

Now, **guide the machine forward as slowly as necessary** until it has either chipped away or raised the chosen tile.

Note that you may have to adjust the blade angle to suit localised conditions as the work proceeds.

Tackle neighbouring tiles in the same way, cleaning up as you go until the entire floor is clear. **On concrete, residual adhesive should be removed with a floor scarifier.**

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. Ask at your local HSS Hire Shop for advice.

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

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

Use only blades supplied by HSS Hire Shops. Anything else may damage the equipment and your floor.

FINISHING OFF

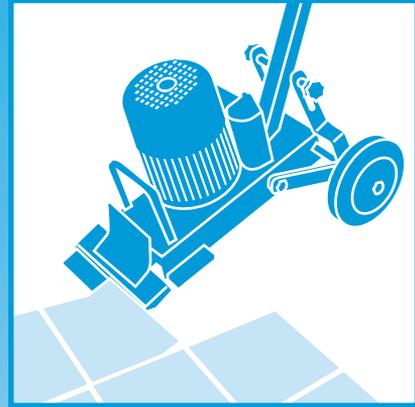
Switch OFF and unplug the machine.

Give the machine a thorough clean and neatly coil its flex ready for return to your local HSS Hire Shop.



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HSS Hire Shops



Floor Tile Stripper

A powerful, effective solution to the problem of removing old linoleum, vinyl and carpet tiles in preparation for the laying of new flooring.



GENERAL SAFETY

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

This equipment has been designed to be used by an able bodied adult. If you suffer from either a temporary or permanent disability, you must seek expert advice before using this equipment.

Keep children, animals and bystanders away from the work area.



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

This equipment should only be used by a competent person who has read and understood these instructions.



This equipment generates potentially harmful noise levels. To comply with health and safety at work regulations, ear defenders must be worn by everyone in the vicinity.



Wear practical, protective clothing, gloves and footwear. Avoid loose garments and jewellery that could get in the way of the work, tie back long hair.

Never carry, lift or pull the equipment by its power supply cable.

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

Always switch OFF the equipment when not in use.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Most HSS Floor Tile Strippers plug into a standard 240v 13amp power socket. However, 110v models (with a round yellow plug) must be provided with a suitable 110v generated supply, or powered from the mains via a suitable 110v transformer.

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

Keep flexes out of harm's way, and clear of the work area.

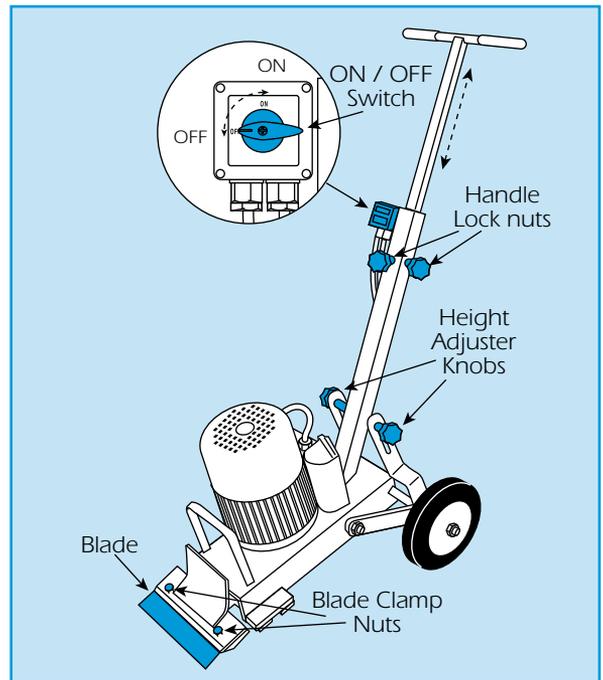
Extension leads should be fully unwound and loosely coiled, away from the equipment. Never run them through water, over sharp edges or where they could trip someone.

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



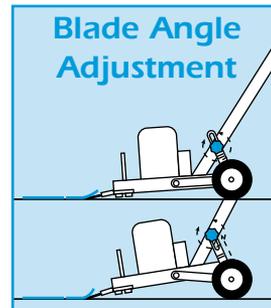
To reduce the risk of electric shock, use a suitable RCD (Residual Current-Operated Device) available from your local HSS Hire Shop. Alternatively power the equipment from a mains circuit with a built in RCD.

Ensure the Floor Tile Stripper and power socket are switched OFF before plugging into the power supply.



GETTING STARTED

Select the right blade for the job 200mm (8in) wide hard floorings and 255mm (10in) for carpet tiles. Loosen the blade clamp's nuts, slot in the blade and tighten up.



Adjust the blade angle by loosening the height adjuster knobs on the rear wheel assembly and raising or lowering the wheels.

Start with a fairly shallow angle, try it in action, and gradually increase it if necessary until the flooring comes away easily.

Take care not to set too steep an angle or the cutter will dig in and damage the floor surface.

All that remains is to plug the unit into its power supply and switch the supply ON.

Set the handle height to suit your height, ensuring both lock nuts are securely tightened.

BASIC TECHNIQUES

Line up the machine's blade with the edge of the tile, turn, the ON/OFF switch to the ON position and begin chipping.