Retain these instructions for future reference.
- Only personnel who are properly trained should be allowed to service this tool.
- Practice safety requirements. Work alert, have proper attire, and do not operate tools under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Operators and other personnel must always wear protection for eyes, ears, and respiratory protection when in the work area or while operating this product. Follow your employer’s safety policy for PPE's and/or ANSI Z87.1 or local/national standards for eyewear and other personal protective equipment requirements.
- Wear protective apparel, taking into consideration the type of work being done.
- Never exceed marked maximum input pressure (50psi / 345kPa / 3.5Bar).
- Proper eye protection must be worn at all times.
- Tool shall not be operated in the presence of bystanders.
- If you notice any abnormal noise or vibration when operating the tool, immediately discontinue its use and inspect for worn or damaged components. Correct or replace the suspect component. If abnormal noise or vibration still exists, return the tool to 3M for repair or replacement. Refer to warranty instructions.
- Never operate this tool without all safety features in place and in proper working order.
- Never over-ride or disable the safety features of the start-stop control such that it is in the on position.
- Make sure the tool is disconnected from its air source before servicing, inspecting, maintaining, cleaning, and before changing abrasive product.
- Prior to use, inspect abrasive product and accessories for possible damage. If damaged, replace with new abrasive product and accessories available from 3M.
- Only use accessories supplied or recommended by 3M.
- Never allow this tool to be used by children or other untrained people.
- Do not leave an unattended tool connected to air source.
- Immediately discontinue use of tool if its noise reduction muffler system has been damaged or is otherwise not functioning properly. Have tool repaired before placing back into use.

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To reduce the risks associated with vibration:
- If any physical hand/wrist discomfort is experienced, work should be stopped promptly to seek medical attention. Hand, wrist and arm injury may result from repetitive work, motion and overexposure to vibration.

To reduce the risks associated with loud noise:
- Always wear hearing protection while operating this tool. Follow your employer’s safety policy or local/national standards for personal protective equipment requirements.

To reduce the risks associated with fire or explosion:
- Do not operate the tool in explosive atmospheres, such as in the presence of flammable liquids, gases, or dust. The abrasives are able to create sparks when working material, resulting in the ignition of the flammable dust or fumes.
- Refer to MSDS of material being worked as to potential for creating fire or explosion hazard.

To reduce the risks associated with hazardous dust ingestion or eye/skin exposure:
- Use appropriate respiratory and skin protection, or local exhaust as stated in the MSDS of the material being worked on.

To reduce the risks associated with hazardous voltage:
- Do not allow this tool to come into contact with electrical power sources as the tool is not insulated against electrical shock.

To reduce the risks associated with skin abrasion, burns, cuts, or entrapment:
- Keep hands, hair, and clothing away from the rotating part of the tool.
- Wear suitable protective gloves while operating tool.
- Do not touch the rotating parts during operation for any reason.
- Do not force tool or use excessive force when using tool.

To reduce the risks associated with whipping or hazardous pressure-rupture:
- Ensure supply hose is oil resistant and is properly rated for required working pressure.
- Do not use tools with loose or damaged air hoses or fittings.
- Be aware that incorrectly installed hoses and fittings might unexpectedly come loose at any time and create a whipping/impact hazard.

To reduce the risks associated with fly off of abrasive product or parts:
- Use care in attaching abrasive product and disc pad; following the instructions to ensure that they are securely attached to the tool before use.
- Never free spin the tool or otherwise allow it to be started unintentionally.
- Never point this product in the direction of yourself or another person, or start tool unintentionally.
- Never over-tighten accessory fasteners.

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## Parts List

### Product Configuration/Specifications:
- 12,000 RPM Random Orbital Sander

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**Product Configuration/Specifications: 12,000 RPM Random Orbital Sander**

**Operating / Maintenance Instructions**

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### Safety Precautions

1. Read all instructions before using this tool. All operators must be fully trained in its use and aware of these safety rules.
2. The tool RPM should be checked on a regular basis to ensure proper operating speed.
3. Make sure the tool is disconnected from the air supply. Select a suitable abrasive and secure it to the disc pad. Be careful to center the abrasive on the disc pad.
4. Always wear required safety equipment when using this tool.
5. When sanding/buffing always start the tool on the workpiece. This will prevent gouging due to excess speed of the buff pad. Stop air flow to the tool as it is removed from the workpiece.
6. Always remove the air supply to the sander before fitting, adjusting or removing the abrasive or disc pad.
7. Always adopt a firm footing and grip and be aware of torque reaction developed by the sander.
8. Use only 3M approved spare parts.
9. Always ensure the material being sanded is firmly fixed to avoid movement.
10. Check hose and fittings regularly for wear. Do not carry the tool by its hose; always be careful to prevent the tool from being started when carrying the tool with the air supply connected.
11. Dust can be highly combustible.
12. If tool is serviced or rebuilt check to ensure that the maximum tool RPM is not exceeded and that there is no excessive tool vibration.
13. Do not exceed maximum recommended air pressure. Use safety equipment as recommended.
14. Prior to installing any sanding or polishing accessory, always check that its marked maximum operating speed is equal or higher than the rated speed of this tool.
15. The tool is not electrically insulated. Do not use where there is a possibility of contact with live electricity, gas pipes, and/or water pipes.
16. This tool is not protected against hazards inherent in grinding and cutting operations and no such accessories should ever be attached.
17. Take care to avoid entanglement with the moving parts of the tool with clothing, ties, hair, cleaning rags or loose hanging objects. If entangled, stop air supply immediately to avoid contact with moving tool parts.
18. Keep hands clear of the spinning pad during use.
19. If the tool appears to malfunction, remove from use immediately and arrange for service and repair.
20. Immediately release the start handle in the event of any disruption of pressure; do not attempt to re-start until the disruption has been corrected.
21. When tool is not in use, store in a clean dry environment free of debris.
22. Recycle or dispose of tool according to Local, State, and Federal Regulations.

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#### Recommended Spare Parts

- **3M™ Hookit™ Clean Sanding Low Profile Disc Pad - 861 6 in., vacuum** 20465
- **3M™ Stikit™ Low Profile D/F Disc Pad - 861 6 in., vacuum** 20442
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See 3M ASD Accessory catalog 61-5002-8098-9 for additional Accessories.

### 3M™ Disc Pads

3M Disc Pads are perfectly mated for use on the 3M Sander. Constructed from premium, industrial-quality materials and featuring a riveted fiberglass and steel hub with molded urethane, their durability and precise construction are the ideal complement to the performance of the 3M Sander. See Product Configuration/Specifications table for the correct replacement pad for a particular model. The following chart is a sample of products offered.

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Removing and Mounting Disc Pad to Random Orbital Sander

1. Disconnect air line from sander.
2. Remove old disc pad from sander by inserting the wrench, supplied with the tool, between the rubber shroud and the disc pad. Use the wrench to secure the sander spindle while turning the disc pad counter clockwise.
3. After the old disc pad has been removed from the sander, inspect the threaded hole in the spindle to ensure that the threads are free of debris and undamaged.
4. Ensure that the phenolic washer is in place around the threaded shaft of the new disc pad.
5. Secure the sander spindle with the wrench and tighten the threaded shaft of the new disc pad.

**WARNING**

An inadequately tightened disc pad could cause the threaded spindle to break causing damage to the tool and work piece and possible injury to the operator or bystanders.
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The following standards have either been referred to, or complied with, in full or in part as relevant:
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Sanders and Polishers
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components - Pneumatics
EN ISO 14121-1:2007 Safety of machinery. Risk assessment principles
EN ISO 28662-1:1992 Hand-held portable power tools – Measurement of vibrations at the handle
– Part 1: General
EN ISO 8666-8:1997 Hand-held portable power tools – Measurement of vibrations at the handle
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