

SAFE WORK PROCEDURES NAILING TOOLS (PORTABLE)



SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Only those persons who have been trained in the safe use of and who are authorised to do so are to operate nailing tools.
2. Areas where nailing tools are used are to be clearly identified with appropriate warning signs.

Sequence	Identified hazards	Key processes to be followed	Precautions / PPE required
1. General precautions	Pre-use inspection Maintenance Harmful emissions Fire and explosion Personal injury	Inspect tool for damage, and ensure that it is in good working order. Check operation of all controls and safeguards before loading fasteners. Authorised persons only should carry out repairs of gas powered tools. Ensure that battery and fuel cartridge are removed before working on tool. Tools will exhaust carbon monoxide into atmosphere when operated. Do not use gas operated tools in presence of flammable materials. Keep nailer and fuel cartridges out of reach of unauthorised persons. Always remove battery and fuel cartridge before storing tool.	Check tool safety mechanisms. Prohibit unauthorised repairs. Use only in well-ventilated areas. Do not use in flammable atmosphere. Keep tool and cartridges in cool place. Store fuel cartridge in supplied case.
2. Preparation	Fuel cartridge Battery Loading fastenings	Ensure that fuel cartridge is correct for the make and model of tool. Ensure that battery has been fully charged before commencing work. Only use fasteners as approved by the manufacturer for the tool.	Ensure fuel cell cover is closed. Use compatible charger only. Never use incompatible fasteners.
3. Work area	Entry into work area Flying objects Electric shock	Restrict entry into work area to those persons involved in nailing only. Arrange work so that other persons will not be in the line of fire of a tool. Ensure that projectile will not contact electrical wiring when fired.	Restrict unnecessary access into area where nailing tools are to be used.
4. Operation	Flying projectiles Accidental firing Flying particles Noise Damage to tool	Never point a nailing tool at another person – never assume tool is empty. Never drive fasteners into knots in timber or on top of other fasteners. Always ensure that fasteners will be driven into a solid, sound backing. Do not depress trigger unless nose piece is firmly pressed against the work piece. Remove battery and fuel cartridge before attempting to remove jammed fasteners. Do not overreach, and keep proper footing and balance when operating. Chips, dust, fasteners, etc, may be ejected from tool and work when firing. Hazardous noise levels will be present, especially in enclosed areas. Do not use these tools in rain or where excessive moisture is present.	Wear Type 1 footwear . Check area where fasteners will be fired before operating tool. Keep fingers away from trigger until ready to fire. Keep hands clear of firing area. Wear eye protection . Wear hearing protection .

PRECAUTIONS:

The following precautions are to be observed in areas where these procedures are carried out.

