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# Instruction manual

## Double Insulated Plate Joiner



MODEL  
557

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PROFESSIONAL POWER TOOLS

### IMPORTANT

Please make certain that the person who is to use this equipment carefully reads and understands these instructions before starting operations.

The Model and Serial No. plate is located on the main housing of the tool. Record these numbers in the spaces below and retain for future reference.

Model No. \_\_\_\_\_

Type \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

**▲ WARNING** Read and understand all warnings and operating instructions before using any tool or equipment. When using tools or equipment, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of personal injury. Improper operation, maintenance or modification of tools or equipment could result in serious injury and property damage. There are certain applications for which tools and equipment are designed. Porter-Cable strongly recommends that this product NOT be modified and/or used for any application other than for which it was designed.

If you have any questions relative to its application DO NOT use the product until you have written Porter-Cable and we have advised you.

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National Safety Council

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American National Standards Institute, 25 West 43rd Street, 4 floor, New York, NY 10036 [www.ansi.org](http://www.ansi.org) ANSI 01.1 Safety Requirements for Woodworking Machines, and the U.S. Department of Labor regulations [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)

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## SAFETY GUIDELINES - DEFINITIONS

It is important for you to read and understand this manual. The information it contains relates to protecting YOUR SAFETY and PREVENTING PROBLEMS. The symbols below are used to help you recognize this information.



### **▲ 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**

used without the safety alert symbol indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in property damage.

## CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65

### **▲ WARNING**

Some dust created by power sanding, sawing, grinding, drilling, and other construction activities contains chemicals known (to the State of California) 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
- 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, always wear NIOSH/OSHA approved, properly fitting face mask or respirator when using such tools.

# 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.



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## 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

- a) **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.

## 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 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.
- c) **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.

## GENERAL SAFETY RULES continued

- 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.
- e) **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 jewelry. Keep your hair, clothing and gloves away from moving parts.** Loose clothes, jewelry 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 these devices 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 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.
- 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 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.











### 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.

## ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC SAFETY RULES

1. **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.
2. **Wait for the cutter to stop before setting the tool down.** An exposed cutter may engage the surface leading to possible loss of control and serious injury.
3. **Use clamps or other practical way to secure and support the workpiece to a stable platform.** Holding the work by hand or against your body is unstable and may lead to loss of control.
4. **Keep blades sharp.** Sharp blades will do the job better and safer.
5. **When you have finished a cut** be careful not to come into contact with the blade. Turn off the motor immediately.
6. **Never hold work** in your hand, lap, or against other parts of your body.
7. **Keep guards in working order.** Check operation before each use. Do not use if guard does not close briskly over blade.  
**CAUTION** If tool is dropped, guard may distort restricting operation. Keep slide mechanism free of wood chips. Occasionally lubricate with light tool oil. DO NOT OVER LUBRICATE as this creates excessive sawdust buildup.
8. **⚠ DANGER** **Keep hands away from cutting area.** Keep hands away from blade. Do not reach underneath work while blade is rotating.
9. **Avoid cutting nails and knots.** Inspect for and remove all nails from lumber before cutting. Try to layout cuts between knots.
10. **Wear eye and hearing protection. Always use safety glasses.** Everyday eyeglasses are NOT safety glasses. USE CERTIFIED SAFETY EQUIPMENT. Eye protection equipment should comply with ANSI Z87.1 standards. Hearing equipment should comply with ANSI S3.19 standards.
11. **⚠ WARNING** **Use of this tool can generate and disburse dust or other airborne particles, including wood dust, crystalline silica dust and asbestos dust.** Direct particles away from face and body. Always operate tool in well ventilated area and provide for proper dust removal. Use dust collection system wherever possible. Exposure to the dust may cause serious and permanent respiratory or other injury, including silicosis (a serious lung disease), cancer, and death. Avoid breathing the dust, and avoid prolonged contact with dust. Allowing dust to get into your mouth or eyes, or lay on your skin may promote absorption of harmful material. Always use properly fitting NIOSH/OSHA approved respiratory protection appropriate for the dust exposure, and wash exposed areas with soap and water.

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<b>SYMBOL</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
V	volts
A	amperes
Hz	hertz
W	watts
kW	kilowatts
F	farads
$\mu$ F	microfarads
l	litres
g	grams
kg	kilograms
bar	bars
Pa	pascals
h	hours
min	minutes
s	seconds
$n_0$	no-load speed
.../min or ...min <sup>-1</sup>	Revolutions or reciprocations per minute
 or d.c.	direct current
 or a.c.	alternating current
2 	two-phase alternating current
2N 	two-phase alternating current with neutral
3 	three-phase alternating current
3N 	three-phase alternating current with neutral
 A	rated current of the appropriate fuse-link in amperes
	time-lag miniature fuse-link where X is the symbol for the time/current characteristic, as given in IEC 60127
	protective earth
	class II tool
IPXX	IP symbol

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## MOTOR

Many Porter-Cable tools will operate on either D.C., or single phase 25 to 60 cycle A.C. current and voltage within plus or minus 5 percent of that shown on the specification plate on the tool. Several models, however, are designed for A.C. current only. Refer to the specification plate on your tool for proper voltage and current rating.

### CAUTION

Do not operate your tool on a current on which the voltage is not within correct limits. Do not operate tools rated A.C. only on D.C. current. To do so may seriously damage the tool.

## EXTENSION CORD SELECTION

If an extension cord is used, make sure the conductor size is large enough to prevent excessive voltage drop which will cause loss of power and possible motor damage. A table of recommended extension cord sizes will be found in this section. This table is based on limiting line voltage drop to 5 volts (10 volts for 230 volts) at 150% of rated amperes.

If an extension cord is to be used outdoors, it must be marked with the suffix W-A or W following the cord type designation. For example – SJTW-A to indicate it is acceptable for outdoor use.

### RECOMMENDED EXTENSION CORD SIZES FOR USE WITH PORTABLE ELECTRIC TOOLS

		Length of Cord in Feet									
		115V	25 Ft.	50 Ft.	100 Ft.	150 Ft.	200 Ft.	250 Ft.	300 Ft.	400 Ft.	500 Ft.
		230V	50 Ft.	100 Ft.	200 Ft.	300 Ft.	400 Ft.	500 Ft.	600 Ft.	800 Ft.	1000 Ft.
Nameplate Ampere Rating	0-2	18	18	18	16	16	14	14	12	12	
	2-3	18	18	16	14	14	12	12	10	10	
	3-4	18	18	16	14	12	12	10	10	8	
	4-5	18	18	14	12	12	10	10	8	8	
	5-6	18	16	14	12	10	10	8	8	6	
	6-8	18	16	12	10	10	8	6	6	6	
	8-10	18	14	12	10	8	8	6	6	4	
	10-12	16	14	10	8	8	6	6	4	4	
	12-14	16	12	10	8	6	6	6	4	2	
	14-16	16	12	10	8	6	6	4	4	2	
	16-18	14	12	8	8	6	4	4	2	2	
18-20	14	12	8	6	6	4	4	2	2		

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## CARTON CONTENTS

- 1) Plate Joiner
- 2) Dust Bag
- 3) Carrying Case
- 4) Instruction Manual
- 5) Replacement Parts List
- 6) Combination Package



## FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

### FOREWORD

Model 557 is designed to cut the grooves required for Porter-Cable biscuit sizes “FF”, “0”, “10”, and “20”. Adjustments are also provided which allow the tool to cut grooves for the following plate joiner accessories sold by other manufacturers: #6 biscuits, Duplex accessories, and Simplex accessories.

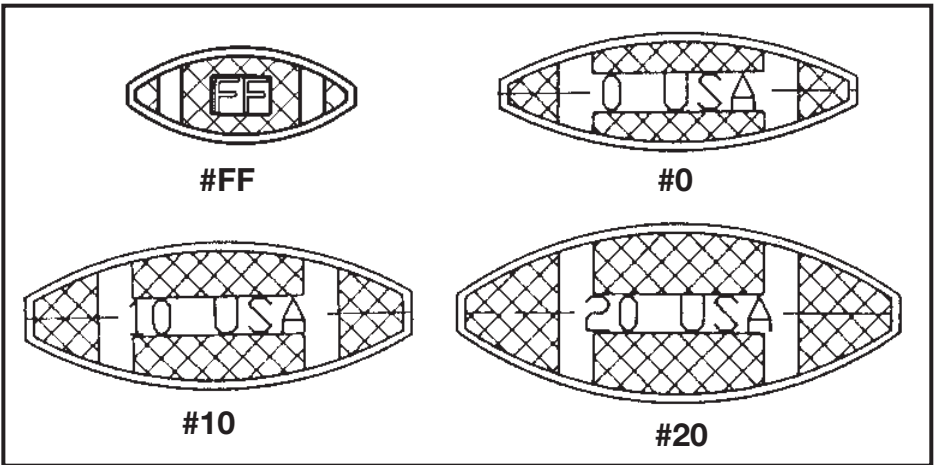
### ASSEMBLY

**NOTE:** This tool is shipped completely assembled. No assembly time or tools are required.

### SELECTING THE BISCUIT

Biscuits are  $\frac{5}{32}$ " thick. They are available from Porter-Cable in four sizes as shown below. Choose the largest biscuit that will accommodate the type of joint being made.

#### BISCUITS      Shown Actual Size



### OPERATION

#### TO START AND STOP TOOL

**⚠ WARNING** Make sure switch is OFF and power circuit voltage is the same as that shown on the specification plate.

1. Connect tool to power circuit.
2. Grip tool firmly to resist starting torque, and squeeze trigger switch (A) Fig. 1, to START tool.
3. Release trigger switch to STOP tool.
4. Switch Lock: the trigger switch may be locked in the “ON” position as follows:
  - Squeeze trigger switch to START motor and depress lock button (B) Fig. 1, while releasing trigger switch. Release lock button.
  - To STOP tool: squeeze trigger switch and release, while leaving lock button free to spring out.

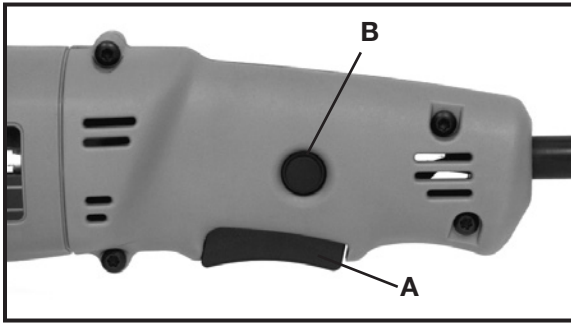


Fig. 1

## ADJUSTING DEPTH OF GROOVE

A “quick set” depth adjusting turret (A) Fig. 2, provides for quick changes in depth of cut to accommodate the various sizes of available biscuits and other accessories. To set depth of cut: rotate depth adjusting turret until desired size marking on turret aligns with the index mark (B) Fig. 2. The following depth settings are provided:

- 0** For “0” size accessories
- 10** For “10” size accessories
- 20** For “20” size accessories
- MAX** For “6” size accessories, provides maximum depth of cut with 4" blade
- FF** For Porter-Cable “FF” biscuits
- D** For “Duplex” accessories
- S** For “Simplex” accessories

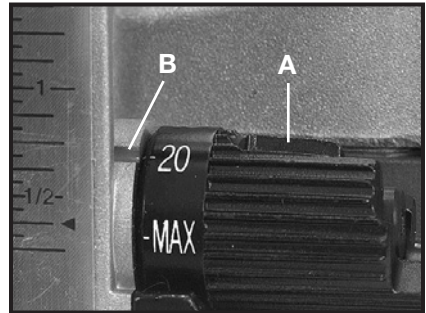


Fig. 2

## FINE ADJUSTMENT (Depth of Groove)

The “quick set” depth adjustment is adjusted at the factory to produce joints with nominal clearance (biscuit to groove). A fine adjustment is provided allowing the operator to reduce or increase the clearance as desired. Adjust as follows:

1. Use an  $\frac{7}{16}$ " wrench to loosen lock-nut (A) Fig. 3.
2. Rotate fine adjustment knob (B) Fig. 3, to desired position (rotate knob clockwise to reduce depth of cut, rotate knob counterclockwise to increase depth of cut).

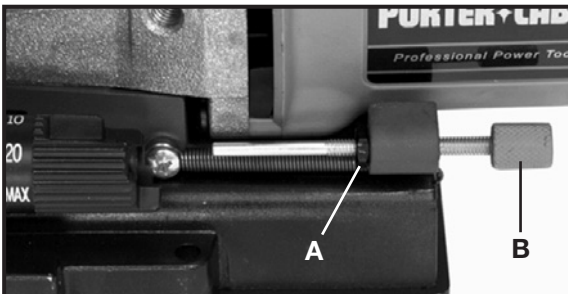


Fig. 3

3. While holding adjustment knob in desired position: tighten lock-nut firmly.

## ADJUSTABLE FENCE

Model 557 is equipped with an integral, adjustable fence which:

- Provides micro height adjustment, distance scale includes indexes to top of cut, to center of cut, and to bottom of cut.
- Tilts  $0^{\circ}$  through  $135^{\circ}$ , with an adjustable stop at  $90^{\circ}$ .
- Does not have to be removed to make “flush” cuts.

### Height Adjustment (see Figs. 4 & 5)

1. Loosen locking knob (A), and rotate knob (B) to position the fence as desired, (rotate knob clockwise to raise fence, rotate knob counterclockwise to lower fence).
2. The depth scale (C), indicates the distance from the top edge of the workpiece to the blade: **NOTE:** The bottom line on scale (C) begins at  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and all lines are in  $\frac{1}{16}$ " increments.
  - The line across the center of the index block (D), indicates the distance to the center of the blade.
  - The top edge of the index block (D), indicates the distance to the bottom of the blade.
  - The bottom edge of the index block (D), indicates the distance to the top of the blade.
  - The width of the index block (D), is equal to the thickness of the blade.
3. Once fence is in desired position, tighten knob (A), to secure in place.

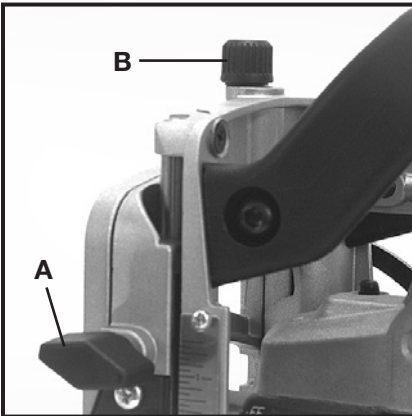


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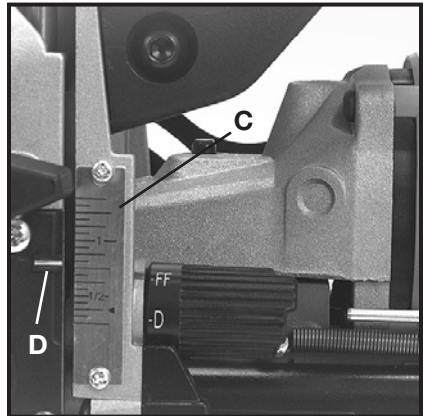


Fig. 5

### Angle Adjustment (see Figs. 6, 7, 8 & 9)

1. Loosen locking knob (A).
2. For angles between  $0^{\circ}$  and  $90^{\circ}$ : swing fence downward until desired angle on lower scale (B), aligns with lower index mark (E). Tighten knob (A), to secure in place.
3. For angles between  $90^{\circ}$  and  $135^{\circ}$ : swing fence downward until the “gate” between the upper scale (D), and lower scale (B), aligns with locking knob. Swing scale arm down to align knob with upper scale. Move fence until desired angle on upper scale (D), aligns with upper index mark (C). Tighten knob (A), to secure in place.

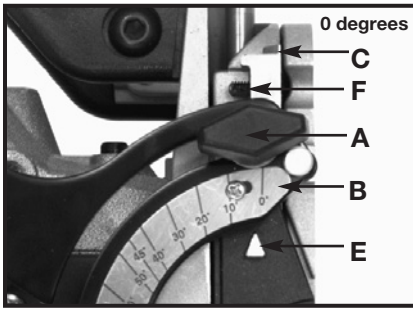


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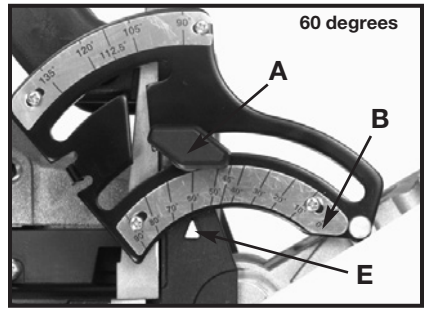


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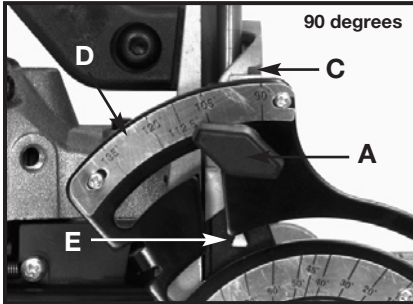


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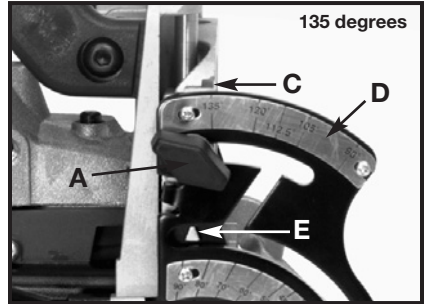


Fig. 9

### FINE ADJUSTMENT (90° Position)

The adjustable 90° stop is factory adjusted for 90° and should not require additional adjustment. If “fine tuning” of the stop position is required: use a  $\frac{5}{64}$ " hex wrench (not furnished), to rotate set-screw (F) Fig. 6, as required. Rotate the set-screw clockwise to reduce the angle of the fence, rotate the set-screw counterclockwise to increase the angle of the fence.

### BLADES (2" and 4")

Model 557 is shipped with a 4" diameter blade installed. This blade is used for all operations except for the “FF” biscuit. The “FF” biscuit requires that the 2" blade (furnished with the tool), be installed as follows:

#### **⚠ WARNING DISCONNECT TOOL FROM POWER SOURCE.**

1. Loosen four blade cover retaining screws (A) Fig. 10, and remove blade cover.
2. Depress and hold spindle lock button (B) Fig. 11, while rotating blade by hand until spindle lock engages.
3. Continue to hold spindle lock button while using the  $\frac{5}{32}$ " hex wrench (furnished with tool), to remove blade retaining bolt and flange, (by rotating counterclockwise).
4. Remove blade and store in a safe place for future use.
5. Place 2" diameter blade (furnished with tool), onto blade mounting flange (orient with teeth facing in same direction as directional arrow cast in housing, see Fig. 14).
6. Position blade retaining flange (flat side out), to spindle, insert blade bolt and rotate clockwise until hand-tight.
7. Depress and hold spindle lock button (B) Fig. 11, while rotating blade by hand until spindle lock engages.

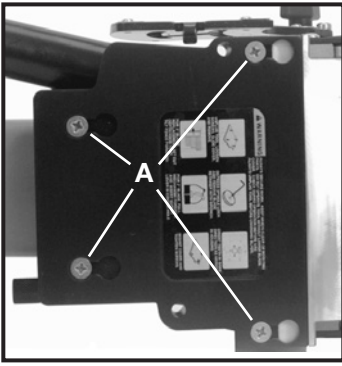


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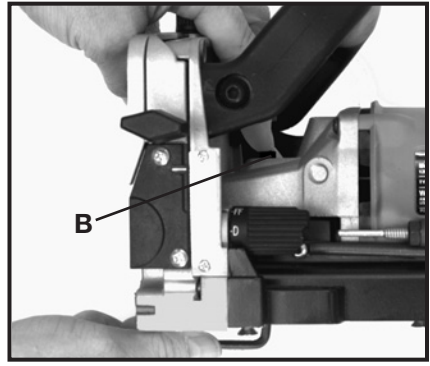


Fig. 11

8. Continue to hold spindle lock button while using the hex wrench (furnished with tool), to tighten blade retaining bolt securely, (by rotating clockwise).
9. Rotate the “quick set” depth adjusting turret (A) Fig. 12, to the “FF” position.
10. Lift safety lever (A) Fig. 13, fully retract the plunge mechanism, and reposition the safety lever as shown in Fig. 14. **Slowly** release pressure on plunge mechanism.
11. Reposition blade cover plate to tool, and secure in place with the four retaining screws (removed in step 1).

**⚠ WARNING DO NOT OPERATE TOOL WITHOUT BLADE COVER INSTALLED.**

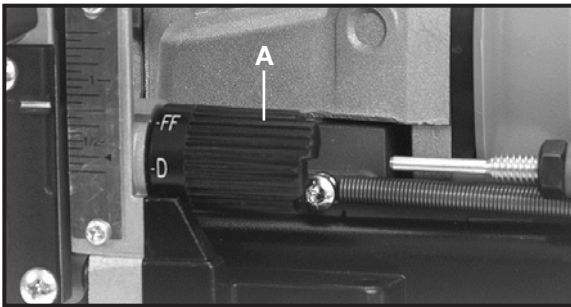


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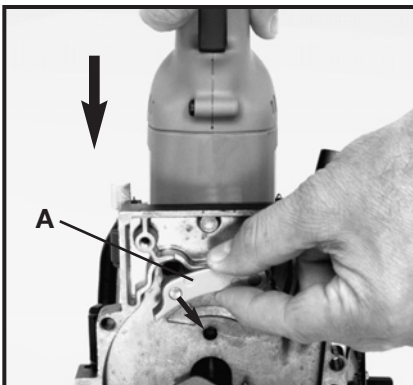


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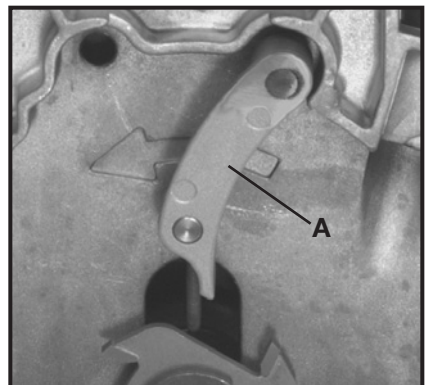


Fig. 14

## ALIGNMENT PLATE (For Narrow Stock)

When joining narrow material, it will be necessary to install the alignment plate (A) Fig. 15, (furnished with tool). The alignment plate provides added support for narrow material, and has index marks to aid in centering the cut in the narrow material. Index marks are provided for 1½" wide, and 2" wide material. Install alignment plate as follows:

### **⚠ WARNING DISCONNECT TOOL FROM POWER SOURCE.**

1. Align alignment plate with fence (see Fig. 15).
2. Slide alignment plate onto fence until it is seated (see Fig. 16).

**NOTE:** When alignment plate is installed: increase tool depth setting by 5/32" (to allow for thickness of the alignment plate).

3. To remove alignment plate: lift lightly on the alignment plate and slide off fence.

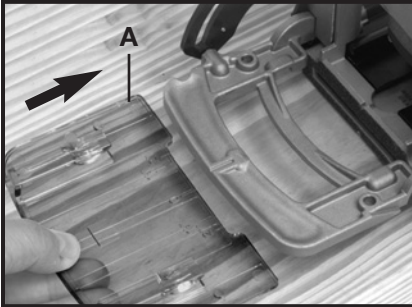


Fig. 15



Fig. 16

## “DOUBLE” BISCUITS

The alignment plate may also be used as a spacer to produce a groove that is wide enough to accept two biscuits. After cutting a groove (or a group of grooves), in the normal fashion: install the alignment plate and repeat the cuts. This will double the width of each groove so that two biscuits can be installed in each groove.

## DUST PORT

The tool is equipped with a dust port (A) Fig. 17. A large volume of sawdust and chips will be exhausted from this port during tool operation. A dust bag (B) Fig. 18 and a dust/chip deflector nozzle (C) Fig. 17 are furnished. A standard 1" vacuum hose can be connected to the dust port to facilitate dust collection.

**⚠ CAUTION** Do not operate the tool without a dust/chip deflector nozzle and dust bag, or a vacuum hose, attached to the dust port.



Fig. 17

## Dust/Chip Deflector Nozzle

The dust/chip deflector nozzle (C) pushes onto the dust port (A) Fig. 17.

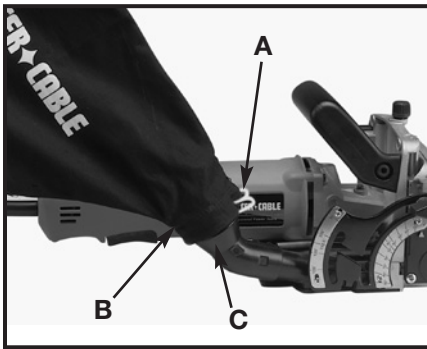


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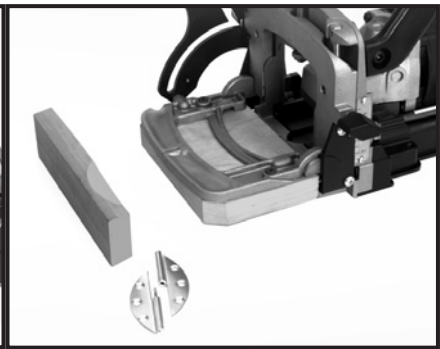


Fig. 18A

## ATTACHING DUST BAG

Depress spring clips (A) Fig. 18, and clip dust bag (B) on end of dust/chip deflector (C). The bag is equipped with a zipper to ease emptying of the collected material.

### Vacuum Hose

A standard 1" vacuum hose can be attached to the dust port to provide a means for connecting the tool to your vacuum cleaner or dust collection system.

## “DUPLEX” HINGES

The 557 can be used to make the mortises required for installing “duplex” hinges. To accomplish this, you must make a spacer and attach it to the 557 fence. The spacer can be made of scrap  $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick wood. Cut the spacer to approximately  $3\frac{3}{8}$ " by  $5\frac{1}{4}$ ", and attach it to the fence with two  $\frac{3}{4}$ " long wood screws (see Fig. 18A).

## #6 BISCUITS

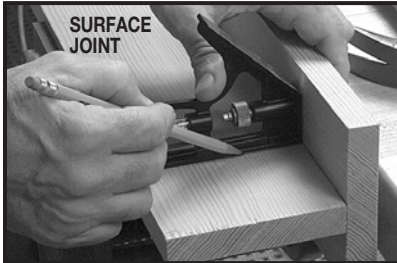
With the 4" blade installed, set the depth adjusting turret to the MAX position. Two cuts will be required to produce each groove for a #6 biscuit. The **centerlines** of these two cuts should be spaced  $\frac{1}{4}$ " apart. When laying-out these cuts, mark the first cut centerline, move over  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and mark the second cut centerline.

## POSITIONING GROOVES

The number of grooves (biscuits) used in a joint may be varied to provide the strength required for the particular application. Typically, the center of the first groove is positioned approximately two inches from the edge of the work with additional grooves spaced at three to six inches on centers.

In most cases, one line of grooves (biscuits) positioned approximately along the centerline of the material is used. On thicker material, an additional row(s) of biscuits may be used for added strength. The possibilities are almost endless.

Position the two workpieces (to be joined) in the relationship desired after joining. Mark the centerline of each groove required as shown in Fig. 19. Use a square to assure accuracy.



## PRACTICE CUTS

After each set-up or adjustment to the tool, it is recommended you make several practice cuts in scrap material to verify desired operation.

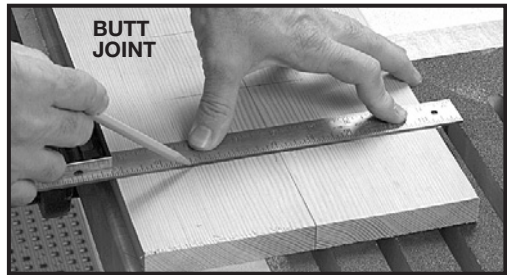


Fig. 19

## CORNER JOINTS

1. Layout groove positions as described in **POSITIONING GROOVES**.
2. Set depth stop turret to desired biscuit (or other accessory), size.
3. Set the tilt fence to the 90° position (see **ANGLE ADJUSTMENT** Section of this manual).
4. Set fence height adjustment to desired height (usually  $\frac{1}{2}$  the material thickness), (see **HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT** Section of this manual).
5. Clamp the workpiece securely.
6. Position tool to work-piece with bottom of fence resting on workpiece. Align guide notch (A) or (B) Fig. 20, with a groove centerline. Apply pressure to auxiliary handle (C) Fig. 20, to keep front of tool and fence in firm contact with workpiece.

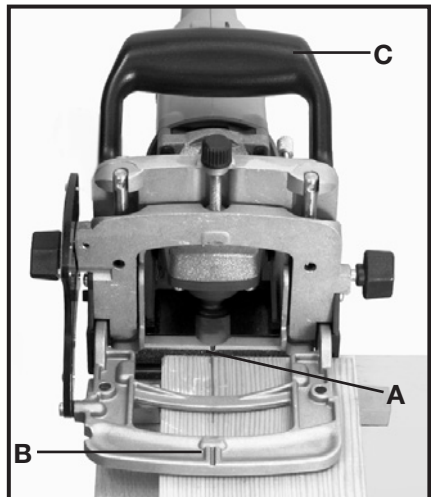


Fig. 20



7. Hold tool firmly as shown in Fig. 21, squeeze trigger switch to start tool.

8. At a slow, steady pace, push tool forward in base as far as depth stop allows.

9. Release trigger switch to stop tool and remove tool from work.

10. Repeat steps 6 through 9 until all the grooves for this joint are completed.



Fig. 21

**NOTE:** Assemble all joints and verify alignments before applying glue (see Fig. 22).

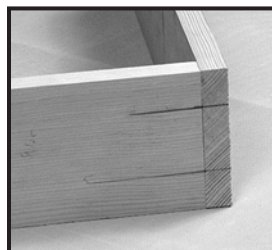
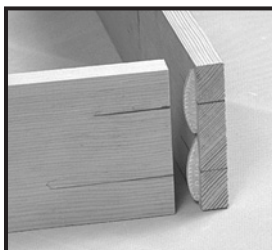
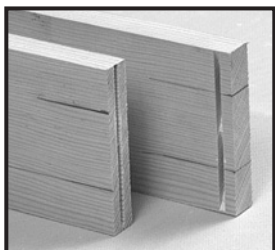


Fig. 22

## SURFACE ("T") JOINTS

1. Layout groove positions as described in **POSITIONING GROOVES**.
2. Set depth stop turret to desired biscuit (or other accessory), size.
3. Mark centerline of joint on workpiece "A" (see Fig. 23).
4. Clamp a straight edge guide to the workpiece,  $\frac{3}{8}$ " back from the joint centerline (as marked in Step 2). Clamp workpiece securely (see Fig. 24).
5. Set tilt fence to  $0^\circ$  position (see Angle Adjustment Section of this manual).
6. Position tool to workpiece with bottom of base against straight edge and guide notch (C) Fig. 25, aligned with a groove centerline. Apply pressure to auxiliary handle (D) Fig. 25 to hold tool firmly in place.
7. Hold tool firmly as shown in Fig. 21. Squeeze trigger switch to start tool.

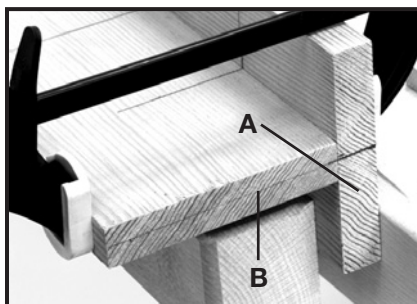


Fig. 23

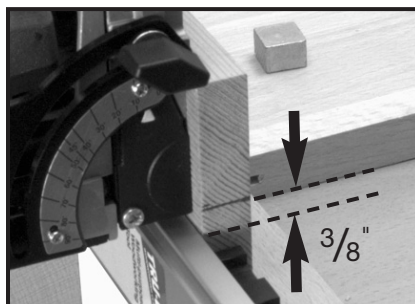


Fig. 24

8. At a slow, steady pace, push tool forward in base as far as depth stop allows.
9. Release trigger switch to stop tool and remove tool from work.
10. Repeat steps 5 through 8 until all the grooves in workpiece “A” are completed.
11. Follow steps 3 through 10 of **CORNER JOINTS** Section to complete required grooves in workpiece “B” Fig. 23.

**NOTE:** Assemble all joints and verify alignments before applying glue (see Fig. 26).

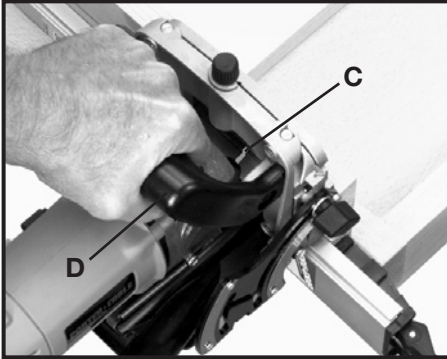


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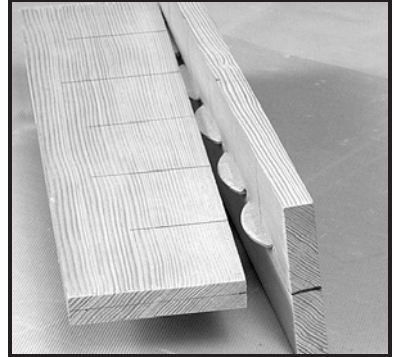


Fig. 26

## BUTT JOINTS

Tool adjustment and operation for producing butt joints (see Fig. 19), is the same as for **CORNER JOINTS**.

## MITER JOINTS

1. Layout groove positions as described in **POSITIONING GROOVES**.
2. Set depth stop turret to desired biscuit (or other accessory), size.
3. Set the tilt fence to desired angle (see Angle Adjustment Section of this manual).
4. Set fence height adjustment to desired height (see Height Adjustment Section of this manual).
5. Clamp workpiece securely.
6. Position tool to workpiece utilizing either guide notch (A) or (B) Fig. 27, to align tool with a groove centerline.

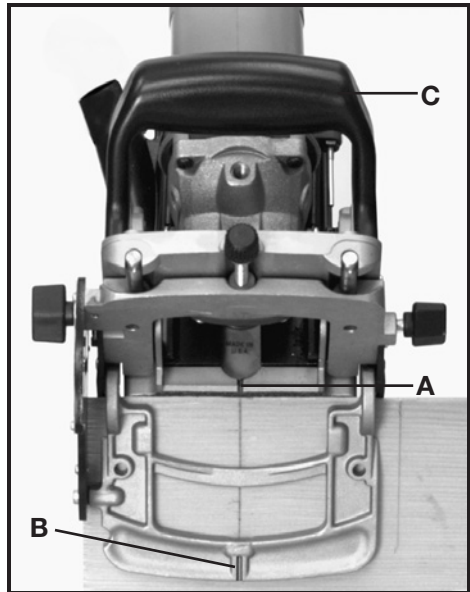


Fig. 27

Apply pressure to auxiliary handle (C) Fig. 27, to hold tool firmly in place.

7. Hold tool firmly as shown in Fig. 28, and squeeze trigger switch to start tool.
8. At a slow, steady pace, push tool forward in base as far as depth stop allows.
9. Release trigger switch to stop tool and remove tool from work.
10. Repeat Steps 5 through 8 until all the grooves for this joint are completed.

**NOTE:** Assemble all joints and verify alignments before applying glue (see Fig. 29).

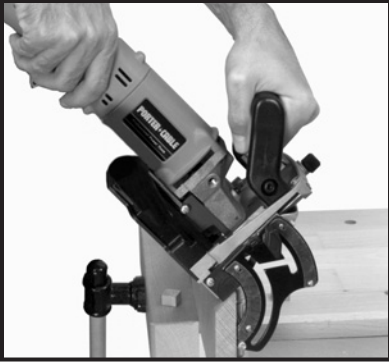


Fig. 28

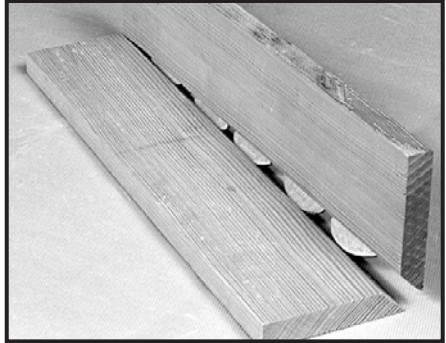


Fig. 29

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Periodically blow out all air passages with dry compressed air. All plastic parts should be cleaned with a soft damp cloth. NEVER use solvents to clean plastic parts. They could possibly dissolve or otherwise damage the material.

**⚠️WARNING** Wear ANSI Z87.1 safety glasses while using compressed air.

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Should your tool fail to start, check to make sure the prongs on the cord plug are making good contact in the outlet. Also, check for blown fuses or open circuit breakers in the line.

### LUBRICATION

This tool has been lubricated with a sufficient amount of high grade lubricant for the life of the unit under normal operating conditions. No further lubrication is necessary.

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