Metabo Contact

Metabo's 'Contact' feature has thus far been incorporated into selected hammer drills and rotary hammers. Its function is to stop the tool if the inserted drill bit or chisel touches a conductive, grounded material or an electrically live wire. This is particularly helpful when drilling into wal1s or ceilings during renovation work For example, the tool shuts down if contact is made with grounded water lines, grounded heating pipes, oil or gas pipes. It can prevent costly rework and lost time. A light-emitting diode (LED) alerts the operator should he hit a pipe or cable.

This contact feature functions as follows:

- 1. The drill bit carries a test voltage.
- 2. If contact is made with a pipe made of grounded, conductive material, for example, or a live electric cable, a current of 0.16 mille-amps flows to earth.
- 3. The Contact electronics are activated, the tool stops, and the LED glows red.

The Contact function only needs to have operated once to pay for itself by helping prevent serious damage to water pipes, heating pipes, oil pipes, gas pipes, and the like. When the tool is plugged in, the Contact function is automatically activated even if it was switched off the last time the tool was used.

While this basic technology is not new, Metabo's engineers first did its adaptation to power tools.

