

SAFETY RULES FOR DEMOLITION HAMMERS



- **Wear ear protectors.** Exposure to noise can cause hearing loss.
- **Use auxiliary handle(s), if supplied with the tool.** Loss of control can cause personal injury.
- **Hold power tools by insulated gripping surfaces, when performing an operation where the cutting tool may contact hidden wiring or its own cord.** Cutting accessory contacting a "live" wire may make exposed metal parts of the power tool "live" and could give the operator an electric shock.
- **Use a metal detector to determine if there are gas or water pipes hidden in the work area or call the local utility company for assistance before beginning the operation.** Striking or cutting into a gas line will result in explosion. Water entering an electrical device may cause electrocution.
- **Always wear safety goggles or eye protection when using this tool. Use a dust mask or respirator for applications which generate dust.** Safety goggles or eye protection will help deflect fragments of the material that may be thrown toward your face and eyes. Dust generated or gases released from the material you are cutting (i.e. asbestos insulated pipes, radon) may cause respiratory difficulties.
- **Use thick cushioned gloves and limit the exposure time by taking frequent rest periods.** Vibration caused by hammer action may be harmful to your hands and arms.
- **Do not use dull or damaged bits and accessories.** Dull or damaged bits have a greater tendency to bind in the workpiece.
- **Always use both handles for maximum control over this hammer. Never attempt to operate this tool with one hand.** This tool develops intense percussive forces during operation and you may lose control if attempting one hand operation.
- **Position yourself to avoid being caught between the tool or side handle and walls or posts.** Should the bit become bound or jammed in the work, the reaction of the tool could crush your hand or leg.
- **Do not strike the bit with a handheld hammer or sledge hammer when attempting to dislodge a bound or jammed bit.** Fragments of metal from the bit could dislodge and strike you or bystanders.
- **Never place the tool down until the motor has come to a complete stop.**
- **When removing the bit from the tool avoid contact with skin and use proper protective gloves when grasping the bit or accessory.** Accessories may be hot after prolonged use.