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Jigsaw

The rules and procedures in force where people are at work may require the person responsible for this equipment to carry out a specific risk assessment.

It is important to read all of this leaflet BEFORE you use the Jigsaw

1. Electricity is dangerous and must always be used with great care.
2. This jigsaw is designed to cut wood, laminates, metal and plastics and wallboards. It is not designed for any other purpose. Do not use it for cutting anything that may contain asbestos.
3. The action of this jigsaw can cause injury or damage if the machine is not used in a careful and controlled way.
4. If you have not used a jigsaw before, familiarise yourself with the machine on some straightforward work before you start on the main task.
5. Plan your work and think ahead to make sure you will always be working safely.
6. You must have at least the following items of personal protective equipment: goggles: EN166 or BS2092; dust mask - a minimum of EN149 FFP3(s) protection; Safety boots to EN345 or BS1870/4972; industrial quality gloves; residual-current device (RCD) if using a 230 volt (mains) supply.
7. A personal first-aid kit should be available.
8. This jigsaw must not be used by minors, or by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
9. This jigsaw is designed for operation by an able bodied adult. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using it.
10. Although jigsaws are designed for one person operation you should always be careful you do not lift beyond your own capabilities.

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Using the Jigsaw

1. Wear your protective equipment including ear defenders, dust mask and goggles.
2. Always hold the saw properly when working. Keep hands clear of the blade.
3. Check that the blade is fitted correctly.
4. To prevent damage to the blade, check that there are no nails, screws or metal embedded in the work piece.
5. Let the blade stop completely before withdrawing it from the work piece.
6. Stop, switch off and remove the plug from the socket before making adjustments or changing the blade.
7. Make sure that any ventilation slots in the jigsaw are clear; do not cover them with your hand when you hold the saw.
8. If the saw starts to labour and slow down, do not force it so hard. Do not overload the saw.
9. Keep the cable clear of the blade and any sharp edges on your work.
10. Stop the saw if someone approaches you.
11. Keep the cable clear of the blade.
12. If you think the cable may be cut or damaged in any way, switch off and unplug at the socket before inspecting it. If the cable attached to the reciprocating saw is damaged, stop using the machine. Contact the hire company. If an extension cable has been damaged, do not use it again.
13. Take care not to accidentally pull the plug from the socket.
14. After switching off, wait for the blade to stop completely before you put the machine down.
15. Switch off and remove the plug from the socket before leaving the reciprocating saw unattended.
16. If your equipment does not work properly do not attempt to repair it. Contact the hire company.
17. You may want to read this leaflet again. Please keep it until you finish work.

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Before Starting Work...

WORK AREA

1. Do not use this jigsaw where there is a danger of explosion. It will ignite fumes from petrol, or gas cylinders.
2. Make sure that the area is clear and safe and that no-one is near to you or could distract you.
3. Protect other people from the dust. Set up an exclusion zone around the area where the jigsaw is being used with physical barriers, barrier tape and signs. Keep children and animals away when using this equipment.
4. Work should stop immediately should anyone, other than those directly assisting with the work, enter the exclusion zone.
5. Clear the area of trip hazards such as rubble, rubbish etc.
6. Do not use this saw in the rain or where it might get wet.
7. Any work that is not part of a fixture should be securely clamped or held in a vice.

OPERATORS

1. The following items of personal protective equipment (PPE) are the minimum that should be worn whenever you use this machine. Particular jobs or environments may require a higher level of protection.
2. You will need to wear an appropriate dust mask (with a minimum of EN149:2001FFP3 protection) when you are in contact with material that causes dust.
3. You must wear safety boots (EN345 or BS1870/4972).
4. You must wear industrial quality gloves.
5. Anybody who is working near to you will also need to wear identical personal protective equipment.

JIGSAW

1. Check your saw, cables, plugs and blades. If anything is found damaged, do not use the jigsaw - contact the hire company.
2. Check that the plug on your jigsaw matches your supply. Do not try to force connections or improvise them.
3. Saws with a cylindrical yellow industrial plug fitted are designed to run off an 110V supply. The hire company will have provided a portable transformer if you need to power the machine from a normal mains 230V supply. If a portable transformer has been supplied, take care not to injure yourself when moving it about - it may be heavier than you think. Saws designed to run directly from 230V mains will have either a normal square pin plug fitted, or a blue industrial plug.
4. Always hold the jigsaw correctly with two hands while working.
5. Any work that is not part of a fixture should be securely clamped or held in a vice.
6. Check on how the on/off switch operates - before you switch the jigsaw on, you must know how to stop it.

BLADES

1. Switch off and remove the plug from the socket before making adjustments or changing the blade.
2. Make sure you use the correct fitting blade for this machine recommended by the hire company.
3. Most materials will cut better if an approved cutting lubricant is used.
4. Make sure that blade is fitted correctly.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Your machine will only operate on one voltage: it will be 110v or 230v.

110v machines will have a yellow industrial plug fitted. 230v machines will have either a normal square pin plug fitted, or a blue industrial plug. Read the instructions below for your machine.

110 VOLT MACHINES (YELLOW PLUG)

1. If you are using a portable transformer, plug the transformer directly into the 230 volt socket. Do not use any 230v extension cables.
2. If you need to use an extension cable, follow any special instructions given by the hire company. If the hire company has not given any special instructions, you should only use a suitably rated heavy duty 110v extension cable, not longer than 50 metres (160 feet). You must only use an extension cable between the transformer and the machine.
3. Lay the extension cable out carefully avoiding liquids, sharp edges, doorways or windows where it might be trapped, and places where vehicles might run over it. Unroll it fully or it will overheat and could catch fire.
4. Make sure that any extension cable connections are dry and safe.

230 VOLT MACHINES (SQUARE PIN OR BLUE PLUG)

1. Use a residual current device (RCD) plugged directly in to the 230Volt socket. Plug your machine into the RCD. This will help to protect you against electric shock if the cable or machine gets damaged.
2. Use the "TEST" button to check that the RCD is working each time you use it. Reset the RCD according to the instructions supplied with it.
3. If you need to use an extension cable, follow any special instructions given by the hire company. If the hire company has not given any special instructions, you should only use a suitably rated heavy duty one, not longer than 50 metres (160 feet). Plug it directly into the RCD.
4. Lay it out carefully avoiding liquids, sharp edges, doorways or windows where it might be trapped, and places where vehicles might run over it. Unroll it fully or it will overheat and could catch fire.
5. Make sure that any extension cable connections are dry and safe.

Summary:

110V: Wall socket > transformer > any necessary extension cable > jigsaw.

230v: Wall socket > RCD > any necessary extension cable > jigsaw.

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