

Two New Sliding Compound Miter Saws Mark 20th Anniversary of Hitachi's Original

Toronto, ON., Nov 25, 2008– Hitachi Power Tools today announced two new 8-1/2-inch slide compound miter saws, the C8FSE and C8FSHE. Twenty years after developing the first sliding compound miter saw, Hitachi continues the tradition of innovation with quality engineering along with additional features of today, such as the LED work light and laser guide featured on the C8FSHE. Built with accuracy, power and convenience packed into the two lightest saws in their class, these are the perfect fit for contractors, trim carpenters and fine woodworkers alike.

Twenty years ago, the benefits of the radial arm saw and the miter saw were combined in the first sliding compound miter saw, Hitachi's C8FB. A standard miter saw is accurate and portable, but the length of a cross cut is limited by the size of the blade. A radial arm saw has a large cutting capacity and is versatile in its applications, but the weight and space it demands makes that tool a permanent, immovable fixture.

In 1988, Hitachi's engineers took the best features of both tools to create the original and revolutionary sliding compound miter saw. Like a radial arm saw, dual rails allow the power head to slide forward and back for increased cutting capacity. At the same time, the innovative frame retains the accurate bevels and miters of a miter saw with its tighter tolerances, added safety, and portability.

When using a miter saw on-site, trouble-free mobility is a must. At 31lbs (C8FSE) and 32lbs (C8FSHE), these are the lightest in their class, making them the most portable 8-1/2" slide miter saws on the market. Both the C8FSE and C8FSHE are powered by 9.5Amp motors and have a no-load speed of 5,500RPM to smoothly handle the toughest cutting applications.

These saws can stand up to job-site travel and tough high-volume tasks, while retaining the accuracy suitable for fine woodworking and finish work. Hitachi's thumb-actuated positive stops allow for quick adjustments to the most common miter angles- 15°, 22.5°, 31.6°, and 45° to both the left and right. A bevel range of 48° to the left and 5° to the right allow for precise compound cuts. A pivoting section extends the length of the fence and a large table provides a stable guide and sturdy support. Materials are held firmly in place with a table-mounted clamp for efficiency, accuracy and safety.

These saws can handle materials up to 2-9/16-inches high, such as crown molding lying flat, and 12 inches deep in a 90° cross cut. Both saws are loaded with features for user convenience, including the best-in-class dust collection system for a cleaner workspace. The vertical handle is covered in Hitachi's vibration absorbing elastomer for a secure and comfortable grip surface. A splinter guard behind the fence reduces tear-out for clean, finished cuts and easily accessible carbon brushes will help your saw perform for years to come.

The C8FSHE contains additional features for making the perfect cut the first time. A fully-adjustable LED work light illuminates the table from any angle for bright visibility. Hitachi's exclusive laser marker system can be activated before the blade is in motion for exact alignment and predictable blade placement. As long as your measurements are right, your cuts will be, too!

The Hitachi C8FSE and C8FSHE 8-1/2" sliding compound miter saws each come complete with an 8-1/2" TCT saw blade, dust bag, vice assembly, box wrench and a sub fence, as well as Hitachi's industry leading 5-year warranty. These are the ideal sliding compound miter saws for trim carpenters, framers and woodworkers who demand precision and reliability.

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Hitachi Power Tools carries an extensive line of professional grade tools and accessories for: woodworking, metalworking, concrete drilling and cutting, as well as a complete line of pneumatic nailers, staplers, compressors and collated fasteners. During the 1980s Hitachi Power Tools built its reputation for quality on the success of its pneumatic framing nailer and sliding compound mitre saws.

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