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FACTORIES AND MACHINERY (BUILDING OPERATIONS AND WORKS OF ENGINEERING
CONSTRUCTION) (SAFETY) REGULATIONS 1986
PART XVI - HAND AND POWER TOOLS

Regulation 150. Pneumatic power tools.

- (1) Pneumatic-power tools shall be secured to the hose or whip by some positive means to prevent the tool from becoming accidentally disconnected.
- (2) Safety clips or retainers shall be securely installed and maintained on pneumatic impact (percussion) tools to prevent attachments from being accidentally expelled.
- (3) All pneumatically-driven nailers, staplers, and other similar equipment provided with automatic fastener feed, which operate at more than 7 bars pressure at the tool shall have a safety device on the muzzle to prevent the tool from ejecting fasteners, unless the muzzle is in contact with the work surface.
- (4) Compressed air shall not be used for cleaning clothing or parts of the body.
- (5) The manufacturer's safe operating pressure specification for hoses, pipes, valves, filters and other fittings shall not be exceeded.
- (6) The use of hoses for hoisting or lowering tools shall not be permitted.
- (7) All hoses whose inside diameter exceed 13 millimetres shall have a safety device at the source of supply or branch line to reduce pressure in case of hose failure.
- (8) Airless spray guns of the type which atomize paints and fluids at a pressure greater than 70 bars shall be equipped with automatic or visible manual safety devices which will prevent pulling of the trigger to prevent release of the paint or fluid until the safety device is manually released or alternatively, a diffuser which will prevent high pressure or high velocity release, while the nozzle tip is removed, plus a nozzle tip guard which will prevent the tip from coming into contact with the operator, or their equivalent protection, shall be provided.