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Nilfisk Powerwasher

The Nilfisk powerwash uses pressurised water for approved cleaning tasks. High-pressure water, electricity, slips, splash-back and flying debris can cause serious injury.



Personal Protective Equipment

 Ear Protection	 Safety Gloves	 Steel toe capped boots	 Hi-vis Clothing	 Goggles/ Faceshield
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FAILURE TO WEAR EYE PROTECTION MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Potential Hazards

- High-pressure water jet injury
- Flying debris and splash-back
- Slips and trips
- Electrical shock
- Noise exposure
- Chemical exposure where detergents are used

Before Use

- Inspect the powerwash, hose, lance, trigger, couplings and electrical supply for damage.
- Use only approved accessories and fittings.
- Check the work area for pedestrians, vehicles, electrical hazards and slip risks.
- Ensure electrical connections are suitable and protected from water.
- Use detergent/chemicals only where approved and follow the relevant instructions.
- Check water supply and hose connections are secure.
- **Faulty equipment must not be used. Immediately report any faulty/damaged machinery.**

During use

- Maintain a stable stance and keep both hands on the lance where practicable.
- Never point the water jet at yourself, another person, animals or unprotected equipment.
- Start at a safe distance and use controlled movements.
- Keep the nozzle away from feet, hands and exposed skin.
- Be aware of recoil and reaction forces.
- Control splash-back and keep others outside the work/exclusion area.
- Stop if the hose, electrical supply, trigger or machine behaves abnormally.
- Do not move the machine by pulling the hose or cable.

After Use

- Switch off the machine and release pressure before disconnecting hoses or accessories.
- Isolate the electrical supply before cleaning, maintenance or adjustments.
- Drain and store hoses safely to prevent trips and damage.
- Clean the machine and remove detergent residue where required.
- Store the lance, hose and accessories securely.
- Leave the work area clean and free from standing water.

Emergency Procedures

- Stop work immediately if the equipment malfunctions or becomes unsafe.
- Report all accidents, near misses and equipment damage to your supervisor.
- For cuts, crush injuries, injection injuries, electric shock or other serious injury, seek First Aid / emergency medical assistance as appropriate.
- For battery overheating, smoking or fire, isolate the equipment if safe, raise the alarm and follow site emergency procedures..

Safe Operating Rules

- ✓ Never direct the jet at people.
- ✓ Keep electrical connections protected.
- ✓ Release pressure before disconnecting.
- ✓ Control splash back and exclusion zones.
- ✓ Inspect hoses before use.
- ✓ Clean spills and standing water.

Competency Sign off Form



Report all accidents, injuries and near misses to your supervisor / H&S. You can also scan the QR codes below.

