



CONCRETE BREAKING

Tool Box Talk



When working with concrete on the jobsite, accidents can occur when operators lose focus. It is important to stay vigilant and keep safety top-of-mind while breaking concrete.

Tips for the jobsite

- Ensure everyone has been briefed on the work plan
- Do not allow workers to enter or work in areas that may be unsafe
- Ensure all utilities and auxiliary lines have been located and marked
- Ensure everyone wears appropriate personal protection such as eye protection, a hard hat, hearing protection, safety shoes and gloves
- Use caution when stepping on concrete that has been chipped or broken
- Apply appropriate safety measures at the opposite side of any workpiece involving breaking through—parts could fall out and/or fall down, causing injury to others
- Use only approved extension cords correspondingly marked for outdoor applications

Tips for maintenance and storage

- Keep cutting tools sharp and clean
- Have tools serviced by a qualified repair person
- Wear protective gloves when changing tool accessories to prevent cuts and burns
- Do not touch a supply or extension cord that has been damaged while working. Disconnect the cord plug from the power outlet

Tips for operation

- Inspect the tool before operation to ensure it in good working condition and not damaged. If damaged or not functioning properly, discontinue use until it is fixed
- Keep work area clean and well lit
- Do not operate in an explosive atmosphere
- Ensure power tool plugs have not been modified
- Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense when operating a power tool
- Ensure devices provided for the connection of dust extraction and collection facilities are connected and properly used
- Ensure the switch is in the off position before connecting to a power source or picking up or carrying the tool
- Keep proper footing and balance at all times. When chiseling into ceilings, walls and floors, always make sure you have a safe and firm stance
- Wait until the power tool stops completely before you lay it down

