1 Safety instructions

1.1 Basic information concerning safety

In addition to the information relevant to safety given in each of the sections of these operating instructions, the following points must be strictly observed at all times.

1.1.1 Using cartridges

Use only Hilti cartridges or cartridges of equivalent quality. Use of cartridges of inferior quality in Hilti tools may lead to a build-up of unburned powder, which may explode and cause severe injuries to operators and bystanders. Cartridges must fulfill one of the following minimum requirements:

a) The applicable manufacturer must be able to verify successful testing in accordance with the EU standard EN 16264 or
b) The cartridges must bear the CE conformity mark (mandatory in the EU as of July 2013).

NOTE
All Hilti cartridges for powder-actuated tools have been tested successfully in accordance with EN 16264. The tests defined in the EN 16264 standard are system tests carried out by the certification authority using specific combinations of cartridges and tools. The tool designation, the name of the certification authority and the system test number are printed on the cartridge packaging. Please refer to the packaging example at: www.hilti.com/dx-cartridges

1.1.2 Requirements to be met by users

a) The tool is intended for professional use.
b) The tool may be operated, serviced and repaired only by authorized, trained personnel. This personnel must be informed of any special hazards that may be encountered.

1.1.3 Personal safety

a) Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense when operating a direct fastening tool. Don’t use the tool when you are tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol or medication. Stop using the tool if you experience pain or do not feel well. A moment of inattention while operating the tool may result in serious personal injury.
b) Avoid unfavorable body positions. Make sure you work from a safe stance and stay in balance at all times.

c) Wear non-slip shoes.

d) Never point the tool toward yourself or other persons.

e) Never press the nose piece of the tool against your hand or against any other part of your body (or other person’s hand or part of their body).

f) Keep other persons, especially children, away from the area in which the work is being carried out.

g) Keep the arms slightly bent while operating the tool (do not straighten the arms).

h) Observe the information printed in the operating instructions concerning operation, care and maintenance.

1.1.4 Use and care of powder-actuated fastening tools

a) Use the right tool for the job. Do not use the tool for purposes for which it was not intended. Use it only as directed and when in faultless condition.

b) Never leave a loaded tool unattended.

c) Store unused cartridges and tools currently not in use in a dry place where they are not exposed to high temperatures.

d) Transport and store the tool in a toolbox that can be secured to prevent unauthorized use.

e) Always unload the tool (remove cartridges and fasteners) before cleaning, before maintenance, before work breaks and before storing the tool.

f) When not in use, tools must be unloaded and stored in a dry place, locked up or out of reach of children.

g) Check the tool and its accessories for any damage. Guards, safety devices and any slightly worn parts must be checked carefully to ensure that they function faultlessly and as intended. Check that moving parts function correctly without sticking and that no parts are damaged. All parts must be fitted correctly and fulfill all conditions necessary for correct operation of the tool. Damaged guards, safety devices and other parts must be repaired or replaced properly at a Hilti service center unless otherwise indicated in the operating instructions.

h) Pull the trigger only when the tool is fully pressed against the working surface at right angles.

i) Always hold the tool securely and at right angles to the working surface when driving in fasteners. This will help to prevent fasteners being deflected by the working surface.

j) Never redrive a fastener. This may cause the fastener to break and the tool may jam.

k) Never drive fasteners into existing holes unless this is recommended by Hilti.

l) Always observe the application guidelines.

m) Use the fragmentation guard (stabilizer) whenever allowed by the application.

n) Never pull the fastener guide back by hand as this could make the tool ready to fire. This could cause a fastener or the piston to be driven into a part of the body.

1.1.5 Work area safety

a) Ensure that the workplace is well lit.

b) Operate the tool only in well-ventilated working areas.

c) Do not attempt to drive fasteners into unsuitable materials: Materials that are too hard, e.g. welded steel and cast iron. Materials that are too soft, e.g. wood and drywall panel (gypsum board). Materials that are too brittle, e.g. glass and ceramic tiles. Driving a fastener into these materials may cause the fastener to break, shatter or to be driven right through.

d) Never attempt to drive fasteners into materials such as glass, marble, plastic, bronze, brass, copper, rock, insulation material, hollow brick, ceramic brick, thin sheet metal (< 4 mm), cast iron or cellular concrete.

e) Before driving fasteners, check that no one is present immediately behind or below the working surface.

f) Keep the workplace tidy. Objects which could cause injury should be removed from the working area. Untidiness at the workplace can lead to accidents.

g) Keep the grips dry, clean and free from oil and grease.

h) Do not use the tool where there is a risk of fire or explosion unless it has been specially approved for use under these conditions.

1.1.6 Mechanical safety precautions

a) Select the correct fastener guide and fastener combination for the job on hand. Failure to use the correct combination of these items may result in injury or cause damage to the tool and/or lead to unsatisfactory fastening quality.

b) Use only fasteners of a type approved for use with the tool.

c) Do not tamper with or modify the tool or parts of it, especially the piston.

1.1.7 Thermal safety precautions

a) If the tool has overheated, allow it to cool down. Do not exceed the recommended fastener driving rate.

b) If the tool has overheated, allow it to cool down.

c) Do not dismantle the tool while it is hot. Allow the tool to cool down.
1.1.8 Danger of explosion

a) Use only cartridges of a type approved for use with the tool.
b) Never use force when attempting to remove unused cartridges from the tool.
c) Store unused cartridges in a locked place where they are not exposed to dampness or excessively high temperatures.

1.1.9 Personal protective equipment

The user and any other persons in the vicinity must wear suitable eye protection, a hard hat and ear protection while the tool is in use or when remediing a problem with the tool.

2 General information

2.1 Safety notices and their meaning

DANGER
Draws attention to imminent danger that will lead to serious bodily injury or fatality.

WARNING
Draws attention to a potentially dangerous situation that could lead to serious personal injury or fatality.

CAUTION
Draws attention to a potentially dangerous situation that could lead to slight personal injury or damage to the equipment or other property.

NOTE
Draws attention to an instruction or other useful information.

2.2 Explanation of the pictograms and other information

Warning signs

General warning Warning: explosive substances Warning: hot surface

Obligation signs

Wear eye protection Wear a hard hat Wear ear protection Read the operating instructions before use

Location of identification data on the tool
The type designation and serial number can be found on the type identification plate on the tool. Make a note of this data in your operating instructions and always refer to it when making an enquiry to your Hilti representative or service department.

Type: 
Generation: 01
Serial no.: 

3 Description

3.1 Use of the product as directed
The tool is designed for professional use in fastening applications where nails, threaded studs and composite fasteners are driven into concrete, steel and sand-lime block masonry.
The tool is for hand-held use only.
Modification of the tool is not permissible.
The tool may not be used in an explosive or flammable atmosphere unless it has been approved for use under these conditions.
To avoid the risk of injury use only genuine Hilti fasteners, cartridges, accessories and spare parts or those of equivalent quality.
Observe the information printed in the operating instructions concerning operation, care and maintenance.
The tool and its ancillary equipment may present hazards when used incorrectly by untrained personnel or when used not as directed.

As with all powder-actuated fastening tools, the tool, cartridges and fasteners form a technical unit. This means that trouble-free fastening with this system can be assured only if the Hilti fasteners and cartridges specially manufactured for it, or products of equivalent quality, are used. The fastening and application recommendations given by Hilti apply only when these conditions are observed.

The tool features a 5-way safety system for the safety of the user and all bystanders.

3.2 Piston principle
The energy from the propellant charge is transferred to a piston, the accelerated mass of which drives the fastener into the base material. Due to use of this piston principle, the tool is classified as a “low velocity tool”. As approximately 95% of the kinetic energy is absorbed by the piston, the fastener is driven into the base material in a controlled fashion at much reduced velocity (less than 100 m/s). The driving process ends when the piston is stopped at the end of its travel. This makes dangerous through-shots virtually impossible when the tool is used correctly.

3.3 Drop-firing safety device
The drop-firing safety device is the result of coupling the firing mechanism with the cocking movement. This prevents the tool from firing when dropped onto a hard surface, no matter at which angle the impact occurs.

3.4 Trigger safety device
The trigger safety device prevents the tool firing when only the trigger is pulled. The tool must be pressed against a firm surface before a fastener can be released.

3.5 Contact pressure safety device
The tool can be fired only when pressed fully against a firm surface with a force of at least 50 N.

3.6 Unintentional firing safety device
The tool is also equipped with an unintentional firing safety device. This prevents the tool from firing if the trigger is first pulled and the tool then pressed against the work surface. The tool can be fired only when it is first pressed correctly against the work surface and the trigger subsequently pulled.

3.7 Range of fasteners available for various applications

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<th>Application</th>
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<td>X-U</td>
<td>High-strength nail for fastening on high-strength steel and concrete in a wide range of applications</td>
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<td>X-C</td>
<td>Standard nail for fastening on concrete</td>
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<td>X-S</td>
<td>Standard nail for efficient fastening on steel</td>
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<td>X-CT</td>
<td>Easily removable nail for fastening formwork temporarily on concrete</td>
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<td>X-CR</td>
<td>Stainless steel nail for fastening in damp or corrosive surroundings</td>
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<td>X-CP/X-CF</td>
<td>Special fastener for timber structures on concrete</td>
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<td>X-FS</td>
<td>Fastener for positioning formwork</td>
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<td>X-SW</td>
<td>Flexible washer fastener for fastening plastic sheeting and thin insulating materials to concrete and steel</td>
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<tr>
<td>X-HS/X-HS-W</td>
<td>Suspension system with threaded connection</td>
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<tr>
<td>X-CC</td>
<td>Fastening clip for wire hangers</td>
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Ordering designation | Application
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X-(D)FB / X-EMTC | Metal conduit clip for fastening electrical conduits or insulated pipes (hot or cold) in water supply and heating installations
X-EKB | Cable clasp for fastening electric cables flat on ceilings and walls
X-ECH | Bunched cable holder for fastening cables on ceilings and walls
X-ET | Fastener for plastic (PVC) electric cable trunking
X-(E)M/W/6/8 ... P8 | Threaded stud for temporary fastenings on concrete and steel
X-DNH / DKH X-M6/BH | Approved (ETA) DX-Kwik fastening system use on concrete with predrilling

### Cartridges

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<th>Color</th>
<th>Power level</th>
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<td>5,6/16 brown</td>
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<td>Extra-light</td>
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<td>5,6/16 green</td>
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<td>Light</td>
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<td>5,6/16 yellow</td>
<td>Yellow</td>
<td>Medium</td>
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<td>5,6/16 red</td>
<td>Red</td>
<td>Heavy</td>
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### 4 Accessories, consumables

**NOTE**
For information about further accessories and fasteners for use with the tool, please contact your local Hilti representative.

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<td>409314, 72/DNI</td>
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<td>Fastener guide</td>
<td>1086, E72/F1</td>
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<td>O-ring</td>
<td>72475</td>
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<td>Stop ring</td>
<td>1095</td>
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<td>Optional stabilizer (fragmentation guard, only USA)</td>
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<td>Optional stabilizer (fragmentation guard, Northern Europe)</td>
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### Safety accessories and cleaning set

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<td>Cleaning set</td>
<td>Hilti spray</td>
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<td>Operating instructions</td>
<td>Stabilizer (only for USA and Northern Europe)</td>
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5 Technical data
Right of technical changes reserved.

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<th>Tool</th>
<th>DX E-72</th>
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<td>Weight</td>
<td>2.0 kg</td>
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<td>Dimensions (L x W x H)</td>
<td>384 mm × 48 mm × 153 mm</td>
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<td>Maximum fastener length</td>
<td>72 mm</td>
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<td>Cartridges</td>
<td>5/8/16 (22 cal, short) brown, green, yellow, red</td>
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<td>Power regulation</td>
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<td>16 mm</td>
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<td>Contact pressure</td>
<td>100 N</td>
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<td>Ambient operating temperature range</td>
<td>-15...+50°C</td>
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<td>Recommended maximum fastening rate</td>
<td>250/h</td>
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6 Before use

NOTE
Read the operating instructions before the tool is operated for the first time.

6.1 Check the tool

WARNING
Do not operate the tool when parts are damaged or when the controls do not function correctly. If necessary, have the tool repaired at an authorized Hilti service center.

Check that there is no cartridge in the tool. If there is a cartridge in the tool, remove it from the tool by hand.
Check all external parts of the tool for damage and check that all controls operate faultlessly.
Check the piston and stop ring for wear and ensure that the parts have been fitted correctly.

7 Guidelines

7.1 Fastening guidelines
These guidelines must be observed at all times.

NOTE
For detailed information, please ask your local Hilti sales and service office for a copy of the applicable technical guidelines or national technical regulations.

7.1.1 Minimum distances and spacing
Minimum distances and spacing when fastening to steel

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<tr>
<th>A</th>
<th>min. edge distance = 15 mm (⁵⁄₈&quot;)</th>
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<td>B</td>
<td>min. spacing = 20 mm (⁷⁄₈&quot;)</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>min. base material thickness = 4 mm (³⁄₃₂&quot;)</td>
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</table>
Minimum distances and spacing when fastening to concrete

A min. edge distance = 70 mm (2 3/4″)
b min. spacing = 80 mm (3 1/8″)
c min. base material thickness = 100 mm (4″)

7.1.2 Depth of penetration

NOTE
Examples and specific information can be found in the Hilti Fastening Technology Manual.

Nail lengths for steel

ET Depth of penetration: 12 ± 2 mm (1/2″ ± 1/16″)

Nail lengths for concrete

ET Depth of penetration: 22 mm (max. 27 mm) (7/8″ (max. 1″))

8 Operation

WARNING
Driving a fastener may cause flying fragments. The user of the tool and bystanders must wear protective glasses and a hard hat. Flying fragments present a risk of injury to the eyes and body.

CAUTION
The fastener driving action is initiated by ignition of a propellant charge. The operator and bystanders must wear ear protectors. Exposure to noise can cause hearing loss.

WARNING
Never make the tool ready to fire by pressing it against a part of the body (e.g. the hand). This could cause a nail or the piston to be driven into a part of the body. Never press the tool against a part of the body.

WARNING
Never redrive a fastener. This may cause the fastener to break and the tool may jam.

WARNING
Never drive fasteners into existing holes unless this is recommended by Hilti (e.g. DX-Kwik).

CAUTION
If the tool has overheated, allow it to cool down. Do not exceed the recommended fastener driving rate.

8.1 Procedure if a cartridge fails to fire

If a cartridge fails to fire or misfires, always proceed as follows:
Keep the nose of the tool pressed at right angles against the working surface for 30 seconds.
If the cartridge still fails to fire, withdraw the tool from the working surface, taking care to avoid pointing it toward your body or toward bystanders.
Remove the cartridge and dispose of it appropriately, i.e. in a way that rules out further use or misuse.

8.2 Loading the tool

The tool must be cycled and loaded before driving each fastener.

1. Grip the fastener guide between the thumb and forefinger and pull it forward in the main axis of the tool as far as it will go.
2. Insert an unused cartridge in the cartridge chamber.
   **NOTE** Insert the cartridge in the tool gently. Do not press it in!
3. Then pull the fastener guide all the way back to its original position. This movement returns the piston to its original position, ready to drive a fastener.
4. Push the nail, head first, into the nose of the tool from the front until it is held in place in the tool by the washer on the nail.
   **NOTE** If the cycling action (i.e. pulling out, pushing back in) is stiff, this indicates that the tool needs to be cleaned. Service the tool! see section 9.3. The tool is then ready to drive the next fastener.

8.3 Setting the power level

1. Select the cartridge power level according to the application to be carried out.
2. If you cannot estimate this on the basis of previous experience, always begin with the lowest power. Select the lowest power level according to the color code.
3. Drive a nail.
   If the nail does not penetrate deeply enough, use a more powerful cartridge.

8.4 Driving a fastener

**WARNING**
Always observe the safety rules listed in the operating instructions.

1. Press the tool against the working surface at right angles.
2. Drive the fastener by pulling the trigger.

8.5 Unloading the tool

**WARNING**
Never attempt to remove a cartridge from the cartridge chamber by prying it out from behind with a pointed or sharp object.

As soon as you have finished the work, check to ensure that there is no cartridge or nail in the tool. If the tool is still loaded after finishing the work, remove the cartridge and the nail from the tool.

**NOTE**
If a cartridge case remains stuck in the cartridge chamber, disassemble the tool as described in section 9.3.1 and use the ramrod to push the cartridge case out of the cartridge chamber from the front.

9 Care and maintenance

**CAUTION**
When this type of tool is used under normal operating conditions, dirt and residues build up inside the tool and functionally relevant parts are also subject to wear. Regular inspections and maintenance are thus essential in order to ensure reliable operation. We recommend that the tool is cleaned and the condition of the piston checked at least daily when the tool is subjected to intensive use, and at the latest after driving 3,000 fasteners.

**WARNING**
Make sure there is no cartridge in the tool before carrying out maintenance or repairs. Make sure there is no fastener in the fastener guide.

**CAUTION**
The tool may get hot during use. You could burn your hands. Do not dismantle the tool while it is hot. Allow the tool to cool down.

9.1 Care of the tool

**WARNING**
Do not use a spray or steam/water jet system for cleaning. Never operate the tool when the ventilation slots are blocked. Do not permit foreign objects to enter the interior of the tool.

Clean the outside of the tool at regular intervals with a slightly damp cloth.

9.2 Maintenance

Check all external parts of the tool for damage at regular intervals and check that all controls operate faultlessly. Do not operate the tool if parts are damaged or when the controls do not function faultlessly. If necessary, the tool should be repaired by Hilti Service.

Use the tool only with the recommended cartridges. Use of the wrong cartridges or use of excessively high power settings may lead to premature failure of parts of the tool.

**WARNING**
Dirt and residues in DX tools contain substances that may be hazardous to your health. Do not inhale dust / or dirt from cleaning. Keep the dust or dirt away from foodstuffs. Wash your hands after cleaning the tool.
Never use grease for the maintenance/lubrication of parts of the tool. This may lead to malfunctions. Use only Hilti lubricant spray or a product of equivalent quality.

9.3 Servicing the tool

Service the tool if fastener driving power is found to be inconsistent, if cartridges misfire or if parts of the tool no longer move or operate smoothly and easily. In other words, the contact pressure required to make the tool ready to fire increases, trigger resistance increases, used cartridges are difficult to remove or the cycling action becomes stiff.

9.3.1 Disassembling the tool

NOTE
If the tool is badly fouled, push the piston out of the piston guide by pushing it from behind, through the cartridge chamber. Use the ramrod for this purpose.

1. Press the catch fully and, at the same time, pull the assembly vertically right out of the tool.
2. Tap the assembly lightly on the floor to bring the piston forward.
3. Hold the fastener guide securely with one hand and turn the piston guide counterclockwise with the other hand.
4. Remove the stop ring and pull the piston out.

9.3.2 Checking the piston and stop ring for damage or wear

NOTE
Never use a worn or damaged piston and do not tamper with or attempt to modify the piston.

NOTE
Replace the stop ring if it is deformed or damaged.

CAUTION
Continued use of the tool with a deformed stop ring may result in damage to the fastener guide and piston.

- Replace the piston if:
  - the piston is broken
  - the piston is badly worn or chipped (e.g. a 90° segment broken away).
  - the piston ring is cracked or missing.
  - the piston is bent (check by rolling the piston on a smooth, flat surface).

9.3.3 Checking the fastener guide for wear

Replace the fastener guide if the tubular section is damaged (e.g. bent, widened or cracked).

9.3.4 Checking the O-ring for damage or wear

Replace the O-ring if it is cracked, badly squashed or missing.

9.3.5 Cleaning

NOTE
Take care to avoid damaging the O-ring with the brush.

Clean the tool at least once a week or, respectively, immediately after each period of heavy use (after driving approx. 3,000 nails).

Use the appropriate brushes to clean the individual parts:
- clean the inside of the housing
- clean the piston guide and the cartridge chamber
- clean the inside and the outside of the fastener guide

Clean the piston and the piston ring until it moves freely.

9.3.6 Lubrication

Spray the cleaned parts lightly with the Hilti lubricant spray supplied. Use only Hilti lubricant spray or a product of comparable quality.

9.3.7 Assembling the tool

NOTE
Handle the small parts carefully. They could get lost.

1. Fit the stop ring to the piston and then push the piston into the piston guide.
2. Screw the fastener guide into the piston guide until flush.
3. Push the assembly, with the slot underneath, into the tool as far as it will go.

9.3.8 Checking

After carrying out care and maintenance, check that all protective and safety devices are fitted and that they function faultlessly.

NOTE
The tool can be checked, as follows, to determine whether it is ready to fire: Press the nose of the unloaded tool (i.e. no cartridges or fastener in the tool) firmly against a hard surface and pull the trigger. A clearly heard click from the trigger mechanism indicates that the tool was ready to fire.
10 Troubleshooting

**WARNING**
The tool must be unloaded before taking any steps to remedy faults.

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<td>Build-up of combustion residues.</td>
<td>Service the tool. See section: 9.3 Servicing the tool</td>
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<tr>
<td>Trigger resistance increases.</td>
<td>Build-up of combustion residues.</td>
<td>Service the tool. See section: 9.3 Servicing the tool</td>
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<td>The tool cannot be cycled.</td>
<td>The stop ring is damaged.</td>
<td>Change the stop ring.</td>
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<td>Driving power is too high. The piston jams as a result.</td>
<td>Release the jammed piston. Use a less powerful cartridge or a longer nail.</td>
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<tr>
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<td>No fastener inserted. The piston jams as a result.</td>
<td>Release the jammed piston. Load a nail.</td>
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<tr>
<td>The tool is fouled with combustion residues.</td>
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<td>Clean the tool. If the problem persists, service the tool. <strong>WARNING</strong> Never use force when attempting to remove unused cartridges from the tool. See section: 9.3 Servicing the tool</td>
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<td>The tool was not pressed fully against the working surface.</td>
<td>Press the tool fully against the working surface.</td>
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<td>The tool needs to be cleaned.</td>
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<td>Tool jams.</td>
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<td>The tool is damaged.</td>
<td>Check the piston (see 9.3.2) and replace it if necessary.</td>
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<td>If the problem persists, contact your local Hilti Center.</td>
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| Misfire. The fastener is only partly driven into the base material. | The piston was in the wrong position. | Cycle the tool.  
See section: 8.5 Unloading the tool |
| The tool is cycled unevenly, sometimes not fully. | Change the piston. |
| The piston ring is defective or missing. | Cycle the tool fully. |
| Bad cartridges. | Change the cartridges (use a different / dry package if necessary).  
If the problem persists: service the tool.  
See section: 9.3 Servicing the tool. |
| The tool is fouled with combustion residues. | Clean the tool.  
If the problem persists, service the tool.  
**WARNING**  
Never use force when attempting to remove unused cartridges from the tool.  
See section: 9.3 Servicing the tool. |
| The cartridge is not ejected when the tool is cycled. | Driving power is too high. The piston jams as a result.  
Release the jammed piston.  
Use a less powerful cartridge or a longer nail. |
| No fastener inserted. The piston jams as a result. | Release the jammed piston.  
Load fastener(s) into the tool. |
| The tool has overheated. | Allow the tool to cool down.  
Subsequently remove the cartridge case carefully from the tool.  
**WARNING**  
Never use force when attempting to remove unused cartridges from the tool. |
| The tool is damaged. | Contact Hilti. |
| The cartridge case cannot be removed. | The cartridge case is deformed.  
Disassemble the tool and remove the sticking cartridge case from the cartridge chamber by pushing from the front with the ramrod.  
**WARNING**  
Never use force when attempting to remove unused cartridges from the tool.  
See section: 9.3.1 Disassembling the tool 8 9 10 11 |
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<td>The fastener is too short.</td>
<td>Use a longer fastener.</td>
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<td>The fastener has no washer.</td>
<td>Use a fastener with washer for applications on wood.</td>
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<td>Driving power is too high.</td>
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<td>The fastener is not driven deeply enough.</td>
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<td>Driving power is too low.</td>
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<td>The nail bends.</td>
<td>Hard surface or hard and/or large aggregates in the concrete.</td>
<td>Use a more powerful cartridge. Use the DX-Kwik method (pредрilling).</td>
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<td>A rebar is located just below the concrete surface.</td>
<td>Use a shorter nail. Use a nail with a higher application limit. Use the DX-Kwik method (pредрilling). Drive the fastener at a different position.</td>
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<td>Concrete spalling.</td>
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<td>Damaged nail head.</td>
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<td>Application limit exceeded (very hard material).</td>
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<td>The piston is defective.</td>
<td>Change the piston.</td>
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<td>The nail doesn’t penetrate deeply enough.</td>
<td>Driving power is too low.</td>
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<td>Application limit exceeded (very hard material).</td>
<td>Use a nail with a higher application limit.</td>
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<td>The system is unsuitable.</td>
<td>Use a more powerful system, e.g. DX 76 (PTR).</td>
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<td>The nail doesn’t hold in the base material.</td>
<td>Thin steel base material (&lt; 4 mm)</td>
<td>Use a different cartridge. Use a nail suitable for thin steel base material.</td>
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<td>Nail breakage.</td>
<td>Driving power is too low.</td>
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<td>Application limit exceeded (very hard material).</td>
<td>Use a shorter nail. Use a nail with a higher application limit.</td>
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**NOTE**
Observe the min. fastener driving depth requirements. Ask your local Hilti sales and service office for a copy of the Hilti Fastening Technology Manual.
### Fault Possible cause Remedy

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<td>The head of the nail punches through the material fastened (sheet metal).</td>
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<td>Use a less powerful cartridge. Use a nail with a “top hat”. Use a nail with a washer.</td>
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### 11 Disposal

Most of the materials from which Hilti tools or appliances are manufactured can be recycled. The materials must be correctly separated before they can be recycled. In many countries, Hilti has already made arrangements for taking back old tools and appliances for recycling. Ask Hilti customer service or your Hilti representative for further information.

### 12 Manufacturer’s warranty - tools

Please contact your local Hilti representative if you have questions about the warranty conditions.

### 13 EC declaration of conformity (original)

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<th>Designation:</th>
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We declare, on our sole responsibility, that this product complies with the following directives and standards: 2006/42/EC, 2011/65/EU.

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14 Confirmation of CIP testing

The following applies to C.I.P. member states outside the EU and EFTA judicial area: The Hilti DX E-72 has been system and type tested. As a result, the tool bears the rectangular PTB approval mark showing approval number S 832. Hilti thus guarantees compliance with the approved type. Unacceptable defects or deficiencies, etc. determined during use of the tool must be reported to the person responsible at the approval authority (PTB) and to the Office of the Permanent International Commission (C.I.P.).

15 Health and safety of the operator

15.1 Noise information

Powder-actuated fastening tool

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<td>Caliber</td>
<td>5.6/16 yellow</td>
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<td>Power regulation</td>
<td>The tool has no power regulation feature.</td>
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<td>Application</td>
<td>Fastening 20 mm laminated wood to concrete (C40) with the X-U47 P8</td>
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Declared measured values of noise characteristics according to 2006/42/EC Machinery Directive in conjunction with DIN EN 15895

| Noise (power) level, $L_{WA, 1s}^1$ | 115 dB (A) |
| Emission noise-pressure level in the work station, $L_{PA, 1s}^2$ | 107 dB (A) |
| Peak sound pressure emission level, $L_{PC, peak}^3$ | 141 dB (C) |

$^1 ± 2$ dB (A)
$^2 ± 2$ dB (A)
$^3 ± 2$ dB (C)

Operation and set-up conditions: Set-up and operation of the pin driver in accordance with E DIN EN 15895-1 in the semi-anechoic test room of Müller-BBM GmbH. The ambient conditions in the test room conform to DIN EN ISO 3745.

Testing procedure: Enveloping surface method in anechoic room on reflective surface area in accordance with E DIN EN 15895, DIN EN ISO 3745 and DIN EN ISO 11201.

NOTE: The noise emissions measured and the associated measurement uncertainty represent the upper limit for the noise values to be expected during the measurements. Variations in operating conditions may cause deviations from these emission values.

15.2 Vibration

Total vibration in accordance with 2006/42/EC does not exceed 2.5 m/s².

Further information about user health and safety can be found at www.hilti.com/hse.