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PRODUCT SUPPORT BULLETIN # 501

TO: AUTHORIZED *portable electric tool* SERVICE STATIONS
factory SERVICE CENTERS

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TOOL(S) \ PRODUCT(S) AFFECTED: 6020-21 1/4 Sheet Orbital Palm Sander

SUBJECT: 'not holding sandpaper' **14-67-0270 Sanding Pad**



Investigation has revealed that a cause for 'not holding sandpaper' in position on a 6020-21 1/4 sheet orbital palm sander, can be due to the 14-67-0270 rubber sanding pad that the sandpaper rests against compressing and glazing. This glazed smooth surface allows the pad to lose some or most of its friction properties, causing the sandpaper to stay stationary on the work when the base assembly orbits. This leads to the clamps no longer holding the sandpaper and allowing the sandpaper to drift right, at times up to half the width of the sanding pad.

A new pad material that maintains its resiliency and also offers a high coefficient of friction, after heavy-duty use, is being pursued.

To temporarily resolve this problem, apply a sheet of pressure sensitive adhesive (psa) sandpaper to the rubber pad / 'gluing' the psa sandpaper to the pad. Clamping a work sheet of sandpaper onto a 6020-21 1/4 sheet orbital palm sander with the psa sandpaper attached to the pad, offers the friction surface needed and prevents a pad from slipping on the paper, even during heavy use - (we find this to work even on a unit with a severely worn pad).

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