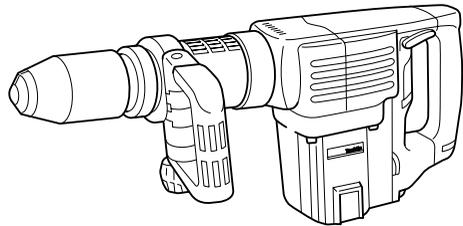


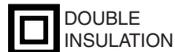


# Demolition Hammer

MODEL HM1242C



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## I N S T R U C T I O N M A N U A L

**⚠ WARNING:**

For your personal safety, READ and UNDERSTAND before using.  
SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

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# SPECIFICATIONS

Model	HM1242C
Blows per minute	950 - 1,900
Overall length	572 mm (22-3/4")
Net weight	9.3 kg (20.5 lbs)

- Manufacturer reserves the right to change specifications without notice.
- Specifications may differ from country to country.

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# GENERAL SAFETY RULES

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(For All Tools)

## **WARNING:**

**Read and understand all instructions.** Failure to follow all instructions listed below, may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious personal injury.

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# SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

## Work Area

1. **Keep your work area clean and well lit.** Cluttered benches and dark areas invite accidents.
2. **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.
3. **Keep bystanders, children, and visitors away while operating a power tool.** Distractions can cause you to lose control.

## Electrical Safety

4. **Double insulated tools are equipped with a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other.) This plug will fit in a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician to install a polarized outlet. Do not change the plug in any way.** Double insulation  eliminates the need for the three wire grounded power cord and grounded power supply system.
5. **Avoid body contact with grounded surfaces such as pipes, radiators, ranges and refrigerators.** There is an increased risk of electric shock if your body is grounded.

6. **Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions.** Water entering a power tool will increase the risk of electric shock.
7. **Do not abuse the cord. Never use the cord to carry the tools or pull the plug from an outlet. Keep cord away from heat, oil, sharp edges or moving parts. Replace damaged cords immediately.** Damaged cords increase the risk of electric shock.
8. **When operating a power tool outside, use an outdoor extension cord marked “W-A” or “W”.** These cords are rated for outdoor use and reduce the risk of electric shock.

### Personal Safety

9. **Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense when operating a power tool. Do not use tool while tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or medication.** A moment of inattention while operating power tools may result in serious personal injury.
10. **Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. Contain long hair. Keep your hair, clothing, and gloves away from moving parts.** Loose clothes, jewelry, or long hair can be caught in moving parts.
11. **Avoid accidental starting. Be sure switch is off before plugging in.** Carrying tools with your finger on the switch or plugging in tools that have the switch on invites accidents.
12. **Remove adjusting keys or wrenches before turning the tool on.** A wrench or a key that is left attached to a rotating part of the tool may result in personal injury.
13. **Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.** Proper footing and balance enables better control of the tool in unexpected situations.
14. **Use safety equipment. Always wear eye protection.** Dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection must be used for appropriate conditions. Ordinary eye or sun glasses are NOT eye protection.

### Tool Use and Care

15. **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.
16. **Do not force tool. Use the correct tool for your application.** The correct tool will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it is designed.
17. **Do not use tool if switch does not turn it on or off.** Any tool that cannot be controlled with the switch is dangerous and must be repaired.
18. **Disconnect the plug from the power source before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing the tool.** Such preventive safety measures reduce the risk of starting the tool accidentally.
19. **Store idle tools out of reach of children and other untrained persons.** Tools are dangerous in the hands of untrained users.
20. **Maintain tools with care. Keep cutting tools sharp and clean.** Properly maintained tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.
21. **Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts, and any other condition that may affect the tools operation. If damaged, have the tool serviced before using.** Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained tools.
22. **Use only accessories that are recommended by the manufacturer for your model.** Accessories that may be suitable for one tool, may become hazardous when used on another tool.

### SERVICE

23. **Tool service must be performed only by qualified repair personnel.** Service or maintenance performed by unqualified personnel could result in a risk of injury.

**24. When servicing a 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 electric shock or injury.

**USE PROPER EXTENSION CORD:** 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. An undersized cord will cause a drop in line voltage resulting in loss of power and overheating. Table 1 shows the correct size to use depending on cord length and nameplate ampere rating. If in doubt, use the next heavier gage. The smaller the gage number, the heavier the cord.

**Table 1: Minimum gage for cord**

Ampere Rating		Volts	Total length of cord in feet			
		120 V	25 ft.	50 ft.	100 ft.	150 ft.
More Than	Not More Than	AWG				
0	6		18	16	16	14
6	10		18	16	14	12
10	12		16	16	14	12
12	16		14	12	Not Recommended	

## SPECIFIC SAFETY RULES

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**DO NOT let comfort or familiarity with product (gained from repeated use) replace strict adherence to hammer safety rules. If you use this tool unsafely or incorrectly, you can suffer serious personal injury.**

1. Hold 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. Wear ear protectors when using the tool for extended periods. Prolonged exposure to high intensity noise can cause hearing loss.
3. Wear a hard hat (safety helmet), safety glasses and/or face shield. Ordinary eye or sun glasses are NOT safety glasses. It is also highly recommended that you wear a dust mask and thickly padded gloves.
4. Be sure the bit is secured in place before operation.
5. Under normal operation, the tool is designed to produce vibration. The screws can come loose easily, causing a breakdown or accident. Check tightness of screws carefully before operation.
6. In cold weather or when the tool has not been used for a long time, let the tool warm up for a while by operating it under no load. This will loosen up the lubrica-

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- tion. Without proper warm-up, hammering operation is difficult.
7. Always be sure you have a firm footing. Be sure no one is below when using the tool in high locations.
  8. Hold the tool firmly with both hands.
  9. Keep hands away from moving parts.
  10. Do not leave the tool running. Operate the tool only when hand-held.
  11. Do not point the tool at any one in the area when operating. The bit could fly out and injure someone seriously.
  12. Do not touch the bit or parts close to the bit immediately after operation; they may be extremely hot and could burn your skin.
  13. Some material contains chemicals which may be toxic. Take caution to prevent dust inhalation and skin contact. Follow material supplier safety data.
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## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

**⚠ WARNING:**  
**MISUSE** or failure to follow the safety rules stated in this instruction manual may cause serious personal injury.

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## SYMBOLS

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The followings show the symbols used for tool.

- |  |                     |   |   |
|--|---------------------|---|---|
| V .....  | volts               |  ..... | Class II Construction                   |
| A .....  | amperes             | .../min.....  | revolutions or reciprocation per minute |
| Hz .....   | hertz               |  ..... | number of blow                          |
|  ..... | alternating current |   |   |

# FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

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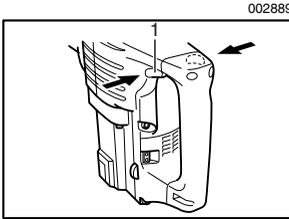
- Always be sure that the tool is switched off and unplugged before adjusting or checking function on the tool.

## Switch action

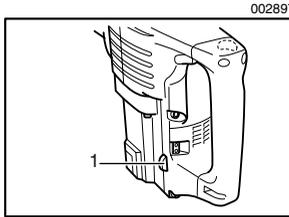
### ⚠ CAUTION:

- Before plugging in the tool, always check to see that the tool is switched off.
- Switch can be locked in “ON” position for ease of operator comfort during extended use. Apply caution when locking tool in “ON” position and maintain firm grasp on tool.

To start the tool, push the switch lever on the left side of the tool. To stop the tool, push the switch lever on the right side of the tool.



1. Switch lever



1. Adjusting dial

## Speed change

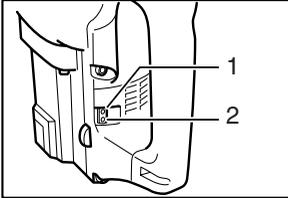
The blows per minute can be adjusted just by turning the adjusting dial. This can be done even while the tool is running. The dial is marked 1 (lowest speed) to 6 (full speed). Refer to the table below for the relationship between the number settings on the adjusting dial and the blows per minute.

Number on adjusting dial	Blows per minute
6	1,900
5	1,800
4	1,550
3	1,300
2	1,050
1	950

### ⚠ CAUTION:

- The speed adjusting dial can be turned only as far as 6 and back to 1. Do not force it past 6 or 1, or the speed adjusting function may no longer work.

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1. Power-ON indicator lamp(green)
2. Service indicator lamp(red)

## Indicator lamp

The green power-ON indicator lamp lights up when the tool is switched ON. If the indicator lamp is lit but the tool does not start, the carbon brushes may be worn out, or the electric circuit or the motor may be defective. If the indicator lamp does not light up and the tool does not start, the ON/OFF switch or the mains cord may be defective.

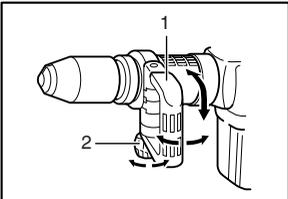
The red service indicator lamp lights up when the carbon brushes are nearly worn out to indicate that the tool needs servicing. After approx. 8 hours of use, the motor will automatically be shut off.

## ASSEMBLY

### ⚠ CAUTION:

- Always be sure that the tool is switched off and unplugged before carrying out any work on the tool.

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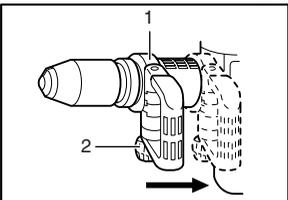


1. Side handle
2. Clamp nut

## Side handle (auxiliary handle)

The side handle can be swung 360° on the vertical and secured at any desired position. It also secures at eight different positions back and forth on the horizontal. Just loosen the clamp nut to swing the side handle to a desired position. Then tighten the clamp nut securely.

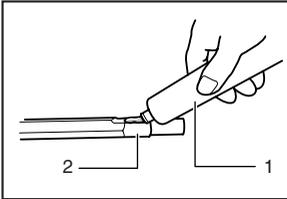
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1. Side handle base
2. Clamp nut

The side handle also can be mounted in the rear groove. Loosen the clamp nut and widen the side handle base. Slide the side handle back to the rear groove and secure it with the clamp nut.

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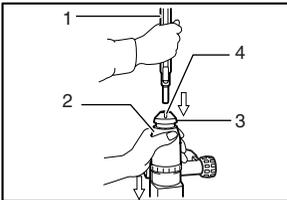
1. Bit grease
2. Bit shank

## Installing or removing the bit

This tool accepts 3/4" Hexagonal and 21/32" round shank bits.

Clean the bit shank and apply bit grease before installing the bit.

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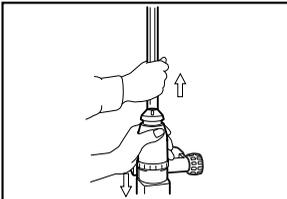


1. Bit
2. Tool holder cover
3. Tool holder cap
4. Notch

Pull the tool holder cover down all the way. With the cut in the bit shank aligned with the notch in the tool holder cap, insert the bit into the tool holder.

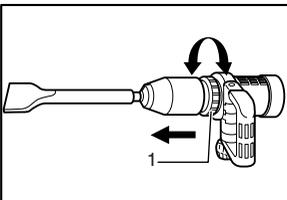
Release the tool holder cover. It will return automatically to its original position to secure the bit. After installing, always make sure that the bit is securely held in place by trying to pull it out.

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To remove the bit, pull the tool holder cover down all the way and pull the bit out.

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1. Change ring

## Bit angle

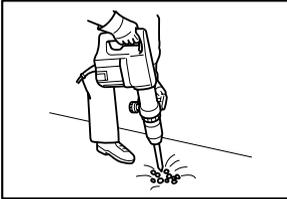
The bit can be secured at 12 different angles. To change the bit angle, slide the change ring forward, then turn the change ring to change the bit angle. At the desired angle, slide the change ring back to the original position. The bit will be secured in place.

### NOTE:

- The change ring cannot turn when the bit is not installed on the tool.

# OPERATION

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## Chipping/Scaling/Demolition

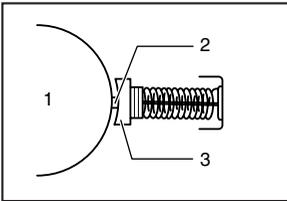
Hold the tool firmly with both hands. Turn the tool on and apply slight pressure on the tool so that the tool will not bounce around, uncontrolled. Pressing very hard on the tool will not increase the efficiency.

# MAINTENANCE

## ⚠ CAUTION:

- Always be sure that the tool is switched off and unplugged before attempting to perform inspection or maintenance.

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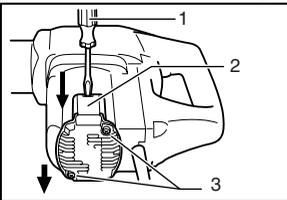


## Replacing carbon brushes

When the resin insulating tip inside the carbon brush is exposed to contact the commutator, it will automatically shut off the motor. When this occurs, both carbon brushes should be replaced. Keep the carbon brushes clean and free to slip in the holders. Both carbon brushes should be replaced at the same time. Use only identical carbon brushes.

1. Commutator
2. Insulating tip
3. Carbon brush

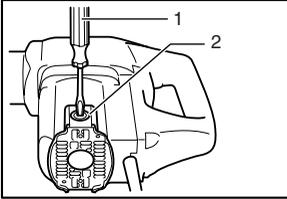
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Remove the screws which secure the rear cover. Pry up the rear cover with a screwdriver and remove it.

1. Screwdriver
2. Rear cover
3. Screws

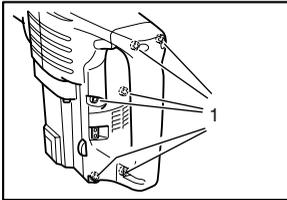
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1. Screwdriver
2. Brush holder cap

Use a screwdriver to remove the brush holder caps. Take out the worn carbon brushes, insert the new ones and secure the brush holder caps.

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1. Screws

## Lubrication

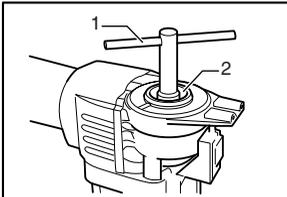
This tool requires no hourly or daily lubrication because it has a grease-packed lubrication system. It should be relubricated after every 6 months of operation. Send the complete tool to Makita Authorized or Factory Service Center for this lubrication service. However, if circumstances require that you should lubricate it by yourself, proceed as follows.

Run the tool for several minutes to warm it up. Switch off and unplug the tool.

Loosen the six screws and remove the handle.

Remove the crank cap using a socket wrench. Rest the tool on the table with the bit end pointing upwards. This will allow the old grease to collect inside the crank housing.

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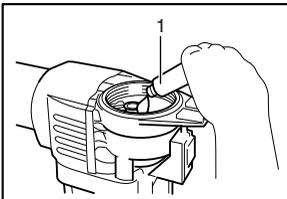


1. Socket wrench
2. Crank cap

Wipe out the old grease inside and replace with a fresh grease (30 g; 1 oz). Use only Makita genuine hammer grease (optional accessory). Filling with more than the specified amount of grease (approx. 30 g; 1 oz) can cause faulty hammering action or tool failure. Fill only with the specified amount of grease.

Reinstall the crank cap and tighten with the socket wrench.

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1. Hammer grease

### ⚠ CAUTION:

- Do not tighten the crank cap excessively. It is made of resin and is subject to breakage.
- Be careful not to damage the terminals or lead wires especially when wiping out the old grease or installing the handle.

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To maintain product SAFETY and RELIABILITY, repairs, any other maintenance or adjustment should be performed by Makita Authorized or Factory Service Centers, always using Makita replacement parts.

## ACCESSORIES

**△ CAUTION:**

- These accessories or attachments are recommended for use with your Makita tool specified in this manual. The use of any other accessories or attachments might present a risk of injury to persons. Only use accessory or attachment for its stated purpose.

If you need any assistance for more details regarding these accessories, ask your local Makita service center.

- Bull point
- Cold chisel
- Scaling chisel
- Clay spade
- Grooving chisel
- Rammer
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- Hammer grease
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	Model No.
	Serial No.

# 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, 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.

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