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## **ELECTRICAL SAFETY** (Continued)

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- Make sure that any extension cable connections are dry and safe.

#### 230 VOLT MACHINES (SQUARE PIN OR BLUE PLUG)

- Use a residual current device ("rcd") plugged directly into the e 230 volt socket. Plug your machine into the rcd.
  This will help to protect you against lectric shock if the cable or machine get damaged.
- Use the "TEST" button to check that the rcd is working each time you use it. Reset the rcd according to the instructions supplied with it.
- If you need an extension cable, follow any special structions given by the hire company. If the hire company have not given any special instructions you should only use a suitable rated heavy duty one, not longer than 50 metres (160 feet). Plug it directly

nto the rcd.

Lay it out carefully avoiding liquids, sharp es, doorways or windows where it

- might be trapped, and places where vehicles might run over it. Unroll it fully or it will overheat and could catch fire.
- connections are dry and safe

#### **USING THE RADIAL ARM SAW**

- Wear your protective equipment including ear defenders, dust mask and goggles
- Make sure the dust collection system (if fitted) is connected and working. Check the condition of the blade. Never
- use a bent, warped or broken blade.
- Make sure the blade is installed to rotate to the correct direction.
- If your fingers start to tingle from vibration stop using the saw; flex your hands and fingers to keep them warm and to encourage blood circulation
- To prevent damage to your blade, check that there are no nails, screws or metal embedded in your workpiece.
- Let the saw run up to speed before applying it to the workpiece. Let the blade stop completely before
- vithdrawing it from the workpie
- Stop the machine and operate the lockoff switch or remove the mains plug before making any adjustments.
- Never leave the radial arm saw running when unattended
- 11. If your equipment does not work properly do not attempt to repair it. Contact the hire company.

### Please store this leaflet safely. It may be required for further information

















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industrial plug. Read the instructions below normal square pin plug fitted, or a blue fitted. 230v machines will have either machines will have a yellow industrial plug voltage: it will be 110v or 230v. rour machine will only operate on one

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changing the blade.

damage or snap the blades. pressure when sawing. Take care not to workpiece you are able to exert a lot of Because the saw is clamped to the the hire company for the job you are doing. pisae for this machine recommended by Make sure you use the correct type of

socket before making adjustments or Switch off and remove the plug from the

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position at the back of the saw table. 22. Do not remove the work from a saw table until the blade has been returned to its

Check against overheating - a warped s penind the tence. oberating nandle unless the cutting nead

- 50. Do not take your hand away from the than the diameter of the blade. 19. Do not attempt to cut a piece shorter
- applied between the blade and the rue bneu erick wner pe bneu enck.
- 18. When cutting short pieces always use a .gnivom ofher device to keep the work from
- 17. Always use the back guide or fence, or the fence when crosscutting.
- 16. Always hold the work piece firmly again шау саизе кіскраск. the blade it can wedge the wood and
- the fence. If the fence closes in towards 12. Make sure that the blade runs parallel to
- or the longest pieces of timber or use a length of the saw table is twice the length 14. When ripping, make sure that the overall
- devices are provided and properly nuiess the fiving knite and anti-kickback 13. Do not use the radial arm saw for ripping the correct height and angle.
- table. The motor head must be locked at 12. The blade should extend slightly into the
- after each cut. completely to the back of the saw table 11. Always return the cutting head
- never in line with the blade. 10. Make sure the hand holding the work is ad with the hand nearest the handle side when cross cutting. Pull the cutting





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# **Radial Arm Saw**

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 using the Radial Arm Saw**

- Plan your work and think ahead to make sure you will always be working safely.
- Electricity can be hazardous and must always be used with great care.
- Machines that vibrate enough to make your fingers tingle can be hazardous if used for a long time. Find out about vibration.
- This radial arm saw is designed o cut wood, chipboard, mdf and similar materials. Seek advice from the hire company about the correct blade to suit your application.
- Do not use the saw to cut asbestos.
- Do not cut wet wood.
- The action of this radial arm saw can cause injury or damage if the machine is not used in a careful and controlled way.
- If you have not used a radial arm saw before, practice on some scrap material, before you
- You must have at least the following items of personal protective equipment: gogg pact resistant EN166 - B or BS2092 grade 1; dust mask - a minimum of EN149:2001 FFP3 protection; ear muffs or plug giving protection for levels up to 100 dB(A); gloves.
- You will also need a residual current device (RCD) if using a 230 volt mains supply.
- This machine must not be used by minors, or by anyone under the influence of drugs or This radial arm saw 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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- Always position yourself on the handle you must know now to stop it.
- before you switch the radial arm saw on, Check how the on/off switch operates or where it might get wet. Do not use this radial arm saw in the rain
- to remove scrap form the saw table. build up of debris. Use a stick or brush Keep the blade clean and free from a
- the hire company. different types of blades available from confugnte to pinding. Seek advice about Incorrect teeth settings can correct amount of teeth for the work it is
- moving. Make sure that he blade has the Ensure that the blade is sharp and free rotate in the correct direction. Make sure that the blade is installed to
- osition exposing the teeth of the blade. Do not lock or jam the guard in an open company. or does not return - contact the hire
- normal position. If the guard seems slow sure that the guard quickly returns to its Test the action of the blade guard. Make rue une company. not use the radial arm saw and contact
- lead. If anything is found damaged, do Check your machine, guards and mains

#### **WAS MAA JAIDAA** brotective equipment.

also need to wear appropriate personal Anybody who is working near to you will



opjects that may be damaged, or difficult amount of dust – cover any surfaces or Cutting certain materials makes a large be securely diamped or held in a vice.

barriers 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

kom betrol or gas cylinders. danger of explosion. It will ignite fumes Do not use this machine where there is a

# Before Starting Work.

ciorning mar could get caugnt in me saw. Make sure you have no loose, flapping out about the possible hazards of

your nands to tingle from vibration. Find Continuous use of this saw may cause are cutting material that causes dust. EN149:2001 FFP3 protection) when you

IIIIIIIIIIIIIII В unw) You will need to wear an appropriate dust

hearing protection for this level as appropriate ear muffs or plugs giving levels up to 100 dB(A) - wear This equipment is likely to cause noise you are working with this machine.

(EN166 - B or BS2092 grade 1) when You 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 biosective equipment (ppe) are the following items of personal əuı

### **SHOTARAGO**

Any work that is not part of a fixture should

Make sure that the area is clear and safe

**WORK AREA**