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POWDER ACTUATED TOOLS 2

Powder actuated tools make our work a lot easier and they increase productivity if used safely. Quite often this question comes up -- is this a tool or a gun? Technology has made these tools a combination of both. Each tool uses a special small explosive charge to operate the fastener and nail drivers. Reliable manufacturers provide training programs on how to use their tools safely. This is a must since OSHA Standards state that all operators must be trained prior to operating any powder actuated tool. Your tool supplier has the information you need to obtain instruction and certification.

As with any operation, safety equipment must be used. Safety glasses or goggles, hearing protection and your hard hat will provide you with protection. All tools should be tested before use to assure they are working properly and that all safety devices are functioning. Horseplay with these tools will cause an accident. NEVER point a powder actuated tool at anyone! Should it accidentally discharge, a co-worker can be injured. Special care should also be taken when shooting into a floor, wall, ceiling, etc. to make sure there is no one on the other side. Each year construction workers are killed or maimed from stray fasteners or metal fragments.

Should a tool jam, always follow the manufacturer's recommendations on how to clear such a jam. Treat all powder actuated tools as if they are loaded. NEVER leave a loaded tool unattended! Don't take chances -- use caution -- keep the tool clean and oiled properly -- and handle it like you would any other firearm. NEVER shoot a powder actuated tool in a flammable or combustible atmosphere.

These special charges are available in several calibers and they come in different colors to indicate to the operator which ones are low velocity and which are high velocity. Always check with your supervisor before using a high velocity charge.

**POWDER ACTUATED TOOLS ARE VERY NOISY. WARN THOSE NEARBY OF
IMPENDING NOISE BEFORE ACTIVATING THE TOOL.**

Safety
Recommendations: _____

Job Specific
Topics: _____

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