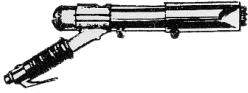




Safety Instructions

THESE INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE READ BY THE USER BEFORE OPERATING THE TOOL.



3.4 Hand Held Scalers & Scabblers

- 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.

Needle guns, chisel guns etc used for de-scaling, removal of rust and paint from metal surfaces as well as cleaning and dressing concrete and bush hammering.

- 1 These tools must be operated correctly according to the manufacturer's or owner's operating instructions, which are available on request if required.
- 2 **CHECK** that all persons and animals are clear of the work area.
- 3 Wear personal protective equipment; safety goggles, hard hats, boots with steel toecaps and dust masks are usually necessary. Masonry, concrete and stone dust can give rise to silicosis.
- 4 In poorly ventilated areas dust extraction equipment might be necessary.
- 5 Other actions might also be necessary to prevent airborne dust being carried into the surrounding area, such as damping down with water sprays etc.
- 6 **CHECK** that long hair or clothing cannot get caught up in the rotating parts of the tool.
- 7 When noise levels are uncomfortably high over 80dB(A), it is advisable to wear hearing protectors.
- 8 If higher noise levels occur regularly when it is necessary to shout to be heard, (85dB(A) and above) the law requires that hearing protectors must be worn.
- 9 **CHECK** that hoses are not damaged. A failure can cause injuries.
- 10 **CHECK** that the pressure of the compressed air does not exceed the maximum pressure marked on the tool.
- 11 Air hoses must be blown out before connecting to the tool. Hold the open end securely and open the air cock **CAREFULLY**. A blocked hose can become an air gun.
- 12 **CHECK** that all couplings are secure. If a coupling parts the hose will 'whip'. **NEVER** attempt to catch and hold it down, turn off the air.
- 13 **DO NOT** carry the tool by its compressed air hose.
- 14 When working hold the tool firmly and stand firmly on both feet.
- 15 Only used compressed air for cleaning down equipment with extreme caution. Use eye protection and ear defenders.
- 16 **DO NOT** use compressed air to clean yourself and **DO NOT** direct it at another person.
- 17 **CHECK** that air pressure is released from the hose before disconnecting any coupling.
- 18 Disconnect the tool from the air supply when leaving the tool unattended or when work is completed.
- 19 Vibration from this tool into your hands and arms can cause permanent discomfort and damage. Keep your hands warm and dry – wearing gloves can help. If your hands start to tingle or feel numb, stop work and exercise your fingers to restore circulation. Always use tools and cutting attachments that are sharp. If you know of a tool with less vibration or of a better way of avoiding vibration in the job, suggest this to your supervisor.
- 20 **DO NOT** attempt repairs. Contact the Hire Company.



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