



# Using the Shears

1. Wear the protective equipment including ear-defenders, goggles and gloves.
2. Before switching on, check that the blades are fitted correctly. Be sure to remove any spanners or tools used for adjustment.
3. The workpiece should be clamped securely or held in a vice.
4. The shears must be running at full speed before starting to cut.
5. When working, two hands should always be used to grip and guide the shears.
6. Use cutting oil when cutting metal to lubricate and maintain the blades.
7. Do not block air vents on the shears with hands. This will cause the machine to overheat.
8. Watch out for signs that vibration may be affecting the hands. If fingers start to tingle or feel numb, take a short break from using the machine. Fingers should be exercised to encourage blood circulation.
9. To help prevent vibration affecting the hands, operate the machine for shorter periods. Hands should be kept warm - wearing gloves may help to do this.
10. Keep the cable clear of the shears and any sharp edges on the work.
11. If operators suspect that the cable may be cut or damaged in any way, the machine should be switched off and unplugged at the mains before inspecting it. If the cable attached to the shears is damaged, operators should stop using the machine. Contact the hire company. If an extension cable has been damaged it should not be used again.
12. Take care not to accidentally pull the plug from the socket.
13. Switch off and remove the plug from the socket before leaving the shears unattended.
14. If the equipment does not work properly do not attempt to repair it. Contact the hire company.

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



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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 this entire leaflet BEFORE using the Shears

1. Electricity can be hazardous and must always be used with great care.
2. These shears are designed for freehand cutting of sheets of steel, aluminum and similar materials.
3. The action of these shears can cause injury or damage if the machine is not used in a careful and controlled way.
4. If operators have not used the shears before they should familiarize themselves with the machine on some straightforward work before starting on the main task.
5. The work should be thought out and planned ahead to make sure that it is always carried out safely.
6. The following items of personal protective equipment must be worn:  
Goggles  
Ear muffs or plugs  
Gloves  
Rcd if using a 230 volt (mains) supply.
7. This machine must not be used by minors, or by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
8. These shears are designed for operation by an able bodied adult. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using them.



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1. 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 it is used. Reset the rcd according to 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, no longer than 50 meters (160 feet) should be used. The extension cable should be plugged directly into the rcd.
4. The 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. Make sure that extension cable connections are dry and safe.

