

SAFE WORK PRACTICES

3.7 SAFE USE OF AIR TOOLS/PNEUMATIC STAPLERS

Safe Work Practices:

1. Ensure workers using equipment have reviewed manual or have been instructed on proper use.
2. Ensure all equipment is maintained regularly according to operating guidelines.
3. Ensure all workers and those in the working area wear proper P.P.E in accordance with the standard nature of work. ie: safety goggles & ear plugs to prevent injury.
4. Ensure adequate air hoses are used in order to supply required operating pressure to the tool.
5. Equipment should be locked up to ensure it is not accessible by untrained individuals.

Procedures:

1. Ensure normal operating pressures are used to maximize performance and safety. Pressure should not exceed maximum operating pressure, ie: 120 PSI.
2. Ensure safety is on and in good working order prior to using this tool or any tool.
3. Ensure proper compressor is used to operate tool being used.
4. Always keep hands and body away from the fastener discharge area when air supply is connected to tool.
5. Ensure air supply is disconnected from tool when servicing, adjusting and/or when the tool is not in use.
6. Do not operate when contact tip is not in contact with work.
7. Never load the tool until you are ready to use it.
8. Never depress tool trigger when loading.
9. Always load tool with tool pointing away from you and others.
10. Never point tool at yourself or others.
11. Do not use oxygen, combustible gases or high pressure compressed gas as the air supply for the tool.
12. Never carry tool with trigger depressed.
13. Do not attempt to discharge fastener into hard or brittle material such as concrete, steel or tile.
14. Do not connect female quick-disconnect coupling to tool side of airline.
15. Connect male free-flow nipple to tool side of air line so tool is depressurized when disconnected from hose.
16. Use recommended fasteners only.
17. Use proper fastening devices for the tool being used.
18. Never take safety off of air stapler.