



OPERATORS

1. The following items of personal protective equipment (ppe) are the minimum that should be worn whenever using this equipment:
2. Goggles must be worn when working with this machine.
3. Safety boots with good grip and ankle support must be worn at all times.
4. Anybody who is working close by will also need to wear appropriate personal protective equipment.
5. Particular jobs or environments may require a higher level of protection.

PORTA NAILER

1. Check that the tool hired is in good condition. If anything is found damaged, do not use it – contact the hire company.
2. Check that the hammer supplied is not worn or damaged; one side of the head should be metal, for striking the rubber cap on the Porta-nailer. The other side should be rubber for tapping the flooring into position.
3. Check on how the porta-nailer operates – before starting work know how to use the tool properly.

USING THE PORTA-NAILER

1. Always wear protective equipment.
2. Be careful not to drive nails into any hidden pipes or cables.
3. Only use nails supplied with the tool by the hire company.
4. Stop work if / when approached.
5. Ensure the correct shoe is fitted to the tool you have hired.
The porta-nail is 50mm (2") long and the Porta-nailer with the standard shoe drives the nail into the tongue and groove flooring at a 45-degree angle. The position of the nail is as shown in wood floor joint construction. In applications where tongue and groove flooring is laid over concrete, a different shoe is used to increase the angle so that the nail will not protrude through $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood underlay.
6. The porta-nailer must be held firmly, but not over-tightly in the hand so that it rests perfectly flat on the floor with the lip of the shoe hanging over and against the edge of the strip being nailed. As an aid to holding it flat against the floor, rest the toe of your boot on the rear of the porta-nailer shoe.
7. Strike the rubber cap of the nailer with the metal side of the hammer.
8. Strike it firmly but not hard, and then strike it again until the ram returns. The ram will not return until the nail is properly seated.

Keep this leaflet in a safe place until work is finished as it may need to be referred to again.



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Porta Nailers

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. This leaflet is not a substitute for a properly executed risk assessment.

Read this entire leaflet before using the Porta-nailer

1. Plan the best way to lay the boards and try to foresee any problems that may occur so that they can be safely dealt with.
2. Porta-nailers, although not powered, can cause injury or damage if not used in a careful and controlled way.
3. Porta-nailers are designed to in drive special nails to fix tongue and groove floorboards where the nail head is required to be hidden from view – use it only for that purpose.
4. If you have not used this type of equipment before, familiarize yourself with how it works and the hazards it presents before you start work.
5. The following items of personal protective equipment must be worn: impact resistant goggles or face shield; sturdy shoes as a minimum, ideally, safety boots.
6. Porta-nailers must not be used by minors, or by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
7. Porta-nailers are designed for operation by an able bodied adult. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using them.

WORK AREA

1. Make sure that the work area is clear and safe and that no-one is close by or could cause distraction.
2. Take appropriate action to prevent injury to yourself and others. Barriers may need to be erected to prevent persons falling through joists, or post warning signs to ensure that people are warned of the dangers of falling.
3. Before working directly on floor joists, boards or staging should be laid that are large enough to work off safely and strong enough to support your weight. Transfer your working position once you have laid enough floorboards to form an adequately sized working area.
4. Locate and mark the position of all services (gas, electricity, telephone, heating and water pipes) to prevent inadvertently driving nails into them.
5. In a domestic situation protect children and animals; keep them away from any possible danger.



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