

INSTRUCTION MANUAL



Cordless Impact Wrench

DTW253



Read before use.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model		DTW253
Capacities	Standard bolt	M8 - M16
	High tensile bolt	M6 - M12
Square drive		9.5 mm
No load speed (min ⁻¹)		0 - 2,100
Impacts per minute		0 - 3,200
Max. fastening torque		210 N•m
Overall length		155 mm
Net weight		1.3 kg
Rated voltage		D.C. 18 V

- Due to our continuing program of research and development, the specifications herein are subject to change without notice.
- Specifications and battery cartridge may differ from country to country.
- Weight according to EPTA-Procedure 01/2003

Symbols

The following show the symbols used for the equipment. Be sure that you understand their meaning before use.



Read instruction manual.



Only for EU countries
Do not dispose of electric equipment or battery pack together with household waste material! In observance of European Directive 2002/96/EC on waste electric and electronic equipment, 2006/66/EC on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators and their implementation in accordance with national laws, electric equipment and battery pack that have reached the end of their life must be collected separately and returned to an environmentally compatible recycling facility.

Intended use

The tool is intended for fastening bolts and nuts.

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

1. **Keep work area clean and well lit.** Cluttered or 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 children and bystanders away while operating a power tool.** Distractions can cause you to lose control.

Electrical safety

4. **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.
5. **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.
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 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.
8. **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.
9. **If operating a power tool in a damp location is unavoidable, use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protected supply.** Use of an GFCI reduces the risk of electric shock.

Personal safety

10. **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.
11. **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.
12. **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.

13. **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.
14. **Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.** This enables better control of the power tool in unexpected situations.
15. **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.
16. **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

17. **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.
18. **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.
19. **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.
20. **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.
21. **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.
22. **Keep cutting tools sharp and clean.** Properly maintained cutting tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.
23. **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

24. **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.
25. **Use power tools only with specifically designated battery packs.** Use of any other battery packs may create a risk of injury and fire.
26. **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.

27. **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

28. **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.
29. **Follow instruction for lubricating and changing accessories.**
30. **Keep handles dry, clean and free from oil and grease.**

CORDLESS IMPACT WRENCH SAFETY WARNINGS

1. **Hold power tool by insulated gripping surfaces, when performing an operation where the fastener may contact hidden wiring.** Fasteners contacting a "live" wire may make exposed metal parts of the power tool "live" and could give the operator an electric shock.
2. **Wear ear protectors.**
3. **Check the socket carefully for wear, cracks or damage before installation.**
4. **Hold the tool firmly.**
5. **Always be sure you have a firm footing. Be sure no one is below when using the tool in high locations.**
6. **The proper fastening torque may differ depending upon the kind or size of the bolt. Check the torque with a torque wrench.**

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

⚠WARNING: DO NOT let comfort or familiarity with product (gained from repeated use) replace strict adherence to safety rules for the subject product. **MISUSE** or failure to follow the safety rules stated in this instruction manual may cause serious personal injury.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

FOR BATTERY CARTRIDGE

1. **Before using battery cartridge, read all instructions and cautionary markings on (1) battery charger, (2) battery, and (3) product using battery.**
2. **Do not disassemble battery cartridge.**
3. **If operating time has become excessively shorter, stop operating immediately. It may result in a risk of overheating, possible burns and even an explosion.**
4. **If electrolyte gets into your eyes, rinse them out with clear water and seek medical attention right away. It may result in loss of your eyesight.**
5. **Do not short the battery cartridge:**
 - (1) **Do not touch the terminals with any conductive material.**

- (2) **Avoid storing battery cartridge in a container with other metal objects such as nails, coins, etc.**
- (3) **Do not expose battery cartridge to water or rain.**

A battery short can cause a large current flow, overheating, possible burns and even a breakdown.

- 6. **Do not store the tool and battery cartridge in locations where the temperature may reach or exceed 50°C (122°F).**
- 7. **Do not incinerate the battery cartridge even if it is severely damaged or is completely worn out. The battery cartridge can explode in a fire.**
- 8. **Be careful not to drop or strike battery.**
- 9. **Do not use a damaged battery.**

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Tips for maintaining maximum battery life

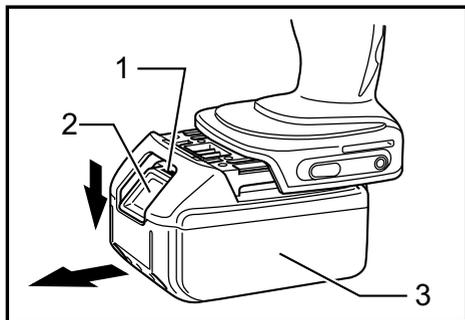
- 1. **Charge the battery cartridge before completely discharged. Always stop tool operation and charge the battery cartridge when you notice less tool power.**
- 2. **Never recharge a fully charged battery cartridge. Overcharging shortens the battery service life.**
- 3. **Charge the battery cartridge with room temperature at 10°C - 40°C (50°F - 104°F). Let a hot battery cartridge cool down before charging it.**
- 4. **Charge the battery cartridge once in every six months if you do not use it for a long period of time.**

FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

⚠ CAUTION:

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

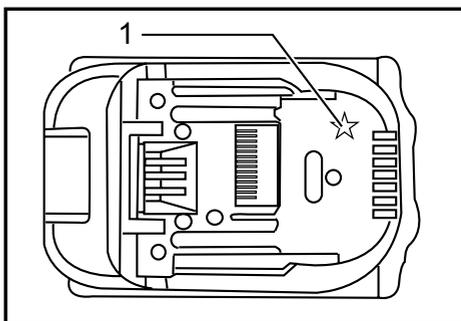
Installing or removing battery cartridge



► 1. Red indicator 2. Button 3. Battery cartridge

- Always switch off the tool before installing or removing of the battery cartridge.
- To remove the battery cartridge, slide it from the tool while sliding the button on the front of the cartridge.
- To install the battery cartridge, align the tongue on the battery cartridge with the groove in the housing and slip it into place. Always insert it all the way until it locks in place with a little click. If you can see the red indicator on the upper side of the button, it is not locked completely. Install it fully until the red indicator cannot be seen. If not, it may accidentally fall out of the tool, causing injury to you or someone around you.
- Do not use force when installing the battery cartridge. If the cartridge does not slide in easily, it is not being inserted correctly.

Battery protection system (Lithium-ion battery with star marking)



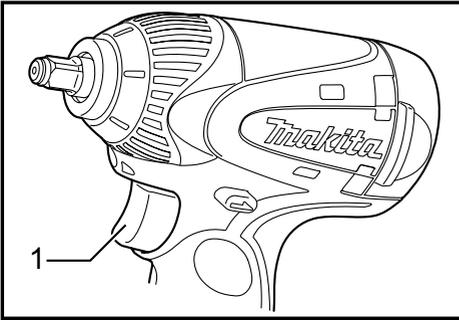
► 1. Star marking

Lithium-ion batteries with a star marking are equipped with a protection system. This system automatically cuts off power to the tool to extend battery life.

The tool will automatically stop during operation if the tool and/or battery are placed under one of the following conditions:

- **Overloaded:**
The tool is operated in a manner that causes it to draw an abnormally high current. In this situation, release the trigger switch on the tool and stop the application that caused the tool to become overloaded. Then pull the trigger switch again to restart. If the tool does not start, the battery is overheated. In this situation, let the battery cool before pulling the trigger switch again.
- **Low battery voltage:**
The remaining battery capacity is too low and the tool will not operate. In this situation, remove and recharge the battery.

Switch action



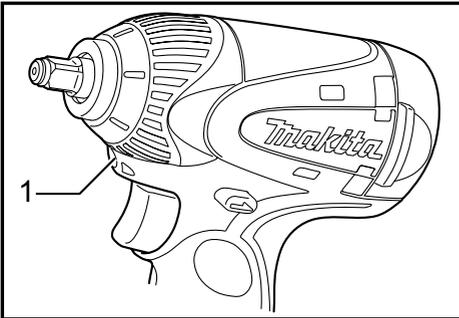
► 1. Switch trigger

⚠ CAUTION:

- Before inserting the battery cartridge into the tool, always check to see that the switch trigger actuates properly and returns to the "OFF" position when released.

To start the tool, simply pull the switch trigger. Tool speed is increased by increasing pressure on the switch trigger. Release the switch trigger to stop.

Lighting up the front lamp



► 1. Lamp

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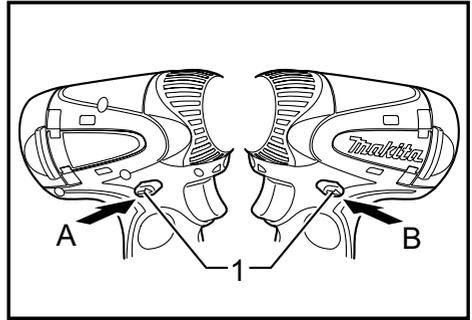
- Do not look in the light or see the source of light directly.

Pull the switch trigger to light up the lamp. The lamp keeps on lighting while the switch trigger is being pulled. The light automatically goes out 10 - 15 seconds after the switch trigger is released.

NOTE:

- Use a dry cloth to wipe the dirt off the lens of lamp. Be careful not to scratch the lens of lamp, or it may lower the illumination.

Reversing switch action



► 1. Reversing switch lever

This tool has a reversing switch to change the direction of rotation. Depress the reversing switch lever from the A side for clockwise rotation or from the B side for counterclockwise rotation.

When the reversing switch lever is in the neutral position, the switch trigger cannot be pulled.

⚠ CAUTION:

- Always check the direction of rotation before operation.
- Use the reversing switch only after the tool comes to a complete stop. Changing the direction of rotation before the tool stops may damage the tool.
- When not operating the tool, always set the reversing switch lever to the neutral position.

ASSEMBLY

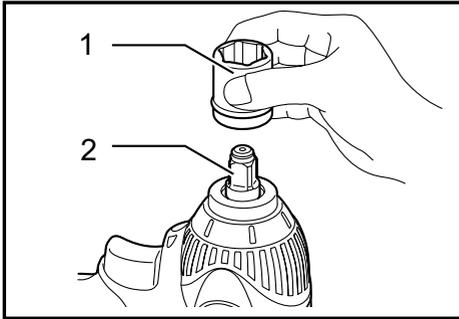
⚠ CAUTION:

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

Selecting correct socket

Always use the correct size socket for bolts and nuts. An incorrect size socket will result in inaccurate and inconsistent fastening torque and/or damage to the bolt or nut.

Installing or removing socket



► 1. Socket 2. Anvil

To install the socket, push it onto the anvil of the tool until it locks into place.

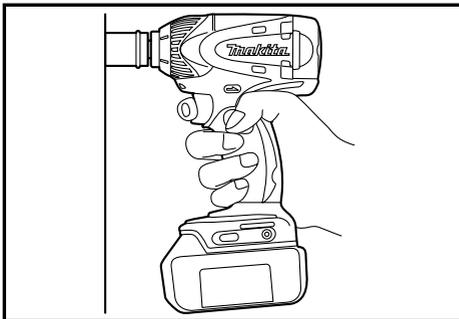
To remove the socket, simply pull it off.

OPERATION

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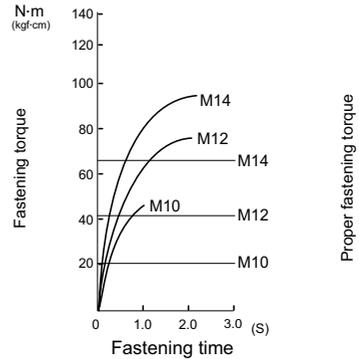
- Always insert the battery cartridge all the way until it locks in place. If you can see the red part on the upper side of the button, it is not locked completely. Insert it fully until the red part cannot be seen. If not, it may accidentally fall out of the tool, causing injury to you or someone around you.

Hold the tool firmly and place the socket over the bolt or nut. Turn the tool on and fasten for the proper fastening time.

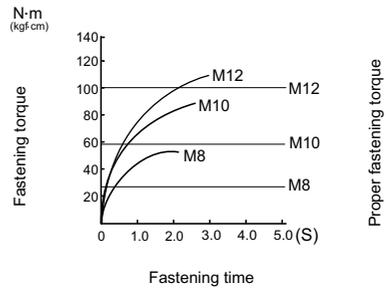


The proper fastening torque may differ depending upon the kind or size of the bolt, the material of the workpiece to be fastened, etc. The relation between fastening torque and fastening time is shown in the figures.

Standard bolt



High tensile bolt



NOTE:

- Hold the tool pointed straight at the bolt or nut.
- Excessive fastening torque may damage the bolt/nut or socket. Before starting your job, always perform a test operation to determine the proper fastening time for your bolt or nut.
- If the tool is operated continuously until the battery cartridge has discharged, allow the tool to rest for 15 minutes before proceeding with a fresh battery cartridge.

The fastening torque is affected by a wide variety of factors including the following. After fastening, always check the torque with a torque wrench.

- When the battery cartridge is discharged almost completely, voltage will drop and the fastening torque will be reduced.
- Socket
 - Failure to use the correct size socket will cause a reduction in the fastening torque.
 - A worn socket (wear on the hex end or square end) will cause a reduction in the fastening torque.
- Bolt
 - Even though the torque coefficient and the class of bolt are the same, the proper fastening torque will differ according to the diameter of bolt.

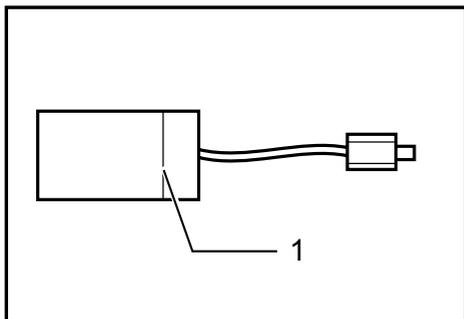
- Even though the diameters of bolts are the same, the proper fastening torque will differ according to the torque coefficient, the class of bolt and the bolt length.
4. The use of the universal joint or the extension bar somewhat reduces the fastening force of the impact wrench. Compensate by fastening for a longer period of time.
 5. The manner of holding the tool or the material of driving position to be fastened will affect the torque.
 6. Operating the tool at low speed will cause a reduction in the fastening torque.

MAINTENANCE

⚠ CAUTION:

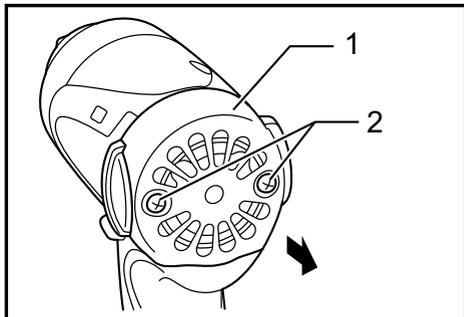
- Always be sure that the tool is switched off and the battery cartridge is removed before attempting to perform inspection or maintenance.
- Never use gasoline, benzine, thinner, alcohol or the like. Discoloration, deformation or cracks may result.

Replacing carbon brushes



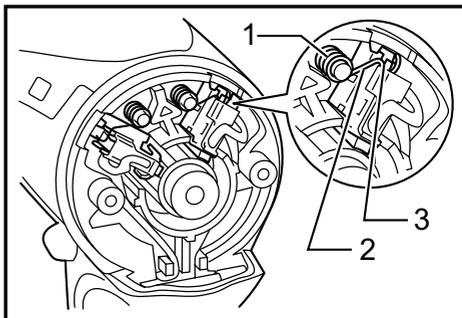
► 1. Limit mark

Replace when they wear down to the limit mark. 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. Use a screwdriver to remove two screws then remove the rear cover.



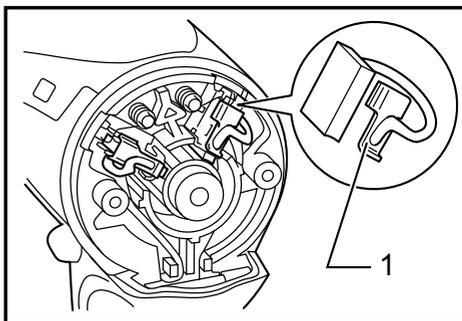
► 1. Rear cover 2. Screws

Raise the arm part of the spring and then place it in the recessed part of the housing with a slotted bit screwdriver of slender shaft or the like.



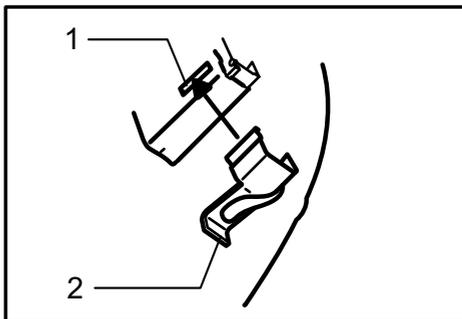
► 1. Spring 2. Arm 3. Recessed part

Use pliers to remove the carbon brush caps of the carbon brushes. Take out the worn carbon brushes, insert the new ones and replace the carbon brush caps in reverse.



► 1. Carbon brush cap

Make sure that the carbon brush caps have fit into the holes in brush holders securely.



► 1. Hole 2. Carbon brush cap

Reinstall the rear cover and tighten two screws securely.

After replacing brushes, insert the battery cartridge into the tool and break in brushes by running tool with no load for about 1 minute. Then check the tool while running and electric brake operation when releasing the switch trigger. If electric brake is not working well, ask your local Makita service center for repair.

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

OPTIONAL 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.

- Various type of Makita genuine batteries and chargers

NOTE:

- Some items in the list may be included in the tool package as standard accessories. They may differ from country to country.

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