





Intended use

Your BLACK+DECKER GKC108 hand-held saw has been designed for sawing wood, plastics and sheet metal. This tool is intended for consumer use only.

Safety instructions

General power tool safety warnings



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

Save all warnings and instructions for future reference.

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.

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.
- f. **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.

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 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.
- c. **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.
- 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 jewellery. Keep your hair, clothing and gloves away from moving parts.** Loose clothes, jewellery 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 dust collection can reduce dust-related hazards.
- h. **Do not let familiarity gained from frequent use of tools allow you to become complacent and ignore tool safety principles.** A careless action can cause severe injury within a fraction of a second.

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 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.
- 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, 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.
 - h. **Keep handles and grasping surfaces dry, clean and free from oil and grease.** Slippery handles and grasping surfaces do not allow for safe handling and control of the tool in unexpected situations.
5. **Battery tool use and care**
- a. **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.
 - b. **Use power tools only with specifically designated battery packs.** Use of any other battery packs may create a risk of injury and fire.
 - c. **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.
 - d. **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.
 - e. **Do not use a battery pack or tool that is damaged or modified.** Damaged or modified batteries may exhibit unpredictable behaviour resulting in fire, explosion or risk of injury.
 - f. **Do not expose a battery pack or tool to fire or excessive temperature.** Exposure to fire or temperature above 130 °C may cause explosion.
 - g. **Follow all charging instructions and do not charge the battery pack or tool outside the temperature range specified in the instructions.** Charging improperly or at temperatures outside the specified range may damage the battery and increase the risk of fire.

6. 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.
- b. **Never service damaged battery packs.** Service of battery packs should only be performed by the manufacturer or authorised service providers.

Additional power tool safety warnings



Warning! Warning! Additional safety warnings for hand-held saws.

- ◆ **Hold power tool by insulated gripping surfaces, when performing an operation where the cutting accessory may contact hidden wiring.** Cutting accessory contacting a "live" wire may make exposed metal parts of the power tool "live" and could give the operator an electric shock.
- ◆ **Use clamps or another practical way to secure and support the workpiece to a stable platform.** Holding the work by hand or against your body leaves it unstable and may lead to loss of control.
- ◆ **Keep hands away from cutting area.** Never reach underneath the work piece any reason. Do not insert fingers or thumb into the vicinity of the reciprocating blade and blade clamp. Do not stabilize the saw by gripping the shoe.
- ◆ **Keep blades sharp.** Dull or damaged blades may cause the saw to swerve or stall under pressure. Always use the appropriate type of saw blade for the workpiece material and type of cut.
- ◆ **When cutting pipe or conduit, make sure that they are free from water, electrical wiring, etc.**
- ◆ **Do not touch the workpiece or the blade immediately after operating the tool.** They can become very hot.
- ◆ **Be aware of hidden hazards, before cutting into walls, floors or ceilings, check for the location of wiring and pipes.**
- ◆ **The blade will continue to move after releasing the switch.** Always switch the tool off and wait for the saw blade to come to a complete standstill before putting the tool down.

Warning! The vibration emission value during actual use of the power tool can differ from the declared value depending on the ways in which the tool is used. The vibration level may increase above the level stated.

- ◆ The intended use is described in this instruction manual. The use of any accessory or attachment or performance of any operation with this tool other than those recommended in this instruction manual may present a risk of personal injury and/or damage to property.

Safety of others

- ◆ This appliance 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 appliance by a person responsible for their safety.
- ◆ Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.

Residual risks

Additional residual risks may arise when using the tool which may not be included in the enclosed safety warnings. These risks can arise from misuse, prolonged use etc.

Even with the application of the relevant safety regulations and the implementation of safety devices, certain residual risks can not be avoided. These include:

- ◆ Injuries caused by touching any rotating/moving parts.
- ◆ Injuries caused when changing any parts, blades or accessories.
- ◆ Injuries caused by prolonged use of a tool. When using any tool for prolonged periods ensure you take regular breaks.
- ◆ Impairment of hearing.
- ◆ Health hazards caused by breathing dust developed when using your tool (example:- working with wood, especially oak, beech and MDF.)

Vibration

The declared vibration emission values stated in the technical data and the declaration of conformity have been measured in accordance with a standard test method provided by EN 60745 and may be used for comparing one tool with another. The declared vibration emission value may also be used in a preliminary assessment of exposure.

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When assessing vibration exposure to determine safety measures required by 2002/44/EC to protect persons regularly using power tools in employment, an estimation of vibration exposure should consider, the actual conditions of use and the way the tool is used, including taking account of all parts of the operating cycle such as the times when the tool is switched off and when it is running idle in addition to the trigger time.

Labels on tool

The following warning symbols are found on the appliance along with the date code:



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



Warning! Keep hands away from the blade.

Additional safety instructions for batteries and chargers

Batteries

- ◆ Never attempt to open for any reason.
- ◆ Do not expose the battery to water.
- ◆ Do not store in locations where the temperature may exceed 40 °C.
- ◆ Charge only at ambient temperatures between 10 °C and 40 °C.
- ◆ Charge only using the charger provided with the tool.
- ◆ When disposing of batteries, follow the instructions given in the section "Protecting the environment".



Do not attempt to charge damaged batteries.

Chargers

- ◆ Use your BLACK+DECKER charger only to charge the battery in the tool with which it was supplied. Other batteries could burst, causing personal injury and damage.
- ◆ Never attempt to charge non-rechargeable batteries.
- ◆ Have defective cords replaced immediately.
- ◆ Do not expose the charger to water.
- ◆ Do not open the charger.
- ◆ Do not probe the charger.



The charger is intended for indoor use only.



Read the instruction manual before use.

Electrical safety



Your charger is double insulated; therefore no earth wire is required. Always check that the mains voltage corresponds to the voltage on the rating plate. Never attempt to replace the charger unit with a regular mains plug.

- ◆ If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer or an authorised BLACK+DECKER Service Centre in order to avoid a hazard.

Features

This tool includes some or all of the following features.

1. On/Off Switch
2. Lock off button
3. Clamping arm release button
4. Clamping arm

5. Clamping arm stop
6. Shoe
7. Blade clamp
8. Battery

Assembly

Warning! Before assembly, remove the battery from the tool and make sure that the saw blade has stopped. Used saw blades may be hot.

Fitting the saw blade (fig. A)

- ◆ Hold the tool away from the body
- ◆ To fit a saw blade, press the lever (9) down and hold it in this position.
- ◆ Insert the saw blade into the blade clamp (7) as shown.
- ◆ Release the lever.
- ◆ To remove the saw blade, press the lever (9) down and pull the saw blade from the holder.

Removing the saw blade (fig. A)

Warning! Burn hazard: Do not touch the blade immediately after use. Contact with the blade may result in personal injury.

- ◆ Press the lever (9) down.
- ◆ Remove blade

Fitting and removing the battery (fig. B)

- ◆ To fit the battery (8), line it up with the receptacle on the tool. Slide the battery into the receptacle and push until the battery snaps into place.
- ◆ To remove the battery, push the release buttons (10) while at the same time pulling the battery out of the receptacle.

Use

Warning! Let the tool work at its own pace. Do not overload.

Charging the battery (fig. C)

The battery needs to be charged before first use and whenever it fails to produce sufficient power on jobs that were easily done before. The battery may become warm while charging; this is normal and does not indicate a problem.

Warning! Do not charge the battery at ambient temperatures below 10 °C or above 40 °C. Recommended charging temperature: approx. 24 °C.

Note: The charger will not charge a battery if the cell temperature is below approximately 10 °C or above 40 °C. The battery should be left in the charger and the charger will begin to charge automatically when the cell temperature warms up or cools down.

- ◆ To charge the battery (8), insert it into the charger (11). The battery will only fit into the charger in one way. Do not force. Be sure that the battery is fully seated in the charger.

- ◆ Plug in the charger and switch on at the mains.

The charging indicator (12) will flash green continuously (slowly).

The charge is complete when the charging indicator (12) lights green continuously. The charger and the battery can be left connected indefinitely with the LED illuminated. The LED will change to flashing green (charging) state as the charger occasionally tops up the battery charge. The charging indicator (12) will be lit as long as the battery is connected to the plugged-in charger.

- ◆ Charge discharged batteries within 1 week. Battery life will be greatly diminished if stored in a discharged state.

Leaving the battery in the charger

The charger and battery pack can be left connected with the LED glowing indefinitely. The charger will keep the battery pack fresh and fully charged.

Charger diagnostics

If the charger detects a weak or damaged battery, the charging indicator (12) will flash red at a fast rate. Proceed as follows:

- ◆ Re-insert the battery (8).
- ◆ If the charging indicators continues flashing red at a fast rate, use a different battery to determine if the charging process works properly.
- ◆ If the replaced battery charges correctly, the original battery is defective and should be returned to a service centre for recycling.
- ◆ If the new battery gives the same indication as the original battery, take the charger to be tested at an authorised service centre.

Note: It may take as long as 60 minutes to determine that the battery is defective. If the battery is too hot or too cold, the LED will alternately blink red, fast and slow, one flash at each speed and repeat.

Switching on and off (fig. D)

The tool is equipped with a switch lock-off feature to prevent unintentional operation.

- ◆ To switch the tool on, press the lock off button (2) then squeeze the on/off switch (1).
- ◆ Once the tool is on, release the lock off button.
- ◆ Releasing the on/off switch turns the tool off.

Using the clamping arm (fig. E)

The tool is equipped with a clamping arm which helps to stabilise the tool on the work piece.

- ◆ Pull back the clamping arm release button (3). This will release the clamping arm. Once clamping arm is released you can let go of button.
- ◆ To switch the tool on, press the lock off button (2) then squeeze the on/off switch (1).

- ◆ With the saw running, the clamping arm will rotate forward until it comes in contact with the workpiece.
- ◆ Once the cut is complete, the clamping arm will rotate fully back to the stop position.

Sawing (fig. E)

- ◆ Always hold the tool with both hands.
- ◆ Let the blade run freely for a few seconds before starting the cut.
- ◆ Apply only a gentle pressure to the tool while performing the cut.
- ◆ If possible, work with the shoe (6) pressed against the workpiece. This will improve tool control and reduce tool vibration, as well as prevent the blade from being damaged.

Hints for optimum use

Cutting branches

Branches up to 75 mm in diameter can be cut with this tool.

Warning! Do not use the tool while in a tree, on a ladder or on any other unstable surface. Be aware of where the branch will fall.

- ◆ Make sure the tool is running at full speed before making a cut.
- ◆ Hold the tool firmly in place to avoid possible bouncing or sideways movement of the tool.
- ◆ Guide the tool using light pressure.
- ◆ Always cut down from the top. This way you will avoid pinching the saw blade.
- ◆ Remove branches starting from branch tip. Reduce the branch in logical steps cutting off small sections.
- ◆ When cutting a limb that is under tension be aware of spring back. When the tension in the wood fibers are released the spring loaded limb may strike the operator and /or throw the tool out of control.
- ◆ Remove the tool from the cut while it is running at full speed.

Cutting metal

- ◆ Use a finer blade (24 teeth per inch) for ferrous metals and a coarse blade for non-ferrous materials.
- ◆ In thin gauge sheet metals it is best to clamp wood to the underside of the sheet. This will ensure a clean cut without excess vibration or tearing of metal.
- ◆ Avoid forcing cutting blade as this reduces blade life and causes costly blade breakage.

Note! Spread a thin film of oil or other coolant along the line ahead of the saw cut for easier operation and longer blade life. Aluminum should be cut dry.

Accessories

The performance of your tool depends on the accessory used. BLACK+DECKER and Piranha accessories are engineered to high quality standards and designed to enhance the performance of your tool. By using these accessories you will get the very best from your tool.

Blades

The saw will accept a blade up to 15 cm long. Always use the shortest blade suitable for your project but long enough to keep the blade cutting through the material. Longer blades are more likely to be bent or damaged during use. During operation some longer blades may vibrate or shake if the saw is not kept in contact with the workpiece.

Maintenance

Your BLACK+DECKER tool has been designed to operate over a long period of time with a minimum of maintenance. Continuous satisfactory operation depends upon proper tool care and regular cleaning.

Your charger does not require any maintenance apart from regular cleaning.

Warning! Before performing any maintenance on the tool, remove the battery from the tool. Unplug the charger before cleaning it.

- ◆ Regularly clean the ventilation slots in your tool and charger using a soft brush or dry cloth.
- ◆ Regularly clean the motor housing using a damp cloth. Do not use any abrasive or solvent-based cleaner.
- ◆ Regularly open the chuck and tap it to remove any dust from the interior.

Protecting the environment



Separate collection. Products and batteries marked with this symbol must not be disposed of with normal household waste.

Products and batteries contain materials that can be recovered or recycled reducing the demand for raw materials. Please recycle electrical products and batteries according to local provisions.

Further information is available at www.2helpU.com

Technical data

GKC108 (H1)	
Input voltage	V _{ac} 10.8
No-load speed	min ⁻¹ 3500
Stroke length	mm 16
Weight	kg 1.2

Charger		905922** typ. 2	905599** typ. 1
Input Voltage	V_{AC}	100-240	230
Output Voltage	V_{DC}	4-12	10.8
Current	A	0.4	2
Approx. charge time	h	3-5	0.5

Battery		BL1110	BL1310	BL1510
Voltage	V_{DC}	10.8	10.8	10.8
Capacity	Ah	1.1	1.3	1.5
Type		Li-Ion	Li-Ion	Li-Ion

L_{PA} (sound pressure) 82 dB(A), Uncertainty (K) 3 dB(A)
L_{WA} (sound power) 93 dB(A), Uncertainty (K) 3 dB(A)
Vibration total values (triax vector sum) according to EN 60745:
Cutting wood ($a_{h,CW}$) 10 m/s ² , uncertainty (K) 1.5 m/s ²
Cutting sheet metal ($a_{h,CM}$) 10 m/s ² , uncertainty (K) 1.5 m/s ²

EC declaration of conformity

MACHINERY DIRECTIVE



GKC108 hand-held saw

Black & Decker declares that these products described under "technical data" are in compliance with:
EN 60745-1:2009+A11:2010, EN 60745-2-11:2010

These products also comply with Directive
2006/42/EC, 2014/30/EC and 2011/65/EU.

For more information, please contact Black & Decker at the following address or refer to the back of the manual.

The undersigned is responsible for compilation of the technical file and makes this declaration on behalf of Black & Decker.

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Guarantee

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