



0421 Safety Guidance



## **Using the Cordless Angle Grinder**

- Wear your protective equipment including goggles and dust mask
- 2. Check that the abrasive wheel is fitted correctly and securely and that the guard is properly adjusted.
- Check that the abrasive wheel is clear of any obstruction before switching on. Be prepared for large grinders to kick when the motor starts.
- Let the grinder run up to speed before making contact with the work surface. Be prepared for the reactive force when the wheel contacts the work surface
- Keep the wheel running at speed: if the machine starts to labour and slow down do not force it so fiercely. Firm but steady pressure keeping the wheel speed up will be more effective and safer than using aggressive force.
- Lift the abrasive wheel clear of the work before switching off.
- The abrasive wheel will continue to rotate for a few seconds after you switch off. Wait for it to stop completely before you put the grinder down.
- The grinder can only cut in straight lines. Do not try to go round corners.
- Watch out for signs that vibration may be affecting your hands. If your fingers start to tingle or feel numb, take a short break from using the grinder. Exercise your fingers to encourage
- To help prevent vibration affecting your hands, operate the machine or shorter periods. Keep your hands warm - wearing gloves may help to do this.
- 11. Make sure that the machine ventilation slots do not become blocked with dust and debris.
- Stop the machine and operate the lock-off switch if there is one, or remove the battery, before leaving the machine unattended.
- 13. Remove the abrasive wheel when you have finished work. Store the wheel and the grinder
- 14. If your equipment does not work properly, do not attempt to repair it. Contact the hire company.

You may want to read this leaflet again. Please keep it until you finish work.







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#### patteries - return them to the hire company. 9. Do not throw away old or damaged parteries. They will explode.

- 8. Do not attempt to recharge ordinary rrom orner people.
- cool, well-ventilated and safe location away 7. Charging should be carried out in a dry,
- when charging some types of batteries. 6. Toxic and flammable fumes are produced batteries may explode.
- overload the electrical circuits and the while it is being recharged. 2. Do not try to use a battery-powered tool





batteries. Plug the charger into the rcd. 4. Plug the residual current device (rcd) into instructions given.

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3. Use only the correct charger as supplied by company.

quipment as supplied by the hire 2. Use only the correct batteries for leaflet supplied by the hire company.

1. Read and follow and battery or charging

#### **SAITERIES** problem.

machine and check what is causing the wheel is not fitted properly, stop the excessive vibration or other sign that the about 30 seconds. If there is any Then let the machine run without load for inserting the battery and switching on.

- check that he wheel folates freely before 8. When you have fitted the abrasive wheel, SHOWH OF THE TRACHINE.
- must be greater than, or equal to, that on the angle grinder. The wheel speed rne abrasive wheel and the speed shown Look at the speed stated on the label of ground or cut.
- uite company for the material being or abrasive wheel recommended by the Make sure that you use the correct type
- damaged, distorted or badly worn. good condition - do not use any that are
- Check that your abrasive wheels are in tight on the shaft. adrasive wheel that is too loose, or too
- on your grinder. Do not try to fit an correct bore (hole) size to fit the spindle The abrasive wheels must have the
- rou must not use any other with have BF or REINFORCED marked with this grinder. The label on the wheel You must only use reinforced abrasive wheels, suitable for hand-held machines or stow it away, with the wheel still fitted. start work, do not transport your grinder, Fit the abrasive wheel just before you
- wheel unless you are competent to do You must not fit or change any abrasive

#### **ABRASIVE WHEELS**













# **Cordless Angle Grinder**

The rules and procedures in force where people are at work may require the person responsible for this equipment to carry out a specific risk assessment.

#### It is important to read all of this leaflet **BEFORE** you use the Cordless Angle Grinder

- Plan your work and think ahead to make sure you will always be
- Electricity, even low voltage, can be hazardous and must always be used with great care.
- The rechargeable batteries in cordless tools may contain toxic chemicals. Take care.
- Machines that vibrate enough to make your fingers tingle can be hazardous if used for a long time. Find out about vibration.
- This angle grinder is designed or grinding, cutting and deburring metal. It can also be used to cut brick and masonry. You must use the appropriate abrasive wheel for each of these
- The abrasive wheel rotates very fast and can cause injury or damage if the machine is not used in a careful and controlled way.
- If you have not used an angle grinder before, familiarise yourself with the machine on some straightforward work before you start on the main task.
- You must have at least the following items of personal protective equipment: goggles: impact resistant; dust mask - a minimum of FFP3 protection; ear muffs or plugs giving protection for levels up to 98 dB(A); gloves.
- This machine must not be used by minors, or by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- This machine is designed for operation by an able-bodied adult. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using it.













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must know how to stop it. - before you switch the grinder on, you Check on how the on/off switch operates

- your hands warm while you are working. you start work, and wear gloves to keep hazardous. Warm your hands up before Vibration from using this grinder can be Adjust it to the best position.
- Always use the side handle provided. correctly.
- wheel are in place and adjusted Make sure that the guards around the contact the hire company. damaged, do not use the grinder -
- charging unit. If anything is found Check your machine, batteries and

#### GRINDER brotective equipment.

- also need to wear appropriate personal Anybody who is working near to you will rnem warm.
- Gloves will protect your hands and keep rhat causes dust. protection) when you are cutting material
- (with a minimum of FFP3 изви You will need to wear an appropriate dust protection for this level as a minimum. ear muffs or plugs giving hearing
- levels up to 98 dB(A) wear appropriate This equipment is likely to cause noise when you are working with this machine. vou must wear impact resistant goggles

or protection. environments may require a higher level you use this machine. Particular jobs or minimum that should be worn whenever protective equipment (ppe) are the

#### **SHOTARING** materials containing asbestos.

10. Do not use this grinder to cut asbestos or

The following items

- objects that may be damaged, or difficult amount of dust – cover any surfaces or Cuffing brick and masonry makes a large before you start to cut.
- cables, gas or water pipes in the wall Check that there are no hidden electric
- check its structural integrity and the structure that it supports before you start If you are cutting into a wall you must
- and other raprics. tuel vapour, and can ignite upholstery Sparks from grinding will ignite petrol or
- accidentally cut into them. pipes where you are working. You might
- vehicle, check that there are no fuel If you are working on a car or other
- . Eyoniq pe secntely clamped or held in Any work that is not part of a fixture parriers around your work area.
- Warn others to keep away, put Protect other people from the noise and distract you.
- and that no one is near to you or could Make sure that the area is clear and safe from petrol, or gas cylinders.
- danger of explosion. It will ignite fumes Do not use this grinder where there is a

**WORK AREA** 

