

# REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT

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Foot	Full	Hand
Protection	Face Shield	Protection
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Protective	Eye	Shock
Clothing	Protection	Protection

# SAFETY FIRST

If you are collecting the equipment for someone else please make sure this sheet is given to the equipment user to read. This sheet should be given to the site supervisor if the equipment is being hired for commercial use so that the information is available to all users.

#### Before starting any job, be sure to spend a few minutes planning and understanding the hazards and risks of the job. Do this by:

- Thinking about and observing your surroundings
- Running through the steps of the job in your mind
- Identifying the hazards, how you can get hurt and how you'll prevent it
- Knowing what plant and equipment you need
- Only starting when you can do the job safely
- Ensuring you are trained or experienced for the task
- Communicating with everyone involved

# Points to consider when planning a task. Can you:

- Come into contact with an energy source (e.g. heat, electricity, substance under pressure) or hazardous materials
- Be struck-by or against anything?
- Be caught-in, on or between anything?
- Slip, trip or fall on the same or too a lower level
- Strain or sprain a muscle?
- Cause damage to plant equipment or property?
  Spill or pollute something?

# Wallpaper steamer

## **Instructions for Use**



#### **Pre-Start Checks and Safety**

- Check EC tag is present and current
- Check Electrical cord is defect/damage free
- Check for defects/damage to motor and the unit is clean
- Check hose and steam paddle are securely connected and free from damage, leaking connections can cause burns.
- Make sure the unit is switched off before connecting to the power source
- Make sure the electrical extension leads are heavy duty and do not exceed 20m in length

### When Operating

- Always take care near the steam plate, steam can cause burns
- Once the steam plate is producing steady steam jets you can start stripping the wallpaper
- Hold the steam plate over the wall for approx. 15 seconds before moving. Work in an across then down method from the top of the wall.
- Using a broad blade stripping knife or scraper blade start by loosening an edge. If the material is hard to remove consider holding the steamer over the area for longer.
- Avoid running the unit out of water, this can cause damage. When you need to refill the water reservoir turn the unit off and wait 3-5 mins for the unit to cool down. Opening the tank can release built up steam.
- HANDY HINT: while the unit is warming up run a paper tiger over the wall to perforate the paper and aid the steam penetration.

#### **Starting Procedure**

- Fill water reservoir to "full" mark
- The use of a drop sheet or similar is recommended to catch any spillage/drips
- Place steam plate face up on the floor or work surface. Alternatively the steam plate can be placed in a bucket.
- Connect to power and switch unit on
- Wait for steam plate to start steaming, this can take 10+ minutes from full with cold water

### **Stopping and After Use**

- Put the steam plate face up on the floor or work surface or back in the bucket
- Switch off and unplug
- Let the unit cool for 3-5 minutes before either refilling or moving
- Once cool, clean any wallpaper debris from the unit. Wallpaper will set hard on the unit and is very hard to remove if not dealt to immediately.
- Stow power cord, steam hose and face plate back on the unit.