



SAFETY MUSTS: RECIPROCATING SAWS



GENERAL USE

■ ALWAYS FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE IN THE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Read all safety warnings, instructions, illustrations and specifications for the specific model of the product you are using. Failure to follow the specific product's manual instructions may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury.



PPE & SAFE HANDLING

■ ALWAYS USE SAFETY GLASSES

Everyday eyeglasses are NOT safety glasses. Also use face or dust mask if cutting operation is dusty.

■ ALWAYS WEAR CERTIFIED SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

- ANSI Z87.1 eye protection (CAN/CSA Z94.3),
- ANSI S12.6 (S3.19) hearing protection,
- NIOSH/OSHA/MSHA respiratory protection.

■ HOLD THE POWER TOOL BY INSULATED GRIPPING SURFACES, WHEN PERFORMING AN OPERATION WHERE THE CUTTING ACCESSORY MAY CONTACT HIDDEN WIRING

Cutting accessory contacting a "live" wire may make exposed metal parts of the power tool "live" and could give the operator an electric shock.

■ USE CLAMPS OR ANOTHER PRACTICAL WAY TO SECURE AND SUPPORT THE WORKPIECE TO A STABLE PLATFORM

Holding the workpiece by hand or against your body leaves it unstable and may lead to loss of control.

■ DO NOT OPERATE THIS TOOL FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME

Vibration caused by the operating action of this tool may cause permanent injury to fingers, hands, and arms. Use gloves to provide extra cushion, take frequent rest periods, and limit daily time of use.

■ KEEP HANDS AWAY FROM CUTTING AREA

Never reach underneath the material for any reason. Hold front of saw by grasping the contoured gripping area. Do not insert fingers or thumb into the vicinity of the reciprocating blade and blade clamp. Do not stabilize the saw by gripping the shoe.

■ KEEP BLADES SHARP

Dull blades may cause the saw to swerve or stall under pressure.

■ DO NOT TOUCH THE WORKPIECE OR THE BLADE IMMEDIATELY AFTER OPERATING THE TOOL

They can become very hot.



ENVIRONMENT & MATERIALS HANDLING

■ INSPECT WORK AREA FOR HIDDEN ELECTRICAL WIRING, GAS PIPES OR WATER PIPES BEFORE MAKING BLIND OR PLUNGE CUTS

Failure to do so may result in electrical shock, fire, explosion, or property damage.

■ HOLD SAW FIRMLY WITH BOTH HANDS FOR ALL CUTTING OPERATIONS

During cutting operations, the blade may suddenly bind in the work and may cause the saw to kickback towards the operator.

■ USE EXTRA CAUTION WHEN CUTTING OVERHEAD AND PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO OVERHEAD WIRES WHICH MAY BE HIDDEN FROM VIEW

Anticipate the path of falling branches and debris ahead of time.

■ WHEN CUTTING PIPE OR CONDUIT ENSURE THAT THEY ARE FREE FROM WATER, ELECTRICAL WIRING, ETC.

■ SOME DUST CREATED BY POWER SANDING, SAWING, GRINDING, DRILLING, AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES CONTAINS CHEMICALS KNOWN TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO CAUSE CANCER, BIRTH DEFECTS OR OTHER REPRODUCTIVE HARM

Some examples of these chemicals are:

- Lead from lead based paints,
- Crystalline silica from bricks and cement and other masonry products,
- Arsenic and chromium from chemically treated lumber.

Your risk from these exposures varies, depending on how often you do this type of work. To reduce your exposure to these chemicals: work in a well-ventilated area, and work with approved safety equipment, such as those dust masks that are specially designed to filter out microscopic particles.

■ WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND WASH EXPOSED AREAS WITH SOAP AND WATER

Allowing dust to get into your mouth, eyes, or lay on the skin may promote absorption of harmful chemicals. Direct particles away from face and body.

■ USE THE APPROPRIATE DUST EXTRACTOR VACUUM TO REMOVE THE VAST MAJORITY OF STATIC AND AIRBORNE DUST

Failure to remove static and airborne dust could contaminate the working environment or pose an increased health risk to the operator and those in close proximity.

■ AIR VENTS OFTEN COVER MOVING PARTS AND SHOULD BE AVOIDED

Loose clothes, jewelry or long hair can be caught in moving parts.

■ WHEN NOT IN USE, PLACE TOOL ON ITS SIDE ON A STABLE SURFACE WHERE IT WILL NOT CAUSE A TRIPPING OR FALLING HAZARD

Some tools with large battery packs will stand upright on the battery pack but may be easily knocked over.