

# SAFETY GUIDE

**Be sure to read and understand all safety precautions mentioned below and to follow the instructions given to operate each Nitto Kohki brand tool as stated in the operator's manual. Keep operators manual close by when operating machines or tools for reference of safe operation and precautions.**

## Safety Precautions

**Failure to observe the following warnings may cause a potentially hazardous situation, which if not corrected could result in serious injury or death. To prevent the risk of fire, electric shock, and/or personal injury, proper safety guidelines should be followed at all times.**

### Warning for ALL Machines and Tools

- Always keep the work area free from clutter and potentially dangerous conditions such as hanging power cords, working debris, air hoses, and garbage to prevent accidents from occurring.
- Consider proper working environments for each tool carefully. Do not expose tools to extreme amounts of moisture or direct contact with water or rain. Keep area well lit at all times to prevent hidden dangers and never operate the equipment near flammable liquids or in gaseous or explosive atmospheres.
- Keep all tools and tool accessories away from children and all unauthorized personnel. Serious injury or possible death may result from machines being handled by children.
- Properly store machines and accessories while not in use. They should be kept in a dry, locked-up location out of reach children or unauthorized personnel.
- Improper or negligent use of tools will cause increased maintenance costs, and the amount of time in which to complete the job. Always let the tool do the work at the rate of which it was designed. Best performance is always achieved by reading and understanding the proper operation of each machine or tool.
- Always wear safety glasses and protective hand and foot wear during or around operating tools. Wear a protective hair covering to contain long hair. Do not wear loose clothing and/or accessories as they may be caught in moving parts and inflict serious injury or possible death.
- Wear respiratory protection when working in an environment where dust particles are generated during operation.
- Do not over-reach or allow yourself to become unstable during tool operation and always maintain a correct posture.
- Use clamps or a vise to secure the work piece tightly and eliminate vibration. Never hold the work piece with your hands, keep both hands on the tool for increased productivity.
- Use the right tool or machine that can complete the job within its specifications. Do not attempt to adapt smaller machines or tools to complete a job designed for heavy-duty equipment. Do not use the tools for other than what they were designed for. There is a right tool for each job, be aware of tool limitations and never overload.
- Make sure to inspect all external screws, nuts, bolts and attached accessories are fastened tightly and secure prior to each use. All moving parts should be free from obstruction and allowed to operate smoothly. Any damaged or missing parts should be repaired or replaced by the sales agent or distributor from which the tool was originally purchased. Do not use machines or tools which cannot be activated or stopped with a power switch or lever.
- Do not use any machine with a damaged, frayed, cut, or deteriorated power cords or air hoses. Always replace at the first sign of damage.
- Always remove all tools required to adjust, add, or remove parts from tools prior to use to prevent tool damage or user injury.
- Always avoid an unexpected start by having all power buttons or levers in the off position prior to attaching to a power or air supply. Never carry tools with your finger on the on/off switch or lever when the power or air supply is attached.
- Do not use the power or air supply lines to move, carry or support the tool during usage or transportation. Do not place the power or air line near a heat source, oil, water, or items with sharp edges.
- Never leave a machine or tool running unattended. Keep a firm grip on the designated areas of the machine or tool until it comes to a complete stop. Always turn the power switch or lever to the off position and disconnect from the power source when not in use.
- Do not disassemble or modify a tool to complete a job other than what it was designed for. This will void any warranty on the equipment and may cause serious personal injury or possible death.
- Maintenance is necessary for all machines and tools. Always maintain blades and cutters properly and replace when edges become damaged or are not sharp enough for safe operation. Follow the instruction manual for lubrication needs and adjustment points if applicable. Check the power and air supply lines periodically and change accordingly to safety regulations. If an extension line is adopted, always make sure that it meets or exceeds tool requirements for amperage or air supply before using and is rated for outdoor usage. Change supply lines whenever they are found to be defective or damaged. Keep the grip and handles dry and clean of grease or oil so that it will not disturb proper operation.
- Switch off and disconnect from power source before servicing equipment or changing accessories.
- Be alert and pay close attention to the work being performed at all times. Do not operate machines or tools when heavily fatigued. Users should be aware of all circumstances surrounding their application.
- Use only recommended parts and accessories as per individual machine or tool operator manuals. Use of improper accessories or attachments may result in serious injury or possible death.
- All repairs and services must be performed by authorized Nitto Kohki dealers or technicians.
- Do not deface or remove any label, warning indicator, or nameplate associated with each machine or tool.

### Notice for Electric Tools

- The power source must be limited to the individual tools specifications as stated on the nameplate or instruction manual.
- Make sure that all machine and power tools are properly grounded at all times (excludes double-insulated tools). Always use a GFCI (Ground-Fault-Circuit-Interrupt) to protect the user and surrounding persons from electric shock.
- Be aware of low voltage situations. Improperly gauged extension cords or power cords used or shared with other electrical devices will cause all tools on the line to not run at optimal performance. This condition may result in damage to the machine and/or operator.

### Notice for Air Tools

- Air pressure at the inlet of the tool must not exceed 0.59MPa (6kgf/cm<sup>2</sup>).