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0902 Wallpaper stripper - LPG

Wallpaper Stripper

Read this entire leaflet before using the Wallpaper Stripper

1. Plan your work and think ahead to make sure you will always be working safely.
2. Liquefied petroleum gas is extremely flammable. Take care not to cause a fire or explosion.
3. Steam can cause serious scalds or burns instantly if misused; take care to use the equipment properly.
4. This wallpaper stripper is designed to remove all types of wallpaper, including emulsioned or washable paper.
5. The action of this wallpaper stripper can cause injury or damage if the equipment is not used in ac careful and controlled way.
6. If you have not used a wallpaper stripper before, familiarise yourself with the equipment on some straightforward work before you start on the main task.
7. You should have at least the following items of personal protective equipment: heavy duty waterproof gloves.
8. This equipment must not be used by minors, or by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
9. This wallpaper stripper is designed for operation by an able bodied adult. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using it.

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Using the Wallpaper Stripper

1. Wear your gloves.
2. Each section of wallpaper treated will be very hot. Take care while handling it.
3. Turn the burner off and allow the equipment to cool down completely before refilling.
4. The part that stays hot longest is the filler cap. Allow it to cool then remove it carefully with a protective glove or cloth. Remove it in stages, allowing any pressure to release slowly.
5. Keep a bucket or container handy and empty the condensed steam from the steam plate into it regularly. Do not use this water again.
6. Before leaving the equipment unattended, turn off the burner and turn off the valve at the gas bottle, and allow it to cool down.
7. Turn off the burner and turn off the valve at the gas bottle, and allow the equipment to cool down completely before emptying.
8. If your equipment does not work properly do not attempt to repair it. Contact the hire company.
9. You may want to read this leaflet again. Please keep it until you finish work.

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

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Before Starting Work...

WORK AREA

1. Do not use this wallpaper stripper where there is a danger of explosion. It will ignite fumes from petrol, or gas cylinder.
2. Do not use this equipment on ceilings or for overhead work – the drips from the steam plate would scald your face or hands.
3. Make sure that the area is clear and safe and that no-one is near to you or could distract you. Keep children and animals well clear.
4. Protect other people from the steam. Warn others to keep away. Put up warning signs.
5. Keep your work area clean; wet wallpaper is very slippery.
6. Move or protect furniture, hot water dripping from the steam plate will damage carpets, furnishings and floors.
7. Open doors or windows to improve ventilation and remove excessive moisture.

OPERATORS

1. The following items of personal protective equipment (ppe) are the minimum that should be worn wherever you use this equipment. Particular jobs or environments may require a higher level of protection.
2. You should wear heavy-duty waterproof gloves.

WALLPAPER STRIPPER

1. Check your equipment, including the LPG hose, steam hose and steam plate.

If anything is found damaged, do not use the wallpaper stripper: contact the hire company.

2. Before starting, ensure all hose connections are tight.
3. Fill the tank up to the level mark with clean water only. Additives should not be used unless specifically recommended by the hire company.
4. Do not remove the filler cap while the equipment is operating and hot. Shut off and allow to cool then remove cap carefully allowing pressure to release slowly. Use a protective glove or cloth.
5. Do not touch electrical switches or plugs unless your hands are dry.
6. Make sure you understand all of the controls before you start to use the wallpaper stripper.

STEAM PLATE

1. As the water heats up the steam concentrator plate will splutter hot water from the steam holes. Keep the steam plate away from you.
2. During use, the steam concentrator plate will fill with water from the steam. Keep a bucket or container handy and empty the water from the steam plate into it regularly. Do not use this water again.
3. Do not use the steam plate near electrical sockets or switches.

LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS SAFETY

1. Users of LPG must be prepared for emergency action in case of a serious accident occurring.
2. An accident is most likely to involve fire. However, LPG can also cause harm through skin or eye contact, or inhalation.
3. Keep gas cylinders upright at all times – whether in use, in store or being moved.
4. Liquefied petroleum gas cannot be seen but it has a strong smell. It is heavier than air so will settled at the lowest point if there is a leak.
5. If you suspect that there is a gas leak, turn off the equipment using the control tap. Put out any naked lights or other sources of ignition. Ventilate the area by opening windows or doors.
6. Never look for a leak with a naked flame – this is always extremely dangerous. Use soapy water.
7. If the cylinder is leaking and closing the valve does not stop it, call the fire brigade and evacuate the area.
8. Do not attempt to repair any suspected leaks. Contact the hire company.
9. In some conditions frost may form on a gas cylinder that is in use. This indicates that the cylinder is not big enough to provide the flow of gas that you are using. Contact the hire company.
10. Do not try to warm the cylinder to remove the frost. Take care when you are handling a frosty cylinder as the cold can cause 'frost burns'.
11. Handle cylinders carefully when you are moving them. Do not drop them off vehicles – get an assistant to help you lower them safely.
12. Keep only the cylinder you are using with the equipment. Store any other cylinders safely, well away from your work area.
13. Do not tamper with connections or the regulator.
14. Ensure all connections are tightened with a correctly fitting spanner.
15. Keep unused and empty cylinders away from heat at all times.
16. If there is an accident involving skin or eye contact, a "cold burn" may result. Irrigate the affected area with tepid water for 15 minutes. Apply a sterile dry dressing and treat as for a normal burn. Seek medical advice as soon as possible.
17. If LPG has been inhaled, and the victim is unconscious, do not attempt rescue. Call the emergency services. If you have inhaled LPG, seek medical attention immediately.

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