



PNEUMATIC NAIL GUN

Potential Hazards

1. impalement
2. eye injury
3. puncture
4. respiratory illness

Personal Protective Equipment Required

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| Hard hat | CSA Boots | Eye protection |
| Hand protection | Hearing protection | Skin protection |
| | Face protection | (clothing) |

PRELIMINARY ACTIVITIES

Where multiple trade activity is scheduled, the general contractor is to review in advance the priority of work and schedule the appropriate time frame to allow each trade to complete their scope of work. Prior to any work commencing supervisors must conduct a hazard assessment of all applicable work areas. Any hazards that are found during the hazard assessment must be addressed prior to any work commencing.

DO'S:

1. Wear eye protection.
2. Use compressed gas to operate this tool.
3. While nailing a piece, ensure that your free hand is a minimum of one foot away from the tool.
4. Use new or clean nails made for the gun.
5. Keep plenty of pneumatic oil for the gun and use it as often as the manufacturer recommends.
6. Ensure there is no one on the other side of the nail gun (i.e. on the other side of a wall being nailed).

DON'Ts:

1. Do not use bottled gas.
2. Do not use near flammable materials.
3. Do not hold the trigger if you are not firing the tool.
4. Do not pull the trigger twice.
5. Do not use old or rusted nails.
6. Never use a trigger lock.

SAFE WORK PROCEDURE

1. Wear hearing protection, and safety glasses that have side shields or wear a full face shield.
2. Inspect the tool before connecting to an airline. Ensure that the safety mechanism is operating and that all screws and cylinder caps are in place and tight.
3. Check for correct air supply and pressure before connecting tool.
4. Check to ensure that tool is properly connected and that the safety mechanism is operating. ONLY trained and experienced workers shall operate the pneumatic nail gun.
5. Always handle the tool as if it contains fasteners. Only use fasteners which were designed for the gun.
6. Load up your gun with the correct size of nail strip.
7. Ensure that the mechanical linkage between the work contracting element and the trigger is enclosed.
8. Always operate the gun at air pressure recommended by the manufacturer. Never operate the gun at higher than recommended pressures.
9. Always ensure that the airline connected to the gun is in good condition and that it has free movement throughout the work area.
10. Always maintain your balance and footing while operating the gun. Never over reach.
11. Do not point the gun at yourself or any other person.
12. Never depress the trigger unless the nose piece is directed onto a safe work surface.
13. Never transport the tool or load it with fasteners with the trigger depressed.
14. Always disconnect the tool from the air supply when it is left unattended or when it is being cleaned or adjusted.
15. Before clearing a blockage from the tool, disconnect the air supply and ensure the air is exhausted from the tool by directing the nose piece onto a safe work surface and depressing the trigger.
16. When finished with the tool, always ensure that it is disconnected from the air supply, all fasteners have been removed from the gun and that air has been exhausted from the gun.