

If the tool strikes a hidden object, stop the machine immediately and check to make sure everything is safe before continuing.

Take your time. Rushing a job tends to produce poor results and increases the risk of serious accident.

Take regular breaks and don't over do it. You are more likely to have an accident if you are suffering from fatigue.

Note that, although this machine is vibration-damped, **if you should experience numbness or discomfort during use, stop work and take a break.**

EQUIPMENT CARE

Never push the equipment beyond its design limits. If it will not do what you want with reasonable ease, assume you have the wrong tool for the job. Contact your local HSS Hire Shop for advice.

Handle the equipment with care. Avoid dropping it, knocking it, or otherwise exposing it to damage.

Never expose the equipment to dangerous and/or corrosive chemicals.

Keep the equipment clean. You will find this less of a chore if you clean up regularly, rather than wait until the end of the hire period.

Periodically check that the steel's base is lightly greased. If it's dry, re-grease it.

When not in use, store the equipment somewhere clean, dry and safe from thieves.

IMPORTANT: If the red, 'service' light comes on, switch OFF and return the tool to your local HSS Hire Shop.

FINISHING OFF

Switch OFF both the tool and its power supply before unplugging it and neatly coiling its flex.

Pull back the chuck's collar and **remove the steel.**

Finally, **clean the equipment with a damp cloth** (never use cleaning agents) ready for return to your local HSS Hire Shop.



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HSS Hire Shops



Vibration Damped Breaker

10kg electric breaker, vibration damped to minimise user fatigue.




Code 02151

GENERAL SAFETY


For advice on the safety and suitability of this equipment, contact your local HSS Hire Shop.


Check the equipment before use. If it shows signs of damage or excessive wear, return it.


Keep children, animals and bystanders out of the work area.

 **Never use this equipment if you are feeling tired, ill, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.**

This equipment should be used only by an able-bodied, competent adult who has read and understood these instructions. Anyone with either a temporary or permanent disability should seek expert advice before using it.

 **This equipment generates potentially harmful noise levels.** To comply with Health & Safety at Work regulations, **ear defenders must be worn by everyone in the vicinity.**

 **Safety goggles MUST be worn by everyone in the work area while the equipment is in use.**

 **Suitable protective clothing, footwear and gloves must be worn.** Tie back long hair and avoid loose garments and jewellery that could interfere with the work.

Never use the equipment near combustible materials or in potentially explosive atmospheres.

Never use the equipment near computers or other sensitive, electronic equipment.

Keep the electric motor's air-vents clear at all times.

Make sure you know how to switch this machine OFF before you switch it ON, in case you get into difficulty.

Always SWITCH OFF and UNPLUG the equipment before changing steels. Never leave it switched on and unattended.

Take special care when breaking anything containing pipework or electrical cables. If in doubt, hire a cable avoiding tool to determine the exact position of such hazards.

If working above ground-level, always work from a suitably stable work-platform, such as an access tower. Do not work from ladders or steps.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY


Most HSS power tools are designed to plug straight into a standard, 240V 13A power socket. However, 110V models (with a round yellow plug) must be provided with a suitable 110V generated power supply, or powered from the mains via a suitable 110V transformer.

If the equipment fails, or if its flex or plug gets damaged, return it. Never attempt to repair it yourself.

Keep flexes out of harm's way and clear of moving parts.

Extension leads should be fully unwound and loosely coiled, away from the equipment. Never run them through water, over sharp edges or where they could trip someone.

Keep the equipment dry. Using electrical equipment in very damp or wet conditions can be dangerous.

 **To reduce the risk of electric shock, use a suitable RCD (Residual Current-Operated Device) available from your local HSS Hire Shop.**

Never carry or pull the tool by its flex.

Ensure the equipment is switched OFF before plugging it into its power supply.

GETTING STARTED

Set the side-handle to a comfortable working position. It rotates for left-hand or right-hand use and hinges to suit arm length. Just loosen the locking-knob, make the adjustment and retighten until the handle is secure.

Fit the breaker with the appropriate steel. Lightly grease the steel's base then simply slot it into the breaker's chuck until it locks.

Finally, having checked that the ON/OFF switch is in the OFF position, **plug the tool into its power supply, offer it up to the work and switch ON.**

Note that the breaker's hammer action will not engage until the point is in contact with a hard surface.

BASIC TECHNIQUES

Hold the machine with both hands. Make sure the handles are free from grease and oil.

Adopt a comfortable, stable stance when working – one that gives a good view of whatever you are working on. It's easier, safer and gives better results.

Keep the whole of your body (and especially your feet) clear at all times. Take special care if standing anywhere other than on a firm, level footing.

Use your body-weight to keep the steel in contact with the work at all times. Apply just enough pressure to stop it bouncing and to ensure reasonable progress.

Let the tool do the work. Forcing it into the work increases the risk of the steel becoming jammed.

Where possible, concentrate on weak spots in the structure you are breaking – mortar joints, cracks and so on. Alternatively, start close to an edge and work gradually inwards.

