Powder-Actuated Gun – Instructions for Use

Hirepool

SAFETY FIRST

If you are collecting the equipment for someone else please make sure this sheet is given to the equipment user to read. This sheet should be given to the site supervisor if the equipment is being hired for commercial use so that the information is available to all users.   Before starting any job, be sure to spend a few minutes planning and understanding the hazards and risks of the activity and determining how you will control them to prevent injury or damage.

Note: A licence is required to operate this tool if the intended use of this tool is for commercial purpose.

Required Safety Equipment

Hearing Protection

Foot Protection

Eye Protection

Hand Protection

Operator Certification

Head Protection

Pre-Start Checks and Safety

- <u>Always</u> treat powder actuated tools with the same respect as firearms
- Ensure tool has current certificate of fitness
- Ensure operator holds the correct licence if using for commercial purposes.
- Open tool and ensure it is unloaded
- Warn people in immediate vicinity of using tool and that area is clear
- Ensure correct sized nails for the gun and job
- Check worksite for hazards and determine controls
- Check safety mechanism is operating correctly
- Do not tamper with the safety mechanism or other mechanical parts
- Do not engage in horseplay as nail guns can inflict fatal injuries
- Ensure there are no hidden cables, pipes etc
- Ensure that the material being fired into is appropriate for Powder Actuated Guns. (Refer to training/licence manual)

When Operating

- Load tool with correct pin and charge for application
- Ensure a clear area behind where the work is being carried out (i.e. in the firing line of the tool)
- Firmly hold gun flat against timber to be nailed
- Clearly call "Firing" and three second delay
- Pull trigger
- Once detonated remove from work surface
- Clear spent shell from gun
- Repeat procedure again if further nailing is required

If Tool Fails To Fire

- Keep in position for ten seconds then unload
- Retain unspent shell and return to supplier for safe disposal

Stopping and After Use

- Ensure spent shell is removed from gun and is fully unloaded
- Store gun away safely until required again