

# Safe Operating Procedure

## Nail Gun



### PERSONAL SAFETY



### PRE OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- Establish an appropriate exclusion zone when nailing;
- Ensure the actuation muzzle is serviceable and in place;
- Ensure work area is clean and free of clutter;
- Check the area behind the work surface for electrical wiring, gas and water pipes etc.;
- Ensure all connections are secure;
- Check air hoses for weak or worn condition;
- Check safety mechanisms are working;
- Check for loose bolts, screws or fittings.

### POTENTIAL HAZARDS

- Moving, sharp projectiles;
- Pinch & squash;
- Slip & trip;
- Noise;
- Compressed air;
- Eye injuries;
- Flammable gases (some models).

### OPERATIONAL SAFETY PRACTICES (CONTROLS)

- Never attempt to operate this power tool if inexperienced, or without proper training;
- The nail gun user and everyone working within the vicinity should be wearing correct PPE;
- Be very aware for others that may be working nearby;
- Keep your finger off the trigger when not firing nails. The centre of gravity at the trigger makes it easy to accidentally fire the nail gun;
- **NEVER** use a nail gun with a missing push lever and muzzle safety spring (or safety yoke);
- Be careful to always keep your hands and feet away from the muzzle of the nail gun.;
- Never use any part of your body to support the wood you are nailing;
- Never rest the nail gun against any body part, or try to climb a ladder with the nail gun cradled against your body. Never point a nail gun at anyone;
- Always disconnect the nail gun from its air or electrical power source before transporting, reloading or trying to free a jammed nail;
- Never leave any nail gun unattended.

### HOUSEKEEPING

- Return this tool to the appropriate storage area;
- Leave the work area in a safe, clean, & tidy condition;
- Maintain correct operation of the actuation mechanism.