



Optical fiber cleaver



FC-8R

Operation manual

OME1326009A



IMPORTANT SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

This product has been designed and manufactured to assure personal safety. Improper use can result in bodily injury and serious damage to the fiber cleaver. Please read and observe all warnings instructions given in this operation manual.



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Warning

- Do not use the cleaver in dew condensation environment and in the rain. Doing so can cause fire, malfunction or electric shock. (Applies to FC-8R-FC only)
- To prevent a Li-ion battery for the counter from causing heat generation, bursting and fire, please observe the followings below. (Applies to FC-8R-FC only)
 - Do not charge, short circuit, disassemble, heat up and throw the battery in fire. Do not mix the batteries with other metallic objects and different types of batteries.
 - When disposing of or storing the battery, wrap it around with a tape for insulation.
 - If you are not going to use the cleaver for a long time, remove the battery from the cleaver and wrap it around with a tape for insulation.
 - Keep away from infants. If infant happens to swallow the battery, consult with a doctor.
 - Make sure the polarities are correctly connected.



Caution

- Do not touch the blade with bare hands as it is extremely sharp. Doing so can cause bodily injury. A chipped blade will degrade cleaving performance. Take care not to hit the blade against anything.
- Optical fiber and glass fiber offcuts are tiny and extremely sharp. Handle with great care. Take care not to prick your finger. Wear safety glasses at all times during cleaving operation for protection from glass fibers.
- Do not use the cleaver which has a crack or damage. Doing so can cause bodily injury.
- The cleaver is a precision tool. Do not impact the cleaver by hitting or dropping. Doing so can cause bodily injury and loss of cleaving performance.
- After use please empty the fiber bin and then store the cleaver in the case. There is a possibility that fiber offcuts could spill out of the bin during transportation if remain in the bin.
- Do not push the slider while the stopper lever is lowered.
- In a high location, take safety measures using a strap to prevent fall of the cleaver.
- Dispose of glass fiber offcuts and batteries in exclusive waste places. Do not mix them with other waste.
- Do not disassemble or lubricate any parts of the cleaver. Doing so can cause damage to the cleaver.
- When pushing the slider, make sure that the lid is opened. Pushing the slider with the lid closed can cause damage to the cleaver. When the lid is closed during storage, do not apply excessive force to the slider.
 - *With regards the names of the cleaver parts, please refer to "2. Structure".
- Do not use and store the cleaver in high temperature and high humidity. Doing so can cause damage to the cleaver.
- Be sure to lock the lid before storage and transportation.
- Store the cleaver in the carrying case after use.
- If the cleaver is damaged or any problems occur, please contact our service center.

1. General

Specification

Item		FC-8R-F	FC-8R-FC
Applicable fiber	Material	Silica glass	
	Cladding diameter	125µm	
	Fiber count *1	Single and Ribbon up to 12 fibers	
	Single fiber coating diameter *1	250µm, 900µm	
	Ribbon fiber thickness *1	0.25~0.4mm	
Cleave length	Single fiber *2	250µm: 6~20mm, 900µm: 10~20mm	
	Ribbon fiber *3	10mm	
Automatic blade rotation*4	Available (Switchable to Fixed)		
Cleaver operation counter		N/A	Built-in
	DC power supply	N/A	Coin type Li-ion battery CR1220
	Cleave counts per battery *5	N/A	Approx. 60,000 counts
Lid opening angle	Switchable (Wide/Narrow)		
Size *6	58(W) x 98(D) x 49(H)mm		
Weight	Approx. 260 g		
Blade life*7	60,000 fibers (2,500 fibers x 24 positions)		
Operating condition *8	Temp. -10°C~50°C/Humidity RH below 95% (non-condensing)		
Storage condition *8	Temp. -40°C~80°C/Humidity RH below 95% (non-condensing)		

- *1 Fiber holders that correspond to the number of fibers and the coating diameter are required. The single fiber adapter is included as a standard package item.
- *2 With use of the single fiber adapter.
- *3 Fiber is placed in a fiber holder and fiber coating is removed with the JR-6 Hot jacket remover. Cleave length is different depending on the fiber preparation methods.
- *4 24 positions per rotation.
- *5 Based on our in house standards, the above number may be achievable at room temperature with Panasonic CR 1220 battery. It varies depending on the operational environments and batteries. Even if the battery is replaced, the cleave count is not reset and up to 99,999 counts can be displayed. It can be reset anytime. If the cleave count is reset, the total cleave count is logged.
- *6 A projection region is excluded.
- *7 Blade life is not guaranteed. It may vary depending on the operational environment.
- *8 The FC-8R-FC works on a battery. Please use the cleaver in a cool place. Using and storing the cleaver in low temperature or high temperature and high humidity may cause the battery capacity to decrease and the cleave count will be less.

Standard package

Part name	Part No.	Unit	Q'ty
Optical fiber cleaver *1	FC-8R-*	pc	1
Single fiber adapter *2	AP-FC7	pc	1
Carrying case	CC-8RH	pc	1
Operation manual *3	OME1326009	pc	1
Cleaning brush	-	pc	1
Hexagonal wrench	-	pc	1
Strap	-	pc	1

*1 The Part No. is different depending on the specification.

*2 1 screw that secures the adapter to the cleaver is provided.

*3 The latest version is provided.

Optional accessories / Consumables

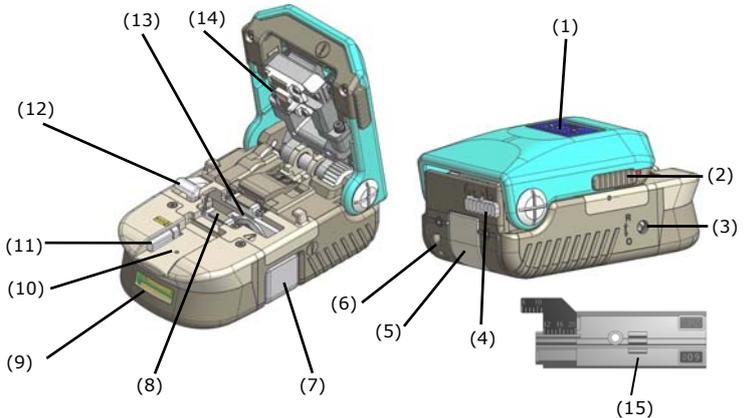
Part name	Part No.	Unit	Q'ty
Single fiber adapter *1	AP-FC7	pc	1
Fiber bin *2	TR-FC8R	set	1
Coin type Li-ion battery *3	CR1220	pc	1
Replacement blade	FCP-20BL(7R)	pc	1

*1 Included as a standard package item. (The adapter comes with 1 screw to secure to the cleaver.) Common for all models.

*2 10 pcs per set. Common for all models.

*3 A commercial item can be used. Please purchase one at an electronic appliance shop etc. For FC-8R-FC only.

2. Structure

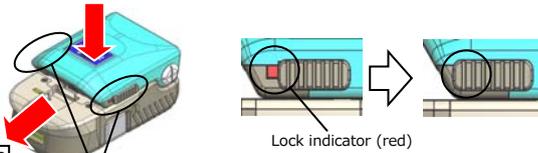


- (1) Lid
Fiber is cleaved and fiber offcut is collected along with opening and closing of the lid.
- (2) Locking lever
Keeps the lid closed.
- (3) Blade rotation switching lever
Changes blade rotation to Automatic or Fixed.
- (4) Lid opening angle switching lever
Changes lid opening angle.
- (5) Fiber bin
Collects fiber offcuts.
- (6) Strap hook
Secures the strap.
- (7) Slider
Moves the blade.
- (8) Clamp
Is made of rubber and holds optical fiber.
- (9) Counter (For FC-8R-FC only)
Displays cleave count.
- (10) Fiber holder receptacle
Is where a fiber holder or single fiber adapter is placed.
- (11) Locking tab
Locks a fiber holder.
- (12) Stopper lever
Moves the slider.
- (13) Blade
Scratches optical fiber.
- (14) Anvil
Is made of rubber and cleaves a scratched fiber.
- (15) Single fiber adapter (included in standard package)
A guide for placement of single fiber.

3. Operating procedures

- (1) Slide both locking levers to open the lid.
While pushing down the lid lightly, hold both locking levers and slide them together to the front at the same time until a red indicator is not visible at all.

Step 1



Lock indicator (red)

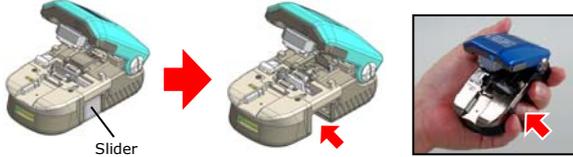
Step 2

Locking lever (located on Left & Right)



Sliding one locking lever does not open the lid smoothly.

- (2) Push the slider fully until it's locked.



Slider

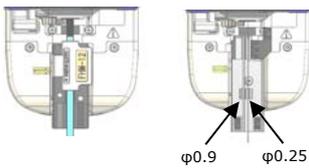


Do not touch the blade.

- (3) Place a fiber holder in the fiber holder receptacle. (With use of the single fiber adapter, place a fiber with an optimum cleave length in the adapter and hold the fiber with your hand.)

Fiber holder

Single fiber adapter

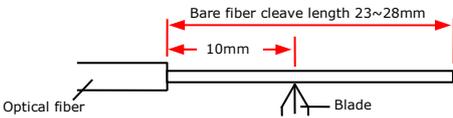


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·Ensure the edge of the fiber holder touches the edge of the receptacle.
·The fiber bin only collects a specified cleave length. If the cleave length is not optimum, the collector may not collect an offcut.

Optimum cleave length for fiber offcut collector



- (4) Close the lid. The slider is automatically pushed back. The fiber is cleaved.



Do not place your finger where the slider is pushed back. The slider may hit the finger, resulting in an injury.

- (5) Open the lid. A fiber offcut is automatically collected. The cleaving process is completed. Remove the fiber holder from the fiber holder receptacle. (With use of the single fiber adapter, remove the fiber.)



- (6) After using the cleaver, slide back the locking levers to lock the lid. While keeping the lid closed, hold both locking levers and slide them to the back until the locking levers do not move. Make sure the red indicator is completely visible.

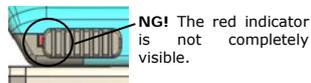
Step 1



Lock indicator (red)

Step 2

Locking lever (located on Left & Right)



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If the lid is closed with one locking lever or the locking levers are not slid fully, the lid will accidentally open during storage or transport, resulting in bodily injury.

4. Functions

Lid opening angle change

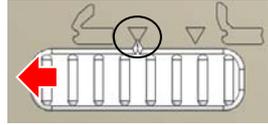
The opening angle of the lid can be changed depending on how you use the cleaver. When you use the cleaver in one hand or cleave single fiber, it's beneficial to "Open the lid in a small angle". When you use the cleaver on a work bench, cleave ribbon fiber or clean the cleaver, it's effective to "Open the lid in a large angle". The factory default is "a small angle". Before sliding the lid opening angle switching lever, make sure the lid is fully closed.



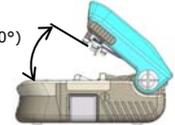
Lid opening angle switching lever

Open the lid in a small angle (Approx. 30°) (Factory default)

Slide the lid opening angle switching lever to the left until △mark of the lever aligns with ▽ mark of the cleaver with a clicking sound.

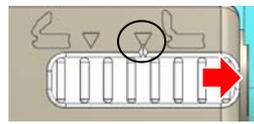


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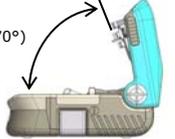


Open the lid in a large angle (Approx. 70°)

Slide the lid opening angle switching lever to the right until △mark of the lever aligns with ▽ mark of the cleaver with a clicking sound.



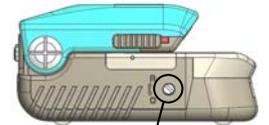
(Approx. 70°)



If you stop the lever halfway, the lid does not open properly, resulting in damage to the cleaver.

Automatic blade rotation

The blade rotation switching lever changes the blade rotation to "Automatic (R)" or "Fixed (0)". With "Automatic (R)", the blade automatically rotates by approx. 15° on each cleave. With "Fixed (0)", the blade does not rotate. If the blade is partly chipped but you wish to use it, "Fixed (0)" is recommended. The factory default is "Automatic".



Blade rotation switching lever

Automatic rotation (R)

Turn the blade rotation switching lever with a slotted screwdriver until the slit of the lever comes to "R". The lever can rotate in both directions. Ensure that the blade automatically rotates on each cleave.



The slit should come to "R".

Fixed (0)

Turn the blade rotation switching lever with a slotted screwdriver until the slit of the lever comes to "0". Ensure that the blade does not rotate.



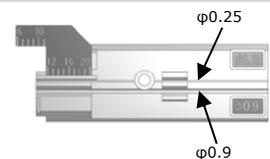
The slit should come to "0".



Turn the lever until the slit comes to "R" or "0" completely with a clicking sound. If you stop the lever halfway, the blade rotation will not work properly, resulting in damage to the cleaver.

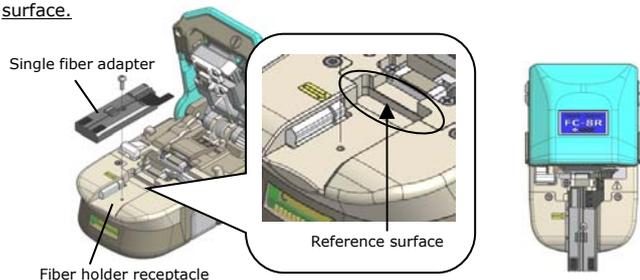
Fitting single fiber adapter to the cleaver

With use of the single fiber adapter, you can cleave single fiber to any cleave length. A fiber holder is not required.



How to fit single fiber adapter

Place the single fiber adapter in the fiber holder receptacle. While pushing the adapter against the reference surface, secure it by tightening the provided screw. Make sure the adapter is perpendicular to the reference surface.



- Make sure the single fiber adapter is perpendicular to the reference surface. If the adapter is angled, fiber will not be cleaved properly or cleave angle will be poor.
- Use the provided screw to secure the adapter to the cleaver.



Cleave operation counter (For FC-8R-FC only)

The FC-8R-FC incorporates a LCD which displays the cleave count. The cleaver automatically counts the number of cleaves on each cleave. It can display the cleave count and total cleave count.

Feature	Display of cleave count and total cleave count Reset of cleave count
DC power supply	Coin type Li-ion battery CR1220 (commercial item)
Cleave counts Per battery	Approx. 60,000 counts
Displayable cleave count	Cleave count: up to 99,999 counts Total cleave count: 999,999 counts



Counter

- The cleave count and total cleave count are not reset after a battery is replaced.
- The total cleave count cannot be reset.
- A battery which is installed in the cleaver upon shipment is intended for checking of counter operation. Please replace it with a new one after operation checking.
- The cleaver can count the number of cleaves only when a fiber holder or single fiber adapter is fitted to the cleaver.
- Based on our in house standards the above number may be achievable at a room temperature with Panasonic CR1220 battery. It varies depending on the operational environments and batteries. If nothing or "Lo bat" is displayed, or the displayed number is disappearing, the battery should be replaced.
- If the number of cleaves exceeds the displayable cleave count, the cleave count and total cleave count will return to "0".
- Do not apply excessive impact to the counter. Doing so can cause the counter to malfunction or become faulty.
- Do not use the cleaver in the rain, in wet condition caused by dew condensation, and in too much humid, dusty and oily places. Doing so can cause fire, malfunction and electric shock.

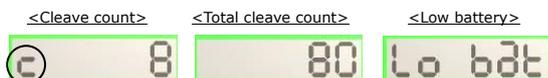


Counter display

The counter automatically counts the number of cleaves on each cleave. With regards how to use the cleaver, please refer to "3. Operating procedures". The counter does not count without a fiber holder or single fiber adapter fitted.

(1) Details of display

The cleaver displays "Cleave count" and "Total cleave count". "Cleave count" is displayed as a standard and "Total cleave count" can be displayed as necessary. Even if "Cleave count" is reset, "Total cleave count" is not reset. If the battery capacity is getting low, "Lo bat" appears.



Cleave count ("C" is displayed.)

(2) Timing of counting

A cleave is counted when the slider is moved back following closing of the lid. The cleave count is displayed for approx. 4 seconds. If a fiber holder or single fiber adapter is not fitted to the cleaver, the current cleave count is displayed and the count does not increase.



Checking cleave counts and total cleave counts

The button SW is located on the bottom of the cleaver. With a hexagonal wrench (Allen key) etc, push the button SW straight down lightly until it clicks. Every time the SW is pushed, the display switches to "Cleave count" and "Total cleave count" alternately and shows for approx. 8 seconds.



- Do not push the button SW too hard. Doing so can cause damage to the SW.
- The standard display is "Cleave count". If you push it once, the display will switch to "Total cleave count".

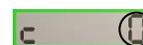
Resetting cleave count

"Cleave count" can be reset. If you reset the cleave count on each field working or blade replacement, it would be easier to check how many cleaves you made.

- (1) With a hexagonal wrench (Allen key) etc, push the button SW down to display "Cleave count".



- (2) While keeping "Cleave count" displayed, press and hold down the button SW for more than 5 seconds. "Cleave count" will be reset. (return to 0).

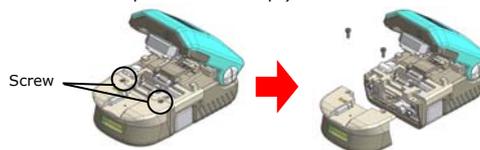


- Do not push the button SW too hard. Doing so can cause damage to the SW.
- If you press the button SW while nothing or "Total cleave count" is displayed, "Cleave count" will not be reset.
- "Total cleave count" cannot be reset.

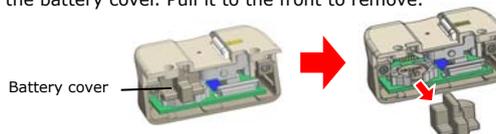
Replacing the battery

If nothing or "Lo bat" is displayed on the LCD, or the displayed number is disappearing, the battery needs replacing. A commercial item can be used as a new replacement battery. (Part No.: CR1220)

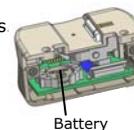
- (1) Loosen the 2 screws with the provided hexagonal wrench (Allen key). Remove the fiber holder receptacle. (Remove the single fiber adapter or fiber holder prior to this step.)



- (2) Hold the battery cover. Pull it to the front to remove.



- (3) Remove the battery using your fingers or nails



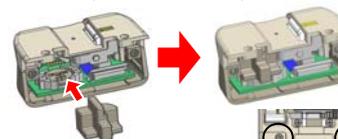
Battery

- (4) With the positive (+) of a new battery faced up, install it in the cleaver. Push the battery until it's locked. Push the button SW once and make sure "Cleave count" is displayed.



The positive (+) should be faced up.

- (5) Push the battery cover all the way to the back fully.



- (6) While pushing the fiber holder receptacle against the main body, re-tighten the 2 screws.



- Do not apply excessive force to the counter when replacing the battery.
- "Cleave count" and "Total cleave count" are not reset after a battery is replaced.
- Dispose of old batteries in accordance with local regulations.
- Take care not to lose the battery cover. Always fit it to the cleaver. If the battery cover is not fitted, a battery will be removed by strong impact, resulting in malfunction of the slider.

5. Maintenance



Caution

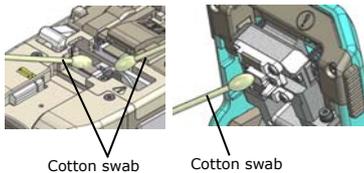
- The blade is extremely sharp. Do not touch it with bare hands.
- Do not disassemble or lubricate any parts of the cleaver. Doing so can cause damage to the cleaver. The quality of disassembled or lubricated cleavers cannot be guaranteed.
- The edge of the blade is precisely manufactured. Take great care not to give any damage to the blade.

Daily cleaning

To maintain excellent cleaver's performance, daily cleaning is recommended before and after use. It is easier to clean the cleaver if the lid is opened at a larger angle.

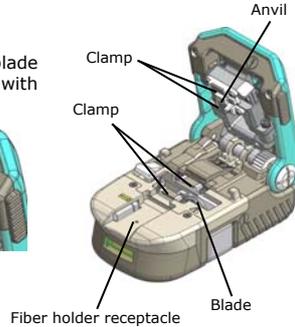
(1) Clean the clamp, anvil and blade

Clean the 4 clamps, 1 anvil and 1 blade lightly with a cotton swab moistened with pure alcohol.



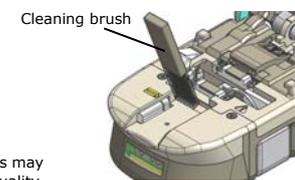
Cotton swab

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(2) Clean the fiber holder receptacle

Using the provided cleaning brush or a cotton swab, clean the edge of the fiber holder receptacle where a fiber holder touches. Clean the locking tab as well.



Cleaning brush



Caution

- Fiber offcuts adhering to the cleaver parts may cause loss of cleaving performance and quality.

Emptying fiber bin

After use and before transportation, dispose of fiber offcuts and empty the fiber bin referring to the procedures below.

- (1) Close and lock the lid.
- (2) Remove the fiber bin from the back of the cleaver.
- (3) Dispose of fiber offcuts and empty the fiber bin completely.
- (4) Put back the fiber bin in the cleaver.



Fiber bin



Caution

- Fiber offcuts may scatter. Wearing protection glasses is recommended.
- Using a cotton swab makes it easier to take out fiber offcuts from the fiber bin. Never use bare hands. Doing so can cause bodily injury.
- Empty the fiber bin and then store the cleaver in the case.
- Dispose of fiber offcuts in accordance with local regulations.

Blade replacement



Caution

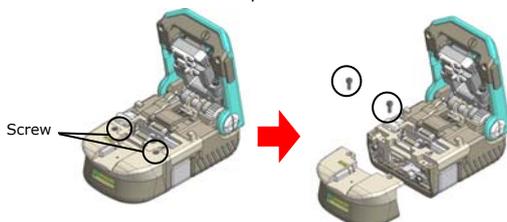
- To maintain the original performance, please always use Sumitomo genuine blade.
- The edge of the blade is extremely sharp. Do not touch it with bare hands. Doing so can result in bodily injury.

- (1) When a cleaver reaches up to 60,000 fibers or cannot cleave fibers, it needs to be replaced.

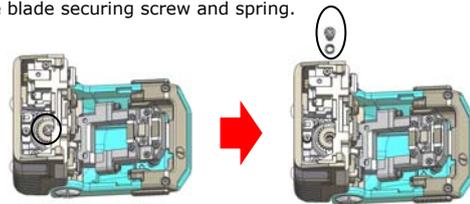
<Standard for blade replacement>

Fiber	Single fiber	4 fiber ribbon	8 fiber ribbon	12 fiber ribbon
Cleave counts	60,000	15,000	7,500	5,000
Blade life	60,000 fibers			

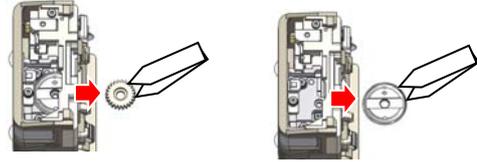
- (2) Using the provided hexagonal wrench (Allen key), loosen the 2 screws to remove the fiber holder receptacle.



- (3) Using a slotted screwdriver, loosen the blade securing screw. Remove the blade securing screw and spring.



- (4) Using tweezers, remove the gearwheel and blade.



- (5) Install a new blade in the cleaver. Insert the gearwheel so it fits the slit of the blade.



The slit of the blade should be in line with the direction of the installation.

The blade should not move when the gearwheel is inserted.

Key point

The gearwheel should fit the slit of the blade.

The hole of the blade should align with the hole of the gearwheel.



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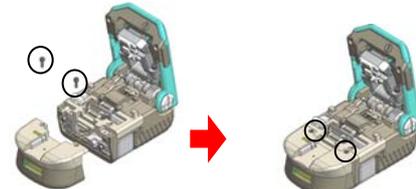
- Take care not to hit the edge of the blade against the cleaver.
- The edge of the blade is extremely sharp. Do not touch it with bare hands. Doing so can result in bodily injury.

- (6) Re-fit the spring and blade securing screw to the cleaver.
Torque: 100N·cm (10kgf·cm)



Spring

- (7) Re-tighten the 2 screws to secure the fiber holder receptacle to the cleaver.



Caution

- After the blade replacement, make sure the blade rotates properly.

- (8) For the FC-8R-FC, reset the cleave count referring to "Cleave operation counter" described in page 3.

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