

# RYOBI

ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS  
**18V Nailer (15Ga)**

R18NL15



## **Important!**

It is essential that you read the instructions in this manual before assembling, operating and maintaining the product.

Subject to technical modifications.



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## INTENDED USE

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The product is intended to drive nails in soft materials such as wood. It can be used in the following:

- Finish and trim (interior and exterior)
- Door and window casing
- Door jambs
- Baseboard
- Crown molding
- Cabinetry
- Cap and shoe molding
- Molding
- Wooden staircases
- Door and window trim
- Chair rail
- Brickmold
- Hardwood flooring
- Paneling
- Furniture

The product is not suitable for fixing electric cables.

The product is intended to operate in full sequential actuation mode only:

- In full sequential actuation mode, the nailer will fire a nail each time when the trigger switch is squeezed after safety contact tip has been pushed into the workpiece. Both safety contact tip and trigger switch must be released and activated again at the same sequence to fire a second nail.

Do not use this product in any way other than those stated for intended use.

**NOTE:** Some timbers (such as very dry hardwood) may require shorter nails to fully drive in.

## GENERAL POWER TOOL SAFETY WARNINGS

### ⚠ WARNING

**Read all safety warnings and all instructions.** Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury.

**Save all warnings and instructions for future reference.**

The term "power tool" in the warnings refers to your

mains-operated (corded) power tool or battery-operated (cordless) power tool.

## 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.
- **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.

## 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 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.
- **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.

- **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 jewellery. Keep your hair, clothing and gloves away from moving parts. Loose clothes, jewellery 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 dust collection can reduce dust-related hazards.

## 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, 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.

## BATTERY TOOL USE AND CARE

- **Recharge only with the charger specified by the manufacturer.** A charger that is suitable for one type of battery pack may create a risk of fire when used with another battery pack.
- **Use power tools only with specifically designated battery packs.** Use of any other battery packs may create a risk of injury and fire.
- **When battery pack is not in use, keep it away from other metal objects, like paper clips, coins, keys, nails, screws or other small metal objects that can make a connection from one terminal to another.** Shorting the battery terminals together may cause burns or a fire.
- **Under abusive conditions, liquid may be ejected from the battery; avoid contact.** If contact accidentally occurs, flush with water. If liquid contacts eyes, additionally seek medical help. Liquid ejected from the battery may cause irritation or burns.

## 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.

## NAILER SAFETY WARNINGS

- **Always assume that the tool contains fasteners.** Careless handling of the nailer can result in unexpected firing of fasteners and personal injury.
- **Do not point the tool towards yourself or anyone nearby.** Unexpected triggering will discharge the fastener causing an injury.
- **Do not actuate the tool unless the tool is placed firmly against the workpiece.** If the tool is not in contact with the workpiece, the fastener may be deflected away from your target.
- **Disconnect the tool from the power source when the fastener jams in the tool.** While removing a jammed fastener, the nailer may be accidentally activated if it is plugged in.
- **Use caution while removing a jammed fastener.** The mechanism may be under compression and the fastener may be forcefully discharged while attempting to free a jammed condition.
- **Do not use this nailer for fastening electrical cables.** It is not designed for electric cable installation and may damage the insulation of electric cables thereby causing electric shock or fire hazards.



## ADDITIONAL SAFETY WARNINGS

**⚠ WARNING**

The product 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 product by a person responsible for their safety.

Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the product.

- Always be aware that misuse and improper handling of this tool can cause injury to yourself and others.
- The tool is designed for single-hand use. Do not hold the tool by the front of the magazine. Do not put hands, head, or other parts of your body near the bottom of the magazine where the nail exits the tool, as serious personal injury could be caused.
- Always ensure that the workpiece contact is fully positioned above the workpiece. Positioning the workpiece contact only partially above the workpiece could cause the nail to miss the workpiece completely and result in serious personal injury.
- Do not drive nails near edge of material. The workpiece may split causing the nail to ricochet, injuring you or a coworker. Be aware that the nail may follow the grain of the wood, causing it to protrude unexpectedly from the side of the work material or deflect, possibly causing injury.
- Keep hands and body parts clear of immediate work area. Hold workpiece with clamps when necessary to keep hands and body out of potential harm. Be sure the workpiece is properly secured before pressing the fastener against the material. The workpiece contact may cause the work material to shift unexpectedly.
- Keep face and body parts away from back of the tool cap when working in restricted areas. Sudden recoil can result in impact to the body, especially when nailing into hard or dense material.
- During normal use the tool will recoil immediately after driving a fastener. This is a normal function of the tool. Do not attempt to prevent the recoil by holding the nailer against the work. Restriction to the recoil can result in a second fastener being driven from the nailer. Grip the handle firmly, let the tool do the work and do not place second hand on top of tool or near exhaust at any time. Failure to heed this warning can result in serious personal injury.
- Do not drive fasteners on top of other fasteners or with the tool at an overly steep angle as this may cause deflection of fasteners which could cause injury.
- Always check the work area for hidden wiring, gas lines, water lines, etc., before using the product on such work area.
- The driving depth of the nail may be adjusted beyond air pressure. It is advisable to test the depth on a scrap workpiece to determine the required depth for the application.
- Only fasteners matching the description in the product specification table can be used with this tool. Using incorrect fasteners may lead to jamming or other malfunctions.
- **Use battery only with charger listed.** For use with 18V battery packs, see PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS.
- **Do not wear loose clothing or jewellery. Contain long hair.** Loose clothes, jewellery, 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.
- **Hold power tool by insulated gripping surfaces, when performing an operation where the nail may contact hidden wiring.** Nails contacting a "live" wire may make exposed metal parts of the power tool "live" and could give the operator an electric shock.
- **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 eye protection with side shields.** Everyday glasses have only impact resistant lenses. They are not safety glasses. Following this rule will reduce the risk of serious personal injury.
- **Eye protection which provides protection against flying particles both from the front and side should always be worn by the operator and others in the work area when loading, operating or servicing this tool.** Eye protection is required to guard against flying fasteners and debris, which could cause severe eye injury.
- **The employer and/or user must ensure that proper eye protection is worn.** We recommend Wide Vision Safety Mask for use over eyeglasses or standard safety glasses that provide protection against flying particles both from the front and side.
- **Additional safety protection will be required in some environments.** For example, the working area may include exposure to noise level which can lead to hearing damage. The employer and user must ensure that any necessary hearing protection is provided and used by the operator and others in the work area. Some environments will require the use of head protection equipment.
- **Keep fingers away from trigger when not driving fasteners to avoid accidental firing.**
- **Use safety equipment. Always wear eye protection.** Dust mask, nonskid safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection must be used for appropriate conditions.



- **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.
- **Battery tools do not have to be plugged into an electrical outlet; therefore, they are always in operating condition.** Be aware of possible hazards when not using your battery tool or when changing accessories. Following this rule will reduce the risk of electric shock, fire, or serious personal injury.
- **Do not place battery tools or their batteries near fire or heat.** This will reduce the risk of explosion and injury.
- **Use the tool only for its intended use.** Do not discharge fasteners into open air.
- **Use the tool only for the purpose for which it was designed.**
- **Use only the nails recommended for this tool.** Use of the wrong nails could result in poor nail feeding, jammed nails, and nails leaving the tool at erratic angles. If nails are not feeding smoothly and properly, discontinue their use immediately. Jammed and improperly feeding nails could result in serious personal injury.
- **Never use this tool in a manner that could cause a nail to be directed toward anything other than the workpiece.**
- **Do not use the tool as a hammer.**
- **Always carry the tool by the handle.**
- **Do not alter or modify this tool from the original design or function without approval from the manufacturer.**
- **Never clamp or tape the trigger or workpiece contact in an actuated position.**
- **Never leave tool unattended if the battery is installed.**
- **Do not operate this tool if it does not contain a legible warning label.**
- **Keep the tool and its handle 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. Following this rule will reduce the risk of loss of control and deterioration of the enclosure plastic.
- **Do not use tool if trigger does not actuate properly.** Any tool that cannot be controlled with the trigger is dangerous and must be repaired.
- **Check operation of the workpiece contact mechanism frequently.** Do not use the tool if the workpiece contact mechanism is not working correctly as accidental driving of a nail may result. Do not interfere with the proper operation of the workpiece contact mechanism.
- **Do not use a tool that does not work correctly.**
- **Always assume that the tool contains nails.**
- **Do not carry the tool from place to place holding the trigger.** Accidental discharge could result.
- **Always handle the tool with care:**
  - Respect the tool as a working implement.
  - Never engage in horseplay.
  - Never pull the trigger unless nose is directed toward the work.
  - Keep others a safe distance from the tool while tool is in operation as accidental actuation may occur, possibly causing injury.
- **Do not point the tool toward yourself or anyone whether it contains nails or not.**
- **Do not actuate the tool unless you intend to drive a nail into the workpiece.**

#### DEPTH ADJUSTMENT SAFETY WARNINGS

- Always remove the battery before adjusting the depth of drive wheel.
- Do not pull back on the adjustment wheel, the wheel is designed to be rotated.
- Do not press the trigger while adjusting the depth of drive wheel.
- Do not point the tool towards yourself or anyone nearby when adjusting the depth of drive.

#### ADDITIONAL BATTERY SAFETY WARNINGS

##### WARNING

To reduce the risk of fire, personal injury, and product damage due to a short circuit, never immerse your tool, battery pack or charger in fluid or allow a fluid to flow inside them. Corrosive or conductive fluids, such as seawater, certain industrial chemicals, and bleach or bleach-containing products, etc., can cause a short circuit.

#### TRANSPORTING LITHIUM BATTERIES

Transport the battery in accordance with local and national provisions and regulations.

Follow all special requirements on packaging and labelling when transporting batteries by a third party. Ensure that no batteries can come in contact with other batteries or conductive materials while in transport by protecting exposed connectors with insulating, non-conductive caps or tape. Do not transport batteries that are cracked or leaking. Check with the forwarding company for further advice.



## MAINTENANCE

### ⚠ WARNING

When servicing, use only original manufacturer's replacement parts. Use of any other parts can create a hazard or cause product damage.

### ⚠ WARNING

Always wear eye protection with side shields. Failure to do so could result in objects being thrown into your eyes resulting in possible serious injury.

### ⚠ WARNING

To avoid serious personal injury, always remove the battery pack from the product when cleaning or performing any maintenance.

## 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.

### ⚠ 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 could result in serious personal injury.

## BATTERY PACK REMOVAL AND PREPARATION FOR RECYCLING

### ⚠ WARNING

Upon removal, cover the battery pack's terminals with heavy-duty adhesive tape. Do not attempt to destroy or disassemble battery pack or remove any of its components. Lithium-ion and nickel-cadmium batteries must be recycled or disposed of properly. Also, never touch both terminals with metal objects and/or body parts as short circuit may result. Keep away from children. Failure to comply with these warnings could result in fire and/or serious injury.

- Do not use lubricants on nails, nail magazine or driving mechanism. Keep clean.

## LUBRICATION

All of the bearings in the product are lubricated with a sufficient amount of high grade lubricant for the life span of the product under normal operating conditions. Therefore, no further lubrication is required.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Recycle raw materials instead of disposing of as waste. The machine, accessories and packaging should be sorted for environmental-friendly recycling.

## SYMBOLS



Safety alert

V

Volts



Direct current



Regulatory Compliance Mark (RCM). Product meets applicable regulatory requirements.



Please read the instructions carefully before starting the machine.



Depth adjustment



LED work lights



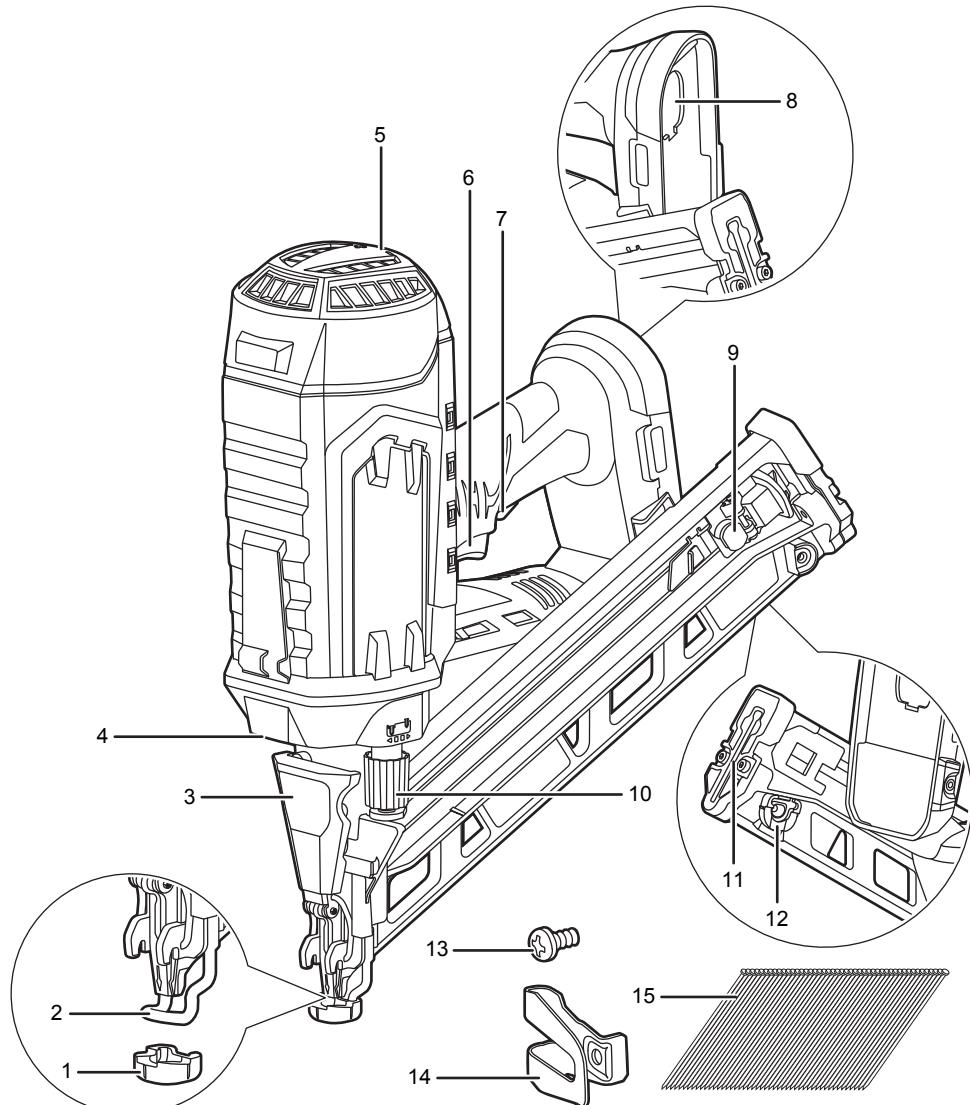
Waste electrical products should not be disposed of with household waste. Please recycle where facilities exist. Check with your local authority or retailer for recycling advice.



## Know your product

1. No-mar pad
2. Workpiece contact
3. Jam release latch
4. LED worklight
5. Air pressure lever
6. Switch trigger
7. LED worklight grip switch
8. Battery port

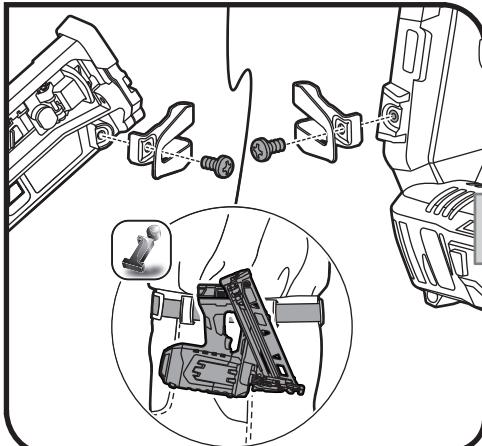
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10. Depth of drive adjustment
11. Rear loading magazine
12. No-mar pad replacement
13. Belt clip screw
14. Belt clip
15. Nails



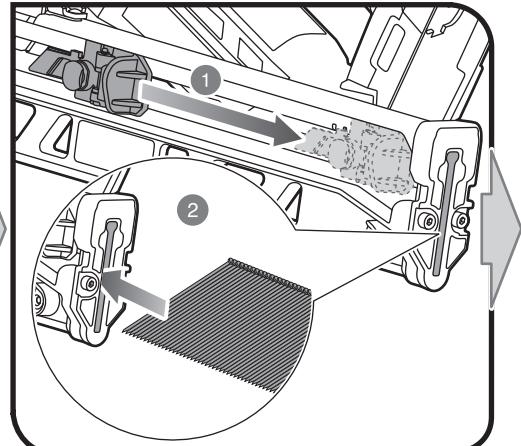


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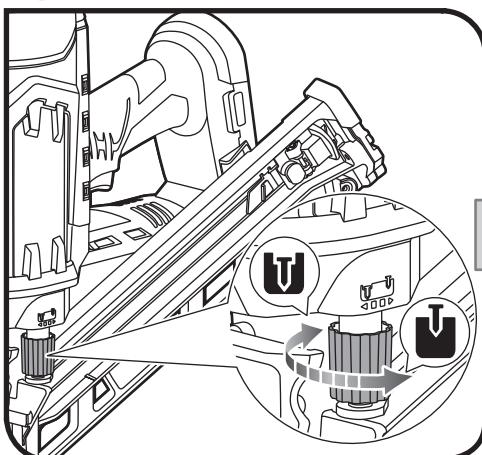
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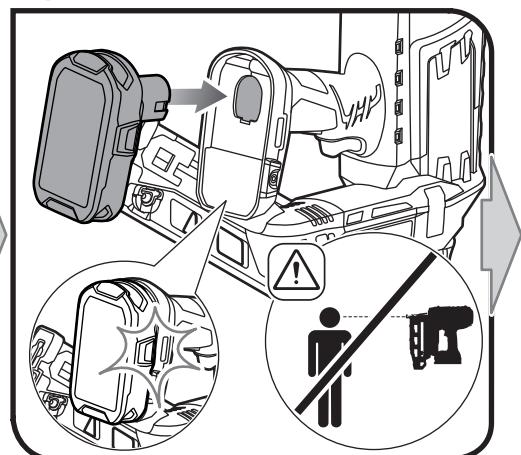
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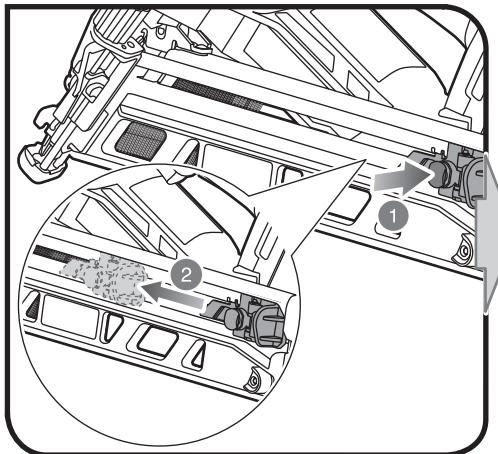
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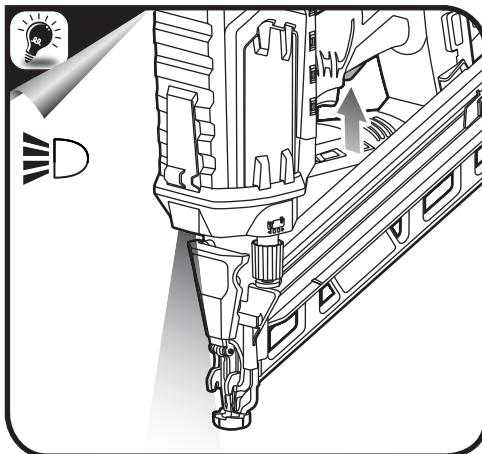
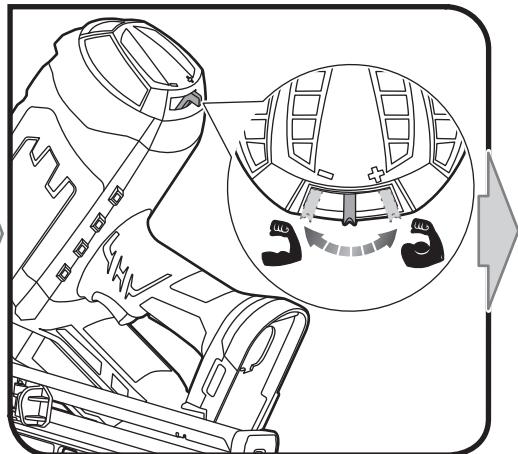


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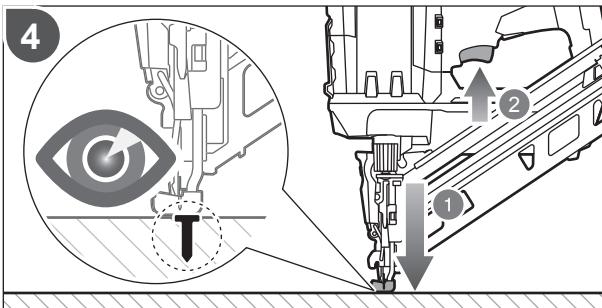
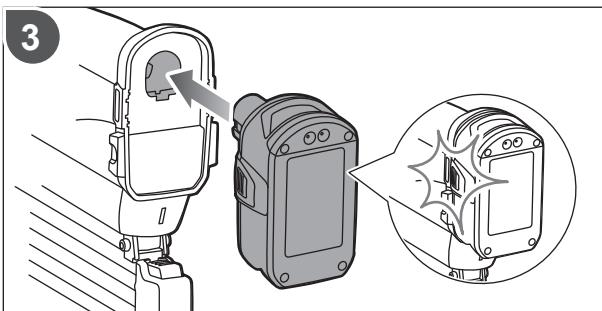
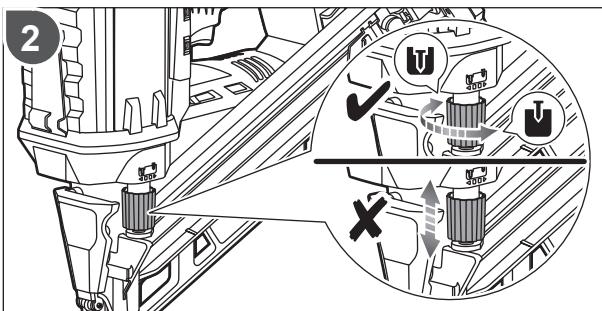
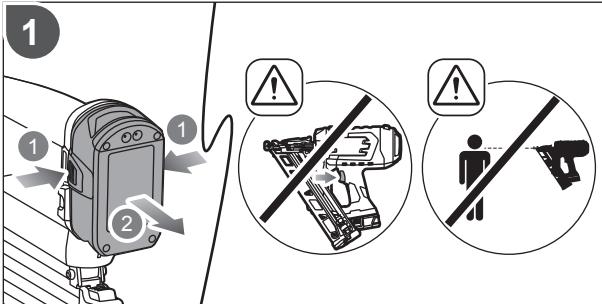
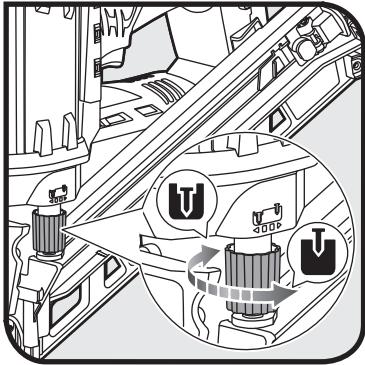






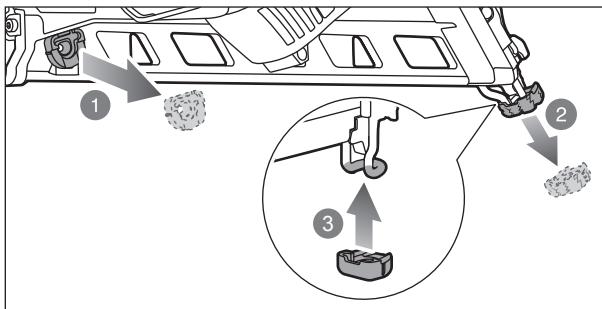
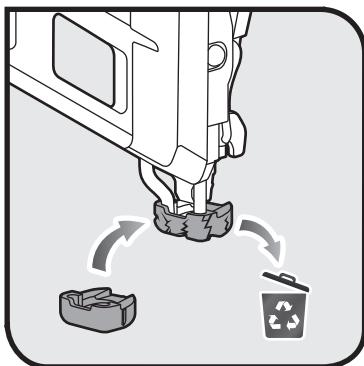
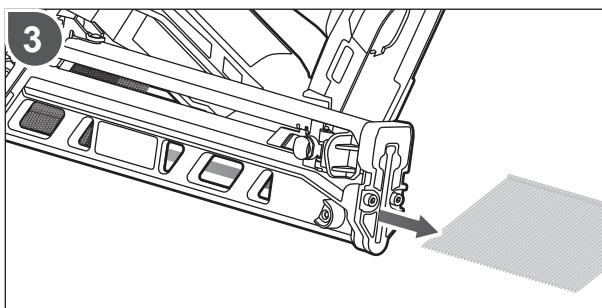
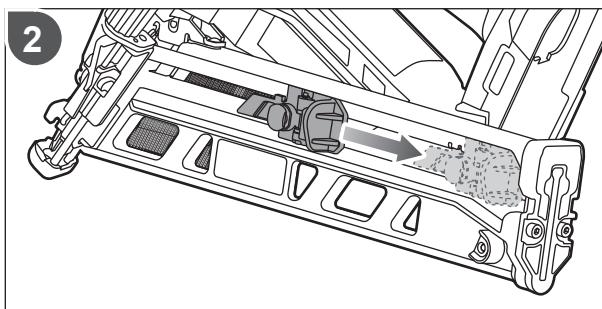
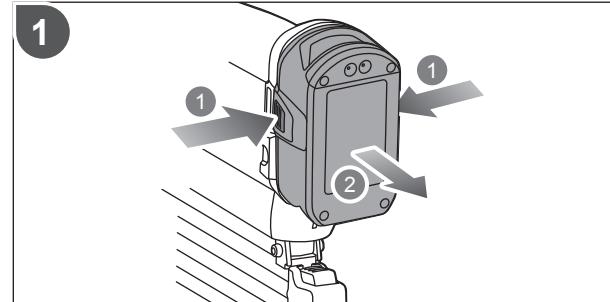
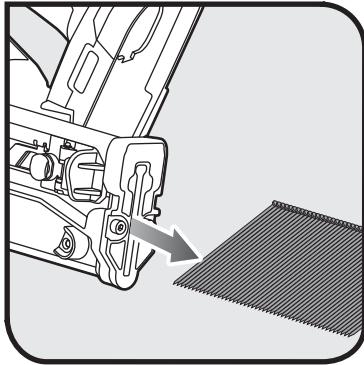


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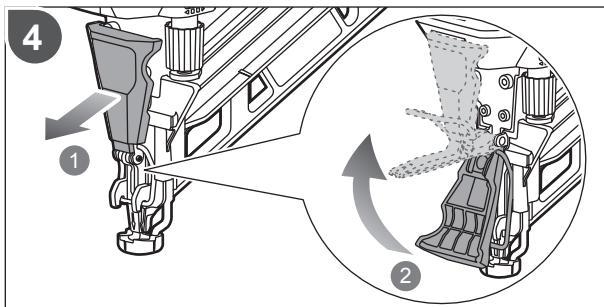
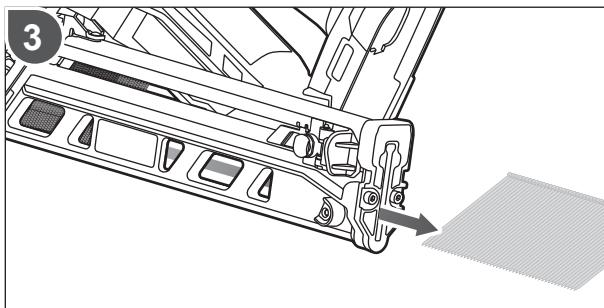
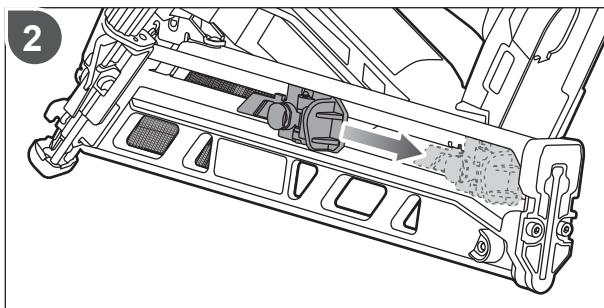
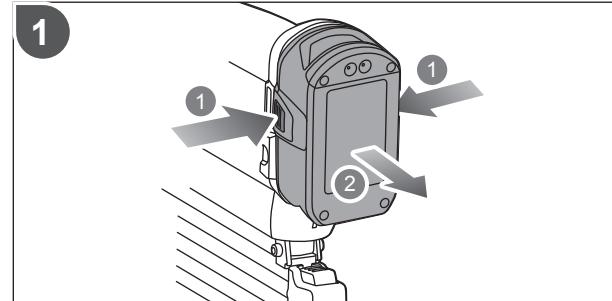
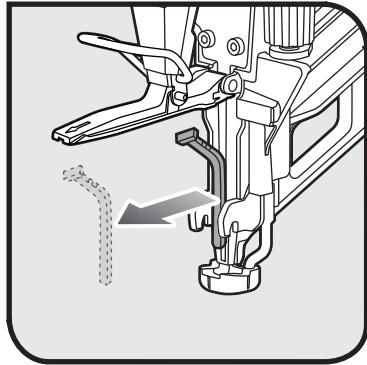


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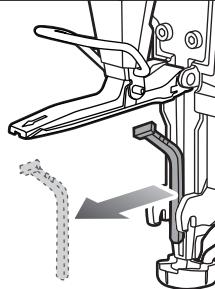
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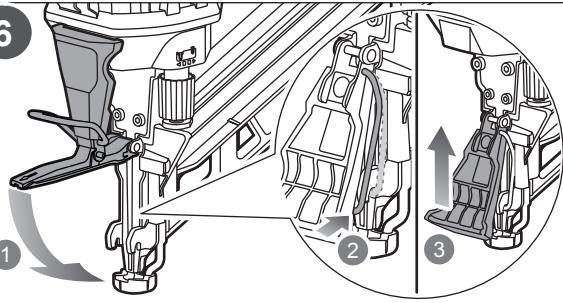


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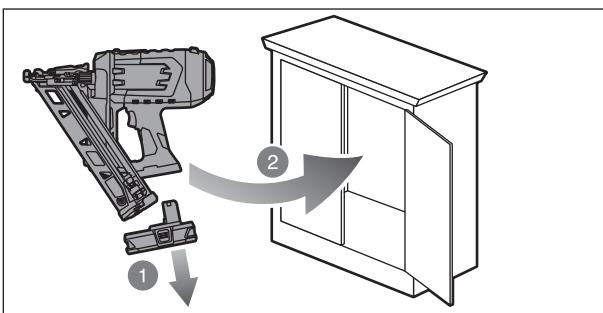
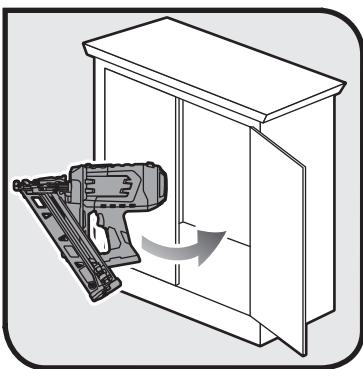
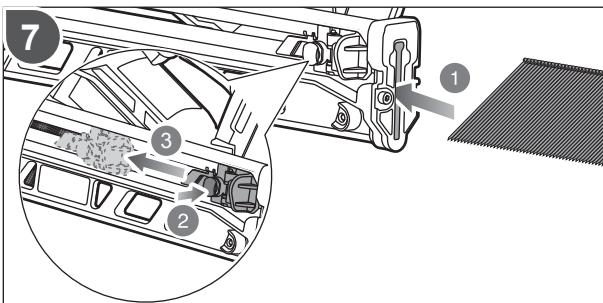
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## TROUBLESHOOTING

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTION
Work-contacting element does not depress fully - tool does not operate.	Nails are low. Work-contacting element is jammed.	Replenish the nails. Remove the battery and clear the debris.
Tool operates properly, but fasteners are not driven fully.	Air pressure is too low. Depth of drive is not deep enough. Nail is too long for wood hardness.	Increase the air pressure. Adjust the depth of drive. Use nails of the length that is appropriate for the wood.
Tool operates properly, but fasteners are driven too deep.	Air pressure is too high. Depth of drive is too deep.	Decrease the air pressure. Adjust the depth of drive.
Tool jams frequently.	Nails are incorrect. Nails are damaged. Magazine is loose. Magazine is dirty.	Verify that the size of nails is correct. Replace the nails. Tighten the screws. Clean the magazine.
Tool stops and LED work lights flash rapidly.	Battery is low or has no charge. Tool is hot.	Recharge the battery. Allow tool to cool.
Tool has charged battery and LED work lights flash slowly.	Tool has malfunctioned.	Take tool to the nearest authorised repair centre.
Tool operates properly, but fasteners are not driven fully.	Tool is too cold (less than 5°C).	Warm the tool up to the operating temperature, either by storing in the correct environment or by firing test shots into spare material.
Tool doesn't operate.	Nail magazine is empty/very low.	Refill the magazine.
Tool doesn't operate.	Nailing process has been interrupted (by releasing the trigger mid-way through the process).	Remove the battery and replace to reset the system.
Tool doesn't operate.	Trigger or work piece contact has been held for too long without activating the nail firing process.	Release the trigger then activate again.

## PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

18V Nailer	
Model	R18NL15
Voltage	18 V 
Magazine capacity (number of nails)	105
Fastener type: Finish nail	
Length	25.4 - 64 mm (1" - 2½")
Diameter	1.8 mm (15 Ga)
Collation angle	34°

## BATTERY AND CHARGER

Model	Compatible battery pack (not included)	Compatible charger (not included)
Lithium-Ion	RB18L13 RB18L15 RB18L20 RB18L25 RB18L40 RB18L50	BCS618G BCL14181H BCL14183H BCL1418IV* RC18150U RC18627U RC18120

\* for vehicles with 12V DC outlets



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