



## SAFETY CIRCULAR 13/2023

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### DFES Disc Cutting Tools – Cutting Disc Expiry Dates

#### Key Message

The Cut Off Discs for the Makita cordless Disc Cutter and Chicago Pneumatic Disc Cutter have a 3-year lifespan.

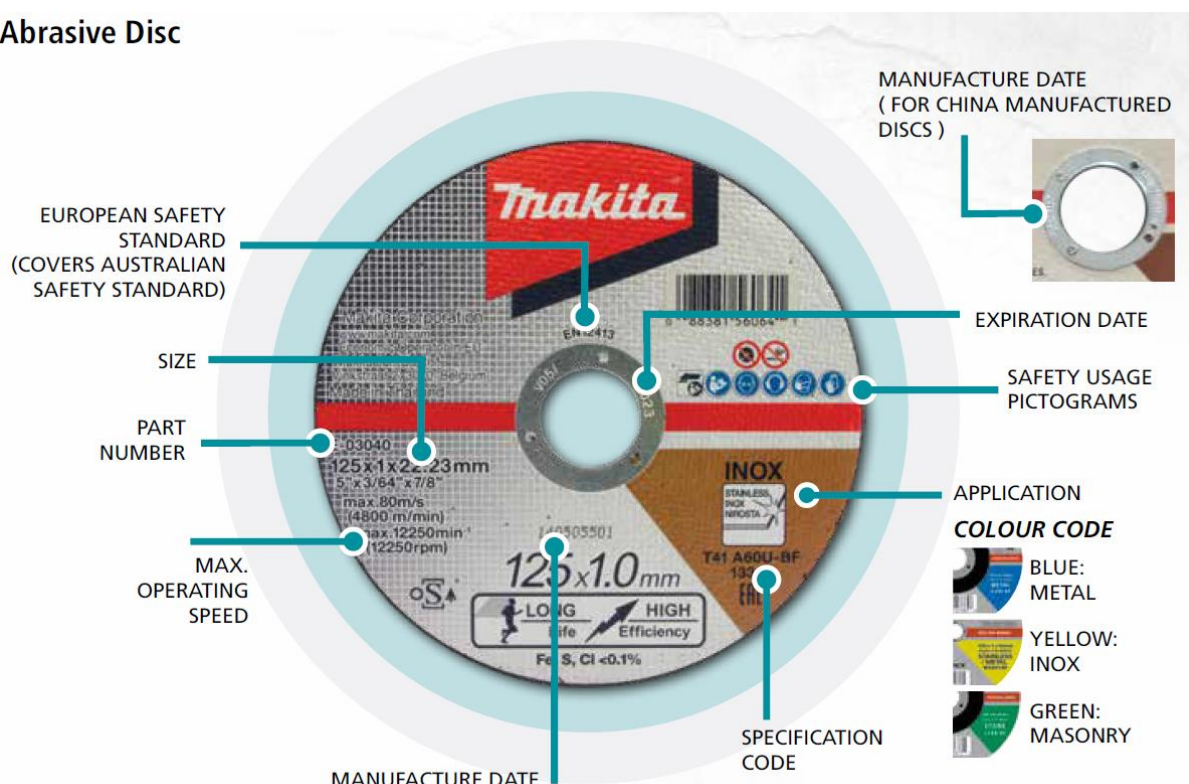
#### What happened?

Prior to 2022, the Organisation for Safety of Abrasives (OSA) standards stated that the date stamped on resin-bonded tools marked with the OSA or EN Standard was a validity date.

In September 2022, this wording was changed to an expiry date and includes thin wheels, cut-off and grinding wheels for hand-held machines.

**The expiry date must not exceed more than 3 years after the date of manufacture.**

#### Abrasive Disc



#### What does it mean for me?

All Brigades and Units holding the Makita cordless Disc Cutter and Chicago Pneumatic Disc Cutter (Heavy Rescue Stations) must inspect their current stock and dispose of any Cut Off Discs that are past the expiry date.

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Replacement discs for the Makita cordless Disc Cutter are available from the FRSA Portal:

- <https://frsa-dfesportal.com.au/collections/ancillary-equipment>

Replacement discs for the Chicago Pneumatic Disc Cutter are available using the standard [DFES stores requisition form](#):

- Stock / Part No. 014582 – pneumatic cut-off disc 100mm x 1.0mm

The weekly Rescue and Heavy Rescue checklists have been updated to reflect the changes.

#### **Further information / Want to know more?**

For further information please read the attached documents from [Flexovit](#) and [Makita](#) or contact:

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