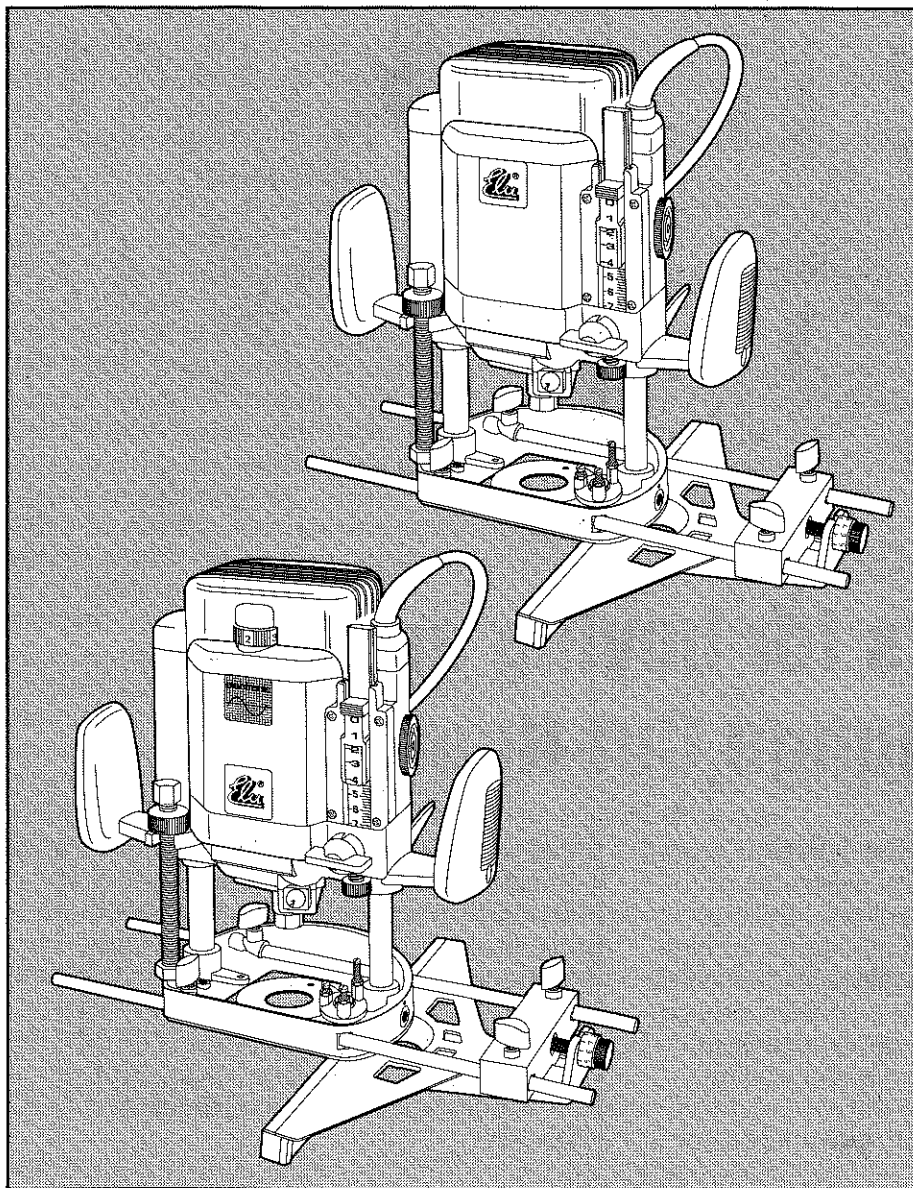


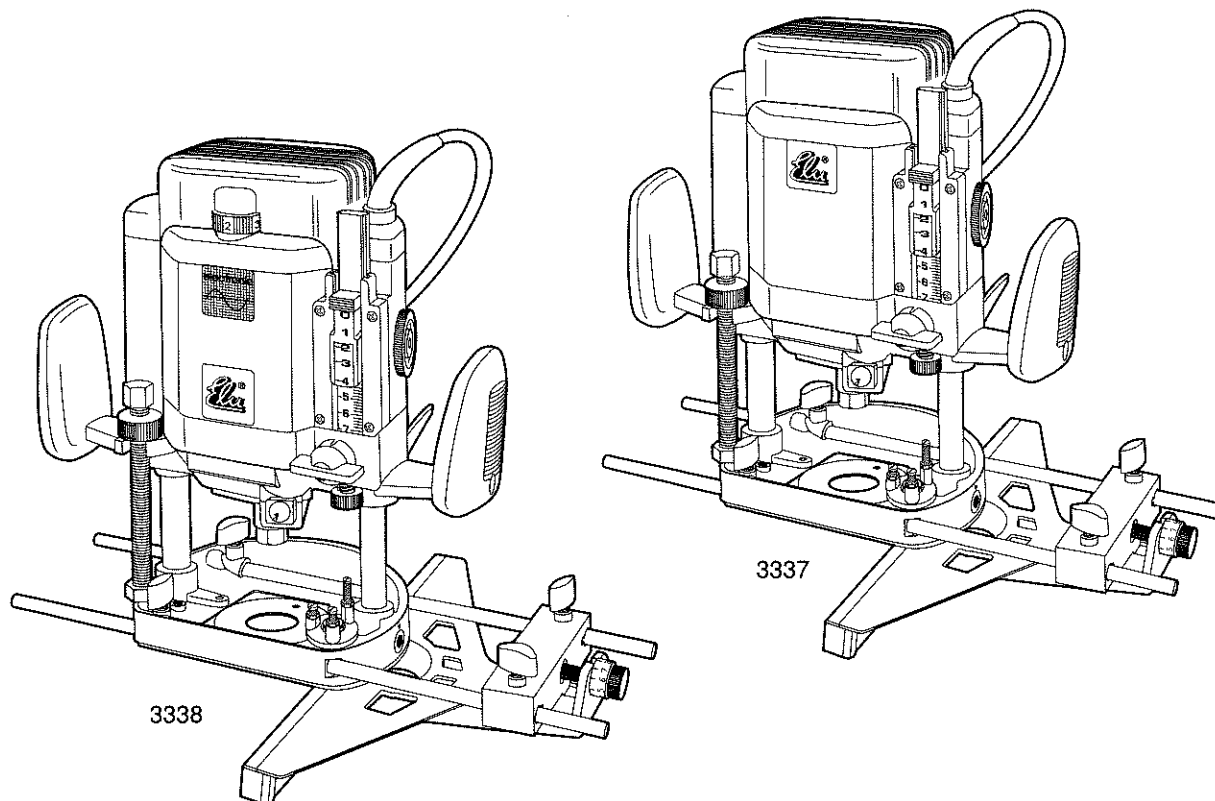


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# Instruction Manual

**Plunge Cut Routers**  
**3337, 3338**



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## Important Safety Instructions

**WARNING:** When using Electric Tools, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce risk of fire, electric shock, and personal injury, including the following:

### READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS

1. **KEEP WORK AREA CLEAN.** Cluttered areas and benches invite injuries.
2. **CONSIDER WORK AREA ENVIRONMENT.** Don't expose power tools to rain. Don't use power tools in damp or wet locations. Keep work area well lit.
3. **GUARD AGAINST ELECTRIC SHOCK.** Prevent body contact with grounded surfaces. For example: pipes, radiators, ranges, refrigerator enclosures.
4. **KEEP CHILDREN AWAY.** All visitors should be kept away from work area. Do not let visitors contact tool or extension cord.
5. **STORE IDLE TOOLS.** When not in use, tools should be stored in dry, and high or locked-up place - out of reach of children.
6. **DON'T FORCE TOOL.** It will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it was intended.
7. **USE RIGHT TOOL.** Don't force small tool or attachment to do the job of a heavy-duty tool. Don't use tool for purpose not intended, for example, don't use circular saw for cutting tree limbs or logs.
8. **DRESS PROPERLY.** Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. They can be caught in moving parts. rubber gloves and non-skid footwear are recommended when working outdoors. Wear protective hair covering to contain long hair.
9. **USE SAFETY GLASSES.** Also use face or dustmask if cutting operation is dusty.
10. **DON'T ABUSE CORD.** Never carry tool by cord or yank it to disconnect from receptacle. Keep cord from heat, oil, and sharp edges.
11. **SECURE WORK.** Use clamps or a vise to hold work. It's safer than using your hand and it frees both hands to operate tool.
12. **DON'T OVERREACH.** Keep proper footing and balance at all times.
13. **MAINTAIN TOOLS WITH CARE.** Keep tools sharp and clean for better and safe performance. Follow instructions for lubricating and changing accessories. Inspect tool cords periodically and if damaged have repaired by authorized service facility. Inspect extension cords periodically and replace if damaged. Keep handles dry, clean, and free from oil and grease.
14. **DISCONNECT TOOLS.** When not in use, before servicing, and when changing accessories, such as blades, bits, cutters.
15. **REMOVE ADJUSTING KEYS AND WRENCHES.** Form habit of checking to see that keys and adjusting wrenches are removed from tool before turning it on.
16. **AVOID UNINTENTIONAL STARTING.** Don't carry plugged-in tool with finger on switch. Be sure switch is off when plugging in.
17. **OUTDOOR USE EXTENSION CORDS.** When tool is used outdoors, use only extension cords intended for use outdoors and so marked.
18. **STAY ALERT.** Watch what you are doing. Use common sense. Do not operate tool when you are tired.
19. **CHECK DAMAGED PARTS.** Before further use of the tool, a guard or other part that is damaged should be carefully checked to determine that it will operate properly and perform its intended function. Check for alignment of moving parts, binding of moving parts, breakage of parts, mounting, and any other conditions that may affect its operation. A guard or other part that is defective should be properly repaired or replaced by an authorized service center unless otherwise indicated elsewhere in this instruction manual. have defective switches replaced by authorized service center. Do not use tool if switch does not turn it on and off.
20. **DO NOT OPERATE** portable electric tools near flammable liquids or in gaseous or explosive atmospheres. Motors in these tools normally spark, and the sparks might ignite fumes.

## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

## Double Insulation

Your unit is DOUBLE INSULATED to give you added safety. This means that it is constructed throughout with TWO separate "layers" of electrical insulation or one DOUBLE thickness of insulation between you and the tool's electrical system.

Tools built with this insulation system are not intended to be grounded. As a result, your tool is equipped with a two-prong plug which permits you to use extension cords without concern for maintaining a ground connection.

**NOTE:** DOUBLE INSULATION does not take the place of normal safety precautions when operating this tool. The insulation system is for added protection against injury resulting from a possible electrical insulation failure within the tool.

**CAUTION:** When servicing all tools, USE ONLY IDENTICAL REPLACEMENT PARTS. Repair or replace damaged cords.

## Motor

Your ELU tool is powered by an ELU-built motor. Be sure your power supply agrees with the nameplate marking.

Volts 50/60 Hz or "AC only" means your tool must be operated only with alternating current and never with direct current.

Voltage decrease of more than 10% will cause loss of power and overheating. All ELU tools are factory tested; if this tool does not operate, check the power supply.

## Extension Cords

Double insulated tools have 2 wire cords, and can be used with 2 wire or 3 wire extension cords. Only round jacketed extension cords should be used, and we recommend that they be listed by Underwriters Laboratories (U.L.). If the extension will be used outside, the cord must be suitable for outdoor use. Any cord marked as outdoor can also be used for indoor work. The letters "WA" on the cord jacket indicate that the cord is suitable for outdoor use.

An extension cord must have adequate wire size (AWG or American Wire Gauge) for safety, and to prevent loss of power and overheating. The smaller the gauge number of the wire, the greater the capacity of the cable, that is 16 gauge has more capacity than 18 gauge. When using more than one extension to make up the total length, be sure each individual extension contains at least the minimum wire size.

To determine the minimum wire size required, refer to the chart below:

CHART FOR MINIMUM WIRE SIZE (AWG) OF EXTENSION CORDS

NAMEPLATE RATING-AMPS	TOTAL EXTENSION CORD LENGTH-Feet							
	25	50	75	100	125	150	175	200
0 - 10.0	18	18	16	16	14	14	12	12
10.1 - 13.0	16	16	14	14	14	12	12	12
13.1 - 15.0	14	14	12	12	12	12	12	----

Before using an extension cord, inspect it for loose or exposed wires, damaged insulation, and defective fittings. Make any needed repairs or replace the cord if necessary.

## Special Instructions For Electronic Router Cat. #3338

Your router incorporates a state of the art electronic motor control. The control system governs the motor to give you ramp start-up, smooth cutting, and constant speed. These unique capabilities give you a router which is responsive to your needs.

The electronic motor control system has two basic features.

- A. Ramp start - when you turn on the router, you will notice that it does not have the jerk from the rapid acceleration of the motor. This router has a starting circuit which accelerates the motor up to speed smoothly, without jerking, and allows you to maintain easier control of the router during the start up period.
- B. Constant speed cutting - as you load the router, the selected cutting speed does not slow down during normal use. The electronic control governs the motor and gives you a consistent finish to your work. Only under very heavy loading will the speed of the unit fall below the governed speed.

To set the router speed (from 8,000 rpm to 20,000 rpm) rotate the speed control wheel shown in the large figure on page 6. The higher the number the higher the speed.

There are five available speed stages on your router. They are:

- Speed Stage 1 - 8,000 rpm
- Speed Stage 2 - 12,000 rpm
- Speed Stage 3 - 16,000 rpm
- Speed Stage 4 - 18,000 rpm
- Speed Stage 5 - 20,000 rpm

Refer to the chart on the next page to match proper speed to the material being cut.

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CORRECT CHOICE OF SPEED

Material	Cutter Diam.	Electronic Control Settings				
		Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
<b>Model #3338</b>		<b>8,000rpm</b>	<b>12,000 rpm</b>	<b>16,000 rpm</b>	<b>18,000 rpm</b>	<b>20,000 rpm</b>
Hardwood, e.g., oak	Small	-	-	O	X	XX
	Medium	-	-	O	XX	X
	Large	X	XX	O	-	-
Softwood, e.g., pine	Small	-	-	O	X	XX
	Medium	-	O	X	XX	XX
	Large	X	XX	O	O	-
Plastic-laminated chipboard	Small	-	-	O	X	XX
	Medium	-	O	X	XX	XX
	Large	O	XX	X	O	-
Plastics	Small	-	O	X	X	XX
	Medium	-	O	XX	XX	X
	Large	X	XX	O	-	-
Aluminum	Small	-	XX	X	O	-
	Medium	X	XX	O	-	-
	Large	XX	X	O	-	-

This Table can serve only as a guide, since wood is an organic material. Even with the same species of lumber there will be large differences in hardness and density. When a high feed speed is employed, set the electronic control one step higher.

**KEY:** XX very good    X good    O satisfactory    - not recommended

## Specifications

### PREPARATION FOR USE

The motor in this router is relatively high-powered (1700 Watts, max.). Despite this, it is advisable to cut deep grooves or remove large amounts of material in two or more passes.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Model	3337, 3338
Voltage	120
Speed	20,000 rpm
Insulation	double insulated
Column	spring loaded twin column
Plunging stroke	62mm (2-1/4")
Routing depth	0-62 mm adjustable
Cutter mounting	precision collet, size 1/2"
Cutter cap routing	max. 40 mm (1-3/16")
Rotary depth stop	3 stage depth position

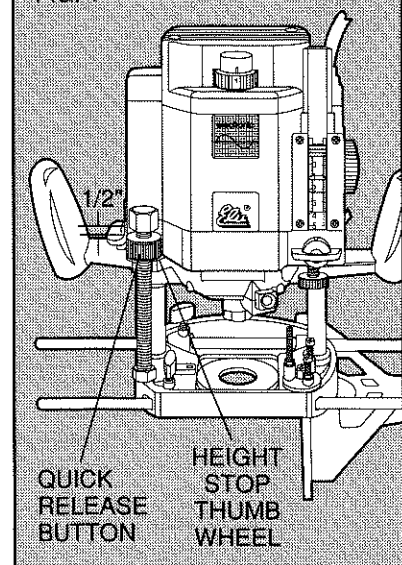
THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS ARE FOR BOTH THE 3337 ROUTER AND THE 3338 ELECTRONIC SPEED CONTROLLED ROUTER.

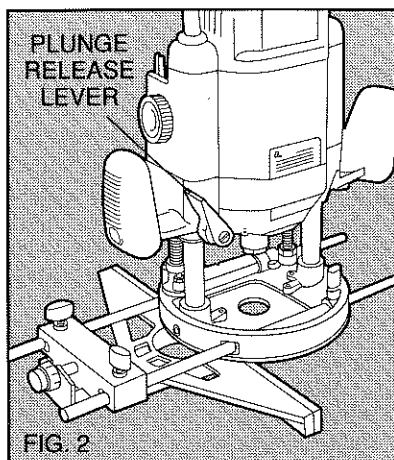
## Operating Instructions

### TURN OFF AND UNPLUG ROUTER

**NOTE:** Before installing a router bit in your unit, position the tool so that the collet is easily accessible. To do this, rotate the height stop thumb wheel, shown in Figure 1, counter-clockwise until it is about 1/2" from the top of the threaded height stop rod. Raise the plunge release lever, shown in Figure 2, and let the router rise to its full height. Depress the plunge release lever to lock the tool in place.

FIG. 1



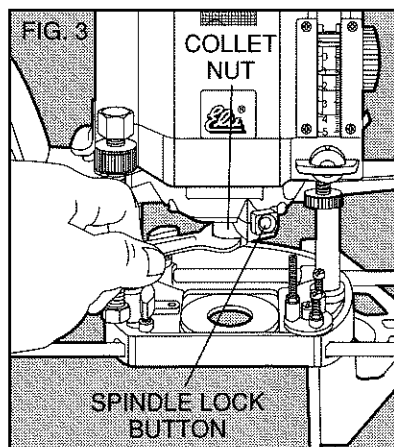


## Bit Installation and Removal

(TURN OFF AND UNPLUG ROUTER)

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Always snap the collet firmly into the collet nut, (past the retainer spring) before installing a bit.

Use the supplied wrench and the spindle lock as necessary to loosen (counterclockwise) the collet nut, as shown in Figure 3.



Insert the round shank of the desired router bit into the loosened collet as far as it will go and then pull it out about 1/16". (This helps to assure that it is perfectly straight in the collet.) Hold the spindle shaft by depressing the spindle lock button, shown in figure 3, while firmly tightening the collet nut with the wrench provided.

Your router has a unique locking system for retaining the bit. When removing a bit, the collet nut must be loosened with the wrench. The collet nut will turn approximately 3/4 of a turn and then become tight again. At this point the bit can't be removed. Using the same procedure, loosen the nut a second time. This lifts the collet and makes it very easy to remove the bit.

## Collets

**NEVER TIGHTEN THE COLLET ON THIS TOOL WITHOUT FIRST INSTALLING A ROUTER BIT IN IT. TIGHTENING AN EMPTY COLLET CAN DAMAGE THE COLLET AND CREATE A HAZARDOUS CONDITION.**

To change collets, unscrew the collet assembly, as described above, sharply pull the old collet out of the collet nut and insert the new collet. Push firmly so that it snaps past the retainer spring in the collet nut.

## Controls

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The following controls are interdependent on each other so that they can only be fully understood as a complete system. Before operating any of the controls, read this whole section.

### PLUNGE RELEASE LEVER

The plunge release lever allows the router bit to be plunged directly into the workpiece. Simply raise the plunge release lever when you want to lower the router into the work, as shown in Figure 2. You can lower the unit until it reaches your preset stop. To lock the tool in place anywhere along its vertical travel, depress the lever.

### HEIGHT STOP ROD AND HEIGHT STOP THUMB WHEEL

As its name implies, the height stop rod and thumb wheel limit how high the unit can travel up the rails. The system is adjustable from full down where the unit cannot rise regardless of the position of the plunge release lever to full up where the bottom of the collet is 2-7/8" above the workpiece (See Figure 4).

HEIGHT STOP THUMB WHEEL

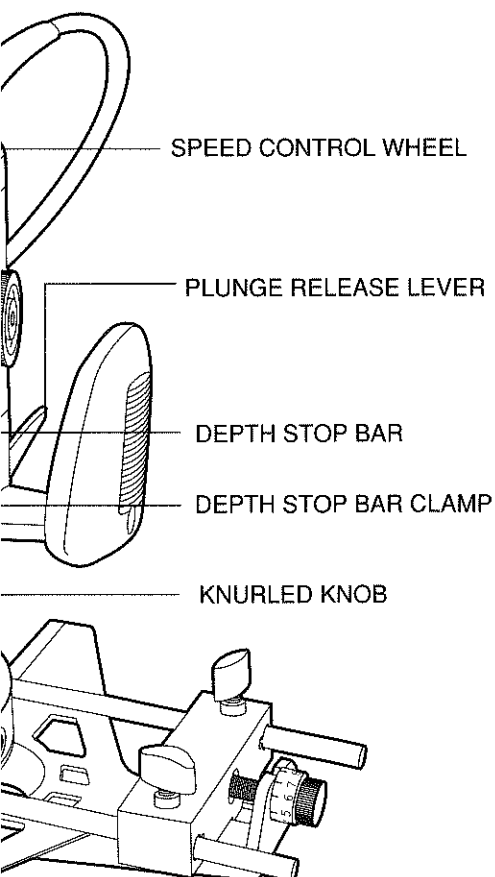
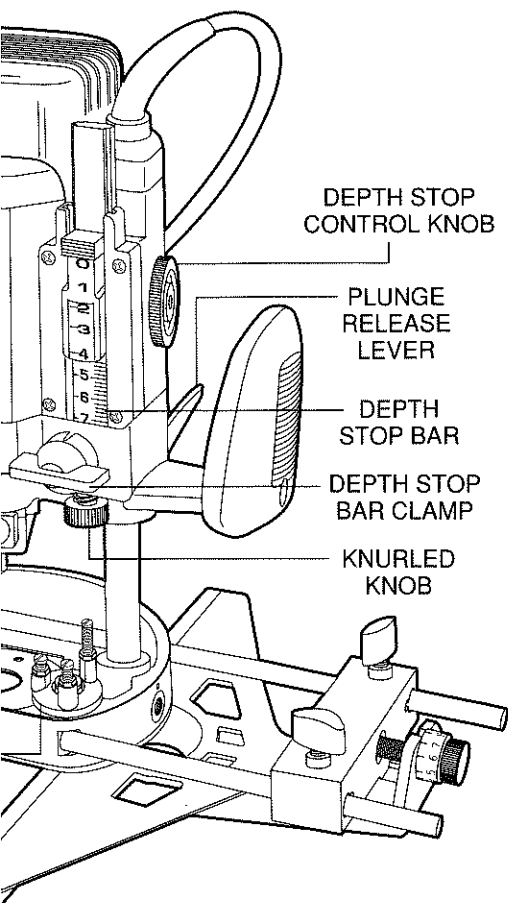
QUICK RELEASE BUTTON

TURRET STOP

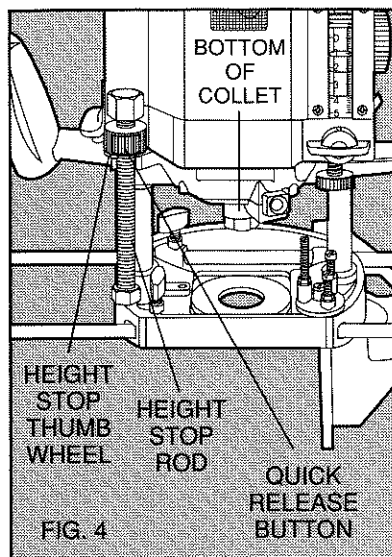
HEIGHT STOP THUMB WHEEL

QUICK RELEASE BUTTON

TURRET STOP



For convenience, the thumb wheel is equipped with a quick release button that allows you to disengage the threads for fast positioning by simply depressing the button in the side of the wheel.



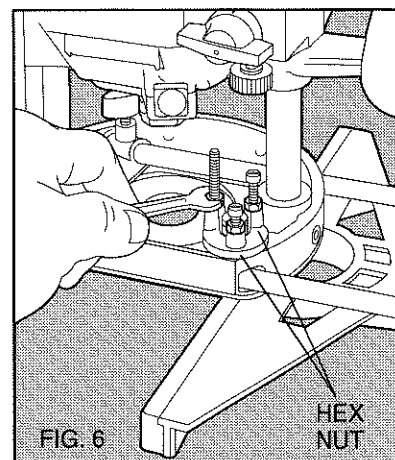
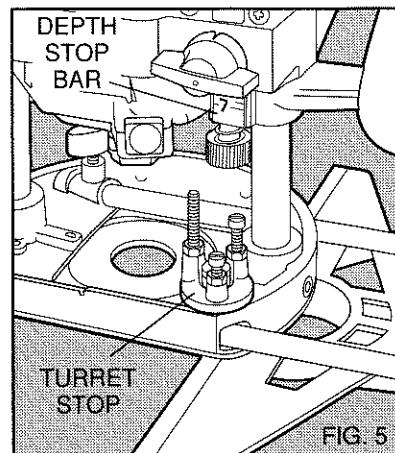
**NOTE:** It is easier to move the height stop thumb wheel UP if the plunge release lever is locked and easier to move the thumb wheel DOWN if the unit is first moved down by releasing the plunge release lever and then tightening it.

#### MULTI-POSITION TURRET STOP

The turret stop limits the downward distance that the tool can be plunged. It consists of three screws of different lengths that serve to define the depth of cut by limiting the travel of the depth stop bar (see Figure 5). Routing depth can be set by selecting the screw of the appropriate length on the turret. The turret is rotatable with detent stops to properly align the screws.

It is the interaction of the depth stop bar and the turret stop that determine the routing depth.

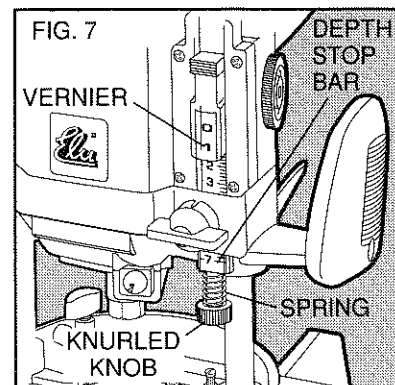
If none of the provided screws seems close to the desired height each can be adjusted by loosening the hex nut at the bottom and then turning the screw either in or out to make it the proper length. After adjusting this screw be sure to tighten the hex nut at the bottom. (See Figure 6)



See the section "Setting the Routing Depth" for instructions on how to use the turret stop in an actual operation.

#### DEPTH STOP BAR AND VERNIER

The depth stop bar is what contacts the selected screw in the turret stop to limit the routing depth. At the bottom of the depth stop bar is a threaded shaft, a spring and a knurled knob, as shown in Figure 7.



A precision vernier scale is provided for extremely accurate adjustment of the routing depth.

See the section below "Setting the Routing Depth" for instructions on how to use the depth stop bar and vernier in an actual operation.

## Familiarization

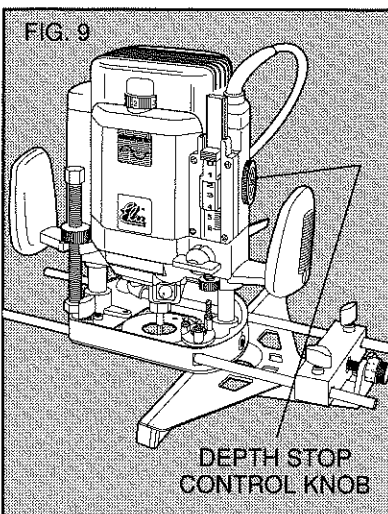
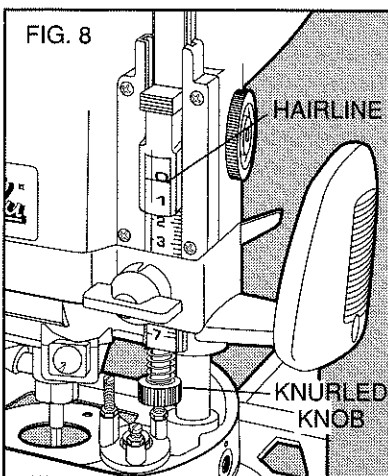
Please take a little time now and, without plugging the tool in, practice with these adjustments and controls and become familiar with their operation. Only with a complete, "hands on" understanding of these systems will you be able to get the most out of this quality router.

## Setting the Routing Depth

(TURN OFF AND UNPLUG THE ROUTER)

To set the routing depth follow the steps below:

1. Install the desired router bit as described previously.
2. Position the height stop thumb wheel at the top of the height stop rod. (See Figure 4) You can either turn the thumb wheel or use the handy quick release button discussed above.
3. Adjust the depth stop bar to the top of its travel by rotating the Depth Stop Control Knob shown in Figure 9.
4. Rotate the turret stop to position the shortest screw under the depth stop bar.
5. Raise the plunge release lever and push the router down until the end of the bit just touches the workpiece.
6. Depress the plunge release lever and lower the height stop thumb wheel until it contacts the router casting, as shown in Figure 9.
7. Lower the depth stop bar until the knurled knob on the bottom of it touches the selected screw in the turret stop.
8. Raise or lower the plastic vernier to align the hairline in the vernier with the 0 mark on the graduated scale, as shown in Figure 8.



9. Using the depth stop control knob, raise the depth stop bar and align the desired mark on the graduated scale with the hairline in the vernier, as shown in Figure 9. (Scale graduated in 1/16ths of an inch)
10. Tighten the depth stop bar clamp.
11. The router is now set to cut to the set depth when plunged into the workpiece.

## Fine Adjustment of Routing Depth

TURN OFF AND UNPLUG ROUTER.

If, after setting the desired depth of cut, a small adjustment is needed, it is not necessary to go through the entire procedure for setting the

depth. Minor adjustment can be easily made by rotating the knurled knob on the bottom end of the depth stop bar, as shown in Figure 8.

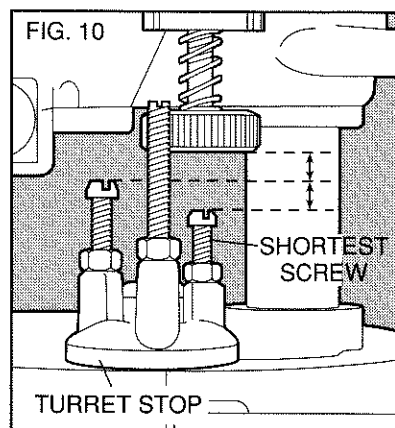
Rotating the knob clockwise (looking down from the top of the router) will result in a more shallow cut. Rotating the knob counterclockwise will result in a deeper cut. One complete rotation of the knob represents about 1 mm in depth adjustment.

## Using the Turret Stop for Sequential Routing Depth Settings

TURN OFF AND UNPLUG ROUTER.

It is recommended that particularly deep grooves be cut with several passes rather than one deep pass. In order to do this and still maintain accuracy of depth when the job is finished, perform the following procedure.

1. Set the final desired routing depth as instructed above. For the purpose of this discussion, assume that the desired depth is 1/2".
2. With a depth of 1/2" set on the shortest screw in the turret stop, adjust the second shortest screw to a point about halfway between the bottom of the knurled knob and the top of the shortest screw, as shown in Figure 10.





3. Leave the vernier setting alone and turn the adjusted second shortest screw into position under the depth stop bar.
4. Make your first cut at this setting.
5. Rotate the turret stop so that the shortest screw is directly under the depth stop bar and make your final cut.

NOTE: The third screw in the turret stop is provided if your cut is even deeper and you want to make three cuts to achieve the final depth, or set final depth for multiple cuts at one time.

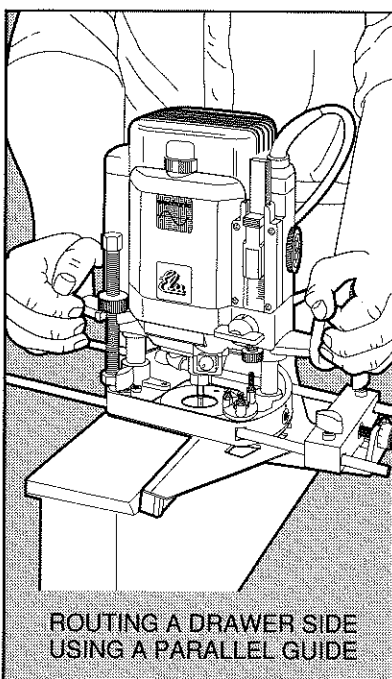
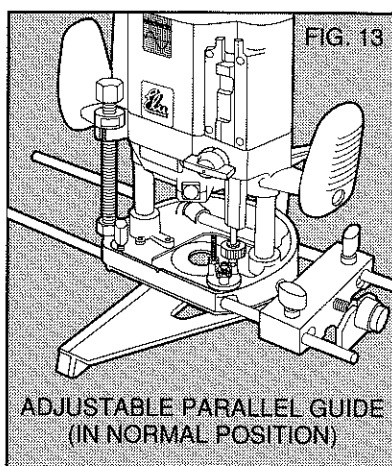
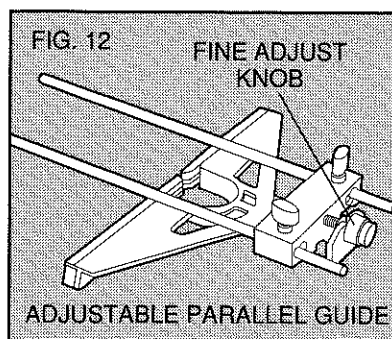
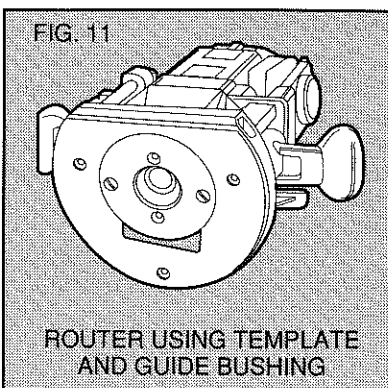
## Operation

After setting the cutting depth as described, locate the router such that the bit is directly over the place you will be cutting. With the router running, lower the unit smoothly down into the workpiece. (DO NOT JAM THE ROUTER DOWN). When the tool reaches the pre-set depth, depress the Plunge Lock Lever. When you have finished routing, raise the lever and let the spring lift the router directly out of the workpiece.

All common routing tasks can be performed with ease with the Plunge Cut Router: Grooving, rabbeting, recessing, veining, and profiling on all types of wood and plastic.

Always feed the router opposite to the direction in which the cutter is rotating.

Only carbide-tipped cutters should be used on panels faced with plastic laminates. The hard laminates will quickly dull steel cutters.

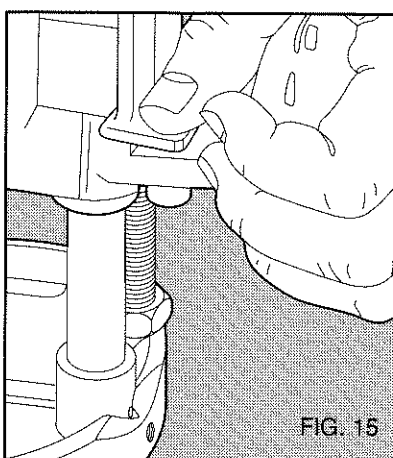


## Switch

TO SWITCH ON THE MACHINE (FIG. 15)

NOTE: Always pull the plug on the cord set out of its receptacle when changing a cutter or fitting the accessories in order to avoid any chance of an accident.

CONVENIENT SWITCH ACTUATOR PUSH UP FOR "ON" DOWN FOR "OFF".

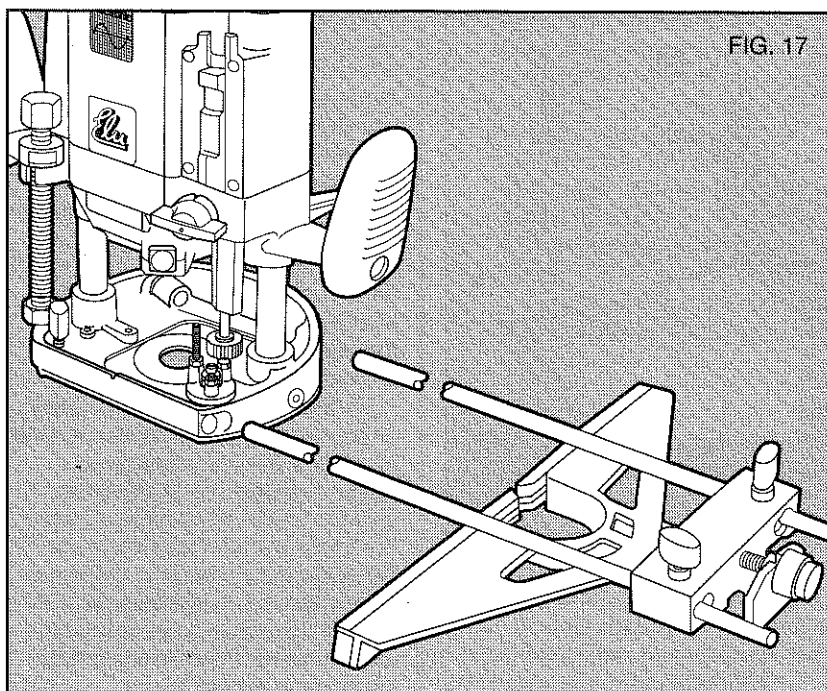
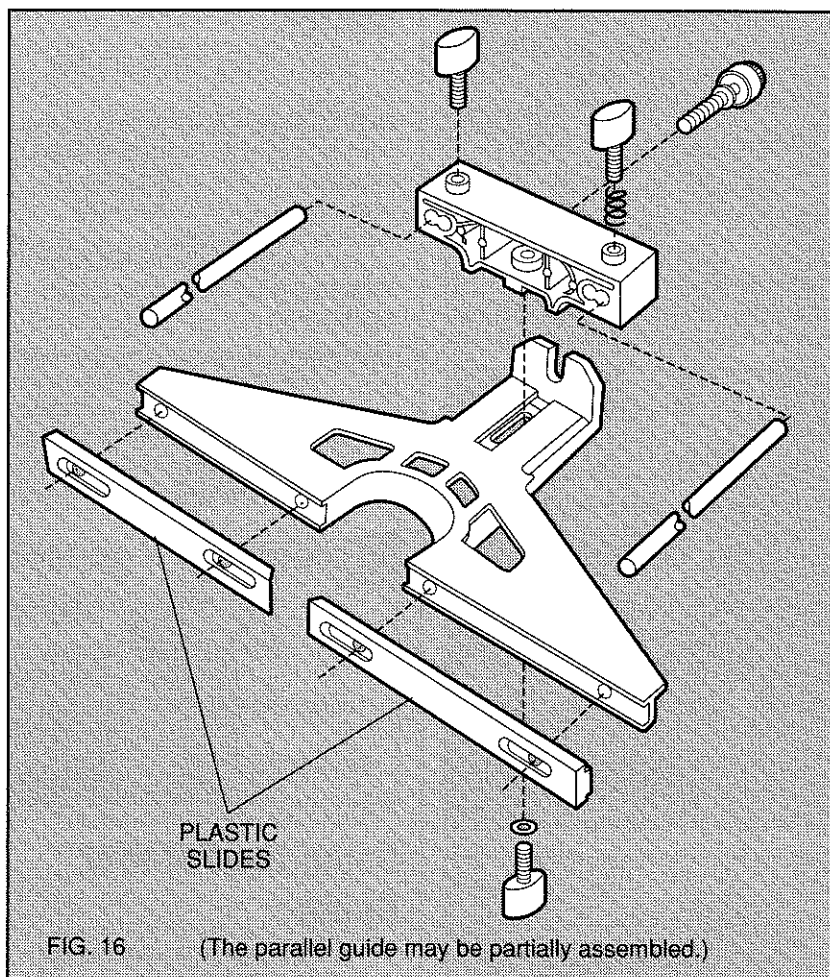


## Using the Parallel Guide

A parallel guide is supplied with your router to increase its versatility. Assemble the guide as shown in Figure 16. When it's fully assembled, insert the two bars through the holes in the router base as shown in Figure 17. Adjust as needed for parallel routing.

The guide will adjust in all the way to the cutter. In some cases the plastic slides on the guide will interfere with the cutter if they are not loosened and pushed back to provide clearance. Simply loosen the two screws on each slide and adjust it accordingly.

A fine adjust feature is included on the parallel guide and is operated by rotating the fine adjust knob, shown in Figure 12, to move the guide in and out accurately. Turning the knob counterclockwise will pull the guide out, away from the router bit and turning it clockwise will pull the fine adjuster out, away from the router making it necessary to push the guide in toward the bit.



## Template Guide Adaptor

Your router also comes equipped with a template guide adaptor and two mounting screws. Put these away in a safe place for future use.

## Accessories

Black & Decker offers a wide array of router bits and other accessories to enhance the versatility of your router. Visit your local Black & Decker Service Center where recommended accessories can be purchased.

If you should need assistance in locating recommended accessories for your tool please contact:

Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc.  
Consumer Service Department  
P.O. Box 618  
626 Hanover Pike  
Hampstead, MD 21074-0618

Recommended accessories for your tool are available at extra cost from your local Black & Decker Service Center. The use of any other accessories or attachments may be hazardous. If you have any questions concerning which accessories are recommended, contact Black & Decker at the above address.

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## Important

To assure product SAFETY and RELIABILITY, repairs, maintenance, and adjustment, (including brush inspection and replacement) should be performed by qualified service organizations, always using ELU replacement parts.

ELU products are serviced by Black & Decker company owned Service Centers.

## Notes

## Commercial/Industrial Use Warranty

Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc. warrants this product for one year from date of purchase. We will repair without charge, any defects due to faulty material or workmanship. Please return the complete unit, transportation prepaid, to any Black & Decker Service Center or Authorized Service Station listed under "Tools Electric" in the yellow pages. This warranty does not apply to accessories or damage caused where repairs have been made or attempted by others.

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