OHS INFORMATION

RELATING TO SMALL PLANT & POWER TOOL SAFETY



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The safety hazards associated with the operating and maintaining of this item of plant have been identified as far as reasonably practicable by visual inspection. This item of plant is being sold in an "as is" condition with known and unknown safety hazards. No physical testing has been conducted (e.g. Wire rope tests, stress tests, structural/non-destructive tests, noise tests, vibration tests, insulation tests etc.) This document is not intended to provide information on, nor warrant the mechanical, electrical or structural condition of this item of plant.

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For further information regarding this report

When using small plant and power tools, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock and personal injury, including the following:

1. READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS:

2. KNOW YOUR SMALL PLANT ITEM OR POWER TOOL:

Read the owner's manual and safety guidelines carefully. If the manufacturers manual is not available then one must be obtained (visit the manufacturers website or local dealer) Learn the tools applications and limitations, as well as the specific hazards of the plant.

3. KEEP GUARDS IN PLACE: And in good working order

4. REMOVE ADJUSTING KEYS AND WRENCHES:

Form the habit of checking to see that keys and adjusting wrenches are removed from the tool before turning it on.

5. KEEP WORK AREA CLEAN:

Cluttered areas and benches invite accidents.

6. DON'T USE IN DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENT:

Don't use power tools in damp or wet locations, or expose them to rain. Keep work area well lit.

7. KEEP CHILDREN AWAY:

All visitors should be kept a safe distance from work area.

8. RESTRICT ACCESS AND USE OF EQUIPMENT:

Use of locked storage cabinets, master switches, or removing starter keys etc.

9. DON'T FORCE TOOL:

It will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it was designed.

10. USE THE RIGHT TOOL:

Don't force tool or attachment to do a job for which it was not designed. For example – Don't use circular saw for cutting tree limbs or logs.

11. WEAR PROPER APPAREL:

Wear no loose clothing, gloves, neckties, rings, bracelets, or other jewellery which may get caught in moving parts. Use non-slip footwear. Wear protective hair covering to contain long hair.

12. ALWAYS USE SAFETY GLASSES AND HEARING PROTECTION:

Also use face or dust mask if cutting operation is dusty. Everyday eye glasses only have impact resistant lenses, they are NOT SAFETY GLASSES.

13. SECURE WORK:

Use clamps or a vice to hold work piece. It's safer than using your hand and it frees both hands to operate the tool.

14. DON'T OVERREACH:

Keep proper footing and balance at all times.

15. MAINTAIN TOOLS WITH CARE:

Keep tools sharp and clean for best and safest performance. Follow instructions for lubricating and changing accessories.

16. DISCONNECT TOOLS:

Before servicing, when changing accessories such as blades, bits, cutters etc.

17. REDUCE THE RISK OF UNINTENTIONAL STARTING:

Make sure switch is in off position before plugging in.

18. USE RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES:

Consult the owner's manual for recommended accessories. The use of improper accessories may cause risk of injury to persons.

19. CHECK DAMAGED PARTS:

Before further use of the tool, a guard or other part that is damaged should be carefully checked to determine that it will operate properly and perform as intended – check for alignment of moving parts, breakage of parts, mounting and any other conditions that may affect its operation. A guard or other part that is damaged should be properly repaired or replaced.

20. DIRECTION OF FEED:

Feed work into a blade or cutter against the direction of rotation of the blade or cutter only.

21. NEVER LEAVE TOOL RUNNING UNATTENDED:

Don't leave the tool until it has come to a complete stop, always turn power off.

22. VOLTAGE WARNING:

Before connecting the tool to a power source, be sure the voltage supplied is the same as that specified on the nameplate of the tool. A power source with voltage greater than that specified for the tool can result in SERIOUS INJURY to the user – as well as damage to the tool, if in doubt DO NOT PLUG THE TOOL IN.

23. ELECTRICAL TESTING:

All power tools used in hostile environments (dirty, dusty, wet, hot, cold etc.) must be inspected and tagged as per the requirements of AS3000.