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WALLPAPER STRIPPER - (110/230v)

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS & WARNINGS

It is in the interests of those operating this equipment, and for the safety of others, that these **SAFETY PRECAUTIONS & WARNINGS** are carefully read and understood before operating this equipment.

PURPOSE

1. This type of equipment is designed for removing all types of wallpaper, including washable and emulsioned papers.

PERSONAL SAFETY

2. This equipment is designed for operation by an able bodied adult. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using it. It must not be operated by minors, or by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
3. If the equipment is not used in a safe, careful and controlled way, personal injury or injury to others may result.
4. This equipment generates hot steam, be aware and take care.
5. Before attempting to operate this equipment you must familiarise yourself with the equipment, its controls and operating characteristics.
6. Before starting your work, think and plan ahead to ensure you, and others around you, will be working in a safe environment.
7. When using this equipment, it is recommended that the following items of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) be worn:
 - **Waterproof gloves.**

NOTE: Other types of work, or environment, may require a higher level of PPE.
8. With regard to electrical safety implications when using this equipment, see the section on 'ELECTRICAL SAFETY' below.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

9. The operating voltage of this equipment may be either 110v (yellow industrial plug connector), or 230v (square pin or blue plug connector).

110v WALLPAPER STRIPPERS (Yellow Plug)

10. Only use a portable transformer and only plug the transformer directly into the 230v socket.
11. Only suitably rated, heavy-duty 110v extension cable, not longer than 50m (160ft), must be used between the transformer and the equipment. Do not use 230v extension cables.
12. When routing the extension cable, avoid immersion in liquids and trapping the cable in windows, doorways and other areas that could cause damage to the cable. Avoid laying the cable in areas that are subject to site traffic. Ensure all connections are kept dry.

230v WALLPAPER STRIPPERS (Square Pin or Blue Plug)

13. To safeguard against electrical shock, always connect the equipment into a residual current device (RCD) that in turn is connected to a 230v socket.

14. Before using the equipment, press the 'RED' test button on the RCD to ensure that it is working. Re-set the RCD according to the instructions provided.
15. Only suitably rated, heavy-duty 230v extension cable, not longer than 50m (160ft), must be used between the mains (RCD) and the equipment.
16. When routing the extension cable, avoid immersion in liquids and trapping the cable in windows, doorways and other areas that could cause damage to the cable. Avoid laying the cable in areas that are subject to traffic. Ensure all connections are kept dry.

OPERATING AREA SAFETY

17. Before commencing work, ensure that the area you are to operate the equipment in is a safe environment. Erect safety barriers and warning signs as necessary.
18. Make sure that the work area is clear of obstructions and hazards (projections, cables, pipes, etc.).
19. Before commencing work, warn others who may be working in the vicinity of the equipment, to keep clear. If possible place safety barriers around your work area.
20. Anybody who is working near to you will also need to wear the appropriate PPE.
21. Protect others from noise and steam.
22. Open windows and doors to provide additional ventilation to assist the drying-out process.
23. Protect surrounding sensitive surfaces from water splashes and droplets.
24. Do not use this equipment in the rain or where it may become wet.
25. Do not use this equipment where there is a danger of igniting fumes from petrol, or gas cylinders.

BEFORE OPERATING THE EQUIPMENT

SAFETY CHECKS

26. Visually inspect the equipment and all its accessories (cables, plugs, safety barriers, etc.) for serviceability (completeness, signs of damage, undue wear, etc.). Do not use the equipment if found damaged or worn - contact the hire company immediately.
27. Before attempting to operate the equipment, familiarise yourself with the equipments controls. Make sure you understand their purpose and function.
28. Do not use this equipment near electrical switches or sockets.
29. Do not use this equipment on ceilings or other overhead applications.
30. Before you start the equipment, you must know how to **STOP** it in an emergency.

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OPERATING THE EQUIPMENT

USING THE EQUIPMENT

31. Check all hose connections for security before commencing work.
32. Ensure that there is water in the water tank to the correct level before starting work. Periodically checked the water level, top-up as necessary. Allow the equipment to cool-down before carefully unscrewing the filler cap and relieving any accumulated pressure.
33. Only use additives to the water if you are specifically recommended to do so.
34. After switching-on the equipment, the steam concentrator plate will begin to get hot and emit splutters of hot water, therefore keep the base plate away from you, other people and sensitive surfaces.
35. After a period of use, the steam concentrator will fill-up with water, empty at regular intervals.
36. Do not leave the equipment switch-on and unattended.
37. Stop working and switch-off the equipment if someone approaches you.
38. Switch-off the equipment, unplug the electrical cable before undertaking any adjustments or filling the water tank.

SECURITY AND MAINTENANCE

39. Visually check the condition of the equipment at the start of each day.
40. If the equipment operates erratically, or incorrectly, do not use and do not attempt to repair it. Inform the hire company.
41. On completion of work, empty and rinse-out the water tank.
42. Periodically clean the equipment to ensure it is free from dust, dirt and other debris.
43. When the equipment is left unattended for long periods (i.e. overnight), ensure it is made secure to prevent unauthorised use or loss.

COLLECTION & PICK-UP

44. For safety reasons this equipment requires you to use a **VAN** or an **ESTATE**.

