



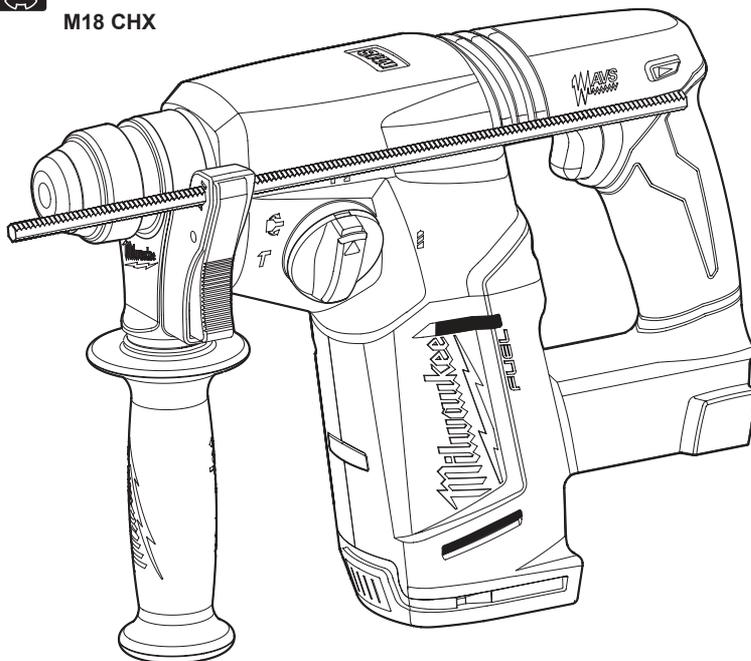
OPERATOR'S MANUAL



Cat. no.

M18 CH

M18 CHX



M18™ FUEL™ 26 MM (1") SDS PLUS ROTARY HAMMERS

TO REDUCE THE RISK OF INJURY, USER MUST READ AND UNDERSTAND OPERATOR'S MANUAL.

GENERAL POWER TOOL SAFETY WARNINGS

⚠ WARNING READ ALL SAFETY WARNINGS AND ALL INSTRUCTIONS. Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury. Save all warnings and instructions for future reference. The term “power tool” in the warnings refers to your mains-operated (corded) power tool or battery-operated (cordless) power tool.

WORK AREA SAFETY

- **Keep work area clean and well lit.** Cluttered or dark areas invite accidents.
- **Do not operate power tools in explosive atmospheres, such as in the presence of flammable liquids, gases or dust.** Power tools create sparks which may ignite the dust or fumes.
- **Keep children and bystanders away while operating a power tool.** Distractions can cause you to lose control.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- **Power tool plugs must match the outlet. Never modify the plug in any way. Do not use any adapter plugs with earthed (grounded) power tools.** Unmodified plugs and matching outlets will reduce risk of electric shock.
- **Avoid body contact with earthed or grounded surfaces such as pipes, radiators, ranges and refrigerators.** There is an increased risk of electric shock if your body is earthed or grounded.
- **Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions.** Water entering a power tool will increase the risk of electric shock.
- **Do not abuse the cord. Never use the cord for carrying, pulling or unplugging the power tool. Keep cord away from heat, oil, sharp edges or moving parts.** Damaged or entangled cords increase the risk of electric shock.
- **When operating a power tool outdoors, use an extension cord suitable for outdoor use.** Use of a cord suitable for outdoor use reduces the risk of electric shock.
- **If operating a power tool in a damp location is unavoidable, use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protected supply.** Use of an GFCI reduces the risk of electric shock.

PERSONAL SAFETY

- **Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense when operating a power tool. Do not use a power tool while you are tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol or medication.** A moment of inattention while operating power tools may result in serious personal injury.
- **Use personal protective equipment. Always wear eye protection.** Protective equipment such as dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injuries.
- **Prevent unintentional starting. Ensure the switch is in the off-position before connecting to power source and/or battery pack, picking up or carrying the tool.** Carrying power tools with your finger on the switch or energising power tools that have the switch on invites accidents.
- **Remove any adjusting key or wrench before turning the power tool on.** A wrench or a key left attached to a rotating part of the power tool may result in personal injury.
- **Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.** This enables better control of the power tool in unexpected situations.
- **Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewellery. Keep your hair, clothing and gloves away from moving parts.** Loose clothes, jewellery or long hair can be caught in moving parts.
- **If devices are provided for the connection of dust extraction and collection facilities, ensure these are connected and properly used.** Use of dust collection can reduce dust-related hazards.

POWER TOOL USE AND CARE

- **Do not force the power tool. Use the correct power**

tool for your application. The correct power tool will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it was designed.

- **Do not use the power tool if the switch does not turn it on and off.** Any power tool that cannot be controlled with the switch is dangerous and must be repaired.
- **Disconnect the plug from the power source and/or the battery pack from the power tool before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing power tools.** Such preventive safety measures reduce the risk of starting the power tool accidentally.
- **Store idle power tools out of the reach of children and do not allow persons unfamiliar with the power tool or these instructions to operate the power tool.** Power tools are dangerous in the hands of untrained users.
- **Maintain power tools. Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts and any other condition that may affect the power tool's operation. If damaged, have the power tool repaired before use.** Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained power tools.
- **Keep cutting tools sharp and clean.** Properly maintained cutting tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.
- **Use the power tool, accessories and tool bits etc. in accordance with these instructions, taking into account the working conditions and the work to be performed.** Use of the power tool for operations different from those intended could result in a hazardous situation.

BATTERY TOOL USE AND CARE

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

SERVICE

- **Have your power tool serviced by a qualified repair person using only original manufacturer's replacement parts.** This will ensure that the safety of the power tool is maintained.

SPECIFIC SAFETY RULES

- **Wear ear protectors.** Exposure to noise can cause hearing loss.
- **Use auxiliary handle(s), if supplied with the tool.**

Loss of control can cause personal injury.

- **Hold power tools by insulated gripping surfaces, when performing an operation where the cutting tool 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.
- **Maintain labels and nameplates.** These carry important information. If unreadable or missing, please contact the store where the product was originally purchased or one of our authorised MILWAUKEE® service centres.
- **WARNING** Some dust created by power sanding, sawing, grinding, drilling, and other construction activities contains chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. Some examples of these chemicals are:
 - lead from lead-based paint
 - 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.

SPECIFICATIONS

Cat. No.	M18 CH / M18 CHX
Volts DC	18
No load RPM	0 - 1400
No load BPM	0 - 4900

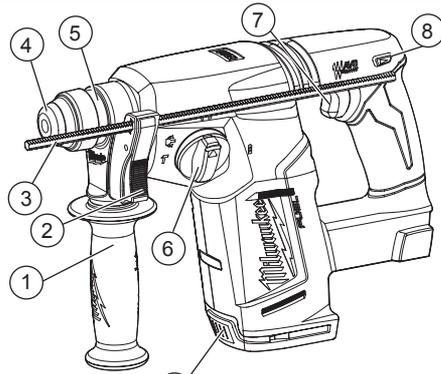
Capacities

Drill only	
Steel	
- mm	13
Wood	
- mm	29
Rotary hammer (concrete)	
Carbide tipped percussion bit	
- mm	26
Core bit	
- mm	64

SYMBOLOLOGY

	Volts
	Direct Current
BPM	Blows per minute (BPM)
$n_0 \text{xxxx} \text{min.}^{-1}$	No load revolutions per minute (RPM)
	Anti-vibration system

FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION



1. Side handle
2. Clamping lever
3. Depth gauge rod
4. SDS Plus bit holder
5. Release collar
6. Mode selector
7. Trigger
8. Control switch
9. Dust Extractor connection

ASSEMBLY

WARNING Recharge only with the charger specified for the battery. For specific charging instructions, read the operator's manual supplied with your charger and battery.

WARNING Always remove battery pack before changing or removing accessories. Only use accessories specifically recommended for this tool. Others may be hazardous.

Removing battery pack from tool

Push in the release buttons and pull the battery pack away from the tool.

Inserting battery pack into tool

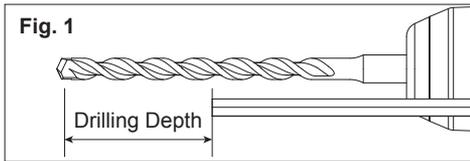
To insert the battery pack onto the tool, slide the pack onto the body of the tool. Make sure it latches securely into place.

Adjusting the side handle position

1. Loosen the side handle by unscrewing the side handle grip until the side handle rotates freely.
2. Rotate the side handle to the desired position.
3. Tighten the side handle grip securely.

Setting the depth gauge

1. Press in the clamping lever.
2. Slide the depth gauge rod backward or forward until it is set for the desired depth.
NOTE: The drilling depth is the distance between the tip of the bit and the tip of the depth gauge rod.
3. Release the clamping lever.



Installing drill bits and chisels (M18 CHX)

NOTE: Only use accessories with SDS or SDS Plus shanks.

Be sure that the shank of the bit is clean. Dirt particles may cause the bit to line up improperly. Do not use bits larger than the maximum recommended capacity of the drill because gear damage or motor overloading may result. For best performance, be sure that the bit is properly sharpened and the shank is lightly greased before use.

1. Ensure the bit holder is positioned in .
2. Insert the bit or chisel into the nose of the tool.
3. Rotate bit slowly until it aligns with .
4. Push bit into tool until it locks.
5. Check that the bit is locked properly; it should be possible to pull the bit back and forth slightly (about 7 mm).
6. To remove bits and chisels, pull bit holder release collar toward the rear of tool and remove bit.

NOTE: Use caution when handling hot bits and chisels.

Installing 13mm chuck (M18 CHX)

1. Remove battery from tool prior to change bit holder or chuck.
2. Pull FIXTEC towards the rear of tool to release the collar. Remove the SDS Plus bit holder.
3. Screw the chuck adaptor into the back of chuck.
4. Pull FIXTEC towards the rear of tool to release the collar. Insert the metal chuck and the chuck adaptor into FIXTEC to lock the collar.
5. To remove the metal chuck and the chuck adaptor, repeat steps 1 to 3.

OPERATION

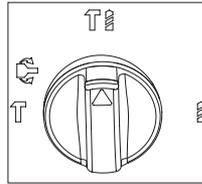
WARNING Always remove battery pack before changing or removing accessories. Only use accessories specifically recommended for this tool. Others may be hazardous.

WARNING To reduce the risk of injury, keep hands away from the bit and all moving parts. Always wear safety goggles or glasses with side shields.

WARNING To reduce the risk of injury, always use a side handle when using this tool. Always brace or hold securely.

Selecting action

MILWAUKEE® Rotary Hammers have three settings: rotation only, rotary hammer, and hammer only. Always allow the motor to come to a complete stop before changing the mode selection to avoid damage to the tool.



1. For rotation only, rotate the mode selector so the arrow on the lever points to **R**.
2. For rotary hammering, rotate the mode selector so the arrow points to **H**.
3. For hammering only, rotate the mode selector so the arrow points to **T**.
4. To freely rotate the bit to the desired angle for hammering only, rotate the mode selector to . Then, follow step 3.

NOTE: To engage the hammering mechanism, maintain pressure on the bit. When pressure on the bit is released, the hammering action will stop.

Using the control switch

The control switch may be set to three positions: forward, reverse and lock. Always allow the motor to come to a complete stop before using the control switch to avoid damage to the tool.

For **forward** (clockwise) rotation, push in the control switch from the right side of the tool. Check the direction of rotation before use.

For **reverse** (counterclockwise) rotation, push in the control switch from the left side of the tool. Check direction of rotation before use.

To lock the trigger, push the control switch to the center position. The trigger will not work while the control switch is in the center locked position. Always lock the trigger and remove the battery pack before performing maintenance, changing accessories, storing the tool and any time the tool is not in use.

Starting, stopping and controlling speed

1. To **start** the tool, grasp the handle firmly and pull the trigger.
2. To **vary** the speed, increase or decrease the pressure on the trigger. The further the trigger is pulled, the greater the speed.
3. To **stop** the tool, release the trigger. Make sure the tool comes to a complete stop before laying the tool down.

Operating

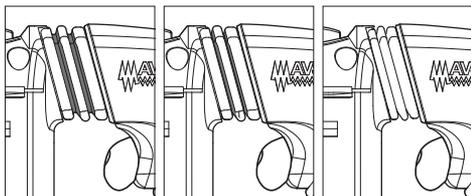
Position the tool, grasp the handles firmly and pull the trigger. Always hold the tool securely using both handles to maintain control. This tool has been designed to achieve top performance with only moderate pressure. Let the tool do the work.

If the speed begins to drop off when drilling large or deep holes, pull the bit partially out of the hole while the tool is running to help clear dust. Do not use water to settle the dust since it will clog the bit flutes and tend to make the bit bind in the hole. If the bit should bind, a built-in, non-adjustable slip clutch prevents the bit from turning. If this occurs, stop the tool, free the bit and begin again.

! WARNING Applying greater pressure does not increase the tool's effectiveness. If the applied working pressure is too high, the shock absorber will be pushed together making the vibrations to the handle noticeably stronger.

Operator Force

The Anti-Vibration System provides the operator with comfort without sacrificing power or performance. Ideal operator force compresses the bellows slightly and allows the tool to work aggressively while the handle remains steady. Excessive force compresses the bellows significantly and reduces vibration dampening. Users will be able to feel the difference and should adjust the force to the handle accordingly.



Too Little force

Correct force

Too much force

APPLICATIONS

Selecting bits

When selecting a bit, use the right type for your job. For best performance, always use sharp bits.

Drilling

1. Before drilling, be sure the workpiece is clamped securely. Use backing material to prevent damage to the workpiece during breakthrough.
2. When starting a hole, place the drill bit on the work surface and apply firm pressure. Begin drilling at a slow speed, gradually increasing the speed as you drill.
3. Always apply pressure in line with the bit. Use enough pressure to keep the drill biting, but do not push hard enough to stall the motor.
4. Reduce pressure and ease the bit through the last part of the hole. While the tool is still running, pull the bit out of the hole to prevent jamming.

Drilling in wood, composition materials and plastic

(Use chuck adapter kit Cat. No. M18 CHX)

When drilling in wood, composition materials and plastic, start the drill slowly, gradually increasing speed as you drill. When drilling into wood, use wood augers or twist drill bits. Always use sharp bits. When using twist drill bits, pull the bit out of the hole frequently to clear chips from the bit flutes. To reduce the chance of splintering, back work with a piece of scrap wood. Select low speeds for plastics with a low melting point.

ACCESSORIES

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For a complete listing of accessories refer to your MILWAUKEE® electric tool catalogue or go online to www.milwaukeeetools.com.au or www.milwaukeeetools.co.nz. To obtain a catalogue, contact your local authorised MILWAUKEE® dealer or service centre.

MAINTENANCE

! WARNING To reduce the risk of injury, always unplug the charger and remove the battery pack from the charger or tool before performing any maintenance. Never disassemble the tool, battery pack or charger. Contact the store where the product was originally purchased or one of our MILWAUKEE® authorised service centre dealer or service centre.

Maintaining tool

Keep your tool, battery pack and charger in good repair by adopting a regular maintenance program. After six months to one year, depending on use, return the tool, battery pack and charger to the store where the product was originally purchased or one of our authorised MILWAUKEE® service centres.

- Lubrication
- Mechanical inspection and cleaning (gears, spindles, bearings, housing, etc.)
- Electrical inspection (battery pack, charger, motor)
- Testing to assure proper mechanical and electrical operation

If the tool does not start or operate at full power with a fully charged battery pack, clean the contacts on the battery pack. If the tool still does not work properly, return the tool, charger and battery pack, to the store where the product was originally purchased or one of our authorised MILWAUKEE® service centres for repair.

! WARNING To reduce the risk of personal injury and damage, never immerse your tool, battery pack or charger in liquid or allow a liquid to flow inside them.

Cleaning

Clean dust and debris from charger and tool vents. Keep tool handles clean, dry and free of oil or grease. Use only mild soap and a damp cloth to clean the tool, battery pack and charger since certain cleaning agents and solvents are harmful to plastics and other insulated parts. Some of these include gasoline, turpentine, lacquer thinner, paint thinner, chlorinated cleaning solvents, ammonia and household detergents containing ammonia. Never use flammable or combustible solvents around tools.

Repairs

For repairs, return the tool, battery pack and charger to the nearest service center.







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