

## EQUIPMENT CARE

**Never use the block splitter on any other material or item.** 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.

**Keep the equipment clean,** you will find this less of a chore if you clean it 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.

## FINISHING OFF

**Fully lower the handle and move the handle retaining transit loop over the end of the handle.**

**All that remains is to give the unit a final clean ready for return** to your local HSS Hire Shop.



### ...any comments?

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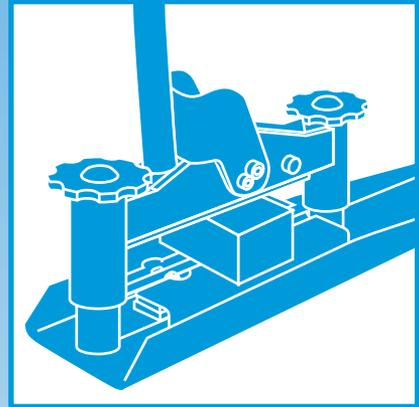
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# HSS Hire Shops



## Block Splitter

For accurate splitting of paving blocks.



Code 07505

## GENERAL SAFETY

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

There is a serious risk of personal injury if you do not follow all instructions laid down in this guide.

The hirer has a responsibility to ensure that all necessary risk assessments have been completed prior to the use of this equipment.

This equipment should only be used by an operator who has been deemed competent to do so by his/her employer.

This equipment should be used 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.

Keep children, animals and bystanders away from the work area. Cordon off a NO GO area using cones and either barriers or tape, available for hire from your local HSS Hire Shop.

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

 Safety Goggles **MUST** be worn by everyone in the work area.

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

Never place your hands or feet between the cutters.

Keep the work area clear of off cuts at all times.

Check the condition of the equipment before use. If it shows signs of damage or excessive wear, return it to your local HSS Hire Shop.

## GETTING STARTED

Choose an area to site the splitter that is both close to the work and the supply of blocks.

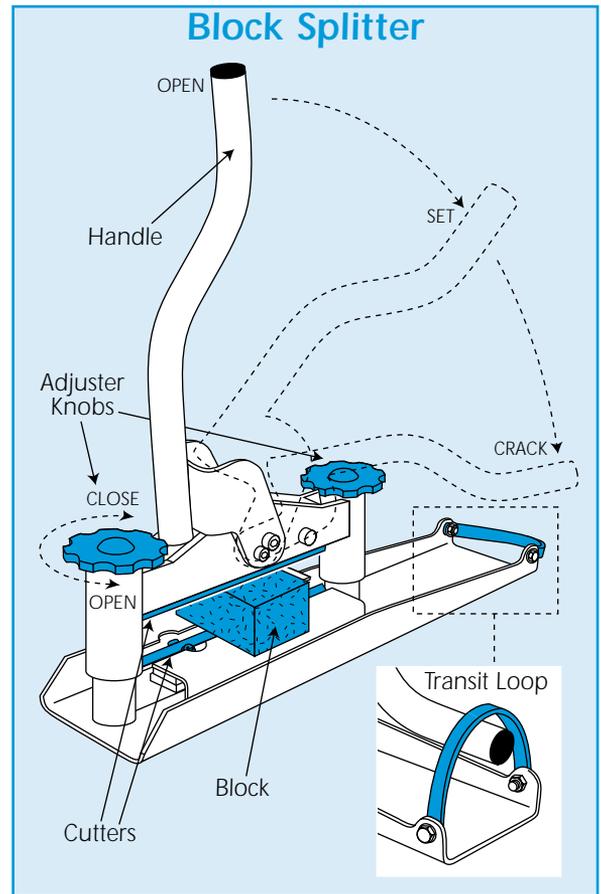
Ideally the ground should be firm and level, with enough room around the splitter for you to work.

Have a container available to put any unwanted off cuts in, this will help to keep the area tidy and safe.

Move the handle retaining transit loop back and fully raise the handle.

## BASIC TECHNIQUES

The jaws of the unit must be adjusted to an opening approximately 3mm larger than the block thickness.



To set the correct gap lower the handle to the set position (45° see illustration), place the item to be split central to the cutters jaws.

Where necessary, turn both adjuster knobs to open or close the jaws. Turn either clockwise to close or anti-clockwise to open.

The unit should be adjusted so that the cutters are in contact with the block along the full length of the cut.

Once adjusted, make a test cut with the block between the cutters.

Firmly lower the handle until the block splits. Then fully raise the handle ready for the next cut.

If the cut is correct, you can start to split as necessary.

Blocks can be split at a steady pace if the unit is set correctly. Raise the handle fully and insert the block central to the cutters. Lower the handle to 45° until in contact with the block and check that the cutters are on the cut line. Finally fully lower the handle to make the cut.