



CARTRIDGE FIXING TOOLS

This TBT must not be used as a substitute for the formal training in the use of cartridge fixing tools. It should serve only as a reminder of training previously received. In appropriate circumstances, the safe use of the equipment being discussed should be demonstrated.

1. Only use a cartridge fixing tool if you have been trained and authorised to do so.
2. Read manufacturer's instructions carefully.
3. Before handling the tool, make sure it is not loaded.
4. Load the tool with the barrel pointing away from you, but not towards another person.
5. Never place your hand over the end of the barrel.
6. Never walk around with the tool loaded – load it where you are going to use it.
7. Check material into which the pin is to be fired – ensure that it is satisfactory and the pin is correct for the material.
8. Allow at least 76 mm. (3 ins.) from the edge of the concrete or brickwork.
9. Hold the tool at right angles to the surface when firing.
10. Wear high impact resistant eye protection, category B.



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11. In appropriate circumstances, e.g. in enclosed areas and confined spaces, wear ear protection.
 12. In the event of a misfire, wait one minute before unloading.
 13. Never leave the tool loaded when not in use.
 14. Do not leave the tool or unused cartridges lying around at the work place.
 15. Ensure that the tool and all unused cartridges are returned to a secure storage place after use.
 16. Remember – this tool could kill, always treat it with respect.
 17. Report any defect in the equipment or the system of work without delay, and do not use.