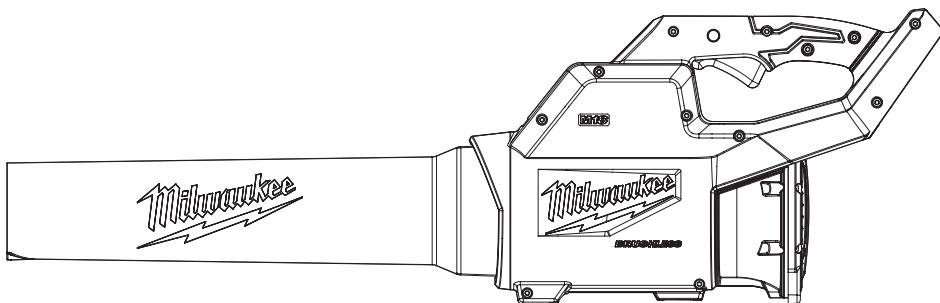




OPERATOR'S MANUAL  
MANUEL de L'UTILISATEUR  
MANUAL del OPERADOR



Cat. No. / No de Cat.  
**3044-20**

**M18™ BRUSHLESS BLOWER**  
**SOUFFLANTE SANS BALAI M18™**  
**SOPLADOR SIN CEPILLOS M18™**

**WARNING** To reduce the risk of injury, user must read and understand operator's manual.  
**AVERTISSEMENT** Afin de réduire le risque de blessures, l'utilisateur doit lire et bien comprendre le manuel.  
**ADVERTENCIA** Para reducir el riesgo de lesiones, el usuario debe leer y entender el 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 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 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 energizing 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 265°F (130°C) 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 authorized service providers.

## SPECIFIC SAFETY RULES FOR BLOWERS

- Do not use the machine in bad weather conditions, especially when there is a risk of lightning. This decreases the risk of being struck by lightning.
- Wear eye protection. Adequate protective equipment will reduce the risk of personal injury.
- While operating the machine, always wear non-slip and protective footwear. Do not operate the machine when barefoot or wearing open sandals. This reduces the risk of injury to the feet.
- Do not wear loose fitting clothing or articles such as scarves, strings, chains, ties, etc., that could get drawn into the air inlets. Tie back or cover long hair to make sure it does not get drawn into the air inlets. If any of these items are drawn into the air inlets, it can increase the risk of personal injury.
- Keep bystanders away while operating the machine. Thrown debris can increase the risk of personal injury.
- Never point the blower nozzle in the direction of people or pets or in the direction of windows. Use extra caution when blowing debris near solid objects, such as trees, automobiles and walls that can cause debris to ricochet. Thrown objects can damage property and increase the risk of personal injury.
- Do not use the machine to blow anything that is burning or smoking, such as cigarettes, matches or hot ashes. These ignition sources may increase the risk of fire.
- Do not touch the fan while still in motion. Turn off the machine and wait until the fan stops before removing any part that may give access to the fan. This reduces the risk of injury from moving parts.

- When clearing jammed material or servicing the machine, make sure the power switch is off. Unexpected actuation of the machine while clearing jammed material or servicing may increase the risk of personal injury.

Other warnings:

- **WARNING** To reduce the risk of injury when working in dusty situations, use an OSHA compliant dust extraction solution in accordance with its operating instructions or wear appropriate respiratory protection.
- Do not use this machine to work on asbestos-containing products. Determine the composition of the workpiece before beginning work. Asbestos should only be removed by a qualified professional.
- Do not operate a blower in a tree, on a ladder, from a rooftop, or any unstable support. Operation of a blower in this manner could result in serious personal injury.
- Inspect the blower for damage if there is excessive vibration while the blower is turned on.
- 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.

## READ AND SAVE ALL INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE

### SPECIFICATIONS

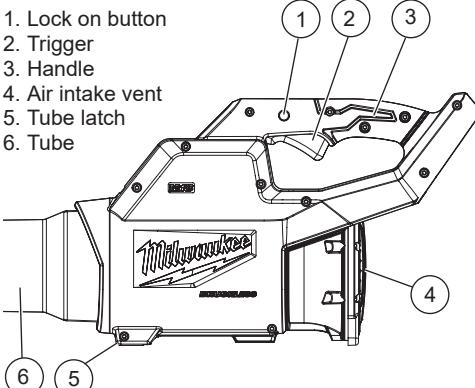
Cat. No. ....	3044-20
Volts.....	18 DC
Battery Type .....	M18™
Charger Type.....	M18™
No Load RPM.....	14,400
Air speed (CFM) .....	0 - 450
50' Bystander Sound Pressure Level .....	62 dB(A)
Recommended Ambient Operating Temperature.....	0°F to 125°F

## SYMOLOGY

	Volts
	Direct Current
	No Load Revolutions per Minute (RPM)
	Safety Alert Symbol
	Read Operator's Manual
	Always wear eye protection, hearing protection, and protective clothing and footwear.
	50' Bystander Sound Pressure Level
	Do not use in rain or wet locations. Electric shock could occur.
	Keep bystanders away, at least 50' 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 jewelry. It can be pulled into moving parts.
	UL Listing for Canada and U.S.

## FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

1. Lock on button
2. Trigger
3. Handle
4. Air intake vent
5. Tube latch
6. Tube



## ASSEMBLY

**WARNING** Always lock the trigger or remove the battery pack any time the tool is not in use.

### Removing/Inserting the Battery

To **remove** the battery, push in the release buttons and pull the battery pack away from the tool. To **insert** the battery, slide the pack into the body of the tool. Make sure it latches securely into place.

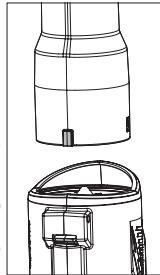
**WARNING** Recharge only with the charger specified for the battery. For specific charging instructions, read the operator's manual supplied with the charger and battery. Only use accessories specifically recommended for this tool. Others may be hazardous.

### Tube Assembly

**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** the tube for storage:

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.

## 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 50' away during use. Objects may be thrown or ricochet in all directions.

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.

**Starting, Stopping and Controlling Speed**  
The tool can be controlled two ways - by the trigger or by the lock on button.

To **start** the tool, grasp the handle firmly and pull the trigger.

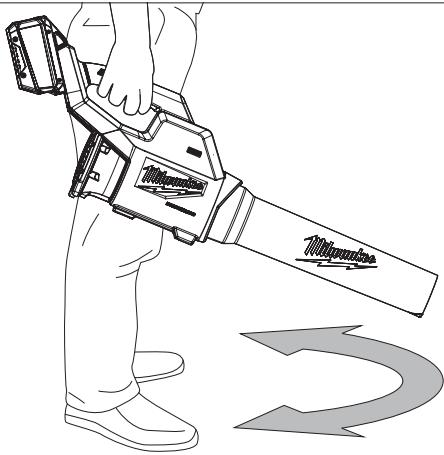
To **vary** the speed, increase or decrease the pressure on the trigger.

To **lock** the tool, use the lock on button.

To **stop** the tool, release the trigger.

## Using the Blower

Hold the tube 5"-6" above the ground. Slowly sweep the blower from side to side. Move forward slowly, working the debris into a pile.



## Clearing Blockages

To clear blockages:

**WARNING!** Remove battery to avoid starting the tool. Inspect the air intake vent. Clean dust and debris from the vent. Inspect the tube. Clean dust and debris from the tube. If debris is lodged far inside the tube, remove the tube from the tool. Clean tube and once cleaned, reinstall the tube onto the tool.

## Storing the Tool

**WARNING!** Remove battery to avoid starting the tool. All cleaning or maintenance of the tool should be done before storing the tool.

## 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 other repairs.

## Maintaining Tool

Keep this tool, battery pack and charger in good repair by adopting a regular maintenance program. Inspect the 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. Depending on use, periodically have an authorized service facility inspect and maintain the tool, battery, and charger to ensure proper performance. 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 a tool, battery pack or charger in liquid or allow a liquid to flow inside them.

## Cleaning

Clean dust and debris from any vents. Keep tool 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 authorized service center.

## ACCESSORIES

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

For a complete listing of accessories, go online to [www.milwaukeetool.com](http://www.milwaukeetool.com) or contact a distributor.

## SERVICE - UNITED STATES

**1-800-SAWDUST** (1.800.729.3878)

Monday-Friday, 7:00 AM - 6:30 PM CST  
or visit [www.milwaukeetool.com](http://www.milwaukeetool.com)

Contact Corporate After Sales Service Technical Support with technical, service/repair, or warranty questions.

Email: [metproductsupport@milwaukeetool.com](mailto:metproductsupport@milwaukeetool.com)

Become a Heavy Duty Club Member at [www.milwaukeetool.com](http://www.milwaukeetool.com) to receive important notifications regarding your tool purchases.

## SERVICE - CANADA

### Milwaukee Tool (Canada) Ltd

**1.877.948.2360**

Monday-Friday, 7:00 AM - 4:30 PM CST  
or visit [www.milwaukeetool.ca](http://www.milwaukeetool.ca)

## LIMITED WARRANTY USA & CANADA

This MILWAUKEE power tool\* is warranted to the original purchaser from an authorized MILWAUKEE distributor only to be free from defects in material and workmanship. Subject to certain exceptions, MILWAUKEE will repair or replace any part on this power tool which, after examination, is determined by MILWAUKEE to be defective in material or workmanship for a period of three (3) years after the date of purchase unless otherwise noted. Return of the power tool to a MILWAUKEE factory Service Center location or MILWAUKEE Authorized Service Station, freight prepaid and insured, is required. A copy of the proof of purchase should be included with the return product. This warranty does not apply to damage that MILWAUKEE determines to be from repairs made or attempted by anyone other than MILWAUKEE authorized personnel, misuse, alterations, abuse, normal wear and tear, lack of maintenance, or accidents.

Normal Wear: Many power tools need periodic parts replacement and service to achieve best performance. This warranty does not cover repair when normal use has exhausted the life of a part including, but not limited to, chucks, brushes, cords, saw shoes, blade clamps, o-rings, seals, bumpers, driver blades, pistons, strikers, lifters, and bumper cover washers.

\*This warranty does not cover battery packs or all power tools. Refer to the separate and distinct warranties available for those products. The warranty period for the LED in the LED Work Light (49-24-0171) and the LED Upgrade Bulb (49-81-0090) is the lifetime of the product subject to the limitations above. If during normal use the LED or LED Upgrade Bulb fails, the part will be replaced free of charge.