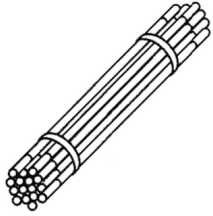




Safety Instructions

THESE INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE READ BY THE USER
BEFORE USING THE EQUIPMENT.



16.4 Drain Rods

- This equipment is designed to be operated by someone with normal ability. Persons with a disability or injury must assess whether their disability, when using the equipment, will affect their health and safety and the safety of others.
- It should only be operated by someone with experience of similar equipment.
- This equipment must not be used by anyone whose competence is impaired, for example by drink or drugs.

- 1 The drain rods must be used correctly according to the manufacturer's or owner's operating instructions, which are available on request if required.
- 2 Drain rods are designed to clear soil pipes and blocked drains, or for cleaning chimneys.
- 3 Wear personal protective equipment, safety goggles/glasses, overalls and gloves.
- 4 **CHECK** that all children and animals are kept clear of the work area.
- 5 Place warning notices and barriers around work areas i.e. manholes, drain covers and chimneys.
- 6 Ensure that open cuts are kept covered when working with dirty water, as serious diseases can be caught from bacteria.
- 7 Use spanners to connect and disconnect the rods
- 8 When using the rods ensure that you rotate the rods clockwise in a pushed or pulled motion to prevent them unscrewing during operation.
- 9 **DO NOT** bend the rods too far as they have a tendency to break.
- 10 When cleaning a chimney do not push the rods too hard as they may jam or dislodge bricks etc from the chimney.
- 11 **DO NOT** leave open manholes or drains unattended. **ALWAYS** replace covers as soon as possible on completion of the work.
- 12 **ALWAYS** clean the drain rods prior to returning to the Hire Company.
- 13 **DO NOT** attempt repairs. Contact the Hire Company.



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