

Portable Power Tools

Course 108: Portable Power Tools

Explains the uses, selection, safety, and care of industrial power tools: electric drills, electric hammers, pneumatic drills and hammers, screwdrivers, nutrunners, wrenches, linear-motion and circular saws, routers and planes, electric sanders, grinders, and shears. Covers tool sharpening techniques for selected tools.

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Lesson 1: Electric Drills

Topics

Parts of Electric Drills; Light-Duty Drills; Heavy-Duty Drills; Accessories; Drill Sizes; Drill Bits; Preparing to Drill; Using the Electric Drill; Electric Drill Maintenance; Drill Safety

Objectives

- Name four parts that are common to both the light-duty drill and the heavy-duty drill.
- Name the parts of a drill bit.
- Explain how to drill a blind hole.
- Explain how to inspect a drill bit, both visually and through testing.
- List the safety rules to follow when using electric power tools.

Lesson 2: Electric Hammers

Topics

Types of Hammers; Operating Electric Hammers; Bits and Chisels; Core Bits; Self-Drilling Anchors; Mechanical Safety; Electrical Safety; Environmental Safety

Objectives

- Explain the difference in hammering action between a percussion hammer and a rotary hammer.
- Select the proper chisel to use for each of the following jobs: brick cleaning; general demolition work; edging, chipping, and channeling; and removing floor tile.
- List the precautions that should be taken to ensure electrical safety when using an electric hammer.
- Name two safety items to use when operating an electric hammer in damp or wet areas.

Lesson 3: Pneumatic Drills and Hammers

Topics

Air Power; Types of Pneumatic Drills; Sizes of Pneumatic Drills; Bits for Pneumatic Drills; Preparing to Drill; Operating Pneumatic Drills; Types of Pneumatic Hammers; Chipping and Scaling; Drilling; Riveting; Tampers; Needle Scalers; Diggers; Lubrication and Maintenance

Objectives

- Explain how drill size is determined.
- Describe the chiseling action of a bull point chisel when it is used to clean masonry seams.
- Describe how to use a rivet buster.
- Explain drill speed requirements.
- Identify various types of drill bits used in pneumatic hammers.

Lesson 4: Screwdrivers, Nutrunners, and Wrenches

Topics

Screwdrivers and Nutrunners; Clutch Mechanisms; Power Wrenches; Bits and Sockets; Operating Power Screwdrivers and Wrenches; Lubricators and Moisture Separators; Tool Safety

Objectives

- Identify the operating advantages of pneumatic tools.
- Define stalling torque.
- Describe the clutch action of direct drive, positive drive, and adjustable torque drive.
- Explain how to install a bit in an electric screwdriver.
- Describe how to install multiple fasteners correctly in a circular pattern.
- List safety rules to follow when using power screwdrivers and wrenches.
- Describe the difference between pneumatic and electric nutrunners.

Lesson 5: Linear-Motion Saws

Topics

Straight-blade Power Saws; Saber Saws and Blades; Plunge and Straight Cutting; Cutting Metals; Reciprocating Saws and Blades; Band Saws

Objectives

- List other names for both the saber saw and the reciprocating saw.
- Describe the cutting action of a saber saw.
- Explain how to draw a saw blade with regular set teeth and one with wavy set teeth.
- Explain how to plunge cut a rectangular opening.
- List the types of band saw blades described in this Lesson and a few characteristics of each.

Lesson 6: Circular Saws

Topics

Circular Saws; Using the Circular Saw; Circular Saw Blades; Special Saw Blades; Crosscutting; Ripping; Angular Cutting; Plunge Cutting; Notching and Grooving; Cutoff Wheels; Arbors and Arbor Adapters; Circular Saw Accessories; Safety Rules

Objectives

- Name the major parts of a circular saw.
- Describe the cutting action of a circular saw.
- List the factors that determine feed speed.
- State the definition of an arbor.
- Identify different types of blades.

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Lesson 7: Routers and Planes

Topics

Router Characteristics; Collet Chucks; Bits; Using a Router; Direction of Feed; Grooves and Dados; Rabbet Cuts; Decorative Trim; Circular Cuts; Using Templates; Hinge-Butt Mortising; Jointing; Plane Characteristics; Using a Plane; Safety

Objectives

- Discuss how to use a router.
- Name the major parts of a router.
- Explain how to use a router and bit.
- Identify a rabbeting joint, a straight joint, and a mortising joint.
- Explain how to adjust and use a power plane.

Lesson 8: Electric Sanders

Topics

Belt Sanders; Installing a Sanding Belt; Using the Belt Sander; Belt Sander Lubrication; Motor Maintenance; Pad Sanders; Loading the Sander; Using the Pad Sander; Pad Sander Maintenance; Disk Sanders; Using the Disk Sander; Disk Assembly; Disk Sander Maintenance Safety

Objectives

- Explain how to install a sanding belt.
- Identify different types of sanding belts.
- Explain how to flush the gear chamber of a belt sander.
- Discuss the assembly of a sanding disk.
- List the safety rules to follow when using a disk sander.

Lesson 9: Grinders and Shears

Topics

Selecting a Grinder; Grinding Wheels; Mounting Grinding Wheels; Using the Grinder; Grinder Maintenance: Safety; Selecting Shears; Using Shears and Nibblers

Objectives

- State the meaning of each symbol in the six-symbol standard marking system for grinding wheels.
- Explain the correct procedure for mounting a grinding wheel.
- List safety rules to follow when using a grinder.
- Discuss how to maintain grinders.

Lesson 10: Tool Sharpening

Topics

Reasons for Sharpening; Whetstones; Using a Bench Grinder; Sharpening Chisels; Sharpening Drill Bits; Sharpening Screwdrivers; Sharpening Pointed Tools; Sharpening Reamers; Sharpening Taps and Dies; Other Sharpening Tools

Objectives

- State the reasons for sharpening tools.
- Explain the use of whetstones.
- Identify a bench stone.
- Explain how to sharpen taps, dies, screwdrivers, and chisels.