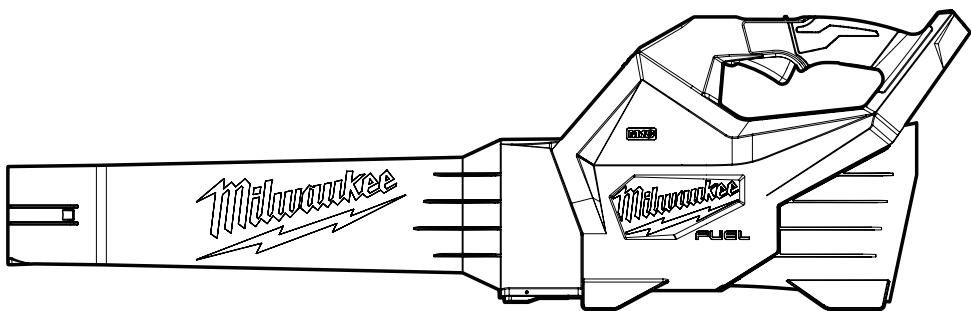




OPERATOR'S MANUAL



Cat. No.
M18 FBLG3

M18 FUEL™ BLOWER



WARNING

To reduce the risk of injury, user must read and understand operator's manual.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

WARNING Read all safety warnings, instructions, illustrations and specifications provided with this power tool. Failure to follow all instructions listed below may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury. **Save all warnings and instructions for future reference.**

- 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.

WORK AREA SAFETY

• **Do not use in the presence of explosive dust, liquids or vapours.** Power tools have motors and other parts that can produce sparks during normal use. Do not use within 10 m of areas where explosive materials may be present (such as gasoline pumps and places where liquids like paint thinners, cleaners, solvents, etc. are stored).

• **Do not use where oxygen or anesthetics are used.**

• **Use extra care when using on stairs. Do not overreach.** Keep proper footing and balance at all times. Keep work area clean and well lit. This enables better control of the tool in unexpected situations.

• **Avoid dangerous environmental conditions. To reduce the risk of electric shock, do not expose to rain.** Store tool indoors.

• **Inspect the area before using the power tool.** Remove all debris and hard objects such as rocks, glass, wire, etc. that can ricochet, be thrown, or otherwise cause injury or damage during operation.

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.

• **Always wear eye protection. Use of this tool can result in foreign objects being blown into eyes,** which can result in eye damage.

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

• **Use personal protective equipment. Always wear eye protection.** Protective equipment such as a dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat or hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injuries.

• **Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewellery. Keep your hair and clothing away from moving parts.** Loose clothes, jewellery or long hair can be caught in moving parts.

• **Do not point tool at self or bystanders. Keep bystanders 15 m away during use.** Objects may be thrown or ricochet in all directions.

• **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.

POWER TOOL USE AND CARE

• Use the power tool, accessories, 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.

• **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.

• **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.

• **Use only as described in this manual.** Use only manufacturer's recommended attachments.

• **Do not point tool at anything that is burning or smoking** such as cigarettes, matches, or hot ashes.

• **To reduce the risk of health hazards from vapours or dust, do not use tool near tool toxic, carcinogenic or other hazardous materials** such as asbestos, arsenic, barium, beryllium, lead, pesticides or other health endangering materials.

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.

• **Do not use 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.

• **Do not put hands or objects into openings.** Do not use with any opening blocked; keep free of dust, lint, hair, and anything else that may reduce air flow.

• **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.

• **Maintain power tools and accessories.** 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.

BATTERY PACK USE AND CARE

• Remove the battery pack from the power tool before making any adjustments, changing accessories, storing, or any time the power tool is not in use. Such preventive safety measures reduce the risk of starting the power tool accidentally.

- Turn off power tool before removing battery pack.
- Do not handle battery pack, tool, or charger (including charger plug and terminals) with wet hands.
- Before using the battery pack or charger read the operator's manuals, and any labels on the battery pack, charger and tool.
- 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 tool 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, seek medical help. Liquid ejected from the battery may cause irritation or burns.
- 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.
- Do not expose a battery pack or tool to fire or excessive temperature. Exposure to fire or temperature above 130°C (265°F) may cause explosion.
- 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.

SERVICE

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

SPECIFIC SAFETY RULES FOR BLOWERS

- Wear eye, ear, head and hand protection. Adequate protective equipment will reduce personal injury by flying debris.
- While operating the machine, always wear safety footwear. Do not operate the machine when barefoot or wearing open sandals. This reduces the chance of injury to the feet from contact with debris.
- While operating the machine, always wear long trousers. Exposed skin increases the likelihood of injury from thrown objects.
- Keep bystanders, especially children and pets, away while operating the machine. Thrown debris can result in serious personal injury.
- Only use in daylight hours or in good artificial light.
- Keep air vents free from any debris.

• Check all connections and parts are suitably attached and unit is in good working condition prior to commencing work.

WARNING To reduce the risk of injury, when working in dusty situations, wear appropriate respiratory protection or use a suitable dust extraction solution.

• Always use common sense and be cautious when using tools. It is not possible to anticipate every situation that could result in a dangerous outcome. Do not use this tool if you do not understand these operating instructions or you feel the work is beyond your capability; contact MILWAUKEE® Tool or a trained professional for additional information or training.

• Maintain labels and nameplates. These carry important information. If unreadable or missing, contact a MILWAUKEE® service facility for a replacement.

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READ AND SAVE ALL INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE

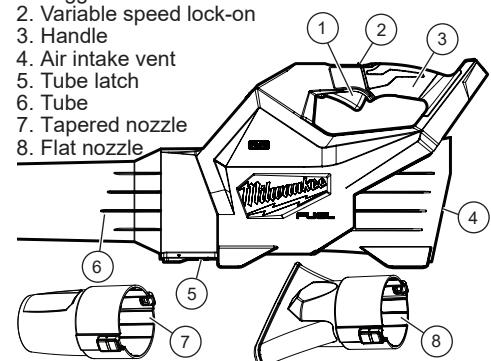
ADDITIONAL BATTERY SAFETY RULES

WARNING To reduce the risk of fire, personal injury, and product damage due to a short circuit, never immerse your tool, battery pack or charger in fluid or allow a fluid to flow inside them. Corrosive or conductive fluids, such as seawater, certain industrial chemicals, and bleach or bleach-containing products, etc., can cause a short circuit.

WARNING Do not charge non-rechargeable batteries.

FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

1. Trigger
2. Variable speed lock-on
3. Handle
4. Air intake vent
5. Tube latch
6. Tube
7. Tapered nozzle
8. Flat nozzle



SYMOLOGY

V Volts

— Direct Current

n₀ XXXX min⁻¹ No Load Revolutions per Minute (RPM)

! Safety Alert Symbol

Read Operator's Manual

Always wear eye protection, and protective clothing and footwear.

Sound Power Level w/o nozzle

Do not use in rain or wet locations. Electric shock could occur.

Keep bystanders 15 m away during use

Do not point tool at self or bystanders. Objects may be thrown or ricochet in all directions.

Do not put hands or objects into openings. Laceration can occur.

Keep hair contained. It can be pulled into moving parts.

Do not wear loose clothing or jewellery. It can be pulled into moving parts.

Regulatory Compliance Mark (RCM). This product meets applicable regulatory requirements.

Do not dispose of electric tools together with household waste material. Electric tools and electronic equipment that have reached the end of their life must be collected separately and returned to an environmentally compatible recycling facility.

SPECIFICATIONS

| Cat. No. | M18 FBLG3 |
|--|----------------------------|
| Volts..... | 18V DC |
| Battery Type | M18™ |
| Charger Type..... | M18™ |
| No-load speed..... | 21,000 |
| Max Air Volume..... | 0.14.2 m ³ /min |
| Max Air Speed..... | 193 km/h |
| Sound Power Level (without nozzle)..... | 90 dB(A) |
| Recommended Ambient Operating Temperature..... | -17°C to 51°C |

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.

Inserting/Removing the Battery

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

WARNING Only use accessories specifically recommended for this tool. Others may be hazardous.

To remove the battery, push in the release buttons and pull the battery pack away from the tool.

WARNING Always remove the battery pack any time the tool is not in use.

Installing/Removing the Blower Tube

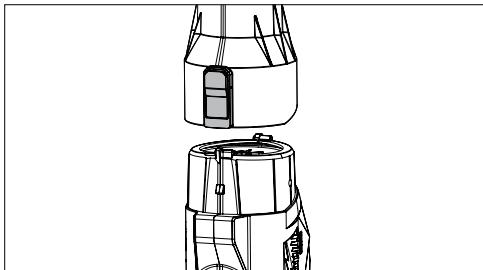
WARNING To reduce the risk of injury, do not operate blower without tube securely in place. Never reach into blower through tube hole.

To install:

1. **WARNING** Remove battery to avoid starting the tool.
2. Line up the tab on the tube with the notch in the housing.
3. Slide the tube into the housing until it snaps in place.
4. Pull on the tube to ensure it is secure.

To remove:

1. **WARNING** Remove battery to avoid starting the tool.
2. Press the tube latch and pull the tube out of the housing.
3. Always reinstall the tube before use.
4. Pull on the tube to ensure it is secure.



Installing/Removing the Nozzles

To install the nozzles:

1. **WARNING** Remove battery to avoid starting the tool.
2. Line up the tabs on the nozzle with the notches on the tube.
3. Slide the nozzle onto the tube until it snaps in place.
4. Pull on the nozzle to ensure it is secure.
5. To remove, press the tabs in and pull away from the tool.

OPERATION

WARNING To reduce the risk of injury, always wear safety goggles or glasses with side shields.

Do not point tool at self or bystanders. Keep bystanders 15 m away during use. Objects may be thrown or ricochet in all directions.

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Starting, Stopping and Controlling Speed

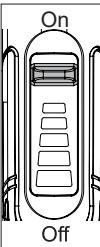
The tool can be controlled two ways - by the trigger or by the variable speed lock-on.

To **start** the tool, grasp the handle firmly and pull the trigger or push the sliding lever forward.

To **vary** the speed, increase or decrease the pressure on the trigger or move the sliding lever forward or back. The further the trigger is pulled or the sliding lever is pushed, the greater the air flow.

To **lock** the tool, use the variable speed lock-on sliding lever.

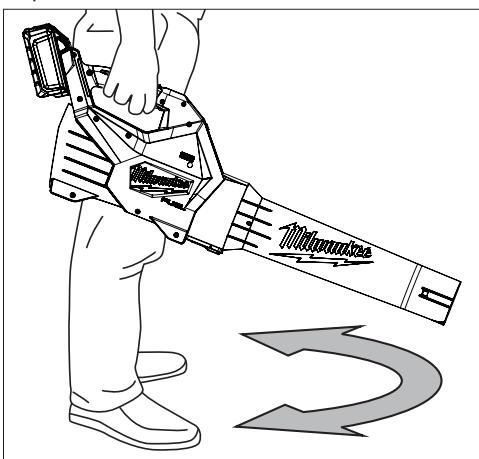
To **stop** the tool, release the trigger or pull back the sliding lever completely.



Using the Blower

WARNING Inspect the area before using the blower. Remove all debris and hard objects such as rocks, glass, wire, etc. that can ricochet, be thrown, or otherwise cause injury or damage during operation.

1. Hold the end of the tube or nozzle 125-150 mm above the ground.
2. Slowly sweep the blower from side to side.
3. Move forward slowly, working the debris into a pile.



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 battery pack, charger, or tool, except as provided in these instructions. Contact a **MILWAUKEE®** service facility for ALL repairs.

Maintaining Tool

Keep your tool, battery pack and charger in good repair by adopting a regular maintenance program. Inspect your tool for issues such as undue noise, misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts, or any other condition that may affect the tool operation. Return the tool, battery pack, and charger to a **MILWAUKEE®** service facility for repair. After six months to one year, depending on use, return the tool, battery pack and charger to a **MILWAUKEE®** service facility for inspection.

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 a **MILWAUKEE®** service facility for repairs.

Cleaning

Clean dust and debris from vents. Keep handles clean, dry and free of oil or grease. Use only mild soap and a damp cloth to clean, since certain cleaning agents and solvents are harmful to plastics and other insulated parts. Some of these include petrol, 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 authorised service centre.

ACCESSORIES

WARNING Use only recommended accessories. Others may be hazardous.

For a complete listing of accessories, go online to milwaukeetool.com.au / milwaukeetool.co.nz or contact an authorised distributor.

WARRANTY - AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND

Please refer to Australian and New Zealand warranty supplied with tool. This warranty applies only to product sold by authorised dealers in Australia and New Zealand.

SERVICE - AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND

MILWAUKEE® prides itself in producing a premium quality product that is Nothing But Heavy Duty™. Your satisfaction with our products is very important to us! If you encounter any problems with the operation of this tool, please contact your authorised **MILWAUKEE®** dealer.

For a list of **MILWAUKEE®** dealers, guarantee or service agents please contact **MILWAUKEE®** Customer Service or visit our website.

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