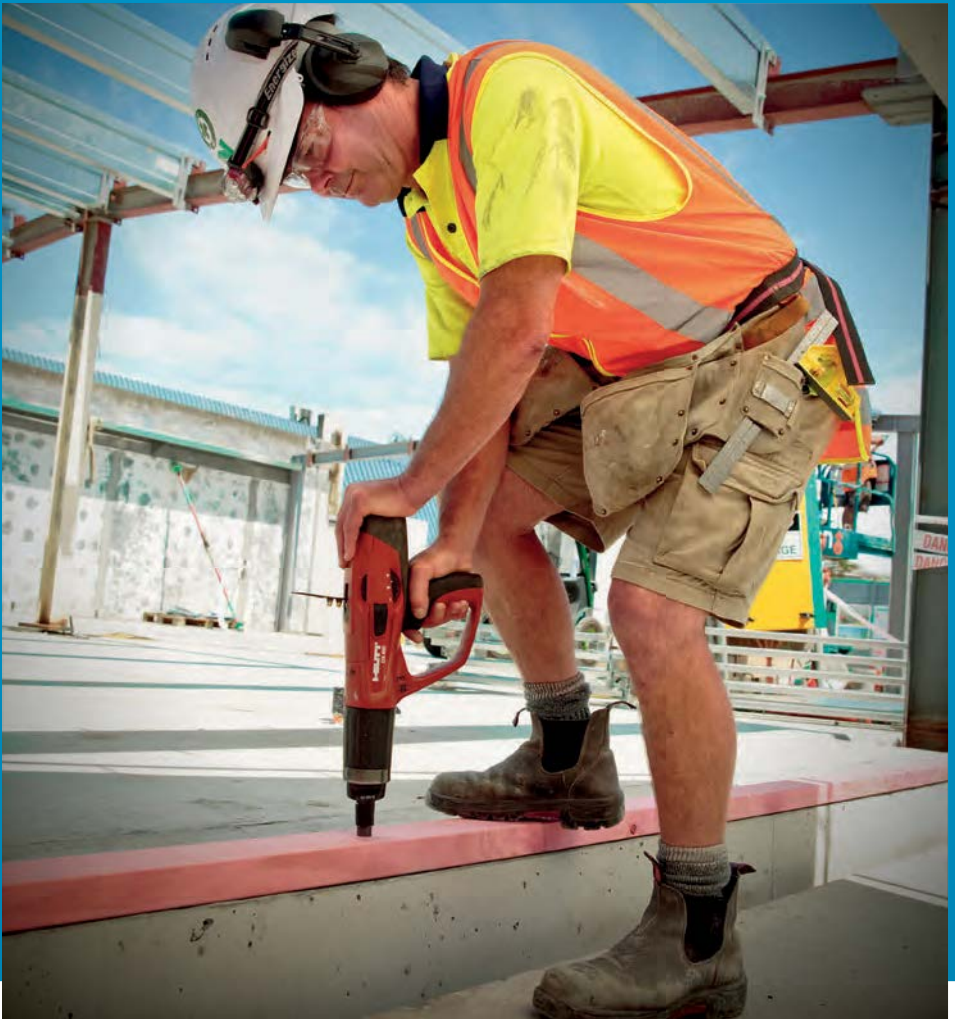


Tips

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**Only persons holding an appropriate and current certificate of competence are permitted to operate these tools.**

- Never underestimate the recoil power of these tools.
- All PATs must be certificated every 6 months by the manufacturer's agent.
- Inspect daily, and immediately prior to use, for any defects.
- Only load the tool where it will be used, immediately prior to its use.
- Don't fire where there may be combustible/explosive/flammable material or excessive heat.
- Display warning signage informing others that a PAT is being fired.
- Wear eye and hearing protection as well as your normal PPE.
- Clear people out of the area behind or underneath where you are firing.
- Shout out a warning 'Firing now!' 3 seconds before each shot.
- Never point the noisy end at yourself or anyone else.
- Always unload the PAT before cleaning or packing up.
- PATs and chargers must be stored in a secure place when not in use.