

## Using the Tacker

1. Personal protective equipment must be worn including ear defenders, goggles and gloves..
2. Before switching on check that the magazine is fully loaded with choice of fasteners.
3. Make sure that nails are not going to be driven into hidden electric cables or gas pipes.
4. Do not use this tacker on brittle surfaces like hard plastics, they may crack and shatter.
5. When working two hands should always be used to guide the tacker.
6. As a safety measure, the tacker will not operate until the ejection point is depressed home against the workpiece before pulling the trigger.
7. The tacker should never be pointed at anyone nor should nails be fired at anyone. Nails should not be fired into hands.
8. Switch off the machine and unplug before making any adjustments or loading nails into the magazine.
9. Keep the cable clear of the tacker and any sharp edges on the work.
10. If operators think that the cable may be cut or damaged in any way they should switch off and unplug at the mains before inspecting it. If the cable attached to the tacker is damaged, the machine should be stopped. Contact the hire company. If an extension cable has been damaged it should not be used again.

**Please keep this leaflet safely as it may be required for future reference**



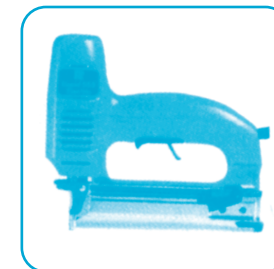
## Tacker

The rules and procedures in force where people are at work may require the person responsible for this equipment to carry out a specific risk assessment.

**It is important to read all of this leaflet**

**BEFORE you use the Tacker**

1. Read this entire leaflet before using the Tacker.
2. Electricity can be hazardous and must always be used with great care.
3. This tacker is designed to drive nails into wood, chipboard and similar materials. It will also drive in staples.
4. The action of this tacker can cause injury or damage if the machine is not used in a careful and controlled way.
5. If operators have not used a tacker before, they should practice with the machine on some scrap wood before starting on the actual job.
6. The work should be planned ahead and thought out to make sure that it is always carried out safely.
7. The following items of personal protective equipment must be worn:  
Goggles  
Ear muffs or plugs  
Gloves  
Rcd if using a 230 volt mains supply.
8. This machine must not be used by minors, or by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
9. This tacker is designed for operation by an able bodied adult. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using it.



## WORK AREA

1. Do not use this tacker where there is a danger of explosion. It will ignite fumes from petrol, or gas cylinders.
2. Make sure that the area is clear and safe and that no-one is nearby who could cause a distraction.
3. Protect others from noise and danger. Warn others to keep away.
4. Check that there are no hidden electric cables or gas pipes where the nails are to be driven.
5. This tacker must not be used in the rain or where it might get wet.

## OPERATORS

1. The following items of personal protective equipment (ppe) are the minimum that should be worn whenever this machine is used. Particular jobs or environments may require a higher level of protection.
2. Goggles must be worn when using this machine.
3. This equipment is likely to cause noise levels up to 98 dB(A) – appropriate ear muffs or plugs must be worn giving protection up to this level as a minimum.
4. It may be more comfortable to wear gloves to help absorb the impact when the tacker is fired.
5. Anybody who is nearby will also have to wear personal protective equipment.

## TACKER

1. Check the machine, cables and plugs. If anything is found to be damaged, do not use the tacker – contact the hire company.
2. Check that the plug on the machine matches the available supply. Connections must not be forced or improvised.
3. Machines with a cylindrical yellow industrial plug fitted are designed to run off a special 110v supply. The hire company will have provided a portable transformer if the machine needs to be powered from a normal

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mains 230v supply. If a portable transformer has been supplied, care must be taken when moving it as it may be heavier than it looks and could cause injury.

Machines designed to run directly from 230v mains will have either a normal square pin plug fitted, or a blue industrial plug.

4. When working, two hands must always be used to grip and guide the tacker. Using only one hand will give less control and holding the tacker in position will cause hand and wrist ache.
5. To guard against accidental nailing, the tacker will not drive in a nail until the ejection point is depressed home against the workpiece before pulling the trigger.
6. The tacker should not be pointed at anyone even when it is empty or switched off.
7. Nails should never be fired at anyone, if it penetrates the eye it could blind someone.
8. Nails should never be fired into hands: they will penetrate even through gloves.
9. Check on how the machine works – before switching the machine on operators must know how to control it.

## TACKS, NAILS AND STAPLES

1. Switch the tacker off, and unplug before loading more nails.
2. This machine can use different length nails for different applications. Some tackers can also drive a variety of other fasteners. Check with the hire company.



3. On some tackers the location shoe may need changing when changing from staples to other fasteners. Contact the hire company if these accessories are needed.
4. Make sure that nails are loaded correctly in the magazine before switching on and using the tacker.
5. Nails and staples made for a different machine will not fit this tacker and may damage the machine. Only the correct type of fasteners recommended by the hire company should be used.

## ELECTRICAL SAFETY

The machine will only operate on one voltage: it will be 110v or 230v.

110v machines will have a yellow industrial plug fitted.

230v machines will have either a normal square pin plug fitted, or a blue industrial plug.

Read the instructions below for this machine.

## 110 VOLT HEATERS (YELLOW PLUG)

1. If using a portable transformer, plug the transformer directly into the 230v socket. 230 v extension cables should not be used.
2. If an extension cable is needed, follow any special instructions given by the hire company. If the hire company have not given any special instructions, only a heavy duty 110v extension cable not longer than 50 metres (160 feet) should be used. The extension cable must only be



used between the transformer and the machine.

3. The extension cable must be laid out carefully avoiding liquids, sharp edges, doorways or windows where it might be trapped, and places where vehicles might run over it. It should be fully unrolled or it will overheat and could catch fire.
4. Extension cable connections must be kept dry and safe.

## 230 VOLT HEATERS

### (SQUARE PIN OR BLUE PLUG)

1. Use a residual current device ("rcd") plugged directly in to the 230 volt socket. Plug the machine into the rcd. This will help to protect against electric shock if the cable or machine get damaged.
2. Use the "TEST" button to check that the rcd is working each time the machine is used. Reset the rcd according to the instructions supplied with it.



3. If an extension cable is needed, follow any special instructions given by the hire company. If the hire company have not given any special instructions, only a suitably rated heavy duty cable, not longer than 50 metres (160 feet) should be used. It should be plugged directly into the rcd.
4. The extension cable should be laid out carefully avoiding liquids, sharp edges, doorways or windows where it might be trapped, and places where vehicles might run over it. It should be fully unrolled or it will overheat and could catch fire.
5. Extension cable connections must be kept dry and safe.

