



## Using the Wallpaper Stripper

1. Wear your gloves.
2. Each section of wallpaper treated will be very hot. Take care while handling it.
3. Switch off and remove the plug then allow the equipment to cool down completely before refilling.
4. Always place the boiler unit on a heat resistant drip tray and not on a decorative surface. Make sure the steam plate is placed on a heat resistant drip tray when not in use.
5. The part that stays hot longest is the filler cap. Allow it to cool then remove it carefully with a protective glove or cloth. Remove it in stages, allowing any pressure to release slowly.
6. Keep the cable clear of any sharp edges in your work area.
7. If you think the cable may be cut or damaged in any way, switch off and unplug at the mains before inspecting it. If the cable attached to the wallpaper stripper is damaged, stop using the equipment. Contact the hire company. If an extension cable has been damaged, do not use it again.
8. Take care not to accidentally pull the plug from the socket.
9. Switch off and remove the plug from the socket then allow the equipment to cool down before leaving unattended.
10. Switch off and remove the plug then allow the equipment to cool down completely before emptying.
11. If your equipment does not work properly do not attempt to repair it. Contact the hire company.
12. You may want to read this leaflet again. Please keep it until you finish work.

**Please keep this leaflet safely as it may be required for future reference**

## Wallpaper Stripper

The rules and procedures in force where people are at work may require the person responsible for this equipment to carry out a specific risk assessment.

### It is important to read all of this leaflet BEFORE you use the Wallpaper Stripper

1. Plan your work and think ahead to make sure you will always be working safely.
2. Electricity is dangerous and must always be used with great care.
3. Electricity and water make a hazardous combination. Keep electrical parts away from rain and water.
4. Steam will scald or burn instantly; take great care.
5. This wallpaper stripper is designed to remove all types of wallpaper, including emulsified or washable paper.
6. The action of this wallpaper stripper can cause injury or damage if the equipment is not used in a careful and controlled way.
7. If you have not used a wallpaper stripper before, familiarise yourself with the equipment on some straightforward work before starting on the main task.
8. You should have at least the following items of personal protective equipment: Heavy duty waterproof gloves; Rcd if using a 230 volt (mains) supply.
9. This equipment must not be used by minors, or by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
10. This wallpaper stripper is designed for operation by an able bodied adult. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using it.



## Before Starting Work WORK AREA

1. Do not use this wallpaper stripper where there is a danger of explosion. It will ignite fumes from petrol, or gas cylinder.
2. Do not use this equipment on ceilings or for overhead work – the drips from the steam plate would scald your face or hands.
3. Make sure that the area is clear and safe and that no-one is near to you or could distract you. Keep children and animals well clear.
4. Protect other people from the steam. Warn others to keep away. Put up warning signs.
5. Keep your work area clean; wet wallpaper is very slippery.
6. Move or protect furniture, hot water dripping from the steam plate will damage carpets, furnishings and floors.
7. Do not stand the boiler unit on decorative floors or other finish surfaces, the heat or drips of hot water may cause damage, place it on a heat resistant drip tray.
8. Open doors or windows to improve ventilation and remove excessive moisture.

## OPERATORS

1. The following items of personal protective equipment (ppe) are the minimum that should be worn wherever you use this equipment. Particular jobs or environments may require a higher level of protection.
2. You should wear heavy-duty waterproof gloves.

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1. Check your equipment, cables, plugs steam hose and plate. If anything is found damaged, do not use the wallpaper stripper: contact the hire company.

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2. Check that the plug on your equipment matches your supply. Do not try to force connections or improvise them.
3. Equipment with a cylindrical yellow industrial plug fitted is designed to run off a special 110v supply. The hire company will have provided a portable transformer if you need to power the equipment from a normal mains 230v supply. If a portable transformer has been supplied, take care not to injure yourself when moving it about it may be heavier than you think. Equipment designed to run directly from 230v mains will have either a normal square pin plug fitted, or a blue industrial plug.
4. Before starting, ensure all hose connections are tight.
5. Fill the tank up to the level mark with clean water only. Additives should not be used unless specifically recommended by the hire company.
6. Do not remove the filler cap while the equipment is operating and hot. Shut off and allow to cool then remove cap carefully allowing pressure to release slowly. Use a protective glove or cloth.
7. Do not touch electrical switches or plugs unless your hands are dry.
8. Check on how the on/off switch operates. Before you switch the wallpaper stripper on, you must know how to stop it.

## STEAM PLATE

1. As the water heats up the steam concentrator plate will splutter hot water from the steam holes. Keep the steam plate away from you.
2. Use a heat resistant drip tray where you can safely put the steam plate down when not in use.
3. During use the steam concentrator plate will fill with water from the steam. Keep a bucket or container handy and empty the water from the steam plate into it regularly. Do not use this water again.
4. Do not use the steam plate near electrical sockets or switches.

## ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Your equipment will only operate on one voltage: it will be 100v or 230v.

110v equipment will have a yellow industrial plug fitted.

230v equipment will have either a normal square pin plug fitted or a blue industrial plug. Read the instructions below for your equipment.

### 110 VOLT HEATERS (YELLOW PLUG)

1. If you are using a portable transformer, plug the transformer directly into the 230volt socket. Do not use any 230v extension cables.
2. If you need to use an extension cable, follow any special instructions given by the hire company. If the hire company have not given



any special instructions, you should only use a suitably rated heavy duty 110v extension cable, not longer than 50 metres (160 feet). You must only use an extension cable between the transformer and the equipment.

3. Lay the extension cable out carefully avoiding liquids, sharp edges, doorways or windows where it might be trapped, and places where vehicles might run over it. Unroll it fully or it will overheat and could catch fire.
4. Make sure that any extension cable connections are dry and safe.

### 230 VOLT HEATERS (SQUARE PIN OR BLUE PLUG)

1. Use a residual current device ("rcd") plugged directly in to the 230 volt socket. Plug your equipment into the rcd. This will help to protect you against electric shock if the cable or equipment get damaged.
2. Use the "TEST" button to check that the rcd is working each time you use it. Reset the rcd according to the instructions supplied with it.
3. If you need an extension cable, follow any special instructions given by the hire company. If the hire company have not given any special instructions, you should only use a suitably rated heavy duty one, not longer than 50 metres (160 feet). Plug it directly into the rcd.
4. Lay it out carefully avoiding liquids, sharp edges, doorways or windows where it might be trapped, and places where vehicles might run over it. Unroll it fully or it will overheat and could catch fire.
5. Make sure that any extension cable connections are dry and safe.

