



Toolbox Talks

Cartridge operated tools

Cartridge operated tools must only be used by properly trained operators to prevent misfires, nails going through the material, poor fixing, debris and so on. Training in the safe use and operation of these tools is usually carried out by a representative of the tool manufacturer.

Safe Operations

1. Ensure that the tool is clean and in good condition.
2. Ensure the tool is at right angles to the fixing surface and allow at least 3 inches from the edges of brickwork / concrete.
3. Check that the cartridge power and fixing length are correct for the intended works.
4. Always re-read and follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully before using gun.
5. Keep cartridges not being used in the tool box or container.
6. Eye and ear protection must be worn at all times.
7. Do not use a suspect or damaged gun.
8. Do not leave a loaded gun unattended.
9. **NEVER** point the gun at another person or press the gun against your hand.
10. Do not fix where another fixing has failed. Move along and try again.
11. All cartridges must be ejected and spent and unused cartridges signed back into the store.
12. Do not leave cartridge cases lying around the site.
13. Do not insert a cartridge until after the nail or stud is loaded.
14. Use ear / eye protection.
15. Return all cartridges, even the failed ones.
16. Nails can be hammered in, but do not make good fixings and may splinter.
17. Use compatible tools, nails and cartridges.
18. In the event of a misfire hold the tool against the surface for 30 seconds, pull the trigger again. If the cartridge still does not fire then eject the cartridge (strictly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions) and return to storeman for destruction by the manufacturer. Issue of guns and cartridges must be strictly controlled.



You are using a gun, treat it with respect

Do you have any questions for me?