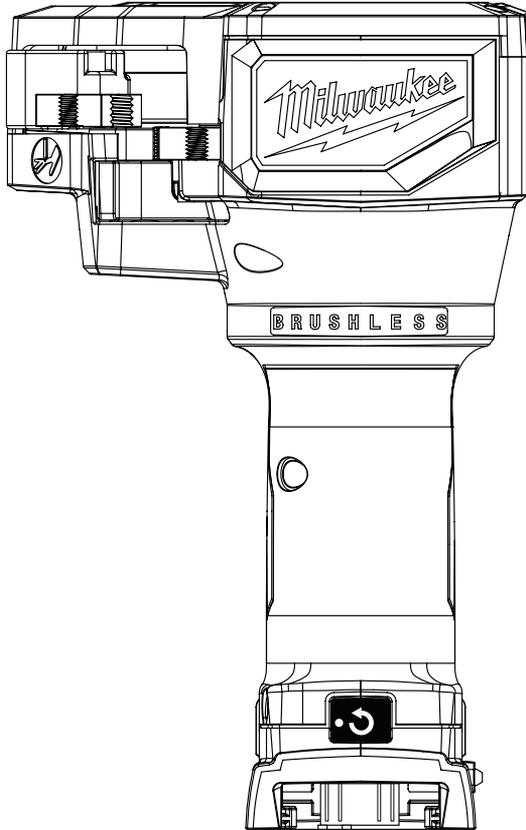




OPERATOR'S MANUAL



Cat. No.
M18 BLTRC

M18™ BRUSHLESS THREADED ROD CUTTER

 **WARNING**

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



GENERAL POWER TOOL SAFETY WARNINGS

⚠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.** 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 residual current device (RCD) protected supply.** Use of a RCD 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 a 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 jewelry. Keep your hair and clothing away from moving parts.** Loose clothes, jewelry 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.
- **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

- **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 remove the battery pack, if detachable, 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 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.
- **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.
- **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.

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.
- Do not use a battery pack or tool that is damaged or modified. Damaged or modified batteries may exhibit unpredictable behavior 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 THREADED ROD CUTTER

- Do not use tool without cutting dies installed. Fingers could be crushed with or without cutting dies in place.
- Cutting dies are sharp. Keep hands away from cutting edges and moving parts. Avoid cutting short pieces of material that put hands near cutting dies. Laceration and amputation can occur.
- Do not carry tool with finger on the trigger. Accidental actuation could cause laceration or amputation.
- To reduce the risk of injury, always wear proper eye protection marked to comply with ANSI Z87.1. Material may crack or shatter.
- To reduce the risk of explosion, electric shock and property damage, never cut electrical, gas, or water lines. Tool is NOT insulated. Contact with a live circuit could result in severe injury or death.

WARNING To reduce the risk of injury in applications that produce a considerable amount of dust, use an OSHA compliant dust extraction solution in accordance with the solution's operating instructions.

•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.

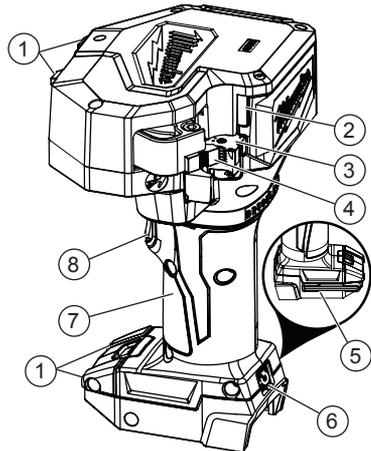
•Maintain labels and nameplates. These carry important information. If unreadable or missing, contact a MILWAUKEE® service facility for a replacement.

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.

FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION



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| 1. Benchtop supports | 5. Hex wrench (5 mm) |
| 2. LED worklight | 6. Reverse button |
| 3. Fixed die | 7. Handle |
| 4. Movable die | 8. Trigger |

SYMBOLGY



Volts



Direct Current

n_0 XXXX min⁻¹ No Load Revolutions per Minute (RPM)



Read operator's manual



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



WARNING Cutting dies are sharp. Keep hands away from cutting edges and moving parts. Laceration and amputation can occur.

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.

SPECIFICATIONS

Cat. No. M18 BLTRC
Volts..... 18V DC
Battery Type M18™
Charger Type..... M18™
Recommended Ambient
Operating Temperature..... -18°C to 52°C
Replacement Cutting Dies
Metric..... 4932471373

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.

Removing/Inserting the Battery

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

WARNING Always remove battery pack before changing or removing accessories.

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.

Removing/Replacing the Cutting Dies

Use only MILWAUKEE® cutting dies. Do not use with other die types. Other die types can cause damage to the tool. Replace the cutting dies when they become dull, rounded, chipped, or damaged. Always replace cutting dies as a set. Refer to Specifications for replacement cutting die numbers.

1. Remove the battery pack.
2. To remove the cutting dies, loosen and remove the hex bolts using the 5 mm hex wrench supplied.
3. Carefully slide the cutting dies out of the jaws, keeping fingers away from the cutting edges.
WARNING! Blades are sharp. Keep hands away from cutting edge. Lacerations can occur.
4. Line up the cutting die with the single dot ● into the movable jaw. The movable jaw is also marked with a single dot ●.
5. Rotate the die to align the desired rod size marking toward the movable jaw.
6. Insert the hex bolt and hand-tighten securely.
7. Line up the cutting die with the double dots ●● into the fixed jaw. The fixed jaw is also marked with double dots ●●.
8. Rotate the die to align the same rod size marking as the fixed cutting die.
9. Insert the hex bolt and hand-tighten securely.

NOTICE To avoid tool, cutting die, and workpiece damage, the correct dies must be installed into the correct dies, and the rod size must be correctly aligned.

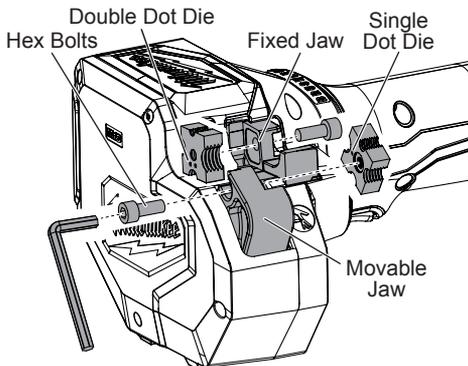
Die Placement Guide

Dots indicate which jaw the dies fit into.

Single dot die to be placed into movable jaw.



Double dot die to be placed into fixed jaw.



OPERATION

WARNING To reduce the risk of injury, always wear proper eye protection marked to comply with ANSI Z87.1.

When working in dusty situations, wear appropriate respiratory protection or use an OSHA compliant dust extraction solution.

Cutting dies are sharp. Keep hands away from cutting edges and moving parts. Avoid cutting short pieces of material that put hands near cutting dies. Laceration and amputation can occur. 

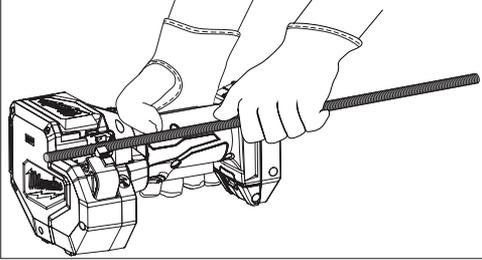
During overhead use, ensure BOTH ends of the rod are secure to avoid pieces falling when the cut is complete.

Cutting Tips

- Before use, ensure the cutting dies are aligned for the proper rod size.
- To ensure proper die life, threaded rod must be fully engaged properly with dies during the cut. For accurate work, always secure the workpiece before cutting.
- Do not attempt angled cuts. It will damage the cutting dies and workpiece. Hold the material firmly and securely against fixed cutting die when starting the cut.
- Cut clean material to extend the cutting die blade life. Wipe dirt and debris from material and cutting dies before beginning the cut.
- Only use the cutting dies on the material they were designed for. Other materials could damage the cutting dies and tool.
- To run in reverse, press the reverse button; the button light will turn on. Press and hold trigger to reverse. **NOTE:** the tool will only enter reverse mode if the jaws are NOT fully open.

Cutting

1. Ensure the cutting dies are aligned for the proper rod size.
2. Ensure the hex bolts are tightened securely.
3. Secure the workpiece and mark the length of cut.
NOTICE: Do not attempt to make angled cuts. It will damage the tool, cutting dies, and workpiece.
4. Insert the battery pack.
5. Align the threaded rod, resting it in the cutting groove in the fixed cutting die.
6. Grasp the tool firmly. Keeping hands clear of the cutting dies, pull and hold the trigger. Ensure the rod is held straight during the cut.
NOTE: The rod may move slightly during cut.
7. Continue to pull and hold the trigger through the operation. When the jaws return to the fully open position, the tool will shut off automatically. Release the trigger.



Reverse Button

If the cutting jaws need to be opened without completing the cutting cycle:

1. Release the trigger.
2. Press the reverse button . The button light will turn **ON**.
3. Pull the trigger and hold the tool firmly until the cutting jaws open fully. **NOTE:** the tool will only enter reverse mode if the jaws are **NOT** fully open.

Jammed Cutting Dies

Dirt and debris can cause the cutting dies to become jammed together after a cut. If the tool shuts off and the cutting jaws are still closed:

1. Press the reverse button and pull the trigger until the cutting jaws open fully. If this does not work,
2. Remove the battery pack
3. Remove, clean, and reinstall the cutting dies according to "Removing/Replacing the Cutting Dies".

APPLICATIONS

⚠ WARNING To reduce the risk of injury, only cut materials suitable for the cutting dies (see "Capacities" table below). Do not attempt to cut other materials.

Intended Use

This tool will cut threaded rod cleanly and burr-free, allowing nuts to be hand-threaded without additional finishing. Workpiece quality, dirt, and scale could affect the ability to hand-thread nuts.

NOTE: Use this tool for cutting the sizes and materials listed below. Other sizes or materials will damage the tool and workpiece.

CAPACITIES	
Material	Metric Rod Size
Mild Steel	M6 x 1
	M8 x 1.25
	M10 x 1.5
	M12 x 1.75
Stainless Steel	M6 x 1
	M8 x 1.25
	M10 x 1.5

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 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.

⚠ 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 openings. Keep handle 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 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.

ACCESSORIES

▲WARNING Use only recommended accessories. Others may be hazardous.

For a complete listing of accessories, go online to www.milwaukeeetools.com.au/ www.milwaukeeetools.co.nz or contact a distributor.

WARRANTY - AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND

Please refer to Australian and New Zealand warranty supplied with tool. This warranty applies only to product sold 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.

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